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Dedication

*This book,
which I have compiled by hand,
is dedicated to all my
beloved teachers.*

Foreword



Literary development is a yardstick to measure the development of a country. The Kotte and Dambadeniya eras stand out in the history of the world because they were literary enlightening periods. If so, this is the golden period in the history of the Mahamaya as well. This is the reason why our daughters have been enchanting through book writing for many years now. It is a special event that our writers have succeeded in building a culture of writing books in the school and spreading it to the entire school system and this time involving the global student community in it.

Beyond this, this time the school community itself has also decided to rebuild the past Yatiwara writing tradition in the country in order to pay tribute to the founder of our school, **Karadana Atthadassi Thero**.

The Pirivena student monks have also taken up book writing "**The Herana Gatkarani**" project was introduced.

It is a matter of pride for me as the principal to lead the way in bringing about a qualitative change in the education of schools and Pirivena education through this academic and religious service, and it is also an achievement for the school.

This book, which is the result of recognizing one's innate talent at an early stage in life and turning to writing, will undoubtedly be a help for future education and future life.

Shashikala Senadheera,
Principal,
Mahamaya Girls' Collage,
Kandy.

Foreword

This my message which I pen with tremendous joy highlights the creativity, hard work, and dedication of the young writers of Greenhill International School. More over this been our very first attempt in publishing a book with writings of our own young authors, permit me to express how proud I am in the accomplishments of the task given to all at Greenhill and my gratitude to teachers, parents, and mentors who supported the project. May I also emphasize the importance of storytelling, self-expression, and the power of words in shaping the future of these budding leaders of tomorrow and the nation at large. Finally, I encourage readers to appreciate and celebrate the students' voices while inspiring them to continue writing and sharing their ideas. A special thank you to our librarian Mrs. Hansika Ranaweera and veteran writer and author Mr. Seneviratne Mahalekam for his guidance and support given to make our dream a reality. "Duty First Pleasure Next"

Dr. Lalith Navaratne

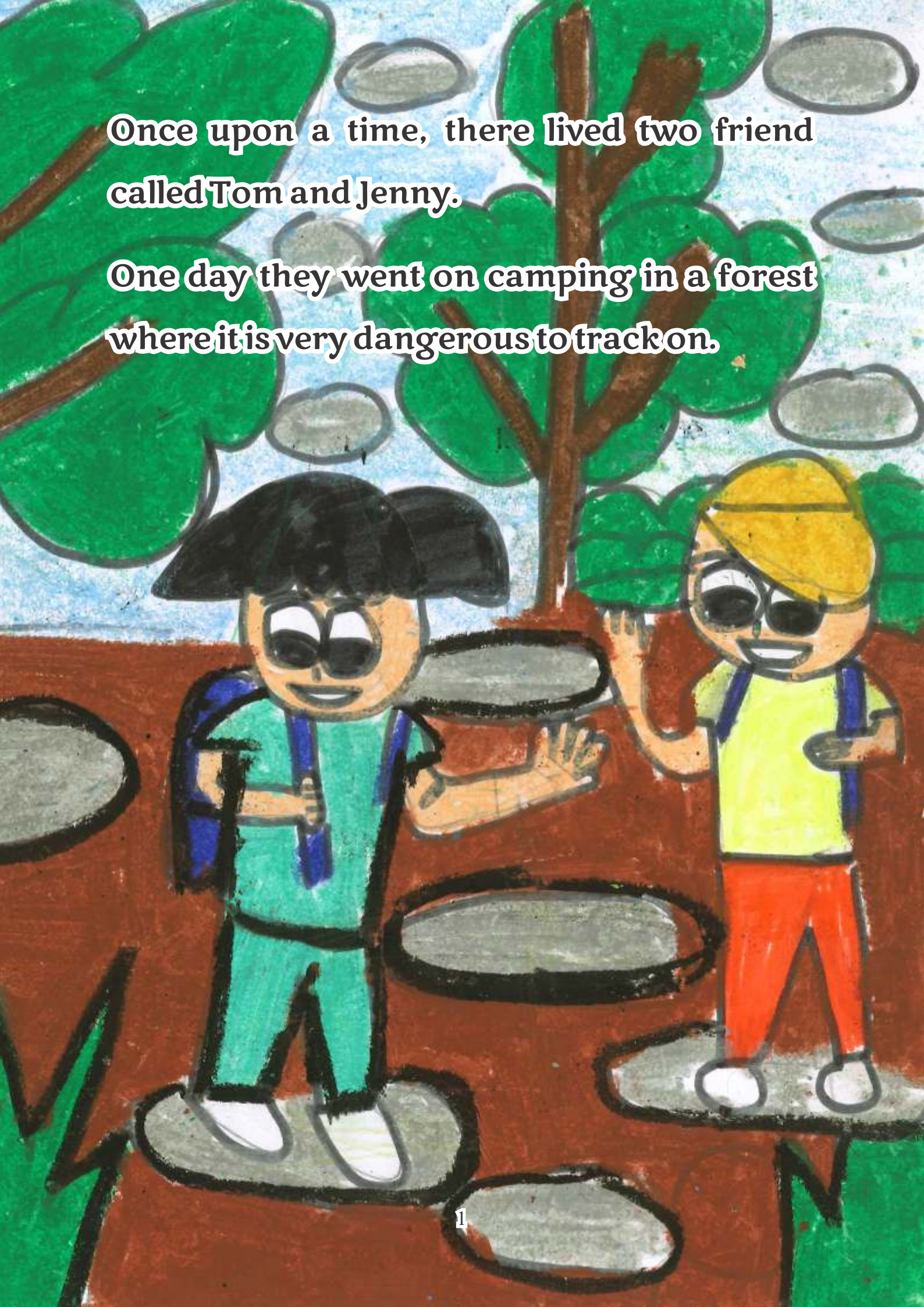
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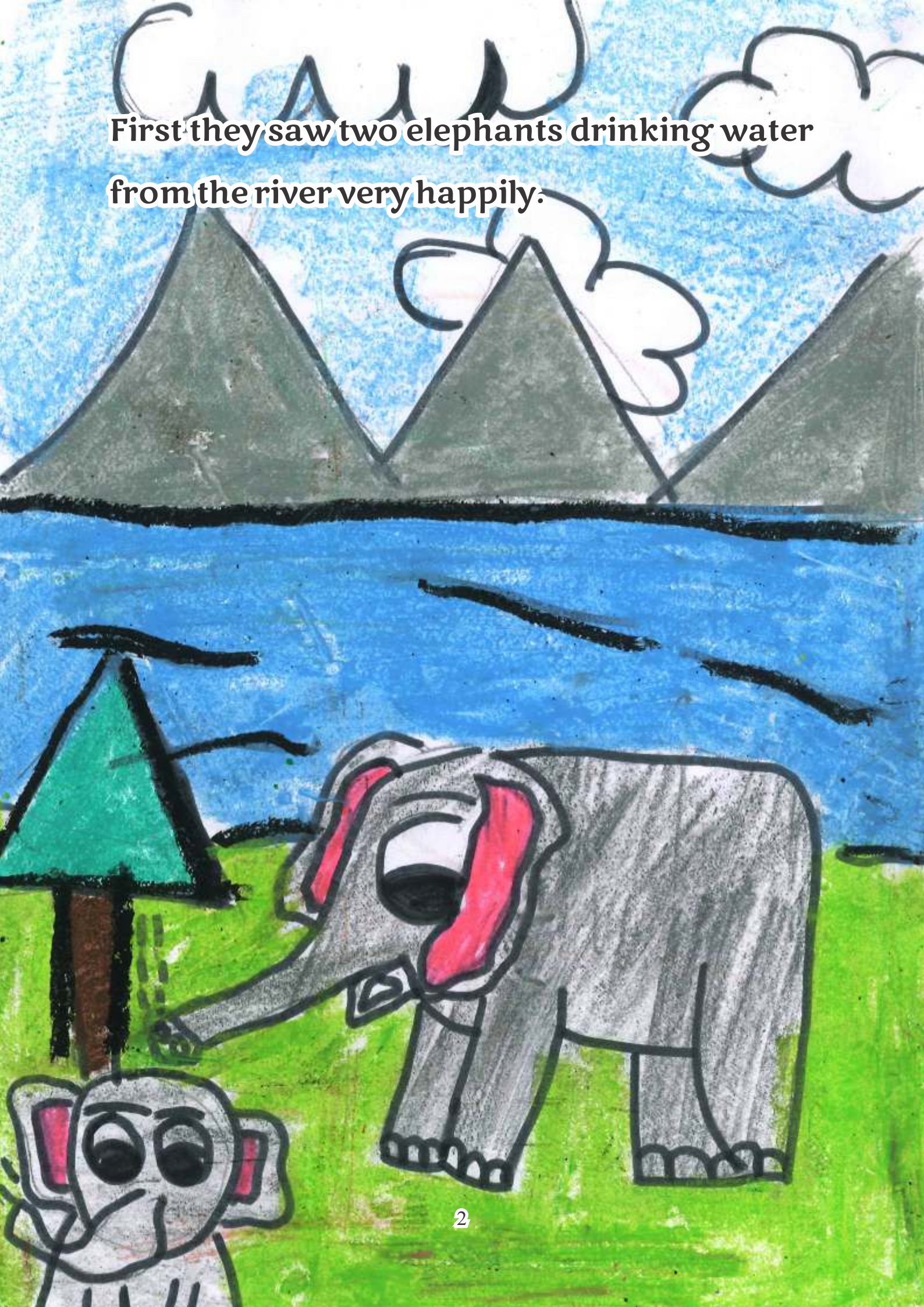
Kandy.

Once upon a time, there lived two friend called Tom and Jenny.

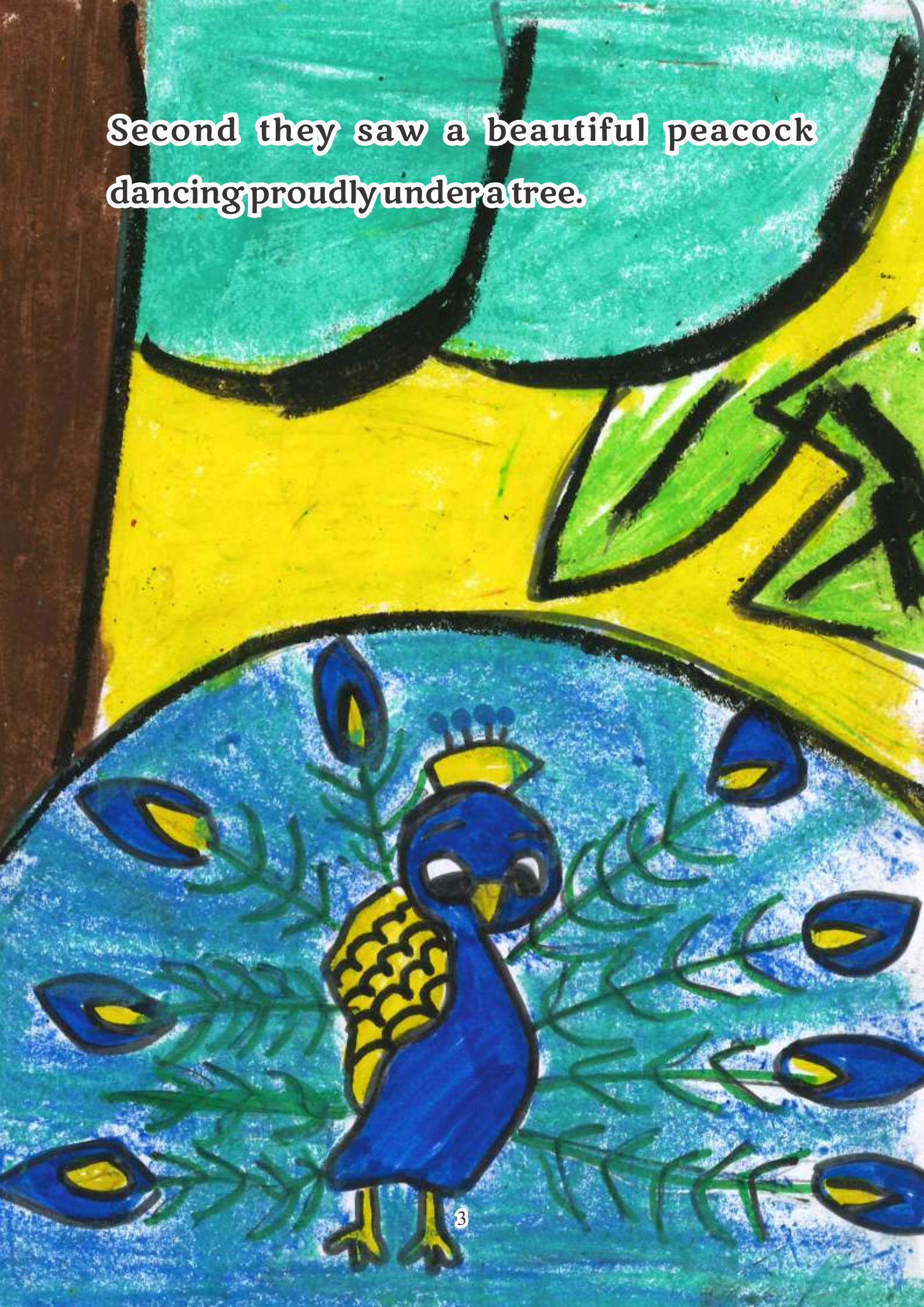
One day they went on camping in a forest where it is very dangerous to track on.



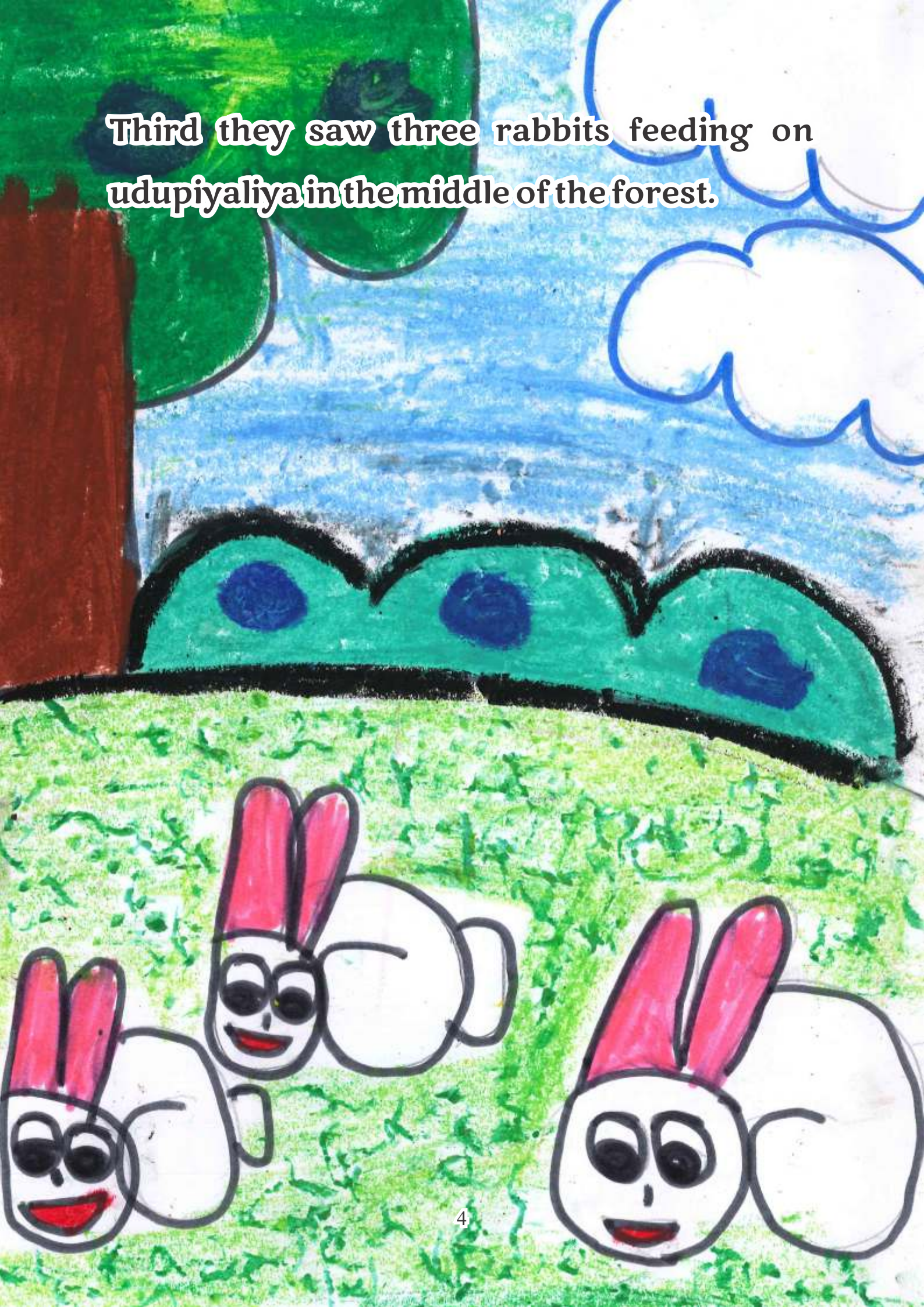
First they saw two elephants drinking water from the river very happily.



Second they saw a beautiful peacock dancing proudly under a tree.



Third they saw three rabbits feeding on
udupiyaliya in the middle of the forest.



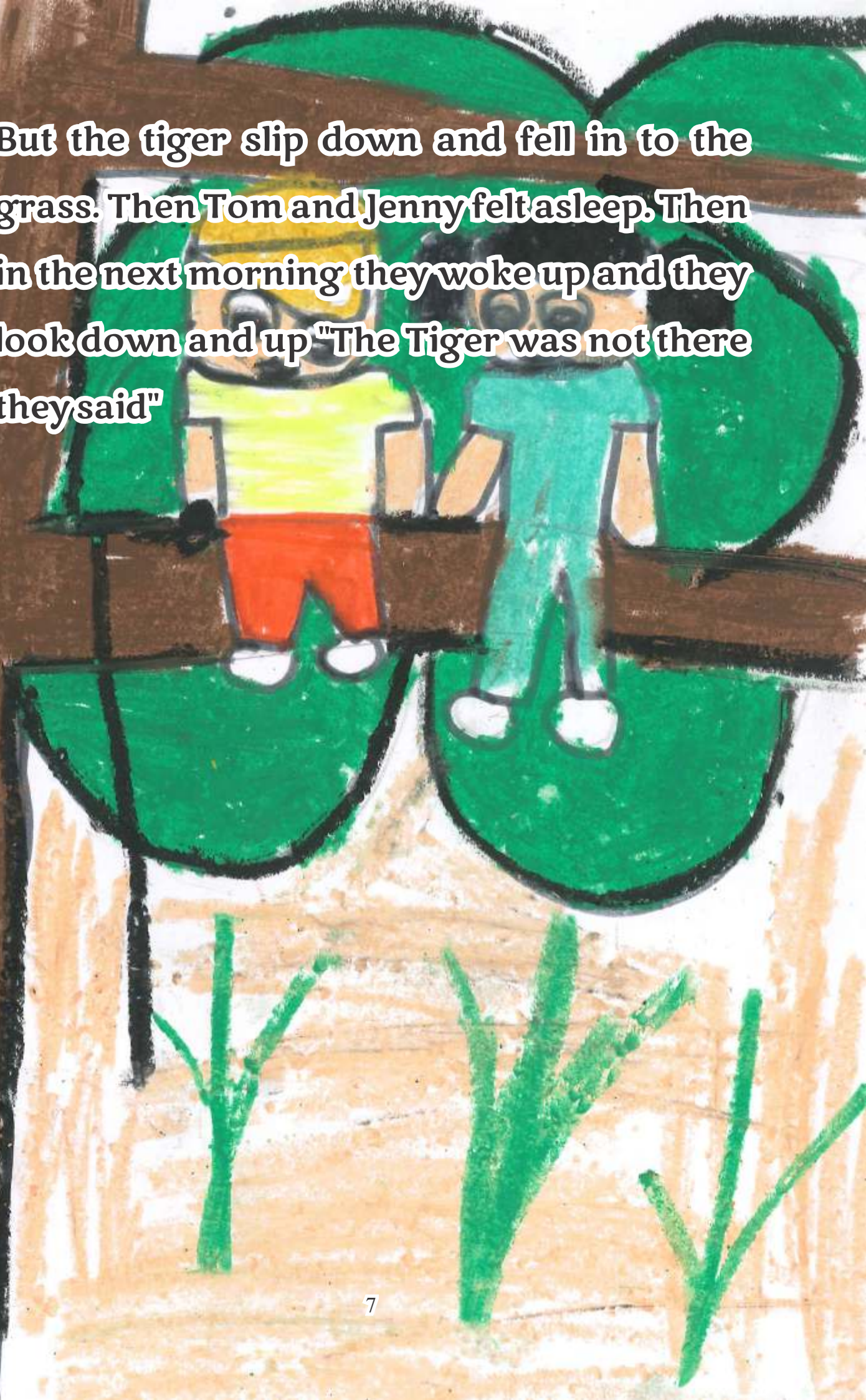
Forth they saw school of fish swimming in pond very quietly.



After that they saw a scary tiger in front of a rock. It came after them. They ran quickly and climbed up a tree nearby.



But the tiger slip down and fell in to the grass. Then Tom and Jenny felt asleep. Then in the next morning they woke up and they look down and up "The Tiger was not there they said"



Then they went to home very happily





Afterward

According to my concept, under the project that has been running since 2014 to direct school children to writing, we have been fortunate to have planted more than sixty thousand writer seedlings in the local literary field. The objectives of this project are to improve the quality of education, to promote literature that will contribute to the future development of the country, to hone the abilities of the future generation, and to build a platform to showcase the creations of children.

It is our social responsibility to create the fertile soil for those seeds to sprout and grow. This is the only project in recent history that has been implemented continuously for several years at the school level, provincial, national and international levels for the sake of the productivity of education.

This time, it is special that the Pirivena student monks have also been involved in this. The nation should be grateful for the dedication shown by the Principal, daughters, teachers, parents and alumni of Mahamaya Balika Vidyalaya.

The printed book is still the main tool of our education. The enjoyment that a child gets from a book cannot be provided by anything else.

It is experimentally proven that the use of various electronic devices to store human knowledge and the distancing of children from books has been detrimental to the quality of education and has created various problems in society. This project, which is being implemented as a solution to this, has been adapting the smart younger generation of the digital age to modern technology by writing electronic works for the past two years, together with school children in the country.

To take their creations to international readers, Mahamaya girls have built a digital fiction for their own, literary creative abilities.

My congratulations to the young writers who have entered it through their creative abilities.

Project Founder and Coordinator,
Senevirathne Maha Lekam