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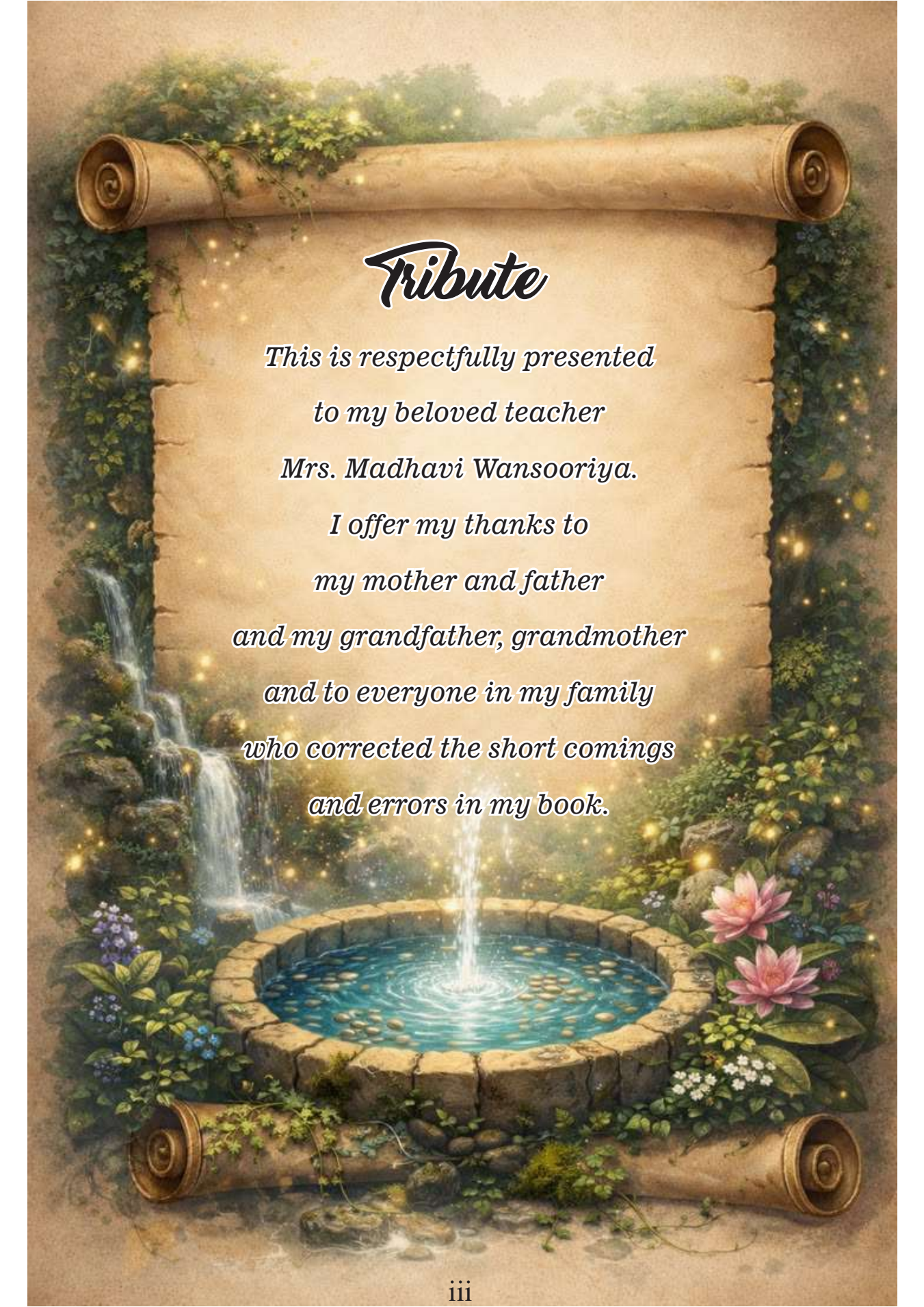
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Tribute

*This is respectfully presented
to my beloved teacher*

Mrs. Madhavi Wansooriya.

*I offer my thanks to
my mother and father
and my grandfather, grandmother
and to everyone in my family
who corrected the short comings
and errors in my book.*

Preface



Foreword

In an increasingly complex global future, the "Hemamala Upahara" book project, led by Mahamaya Girls' College, stands as a turning point in girls' education. Over a decade, it has successfully nurtured thousands of children to become young authors.

This year, by collaborating with other schools, we aimed to provide students with a wealth of new experiences. The goal was to develop multi-faceted skills, including communication, values, and creative growth. As a result, children have written books that pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic—the supreme symbol of the Buddhist world—to the Hill Country (Kandy).

I extend my gratitude to everyone involved, including the students who contributed their creativity and the teachers who guided them.

Shashikala Senadhira

Principal

Mahamaya Girls' College

Congratulatory Message

It is a great honor for me, as the Governor of the Central Province, to send a congratulatory message for the launch of the books created through the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project initiated by Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy.

Education is the fundamental foundation for the progress of society, and it is further strengthened through books and literary creations. It is clearly commendable that students' talents, creativity, and intellectual abilities are emerging through projects such as this.

I believe that this book creation project will provide valuable knowledge and a precious literary contribution not only to the students but to the entire society. Furthermore, I hope that through such efforts, future writers who will bring pride to Sri Lanka will emerge.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation and blessings to the Principal, the academic staff, the students, and everyone involved who dedicated themselves to this successful endeavor. I wish this project and the book launch ceremony great success.

Sarath B.S. Abeykoon
Governor, Central Province
Emeritus Professor, University of Peradeniya
2026-05-10

Congratulatory Message

I highly appreciate the noble and outstanding effort of the Principal and the academic staff of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, the student daughters, the students of other participating schools, and everyone who dedicated themselves to plan and implement this book publication project. The project was organized under the leadership of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, with the participation of other schools in the Kandy Zone, with the aim of encouraging children toward book creation within the current school system, as a tribute to Hemamala Kumariya who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic to Sri Lanka.

For several decades, Sri Lanka has been committed to providing free, compulsory, quality, and equitable education to all children, thereby producing a future generation of intelligent and skilled citizens. In such a context, this book creation program for school children helps develop creative ability, critical thinking, and other positive qualities for a balanced and well-rounded personality, and contributes to building a future knowledge-based society.

May all activities of the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project be successful through the blessings of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

Pradeep Nilanga Dela
Diyawadana Nilame,
Sri Dalada Maligawa.
2026.05.10.

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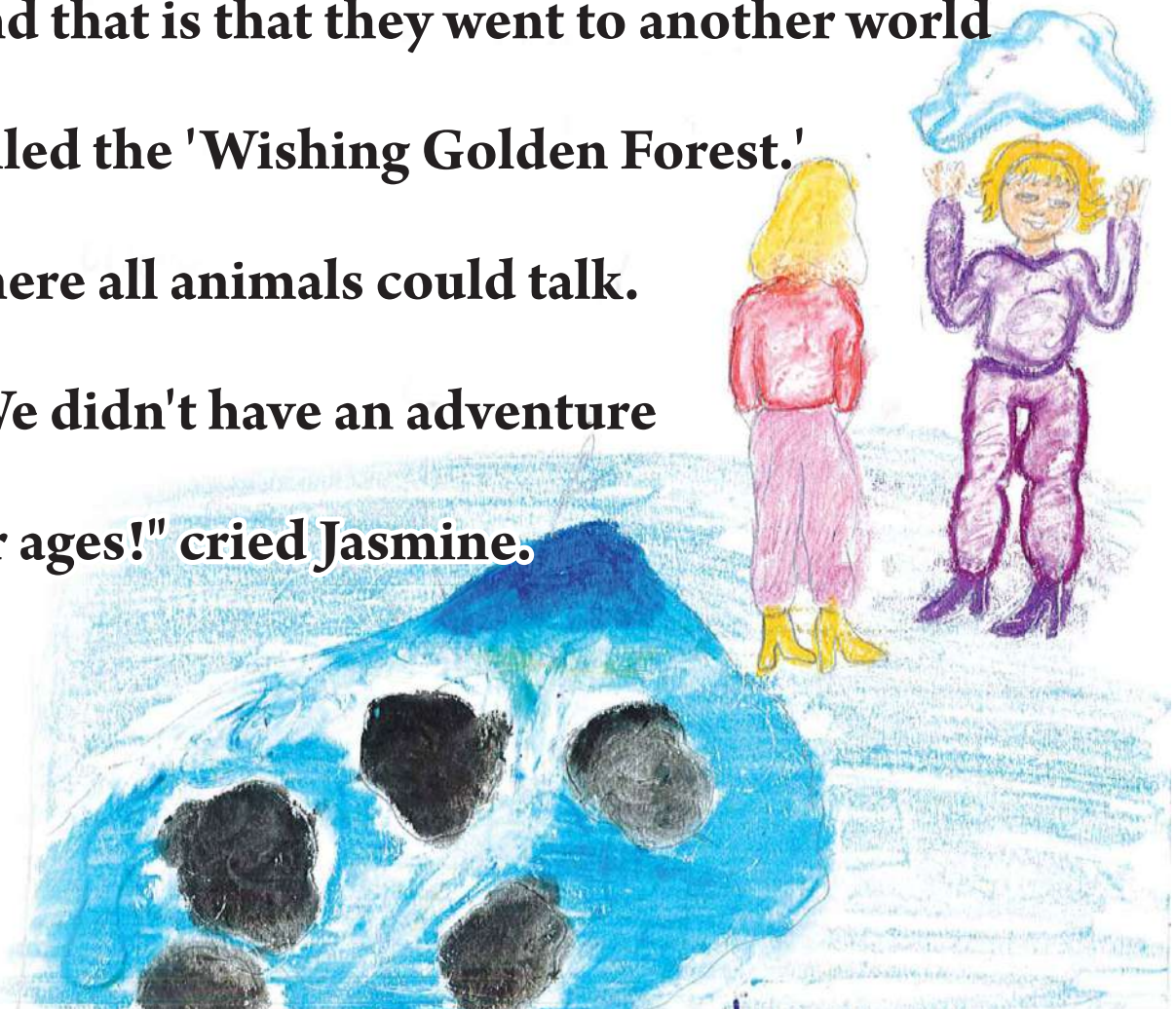
Christmas Arrival

"Christmas!" cried Ellie throwing snow all over herself. Her father and mother were in charge of "Helping Paw" Wildlife Hospital.

Ellie's best friend is Jasmine and they both shared a secret.

And that is that they went to another world called the 'Wishing Golden Forest.'
where all animals could talk.

"We didn't have an adventure for ages!" cried Jasmine.



"I know but we can't go without Tubby into the Wishing Golden Forest", said Ellie. Then a little spark of light whizzed through the garden. "It's a golden butterfly" cried Ellie, amazed . Jasmine giggled. "It's not a butterfly. Its Tubby" she said. Out came a shimmering gold cat purring over the rocks. Tubby! gasped both of the girls at once. Tubby gave a cheerful "meow" instead of talking. "Ah' That's because it's in our world not in its world", explained Ellie, replying to Jasmine's question.

She was happy to see Tubby again and guess what, they were waiting for an adventure, so now it's their chance.



They followed Tubby through the riverbank to the 'Wishmas Tree.' It was covered with snow and a little titbird sang with it's elegant voice. Jasmine squeezed Ellie's hand tightly. They were on another adventure.

On the adventure

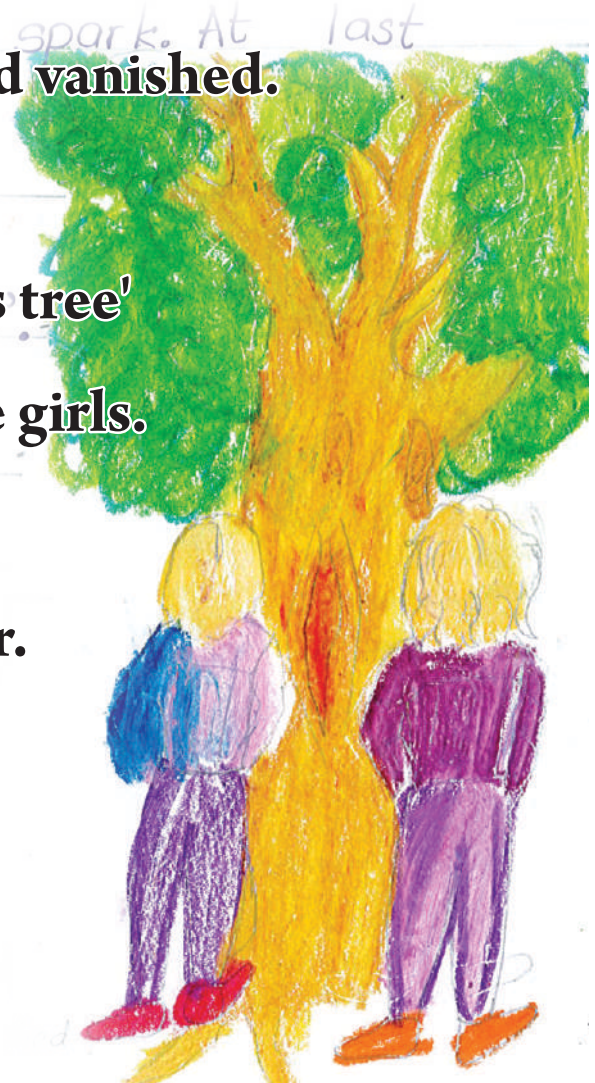
"Yippee!" cried both Ellie and Jasmine holding their arms and feeling a thrill throughout their bodies. They were now whizzing through the sky with a golden spark. At last they were landed on 'Wishing Golden Forest'.

"Where's Tubby?" asked Jasmine, looking amazed at where Tubby had vanished.

"Hello Girls" cried Tubby from behind the 'Wishmas tree' waving from her paw to the girls.

"Tubby!" cried the girls, running forward to hug her.

"Is there a problem in the 'Wishing Golden Forest?', asked Jasmine from tubby.



"No, no. I've brought you here to take you to the 'Ice-Sliding Race" said Tubby making a snowball and hitting it over to Jasmine and Ellie. "Oh! I thought evil queen Anna has come again to cause trouble." said Ellie. Queen Anna is an evil queen that always causes trouble and that's why the two girls were brought to help the poor animals. "Let's go or we might be late for the race" said Tubby, as dashed into the forest.



Ice - Sliding Race

The racing place was full of animals and crowds of birds. "Hi, Ellie and Jasmine!" said Tit-Bit a little bird. "Are you coming over to look for the Ice-Sliding Race.?" "Yes Tit-Bit" cried Ellie stroking Tit-Bit on the belly "Be quick, the race is going to start"! said Tit-Bit and they rushed over to the starting point.

"Wow!" cried
Jasmine looking
at the starting point.

There are the Waddleworth's
family, sparklepaw's family,
Muddleup's family,
Tabbypaw's family and the



Featherbill's family. "This will be an amazing race" said Tit-Bit. "Who has the Ice-sapphire Tit-Bit?" asked Ellie. "Oh, it's safely with Waddleworth family's little daughter Ella's shell amulet. " said Tit-Bit. "I hope queen Anna won't cause trouble." said Jasmine.

The race started. Waddleworth family remains the first place. "Waddleworths always win" said Tit-Bit "That's why they always get to protect the Ice Sapphire, The penguins can slide very fast on ice because they use their bellies." At last the race was finished and the waddleworth family won. "Hip, hip Hooray!" said the crowd to the winners.

Jasmine and Ellie rushed over to Ella and hugged her. Ella was the youngest baby penguin of the

Waddleworth family and around her neck was the shell amulet protecting the Ice-sapphire. Ella smiled happily and waved at them. "Good to see you again and good to protect the sapphire again," said Ella. Showing the amulet.



Not Thunder

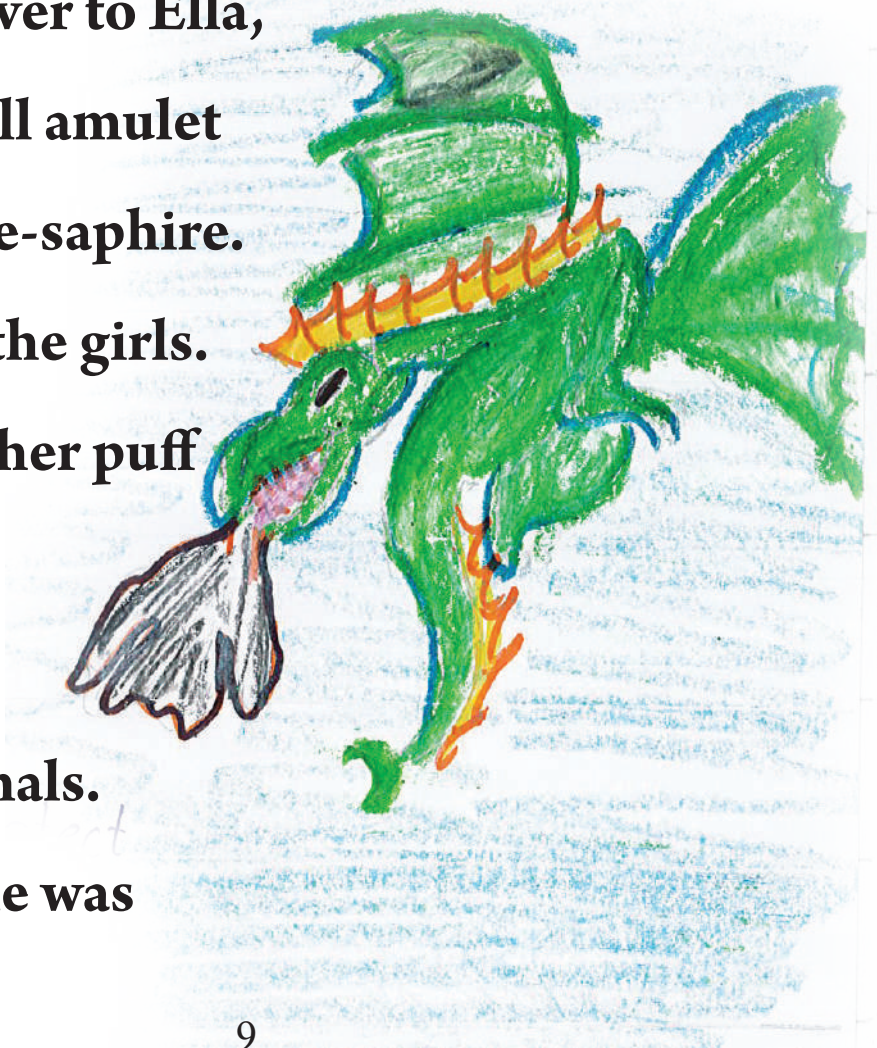
Just then a dark shadow fell upon them. It was Thunder one of Evil queen Anna's pet dragons. Thunder blew a strong smoke and all the animals were turned into statues. But Tubby, Jasmine, Ellie and Ella didn't turn into statues because they had a magical necklace that protect them.

Thunder flew over to Ella, opened her shell amulet and took the Ice-sapphire.

"Oh, no!" said the girls.

Then with another puff of smoke he disappeared as well as the animals.

But not Ella, she was



just there, really scared, but she was not stone.

Ella rushed towards the girls and Tubby. "What shall we do now? All the snow time will be melted.

No more Ice races or ice games" cried Ella. As she told some of the snow melted so did the ice.

"Don't worry Ella we did rescue other sapphires, so we can rescue this one also" said Ellie bravely.

"If we find the sapphire, everything will be normal" said Jasmine. "So we must first find Thunder, play him a trick and take the Ice-Sapphire back", said

Jasmine. "Okay so where shall we start first to find Thunder?" questioned Ella.

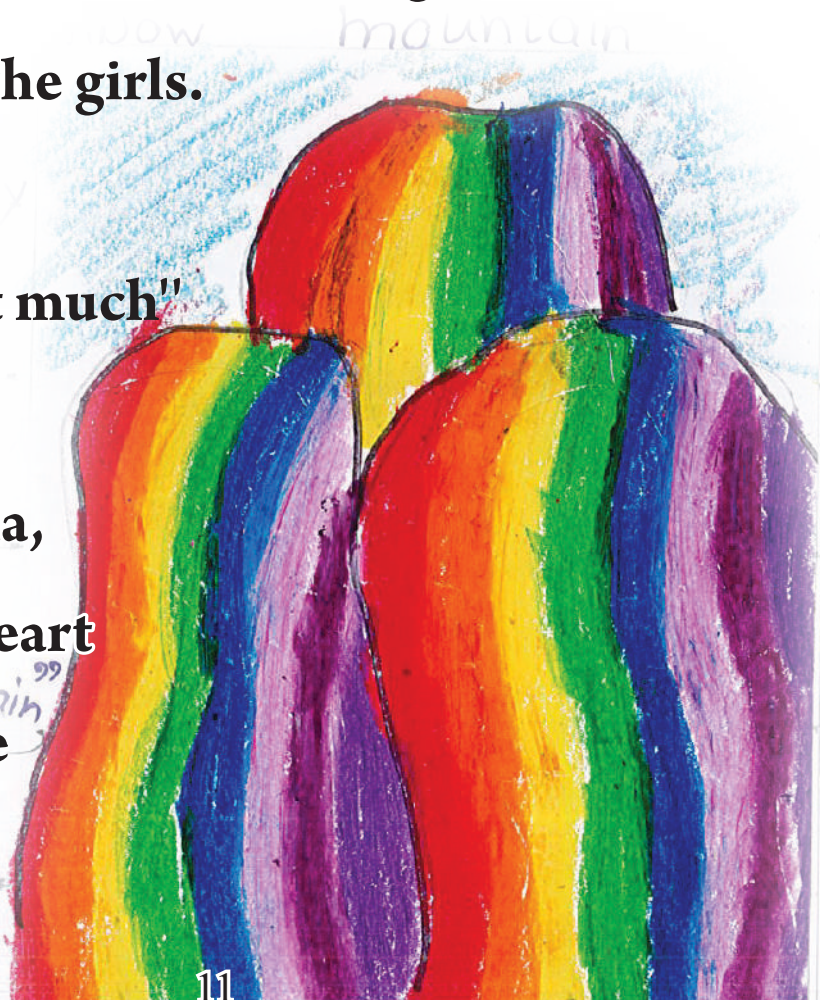


Friends to the rescue

"Okay, so where does Thunder lie on when he needs to rest?" asked Jasmine. "Usually Thunder likes to rest when the sun rises, so we must look for a place where the sun rises" said Ellie. "We need a high place to lookout" said Jasmine. "What about Rainbow mountain" suggested both Tubby and Ella. "Yes, of course, we will go to Rainbow mountain" said the girls.

"But it's so high, I can't go off that much" said Ella.

"Don't worry Ella, we can tell our heart necklaces to take us to Rainbow



mountain" suggested Ellie.

**"we need to go to
Rainbow mountain
please take us their
As fast as you go"**

**A spark of light covered them and "and-ta-da!
they were at Rainbow mountain.**

**"So everyone search carefully where sun shine
fells" said Ellie. "Hey everyone, I can see sunshine
falling over the meadow near the Wishmas tree."
said Jasmine.**

**"And I think that'll be
where Thunder rest's" said
Jasmine. "Be quick! Ellie
We need to go quickly
said Jasmine.**

"Grab the necklace."



Dealing with Thunder

Necklaces, Necklaces,

Take us their

near Wishmas tree

as quick as light

"Zing!" "We're near the wishmas tree look for Thunder we need to find him." ordered Tubby.

"Everyone I can see Thunder on top of the tree" said Ella. "Oh Thunder!" cried Jasmine in a polite voice ordering others to make snow balls from the remaining snow.

"Why" snapped Thunder in a rough voice. Then Jasmine ordered to throw a snowball at Thunder.

"What was that?" asked

Thunder "But it seems much cooler and funny than bathing in this red hot sun" he said.



"Everyone throw more snowballs at Thunder," said Ella. At last there were no snowballs left, but one was left.

"Hi, Hi, Hi, Hih" giggled Thunder, who was still enjoying the snowballs that the girls had throwed.

"Please play again!" begged Thunder after he realized that the girls were not throwing snowballs anymore. "We can't, said Jasmine because you stole the Ice-sapphire but if you give us the sapphire, we can play again" she said. "Okay here is the sapphire" said Thunder and gave it to Ella. "Thank you" said Ella and placed it on the amulet.

Then all became normal and all played with Thunder and all thanked Ellie and Jasmine. At last it was time to go home. Ella gave a hug to the girls and said "bye". So did everyone. And then Jasmine and Ellie was in their world near the Wishmas

tree.' They looked around no one to be seen that means the secret is safe.



THE END



Afterword

With the approval of the Ministry of Education, this research-based project has empowered thousands of student authors for over ten years. Educationists recognize it as a program that significantly enhances the quality of school education.

In alignment with modern educational reforms, encouraging students to author a research work is a milestone in this journey. In this digital age of "Smart" technology, the modern school must demonstrate through research that books and technology should be used together. This is because the unique joy a child receives from a book cannot be replaced by anything else.

To prevent children from drifting away from books—which remain our primary educational tool and storehouse of human knowledge—Mahamaya Girls' College has spearheaded the "Hemamala Upahara" project for many years. Its primary objectives are to foster academic discipline, promote values, and pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who fulfilled a historic mission to empower women.

We express our gratitude to the Principal, teachers, parents, alumni of Mahamaya Girls' College, representatives of other schools, the Diyawadana Nilame, and the staff of the Sri Dalada Maligawa (Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic) for their support.

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(Project Creator)