

The Amazing Tree in the Jungle



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Dedication

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to my beloved mother, father, brother and all the teachers who constantly supported me in creating this Amazing book.



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
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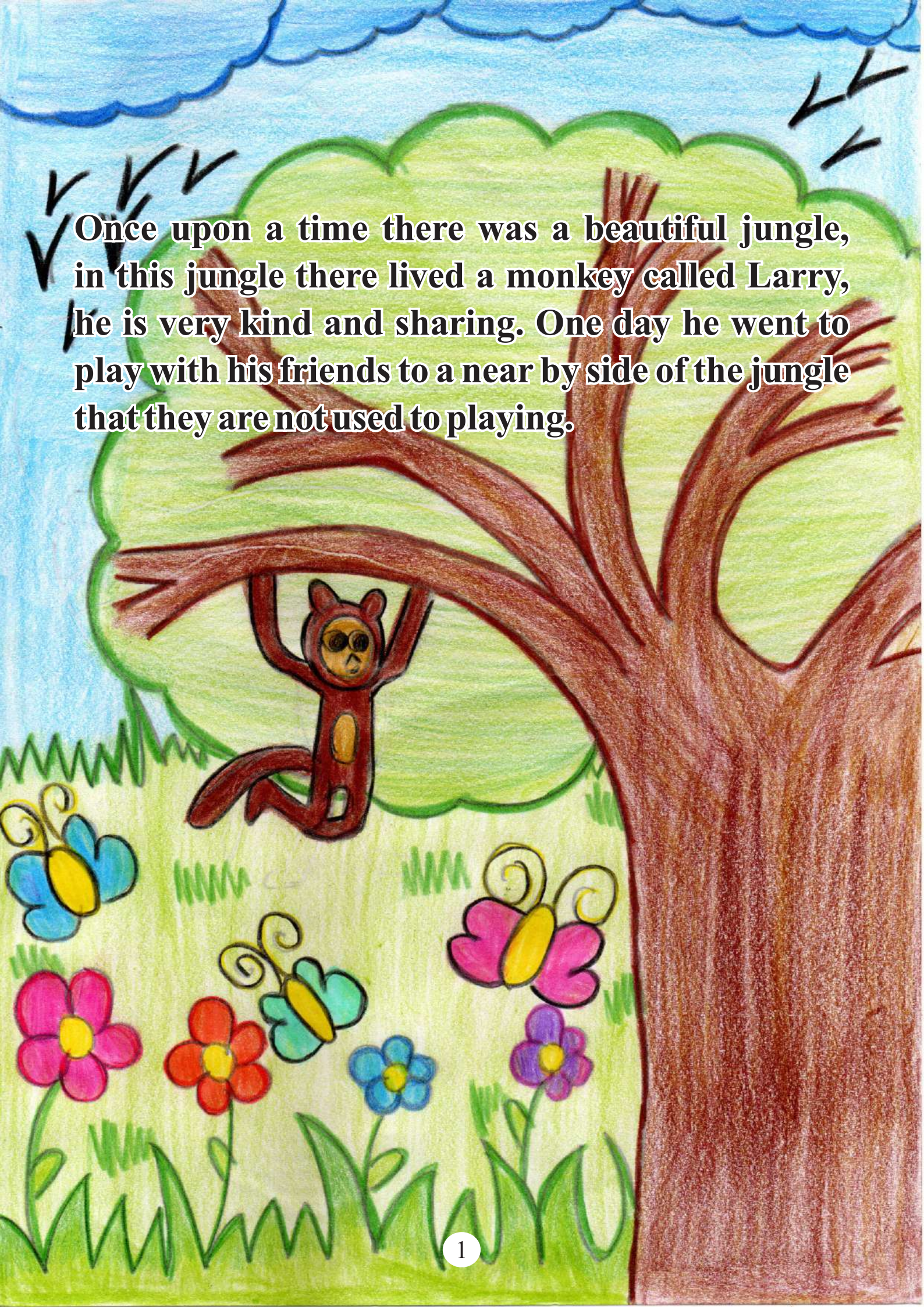
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I highly appreciate the noble and outstanding effort of the Principal and the academic staff of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, the student daughters, the students of other participating schools, and everyone who dedicated themselves to plan and implement 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.

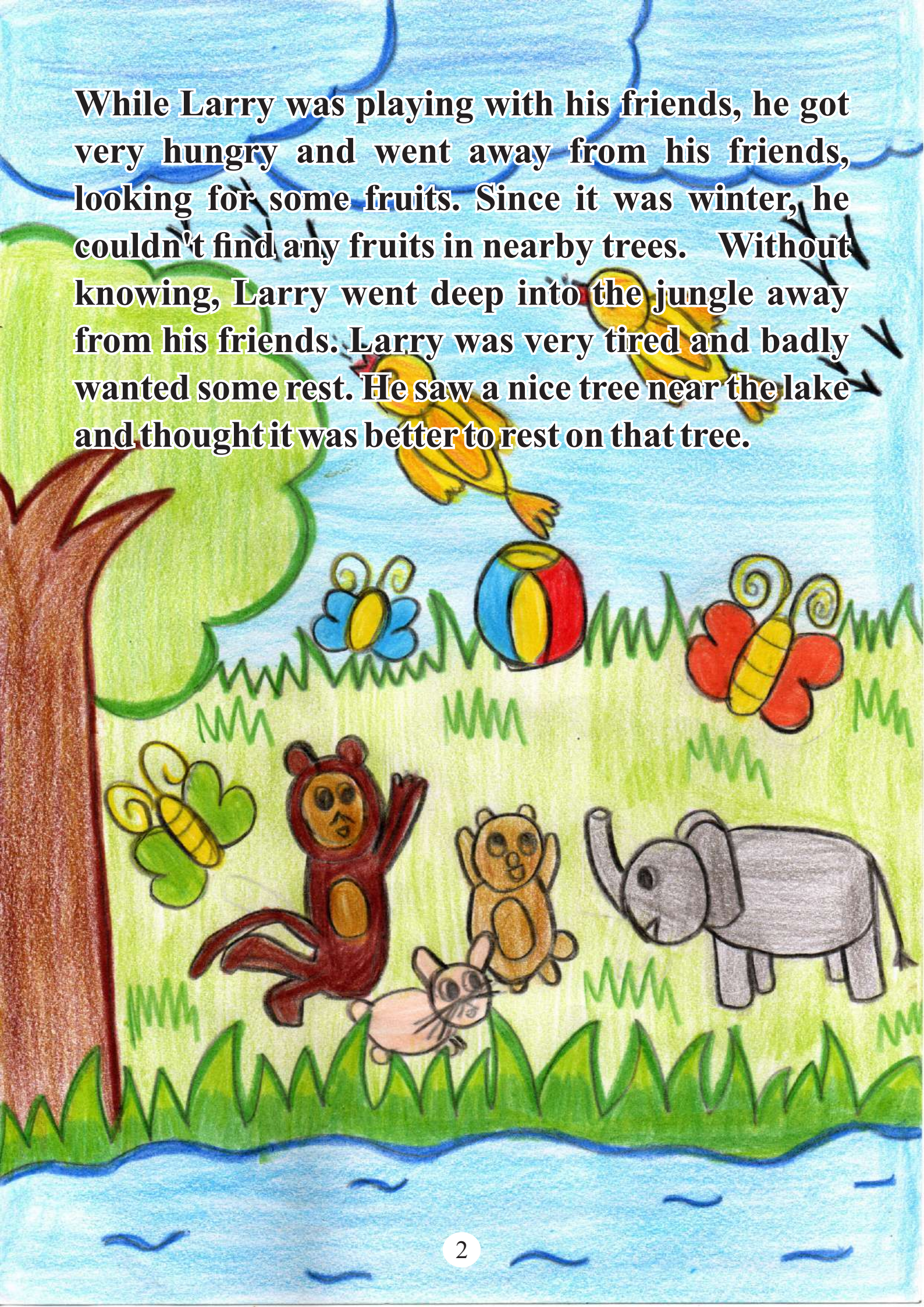
May all activities of the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project be successful through the blessings of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

Pradeep Nilanga Dela
Diyawadana Nilame,
Sri Dalada Maligawa.
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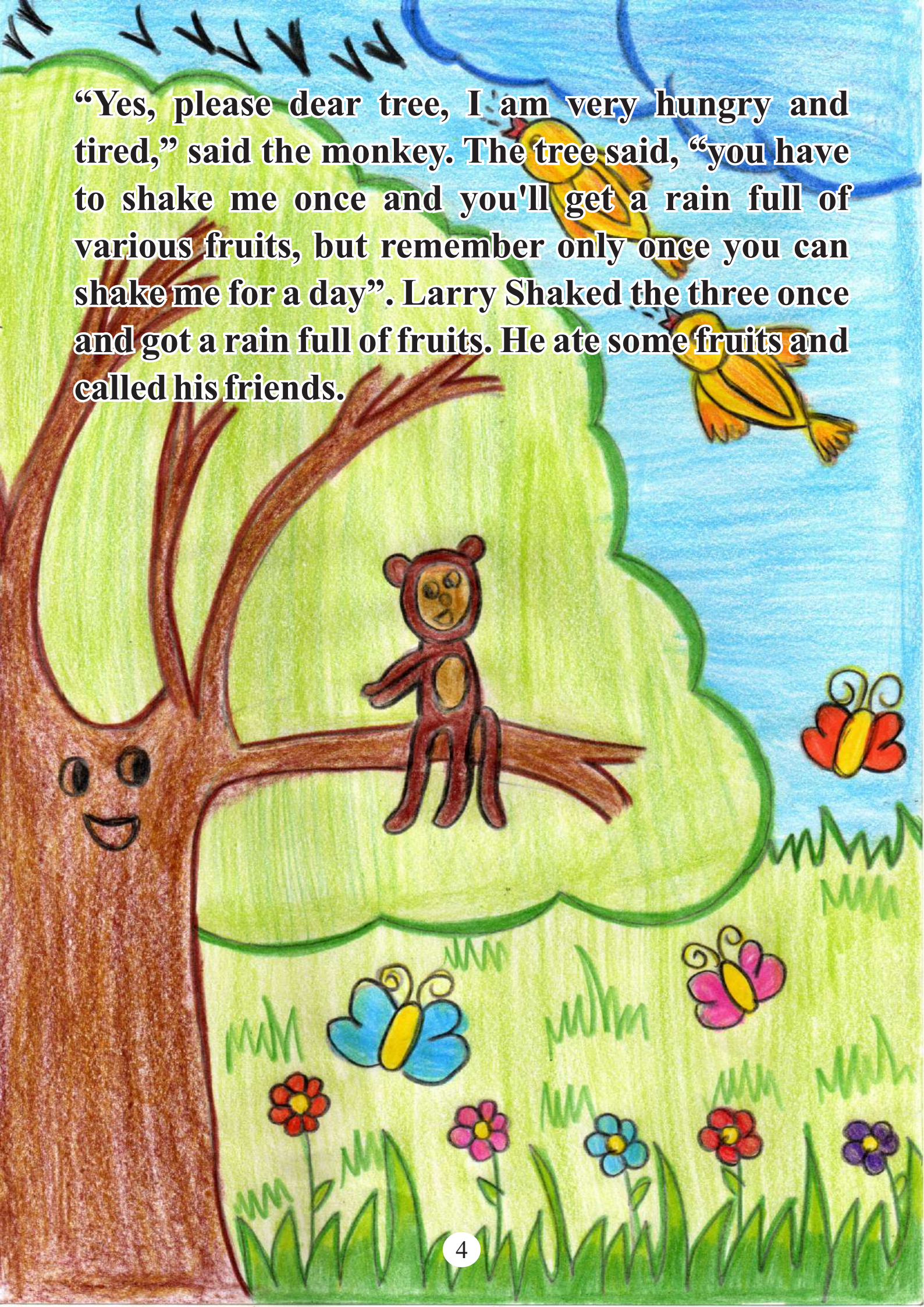
Once upon a time there was a beautiful jungle, in this jungle there lived a monkey called Larry, he is very kind and sharing. One day he went to play with his friends to a near by side of the jungle that they are not used to playing.

While Larry was playing with his friends, he got very hungry and went away from his friends, looking for some fruits. Since it was winter, he couldn't find any fruits in nearby trees. Without knowing, Larry went deep into the jungle away from his friends. Larry was very tired and badly wanted some rest. He saw a nice tree near the lake and thought it was better to rest on that tree.

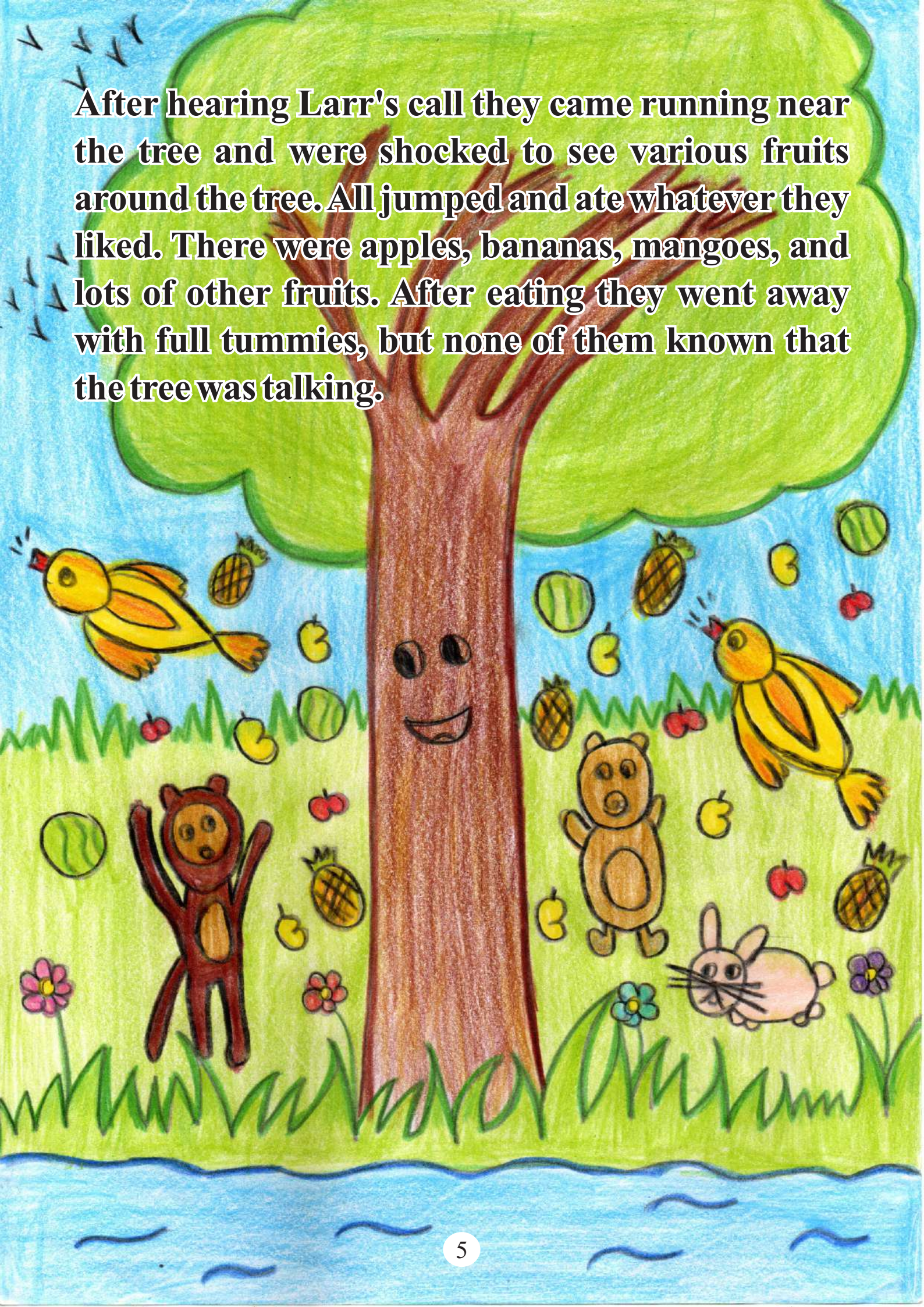


He climbed the tree and slept on a branch. After some time, Larry heard a sound like someone was calling him. He suddenly woke up and looked here and there, but he couldn't find anyone nearby. He heard the call again and realized that it was the tree that was talking, He was shocked and jumped off the tree and stared at the tree. Then the tree says, “Hi little monkey, I think that you're hungry and tired, can I give you some fruits”.

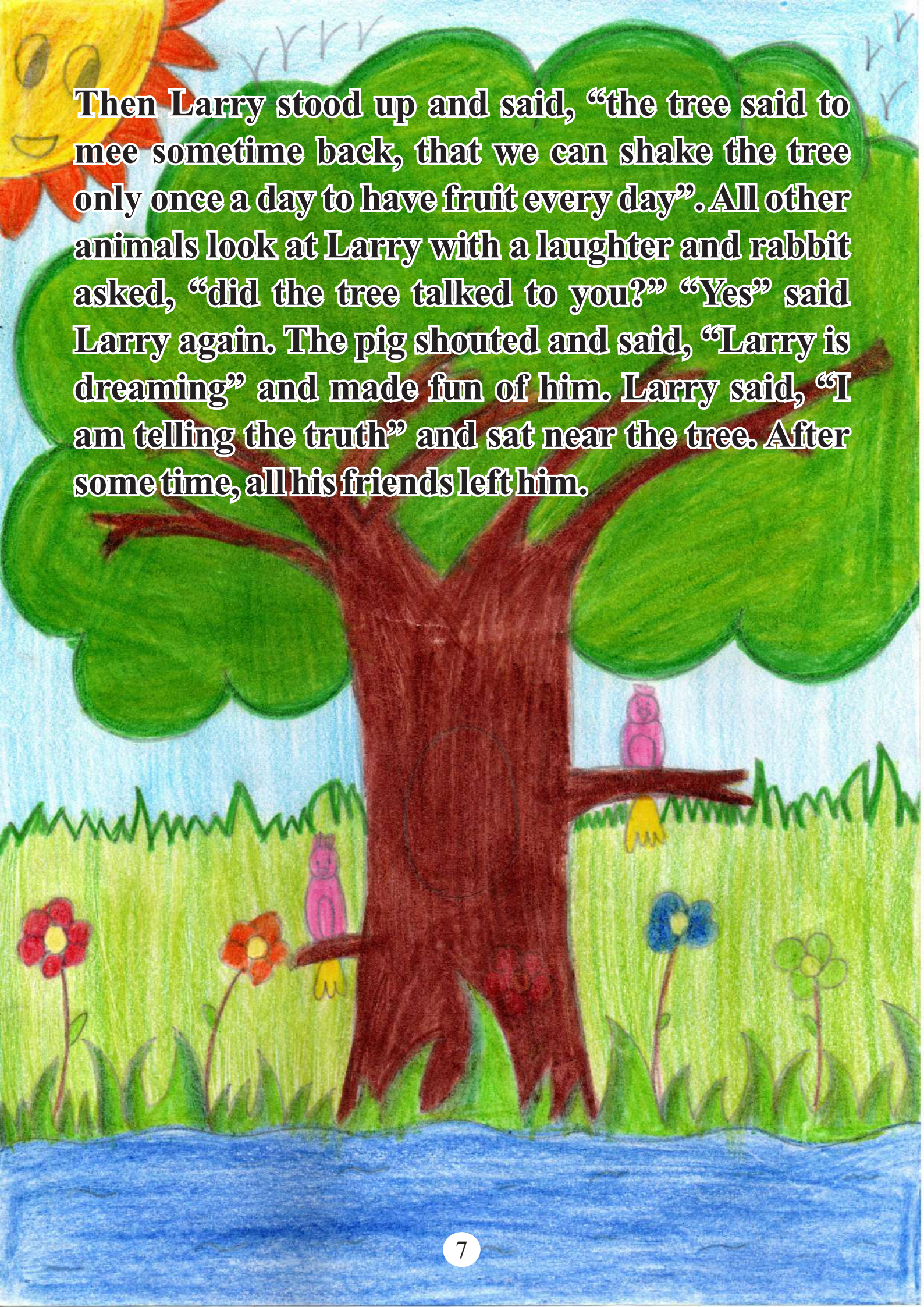
“Yes, please dear tree, I am very hungry and tired,” said the monkey. The tree said, “you have to shake me once and you’ll get a rain full of various fruits, but remember only once you can shake me for a day”. Larry Shaked the three once and got a rain full of fruits. He ate some fruits and called his friends.



After hearing Larr's call they came running near the tree and were shocked to see various fruits around the tree. All jumped and ate whatever they liked. There were apples, bananas, mangoes, and lots of other fruits. After eating they went away with full tummies, but none of them known that the tree was talking.

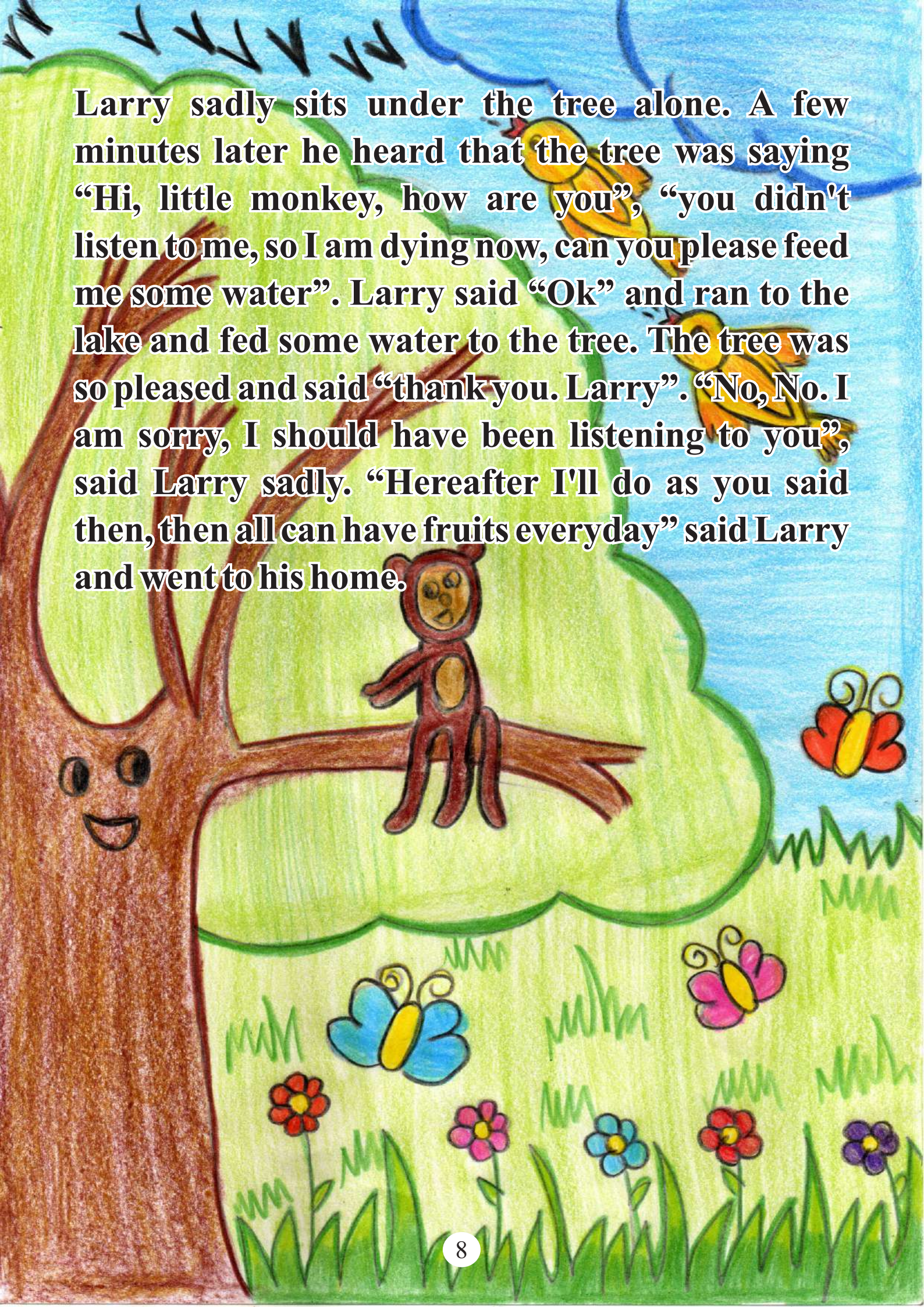


Animals came to the tree daily to eat fruits, they Shaked the tree in the morning and have frits and when they got hungry in the evening, they again shake the tree and ate fruits. After some days, while Larry is walking in the jungle, he remembered, what the tree told him – “only once in a day that you can shake me”, but Larry didn't care about it and enjoyed fruits with his friends without a limit. After few days summer came, and all the ice melted and disappeared, the tree too faded. All animals gathered around the tree looking for fruits, but the tree no longer able to give fruits.

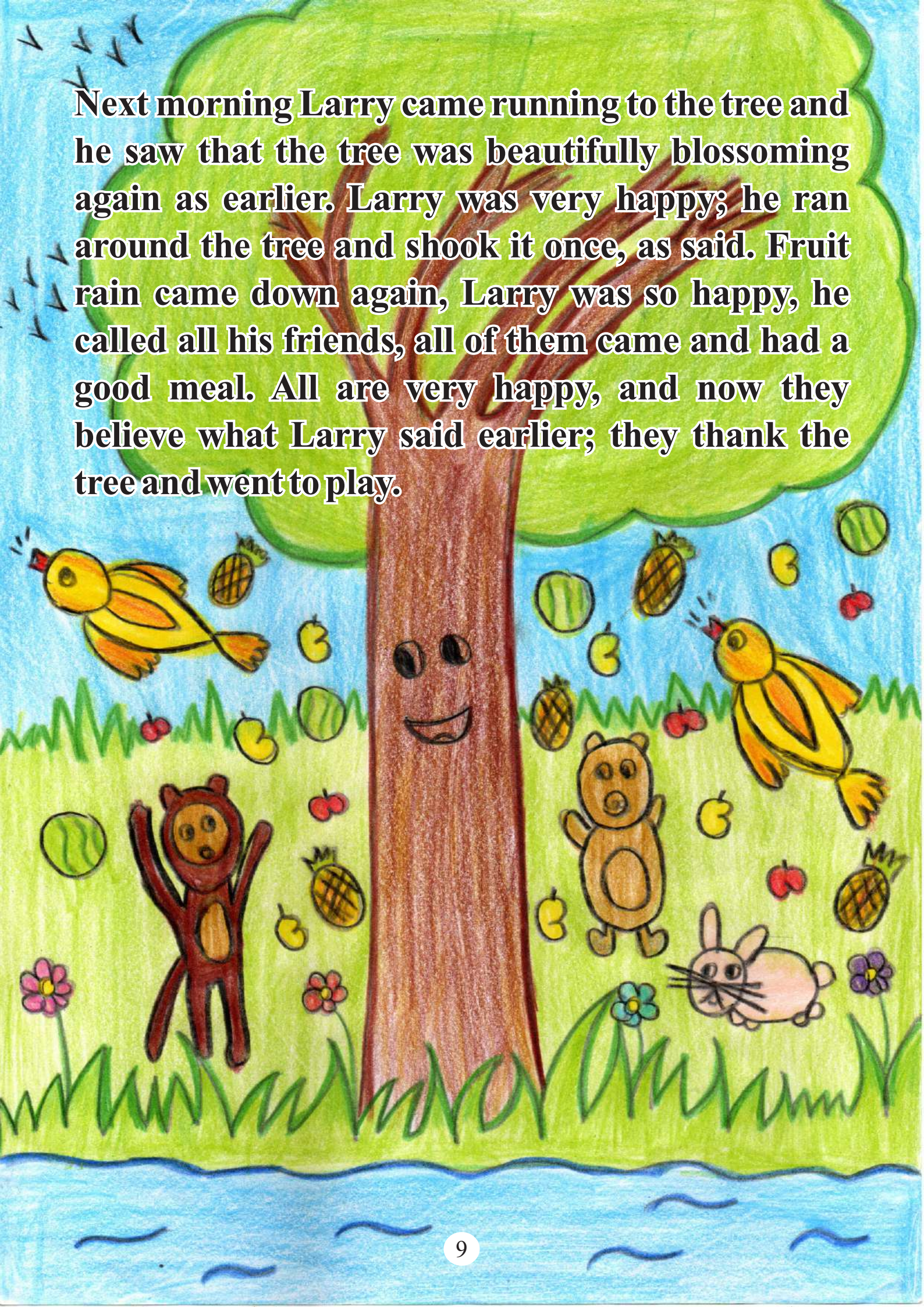
A vibrant, child-like illustration of a landscape. In the top left corner, a large, smiling yellow sun with orange rays is partially visible. A large, leafy green tree with a thick brown trunk stands in the center. Three small, pink, bird-like creatures are perched on different branches of the tree. The ground is a mix of green grass and several flowers: two red ones on the left, one orange one, one blue one, and one green one on the right. At the bottom of the page, there is a blue wavy line representing a body of water. The entire scene is set against a light blue sky with some faint, stylized clouds.

Then Larry stood up and said, “the tree said to mee sometime back, that we can shake the tree only once a day to have fruit every day”. All other animals look at Larry with a laughter and rabbit asked, “did the tree talked to you?” “Yes” said Larry again. The pig shouted and said, “Larry is dreaming” and made fun of him. Larry said, “I am telling the truth” and sat near the tree. After some time, all his friends left him.

Larry sadly sits under the tree alone. A few minutes later he heard that the tree was saying “Hi, little monkey, how are you”, “you didn’t listen to me, so I am dying now, can you please feed me some water”. Larry said “Ok” and ran to the lake and fed some water to the tree. The tree was so pleased and said “thank you. Larry”. “No, No. I am sorry, I should have been listening to you”, said Larry sadly. “Hereafter I’ll do as you said then, then all can have fruits everyday” said Larry and went to his home.



Next morning Larry came running to the tree and he saw that the tree was beautifully blossoming again as earlier. Larry was very happy; he ran around the tree and shook it once, as said. Fruit rain came down again, Larry was so happy, he called all his friends, all of them came and had a good meal. All are very happy, and now they believe what Larry said earlier; they thank the tree and went to play.

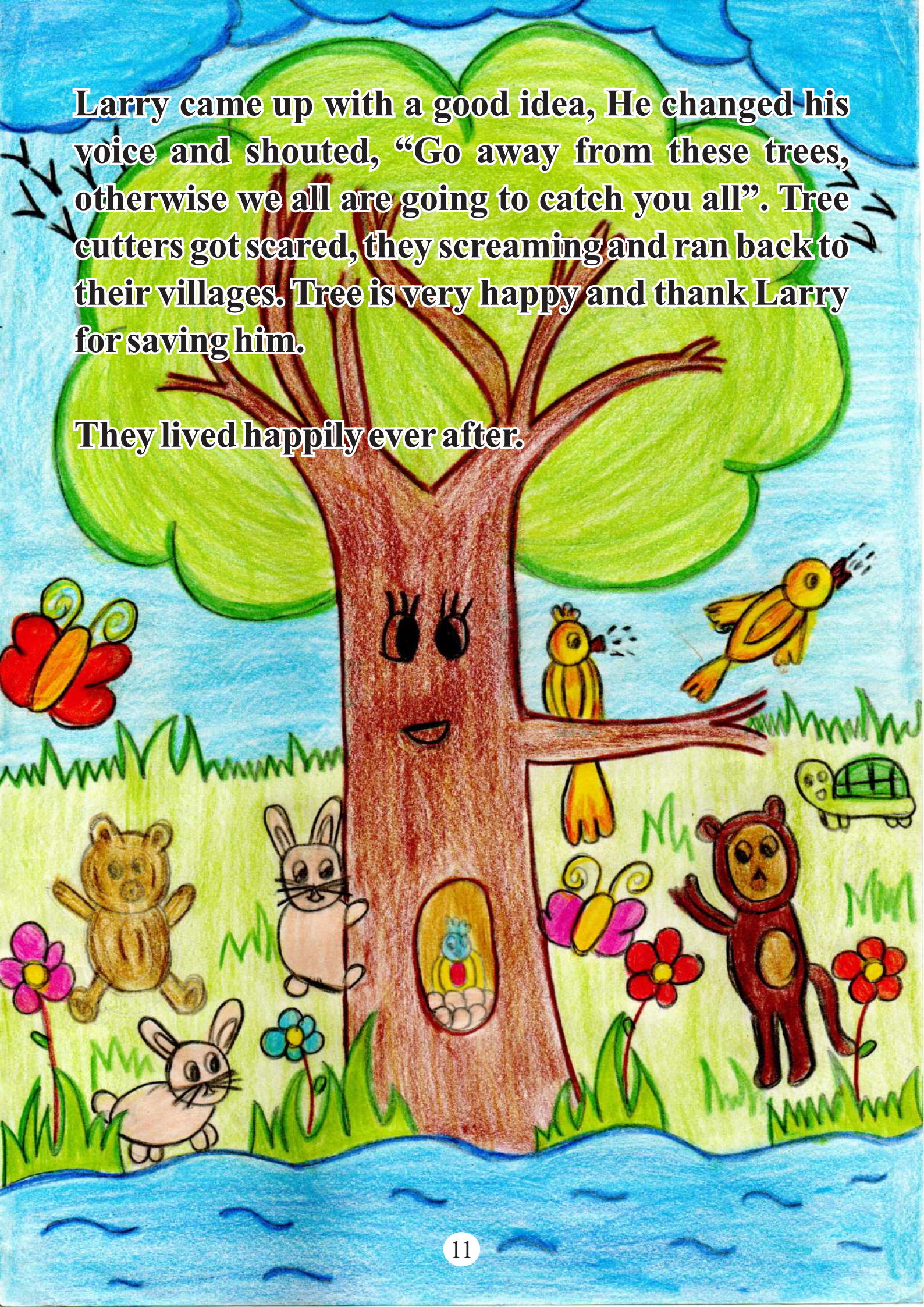


In the evening, all friends went back to their places, Larry lonely went to see his friend tree. Larry was shocked to some human tree cutters around his magical tree. They are talking to each other “this tree is very good for furniture; we should cut this tree and take home”. Larry was very angry with tree cutters, and he wanted to save the tree. Larry slowly climbed up the tree and hid inside the hollow in the trunk of the tree and started to think, “what I am I going to do to save my friend tree”.



Larry came up with a good idea, He changed his voice and shouted, “Go away from these trees, otherwise we all are going to catch you all”. Tree cutters got scared, they screaming and ran back to their villages. Tree is very happy and thank Larry for saving him.

They lived happily ever after.





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)

