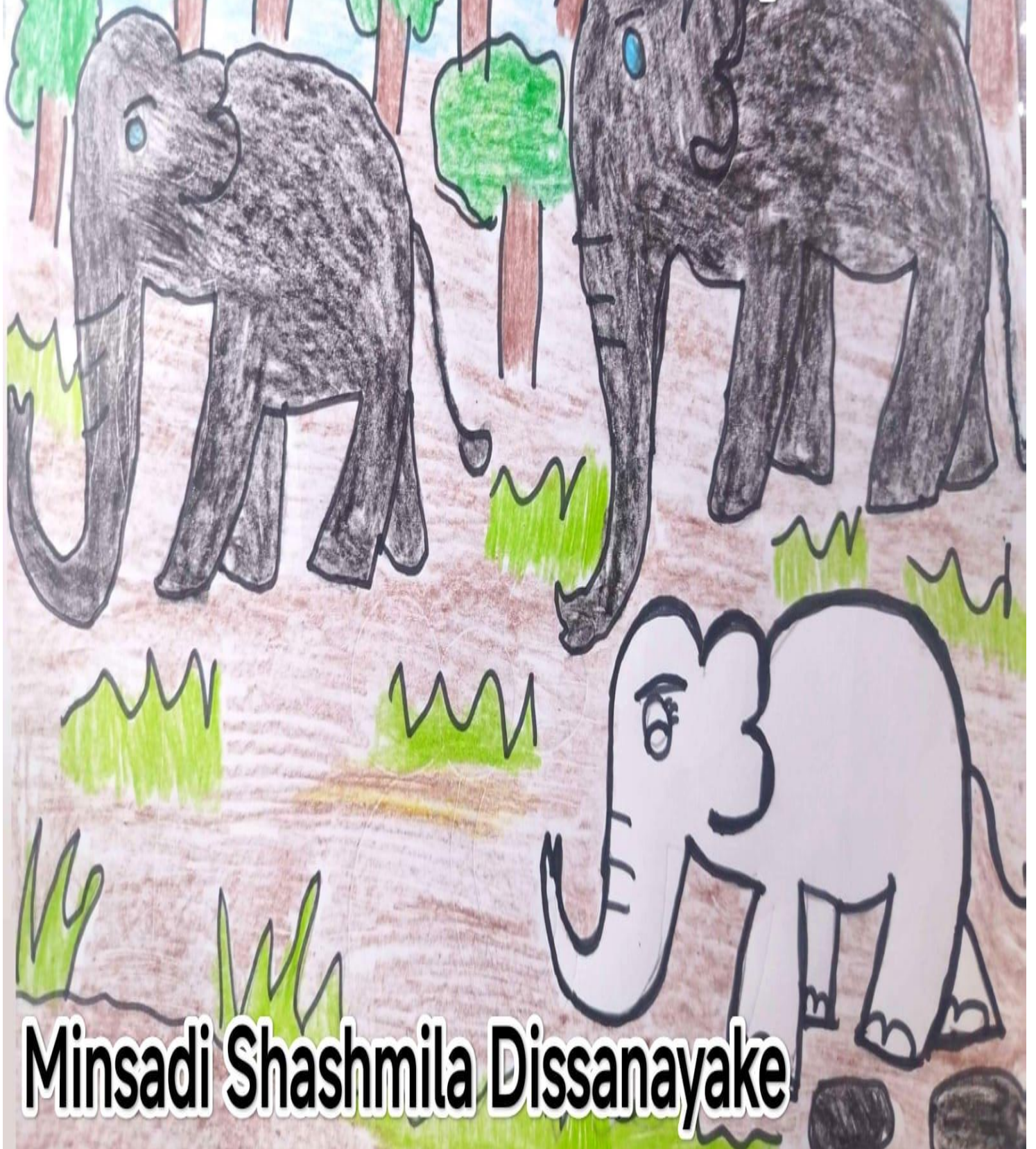


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Dedication

*I dedicate this book with
great love to my beloved
mother, my beloved father,
and all my beloved teachers.*



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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Congratulatory Message

I highly appreciate the noble and outstanding effort of the Principal and the academic staff of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, and 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

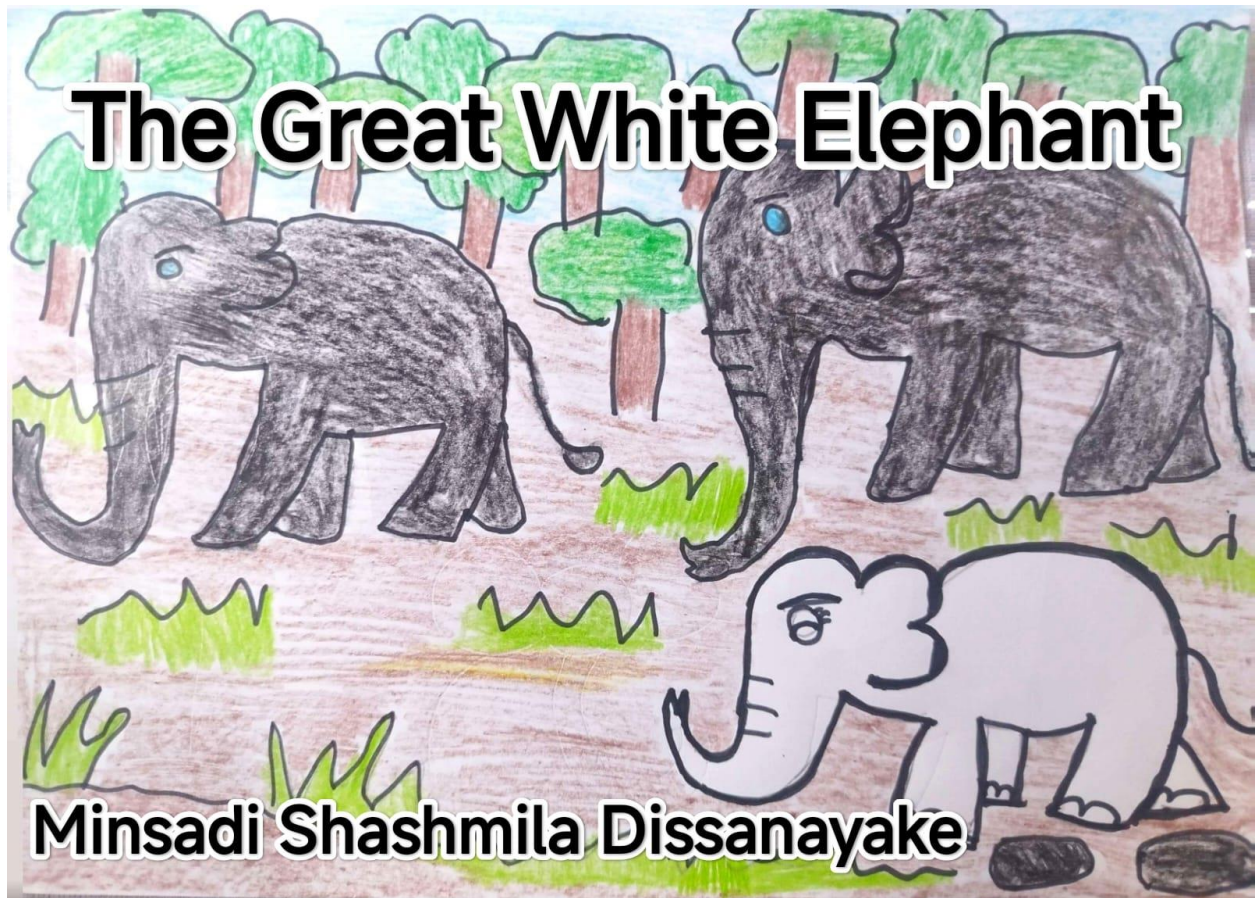
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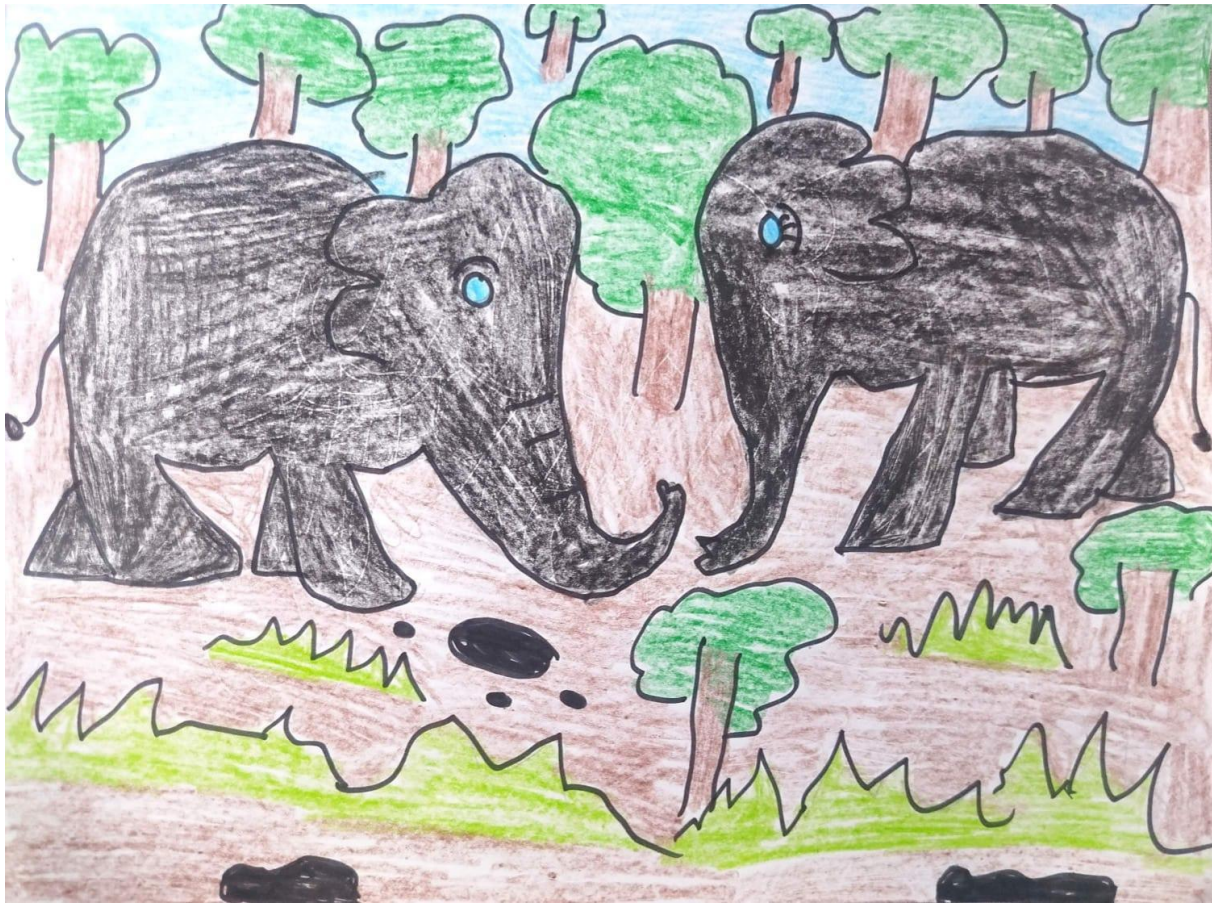
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The Great White Elephant

*E*lf is a dense forest. Many animals lived in this dense forest. A large number of elephants lived in this Dense Forest.





There is an elephant leader named Alex, who is in charge of a herd of elephants.

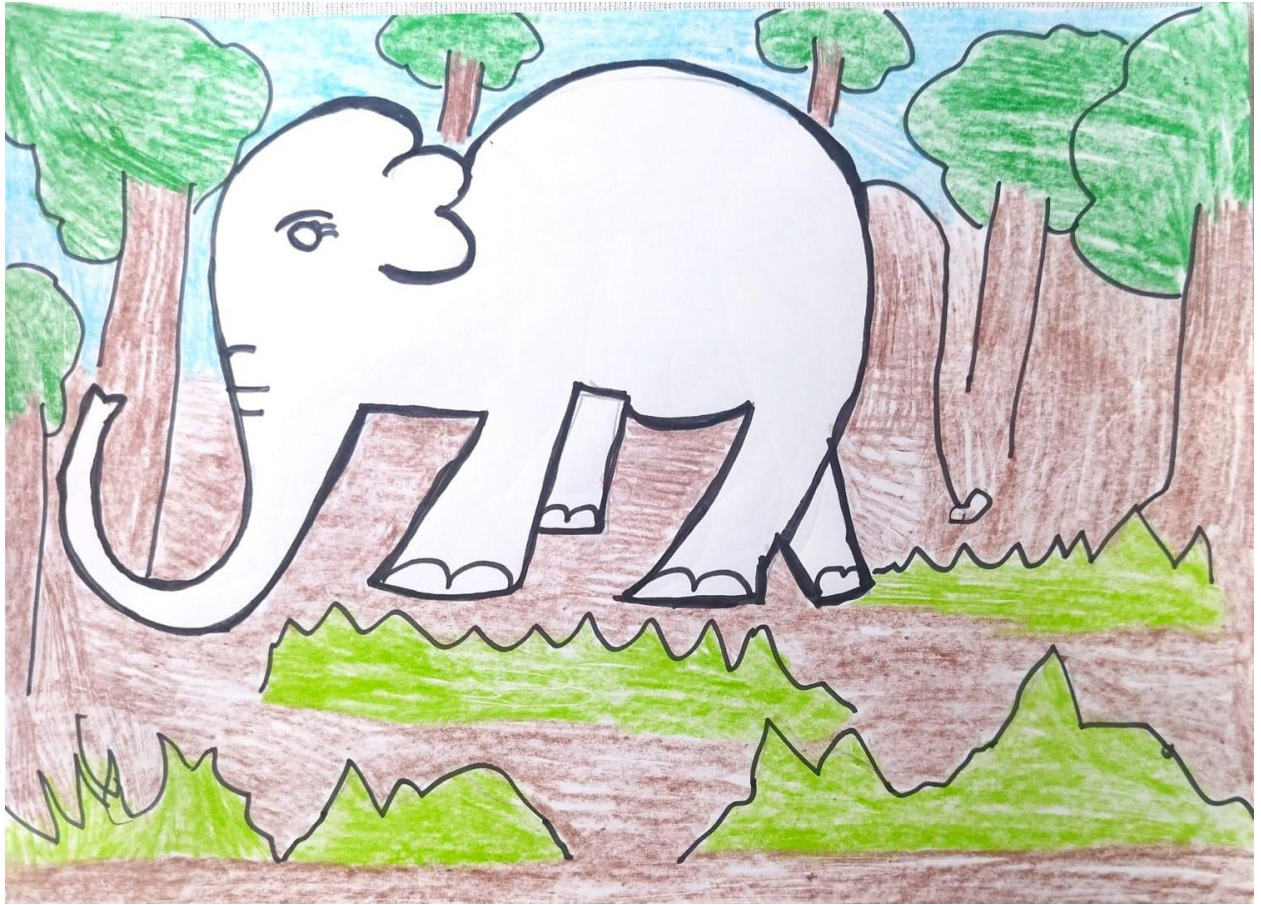
Maggie, the beloved wife of the elephant leader, took very kindly and loving care of the other elephants. This elephant family is a very famous elephant because of they are kindness and they treat everyone equally.

This couple of elephant has a son named Melf. Who was very naughty?

He never listened to his parents, destroyed the trees in the forest.

How ever this elephant couples famous in this herd because of their daughter Elma. She is very difference from Melf.

Elma is the most beautiful and little baby elephant milky white in colour.

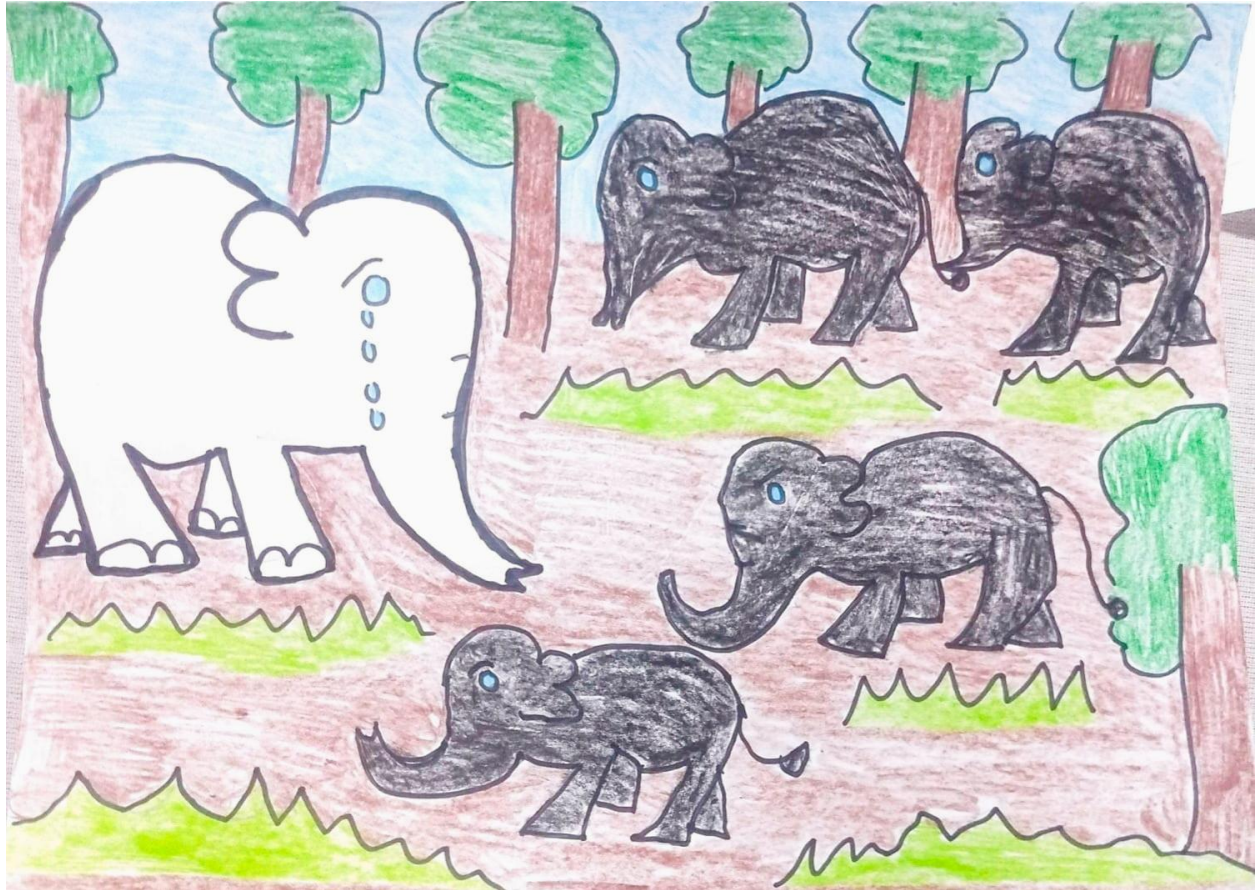


When Elma was born, her parents was surprised amaze, Alex and Maggie couldn't imagine their baby. Usually elephants are black. But when Elma was born white they were just as surprised.

Elma is a very cute little elephant she is very innocent. Very loving not naughty. Treats everyone well.

But there is one sad thing no one likes Elma very much why..... Because her body colour is different from the

other elephants. So everyone tries to stay away from. Elma always lived in sadness and thought about it .



Elma felt very sad and went to tell her mom and dad.

That her friends wouldn't talk to her. They said to her not worry but continue been kind and friendly other.

One morning heavy rain came to this forest.

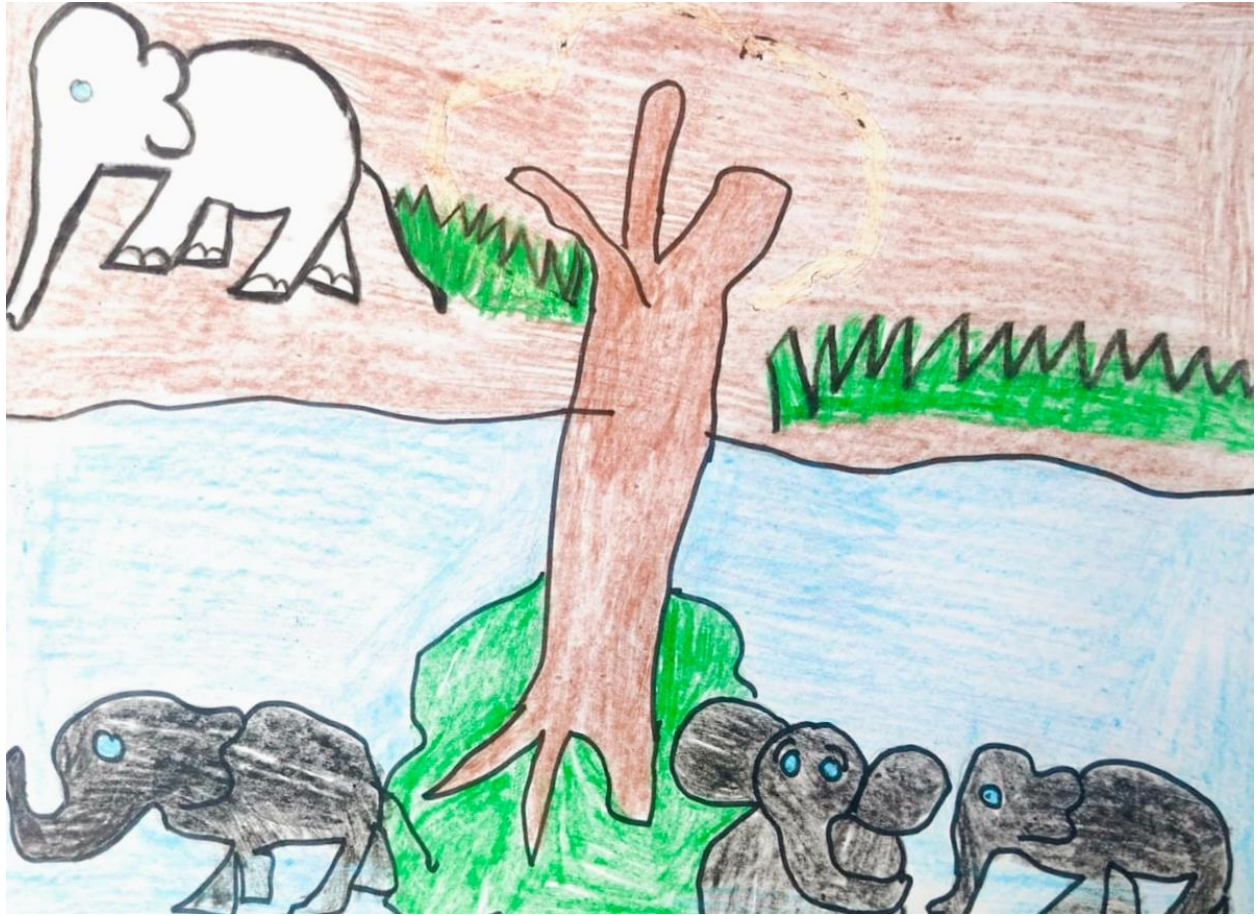


That heavy rain damage a lot of trees..... Many animals lost there lives in the flood.

The elephants herd was much more damaged than the one Elma had been on.

Elma heard the sound of elephants shouting.

After that, Elma ran to see the devastation..... Elma was heard mother, father, brother and the other elephants in the herd drowning in the water and screaming Elma looked around and noticed a large tree was the river.

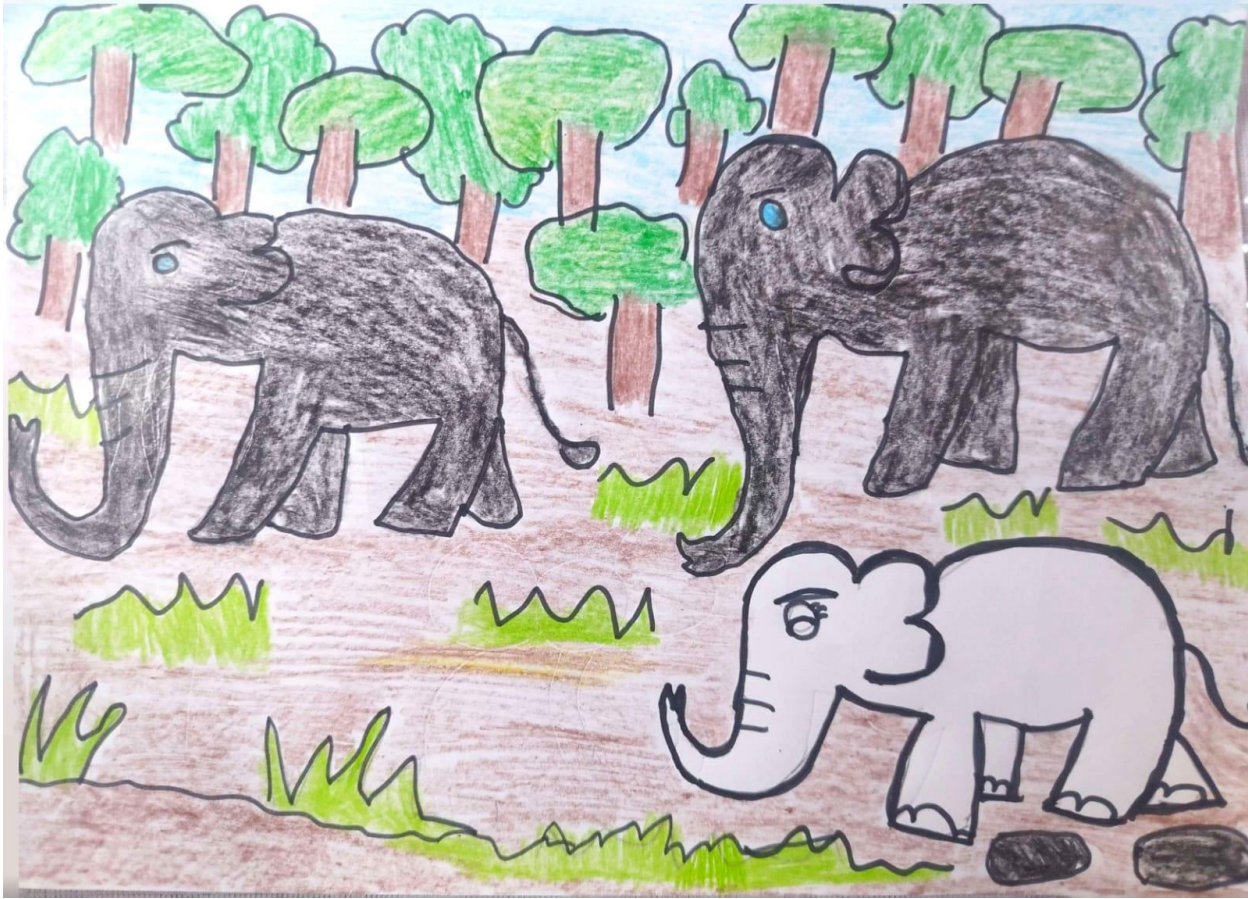


She pushed tree until it fell across the river. The tree was made a bridge.

She was able to climb up the tree that had fallen into the river, wade through it, and save her family, friends, and the other elephants in the herd.

Elma, who saved everyone, became everyone's hero. Elma's mother and father were very happy for Elma. Her friends were very ashamed of the changes they had made to Elma. They went to Elma and apologized. They promised to come and see her again, never to leave Elma alone again.

Elma lived with her herd of elephants as usual. She had many friends. Her mother, father, and brother were very happy with Elma. Elma's brother Melf had completely stopped his mischief and was a good child and lived in the herd. Elma lived very happily... Elma happily helped every animal that was in trouble. Elma became a very popular baby elephant in the jungle.



Never judge people in their appearance. And be kind
everyone how they treat you.

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, and 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)

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