

The Unexpected Adventure



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I.

Dedicated To,

A Story I once kept in my mind, not thinking
it would ever come true.

And

To my Family who gave me an opportunity
to make this dream come true, by writing
a book about it.

II.



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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Introducing the members of the Squad

Tylor - The Eldest, of the siblings.

The bravest sibling.

Gemma - The Middle child, of the siblings.

The sibling who carries out the plans.

Jamie - The Youngest, of the siblings.

The sibling who always gets in trouble.

Bagel - Their Little puppy.

(More about him when you read further)

Grandma Rose - The Trio's Grandmother.

Although she's old, she's always fun.

Mum - The Trio's Mother

She works as a lawyer.

Dad – The Trio's Father

He's a businessman.

CHAPTER 1 – A Strange Occurrence

Little Jamie goes to preschool, while Tyler and Gemma go to school. After preschool had finished, Grandma went to pick up Jamie. When they came home, Jamie quickly undressed into comfy clothes and ran up the hill which is next to their house. After Grandma saw this, she slowly followed him. Jamie sat on the log where he always sits at. But today it was quite unusual. It would shake some times and little whining noises could be heard from the log. Jamie was scared but he mustered up his courage and looked inside the log. There were two glowing green eyes inside the log. After seeing this Jamie got startled and ran back into the house. Grandma didn't notice he was scared, so she followed Jamie back into the house. In a little while Dad had dropped off Tyler and Gemma at home while he was going to work. After that they dressed into some comfy clothes and they went to see their little brother in his room. He was in a corner terrified. Both of the siblings ran close to him. "What happened this time, Jamie?" Tyler asked. "Under the log

there was something scary... under the log.” “We should say this to Grandma” suggested Gemma. So, the trio went to the living room where grandma was drinking her daily cup of tea. When she asked what happened, they answered that Jamie had seen something rather unusual up the hill. “Let’s check it out you three” said Grandma sweetly. So, all of them hiked up the hill and went next to the log, to see what was going on.

CHAPTER 2 - Finding out what was

Bothering Jamie

Grandma slowly bent down and flashed her flashlight in the log. The children were curious and impatient at the same time. Instead of horror grandma wore a big smile on her face. “What is it, Grandma!” asked all of them at the same time. “It’s just a little scared puppy.” Replied Grandma calmly.



“Do you all want to adopt it as our pet?” she asked. The children had wanted a pet for so long and when Grandma asked this question they were over the moon. Finally, Gemma asked, “Can we really keep it?”. “Of course, you can if you all are responsible for it.” she said. At that moment the children forgot if their parents were going to say yes or no to this. So, they all screamed “**YES !!!**”. “Ok, then kids listen please. Tyler go and grab the old cage in the garage; Gemma bring an old blanket and Jamie go grab the biscuit box” So the trio ran down the hill and in the

house they went. For their excitement they quickly found the things and ran back up. When they gave the things, the biscuit box felt awfully light. “Jamie, dear are you sure you brought the right biscuit box?” asked grandma curiously. “Ummm.... I think I did” said Jamie unsurely. When grandma opened the box, it was empty. “Jamie, we finished this box of biscuits remember?” said Gemma.

“Sorry I’ll be right back with the right one.” So once again he ran back down and brought the right box. Then grandma took the cage with the blanket near the log and opened it. She held a biscuit near the place the puppy was. It took a bit of time for the puppy to trust them. But at last, the puppy got the biscuit and lay down in the cage. Then grandma slowly closed the door of the cage. “Oh, the puppy’s so adorable and tiny.” Said Gemma in a loving voice. “Come on lads, let’s give this puppy some milk and proper food.” Said their grandma. They followed their grandma down the hill and into the living room. “I’ll prepare a bowl of milk and some rice with salmon, until that please look after the pup.” Then Grandma went to the kitchen while the three children watched the puppy. Soon

their grandma came and lay the bowl of milk and food on the floor and opened the cage. The puppy slowly came out from the cage and drank the milk in big gulps and ate the food in big bites. Then it went to sleep in the cage. “It kind of looks like a wolf,” said Tylor. “No dear it’s a stray dog. It looks like a wolf cub, but it’s a real dog.” Said Grandma assuring him.

CHAPTER 3 – How it Goes with Mom & Dad

“Oh no...” exclaimed Gemma at once. “What’s the matter?” asked grandma. “We forgot to tell our parents about this.” Said Gemma fearfully. “What if they say no?” said Jamie with tears in his eyes. “We’ll figure it out somehow” said grandma cheering their moods. The kids forgot all about it until, Mom and Dad came home from work, that day Dad’s work had been finished early. “I’ll handle this, kids, you just wait here.” They were a bit scared cause their dad was the hardest one to convince. They were hoping they will be able to keep the pup. At first

Mom said they can keep the puppy. But dad said otherwise. After a big discussion he told them, "If you all have good marks this term, we'll keep the dog." The kids were so happy that they had a chance to keep the puppy. "Dad, until then where are we going to keep the puppy?" Asked Tyler curiously. "We will keep it in the garage, not in the house, Ok?" "Yes Dad" answered all of them. That night Tyler, Gemma and Jamie were so excited they couldn't sleep, but a while later they did fall asleep because they were exhausted for the many times they ran up and down the hill. The examination days arrived. Although Tyler and Gemma had exams, little Jamie had only a revision test in preschool. They had studied hard this term to get good marks. Tyler and Gemma had obtained high marks, but sadly Jamie didn't understand some questions, and got lower marks. That day Jamie sadly came home crying about his low marks. When Tyler and Gemma came home, he said about his marks sadly. Tyler and Gemma Said it was okay to Jamie, but deep down they were a bit sad. After both of their parents came

home, they told their marks to them. They were scared that they won't let to keep the puppy. Then Dad knelt down at Jamie's level and said "Jamie, although your marks are low it's still an A because you got 76 marks". After hearing this Jamie's mood was a bit lifted. "So, does that mean we get to keep the puppy?" asked Jamie a bit scared. "Yes, you all proved yourselves that you all try very hard to achieve a goal." Said Dad calmly. After this the children were over the moon. They quickly ran to their garage and brought the puppy in their hands to their house. They were wearing big smiles all day.

CHAPTER 4 – What Should They Name the Puppy?

That day was the day school holidays started. Although it was the school holidays all the children woke up early in the morning to see the puppy. The puppy was sleeping in their bedroom last night. So, when they woke up it woke up as well. Cause it was holidays both their parents were

at home. All the others had woken up already. Then they entered the living room where everyone was drinking tea, “Oh Good Morning kids, all of you woke up already!” said Mom astonished. “Well giving the kids, a puppy doesn’t seem to be a bad idea after all”

Dad said to Mom and Grandma. This brought a little smile onto their faces. “Can we bathe the puppy today, Grandma?” Tyler asked. “Of course, but Dad is better at washing dogs than me, so he’ll help,” said Grandma. So, the three children, their dad and the puppy went to the garden, where there was a garden hose which had warm water in the day time. They also took a bar of soap and a towel especially for the puppy. Then dad washed the puppy gently, while the three children helped to hold the puppy still and apply soap on it. After that they dried the puppy using a towel and let it enjoy the sunlight until it dried completely. “Look, Dad it’s fur is gold color and it also has white fur.” Gemma said happily. When they took it back inside, Grandma and Mom couldn’t believe it was the same puppy. “I just noticed, we didn’t name the puppy.” Said Tyler amazed. Everyone looked as just as astonished.

Then they thought about it for a long time. At the evening, they agreed on “**Bagel**” as the name because its fur resembles the color of a freshly baked bagel. Mom gave an old cushion for the puppy to sleep on. They also got the old blanket they used before and laid it over the old cushion. Then they took it to their bedroom and placed it near their beds.

CHAPTER 5 – Things Take a Big Turn

One Month Later ...

Bagel even got bigger. One day the trio was going on a walk. Mom and Dad had gone to a relative’s house, while Grandma had gone for a long day of shopping. Jamie was skipping in the front, while Gemma and Tyler were at the back holding the leash of the puppy tightly. After Gemma and Tyler had turned from a corner, they couldn’t see little Jamie anywhere. There was no trace from him either. “What should we do now?” asked Tyler. “First, we should go home. Then we should give one of Jamie’s things he was wearing to Bagel. I’ve heard that dogs have a good

sense of smell” said Gemma carrying out the plan in her head. So, then they went home and gave one of Jamie’s shoes he was wearing to Bagel. After Bagel got a good sniff, he led the kids to where Jamie was. After walking a bit more, he stopped at a large wall. “What now? It’s a dead end.” Said Gemma figuring out what this wall meant. After inspecting the wall well, Tyler found an outline of a door. Then Gemma found a switch made out of stone next to the door. So, she pressed it. With a large sound the door opened wide, revealing a passageway. “I’ll go save Jamie; you stay right here.” Said Tyler rather bravely. “All alone! Then take Bagel with you” said Gemma anxiously. “No, I won’t take Bagel, you can come find me with him, if I’m gone for more than two hours.” Said Tyler explaining the situation. At last Gemma agreed reluctantly. Then Tyler entered the dark, horrid passageway. Good thing he had brought his flashlight, which Grandma gave him as a present. While he was walking through the long passageway, he heard the sound of footsteps, so he hid himself in the shadows. A conversation was going on between two people and Tyler heard it. “Will the Boy

escape Josh?" asked one grown man and the other answered back "We locked him securely right, of course not." Then he heard them laughing bitterly. For a fact he knew that one of the men's name is Josh and that it might be Little Jamie locked in a room scared. Meanwhile outside Gemma and Bagel had sat themselves on some rocks. But they were not entirely Infront of the door, because she knew if someone saw her and Bagel they would get in trouble as well. So, they were watching from a distance.

After a while, Tyler started walking once again. Then he came to a place where two roads split. On one side the passageway went more longer, while on the other side there was a large wooden door. First, he went to the side which the door was. He sensed that someone was in there. He kept his ear close to the door and listened cautiously. A small whining of pain came through the door. Tyler trusting his instincts, that it must be little Jamie behind the door. So, he decided to open the door. He got the safety pin, which was attached on his shirt instead of a button and picked the lock carefully. The door opened slowly.

When it did open entirely, He saw his little brother Jamie in a corner. His hands tied tightly behind his back with a rope and there were scrapes all over his body. After seeing this, Tyler instantly kneeled down next to his brother and comforted him with a large hug. “Don’t be afraid Jamie, I’m here now. I’ll slowly untie this rope.” Said Tyler in a comforting tone. Jamie smiled slightly. Tyler slowly untied the ropes, trying his best not to hurt Jamie. His hands had turned red and swollen.

Chapter 6 – Sneaking Away

After sitting there in silence for a bit of time, they decided to escape from this scary dungeon. Tyler slowly grabbed his flashlight from the ground and held Jamie’s hand tightly. They headed to the door tip toeing. Tyler looked cautiously outside of the door, to see if anyone was there. But no one was there to be seen. So, they slowly entered the cold and dark dungeon. They walked through the long passageways. It didn’t seem to end. “My legs are

getting tired by the minute” said little Jamie panting. “Well, we’ll stop somewhere it’s dark and nobody can see us.” Replied Tyler. They walked a bit more. Then Tyler spotted a small corner which was dark. He hadn’t seen it before. Maybe he was in such a hurry to find Jamie that he hadn’t noticed it. Tyler Thought to himself. “Come on Jamie, we’ll rest here for a little while” said Tyler exhausted himself. First Tyler sat down. Then Jamie curled up beside him. Tyler and Jamie were super tired after walking along this passageway for so long. Especially Tyler because he had not stopped a bit when he came before searching for Jamie. Then without Tyler noticing he had soon fallen asleep. Jamie was fast asleep long before Tyler did. Suddenly with a jump Tyler woke up for a strange noise. After hearing this, he woke Jamie up and told him to be quiet. A few minutes passed, as no sound followed with it, they started walking once again. This time it felt quite weird to Tyler. By now they would have seen the light coming from the large door or even the door itself. After just thinking that, Jamie walked straight into something hard. When Tyler looked closely, he noticed that Jamie had

walked straight into the large door itself. **Oh No!!!** The door had been shut and there was no way to open it from the inside. That was the strange sound he had heard before, as they were resting in that corner. There was no point of screaming to Gemma and Bagel, because the door was made of thick layers of stones. They wouldn't hear them anyway and even if they do scream, the bad people will come and take them away. At this moment Tyler's head was spinning. He had no idea what to do, but he had put on a calm expression for Jamie.

Chapter 7 – Trapped Inside.

“Tyler what do we do now?” asked Jamie in a scared sort of whisper. Tyler couldn't give a right answer at this moment. He couldn't scare little Jamie and he had no idea what to tell him. “I have nothing at the moment Jamie, but we'll figure out something.” Said Tyler. After much thinking of the situation, Tyler thought that staying here will make them get caught. “We'll try to find another exit. Come

right behind me” said Tyler in a determined voice. So, both the children started going farther away from the exit, they first thought that would work. They walked more and more along the never-ending passageway. Then at last they found the place where, Jamie was locked in and the other passageway that went more longer. As they knew that one side was a dead end, they decided to go along the next side. They walked more and more. They were also so hungry, as they didn’t eat lunch before they came from home. Tyler and Jamie both could hear the rumbling noises that came from their own stomachs. They didn’t talk that much, as this was an unknown place to both of them. They found a place similar to the one which Jamie was trapped in. Tyler once again opened it with a safety pin. There was no one in it. Just a lonely mouse finding food. They walked once again. But not so long after they found a door in the corner, which they almost passed. It was rather bigger than the other doors they found. Tyler thought that this must be another exit. Like the entrance door it also had a button beside it. So, Tyler mustered up his courage and pushed the button. With a screeching

noise the door opened slowly. To their horror it wasn't an exit door. It was a meeting place for all the bad crew members. They were all seated in small benches made of stone and one tall and big person [Tyler thought the leader] was standing giving a grand speech. They had known that the little boy, Jamie had escaped. At that time, they were discussing what to do if the boy blurted out everything to the public. They would get caught. But unfortunately, both the boys had opened the door at that exact time. Before any of the boys could react, the man supposed to be the leader screamed "DON'T JUST WAIT HERE. CATCH THOSE LITTLE BASTARDS." He said in a growling kind of tone. Two large men came storming towards the boys. They didn't look back and ran as fast as they could. But all of their energy had been wasted in walking all this time. Soon the two men caught up to them and held both of them tightly. The two men lifted them both off the ground and walked with them in ease. They finally went to another room similar to the room Jamie was locked in but larger and dropped them to the cold, wet floor. While one man waited in the room the other man

had left the room to grab ropes to tie the boys' hands. Soon he came back with them and tightly tied them on to their hands. Jamie winced with pain as the rope was tied on the scrapes that were there before.

A while later the leader of the group came in the room, telling both the other men to leave. "Listen here you two kids, don't you try to fool me with your silly acts. Did you really think I was going to let you save your brother and go on with it. No, I would never. Here me." Said the man in an



angry voice. "what's you name little bastard" said the man pointing at little Jamie. "J... J... Jamie" answered Jamie

stuttering. “Listen here Jamie, I’m Vesper. Everyone around here calls me Viper. From now on you should answer me saying Mr. Vesper. Understood?” said the man strictly. “Y...Y... Yes Mr. Vesper sir” said Jamie fearfully. “Now that’s how I like it kid. Listen closely. I’m a big boss of a big company. So don’t mess with me kid. I hope your little friend understood.” Said Mr. Vesper in a discussing kind of tone. “Yes, Mr. Vesper” said Tyler less afraid than Jamie. “Now don’t try to do anything silly. You’ll be in big trouble” said Mr. Vesper suddenly angrily and stormed off after shutting the door behind him. “Tyler, I’m so... scared. What will happen to us?” said Jamie while tears streamed down his face. “Don’t worry Jamie. This time I’m here with you and besides Gemma and Bagel will come to save us.” Said Tyler in a comforting tone.

Chapter 8 – Will Gemma and Bagel

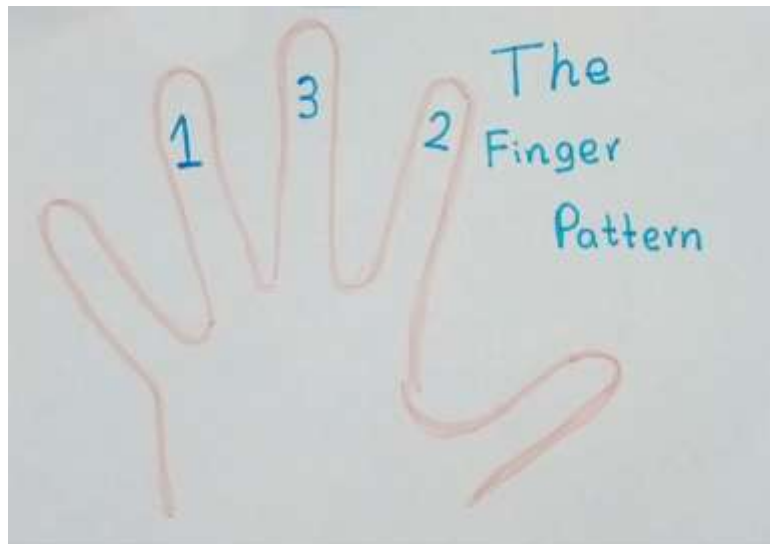
come to save them

At this time Gemma had noticed that Tyler hadn't come for about three hours. Did something happen to him? Did he find Jamie? She had so many questions. After assuring for about ten minutes that no one is coming out of the dungeon, she said "Come on Bagel, Let's go find your other two masters." After hearing this Bagel gave a wide smile to Gemma, stretched himself a bit and sat up. Both of them walked towards the entrance of the dungeon slowly. Then she noticed that the door had closed. This was weird to her. She had clearly remembered that Tyler nor she had closed the door. Did someone else close it after Tyler went in? Are both of them still trapped inside without a way to escape? More questions gathered to her by the minute. To solve these, she should find them herself, so she pressed the button beside the door and entered the cold and hollow dungeon with Bagel beside her.



She almost forgot she had brought a flashlight, she immediately got it out of her pocket and put it on. It felt more safer to Gemma when Bagel was beside her, he was like a little security guard. She walked with Bagel for some time. Then she heard someone coming towards them. So, she dragged Bagel and sat down in the dark, while covering his mouth with her hand in case Bagel barked. It was two large men, as she saw in their shadows. She trembled slightly and hugged Bagel a bit tighter, after seeing how massive they were. They just walked silently

but, the echo of their footsteps could be heard for a very long time. Bagel had a big urge to bark at them but he had understood that he should not when Gemma put her hand over her mouth. The echo could not be heard any more so, she slowly stood up, while keeping an arm on Bagel. They started their adventure once more. Soon she saw the place where Jamie was trapped before. When she thought weather to go in or not, she suddenly remembered what their grandma had thought them. A little signal just for them. It was a way of tapping with their fingers. It went as Ring finger, Index finger then Middle finger. This should be done two times. Then you should respond the same way, but tapping three times.



She tapped every single door she met in this manner and waited for a response. But it never came so she moved on. She hoped at least Tyler would remember it. She moved on and on. Then she came to another door. She tapped the signal again. Something was strange, Bagel was acting weirdly, kind of excited even. In this room was Tyler and Jamie. Suddenly the sound of this pattern came to Tyler's ear. He looked At Jamie's face. He had no time to explain because if it took too long Gemma would leave. So, he tapped back the signal three times. This was heard by Gemma very clearly as she was listening attentively. She used one of the hair clips she had and patiently tried to open the door. With a small click it opened. There both of them lay. Both of them in one corner. Gemma and Bagel ran towards them. Bagel ran to Jamie and gave a lick from his big slobbery tongue. Jamie chuckled slightly. "I'm so glad both of you are okay. But it seems both of you are tied." Said Gemma both excitedly and confused. "Yes, they found us again and tied both of us. Now first get me out of these, they hurt" said Tyler in a hurry. Gemma sat down beside him and started untying the rope. Then Tyler knelt

down beside Jamie and untied his rope. Jamie's cuts were deeper this time. Tyler even had cuts as well. "How do we escape now?" Gemma asked from Tyler. "First we should have a great plan or we'll be captured again" said Tyler thinking of plan himself. Three of the children just sat there thinking what to do for some time. Suddenly Tyler spoke up again "There should be a way to open the entrance door from the inside somehow" "Yeah, like a key or something." Said Jamie. "You're right Jamie, it must be a key." Said Gemma excitedly. "I know what we should do. The bad people or Mr. Vesper will come to check on us. So then both me and Jamie will be in the same corner we were and act that our hands are still tied. At that same time Gemma, be near the door with Bagel" said Tyler in a long speech sort of way. "Oh... so while he's scared of Bagel, I can look for the key to open the door." Said Gemma understanding the situation. Tyler nodded his head. As they just finished speaking Mr. Vesper came through the door. He just came to check on the boys once again. He didn't expect a girl and a dog to be there as well. "Another brat and Even a dog!" said Mr. Vesper angrily.

“Did they come to save you? That’s not going to happen ever” said Mr. Vesper once again. He didn’t come near Gemma as Bagel was sitting right Infront of her, protecting her. While he was saying things to the boys something caught onto her eyes. There was a thing, like a stick marked with “**E.D**” in capital letters, sticking out of Mr. Vesper’s pocket. Gemma thought that this must be useful. So, when Mr. Vesper was not looking, she sneakily snatched the stick out of his pocket and hid it behind her. “For you girl I’ll bring something to tie you up and we must do something about this stinky dog” said Mr. Vesper angrily. After hearing this Bagel slowly growled at him. Mr. Vesper backed away slowly and stormed out of the room. “What have you got there Gemma?” asked Tyler excitedly. “I think it’s the way we open the door.” Said Gemma examining it carefully. Jamie snatched it out of Gemma’s hands. “It says E.D... Maybe that stands for Entrance Door?” he said. “You should be right Jamie. Well let’s give it a shot. We should go now before anyone comes searching for us again.” Said Tyler hurriedly. So, they all stood up at once and ran towards the door.

Chapter 9 – The Great Escaping

They opened the door wide open and stepped outside the small room. They switched on their flashlights and started walking. This time it was not one, not two but a whole trio which even consists of a dog. They walked for some time. It wasn't even lonely, because they had each other now, even a dog. Then Bagel started to growl softly, this had been noticed by Jamie. When Jamie looked at each of them, they had noticed too. Someone had to be coming or Bagel wouldn't act this way. Then they saw it. Out of the darkness the same muscly men before, who took Jamie and Tyler away were coming towards them. They didn't have time to hide anymore because the men had already seen them. All the children were sweating. Oh no what should they do now. Will all of them be caught and never be able to escape again. They started jogging slowly, but the men came faster. Gemma then accidentally tripped on a rock and fell face first to the ground. This slowed them down pretty much. Good thing nothing happened to her very seriously but now the men were

closer than ever. Then something happened that no one expected, Bagel jumped straight in front of the three children growling while showing his teeth. The men didn't care about this little stray dog so, one of them reached towards the children. Before anyone could react, Bagel had dug his long sharp teeth into one of his foot. The man wailed in pain and fell to the ground, clutching his leg tightly. Blood was flowing rapidly from his foot. At this time the children didn't waste more time and Gemma had stood up ignoring the bit of pain she had, for the shock. The other man started running the opposite direction when he saw this, but Bagel didn't let him escape. He ran as fast as he could and tackled the man to the ground. Then he bit his hand roughly. That man also groaned in pain. After this Bagel ran back as if nothing had just happened. The children were too stunned to speak. They didn't know how much Bagel would go to protect them. They quickly snapped out of it. "Come on boy, come here" said Tyler at last. To this Bagel ran to him. They started kind of jogging once again. At last, they came to the entrance door. They examined it carefully with their flashlights.

There was a little hole unnoticeable if you weren't looking only for it. They could hear more people following them. Gemma quickly inserted the stick into that little hole. Like it was magic, it suddenly opened, quicker than before. Three of them and Bagel sprinted outside with the stick in their hands. The last one who came out of the dungeon, Tyler quickly shut the door from the outside as well. There was no way the bad people could escape now.

Chapter 10 – Ratting Them Out

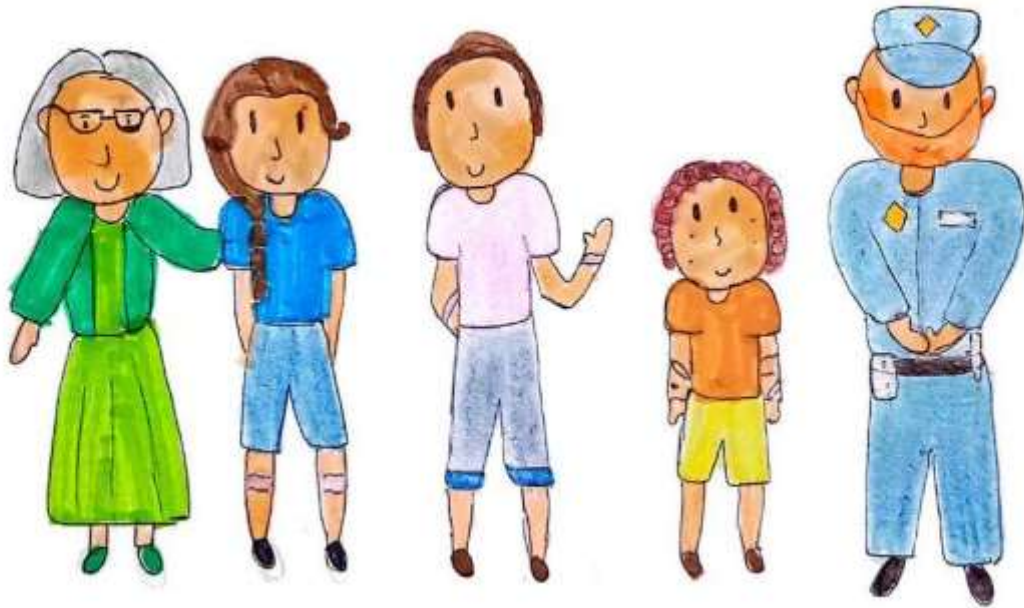
The voices of Mr. Vesper and others screaming in frustration could be heard from outside. They wasted no more time for walking and ran straight home, Bagel sprinting beside them. Their Grandmother was already at home, knitting a blanket. The three children ran towards her. “Grandma come quickly! We need to go to the police station” said Tyler in hurry. All of them were sweating and out of breath. “What happened?” asked Grandma, looking at the children awkwardly. “No time to explain now

Grandma, we'll tell on the way" said Gemma in a rush. So, Grandma stood up, put on her glasses and hired a taxi to pick them all up. It was a dog friendly one, because they certainly couldn't leave Bagel behind. The Taxi came and all of them hopped into it quickly. "Oh my, what a bunch" said the Taxi driver jokingly to Grandma. Grandma chuckled softly. They certainly couldn't tell Grandma what happened, with the driver in taxi, so they all went in silence through the whole journey. When they arrived, while Grandma was giving money, the children were stepping out of the Taxi. Then they all stormed into the police station. Tyler ran up to the counter with the others. "We would like to file a complaint to the Head policeman himself" he said. "A little boy like you? Ok then." Said the policeman at the counter. "He's right over in that room, say Mr. Howard sent you" the policeman said. Tyler nodded his head. "Come on let's go!" said Tyler. Everyone followed him towards the room. He opened the door. "Excuse me Sir, I'm Tyler. I'm here to file a complaint to the head policeman. Mr. Howard sent me." Said Tyler to the people inside. "I'm the Head. Follow me boy" said one

policeman and took them towards an interrogation room.

The Head policeman sat down in a chair. "What brings you here, lad?" asked the policeman politely. "We have seemed to found where the dangerous criminal, Mr. Vesper is," said Gemma. Everyone in the room gasped, including Grandma. "Where is he? Tell us quickly." Said the policeman suddenly interested in the conversation. "He's in a large dungeon hidden in the rocks. We locked him inside and came as quickly as we could." Said little Jamie. "We'll go there at once. Lead the way kids." While the children, Bagel and Grandma waited outside. Many police cars arrived. The first car in the line with the head policeman called them into his car. While they were driving the policeman started speaking. "You kids did us a great help. This criminal has been running away for ages with his men." "I didn't know these kids were capable of such things" said Grandma rather proudly. The policeman smiled at this. Soon they arrived near to their house. The kids showed the way. Although they had walked, the police cars came all the way next to the entrance. Gemma ran as quickly as possible and pressed the switch of the

door. The bad men came running towards them, but the policemen were quicker, they caught each and every single one of them. A troop of policemen even went inside the caves, after they knew two men were injured. They arrived back with them who were badly injured by Bagel. A lot of cars were needed to take them all away. At this moment, their parents who had heard about this came running towards them. "Are you all okay? Please do be" said their mom with tears in her eyes. "We're okay mom." Screamed back Jamie. They all hugged tightly. Their parents were so scared because, this man was a person who abducted children and asked for a very large sum of money, to get them back home safe. They thought that it was too late and he had already hurt them. Because of Bagel they had escaped safely. They all went home after this. They kept on saying the story for hours and hours. At this time Bagel was so tired, he had fallen asleep. After this dad even accepted Bagel as a family member.



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.

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