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Preface



A magazine is a great way to occupy our minds while learning the English language and enjoying the read. This magazine does not just limit to learning English but also to expand the vocabulary, become an independent learner and also learn to be a critical thinker.

There seems to be a wide range of magazines for young readers of grade 10 and above or grade 5 and below. Therefore, we rarely find magazines which could be read by students of grade 6 to 9. Buneka Katha is here to bridge the gap between such young readers and their passion for reading. These stories are written by young learners themselves after successfully completing the Katha Bunaun workshop.

Each and every story is compiled here have undergone multiple phases of editing for the suitability of the readers. It was ensured that while editing these stories, the essence of the students does not leave the reader's minds as well. Hence, their efforts and hard work are still reflected in each story.

The stories are written by the students of BhanuBhakta Memorial School. The stories you will be reading, are written by first time writers. Through our workshop Katha Bunaun, we have paved the path to these young learners to explore their imagination and to print their imagination on paper.

The stories which are enclosed in the magazine contains various different characters and their description about how cruel or gentle their character is, plots which wow the readers' and amazes them for the unexpected turn of the story, for example, some of the main characters may face an accident, genres such as horror, romance, sci-fi, etc. and theme which is created by the students themselves.

Knowing that these stories were written by friends of their own age, the readers may also be motivated to write a story of their own as well. If students of such a young age can write a story in a few days, so can you !

Editorial's Note



Buneka Katha is the first of its kind. There are various magazines available for young readers, however, we have targeted young learners from grade 6 to 9. Buneka Katha is comprised of different stories which were written by students who came from diverse background and age group under the program of Learner's Hub: Katha Bunaun. The process of writing the story is named 'Katha Bunaun - Weaving Stories' which gave birth to this magazine. This magazine shows all the effort and time that was put in by the facilitators, school, students and the Katha Bunaun team.

Katha Bunaun is a story writing as well as a storytelling workshop. It goes on for five days where a facilitator and an action learner looks after one class. Each class consists of fifteen students from the same grade or mixed grades of maybe 6 and 7. Each student goes through a pre-evaluation followed by post evaluation. This method helps the facilitators to evaluate the students on the basis of six different skills such as listening; how well do they listen to the instructions or to the

necessary context. Speaking; their confidence while speaking as well as their pronunciation is evaluated here. Likewise, creativity skills are also evaluated by evaluating the innovative ideas they bring into while playing the activity to win or even during origami. These are a few examples of how we evaluate. Other skills include; critical thinking, writing, and reading. During the program, each day facilitator introduces elements of the story such as; character description or theme which should be included while writing the story. Therefore, the students build onto the idea they create themselves to make a perfect story. It is followed by interactive activities, this way children can learn the required skills without realizing. However, by the end of the day in reflection, each and every child reflects on their learnings of the day to understand what they have learned. On the last day, the children come forward and present their story in a fun way. They can act on it or use pictures or even role play the stories! Since children have been work so hard throughout the pro-

cess, we found an interesting way to catalog the journey. Hence, we have compiled each and every story into a magazine.

The major objectives of this magazine which we thought while making it was: to provide a podium for the students to showcase their writing pieces and to act as a mediator between the author and the readers.

The stories written by the students of BhanuBhakta Memorial School for this magazine is the story they have written for the first time in their life. Yet, we have been able to extract exceptional stories, some of the stories here such as 'Dog - the best friend' or 'How many lives has changed' are some of my own favorite stories. These stories teach us important morals, by reading the story or just by understanding the morals which are mentioned by the authors themselves. The fact that our children have been able to construct such a beautiful story with morals shows us that with good guidance everyone can become their own little writer.

Not just bounded to stories, there are interesting tips such as "How

to improve our writing". Also, contains pictures that were captured during the sessions of Katha Bunaun. The pictures can help readers experience and see how the children learned in an interactive way. Moreover, it will always be a space for young learners to relive the moments they had shared during Katha Bunaun.

There were few hurdles I had to overcome while making this magazine, first and foremost, we were unsure about the level of editing we should have done on the stories, we wanted to keep the essence of the story but also needed to think from the reader's perspective too. So, I had discussed with my supervisor Mohit Rauniyar about the problem. Later, he had called Heather Schultz who was our former volunteer at Canopy Nepal. She was welcoming and always ready to help Canopy and the team. We worked together and edited the stories multiple times. We had a hard time finding the correct type of illustrations for the magazine. After many struggles of even drawing the illustrations ourselves, we decided to go for simple but pencil sketches which

are suitable for the magazine. I had a certain image of how the magazine should be, however, not being so tech-savvy myself, and as a first timer, I took a generous amount of time while creating this magazine such as deciding which software could support my ideas and layouts. These were some of the major problems I faced but taught me the most important lessons.

In the end, the fruitful outcome of the program and the magazine itself outweighed the few obstacles faced during the program. Therefore, I would like to convey my sincere thanks to the following people who played a vital role in making this program as well as this magazine a success.

Firstly, I would also like to thank Bhanubhakta School for providing us with a suitable environment such as the spacious classrooms and access to resources such as playgrounds where the program could be successfully completed. Ishwari Dhungana-Vice-principal of BhanuBhakta school for creating a homelike environment for the team which made it easier to run the program. Also, for assist-

ing us throughout the program and even after and for helping us first whenever there was a problem. It is very crucial for organizers as us to get support from the school and a prominent person like her for the best outcome of the program.

I would also like to thank the facilitators; Group A - Barkha Sarogi and Shikshya Upadhyaya. Group B - Shivani Rana and Rajat Paudel. Group C - Diwas Gurung and Suman Bohara. Group D- Anupam Bajracharya and Rownika Shrestha for doing such an amazing job guiding the students and helping them bring out their imagination and creation onto the paper. Also, Taking out time and contributing to these young learners.

Heather Schultz for making time out of her busy schedule and going through each and every story and editing thoroughly! I would like to thank each and every student who was a part of Katha Bunaun 3rd edition who worked so hard into making their story. If you hadn't been there, this magazine would not have been possible. I would like to sincerely thank the Katha Bunaun Team; Angirash

Karki and Reshma Bajracharya, for your teamwork which helped to run this program efficiently even in such a large number of students at BhanuBhakta Memorial School.

The magazine can be read by any keen readers who enjoy reading. These stories were written by school going students. Young readers may also be inspired to read and write as after each and every story a short moral of the story is mentioned by the authors themselves.

Last but not least, I hope after learning the process and reading the magazine it helps writers and readers to keep pursuing their love for using language as a form of art.

Sabanam Thapa

Vice-Principal's Message



"I am very involved with all of my students in all their overall activities. One of the programs which we had in our school was Katha Bunau, I was extremely excited alongside my students to start this program. I became a close part of the program as I was continuously running around for the program. While I was having fun myself, I could see the children were learning their lessons unconsciously as well.

During Katha Bunau I saw that the students learned many skills while conducting interactive activities such as Yedi, Pictionary and outdoor games too. Although it was a program about story writing and storytelling, the program also enhanced other skills such as listening, reading, analyzing, speaking, creative thinking and critical thinking. These are some of the skills which we believe all students should be familiar with.

After the program concluded, not only had their use of language improved but I saw drastic change among the students as well. For instance, one



of our introvert students came out of her comfort zone to give the presentation in front of the whole class and her facilitators! This made me proud of the growth she underwent after working hard. As you can see the students certainly showed eagerness and excitement throughout the program. The students worked hard and their dedication ignited a passion for writing and reading.

It's been 6 months since the program ended but the thing about this program is that the skills

which they learned, the fun they had with their friends, the memories they share are still with us. Students who attended the program are still sharing their experiences and skills with their classmates. Once, I was passing by the class when I saw a student teaching their friend about how they could improve their writing. The student was saying "I know how to improve my writing because I was a part of Katha Bunaun program." Another student was in the classroom and was giving a presentation and said, "I can give a better presentation because I gave a presentation during Katha Bunaun."

If you ask me if I would recommend his program to every school I know. Seeing the success of this program and the impact Katha Bunaun left on the students here encouraged me to start an English club here at my school. We would like to collaborate with the Katha Bunaun team and bring in more changes in the students. I want all and every child to get an opportunity to learn such potent skills which will be helpful for

the rest of their lives to become an independent learner.

For bringing about changes in the way children can learn and encouraging the students to be independent learners. I would like to thank Canopy Nepal and Katha Bunaun team who were a crucial part during the program."

Mrs. Ishwari Dhungana
Vice-Principal

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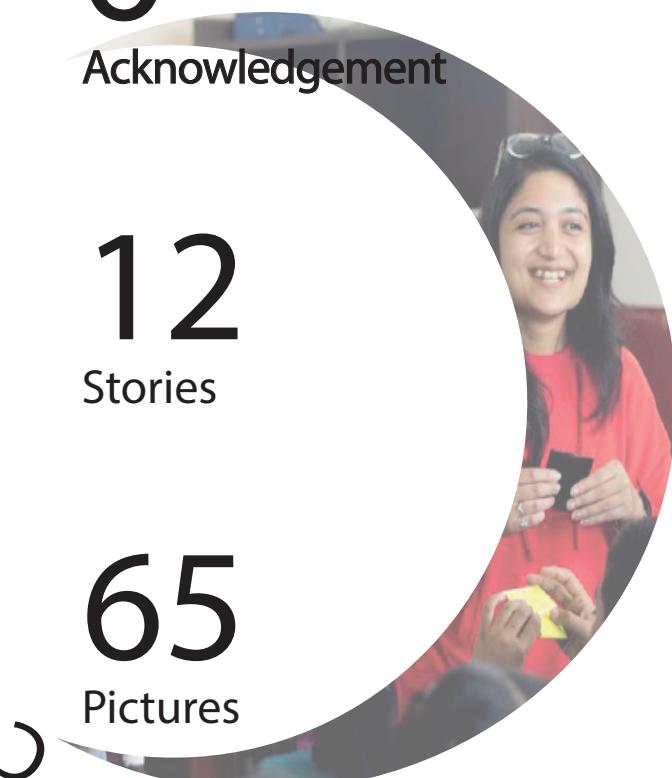
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About School



Bhanu Bhakta Memorial Higher Secondary School is a pioneer school in the Kathmandu Valley , located at Panipokhari, Kathmandu , opposite to the Japanese Embassy, Nepal,it was established in 1967 to the blessed memory of the pioneer poet late Bhanubhakta Acharya – a renowned figure of Nepal literature.In 2016, the school completed 50 years of its establishment, and has been conducting various programmes under GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION. Recently, on the occasion of 203rd Bhanu Jayanti, the school concluded the Golden Jubilee Year, thus, creating history and extending its legacy further.His Excellency the Ambassador of Japan to Nepal, Mr. Masashi Ogawa was the Chief Guest of the program. It is a co-educational and English medium school, catering for children with the age group of 3 (Nursery) to 18 (XII class), as well as college level students. The school follows modern methods of teaching having recently installed smart classes and CCTV cameras.

Facilitators



Group A



“What I really liked about Katha Baunau is the bond I got to share with my students. It was less than just a week long session but we made a life long memories”
- Barkha Sarogi

“Katha Bunaun was one of the most exciting journey which I could be a part of. Being able to witness the changes in the children and be able to support their change really made me happy”
-Shikshya Upadhyaya





Group B



“What I really liked about the whole workshop was that it was based on the concept of ‘learning with fun’ and discourages the ideas of rote-learning.”

- Shivani Rana

“As my passion is drumming, I shared my knowledge on how to create a beat through the drum sticks. This emphasized on the essence of how team work works. I am happy to be part of Katha Bunaun as it is focused on interactive learning. This workshop creates a message that learning is more fruitful through understanding and not spoon feeding.”

- Rajat Paudel





Group C



“Bonding with the kids and hearing their amazing creative stories along with their presentation were the main things I liked about Katha Bunaun.”

- Diwas Gurung

“Well, I am kind of shy or introvert as you can say. Facing the mass was one of my biggest fear. But, with the team of Katha Banaun and the students I felt I could open up and my interaction with them was awesome. I love how Katha Bunaun is involving students and making them energized and encouraging them to learn in a different manner.”

- Suman Kumari Bohara





Group D



“Children’s creativity and the activities being different from the mainstream activity excited me as much as the students. This way children remembered the fun activities. Also, story telling was unique !”
-Rownika Shrestha

“I liked the constructive approach of the team behind Katha Bunaun. Angirash and my sister Reshma were very supportive throughout the program.”
- Anupam Bajracharya





STORIES

Dog - the bestfriend



Once in a small town, Samy was badly hurt. His face there were many people. They had a busy life. There were tall buildings and houses, but there was also a small hut there. In the hut lived a boy named Samy. Due to this, Samy lost his life. Samy was about 15 years old.

He had only worn out clothes to wear and no friends except his small dog, whom he considered his best friend. His dog was helpful and friendly. However, because Samy had no money, the dog was unhealthy and unhygienic.

Now the dog was worried and went in the search of his master.

One beautiful morning Samy got a new job. He had to distribute newspapers on his bicycle, door to door. A truck hit him. The driver was drunk

and couldn't balance himself. An old man saw the dog and Samy didn't see it coming. The truck hit him and rode away. The man had grey hair and a moustache. He looked rich. The



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dog was crying because he didn't find his master. The old man looked at the dog and felt pity for him. He fed some biscuits to the dog. The old man became happy seeing the dog happy, and decided to take him home. The old man trained the dog, gave him a bath and kept him in good health and hygiene. Even though he missed Samy, the dog was happy and healthy now. Both the dog and the old man lived happily ever after.

Moral: Say no to alcohol. Love and care for those who need it.

Simran Shrestha



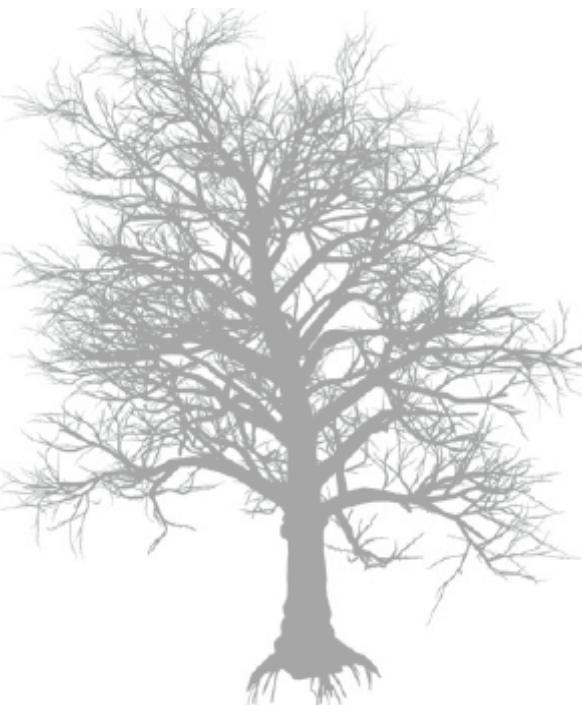
Fruit of Labor



Once upon a time, there was a boy named Nick who was bad and not so sincere in his studies. He was from a middle class family. He was not so tall and had fair skin. He was disciplined, but not good in his studies.

sometime and said, 'If I rub my mind and sharpen it, then I will be sincere in my studies.' He worked harder and harder. He became full of knowledge and was respected by all

One day when he was on the way home he was thirsty and he wanted to drink water. There was no water left in his bottle. He walked for a few minutes and went near the well. He saw some women taking out water. After they drew water from the well in buckets, he saw marks where the rope rubbed on the wall of the well. He thought for



of his classmates. After that, he grew to become a great scholar and lead a happy life.

How many lives changed



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Like the other people in the village, the father and mother had traditional thinking. They didn't send their daughter to school. The older than she was. The girl could not imagine herself to be married to such an old person. She tried to convince

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her parents not to marry her off to someone so old. But her parents told her she could never find anyone as worthy as him, and that she would live happily with the man.

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in the room. She saw a big window through which she could easily get out. She thought for a while. Then she opened the window and ran for her dreams.

After a few days, she came to a city which was very big. Everybody was busy in their own work. They didn't even notice a small girl who was staring at them with surprise. She had never seen such tall buildings and big houses. She was amazed and surprised.



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Yunish Karki

“SHE WAS ABLE TO FULFILL



As the bright day was turning dark, she grew very hungry. She was also shivering because she was cold. There was no shelter for her. She was crying in the street. The girl politely asked for some food. Then the old man said ‘follow me’- the girl slowly followed him. After walking for a while, they came to a house. They entered the house. The old man gave her food and warm clothes. He was very kind to her. After having food, the old man asked the girl how she had ended up alone there on such a cold night.

The girl told him about her dream and the problems that she had faced in her village. After listening to her problems, the old man promised to help her fulfill her dream. The old man took care of the girl as his own daughter. He also took her to school. Years went by, and she became a successful woman. She was able to fulfill her dream, for which, she always thanked the old man. She also helped other girls who came



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chance to go to school in that village, they had to do household chores. The girl wanted to go to school because her dream was to be a trekker - she loved the mountains.

Her parents wanted their daughter to be married as soon as possible. They found a perfect match for her - a wealthy man, but he was 20 years older than she was. The girl could not imagine herself to be married to such an old person. She tried to convince her parents not to marry her off to someone so old. But her parents told her she could





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Yunish Karki

Bad to Good?



Once, there was a big town. The town had shops, grocery stores, shopping malls, hospitals and schools. There were many facilities. Many people lived there. All the people were happy and lived in cooperation and unity. There lived a rich family in the town. They were very kind-hearted and used to help everyone in the

town. They even gave money and other goods for charity.

Arthur was their eldest son. He had big eyes, a small nose and small ears. He used to trouble others and did not want to be anyone's friend. He was also not alone because he had a brother and two sisters in the same class. They all studied in grade 8.

One day, Arthur's brother and sisters knew Arthur was up to something mischievous. They told their parents about it. Their father said, 'it is too late now! We cannot make him good anymore.' The brother and sisters were disappointed with their father because they were good but their elder brother wasn't.

One day, the rich family planned to go for a holiday picnic. They packed their bags and started their trip. On the way, the car had an accident. Everyone apart from Arthur died in the accident, but Arthur jumped out of the window and saved his own life. He saw his family's dead bodies

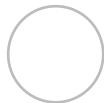


and cried. He knew the way to his home and ran as fast as he could back to his house.

For many days, Arthur did not go to school. After some time, he returned to his school. He found himself very lonely there. Now, he began to share his things and wanted to become friends with everyone. His classmates initially refused, but they realized that Arthur was alone and that he wanted to change, so they helped him and became his friend.

Pratish Sapkota





Dream: Sorrow or Happiness



In a place with a beautiful island, there was a boy named Isan. It was a lonely island, with a young boy, 'Isan,' all by himself. Isan was very happy over there. There were many hills and a non-active volcanic mountain (yet which could become active at any time).

At that time, Isan found himself in the middle of the ocean with the soft relaxing sounds of the waves and

birds, singing and murmuring. It was very hot with a bright shining sun. The ocean was blue, with dolphins and sharks playing near the coastline. He was very happy over there, playing with the dolphins and other animals. But, he was scared by the wild animals, such as the sharks. He had different varieties of fruits for food. However, day by day, he began feeling sad and unhappy due to being

alone. Isan sat under a big coconut tree with a gloomy face, his expression disheartened and hopeless.

Suddenly, the volcano erupted badly and began destroying the island day by day. Isan was very very frightened and panicked, with a flustered face. There was no one to help him, so he started to build a boat using a tree trunk for the base, a stick for the rudder, and a cloth for the sail.

After a day, he was ready with varieties of fruits for his journey. He then sailed the boat away from the lovely island and he took a short nap. After the nap,



he saw himself very far from where he had once lived. The island was like a speck. The ocean was all around him. The boy Isan became startled and more scared. But after a tiring journey, he still couldn't see land. Then a terrible thing happened. When Isan was in the center of the ocean, he saw a shark coming towards him and fell forward on the boat. 'I am also scared and wondered what would happen to the boy' - but something stunning happened.

After a while, Isan opened his eyes and saw himself on a bed. He was surprised with the incident that just happened. He thought for a while,

'I was on a beautiful island and then was attacked by a shark while in a boat.' said Isan to himself. And then he was very curious to know what happened.

Actually, after a moment of brightness, he knew what had happened - instead of being on an island, he was in his bed, and when he thought he was attacked by a shark, he was really being beaten by his mother to wake him up. So, in summary, this whole time, Isan was having a dream of happiness and sadness.

After, Isan knew the truth that he was dreaming. He jumped with joy because it was not true that he was attacked by a deadly shark, but he

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was sad missing his beautiful island with dolphins swimming and birds singing. But also he was happy because he was alive and safe from the deadly mouth of the shark, and remembered the quote: 'everything that happens is for the good.' Finally, he understood that happiness and sorrow are two important elements of life. The height of happiness only can be measured by the depths of sadness. The measure of happiness is a comparative emotion. The greater the sadness, the greater the happiness. The measure of happiness felt is in proportion to the measure of sadness of a person felt in the past. Without sadness, happiness

has no meaning.

Isan now knew what to do in his future to be a successful man. We should always walk in a path with difficulties, which will give you satisfaction because, 'hard work always pays us back.'

Doing hard work with friends will bring greatness, but being alone brings sadness. We should always be honest, faithful, and intelligent to have success in our life.

Moral:

- The fear of sadness often restricts a person's ability to experience the high heights of happiness.
- We should have friendship with others for safety and do work with honesty
- We should not be excited before dreams come true.

Krish Rauniyar





Fairy's secret



Long long ago, there was a girl who lived in a village. She lived with her mother and a small brother, but she was different. She was magical. Her name was Seema. She was kind hearted. She was also very nice with the people in the village. Everyone liked her, but her mother and brother didn't know about her magic. Her brother and mother were also very sweet. She was not like this from her birth. But one day when she was going to the forest, she found a fairy dying, and kept the fairy's secret. This is how she became magical. She always flew when

everyone was asleep. Then one day, a person saw her flying which made her sad. But the person was a bad boy and did not listen to her. When he was going to tell the people that she was magical, he suddenly felt sick because of the girl's magic. Then the boy realized that we should not tell secrets of others which have been hidden for many years. It may cause danger. So the boy realized and didn't tell her secret to anyone. The girl was then happy. She lived a happy life.

Moral: some secrets are hidden for the welfare of the people.

Himani Shahi

Parents



Once upon a time, there was a small village. Within the village, there lived a family of four - a mother, father, daughter, and son. The family was well liked in the village as they were known to be very kind and helpful.

But one day, an argument broke out between the daughter and the son when the son had mistakenly broken his sister's belonging. She grew very upset as it was one of her favorite possessions, which had been gifted by her father. Her parents scolded the son for his carelessness. It was the first time the son had been scolded for his unintentional mistake. The son lashed out, and left the house, not returning for many days. As the days passed, the parents started to worry because there was no sign of their son. They searched everywhere but to their dismay, he was nowhere to be found. After many years, the mother saw a glimpse of her son in a lavish car. She was sure it was him, but her daughter and husband did not believe her. She kept on going



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back to that place to have another glimpse of her son. One day, he passed the same road in the same car. She followed the car. She hid behind a bush and watched her son come out of the car. She was shocked to see he was doing so well, yet never thought of coming back home after such a small matter. The mother grew angry because of her son's selfishness. She decided not to meet him. She went back home with a heavy heart. One fine day, the son felt a sharp pain in his heart. He certainly was rich but he had no one who loved him by his side. He understood that money could not buy him everything, such as his mother's love. He regretted the decision he made. He wanted to go back to his family but because he was ashamed, he could not take the step. He lived a very rich but a lonely life.



Moral : We should value our parents and respect them.

Sophiya Neupane

Hard Work



Long ago, there lived an old lady whose hair was as white as the snow, and who wore spectacles as her eyesight was poor. She lived in the ancient city of Kathmandu with her grandson called Peter, and his mother. Her son had already died due to an accident. She was very kind-hearted, helpful, and very friendly to others. Though she was elderly, she was tall and healthy.

The economic condition of the family was appalling as they were very poor, but they managed to be happy. One bright sunny day, when Peter was crossing the road, he failed to watch out for moving vehicles. Just as he had made it almost across the road, a large truck struck him. Peter was rushed to the hospital. The doctor said he needed an operation on his right leg as soon as possible if Peter was to ever walk again. This created a lot of stress for the grandmother. She was worried about how

she would be able to manage so much money in such a short period of time. She decided to give up her valuable jewelry she cherished to save her grandson. When this was not enough, the mother decided to spend her savings as well.

There was just enough money to get the operation done. After a long operation, his grandmother and mother sighed in relief when they learn that Peter could walk again. During this whole incident, the mother who used to stay home idle understood the value of money. She started working as soon as Peter got out of the hospital. She worked very hard and made sure Peter was provided with a good education. Success knocked on their door quickly after Peter's mother started to work. They led a prosperous life thereafter.

Moral: Hard work always pays off!
Shreya Shrestha





Karma

Once, there was a big city. The city was noisy, crowded and polluted, and the greenery of the town was no more.

In that city, there lived two friends named Nick and William. They were completely different from each other. Nick was an aggressive boy, he never helped anyone who was in need. Whereas William was helpful and smart. He made sure he gave help when he could. Therefore, people preferred William to Nick. They lived as neighbors and went to the same school.

One day when Nick and William were returning back home together from school. William fell on a large ditch which was covered with a piece of cloth. William asked for help from Nick but instead of helping William, Nick laughed at him and left William on the ditch without much care. William stayed overnight in the ditch as no one came to help him. Luckily, a man finally heard William shouting for help. The stranger helped William get out of the ditch.

He became ill and did not go to school for several days. After that, William did not talk to Nick. As they were returning home, Nick walked ahead of William. Nick fell into the same ditch. Nick asked for William's help. William remembered the day when he needed help but Nick had not helped him. He thought of not helping, and walked passed the ditch like he didn't see anything. As he was walking, he wondered how would he be different from Nick if he did the same thing as him - it would make him as selfish as Nick was. He rushed back and helped Nick out of the ditch. This time, Nick was surprised that William came back for him, even though he had not helped William. This taught Nick a valuable lesson and he learnt he should help those in need. They went back laughing about having fallen in the ditch. They became very good friends as Nick turned into a great and a helpful guy.

I would like to inform you all that we should help each other; we may not know when we might need oth-



er's help. You will not always find good people to help you.

Dicchen Bantawa
Grade 6 B



Proudness

It was a sunny morning. The white clouds were running through the sky. Under that sky, there was a little city. In that city, a small family of a mother and her son lived together. The mother was very helpful, kind, calm and gentle. But she was very proud too. They were rich, so the mother never understood the value of money and bought everything she liked even though she didn't need the things for her son or herself. This spoilt her son. He grew to learn that he could have everything in the world. He did not study well and was ill-behaved too.

One day while the mother was cooking food, she sud-



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denly heard some sound. It was her son who had fallen down from the third floor. He was seriously injured. He had been running around on the roof. The mother was very worried about her son. The boy was admitted to one of the best hospitals in the city. His mother invested a lot of money in his treatment.

But a time came when the mother ran out of money because the treatment for her son was very expensive. The mother was upset, but she had no choice but to search for an ordinary job and started to work.

She was unqualified to do most other jobs, so she worked as a caretaker. She cleaned the floor

and cooked food for an office. She tried to adjust, but she was too proud to do such work. She left the job, and instead tried to look for easy money without work. It took her a long time. Her son's condition started to worsen and after a few days, her son passed away. This drove the mother crazy - she wished she had not been so proud and would just have worked. Everyone will not get opportunities, and opportunities should be taken immediately.

Moral: Opportunity knocks only once at the door, if you don't take it, it will go away.

Genre: Fictional,
Moral story

Aayusha Kuikel



The Philosopher's Stone

Decades ago, there was a man named Jerome who lived with his friend. They had a sufficient amount of money to meet their needs, but could not afford luxurious things - yet they were happy. One day, Jerome thought about what it would be like to buy all those things that other people buy. Deep inside, he knew he would never be able to afford them, but what's the harm in dreaming?

He was a science graduate and was in search of a job. Fortunately, he found a suitable job as a lab assistant. While he was going about his work, he saw the most curious looking containment room. He could not help himself and asked his colleague, "Hey! What is inside there?" The guy replied, "It's called plasma, apparently it has a strange power." This made him very curious. When he was returning back from the office, he decided to go inside the containment room without any hazard suit on. As soon as he went in and touched the plasma, there was a very loud 'THUD' and

he disappeared and appeared within seconds. People were watching and tried to help Jerome. He had fainted, but after a minute he got up. One of his colleagues asked him what had happened. Initially, he hesitated, but then he summoned up the courage to say, "When I touched the plasma, I was taken to a dark cave. A note was in my hand that said, 'take the stone, it grants your wishes and dreams.' I could not help it and brought back the stone." As he said this, he opened his fist and showed a strange looking stone shaped like an egg.

He wished he had super powers to fight crimes. For the rest of his life, he saved many lives and fought crimes. Once, the stone was stolen but only the true owner could make use of the stone. Jerome searched for the thief and took back the stone. He also found happiness in helping people rather than being rich. He used the stone for a good cause.

Moral: Money does not always mean happiness.

Manav Maharjan

A Magical Bowl



A long time ago, there was a kingdom which was very beautiful and peaceful. The kingdom was ruled by a prince named Brian. He loved his kingdom and his people. The people also respected their prince. Prince Brian had a magical bowl which could give everything he wanted. So, the kingdom was one of the richest in the whole country.

Far away from the kingdom, there lived a beautiful princess, but she was very rude. She was not as wise and helpful as prince Brain. She had heard about the magical bowl, so she wanted to meet the prince and see his kingdom. She went to the king-

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dom. The prince respected her, but the princess was selfish and only wanted the bowl. She was not interested in the prince.

But she didn't know where the bowl was kept. So, she acted as if she liked the prince. Every day, they both grew closer. Eventually, the princess asked the prince about the whereabouts of the bowl. For the sake of their friendship, the prince told her where the bowl was, but he didn't tell her about the traps that were kept inside.

The princes tried to take the magical bowl. She went inside as the prince had instructed. As soon as she walked in, she saw 3 different doors. A door



that had crabs coming out, another door which had many different insects coming out and the last door did not have any weird creatures coming out. She thought the third one must be the right one, as she thought the prince could not have walked past any of those insects and crabs. She went inside. It was the correct door. As she moved inside, she saw 3 different bowls, she was in dilemma again. The princess closed her eyes and picked the second one in the hope that it would be the correct one. As soon as she lifted the bowl from the ground, a heavy cage dropped from the ceiling. She was trapped inside. As soon as the cage

dropped, the prince came out to see the thief trapped inside. It was the princess. He was very disappointed, but as a king, he had to punish her. So, he left the princess inside to rot forever.

Moral: Not everyone can be trusted nor can be our friends.

Fungsa Limbu





The King Fishes a Wife



Long ago, there lived two kingfishers. They were husband kingfisher and wife kingfisher. Their names were Tuna and Muna. Muna was very selfish and rude to everyone. Tuna was very kind and helpful. Muna always asked Tuna to bring fish for her - if he didn't, she told him that she would leave the house. So, Tuna tried very hard to bring fish for her every day.

It was summer, so the kingfisher

had difficulty finding fish because all the rivers were dry in summer. One day, he went back home without any fish. Then his wife said, "You must bring me fish anyhow, otherwise I'll die." Muna wanted to test how much her husband loved her. So, she left home and did not come back for a long time. Tuna was upset that Muna had left him for such a small reason. He was very sad. Then one fine day, he saw a beautiful kingfisher whose name was Luna. She was very kind-hearted and

helpful just like Tuna. Tuna decided to marry Luna as he was alone. They got happily married and lived a very happy life.

Meanwhile, hearing the news, it shocked Muna. She wanted to go back, but she saw could not bear the pain of losing her husband. She decided to stay away and lived a lonely life. She went out to get her own fish for the rest of her life.

Moral: Everything happens for a reason, can be good too!

Aayu Shrestha

A classroom scene showing several students in blue uniforms sitting at their desks, focused on their work. A teacher in a blue shirt stands in the background near the chalkboard. The room has colorful murals on the walls.

"KathaBunaunandmyteachershavetaughtmethetolove
reading and writing stories"

-Binu Karki

The Rich And The Poor



There lived two brothers. They lived as neighbours, but they did not have a healthy relationship. Rahul was poor and his elder brother Ramesh was wealthy. Rahul lived in a small hut with his wife and children.

It was Tihar, the festival of lights, and Rahul set aside his sour feelings for his elder brother and asked him to celebrate with his own family. He said, "Brother, it has been many years since we last celebrated together. Lets celebrate Tihar together." However, Rahul was sad to know that his elder brother Ramesh was not interested. Instead Ramesh was embarrassed to have him around and

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exclaimed, "If you wish to celebrate anything with me, you must become rich as I have!" Rahul couldn't believe that his own brother would say that; he took a walk around the neighborhood wondering. Just as he was walking, an old man asked Rahul why he was looking so upset during such a festival. Rahul shared his sorrow with the old man. The old man was surprised to hear about such harsh words. So, he decided to help Rahul. He said, "I will help you, but first you must take this bag of wheat to my house. You will see three brothers, they all love malpuwas. Take these malpuwas and give them to the brothers. In return, they will give you



a magical object which will make you very rich." And he handed Rahul the malpuwas.

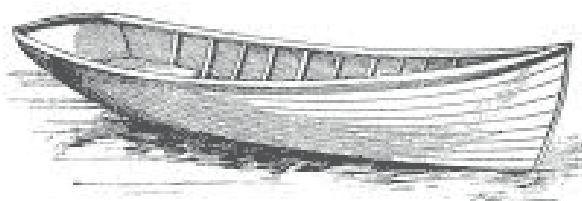
Rahul did as the old man had asked him. When he saw the three brothers, he asked for their help as he handed them the malpuwas. One of the brothers said in excitement, "I shall grant you a magical Jato, you must move the Jato and say 'give me rice Jato.'" Rahul went home unsure of his new magical Jato, still he moved the Jato and said, "Give me rice Jato." Rahul was shocked when rice started to flow out of the Jato. He had so much he started to sell it in the market.

He then started his own business of rice. He became

a very wealthy and happy man. Ramesh started to grow angry and jealous of his younger brother for becoming rich in such a short time. He planned to steal the Jato and leave the village with his wife and children. He stole the Jato and travelled by ship at night. He couldn't wait to use the Jato, so he moved the Jato and said, "Give me rice Jato." The Jato started to give out rice nonstop. The boat could no longer hold the weight of the rice and eventually flipped, drowning Ramesh and his whole family.

Moral: Don't be too greedy.

Shrijan Pandey



A Day That Can Never Be Forgotten



I am a girl with short hair and bright, shiny big eyes. I like being in my friend's circle and with my family. I love my beautiful life. It was the time of the autumn season, and I woke up at 6:00 am in my home. My house is not small, but very beautiful. I was very happy and excited that day. It was my birthday. I went to freshen up. I was happily thinking my parents must have bought a beautiful gift for me.

I went to my father. He is tall and the most handsome person I have ever met. Though he is a little fat. He knows what makes us happy, which is the thing I like about him the most. I looked at him and gave him a beautiful smile, thinking he would wish me well, but he did not. I became very sad.

Then I went to my mom. My mother is a sweet and very pretty woman. She is a good housewife and works as a shopkeeper as well. She loves our family more than herself. Although she gets tired doing her work, she never lets that beautiful smile off her face. She can never see us in any sort of trouble, or even a

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teardrop in our eye. She remembers every little detail about us - our eyes and also our home. So, I thought she must not have forgotten that day. I smiled at her. She was in the kitchen. But instead of wishing me well on my birthday, she started to scold me, yelling, "Go to your room and start reading!" Those words made me very upset.

My next hope was my sister. She is my elder sister, Sabhyata. She is very cute and loving. We fight with each other a lot, but I know she is the one who loves me the most. My sister is my best friend and the best secret keeper.

I thought she would surely remember my birthday. I looked at her and asked her, "What day is today?" But to my surprise, she replied, "nothing special." And that hurt me a lot.

I went to school. My school is very big. It is very beautiful too. I was hoping that my friends would wish me well on my birthday. But again, the same thing happened. Nobody wished me well on my birthday - which was a lot of pressure for me.

I was very disappointed. I could not tell anyone, and I couldn't cry sitting in a corner. But all of a sudden, a positive thought came in my mind. I thought, 'maybe they all are giving me a surprise,' and I became very excited again. I returned to my home happily thinking there might be some surprise for me, because I never got a birthday surprise before. I opened the big doors to my house, but there was nothing. No balloons, no party, no decorations, and no cake.

I sadly went into my room. I was very sad and was about to cry. Then suddenly, my mom came. She asked me whether something had gone wrong. I told her everything about how much expectations I had had on my birthday. She started laughing, which made me more angry and sad, as well as confused. I asked her, "What's the matter? Why are you laughing?" She smiled and said to me, "My foolish daughter, it is the 21st of August; your birthday is in September."

Sanskriti Aryal

A Magical Bell



Long time ago there lived a man named Ramu. He was young but very poor. The whole day he used to go into the forest and watch his goat graze while sitting under a tree. One day, when he went to drink water from the river and returned to see some men cutting down the trees. He made a weird sound and asked the men to leave. When he was once more sitting under the tree, the tree became alive, saying: "Thank you for saving my life from those men who were going to cut down the trees." Then the tree added, "I will give you a bell which gives everything that you ask. But remember, you must ask for only one wish a day."

When he went home, he told his mother and brother about what had happened in the forest. They tried their luck and rang the bell, wishing for some food. They ate it all and went to sleep. The next day, he took his goats to the same grazing area. Then he suddenly remembered that he had left the bell at his bedside. He thought he would take it with him every day when he went out with his goats. However, his mother and brother grew greedy and wanted the bell. They rang the bell and wished for a lot of food. They ate everything. When the boy came back home, he was tired. He rang the bell and wished for food for everyone, but his mother a





nd brother had already used the bell for the day. He was angry that his mother had used the bell without his permission, but he slept with an empty stomach hoping for food first thing the next morning. The next day, when he woke up, he saw that the bell had cracked. When he tried to ring it, the bell broke into several pieces.

He realized that it was the curse which had broken the bell. The tree had told him to ring it only once for a wish each day. He grew very upset and lost his chance of living a good life because of his mother and brother. Ramu's mother and brother became ashamed of being greedy and selfish. They apol-

family lived in harmony thereafter.

Moral: Always follow instructions.

Bipana Pokharel

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A Model



Around the time of the 20th century, the word 'model' was not known by many people. A model is a person who is beautiful and intelligent. There was a beautiful model in a town. She had a fair complexion with long hair and was very clever and had a beautiful and fit body. When she was in a model's program, she met a boy whose name was Rohan. He was handsome with fair complexion and a mustache. He had short, black hair, pretty eyes with long eyelashes, and was very stylish. He had a muscular body which attracted many. One day he was riding through the forest with his friends. He told them he had seen a peacock dancing

in a secret place. Everyone decided to go to the secret place to see the peacock dancing. They were all surprised by the beauty of the peacock.

As they were watching the dance, a wild animal came closing in on their group. They thought it was a lion. Rohan was tensed, when suddenly, he thought of an idea. When the lion jumped on them, he also jumped, and pushed the peacock away. The peacock was grateful and started to live as Rohan's pet. Everyone came to see the peacock and the dance, as it was rarely seen.

One day a model came to his house to see the peacock. She was very beautiful and in-

telligent. Every day she came to see the peacock. Then, the days passed. The model was very attractive. Rohan liked the model and she also liked Rohan, and they fell in love with each other. One day, when the model was in Rohan's house, a friend of Rohan came to visit. The friend got jealous as Rohan had a beautiful girlfriend and a beautiful peacock.

One day, his friend kidnapped the girl and asked for a ransom. If they disagreed, they would never get her back. The model's father gave him the money, but his Rohan was so upset, he decided to teach his friend a lesson. He called the police and they took him away. Rohan was happy



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One day, Rohan went out to see his girlfriend. But he was shocked to see she was getting married to another boy. He ran out of the house and cried out 'til very late. He was upset for several days. All his life, he only had the peacock as his friend. Rohan enjoyed the peacock's dance. He started to charge money from people to watch the dance. He became wealthy and lived happily after with his peacock. He eventually found another pretty girl, who loved him a lot.

Gaurab Pandey



A Man's Bestfriend



Many years ago, in a faraway land, there lived a man who was very handsome, helpful and hardworking. He worked in an office. Then, within the year, he got married to a beautiful woman with long black hair and blue eyes. She was very sweet and kind to others. Due to this, there was no crossness between her husband and herself. They loved each other very much.

In the morning, the wife would go to the train station and drop her husband, and in the evening, she would come to pick him up. One day, when the wife was on her way to pick him up, she found a cute little puppy with fur, wise little eyes,

and a cute face - he seemed hungry. The husband had just gotten off the train. He saw his wife in a garden near the station. He went towards her and then looked at the puppy. In his eyes, they saw how much the puppy wanted a home. The couple took pity on the puppy and took it home. The husband quickly changed his clothes and went out to buy some foods for the little puppy. Fortunately, the wife worked as a vet before her marriage and knew how to treat injured animals; she took out a med kit and started to treat the little puppy. As the husband arrived, the wife was waiting for him to come. They saw the little puppy sleeping

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beside the fire. The wife started preparing food for the little puppy and her husband. As the little puppy woke up, it was asking for food very hungrily. The wife gave the puppy some food. She also gave her husband food and ate some food.

After a year, their son was born. Unexpectedly, their son was born on the same day that the little puppy was found. They were overjoyed. Many years passed, the boy was twelve years old and the dog was a bit older than him.

It was now winter, and around their house, there was lots of snow. Even the trees were covered with snow. The little boy was sitting near the fire

and the faithful dog was sleeping beside the boy. His parents were planning to go hiking, skiing in the snow, and explore the forest. At dinner time, the parents asked their son to pack up his things and put them in a suitcase. They told him that he should pack some warm clothes as it was winter. After dinner, all the family members packed up their necessary thing such as clothes, ski-board, ski-rod, etc. they also packed some foods for the trip and carried the materials needed for hiking. The parents also packed some food for the dog. As all family members were overjoyed. They decided to sew clothes for the dog as well, so the wife



prepared warm clothes for the dog.

The next morning the dog, boy, man, and his wife were ready. They went to their destination by car. After a few hours of waiting, they arrived at a small house which used to belong to one of their friends. The family decided not to go out the first day, as all of them were



exhausted. The wife wore warm clothes. The wife had packed some food, so she cooked it very nicely. After eating dinner, the boy and the dog played inside. After a while, all of them slept in warm beds, except the dog who was sleeping on a large sofa covered with a red woolen blanket.

The next morning the boy and the dog woke up and went outside in the mist. Then suddenly, a noise started coming closer to them, it sounded like dogs but louder. They saw a pack of wolves and quickly rushed back to the small house where the parents were sleeping. Only the dog escaped but the boy was unlucky, he was bitten by the wolf. Luckily there were people nearby, - as

soon as they saw it, they scared away the wolf by making different sounds. They also came to rescue him. Meanwhile, the dog woke up the boy's parents and dragged them to their son. As they arrived, the rescue team was treating the boy. They were shocked to see their child in such a condition. They were sad as other people told them to stay strong. The loyal dog felt the need to avenge the boy, and so went after the wolf. In the end, after fighting the wolf, the dog died, as it was heavily injured. However, he had managed to kill the wolf who had attacked the boy.

The parents rushed to the dog where it died, after treating the boy and bringing him back to his

room. The boy was completely fine after some days. After the death of the dog, they decided to put him in a coffin with a cross, for the dog's soul to rest in peace. They put the coffin in the graveyard. The family said their prayers, and cried bitterly, as they had lost a member of their family who used to spread happiness. After this, the family remembered the dog each day for being their best friend and a savior.

Abhinav Shrestha



Reputation or Love



Long ago, there was a couple who had the reputation as the best married couple. The husband's name was Adit and the wife's name was Prenna. Both were handsome and beautiful with black hair. Adit had no parents, so he didn't know what it was like to have a parent. Prenna had a family and she often visited them.

One stormy night in Prenna's birth house, there was lightning. It lit the house on fire. At that time, Prenna's father Raman was at the shop, so he survived, but Prenna's mother was inside the house. When Raman heard the news, he was

very sad of his wife's death. He had nowhere else to go, so Prenna took her father into her home. Adit didn't like the fact that someone else was going to live in the house with them. Adit asked Prenna to take her father somewhere else. They fought for a very long time. Prenna got frustrated as they were fighting every day. They decided to file for a divorce.

They separated and Adit married someone else. He and his new wife gave birth to a new baby girl. The girl grew up to be very beautiful. As he was getting older, his wife died of an accident. Adit was lonely, but he was relieved to have his daughter with him. But when she got married, his son-in-law did not allow him to stay with them. He was very lonely. In this time, he thought of how selfish the son-in-law was. He then realized, it was the exact same thing he did to Prenna's father. He could not believe he was that selfish. He lived alone in an old age home regretting what he had done.

Moral: Always respect your elders because one day you will be an elderly too.

A Daughter From Heaven



When there was a world war, many people were killed. During this time, a sailor named Charlie - who was bold, courageous, helpful and kind - was wrecked on an unknown island. That island looked creepy and no noise was heard. There was no one whom he could ask for help. He had nothing to eat nor wear. He was hungry and had nothing to wear because his only garments were wet due to the water from the sea. He couldn't drink sea water because it was salty. He found no creatures on the island - neither bird nor animal. He didn't know where he was. He started a new life on that creepy island.

As he was poor and

didn't have anything which could help him in his daily life. He wore leaf clothes and ate fruits. To drink water, he first had to boil it to have clean water to drink. His life was simple in the jungle. He used to miss his family. He used to see the white moon which reminded him of his home and had eyes full of tears.

Every day was a normal day. He slept inside a cave. In the morning, he went into the jungle and found fruits, then to the seashore to boil seawater. He started to cut down trees and made a small house in the woods. One day something unexpected happened. He saw a girl! She had a beautiful face, long hair and dirty clothes. The girl

introduced herself saying her name was Joseph and she had come from heaven. Charlie laughed at her. Although he laughed at the girl, the girl asked if she could be his friend. Charlie stood frozen for a time. The girl offered her hand for a handshake. Charlie also gave his hand. Joseph was a kind and lovely girl. She was very helpful. As the time passed, both became close to each other and fell in love. Charlie and Joseph lived their life happily. They both found a castle while going in a particular direction, looking for fruit. Hoping that someone was inside, they entered the castle. There were spider webs all around as nobody was there. Joseph said someone lived



here. Charlie was afraid. Charlie saw a shadow behind the window. He got more scared and screamed. Joseph ran to Charlie, and he said she was correct, someone is here. They ran and went to their old cave. Charlie got a fever. Joseph took care of him.

When he woke up, he did not see Joseph. He was tense. He thought that the shadow must have taken her away. He found the bag which Joseph had brought. He found jewelry, diamonds, and gold inside. There was also map. He found a letter which said,

Dear Charlie,
I have was a daughter of heaven, which you did not believe. I didn't say anything. But

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do you remember at war, you saved a rabbit. I am that soul. This is a return gift for what you did for me. I shall return to my home, as the shadow you saw yesterday was for me. Follow the map and you will find a nice place to live. I will miss you. Take care.

After reading this Charlie cried as he missed her a lot, but he got onto a boat and sailed in the direction marked on the map as Joseph had instructed. He lived a happy and peaceful life, but he never married anyone, as in his heart, it was Joseph whom he loved.
Moral: Help others and someday it may return as a favor.

Aakanchhya Bhat-tarai (7)



Villagers And The Crooked

Years ago, there lived a crooked-back person with black hair and shining black eyes. He was very kind and helpful, and co-operated with the villagers because he was small. His mother always taught him about good manners and values, so he had good manners. He used to live in a village. In the village, he used to sell Doko and earned a little money, which he was happy with.

One day, a villager named Ram was very sick. He needed help, but no one helped him because all of them were busy. Then the crooked-back person - although he was very tired because he walked a long distance to sell doko - went and helped Ram. However, because Ram knew that the crooked-back person was not liked by the villagers, he didn't even thank him. The crooked-back person couldn't sleep well. He couldn't straighten out, and all the villagers used to tease him - which made him very sad. In the village, many people sold Doko. But many people's Doko was not nice and wonderful. However, the crooked-back per-

son's Doko was nice. So, all his Doko sold, while others couldn't earn enough to buy a meal. So, one day, all the villagers attended a meeting and decided to kick out the crooked-back person. And they kicked out the crooked-back person. The crooked-back person had to carry a lot of Doko on his back, so he had a lot of problems with his back, but he was working hard. So, he always sold all of his doko. One day, when he was selling Doko, it was already late night, so he sat under a tree. Near the tree there was a ghost house, and that ghost needed ten dokos. So, the crooked-back person went to the ghost house and said, "I will give you 10 dokos," - and in return he asked the ghost to make his crooked back straight again so that he could walk and live normally as others. Everyone was shocked at how young and handsome the crooked person was. Everyone liked him thereafter and he lived a peaceful life.

Moral: Helping others brings us happiness.

Ankit Ojha



Ghost ?

There was a school in a village which sat near a very old jungle. The jungle was dark, and people often used to say that ghosts and souls roamed there. So, people usually didn't go there. There was a tall boy named Rohan, with dark blue eyes, brown hair and fair skin, who used to study in the school near the jungle. He often felt afraid of many things, but was a very brave boy, who fought against wrong.

Once Rohan had to cross the road to school from his home, as the way he always used to take had been closed due to construction. He was afraid, but went near the jungle very nervously. As

he went there, he saw a squirrel going inside the hole of a tree. Then, he saw a strange shadow which started to become bigger and bigger. It roamed around Rohan from different directions. Rohan became scared, then even more scared.

Rohan asked, "Who are you?" very nervously. The shadow said, "you think I am a ghost, but I am not. A scientist made me like this. I am human." After this, Rohan felt a sense relief. The strange thing explained that a scientist, who was conducting cruel experiments, lived around this area. "He turned me into this, because he wanted to experiment on his new project." They both plotted

to punish the scientist. The strange shadow told Rohan about all the wires which came out of the scientist's lab. "We must pass a current inside to kill him, or he will hurt many!" Rohan took the shadow inside his house without letting his mother know. Rohan's mother was kind, beautiful and helpful. But Rohan was unsure if he could share his new friend and the incident that happened, so he decided not to.

She didn't know about the ghost on the first day. The second day, in the afternoon, Rohan came back and asked the ghost, "Have you thought through the plan on how we can punish the scientist?" Suddenly, Rohan's



mother walks in the room with snacks for Rohan. She screamed with fear when she saw the shadow-looking creature. Rohan told his mother not to worry, and asked his mother to sit down and listen to what the creature had to say. The mother also agreed to help Rohan and his new friend. They went out to the jungle and saw the lab the ghost was talking about. From the window, they saw the scientist conducting experiments. They all went in to bring him down, but the scientist threw acid on Rohan's mother. She went numb and couldn't move anymore. The scientist ran away. Rohan and his friend took his mother

home. They were worried how to help his mother. Rohan started to cry when the creature told Rohan, "You can save your mother! I saw a potion inside the scientist's pocket, if you give it to her, she will be able to move again." Hearing this, Rohan felt hopeful. They went out to look for the scientist. They finally found him in his home. They had a formula which the creature had made in Rohan's home, just in case they needed it. It was very poisonous. One smell of this potion could kill anyone. When the scientist was inside his house, Rohan poured the potion inside. The scientist did not know until a smelly gas-like smell came to him. He tried to run, but it was already too late. The scientist died. Rohan and his friend went inside and took the potion which could cure his mother and his friend. Rohan gave half the potion to his mother, and other half to his friend. They both got well. Rohan was very proud that he had helped save two lives. From the day on, Rohan was never afraid and could tackle any problem which came to him. Also, the creature became Rohan's best friend and saved many more lives.

Kritika Ojha



The Camel And Jackel

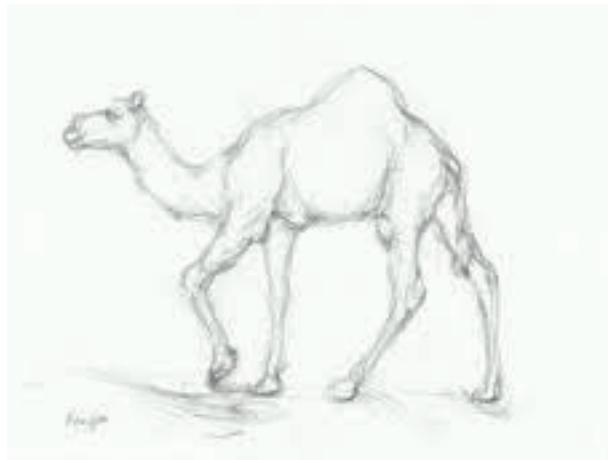
There was a forest where many beautiful animals used to live. There lived a camel and a jackal. They were good friends and used to help each other with problems. Camel was very kind, friendly, and helpful. But Jackal was very selfish.

One day, Jackal said to Camel, "Dear friend there is a big farm with watermelons and grapes on the other side of the river. If we manage to go together, we can have a big feast." The camel liked the idea and said, "There is absolutely no problem, I can cross the river." "I can't swim," said Jackal. "Don't worry my friend, I will give you a good ride, you just sit on my back," replied

Camel. Then they crossed the river and reached the farmhouse. After seeing the watermelon and grapes they started to eat happily. The jackal was small in size compared to the camel, so he was satisfied after eating just a few watermelons and grapes. However, the camel was still hungry and continued eating crops. The jackal said, "Dear friend, my stomach is full. After having a good meal, I feel like singing, so I'm going to sing now." The camel requested, "Friend, you are satisfied, but I am still hungry. Please don't sing else the farmer will come and thrash both of us." But selfish Jackal did not listen to him. He started singing loud. Hearing the howl-

ing sound of Jackal, the farmer came running towards them. Jackal ran when he saw the farmer coming and escaped from there. But Camel was not so fortunate - he could not run so fast and hence received a good beating from the farmer.

Somehow the camel managed to escape from the farmer and reached the bank of the river. Jackal was waiting there for the camel to cross the river. Camel was very angry at Jackal's selfishness. However, he didn't say anything. Jackal sat on the back of the camel to cross the river. When they reached in the middle of the river the camel said gently to the jackal, "Dear friend, I



feel like walking in this cool river." The jackal was very much scared to hear this and begged, "Please do not wallow here or else I'll drown." The camel smiled and said, "Now I can't suppress my urge as you could not suppress your urge to sing on the farm." Having said this, the camel started wallowing in the middle of the river. The jackal fell into the river and began crying for help, "Please forgive me; I'll never be selfish again," begged Jackal. The kind camel took pity on him and brought him to the shore on his back. Jackal was saved; however, he lost the nice friend he had in Camel.

Moral: Selfishness can end a relationship.

Smarika Karki

A close-up photograph of a young man with dark hair, wearing a light blue and white striped shirt over a white collared shirt. He is also wearing a dark tie with diagonal stripes and a small circular emblem on his left chest featuring a red star. He is looking down intently at an open book or notebook he is holding in his hands.

"I feel myself that my English has improved a lot since these sessions"

- Rishi Sapkota

The Magical grinder



In a faraway village, there lived two brothers. The elder brother was very rich, but rude and selfish. The younger brother was very poor, but was helpful, hard-working and kind. One would spend lavishly on all festivals while the other had nothing, not even enough food to eat or clothes to wear. The younger brother's family would often starve. One day, he decided to ask his brother for help, but the elder brother hurt his feelings by rejecting his plea for help. The younger brother left, and on his way back home, he met an old man. He was carrying a bundle of wood. So, he decided to help the old man and he carried the bundle of wood and followed the old man to his house. The old man thanked him and handed him some sweet bread. The old man talked about the midgets who lived in a hut, and also mentioned that they liked sweet bread very much. Following the old man's instructions, he went to the jungle.

After passing several trees, he saw a small hut. As he entered the hut, the midgets began to scream at him. Yet when they

saw the sweet bread, their anger was gone because they loved sweet bread. The midgets accepted it and said, "We must offer you something in return for the sweet bread." The man asked for the grinder made of stone in return. The midgets accept and say, "This is not an ordinary grinder. As you grind, it will fulfill every wish you ask, and once you are done, cover it with a red cloth to make it stop." He took the grinder from the midgets and returned home. As soon as he reached home, he saw his wife and children were on the ground starving. He immediately asked the grinder for a pot full of curry, and then covered it with a red cloth. Again, he asked for rice, and the grinder produced a heap of rice - everyone ate to their hearts content. Every day, the younger brother would ask the grinder to produce many things, like flour, lentils, millet and much more. He then would carry everything to the market to sell it. This way he earned a lot of money. Soon, he became rich. He built a big house for himself and his family.



Everyone now had new clothes to wear. Everybody was happy, except the elder brother who was very jealous. How could he be rich so suddenly and easily? So, to know the truth, the elder brother hid in his younger brother's house. It didn't take long for him to find out the secret. The next day, he stole the grinder and decided to leave the village along with his family. A little away from the village, there was a sea-shore. The elder brother left with his family on a boat to go to a far-off island. On the way, he decided to test the grinder.

He turned the magical grinder and asked for salt. The grinder immediately began to produce salt. But now, the elder brother didn't know how to stop the grinder. The grinder kept producing salt. The weight was too much, and the boat flipped and drowned everybody within it.

Moral: We must not envy others and be happy with what we have.

Aayushma

Three Jackals



Once upon a time, there were three jackals with orange fur, pointed noses, and long tails. They were the best of friends and always lived together. They were kind, friendly and helped everyone in need. They lived in a beautiful, dense forest with many trees and plants. In that forest there were also many animals. The animals were friendly and helped each other in need. They all lived happily. But in that jungle, there was a wicked lion who always used to kill other animals. That wicked lion never helped other animals, but rather, used to bully other small animals - he was really cruel. So, because of his habits, nobody liked him.

That wicked lion always wanted to eat something big and tasty. Those jackals were just perfect for him. But he could not eat those three jackals because they would always graze together, and whenever he tried to attack them, he failed. One day, the wicked lion thought of an idea: he planned to divide them. The lion tried to make a bad impression of each jackals behind their

back. The two jackals didn't believe the lion, but the third jackal believed the lion and started grazing separately. Then the lion got the chance to eat the third one, and slowly he killed him and ate him.

The two jackals were confident that their friend would not say anything bad. But the lion kept trying, and it slowly got them. They also started fighting, and day by day, they began to graze separately. Then the lion got the chance to kill them and eat them then one by one. That lion killed the jackals and ate them. The jackals should not have listened to the lion and quarreled with their friends, because of this mistake, the jackals lost their lives.

Moral: When friends fight, the enemy gets a chance.

Bidushi Shrestha



The Haunted School

Long ago, there was a school named Vidhya Pre Memorial School. In the school, there was a library, hostel, gardens, science lab, computer lab, and many other things. It was going to be the final session of that school. So, the exam was coming near. The students were very nervous, but quite prepared. One girl named Shruti, whose house was near the school, came to the library to prepare for the examination. Usually, she used to be in the library until 8:00 pm. But she got very busy preparing, such that, it was already 10:00 pm. No one was in the library or the corridor. She thought it was going to be late, but she had to complete just nine to ten pages.

Later, she was completely prepared - it was around 10:30 pm. She began to feel like there was someone in the library corridor, hiding behind the book racks. She gave a sound, "Who is there?" As soon as she spoke, a man escaped. There was no one hiding. It was already late, so Shruti carried her bag and left the library. When she walked

through the street, she noticed that there was no one on the street. The strange thing was that the street was always crowded with people and now there was not a single sound of another person. She was worried. The light in the street began to flicker on and off. Then, she saw a shadow of someone very far away from her, where a lady was moving very slowly.

After just one and a half minutes, Shruti reached that lady. Now, Shruti was feeling very afraid and frightened. She saw the lady had untidy hair, tattered clothes, and blood on her dress, hands, and legs. Shruti thought of not going too close to that lady and stopped. When Shruti stopped, the lady also stopped. She turned around and Shruti became very scared. The lady's face was burnt very badly. She looked horrible. Shruti couldn't even blink her eyes. She was very scared. The lady asked Shruti, "Where is my daughter?"

Shruti didn't know anything about her daughter. She just wanted to go to her home as fast as she could. So Shruti gave



a direction towards the left. Shruti just stood and looked after the lady until she could no longer see her shadow in the reflection of light. Shruti began to run up to her home as briskly as she could. Abruptly, the same lady appeared in front of her and Shruti fainted. When she woke up, she was in her bed at her home. She was hurt very badly. She had to take bed rest for fifteen days and couldn't take her exams which she has prepared for a lot. She came to know by way of her neighbors that the lady whom she had met on her way had been a ghost.

Hundreds of years ago, the lady's daughter was playing in the school and fell. When she was taken to the hospital, she was already dead due loss of blood. When the lady heard the news of the death of her daughter, she couldn't tolerate it, and had committed suicide. Even today, her spirit roams around in the search of her daughter, and also gives the message to not be alone too late from your home. After this incident, Shruti felt very disappointed, but also

happy that she was safely brought back to her home.

Moral: Always keep track of the time, or else a trouble might be waiting!

Sampada K.C





The Magical Song

Once upon a time, there was a man named Hari Prasad. He was a wealthy landlord. He had two wives, Rupawati and Kalawati. Rupawati was a beauty with no brain; she was greedy and rude. On the other hand, Kalawati was kind, loving and helpful, but was not as pretty as Rupawati. Hari Prasad always neglected Kalawati and loved Rupwati. Rupwati and Hari Prasad always talked behind Kalawati's back. Even though, Kalawati didn't mind it. One day Hari Prasad went to sell his goods to other cities. Before leaving, Rupawati asked Hari to bring her back expensive jewelry, saris, etc., but standing at another end, Kalawati just wanted her husband's welfare. After Hari Prasad left, Rupawati started torturing Kalawati. Kalawati couldn't bear Rupawati's torture and left the house. When she was walking through the forest, she saw a tree which was very dirty. She then decided to clean the tree, and it spoke, saying: "Thank you. May God bless you."

After a while, she saw a ba-

nana tree which was tilted due to lack of support. Kalawati broke a stick and made it the banana tree's support. The tree also wished her good luck. After a while, she came up to a sage and took her blessing. The sage told her that there was a magical lake down the way and instructed her to take only one dip in that lake. She did so - and then became so beautiful. Kalawati praised the sage, then the sage gave her basket full of jewels, saying, "even if they are finished, they will refill again." She thanked the sage and walked away. Then, she heard the banana tree calling her, "Come here child, and break this leaf if you are hungry. When you take this leaf, delicious food will appear before you." Kalawati thanked the banana tree and left. She then reached the tree that she had helped first. It called her, "Come here child, and break this stick. If you need any type of clothes, just shake this stick and clothes of silk, nylon, velvet, etc. will appear before you." Kalawati thanked the tree and went home.

Rupwati felt jealous and be



gan to ask about how she had managed to get all those things. Kalawati wanted to share the jewels equally with Rupwati, but Rupwati said, "I will bring more jewels and you won't have to give yours". Saying this Rupwati went to the same forest. After a while, a tree asked help from Rua-wati, but she neglected it. The banana tree asked her for a

favor, but Rupwati answered back rudely. Once she reached near the sage, she quickly asked "where is the magical lake which makes me more beautiful?" The sage told her to take only one dip in that lake. Rupwati agreed. She ran and took a dip in the lake. Now she was more beautiful than before and thought, 'Oh, let me take a few more dips, then I'll be the most beautiful woman in the whole world!' Thinking this, she took two to three more dips, but she became uglier and uglier - the magic of the lake was gone. Rupwati decided to live in the forest whereas Kalawati lived happily ever after with Hari Prasad for the rest of her life.

Moral: We should not want more than we can take.

Akankshya Shrestha





Story of A Creepy School

Once upon a time, there was a girl who read in Eden Hill School. Her final exam was nearly going to start and she was studying hard for the exam. There was a school library which used to close at 5 o'clock, but because the exam was near, the school had facilitated that the library would stay open until 11 o'clock, so that if the students wanted, they could sit there and prepare for the exam. The girl's home was near the school, but the problem was, she couldn't prepare for the exam at home. That's why she went to the library, because the library was silent and there was nobody there to disturb her.

One day, at 6 o'clock, she went to library for preparation. She was reading, in depth such that she didn't know what was happening around her. It was already 9 o'clock. But till this time, she was never the only one in the library. Mammy used to go home at 8 o'clock. Some of the students used to be there until night. Then it was 10 o'clock. Nobody was there. It was dead silent. She had more work and was planning

to go after finishing her work. Then unfortunately, outside of the library, she heard someone walking strangely. She took her books and started to walk quickly. There was a long corridor outside of the library, from which, if you walked towards the right, there would be the school's main door. She was near the corridor when suddenly she was a lady.

The lady was unknown, so she walked quickly and was feeling uncomfortable. She screamed, and said, "Who is there?" As she spoke, the lady quickly vanished. Then the girl took a long breath and came out the main door. She was feeling tired and hungry, and she couldn't walk properly. Also, she noticed that the street was empty. That was a strange thing. She started to think how the street always used to be full of people, but today, there wasn't a single person walking the same street. She was too afraid and scared and couldn't hold her head high. Unfortunately, in the street, she saw the shadow of someone - but there was not a single person there. Then she no-



ticed a lady who was in critical condition, with torn clothes and bent hands and legs. She also had curly hair which was blowing in the wind. The lady was walking very slowly, such that, the girl drew nearer the lady as she walked. She was not too near that she could clearly see the lady and so judge her. Yet the girl's gut feeling was telling her that she shouldn't go any nearer to the lady, and she didn't have the courage to cross her and go.

Then the lady turned back, and came near the girl. The lady asked, "Where is my daughter?" The girl was feeling like she was frozen there. Due to fear, she couldn't speak a word, and also couldn't move from that place. She was confused as to what answer to give that lady. So, she pointed far from the street. She only wanted the lady away from her. Then the lady went far into dark until the girl couldn't even see her. She was scared that the lady might come back again, so she started to walk quickly. This time, the girl wasn't thinking about other things, except whether she would see some

people or vehicles for help. Then suddenly, she could hear the loud sound of that lady yelling, "She is not here!" After that, the girl went numb. When she woke up, she knew that a neighbour had seen her on the way where she had fainted. Then they had taken her home. She learnt from her neighbour that in 1998, Agatha, a 32 years lady who lived near this area, had jumped from an apartment and died. She had had a single daughter who was 10 years old and had also read in Eden Hill School. One day, while she was playing at school, she accidentally fell and died. The lady Agatha couldn't sustain the news, so she jumped from the apartment and her life was ended. After that incident, Agatha's soul roamed in the Eden Hill School and surrounding area. She always used to be found by the people asking for her daughter. After dying, she only had one wish, which was to meet her daughter.

Anita Tharu



Truth Or Dare

Madie had a sleepover with her friends.
“Truth or Dare?”
“Dare,” she replies; relief to the fact they can’t ask her who she likes.
“I dare you to.....I dare you to call random numbers in the phone book,” her best friend Jessica replies.

She quickly ran down to grab her mom’s phone book. She ran back upstairs and flipped it to a random page. She closed her eyes and ran her finger down the list of numbers, stopping at one, “Gretel John? Sounds like some lady,” she laughed.
“Just do it!” Molly yelled.

She groans as she starts calling the number on her phone. She carelessly punched the number into her phone then held it up in her ear. She heard the same ring she has heard a thousand times on the line. In the middle of the fourth ring, she heard the link click.
“Yes?” A deep voice asks.
“Is this the residence of Miss Parkman?” she asked in sweet little girl voice.
“She, uh, she just left,” the mysterious person answers.

“Oh thank_,” she says, getting cut off as the person hangs up the phone.
“Whatever,” she yells at the phone that is no longer connected to another person.

Her friends start laughing as she resumes the game.
“Umm,Rachael:truthordare?”
“Truth,” Rachel answers, in her innocent voice.

“Do you”
“Molly someone’s calling you,” she distracts Molly. She looks down at her phone; she had received a text from their friend Paul. They went to his house. When they entered their friend’s house, it was dark and there was blood in the floor and on the walls. They found a knife. They were really scared. Molly said, “We are dead today.” They said, “Jesus”. They went to Paul’s bedroom where they saw red blood on the door. They were afraid to open the door. Molly closed her eyes and open the door. Than all her friends yelled, “PRANK!”

Anjana Gurung

Shared Memories





Birthday Boy



Once upon a time, there was a big palace in a small city, with many servants and workers. It was ruled by Bir Narsingh Nar Singh Rana, who was a very hardworking and a generous king. In 1976 he married a beautiful American lady named Julia Gated. They were happy to live together and after some years they had a baby named John. His father and mother went abroad to work. So, John was taken care of by the servants. He was never scolded by anyone.

He had everything, but was sad that his mom and dad didn't come. He missed his parents every second. He was an innocent boy. Being rich he had never discriminated against anyone. He felt that all servants and workers were his family. On this birthday, he was going to be eleven years old. He always wished that his family would come back, but they never did.

As usual, He went to school. After coming back home, he saw a calendar and became

sad. His caretaker was shocked that he always became sad when he looked at a calendar. But the main reason was his mom and dad never came on his birthday. After a long wait, his birthday was coming soon. There was only one day left. His birthday was on 2nd April. But when he woke up early and saw the calendar, it was already 3rd April. He was surprised and asked his servants, but it wasn't his birthday.

He was so surprised and wondered what was the reason, so he decided to leave the palace in search of his answer. He went to a deep forest. While going far within, he reached a hermit's house. There was a great hermit who could tell anything that had happened in another's life by looking at their face. When the prince knocked on the hermit's door, he felt that he had known him before. Then the hermit started to tell him, "Your parents are in trouble. Please go to Pataliputra."

But the prince didn't know that place. While on the way,



he asked many people for directions and finally reached there. He found his parents, who had been captured by one giant evil man. He went inside the cafe, then his father said angrily, "Don't come here; it's dangerous." There was a King's friend who stayed there to help the king. He went to the king's friend's house. Then, his friend said, "Your parents are in danger. You know that your birthday was on 2nd April, but today is 3rd April. It was the loop created by the evil man. When your birthday came, your parents were ready to come but suddenly the evil man caught them and put them in the cage."

Then, the prince asked, "Why was he troubling us?" The king's friend said, "He is doing it for your golden heart. If you give that golden heart to the evil man, then your parents may live. If you break that locket, then you have to sacrifice your royalty and dignity. If you don't, then the evil man won't be killed.

He went to an evil man

and started to put the golden heart in the fire. The evil man tried to stop him, but he couldn't. At last, the prince destroyed the golden heart. He also sacrificed his royalty and dignity. At last, the brave prince killed the evil man.

At first, it was difficult to accept the situation, but slowly, they accepted the situation. Then he lived happily ever after.

Udita Thapa



Love



Once upon a time, there lived a husband and wife in a small house. They had a baby. They had a dog too, but the dog was old. The dog's owner didn't look after the dog once his dog became old.

One day, the man and his wife were in the room. The man said, "Now I think we should keep this dog away from our house." The dog was listening from the door. The dog said to himself, 'now I think I have to take help from my friend Fox.'

Then he went into the jungle and there was his friend Fox. The fox asked, "What happened my friend?" The dog replied, "I need your help, my owner is keeping me away from his house, please help me." Then the fox said, "I will help." The dog responded, "Please can you help me tomorrow? They are all going on the farm and I will also go." The fox said, "Okay, then you said that you're owner has a baby too?" The dog replied, "Yes they do." The fox said, "Okay, then tomorrow I

will come and take that baby, and you come chasing me. Then your owner will come chasing you. After we come far, I will give the baby back, and you can go back and pretend as if you saved the baby. Your owner will be happy and will not send you away." Then the next day, they did everything as planned. But the fox got hungry and decided to eat the baby. Instead of giving the baby back to the dog, he took the baby far away and never came back.

In the end, the owner became furious by his dog's failure. He punished the dog and did not allow him to go back to the house. The dog regretted trusting someone so easily.

Moral: We should not trust anyone too quickly.



Happy Moment

Rani Karki

It was already six years since Robin lost his mother. It had happened while going on a voyage and they were attacked by pirates. The captain had saved Robin's life, but he couldn't save Robin's mother. Captain took in Robin and raised him.

Robin was a young boy. He was only 18. He was very adventurous, and on a bright day, the 16th of December, Robin walked towards the big mountain. While walking, he saw a big old tree in front of him. There was a map near the tree - he was surprised when he saw the map. It was an old map, and unclear.

He took the map back to the captain. Captain was a very brave and kind person. He cleaned the map and studied it carefully. The map was a treasure map. He wanted to travel across the sea and find the treasure. He took Robin with him. They began their journey. They were excited and nervous to go there. It was a big sea, and Robin and Captain could only see land through binoculars. He saw a big, densely forested island far away. They were going according to the map.

They reached the island and anchored their ship near the shore. It was a very big island with a great forest. They started walking on land. They fol-

lowed the map and saw an old house near the center of the island. They were hungry and tired, so they went to the house for help. They knocked on the door. There was an old lady in the house. She offered them food and let them rest. The old lady felt as if she knew the captain and the little boy. They were thankful to the old lady for the shelter. While they were departing to go and find the treasure, the old lady stopped Robin and gave him a locket to wear because she liked him.

Captain and Robin went to find the treasure. They began to near the treasure, then the way stopped once they reached the



“THEY FOLLOWED THE MAP AND SAW AN OLD HOUSE NEAR THE CENTER OF THE ISLAND.”



destination. So they started to dig in ground there. After a while, they found a box. The box was locked. The lock of the box was very difficult; it needed a keyword. They started to look for a clue and got a clue from the map. They entered the keyword and the box opened. It was full of gold and jewels. They were happy to see it. Then suddenly, there was a landslide above the old lady's house. The boy Robin realized that the old lady who gave him the locket was his mother, because it was the same locket his mother had given him when he was young and which he had then lost during the shipwreck. He thought his moth-

er must have taken the locket from him when she got lost on the island. Robin went to save his mother. Captain also helped him and she was saved. The old lady was glad that he was her son. And they went home without taking the treasure, as Robin realised that nothing is more precious than a mother. Robin was very happy in a way that he could not explain to others. He was also thankful to the captain who helped him for so long.

Bhogendra Yadav



Laziness

Once upon a time, there lived a policeman named John. He lived with his father William and his mother Oly. He was handsome and charming, but unlike his looks, his behavior was just the opposite. John was lazy and irresponsible towards his family and it has started giving stress to them. So, they decided to give their son a good lesson about responsibility, love for parents, and being a dependent person.

One day, after his duty, he came back home and found the house all quiet. He found that his parents were out. Now, he had to do all the household tasks as well as his duty. As it was the first time, he was going about

to work all by himself. Suddenly after 30 days, he came home and was surprised to see his parents there.





He asked a question: "Where were you for one whole month?" His parents just smiled, then replied, "We didn't go anywhere, we were here, but you couldn't see us." Now John was shocked. He asked again, "Where were you?" Then his parents said that they had been hiding in the backyard. John asked, "How could you see me from the backyard, as I was in the house, you were there, and there is a lot of distance between?" Then the parents replied, smiling, "When you were out at your duty, we had a plan, so we fixed up CCTV cameras in all of the rooms of the house, hidden near the windows." John asked again, "Why did you do that not for a day, but one month; why?"

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Then his parents said, "We wanted to teach you a lesson about being responsible."

At last, after one month, John learnt to be responsible for his work. After seeing this, his parents were so happy. From then onwards, John was active, concentrated on work, and was successful in his life. He even started to respect his parents and did whatever they asked. Thereafter, he was a true, responsible and active person, as well as a successful police officer.

Then, the family lived happily ever after.

Moral: Hard work pays us back so we should not be lazy and do hard work.
Samjhana Shah



The Prodigal Spirit

Once upon a time, there was a school where a boy killed himself. His name was Rahul. He was tall, helpful and intelligent, but weak from inside. He studied because other boys bullied him in the school. He used to like a girl named Priya, but Priya used to love Salman. They both had similar characters.

The spirit of Rahul wanted to kill Salman because he was also indulged in bullying Rahul. There were four more people in the group, but they had left the school except for Salman. He also didn't like the relationship of Priya and Salman. Salman lived in a hostel. Rahul got a chance to

confront Salman. He tried many times but failed.

One day, when Salman went to the toilet, Rahul attacked him. Salman got scared and immediately ran and went to his teacher's room. His teacher's name was Binod. But Binod Sir did not believe his story and again went to sleep. Then Rahul jumped over Salman and strangled him due to all his anger.

The next day, the other students saw the dead body of Salman and were surprised. The teachers watched the video clips from the last night CCTV camera footage. They saw the spirit of Rahul attacking Salman, as Rahul died be-

cause his friends kept bullying him.

Immediately, the teachers closed the school and sold it. The people who had brought the school turned it into a shopping mall. But still the spirit of Rahul didn't leave the school/mall. After a few days, the same four boys came to the mall for shopping. Priya was also with them. She didn't know that they had bullied Rahul and Rahul also couldn't tell her.

Rahul was happy as the four boys returned the book. He locked the boys in the store room and tried to kill them. Priya stopped him and Rahul obeyed. The boys planned to



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let Priya stay there and ran away. Rahul came to know about the plan of the boys and killed them without Priya's permission. Priya became angry and said, “I will die and you can't be free or go to heaven if an innocent spirit is killed.” After that, Priya thought that all of these incidents

occurred because of her, so she died and Rahul was cursed forever.

Prachi Chand
Grade 6 D





"I would always be looking forward for my sessions, always excited to learn something new my teacher would teach me!"

- Rastika Subedi



Unique Love

Once upon a time, there were two friends. Their friendship was very strong and they were friends from childhood - their names was Harry and Christopher. Harry was intelligent, handsome and was very well behaved, but Christopher was just the opposite of him. They studied in the same college. One day, a girl named Christabelle was admitted to the college. She was very beautiful and good in her studies. Harry and Christopher both fell in love with her, but Christabelle started loving Harry because he was handsome and good at his studies. Harry and Christopher both loved her very much.

One day, Christopher suffered from a big and dangerous disease. Christopher was quickly admitted to the hospital. Harry visited the hospital and the doctor said that it's not possible for him to survive. Harry went to meet Christopher and Christopher said, "I have a picture of a girl whom I love very much and I can't live without her." He gave the picture to

Harry, but unfortunately, he then died. Harry cried a lot and he looked at the picture. He was surprised because it was the picture of the same girl whom he loved very much.

He started his regular studies in college. One day, Christabelle went to express her love for Harry. Christabelle did many things to express her love to him, but Harry refused her love. Christabelle cried a lot, but he disappointedly refused her love because his friend Christopher used to love her. After sometime, he got badly hurt from inside. He went to his house and thought a lot about her love, and he wanted to accept her love because he knew she loved him very much. He went to accept her love, but when he went to her house, she was dead. There was a suicide note which read: 'I wanted to be with you because I used to love you, but you went far away when I tried to come near you. Now I am going far and you don't have to be far from me from now.' Harry cried a lot and his heart was broken. He felt very



ashamed as he lost his loving friend as well as his love.

Moral: Listen to your heart.

Manish Pathak

Grade

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Little Stella



Once upon a time, there lived a girl named Jenny. She belonged to a middle class family. She was the only child of her parents.

When she was four years old, she got a small sister named Stella. She was very happy to hear the news of a baby sister, because then she could play with her. When Stella was born, she was premature, so she had to be kept in the hospital. Stella struggled for a week. All the relatives were worried about Stella and didn't give attention to Jenny. Jenny thought that they did not give her attention because of her little sister Stella.

Jenny was very jealous of her lit-

tle sister. She tried to get her parent's attention, but her parents told her she was acting childish.

After weeks, all returned home with the newborn baby from the hospital. Jenny thought that now, she can get the attention that she wanted. But nothing of the sort happened. Stella was suffering from different diseases. And her parents were spending all their money for Stella's treatment. Later, Jenny went to school, but nothing changed. She got involved in school, hobby, friends. But she did not get the attention she wanted. She thought that her parents loved her sister more than herself, so she became rude to her parent and her sister.

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Jenny had to leave her town and move to another in order to complete her study. But some days before Jenny left, Stella got sick again. Stella had a lung infection and the doctor recommended that she be taken to the beach. So, her parents told Jenny that they couldn't buy her the guitar that she wanted because spending time on the beach was expensive and more important. So, Jenny left for another city angrily, without saying anything.

On Christmas, Jenny returned home in the same mood. When it was time to exchange gifts, little Stella brought a guitar with a tag for Jenny. Jenny remembered that her parents had little money to spend

and couldn't afford a guitar. But Stella told that she had brought the guitar from her own savings. After hearing this, Jenny got emotional. She had tears in her eyes and thought about how much her little sister had loved her when she was

busy hating her.

Moral: We should never hate someone without a reason.

Sobika Shrestha



To Be Remembered



Once upon a time, there lived a simple girl names Ashmita, and a dashing boy named Ravi. Even though Ravi was dashing and charming, he was bad mannered. One day, they fought because there was only one ticket left and both of them wanted the ticket. Ashmita got the ticket to enter the cinema hall. From that day onwards, they fought with each other regularly.

Once, Ashmita had gone to her friend's birthday party and was returning home too late. Ravi was drunk and was driving a car. Suddenly, Ravi hit Ashmita with his car. There was an accident, and Ravi had to take Ashmita to the hospital.

When he saw the girl's face, he realized that Ashmita was the girl he had fought with. Now, as Ravi had caused the accident, he had to take care of Ashmita. Ashmita had lost her memory. Ashmita had a boyfriend named Sumit. Ashmita even forgot Sumit, as well as forgot that she had fought with Ravi. As Ravi was taking care of Ashmita, Ashmita thought that Ravi was her boyfriend. Now, Ashmita and Ravi had fallen in love with each other and they loved each other very dearly.

Then, amazingly, Ashmita got her memory back. She remembered that she had a fight with Ravi and that Ravi wasn't her boyfriend. But still,

she knew Ravi was the person she loved. She took many years to tell Ravi. When she told Ravi, he was shocked, but happy she thought of him in such ways, and glad that she did not leave him for her old boyfriend.

Moral: We cannot choose who we love.

Sangya Lohani





Love Towards Son

Once upon a time in a village, there lived a small family. In the family there was a father, mother and a son. The father's name was Aman K.C. He was tall and handsome. The mother's name was Rama, and she was beautiful. The son, who's name was Mark, was a naughty boy.

Rama always told Mark not to talk to strangers, but Mark didn't listen to Rama. One day, Mark went to the forest to cut grass. On the way he saw a mango tree and climbed the mango tree. After sometime, a stranger came with a big sack. The stranger saw Mark eating mangoes. He thought, 'if I could kidnap him, I can sell him to a foreign country.' The stranger walked towards the mango tree and said, "Boy, can you give me some mango? I am hungry." Mark said, "Okay, I will come down." When Mark climbed down to give mangoes to the stranger, the stranger kidnapped Mark and took Mark to his house.

Rama and Aman were worried when Mark didn't come back home. So they went to the forest to look for Mark.





They came near the mango tree and found the sickle which Mark had taken for cutting grass. They saw the footprints of the stranger and followed them. They too came to the cottage which was at the end of the forest. They looked inside the house and saw Mark and the stranger, who was talking on the phone.

At that time, Rama recognized the kidnapper as her brother Ram. While Aman was calling the police for help, Rama stopped and said, "The kidnapper is my brother Ram. He has done all this for money."

Rama and Aman went inside the cottage and Rama said, "Ram how much money do you want? I will give you that much, but you have to give my son back." Ram laughed, and said, "No, I will kill Mark." Rama became angry and took out the sickle, threatening Ram that if he didn't let Mark go, Aman would call the police. Ram didn't care. When Ram tried to jump onto Mark and get a hold of him, Rama, in anger, used the sickle and injured him.

Mark was very upset and learnt a very important lesson. Rama and Aman had saved Mark. So from that day, Mark started to be a good boy.

Moral: We should always listen to our parents.

Taniya Rajak





Respect

A long time ago, William and his family lived in Sao Paulo. They were a middle class family. William was a fat and fluffy man. His wife, Rose, was lean and thin with curly hair. Their son, Erikson, was short. William's father was the eldest in the family. He was a healthy man, so healthy, that he was as young as his son. The grandfather was also a very wise man.

Rose didn't like her father-in-law because she felt he was a burden on the family. She didn't respect her father-in-law. Rose also used to go to the office. When there was nobody in the house, the grandfather used to do some of the household work. Erikson knew that his grandfather did the household work. One day, Rose went to an advisor. The advisor advised her to leave her father-in-law in the mountains. Hearing this, William became angry, he didn't accept the suggestion his wife gave him. After a long discussion, they decided to divorce. The grandfather heard all this talk between his son and daughter-in-law.

While going to the court for their divorce, the son spoke up, he made his mother understand that she was wrong. The son said, "My grandfather did all the household work when you two went to the office!" Then, she asked for forgiveness from her father-in-law and husband, apologizing sincerely. Then, both of them forgave her.

Then, the wife left her office and began to respect her father-in-law, and also served food at the right time. William went to his office. And Erikson went to school happily, for the success of his words and for fulfilling his dream of living together as a family. Then, they lived a happy and prosperous life.

Moral - the moral of the story is that we should respect our parents and should not discriminate against our parents.

Siddhant Bista

The Greedy Princess



Once upon a time, there lived a beautiful princess with large blue eyes, white skin, and golden hair. She was the daughter of a king. Though she was beautiful, she was very greedy and proud of her wealth. She was rich, but all the properties in the kingdom were in the name of the king. So she always wanted to take all of the properties from her dad.

One day, she decided to talk to her dad, so that properties of the kingdom would all be hers. She killed her dad when he was sleeping and told her servants to throw the dead body far away. Now, she was happy because the properties were all

in her name. She thought that she had a lot of money and didn't need to work for her lifetime. She thought that the money would never finish, even if she spent daily. She started to spend a lot of money by throwing parties for her friends. This continued for more than a year. One day, all her wealth was finished, as she had spent so much. She asked her friends for help, but none of her friends helped her. Then she thought to marry the prince of a neighboring kingdom and then run away, stealing all the money of the prince. The prince easily agreed to marry the princess because she was very beautiful. She played the same



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game with ten different princes.

Now, she was tired of stealing and running. She reached a dense forest by walking, and seeing a small cottage in the forest, went there. There was a young handsome boy with a good and kind heart, but he was very poor. The princess fell in love with the boy at once. Then, the princess said, "I Will give up all my wealth, but please marry me." The boy didn't agree, because he was poor and she was rich. And the boy said, "I cannot marry you. You are very rich and I cannot keep you happy." And then the boy started to think and said, "I will give you 10 days to prove that you

don't care about my poor status." As the day passed, the girl started to prove herself by doing all the household work properly and caring for the boy. The ten days finished and the boy also fell in love with the girl. They both loved each other and planned to marry each other. When they were to marry, all the ten princes arrived and told the truth to the boy, but the boy didn't care for the past incidents. However, the ten princes were very angry with the princess and sent her to the police station. When the princess was going to go to the police station, the boy said that he will be waiting for her and that he will always love her.

After 50 years, the girl came out of the police station and the boy was still waiting for her after 50 years because he only loved her. The princess realized her mistakes with the 10 princes. She was surprised because the boy waited for her for 50 years. And they lived a happy life.

Moral: Money doesn't buy us happiness.

Prakriti Bhandari

The Area of 51 Chronicles



A heavily guarded mystery area. Executing people right in sight. Area 51- descriptive of its nature by its own name. Known but unknown, a paradox in itself.

Will lost his father at the tender age of nine. Bullied at school for not having a father would put an impression on him. An everlasting one.

"WILL SET OUT ON AN
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HIS FATHER..."

Later, after becoming a gadget developer and a scientist, and with knowledge collected from chats with detectives, Will set out on an adventure to find his father. With him was a fully testable programmer, the best hacker he could find. His best friend Grey.

Both buckled up with the determination of discovering the attraction of extraterrestrial life on earth, settled outside area 51, poised to collect information with camera and mic. Will, the daredevil - with a camera put on his button, a perfectly fitting white beard, and two guns on his waistcoat with shiny bullets - got entry inside with Grey's efforts of hacking the CCTV's.



Moving on with the plan, things never seen before were discovered: a human with twelve hands, three-headed snakes, giants and dwarves - all locked in their respective containers, wailing just as any other failed experiment could do. Upon further advancement, Will discovered the reality - the one conducting the experiment, his father, the one he longed for, ringing the night alarm after he saw Will, tiring to defend his ultimate weapon: a destructive biological weapon to help the US to rule the world.

Grey, on other side, was reporting everything happening to the World Law Convention - with the evidence. Grey also asked Will to escape. But to his dismay, Will confronted his father. When the soldiers set foot on the land and shot Will, Will quickly did the same - but his target was his father's heart, and his head, for the second shot.

Bang! Bang! - the incident escalated quickly and the World Law Convention confronted the US, which, in return, surrendered. As for the

father, Will missed both the shots. Every father loves their son. So, Will was forsaken.

Now, he thinks to himself alone in the dark, 'breaking the rules to make the world better was the best thing I ever did.'

Moral: Is everything valid for love?

Siddhant Bhattacharai



The Loyal Dog



In the city of Boston, few people used to live there. Every house in the city had a pet.

There was a house in the city which belonged to George. George lived with his pet dog named Tockey, his wife Nima and son Jack. George was very rich. He was always rude to his pet. But the pet was loyal and obeyed everything his master ordered. Jack and Nima also were like George. They were also rude to their dog.

George and his family used to punish their dog, but the dog was loyal to the master. Tockey always worked hard to make his master happy.

One day, the police of the central office came to visit each

and every house. They were lovers of pets. They used to respect all pets. The policeman saw George beating his dog. They arrested George for hurting his dog.

That day, a large quantity of gold was lost from the gold shop. A phone rang, police were notified that there was a robbery in the gold shop. The police rushed to the gold shop and they saw a thief running away with a bag of gold. The thief had a car. He ran away but the police followed him. The thief became so scared that they threw the bag of gold in the river. The thief was caught but the gold was missing.

While Tockey was going for a walk, he quickly found the

gold. He brought it to the house and Nima gave it to the police and they released George.

From that day, George, Nima, and Jack started loving Tockey.

George, Nima, and Jack, as well as their pet Tockey, lived happily ever after.

Purnima Chalise





“ I rarely have so much fun
in the classroom with my
friends.KathaBunaunwasal-
ways so fun for me ”

- Binuja Regmi



The Shot Maker

It's a strange thing about boys, that even if their hobby is something else, they are pulled into a new hobby by their crush. This happened with a boy named London Stephenson - the boy loved art, it was his way to make time fly. He had a crush on a girl named Alina Mcbroom. She was a tomboy with white skin and a pretty oval face. The boy had a friend who cared too much for his reputation, even though he had none, and kept bragging about his 'property'.

It was a casual day in school and the teacher was teaching the students, when suddenly, 'KNOCK KNOCK'

came the sound from the door. The teacher open the door and received a notice from a man, the notice said:

Holy Trinity School

Dear guardians,
We are holding coaching classes from tomorrow. Please send if your ward is interested in the following:
Arts
Basketball
Table tennis
Football
Origami

Principle

London definitely chose arts, and was hoping Alina would choose it too. He went home and gave his parents the notice. After they discussed it, his parents agreed. The next day after school, hoping

Alina would walk into the Arts class, London went inside the room. But Alina walked to the basketball court, gripped the ball then shouted, 'chop!' went the ball into the hoop. Meanwhile, London was there with his pencil and a still body as he scribbled on the paper. He continued this until one day, he noticed there was a boy one grade senior to London and Alina who had a crush on her too. He was furious - he went home, threw his bag down, and walked into his parent's room saying, "I WANT TO JOIN BASKETBALL," in a very loud voice. The next day, after a boring day in classes, he gripped the ball and jump shot,



'BANG,' the ball hit the ring and went out of the hoop. Then he appealed to his classmate, saying, "YO! Suse pass me the ball." The boy passed as he ran to full court and shot. 'SLOP,' the ball went right in and it wasn't even a big deal for the coach. He was super inspired and started playing basketball more seriously. As he played basketball, he slowly stopped having a crush on Alina and left her to the guy senior to them. Time went by and he even stopped thinking about her, but started thinking about basketball more. One day there was a match between their school and another reputed school. He alone scored 25 points, leading his team to the victory. After that, he achieved

the nickname 'Shot Maker.' Shot Maker had another match against Hot Ice School. He was a substitute until the match was:

Hot Ice School =
40 points
Holy Trinity
School = 70 points

The drastic change was shocking, he was way out of the other's league. After that, he got a notice that the principal was calling him to his office. He went there all proud and confident. He said, "A local news channel wants to interview you at 7pm tonight." Shot Maker was going to become a legendary shot maker. He went to the studio with his dad and mom. The interview was going to start, and the reporter asked, "how did you make your way up here?" The

shot maker replied, "It was a normal day at school when a notice came saying they were holding coaching classes from 3:30 - 5:30pm for games, and I chose basketball. I was horrible at that time, I couldn't even score a single point, but my coach trained me hard enough to make me a great player and 'ALARM' - "Hey son, wake up! London wake up, you'll be late for school," cried his mother. And he went to school all sad and salty knowing all of the incidents were only his dream.

Moral: We should work hard to achieve our dream.

Saurav Jung
Adhikari

The Obedient Dog



There lived a man in a crowded city. The man was very rich. He had many cars and houses, and lived a luxurious life. He also had a son who was very impolite and disobedient, and the man was very disappointed by his son's behaviour.

One day, his father thought of bringing a dog into his house and teaching his son a lesson. He trained the dog for many days. One day, he gathered the dog and his son together, and asked him to bring him a pen from the living room. His son didn't obey what his father had ordered, but when he asked the same thing from the dog, the dog went and brought the pen. His son got really embarrassed looking at the dog obeying his father, as the dog was an animal.

The next day, when the father ordered his son, he complied with his father's order. Because he obeyed his father, the father was really pleased with his son. The son became honest and hardworking. He obeyed his father and lived happily ever after.





Varun The Poor Guy

Once upon a time, there was a poor guy named Varun. He was so poor that he could not afford two meals a day. He searched for a job to get out of this cycle of poverty. Suddenly, someone approached him and offered him a job. He became very joyful, as it was his first job. His job was to be a bus driver. What little he earned was more than enough for him.

But one day, he saw a girl who was on the street. He fell in love with her at first sight. She got onto the bus that he was driving. She forgot her money and she became very anxious about how she would pay her fare. He tells her gently to get on the bus without the money, that he would pay

for her fare. She was shy at first, but she was grateful towards him. She got onto the same bus everyday. They started to talk, and slowly, they began having feelings for each other. They fell in love. However, as time passed, Varun's salary was not enough for the two. She began to worry about Varun not being able to fulfill her wishes, so she decided to leave him. The boy felt very upset and helpless.

After a long time, the girl married a businessman. The girl was so happy, but Varun still missed her. After years, the girl and her husband went for shopping. While they were shopping, the girl's husband told the girl to meet his boss. They both

went to meet the husband's boss, but then the girl suddenly saw poor Varun. She went near him and said, "I am rich now; I have married a businessman. But you are still in the same place I left you. You haven't changed a bit." The Boy stayed silent. Then her husband came near ther and said that Varun is his boss. The girl was shocked and broken in heart. Varun kept quiet, shook hands and went on his way. The girl couldn't believe her eyes.

Moral : True love rarely exists.

Umanga Bhandari



Trhe Poor Woodcutter

Long ago, there was a poor woodcutter name Ahil. He had a small family and lived in a small house. He went to the forest to chop wood to sell at the market. But the money he earned was never enough for his family. The money was not enough for food, so his wife was never happy.

Days passed by, and after a long time, his wife suffered a serious illness and died a sudden death. Then there was no one to take care of his children. So, he decided to marry another woman so that she could take care of his two children. But that second wife was rude. She never talked nicely to the children and nev-

er gave them what they wanted. The wife was irritated by children. When Ahil returned home, she asked her husband to take the children to the nearby forest and leave them there.

The next day, in the evening, Ahil did what his wife had told him to do. He took his children to the forest and told them that he would come later, then left. Days passed and he began to miss his children and his first wife. Then he decided to take his children back home, so he went to search for his children. At last, he found his children under a big tree all alone, hoping for their father's return.

He took them home and asked

his wife to leave the house. But, the children were upset by this decision and requested their father to let her stay with them, or else he would not be any different from her. The wife was amused by how much they were worried about the person who tried to kick them out of the house. From that day onwards, she treated the children as her own. They lived a peaceful life.

Moral: We should treat everyone with love and respect.

Sujita Shrestha



The Lost Treasure

Long ago, there was a beautiful palace where a King lived with his children, the prince and princess. After the queen had died, the king was very friendly and helpful, as were his children. One day, while the prince was searching for his old files, he found a treasure map. He showed the map to the king and decided to go in search for the treasure. The king and prince were very kind, they wanted to find the treasure and use it to improve the living conditions of those living within the kingdom.

The prince, princess and their friends walked. They passed over a silent desert and through a beautiful forest. While they were walking, they met their friends too, who were also in search of the treasure. They both competed for the treasure. As days passed by, the treasure was nowhere to be found. They passed over the mountains and through dangerous caves. They searched everywhere, but they couldn't find the treasure. Everyone looked at the map and found that the 'X' sign was near their home.

They had to return through forests, across deserts, over mountains, through caves and back to their palace. It wasn't easy to return back. It took many days to return to their palace. After a lot of struggle, they finally came to the place which was shown on the map. Finally, they found the treasure which was hidden in the tree under a lot of tricks and puzzles which had to be solved in order to get near the treasure. They tried to solve the puzzles together with their friends. But, the tricks were so hard many of their friends were killed during the process of solving the problem. The prince, however, was safe and survived throughout the journey. When he returned, he did as he had promised and gave most of the jewels and valuable things out to the poor in the hope of giving them a better life. However, even after getting all the valuable goods and materials, the prince was not happy about how it had cost the lives of his friends. Hence, he realized that no amount of money or luxury could ever give peace. Certainly, the prince could not sleep



well remembering his friends.

Moral: Money is not the most valuable thing you could own.

Riddhi Aryal



The Horror Story

There was a small city which was beautiful, clean and crowded. In the small city, there lived a family - a father, mother, and daughter. The father and mother worked in an office from day to night. The daughter was a good student and scholar. She was kind and helpful as well.

One night, she went to the nearby shop to buy some stationary things while walking; some surprising things happened. The city used to be crowded before, but that day only a few people were there. Then suddenly the city became dark. Some people walking along the street also disappeared. She walked ahead. Then suddenly a forest appeared. The forest was very scary. The scary and horrible sound of wild animals was coming from the forest. The forest was very thick and dark. Lightning thundered and the wind was blowing very fast. The girl was very frightened. She walked forward. She saw someone's shadow. She thought that someone was following her. Wherever the girl walked, the shadow

also followed her. Then with a deep breath, she turned back. There was a scary creature. It was a ghost. Its face was covered with blood and wrinkles. The ghost was wearing white clothes. It had a lot of hands and legs. Seeing the scary creature, the girl was shocked and was shivering because of fear. Then, the girl started shouting and running. The ghost also followed. Suddenly, the ghost came in front of the girl. Now, she was more scared. She fainted in the forest.

After some time she opened her eyes. There was no ghost. She woke and took a long breath. She became relaxed because it was just her nightmare.

Moral: Some of the creatures we fear are created only by our minds.

Mansuna Gharti



A Dangerous Castle

There lived a good looking, handsome, dashing, and charming boy named Unique. He was married to a beautiful girl named Aavya. They used to live a happy life.

One day, Unique made a plan to go out of the country with Aavya. The plan was to go to an Island. Many people used to say that the Island was very dangerous and that on that Island there was a ghost. According to many people, a couple once went there and suddenly died on that Island. From that day onwards, their spirits had not found peace and were believed to still roam around. But Unique and Aavya didn't be-

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lieve what the people had to say, and they went to that Island. In reality, the Island was very dangerous - there were no people, no noise, no houses. The two were very surprised looking at the Island.

They walked for a long time. After a long journey, they found a castle. It was very dark. They went ahead. They opened the gate and moved forward. It was very dark. Unique turned on a torch.

To their surprise, everything that was in the castle was moving. The cupboard was dancing. The sofa was moving here and there. When they looked up at the ceiling, the surface of the ceiling was covered in black - it was



covered in bats. As they moved forward, they noticed that there were spider webs in all the corners. They saw a photo of a lady on the wall. Her eyes were moving in the photo. The castle was very dangerous. They saw a strange thing sitting on the staircase.

Suddenly, a strange noise came from the back. They saw a witch-like lady flying and roaming around them. They were very afraid. And they ran from there. The girl laughed in a loud voice. They were very afraid. The girl asked them a question: "Why did you come here? If you have come, then I won't leave you." The girl again laughed in a strange voice.

The girl who was flying took Unique away. Unique shouted very loudly. The girl threw Unique down. Again the girl caught Unique. The girl was having fun. Again, the girl threw Unique down. Unique cried in a loud voice.

Hurriedly, Aavya came near Unique. Aavya sprinkled water over Unique and asked, "What happen Dear, why are shouting? Did you see a bad dream?" Unique saw the room. He held his head and said, "Oh! My God! It was a dream." Aavya asked, "what dream did you see?" Unique explained all the things that happened in his dream. Aavya laughed and kept laughing.

Unique felt as if the whole incident was not a dream but something that really happened. His wife's laughter was certainly reminiscent of the same exact laughter of the witch girl. He was confused, but still convinced himself that the whole incident was just a dream.

Moral: What we always see and hear may not be true.

Garima Pandey



Happy Family

Once in a village, there lived three girls and a boy with their mother, who was very kind to others. One time, the eldest daughter went to buy some vegetables. But she didn't come back. Everyone was worried because she had been gone for a very long time. After two months, the second sister went out to find her elder sister. She also didn't make it back. Finally, the third sister also went to find her elder sisters, who were lost without any signs. She went in different directions in search of her sisters. So the third sister was nowhere to be found as well.

The youngest brother was the only one left. He tried to leave the house in search of all his sisters, but his mother would not let him go. She was worried that she would lose all of her children. But he didn't obey his mother and went to find his sisters. While he was searching, he saw a person with a buffalo. The person called him and said, "Take my buffalo and you shall reach your destination faster, for only Rs 5. He took the buffa-

lo and gave Rs.5 in exchange. On his way he found a person on the ground. He helped the person get up. The person said 'thank you,' and gave him a pair of shoes, telling him that these shoes can make you fly. He took the shoes and wore them. He could fly everywhere, just like the birds. He was moving forward in a search of his sister when, in a dense forest, he found a person. He came close to discover his first sister. He took her home. He hurriedly took her to their mother, who was very happy to see her daughter. Because he did not find his other two elder sisters on his first try, he decided to go out again to find them. He thought it should be an easy task as he had a pair of flying shoes. He searched for his sisters for days, when suddenly, he saw the body of a girl lying beside the river. He went closer, hoping it would be his second elder sister. Fortunately, it was her. She had been unconscious as she had been swimming for many days. While he was returning home with his second sister, he found his third sister near a



hill. She was worn out and her clothes were torn into pieces. He returned home gladly, as he had found all his sisters.

When he reached home, the mother was surprised to see all her daughters. She was happy that her son had gathered the courage to find his sisters all by himself.

Moral: With determination, anything can be found.
Pranaya Aryal (6)

Kindness



In a beautiful faraway village, there was a woman called Maya. She lived with her three daughters named Mooney, Merry and Melina. They were very wealthy. Melina and Merry were beautiful too. Their hair was as long as it could be and everyone in the village loved them, but they were so greedy. The villagers always thought about the girls, as they were very popular for their beauty. Every bachelor in town wanted to marry one of the two daughters. However, Mooney was not like her sisters, she was a lot more plain, but she had a big heart and was caring and loving towards other people.

After a few years, Mooney got married. She got married in a different town. Her husband was rich in that town. Mooney loved him a lot. But Maya didn't give anything as a gift to Mooney because she was ugly and no one liked her. Maya tried to hurt Mooney numerous times. But Mooney always loved her mother, so she didn't care much.

After a few years, Mooney's mother became old, poor and

dirty. No one liked her because she was not rich. One day, she thought of visiting her daughters and hoped to live with one of them as she was the one who had taken care of them. First, she went to her elder daughter Merry's house. Her mother said, "Merry, I am your mother, please let me stay with you for a while. I have run out of food and have been starving for days." Merry replied, "You dirty old hag! Get out of here; don't make my house dirty." She was saddened by her daughter's response and left the house empty handed. Then, she went to her second daughter's house and said, "Oh Melina, I am your mother, please open the door." Melina said, "How are you, my mother? You look so dirty and ugly. Get out of here!" Maya was devastated. She went to her youngest daughter. Mooney had seen her mother through the window. Without being able to contain her joy, she asked her helper to get the woman who was coming closer to the house. At once, the helper did as instructed. He went down to get her mother. Mooney welcomed her moth-



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er with a big hug and asked her why she had not visited her sooner. This brought tears to Maya's eyes. She wondered, thinking, 'the child I had been neglecting for all these years, is the only one who loved and cared for me.' Her mother asked for her daughter's forgiveness for all those times she had told her to go away.

Mooney immediately set a room aside for her mother. She took care of her mother and loved her. Not only beauty, but her kindness shone through everything and everyone else. She was famous and happy.

Moral: We should always treat everyone equally.

Binita Thapa



The Unique Family

Many years ago, there lived a family. They were a father, a mother and a son. This family was nothing common, but rather unique. By unique, you may imagine a family who lived a luxurious life, who were rich, who had a big house, a car, many servants and all. But NO, sorry, this family wasn't like that. Now you may be thinking a loving and caring family. I apologize again - not that either.

In this family, the dad was very irresponsible. He always thought about himself only, his sons and his siblings. He hated his wife. His wife used to live in a small hut. They were the poorest in that village. They

didn't have enough land for cultivation. The man had demanded 10 kg of gold and silver and 10 crores as dowry. He wanted money and riches and not the girl, but the girl wasn't able to give all that, so he started to hate her.

On the other hand, the wife was responsible. She thought about everyone and always wanted everyone's welfare. Even though she was not from a rich family, she was kind and helpful. Now, even in that type of environment, their son was the topper in his class, as he used to get very good grades. Every time, he used to secure the first position, but the environment was not right for him to study.

One day, the couple fought for a long time. Everyone was disturbed by their shouting and shattering. The husband had enough, he knew for him to find peace, he has to throw his wife out of the house. The wife agreed, but she insisted to take their son with her. The husband slapped her and told her to leave the boy here. The mother cried in despair, as she travelled far all by herself. She tried to get away from the crowded city, and from the pain she had been facing for such a long time.

Now that his mom was not by his side to guide him through his studies, the boy couldn't focus on his studies. Now, the boy who used to excel



at class, turned into a troubled child who needed help. He left his previous circle of friends who were all honest and hardworking and joined a group which was not liked by many for their bad behaviours. He started to disobey his teachers, bullied other friends and did not complete his homework. Slowly, he even started to drink alcohol, take drugs and smoke cigarettes. This change in the boy shocked everyone.

One day, the boy and his father were invited to his friend's party. The boy got drunk. He slipped and fell. He was roaming around without care for anyone. The father's friend was very shocked.

He asked what has caused his son to behave in such a way. The father was then determined to change him back to the innocent boy he used to be. Firstly, they took him to the rehabilitation center. While he was in the rehabilitation center, he reflected on who he used to be. And If how he was rebelling was causing trouble to anyone else but himself. He had all sorts of thoughts running in his mind about why he had turned this way. He finally realized his mistake. He left the rehabilitation center all clean and healthy in search for his beloved mother. After a long and tiring journey, he finally came to a village who had known her. He

searched day and night, starving for his mother's love. Suddenly, he was called in by a rich guy in the village. He wondered why anyone would take an interest in such a poor and struggling guy. He was shocked when he arrived at the house and saw his mother, whom he had tried to find for such a long time. His mother had married another man who was caring and wealthy. He was happy to know his mother was safe. She even told him that she had tried to get in contact with her son many times, but his father would not allow it. This way, the boy found a new house and enjoyed a peaceful as well as prosperous life. Meanwhile, back in his home



where his father was, the father had started to gamble and wasted his life away. He died very soon after.

Moral: We should leave those who are causing pain to us in any way.

Grishma Dahal



True Love

There lived a poor girl near the mountains. She was hardworking and beautiful. Since she was poor, she used to help other people. With her work, the mayor was very impressed and awarded her with a cell phone. There was a boy of her age who lived in the town. He was very rich. His work was only to pass his time. He was in the wait of his true lover. What luck. The girl gets the opportunity to go to the same college as the boy in that town. Her mayor talks to his town friend about the girl's scholarship. She came to town and lived with her aunt. Her aunt was a little greedy. She used to order her to do every household work. That girl didn't get proper food and time to study, and there was no place for her to sleep. She was tortured a lot. So, she decided to be apart from her aunt. She started doing a part-time job. She took a separate room and lived there.

Slowly, she started using the cell phone. She starts chatting to the boy in the same college online. But one thing happened in the boy's life

which completely changed his life. He was friendly with the same girl. They both were a very good friend for some days. Slowly their friendship changed into love. Days and night passed. One day, they decided to meet in the park. They loved each other deeply, but the thing was, that they had never seen each other. The girl was poor, her life was simple. But she thought, 'he is a rich person, will he keep me happy? So she decided to create a small test for the boy. The boy passed the test. He also knew that his lover was a hardworking, kind hearted and a good person. So, he decided to become nice. They decided to meet in the park. The boy messaged that, 'I haven't seen you, then how will I know you?' The girl replied, 'I will come in dark yellow dress.'

The next day, the boy went to the park with a red rose in his hand. He saw that there was a fat and ugly girl with a dark yellow dress, but the boy went to that girl and said: "I love you a lot." The girl smiled and said, "I am not the girl you love, she is behind the tree." The boy



went there. The girl said, "Now I am sure that you love me truly." They were very happy. The boy said, "I love you from my heart, not by your look." The girl smiled and they move to their home. They were happy.

But suddenly one day, the boy got news about the death of his lover. He was very shocked. He ran like it was the end. When he reached there, he saw his lover lying dead in the bed. He went to the window and started to cry. There on a side table next to the window, he saw a paper and pen. It was the letter written by his lover to him. When he read that letter, it was written there, "I have a brain tumour. When we met, I fainted on the way home. I was taken to the hospital by the people. The doctor said to me that I don't have much time to live. He asked me for my last wish. But I wished to go to my room to write you this letter. I may have called you, but I didn't want you to cry in front of me. So, I have gone, but you don't cry. You have to be strong and find your next friend, who will love you more than I." When

he read that letter, the boy became mad for his lover. He was mad, but the thing was, he never forgot that true love and always used to read the letter twice a day. Slowly his madness was cured. He missed her for almost two years. He went to the place where there was the grave of his first love. There was a girl who was also from the same village, and went to the same college too. Slowly they fell in love. As the old lover had said, 'you will get a more loving partner.' He had found just the right person.

It is said that the person whose sunset in the evening. They will shine like a star at night.

Yashashree Thapa





The Most Precious Thing In The World

A girl named Riya lost her father, who was in the British army, in the second world war. She was just 11 years old at the time. She was naughty and never obeyed her mother. And her mother always scolded her for being very reckless. As a form of punishment, she would ground her daughter inside the house.

Riya always thought of her father and said to herself, 'If I had my father, I wouldn't have gotten a scolding today.' She always cried in her room sitting alone and also thinking that her mother doesn't love her, that is why she must always scold her and give her punishment. But she always forgets about her own mistakes. Actually, her mother would be sadder if she had to scold Riya. She thought that she could never give Riya the love of her father because at just the age of 2 Riya lost her father. So, she never wanted to know about her mother's feeling for her.

One day, she was tired of her strict mother who has always scolding her and gave her punishments. She ran away from her house. Her moth-

er searched for her in the whole house. But she didn't find Riya. She started to get very worried. Then, she complained to the police and also asked her relatives about Riya.

Riya was sitting alone and starving with hunger on the roadside. She was feeling cold and lonely. Then, she thought a lot about the events in the past. Finally, she realized her mistake and her mothers love. Then, she understood why her mother scolded her.

At the end mother found Riya sitting alone in the footpath and shivering of cold. Then, Riya gave her mother a warm hug and whispered "Sorry" in her mother's ear. Then, they both went back to their home and ate a tasty meal. Now, she understood her mother's love and knew she never lacked her father's love as she had given love equivalent to both of her parents love.

Garima K.C





The Golden Egg

“A RICH PERSON FROM THE CITY CAME TO THEIR VILLAGE. THEY WERE SHOCKED AS HE CAME TO THEIR HOUSE WITH A HEN”



Once upon a time, there was a small village. The people in the village were helpful to each other. There lived a wife and husband who were the poorest in the village. They didn't have a house, rather, they used to live in a hut. They barely got enough food for two meals a day after working hard all day.

One day, a rich person from the city came to their village. He was at their home. They were shocked, as he came to their house with a hen in his hand. He went inside their hut and gave them the hen saying, “Take this hen. It is a magical hen. It gives a golden egg every day. I came looking for the poorest family

in this village. So, I wanted to give this hen to you.” The rich person asked them to keep the hen with them.

The wife and husband were very suspicious. They didn't believe him, as who would go through all the trouble of finding the poorest family in the village to help? But they kept it as they wanted to try their luck. The next morning, the wife went to the hen in the hope of finding a regular egg. Instead, she saw the egg was golden! She was so surprised. She called out for her husband and they couldn't believe their eyes! They were so happy. Day by day, they became rich by selling the golden eggs. Their



attitude towards other people also changed, as they were getting richer. They became very rude and impolite to everyone. They started showing false proudness. They used to treat others very unwelcomingly and looked at them as if they were not important.

One day, while the wife was taking the golden egg, an idea came to her. She went rushing to her husband and said, "I have an idea that could make us even richer." The husband was excited to hear what his wife had to say. She said, "The hen always gives a golden egg every day. If we cut it, then we can find a lot of golden eggs inside its stomach." The idea was appealing to

both and so they decided to cut the hen to get more golden eggs on the following day.

The next morning, both the wife and the husband were ready to cut the hen. The husband cut it. Both of them were excited to see how many golden eggs were in the hen's stomach. So quickly, they cut the hen's stomach and saw nothing inside. Both of them were shocked.

Gradually, they became poor as they used to be before. Now, nobody helped them because of how they treated others while rich. They returned to their original situation. They waited for the same person to come and give them another hen,

but nobody came.

Moral: We shouldn't be selfish and impolite to anyone under any circumstances.

Sagun Sundas



Tiny Little girls

In a faraway mountain, there lived three beautiful girls. Their names were Tina, Mina, and Lina. They were very helpful to each other, but Tina was the most helpful among them. If one was in trouble, then the other two would help her. One day, they went to the forest to collect firewood. On the way, they met three handsome princes.

In outer beauty, they were handsome, but on the inside, they were very greedy. Then the girls asked, "Who are you and why are you here?" The princes replied, "We are the sons of the king, that means we are princes. We are here to hunt animals." Then Mina

replied, "Oh, you are here to kill animals? Why should you kill animals? They are like humans, as they can also feel pain. They too have the right to live." Then the three princes said, "This was ordered by our father, that means the king has ordered us. We can't leave promptly." Then Lina said, "What do you mean?" Then Tina said, "We are not going to move from here until you stop poaching the animals." Then the three princes were confused that some commoners could convince them and stop them from following the King's order. They headed back to the palace with a lot of thoughts in their mind.

Then they shared

everything with their father. Their father was very angry and disappointed of his cowardly sons. So he went to kill the animals himself. But on the way, there were three girls. Then the king said, "Excuse me, you tiny little girls. I am the king! You are in my way." And the three girls replied, "We are on our way and we have not crossed your path." The king got infuriated by listening to them, so he pushed the girls and kept walking. Then the girls became very angry. Yet Tina said, "Now let it be; maybe it was our fault." Then the girls went back to their home.

Then one day, suddenly, the king's palace was on fire. Everyone ran away



saving their own lives. Suddenly, Tina shouted, "Let's go and help them." But Lina and Mina said, "Don't you remember what they did to us? We don't need to help them, let them learn their lesson for once." Mina and Lina went to their room with angry faces. However, Lina and Mina thought about it, and decided to help Tina. So, Lina and Mina followed Tina to the the kings palace.

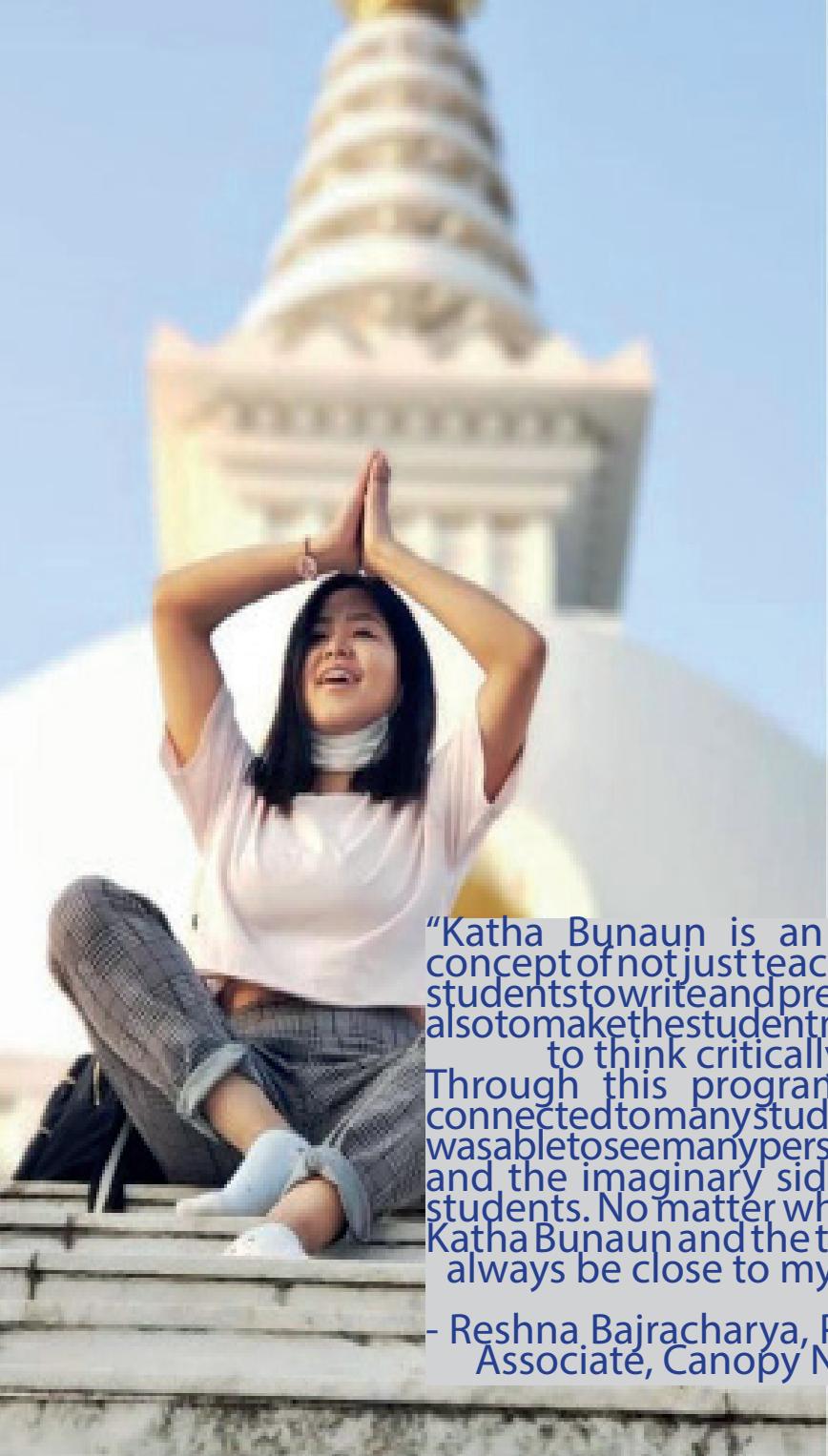
With a lot of help, the fire was under control. The king and the princes were shocked that the girls whom they had an argument with were the only ones who came to help. They all begged the girls for their forgiveness saying, "We

made a big mistake, Please forgive us!" Then the girls said, "Sure, but in return you must never kill any other living animal for the rest of your lives." From that day on, the king and the princes were very kind to them. In fact, the girls each married one prince and lived a joyful life.

Moral: We should always help the troubled.



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