

“BROWN PAPER BAG” SHORT STORIES Use the “Character,” “Setting,” and “Conflict/Problem,” to write a short story. Be creative! Have fun!

(The Character, Setting, and Conflict/Problem were arbitrarily drawn from a mixture.)

Barry the Dragon and his Fear-filled Life, by Raul V., dictated to his tutor, Beth P. Long years ago, there was a dragon named Barry. He was a big dragon, but he had small wings. He was normally seen in his mountain called the “Polo Mountain.” It was at least 570 feet tall. Barry the Dragon couldn’t fly, because of his little wings. Other people used to make fun of him because he couldn’t fly. So Barry wouldn’t come out ever, because every time people saw him, they started laughing at him.

One day he met another dragon, who was kind to him. The dragon that he met was so convincing that Barry got brave enough to go outside. But even though he went outside, he got embarrassed by the dragon that he met. So the kind dragon wasn’t kind at all. So Barry left, crying, and he went back to Polo Mountain.

A few years passed, and Barry was just sad. Then one day, someone in his mountain appeared, which was a magical genie. Then Barry said, “Who are you?”

The genie, whose name was Malnattie, presented him with three wishes. Barry was so excited that he finally had a chance to change his wings. So then he was thinking about the other wishes. One was for him to have friends. The last wish was for him to be brave. He was thinking about his wishes, and he was wondering if they were good wishes, but he was confident that those were his three wishes.

Genie Malnattie said, “When you are done thinking of your wishes, then I will grant them.” All Barry’s wishes came true, and everybody started liking him.

But one day he got tired of being liked so much that he wished he could be his old self again. And he was. The End.

By Mourya B., P-K, as told to his tutor, Benjamin C.

Character: Ninja

- He hits with balloons, and he pops balloons with sword, and he hits the bad guy

Setting: Birthday party Eating cake

Conflict/Problem: Caught in a violent storm

The ninja was at the birthday party eating cake. The ninja was blown away to another city with a powerful bad guy. The ninja uses a crystal to make himself more powerful. He put the crystal in his back, and he became a powerful ninja. He defeated the powerful bad guy and took two crystals. He used the two crystals to defeat the violent storm. The ninja becomes the normal ninja after he takes the crystals off because no bad guy is in that city. Next, he goes to the normal city with a normal bad guy. He wants to be stronger than the normal bad guy, so he eats a lot and gets stronger, and he exercises. The ninja pushed the bad guy into a different city, then the ninja went to a different city and the bad guy became powerful. Then the bad guy goes back to the

other city. The violent storm came, and the bad guy became powerful, then the ninja took the powerful bad guy's crystals, and he tried to defeat the powerful bad guy. He was too strong. The bad guy had two pets and an army came. The ninja was with the military and the bad guy was with the zombies. The military tanks blasted the zombies, there were only a hundred zombies. The ninja sliced the zombies. The ninja takes off his crystals and the zombies freeze and there's only the bad guy left. The ninja defeats the bad guy with the army tanks. The bad guy was weak, and the ninja tried to run and slice the bad guy. The bad guy went to try to get powerful and the army came back. The bad guy upgraded the army into skeletons with bows. The ninja upgraded the military into ice military people. The ninja and the military had ice army tanks that blasted ice to freeze everything. There was only 1 skeleton trying to break the ice. The ninja defeats the bad guy by hitting the bad guy and his nose. The ice army tank shoots ice on the bad guy and the ninja defeats the bad guy.

Sathwik N.'s short story: as told to his tutor, Colin, G.

Character: Ninja Setting: A birthday party Conflict/problem: Getting caught in a storm

A Ninja was on a mission to a birthday party. He was going to give a sneaky present to his enemy. It was the enemy's birthday party. A big storm came by when the Ninja was on his way to the party. Then he read a book until the storm was gone. When the storm was going along, the boat was going to the birthday party. Until the night, the boat had reached the birthday party. The Ninja was on this boat. That was where he was reading his book. The Ninja was reading a story that he was making up on the spot.

When the Ninja arrived at the birthday party, he put the sneaky present on the floor. Inside the sneaky present, a police officer was hiding. It was a big present. That was how the police officer was able to fit inside. When the enemy opened the sneaky present, the police officer threw sand on the enemy's eyes. The enemy screamed!

"Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!"

The police officer then arrests the enemy. The enemy goes to jail.

SHORT STORY by Mushtag H.

Character: Princess Setting: Deserted Island Conflict/Problem: Betrayed

There was once a princess, named Amelia, who was betrayed by her own family because she was too ugly to be a princess 🙄😞. She was sad because she wanted to be pretty like her family and siblings, but sadly you can't change the way you look (unless you get plastic surgery, but she is on a deserted island).

She was wandering around the place, but then she thought about all the other happy people out there who are loved by their family, and she felt betrayed because a parent is supposed to encourage you and stuff, but that was not the case for Amelia. When she was thinking about something, she bumped into something and when she looked up, she saw the most handsome man in the world. She felt embarrassed and then said, "Sorry." She then ran away because she remembered that she was ugly, and a

handsome man like him couldn't possibly be interested in her. "Why did I run away?" I thought to myself. "This could have been the only chance I met a living soul out here." 😞

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After that she went on a hunt looking for him, because maybe he knew how to get off this island. But after three weeks, she still couldn't find him. She then lost hope, because he may have already gotten off the island. All of a sudden, she heard a growl coming from behind her and then a wolf started running towards her. She was running, but she kept looking behind her. Then, all of a sudden, she tripped on a rock. The wolf was almost near her. Then a person jumped in front of her and threw rocks at the wolf. The wolf ran away and guess who saved me? The same handsome guy. I got up to thank him, but when I turned around, he was gone. UGHHHHH! Not again! I almost had him 😞😡

Then I went to the ocean to calm myself down. I went to take a swim. Then a shark came from nowhere and bit my leg off. There goes my happy princessy ending. I tried to tap it on the nose, but it was moving too fast. Then I blinked for one second, and the same guy was there fighting off the shark. But why is he here every time I get in trouble? Is he following me? OMG he's a stalker! 😞😞

This time I pulled his shirt so he wouldn't get away. HAHA! SO SMART! 😏 I made him turn around and when I looked at him really carefully I saw the most ugliest guy in the world. So you're telling me, I chased this guy down for three days and the final result was this? I threw myself back in the ocean, and I went to shore. My life is so horrible. SIGH 😞 I can't believe my luck! I threw myself back in the ocean and the shark ate me. At least, I don't have to suffer anymore. 😞

Write a Short Story

Character: Unicorn

Setting: Your favorite restaurant

Conflict/Problem Caught in a violent storm

Unicorn Named Arianca

By Bianca E. V., 3rd gr.

Arianca is a magical and brave unicorn. Arianca lives in a mansion. Arianca likes another unicorn, Nathan. Arianca told Nathan she had feelings for him, but Nathan didn't have feelings for Arianca. Arianca's royal owners were kidnapped by an evil unicorn named Trevor. Trevor has Arianca's owners locked in his castle. Nathan found that Trevor had the royal owners. Nathan tried to save the owners but could not. Nathan tripped and fell. Arianca ran out the door and went to Trevor's castle. Arianca put a dragon in Trevor's castle. The dragon found Trevor hiding in the castle. The dragon took Trevor from the castle and brought him to Arianca. Arianca asked Trevor why he took her royal owners. "I took them because I wanted to ask you something, Arianca." Trevor asked Arianca if she would marry him. Arianca said "No!" Arianca demanded that the dragon blow fire on Trevor, and Trevor was nothing but ash. Arianca told the dragon where her royal owners were located. Arianca ran to the castle to save her royal owners and Nathan was following

her. Arianca saw her royal owners and she took them home, and Nathan asked Arianca if she would marry him. Arianca said, "Yes." They lived happily ever after.

The End

Write a Short Story By himaneesh illustrated by himaneesh

Write Your Own Short Story. Use the "Character," "Setting," and "Conflict/Problem," and write a short story.

Character: Superhero



Setting: Cabin in the mountains

Conflict/Problem: Embarrassed in front of everyone

Superhero: There is person his name is super duper dog man(sddm)

He is a superhero because he has a lycanroc. Its powers are accelerock, stone edge and rock throw.

Sdd met with police dog woman (spw). They both passed college, but they are still working on punctuation and one digit math.

They worked together and became friends and now they moved on to two-digit subtraction and in reading and making paragraphs!

They both marry and move into a cabin in the mountains. And sdd came home with a splash of slime on him. Spw hated that and one day Spw asked "Why do you have slime on you?" Sdd didn't respond. And one day the shower did not work, so Sdd did not bathe. He had gone to patrol with slime on his shirt--so embarrassing!!!!!! Spw didn't want that to happen, so she went to patrol on Monday disguised as Sdd and it worked out! Plus, she didn't get slime on her because she was good. The reason why she was good was because she was a police and had police patrol every day. There was no one to fix it. So while Sdd worked on the shower, Spw went on patrol next. Next Sdd was done fixing the shower, so he took a bath. And the next time he told what happened before patrol, so Spw taught him some tips.

1. You just see who is doing bad stuff and stop them
2. Don't put people in jail if they do good things
3. Show respect to elder people such as the mayor
4. Patrolling is easy. Everyone could do patrolling

The End

By himaneesh illustrated by himaneesh

STORY BY CARLOS G.-C.

- **Character:** Michael Myers > **Setting:** Haunted House
- **Conflict/Problem:** People are chasing him because he is stuck in the haunted house

Once upon a time, Michael Myers survived the fire in the haunted house. The haunted house is three stories with lots of broken windows and lots of spiderwebs. It is really dark, and the floor is uneven. He has a knife. His face is creepy and has blood on the face. He is holding the axe of the firefighters who were trying to save him. He is trying to kill the firefighters. They keep trying to put out the fires but Michael is making it hard.

Finally, after many tries, the firefighters are able to put out the fire. They had to have several firefighters hold the door to keep Michael out of the room where the fire was. Unfortunately, the fire jumped to the house next door. It turns out that Michael had set it. Michael had blue eyes and when the firefighters turned on the lights, his blue eyes were very scary. Michael Myers was trying to grab his own mask because his mask was on the street. No one has ever seen Michael without his mask.

Michael grabs the baseball bat, and he is still alive. The neighbors try to fight Michael Myers and he uses the baseball bat against them. Roy and Tommy, some neighbors, got control of the baseball bat and hit Michael Myers with it. Michael got knocked down and couldn't get up. He still had a knife on it and used it to hurt other neighbors who were trying to get him on the ground. Tommy got killed by Michael Myers with a knife. After that, the neighbors came after Michael, and he killed them all.

The neighbors were not sure what caused Michael to kill them all, but they wished they could find out and use it to stop people from being hurt.

A Short Story, by Marwan D., 10th gr.

A little girl was having a birthday party with her friends. A ghost was wandering around the street until he found a birthday invitation on the floor. He picked it up and saw that the birthday party was right around the corner. He went to the party, and nobody saw him because he was a ghost. Then the ghost picked up a present and everybody saw the floating present. After that he realized that he can be seen if he grabs anything, so he ran off with the present. Then he came back to steal the birthday cake and he was spotted again. He put the cake down this time and the little girl popped a confetti on him so now everybody can see him. They chased after him, so he doesn't come back to the party. And the ghost cleaned himself and decided not to go back until the party was over.

He heard a loud noise. He looked outside and saw a huge spaceship going to the party. The leader of the aliens wanted to kidnap the birthday girl and the ghost went to the party and tried to save the little girl, but the aliens shoved the little girl into the spaceship and flew off. Little did they know that he was hanging onto the

spaceship. He busted the door open, got in, grabbed the girl and there were parachutes next to the door and he took one for the girl and then they both jumped out of the spaceship. They landed safely back at the party.

Her parents thanked the ghost for saving their little girl and gave the ghost full permission to come to the party and hang out with the little girl.

SHORT STORY, by Uriel M., 5th gr., dictated to his tutor.

Characters: Uriel, Big space guy that lived under water (Name: Dr. Stevenson), Unicorn (friend, Name: Mr. Unicorn)

Character: Two rivals, Uriel and Dr. Stevenson Setting: Outer space

Conflict/Problem: A plague sweeps the nation

Mr. Unicorn is a beautiful unicorn and likes to eat cereal. He also enjoys playing video games in outer space. I like to play video games in outer space with Mr. Unicorn. Mr. Unicorn is sensitive to the world so he can't live in outer space anymore. We like to explore the world together in Rick and Morty's spaceship.

Mr. Unicorn is wearing his helmet to not get sick with Dr. Stevenson and Uriel. They stay at home, but they hate staying in their home, because they usually go outside to play with their friends. The virus is called coronavirus, and the monkeys and unicorns are dying. Two years later the corona passed. And they could finally go outside and play video games and eat space food.

SHORT STORY, by Carl A., 3rd gr.

Character: Soldier **Setting:** Bottom of the ocean **Conflict/Problem:** Stole something

One time there was a soldier who was looking for something in the bottom of the ocean. He wanted to get something, and he found a bottle and he followed the treasure map that was inside of the bottle. The treasure map opened up an underwater bank filled with money. He found a lobster that pretended to be Santa Claus. Santa Claus tried to give a soldier a present filled with dynamite. The soldier found it because there was a timer on Santa Claus' watch. The soldier grabbed the dynamite and threw it at Santa Claus and realized he wasn't a lobster, he was Santa Claus. Then he went up to get the flashlight from his submarine. Then he got the flashlight and went so far down in the water that he found the bank full of money. He stole it all. Then the dolphin came to arrest him. The man gave back all the money to charity, in the end.

SHORT STORY by Adithi G., 2nd gr.

Character: Two rivals Setting: Jungle Conflict/Problem: Lost something valuable

Once upon a time a rabbit was painting, suddenly a monkey swung by and stole the paint brush.

“Hey!” said the rabbit, “I know who you are, so please can you give my paint brush back?”

“Nooooooo! MY PAINT BRUSH!!!!” said the monkey.

“RIGHT, I AM COMING AFTER YOU!!!!!!” said the rabbit.

The rabbit chased after the monkey. While the rabbit was chasing the monkey, her friend, another rabbit, came and said, "Hi." The rabbit requested help to get the paintbrush from the monkey.

"Ok," said the rabbit's friend.

The rabbit rides on her friend's back, and they chase after the monkey. They get the paintbrush back, and the rabbit paints signs that say, "No monkeys allowed."

Escape From the Island of Killer Robots

By Mukunth R., 6th gr.

A bomb that can destroy more than a hundred square miles in a second was stolen by a terrorist working for North Korea. The bomb was stolen from a US Military base in South Korea in the middle of a huge jungle. After stealing the bomb, the terrorist fled to a deserted island near North Korea to hide.

An army Ranger named Derrick was hired to hunt the terrorist down. Derrick was one of the highest-ranking Army Rangers in the world. He was a trained killer and was taught how to track people based on their scent. He was also able to survive in very dangerous places without any equipment.

Derrick's helicopter landed on the island. Near the landing site, he found traces of blood that led to a fallen log. At first, he didn't see anything, but then he saw a button. When Derrick pressed the button, he fell down into a tunnel that led to a storage room. There were lots of weapons including the bomb that was stolen.

All of a sudden, a giant liger jumped on him! The liger started transforming into a human holding a gun. It was the terrorist Derrick was looking for! Before the human could shoot, the tunnel collapsed. Thinking fast, the ranger used a bomb to blow a hole in the wall and escaped. When Derrick emerged, he was in another room surrounded by a giant army of robots. He tried to leave the room, but the robots grabbed him by the leg and dragged him down. As they dragged him down Derrick saw a control room and realized that the island was actually a giant sea base. Derrick broke away and ran to the control room.

In the control room, Derrick set the self-destruct timer for an hour in order to blow up the base. After setting the self-destruct sequence, Derrick escaped the robots and ran back to his helicopter. He took the secret bomb with him and escaped the island. The terrorist was never seen again. Based on his success, Derrick became the number one ranked special operator in the US Army.

MAX AND BEN'S TREASURE HUNT FOR THE GOLDEN BANANA

By: Tanish A., 2nd gr., (as told to his tutor)

Max was a treasure hunter. He lived in North America. He went to Peru because he heard rumors of a golden banana in the forest.

Ben was a normal monkey. He was hungry because he couldn't find many bananas in the jungle. One day, he overheard Max saying something about a banana, so he followed Max. He didn't know that it was a Golden Banana.

While they were walking in the forest, Ben heard a noise like a tiger's roar. He ran away as fast as he could, but then he realized the tiger's roar had come from Max's phone. His ringtone was a tiger roar! Ben was angry at Max. He wanted to attack him, but he resisted, and he continued following Max.

Max had a map to find the golden banana. He realized that they were very close. They just needed to find a specific temple. Ben was very excited to find the Banana, so

he got ahead of Max and found the temple first. Ben looked everywhere for the temple entrance, but he couldn't find it. Then, Max arrived and walked straight to it.

When Max entered the temple, he looked back at Ben and wondered why a monkey was following him. Finally, they had reached the golden banana. Ben saw the banana, ran straight to it, and stole the Banana. When Max saw Ben take the banana, he yelled, "I went all this way just for a stupid monkey to steal the treasure?" Then Ben saw that there were a lot of banana trees at the back of the temple. He threw the golden banana and it hit Max in the chest like a block of cement. He fell over and said, "Well, it was still worth it after all."

Max left the temple and returned home. Ben stayed to live in the temple because it was full of bananas.

THE ALIENS ATTACK

By Jaylen S., as told to his tutor, Beth P.

Character: Cowboy Setting: Your School Conflict/Problem: Aliens attack!

A cowboy was walking to school. When he got to the school, there were aliens trying to attack. The cowboy was carrying a large bag, and in it was a horse. The cowboy pulled out the horse, and he made the horse shoot doughnuts, and the aliens hated doughnuts. The aliens shot lasers into the school. Then the cowboy got on the aliens' spaceship. The cowboy punched the aliens and got off the spaceship. Then the aliens flew away. The cowboy rescued the children from school.

The cowboy went home to go eat dinner. The cowboy saw an alien inside his house. But the alien was friendly. The cowboy asked what the alien was doing there. The alien said that the other aliens hated him. The alien said that he didn't want to attack the humans. The cowboy felt bad for the alien and said that he would be friends with him.

So the alien asked the cowboy if he could have something to eat. The cowboy said that he had some French fries in the microwave. So when the French fries were done the cowboy gave the French fries to the alien and he ate them in one second. The cowboy was amazed and asked how the alien could eat the French fries so fast. The alien said that they were designed to be eaten quickly.

The alien wanted to go to the park. The cowboy agreed, so they went to the park and played. But then the cowboy saw a group of aliens who tried to attack them. So the alien built a shield and protected the cowboy. They both ran away and went inside the house. They were terrified.

They went to a secret bunker inside the house and hid there for about an hour. By then, the aliens had gone away, so the cowboy and the alien came back out, and they watched the news, and then they went to sleep.

They woke up the next day. They went to go outside, and they saw aliens outside of their door. Then the aliens tried to kidnap them. But this was all a dream, and then

he woke up. He told his parents about his dream, but they didn't believe him. But then he went to school and told his friends about it. They said it was cool.

A Short Story, by Shashi R., as told to her tutor

Characters: Bear named Steve, Deer named Ally, Elephant named Andy, Penguin named Penny.

Setting: Birthday party

Conflict/Problem: Told someone else's secret

Steve the bear is heading to his surprise birthday party that he thinks is just a regular hang out night with his best friend, named Ally the deer. As Steve is walking up to Ally's house, he notices a row of signs kindly asking humans to simply stay away. His suspicion begins to arise, but he remembers how little Ally really did like humans. Taken by complete surprise, Steve jumps up as he sees all his friends, family, and even neighbors here to celebrate his birthday.

"This is the best party ever!" thought Steve. The walls of the house were lined with colored party lights as well as pictures of everyone there with Steve. As the party continues Penny pulls Steve to the side. Penny decides to share a secret with Steve, but then Steve just couldn't keep the secret anymore and had to go tell Ally Penny's secret. The secret he thought was too funny to contain was that Penny had found out that humans walk around wearing clothes! After laughing about this new-found secret, Penny notices Steve talking to Ally. Curious as to if he's sharing her secret, she waddles over and decides to ask. Steve begins to explain how funny he thought her secret was and that he wanted Ally to be able to laugh with him! Penny's slightly angry expression begins to be replaced with a smile since she realizes it is a pretty funny secret that deserves to be shared. So, all three of them decide to go bring Andy in on the secret so they can all go back to enjoying the surprise party and laughing together.

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Andy in on the secret so they can all go back to enjoying the surprise party and laughing together.

Write a Short Story

Jill and Jack

By Pranathi Y., 2nd grade, as dictated to her tutor.

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Jill. Her friend was Jack. Their parents helped them build a treehouse. They loved to play in the treehouse. One day when Jack was going to school, he fell down, and he needed help. No one helped Jack get up, except his friend Jill, because they were best friends. Jill was a superhero. Now they could play together in the treehouse again.

By William M., kindergarten

Main character: A dinosaur

Name: Will

Problem: Will has questions on his homework

Needs help on his math homework

What can Will do to get help with his homework: get a tutor, ask his parents, ask a teacher.

What William chose for his character to do: Will the dinosaur, Will, get help from his parents on his homework?

Will gets help from his parents on his math homework, and after they finish, he does NOT need any more help.

Will is a dinosaur from Dinosaur Land, and he is 10 years old. Will is working on math homework. Will needs help on his math homework. Will goes to get help from his parents. Will gets help on his math homework from his parents. He no longer has questions. Will finishes his math homework.

Rithwik's Short Story

Characters:

Dr. Strange - stuck at the Mars

Spiderman - with Dr. Strange

Ironman - at the surface battling on Earth

Captain America - with Ironman

Thor - with Ironman and Captain America

Hawkeye - with Ironman
Hulk- with Ironman
Antman - with Ironman
Vision - with Ironman
Flash-with Ironman
War Machine - with Ironman

Setting:

Planet Earth - battling Thanos' minions, they are in a forest.

Planet Mars - Thanos getting time crystal from Dr.Strange, they are in a desert on Mars but with gravity.

Conflict

Planet Earth - Thanos wants to get all the infinity crystals so he is using his power to defeat the avengers.

Planet Mars - Thanos getting time crystal from Dr. Strange also Spiderman while they are fighting Thanos.

Rithwik's Short Story

Page 1 The Avengers are fighting with Thanos, then Dr. Strange and Spiderman were teleported to Mars. Mars does have gravity and all the Avengers were shocked because Dr. Strange and Spiderman disappeared. Ironman came up with a plan. But he forgot that Spiderman and Dr. Strange were missing. The Avengers were upset because they needed both of them to carry out the plan. If Spiderman was there, he could stop Thanos with his web. If Dr. Strange was there, if something bad happened, he could turn back time and reset the situation.

Page 2 Ironman had to change the plan. Then he shared his new plan with the Avengers. Ironman asked, "Where is Flash?" Vision mentioned he is back at the Avengers Tower. Ironman called Flash and asked him to come here and take Antman with you to the Avengers Tower, and you can both bring back our airplane so we can come up with a better plan.

Page 3 Flash picked up Antman and returned to Avengers Tower to get the plane and then picked up all the Avengers and brought everyone back. At the Avengers Tower they found millions of Thanos minions. When they couldn't enter the Avengers Tower, they went back to Thanos. Ironman's new plan was going to need a lot of help and he needs all the Avengers to come with him.

Page 4 He wrote the plan out on his computer. He shared the plan by displaying it on a very large screen at the Avengers Tower. He explained the plan. The plan involved Hawkeye and Antman. Antman had to shrink, and Hawkeye would shoot Antman on one of his arrows into Thanos Gauntlet so he could steal all the crystals. War Machine and I have to protect the Avengers from any damage.

Page 5 The Hulk lost his powers, so I am giving my Hulk Buster Suit to him. Hulk could help me and War Machine. Flash has to make all of the minions dizzy by running by them very quickly. Thor could give an electricity shock to the minions if they did not get dizzy from Flash running past them. Vision should be in disguise and not show his or himself.

Getting the Backpack Back, by Jonathan C., 1st gr.

My backpack got lost. The bear found a backpack. It was my backpack. The bear took the backpack with him. He took it to his home. I went to the bear's house to find the backpack. It was there. The bear was trying to get me. I ran away with the backpack. I ran to school. I was on time to school!

Dictated by Sathwik N., 1st gr., to Beth P.

Once upon a time there was a VIP police named Sathwik. One day Sathwik saw a VIP bad guy running. No one destroyed the VIP bad guy. Then Sathwik told the truth.

Then the police were yelling at Sathwik, and Sathwik saw them. And all the police stopped talking.

Then Sathwik said, "I need another VIP police."

One policeman thought, "We can go together."

Sathwik said, "No. I'll try my best."

When Sathwik's brother was driving, Sathwik's brother came at the last second. And Sathwik's brother shoots the bad guy with a bullet. The bad guy died.

Write Your Own Short Story by Harasha P., dictated to Beth P. Character: Ninja
Setting: Birthday party Conflict/Problem: Caught in a violent storm

A ninja was on the top of the building. And there was a violent storm starting. And the Ninja got wet. He went to the first floor. And he bought a new Ninja costume. And he dried up the old costume because he got a new costume. And he liked the new costume. He went to a new building to give the old costume away. And there was a party. *And he went to a new building.* And there was a birthday party in the building. He went to the second floor. And he dressed up. And he went to the birthday party. And he enjoyed it. And then it was time to go to the new building. He signed a letter. And he threw the letter away because it was not a useful letter. And the Ninja lived happily ever after.

SHORT STORY, by Max A., 5th gr.

Character: Cowboys Setting: Tree House Conflict/Problem: Didn't help a friend who needed it.

A cowboy named Woody lived in a treehouse. One day the cowboy decided to play with his friend who had cancer. His friend's name was Buzz. One day Woody decided not to help Buzz. He asked Woody one day, "Why don't you help me?" And Woody said, "Because you were mean to me." Buzz said he didn't think they should be around each other for a couple of weeks. After the couple of weeks that passed by, Buzz didn't come back to Woody. Instead, Woody came back to Buzz. After a while they lived happily ever after.

Short Story, by Arohi S., 2nd gr., with help from her tutor, Joy N.

Character: Fairy named Pixie Setting: Park

Conflict/Problem: One of her special wands was blown away

One cool and breezy day in April, when Pixie went to the park, her wand flew away. Pixie watched her wand float up through the air and out of sight.

Then Pixie searched for the wand. She looked up in the trees and under the bushes. She looked under every petal of every flower she could see. She never gave up hope.

Then she found the wand in the bushes.

Short Story, by Jordynn J., 6th gr.

Character: Two Best friends. Setting: Caught in a violent storm. Conflict/Problem: Got in trouble with a teacher.

Jessica and Leila went to school one morning expecting it to be a normal day. In the homeroom, while everyone was settling in, a troublemaker decided to write a mean message on the white board. Jessica and Leila, not paying attention, stay talking by the white board. When their teacher walks in and sees the two girls by the whiteboard, she immediately starts yelling at them. Shocked at what she thinks they wrote, she sends them to a secluded dark room as punishment.

All of a sudden, the room begins to shake, and things begin to fall to the ground, as both girls are struck with fear. As abruptly as the shaking started, it stopped, and a mysterious door swung open, pulling both Jessica and Leila into what seemed like an abyss. After opening their eyes, the girls find themselves in the middle of a violent storm. They begin being battered by debris in the wind, and as they're trying to find their way to safety, Jessica slips and trips on a glass bottle.

When Leila looks down to see the damage, they both notice the broken bottle holding a note in it. Jessica reaches down to open the note, finding the message, "Hello, Jessica and Leila. As confused as you might be, you both are here for a reason. Complete the following three missions, in order to leave here alive."

Jessica and Leila both look at each other in fear and anger, but they both look back at the note to keep reading. "Your first mission is to find three items: a necklace, a key, and a map that will lead you to the second mission."

Jessica and Leila, both fearing for their lives, are just as determined to complete these missions and get back home. They take each other by the arm and continue on their twisted scavenger hunt.

While making their way through the dark forest, they spot a small well-lit cabin where they can now take refuge from the storm. Now in a somewhat safe place, the girls are terribly reminded of the task at hand, find a key, a necklace, and a map.

Both girls begin frantically searching the cabin for all three items. While Jessica was searching in the kitchen, Leila stumbled upon a small library upstairs. She begins searching through each book for the map since that made sense to her, but by surprise when flipping through one of the books, a golden key falls to the ground. Excited to be on the right path, Leila runs downstairs and shows Jessica the key, and they head out back into the storm to find the next two items. *(Continued on next page)*

They could barely see through all the items falling but then they see another bottle, and it has the map! They both got excited. The map had two locations on it: one was for the necklace, and the other was for the place they were supposed to take the items to. They started going to the location where the necklace was first, but then they saw something.

It was a little dot from far away but once they walked closer.....it was a YETI! The yeti growled as it got close to them. Jessica and Leila screamed but also tried to follow the map. They ended up making it. It was a treasure chest, and it had the sparkling necklace in it. *(Continued on next page)*

Then, they saw a huge blue castle in their sight, and they looked at the map. It was the exact place they were supposed to go! They raced to the castle.

Once they got to the castle, the guards wouldn't let them in, but they showed the guards the items, and they ended up getting in. Jessica and Leila saw the queen and handed her the items. The queen granted their wish to leave the world. They left happily, but once they got back to the school, everything was normal... but they never mentioned anything about what happened...

SHORT STORY, by Rianna J., 1st gr.

Character: Two best friends (Metro and Tsar) Setting: Jungle Conflict/Problem: Didn't help a friend who needed it

One day Tsar walked through the jungle to Metro's house. Metro is mad at Tsar for waking him up in the middle of the night. Tsar didn't think he did anything wrong.

"Ni hao, please get out of my house. I'm trying to sleep," said Metro.

Tsar got sad that Metro was yelling at him.

He said "Please."

Metro said, "Go back to your house. It's too late for that."

Tsar went back to his house feeling sad. He was sad all day until he got happy.

Later that day, he apologized to Metro for waking him up.

"Sorry, Metro," said Tsar. "I was crying all day because Metro said, 'I don't want to be your friend because, you saw what you did to me. You yelled at me, and I don't like that. I don't want to be your friend anymore.'"

Write a Short Story Baron F. Character: Rick (human), monster (Void), Aaron (human) Setting: Your favorite restaurant Temple of Magic, My house

Conflict/Problem: Rick finds a cursed letter. The monster appeared right behind him. The monster and Rick both have powers. The monster summons a giant hand behind Rick and figures out he has rock powers. The rocks slow down as it approaches the giant's hand and he throws them at Rick. Suddenly Aaron saves the day and stops the rocks from hitting Rick.

BY MAX A., 5TH gr. Character: Two best friends Setting: Beach Conflict/Problem: Mistaken identity.

Once I was relaxing on the beach, and I heard a voice that sounded familiar. I thought it was my classmate named Ben, but it wasn't. It was actually someone else. So then I continued relaxing.

Tanisha Sakthivel, 2nd gr.

Once upon a time there was a little princess, who was running, and she got beautiful flowers. Next, she went back to the castle to talk about the flowers she just got. Then she was tired, and she went to her bed and slept. Then she woke up, and it was morning, and she went back outside to find the flowers again. Then she was so happy that she found those flowers. Now she went back to go to sleep again because it was night.

By Jordynn J., 6th gr.

Setting: School; Characters: Taylor, Jasmine, Dance Coach; Plot: Taylor falls

One day Taylor and her friend Jessica were at school excited for dance practice to see who will be the new captain. Jessica and Taylor got in an argument because Jessica thinks that she can dance better than Taylor. Then, they both get on the bus after school and hurried up to dance practice. Once they got to practice Jessica trips Taylor and giggles. The dance coach walks up to Jessica and says, "JESSICA YOU SHOULD NEVER DO THAT IF YOU WANT TO BECOME CAPTAIN!" Taylor got up and got in formation and then taught the team the dance. When Taylor got lifted up for the trick, she noticed Jessica had a grin on her face. Once Taylor got thrown in the air Jessica glided over to the side which caused Taylor to lose balance and twist her ankle. The Coach instantly ran towards Taylor and called 911.

The dance coach approached Jessica about her actions, and she kicked Jessica off the team. After that Jessica went to the hospital to visit Taylor. She told Taylor, "Sorry." But Taylor did not accept her apology. So they stopped being friends and ignored each other, until one day they had bumped into each other. They had a lot of words to say but they ended up apologizing to each other. So they started back talking as friends until they got closer to being best friends again.

Raul, V., 6th gr. 3.2.2022 Ghost, Superhero, Birthday party.

One day I had a birthday party, and I invited all my friends. I was getting ready to go outside, and my mom surprised me with a Superhero. The Superhero was Spiderman. When the Superhero arrived, a ghost appeared. The ghost tried to avenge Spiderman. He tried to kill him! But Spiderman won. Spiderman saved the day.

Jaylen S.'s Short Story. 5th gr., 2.24.22 Ninja, Birthday Party, Caught in a Violent Storm

The Ninja was in bed when he heard a noise downstairs. He went downstairs to see what was happening.

His friends popped out and said, "Surprise!"

"You guys scared me for a second."

Then one of the Ninjas said, "We couldn't forget that it was your birthday!"

Then he realized that his friends threw a birthday party for him.

He said, "I thought you guys said it was my birthday."

They said, "How could we forget?"

Then they ordered pizza. When the pizza delivery man came, he was surprised that there were so many Ninjas in the room.

Then the pizza delivery man went inside. The Ninjas ate the pizza and watched the news. The pizza delivery man noticed that it was really windy. The news said there was going to be a thunderstorm. The news said that there was a villain controlling the storm, and his name was Electro. They said that Electro has been a long-time villain, and that tonight he was going to try to destroy the whole country. The Ninjas were going to have to stop him, but it was going to be really hard. Then they heard Electro outside their house.

Then they went outside and brought their special saber blades with them. Those blades were more powerful than the ones they usually used. But they could only use these blades in really important situations. The pizza delivery guy stayed inside and went upstairs.

The ninjas rushed outside as Electro was about to destroy their house down. One of the ninjas deployed a shield to block Electro. "Try to get on his head!" one of the Ninjas said. So one of the Ninjas rushed up Electro's arm and slashed its head with his sword. But then he fell down and heavily injured himself.

The pizza delivery guy witnessed it and rushed outside to save him. The delivery guy ended up falling and he almost fell off the island (*for context: the Ninjas live in a giant floating rock*). The other Ninja saved him and pulled him up.

The delivery guy picked up the injured Ninja and ran inside. Then all the Ninjas formed together into a ball and rushed at Electro. They were so strong that Electro disappeared at the speed of light. So the Ninjas saved the day!

Then the delivery guy got a med kit and healed the injured Ninja.

By Jordynn J., 6th gr., 3.9.2022

There once was a beautiful princess who lived on an island with her royal parents whom people on the island adored. Her parents really wanted the princess to have a

husband, so they forced her into marriage with a royal prince, which was Adam. She hated how he acted so mature in front of his family, but away from them he was a rude guy. She really didn't want marriage, but one day the prince took him and her on a trip to the desert. The princess really was enjoying herself. They had very good food there, but it was very hot and DRY!

Soon they got on a boat, and there was another woman on a separate boat, and the prince loved her! The princess got jealous.

Soon she fell asleep on the boat. When she had awakened, SHE WAS ALONE! She hurried and hurried back to shore. She got back to shore, and she was sweating buckets and barely could breathe. She had no internet and no one to help. She cried and cried until she saw a helicopter. It was her parents. She waved and waved until she got their attention. When they saw her, they landed back on their island. Once she saw the prince with another one, she just walked away, and they had never talked again

By Jaylen S., 5th gr. (dictated to Beth P.) 3.3.2022 Bear, Your school, Got lost.

A bear was wandering in the forest when he noticed a large group of children. He decided to follow where they were going, but the children spotted him, and they started to run away. He decided to go after them because he had never seen a human before. They started running even faster. They all got onto the bus, and the bus driver immediately started driving away.

The bear decided to go back to the tree where he lived.

The bus driver told the principal not to go back to that area. The principal said they would hire people to hunt down the bear. When they arrived, they drove over to where the bear was. They started looking for the bear. They couldn't find him because he knew they were going to come and hunt him down.

Then the people gave up, but the bear followed them. He followed them inside the school. – [Inside the school!] But he didn't hear anything and didn't see anybody. He walked up the stairs to see if he could find anybody.

Then two people randomly pop out with guns and shoot the bear. They had guns because the principal ordered them to hunt down the bear. The bear falls over, and the people capture it.

Then they bring the bear into their van. They realize that the bear wasn't doing any harm, so they brought the bear back to its family.

BY SHASHI R., 2ND Gr. (As told to her tutor)

Character: Princess on Halloween Setting: Playground Conflict/Problem: Lost keys

It was Halloween, and a girl wore a princess costume. She went to school, and she had to do a test, but she didn't practice for the test, so she decided to cheat. But then her teacher said, "You cheated on the test."

And there was a Halloween party, but she had cheated on the test, so she couldn't go to the party. So she wanted to do something to make her teacher proud, so she could go to the party. So she thought of ways to help her teacher.

Then she went to the playground for recess. And her friends helped her think of ways to make her teacher proud so she could go to the party.

Her friends saw this person coming to the playground. The person asked if they had a key lying around because they had lost the key on the playground. But they didn't know of any keys lying around. So they decided to help him find his keys. And then they found the keys, and the guy said, "Thank you for helping me."

And then she left the playground. When they went back to their class, the teacher said to her that she saw her helping the person find his keys, so she let her go to the Halloween party.

Varun B., 3rd gr.

Ben does not think his friend, Horebrian, is a werewolf. He thinks Horebrian is just a normal guy. Both of them want to go on a picnic, and the werewolf, Horebrian, eats all of the food. Ben says, "You didn't leave something for me, and now I am hungry." Horebrian says, "Sorry, I was hungrier than you."

The Birthday Villain, by Jaylen S., 3.31.2022 Character: Superhero
Setting: Cabin in the mountains Problem/Conflict: Embarrassed in front of everyone

The superhero was hosting a birthday party. He had wanted to show his friends his new transformer set. He had been excited to show his friends the new set.

He woke up the next day, but he was confused that none of his friends showed up yet. Then he realized that he had put the wrong day on his birthday card.

He went to school and told his friends what happened. His friends made fun of him because he had gotten the dates mixed up, so he was embarrassed. Since he was a superhero, he used his lightening powers to electrocute the people who made fun of him. They all flew away.

Then he got so angry that he decided to become a villain. He tried to kill everyone who had made fun of him. He had success. He killed all of them, and he was called the Birthday Villain.

The Gold, by Hassan D., 7th gr.

Character: Two best friends Setting: Jungle Conflict/Problem: Didn't help a friend who needed it.

Two best friends were in the jungle, and they found something interesting. They found a temple that had a lot of gold and coins. They both wanted to split it, but there was too much, so they had to betray each other. By doing so, they were running so fast, that one friend fell, and the other one did not help him. And when he got back up, he ran as fast as he could to reach him, but the other one climbed a ladder that he had to climb. When he got all the way up, they both had to fight for the gold. While they were fighting, the other one pushed him so hard that he almost fell. He was holding on by one hand, and the other person who pushed him was on top of him. He said, "I'm sorry, but I had to do this." Then he stepped on his hand, and the other person fell. After he got all the gold for himself, he regretted what he did.

Jordynn J. 6th gr. 4.5.2022

There were two friends, Alexa and Layla. They were very close. But a secret that Alexa was keeping was that she was a superhero. She hasn't been answering Layla's text so, Layla started to worry. So she snuck to Alexa's house and saw something she didn't want to see. She saw someone tied up, so she helped them. Then Alexa got so mad at Layla and yelled

"I WISH I'D NEVER MET YOU!" Layla thought she helped someone today. She had walked in the rain, tired and confused. She really thought hard about their friendship.

The next day something blasted through the door, causing disruption, and they took Layla. Alexa had seen Layla screaming "HELPPP"; but she didn't care to help, so she went on with her day, regretting what she had done, and she cried herself to sleep.

The next day she went on her journey to find her best friend. She went through the cold and went through the same . . .

Write a Short Story, by Monish A., 6th gr.

Character: Two best friends Setting: Forest Conflict/Problem: Mistaken identity

On a vast summer day, John and Bob, best friends since childhood, were in a forest, hiking. It was among their favorite pastimes, which they often participated in, enjoying every moment of it.

The day was somewhat gloomy, but the two pals didn't mind. They were walking, laughing too. They talked about life and many various topics, but the topic turned dark.

"Have you heard about what happened to some hikers on the other side of the forest last week? We were actually here that day," Bob asked quietly.

"No, man. What are you talking about? Where did you get that information from? Are you sure it's reliable?"

"How come you haven't heard about it yet? Anyway, this man's wife and daughter were killed, and he went out to find them. The hikers, Joseph and Jasmine Sanders, were part of a car accident that killed his family. They were going to hold an event to honor those who were lost that day, but their kid wandered off into the forest, and the parents followed, only for the bomb to explode, killing them."

Something caught Bob's attention: a small red hut. Next to it was a man. Upon first glance, Bob perceived him as abnormal, because why would anyone stay this far in the forest? Bob saw a 6-foot tall, dark-haired person. He has a noticeable scar on the right side of his face and what looked like a tattoo on his neck. He was also limping. Whatever, he thought.

"Is there anything else known about the killer?" Bob asked, not expecting an answer.

"Why yes, all they have is a photo, no name. He was from out of the country on a vacation."

"Can you describe his appearance?"

"Let's see, he is tall, around 6 feet, has dark hair and eyes, and... yes, he has a scar on his face from the crash. He was also injured," John said.

"Did you say he had a scar on his face?" Bob said, trembling and aghast.

"Yes, he also has a tattoo on his neck."

"A tattoo on his neck? A TATTOO ON HIS NECK?" Bob yelled in pure dismay.

"What? Calm down. What's your issue?"

"In the red hut, I saw him. HE'S HERE... HE'S HERE!"

"If he is, then shut your mouth. You could be heard from the other side of the trail. Now, are you sure?"

"I swear, and we have to turn back now. The trail has ended."

"He seems to only want revenge, and he's gotten it. He won't do anything to us."