

NEW

FRIENDS



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In a dusty stretch of land at the bottom of Nepal there was a small town. In this town was an orphanage and a new orphan had just arrived.



Her name was Bhagwanti. It meant lucky one. However she hadn't felt so lucky because her grandmother had died. Now she had no one and was sent to the orphanage.



***Ding Dong, Ding Dong!!!!*** The door opened. A big bold lady dressed in a bright blue top and flower pants stood in the doorway, she had a smile stretched from ear to ear. Bhagwanti mumbled *hello* facing the ground.

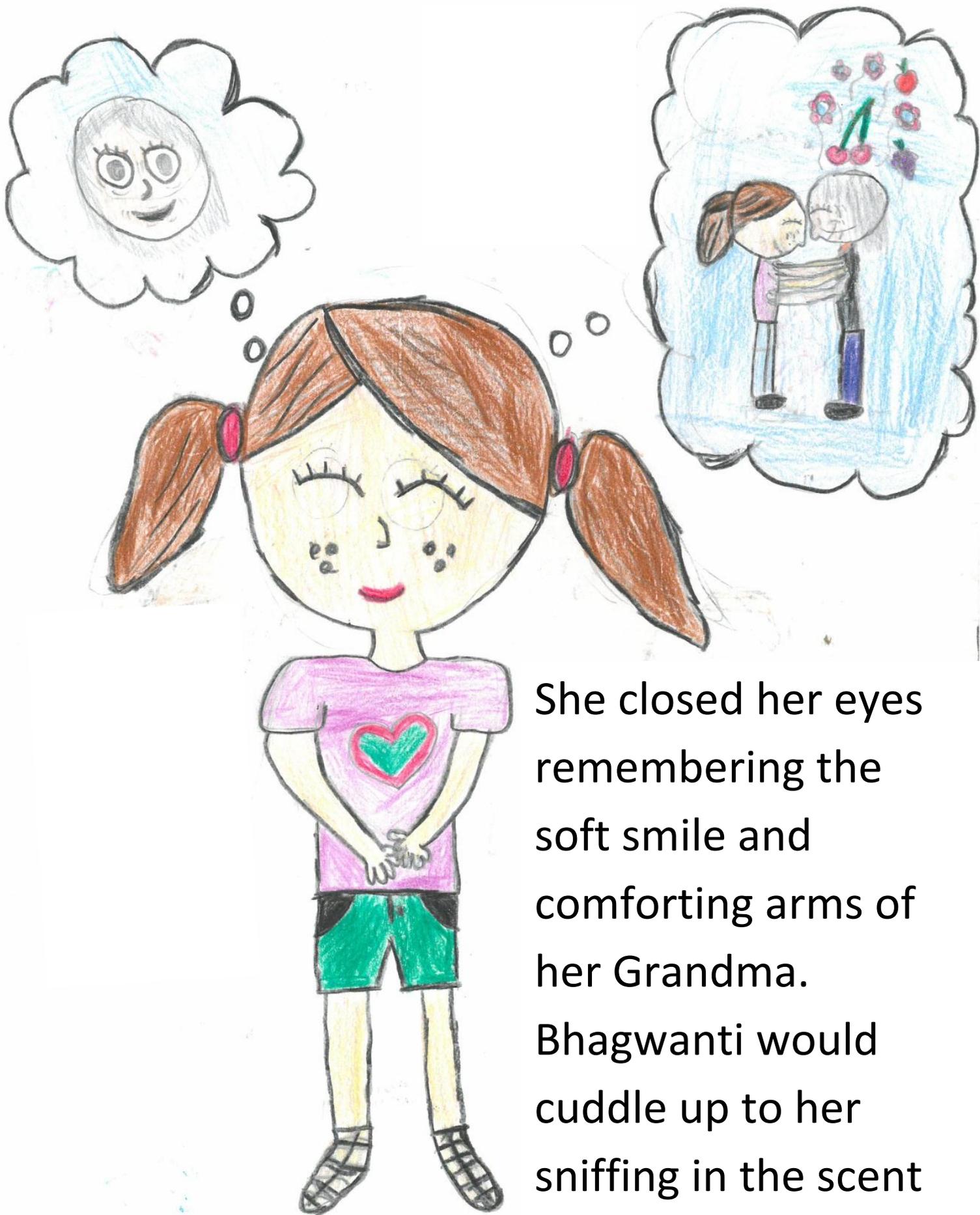


After, big bold flower pants lady showed Bhagwanti to the girls Dormitory. On the way the other orphans didn't look at her making her feel **more alone.**

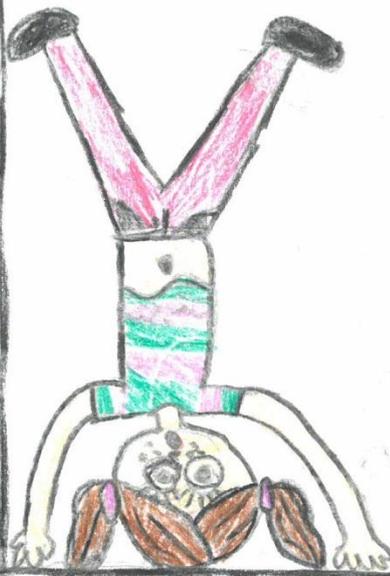


When she walked into the room she spotted a small bed with a little dresser beside it. Shadows began to disappear as the sun went down. Bhagwanti felt very out of place and missed her old home in the countryside.





She closed her eyes remembering the soft smile and comforting arms of her Grandma. Bhagwanti would cuddle up to her sniffing in the scent of sweet fruits and flowers.



Early the next day Bhagwanti had a great idea, she would try to make friends with the other orphans by impressing them. First she tried to do a head stand but she just fell on her bum. Then she tried to make a tasty treat for the other orphans, but burnt it and got in big trouble. Trying and trying made her tired, so she gave up.



A rumbling roar came from her stomach. Bhagwanti knew she was hungry. **Knock!** A girl with chestnut brown hair and shiny dark eyes walked in with a tray of food for Bhagwanti.



“Namaste, I’m Sumtia what’s your name?” She began to speak again.

“I’m Bhagwanti, I’m 10.”

“My name means friendly and I’m 10 too.”



They began talking about all their favourite things like how they both loved ice cream and reading adventure stories. They had a lot in common.



Bhagwanti started to smile. She asked Sumita if she wanted to play a game in the free time room. Sumita also started smiling and she nodded her head.

Together they skipped down the hall with arms linked. For the first time in a long time Bhagwanti felt lucky.

