



In Our Own Words



Fairytale stories by Belmont Students in Philadelphia, Pa. USA



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WELCOME TO IN OUR OWN WORDS! IN THIS BOOK YOU'LL FIND A COLLECTION OF SHORT STORIES WRITTEN AND TYPED BY KIDS, JUST LIKE YOU! YOUR AUTHORS NADIA, WILLIE, BROOKE, EDIJAH, HAKIM, ASIR, JOI, AND SAHILL ARE ALL STUDENTS AT A SCHOOL IN PHILADELPHIA, USA CALLED BELMONT CHARTER SCHOOL. THEY ARE IN THE 1ST, 3RD AND 4TH GRADE AND THEY ARE 7, 8, 10, AND 11 YEARS OLD. THEY WORKED EXTREMELY HARD TO WRITE THIS BOOK FOR YOU, SO PLEASE, ENJOY THIS JOURNEY THROUGH THEIR MINDS!

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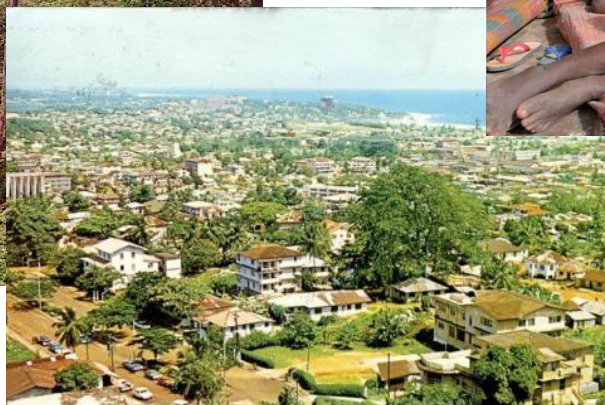
ABOUT LIBERIA

About Liberia



Liberia is located in West Africa. The capital city is Monrovia. Free black people from America founded Liberia. There are 23 tribes in Liberia and tribes are different groups of people.

LIBERIAN PEOPLE



GREETINGS FROM LIBERIA



- In the

1940s: Liberia is a very nice place

and they all worked together. They even made a whole house in one day.



- Liberians are very alert and

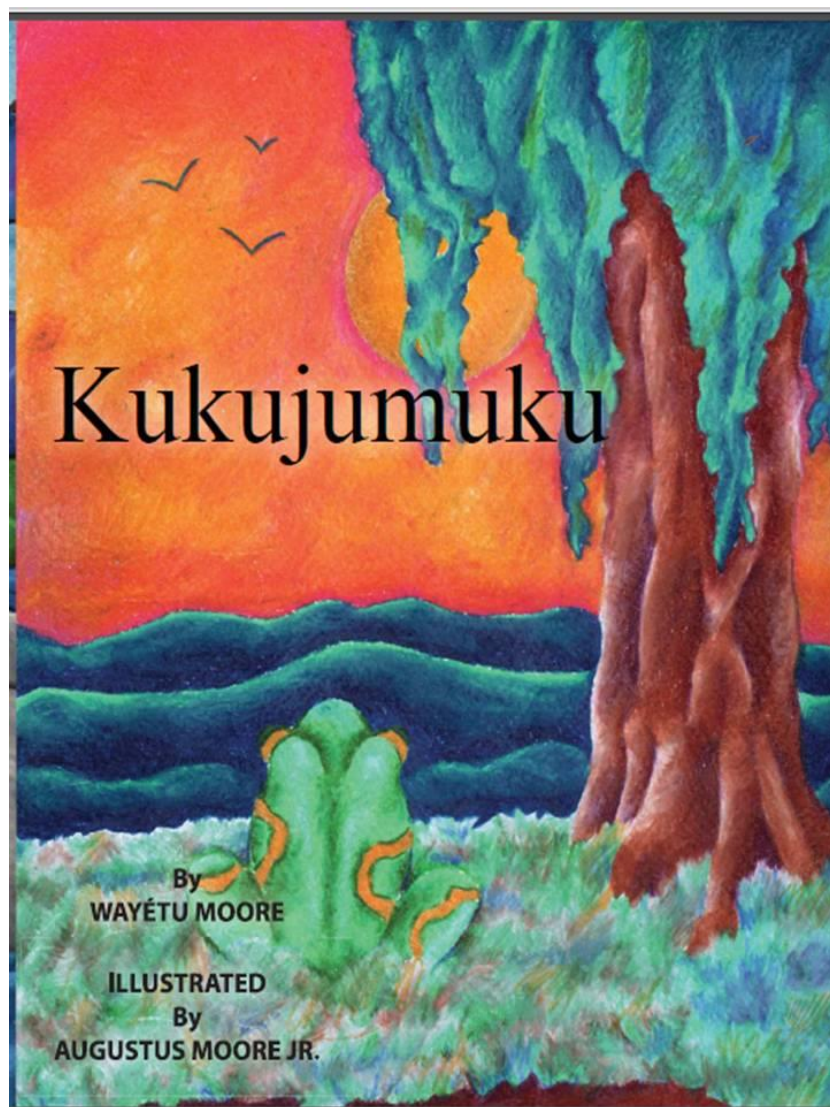
they are very smart and their families are very important to them.

- They're very serious and in the 1990s it was a big war. People got really hurt and we won't even have rubber wheels without Liberia we will be nothing.

By Sahill Adkinson

REVIEWS OF
BOOKS WE'VE
READ BY
LIBERIAN
AUTHORS

Kukujumuku

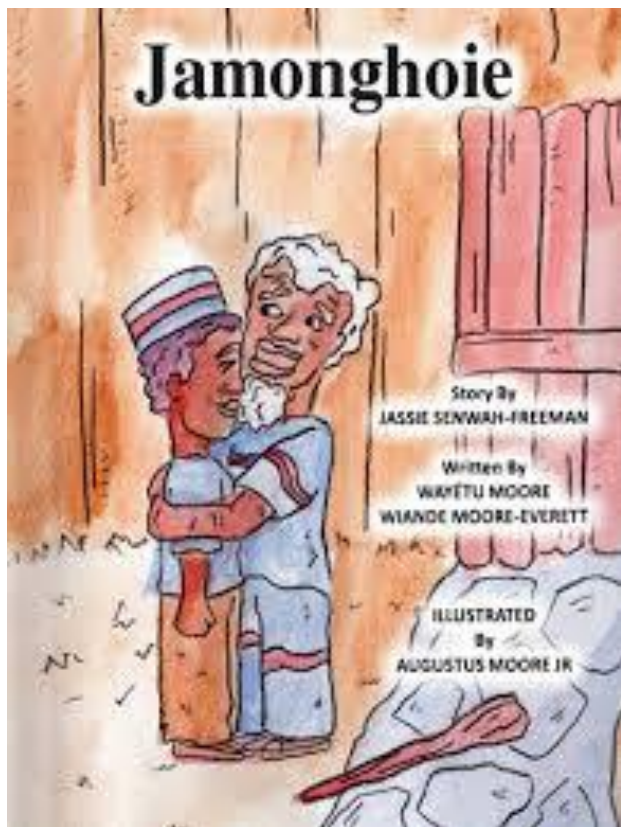


In my class we learned about a book called Kukujumuku. In the book, there is a frog named Henry and he walking through the forest and tried to warn people about the coming storm. A lot of the animals didn't listen. Then, he goes to some other animals and warns them and they listen. The animals that don't listen are

never to be seen again. But the animals that do listen survive. And the moral of the story is it is important to work together. Kukujumuku means if you are not inside you will not know.

Jamonghoie

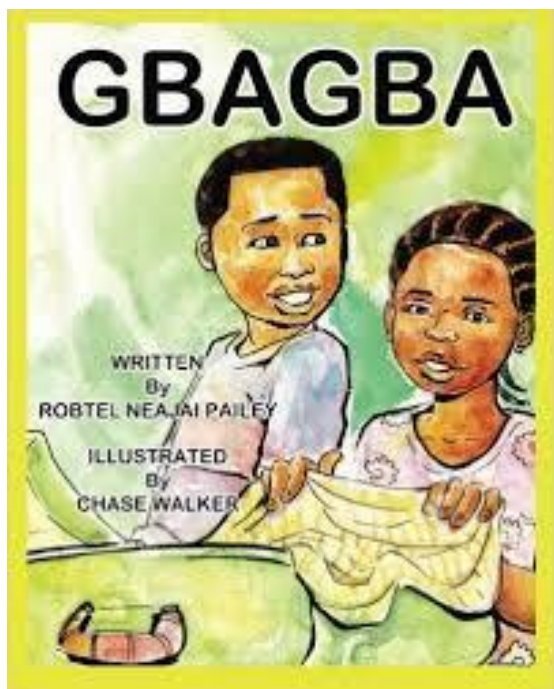
When my class read Jamonghoie we learned



that singing helped Jamonghoie get an old couple to come find him in the whole. From the book Jamonghoie, we also learned that when Jamonghoie was gloomy about his brothers trying to kill him, he would sing

to make himself feel better. When Jamonghoie came home, his brothers were terrified that he would tell on them. Jamonghoie did not tell on them because he forgave his brothers. From this story I learned a lesson. The moral of the story is you can always forgive somebody.

Gbagba



In the book Gbagbo, my class learned what country the main characters, two twins, are from. They are from Bassa Country, Liberia. When you live in Bassa you have to have good behavior, it is important to their country. When they went to visit their aunt in Monrovia, they saw women with massive things on their heads and men pulling enormous wheel barrows. They thought it was captivating. The twins' aunt is an important person in the city. She had a lot of responsibility and a big job, so everyone treated her with respect. When the twins got there someone tried to steal their bags and run, so the people screamed "roag, roag" so that they know the robber was taking it. Aunty Mairea went into the store to buy some snacks for the kids, so they both picked out chocolate bars that they ate in their home town. The twins noticed it was old so Aunty Mairea went to talk to the store owner but she let him go because he was her friend and the store never made that mistake before.

The moral of the story is that corruption is lying, cheating, and stealing. The Bassa word is Gbagba and this is a bad thing to do.

OUR FAIRYTALES

ABOUT

NADIA CRAWFORD

WHEN I GROW UP...

WHEN I GROW UP I WANT TO BE A DOCTOR. I WILL FIX PEOPLE UP, I WILL GIVE CHECKUPS AND HELP PEOPLE WHEN THEY'RE BLEEDING. THEN, I WILL BE THE BEST DOCTOR EVER. ON MY FIRST DAY EVERYONE WILL THINK I CANNOT BE A DOCTOR. THEY WILL BE WRONG. WHEN I WILL GIVE MY FIRST CHECKUP, EVERYONE WILL BE PLEASED WITH ME. THE DOCTORS WILL KEEP ON TELLING ME TO DO MORE AND MORE CHECKUPS. THEN A GIRL WILL COME UP TO ME AND REMARK "YOU'RE THE BEST DOCTOR EVER." FROM THAT DAY ON, I WILL BE KNOWN AS THE BEST DOCTOR EVER.

THE END

The Swimming Cow

“Let’s go swimming!” beamed cow. The cow and dolphin



were swimming in the marvelous ocean. Then, cow remarked “I don’t know how to swim.” “I will teach you, and then you will be terrific at it.” replied dolphin “Let’s get started!” Cow beamed happily. Cow tried and tried to swim in the massive

ocean. “I’m thrilled,” said dolphin “but can you do this?” He jumped up then landed back in the water. “That was sensational” said cow “Now, I’ll try.” Cow quaked of worry then jumped up and went right back down. “You did it.” said dolphin marvelously “I knew you could do it!” From that day on, cow and dolphin would meet every day to go swimming together.

The End.

The Shark Swimming in the Forest!!

Once upon a time there was a shark having a sensational time



swimming in the gigantic ocean. All of a sudden, it started pouring down rain. It was awful! The water flooded all the way up to the trees. The delighted shark swam and swam until he came to a massive amount of trees and thought, "oh my goodness, what happened? I don't like what I see here, I want to go back to the ocean, where I live." Finally he swam to a captivating country which is Liberia, West Africa.

Where he has not been before with no flood. Shark loved it there so he decided to stay.

The End.

The Falling Train

“Oh no, there are no more tracks.” Trembled



Anna. Anna and her mom were on their way to Six Flags when someone cut the tracks, but

Anna did not know until she stuck her head out the window to see the captivating waterfall.

“Oh no, there are no more tracks” Anna trembled “stop the colossal train!”

Finally, the train stopped, so they called for help then, they were saved.

THE END

ABOUT

WILLIE WILLIAMS

MY NAME IS WILLIE WILLIAMS. I GO TO BELMONT CHARTER SCHOOL. WHEN I GROW UP I WANT TO BE A FOOTBALL PLAYER SO I CAN MAKE SOME MONEY. I WANT TO FREE MY FAMILY TO A NEW TOWN.

A monster is Under My Bed

Willie Williams

3rd grade

Belmont charter school

A Monster is Under My Bed



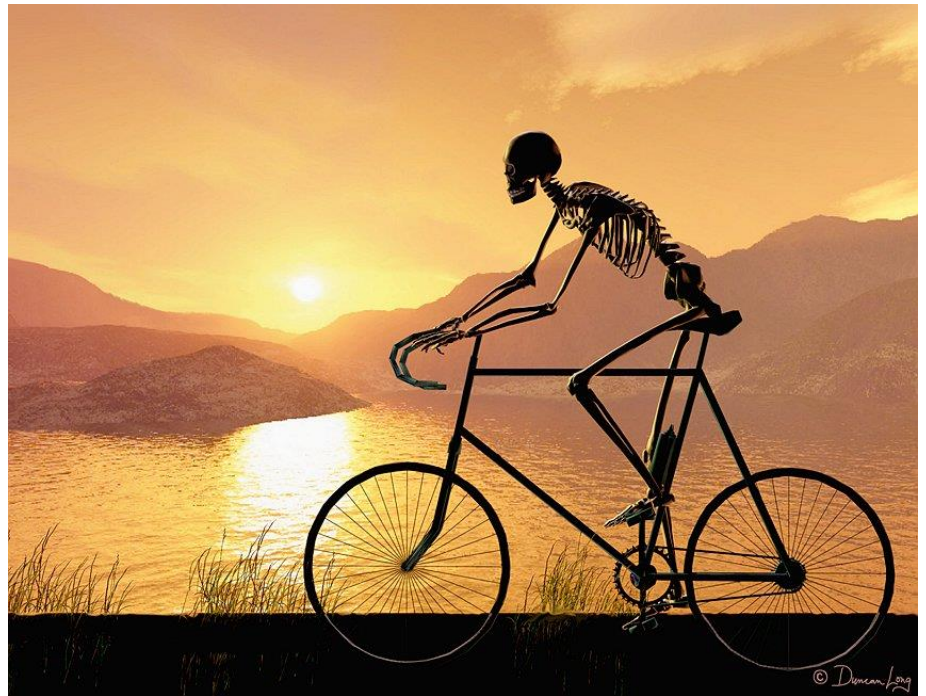
“Omg!
Something’s
under my bed”
trembled Ariel.
“Something
with big hand
and long nails.”
Ariel was in her
room sitting on
the bed. She
lived in

Mississippi in an enormous house and she was 11! Her best friend is Hakim Lyon. Finally, the mom and dad came in the room. They looked under the bed and nothing was there.

The End

BOSSY SKELETON

Once upon a time not long ago there was a bony skeleton riding a bike. He likes to ride bikes because he likes to ride near



the ocean. One day, he fell off the bike because he tripped over a rock and he hurt his self because he did not have a helmet or knee pads and he said, “Ouch!” Finally, he went to the hospital and got stiches. He was fine but he had to stay at the hospital for 4 months. After 4 months, they released him from the hospital.

The End!!

Bossy cat



Once upon a time not long ago there was a cat and he was bossy. If you see him **don't** let him see you because he will put you too **work**. He will even tell his wife what to do but she does not listen because he is not her boss. Then he **hit** his wife because she does not listen. Her stomach started to **hurt**. Finally, the bossy cat began to cry because nobody **wanted** to listen to the bossy cat.

THE END

*I like cheese with my
crackers my favorite
team is the Packers
I'm tired of these
slackers.*

ABOUT

BROOKE GUILFORD

MY NAME BROOKE GUILFORD AND I GO TO BELMONT CHARTER SCHOOL. I AM 8 YEARS OLD. IF I COULD FLY I WILL GO TO MIAMI.

I WILL ALSO WANT TO GO TO ATLANTIC CITY AND I WILL ALSO GO TO ROLLING THUNDER.

KING SAGE AND FIONA

One day there was a king. His name was Sage



and he had a girlfriend named Fiona and one day he proposed to her. He said, “Would you marry me?” she said “yes, but first you need to get me a diamond ring not a candy ring and plus

I don’t like sour apple, I’m allergic to it. You want to marry me but you don’t know what I’m allergic to? So never mind, I don’t want to marry you anymore, so bye.” Fiona and Sage didn’t get married.

The End

The cow and Dolphin Swimming in the Ocean

Let's go swimming in the deep ocean!"



cow and dolphin had an exciting time. Cow jump into the water and dolphin jump after him excitingly.

When they were diving, dolphin said "let's go

swimming in the gigantic ocean! Finally they saw a lot of creatures in the ocean!

The End.

ABOUT

EDIJAH CHESTNUT

EDIJAH CHESTNUT IS A FIRST GRADE STUDENT AT BELMONT CHARTER SCHOOL AND HE IS 8 YEARS OLD. EDIJAH IS A GREAT STUDENT AND A VERY KIND BOY.

The



Frog

Once upon a time there was a green frog. He was laying on a lily pad. Then, a frightened bug crawled near and got eaten by the frog. “Oh, my tummy is hurting so badly!” said the frog “That was a good fly that I ate but oh no, my tummy hurts even more. This is the worst day ever” said the frog. Finally, the frog decided to stop eating flies and his tummy stopped hurting.

The End

MONSTER UNDER THE BED

Once upon a time there was a girl and she was laying on the bed. Then, two hands



came from under the bed. The hands grabbed the girl and took her from on top of the bed and ripped her body apart and the monster said,

“grrrrrr!” Blood started to come from under the bed. Finally, the mom and dad came in the room and killed the monster.

The End

ABOUT

HAKIM HOPKINS

HAKIM HOPKINS IS A 3RD GRADER AT BELMONT CHARTER AND IS 10 YEARS OLD. HAKIM LOVES TO PLAY FOOTBALL AND PLAY ZINGO (A GAME SIMILAR TO BINGO).



The Sick Frog

Once upon a time there was a frog and he lived in a **colossal** house. Frog said “my tummy really hurts, I should just lay down.” Frog was **gigantic** and loved to eat people. His name was **Stephen Curry** but the other frogs called him **Frog**. Frog was an **outrageous** frog and did not have any friends, he was just a rotten old hag. The frog thought, “Why did this **dreadful** thing happened to my tummy?” Frog had a hard time walking because his tummy was as fat as a pumpkin. He was **depressed** and laid down on the couch. When Frog woke up he found out how to get rid of his tummy problem. Frog took a poop and felt **sensational**.

The End

ABOUT

ASIR MOORE

ASIR MOORE IS A 1ST GRADER AT BELMONT CHARTER AND IS 7 YEARS OLD AND ASIR HAS WRITTEN GREAT STORIES FOR YOU TO READ!

The Monster Who Killed His Own Self



Once upon a time there was a monster and the monster was taking his eyes off his face. As soon as he did it, he killed himself because he took his eyes out. Now he is dead and now he is not an amazing or happy person. So so so now, he is not a happy guy because he is now dead. So dead. The end. This is a happy ending because people do not like monsters.

The Monster and Jame



“What is under my bed? A monster or something?”
Whispered Jame.
Jame was upset because there was a monster under her bed. She was so so afraid and she was so not cheerful at all. It

was not an amazing day and she was tiny. But finally she threw a toy bat and then the monster was sad. So then the monster and Jame tried to be friends. The monster said yes we can be friends. The monster and Jame lived happily ever after.

The end by Asir Moore

ABOUT

JOI FRANKLIN

JOI FRANKLIN IS A 4TH GRADER AT BELMONT CHARTER SCHOOL AND JOI LOVES TO DANCE!

The Scared Massive Monster



“Omg,
something’s
under my bed.”
said Aaliyah. She
ran on her bed
and two hands
came from
under her bed.
She got her
teddy because
she was scared.
The blocks were

all over her room. She played with them. Finally, this
massive head came from under her bed...

The End

ABOUT

SAHILL ADKINSON

MY NAME IS SAHILL ODELL ADKINSON AND I'M IN THE 3RD GRADE.

1. IF I WERE A SUPERHERO I WOULD BE STRONGER AND FASTER THAN EVERYBODY IN THE WORLD.
2. IF I COULD FLY I WOULD DO EVERYTHING. I WOULD SNEAK BEHIND PEOPLE AND SAY, "HIIIIIIIIII!"
3. MY FAVORITE PLACE TO GO IS THE PARK BECAUSE I GET ON THE MONKEY BARS!

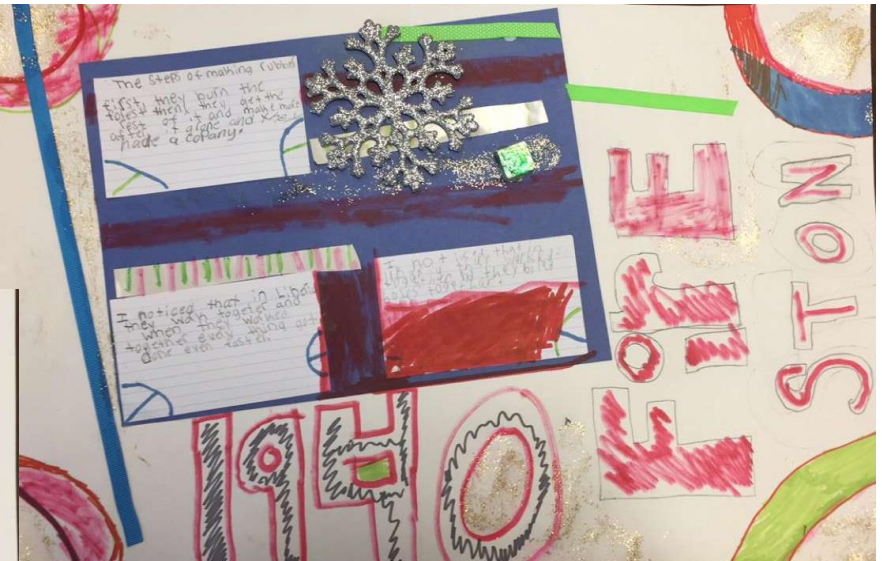
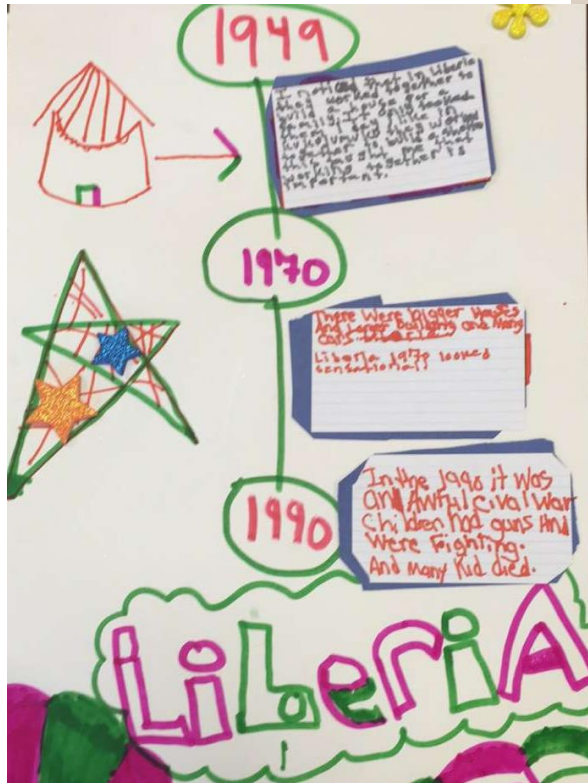
A BOSSY KING



“Get this spider off my head!” Ordered King Gronk. The palace was gigantic. My name is Beckam and I do everything for the king. One day, I had to get a *gigantic* spider off his beautiful crown and I was terrified but I still did it! Another time I had to get the same spider off his head. I had enough of that pesky spider so I had a plan. My plan was that I would sneak at night and put the spider in his crown. The king was asleep and it was my chance to start my

plan. But, the only thing was that guards were standing right there. My excuse was, “I need to go to the bathroom.” I really didn’t have to go a while ago, but sorry I need to cut the story because I really do have to go to the bathroom now. Ah, that’s better now! So my plan was I had to hurry to put the bug in his crown. When he woke up he put his crown on his head and he said, “Someone get this spider off my head!” I was asleep with headphones on while when he said it. Finally, he learned his lesson to get up and do something by himself. From that day on, I became the king.

By Sahill Adkinson, for my Grand mom. You are a star.



THANK
YOU!

