



# LAKSHMI'S ADVENTURES

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# LAKSHMI'S CHOICE



Once upon a time, in the lively town of Rajputana, there lived a talented baker named Lakshmi. Her bakery was a bustling hub filled with colorful banners and the inviting aroma of freshly baked treats, drawing in locals and visitors alike. Lakshmi's cookies and cakes were renowned throughout the town for their mouthwatering flavors and delightful designs. Every morning, customers lined up outside her shop, eager to taste her latest creations.

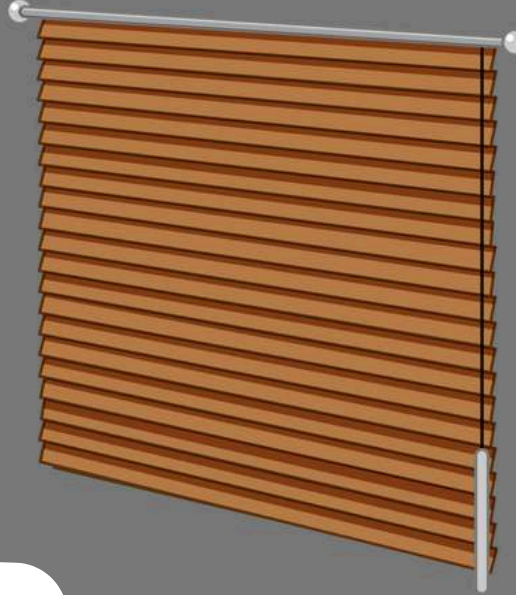


But amidst the whirlwind of activity in her bakery, Lakshmi cherished one particular item above all else: a cake pan that had been passed down through her family for generations. It wasn't just any other kitchen tool to her; it was a symbol of tradition, love, and the joy of baking that connected her to her ancestors.

This is the most special pan! I will cherish it forever



But one day she woke up and noticed something different...



Where is my precious baking pan?!





**Frantically  
searching every  
corner of her  
bakery, she  
couldn't find it  
anywhere.**



**Determined to recover her precious heirloom, she set off on a quest to find it and bring it back to safety.**

**I will find my precious pan no matter what!**





**She came across an owl who possessed her pan a gold and silver one. She was stunned and angry!**

**Why have you stolen my pan from me? Please return my precious heirloom back to me right now!**



**The owl smiled and said...**

Lakshmi, because you are the best baker of Rajputana, you have been chosen to participate in this game. Look at all these options- the gleaming gold pan will make you the richest person in town, the shimmering silver pan will make you the most delicious cakes in the world or your old metal pan. Whichever one you choose, you shall get, so choose wisely young girl.



Laskshmi thought long and hard...



She finally decided to go with her original pan as she has a lot of memories with it and it had been a part of her family for many years! The owl was very impressed and said

You are a smart young lady as you realised that that true treasures lie not in material wealth, but in the depth of one's character and intentions.



The owl decided to give her all the pans as a gift!

Use these pans young girl and you will be rich with the gold one, have the most delicious cakes in the world with the silver one and keep your family hairloom with the metal one.



With the gift, Lakshmi expanded her bakery!  
and it became bigger and better. Everyday the  
line is longer her cakes are even more  
delicious!



**Lakshmi maintained her humility and her bakery wasn't just a place to buy tasty treats, it became a symbol of simplicity. In the busy town of Rajputana, people didn't treasure gold or silver as much as they did the simple joy of Lakshmi's baking and the love she shared with everyone who tasted her treats. In the end she and her magic pans lived happily ever after.**





# LAKSHMI'S BRAVE FRIEND!

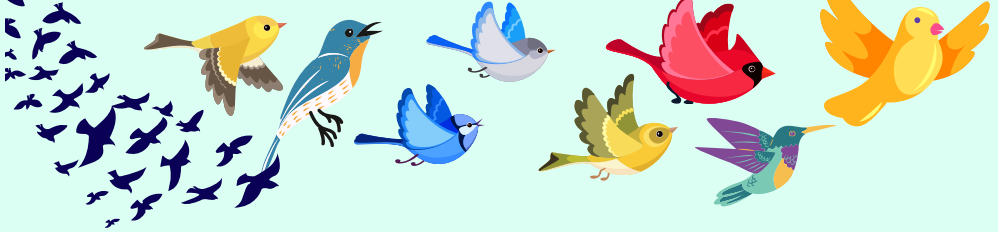






**In the Sankara forest next to Lakshmi's village stood a tall apple tree named Raja. Since Lakshmi was little she would come up to this tree, chat with it and eat its juicy apples. It grew to become her good friend!**





One day, as Lakshmi was sitting with him, the forest suddenly buzzed with activity and a sense of urgency swept through the air. Birds of all colours hurriedly departed, leaving Lakshmi and Raja puzzled.



Suddenly, a tiny sparrow named Chiran darted towards them with wide eyes.

Chiran exclaimed

"Run, run!  
There's a  
forest fire!  
Run  
before it  
comes here!"



Fear gripped Lakshmi as she started to panic along with the other creatures. At that moment Raja realised that he had to be there for all his animal friends and his dear friend Lakshmi.

"Quick, friends!  
Hide in my trunk.  
The fire is coming,  
and we need to stay  
safe"





Lakshmi and  
the animals  
hesitated at  
first



I don't want Raja  
to get hurt!



I care  
about Raja!




**But Raja reassured them,**

**"Don't worry  
about me. I'll  
keep you safe.  
Hurry!"**

**Rushing into the safety of Raja's trunk, his friends found refuge just as the fire approached. He stood firm, shielding his friends with his sturdy bark.**





As the fire was closing  
in, Lakshmi suddenly  
felt a drop of water fall  
on her head!

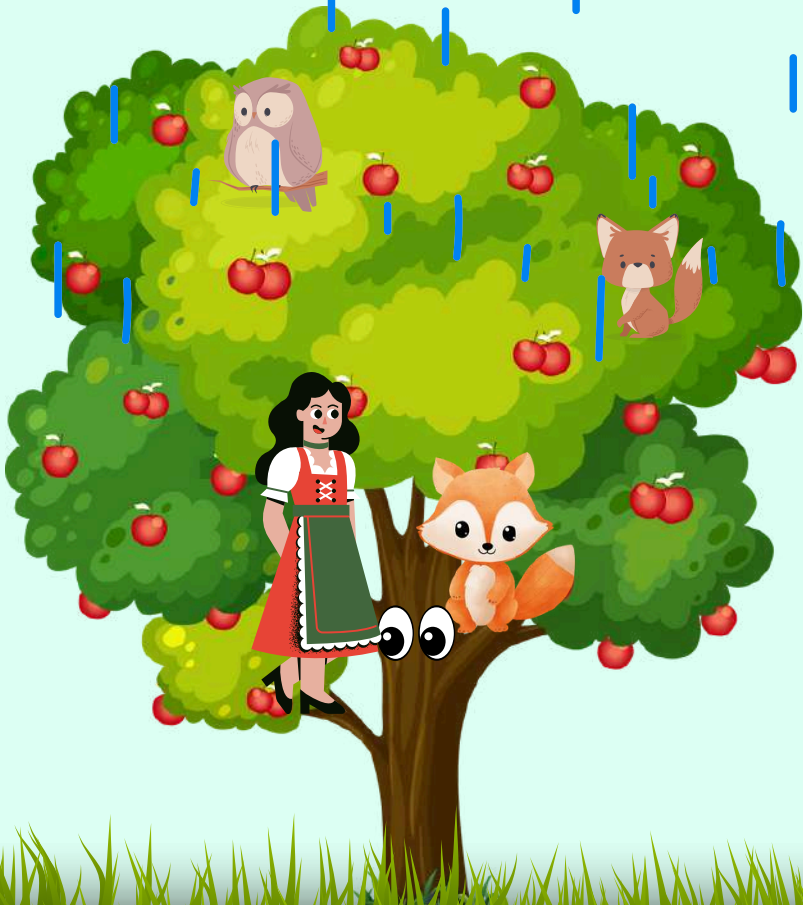


*I hope this is what  
I think it is!*





Then, in a magical turn of events, heavy rain started pouring which extinguished the fire. All the animals and Lakshmi emerged from Ben's trunk grateful and happy.





Everyone was  
filled with  
gratitude!

You are the bravest tree  
in the whole forest!

Thank you  
for saving  
our life!



**Raja thanked them,**

**"Thank you, my  
friends. That's  
what friends do—  
we help each  
other out,"**

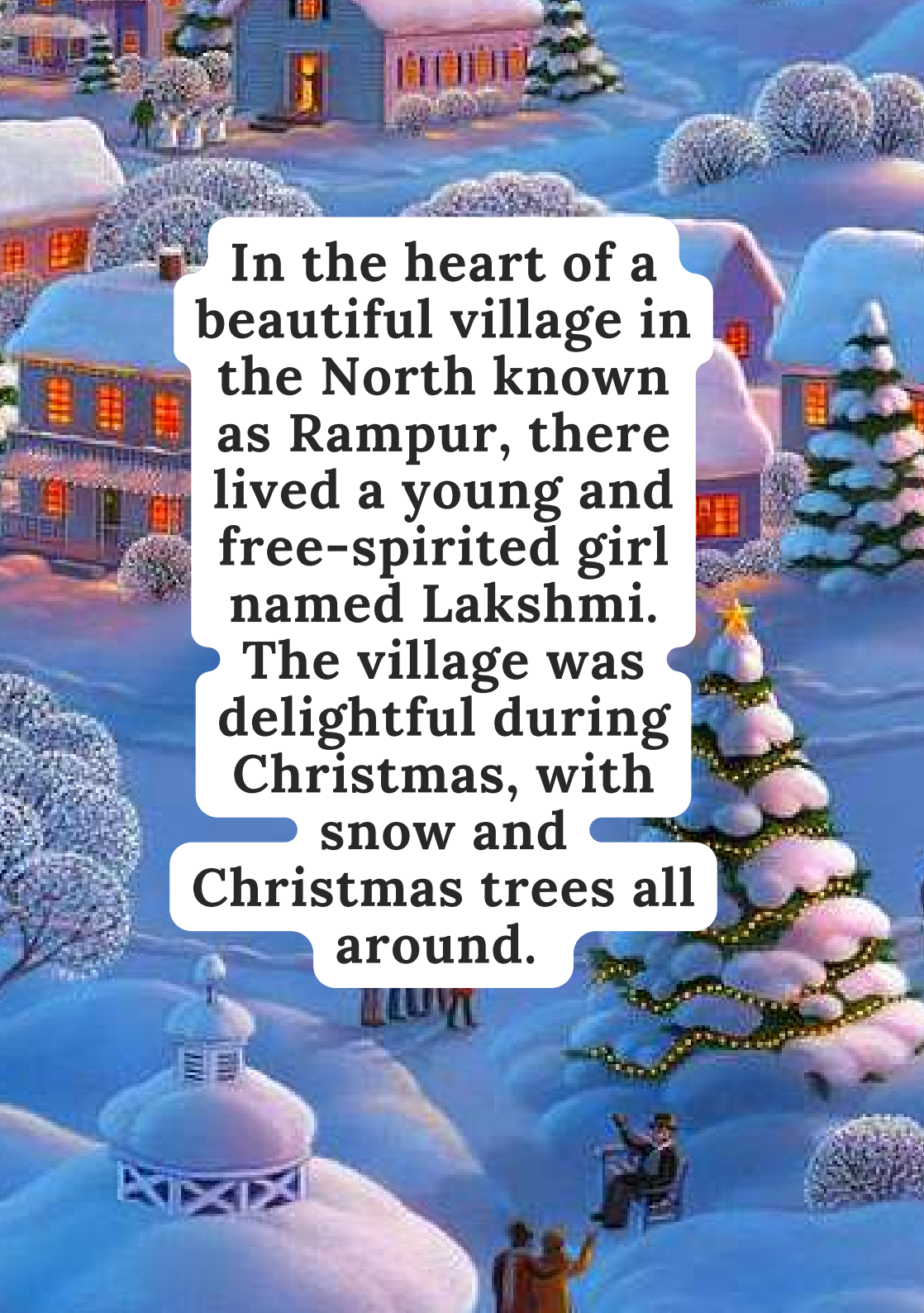


**And so, in the heart of the Maple Forest,  
Ben the apple tree, continued to stand  
tall—a hero and a friend to all, proving  
that courage and friendship could  
conquer any challenge.**



# THE KINDNESS ROCK





**In the heart of a beautiful village in the North known as Rampur, there lived a young and free-spirited girl named Lakshmi.**

**The village was delightful during Christmas, with snow and Christmas trees all around.**



**Lost in her thoughts of decorating Christmas trees, drinking hot chocolate, and spending time with family and friends, she did not see a rock in her path.**

**Lakshmi tripped and fell onto the uneven and hard ground with a sharp pain shooting through her knee. Just as she was about to start crying, she suddenly noticed that the rock she tripped on started shimmering and glowing.**





As Lakshmi picked up the glowing rock in the village square, a soft voice whispered,

"I am the Kindness Rock, and I choose you to spread the spirit of Christmas. Use your wishes wisely young girl."



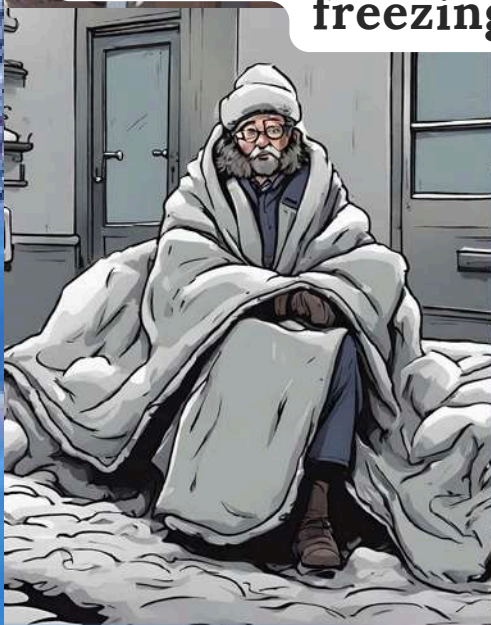
Lakshmi's eyes widened and started sparkling as she tried to think of something to wish for.

“Umm! I wish everyone had warm clothes for this cold winter!”





**Soon enough every person had a coat and a blanket. Sick people felt better and everyone did not feel the freezing winter.**



After seeing the results Mia gleamed with happiness and said,

“I wish that every kid receives a small gift so everyone feels the spirit of Christmas!”



**And  
once again  
every single  
kid in town  
had a gift  
with them  
and the  
brightest  
smile on their  
face!**



Word spread about this magic rock  
and a grumpy man named the  
Grinch came and said,

“I wish that  
everyone forgets  
about  
Christmas!!”



The Kindness Rock stopped for a moment. It didn't want to make the Grinch's wish come true because it would take away the joy of Christmas. Lakshmi approached the rock,

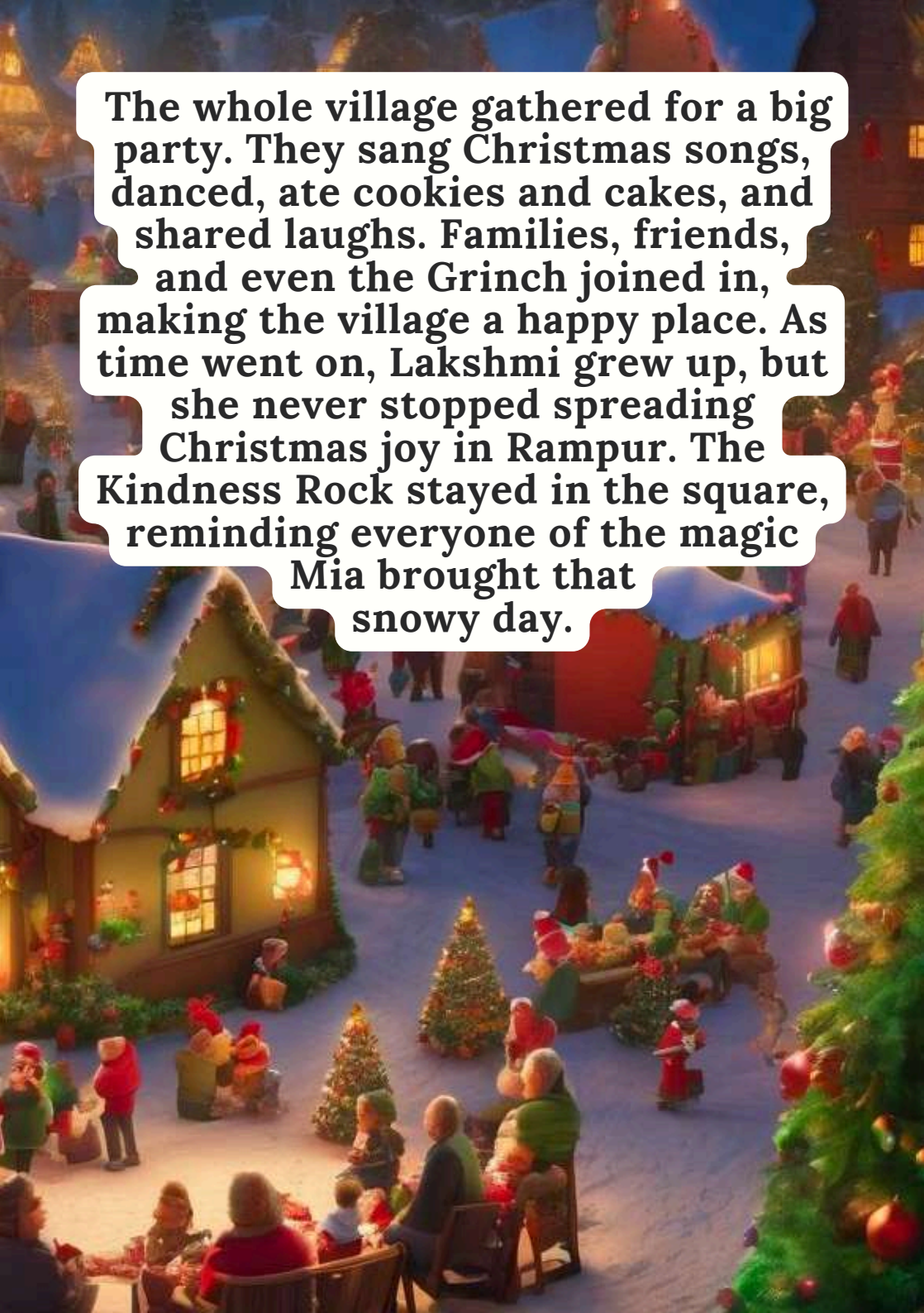
"I wish Christmas feelings were so strong that even grumpy hearts feel the warmth and joy."



The Kindness Rock glowed, and a gentle wind blew through the village, spreading Christmas magic everywhere. Even the Grinch started feeling happy, which was new to him. As the Grinch smiled, Mia realized the impact of her wishes.







**The whole village gathered for a big party. They sang Christmas songs, danced, ate cookies and cakes, and shared laughs. Families, friends, and even the Grinch joined in, making the village a happy place. As time went on, Lakshmi grew up, but she never stopped spreading Christmas joy in Rampur. The Kindness Rock stayed in the square, reminding everyone of the magic Mia brought that snowy day.**

# TOMATO SOUP

A TALE ABOUT FRIENDSHIP



**In a tiny town, surrounded by green hills and colourful meadows, there was a boy named Ram. He had big dreams of going to school, but his family didn't have much money. To make his dream come true, Ram started selling newspapers. Every day he went around the town, sharing the news and collecting coins for his school journey. Even though his family didn't have a lot, Ram was determined.**



One sunny day, as Ram walked from one house to another with his stack of newspapers, his stomach grumbled loudly. He hadn't eaten all day and was feeling very hungry. Bravely, he decided to ask for food at the next house he visited



I'm so hungry!

To his disappointment, several people turned him away, refusing to share even a small meal.

Could I please have some food I'm really hungry!

No!




**Ram felt disheartened until he reached a charming little house where a kind girl named Lakshmi lived. She also hardly had enough for herself.**

**Could I please have some food I'm really hungry!**

**Yes of course!  
Please come in.**





**Here have this  
tomato soup!**

**Thank you so much  
I'm sorry I don't have  
any money to repay  
you.**

**Ram was touched by this gesture and would remember it forever!**

**Consider it a gift from a friend!**







**Ram studied really hard and eventually after years of hard work he became a very famous surgeon!**



**Unfortunately in the meantime, Lakshmi had fallen ill. Despite her desperate attempts, it was very hard to find a doctor willing to help her because she couldn't afford their services. Finally, one doctor accepted and treated Lakshmi for months.**



**Paid in full in  
tomato soup!**

**Sorry doctor I  
don't have enough  
to pay you**



**Lakshmi then realised that this doctor was Ram, and how that one small good deed eventually saved her life**





*Thank  
you!*

# ABOUT THE AUTHOR



**Naisha Sahney, a grade 11 student at B.D. Somani International School, initiated the community service project 'Kahaniyo Ki Duniya'.**

**This initiative focuses on building young children's confidence through storytelling, where Naisha teaches the significance of morals through engaging tales. Passionate about empowering the youth, she provides valuable education and raises awareness on pressing societal issues, using the art of storytelling to inspire positive change and promote social justice within the community.**

**'Lakshmi's Adventures', is a collection of short stories imbued with morals. Through these stories, Naisha hopes to entertain young readers while imparting important life lessons, fostering a love for reading and an understanding of core values.**