



PULLED IN



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CHAPTER 1

Natasha woke up one morning in her tiny bedroom. The walls were milky white and it was filled with books. She lived with her uncle and aunt. She was a tall but scrawny girl with very light brown freckles and long hair. She had sweet honey colour eyes just like her mum. Natasha didn't live with her mum and dad because they died in an accident.



Natasha went down the stairs wearing her cooking robes because her aunt and uncle couldn't make her breakfast today since they had a lot of work. As she was going down the stairs, her aunt yelled at the top of her voice "COME DOWN NOW NATASHA YOU'VE SLEPT ENOUGH! ITS ALREADY 6:30 AM!". She replied "Coming aunt aksha!" Her aunt was a beautiful thin lady. She had light brown eyes and was very light in skin.

Natasha started making her 'sunny side up' in a hurry because today was the beginning of book week. They were going to be reading books today. After she made her sunny side up she was covered with egg shells but she decided to clean it up after packing her bag. Her friend Lavanya who was like her family too rang the bell almost a hundred times trying to play something that sounded horribly like *Mary had a Little Lamb*.

The second Natasha opened the door Lavanya examined her and said "Hi Natasha! You're such a mess. Better clean up" Natasha said "I am. Well come inside!". After Natasha finished cleaning her mess, she and Lavanya walked to school having their usual talk about Harry Potter, TV shows, and being grounded.

By the time they reached school it was already 8:00. They sat in class and their teacher said "take out your books children". Natasha looked inside the front pocket of her bag excitedly(where she usually kept her book)and couldn't find her book so she whispered to Lavanya"Did you get an extra book by any chance??" Lavanya looked at Natasha with a confused expression because she usually never bought an extra book to school. So she said "I never do that". Natasha was frustrated and she continued digging inside her bag and found her book and eventually found it. She started reading and felt like she was being pulled into the book. By the time she got to the part where she realised how much Harry loved his friends she realised that she was lucky to have a friend like Lavanya. She looked at Lavanya. She was a beautiful girl with light pink lips and dark brown eyes. Her hair was tied up into a messy bun. Lavanya looked at her and said "Why are you looking at me? You have to read."

Natasha just stared at her with love.

CHAPTER 2

After they finished reading Natasha and Lavanya walked back to Lavanya's house and sat on her white big swing and ate their lunch. Natasha had got yummy cheese sandwiches and she decided to give Lavanya one of them. Lavanya had got a boiled egg and rice. They sat on the bench and filled themselves for about half an hour.

After eating they decided to call their other friends Sthuthi and Ariana. Sthuthi was a girl from the same state as Lavanya. They both were from Bangalore. She was a dark girl with short hair. Her hair was a light brown colour and she had beautiful black eyes. Ariana on the other hand was light and had light brown long hair that almost touched her thigh. She was the tallest of them all. Ariana was an American and had come to Bangalore about 5 years ago.

They started playing some games while wearing skates. They all loved skating and were very good at it. They went up and down all the slopes. Sthuthi, Lavanya and Ariana were talking to each other. Natasha started feeling a little left out because (she thought) they were

ignoring her a little. So she decided that she wanted to go home and told



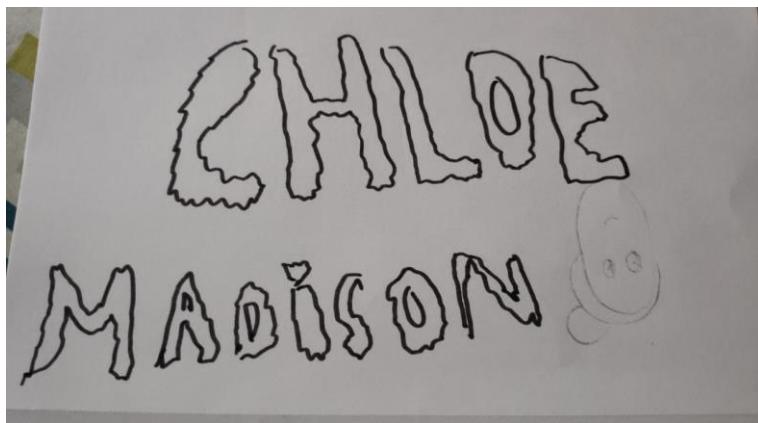
them that.

She went home and since she was done with her studies she started reading the book *Hard Life*. This book was about women who have done incredible things. She was reading this book when she came across *J.K Rowling*. She got inspired by *J.K Rowling's* marvelous story and decided she wanted to become a writer or a women's rights activist. The next day she was angry with Lavanya for not talking to her yesterday (or so she thought). So she went to school on her own angrily marching across the road and glaring at all the people who passed her. At school Lavanya concernedly asked her what was wrong and Natasha just ignored her leaving Lavanya sad and confused. While going back home Natasha was walking across the road when she bumped into Lavanya who said "watch where you are going". Then Lavanya turned around and Natasha could make out that when Lavanya saw it was her she was surprised. But Lavanya acted as if nothing like that had happened and said "Oh My God Natasha I didn't know it was you I'm so sorry!". Natasha just ignored her and walked off in a bad mood wondering whether she was doing the right thing. All the way back home Lavanya kept trying to keep up with Natasha huffing and puffing saying sorry.

Chapter 3

After going back home Natasha sat back into her bed took out her diary, saw what she had, put on her glasses and started studying. She had to do – English, Math, Science and Hindi. At about 6:00 she had finished all her studies and was very happy.

But then she remembered her fight with Lavanya,Sthuthi and Ariana.So she decided since she had nothing to do she would watch some TV or read a book.She decided to watch *Harry Potter movie-5*.She turned on the TV and started watching it.After some time she got bored and her aunt asked her to go back to her room and read a book because her aunty wanted to watch some TV.She went back into her room and almost all of a sudden knew it was going to be a long night so she blindly picked up a heavy book and started flicking through the pages.She looked at the cover and noticed the book was *HARD LIFE*.She continued excitedly flicking through the pages,finally opened a page and started reading the story of someone named...Chloe Madison.



CHAPTER 4

Natasha started to read the story and Chloe Madison's story was very heroic indeed.This was the story.

Chloe Madison was a young girl

She at the age of 15

lost all her family.*She then found out that there was*

a search party that discovered they were not dead.

So she all on her own went to all the possible places

she thought her family would be.*She wrote her life stuff in her favourite diary*.*She found them 2 years later*

in a cold region probably Antarctica. She had jumped and searched and finally found them, but when that happened she was never to be seen again.



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Because we would like to finish this story!

Somehow Natasha could make out that Chloe Madison was still alive. Then she glanced at the book and almost swore that she saw Chloe blink at her. When she looked back again Chloe was frozen. Natasha wanted to start searching for her but thought she needed a friend with her. YAY she thought. Atleast she'll have a reason to become friends with Lavanya again.

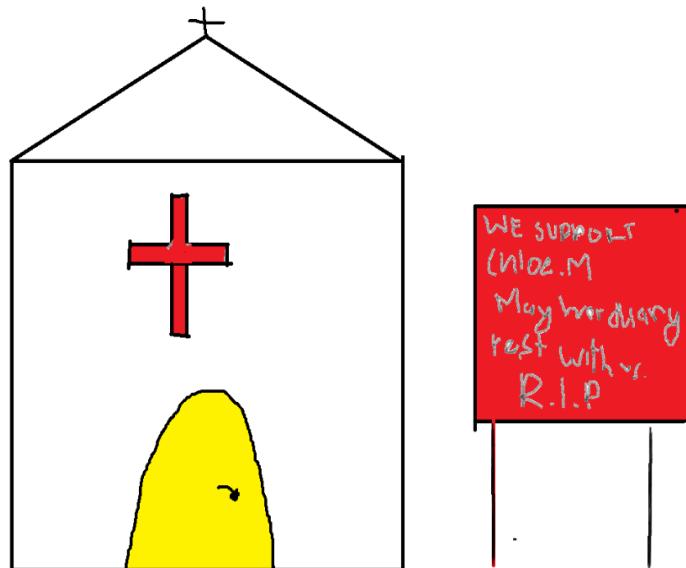
Chapter 5

Natasha woke up very happy, knowing that she was going to be Lavanya's friend again. She dressed up, very neatly and headed to Lavanya's house. She rang the doorbell and Lavanya's mom opened the door. She said "Hi Natasha! Lavanya is eating her breakfast and will not be going to school until she finishes, and glared at Lavanya. She turned back to Natasha and told her to come in. Natasha sat at the table with Lavanya and said "I have something important to tell you. I hope you forgive me...". Lavanya responded with an "Of course!" and "Tell me what!?" As they walked to school Natasha told Lavanya everything and Lavanya being the understanding and open minded friend she understood Natasha. They decided to

leave the dayafter tomorrow, and wanted to start packing right after school. They started whispering to each other in class and when Ariana and Sthuthi asked them what it is, they said "We are just excited for a new film that's going to launch dayafter tomorrow.". It felt like years had past to Natasha when finally dayafter tomorrow came. She and Lavanya met under a tree at 5:00 in the morning. Lavanya asked Natasha "where do we start?" and that's when it hit Natasha like a brick, she hadn't thought about what they were going to do and where to start. She took out the book Hard times from her bag to see if there was a clue there. She started reading blindly and read out- "*Chloe Madison was a young girl who had an obsession with her secret diary.*". Lavanya thought out loud "I think we should start looking for the diary. She might have had it the whole way until...you know she died..". They had a shock because they didn't realize they were going to have to travel to antarctica. In a sudden movement someone covered their mouths and stuffed them in a truck. Then suddenly everything blacked out. They found themselves in a beach with two people asking "Are you awake please respond". They were very familiar voices. Natasha was the first one to get up and looked at the blurry faces and asked them who they were. They said "We are Ariana and Sthuthi did you think you could kick us out of your plan? We heard you and then a man stuffed you in a truck and we snuck in and pulled you out but we landed up here. Washed up in the shore..".

Chapter 6

Natasha and Lavanya reluctantly told Sthuthi and Ariana the whole story. Ariana being born in America said that she had heard of Chloe Madsion. She was supposedly very famous. She said that she had read something about her in a church. It had said something like "We support Chloe M. May her diary rest with us".

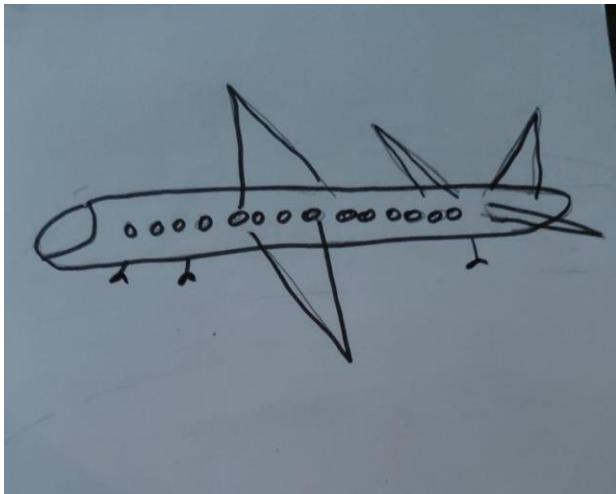


Natasha's spirits rose. They finally knew where to go! She whispered very slowly "Guys we have to steal from the church. But first we need to know where we are." She saw a man sitting in a hammock and lied "Excuse me sir I am so sorry to disturb you but my parents have told me to go to a restaurant and I don't know where I am could you tell me?". The man replied saying "My little girl we are in America, Los Angeles." Are you sure you don't need help?". Natasha said she was fine and ran back to her friends with delight "We are in America!. Ariana said she was born in Los Angeles and that they didn't need to travel at all. So they all made

a plan to go to the church tonight wearing all black. They did this to look like bandits. They decided to stay in Ariana's aunt's house. They left the house when the clock struck twelve. They snuck into the church and started searching for the book. Luckily it was not that hard to find being kept in a glass shelf. But when they touched it, a buzzer went off. They didn't know what to do so they just broke the glass, pulled the diary and hid. They were kids so they could fit in the bookshelves refrigerator and cupboards. So when no one could find them they searched the CCTV cameras. Since they were all black it was hard to make out whether they were kids or adults. One of the Preist's said lets examine the bodies and find out who it is. They all left the room and Natasha, Ariana, Lavanya and Sthuthi took this chance and ran. But a man was standing in front of them. He tried to grab the book from them but they ran and he missed. When they reached home they ran into the beds and crashed. They were now on the lam. Natasha woke up quite early the next morning and started reading Chloe Madisons diary. It was very interesting. In her last entry of the diary she had written this "I have found my family and am in Assam, India.". It turns out none of the people in the church had read the diary. Even though they found it after she died. Natasha was very annoyed. "We came all the way here for no reason. I'm pretty sure when that guy threw us in the sea we had crossed assam" She muttered. She woke Ariana, Sthuthi and Lavanya and they started searching for a plane to Assam. There was a flight for the same day but it was full and there was nothing for the next ten days. Annoyed, they headed to the beach to clear their minds.

Chapter 7

In the beach Natasha met the man she had spoken to yesterday. He asked her "Why are you so sad my little girl?". She told him that she couldn't go to Assam and she was very sad. The man told her his name was Arjun and he was going to Assam and was supposed to take six people hence had extra seats and could take her. She replied saying how many people she actually had with her and if he could take them too. Arjun said yes and that they would have to get ready now. Natasha called her friends excitedly and told them that they had to go change for a flight



to Assam. They all got very excited and started getting ready. The flight to Assam was quite a long one, but when they reached they didn't know where to start.

They stayed with Arjun in a hotel. For a couple of days all they did was research but they didn't find anything. So they decided to take a break and go outside. They made some friends and their friends told them that if Chloe

Madison was anywhere she would be at the haunted temple to hide since no one goes there. Natasha, Ariana and Lavanya were all ears for this plan of going to the haunted temple but Sthuthi wasn't. She told them that Chloe Madison sounded like a very smart person and she wouldn't hide in such an obvious place like the haunted house. She would try and blend in. Even though Natasha, Lavanya and Ariana didn't understand this plan, they followed it. So Ariana, Sthuthi, Natasha and Lavanya all started searching in places like the market, park, library and church. They each searched in one place. Ariana in the library, Sthuthi in the church, Natasha in the market and Lavanya in the park. Each day they would come back with nothing, but Natasha had eyes on one person in the market, a lady dressed in robes who was there every day and would never leave. She decided to approach the lady. "Are you Chloe Madison?" she asked straight forwardly. "Why do you wanna know?" the lady asked. This made Natasha sure that this was Chloe Madison. "Drop your guard Chloe" she said bravely. Chloe Madison took off the robes and fake hair. "I am happy you found me. I even tried giving you a clue in the *hard times* book. By the way why did you want to search for me?". She asked. "Well I heard you were lost and I guess I did it for the thrill of adventure. Why did you want me to search for you?" Natasha asked. Then she asked Chloe how it was possible that she saw her blink through a book. Chloe told her that Natasha had the power of which she got pulled into books and this power would help people in many ways. Then replying to Natasha's question of why Chloe called her she said "Once I had heard of your power I knew that I would need your help. Myself and many other people of the world protect the

earth from something that has been trying to destroy earth. When I heard of this I spread a rumor that I was searching for my family and then faked my own death. Now that I have been undercover I don't know what's happening over there. Please could you read this and see what is happening?". Natasha almost fell over when she heard that she had a power. But when she heard that she was going to save, she started reading the book.



Chapter 8

When Natasha started reading she saw people wearing purple suits and shields trying to protect earth but not hurting the other side. On the other side however the people had guns and they were shooting any person who tried to protect earth. In the middle of the crowd their was a man Natasha slightly recognized. She told Ariana who was a brilliant artist to start drawing the man as Natasha told her his facial expresions. Then she pulled her self out of the book and asked Ariana to show her the picture. Then natasha got it she knew who this was. The man who had been trying to stop them the whole time. Chloe pulled the picture away and said "Oh..no this cant be him he only stays up there. Well umm could you tell me if anyone died?". Natasha pulled herself back into the book and saw a dark lady wearing a plait and a thick rubberband keeping her golden hair in place. But suddenly she fell back and her stomach started bleeding. A woman saw her fall and shouted "MARTHA!". Natasha couldn't take it anymore so she pulled herself out of the book. Shivering she told Chloe and the others "Someone called Martha died.". For a second Chloe froze, and the next she said "I have to go back there. You four stay here in earth; safe, not dead". With that Chloe jumped in some kind of wormhole and disappeared. Of course neither Natasha, Ariana, Lavanya or Sthuthi were going to let people die out there so they ran into the wormhole just before it closed and found themselves in space which looked beatifull. Unfortunately the scene they were looking at wasn't. So they stepped in and started helping the

fight. People were dying like rain and the same was happening for the fight. Just then Natasha saw someone fall down but not with that much blood. It was the Lavanya. Natasha couldn't believe it. Lavanya had helped her the whole way, she had always been there for her. Then when Natasha took a moment to realize what had happened tears started going down her hazel eyes. She was going to end the war. She read a book in which there was a shield so powerful it could separate two sides of the earth; pulled herself inside the book, and grabbed it.

Chapter 9

Once Natasha had the shield she pulled herself out of the book and trudged her way to the middle. Then like a flash, someone shot her ankle. She got up tried her best and placed the shield in the middle and was thrown off to the good side. The man leading the

other side fell, he had probably died. Then the shield dropped down everyone became friends, but Chloe was not talking at all, she didn't even try to open her mouth. Natasha thought someone Chloe knew was dead. She knew how that felt, with Lavanya dead. But Natasha hoped, just maybe Lavanya was alive. Everyone went home and there was a mob of people shouting "LIAM IS DEAD! PEACE TO THE WORLD!". Natasha thought that must be the name of the man leading the other side. Chloe still wasn't talking to anyone and went to sleep early that night. Natasha thought she should read Chloe's diary since she wrote all her thoughts in there. She woke at 6:00 am and opened Chloe's new diary. It said-



Date:15.11.19 Weather-Cold



Reason for this entry-Sad demise(:

Today is the day my brother Liam died.I agree he started a very bad thing to
Destroy all the people of Earth.But he did it for a reason.People of earth are all
So rude but then we started getting better.The only reason I understand is for
The murder of animals.I feel that if he killed the whole earth the magic inside
People would have exploded.YES,everyone on earth has powers and I am not
Only talking about magic.I am talking about the magic inside people.If only
Everyone would be kind.People would kill me if they found out Liam was my
Brother.Just because we are related.This is why I havent joined earth.You know
Diary you feel like talking to a real person.Ok bye.

Natasha was boiling with anger.Chloe's brother was Liam.The guy who had stopped them the whole way.Then she understood what Chloe ment by 'If only everyone would be kind'.Natasha herself had gotten quiet angry, imagine what all the people of the world would do.She heard a ruffling noise and there stood Lavanya,alive.Natasha ran and hugged her. "I knew you were alive!". "Of course I was! Just a little hurt."Lavanya said.Natasha showed Lavanya Chloe's diary and Lavanya understood to not get mad.She told Natasha "Remember that thing your mother used to say. 'First say two good things and then a bad one.'Maybe we could say the great things Chloe has done and then the bad thing". "Lavanya that's brilliant! Thanks".Natasha grabbed a book in which there was a speaker the

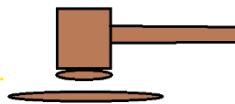
whole world could hear. She pulled herself in and out of it with the speaker. They woke up Chloe; now it was time for the world to know and accept.



Chapter 10

Chloe of course disagreed to this plan and told Lavanya and Natasha she wanted to stay hidden but they talked her into it. They waited for a time that most people would be awake. Natasha then announced it "**I WANT YOU ALL PEOPLE OF THE WORLD TO KNOW, I'VE FOUND CHLOE MADISON! SHE WASN'T REALLY SEARCHING FOR HER FAMILY! SHE AND A BUNCH OF OTHER PEOPLE WERE FIGHING AGAINST SOME PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO DESTROY EARTH! I KNOW YOU ALL ARE SHOCKED BUT CHLOE MADISON SAVED US! DIDNT SHE! WELL THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE I WANT YOU TO KNOW! CHLOE'S BROTHER WAS THE MAN WHO LEAD THE OTHER SIDE! DONT BE ANGRY! SHE STAYED HIDDEN FOR A REASON, SHE KNEW EVERYONE WOULD GET ANGRY! BUT HER BROTHER MENT WELL! HE JUST WANTED TO DESTROY PEOPLE BECAUSE WE POACH, CUT TREES AND ARE ALL SO RUDE! SO TRY AND UNDERSTAND! THOSE IN FAVOUR TO SUPPORT CHLOE MADISON AND BE KIND COME TO THE COURT TOMORROW! THE CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES ITS CALLED..**" Natasha asked Ariana what it was called and Ariana said it was called indellup church so natasha continued. "**ITS CALLED..INDELLUP CHURCH! PLEASE BE THERE!**". No one could really hear what the world was saying to them but they just hoped it was a yes. They ate their food in silence

and slept all very nervous. The next morning they traveled to the church and explained who they were. The church all bowed at the sight of Chloe but she didn't let that happen. She told them they were as important as her. To their delight many people started entering the church and most of them were on Chloe's side. After everybody arrived they started the court judgment. First the lawyer spoke "Why do you think that Chloe Madison has done a bad deed?". The other side of court said "Well her brother was a bad guy who knows she can't be?". Chloe replied "I AM NOT BAD! I SAID I PROTECTED THE EARTH DIDN'T I?" "WELL YOU COULD BE LYING!" the court replied. "I am not..." Chloe said softly. After she said that 5 people got up and came to Chloe's side. Now there were only two people left on the other side of court. This time the prosecutor spoke "I don't see much wrong of what Chloe has done. Its all her brother and he's dead isn't he" he banged his hammer on the table and said "DISMISSED!".



Chapter 11

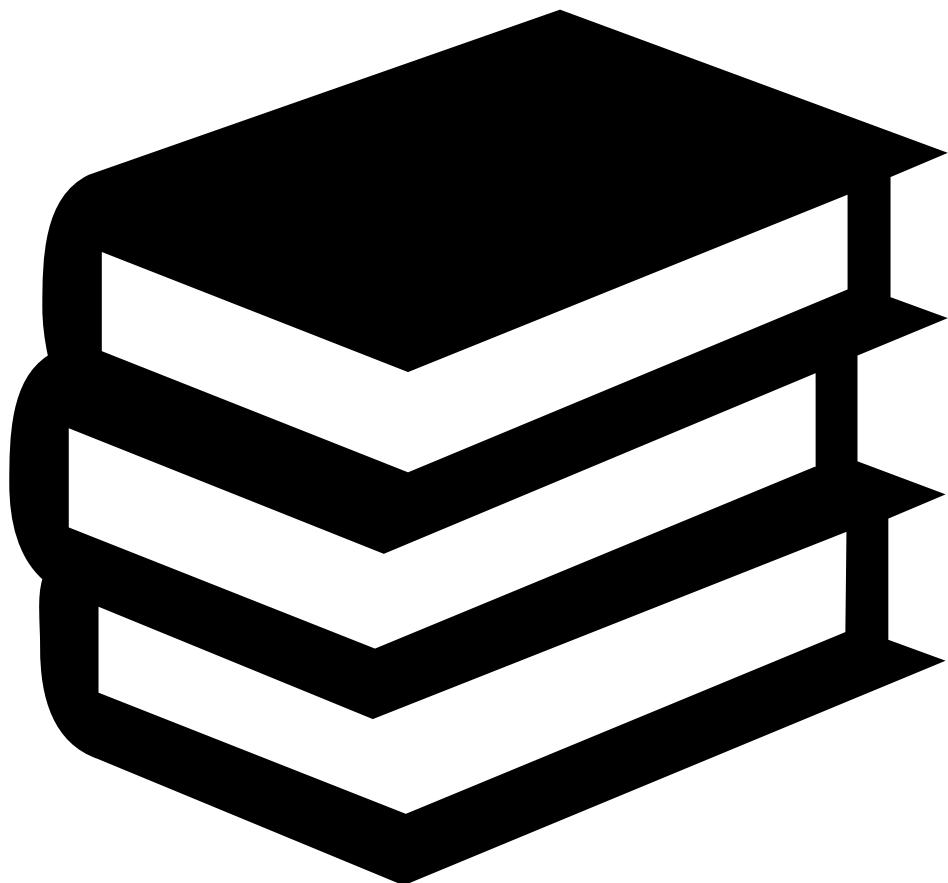
Chloe screamed with delight hugged Natasha and said "THANK YOU SO MUCH! Now its all fine, I can live like a normal human being!". Now the whole world was better, kinder and Chloe, Natasha, Ariana, Lavanya and Sthuthi had loads of fun together. Now and then Chloe had to leave for protecting earth but Natasha felt like she had an older sister when she was with Chloe. Lavanya, Sthuthi and Ariana always remained her best and closest friends. When they all came of age they joined the army to protect Earth and it was amazing. Now that everyone had exposed their wonderful selves, they all had magic and the world became amazing. But this story was not a happily ever after, it was filled ups and downs but that is life. They continued to have amazing adventures, forever and Natasha? she was always pulled in.

About the author



Aakruthi is a 10-year-old girl who lives in Bengaluru. She loves reading all kinds of books, but her favorite is the Harry Potter Series by J K Rowling. Infact J.K Rowling is her inspiration to write books of her own. She loves listening to music any time of the day and singing is another one of her passions. She trains in Carnatic vocal. She enjoys skating a lot and even though she has only learnt it a couple of years ago she is always happy to skate.

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