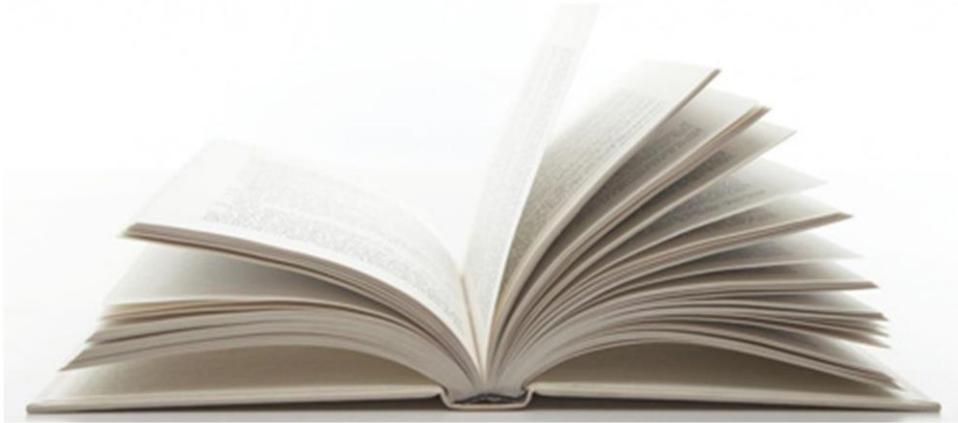


Kavya's Adventures



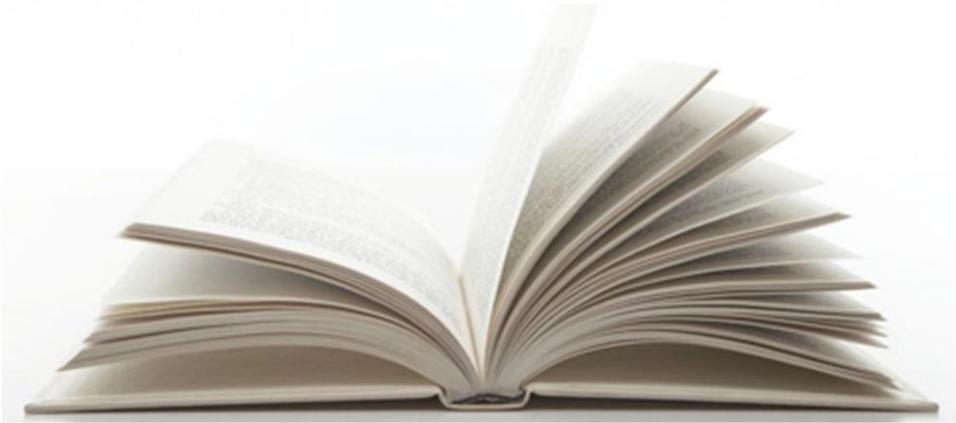
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Chapter 1



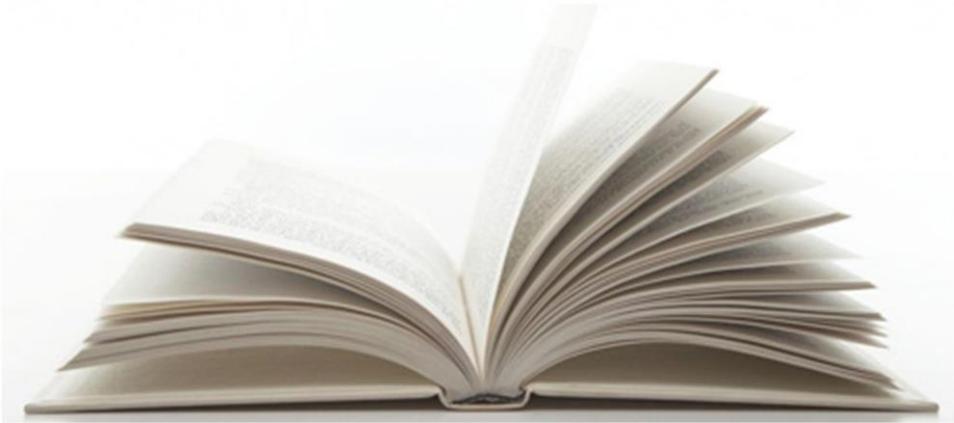
In a village, where Kavya the hardworking was brought up, her brother Kamal lived with his sister, Kavya. They lived in a very poor village where they could have shortage of food and water. One Sunday morning, Kavya, as usual, was working in the fields. Her brother, Kamal, was sleeping on the floor, after delivering all the milk to the city Mumbai, as a milkman. Kavya was stripping off some bushes, when she saw somebody peeping at her.

Chapter 2



It was a sneaky-peaky thief. He had a long moustache and looked scary. Kavya never knew he was a thief. He walked up to Kavya confidently keeping his hands on his waist like how a dancer would when they have to pose funnily. He said, " Oh hardworking lady, what are you doing in the fields? Stripping out bushes? How silly! You should be sleeping in your house; now that I'm going to reign on this farm. Sell it to me for rupees 5000. I'll take care of it like how you take care of your children." Kavya, who now suspected him to be a thief as he was buying the farm for so much money, thought and replied, " I am not here in the farm to just strip off leaves and grow crops, but I'm here to find the hidden gold treasure under this barren land. In fact, it was said that my ancestors were once rich. To keep safe from thieves, he hid all his treasury in this barren land." The thief felt Kavya was such an innocent woman who had no idea who he was. So that night, when the stars filled the black- blue sky, the thief lifted his plough.

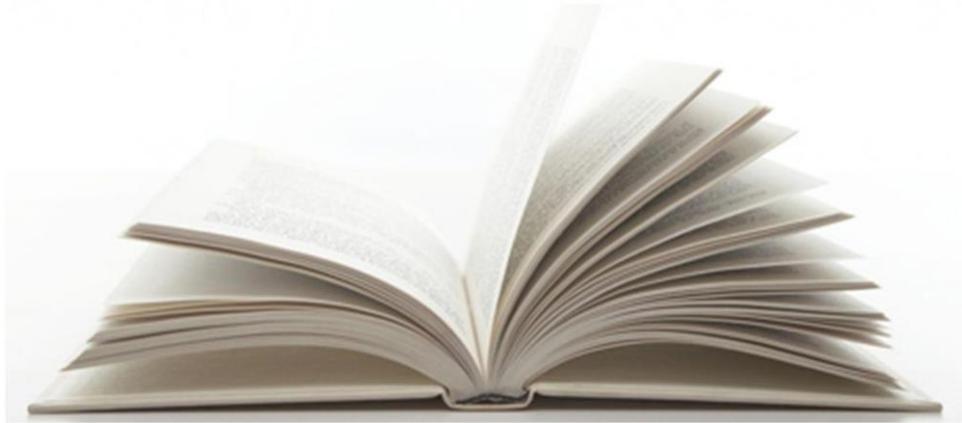
Chapter 3



The thief started stripping the bushes away and digging the fields. There, in the balcony was Kavya, giggling and happy that her plan was successful. When morning came, the rooster crowed. The thief was so startled because he took away all his precious time of the night ploughing the fields of sly but smart and cunning Kavya. He ran and ran and ran, that he ended up in another town close by. Kavya got somebody to strip away bushes and plough her fields without losing any precious money. After a few days, when Kavya was cooking, the thief dressed up as a woman and he came to Kavya. "Oh dear, may I help you by bringing some water? You must be so tired. Shall I?" The thief said. Kavya could easily see through his disguise. She replied in a sweet but suspecting look, "No thanks, kind lady, but the well is where you've to take it from; the well is considered important for me and my brother as we've hidden all our treasury in this well. You see, a thief had ploughed all my fields in order to take away our treasury and didn't even take away a grain of rice! So, I've been careful not to hide it in such an obvious place. Please don't visit that place." The thief muttered to himself, "Kavya is the biggest fool on Earth." So again, the thief took up the largest bucket he could, tied it to the pulley and dipped it in the water when the stars started to bloom.

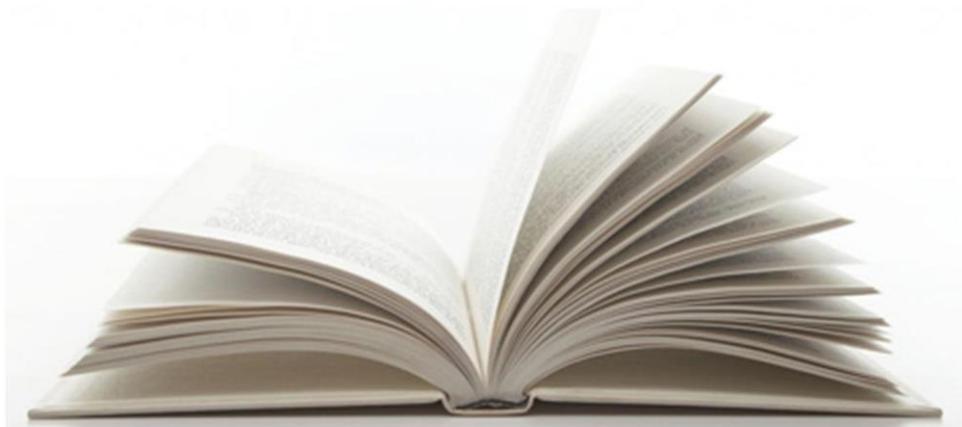


Chapter 4



Very cunningly, the mischievous thief started emptying the large, deep and old well. He splashed the water while removing it from the bucket all around the well. Kavya had a good time laughing at her heart's wish. She was all set to now try to do her best to teach the thief a lesson. Immediately at the first rise of dawn, the thief packed his bags and hid far away from her house, where he had sight of the well. He realized that he, unknowingly, had watered all Kavya's fields. Yet today, he never forgave himself for doing all this work for Kavya and following her plans. When the thief was nowhere in sight, Kavya lifted the lid of the well and looked inside, hardly half of the well's water was splashed on her fields for free. She imagined whole-heartedly how difficult it'd been for her. Kamal woke up early today as he had to go deliver the milk in Mumbai. When he saw Kavya in the fields, he always pondered, how in the world his hardworking sister could do that farming all in a few day's work. In fact, few farmers took months to do all that work. He enquired his dear sister and learnt of the foolishness of the thief and what laughter he gave to Kavya. He was delighted to know that his sister had taken up all the effort of the brain to fool the thief. Kavya was ready with another plan as if she could see through the future- like, if he becomes this, or if he does this etc. And so was the thief, with his own plans.

Chapter 5



The thief had been away for months, and Kavya, had a good harvest in her village, her dear home. She had completely forgotten about the thief and now, because of the good harvest, the siblings earned money and Kamal the milkman was no more; he had become a really successful merchant. Kavya, you can always say, didn't hire any maids and continue to work the way she did before. The thief, sat in his small house; behind a rock and thought of a really mischievous plan while regretting his actions because Kavya had fooled him not once but twice! When Kamal was selling some really pure butter to an old, feeble woman, the thief pushed her away and asked in a very fake voice to honest and kind Kamal, "O dear merchant, would you allow me, a poor man, to stay in your house for the night??? You see, I'm really poor and I don't even have my family here. Please help me!" Kamal was convinced, so he replied, "Certainly, poor man. Anyways, what's your name??? I can't let you in unless you give me some information. I need to see if you're really an honest man by checking with other local people if they know you and about you. Please tell me your details." The thief was anxious. He didn't know what to say. He literally chanted ' I'll pass out.' By then, Kamal had gotten suspicious. He was really worried about both this unknown man a.k.a. the thief, and his lovely sister, Kavya. Kavya was unaware what was happening in her brother's shop until she somehow managed to get there. Everybody had crowded at Kamal's shop with Kavya's presence. Everybody was curious what decision Kavya the mastermind was going to make. She smiled and glanced at everybody present there and thoughtfully stared at the thief.

Chapter 6

Staring was actually Kavya's power. Because of her brother's success, Kavya too, was respected in the village. The thief was looking at Kavya with lot of fear, thinking that she will look through his disguise. He kept confidence though he knew that he would have fallen off the ground with panic. Kavya, had already seen through his disguise when she came out of the rickshaw. But surprisingly, with a lot of kindness in her voice, Kavya said, "Please come home tonight. We'll be very glad to have you home. Please come home at around 8:00 p.m." The thief smirked at Kavya, thanked her, touched her feet and her brother's feet, and went away. This time he thought to himself, 'This time, no laughter for Kavya as I'm going to revenge those siblings with the worst punishment they could ever get-and that's death. Kavya was very happy that her plan was going to work very well when she went home. But Kamal was really upset. He wanted to briefly ask his sister why she did this 'injustice' and understand her 'cruel' actions. As decided, the thief, now known as, Kalia, arrived with a sly grin on his greased face.

Chapter 7

Kalia (the thief) entered the sweet mansion at late 10:00 p.m. The siblings were waiting at the doorstep smiling as much as they could. And Kamal felt really uneasy smiling at the doorstep for an unknown man. Kalia removed his cap when he entered, and said, "Oh brother-sister duo, I'm glad to meet you and I have a surprise; I'm Kalia both of your other brother. You see, our parents always wanted all our names to start from K because the Kapoor family had given us many donations, and....." he trailed off, weaving an enormous story. Kavya and Kamal were tired of listening to this liar who's tale they had been hearing since 20 minutes. Then once Kalia finished his storytelling, Kavya urged Kalia to sit and she offered her guest or fake brother some herbal tea. She said in the most polite voice, "Oh dear brother Kalia, shall I dance for the best song in India??? I'm sure you'll love seeing my dance and hearing the song. Please tell me shall I or shall I not???" Kalia frankly nodded thinking, 'God, thank you for giving me so much joy before killing my enemies. That too make my enemies do things for me. Thank you god!!!'

Chapter 8



Kavya came with beautiful, turquoise color pantaloons. She was also wearing a green top and started to dance merrily and gracefully. Kalia had the time of his life, enjoying away. Kamal, was desperate about throwing away Kalia out of the house. Kavya was really impressed with the way the night was going till then until she started turning round and round and round as fast as she could. Kamal and Kalia were amazed that Kavya had so much talent in dancing; they both couldn't believe it and they thought Kavya was just smart. But Kavya proved her talent for both dance and being smart. She did what Kalia was aiming to do. She took something shine with the stars and the moon from her pocket and did something very useful to the world.

Chapter 9



She put her soft and small hand into her belt made of silver and took out the spiciest thing in her kitchen. It was the spicy, red, pure chilli powder! It fell on Kalia's face and burnt his eyes completely. He literally started crying when Kamal jumped out of there as it was his reflex action when you get scared. Disheartened, he looked up at Kavya and looked beside himself at Kalia. He believed that Kalia was really his brother as he was younger than Kavya and felt that he didn't know whatever happened before his birth. He thought Kalia had put away from their family and had got reunited today. He looked at Kavya with lots of anger "Sister Kavya, how could you have done such a ridiculous thing??? Didn't you ever believe our long-lost, dear brother??? Please explain why you made our brother faint. Quick." Kavya immediately realized that she should have told Kamal before killing Kalia and not letting her brother speak so rudely to her. She explained everything in just a few words as Kamal knew what had happened before but he didn't know that behind Kalia, was the same thief who was now tricked thrice by Kavya and also she made him faint.

Chapter 10

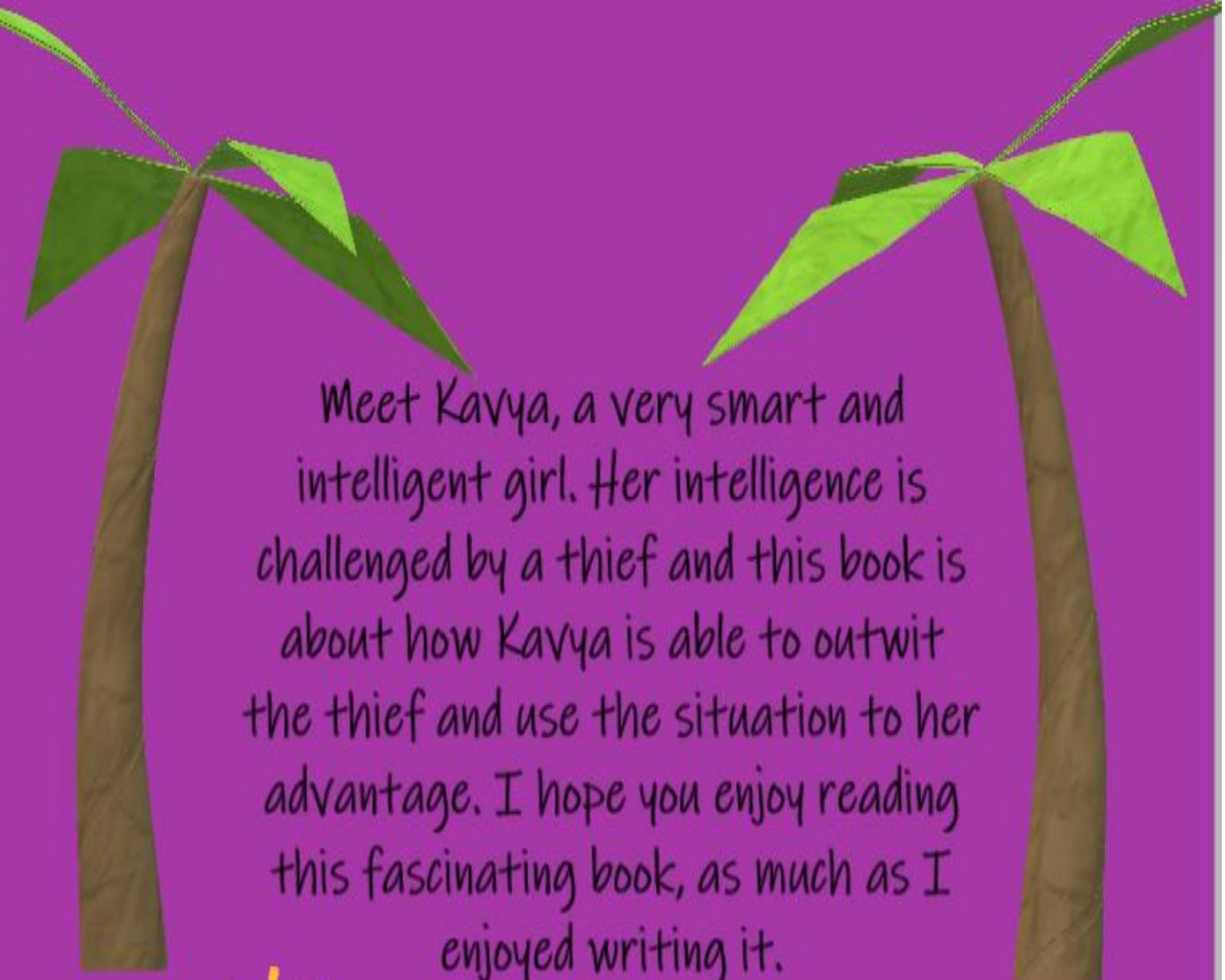


Kavya quickly called up the police right after telling Kamal all the truth about Kalia. She ran to the store room which was in their shady, dark backyard and brought some ropes. She tied up Kalia as tight and fast as she could. In two minutes, the brave MPO (Mangalore Police Officers) came with all kinds of weapons. They didn't use them, though. They put the first part of the handcuffs to one policeman and the other for Kalia. They thanked Kavya for being so smart and generous to put Kalia behind the bars instead of killing him. She was very concerned that she might have done too much to Kalia who was no more called Kalia. She thanked the policemen too and spoke about it seriously to Kamal. She was actually very kind inside her heart and never thought of violence. Kamal comforted her and they went to sleep in their bamboo beds. When Kavya woke up, she almost forgot all about that happened after Kalia left their home. So, as usual, she continued her work and never met any other cunning person in her whole life. Yet today, Kalia regretted going to Kavya's house and meeting them all.

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A well-behaved, friendly and strong individual personality is what would meet your eyes when you interact with Adhya. She is also very caring and takes utmost care to balance her relationships with her friends. She has a flair for being creative which when blends with her deep imagination and reading skills, results in "works of art" that are fun and interesting.



Meet Kavya, a very smart and intelligent girl. Her intelligence is challenged by a thief and this book is about how Kavya is able to outwit the thief and use the situation to her advantage. I hope you enjoy reading this fascinating book, as much as I enjoyed writing it.

