## TALES OF ORIGS



Celebration in Orrington

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Namo Vitaraagay
Namo Arihantanam
Namo Siddhanam
Namo Aayariyanam
Namo Uvazzayanam
Namo loye Savva Saahunam
Eso pancha Namukkaro,
Savva Pavappanashano
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Padhamam Havai Mangalam
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It was nearly a year since Rona created the Origs and she decided that they celebrate their first anniversary together.

"Next week we are going to have a street party," announced Rona excitedly as all the Origs gathered around her. "And there will be food, music, dancing as well as storytelling. I want you all to share your experiences of what you have learnt this year."



The Origs all cheered in unison, thrilled to be having a party. When Rona left Orrington that day, Noble Noel gathered all the Origs to discuss what special present they could give to Rona for creating them!

"I can bake her a cake," suggested Ollie.

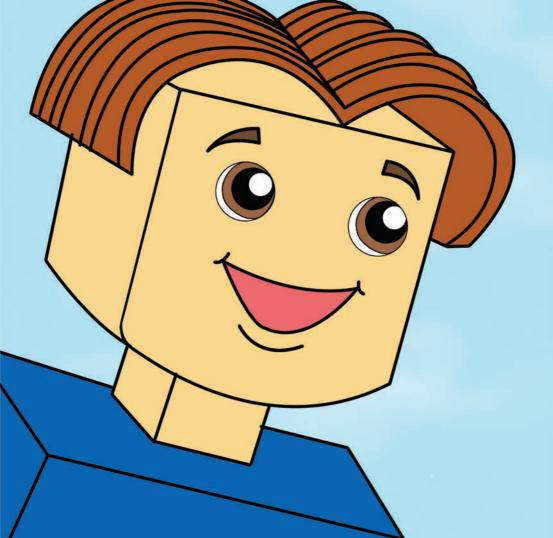
"I'm going to draw a lovely picture for her," added Gravin, and one by one, each Orig had an idea for a present.



"They're all good ideas," said Noble Noel, "but let's give her a special gift she would cherish all her life, from ALL OF US together." And so the Origs began to think. They thought and thought and thought.......

"I know!" cried Patrick, almost falling over with excitement. And he shared his idea...
"Bravo!" chorused the others, agreeing it was a perfect gift. And the Origs soon set about organising the big day.

Can you believe it? For once no one complained.



Gravin didn't get grumpy about blowing up balloons. Ollie and Joanna worked together to bake a cake! Peter, Stanley and Lancely decorated the main Town Hall with balloons, buntings and banners!! Noel, Laura and Samuel sorted out the rest of the food. Tom, Sulky Wulky and Hegrid arranged the music and games. Everyone worked tirelessly to prepare for the party.



Finally the day of the street party arrived and everyone was super excited. Rona arrived wearing a pretty dress. Seeing how wonderfully Orrington had been decorated by the Origs, she beamed with pride. And the party started. The music came on, delicious food was being served on large tables and there was fervent chatter amongst the Origs. Everything was going well, until........



"SWOOSH! A powerful gust of wind blew and rattled the crockery on the tables. Then another SWOOSH, and another. This time, the crockery blew off the tables and smashed onto the floor, spilling food and drink everywhere. Everyone stopped and stared and suddenly their eyes filled with terror.



"Oh no!" yelled Stanley, pointing to the Town Hall. Out of nowhere, the wind blew the bunting off the building and onto the Origs. They scrambled about trying to get free from it but got more tangled instead.

"No need to panic," yelled Rona trying to keep everyone calm. But the wind grew wild and mayhem ensued. And before you could say boo, everyone was screaming and scrambling to get indoors.



Sulky Wulky slipped on a banana skin and grazed her knee. Tom fell over Sulky Wulky and took some balloons down with him which popped with a loud bang. The noise was frightening and some of the Origs began to cry.

After about an hour, the wind suddenly subsided and all the Origs gathered outside the Townhall.

"Look at this mess!" exclaimed Rona, overwhelmingly disheartened. "The party is ruined!"



And Rona buried her head in her hands and began to weep. The Origs looked stunned as they had never seen Rona cry before. They all looked at each other and nodded as if they knew just what to do. They were *analytical* Origs after all. Laura took Rona back to her house to comfort her.

"Drink this," she said holding a hot cup of tea. "It will make you feel much better."



Rona took a sip of the hot drink and sniffled.
"Thank you for your kindness Laura!" she said, "I guess the party wasn't meant to be huh?
I mean...I just wanted you all to have a good

time."

"Who said we didn't?" replied Laura smiling.

"Yes but it had barely got going when...."

And Rona got upset again as she re-lived the memory. Laura hugged her and sat with her until she was ready to leave for the party.



As the two girls walked back to the Town Hall, Rona's eyes grew wide.

"Surprise!" chorused the Origs together.

"What's going on?...but how...?" Rona was speechless. All the Origs had worked together to clean up all the mess and restore the party. It was as if the wind storm had never happened. They went on to have a wonderful party indeed.



They each told their story! Rona applauded them with admiration when she heard their inspirational stories. She was overcome with joy.

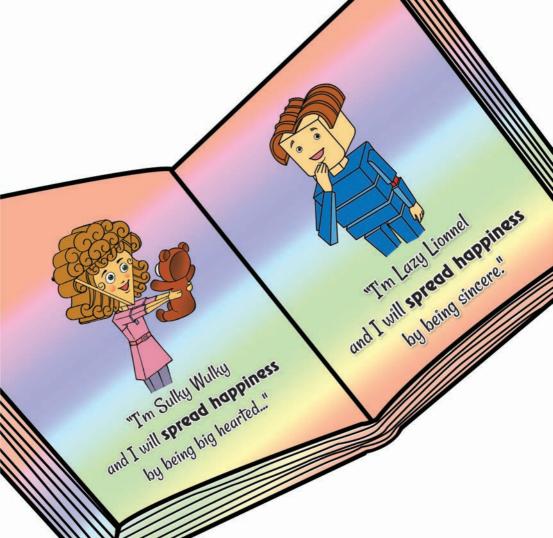


The Origs decided it was now time to give the special gift to their creator.

"This is for you, from all of us," said Noel handing over a wrapped parcel.

"For me?" Rona was surprised and delighted at the same time. She carefully unwrapped the parcel revealing a beautiful bound book in all the colours of the rainbow!





"The Book of Happiness," read Rona, stroking the cover with her fingertips. "Wow, it's lovely." She opened the book. Each page began with a summary from each Orig followed by their story...



And so on. Rona read through to the end of the book.

"We hope you enjoyed it," said Noel looking pleased. Hopefully anyone who reads it will feel inspired......

"And spread the happiness," finished off Rona. "What a brilliant idea!"

"This one is yours," beamed Noel, "But we will make more for you to give your human friends in your human world."

Rona was so proud of her little Origs. The Origs she created!





And so life went on for the little Origs. As for Rona, she shared the little Book of Happiness with her human friends and their families. It made a positive difference and inspired them to better their lives.

This happiness began to spread like wildfire.
Rona wondered whether it was real or just plain magic!!



