

The Amazing
Adventures of
Phoelina!



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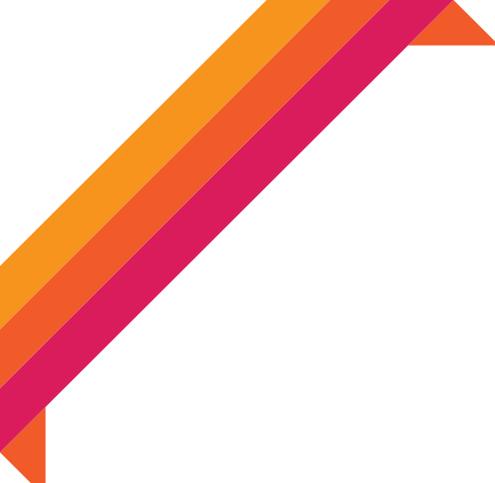
Welcome to The Amazing Adventures of Phoelina The Diarmund.

You have many questions on your mind don't you? What is a Diarmund? What's with the name Phoelina? Where is she from?

All of these questions will be answered as you read each chapter of this mini book, crafted by an immensely talented group of young people, in whom rest the wellsprings of creativity.

They have indeed added value to "Think and Ink", our signature module for Creative Writing.

Read on...



CHAPTER 1

HINGTOOS ISLANDS

This is an interesting chapter-are you ready to dive into a calm world where troubles are forgotten and fortunes are won?

Hingtoos Islands was probably the calmest place in the world. It's actually an anagram for soothing islands. I guess the founder thought it was a good name. It was full of serene and idyllic beaches with palm trees and coconuts as coconut water is quite a popular drink even in Hingtoos.

Peaceful, placid mountains covered with snow, tranquil, serene, crystal blue waters-the sounds of water dripping, rustling of the trees and soft voices speaking in polite language.

You could smell lavender and watermelon candles and burning incense sticks that smelt like lemonade, and a motley crew of people lived here.

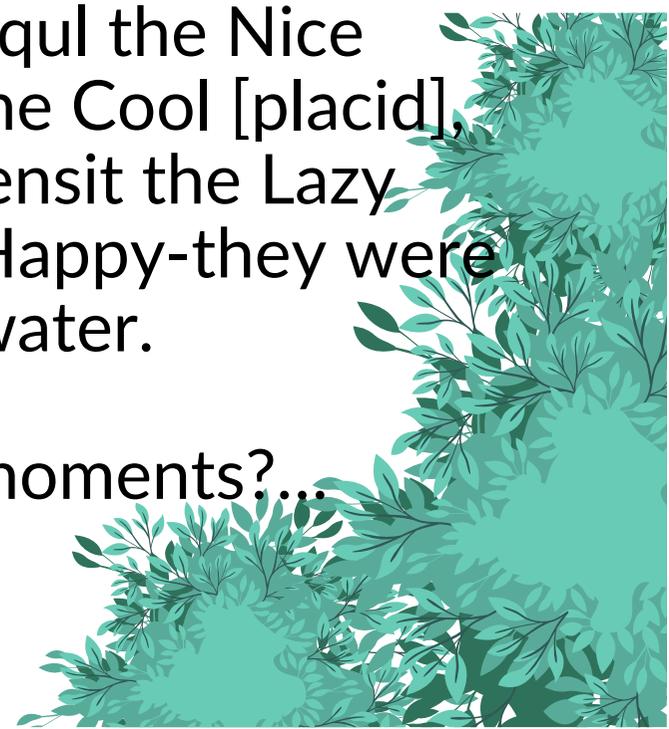
Have you ever heard of a diarmund?

Meet Phoelina the Diarmund - A diarmund has the body of a lion, the face of an eagle and the wings of a phoenix and has a dark blue tail. She also has a luminous crystal horn that picks up any kind of emotion around her. Her magical powers include spitting out ice and fire, invisibility, talking in a human voice, conduct electricity, disguise herself and a certain degree of clairvoyance.

Diarmunds are the most kind and helpful of all mythical creatures. They treat everyone with utmost respect, but sometimes they get a little emotional. They also love to brag a lot and tend to get lost easily. Diarmunds love to daydream and are super clumsy. This gets them into a lot of trouble. These are the main qualities of the majestic Diarmunds.

Her friends are Ceafpul the Centaur [Brave and intelligent-yet loves to gossip so be careful when you are confiding in some of your secrets to her (Her name is an anagram for peaceful), Renese the Radical [serene], Natriqul the Nice [tranquil], Malc the Majestic [calm], Clapid the Cool [placid], Dillyiic the Dark [idyllic], Lidarol the Loud, Lensit the Lazy [silent], Maciabel the Mad and Heshud the Happy-they were currently sunbathing and drinking coconut water.

Did they know that danger would arrive in moments?...





CHAPTER 2

PHOELINA'S SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE!!

Phoelina was scouting around when her crystal horn started detecting fear then she entered a cave and lo and behold!

She saw a shimmering light and found Keke the diarmund exploring the cave! Phoelina's joy knew no bounds when she saw Keke. She was very cheerful and happy.

Suddenly, she was really scared and her crystal horn started detecting fear, and she had a sense of impending doom.

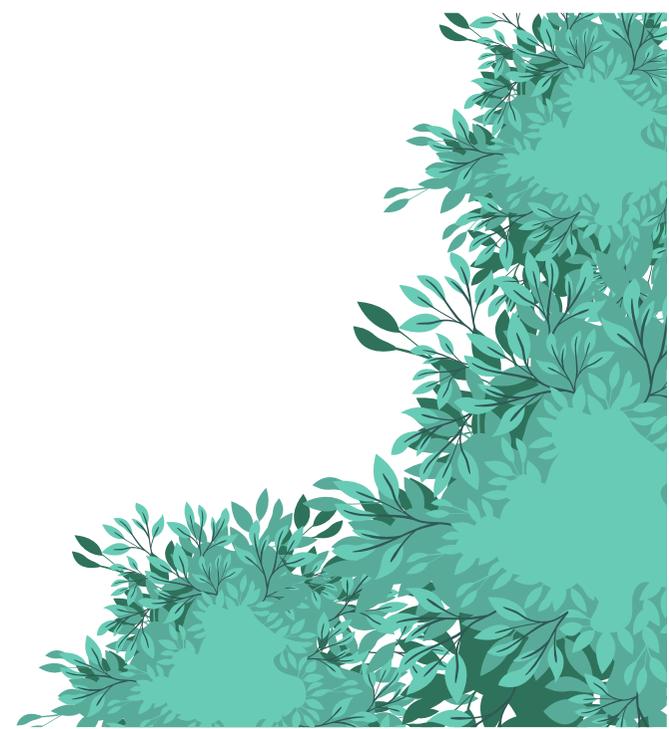
She started running towards a large abyss in the center of the cave and when she entered the large abyss it was dark and scary, but there was a faint shimmering light at the end of the large abyss.

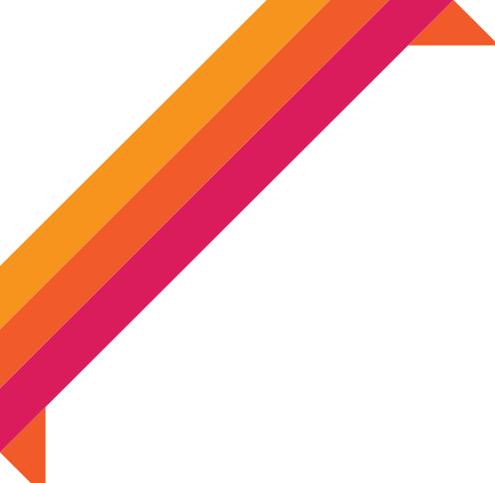
She slowly started walking towards the shimmering light and stepped on a large twig. She jumped back quickly with fear and continued walking towards the light when there she saw another Diarmund.

They both introduced themselves. She asked “what's your name?” The other diarmund replied “I am Keke the Diarmund.”

Phoelina answered, “Keke, I have been waiting to make your acquaintance.” Many years back, a time wizard told me that our destinies would be knit together and the moment is now!”

“Come, let us begin our amazing adventures as I know have found my companion.” So saying, Phoelina and Keke started their amazing adventures.





CHAPTER 3

CITY OF DOOM

After their initial journey for a few days, Keke and Phoelina went to a city where they find water and rest, but Phoelina doesn't know that death was lurking at her doorstep.

A journey well begun, Keke and Phoelina were talking and taking in the various landscapes. Soon, they were tired and thirsty and most of all needed rest. Keke detected life somewhere nearby as Phoelina was too tired to exercise her magical powers.

They reached the city where a large board read 'City of Esmond ' or as the diarmunds like to call it, 'The city of doom!'

After reading the board Phoelina cried out...
"THE CITY OF DOOM! KEKE WHERE ON EARTH HAVE YOU BROUGHT ME?"

“Phoelina, I just detected life from my crystal horn, but I didn’t know it would be dangerous. We have to find a place where we can stay safe, until then you can have a look at their city. But whatever you do, don't climb that mountain.”

Keke uttered these words of caution to Phoelina.

“But why?” asked Phoelina.

“No questions Phoelina” said Keke,

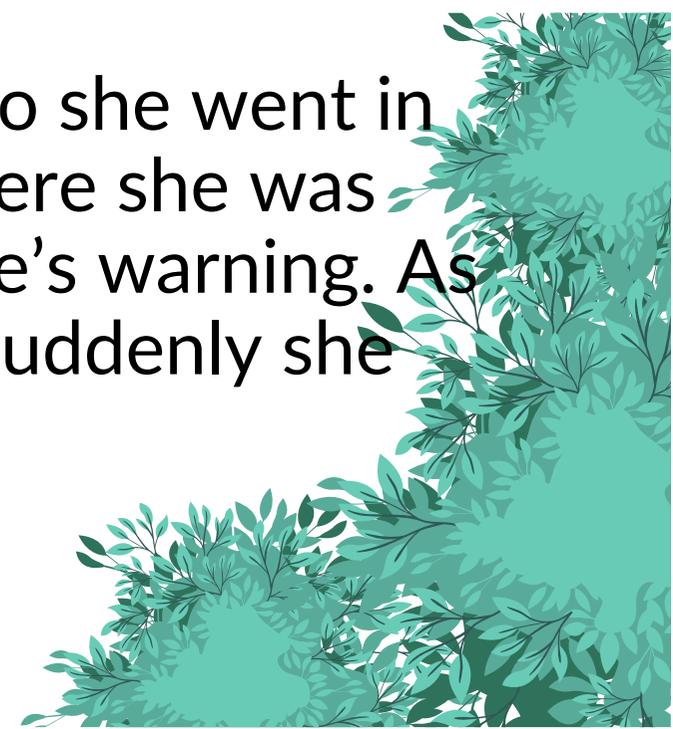
“Just listen to me if you want to live.”

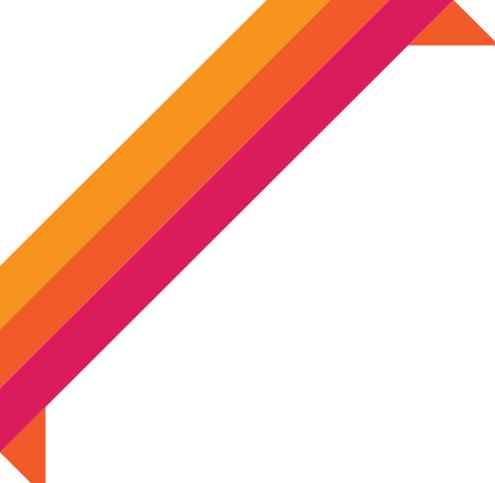
“Ok Keke, you are the boss!”

They both parted ways.

Phoelina went exploring around Esmond and to her disgust, she found a whole city full of robots. Yes! Robots! Robots lived in the city of doom. “UGH! How I hate these robots! Megabytes, terabytes, gigabytes or whatever they are!”

Then Phoelina started to get bored and so she went in search of Keke. Phoelina didn't know where she was going and neither did she remember Keke’s warning. As she climbed up the forbidden mountain suddenly she heard a garish, loud voice.





CHAPTER 4

PHOELINA IN DANGER

Phoelina got stuck on top that terrible mountain and Keke shouted to her about an evil robot on top of the mountain.

The whole city heard that noise, and on hearing that noise, Keke rushed to see what kind of strange and fearful noise it was. Sadly, her intuition told her that Phoelina was in trouble and when she realized the truth she saw Phoelina struggling to get a grip on the Cliffside of the mountain.

Keke screamed "Phoelina! Be careful! There is an evil robot leader who is trying to get you!" "He has been erroneously programmed by his evil commander and has captured the mountain. He is set to kill all creatures who disturb his world."

Phoelina heard the words from Keke and she was frightened to the tip of her crystal horn. Panic seized Phoelina and she just could not bring herself to think clearly.

Before she tried to take her next step, the robot got a hold of her through his unique sensing abilities and was about to use his powers to seize Phoelina when....

CHAPTER 5

THE FIRST ENCOUNTER

As Phoelina climbed the mountain she reached the castle on the mountain. She entered it while the guards were changing duties. She was threatened by the cyborg leader DIOKTIS to a death sentence.

Will she escape...and if she does will she be able to take revenge?

“Haaahaaaahaaaahaaa” said a deep mysterious voice.

“Why you fool! You think you can come into my lair and stay unharmed?” (You’ve put your head inside the lion's mouth’ said another voice”).

“But what did I do? What did anybody do? Why do you have them so cruelly punished.” asked Phoelina.

“Cruelly punished?” said the voice.

“It is because of me they have food and shelter and it’s because of me that they survive. And the one thing I order is them to live under my control and when they defy that, you will meet your cruel fate. “That is the reason they are dead and so will you”.

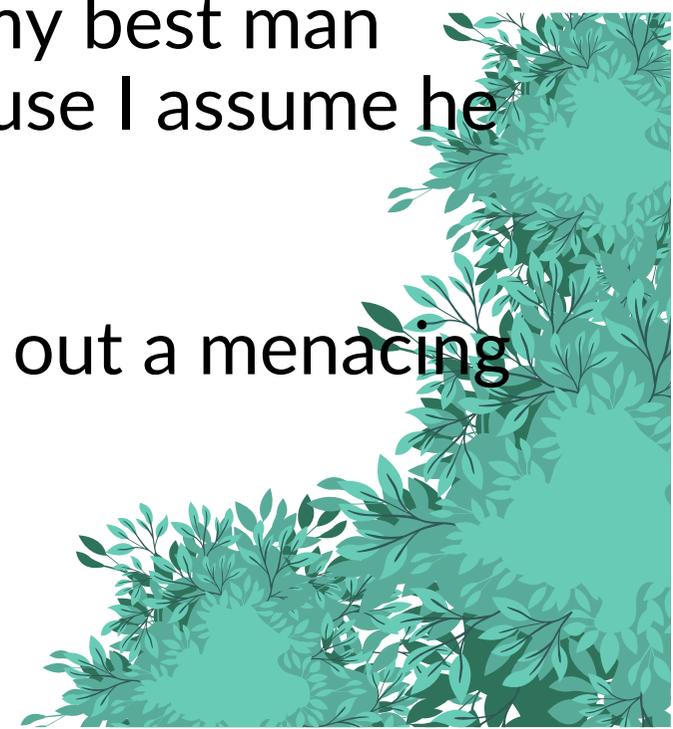
While saying this the figure of the creature came into view and slowly the whole room in the castle on the mountain lit up, and she was horrified.

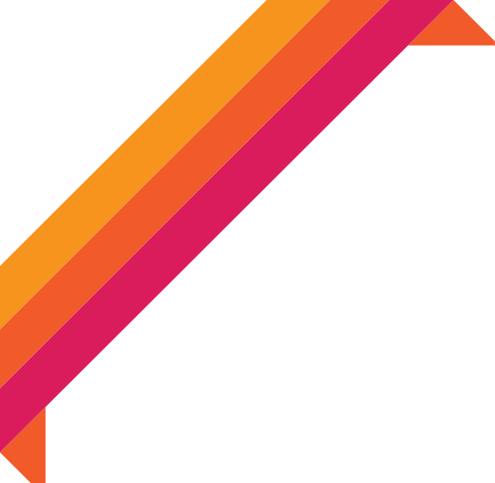
She saw so many heads lined up on sticks (most of it were Diarmunds of Phoelina's kind) behind the elevated area.

The room was quite sinister and it was only the entrance hall after all, she saw five doors, each highly guarded and behind a golden chair and there was one tiny trapdoor, which had the same design as the floor and would have gone unnoticed by less observant creatures. The people she saw were very different. At first she thought they were cyborgs but then she looked closer and saw they were wholly robots.

The only leader (the one that was speaking) was the cyborg. "Meet my right hand diarmund, my best man "YOTABYTE", "remember him well, because I assume he is the last person you will see."

"Kill her YOTTA!" said the cyborg and let out a menacing laugh.





CHAPTER 6

CAMYFLIND

Phoelina remembered quickly that she had powers of invisibility. Her crystal horn soon turned a deep shade of purple and simultaneously Keke's horn too. In an instant they became invisible.

As they fled from the country, Phoelina's eyes spotted another country she saw the name on the sign considered its safety and settled there.

After a while Phoelina and Keke got tired and as luck would have it they found a city nearby and it was full of fascinating people. The name was on the flag.

It was called Camyflind.

They sauntered in and found that the people were extremely hospitable. It was everything unlike Esmond. Their horns could only pick up happy vibes and they were glowing a bright shade of pink.

After what looked like many years in the passing, Phoelina and Keke decided to move on and discover more.

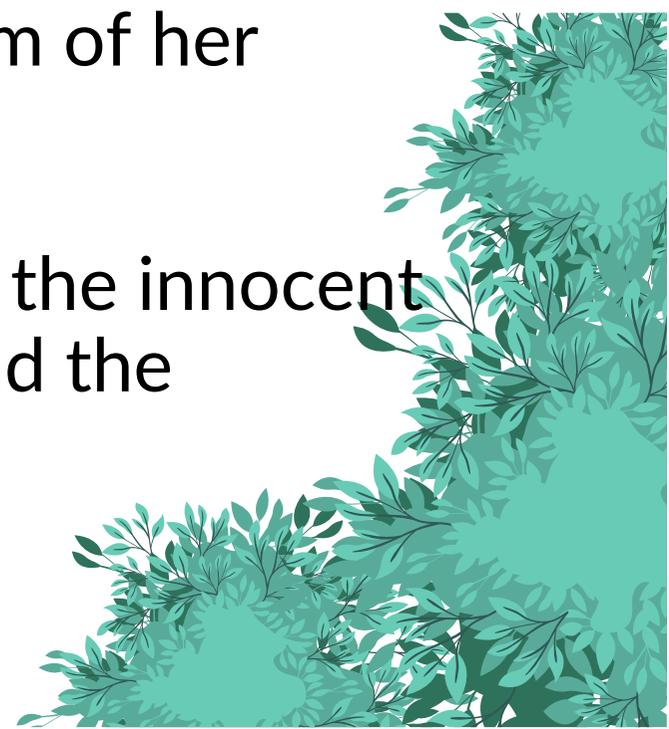
After all, their destinies were tied together as fellow adventurers and explorers. They could not remain in one place for long.

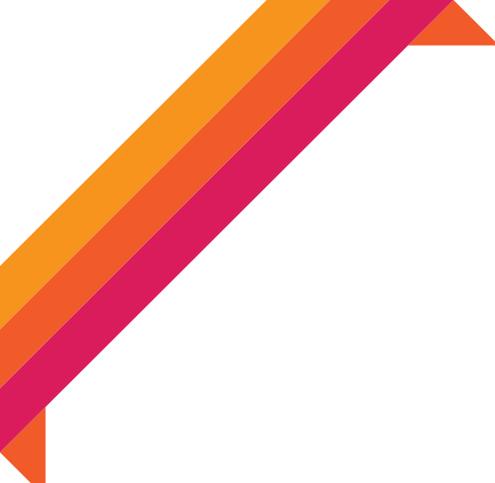
As they sadly bid goodbye to the city of Camyflind, they started the next phase of the journey, when they suddenly heard the snap of an archer's bow.

They lifted their eyes to meet Cindy the Centaur, who quickly drew up alongside. Kronolus the Time Wizard was also in plain sight with his cloak of time. Phoelina remembered them from her previous adventures and was only too glad to see them again.

She briefly introduced Keke and told them of her encounter in the castle of Esmond.

They soon hatched a brilliant plot to free the innocent people in Esmond and kill the evil king and the Commander of his army, Dioktis.





CHAPTER 7

THE ARMY OF FREEDOM

Will Phoelina, Keke, Cindy and Kronulus be able to fight against the ARMY OF FREEDOM and defeat Dioktis?

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The army had just finished an intensive round of training and were ready for war. They then marched to the gate.

The king of Esmond saw the commotion and came to the ramparts of his majestic castle.

One of the servants told him what was happening. The king was surprised; ironically said “Oh okay tell them to be careful I don’t want them to get tired of war, you know.”

The soldiers were then allowed to march out of the gate and they slowly reached Esmond and then, the war started.

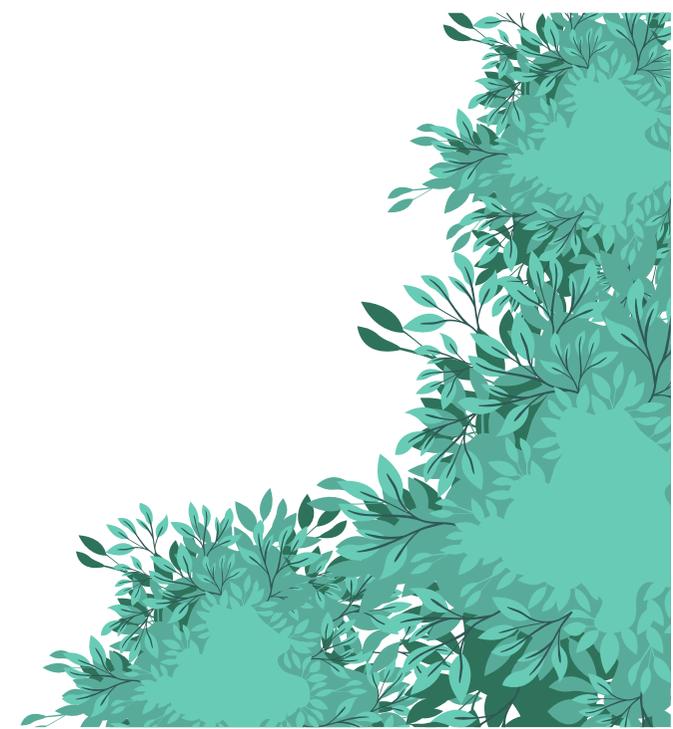
It was uncontrollable, the robots first taken aback by the surprise attack were soon quickly losing their power.

They slowly began to be reprogrammed by Dioktis soon as he heard of their falling back and now they started to fight back.

Dioktis also rushed in suited up for war against these mythical creatures who were too good for his likes.

He assumed his position in the cyber-battlefield. But by then with the combined forces of good, the foursome had already damaged the robot army's chance of winning greatly.

Then Dioktis spotted Phoelina..!!!



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