



NEW BEGINNING AT MALORY TOWERS

Inspiration

Having finished reading all the series of Malory towers written by Enid Blyton and the later by Pamela Cox, I find Malory towers immensely interesting, fun to read and inspiring. Inspired by this series which has led to this venture of continuing this series. I hope this book provides every reader the same amount of pleasure in reading as the previous books.

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Chapter 1-New Term

Darrel Rivers smiled as she saw her daughter Melody admiring herself in the uniform of Malory Towers, remembering her first time before she joined Malory towers She said to Melody “Excited?”. Melody smiled and replied, “I hope it will be a good term, I have heard so much about it from you and aunt Felicity”. Darrel said “you are jolly, lucky to go to such an awesome school. I owe Malory towers for what I am now”. Suddenly they heard a honking sound, it was Peter Hasberg, Darrel’s husband waiting for both of them. He said “Come fast, or we shall not reach Malory towers until the train has reached”. Darrel and Malory rushed outside carrying Melody’s night case. they also had to take a huge drawing book and drawing materials because Malory was a very good artist. Darrell groaned as she carried Melody’s truck, “Oh dear! I bet even Picasso would not carry as much load of art as you do”. As they got into the car Darrell said to her husband, “It is not to get away for some time from the thoughts of studies, newsroom etc.”. Darrell and Peter were Editors-in-chief of the new channel, The English Times. Darrell being a writer had written about ten books. Soon they reached the station and were bidding goodbye to Melody. When a cling of the bracelet was heard as Darrell picked up the bracelet. A woman came to her and said, “Sorry, I dropped...Oh! Darrell, how nice to see you!”. It was Sally, Darrell’s best Friend at Malory towers as well as college. Darrell overjoyed, hugged her friend and said, “Oh, it’s awesome to see you and this must be your daughter Helena”. Hi Helena, I am your Mother’s best friend Darrell. The young girl smiled softly and then, a man came running introducing himself as George Hills, Sally’s husband. Sally said, “I see your daughter is also starting first term as Helena”. Turning to Helena, “Dear, go and talk to Melody”. The two girls shyly said Hi as the train was about to leave. And they were bidding goodbye to their parents. Helena said to Melody, “Hi, I am Helena, can we be friends?”. It’s kind of lonely to be all alone when we are the only new kids. Melody nodded her head and said, “I love art, what is your interest”. Helena replied, “I love playing Violin”. As time passed both the girls became engrossed in their talks and time went fast. But after lunch, both of them became a little tired and decided to something relaxing. Melody started working on a pastel scenery, while Helena was writing a new lyric for the new composition of hers. Then Melody asked, “do you like swimming and tennis”, Helena nodded and said, “I learnt it from my mon”. Melody said “me too”. Soon Malory towers came in view and both the girls looked in an awe at the beautiful Malory towers building, majestic with its four towers-North, South, West and East. The

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alighted from the station and felt a little scared. Everybody seems to know each other already except them. They both looked at each other and smiled. Then Ms. Pottis came and said “Hello, girls, you must be Melody Hasberg and Helena Hills, the daughters of Darrell rivers and Sally Hope. Welcome to Malory towers. I am Ms. Pottis your house mistress, you both shall be in the North tower. Now I shall entrust you both in the care of Annie Harris, the head girl of your form”. She turned and summoned a girl of about their height, who greeted them and asked them to follow her. Both the girls had mixed feelings. Both of them were glad to be in North tower, where their mothers had been. And they were very happy to have each other’s company. It was sure to be a good term.

Chapter 2-Settling in

Both the girls entered the Malory towers and looked with awe at everything. Then they went to their dormitories and were delighted to get beds., just next to each other. Then Melody asked, “Got your health certificate?”. Helena said, “Don’t want to be another Irene”. Melody said, “And I don’t want to be another Belinda”. Both of them laughed as they remembered the stories of Irene, who always forgot her health certificate but was a musical genius. And Belinda, her friend, who was equally scatter brained but was an art genius. Then both of them gave their health certificates, to the matron, who immediately recognised them as Darrel and Sally’s daughters and said “Both of them were jolly good students, all the best to you. Now you can go for your supper”. On the way Malory whispered to Helena, “looks like, it’s going to be a bit tough living up to our mom’s”. Then they went to the supper hall where they found two empty benches and sat over there. Suddenly, another girl came and said, “Hi! I am Patricka, I see you are new here, welcome to Malory towers. I hope you have a good term here.” Then Patricka came and sat next to them along with another girl called Ellen. Melody and Helena surveyed the whole room, all the first formers looked happy, even the new comers as themselves but this girl was frowning even in such a fun place. Then Helena turned to Patricka and asked, “Patricka, who is that girl, is she new like us?”. Patricka smiled and said “Oh, no! you are the only new comers this term. Dear Emily Patterson things she is so great and is always bitter to everyone. She joined last term we leave her alone. By the way this is Ellen Camerson, who is my best friend and who is also in North tower”. Melody and Helena looked at Emily and felt so sad and sorry for the poor girl. Patricka, almost immediately reading their thoughts said, “You think we did not try to make friends with her? We tried the whole term but she was the same. I don’t think she will be able to change unless time comes you better not waste time brooding over her. Enjoy your time with swimming, tennis and tricks. Me and Ellen often play tricks”. By that time the bell had rung and it was time for everyone to go and unpack their night cases and go to sleep at 8 since they would all be tired after their long journeys. Annie switched off the lights as Melody and Helena said goodbye to each other and decided that they would try to make friends with Emily.

Chapter 3-The First Day

The next day was bright and clear. Both Helena and Melody were excited for their first days. They woke up and got ready. They went into the first form classroom after meeting with their head Ms. Grayling and both of them sat together along with Emily in the front bench. Ms. Pottis, came inside the classroom and said, "Good morning girls, now all the new girls stand up". Only Melody and Helena stood up and introduced themselves. Then they sat down as Ms. Pottis started to write the time table and give out the books and then they gave them some sums to solve. She was pleased that Helena and Melody could do them very well but Emily could not solve even one properly. She said sternly, "Emily, if you do not concentrate on your studies, I will have to give you extra coaching, please concentrate". Emily simply nodded and sat down but did not concentrate. Helena and Melody, sitting on the first bench could not speak to Emily, but then in the dormitory they got a chance. Helena asked Emily, "Emily do you want help with maths". Emily rudely said, "No thanks". Then Melody, in the supper room said, "Done your homework? Nice needlework". Emily just said, "please go away, you and your nosey friend. Just because, you are good at everything you can't poke your nose into everything I do". Melody was hurt but she went to Helena said, "Emily was rude but I saw her eyes when she spoke, they were pitiful asking for help". Helena just nodded and said, "Melody, I understand, we shall do something, but right now we need to concentrate on our lessons. I am sure with a little kindness Emily shall tell us her problems.

Chapter 4-A trick on Mamzel'le

Next evening in the common room when Helena and Melody came after a swim. Patricka called the whole form and said, "Girls, my brother Joseph sent me a parcel of a perfume that makes anybody laugh like mad. Let's play it on Mamzel'le Dupont. She is lovely to play tricks on. Everybody was excited except Emily, who was doing her needle work. Everybody ignored her except Helena and Melody. They were sad she didn't want to join but continued to listen to the plans. Jean, another girl said, "Hey Patricka, Mamzel'le always takes my book first. So why don't you spray a little on my book. I am sure by the smell it will come to effect. All agreed and Janet, another girl said, "But Ellen, the smell might spread to all of us. And someone will suspect we are playing a trick if we all start laughing.". Jean patiently explained, "See, I will put a minimal amount so that only Mamzel'le and anyone standing next to her can smell it. As for me I shall wear a mask telling Mamzel'le that I have slight cold, OK?". Everybody cheered and waited eagerly the next day. Mamzel'le came in and said, "Ma petites, Hello! Today we shall learn some very good French words. But first show me the prep I gave you yesterday. Jean, you come and show me". This was the moment everyone relished. Jean was hiding her laughter under the mask. Mamzel'le asked Jean, "Jean, what happened, you have cold? You should go to the matron". Jean patiently said to Mamzel'le, "No problem Mamzel'le, it's a slight cold, I will be fine. Here is my French prep". Mamzel'le took the book and opened the page. She started laughing like mad as everybody else was trying to control their laughter. Ms. Peters, third form mistress came stomping inside and said, "Mamzel'le Dupont, why are u making such a noise. I am not able to take my class". Mamzel'le could only laugh in response. At the end of the class the effect of the perfume was gone. Mamzel'le playfully said, "you naughty girls, you tricked your poor Mamzel'le. Never mind, it was fun laughing. Never felt better". Melody and Helena enjoyed the trick as they thought what a sport Mamzel'le was but then their thoughts of Emily came back and they pondered how they would make Emily trust them.

Chapter 5-A Marvellous Plan

That evening in the common room Helena & Melody were sitting far away from Emily who was as usual day dreaming. Melody said, “Helena, do you have any ideas to make Emily trust us?”. Helena replied, “I think so, you see Emily sits beside our bench on my side and yesterday, during French class I noticed her notebook open. While she was day dreaming, I saw that her date of birth was 10th June which is on Friday. We have two days for that. Why don’t we give her something special?”. Melody said, “Nice idea, we could buy her a cake or a bar of chocolate. But I am broke. I spent two pounds on an art kit and two pounds on a new shoe”. Helena said, “Same here, I too have only two pounds. I spent one pound on strings for my violin and two pounds for a new music book. That means we have three pounds. With three pounds we can’t buy her a cake, a bar of chocolate or even a bottle of ginger beer”. Melody said, “I have an idea, we will make something for her. Why don’t we make chocolate cheese sandwiches along with chocolate milk shake?”. Helena agreed, “Yes Melody, that is a nice idea. It’s the only thing we can afford. You buy some condensed milk while I shall buy some Hershey’s syrup of chocolate flavour and bread. I will also buy some bananas for a smoothie. We will go tomorrow to town. But where will we make it and how will we give it to her?”. Melody said, “Hey, we could play a happy birthday song silently, not to disturb anyone and wish her happy birthday”. Melody added “we could make it at our school kitchen. I am sure it won’t take more than thirty minutes. Let’s go and talk to the kitchen staff”. After hearing their story, the cook said, “Fine, you can use a corner of the kitchen for some time. But you have to clean up the place”. The girls were busy the next day. First, they went to town and bought all the materials they needed then they went and made the sandwiches and the milk shake. Helena jokingly remarked, “It’s so tasty that I would eat it, it was not for a birthday”. Melody chuckled and replied, “wait foodie, where are we going to keep it?”. Finally, both the girls decided that it would be kept in Melody’s shelf which was in the middle of Helena and Emily’s bed. At the midnight, Helena woke Melody up and said, “Sleepy head, wake up, let’s take the sandwiches and go quickly. We need to go to sleep too. Remove the treats and let’s go fast so that we can return fast and sleep or else we shall not wake up tomorrow”. They tip-toed to Emily’s dormy and Helena played Happy Birthday song softly, as Emily woke up and both the girl’s entered Emily’s dormy and whispered, “Happy birthday Emily. Here’s our treat to you”. They gave her the sandwiches decorated in the form of the flower with a smiley and a glass of smoothie on which was written

'Happy Birthday'. Emily broke down with happiness and said, "You did it for me! Thank You!". The girls smiled at her and said, "The birthday girl should not cry. Now sit down and eat the sandwiches and have the smoothie". Emily smiled and hugged the girls. Then they sat down and Emily ate the sandwiches and remarked, "These are the best sandwiches ever. I'm sorry that I was rude to you girls". The girls were extremely happy to see Emily to see Emily smiling. Helena said, "How delightful you look when you smile". Melody nodded and said, "Yes, you look so nice. Why do you mourn. You can be happy and have fun with us?". Emily quietened and said, "I have not told this story to anyone. Since you two have been my first friends, so I will tell you. You see, I am an orphan. My mom and dad were cloth traders, who travelled a lot by ship. They were killed during a ship blast when I was only six years old and my sister Melisa was ten. For a few years we lived with our grandmother in her house. Life was fine until when my grandma too died when I was eleven. Her house was supposed to belong to both her children, my dad and my uncle. But after moving into the house uncle James and aunt Vera refused to take us in and so we went back to our old house. Me and my sister decided to join Malory towers and worked hard. How happy we were when we got a scholarship to Malory towers. But tragedy struck when me and Melisa went for a walk over the cliff and slipped into a lake. Melissa saved me but while saving herself she was hit by a flowing stone and drowned inside a lake. Since then I have always been very lonely. I missed my family and my sister we used to have such a nice time". Melody and Helena hugged Emily and Melody said, "I am sorry, it must have been terrible for you but you have to try to be happy. It will make you feel better and less lonely. Helena nodded her head and said to Emily, "Be friendly with everyone, you will feel much better". Emily heard this and smiled and she felt a lot better now. With this note all the girls went to sleep.

Chapter 6-A change over Emily

That day, Emily was kind to everyone. She greeted everyone politely and started concentrating in studies. Ms. Pottis was surprised by this change and said, “Good Emily, you have improved very much. Try hard and you might even top the form”. Soon everyone started liking her. Then one day, Janet came to her and said, “Can I please sit with you for some time? My bench has to be cleaned”. Emily smiled and said, “why not! Have a seat”. Soon they both started chatting like they were friends forever. Helena and Melody were happy for the girl. Helena said, “It’s nice to see Emily having a friend. Now everyone is paired up, Emily and Janet, Lisa and Susie and let’s not forget both of us. Lisa and Susie were two friends who loved horses and always went horse riding with their respective horses, Sammy and Sunlight. The girls grinned and they remembered these good-natured girls. Now the term was sure to go smoothly. But they were wrong. There was still a lot to come.

Chapter 7-Half term

The halls of the towers were bustling with excitement. Games captain Martha was running to and fro. Why? It was half term. All the girls were quite excited to see their parents. Melody and Helena were going together. Patricka would be going with Ellen's family since hers were in a vacation. Lisa and Susie would be going for picnics with their horses and families. And Emily was going with Janet's people. Janet's mom and dad were very kind and it put Emily to ease. She had a great time in the hotel where Janet's parents took her and Janet. For quite a while she forgot the pain she had in the loss of her family. And Janet's family was so alike hers. Kind, humble and friendly. Then Janet's parent's after lunch gave an exciting news. They said, "Janet, Emily is very nice and so we have decided that Emily shall stay with us now, in other words we shall be Emily's local guardian's". Both the girls were overjoyed by this news. Meanwhile, in a picnic Melody and Helena were having a fun time playing tennis, swimming and eating yummy food with their families. Darrell looked at them and said, "they remind me of us, Sally. How I miss dear old Mallory towers. By the way how is the kinder gardens progress, Sally?". Sally and George had recently opened a kinder garden cum creche. Sally replied, "Good, but we have been keeping very busy". Soon the two days of half term passed like a flash as the students and parents unhappily, said goodbye to each other. When Emily told them of the good news, everybody patted her. They were all very happy for her. Then all the girls went to sleep quickly as they were tired from their fun days. Everybody happily slept.

Chapter 8-Things get messed up

Next day after lessons, Helena and Melody decided to have a round of tennis matches. Both of them were excellent players, especially in doubles, a talent they had inherited from their mothers. After one hour, both of them sat down tired. Helena said, "Oh God! We have only played for one hour and it feels like ten. Let's have a break". Melody nodded and said, "Yes! Let's go and have some Lemonade. We will leave our rackets here". But when they came back the racket's strings were broken. Melody shocked, "There is no way it could have broken because of our game. I bought these strings just a few days ago and I am sure that the place is reliable. Even you bought it with me, right?". Helena nodded and said "Yes, now we will have to buy a new racket since I am sure that the person will not be able to change the strings again as this racket is already broken very badly. We will buy a new one tomorrow. Let's hope the person who did this doesn't play such a foul trick on us again". But things did not get better. Melody found her art pastel's missing whereas Helena could not find her new violin strings. After a few more rounds of thefts or spoiling's both the girls got fed-up and complained in the common room. Suddenly a girl called Sarah shouted and said, "I know who the thief is! Its Emily Patterson. She is being kind to everyone. I know what happened to her family but that does not justify it. She is always roaming behind Helena and Melody and beware, she might steal your stuff too, girls". Emily shocked, replied with the verge of tears in her eyes, "I did not do it. Oh! You must believe me". Janet hugging Emily said, "I know Emily did not do it. She was with me the whole time". Helena and Melody too supported Emily and said, "We trust you Emily, it must have been somebody else". But things did not get better as every second day, the girls things got missing. Fed up to the core, the girls had a meeting silently in the music room with Patricka and Ellen, and complained that, "If things go like this, we will have to go to town everyday while we are trying so hard to save money". The girls were silent for a while. Then Patricka replied, "Hey! I know a trick guys to find the thief. My brother Joseph used the same trick when the boys of his boarding school were fed-up with a thief. What you have to do is, keep your new racket's in plain sight so that it will be easy for the thief to see it and then stay away until you hear noises. Wake up and catch the thief. But remember the thief must be close enough to catch. I would have given you the spray we used on Mamzel'le but I sent it to my brother Charlie to use at his school". Helena and Melody did as Patricka told them and lay in their beds in suspense. A thief was sure to come.

Chapter 9-A thief revealed

As Helena and Melody lay in wait for the thief, a noise of footsteps was heard. Both the girls acted like in sleep. Then Melody heard the sound of somebody calling her name. It was Helena. She understood that Helena had caught the thief. She quickly rushed to Helena and saw a girl holding pliers, she immediately recognised the girl, it was Sarah. So, the culprit was Sarah! Sarah was begging them saying, "Oh! Helena and Melody, please forgive me and do not report me to Ms. Grayling. I promise I shall never do something so horrible. I will return all the things I have stolen and will pay for new rackets too". Helena and Melody looked at each other and said, "Don't worry Sarah, we shall not report you to Ms. Grayling. But why did you do such a thing to us? And why did you blame Emily?". Sarah, replied, "I was jealous of you people, you girls are naturally good at everything and have talents. I have none. I wanted to put the blame on Emily since I thought you people would believe me as she was rude to everybody a few months ago. I didn't know that you girls trusted her so much". With this Sarah started crying, Melody soothingly said, "There, there, don't cry. You must apologize to Emily and all the girls. I and Helena will tell them not to tell Ms. Grayling". Helena continued, "it's not about having talents, it's about developing it. I can teach you music if you want and all the girls at Malory towers are your friends if you be good with everyone". Sarah felt warmed as she went to sleep as a new person. The next day she took Helena and Melody to the town and bought them new rackets and also treated them with cake and juice. All the girls came to know of Sarah's dark act but agreed that she must be forgiven for what she had done. She also personally apologised to Emily, who accepted it gracefully. Laura, the topper of the class offered to coach her in lessons, Emily taught her needle work, Martha trained her in sports whereas Helena and Melody taught her art and violin. Sarah was very happy as she realised, how many friends she had. She had learnt something new this term. Something she would never forget.

Chapter 10- The end of the term

The last few weeks of the term, passed like a flash. And soon it was time for the girls to go home. They all were sad to leave but promised to write to each other often. This term had many dark events but they were lead to beautiful lessons learnt and many friendships formed. Emily was especially very excited since she was going to her new house along with her friend and live with her new guardians. All the girls said bye to all the mistress who were in a jovial mood even Mamzel'le Rougier, the thin French mistress who was extremely strict and had a very serious mode every time, too gave a little leniency to the girls and even cracked a joke or two often. The two Mamzel'le 's who were bitter enemies were talking like friends. The girls packed their trunks and bid goodbye to the girls who were going by train. A little while later cars started crowding the road. Darrell had come to pick up Helena and Melody as both of them bid goodbye to Malory towers and Melody said, "dear Malory towers, Goodbye for now. I shall come back for the second term". Goodbye Melody, Helena and all others, we shall meet you again in the second term.

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My Experience with this book – This book removed the boredom from my mind during the lockdown. Writing this book came naturally for me, since I enjoyed it as much as reading the books. This helped me to broaden the horizon of my mind, and think beyond the box. It was indeed a valuable experience and a memorable time; I will cherish throughout my life.

