



## *Full Text* **THE AMAZING HAT**

Brought to you by Areté and Ateneo de Manila Basic Education, in partnership with Adarna House for Sandaang Salaysay! *The Amazing Hat*, written by Jose Miguel Tejido and will be read for us by Paula M. Quodala and Carmella T. Nazario.

Mia was fond of collecting unusual things.

One day, she rummaged through her grandma's wooden trunk. She was so happy when she found a hat. What a strange-looking thing it was! Mia stood in front of the mirror to try the hat on. She tried different ways of wearing it. But she thought that it

lacked something. Mia stepped outside and walked to the store across the street.

“Good morning, Manang Sol”, Mia greeted.

“Is my hat pretty?”

“Yes, Mia, but it will look lovelier if we put a piggy bank on it,” the vendor replied. Mia was surprised with the gift she had received.

“Thank you, Manang Sol!” Mia said.

Mia walked to the bakery.

“Mang Rico!” Mia called. “Is my hat pretty?” “Yes, Mia, but it will look lovelier if we put a candlestick on it,” the baker replied. “Thank you, Mang Rico!” Mia said.

Mia dropped by the clinic.

“Doktora Dulce, is my hat pretty?” Mia asked. “Yes, Mia, but it will look lovelier if we put some fruits on it,” the doctor replied. “Thank you, Doktora Dulce!” Mia said.

Mia kept walking until she reached the fire station.

“Mang Ador, is my hat pretty?” Mia asked. “Yes, Mia, but it will look lovelier if we put an aquarium on it,” the fireman replied. “Thank you, Mang Ador!” Mia said.

As Mia crossed the street, she met the policeman.

“That’s a strange hat you’re wearing, Mia!” Mang Kalor greeted her. “But it will look better if we put a birdcage on it.” “Thank you, Mang Kalor!” Mia said.

Mia reached the garden at the plaza.

“Mang Lito, is my hat pretty?” Mia asked. “Yes, Mia, but it will look lovelier if we put flowers on it,” the gardener replied. “Thank you, Mang Lito!” Mia said.

When she reached the playground, Mia’s hat was loaded with an assortment of souvenirs!

“Mia, I think that my kite will complete your hat!” Toto said. “Toto, wait!” Mia shouted. But it was too late. Toto had tied his kite to her hat.

A strong wind blew. Mia held on to her hat and was carried away. Mia was taken high up to the clouds! Suddenly, wind began to fill the hat. The hat turned into a giant parachute! When the sun shone brightly on it, everyone below saw all the wonders hidden inside the hat!

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