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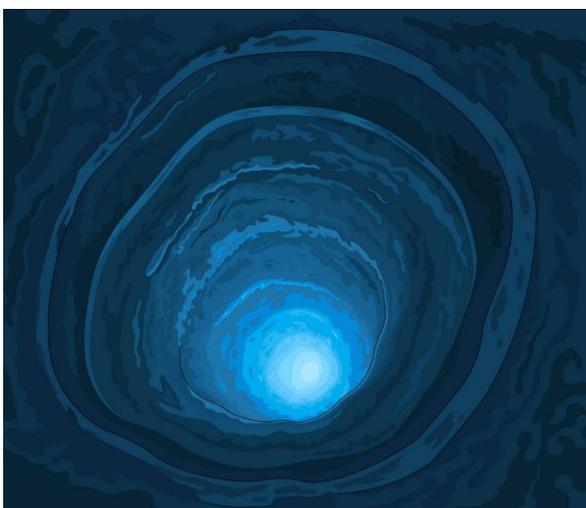
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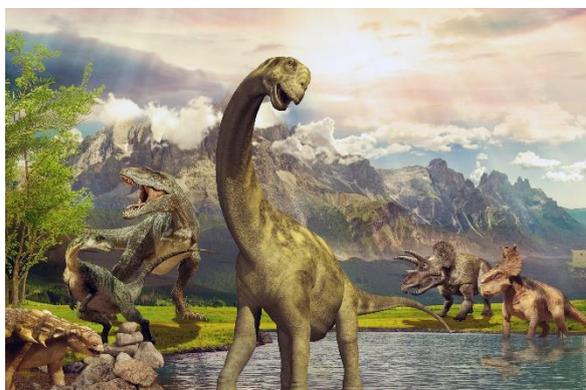
## HOMEBOUND: AN ADVENTURE SAGA

### Nupur Sehgal, VIII-B

One day my parents went to watch a movie at the multiplex. I and my brother were asked to stay at home. We were playing indoor games because parents instructed us to not to go out of the house. After sometime, we felt very hungry and decided to make Maggi. Suddenly, I heard someone calling my name. I ignored it because there was no one else except us in the home. I heard that voice again and followed it. I tracked it that the voice was coming from the bathroom. To my surprise, I saw a deep hole in the bathroom. Out of curiosity, I called my brother to



look at the hole. Suddenly, someone kicked both of us inside the hole and he too followed us in the sliding tunnel joined with the big hole. We were very scared while sliding in the tunnel. The next moment, we were amazed to see the sight. There



were dinosaurs all around us. The man who kicked and followed us was not traceable. After seeing the dinosaurs we gave a look to our

clothes and shockingly they changed to safari outfits. We lifted our face and found a visualised creature appeared in front of us. He instructed us to complete all the levels of live game to earn the key to go to home. Within a wink of eye, we received a map to be followed to reach different levels. In the first level, we had to pass through the jungle in which there were terrifying creatures like dinosaurs, a hybrid of shark and horse etc. As, we entered into the jungle, a T-Rex came in front of us. My brother, who is informative of dinosaurs, thought of a plan to escape. But, the dinosaur turned out to be over smart. He followed us in spite several traps laid by us till we reached a valley. With no way to go and survival from the beast was a must, we jumped down and crossed the valley by swimming in the river. We opened the map to track for the way and that the first level was marked complete. Thereafter, we started to compete for other levels. In second level, we



were to fight with a deck of cards. We underestimated them being so light and thought that they can be crushed under our foot. But, they came out to be very strong warriors. We were

hurt badly but somehow we finished that level. When we reached the third level, all of sudden bullets were showering onto us and my brother was hit by a bullet. I was in disgrace to see the condition of my brother. From nowhere a virtual character appeared and he told the remedy to cure my brother. He said that I have to get a medicinal shrub from a distant place. I ran ferociously with a speed of 120 miles per hour



and got hold that shrub. Then, I prepared a medicine which cured my brother. We resumed our journey to finish the level. In the next level, we have to get through a path which was full of spiders. We moved forward unknowingly that the spiders were very venomous. We both were terrified about how to cross this path. Then, my



brother planned of an idea and executed it by starting to make strange sounds. I was confused to see him making cunning sounds. In a few moments, I saw a lot of eagles in the sky. They were following to my brother's sounds and I was then able to make out that he was instructing them. The eagles honoured my brother's notes and attacked the spiders. Thus, they helped us to get away from the ferocious path. We continued

our journey to earn the key. The key was on a mountain. As soon as, we caught hold of the key everything vanished and we were in our house. The next moment, the doorbell rang and we opened the door to find our parents in front of us. They are still ignorant about our adventure.

## THE STOREROOM

Vashnavi Sharma, VIII-B

I woke up this morning with a noisy sound and found myself and my brothers sleeping in the storeroom. No one was allowed to go outside because of world war we three were staying at our aunt's house since we were evacuated. My mother died in the bomb blast last year and my father was a soldier in army who died while serving the nation. Just few days before army took my aunt to concentration camp as she was married to a Jewish man .Last night when I was playing life checkers with my brothers there was an attack from British royal air force loads of bombs were falling from their helicopters we ran straight towards the storeroom in basement as instructed by aunt. Before aunt was taken away we were not allowed to go there alone the main reason for that was that the basement was very large and thus, there were chances to get lost.

About an hour or two it seemed that everything became quiet there were many doors that were connected to the room in which we were sitting. George my elder brother opened a door to see outside, after a few seconds we heard a scream. "That belongs to George" said max, he ran outside to help him and I too ran after max.



Then I saw the most astonishing sight which included large green grassy hills, beautiful butterflies and loads of space. I was so happy to

see such open space that I almost forgot about my brothers. As I went through the greenery I found Max as well as George admiring the beauty of the place just then, a heavy thing hit on my head and I fell on the ground unconsciously.

When I woke up I found myself hung in net with my siblings. Through the net I could see only a few houses that probably belonged to some small creatures and I was almost right they were dwarfs with long nose such that I saw in book Pinocchio. “Um...hello” I said to the guard he stared at me and then we both spoke at the same time “Do you understand me?” For a few moments we both stared at each other and then that dwarf gave me a little smile I smiled at him too. A team of dwarfs approached us they seemed to be some kind of employees by their dress and stopped before us and looked as if we were culprits. All of them went into a small tent which was big enough for all of them.

It seemed that as if there was some discussion going .After some time a man came out who seemed the leader of all the dwarfs he announced that the strangers would be allowed to stay here as much they want but in exchange they will have to protect us from eagles.



We were confused what live here? Eagles? In exchange? As the meeting ended the leader came to us and ordered his men to set us free. He took us to his chamber and began to tell something which seemed more like a story. He began it like this, “long ago we lived happily in this valley of green without any disturbance but one day somehow eagles came to know about our place and since then we are not able to eat

and live properly. Whenever they are hungry they attack and snatch all the food we collect for the whole day and if they are not satisfied by the food they take our children and eat them. When we saw you today we came over an idea of which was that if you protect us from eagles and in exchange you may stay here till the war ends in your world. “But how can we save you from the eagles?” max questioned. “Of course you can do that they are just slightly bigger than us but it is very difficult for us to fight back” answered the dwarf. We accepted the proposal and ran in the fields to play happily.



Next morning, I asked the dwarf “how can we go back home?” The dwarf told me whenever you want to return just to close your eyes and remember the place from where you started this journey. I tried that and felt sleepy, when I woke up I found myself in the storeroom.

## THE TUNNEL – THAT LEADS TO ANOTHER PLANET

Sanskriti Yadav, IX-D

“No mom dad I can’t live homebound” said Tommy “But Tommy you have to stay home so that you stay safe when we would leave to Canada for some urgent work.” Tommy, a small nine year old boy who had fractured his hand while playing with his friends and now the doctor has advised him to stay at home and his parents had some urgent work and they had to go to Canada. Now Tommy was left with his elder sister Margie who was seventeen years old. Both Margie and Tommy were naughty and adventurous so their parents strictly ordered them to not to step out of the home till they

return. But as we all know that minds of naughty kids never stop thinking. So Margie and Tommy started exploring their own home as their home was very big and basement of their house was haunted. All of their family members and neighbors believed that there was a ghost in their basement because of this their parents specially told them to not to go to the basement at any cost.



But Margie and Tommy didn't believe in such superstitions and they were very brave so one day they both decided to go inside their basement. As they reached the basement, there was nothing unusual noticed by Margie and Tommy. Suddenly, they saw an old dusty door and they opened it, as they opened the door bats came flying out and a haunted sound started coming from somewhere. Margie and Tommy got scared. Tommy was smaller than Margie so he started crying and said to Margie that he will not go with her and he is returning to their room but Margie was a very adventurous and brave girl she made Tommy understand that there are no such creatures like ghosts. Now Tommy and Margie both were ready to go and know the reality.

Next Day, they entered the same room again the bats came out flying and that haunted spooky sound started coming again. But this they weren't scared much. They went inside the room and suddenly saw a blue-red light blinking in the dark corner of that room.

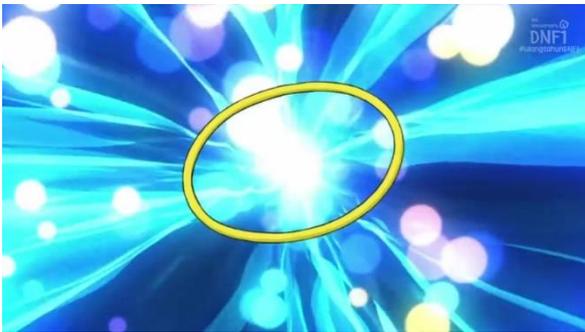
They went to that corner and followed the light suddenly they saw a huge big tunnel from which a very bright light was coming. Margie and Tommy wondered they decided to go inside it.



Margie and Tommy were not able to see anything due to the very bright light coming. When they opened their eyes they saw some people around them who were not like humans or animals. Margie asked them "Who are you and right now we are which place?" One of them told her that were at a new planet that is Planet TITAN and all the creatures they were aliens. Margie and Tommy got very scared and worried. Those aliens were gentle and nice. They didn't like violence. "Why did you came to Earth, do you want to kill us?" asked Tommy. "No-no we didn't had any such intention to kill you up." "Then why did you made this tunnel which connected your planet to our planet." Tommy asked. "Okay then listen long years ago our scientists were searching for a planet which also has life on it. The research went on around 11 years and then suddenly one day one of our scientists Mr. Bargonah discovered the Planet Earth in Milky Way Galaxy which has life on it. Then to study that planet in details and know what kind of creatures live on this planet, we made this pass through tunnel which connected our planet Titan to your planet Earth. So there is nothing to worry you are completely safe." explained Elsa (alien)

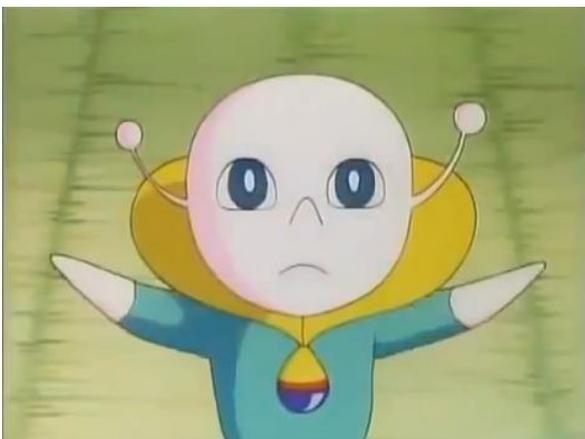
"Then what about that haunted and spooky sound which comes as we open the door of that room in our basement. Tell?" asked Tommy "Oh, that voice was actually not real it comes from the invisible speakers fitted in that room as when our scientists went to your planet for research they

were scared that you people will kill them or harm them so they thought of this idea and tried to make your basement haunted and all of your family members and people got scared and they locked the basement and never came to that place. This helps us to study your planet.” “Okay, so you are just like us we are so sorry to behave with you like this. So hey my name is Margie and he is smaller brother Tommy what’s your name?” “I am Elsa, but before saying anything please promise me that you would not tell all of this to anyone otherwise humans will kill us, even to your parents.” “Of course! We promise. We will not tell this to anyone.” said Tommy and Margie.



“Come with me I will show you our planet Titan it’s very beautiful”, said Elsa. Margie and Tommy explored the planet it was very well maintained and beautiful also they had a ride of spaceship in space with Elsa. Planet Titan was a very well developed Planet which was not in our Galaxy. This planet is located in the Perika Galaxy of universe.

This planet was very developed in technology they had pass through tunnel , time machine , advanced spaceship and many more unbelievable machines. Margie, Tommy and Elsa became good friends and enjoyed a lot. They had



a great and a unique experience while being homebound that anyone can ever have in this world.

## THE MAGICAL DOOR

Hiya Gandhi, IX-A

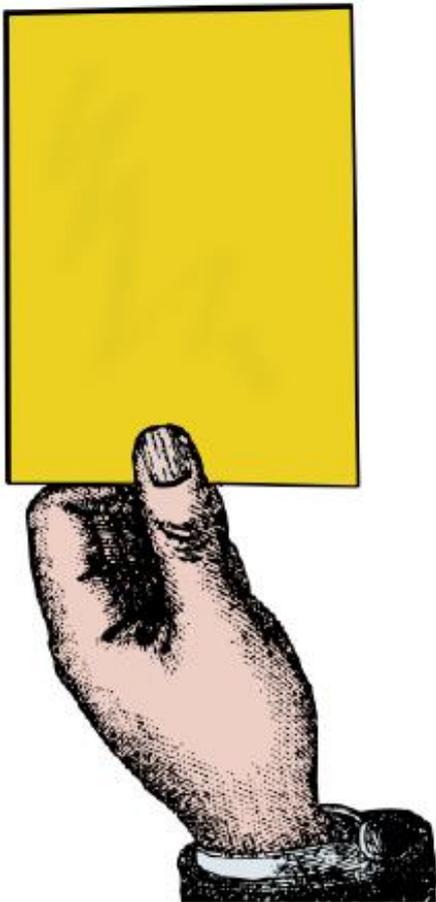


Once upon a time, there was a little boy named Petunio who was left at his home with his grandmother as his parents had to go abroad for their business work for 10 days. Petunio was ten years old and used to listen bedtime stories from his grandmother. He loved the stories of fantasy and adventure. Petunio’s parents had refused him to move out of the house in their



absence. One day, Petunio was playing in the garden which was in front of his house. While he was playing he saw a storeroom at the corner of the garden. He decided to go to storeroom. He entered there and then his eyes fell on a dusty door. Petunio was an adventurous spirit. When he opened the door, he saw plenty of space with sweets and chocolates everywhere. He felt that he had reached a sweet land. He was easily fascinated by the tasty sweets and picked one of the sweets. Suddenly he heard a voice of a fairy who was seeking for help .He followed that voice and reached a big stunning castle. He moved inside the old castle. He was carrying a wooden stick to protect himself .As he was moving further, the voice of the fairy became clearer. Then he reached a big, dark room where he saw

a shining frame in which the fairy was kidnapped. He was surprised to see such a beautiful fairy. The fairy asked the boy to help her by bringing the magical card kept in next room. Petunio wanted to help the fairy so he ran towards the other room and started looking for the magical card everywhere but suddenly he saw a big witch wearing black Cape, with an unpleasant smile on her face. Petunio was a courageous boy. He didn't give up. Although being a little boy, he started running in other direction. He observed a huge black stone coming towards him from the opposite direction. He jumped to his left and got hurt due to wound. He continued running



towards a cupboard where the magical card was kept. He saw a shining magical card and took the card in his hands. When he turned back, he observed that he was surrounded by 5 witches and among them only one witch was real however others were duplicates. Petunio was very clever. The magical card had flame like brightness so he show the bright yellow card to all the witches as he knew that witches are afraid

of flame. Suddenly, after that the witches disappeared. Petunio went to the fairy, she asked him to insert the card in the lock which was at the right side of the frame. When he inserted the card, the fairy came out of the frame but immediately the witch appeared again with a knife in her hand. Fairy asked little Petunio to break the card so that the witch and her powers would vanish. Petunio broke the card and both of them moved out of the castle. The fairy thanked



Petunio and rewarded her with sweets and chocolates. He returned back to his house happily and he decided to keep this adventure as a secret because he knew that no-one would believe this.

## ZEST IN HOME ARREST

Ameyao Naarang, VII-A

Tired of this monotonous routine in this quarantine, I thought of doing a mischief. On a Sunday afternoon when mom and dad were taking a nap, I opened the dresser and took out the 3 in 1 hair pressing machine and thought of rolling my hair. When I was in the middle of

styling my hair, a strange voice came, light flashed from the machine and it stopped working. I was afraid and nervous at the same time. I tried to switch it on and off, moved the wires and tried to fit in different sockets. I tried my best to make it work but my efforts were all for naught. I got so scared that my heart missed a beat. Then I called my sister for help. My sister was furious. She tried to fix it up but all in vain. She was panic-stricken and then she suddenly saw a part of the machine lying under the table. Then she immediately picked it up and fixed it in the machine. Fortunately the machine started working. It was a sigh of relief and both of us were smiling again. We were over the moon. Then we thought of giving a surprise to our parents. My sister suggested to first cook something nice for them. We prepared pizza and Peri-Peri fries. We also prepared cold coffee. We thought of dressing up as it will make them happier. We dressed up in pretty clothes, I rolled my hair and my sister pressed hers. We put up some make up and decorated the dining area. We had cleaned

all the house. We also took out beautiful clothes for mom and dad. We were on cloud nine. And suddenly I heard a voice of someone walking, maybe it was mom or dad. We were ready with everything. Our parents were delighted to see us dressed very nicely as in the lockdown period .we are usually in a lethargic mood. They both also dressed up. They were also delighted to see such mouthwatering cuisines prepared by us. The pizzas were really tempting. Both of them were on the seventh heaven. We sat together to have the food. Everybody was glad. And our parents really liked the food. The Peri-Peri fries were really liked by all. Then we served cold coffee. And something went wrong as my parents coughed up after drinking the cold coffee and said that it is salted. We were shocked and were feeling guilty. We were down in dumps. Our parents were happy as we did so many good things but yes the cold- coffee .....– I think we added salt instead of sugar in cold coffee and we finished with our food and slept.