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# Ignorance: A Bliss

Abhiraj Bhatia

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.” We are living in a time and age that no one thought possible, confined to the boundaries of our homes. We all desperately wait for a time where normalcy returns but it is time for us to understand and accept the fact that our lives will never be the same again. Drastic measures have been and will be taken to ensure safety of human lives. With tempers constantly being held on a short leash, the world is drifting into chaos.

Nations preach about peace and fight to attain it. “Today the expenditure of billions of dollars on weapons acquired for the purpose of making sure we never need to use them is essential for maintaining peace. But surely the acquisition of such idle stockpiles which can only destroy and never create is not the only, much less the most efficient, means of assuring peace. I speak of peace, therefore, as the necessary deed of rational men. I realize that the pursuit of peace is not as dramatic as the pursuit of war and frequently the words of the pursuer fall on deaf ears. But we have no more urgent task. The recent bomb attack in Lebanon and the continuous wars in the Iraq, Syria and Yemen continue to plague our world. I am not referring to the absolute, infinite concept of peace and good will of which some fantasies and fanatics dream. I do not deny the value of hopes and dreams but we merely invite discouragement and incredulity by making that our only and immediate goal.” Of course as of now the Covid-19 pandemic is the focus of the world but reflecting upon that just shows us how humans with their im-

mense narcissistic capabilities can choose to ignore even the most obvious of calamities. It is pitiful what we can choose to believe, in the face of distress, and so has been done for this so called “peace” that has been achieved since the Cold War. We continue to set up more and more international organizations and make committees but choose to ignore everything of importance. There are a million important questions to be asked in the world today and we still manage to ask all the wrong ones. This just brings us to the end of a short portrayal of one of the hundreds of problems we have managed to create.

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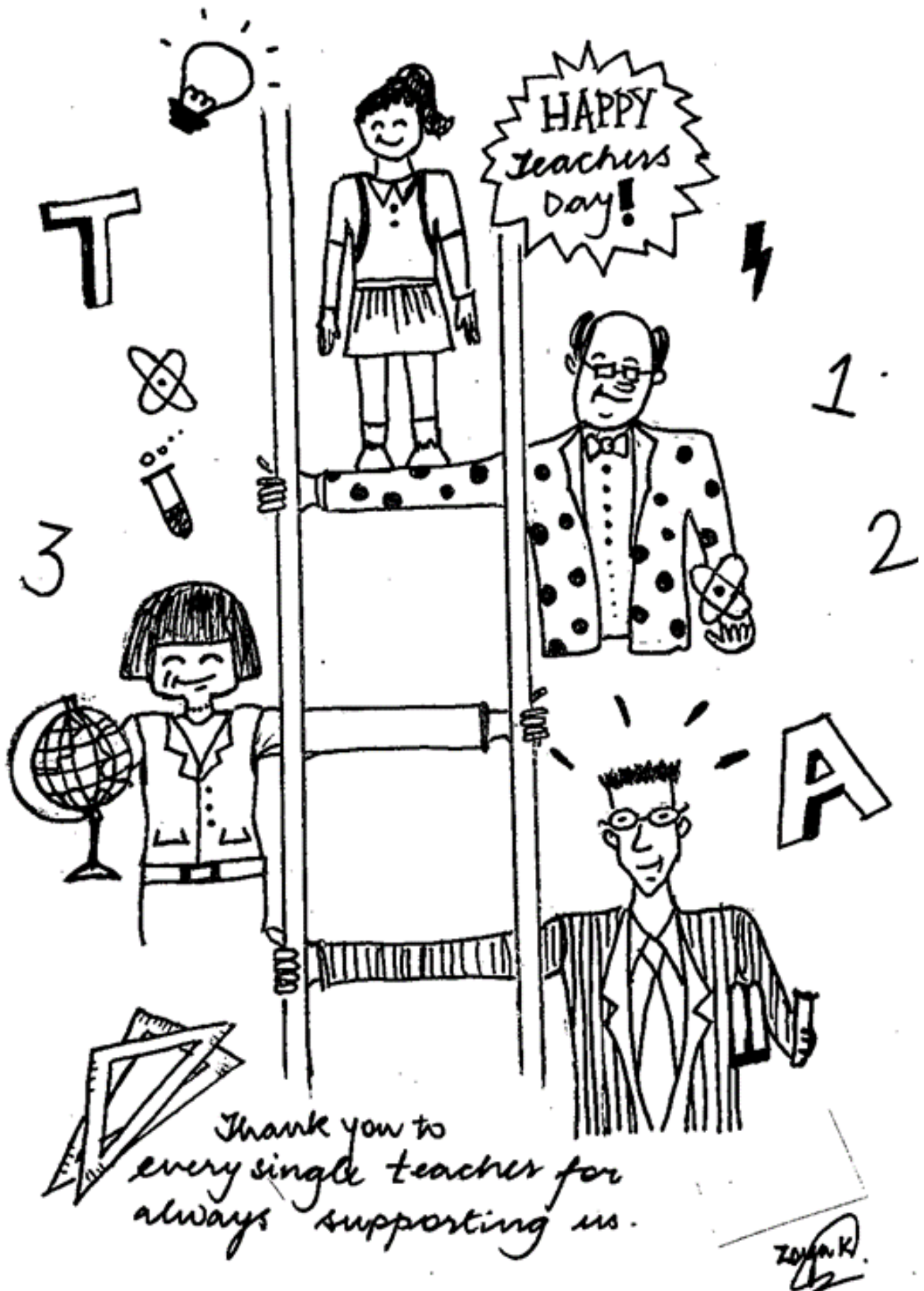
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The Covid-19 pandemic that could have been contained, climate change, poverty, religious conflict, political turmoil, overpopulation, drug abuse, racism, sexism, discrimination, bias on the bases of sexual orientation and list could go on and on and rather unsurprisingly, it does. I know that this makes me look sceptic and goes on to express my cynicism, but I do not wish to express skepticism or be cynical. I wish to point out the facts that we choose to remain impervious to. We were lucky to stumble upon this planet and we must celebrate its existence rather than contributing to its demise.



# DOODLEVERSE

## A TRIBUTE TO OUR TEACHERS



# My Unspoken Dream

Esha Malhotra

The “Kashmir of my dreams” is not just a facade but the reality that has long passed away.

I dream of living in a state that hums with life all around me. I twirl about, gazing up at the canopy, searching for the birds that sing sweetly. The sun breaks through the cracks of the roofs and walls of the “houses”, lighting up the dirt path ahead of me, decorated with outgrown roots, wildflowers and fallen Chinar leaves that crunch beneath my bare feet reminding me how ‘a thing of beauty is a joy forever’. I trudge on, taking in the fragrance of minty grass and the damp earth. Each breath is like water, fresh and cleansing, flowing freely into my lungs and giving me the tranquility I need in today’s day and age of development.

Deep in those green woods, dipped down the hill, is my “city” with the facade of different grey hues.

In my dream, birds’ songs can shine and sunlight can sing to the soul, all as the rich canopy creates a calming kaleidoscope upon the ground.

In my fantasy, I breathe in every way that it is possible to expand: in lungs, in brain and in soul. In Kashmir, there is a sense of kinship with the flora, of an ancient soul that stretches into everything that lives.

It is to the dream I go for rest, for serenity that flows as cool river waters and bring me to repose. There is something about the sparkle upon the blue, a melody without a rhythm, music without sound and so still that it seems to be the strains of heaven.

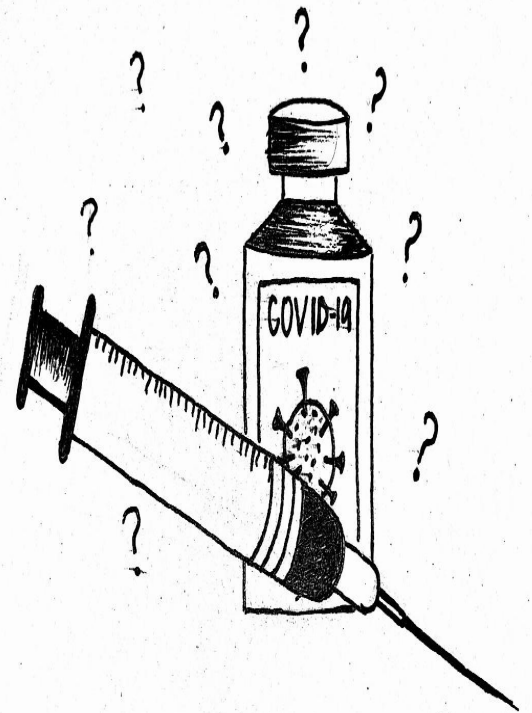
But then I wake up to the harsh reality that prevails and I long to go back in the dream where I can’t draw the line between earth and heaven. And a thought dawns upon me...if Jehangir was alive, would he still say....

“Gar firdaus bar-rue zamin ast, hami asto, hamin asto, hamin ast.”  
(If there is a heaven on earth, it’s here, it’s here, it’s here)

# Games of the Globe

*Simar Singh Gabadia takes you round the world in 3 minutes*

Welcome back to another report of the dynamic issues in the world! The country is occupied with the ongoing scuffle between Kangana Ranaut and the Maharashtra government, which seems to have become another brawl between the centre and the state. On the same page, Rhea Chakraborty has been arrested by the Narcotics Control Bureau in the SSR case. While Indian media continues to highlight this particular case, India faces yet another issue with its GDP, which has fallen by 23.9% in the second quarter of this year (owe it to the lockdown, right?). India also continues to face numerous border standoffs, agreement violations and open fire as intimidation from China, which is on economic high ground after its 400 billion dollar deal with Iran. The Russian Sputnik vaccine is set to begin Phase 3 trials in India, whereas, the Oxford vaccine's trials have been temporarily halted. After the devastating oil spill in Maldives, another oil tanker caught fire in Sri Lankan seas. The news of the week remains President Trump being nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize 2021 for sealing the deal between Israel and UAE. Stay tuned for more!

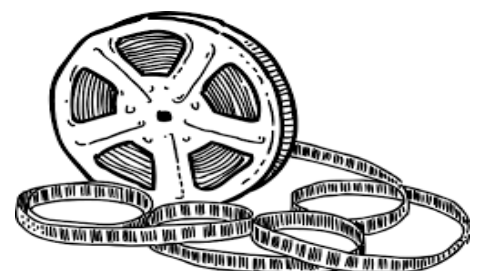


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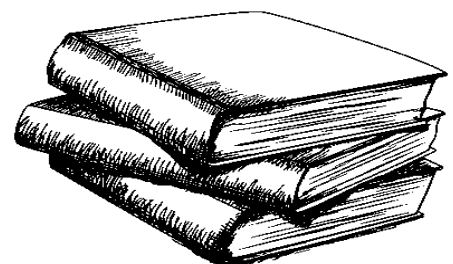
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# Cause and Effect

Samira Arora

We live in a world which is extremely varied in terms of actions and reactions. We fight, we love, we hate and we fear all in varied degrees due to different perceptions about almost everything. Despite this, one thing which remains unanimous is the desire to be happy. We start by studying to get educated enough for getting a job then aspire to find the best possible way to gain what provides us happiness. All of us want to be successful because that's what makes us happy and that's where all of it starts: 'the competition'.

The desire people have to win this competition is extensive and sometimes they want it enough to resort to extreme ways. In a way, 'they lose their sensibility'. They would even hurt people they care about, be it family or friends they simply wouldn't care. It is this extreme nature of humans that we need to prevent. Sometimes things just happen to you, and you can't help it. But it is what you do next that counts- not what happens, but what you decide to do about it.

When we act out of anger or fear we can hurt people we don't mean to hurt. I want to believe that people can change. Even though we can't change the past, we can be better than the present. None of us can indefinitely say who we are or that who we are is constant. Sometimes it just feels like no matter what you do people still see you the way they want to, so why bother with sensibility? Everybody wants to talk big but no one wants to act on it and no one will do that for you. It's just you. You have to be there for yourself but when things get really tough you need to let it out. Keeping it in is not brave, facing it is what takes

courage. It is all on you whether to be a coward or to be brave. You need to know that the little things you say or do- even if it's a joke- can have a strong impact on people, strong enough to drive them into a corner.

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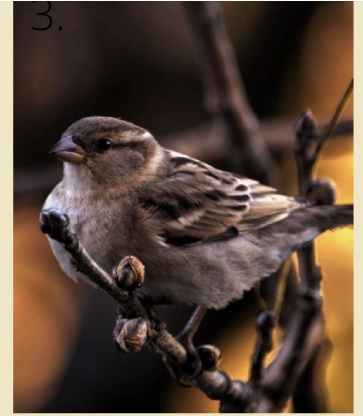
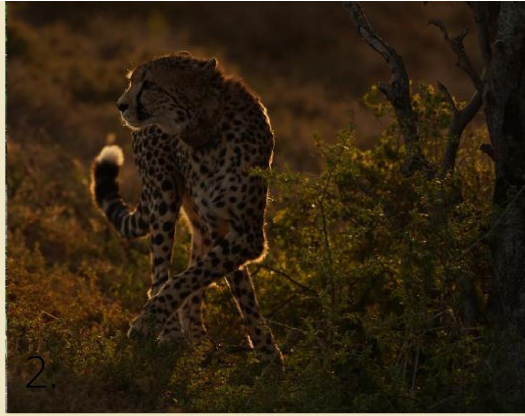
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Every person has two sides: the one you let people see and the one you do not. We need to realize that there can be people suffering in pain because of us. People's actions could be affected by our behaviour. So we need to stop assuming simplicity and be responsible. Like I said, everyone is hurt in their own way and when you judge someone by their past it can lead them to being stuck in a past that cannot change.

Someone once rightly said, "We hear a lot of promises, that things will change and look, maybe they will, maybe they won't but whatever happens keep moving, get through it, choose to live. Even on the worst day, life is a pretty spectacular thing".

In the end everything affects everything.





| A Lasting Impression |

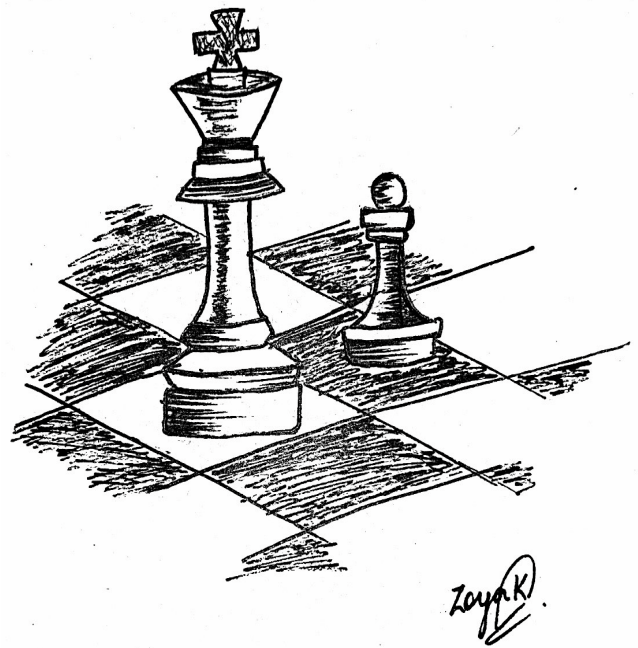
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# LITTLE RIDDLES

A hustler and a chess grandmaster are playing the following game. All the pieces from a chess set are in a box. The two participants take turns reaching into the box without looking, picking out two pieces at a time and placing them onto the table. If the two pieces are white, the grandmaster gets a point. If the two pieces are black, the hustler gets a point. If the colours don't match, no one gets a point. They will take turns removing pairs until the box is empty. If, exactly halfway through the game, the score is 4-2 in favour of the grandmaster, who will ultimately win the game and by how many points?




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***Have a Great Week Ahead!***

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