

SCINTILLA



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A WHISPER OF HOPE

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I reach my hand out,
To feel the glistening rain drops.
The trees turn a brighter green,
And the splitter splatter resonates with my heartbeat.
Touched and soothed by a fragrant breeze,
I feel a scintilla of tranquility.

A ray of sunshine escapes the clouds,
Lighting up everything that's around.
Every raindrop mirrors my big bright smile,
As I notice the colours that have spread across the sky.
I think of how I used to look for the pot of gold,
But now all that matters to me, is a scintilla of love.

Lightning strikes and thunder roars,
As the rain continues to pour.
The rainbow stands strong and bright,
Scintillating the cloud filled sky.
As sunlight struggles to find a way out,
The rainbow starts to fade, leaving me with a scintilla of
doubt.

But soon the rain ends and the clouds part,
Tiny drops on the leaves glisten like a work of art.
Out in the open now, the sun smiles at me,
Proving me wrong for I thought the clouds won't leave.
Today the sun, the clouds, the rain and the rainbow,
Made me part of a story that ignites a scintilla of hope.

ABCs Of India



A for *Aranmula Kannadi, Kerala*

In the district of Pathanamthitta in Kerala, nestled on the banks of the gently flowing Pamba river, is the village of Aranmula. This charming little village is synonymous to a craft that is unique to the entire world- Aranmula Kannadi. It is the world's only mirror made of metal. It is made of a tin-copper alloy, the exact composition of which is a closely guarded family secret passed on from generation to generation.

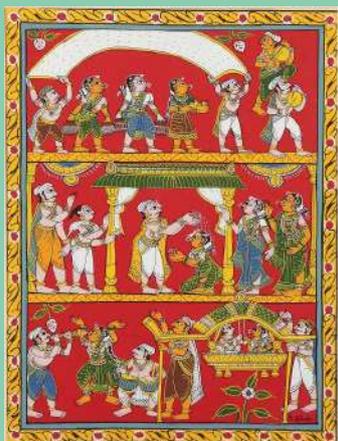
To achieve the kind of reflective surface which is believed to show your truest self, the alloy has to go through a series of rigorous polishings over days. The outcome is a stunning, intricate, hand-made mirror.

B for *Basohli Painting, Jammu and Kashmir*

Basohli, in the Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir, is home to a school of painting that combines Hindu mythology with Mughal miniature painting techniques. It is known for its bold vitality, brilliant colours and stylised features.



These artists have succeeded in translating beautiful love poetry into mesmerising paintings. Art connoisseurs from around the world travel to this region to view these enthralling paintings and express their appreciation.



C for *Cheriyal Scrolls, Telangana*

One of India's ancient painting styles is Cheriyal scroll painting. Named after the village where this style finds its roots, Cheriya scrolls narrate stories from Indian mythological epics. It also tells tales of the local rural life. This art form is characterised by bright colours sourced from natural materials like seashells, coloured stones, tamarind seed paste or rice starch.

The art of storytelling in India has been deeply rooted in many communities and Cheriya scrolls help carry the country's rich heritage and history with them.

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“What just happened?” she exclaimed.

But she brushed it off and started for the journey. She was singing happily and with no care in the world; she grooved to her own music. Soon, she entered the woods, and the sun was shining brightly when her foot ran over something which made her almost trip and fall down. With a confused look, she bowed down, dug a bit into the sand and found a box which was beautifully engraved. Outside the box was a message engraved exquisitely -

*Think of your desire,
the more you try, the less you'll acquire.*

She inattentively read it twice, but couldn't decode it. So, she kept the box in her bag and resumed her journey. As time passed, the sun was scorching, and the heat was unbearable. She took shelter under a tree and to her relief, an old man approached and offered her water, which she happily accepted.

Having her thirst quenched, she thanked him and said, “If only I had some money to give to you. You are a kind-hearted person.”

The moment she uttered those words, there was a scintilla from the box that was in her bag which was followed by a light and suddenly, she was transported to an enormous palace and was dressed in fancy attire. She was surrounded by all the wealth in the world.

She lived happily and ate sumptuously. Never had she known the happiness of having three meals a day. She then travelled all across the world and made new acquaintances.

A few years had passed when she returned to her palace and one day, she along with her maids went for a stroll in the forest. On their way, she saw an old man dressed in tatters begging for some water. She took an indifferent glance at him and said, “Poor old fellow, why won't anyone help him?” After that brief hiatus, she continued and soon they entered the forest.

Seeing a beautiful deer, they took out their bows and hunted. She missed the first two times she shot. Having no desire to miss again, she leapt on to a huge rock but tripped over and fell. She screeched and landed with a loud thud, hearing which her maids came running towards her.

Her head was bleeding profusely and the maid gave her a box which had a few medicinal herbs.

“WATER! ALL I NEED IS SOME WATER!” yelled she with the box held in her hand. And it was at this moment did she realize that it was the same box that she had held a few years back when the old man helped her.

With a bright scintilla followed by a luminous light, it granted her wish. She was thrown in a vast ocean, and it's here that she remembered what was written on the other side of the box -

*Think of your desire,
the more you try, the less you'll acquire.
Kindness is the trait which we all require.*

SYMBEAT REVIEWS – PHILADELPHIA

RATING: 4/5



I have always believed that movies or any form of art for that matter, has the power to change society. Movies are these thought provoking, real mediums which when used well give a scintilla of power to those who are suffering quietly. Philadelphia did that so beautifully, that it still resonates with people 27 odd years later.

Tom Hanks plays the protagonist, Andrew Becket, an established lawyer working for a prestigious firm in Philadelphia. After discovering that he is gay and has AIDs, they fire him. Andrew Becket decides to sue the company but has trouble finding a lawyer due to his disease and sexual orientation. He ends up with Joe Miller, a young lawyer, popular as “the guy from TV” (Better call Saul fans, unite) who despised homosexuals.

Brought to life by Denzel Washington, Joe Miller is portrayed as a person passionate about justice. We have opinions so rigid that they don't change even when the evidence points the other way. The director slaps this prejudiced ignorance through love and acceptance of Andy's family who supported his sexual orientation and helped him through his disease. While Joe Miller, who on finding out about Andy's disease fidgets away to the other side of the room, we are shown the warmth that Andy receives from his family. While Joe Miller is scared to touch Andy because he has to go and hold his baby, Andrew's sister lets him hold her newborn close to his heart and be the proud loving uncle he wanted to be.

An Oscar winning performance by Tom Hanks goes through a rollercoaster of emotions which started with demanding justice but ended with the realization of futility of it all. Death is inevitable and Life is what gives it meaning. By the end Andy is thankful for the love he shared with his family and his partner. He is thankful for being the voice for those who were suffering in silence. This movie is an underrated gem which touches not only discrimination but also love and acceptance. A 2 hour movie which will compel you to retrospect is highly recommended by SymBeat.

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ACCIO – FINDERS KEEPERS



Locate the objects:

1. You're loving it.
2. I am a part of Joey Special
3. Tom chases me when I am eating it.
4. We have some "Ketching Up" to do.
5. People mistake me for French.
6. Dunkin' but I am not an oreo.
7. Hungry? Grab me.
8. I am finger licking good/I come in a 3-piece bucket.

Answers in the next page

We don't need magic to change the world, we carry all the power we need inside ourselves.
We have the power to imagine better.

Meet Our Mascot: SymBa

Hello everyone! I am SymBa - The Llama. I am the official mascot of the SymBeat Magazine, Elysian. It's a pleasure to meet you all. I am a big fan of puns and I love to read. Hope to meet you all again!



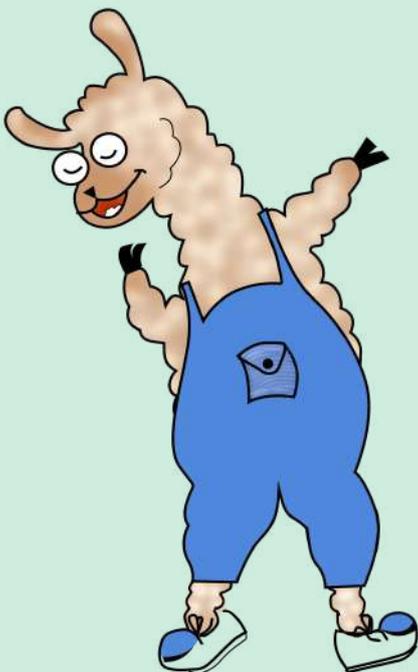
What do you call a fast Llama?

Answer: A Llamaghini

What's a Llama's favourite drink?

Answer: A Llamanade

Is Llama the cuter version of sheep or are sheep the shrunk Llama?



Answers for the puzzle:

1. Burger 2. A slice of Pizza 3. A block of Cheese 4. Heinz Ketchup 5. A French Fry 6. Donut 7. Snickers bar 8. KFC Chicken Leg

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