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**Beautiful Na leaf bud**

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## The Naughty Little Brother

By Manoshi de Silva

Anosh yelled at his little brother Thaveen for the hundredth time that day. This time it was because Thaveen had torn pages out of his school books. "But it was only a blank page!" said the five year-old, shrugging his shoulders. "But these are my school books!" shouted Anosh pushing his little brother out of his room. "Stay out! Don't ever come in here again!" he shouted slamming the room door.

Thaveen started to howl and cry, knocking on his big brother's room door. Finally, their mother had to come to solve the fight. "He broke my mug, put paint on my bat and now he has torn pages off my school books..." went on Anosh pointing at his brother.

"I didn't do any of that," cried Thaveen, "I didn't mean to..."

"Why can't you just stay away?" shouted back Anosh. "Don't come to my room! Don't touch my things! You are a nuisance!" This made the small boy more upset and made him cry louder.

"Malli is still small, Anosh. He'll grow out of his naughtiness," reasoned their mother.

"But he's ruining all my things. He should find someone his own age to bother!" said Anosh who was 14. He always saw his little brother as a silly little kid.

"But he adores you as his big brother and that's why he loves to hang around you," said Anosh's mother.

"Malli is too immature to hang out with me," sighed Anosh. "All he ever does is pull and break my stuff. He's just an annoying cry baby!"

"Anosh! That's not how you should feel about your brother!" sighed his mother.

"But that's what he is. He's a nuisance!" said Anosh feeling very annoyed.

Anosh talked to his father and got permission to keep his brother out of his room, to prevent him from damaging anything else. This irritated the small boy a lot. He sat down right outside his big brother's room door and played with his train. Every now and then Thaveen would peep inside and when Anosh frowned, he'd quickly look the other way.

The next morning, Anosh went out with his father to buy some things. He made sure to keep his room door closed. But when he returned, he could tell that someone had been in his room. When he saw his model airplane, he gasped. One wing was broken. Thaveen always tried to touch it and was prevented by Anosh. So as soon as Anosh saw it, he knew who had broken it.

"Amma!" screamed Anosh.

"Malli has crept into my room again and broken my plane!"

"I did not!" stuttered the small boy looking obviously guilty. "I just touched it. That's all." "Thaveen!" said his mother sounding angry. "I told you not to go in to Aiya's room!"

The small boy was guilty and scared, so he started to cry.

Anosh tried to hit his small brother, but was prevented by their mother. Thaveen ran away howling as if he was beaten, although Anosh didn't get a chance to do so. "I'll catch you later," shouted Anosh burning with anger. He walked into the garden to calm himself down.

Anosh looked over their short garden wall and saw the elderly uncle next door, doing some gardening. He too saw Anosh and smiled. "I heard your small brother crying. Is he okay?" he asked Anosh in his usual calm tone. "Oh he's fine. Just being an annoying pest, that's all!" said Anosh, unable to hide his anger. The next door uncle came near the wall looking concerned. "What happened to make you so angry, Putha?" he asked Anosh.

The boy told him about how annoyed he was with his little brother. "He breaks and ruins all my things. One of us must leave this house. I feel like getting boarded somewhere else!" sighed Anosh. The next door uncle smiled calmly.

"Did you know that I also have a younger brother?" he asked the boy.

"No, I didn't know that," answered Anosh. "Where is he? I've never seen him."

"He's in Canada," replied the uncle, "and I can't tell you how much I miss him, although I too was very annoyed with him, when he was little."

The elderly gent looked at Anosh with sad eyes.



"My brother is also a lot younger than me. So by the time he was in his playful age, I was getting ready for my College exams. I too always ignored him because he was naughty and annoying. But he admired me a lot, although I didn't realize it back then. Every time I chased him away, he only kept on following me and annoying me more."

"I didn't realize how quickly time passes by. Before long, we were both adults. I moved from my village to work in Colombo. A few years later, he migrated to another country. Now we only meet each other for a short time every few years. How I wish that we spent more time together when we were little. Those are the memories you carry with you, once you are an adult, Putha."

"Soon the two of you will also be adults. Then he won't have time to annoy you or hang around you this way. So spend all the time you can together. Then when you are as old as me, you won't have any regrets!"

Anosh didn't feel angry towards his brother anymore. He realized that once he had done his exams in a couple of years, he wouldn't be spending much time at home with his family and brother. He decided to try and tolerate his little brother more because he now understood that his Malli wouldn't be a naughty little kid forever.

He was going to make sure that they had happy childhood memories to cherish, once they were both adults.



# Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games



The Summer Paralympics is a major international multi-sport event for athletes with disabilities, governed by the International Paralympic Committee.

The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games is scheduled to be held from August 24 to September 5, 2021.

Sri Lanka's Paralympians made their debut in the 1996 Paralympics in Atlanta.

Since then they have made giant strides,

winning two Bronze medals through athletes Pradeep Sanjaya who won Bronze in the men's 400 m in London 2012 and Dinesh Priyantha Herath who won Bronze in the men's javelin throw in Rio 2016.

The Sri Lankan team for Tokyo 2020 Paralympics comprises six athletes, an archer, a wheelchair tennis player and a rower, as Sri Lanka has qualified for a rowing event for the very first time in its Paralympics history.



## Dinesh Priyantha Herath



### Javelin

Team captain Dinesh will aim to convert his bronze into a gold at Tokyo 2020. A two-time silver medallist in the Javelin (F46 category) at the World Para Athletics Championship, he will spearhead Sri Lanka's historic quest for that elusive gold. A former soldier, Herath (35 years) is determined to win in style by setting a world record.



## Chaminda Sampath Hettiarachchi



### Javelin

Making his second appearance in the Paralympics, Sampath will take part in the men's Javelin (F64). He was a silver medallist at the 2018 Para Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia. Hettiarachchi is determined to make his presence felt at the Paralympics, having thrown a Personal Best of 62.11 m representing the Sri Lanka Army at the National Para Athletic Championship.



## Samitha Dulan Kodituwakku



### Javelin

A gold medallist at the Asian Para Games, 30-year-old Army Corporal Samitha, took up the sport in 2017 after suffering impairment in his left leg following a motor accident. He qualified directly for the Games and is considered a sure medal prospect.



## Palitha Bandara



### Shot put

Army soldier Palitha Bandara, (28 years) of the Sri Lanka National Guard is competing in the Shot put (F42) category. He won a silver medal at the 2018 Asian Para Games,



## Saman Maduranga Subasinghe



### Men's 400 m

Able seaman Saman Subasinghe who lost his left wrist following a grenade blast in 2008, is in fine form for the men's 400 m (T46), after winning a silver at the Fazza Grand Prix in Dubai.



## Kumudu Priyanka



### Women's 100 m and Long Jump

Bronze medallist in the Long Jump, at the 2018 Asian Games Kumudu Priyanka (33 years) lost both her wrists after handling an explosive by accident. She will take part in two track and field events, the women's 100 m and the Long Jump (T45/46).



## Sampath Bandara



### Archery

Archer Sampath Bandara also returns as a two-time Paralympian having taken part in Rio 2016. Bandara, who lost his left leg below the knee in 2009 after stepping on an anti-personnel mine, has a world ranking of 34 in Recurve Men. He won Gold in the 2019 Asian Archery Championship in Bangkok.



## Mahesh Priyamal Jayakody



### Rowing

A Staff Sergeant in the Army Special Forces Unit, Mahesh Jayakody is a paraplegic who was injured in the battle front. He will be rowing for glory in the PR1 Men 1X Single Sculls. Jayakody won a silver medal in the 2019 Asian Para Championships in Bangkok.



## Ranjan Dharmasena



### Wheelchair Tennis

Ranjan Dharmasena received a Bipartite Invitation after his excellent performance in the World Team Cup Qualification rounds held in Portugal, where he beat some of the top rankers from Israel, Croatia and Greece. A bombardier in the Sri Lanka Army Artillery regiment, Dharmasena is 62 in the ITF rankings.



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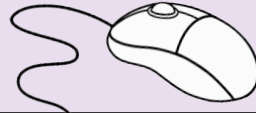
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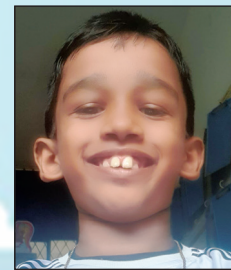
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**Nivruthi Satheeskumar**  
9 years on August 24



**Yumeth Dissanayaka**  
14 years on August 23

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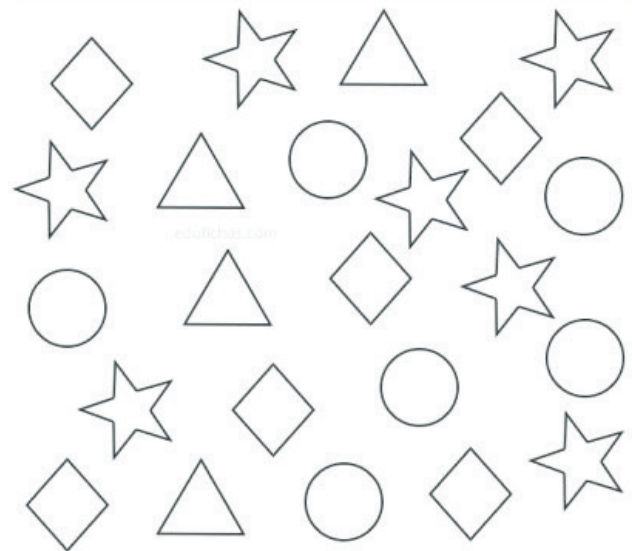
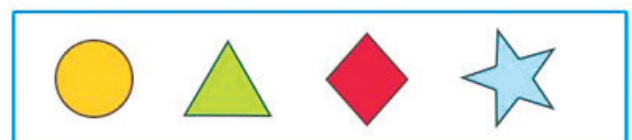
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**Use the colour code and colour the shapes.**



**We regret that we are unable to announce winners this week since we are working from home. Stay safe.**

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## Let's read with Room to Read!

Dear Children,

Today's story is called  
'Rabbit Becomes a Chef.'

Raw carrots for breakfast.

Raw carrots for lunch.

Raw carrots for dinner.

Rabbit is tired of eating  
raw carrots and wants to  
learn how to cook them into  
a tasty curry.

Let's begin...

"Every day, I eat only  
raw carrots,"

Rabbit said to herself.

"I'm tired of raw carrots!"

"What can I do to make these better?"

That afternoon, she went to farmer's house and saw  
a pot boiling over the fire.

Just as she started to have an idea, the farmer's dog came  
barking after her.

"Hmmm," thought Rabbit. "What should I do now?"

Rabbit tried leaving the carrots in the sun.

But, the carrots remained just as raw as before.

Then, she tried putting them in the fire.

When she tasted them, they were bitter!

She thought and thought and thought about what to do.

Finally, she had an idea! First, she found an old tortoise shell.

Then, she collected some  
sticks and three stones.

Hooray! Rabbit finally  
had a way too cook her carrots.

She was so excited that she  
invited all her friends.

And they all had a meal of  
delicious cooked carrots.

-The End-



### Rabbit Becomes a Chef

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These storybooks are published by Room to Read,  
who believes that *World Change Starts with  
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This story was originally published in Tamil  
by Room to Read Sri Lanka in 2016.

This week's trivia

**What are the three things Rabbit  
collected to cook the carrots?**

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## 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of Pakistan celebrated in Sri Lanka



The 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day 'The Diamond Jubilee' of Pakistan was celebrated with a colourful ceremony  
at the Pakistan High Commission in Colombo on August 14, 2021.

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## News in Pictures



**Barishal, Bangladesh**  
Farmers harvest pink lilies and green water lilies through a canal in the Satla Union area. The flowers bloom during the seasonal flood, from August to November, and cover an area of more than 4,000 hectares (10,000 acres) of canals and wetlands.



**Shenshuping, China**  
One-month-old cubs are seen at the Giant Panda base in Wolong national nature reserve.



**Depok, Indonesia**  
Children participate in a palm tree climbing competition to reach prizes at the top during Independence Day.

**Mumbai, India**  
Art school students make paintings on the pavement with messages in solidarity with the people of Afghanistan.



**Pompeii, Italy**  
Archaeologists work on a special tomb with a burial chamber in the archaeological park. The tomb features a facade decorated with green plants on a blue background and a room for burial in a period when the bodies of adults were always incinerated in the city. The deceased appears partly mummified, the head covered with white hair, an ear partially preserved, as well as small portions of the tissue that wrapped them.

**Wald im Pinzgau, Austria**  
A train is stuck after flooding caused a landslide.



**Donje Ljabinje, Kosovo**  
Bosnian bride Sellma Demirovic is dressed and has her face painted to prevent bad luck during the wedding ceremony.



**California, USA**  
A home burns on Jeter Road as the Dixie fire jumps Highway 395.

Source: The Guardian



**August 17**

## What's happening in Afghanistan?

People in Afghanistan are waking up to a new leadership after the country's government collapsed and a military group called the Taliban took control of the capital city of Kabul.

Afghanistan is a country in South Central Asia that has been caught in war and fighting for decades.

The Taliban is a military group that have been fighting for power in the country.



**Crowds at the Pakistani-Afghan border wait to cross.**

Lots of people are concerned about what this takeover by the Taliban could mean both for people in Afghanistan and in other parts of the world.

The UK is to introduce a new resettlement scheme for Afghan refugees, aimed at helping those most in need to come to the UK.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres has asked the international community not to abandon the people of Afghanistan.

The UK government said it would soon release more details about its plans, but they would include help for women and girls.

The steps come after the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan's capital city Kabul,



**Many Afghans had already fled to Kabul in recent weeks, as the Taliban advanced into other areas.**

prompting thousands to try to flee.

More than 60 countries have published a statement calling for the Taliban to allow foreign nationals and Afghans to leave, and keep border crossings, roads, and airports open.

## Why chocolate supplies could be threatened if we don't help insects

Chocolate supplies could run out if we don't save the bees and butterflies that help their production, new research has found.

Scientists from the University of Cambridge discovered that a decline in the number of insects like bees, butterflies, midges and wasps could mean that not enough cocoa plants grow.

And it's not just chocolate that might disappear! Scientists say that up to two thirds of the world's food production could be impacted.

They say supplies of apples, strawberries, soybeans and coffee

may all go down.

**Why do we need insects to grow plants?**

Chocolate is made from the beans of a cocoa tree.

Cocoa trees are only able to grow with the help of insects, in particular a type of midge called a *Forcipomyia*.

They help do something called pollination.

**Why are these insects disappearing?**

Insects like midges and bees are declining.

This is because of climate change, pesticides and the destruction of their homes, or habitats.



**Cocoa beans like these are the key ingredient in chocolate.**

If we don't protect these insects, our chocolate supply might be impacted seriously in the next 20 to 50 years.

But it's hoped that with people becoming aware of how important insects are, there is something that can be done to grow their numbers again.

## Giant Chinese dino species 'as big as a blue whale'

Two new species of massive dinosaurs – almost as big as blue whales – have been discovered in China.

Scientists from the Chinese Academy of Sciences say the previously unknown species may have lived about 120 to 130 million years ago and belong to the sauropod family. Sauropods were grass-eating dinosaurs with big bodies, long necks, small heads and large tails.

The research, published in the scientific journal *Scientific Reports*, is based on studies of fossils found in

China's northwest regions – in Xinjiang and the Turpan-Hami Basin – which increases the range of dinosaurs found in Asia.

The dinos have been named *Silutitan sinensis* – "silu" meaning "Silk Road" in Mandarin – and *Hamititan xinjiangensis*, a nod to the region where it was found.

The *Silutitan* species, researchers estimated, could be more than 20 metres long and the *Hamititan* specimen may have been about 17 metres long, compared to

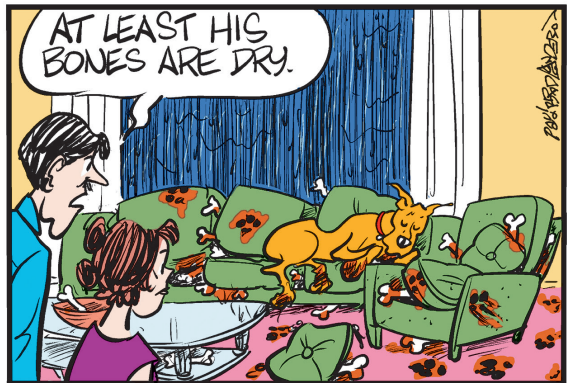
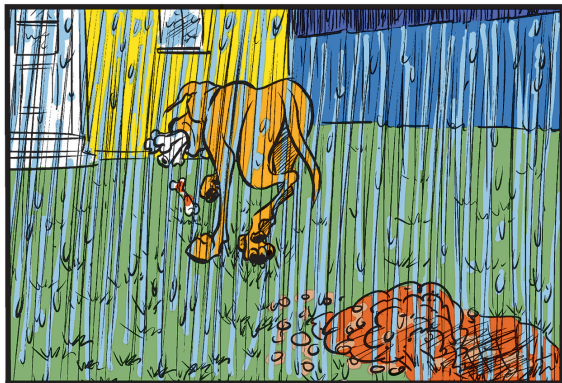


**A giant skeleton of another sauropod – Mamenchisaurus on display at Chongzhou Tianyan Museum in China.**

modern-day blue whales that grow to lengths of 23 – 30 metres.

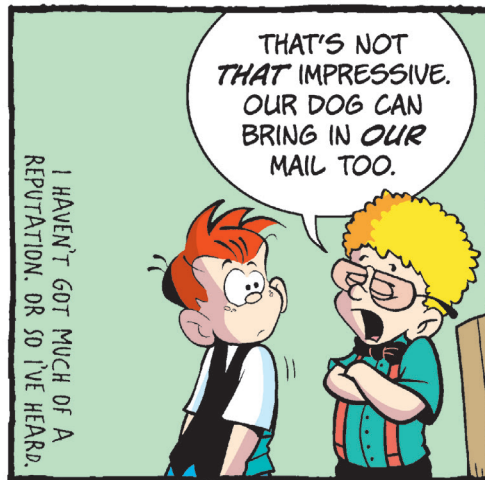
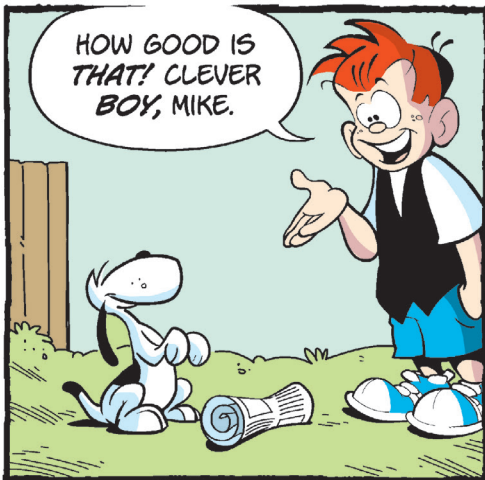
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**DOG GONE FUNNY** MIAMI, FL  
GLORIA ALVAREZ HAS TWO COCKER SPANIELS, LUNA AND NOELLE, AND A HEINZ 57, SPARKY. NOELLE GULPS DOWN HER FOOD, THEN BEGINS BARKING AND RUNS TO THE DOOR. LUNA AND SPARKY START BARKING AND HEAD FOR THE DOOR WHILE NOELLE **DOUBLES BACK** AND EATS THEIR FOOD. IT WORKS EVERY TIME!

**Ginger Meggs**



**Rugrats**

