



Measuring about 19 inches long, the eggs of Segnosaurus, are considered to be the biggest dinosaur eggs.

# The ticket

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## Short story



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In a small town there lived an honest and diligent man, Rama. He had only known hardships ever since his father passed away, but that did not deter him from working hard. Every day, he would forgo the bus ride and walk all the way to his workplace in a nearby city, just to save money and utilise it during crucial times. One balmy summer evening, Rama reached home to find his mother in a gloomy state. On enquiring, Rama found out that Baiju, his next-door neighbour was unwell and in need of money for his treatment. His mother asked him, "Do you think we can lend some money to Baiju?"

Rama replied, "Mother, I hardly have any savings left and there's still time before I get my bonus." Rama's mother heard him but insisted that he help Baiju. After much cajoling, Rama decided to give 500 rupees. "Here you go. Please tell Baiju, this is all I could help with. I hope he gets well soon," said Rama. With no money left in his pocket, the next day Rama walked to work. It was a long, tiring walk and the weather was especially humid as the town was experiencing heat waves. He somehow managed to reach office. His clothes were all doused in sweat. In the evening, while Rama was on his way home, he spotted the bus that would drop him directly to the bus stand near his home, saving him from the heat wave.

"How I wish I could hop on and go back home comfortably," Rama thought wistfully. Then, another thought struck him, what if he traveled without buying a ticket? He decided to give it a try. Rama boarded the bus without buying a ticket. He was a bundle of nerves because he had never ever cheated or lied in his life. As the bus rolled on, all seemed hunky-dory until the conductor came forward and began checking the tickets randomly. All hell broke loose in Rama's mind; he was full of fear. He saw the conductor coming towards him and then much to his surprise, the conductor suspected the man seated next to him. He heaved a sigh of relief. But it wasn't over yet. The conductor stopped the bus and took the suspected man to

the enquiry office. Rama watched through the window as the accused tried to defend himself saying, "I had bought the ticket; it must have fell somewhere. Let me search it", but to no use. Witnessing the fate that befell the man next to him, Rama now worried for his life. As the conductor came back in the bus and walked towards him to inquire whether he had the ticket, Rama buried his head into his hands and wished to be invisible that very instant. Out of nowhere, a boy seated three rows behind Rama, having closely observed the entire situation, came forward and sat next to him. Not only that but he also bought a fresh ticket for Rama, leaving him perplexed. Rama, baffled but grateful for what just happened, heartily thanked the boy for saving him from disgrace. The boy responded saying, "It was my pleasure, Rama uncle." Confounded as to how he knew his name, Rama looked at him in disbelief. It was then that the boy disclosed he was Baiju's son, returning from boarding college, and that he was aware of what Rama did for his dad. "Uncle, this was the least I could do," added the boy. A tear ran down Rama's cheek as he realised good deeds pay off.

So, what did you learn today?  
A new word: Hunky-dory  
Meaning: Fine; going well

# Lava lamp



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## Material required

- Vegetable oil
- Vinegar-2 tbsp
- Food colouring-2-3 drops
- Tall glass beaker-1
- Small cup-1
- Spoon-1
- Baking soda-3 tbsp
- Torch

## Method

- In a tall glass beaker, add baking soda.
- Now, fill two-third of the beaker with vegetable oil. Let the baking soda settle at the bottom; do not mix it with the oil.
- Now in a small cup, add vinegar and then add the prescribed amount of food colouring.
- Slowly, add drops of this coloured vinegar mix to the beaker and watch globules of bubbly coloured water pop out.
- This happens due to the formation of carbon dioxide gas which bubbles it way out when vinegar and baking soda chemically react with each other.
- Lastly, for a glowing effect, put the flask over a torch, more conveniently a phone's flashlight and turn off the lights in your room.
- Voila! Your lava lamp is ready!

## POEMS

# Welcome New Year

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The new year angel is here  
She whispers in my ear

The year will be joyous  
And it will bring happiness

With new hope and resolutions  
We'll work hard with patience

Being caring and more kind  
We'll have a positive mind

No more fear or dismay  
Happy New Year, we say!



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Going outside without a clue  
Trying something very new  
Far up in the sky, an eclipse  
The view of perfect bliss  
It was time spent well with you!

Little sister was back home

# Time with you

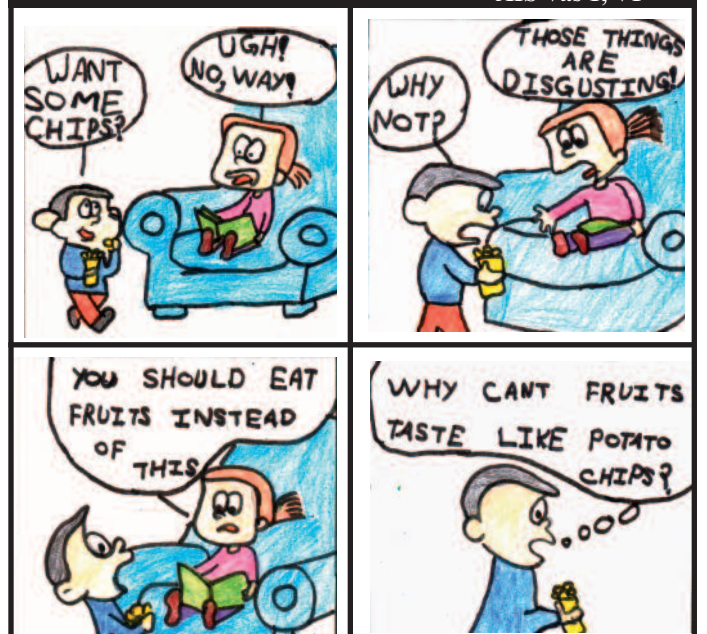
She wanted to go out and roam  
You took us to a nearby mall  
Then to a restaurant not so far  
It was time spent well with you!

Guiding me in the darkest times  
Protecting me at every climb  
From the cruel world outside  
I listen to stories of your life  
It is time spent well with you!

Every moment of my day, night  
I never want to lose your sight  
All these memories besides  
Dad, never ever leave my side  
It is time spent well with you!

## COMIC STRIP

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## It's Me

### KNOW ME BETTER

Name: Rishita Sunny  
Class: I  
School: AIS Vasundhara 6  
Birthday: October 12

### MY FAVOURITES

Teachers: Vipula ma'am & Meenakshi ma'am  
Subject: Mathematics  
Friend: Adit  
Game: Hide and Seek  
Cartoon: Peppa Pig  
Food: Doughnuts  
Mall: Shipra Mall  
Book: Magic Pot

### MY DREAMS AND GOALS

My role model: My mother  
I want to become: A supergirl  
I want to feature in GT because: GT is the best!



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