

A spooky misunderstanding

Storywala

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Sitting in paradise, Oliver was bored with his life after death. Nothing ever happened in here, it all seemed purposeless. He wanted to try something new, something adventurous. One day, he thought to himself, "People pass through the gates of paradise day in and day out once they are dead. What if I could somehow pass through the gates without being noticed and reach Earth again?" He smiled and decided to try his luck. When new arrivals started to pour in, Oliver rushed to sneak past the guardian of the gate, St Peter and landed back on Earth, just as planned.

Even though Oliver had gotten what he wanted, his adrenaline rush weaned off quickly. He had not planned what he would do on reaching Earth. He decided to go to the one place humans called paradise on Earth, Las Vegas. Looking at the streets overflowing with glimmering lights and joyous

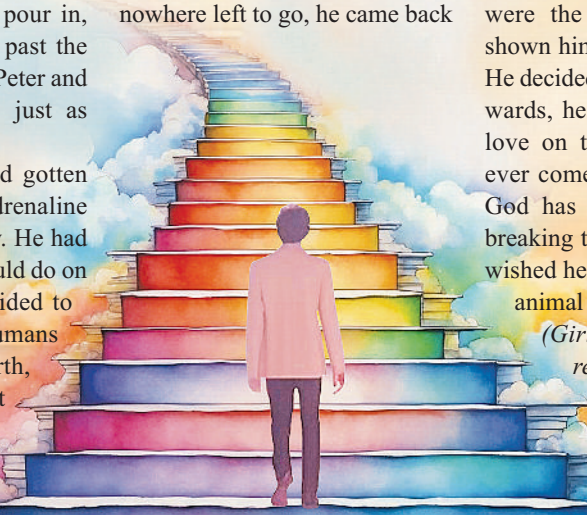
people, he felt giddy. But only watching it all was not enough for Oliver anymore. He tried talking to people passing by. "Hi, excuse me," he said, but all his efforts were in vain, as the humans couldn't see him.

Admitting defeat was not in his character so he decided to steal a pen and paper from a nearby store, and started writing 'Hello, my name is Oliver, and I am a ghost'. To his dismay, this did not solve the problem as people only saw a floating pen and paper in the air and ran away shrieking with fear. Feeling misunderstood and heartbroken, he tried to go back to paradise. The gates were not accepting his soul back. With nowhere left to go, he came back

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and sat on a park bench sulking about his misfortune. In the morning, he saw a dog barking at him, which shocked Oliver. When he was alive, he had never shown any fondness for animals. He began petting the dog and, to his surprise, the dog stopped barking. The dog even started wagging his tail and licking him. That's when Oliver realised that in a world where some humans were not very accepting, animals were the only ones who had shown him any sort of affection. He decided that from that day onwards, he would shower all his love on the animals he would ever come across. Maybe, once God has forgiven his soul for breaking the rules of Heaven, he wished he would be reborn as an animal in his next life!

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Bread tiramisu pudding

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Ingredients

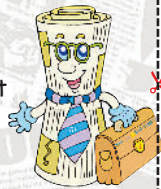
- White bread.....1 packet
- Whipped cream.....250 gms
- Instant coffee2 tbsp
- Sugar.....2 tbsp
- Chilled water.....200 ml
- Cinnamon powder1 tsp
- Milk.....1 cup
- Chocolate shavings...as required

Procedure

- Take a medium-sized mixing bowl and pour 250 grams of whipped cream in it. Whisk the cream at medium speed until the cream foams and keep it aside.
- For the coffee syrup, add two tbsp of coffee powder and sugar in a cup and mix half a cup of lukewarm water in it.
- Take some white sandwich bread and soak it in the prepared coffee syrup.
- In a baking dish, add a layer of coffee soaked bread.
- Cover it with a layer of whipped cream and add a second layer of soaked bread to it.
- Sprinkle some cinnamon powder on it and garnish it with chocolate shavings.
- Put it in the fridge and let it cool. Serve it once it has chilled.
- Your delicious bread tiramisu pudding is ready!

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Q.4 Which city has been featured in the GT Travels section?	Q.5 Where did Oliver decide to go when he came back to Earth?	Q.6 Which school held the Physics symposium on April 25, 2024?
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WORDS VERSE

My star

Aishwarya Singh

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Oh, my star when I saw you
I couldn't believe my eyes
You looked sparkling blue
Leading to a lovely rise

Each shining step of yours
Made my sad heart bloom
Those appeared to be cures
Of my deep, aching wound

Whenever I would be sad
I'd see your smiling face
That made me feel glad
And gave me saving grace

Every night in my dreams
You whispered, "You awake?"
I was coming apart at seams
But you didn't let me break



Day of distress came earlier
Sooner than we expected
And pain got much deeper
Oh, that I've always hated

Wish we had more time
But you've already gone far
Yet, I can see your shine
You will always be my star!

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Riddle-Fiddle

Nityant Vashishth

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1. Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?
2. Which word in English has three consecutive double letters?
3. Which is heavier: a ton of bricks or a ton of feathers?
4. Which word becomes shorter when you add 2 letters to it?
5. Which part of a road do ghosts usually frequent?
6. Which key cannot open a door?
7. Which fish is the costliest of all?

Answers: 1. C 2. Bookkeeper
3. None: they both weigh a ton
4. Short 5. The dead end 6. Monkey
7. A goldfish