

The monkey mishap

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Short story

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In a serene tropical forest lived a guardian wizard and his monkey. The wizard was a calm old man, embodying patience, while the monkey was energetic and impatient. His curiosity always wreaked havoc. One pleasant afternoon, the jovial wizard went for a walk to enjoy the blissful day, leaving the monkey, Abu, to his own devices. Hungry and irritable, Abu's eyes glimmered as he spotted the wizard's magical wand lying around the house. He ventured out with it, intending to grow some bananas on a tree to eat. Though he could

have easily found fruits in the vast jungle, his mischievous nature couldn't resist stirring up mayhem. Recalling the spell he often heard the wizard cast, he tried to imitate it, mumbling and pointing the wand at a tree branch. Powerful rainbow rays emanated from the wand. Unfortunately, a crow sitting on the same branch was hit by the spell. Since Abu wasn't a real wizard and didn't chant the spell correctly, it had an astonishing effect, the crow started to grow until it was larger than the tree. Frustrated, the crow flew away, and the monkey ran back home. The **vexed** crow stole a sleeping baby elephant from his mother's side and flew off. The distressed

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mother elephant began trumpeting for help.

Meanwhile, the wizard, on his walk, noticed the giant crow flying above and immediately connected the dots. He rushed back to the cave, retrieved his wand from Abu, and teleported to where the crow was. He chanted the incantation to reverse the spell. The crow returned to its original size, but this caused the baby elephant to fall into a river below. The frightened mother, who was desperately following the crow, quickly rushed to catch her falling baby.

Observing this, the wizard hastily pointed his wand at the baby elephant and teleported him beside his mother. He closed his eyes and sighed in relief. But when he opened them again, he saw the mother elephant moving closer. With a third blink, he realised she was charging at him, her expression one of clear outrage. Before she could strike him with her tusk, the wizard teleported himself back to his cave, narrowly escaping. From then on, he learned never to leave his wand at home, determined to prevent another one of Abu's commotions. **GT**

So, what did you learn today?

New word: Vexed

Meaning: To be annoyed, confused or frustrated.



TAWA PANEER TIKKA

Course: Starters | Cuisine: Indian | Servings: 3

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Ingredients

Lemon juice	1/2 tbsp	Fennel seeds powder	1 tsp
Chilli powder	1/2 tsp	Turmeric powder	3/4 tsp
Cumin seeds (roasted) ..	1/2 tsp	Gram flour	1/3 cup
Fresh curd	3/4 cup	Mustard oil	1 tsp
Ginger paste	1/2 tsp	Salt	as per taste
Green chilli paste	1/2 tsp	Paneer cubes	1/2 cup
Black pepper powder	1 tsp	Onion petals	1/2 cup
Carom seeds	1/2 tsp	Bell peppers (diced)	1/2 cup

Procedure

In a large bowl, add yoghurt and all the spices along with salt and gram flour. Mix the ingredients till all the spices are combined well with curd.

In the above mix, add onion petals, diced bell peppers, and paneer cubes and top it with mustard oil. Mix them well and make sure that the veggies and paneer cubes are completely coated with the mixture.

Cover the bowl with a lid and refrigerate it for 30-40 minutes.

Once done, take out the bowl

from the refrigerator and insert marinated paneer, bell peppers, and onions into wooden skewers one by one. For same, you can first insert bell peppers followed by paneer, and onion.

Next, brush the assembled tikka skewers with oil and place them on a non-stick pan or hot tawa. Roast them well.

Once done, arrange the tikka skewers on a serving dish.

Squeeze some lemon juice on top and your delicious paneer tikka is ready to eat!

It's Me

KNOW ME BETTER

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MY FAVOURITES

Teacher: All are my favourite
Subject: Math
Friends: Chehak and Mihika
Game: Football
Food: Ladyfinger
Mall: DLF Mall of India
Book: 101 Panchatantra Stories

MY DREAMS AND GOALS

Hobby: Crafting detailed dollhouses
I like: Playing with my brother
I dislike: Going to bed early
My role model: My mom
I want to become: A teacher
I want to be in GT because: I want to spread joy



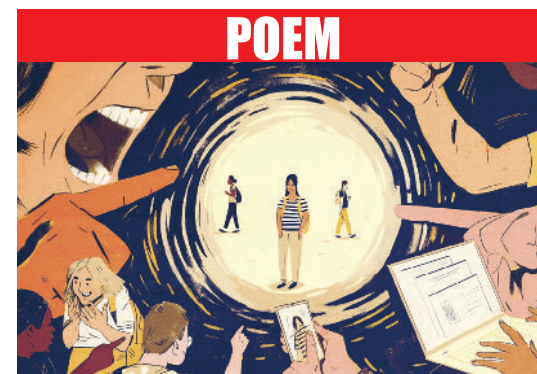
Bullying

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He began swearing at the age of ten
His future was decided since then
Peer pressure, and other's influence
Has ruined all his naive innocence

His path is shadowed and future grim
Broken bonds, friendships grow dim
An illustration of solitude's scream
Acceptance ends into a broken dream

Left a bad impression, there's no cure
Sacked from his job, called immature



Soon realised that bad habits die hard
Leaving a bad impression in his regard

Realising this from within his heart
He commenced towards the right path
The path less travelled, he'll now explore
Seeking the good in him that was before. **GT**