

# A rusty discovery



## Short story

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In the Kingdom of Sunterland, there once lived King Bryan. He was a great king who dispensed justice, patronised artists, and did everything a great king would do. On the other hand, was King Shedar, the King of Berstandel. He was the stark opposite of King Bryan; with his heart as cold as winter snow, cruelty ran in his veins! If one was found guilty under his rule, the only sentence they would get is execution. He also patronised artists, but in a much harsh manner. One's failure to impress him would result in permanent expulsion from Berstandel. King Bryan and King Shedar were age-old enemies and a depletion of minerals in Sunterland amplified their rivalry.

Bronze, one of the strongest known metals on Earth, was produced in substantial quantities in Berstandel. But in Sunterland, metals like copper and tin were so sparsely present, that they could not manufacture enough bronze to yield sufficient large weapons or suitable accessories for human utility. One day, an artist at the court of King Shedar got irked by the King because despite being the best lyre player of the two kingdoms, he was rejected and ridiculed. He went to Sunterland, his native kingdom, and narrated his ordeal to King Bryan. It fueled the already simmering fire of conflict. A war began, and went on for nineteen days. The casualties faced by the warriors of Sunterland were massive, whilst those of Berstandel were trivial.

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Feeling **dithery**, King Bryan went searching at remote locations by the outskirts of his kingdom, to acquire sufficient minerals and chanced upon a sight replete with a strange dark metal. He soon ordered the sight to be excavated and upon presenting a considerable amount of it to the scholars at his court, it was identified to be iron, rarely found at that time, and was proven to be stronger than bronze. King Bryan immediately asked for swords to be forged from it. Once a sword stood forged, King Bryan tested its durability by striking it with a hammer. The test paid off as not even a dent was formed on the sword. This new metal was confirmed to be stronger than any material known so far, let alone bronze.

As new armours and weapons were produced using iron, the kingdom of Sunterland grew stronger. Soon, the war ended, King Bryan was victorious and King Shedar was banished. The condition of Berstandel and its citizens improved with the merging of the two empires into a new peaceful one. 🇮🇳

So, what did you learn today?

A new word: **Dithery**

Meaning: To feel indecisive about a course of action.

## POEM



## The butterfly

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Looks like a painting has come to life  
With colours pink, yellow and white  
Catching attention, it flits with glee  
Making all sadness on our faces flee

Seems like the dream of a little girl  
To glow, just like a precious pearl  
A young man sitting on the street  
With no wages and nothing to eat

He saw the butterfly and got up  
It gave him hope, cheered him on  
The butterfly simply played around  
With no hurry and nothing to worry

A little girl who sat by the window  
Was very sad, looked at her shadow  
She had lost her very dear friend  
And their friendship had to end

She took a glance at the butterfly  
As it flew and danced by her side  
Her face lit up with hope and joy  
She went out of the house to enjoy

Just like a butterfly enjoys its life  
With its tiny wings, a fleeting grace  
Reminds us beauty fills each space  
And every sorrow finds release.

## It's Me

### KNOW ME

**My name:** Chinmay Sharma

**My Class:** UKG

**My school:** AIS VYC Lko

**My birthday:** January 29

### MY FAVOURITES

**Teacher:** Aarju Rastogi and Mini Handa ma'am

**Subject:** English

**Friend:** Man Srivastava

**Game:** Musical chair

**Cartoon:** Bluey

**Food:** Aloo poori

**Mall:** Phoenix Mall

**Book:** Peppa Pig

### MY DREAMS AND GOALS

**Hobby:** Watching cartoon

**I like:** Playing outdoor games

**I dislike:** Doing homework

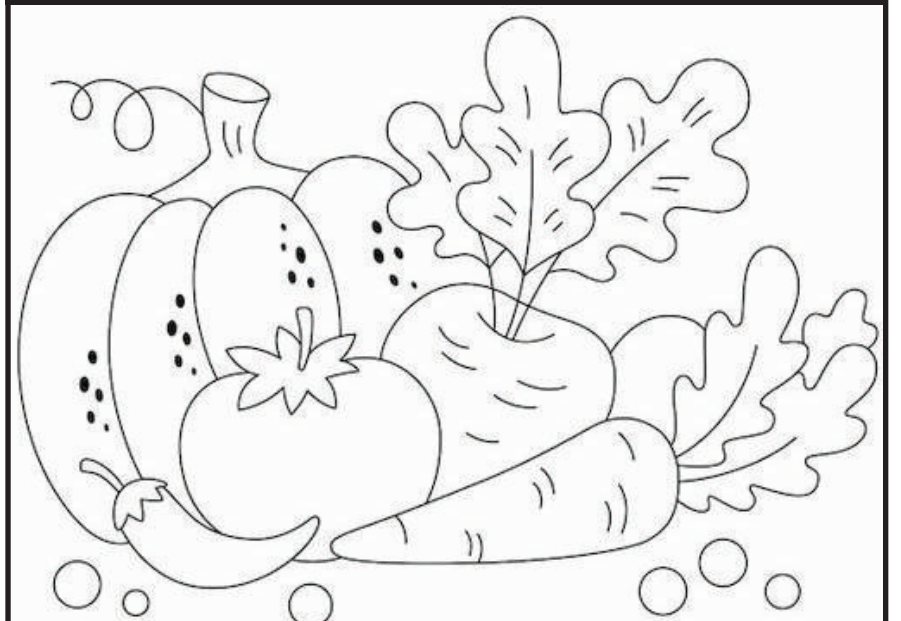
**My role model:** My father

**I want to become:** A scientist

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