

# EXPRESSIONS

November - December  
2020



## CHOICE TO MAKE

Sneha Kadiyala - 6H

A choice to make,  
Ah! How hard it feels,  
Make a mistake,  
The day gets torn apart and never seals.

Is it Good or Bad?

Whom to choose Mom or Dad?

Should I Study or Play?

Should I go Out or Stay?

A Choice to make, between Good or Bad.

Like....Is playing good ?, Can't find out! Makes me sad

I like it, but my mom doesn't,

She says that studying is more pleasant.

A choice to make , between Mom or Dad.

Ah! the worst question I have heard, whom do you like the most?

Hearing this question makes me cry, people ask this question I wonder why?

Can't choose one as they both do care, between both I cannot compare.



A choice to make, study or play?

Have you made it? If so pls do say.

I would study in whatever way, but the voice inside distracts me.

It makes the choice , and what I do is play. Thank god, doesn't happen everyday.

A choice to make , to go out or stay?

Nowadays in our home we should play, but I dream about going out.

As I think to do this, my mind inside starts to shout.

Oh there are many things hard in these days, but I think its good in many ways.

These choices I couldn't make, I hope I will decide for God's sake.

I need to confirm I must decide,

This time without my mom beside,

Have you ever felt this way? If did or not pls do say.





## **A COZY SPOT AT HOME.**

**Netraa Shah - 6 K**

A bed in my room is the best around the globe.

Can't find a better place in the whole globe.

I sleep, study; I play, read, and jump there.

Summer comes winter goes,

who cares??

It the best thing for me.

Its best for a good night sleep.

Its home to a lot of teddies.

Extra stuffs underneath.

It's been my best partner when I'm sad.

I sit there cozy and calm myself.

I jump there when I'm happy.

And that's when I broke the spring!

But that doesn't matter to me.

Until its as comfy as its now !





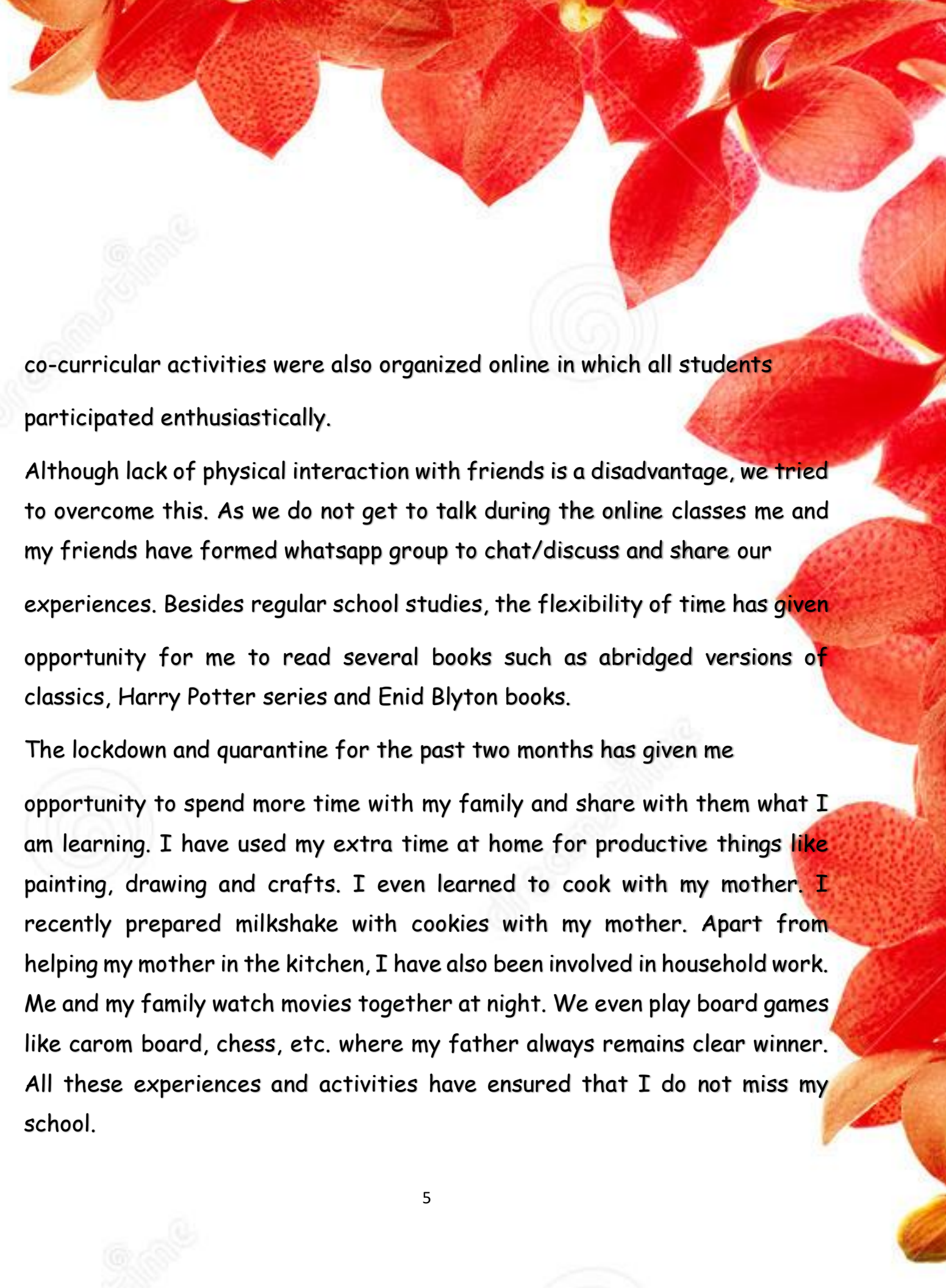
## **I DID NOT MISS SCHOOL IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS BECAUSE...**

**Abbhigyan Kishore - 7 F**

The outbreak of global Covid-19 pandemic and consequent lockdown has led to children across the world remaining confined to their home. I am also staying at home and doing my studies and other activities. I did not miss school in the last two months because there were lots of activities to do while staying at home.

I would like to acknowledge that technology really is a wonderful thing that has helped in our unhindered education. The teachers made beautiful audio, video, lessons and shared them in the MS-Team tool. Some of the instructions and homework were also shared in the class group whatsapp messaging system. During this lockdown I have been taught all the subjects. The school also conducted online tests which were mainly objective type. Everyday online classes on MS Teams, reduced the time and space gaps. During these challenging times I was able to use technology better and in a more productive manner.

The flexibility of online education gave me time to work and complete assignments on my time throughout the day. In addition, completion of parents who were also around during lockdown. Not only academic learning,



co-curricular activities were also organized online in which all students participated enthusiastically.

Although lack of physical interaction with friends is a disadvantage, we tried to overcome this. As we do not get to talk during the online classes me and my friends have formed whatsapp group to chat/discuss and share our experiences. Besides regular school studies, the flexibility of time has given opportunity for me to read several books such as abridged versions of classics, Harry Potter series and Enid Blyton books.

The lockdown and quarantine for the past two months has given me opportunity to spend more time with my family and share with them what I am learning. I have used my extra time at home for productive things like painting, drawing and crafts. I even learned to cook with my mother. I recently prepared milkshake with cookies with my mother. Apart from helping my mother in the kitchen, I have also been involved in household work. Me and my family watch movies together at night. We even play board games like carom board, chess, etc. where my father always remains clear winner. All these experiences and activities have ensured that I do not miss my school.






## **GOLDEN NATURE**

Akshara Karthick - 7A

Nature is amazing  
Like meteors in the sky  
I like how it's blazing  
It almost makes me cry

Mountains are a sight  
To see the world  
You must climb a height  
And soar like a bird  
I flow to the sound  
Made by the river  
It makes me spellbound  
Like a glacier





The beauty of a flower  
Is a sight to behold  
But the numbers a becoming lower  
Treat it like gold

Take care of your surroundings  
It's our responsibility  
As the numbers are astounding  
So the future can cherish blissfully.




## THE WORLD WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN

Anagha Panicker - 8C

Let me tell you how  
The pandemic is wreaking havoc  
Across the globe  
There is widespread uncertainty and confusion  
Doctors battling the disease every single day  
The only grain of truth  
The world will never be the same again  
  
The practice of washing hands  
And social distancing  
Has become a part of our everyday lives  
With empty theatres, closed shopping malls  
Vacant restaurants and soulless stadiums  
We are headed towards a brave new world  
OTT platforms are the undisputed kings

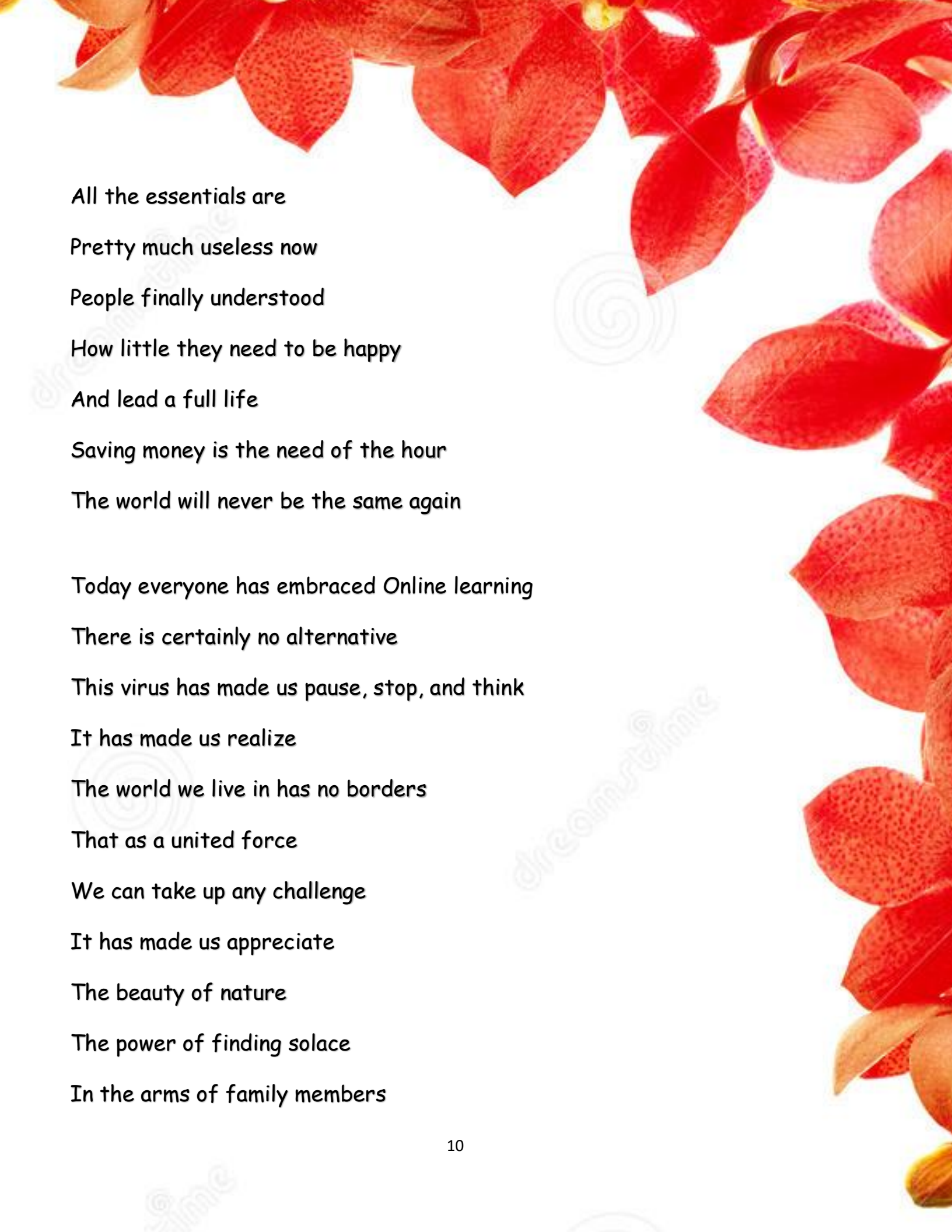




No more watching a live match in a stadium  
Or your favourite movie  
In a theatre  
Now watch them from the comforts of your home  
Without stepping out of your pyjamas  
I have never seen what we are seeing today  
The world will never be the same again

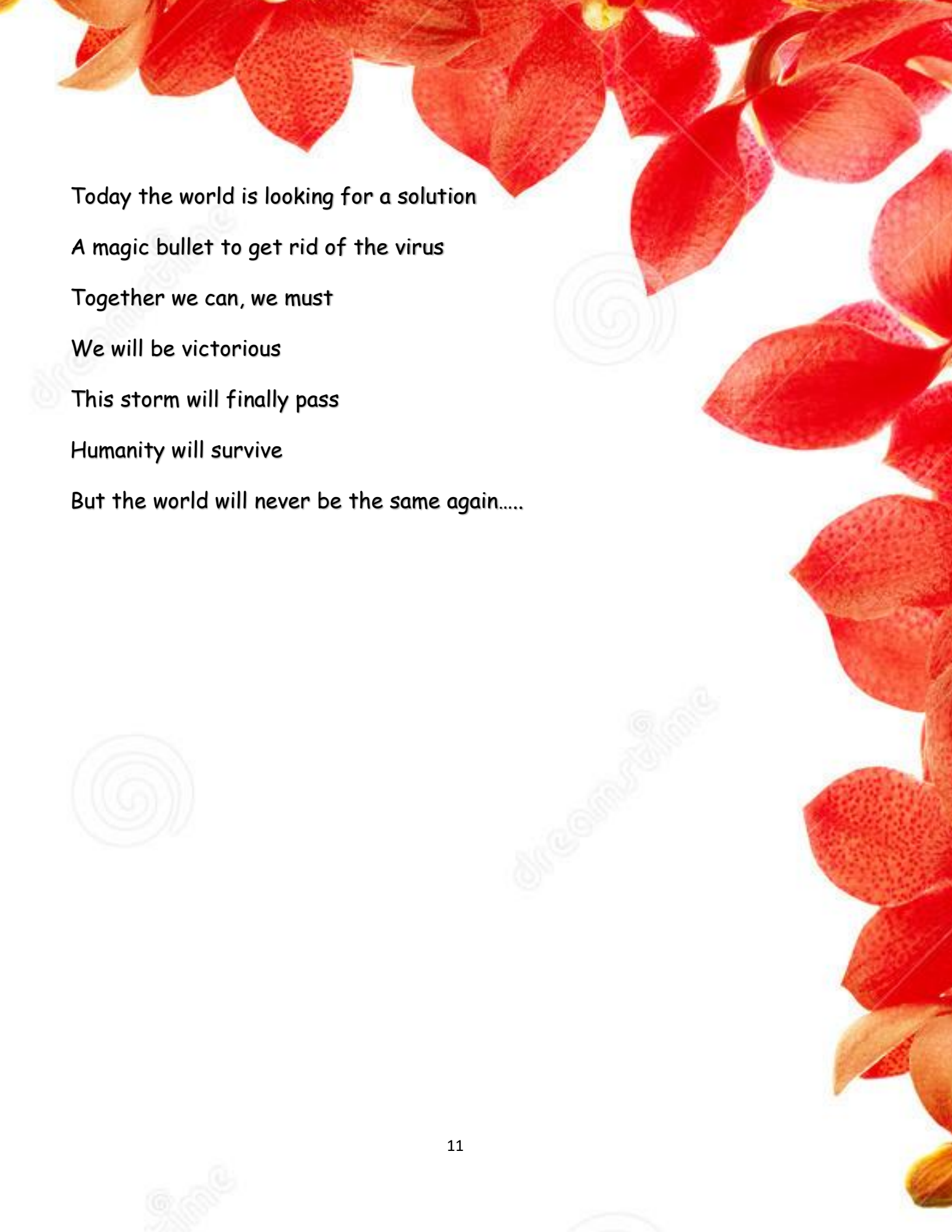
Now you will think before you shop  
No more shopping for show-offs  
In these testing times we realize  
All we need is no more than  
Two pair of clothes  
A roof over our head  
Fresh food to survive  
No need for shining designer bags  
A new pair of sneakers  
A brand-new shade of lipstick  
To go with your new dress





All the essentials are  
Pretty much useless now  
People finally understood  
How little they need to be happy  
And lead a full life  
Saving money is the need of the hour  
The world will never be the same again

Today everyone has embraced Online learning  
There is certainly no alternative  
This virus has made us pause, stop, and think  
It has made us realize  
The world we live in has no borders  
That as a united force  
We can take up any challenge  
It has made us appreciate  
The beauty of nature  
The power of finding solace  
In the arms of family members

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Today the world is looking for a solution  
A magic bullet to get rid of the virus  
Together we can, we must  
We will be victorious  
This storm will finally pass  
Humanity will survive  
But the world will never be the same again.....





## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:

### A TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT OF TODAY'S WORLD


Parthiv Raj Baruah - 5M

Have you come across a running car without being driven by a human or can you imagine a restaurant where you are dining with your family being served by the machines? Yes, days are not very far when we will witness in our lifetime the act of artificially engineered intelligence to perform these types of jobs. Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to the kind of intelligence programmed in the machines to perform activities like a human being.

AI may not have attained the versatility close to human intelligence but off late has developed its applications in industries and other areas.

We get to see common devices like CCTV which are capable of rotation and focusing objects when it detects abnormal movement in odd times of a day, the form of "intelligence" is often removed from the definition of AI. This phenomenon is known as the AI effect. The AI effect occurs when viewers decrease the behavior of an artificial intelligence program by arguing that it's not real intelligence. Optical character recognition is frequently excluded from things considered to be AI, has become an everyday technology. Modern machine capabilities normally classified as AI include successfully understanding human speech, competing for top-level in





strategic game systems, automated cars, content delivery networks, and military simulations.

Back through its history, Artificial intelligence was founded as an academic discipline in 1955 and now has come out as emerging industry intensive technology together with another ability of machines known as Machine Learning, to automatically learn and improve from experience without external inputs through programming.

But there should be an intelligent approach by humans in not inviting troubles for large scale unemployment due to the machines replacing the human resource. Despite that, professions engaging the humans in engineering and administering AI appear more promising in near future. ,



## **CYBERSPACE COMMUNITY**

P. Jeevamithran - 7N

This article is mainly for students like me. I have written this article to give awareness to the students about Cyberspace Community and the dangers in it.

From early humans, to modern ones, technology has grown along with us. One of them, the Cyberspace community. An infinite world, with useful things and unwanted things, good things and bad things. The word 'Cyber' refers to anything involving computers or computer networks such as the internet. 'Cyberspace' is the notional environment in which people communicate over computer networks. Cyberspace simply represents the interconnected space between computers, systems and other networks. The cyberspace community is divided into 3 c's. And that is, Cybercrime, Cyber Warfare and Cyber security.

Ok, now let's start with Cybercrime.

Cybercrime  

Cybercrime or computer-oriented crime, is a crime that involves a computer and a network. The computer may have been used in the commission of a crime or it may be the target. Cybercrime can be divided into 5 major parts. And those are: -





Financial

Privacy

Hacking

Cyber terrorism

Cyber bullying

Financial crime 💰 🏠

In financial crime, people steal money of other people through computers. They also steal data, money, documents and other things from big companies, which leads to financial problems in the company. Every year, hackers steal crores of rupees from big business mans and also the government.

Privacy 🔒 🔑

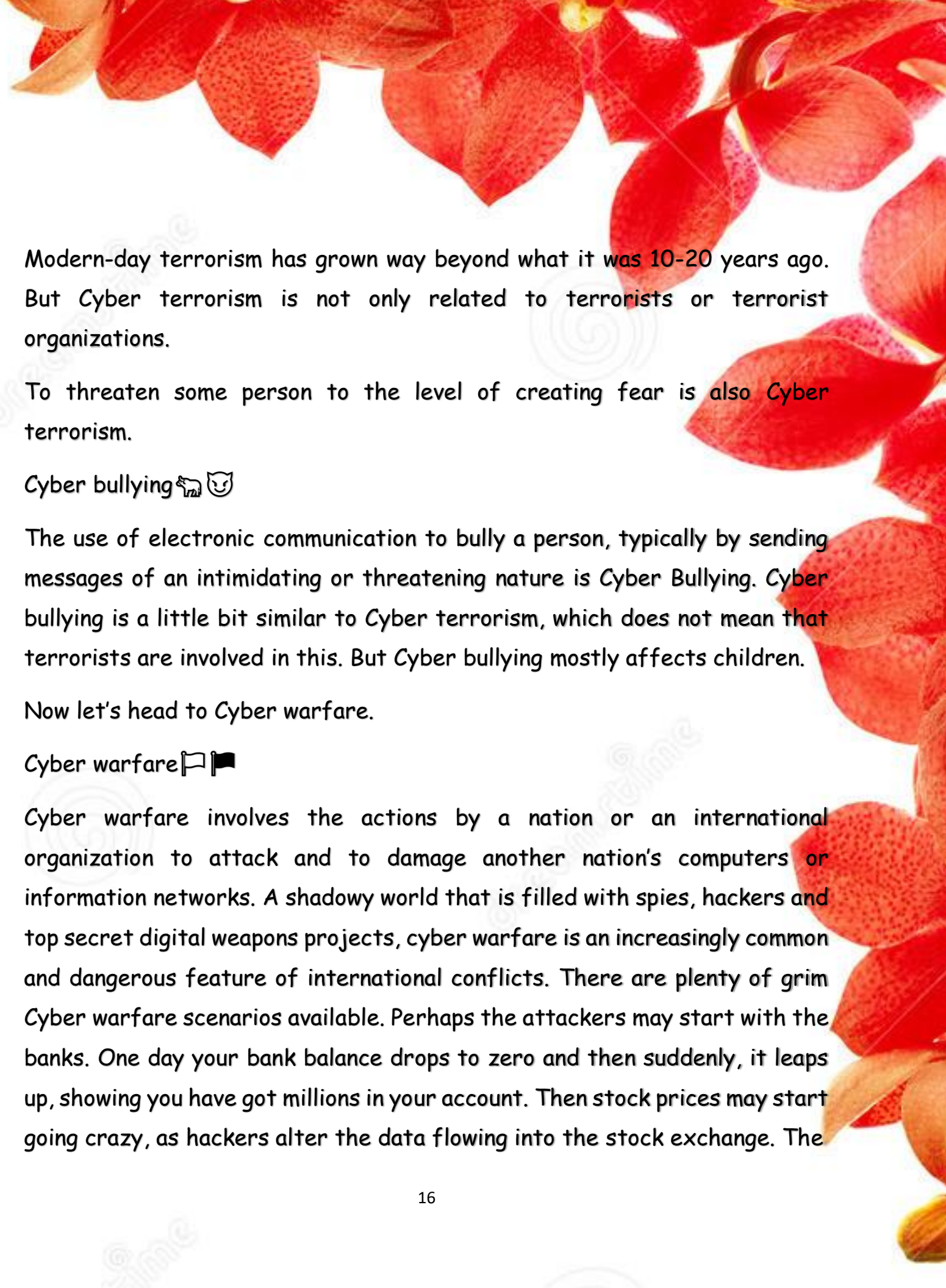
Privacy crime includes, stealing other's private data, which they do not want to share with the world. People whose data is stolen, suffer a lot and some even commit suicide because of their data's misuse.

Hacking 🖥️ 💻

In hacking, hackers intentionally deface a website to cause damage or loss to the public or to the website's owner. Apart from that, they destroy or make changes in existing websites to diminish their values. This is 1 kind of hacking. Actually, almost everything in Cybercrime needs hacking.

Cyber terrorism 🧨





Modern-day terrorism has grown way beyond what it was 10-20 years ago. But Cyber terrorism is not only related to terrorists or terrorist organizations.

To threaten some person to the level of creating fear is also Cyber terrorism.

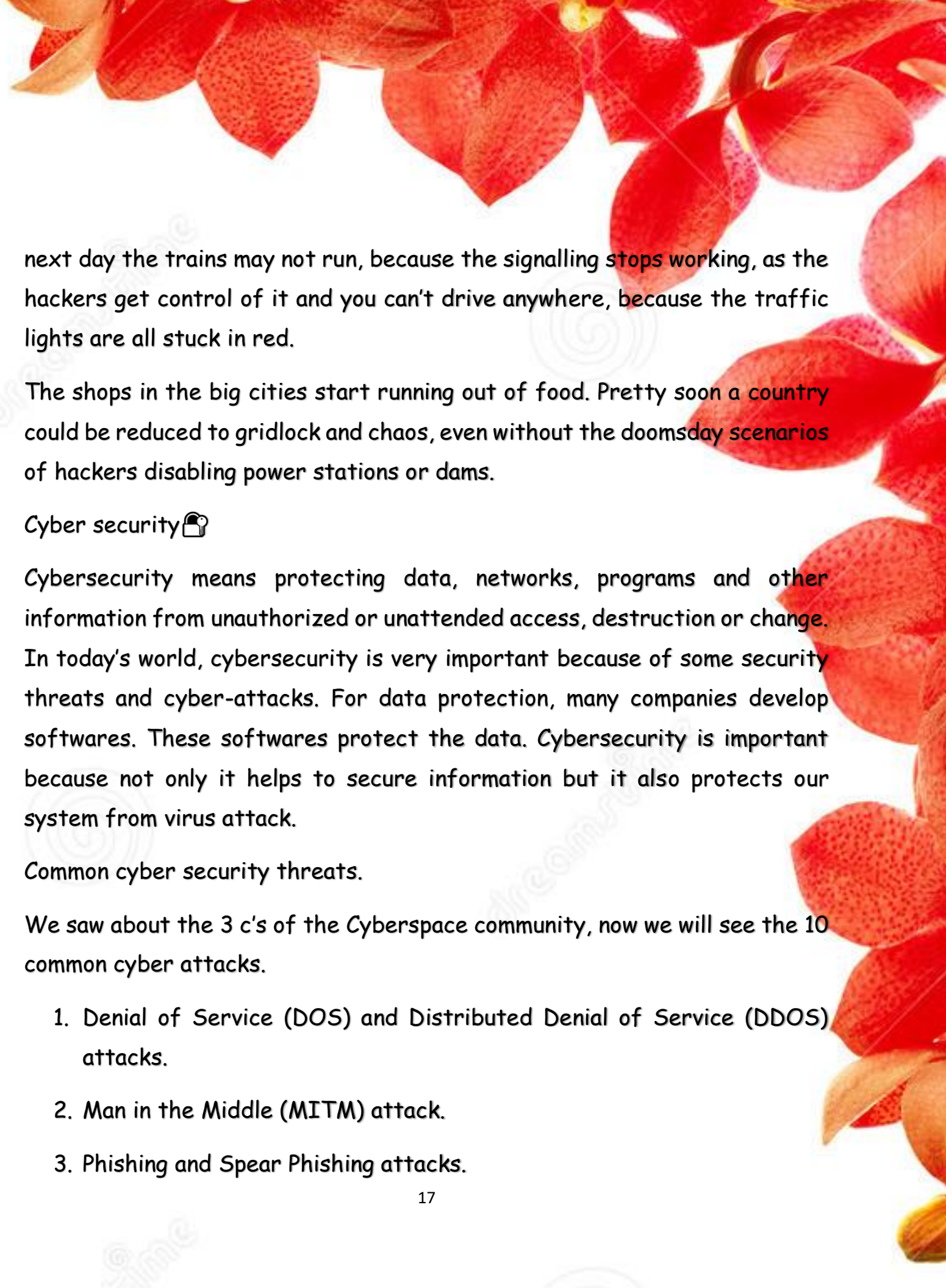
Cyber bullying 🐾 😺

The use of electronic communication to bully a person, typically by sending messages of an intimidating or threatening nature is Cyber Bullying. Cyber bullying is a little bit similar to Cyber terrorism, which does not mean that terrorists are involved in this. But Cyber bullying mostly affects children.

Now let's head to Cyber warfare.

Cyber warfare 🚩 🚩

Cyber warfare involves the actions by a nation or an international organization to attack and to damage another nation's computers or information networks. A shadowy world that is filled with spies, hackers and top secret digital weapons projects, cyber warfare is an increasingly common and dangerous feature of international conflicts. There are plenty of grim Cyber warfare scenarios available. Perhaps the attackers may start with the banks. One day your bank balance drops to zero and then suddenly, it leaps up, showing you have got millions in your account. Then stock prices may start going crazy, as hackers alter the data flowing into the stock exchange. The



next day the trains may not run, because the signalling stops working, as the hackers get control of it and you can't drive anywhere, because the traffic lights are all stuck in red.

The shops in the big cities start running out of food. Pretty soon a country could be reduced to gridlock and chaos, even without the doomsday scenarios of hackers disabling power stations or dams.

### Cyber security🔒

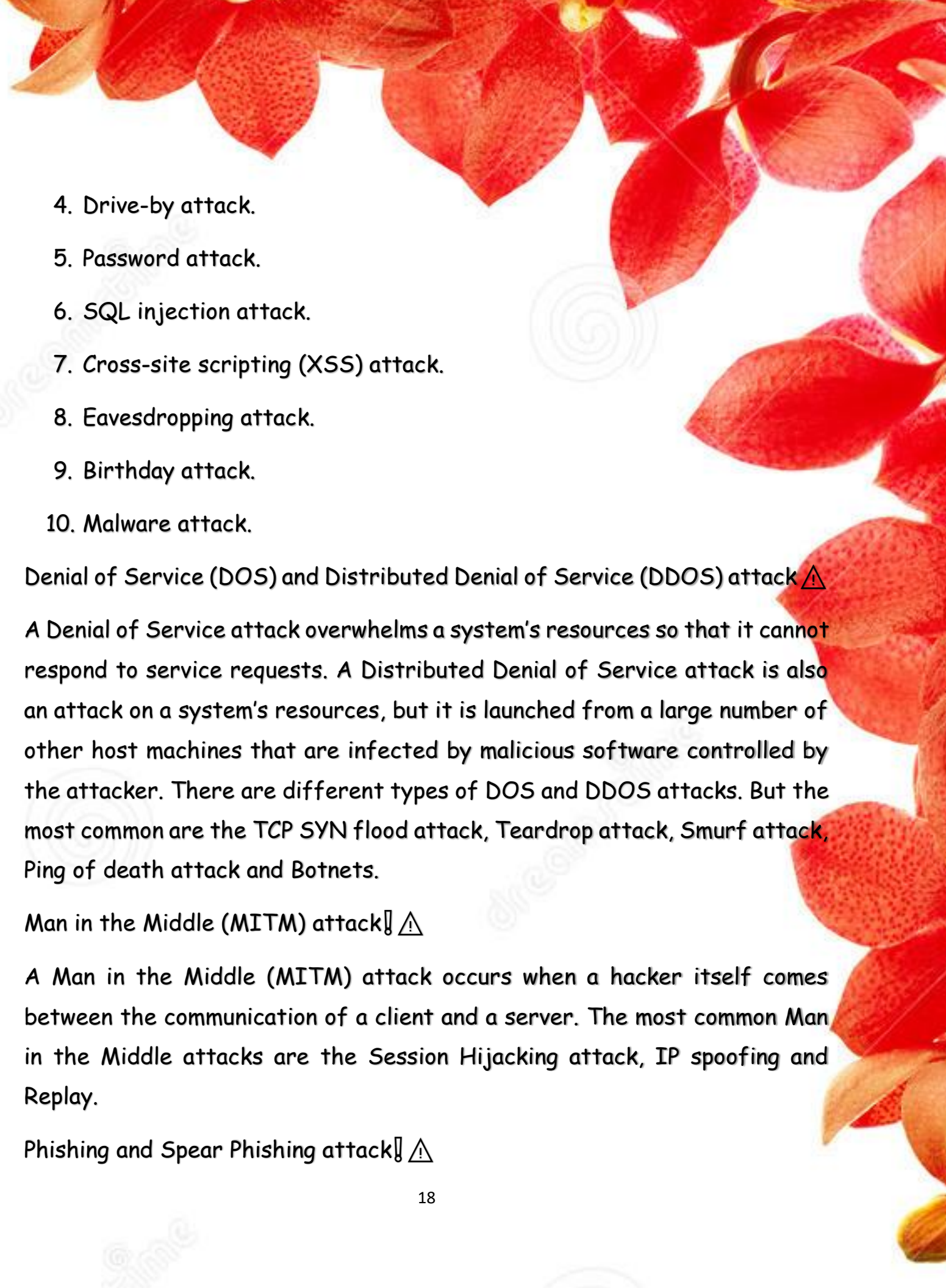
Cybersecurity means protecting data, networks, programs and other information from unauthorized or unattended access, destruction or change. In today's world, cybersecurity is very important because of some security threats and cyber-attacks. For data protection, many companies develop softwares. These softwares protect the data. Cybersecurity is important because not only it helps to secure information but it also protects our system from virus attack.

### Common cyber security threats.

We saw about the 3 c's of the Cyberspace community, now we will see the 10 common cyber attacks.

1. Denial of Service (DOS) and Distributed Denial of Service (DDOS) attacks.
2. Man in the Middle (MITM) attack.
3. Phishing and Spear Phishing attacks.



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4. Drive-by attack.
  5. Password attack.
  6. SQL injection attack.
  7. Cross-site scripting (XSS) attack.
  8. Eavesdropping attack.
  9. Birthday attack.
  10. Malware attack.

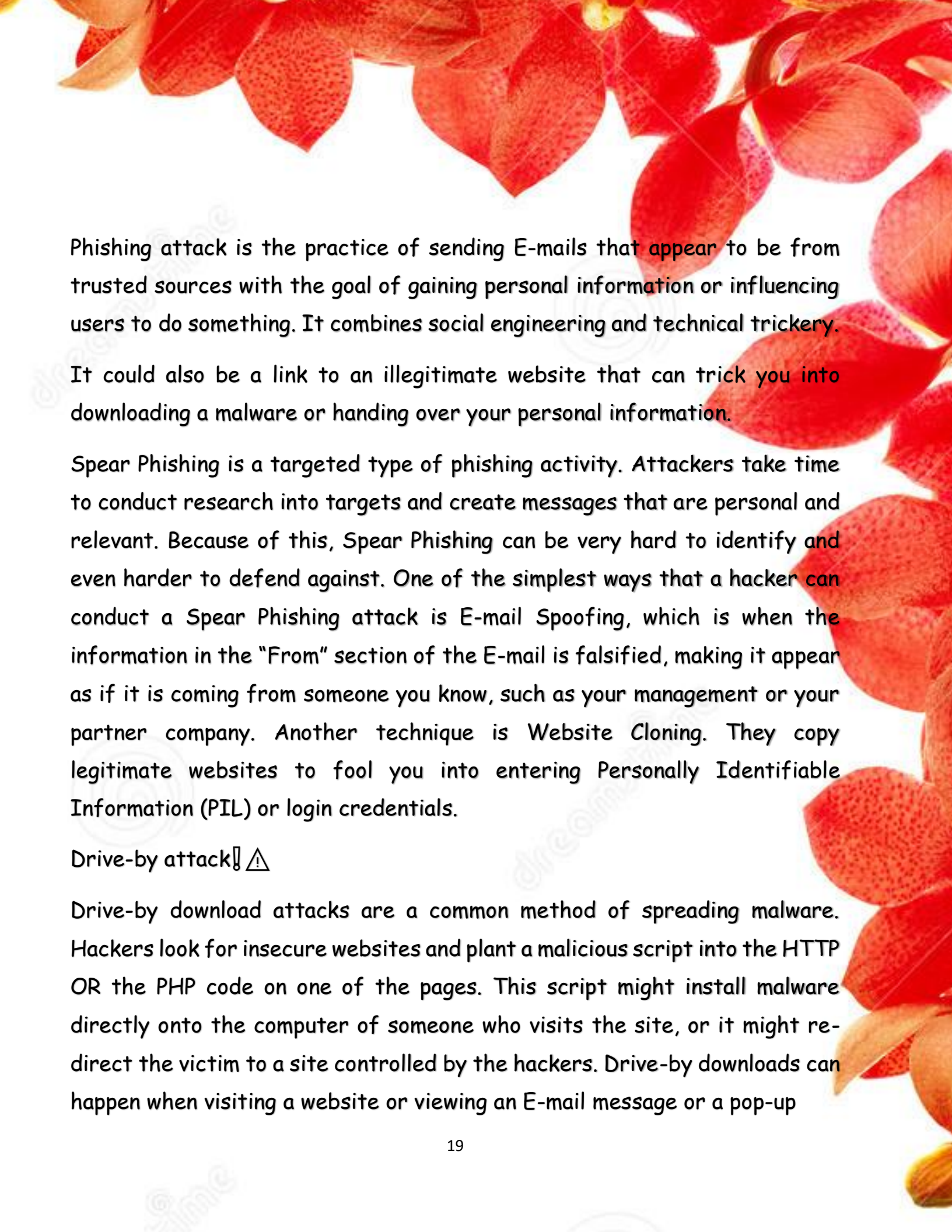
Denial of Service (DOS) and Distributed Denial of Service (DDOS) attack ⚠

A Denial of Service attack overwhelms a system's resources so that it cannot respond to service requests. A Distributed Denial of Service attack is also an attack on a system's resources, but it is launched from a large number of other host machines that are infected by malicious software controlled by the attacker. There are different types of DOS and DDOS attacks. But the most common are the TCP SYN flood attack, Teardrop attack, Smurf attack, Ping of death attack and Botnets.

Man in the Middle (MITM) attack ⚠

A Man in the Middle (MITM) attack occurs when a hacker itself comes between the communication of a client and a server. The most common Man in the Middle attacks are the Session Hijacking attack, IP spoofing and Replay.

Phishing and Spear Phishing attack ⚠



Phishing attack is the practice of sending E-mails that appear to be from trusted sources with the goal of gaining personal information or influencing users to do something. It combines social engineering and technical trickery.

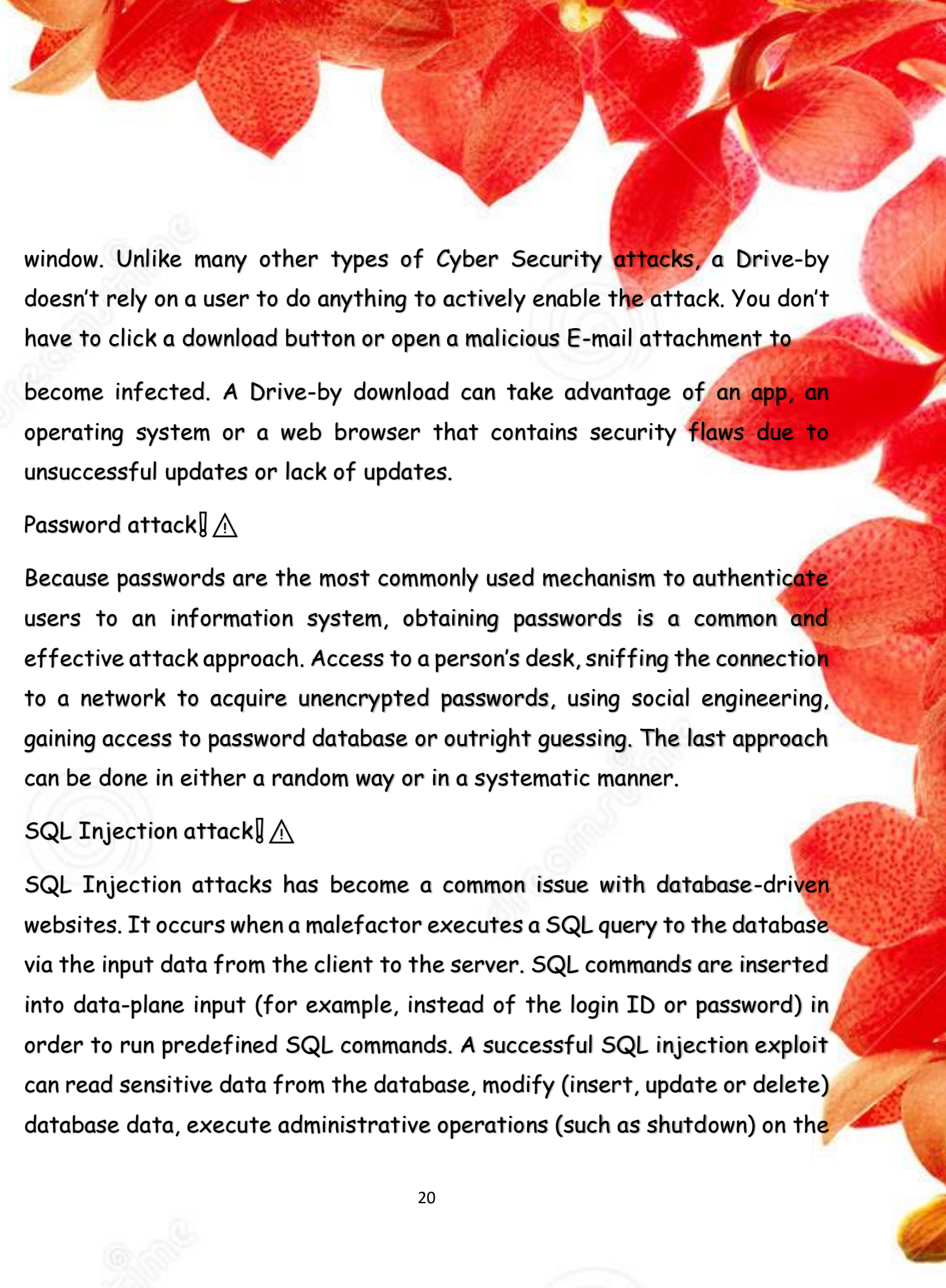
It could also be a link to an illegitimate website that can trick you into downloading a malware or handing over your personal information.

Spear Phishing is a targeted type of phishing activity. Attackers take time to conduct research into targets and create messages that are personal and relevant. Because of this, Spear Phishing can be very hard to identify and even harder to defend against. One of the simplest ways that a hacker can conduct a Spear Phishing attack is E-mail Spoofing, which is when the information in the "From" section of the E-mail is falsified, making it appear as if it is coming from someone you know, such as your management or your partner company. Another technique is Website Cloning. They copy legitimate websites to fool you into entering Personally Identifiable Information (PII) or login credentials.

Drive-by attack ⚠

Drive-by download attacks are a common method of spreading malware. Hackers look for insecure websites and plant a malicious script into the HTTP OR the PHP code on one of the pages. This script might install malware directly onto the computer of someone who visits the site, or it might redirect the victim to a site controlled by the hackers. Drive-by downloads can happen when visiting a website or viewing an E-mail message or a pop-up





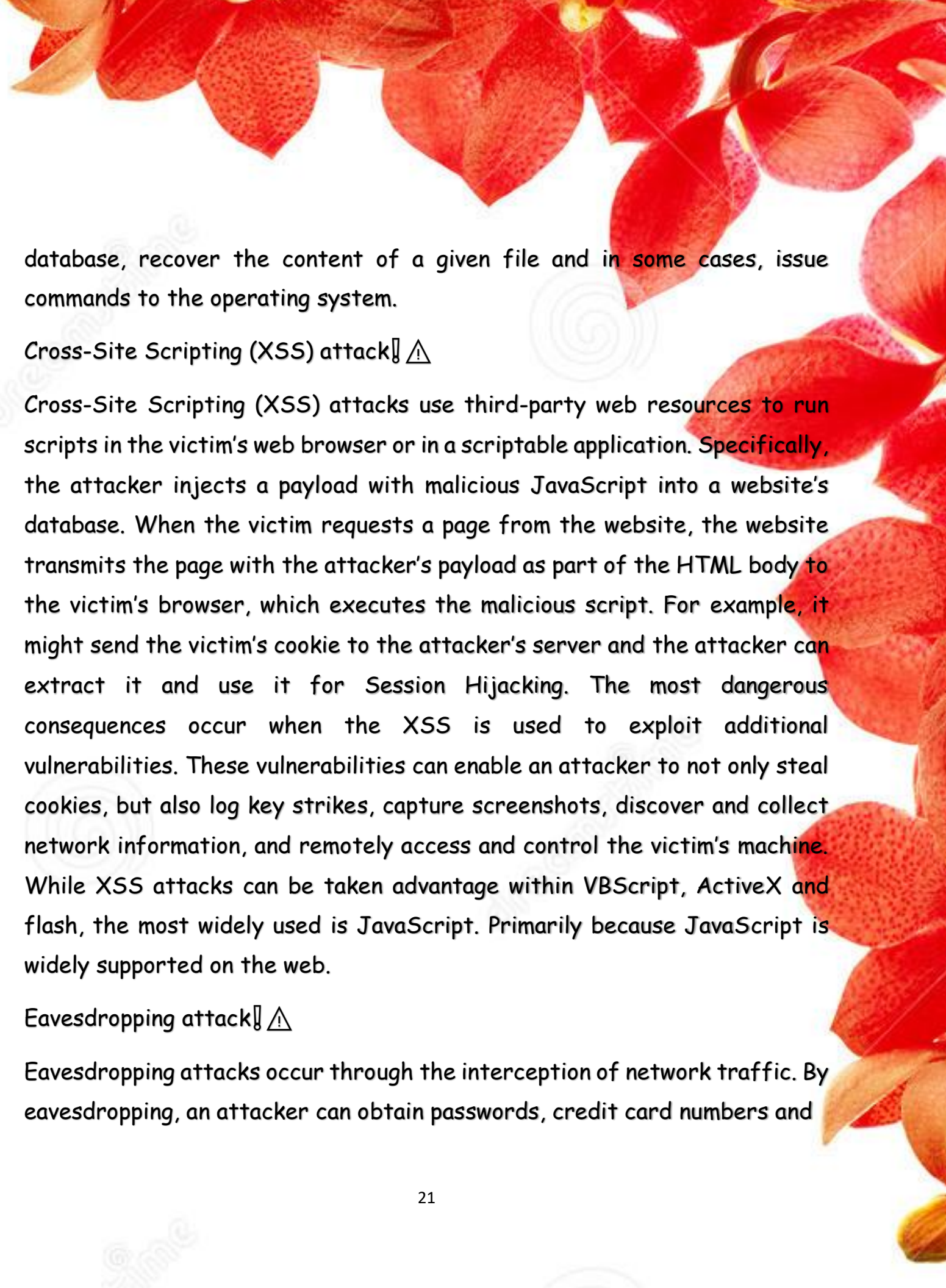
window. Unlike many other types of Cyber Security attacks, a Drive-by doesn't rely on a user to do anything to actively enable the attack. You don't have to click a download button or open a malicious E-mail attachment to become infected. A Drive-by download can take advantage of an app, an operating system or a web browser that contains security flaws due to unsuccessful updates or lack of updates.

#### Password attack ⚠️

Because passwords are the most commonly used mechanism to authenticate users to an information system, obtaining passwords is a common and effective attack approach. Access to a person's desk, sniffing the connection to a network to acquire unencrypted passwords, using social engineering, gaining access to password database or outright guessing. The last approach can be done in either a random way or in a systematic manner.

#### SQL Injection attack ⚠️

SQL Injection attacks has become a common issue with database-driven websites. It occurs when a malefactor executes a SQL query to the database via the input data from the client to the server. SQL commands are inserted into data-plane input (for example, instead of the login ID or password) in order to run predefined SQL commands. A successful SQL injection exploit can read sensitive data from the database, modify (insert, update or delete) database data, execute administrative operations (such as shutdown) on the



database, recover the content of a given file and in some cases, issue commands to the operating system.

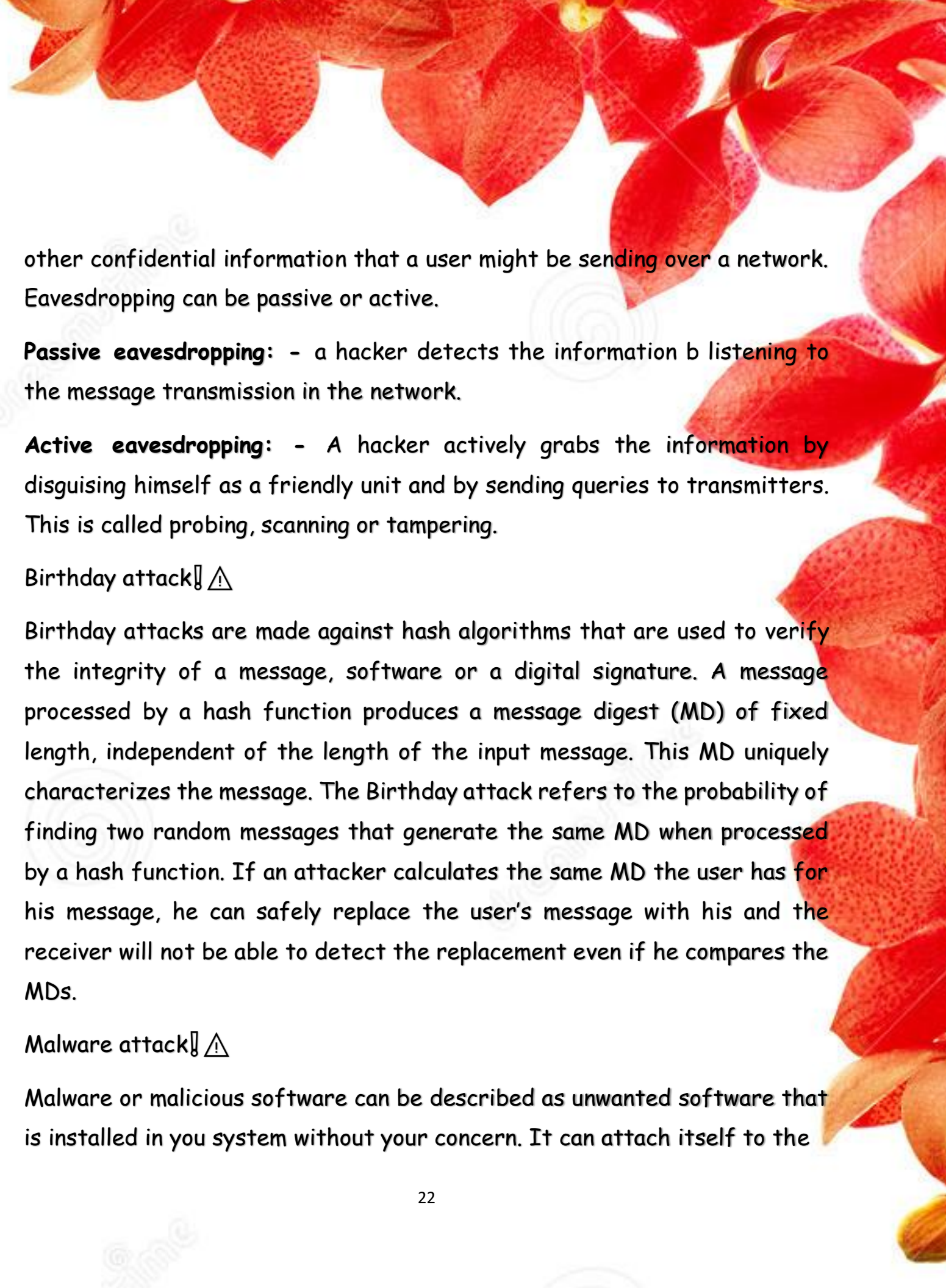
### Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) attack ⚠️

Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) attacks use third-party web resources to run scripts in the victim's web browser or in a scriptable application. Specifically, the attacker injects a payload with malicious JavaScript into a website's database. When the victim requests a page from the website, the website transmits the page with the attacker's payload as part of the HTML body to the victim's browser, which executes the malicious script. For example, it might send the victim's cookie to the attacker's server and the attacker can extract it and use it for Session Hijacking. The most dangerous consequences occur when the XSS is used to exploit additional vulnerabilities. These vulnerabilities can enable an attacker to not only steal cookies, but also log key strikes, capture screenshots, discover and collect network information, and remotely access and control the victim's machine. While XSS attacks can be taken advantage within VBScript, ActiveX and flash, the most widely used is JavaScript. Primarily because JavaScript is widely supported on the web.

### Eavesdropping attack ⚠️

Eavesdropping attacks occur through the interception of network traffic. By eavesdropping, an attacker can obtain passwords, credit card numbers and





other confidential information that a user might be sending over a network. Eavesdropping can be passive or active.

**Passive eavesdropping:** - a hacker detects the information by listening to the message transmission in the network.

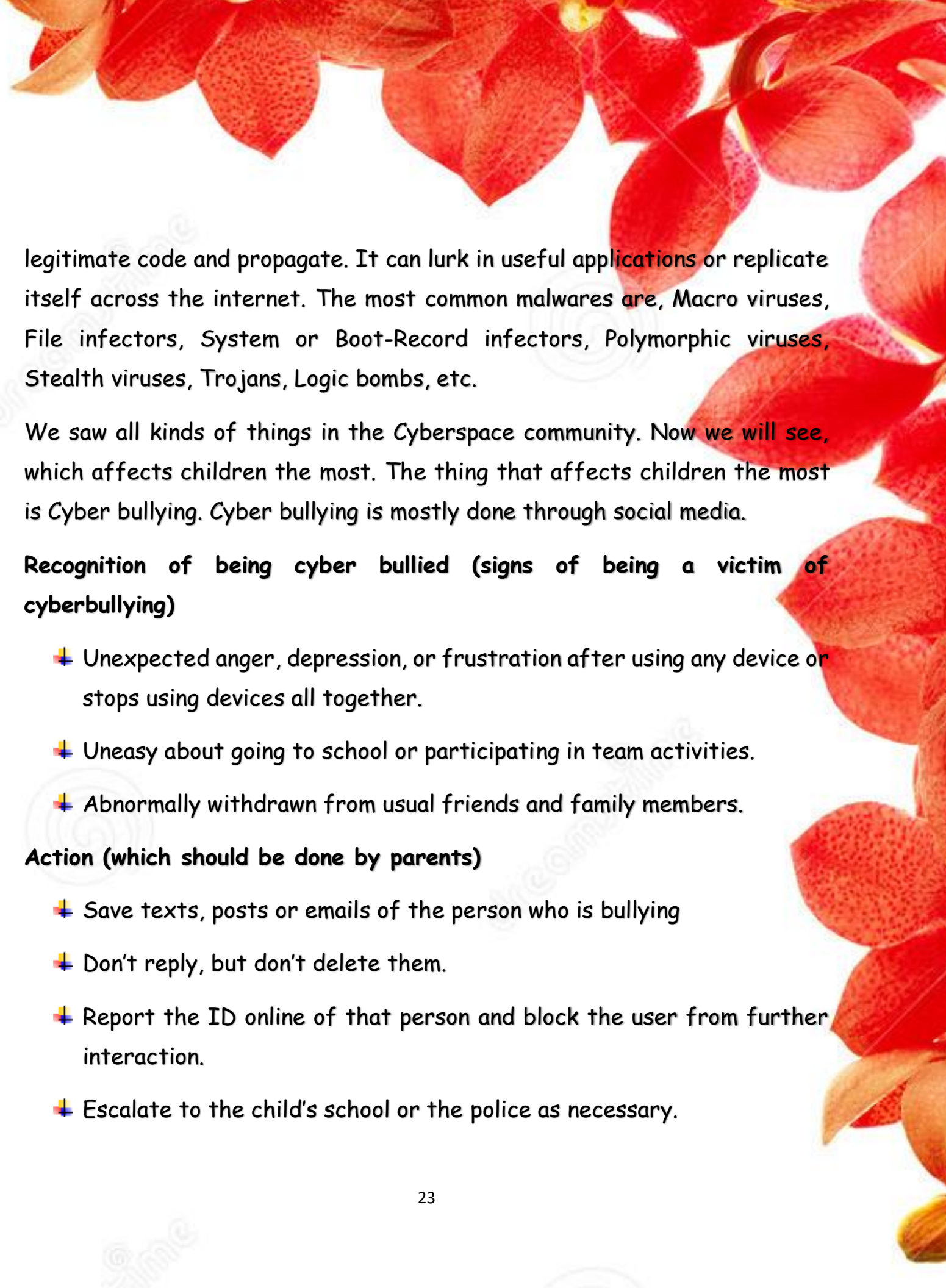
**Active eavesdropping:** - A hacker actively grabs the information by disguising himself as a friendly unit and by sending queries to transmitters. This is called probing, scanning or tampering.

**Birthday attack** ⚠️

Birthday attacks are made against hash algorithms that are used to verify the integrity of a message, software or a digital signature. A message processed by a hash function produces a message digest (MD) of fixed length, independent of the length of the input message. This MD uniquely characterizes the message. The Birthday attack refers to the probability of finding two random messages that generate the same MD when processed by a hash function. If an attacker calculates the same MD the user has for his message, he can safely replace the user's message with his and the receiver will not be able to detect the replacement even if he compares the MDs.

**Malware attack** ⚠️

Malware or malicious software can be described as unwanted software that is installed in your system without your concern. It can attach itself to the



legitimate code and propagate. It can lurk in useful applications or replicate itself across the internet. The most common malwares are, Macro viruses, File infectors, System or Boot-Record infectors, Polymorphic viruses, Stealth viruses, Trojans, Logic bombs, etc.

We saw all kinds of things in the Cyberspace community. Now we will see, which affects children the most. The thing that affects children the most is Cyber bullying. Cyber bullying is mostly done through social media.

### **Recognition of being cyber bullied (signs of being a victim of cyberbullying)**

- ✚ Unexpected anger, depression, or frustration after using any device or stops using devices all together.
- ✚ Uneasy about going to school or participating in team activities.
- ✚ Abnormally withdrawn from usual friends and family members.

### **Action (which should be done by parents)**

- ✚ Save texts, posts or emails of the person who is bullying
- ✚ Don't reply, but don't delete them.
- ✚ Report the ID online of that person and block the user from further interaction.
- ✚ Escalate to the child's school or the police as necessary.





**The things the child being cyber bullied should do is: -**

- ✚ Report it to parents.
- ✚ And mainly stop using social media.


Kids should stop using social media. Because it is not for children. I am not saying that social media is completely bad.

Social media also contains good things. But our mind is not yet fully grown and at this age, our minds can't analyse between good things and bad things. All our mind wants is something that is attractive, whether good or bad. There is a certain age, when we should use these things. Students can use social media but under their parent's guidance.

Stranger danger 🤖 🤖

- ✚ Never communicate to a stranger.
- ✚ If somebody claims to be your relative or friend, report to your parents and confirm with them.
- ✚ Never give personal details (like address, phone number, etc.), to strangers you meet in the social media. Even the smallest detail you give is danger.

Did you know? This is the approximately given data about the children using social media.



40% of those kids using social media connected or chatted online with a stranger.

53% of those kids using social media revealed their phone number to a stranger.

21% of those kids using social media spoke by phone with a stranger.

15% of those kids using social media tried to meet a stranger.

11% of those kids using social media met a stranger in their own home, the stranger's home, a park, mall or restaurant.

30% of those kids using social media texted a stranger from their phone.

6% of those kids using social media revealed their home address to a stranger.

We should never do any of the activities mentioned above. One advice for children, never use something you are unfamiliar with.

📖 Let us all be Cyber smart and Cyber safe 📖





## **GROWING OLDER**

Netraa Shah - 6K

Have u wondered what you'll be  
when you grow older??  
I've a lot.

I wonder when I am 64,  
I may not shuffle.  
Like they show in the cartoons!

I wonder if my grandkids will call me an old lady!  
And tease me to my anger.

I wonder if I'll have white hair like my grandmother.  
And will have to color them.

I wonder if I'll be able to stand up right!  
Will I be like; acute angle?

I wonder if I be able to stay heathy.  
Cause I have heard people say that-

**"Our generation isn't as healthy as our parents and  
we will be at our old age, they eat all sorts of junk  
and make themselves unhealthy."**

I wonder many more things,  
But I'll only find out when I'm old!



## FRIENDS

Dhwani Sharma - 7A

Friends are the daylights,  
Who save you from frights,  
They laugh and play with you,  
And always keep you happy,  
They never seemed to hurt you,  
From the day you were in a nappy.

You meet them as strangers,  
You take them as your friends,  
You build a house in your heart,  
For them to stay and spend.

You sometimes fight with them,  
And leave them depressed,  
But then you realize indeed,  
That they were your best friends!



## **EDUCATION FOR ALL**

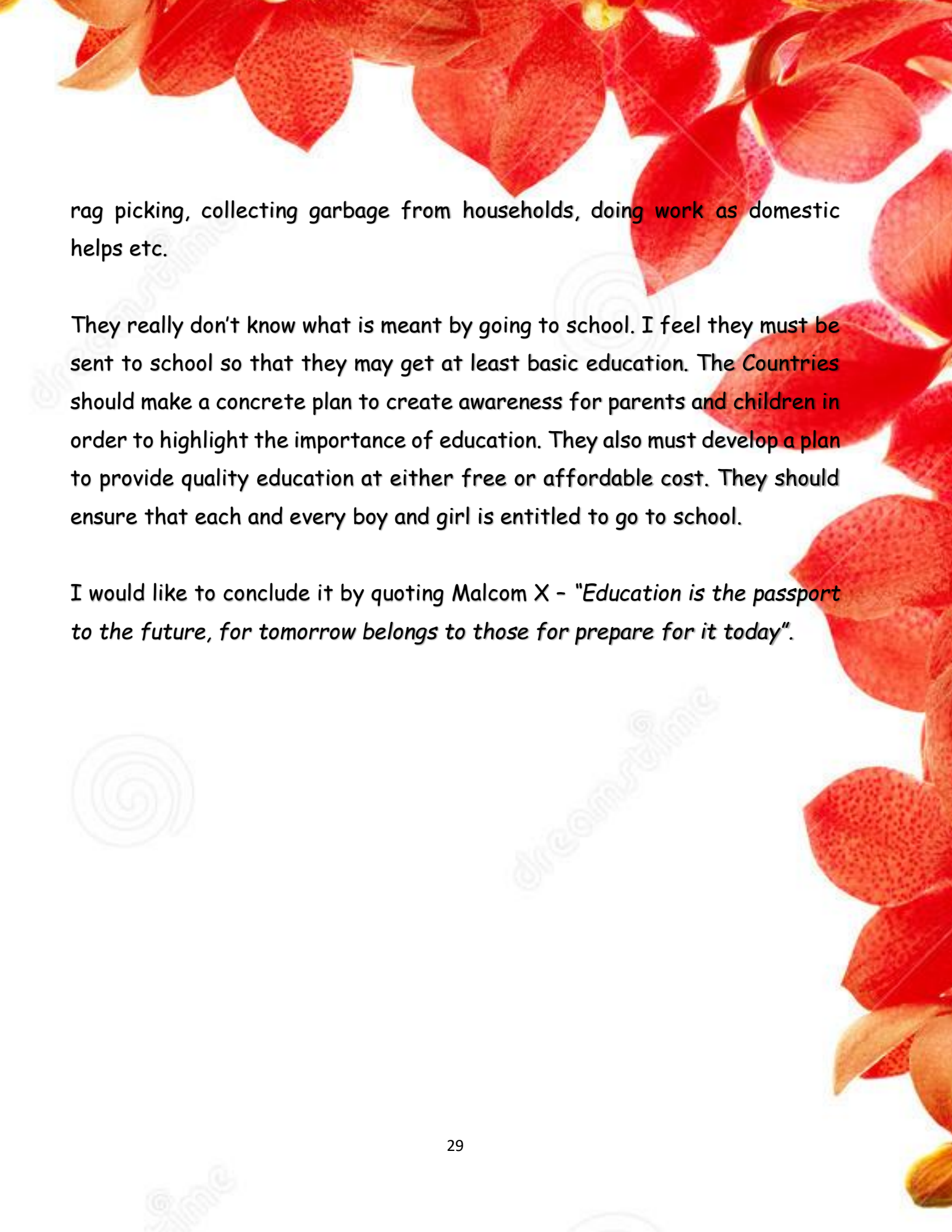
Rukshan Ahmed - 7N



*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" - Nelson Mandela*

It is vital for human being to get educated as it is the basic necessity of life. Education is essential for everyone to differentiate between good and bad. It is the education that separates human from animals. In other words, we can say that a human without education is no more than an animal. Education brings perfection in life. It makes children more creative and develop innovative thoughts in their mind, which increases their level of thinking and understanding. There are many education systems in the world.

Now a days, the world is full of competition. Only a person with a good education can be able to face any competition. But it is unfortunate that across world especially in Asia & Africa, thousands of our small children remain deprived of even basic education. These children have a responsibility of feeding their family hence they are engaged in various activities such as



rag picking, collecting garbage from households, doing work as domestic helps etc.

They really don't know what is meant by going to school. I feel they must be sent to school so that they may get at least basic education. The Countries should make a concrete plan to create awareness for parents and children in order to highlight the importance of education. They also must develop a plan to provide quality education at either free or affordable cost. They should ensure that each and every boy and girl is entitled to go to school.

I would like to conclude it by quoting Malcom X - *"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those for prepare for it today"*.





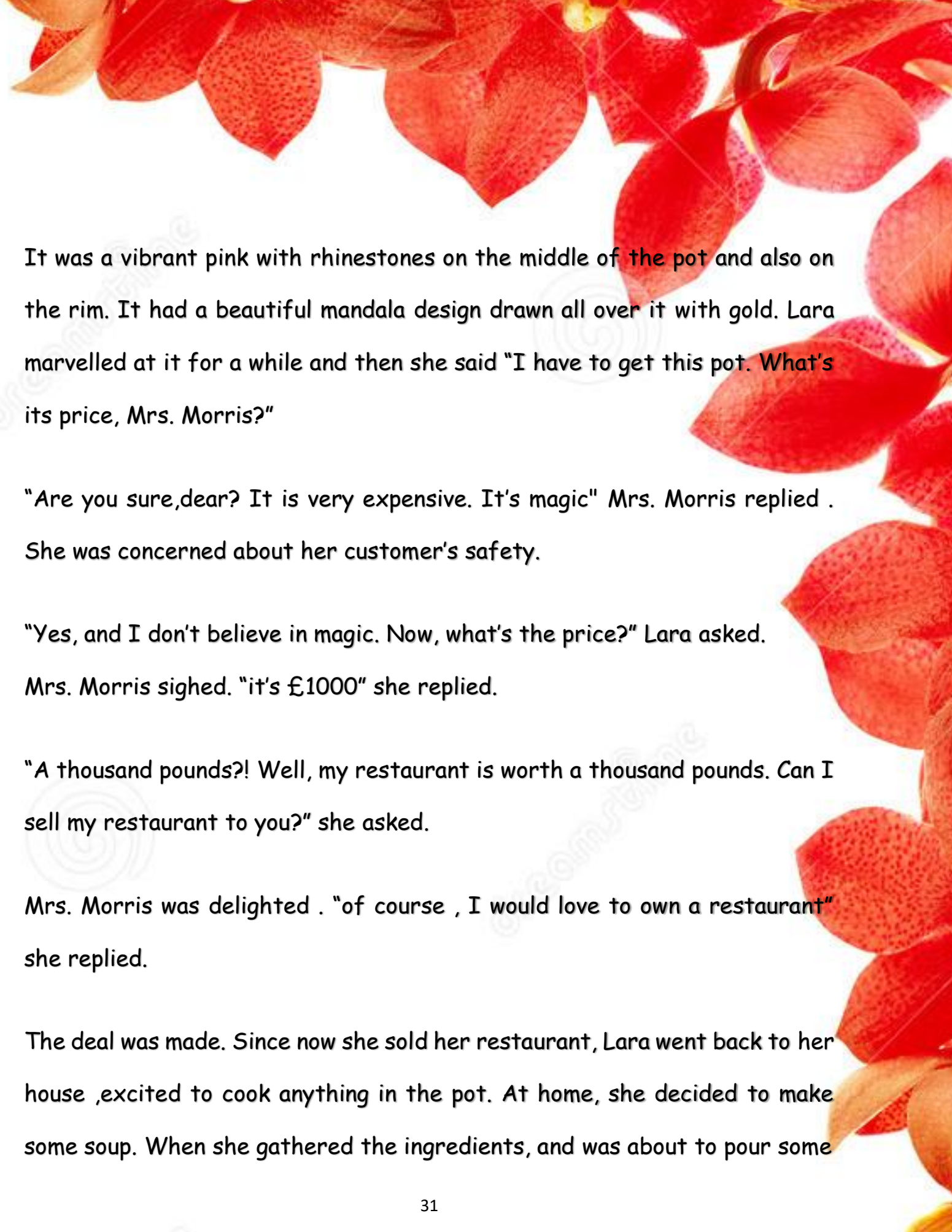
## **LARA'S MAGIC POT**

Salma Adel - 6M

Once upon a time , there was a woman called Lara. She lived in a beautiful village in the countryside. She was a cook, and a very amazing one too. Everyone from across the village went to her restaurant to eat the delicious food. She was also a very kind person, who often raised charities to help the poor and gave them food for free when they walked past her restaurant. Besides being talented and kind, she was also very fond of pretty things . All her cooking appliances such as spatulas, bowls and cups were very pretty that some people would come in the restaurant just to see her utensils. Lara had all kind of utensils, except for a beautiful cooking pot. So, the next day, she went out to the best kitchen appliances shop in the village hoping to find one. The owner of the shop was an old lady known as Mrs. Morris. She welcomed Lara kindly and asked "what are you looking for, my dear?" .

"I would love to have the most beautiful cooking pot" Lara replied.

Mrs. Morris led her to an aisle where there was a huge stand and on top of it lay the most beautiful cooking pot Lara ever saw.



It was a vibrant pink with rhinestones on the middle of the pot and also on the rim. It had a beautiful mandala design drawn all over it with gold. Lara marvelled at it for a while and then she said "I have to get this pot. What's its price, Mrs. Morris?"

"Are you sure, dear? It is very expensive. It's magic" Mrs. Morris replied . She was concerned about her customer's safety.

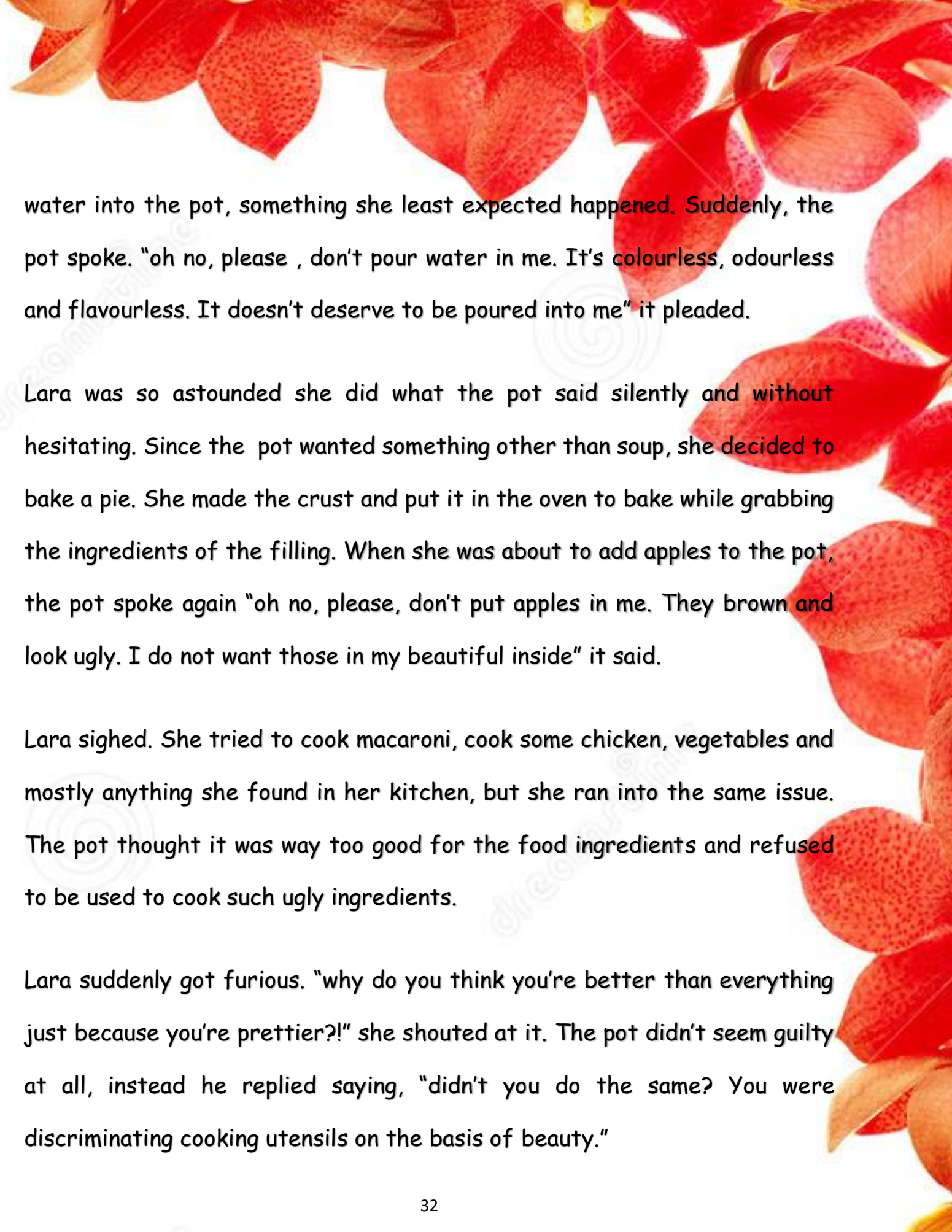
"Yes, and I don't believe in magic. Now, what's the price?" Lara asked. Mrs. Morris sighed. "it's £1000" she replied.

"A thousand pounds?! Well, my restaurant is worth a thousand pounds. Can I sell my restaurant to you?" she asked.

Mrs. Morris was delighted . "of course , I would love to own a restaurant" she replied.

The deal was made. Since now she sold her restaurant, Lara went back to her house ,excited to cook anything in the pot. At home, she decided to make some soup. When she gathered the ingredients, and was about to pour some



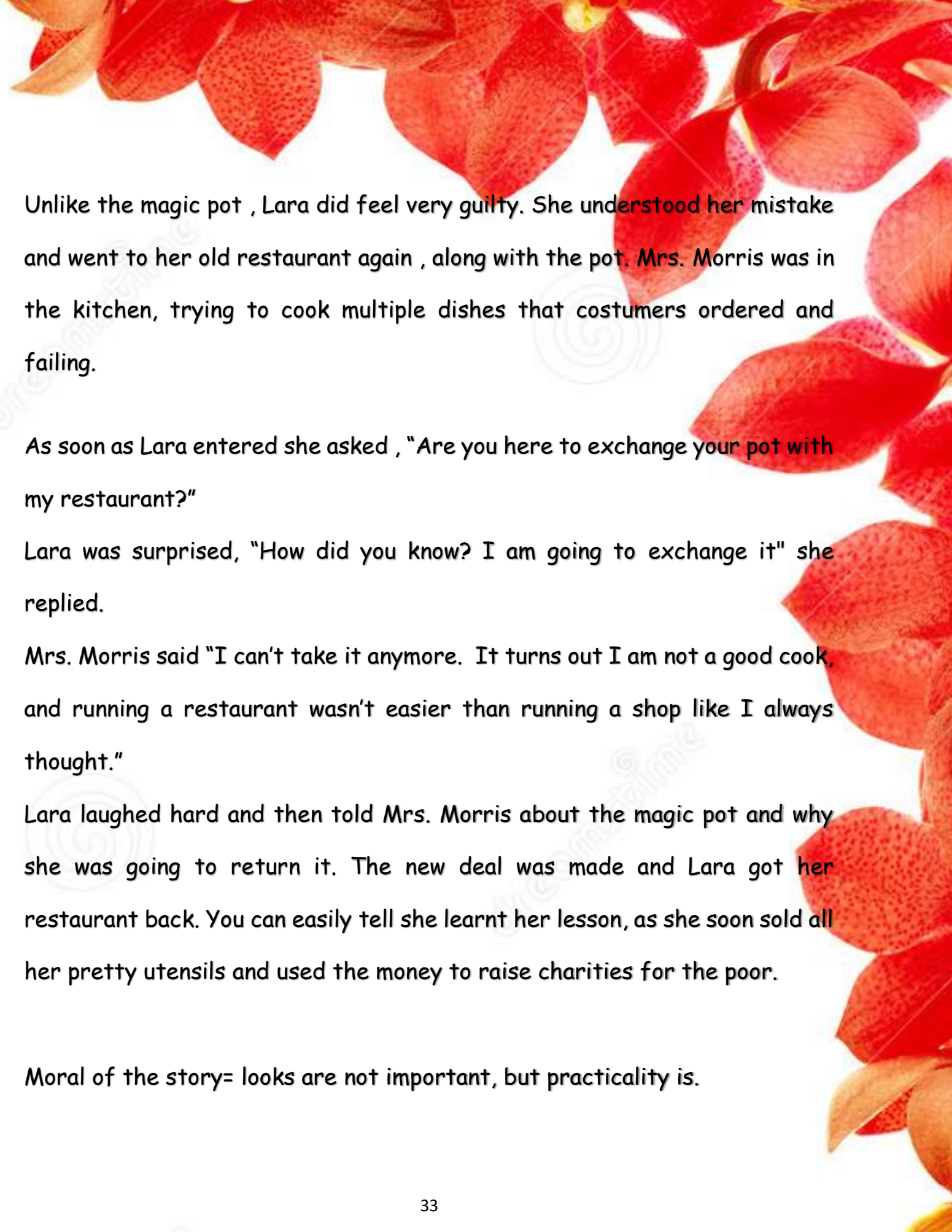


water into the pot, something she least expected happened. Suddenly, the pot spoke. "oh no, please , don't pour water in me. It's colourless, odourless and flavourless. It doesn't deserve to be poured into me" it pleaded.

Lara was so astounded she did what the pot said silently and without hesitating. Since the pot wanted something other than soup, she decided to bake a pie. She made the crust and put it in the oven to bake while grabbing the ingredients of the filling. When she was about to add apples to the pot, the pot spoke again "oh no, please, don't put apples in me. They brown and look ugly. I do not want those in my beautiful inside" it said.

Lara sighed. She tried to cook macaroni, cook some chicken, vegetables and mostly anything she found in her kitchen, but she ran into the same issue. The pot thought it was way too good for the food ingredients and refused to be used to cook such ugly ingredients.

Lara suddenly got furious. "why do you think you're better than everything just because you're prettier?!" she shouted at it. The pot didn't seem guilty at all, instead he replied saying, "didn't you do the same? You were discriminating cooking utensils on the basis of beauty."



Unlike the magic pot , Lara did feel very guilty. She understood her mistake and went to her old restaurant again , along with the pot. Mrs. Morris was in the kitchen, trying to cook multiple dishes that costumers ordered and failing.

As soon as Lara entered she asked , "Are you here to exchange your pot with my restaurant?"

Lara was surprised, "How did you know? I am going to exchange it" she replied.

Mrs. Morris said "I can't take it anymore. It turns out I am not a good cook, and running a restaurant wasn't easier than running a shop like I always thought."

Lara laughed hard and then told Mrs. Morris about the magic pot and why she was going to return it. The new deal was made and Lara got her restaurant back. You can easily tell she learnt her lesson, as she soon sold all her pretty utensils and used the money to raise charities for the poor.

Moral of the story= looks are not important, but practicality is.






## COVID LOCKDOWN

Shruthika Vaidyanathan - 6 F

Stay home and close door say human  
Pandemic is out there and so it's quite common  
We dint realize when those days were happy  
Till a germ invisible to naked eye said we are sappy.  
Friends and visitors are seen as virus  
Wish I was a scientist to introduce an antivirus.  
Days were merry when we travelled by school bus  
Even that small fun is seen these days as a big fuzz.  
Weekends were filled with gathering and shopping  
No curfew in place, but government says Stay inside locking.  
Will the days be gone where kids go to school in mass  
Wonder whether the future would be just online class.  
Countries seen different due to its varied economy  
Now the world has come together to fight a common enemy  
Virus thinks it can rule the world as a queen  
Let's bring it down with social distancing and hygiene

The page is decorated with vibrant red leaves, some showing orange and yellow edges, scattered along the top and right margins. The leaves have a detailed, veined texture.

Lockdown cannot spoil our spirit and gallant  
See it as an opportunity to groom our hidden talent  
The little small germ thinks we are its prey  
Let the world recover - to almighty I pray





## 15 AMAZING SHORT RIDDLES

Richa Patel - 7 F

Q 1- If four women can bake four pies in four hours, how many pies can eight women bake in eight hours?

Ans: 16

Q 2-I am a ball that can be rolled, but never bounced or thrown. What am I?

Ans: Eyeball

Q 3-I can be hot, I can be cold, I can run and I can be still, I can be hard and I can be soft. What am I?

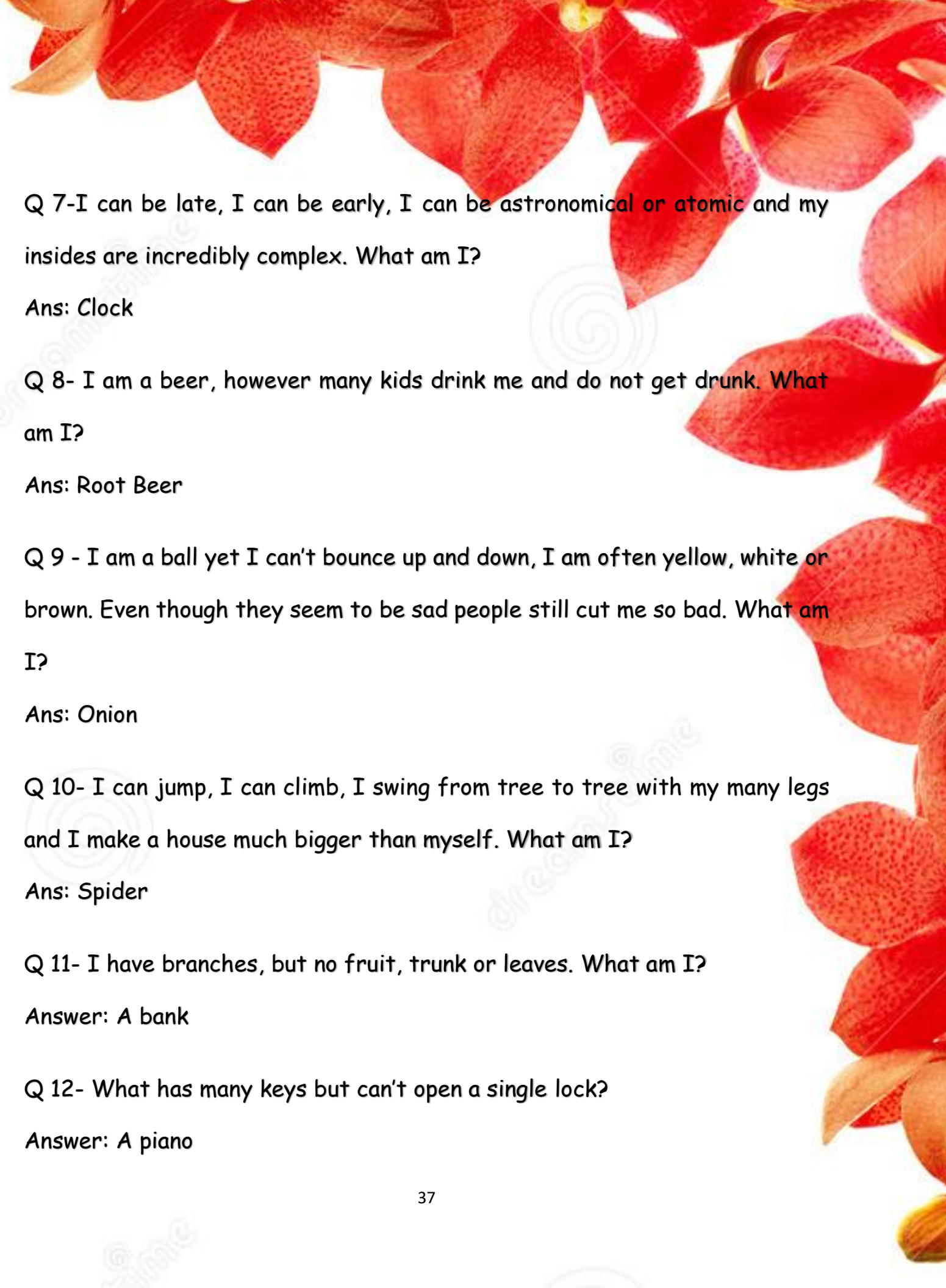
Ans: Water

Q 4- You find me once in the morning, twice in the afternoon but never in the evening. What am I?

Ans- The letter 'O'.

Q 5- Sometimes I go backwards but often I go forward; I can trip, I can dance. Just play the right music and I'll even do the conga. What am I?

Ans- Feet



Q 7-I can be late, I can be early, I can be astronomical or atomic and my insides are incredibly complex. What am I?

Ans: Clock

Q 8- I am a beer, however many kids drink me and do not get drunk. What am I?

Ans: Root Beer

Q 9 - I am a ball yet I can't bounce up and down, I am often yellow, white or brown. Even though they seem to be sad people still cut me so bad. What am I?

Ans: Onion

Q 10- I can jump, I can climb, I swing from tree to tree with my many legs and I make a house much bigger than myself. What am I?

Ans: Spider

Q 11- I have branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves. What am I?

Answer: A bank

Q 12- What has many keys but can't open a single lock?

Answer: A piano





Q 13- What gets bigger when more is taken away?

Answer: A hole

Q 14- I'm light as a feather, yet the strongest person can't hold me for five minutes. What am I?

Answer: Your breath

Q 15 One day there was a running competition with 3 people. 2 were fast one was slow. The race started the 2 fast people were talking to each other because the slow one was behind, the referee said 'sandpit ahead jump over it' (basically long jump) the jump came they jumped and then...the slow one came first. How did the slow one come first?

Answer: The slow one came first because he actually jumped and landed, the fast people were talking so they didn't hear the referee. So, they kept running and got disqualified.



## POEM ON CORONA

Arianna Agrawal - 6 K

Corona corona

Why you came (3)

I cannot go to school, study study only at home

No friend to play, neither at home nor at school

Corona corona

Why you came (3)

I cannot go to the market anymore

Sit sit only at home

No new dress, no new shoes neither to wear nor to buy

Corona corona

Why u came (3)

No birthday party to attend anymore, no outing

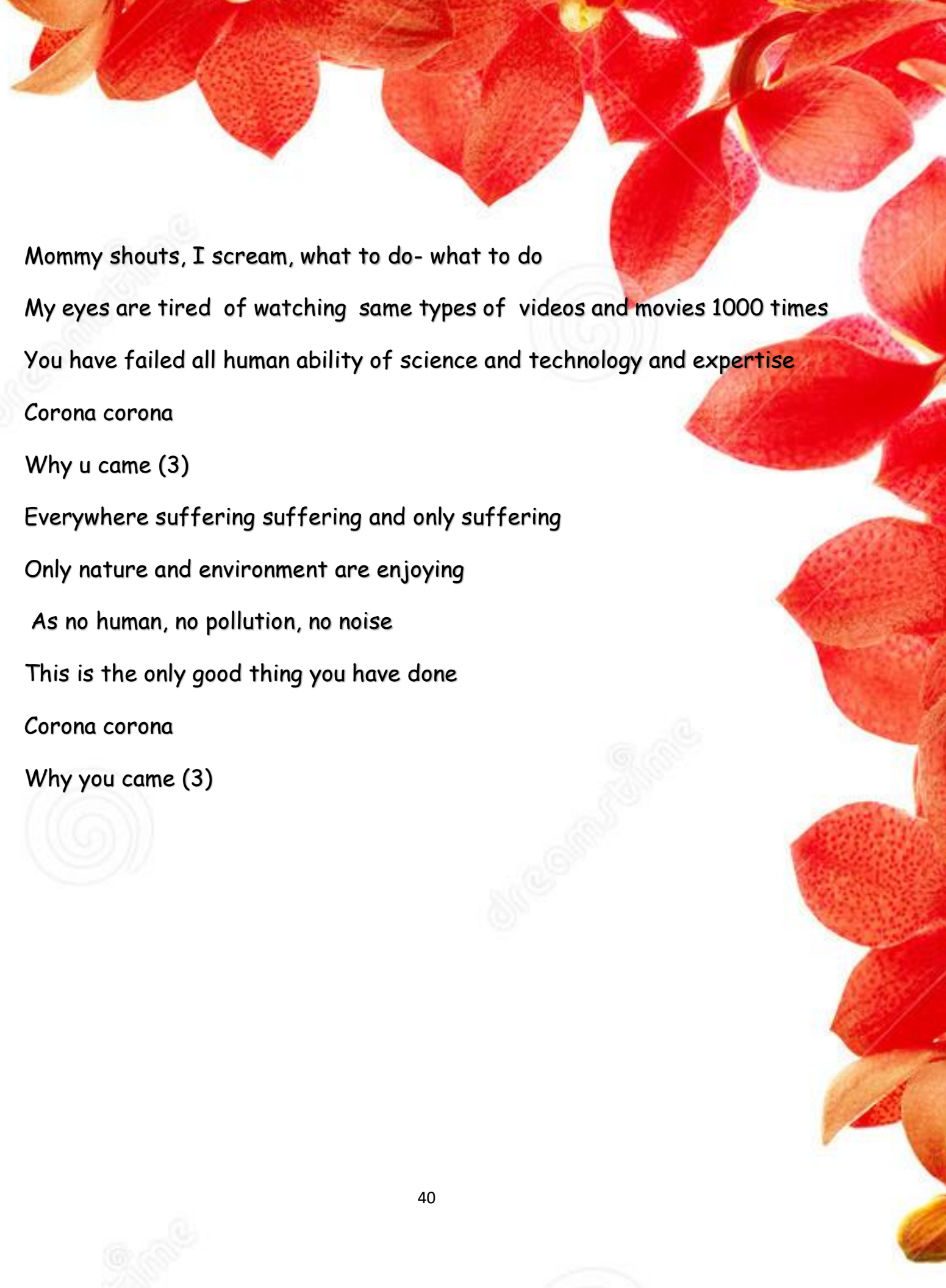
No beaches visit no friends to visit

You have made our life boring

Corona corona

Why u came why u came (3)





Mommy shouts, I scream, what to do- what to do

My eyes are tired of watching same types of videos and movies 1000 times

You have failed all human ability of science and technology and expertise

Corona corona

Why u came (3)

Everywhere suffering suffering and only suffering

Only nature and environment are enjoying

As no human, no pollution, no noise

This is the only good thing you have done

Corona corona

Why you came (3)



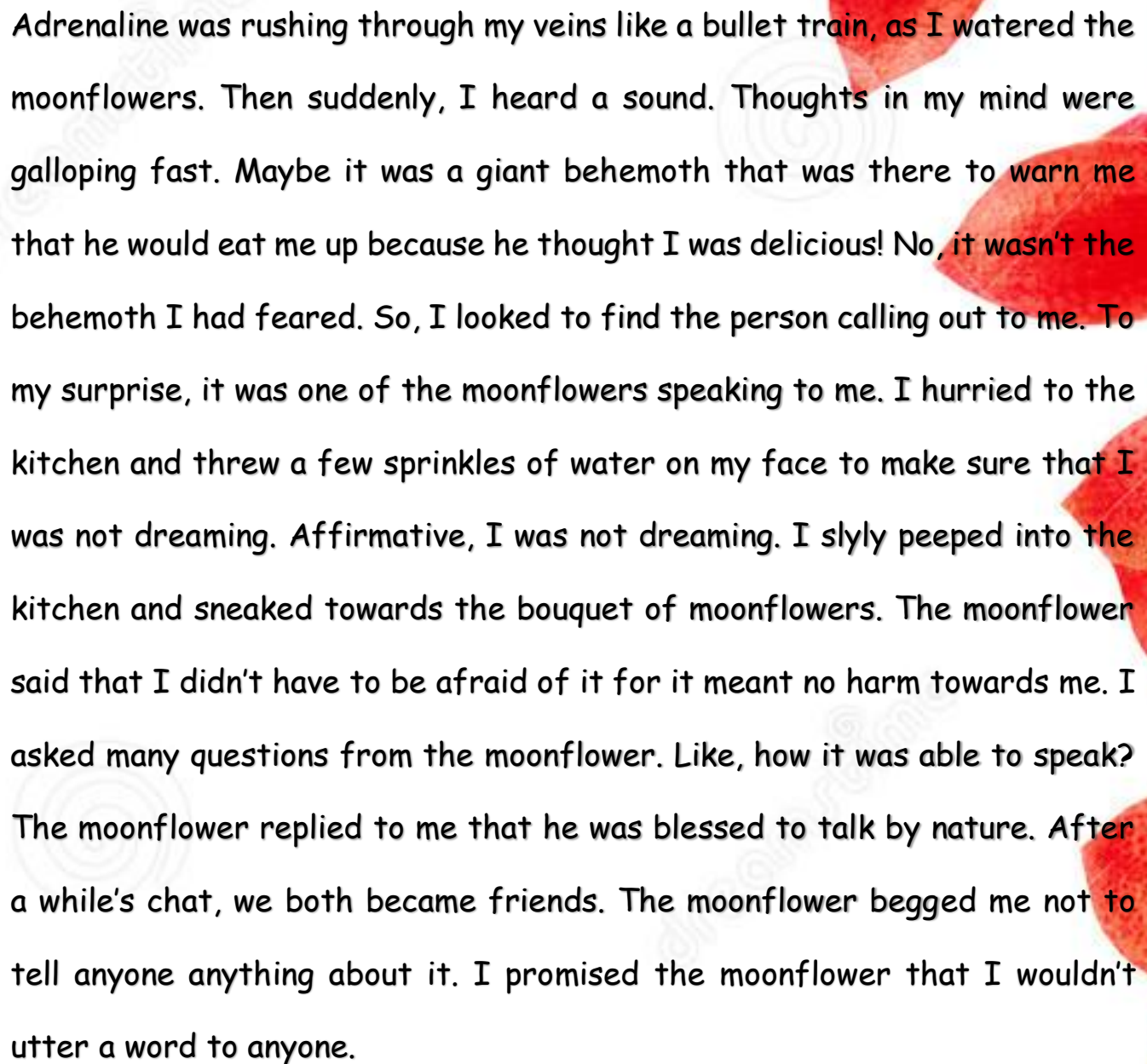
## THE TALKING MOONFLOWER

Emaan Ghufra - 6 E

In a place not far from mine, there was an old plant seller who sold plants in pots. During that era, the sales of corn were at their peak, but plants were not preferred much by the public.

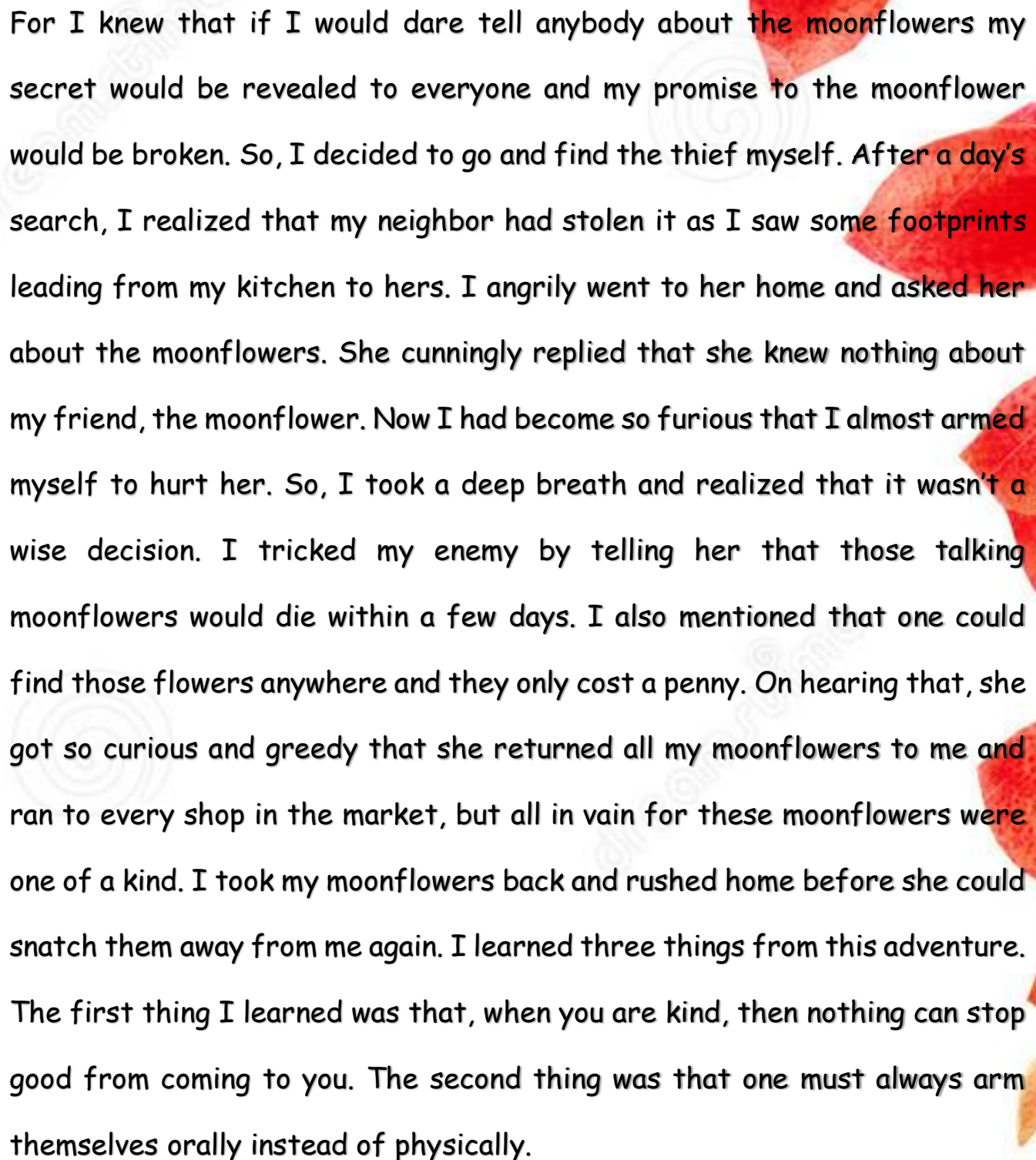
One lovely day, when I expected nothing out of the ordinary, the old plant seller came to my house when I was home alone. As soon as I heard the faint sounds of the plant seller, I rushed towards the door, opened it and, offered the old man some homemade orange juice. He delightfully drank up all the juice in a single gulp. He thanked me and mentioned that he was there to sell me some plants. Now you see, there were very less plant lovers at that time, and I was one of them. I searched my house for a good amount of money worth the bouquet of violet and blue moonflowers that my eyes caught sight of. I found no more than two cents at home. For me, it would be the least amount of money anyone ever paid for caring and helping a plant to grow, but for the old man, it was a lottery. Once more, he showed immense gratitude towards me and went back home. Now it was time for me to start caring for my flowers.





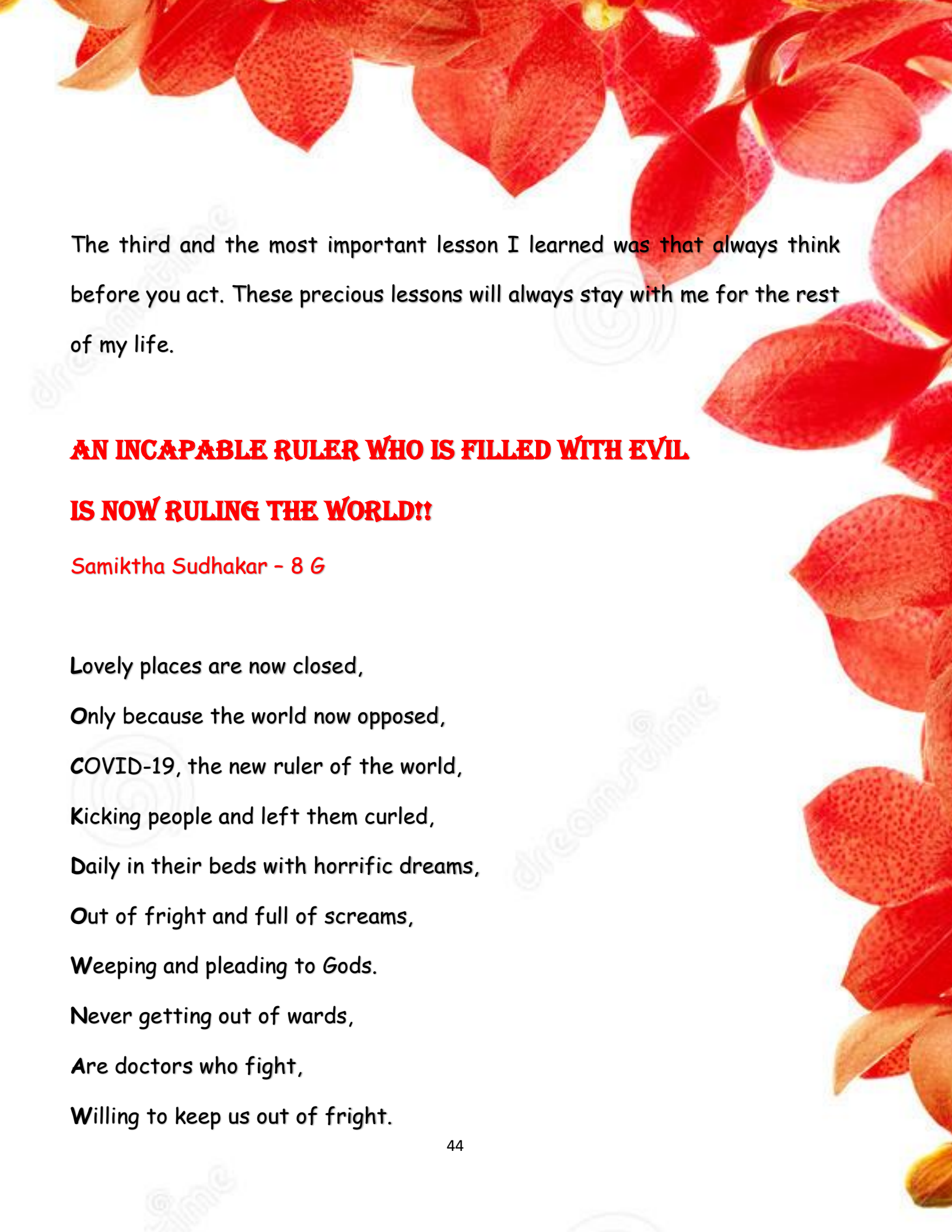
Adrenaline was rushing through my veins like a bullet train, as I watered the moonflowers. Then suddenly, I heard a sound. Thoughts in my mind were galloping fast. Maybe it was a giant behemoth that was there to warn me that he would eat me up because he thought I was delicious! No, it wasn't the behemoth I had feared. So, I looked to find the person calling out to me. To my surprise, it was one of the moonflowers speaking to me. I hurried to the kitchen and threw a few sprinkles of water on my face to make sure that I was not dreaming. Affirmative, I was not dreaming. I slyly peeped into the kitchen and sneaked towards the bouquet of moonflowers. The moonflower said that I didn't have to be afraid of it for it meant no harm towards me. I asked many questions from the moonflower. Like, how it was able to speak? The moonflower replied to me that he was blessed to talk by nature. After a while's chat, we both became friends. The moonflower begged me not to tell anyone anything about it. I promised the moonflower that I wouldn't utter a word to anyone.

Months after the incident, the beautiful moonflowers that I admired were stolen. I was heartbroken, but never complained to anyone.



For I knew that if I would dare tell anybody about the moonflowers my secret would be revealed to everyone and my promise to the moonflower would be broken. So, I decided to go and find the thief myself. After a day's search, I realized that my neighbor had stolen it as I saw some footprints leading from my kitchen to hers. I angrily went to her home and asked her about the moonflowers. She cunningly replied that she knew nothing about my friend, the moonflower. Now I had become so furious that I almost armed myself to hurt her. So, I took a deep breath and realized that it wasn't a wise decision. I tricked my enemy by telling her that those talking moonflowers would die within a few days. I also mentioned that one could find those flowers anywhere and they only cost a penny. On hearing that, she got so curious and greedy that she returned all my moonflowers to me and ran to every shop in the market, but all in vain for these moonflowers were one of a kind. I took my moonflowers back and rushed home before she could snatch them away from me again. I learned three things from this adventure. The first thing I learned was that, when you are kind, then nothing can stop good from coming to you. The second thing was that one must always arm themselves orally instead of physically.






The third and the most important lesson I learned was that always think before you act. These precious lessons will always stay with me for the rest of my life.

**AN INCAPABLE RULER WHO IS FILLED WITH EVIL  
IS NOW RULING THE WORLD!!**

Samiktha Sudhakar - 8 G

Lovely places are now closed,  
Only because the world now opposed,  
COVID-19, the new ruler of the world,  
Kicking people and left them curled,  
Daily in their beds with horrific dreams,  
Out of fright and full of screams,  
Weeping and pleading to Gods.  
Never getting out of wards,  
Are doctors who fight,  
Willing to keep us out of fright.



Adored by kids,  
Young and strong waiting for their heroes to fix COVID.  
Heal your heart,  
Open your feelings through art,  
Persuade people with your creativity,  
Encourage yourself cause being strong is breaking captivity.

## **THE UGLY ROOM**

Netraa Shah - 6 K

Whosever room this is should be ashamed!

Underwear on the lamp.

Raincoat in the overstuffed chair,

And the chair quite mucky and damp.


workbook wedged in the window,

coat thrown on the floor.

And pants have been hung on the door.

books are all jammed and stuffed in the closet,





And smelly old sock been stuck to the wall.  
Whosever room tis; should be shamed!

Huh? It just strokes my mind.

It's mine? Oh, dear,

I knew it looked familiar!

## **THE KILLER COVID**

David Anto Gladson - 7 L

The worst killer disease,

Quickly hide; please!!!

with their entry they kill lives,

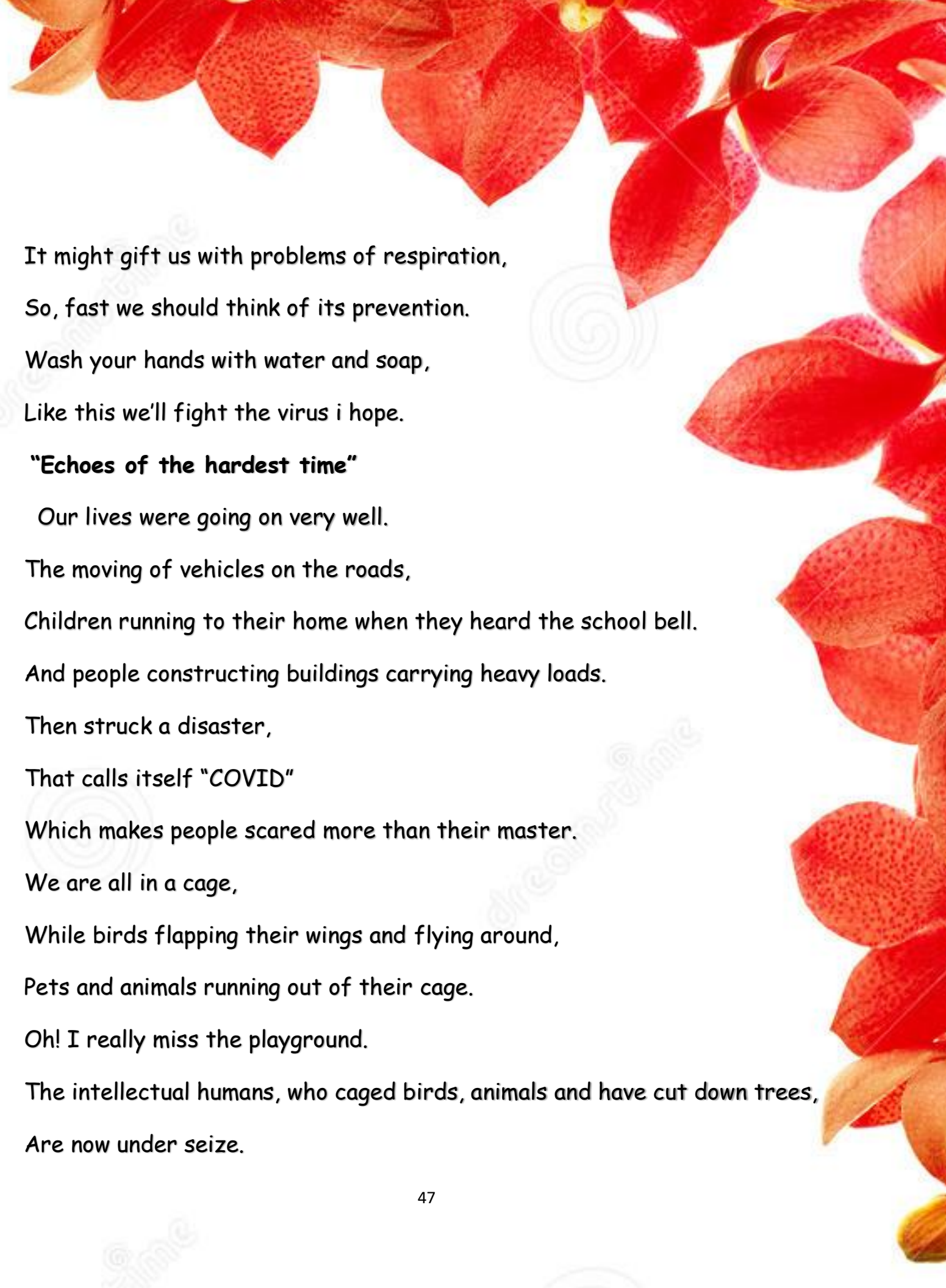
By spreading their negative vibes.

Not like 10s, 20s, 40s or 60s,

It's like thousands, lakhs and crores.

Covid will give us a big cough,

Which will make our future very tough.

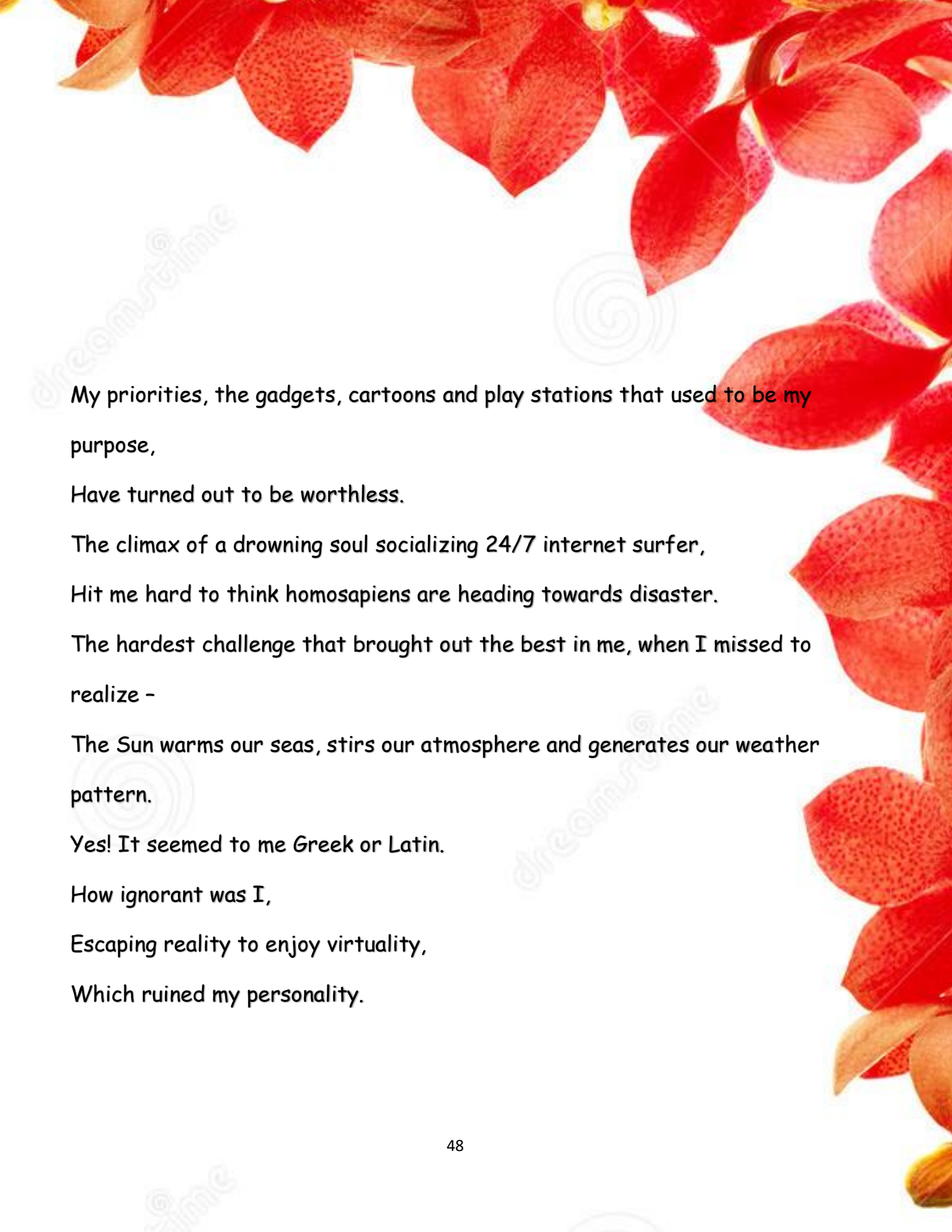


It might gift us with problems of respiration,  
So, fast we should think of its prevention.  
Wash your hands with water and soap,  
Like this we'll fight the virus i hope.

**"Echoes of the hardest time"**

Our lives were going on very well.  
The moving of vehicles on the roads,  
Children running to their home when they heard the school bell.  
And people constructing buildings carrying heavy loads.  
Then struck a disaster,  
That calls itself "COVID"  
Which makes people scared more than their master.  
We are all in a cage,  
While birds flapping their wings and flying around,  
Pets and animals running out of their cage.  
Oh! I really miss the playground.  
The intellectual humans, who caged birds, animals and have cut down trees,  
Are now under seize.





My priorities, the gadgets, cartoons and play stations that used to be my  
purpose,

Have turned out to be worthless.

The climax of a drowning soul socializing 24/7 internet surfer,  
Hit me hard to think homosapiens are heading towards disaster.

The hardest challenge that brought out the best in me, when I missed to  
realize -

The Sun warms our seas, stirs our atmosphere and generates our weather  
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Syeda Aliza - 8 I

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She sees us through darkness, with her silvery light.

I realized when I was at home air tight.

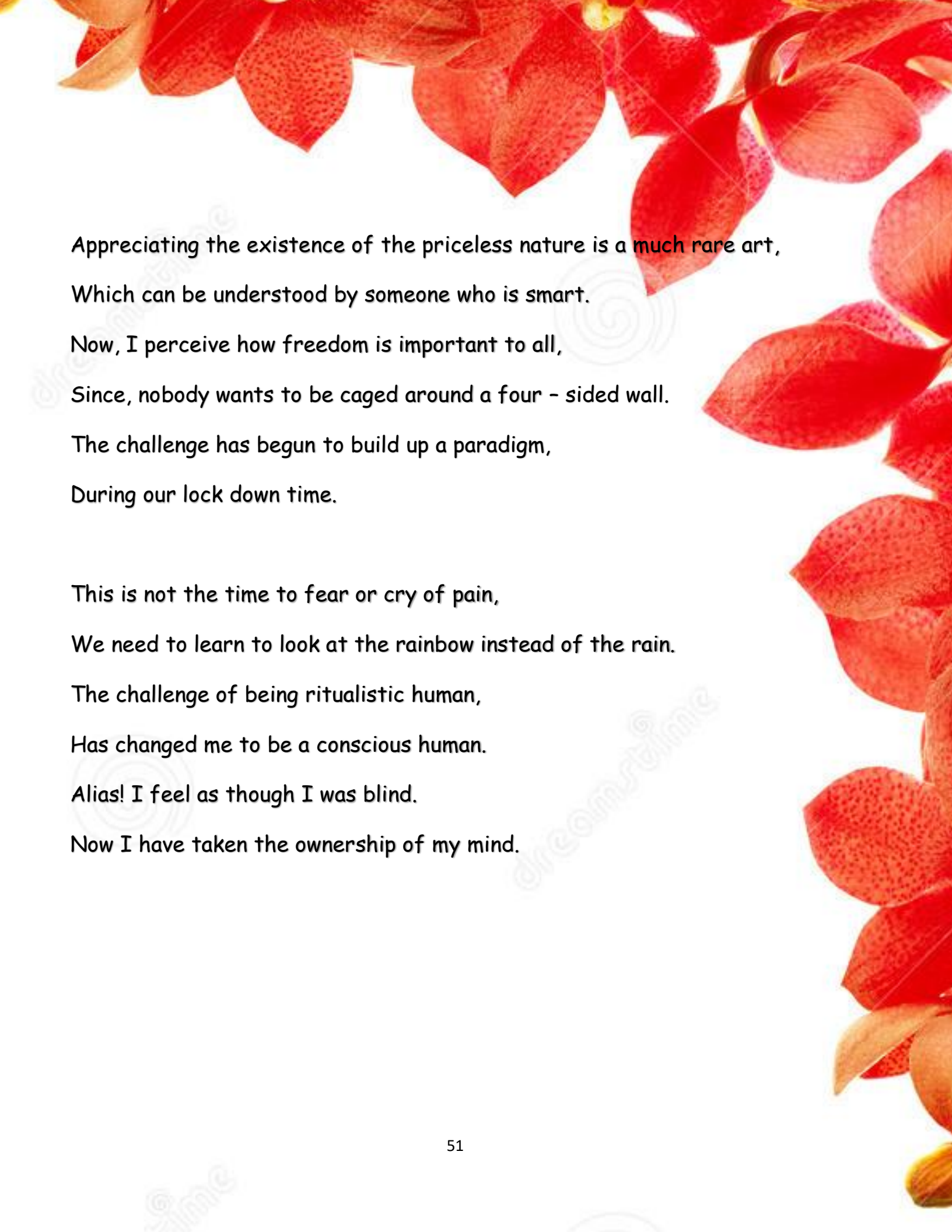
I wonder, where are the pillars of the sky?

How does it stand up so high?

After my challenge I agnize that -

Stars dance all night like a bird flapping its wings.

They glitter and shine through the dark sky like thousand diamond rings.



Appreciating the existence of the priceless nature is a much rare art,  
Which can be understood by someone who is smart.  
Now, I perceive how freedom is important to all,  
Since, nobody wants to be caged around a four - sided wall.  
The challenge has begun to build up a paradigm,  
During our lock down time.

This is not the time to fear or cry of pain,  
We need to learn to look at the rainbow instead of the rain.  
The challenge of being ritualistic human,  
Has changed me to be a conscious human.  
Alias! I feel as though I was blind.  
Now I have taken the ownership of my mind.





## HOPE OF JOY

Safia Ali - 6 K

Peaople are not meeting

They are not greeting

The roads are clean

Nobody outside is ever seen

The crowds are less there is no mess

This is a dangereouds desease

Which has not been ceased

We all have to stay home

None can roam

People have to take care of themselves

As it is necessary for oneself

The chances if scgiik to open are bleak

Children should stay sleek

We shoul not become scrappy

We all should stay Happy



## MY ROUTINE

Sneha Kadiyala - 6H

I wake up in the morning  
I see my mom coming  
I ask the time  
She says its 10 O'clock darling

I go to the restroom and brush my teet  
Wash my face and my feet  
I never forget the hands  
And to do a funny dance

I have nothing to do  
Just like my sis and you  
I sometimes paint  
And meditate like a saint

I hope this all ends  
Casue I wan to see my friends  
But not in zoom  
But live  
And I hope its soon



# From Painter's Brush

Abel Vargheese - 8 M





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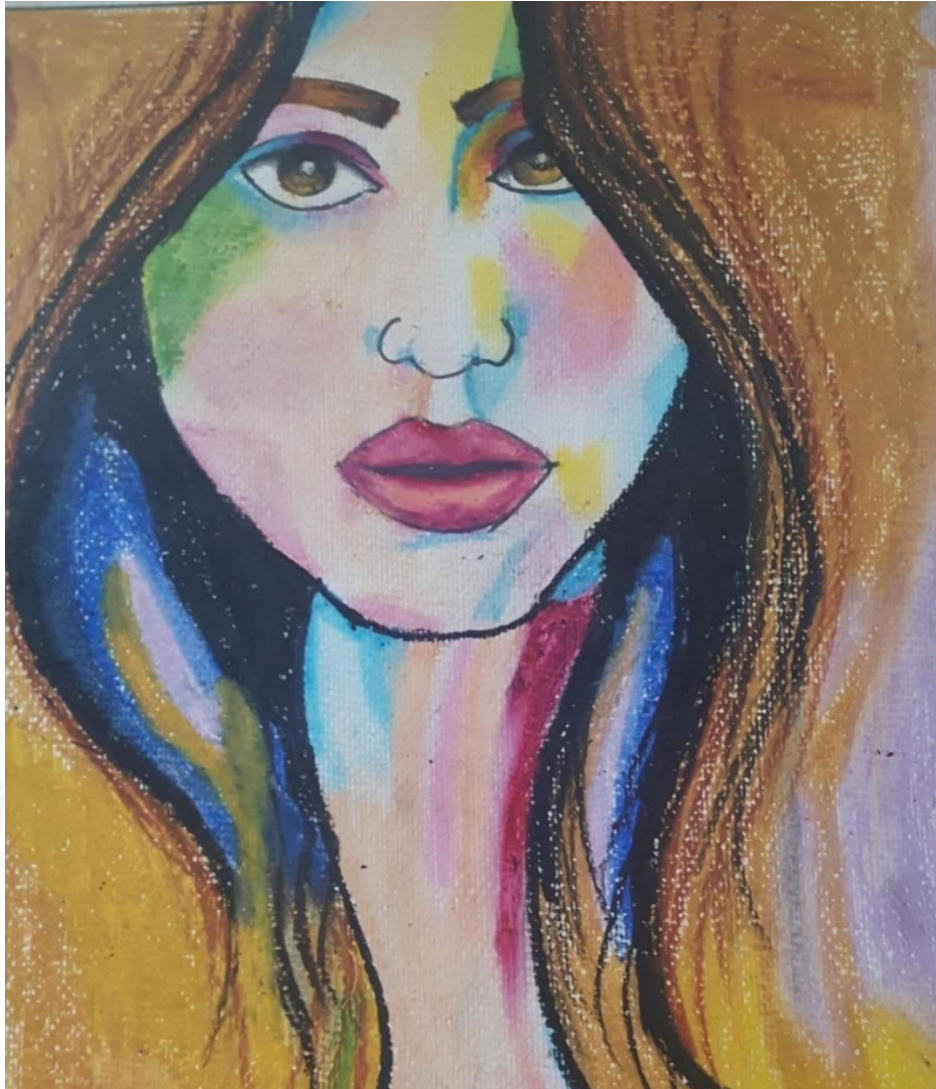


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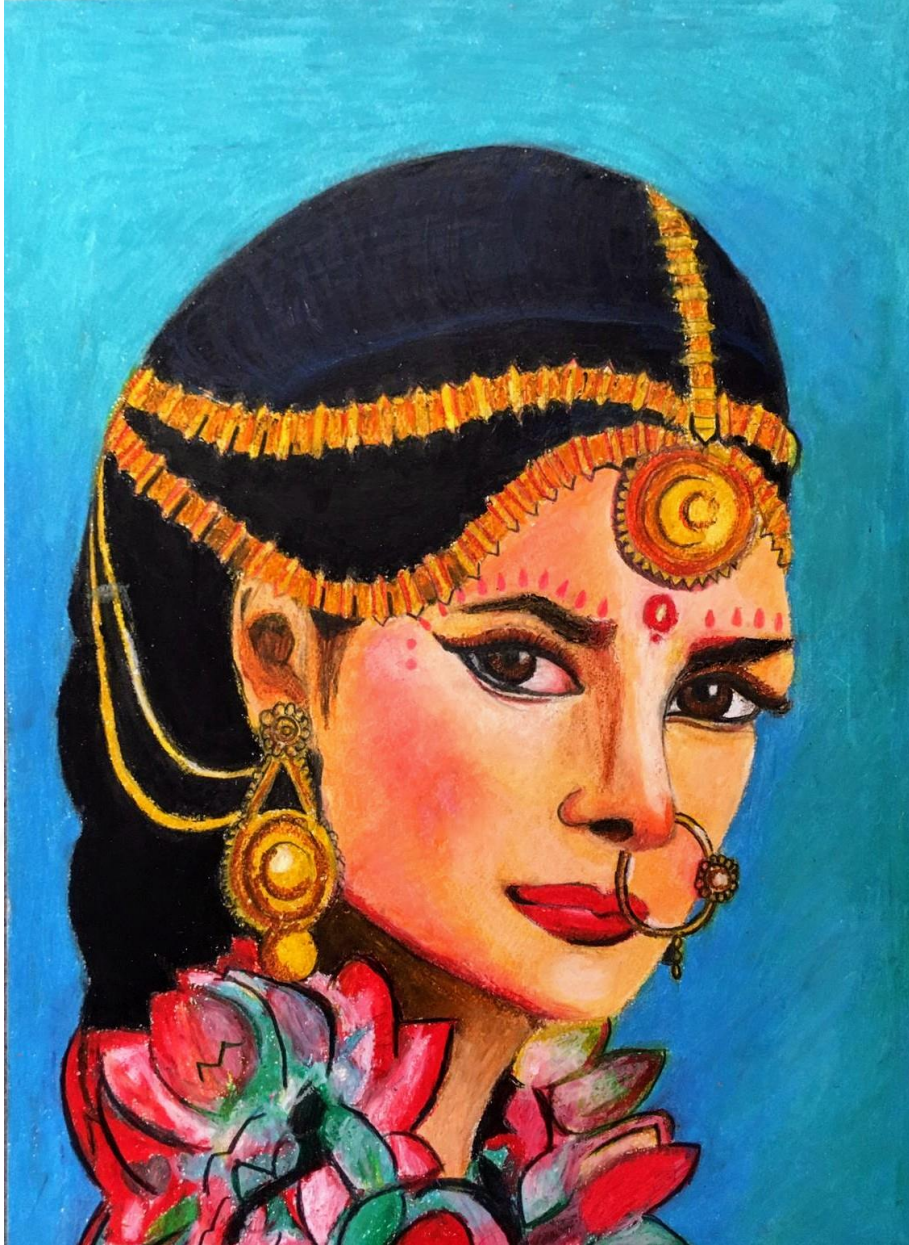


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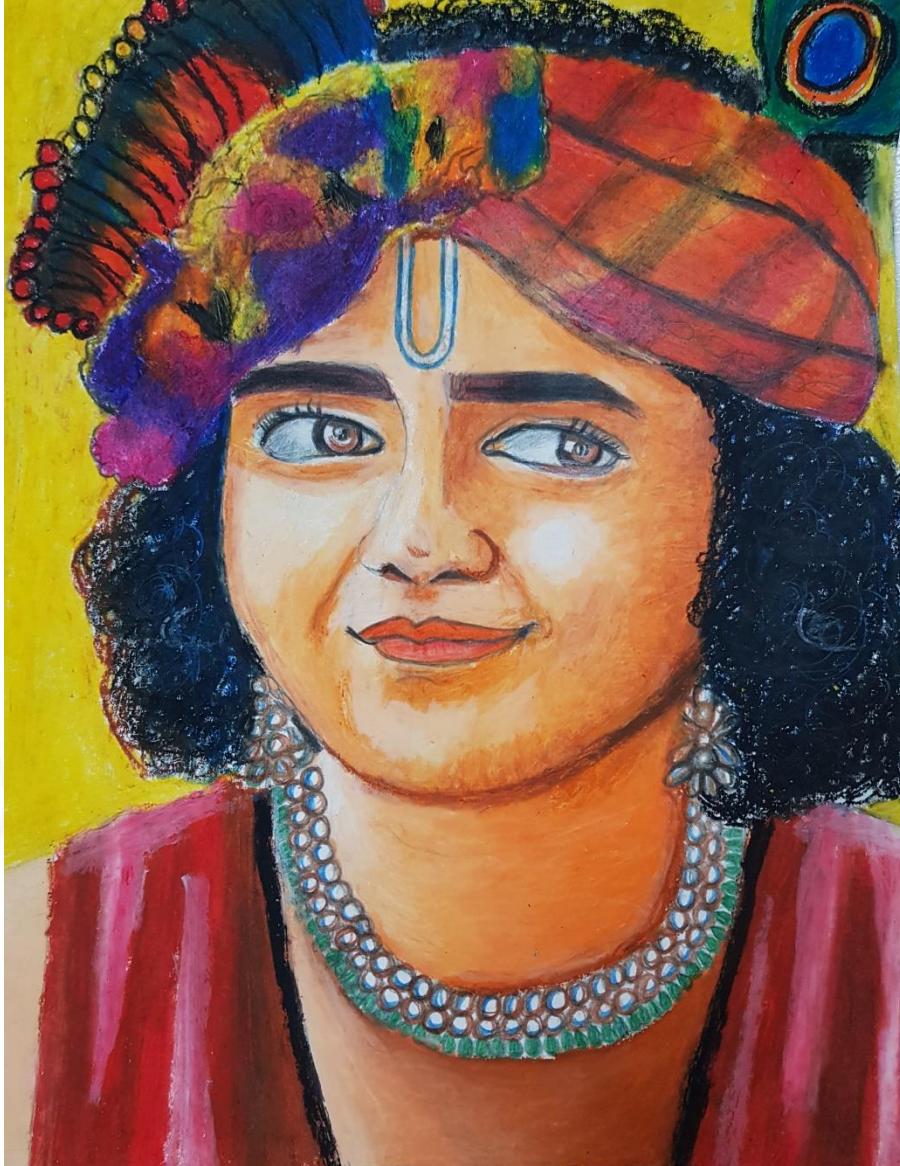


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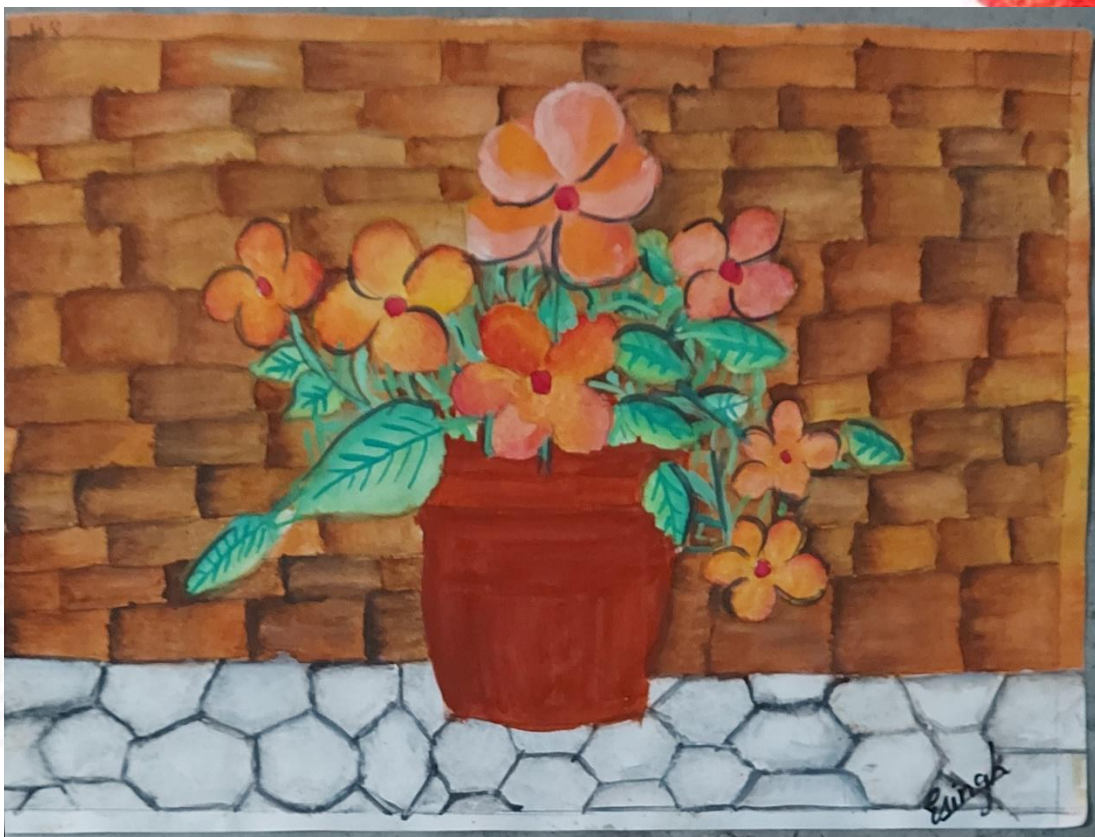


Anita Treesa Benny - 8 H





Eshanvi Singh - 8 K





A decorative border of vibrant red autumn leaves, likely from a Japanese maple, frames the top and right sides of the page. The leaves are detailed with visible veins and some lighter, yellowish-orange edges, suggesting a seasonal transition. The background is a clean, solid white.

Thank You