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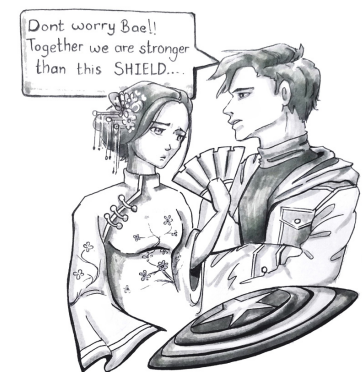
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With the season of infatuation, intimacy and heartbreak upon us, Cupid gazes, absolutely unfazed, upon Big Bazaar's Romeo and Juliet. 'Tis now the time that these so-called hormone monsters come out, guns blazing, to enchant you with the Wingardium *pls-go-out-with-me* Leviosa. We hope you encounter this season of love *sautéed* with the relatability factor of international relations.

THE TRULY COMPATIBLE RELATIONSHIP: RUSSIA AND CHINA

"Bade bade deshon mein aisi choti choti baatein hoti rehti hai."

We all know a Simran and Raj that are made for each other in their own terrible, horrifying way. They are always **Putin** (pun intended) everyone in an uncomfortable spot, making anyone who is unfortunate enough to **Xi** (again) them wince with nausea. Divided by Gaia but united by their mutual hatred of the wild wild West and everything that it stands for, the two nations have had their fair share of planning and plotting to light up the evil USA.



THE SUGAR DADDY: GERMANY

"Here comes the money, money, money, money."



Germany is that one old, accomplished dude with a not-so-secret fetish for sadism (no, we're not talking about the 7-1 thrashing of Brazil in the 2014's World Cup). Be it Mercedes-Benz, Audi or Porsche, Germany has plenty of cheddar to spare and relishes doing so. Germany has spent over 20 billion dollars in foreign development assistance aid, the second-highest in the world, despite having a land area that is only slightly greater than that of our very own Rajasthan. Some of its infamous sugar babies are Syria, Morocco, Jordan, Mexico, and unsurprisingly(?), India.

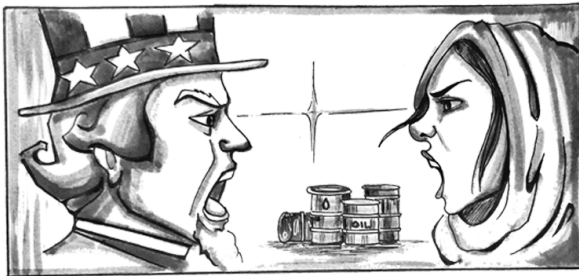
THE GUY WHO DOESN'T NEED TO TRY HARD: FRANCE

"Everyone loves me but no one likes me."

There's just something enigmatic about this Monsieur that makes him really endearing to women and countries alike. With a penchant for negotiating, France has a way with his mouth, *wink-wink*, and good foreign relations with most of the world. To the world, France seems almost perfect though it's disturbed by its constant self-loathing and inner turmoil, as highlighted by the recent French pension reform strike which has been the longest-running strike in modern French history (although there are no guillotines this time around).



RECENTLY WENT THROUGH A BREAK-UP: IRAN AND USA



"Joey doesn't share his foo- I meant oil."

Cupid's season has not always been entirely fair to everyone and this year's victims have been Iran and the USA. Don't try to deny it, you've always had your fair share of doubts about this relationship and rightfully so because this strained union has met an explosive end with both sides achieving 'True Unagi' the only silver lining.

To try and call this breakup violent would be a massive understatement as it ended up jeopardizing various relations on both sides. What started as an argument over putting the toilet seat down (read: Qasem Soleimani), ended up with doomsday predictions and sub-par memes. Phoebe would put it best: **"you guys aren't each other's lobsters"**; Just cross your fingers and pray they don't meet each other again.

TRYING TO COPE MISERABLY WITH A BREAKUP BY HIDING BEHIND A TOUPEE: UK

"brooo 'Dark Side Of The Moon' hits hard while you're high broo, its lit af brooo."

The United Kingdom is a classic case of an impressionable "woke" dude that likes to call himself a hardcore alternative and indie music fan that can be found binging on far too many alt-right videos on Youtube (wearing a unsustainable and mass-produced Nirvana tee).

The current scenario is reminiscent of a bitter divorce where a number of the prenup clauses were broken; the Brexit financial settlement literally called the "divorce bill" is the UK's share of the financing of all the obligations undertaken while it was a member of this once EU-phoric relationship. Alas, his self-destructive habits such as the gluttonous behaviour towards fish and chips might lead some to believe he's not coping well. Many foresee the alimony hitting the poor guy's bank hard with the UK government's own Brexit analysis predicting that UK economic growth would be stunted by 2–8% for at least 15 years following Brexit.



THE ANTI-VALENTINE/ SINGLE 4EVER AKA THE INCEL: NORTH KOREA

"PooJong Un, what is this behaviour?!"



You know just who it is that we're talking about in this segment. The one who sits in the corner, with drool all over his face as he cuddles (amongst other things) with his beloved waifu pillow. He swears he was meant for greater things, but that is somewhat debatable. Yes, it's that one. He hates all relationships alike and has a borderline psychotic obsession with suppressing citizens as he attempts to take over the world with his nuclear arsenal. No one ever knows why or where this dude comes from but yeah, he's just always there; omnipresent.

THE VINDICTIVE EXES - INDIA AND PAKISTAN

"We are never ever ever getting back together."

Maybe Cupid fumbled and hit the wrong person with that arrow he let loose or it was his father, Mars, that decided to test something out; we'll never really know for sure. What should have been a match made in Heaven ended up being a mistake for the ages to come as both lovers of the past seem to have ignited the wrong fire and have continued to successfully stoke the embers; fueling this fire of rage and loathing? Their combined tendency to fling mud at the other party never fails to make things awkward for everyone in the international community- might we say, they love taking ugly potshots at each other.

Be it their continuous bouts of violence or their vindictive attempts at trying to take each other down, boy oh boy do they **love to hate each other**.



The Alliance Recommends Movies

NEED A HEART WARMING TALE AND A TISSUE?

1. Moonstruck
2. Sleepless in Seattle
3. Scent of a Woman
4. Forrest Gump
5. The Shape of Water

FEELING A BIT UNCONVENTIONAL?

1. The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
2. The Rainmaker
3. Vanilla Sky
4. Predestination
5. The Imitation Game

HAVING TROUBLE FIGHTING BOREDOM?

1. Liar Liar
2. My Cousin Vinny
3. The Bridge of Spies
4. Phone Booth
5. Me, Myself and Irene

SINGING THE BALLAD OF THE WOEFUL?

1. Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind
2. Memoirs of a Geisha
3. The Pianist
4. Schindler's List
5. Philadelphia

FEELING PSYCHOTIC AND FRENZIED?

1. No Country for Old Men
2. The Silence of the Lambs
3. Parasite
4. The Green Mile
5. The Fight Club

LOVING THE CLASSICS AND THE BLUES?

1. Citizen Kane
2. Lions for Lambs
3. Munich
4. The Shining
5. Django Unchained

NOSTALGIA HITTING HARD?

1. Moonrise Kingdom
2. Dead Poet's Society
3. The Grand Budapest Hotel
4. Catch Me if You Can
5. Scott Pilgrim vs the World

THE BUTTERFLY THAT MAY CAUSE WORLD WAR 3

BY : DAKSH GUPTA

“Butterfly Effect”: “The flapping of a butterfly’s wings can cause a hurricane on the other side of the world” This was the perfect analogy given by Lorenz (the discoverer of the Chaos Theory) to describe how minuscule changes in the system may lead to monumental effects. It elaborates on the fact, how the present changes in the system could snowball into either constructive or destructive results.

In Ray Bradbury’s classic science fiction story, ‘A Sound of Thunder’, the protagonist went back to the time of dinosaurs for pleasure hunting, which was portrayed as a common rich people sport in the novel. However, on his way back he crushed a butterfly by mistake. When he returned he found his whole world turned upside down. The world was under the rule of a tyrant, and nature’s fury knew no bounds. The earth rattled with earthquakes and devastating floods washed away civilisations. People behaved differently and unfathomable nuances of the dialect was another uncommon feature.

If the protagonist hadn’t killed that butterfly, nothing would have changed. Just one little ‘harmless mistake’ altered the course of history. That’s what Chaos Theory is all about! Small and tiny changes may have a cascading effect on the output or final state of the system. The scientists working on Chaos Theory believe that chaos is predictable if they are able to trace it back to the source, that one tiny event which may have triggered it. This one event may start a chain reaction, which may be spaced with appreciable time-intervals. However, even now it is believed that perfectly predicting anything in a chaotic system is next to impossible.

“As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain, as far they are certain, they can’t refer to reality”

-Albert Einstein

Thus, Chaos Theory really is involved in everything we do in our daily routines, like analysis of prices in stock markets and weather prediction softwares which naturally incorporate Chaos Theory. Weather prediction softwares actually led Lorenz to his wonderful discovery. These softwares involve parameters like wind velocity, pressure, temperature, etc and try to predict huge changes in weather with minor changes in these physical parameters. Lorenz was amazed to see how a minute change in these values altered the prediction all together. This one small observation laid the foundations of a full-fledged branch of mathematics namely, ‘Chaos Theory’. Even the development of this theory is a physical proof of itself. It suffices to say that this theory is omnipresent.

History is witness that Chaos Theory is real. For instance, the recent conflict between US and Iran might lead the world towards another dive, into the ocean of death and ruined economies, or simply put, World War III. Let’s see this impending doom from the lens of Chaos Theory. If one carefully observes the timeline of events then it converges on one minor incident, occurrence of which could have sparked this imminent storm. A newspaper editor in New York wrote an article nitpicking the newly instated Shah of Iran, who was merely a puppet in the hands of the USA and Britain. Immediately after the release of that article, Iran called back its ambassador from the US. The bitter relationship between these two countries may have had even older roots but one can’t disagree, this might have been the fulcrum point to plunge the ‘system’ into chaos. As the Joker said, “All it needs is a little push”.

So what is the ‘butterfly’ that may cause World war 3? Maybe it was that condemning article which spoke against the recently established ruler of Iran, the Shah, and questioning his credibility as a legitimate ruler. Maybe from something which is irrelevant to be noted or glorified in the pages of history. But as Chaos Theory suggests, that’s where the answer lies.

Imagine wielding the power of this theory to predict many such wars. World War 3 is an important case study, as it is affecting us in the present circumstances. Maybe one of us triggers an event which may have a positive effect, and divert our trajectory from falling straight in the blackhole of doom and destruction. The list of alternate futures is endless.

CHRONICLES OF CONFESSIONS

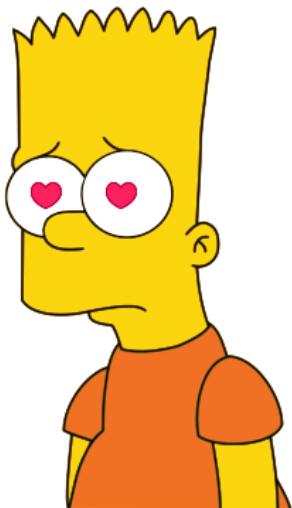
By - Manu Mritunjay

The transition from NSIT to NSUT saw some major changes, such as the working condition of the fountain, which is undoubtedly one of the most popular landmarks of the campus. However, the most important change is that of the student intake, which is expected to be quadrupled over the next few years. With the increased number of fuchchas, the overall number of horny students in their teens has increased. The evidence? Well, people who follow the Confessions page are surely aware of it. The Instagram page (@nsutconfession) is filled with the cries of desperation for the need of procreation. The page, however, is more than just that. It's something much more complicated. It's ART, ie, abbreviation for Adamancy Resulting in Toxicity. And that is something I definitely did not make up. So if you're someone who's unfamiliar with the types of people that can be found on such a page, then don't worry, I'm here to educate you about it all.



THE AASHIQs

People who belong to this category are ardent fans of classic romantic cliches, and cry themselves to sleep while listening to Arijit Singh. Their world revolves around the person they've given their heart to, and are ready to go to any lengths for them, which sometimes includes attending the latter's classes for them to help reach the increasingly impossible goal to maintain a 75% attendance in all subjects and getting detained themselves(amen).

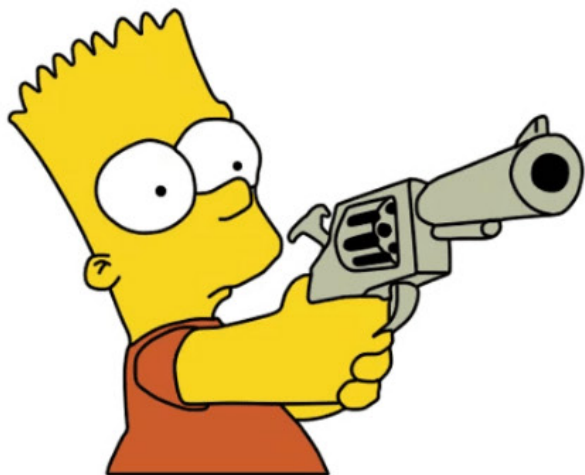


THE HOMIES

These people are perhaps consistent users of cocaine, which is the only explanation I can think of how pumped up they are for their 'bruh'. Even I didn't have such levels of excitement about my 6.9 GPA in the previous semester. Completely stoked about the fact that their ese has fallen in love, these people write on behalf of their friend and present his/her description in the same way Namit Shah talks about Mahendra Noddy(names changed as the journalist writing this article treasures his life).



BADLAPUR



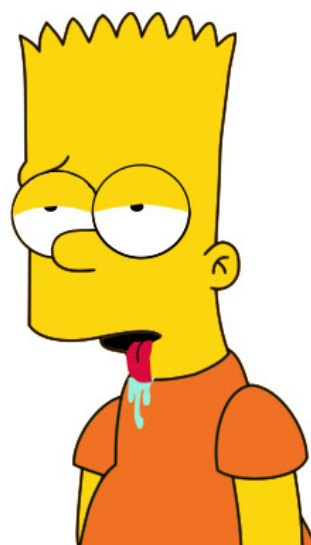
Full of rage, jealousy and intolerance, people from this category usually run high on protein(lol), thinking of the campus as a war zone, marking their territory during the early stages of the semester and declaring war on anyone who dares to cross the boundaries which they set. Getting into a game of 'Let's testosterone' with them is a waste of time, as there's no winning. It's like playing against the Joker, but a really bad Joker, like a Jared Leto Joker. Confessions written by such people are usually explicit and have common phrases such as 'wo meri hai' and 'dur rehna usse'. And to that, I quote the very famous Camila Cabello - "My Oh My".

(I hope you understood all the references and analogies here, beloved reader of The Alliance)

THE CREEPERS

After going through their morning ritual, which consists of selflessly catering to their biological needs and screaming at the mirror for no more than 5 minutes in total(lol), these people then proceed to milly-rock towards their phone while making the gurgling sound from 'The Grudge', and then try to set the benchmark for the amount of creepiness any message can have. Like seriously, if you were trying to be more creepy, you could've just changed your name to Bill Rosby(again, name changed due to the journalist's safety, please bear with us).

Putting all of the jokes aside, I think the confessions page is a really cool thing, and I really enjoy reading the confessions along with many other people, not because of the sadistic pleasure I get out of watching people grovel verbally, but because they're actually fun to read. I cherish the page and I hope we all get to see more confessions in the future, so that we can keep catering to your need for spicy content.



The Alliance Recommends Music

THE SKY MINUTES BEFORE IT RAINS

1. Sham
2. Nights(Frank ocean)
3. Across the universe
4. Love yours
5. City of stars

LONG DRIVES

1. My way(Frank Sinatra)
2. Summer (brockhampton)
3. See you again
4. Baarishe
5. Everglow(Coldplay)

CHILL NIGHT-OUT

1. Kun faya Kun
2. Sham
3. Yeh pal
4. Meethi Boliyan
5. Hey Jude
6. Redbone

LAG JAA GALE

1. Stand by me(Ben E King)
2. Saawali si raat
3. What a wonderful world
4. Love of my life(Queen)
5. Fly me to the moon

MONEY POWER WOMEN DRUGS

1. Goosebumps
2. Stronger(Kanye west)
3. Bank account
4. Trophies
5. Still dre
6. Thunderstruck
7. Rockstar
8. Old Town road(Lil nas X)
9. Humble(Kendrick Lamar)

IT'S YOUR LAST DANCE WITH THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE

1. Yesterday
2. Rehna tu
3. The scientist
4. Rocket man
5. Saansein
(Prateek Kuhad)
6. Fate don't know you
7. Paris in the rain
8. le festin

THE WRATH OF THE UNPRECEDENTED FIRES

BY: TABISHI SINGH

Apart from the traditional summer, autumn, winter and spring seasons, Australia also has its “fire” season. The forests spontaneously burst into flames, due to the extreme heat conditions. These “bushfires”, however are a vital part of Australia’s ecosystem, in providing a channel for the dead wood and organic waste to return back to the Earth, catalysing the process of soil enrichment for the next generation of flora. Even the most populous states of Australia are used to blazes breaking out in their forests.



However, climate change has caused a drastic shift in the frequency and duration of fire seasons forcing the country to battle some of the most severe bushfires in the previous decade.

Ever since the beginning of 2020, large swathes of land in the states of New South Wales and Victoria have been ravaged by these bushfires and entire forests have been reduced to ashes and dust, forcing the Morrison administration to declare a national emergency. Australia suffered the wrath of nature and the numbers shattered all scales globally which led to the development of an intense debate on humanity’s sordid response to climate change.

The numbers that follow will baffle any sane individual and are enough to topple you off your chairs. The previous half of the century saw Australia lose a cumulative of just 5.5 hectares of forest land to bushfires with no loss of lives. Enter 2020, and the first month alone of the year saw the loss of 10 million hectares of forest land to these fires, killing 30 people including 4 firefighters. New South Wales, being the most populous and one of the most of the country has been at the epicenter of the firestorm and incurred the highest infrastructural loss, with 1600 public buildings and 650 homes burned down to the ground. These catastrophic megafires have also exacerbated the extinction of several critically endangered species. One such species that got grievously thumped from the fires are the baby Koalas. Around one-third of its population and habitat got incinerated in flames. Post the cataclysmic fires, Australia was in dire need of rehabilitation which required funds. A number of celebrities donated money to support the fire-fighting effort. Among them include the US singer Pink, and Oscar-winner Nicole Kidman, who pledged \$500,000.

This rehabilitation process had just started when Australia was cursed by yet another calamity and 2020 too did not bring any relief for the country. As the fires took a back seat, the country again found itself in the grips of the weather extremes with ruinous floods tightening their grasp at the nape of the northern part of the territory. The reason behind the worse than ever weather extremes is the climate change that has been aggravating year by year. Global warming is heating up the planet more than ever and its effects are being seen all around the world. Australia got under its radar in a gruesome way and the life post the traumatic conditions has been unmerciful. This can be an eye opening and head turning instance for the human race only if we could refrain ourselves from ogling the so called self made billion dollar businesses of the insta-queens. I hope their glitzy businesses save the dying Mankind. Keeping mum to the Australian scenario now is only going to aggravate the situation to an extent from where its going to be impossible to recuperate. It is high time that we act upon this unvarnished truth that has knocked at our doors.





By : Manas Bohat

We've all heard of this word called love. Possibly the most overused word of all time. But I'm not sure anyone even knows what it *really* means. I'll surely let you know about it, once I figure it out myself.

But today I'm going to talk about you. Yes, you, the victim of the dreary student life. The one who has not been able to figure out the modern dating scenario. You, the one whose only relationship is with sleep. I say this because the ones who are already dating are not here. They are too busy to be reading this.

Today, I will help you to break through. You too can be a Master in "modern dating", (No it's not an academic degree with a fully loaded curriculum. Or maybe it is) you just need to understand and implement some concepts. Also, if you're a partial dropper, don't confuse this with Carbon dating. Come back and read this article next year with a free mind.

Sorry for wasting your precious time (or maybe not, you're single, what better things do you have to do anyway?). I'll get straight to the key concepts:
// (Pre-requisites: Tinder profile)

YOU ARE THE MOST SPECIAL PERSON

This is the first and foremost thing you need to understand before jumping in. Yes, it's you. You deserve to be happy, you deserve to feel good vibes *all* the time. If your partner doesn't make you feel special, it's not worth it. No matter what your partner is going through, their first priority must be *your* happiness and well-being. It's about you, not them.

FOCUS AND CONCENTRATION

While looking for potential partners on tinder, you must be focused. You don't want to make any wrong moves. Look for good-looking and interesting people. Be very selective. Non-good looking and mundane people don't deserve your attention at all.

MONOGAMY IS OPTIONAL

You've probably heard somewhere, 'Monogamy is too cruel a rule'. No worries, it's not a rule anymore. It's up to you. And dare anyone judge you for this. Who are they to assess you based upon your personal choices?

30 DAY RETURN POLICY

30 days are a lot. 43200 minutes. You don't want to be stuck with the same person for such a *long* time. You don't want to be a frog in the well do you? You have probably run out of topics of conversation with your partner by now. Probably your reason for joining tinder has also been fulfilled. It's time to move on now.

KEEP OPTIONS OPEN

If you're going out with someone, don't start believing that they are *the one* or anything. Keep other potential partners in the waiting (casual flirting) list, and text them once every few days. We should always have a plan B, right?. What if you get blown off? You don't want to feel lonely and unwanted in this cruel world, do you? (You are an independent person. You always need someone by your side.)

PDA

This is really important. What's the use of doing anything if no one knows about it? Post pictures with your partner on Instagram to make people gasp and think about how cool you are. Even in person, making those singles feel jealous while you PDA, can be great for your ego.

DON'T BE A MALE ENGINEERING STUDENT (OOPS)

SHOVE OFF PREACHERS

There's always going to be those people who'll act like your guardians. They'll say stuff like "What do you get from such meaningless associations?", or "Act a bit mature now, you're a grown up". Just ignore them. They are just jealous of you.

CRIB AWAY

What if it doesn't work out and you're unable to find someone? In that case, you need to crib. Don't let your friends live peacefully. Frown at every couple you see (maybe join the Bajrang Dal). Share desperate memes citing reasons why you are single and why you'll never find someone. Maybe someone will fall for you out of sympathy.

SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP

What if you keep getting blown off after the first date? It can be very hard to deal with rejections. If you're really feeling low and can't take it, just take a break. You can even seek help from a therapist, if you're having concerns regarding self esteem. It can be a tough game folks, but do not lose hope. As they say, 'The master has failed more times than the beginner has even tried'.

Now that I've walked you through some key concepts, all that remains is the implementation. Don't be like the government here. Implement your concepts well. And remember, the amount of time I spent in writing this article is the amount of experience I have in this matter. So you can always bank on me. Also, Phoebe Buffay's guitar students outnumber the genuine points mentioned here. You can count (on) them. I wish you all the best for your future, and hope you get a right swipe from the one you've always desired.



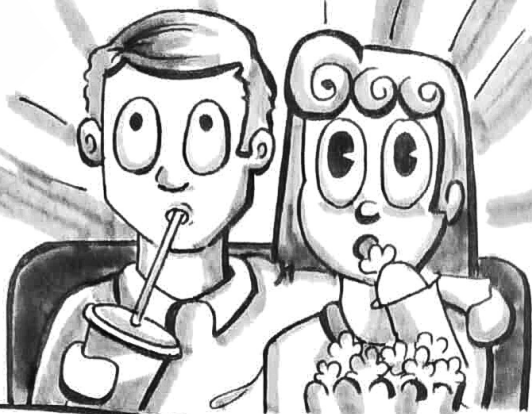
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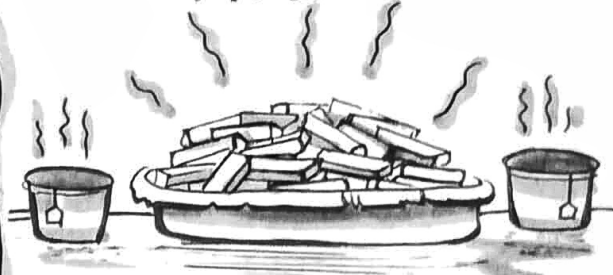
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Romantic Dinner..



Peri Peri and Chai at Mc'ain



By : Mansi

THE QUIZ-ECTION

1.) US Central Intelligence Agencies found more 4.5 lakh files obtained in 2011 raid on Bin Laden's House in Pakistan. Among them was a hard disk which contained few mind blowing files among others. These files were kept secret! But when you hear what was in these files, you'd be amazed. Can you tell us what it was?

2.) In classical mythology, X meaning "desire" is the god of desire, attraction and affection. He is often portrayed as the son of the love goddess Venus and the god of Mars. He is also known in Latin as Amor. His Greek counterpart is Eros. In the Greek tradition, Eros had a dual, contradictory genealogy. He was among the primordial gods who came into existence asexually; after his generation, deities were begotten through male-female unions. Although Eros is generally portrayed as a slender winged youth in Classical Greek art, during the Hellenistic period, he was increasingly portrayed as a chubby boy. In myths, X is a minor character who serves mostly to set the plot in motion. He is a main character only in the tale of X and Psyche. Id X

3.) The second world war was devastating for millions of people, but perhaps there another impact of the World war that remains unnoticed. The destroyed lives of millions of B.Tech aspirants. During World War II X fought with various infantry units at the 1st and 4th Ukrainian Fronts, also acting as a drafter and

cartographer. He went through Russia, Ukraine and Poland, ending the war in Czechoslovakia. In October 1945 X was demobilized and sent to Moscow to recover his health. In Moscow, he entered the _____ Faculty of MEPHi where he found the real love of his life. He graduating with honours in November 1950 with a diploma from MEPH and in 1957 wrote a book that perhaps every B.Tech student has seen. Id X

4.) Alcyone was the daughter of Aeolus, king of the winds. Her marriage to Ceyx was bliss—too happy, in fact. The couple often referred to each other as X and Y, which naturally infuriated the X and Y of the gods. Whilst at sea, X hurled a thunderbolt at Ceyx's ship, drowning the man. He appeared before his wife as an apparition, telling her of his fate. Distraught, Alcyone threw herself into the sea in order to join him. The gods pitied the woeful couple and transformed them into kingfishers. This may be the origins of "halcyon days", seven days before and after the winter solstice when Aeolus demanded the calm of the seas in honour of the couple.

4.) Zeus and Hera

3.) Igor Irodov

2.) Cupid

1.) Mr. Bean and Tom & Jerry

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