

# THE ORIGINALS



## ALL IN THE NAME OF BEAUTY

~Antareeksha Maibam



Elizabeth Bathory was born to a Hungarian noble family, her family tree included countless kings, queens, bishops etc. But she also learned some new things growing up which might seem peculiar to outsiders. Her uncle taught her to dabble in the Satanic arts, and her aunt taught her sadomasochism.

As a young girl Elizabeth was obsessed with her looks and tried out many different ways to maintain her youthful appearance. She tried out traditional skincare, makeup but as she grew older all of it failed. So she found a new way to maintain her youthful appearance. Unfortunately for the young women in Bathory's vicinity this craze of Elizabeth's beauty was going to cost them their life. Elizabeth believed that the blood of young virgin girls would keep her beauty young and youthful. Bathory along with the help of a local witch and former nurse began

kidnapping and murder young peasant girls. She would then indulge on the fresh blood of those girls and on other occasions would also torture them in her personal chamber using the satanic methods taught by her uncle. She would also at times take a bath in the blood of her young innocent victims. Her status as a noble served as a protection as the officials refused to acknowledge Elizabeth's crimes. She was only murdering peasant girls, so what's the issue? It was only when she started kidnapping young women of noble descent that the King questioned her. Her noble status though still made her safe from any form of harsh punishment. She was placed under house arrest for the rest of her life while her partners in this act were all executed. Historians have estimated that around 600 girls were murdered by Elizabeth Bathory to fulfil her beauty routine.

### THE CONJOINED TWINS

A few years ago, a pair of twins from the land of Iran died while going through a surgery. The 29 year old sisters, namely Zalen and Zaden were born with their skulls joined and led a difficult life but however luck did not favour them and they died while undergoing surgery.

## SCHIZOPHRENIA



Sitting here alone,  
Staring into the dark,  
Reminds me of,  
Memories which are painfully stark.  
Hardships and happiness, they say,  
Go hand in hand,  
If this is true,  
Why does happiness feels so bland?  
If reality remains this harsh,  
I shall stay schizoid,  
Fantasies are better,  
Filling up this void.  
Deathly wasps of despair,  
Seem like beautiful butterflies  
in my mind,  
To the bitterness of the world,  
My eyes turn blind.  
What is real? What is fake?  
I see what I want to,  
Whether its flowing lava or a still lake.  
My brain paints the world,  
The way I want, the weight of reality,  
Bear I can't.

~Samiksha Singh



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As a young aspirer in the field of journalism, it was truly and absolutely an astonishing moment for me to encounter an eminent personality, Mr. Bala Krishna renounced for being the vice-president of the Hindu and the Times of India. He surely isn't a stranger to avoid newspaper readers.

On reaching the Auditorium, I couldn't contain my excitement. I was waiting eagerly for the person. Finally, Mr. Bala spoke in the humblest of tones about life and how each letter epitomises certain features about it. The enthusiasm from all students of grade 9-12 brought huge gleeful curve on his face.. After the deep the school, had, Mr.Bala advanced to talk about his professional life the most flabbergasting moment for him must have been, the reaction when he asked who desired to aim in the target of journalism, out of which, only one arm drew attention.

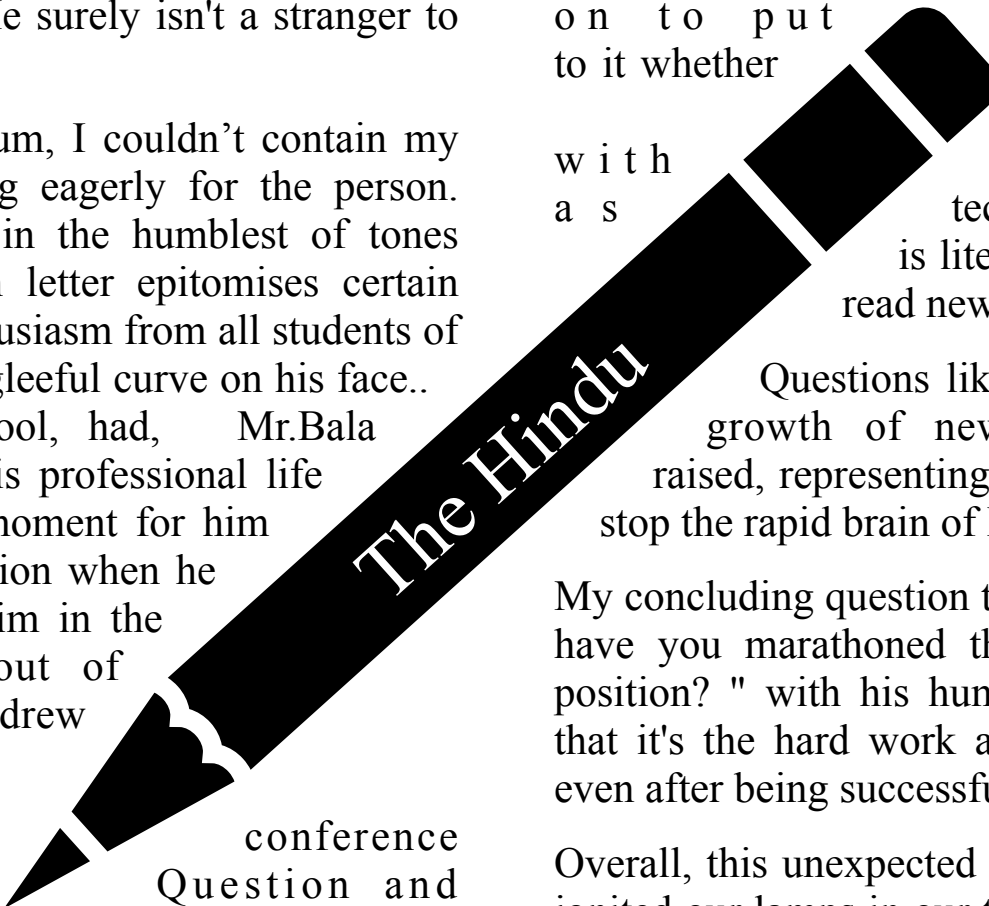
The whole informal conference proceeded towards the Question and Answer sessions for which I had been hankering after which not even an exiguous hesitation, I raised my arm and inquired, "Did technology affect the impact of newspaper world wide?" To which Mr.Bala responded, "It definitely

has", and furthermore. drew out the theory that technology is changing the way we liv by a screen-rectangular for rather than the daily gazette which changed the daily life of normal people. I went on to put forward a cross question to it whether technology can replace newspaper. Our guest with his quick wit replied that as technology is developing, so is literacy rate. Thus, people will read newspaper more.

Questions like "How do you excuse the growth of newspaper in households?" raised, representing my earlier queries, did not stop the rapid brain of Mr.Bala.

My concluding question to him was " what hardships have you marathoned through to reach a reputed position? " with his humble words again,Bala said that it's the hard work and determination that runs even after being successful.

Overall, this unexpected session with Mr.Bala really ignited our lamps in our top floor regarding the huge media houses that run us and the world on it's palm.



## SIMON SAYS

Didi can I ask someone something.

(Every prep story)

You all reaches grade twelve.

(VISHALA)

I am a achieve person.

(Overachieving SHC)

My life will be novel.

(Fictional Cubbins)

Your soul will tremble,  
not for the yellowness,  
But the rays you bring  
the counterfeit you carry,  
your countenance reveals  
the load of burden,  
I shall not display  
But the smoke did,  
and nature is forgiving.

~Scarlet

## JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- Bernie Sanders warns Moscow to 'stay out of American elections' after reports of Russian attempts to boost his run
- US president invokes Bollywood and cricket stars in his address at fully-packed stadium in Modi's home state of Gujarat
- Patient plays violin during brain surgery
- Scientists work to protect Ecuador's endangered spider monkeys while supporting local women.
- Mecca governor orders arrest of Saudi female rapper

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## NOT EVERYONE'S CUP OF TEA

~ Mumtahima Mollick Melissa

“Science... Woah, not me.” I am sure almost everyone says the same thing to themselves, when somebody mentions this ‘extra’ ordinary subject. With the mention of science we either remember our very own Mr. Einstein or the humorous formula H<sub>2</sub>O (H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O). I know it sounds a little whimsical, but there’s no choice, most of us do that right? To remember the formula of water. Now, how many of us remember the story of the lightning god, many of us do right? Remember, whenever

the sounds of thunder and lightning used to come we tiny tots used to ask our moms about it, all of us (almost) got the same answer: ‘ The lightning god beats his drum to make this noise, so that the children listen to their moms and not trouble them.’ But did any of us try thinking of any rational answers to this irrational speech. I will tell you what happened in reality: 50% believed it, 20% did not understand, 10% thought it to be a fairy tale, 15% thought it to be a made up story but could not think over it and the rest 5% , I leave it on you. For me, I had always been curious about the man who got a photo clicked with his tongue out. I always wondered why all scientists are of the humorous kind. Apart from Madam Curie, did you know Einstein deliberately did not

speak till he was five years old and Newton discovered gravity when he was sleeping under an apple tree. Do you know, what is Einstein’s favourite formula? It looks something like this E=mc<sup>2</sup>. Now you must be wondering what ‘E’ is? Einstein? No, it stands for energy which means energy travels faster than sound. Now let’s come to Newton, this curly-haired man showed that we all are standing on the earth straight because a magnet is attracting us. This magnet is none other than Mr. Gravity. You might wonder that every formula that has been invented was all by fluke. Yes, this is what science is, you look for something and find something else. Science has always been an extraordinary subject but remember adding an extra to the ordinary makes it extraordinary.

## THE HEART EMOJI

“Two hearts make one heart if both of them are whole,

But two hearts make no heart if one of them is broke.”

Let’s be honest, as a kid we all have always believed the heart to actually look like the heart emoji. But little did we know that we will get mocked by our very own Biology books when we grow up so today I’ll unveil the big truth to you. The heart emoji was never derived from the human heart. Human hearts are included agreed, but it’s actually two human hearts sown together, symbolising the union of 2 beings.

## IF TRUTH BE TOLD

- The human stomach can dissolve razor blades
- A cloud can weigh over a million pounds
- Rats laugh on being tickled
- Hot water freezes faster than cold water
- It can rain diamonds on other planets
- It’s impossible to burp in space

### Ethane in the sky

On February nights, we were treated to the glorious spectacle of Hyakutake spreading across the sky. The Hubble Space Telescope got the first ever look from the earth at the icy nucleus that resides inside a comet. Until now, methane has only been found in the planets and their moons. Ethane is another 1 % of the comets’ ice. They are looking at the lines again. Who knows they might even find something like naphthalene!

### See me, touch me

There is a popular belief that the loss of one sense strengthens the others. Scientists have now found some evidence for this. When blind people used their fingers to scan text written in Braille, scientists measured an increase in blood flow in the visual cortex. This suggests that pathways in the brain get “wired” during learning and is much more complex than previously imagined.

### Sounds good to me!

In any public place people can be spotted humming or listening to music. So how do we hear this music? How do songs come out from earphones? How do the speakers work? We know that our ear drum vibrate and our brain interprets it as sound. But why does the ear drum vibrate? Well, when the air pressure close to the ear drum increases it pushes the ear drum inwards and when the pressure is released it pulls the ear drum outwards. So when these waves reach in and out at the same time at the same rate of frequency our brain recognises the sound.  
~Khushali

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## PREVIOUSLY ON

### CAMPUS

~Samiksha Singh

Well, last week was a roller coaster ride. With a weekend free of the council body, the MISTars had all the fun they could have. While the 'Leadership camp' was enjoyed by everyone, our School Prefect returned with a neck brace which she smartly covered with her muffler.

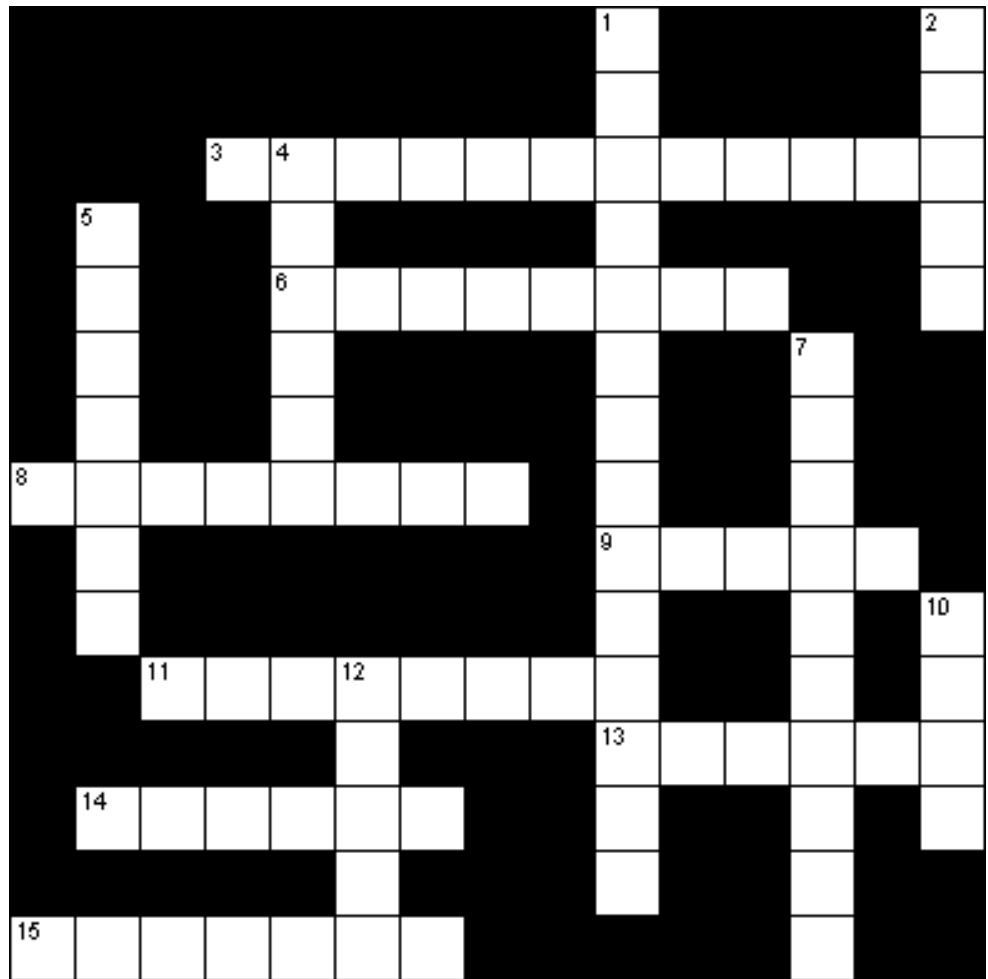
MISMUN 2020 preparations are in full swing, while the 'C' for Sec-Gen is busy proving herself. House captains are trying not to poop their pants with the Talent Folk Dance Competition on Saturday.

The Cultural Captain is busy with the team trying to finish last year's yearbook while the printer keeps procrastinating. The suspense of whether Lakshmi House's outing is cancelled or not, is building while the Council's distributing negatives on a silver platter. 10 G's reputation is scraping the bottom of the barrel, is there scope for improvement or not? One student in each class of 11's, class teacher's are racking their brains on who to appoint as the monitor when AS isn't ready to accept the post.

Santoshi House Captain is running around finding a replacement for the one removed from folk dance. While Ma'am Abhilasha's work roster's full, Mr. RC doesn't lose a chance to pull a prank. The chatter in the staff room is louder than in any primary class, Mr. Mayank's ears are always open for gossip.

With teachers and students both excited for talent, let's see what happens in Issue No. 16.

## FUN CORNER



- Across:** 3. "the powerhouse of the cell"  
 6. era in which dinosaurs were present  
 8. most common organism on Earth, main culprit in the spread of disease  
 9. one of the five senses, this one is closely tied to smell  
 11. imaginary horizontal lines used to map locations on the Earth's surface  
 13. second largest planet in our solar system  
 14. type of atom, with hydrogen, found in a water molecule  
 15. Newton made pioneering contributions to the study of this natural phenomenon

- Down:** 1. process responsible for supplying energy to almost all organisms  
 2. large fish with multiple rows of teeth  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_ system; bodily system that protects us from the negative types of 8.ACROSS  
 5. scientific theory about the sudden beginning of the universe (2 words)  
 7. occurs when the Earth's surface is shaken by a release of pressure from below  
 10. most damaging part of a hurricane  
 12. neon, argon, and helium are called \_\_\_\_\_ gases because they are never found in chemical compounds

### POINTS OF TRIUMPH

The Originals Team is very proud to announce that Ms. Samiksha Singh of Lakshmi House has brought glory to her house by earning a positive point this week for her exceptional poem on a biological disorder.

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