

8th Std - Part 2

The ant eater and the Dassie

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-Adapted from 'Tales from Tendeis Grandmother'

-Stories set in Zimbabwe.

Character:

Tandei- Little boy

Grandmother

Pangolian- Scary Ant eater

Dassie- African rat

- Tandei helping Grandmother eager to taste sadza (maize grain). While listening to radio, one new item about some African farmer who had caught scary ant eater and present it to President of Zimbabwe.
 - President sent it to national park.
 - Grandmother told him about the ant eater.
 - Ant eaters were good luck for success.
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- Pangolian- Scary ant eater lived near Limpopo river which flows between Zimbabwe and South Africa.
 - Pangolian and Dassie(little rat) were friends. Pangolian breaks the mud with claws and torques.
 - If threatened the pangolian would quickly jump into a scary ball.
 - Dassie - African rat (Rock Rabbit) lives and breeds in the rocks. It feeds on grass and plants.
 - Dassie would take his friend pangolian to his colony.
 - On each pangolian visit, Dassie found it was difficult for his beautiful friend to climb up and down in the rocks and pathways.

- Dassie was small and sleek. Dassie called pangolian and asked for a new race to climb till the top of the round topped hill (kopje). Also he said that the one who reached first will be the winner. Pangolian agreed.
- They started the race. Dassie ran faster than pangolian as he had to carry all his heavy clattering scabs along.
- Dassie was the winner. Pangolian happily hailed Dassie as the winner.
- Now Dassie challenged him for the down hill race again. This time also Dassie ran faster but he suddenly stopped and wondered what was rolling past him quickly. He reached the finishing point and he watched the ball unroll himself. And that was pangolian.
- Dassie asked pangolian how he could do that. Pangolian told it was his father's advice.
- He used to say '**There is more than one way to do a thing**'. Then I realised maybe I could curl up and roll down faster.

The squirrel said to the mountain,
'If neither I cannot carry the forests on my back, nor can you crack the nuts', - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Salim Ali

Born- 02 November 1986

Death- 27 July 1987

Born in Mumbai

Dr Salim Ali- Birdman of India (Ornithologists)

His Book- The book of Indian birds

He fought for conservation of **Barathpur bird sanctuary** in Rajasthan and **silent valley in Kerala**.

China- Kills sparrows

Crocodiles- maintain the balance of complex web of life protecting birds.

Malabar hombill- nests in old and tall trees

We know about birds and behaviour of different species because of Salim Ali Khan.

Sun Beam

- Neeraja Raghavan

It is about butterfly asking questions to the sun beam and it to the butterfly.

Butterfly enters into the thick forest.

A broad shaft of sunlight enters through the branch of trees.

'Hello Sunbeam, whom do you bring dancing down?', asked the butterfly.

Sunbeam said, 'They are dust particles. They are everywhere and you can't see them unless there is a beam like me'.

Butterfly asked, 'What makes them dance?'

Sunbeam said, 'they are dancing atoms and whirling particles inside them which never stop moving. The world is incredibly variant'.

The energy of cosmos is eternal and never be destroyed.

- Dyslexia- writing from right to left
 - Dysgraphia- difficulty with written words
 - Thomas Alva Edison- Dyslexia, poor in Maths, Dysgraphia
 - Agatha Christie- Dysgraphia, famous murder mystery story writer
 - Leonardo Da Vinci- ADD, Dyslexia
 - Special Olympics is held once in two years
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- About the poet Rudyard Kipling
 - 1865- Born in Bombay. British writer
 - When he was five he was taken to England.
 - Stories- The jungle book, Just so stories, Kim his poems Gunga Din
 - Noble prize in 1907

- Lestie Mon's (1921 - 2006)- Welsh poet
- Short story writer
- David Roth- Musician, Singer, Lyricist and singer
- Kamala surya- Lived in Mumbai
- James Kirkup (1918-2009):
- English writer, translator, travel writer
- Won Atlantic award in 1950
- During second world war- conscientious objector also worked as farm labourer