



Europe's Magical Kingdom : Eurodisney

Cutting Trees is Equivalent to Suicide

ONE day in the middle of summer some of my dad's guests came to our house, and I knew them pretty well because I was good friends with their children. During the middle of their visit my two friends and I decided to go to the Disneyland in France. At first my dad thought it was an absurdly hasty idea, but later that night as he thought it over he realized that it was acceptable as a treat to his son.

Next morning we left for Paris in the TGV which is probably the fastest passenger carrying train in the whole world. When we reached Paris we headed straight for the Enchanted Kingdom. It took us less than an hour to get there but I guess it was well worth the wait because once the kingdom came into view we just stood there and gaped.

It was huge beyond imagination. As we came back to ourselves we slowly entered this magical land. First we saw the huge EuroDisney Hotel which overlooked the whole Kingdom. But as we went through the gate I saw one of the most magnificent places I had ever seen.

First there was a huge Beauty and the Beast Castle towering over us, as tall as 100 m. I was standing in the main section known as Main Street USA. This place was divided into five sections. First of all Adventure land, second Fantasy land, third Discovery land, fourth Frontier land and last of all the place where I was standing on Main Street USA. On my way to the center I picked up a pamphlet, as I glanced through it I discovered that there were 29 restaurants, more than a 100 attractions and 2000 workers and together they spoke over 50 different languages.

When I came to the center I headed for the Frontier Land. Over here we first went to the Phantom house. If I knew this

would be such a scary place I wouldn't have even entered it, because it had one of the most terrifying rides I had ever been on. After this heart stopping experience I headed for something a bit more relaxing and the closest thing to that was the Mark Twain boat ride.

I never really liked slow boat rides that much, but this exceptional ride was one of my favourite rides. To start off this boat was designed as if it was made in the late 19th century and to give it some more real-



A world of wonder and fantasy.

ity they had artificial rain, (which I thought was just amazing) a small cabin with Mark Twain reading a book, and his dog beside him. After this we decided to go on a real roller coaster which was called the Big Thunder Mountain ride. The queue for this ride was a very long one, but well worth the wait, because it was a ride that went through mountains and coal mines designed like centuries old. As we caught our breath after this thrilling ride, we headed back to the main centre.

by Tadib Muqtada

After a quick snack we decided to go to Adventure Land. The entrance for Adventure Land was very realistic, it looked just like the entrance for castles in the Early Arabian Nights and this one was just like the one in the cartoon hit Aladdin! As we entered Adventureland we saw Skull Rock Mountain and Captain Hook's Ship, designed exactly the same way in Peter Pan.

As we walked we found out from both sides, with actual coconuts, and since it was a cave it looked as if it was a really dark night with a shade of moonlight. As we got in the ride which was meant to be a small ship we speeded off into the dark unknown waters. After a while we found ourselves drifting slowly in the middle of a fast moving stream, when we suddenly heard pirates laughing really loud, as we saw some light shining into the cave we saw drunken pirates rolling on the ground laughing their head off. Then we moved on to see a place full of pirates gold as high as a small hill. Later our small boat headed for a nose dive down to a smaller stream.

As the ride came to a screeching halt, I slowly jumped off promising myself that if I come back to EuroDisney this would be one of the first rides I would go on.

As I wearily walked out of the dark cave I was really glad

to see the sun, shining as brightly as ever. Right then we heard big whizzing noises coming from nowhere. As we went closer to the source that was making the noise we realized that it was Indiana Jones and The Temple of Doom roller coaster. As we saw it whizzing upside down and doing 360° turns we wisely decided to walk on, thinking that this ride was only meant for people who hadn't gotten a headache for at least a year. After walking for a few minutes we arrived at Fantasy land. As soon as we came into Fantasy land we walked straight into the Alice in Wonderland Park where we got totally lost, and after about ten minutes heading straight into dead ends and signs, we gave up and came back the way we entered.

After a couple of common rides like the Merry Go Round and Spinning Tea Cups we realized that our legs were so dog tired that if we walked anymore we would surely collapse. So we decided to trol-



Where thrills are at every corner.

over to Discovery Land and see if there is anything relaxing over there.

When we arrived at Discovery Land, we found the perfect place to go to. A Michael Jackson 3-D movie. This was probably one of the most coolest things I ever saw because, I was really tired and this gave me the perfect opportunity to rest my feet and, everything had a 3-D effect. For instance when they were showing the movie we thought that some of the characters would jump on us or crash against us, many people even tried jumping at the creatures thinking it was right in front of them. As soon as that movie finished we handed back our 3-D glasses feeling fresh again.

Then we had a quick snack and started enjoying Discovery Land, out of all the things we saw we decided to go to Star Wars IBM show. This was also one of my favourite shows because it had a realistic touch to it. To get into it we had to enter an inter-star-wars type shuttle where we were watching a big screen while we were being attacked by other spaceships, and all this time we were moving up and down as if we were really going to crash into another space shuttle.

After this we were all very exhausted and it was getting dark so we decided to take one last train ride which went around the whole Magical Kingdom. When we took this beautiful and scenic ride, we were so tired that we decided to call it quits. After we bought some souvenirs we slowly left this eighth wonder of the world, wondering, will we ever come back?

The Sensational Server

by Tina

James and I went into the gym and started warming up with a few laps around the building. Apart from our games teacher there was no one else in the gym since it took a while for everyone to arrive from their respective Language classes. Once they arrived, we would all start playing Volleyball.

We were learning Volleyball at that time and it seemed that everyone had an uncanny knack for the game except me. I liked the game well enough and was enthusiastic to learn, but for some strange reason I just couldn't master the technique of serving the ball. Some of my classmates and my games teacher had all in turn tried painstakingly to teach me how to do it, but had failed miserably. Their efforts had all been in vain for no matter how hard I tried, I just could not succeed.

Or, at least I hadn't been able to. For after bearing all the humiliation and hearing the exasperated sighs of my classmates at my wretched attempts to serve, I had become determined to learn how to play the game properly. At home I had taken lessons from my elder brother, and I had soon learned how to serve the proper way. I realized that what everyone had forgotten to tell me was that hitting the ball right at the bottom to get upward trajectory was of utmost importance. Because no one had told me that the balls I served never cleared the net.

Everyone had assembled inside the gym, and we were ready to begin the game. Five minutes of the game had passed, and the players were rotating in a clockwise direction, when suddenly it was my turn to serve.

I nervously took the ball praying to God that I would be able to serve. I hit the ball, and it miraculously went over the net! I couldn't believe it and neither could anyone else. The people on the opposing team

had not been expecting the ball to go over the net, so they were totally unprepared, and no one went to hit the ball. Everyone was gaping in my direction, even my own teammates as if they just couldn't believe what had happened.

After a moment of silence triumphant yells began echoing from all corners of the room. Well of course she should be able to serve — after all I was the one who taught her, belovely my games teacher, while James declared that all those days he had spent coaching me had finally paid off. James came and gave me a pat on the back saying, "My student Good work!" Everyone was taking credit for something they all claimed to have done. I thought the way they were acting was really funny, since it had been my brother who had taught me, not any of them. I served again, and this time someone hit it back. The ball was shooting in my direction, but everything seemed to be going in slow motion. It moved through the air into our court, and then I made one of the stupidest mistakes one can make when playing the game. I moved back-

wards trying to get into position to hit the ball when all of a sudden, the ball smashed right into my upturned face. I wear glasses and the impact of the ball made them fall off my face. They were dangling stupidly off one ear and below my nose. I hurriedly took off my glasses glancing around to see whether anyone had noticed. Unfortunately they all had, and they swarmed around me to see if I was okay. My nose felt like it had been smashed, my lips had cracked and I had cut my chin (don't ask me how). After recovering I went back into the game. Thanks to yours truly our team thrashed the other team by a score of 15-6.

As we walked back to our class after the game everyone was excitedly discussing our win. I was the centre of attention, and was named the "Woman of the match".

As we walked into Biology class my friend Alison tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Great game. You know, it took me a long time to train you, but it looks like you've finally learnt."

"You? You didn't teach her. I did! You've got your facts all wrong Alison," screamed James.

"No hold on a second James — I seemed to remember that

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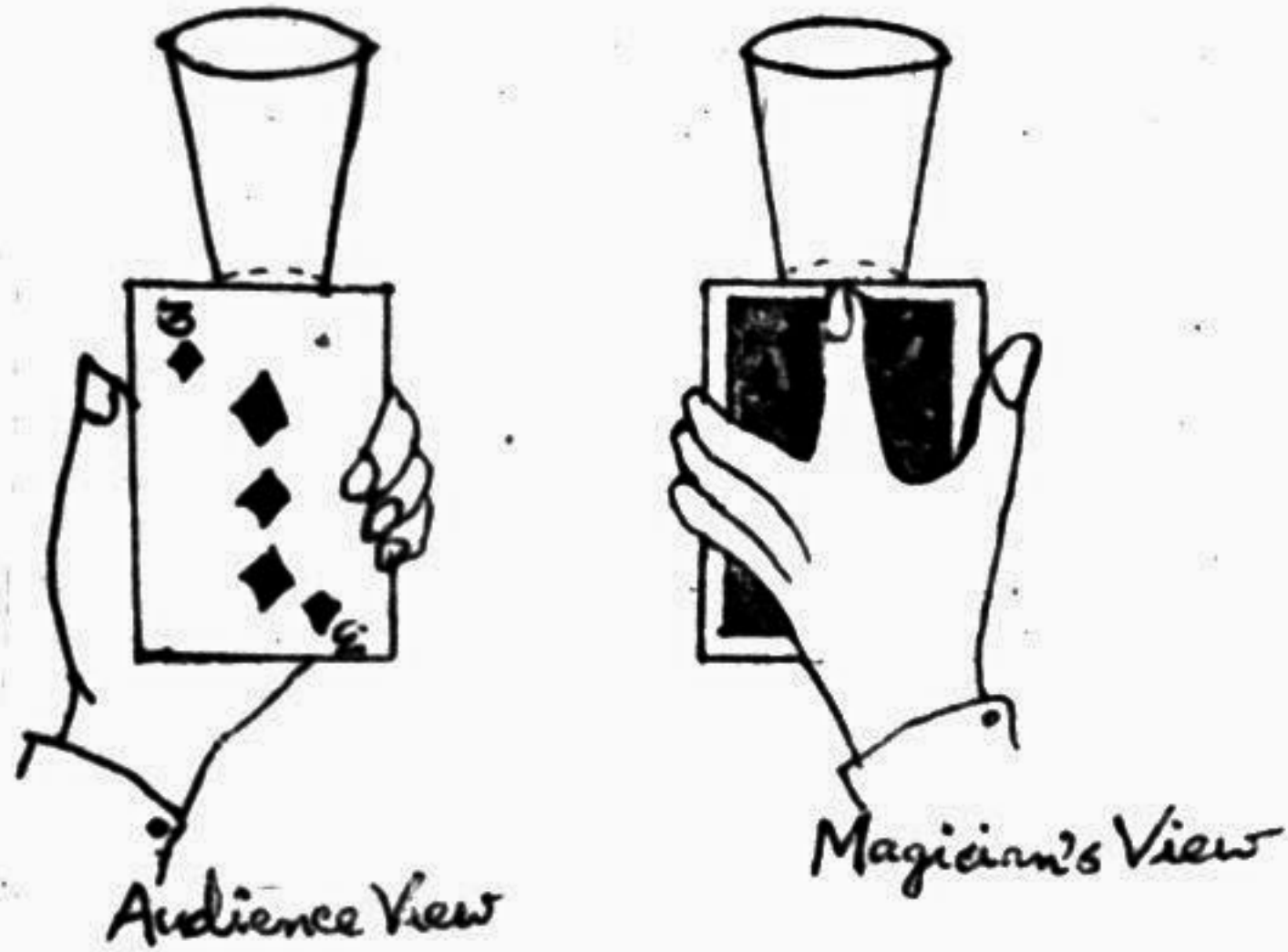
by Magician Subrata Biswas

"An Edgy Trick"

Magic: Show an ordinary playing card & a stainless steel or metal tumbler to the audience. Hold the card in your right hand & try to balance the glass on the top edge of the card. Usually it is a difficult task but the glass balances on

the card. Secret: The secret of this one is also simple but needs goods practice.

Raise the hidden forefinger & support the edge of the glass & remove the other hand which gives the audience in front of you the illusion that the glass is balanced.



Teenage Special

by Gulshana Yasmin Hoque (Shukti)

Care during the week: Once a week, use a face pack. You could make your face pack and follow the instruction mentioned. It is desirable to use very little cosmetics, for they cover the skin and prevent the grease secreted by the oil glands to come up to the surface. This results in blocked pores, and you may soon get blackheads. Then, pimples may start appearing. Since a teenager's skin is little more oily, you have to be careful in using an oily foundation, pressed powder, and liquid foundation, otherwise, it may — prove to be too heavy on a tender young skin. It is better to concentrate on eye make-up. Use only a moisturizer for the face.

Some Problems: During the period of puberty, certain beauty problems might crop up. They are a natural phenomenon, and only a passing phase. So with a bit of care you can easily overcome them. Do not be unduly concerned or emotionally upset, as they could aggravate a prevailing condition as your emotional state has a direct bearing on your skin.

One of the main problems is that the skin on the face gets very oily, which results in blocked pores, blackheads and

pimples. This is a condition you have not known before. You may seek the help of others but sometimes one gets more confused, as everybody has a different story to tell. I would recommend a good diet free of chillies, chocolates, tea coffee and sweets. A 500 mg Vitamin C tablet taken every day gives good results. One — tablet of arot Vitamin A and D is suggested to be taken everyday for a fortnight, then give a gap of three months and take another fortnightly course, you should not consume too much of this vitamin, as it gets stores in the body, and too much is not needed. If you understand how pimples come about, then perhaps treating them would be easier and would result in your pursuing skin care methods in the correct manner. Pimples or acne start off from a very oily skin, and perhaps the inadequate cleaning of such a skin. An oily skin picks up more atmospheric impurities than a dry or normal skin. So the moment you find your skin getting very oily, take the necessary steps. By ignoring your skin at this stage you will have to pay a heavy price later on, as you might develop a profusion of pimples, which can't take an acute form. To be continued.....

World's First Library

by Nahian Hossain (Class III)

LIBRARIES are very important to us. We read books and from books we get information. We get information about history, geography, law, politics, literature and so many other things from books. We can enjoy reading story-books. So we cannot think of the modern civilization without libraries. Do you know who established the first library in the world? It was 5994 years ago from now that the world's first library was established in Babylon, (present southern Iraq between the river Tigris and Euphrates). The Babylonian were clever people. They invented many things

and they thought that they should keep their history in record. So they established the world's first library.

But the interesting thing is that their libraries were different from our libraries. Paper was not discovered at that time. So they wrote on clay tablets and then baked them. At first their writing system was picture-writing then it was changed to cuneiform, a wedge-shaped writing. They wrote about their religion, their history and their laws. They also wrote poems and rhymes. One of these writings on baked clay is preserved in the Louvre Museum in Paris. This was the world's first library.



Waiting for Spring

Asrarul Islam Chowdhury

You have always been a joy to me
Ever since the day I saw you
Like the Spring birds
You sing in my heart
And like the Autumn leaves
You fall away
Leaving me with the hope
That Spring will come again.