

An Experience with the Backstreet Boys

were there, on the stage. Oh God! Everyone started screaming. The Boys introduced themselves and started performing 'Everybody'. It was excellent. Their costumes and the dialogue between the songs: It was too good. The guests were Britney Spears and the Vengaboys. After singing 'I Want It That Way' which was the last song they said that the Boys would throw five teddy bears to the audience. The five lucky people who get to catch the teddy bears gets to meet the Boys in person. As I was on the first row I caught one teddy bear! Can you believe it? Well I couldn't. Kevin called the winners on stage. After the concert was over we were packed in a microbus. And get a load of this, I actually had the luck to sit between Brian and Kevin! As soon as the bus started moving Brian asked, 'Hi! What's your name?' And how dumb of me I said, 'Um, I love your voice'. I was completely and totally starstruck. Brian smiled and said 'Well thank you but what's your name?' And I answered like a total dumbfounded person 'Oh my name, I'm Nuzayra and I'm from Bangladesh and for your information it's in Asia right beside India.' Then I thought, 'why on earth am I babbling when he didn't even ask me that question'. Brian answered laughing 'I actually know where Bangladesh is.' Then suddenly Kevin spoke out 'What're you talking about?' 'About where she lives' answered Brian.

'So where' Kevin asked

'In Bangladesh'

'Bang, what?'

I wondered, "did you have to say that?" Brian corrected him and said 'Nuzayra never mind him. Sometimes he gets a bit weird.'

Kevin held up his ears and said 'I get what?'

'See sometimes he gets deaf too' replied Brian with a giggle.

The three of us started laughing. Right in front of me sat Nick alone. Behind me sat A J with two of the winners Christina and Brooke. And behind them I could see Howie chatting with Jennifer and Cathy. Nick turned around and said 'Hi! I bet you know me'. 'Of course I know you and I think you're really cute.' 'And I think you're really sweet'. I am? I thought. Wow! I've been listening to your conversation. By the way who do you like the

best among us?' Now how on earth am I supposed to answer that? Just then the driver said 'Here you go. We've reached our hotel'. Thank God! We all jumped out and were filed into one room. While jumping out Cathy slipped and fell over A J, however none of them got hurt. We had dinner together and had lots of fun. We took photographs together. They signed us autographs. The way Christina and Howie were talking was so romantic. Nick suddenly whispered to me 'you know what, I think Howie has a crush on Christina. They look good together. Don't you think so?' Nick and I went on talking. We talked about our personal lives, our musical tastes, our families and friends. We talked about our first crushes, schools and stuff; Everything. Everyone in the room were enjoying themselves. Brooke was a complete sweetheart. She was the youngest and the funniest. Then the five of us were gifted with Backstreet Boys goodies. And then came the horrible time. At the time of parting Brooke started crying. The boys hugged the five of us and kissed us on our foreheads and cheeks and gave us five beautiful red roses. When Nick came to me to give me the rose I couldn't control myself and started dropping tears and said 'Nick you're my favorite Backstreet Boy.' It's like a dream come true. I hope you won't forget me. I'll miss you. Nick bit his lips and leaned closer. 'No I won't. And I'll miss you too. If God wants we'll meet again. Now c'mon gimme ahug'. I hugged him tightly for a couple of minutes. 'Now don't cry. You'll make me cry too. You see I'm pretty sensitive'. I let go. 'Please come to Bangladesh to perform'. 'I'll try' were his only words. I was the last one to get in the bus. As the bus started moving the five of us went to the window and waved good-bye. Howie smiled and said 'We'll never forget you guys'. And you know what's funny, at a moment like that Kevin shouted. 'Hey Nuzayra I can pronounce the name of your country properly now'. I smiled but I couldn't help but watch Nick.

Well that was my experience with the Backstreet Boys. A J is someone who's gonna make you laugh hysterically. Kevin is very shy but so sweet. Brian is sensible and sophisticated. Howie goes on talking without any brakes. Nick is friendly and outgoing and trust me he is a big flirt.

By Nuzayra Haque

There I was at a 'Backstreet Boys' concert standing right in the front row. Gosh! I have spent innumerable days waiting for this great event. Someone came in and announced that BSB will be in front of us any time. My heartbeat shot up. I was about to see the Backstreet Boys live. I was lucky to get the tickets for the first row. I went with some of my cousins who lived in the USA. By the way, this concert was taking place in Los Angeles. Suddenly the lights went out. The excitement was too great to hold. I knew this was the big moment. The whole auditorium grew silent. It was a huge place and it was packed. Everyone was so quiet that I could hear myself breathing. Suddenly the lights flashed and the Backstreet Boys

Invaders from the Moon



A journey through space is always terrifying, but if it takes somebody right on to the moon, it turns into an occasion of celebration of discovery. This happened on the 20th of July, 1969 when astronaut Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon. Although it was a historic day for the dwellers on earth, for the dwellers of the moon, it was an act of invasion by men. So the aliens embarked on a quick mission of retaliation on earth.

While the act of discovery was exciting and thrilling, the act of retaliation was violent and frightening. Landing came under the full glare of publicity, while retaliation took place in isolation. Here is a gruesome tale of that drama in isolation which was enacted in a corner of our planet the very same night man invaded (?) the moon.

It was a tranquil moonlit night over an obscure city in the southeastern part of America. People remained busy till late at night watching live on TV, the memorable act of landing. A scientist who lived in that city got anxious as the human drama on the moon was getting underway. But suddenly he decided to watch the moon with his naked eyes and stood up on his balcony alone in the stillness of night. It was a fine moment for him to watch the moon at that point of time. But as he looked up the sky, a new drama began unfolding on earth.

To the scientist's surprise he saw the sky suddenly ablaze and some unidentified objects flying swift down from the sky. He pondered what those mysterious objects could be! As they flew closer, he shuddered at the frightening sight looming overhead. It looked like a convoy of fireballs, each as big as a half-fried egg. The whole convoy suddenly swooped down over an area nearby. Hardly anyone knew what was going on and how staggering the attack was.

As soon as the invaders landed, they lost no time in getting out of the tiny fireballs, which carried them through space. However tiny the fireballs looked, they were actually far bigger and very sophisticated. Their attack was as sudden and dramatic as their landing. People were stunned by the speed of destruction and rampage they ran for safety in all directions. The invaders were apparently crocodiles emitting fire and unleashing hell everywhere. People were slaughtered, buildings ransacked and the city was left burning.

Although scared, the scientist remained determined to watch the acts of violence done by the cruel aliens. His binoculars were fixed on his eyes even as he trembled at the sight of the frequent explosions and rampage. Suddenly he sensed a moment of lull in the destruction, followed by a sort of retreat as they came face to face with a tiny mouse. A little creature of the earth turned the table and scared the mighty invaders.

The intelligent scientist understood the clue and lost no time to set free the whole gang of rats that he was holding in a cage for a mere hobby. The tiny rats of the earth thus drove away the mighty invaders from the moon. Not only that, they also saved the mighty humans of the earth from eradication.

That is how the humans triumphed over the aliens, on our soil, while the crucial moment of human adventure on the moon was still going on. The story of human triumph on the moon came to be known all over the world but the triumph that took place on the earth remained obscure over the years. The unsolved mystery still remained the same, without anyone knowing what and why it had happened. The FBI studied this case for a while, but ultimately closed the file, failing to discover a clue.

But the danger still remains alive and who knows; another eruption on a bigger scale and with more ferocity may be in the offing. And then, victory might swing to the side of the aliens. That may be the end of the human race and civilization.

Note: The writer's name was not found in the script, and thus we really don't know who to thank for such an unusual piece of imagination.

People With Flair

By Raysa Hossain

About 90 per cent of the world's population is made up of ordinary people, with ordinary lives but the people who of the remaining 10 per cent have the charisma, power and influence which makes them a little more than ordinary. Having this kind of power and influence is the reward of successful salesmanship and the visible sign of individual merit. These are the people who influence the lives of ordinary people. What these extraordinary people have in common is the ability to show us the world anew, to educate and entertain us, to change the ways we think about others and ourselves.

Oprah Winfrey Talk Show Host

A couple of years ago, Oprah Winfrey took a look at the TV talk world that surrounded her and was disgusted. She saw that there was no honour or integrity in it. So she put her own show on a new path ignoring sensationalism in favour of a positive subject matter. As a result her no 1 ratings took a dip, while other hosts briefly became the rage. In the end, however, Winfrey proved once again to be a winner. Winfrey, now in her 10th year on national TV, is still on top, drawing 9 million viewers a day.

Winfrey, 42, had a troubled childhood, but her genius was to realize that those troubles and similar ones experienced by ordinary people all over America could make for compelling television. Oprah Winfrey brought a flair for self-revelation, which no one else could match.

She has talked of ending her programme 'The Oprah Winfrey Show' in the next year or two and moving on to other projects, but whatever she does her appeal is unlikely to lessen.

Jerry Seinfeld-Comedian

Jerry Seinfeld didn't revolutionize comedy, but he adapted it to a new, more self-centered age. The best comics reflect their times. So, Jerry reflects on new more self-centered times. What he also did was translate that comic persona into a hit TV show. 'Seinfeld', which debuted in 1990, revolves around a character very much like the real Jerry, dealing with the same trivial problems that he obsessed over in his comedy, from changing barbers to losing your car in a parking garage. His show inspired other hit TV shows like 'Ellen' and 'Friends'.

Calvin Klein-Fashion Designer

He is the father of fashion designing. In more than 50 collections he has produced since 1968, Calvin Klein has remained the most committed modernist of New York City's Seventh Avenue. Calvin has always believed in simplicity. No matter what the other designers are doing, Klein, 53, always keeps his range of colours muted and his style obsessively grounded in reality.

One could argue that Klein's style has come to define the look of the late 20th century. With the launch of his jeans line in 1978, he became one of the first designers to put the Vogue-world within the reach of ordinary customers. Klein's appeal owes much to



Oprah Winfrey

his genius for marketing. Calvin Klein may be one of the most recognizable names anywhere in the world and his clothes the most sought after.

These people are unique and they possess an enormous amount of talent and influence. These three people have most probably the greatest media influence on the adult population.

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