

Describing your university life using anime genres

The amusing life of a university student is nothing short of an anime script. However, this lifestyle is so broad and unpredictable, that it cannot be contained within just one or two genres. Hence, the plethora of genres that best describe your university life.



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Adventure: Fresher days are always adventurous no matter which university you're in. The intriguing thought of entering into a new academic world full of new and wonderful possibilities will always keep you on the edge. You are going to feel like a Pokémon where your professors are going to train you so that you can either evolve into a successful graduate or fail miserably, like Ash has been doing since the beginning of time. And just like JoJo, your bizarre adventure is about to unfold.

Harem: This genre is usually unlocked when you become the president of one of your university clubs or are popular among the masses in any other way.

Reverse Harem: This genre comes bundled with you the moment you enter the university as a fresher and you will be playing the role of the protagonist as long as you are single. Chances of attracting attention are also high even

when you are not single. It also depends on your mood swings.

Drama: If you have friends or you are active in one of the university clubs, finding your daily dose of drama shouldn't be that much of a problem.

Fantasy: This is the stage where you are either thinking of studying harder in the coming semester or are planning to land a job at Google after you are done with your computer science degree. Perhaps both?

Psychological: The moment you start preaching statements like, "CGPA is not everything" and "there is more to life than just good grades" is when you need to realise that you have started to think irrationally and have thus, entered into the psychological genre. That's how every anime fan interprets a psychological anime. As soon as we see this genre tagged in the anime's description, we begin to look for a deeper meaning, start to take things out of context, and begin to believe in things that are never there in

the first place.

Rom-com: The comedy part is pretty much the entirety of your university life where you are the laughing stock. The romantic part is those few minutes of attention you end up getting from your crush just because they need to copy your lab assignment.

Tragedy: Plot twist, your entire university life is also a tragedy. Besides, failed courses, bad grades, heartbreaks, and early morning classes are always there to add more misery to your bucket of tragic occurrences. You should title your university life, "A series of unfortunate events and retakes" or to be more relevant, "Boku no Graduation".

Now that you have the genres figured out, why not get started on the anime adaptation of your university life?

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THINGS THAT NEVER CHANGE IN VILLAGES

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Bangladeshis that hardly go anywhere else.

Which isn't exactly a bad thing either of course. For many, travelling to villages is more likely seen to be a thing people do to know more about their roots. To many, it is about knowing more of where the people of their past lineage lived and grew up in before moving into the busy and soulless lives that define Dhaka city.

With time comes development. Villages are no exception to development. We see tin-shed and mud-houses get replaced with pucca houses, electricity being more available and people leading lives with better living standards. This brings about a drastic change in the outlook of a village. Yet, there are things that never change. Such as:

TOWN CENTRES

No matter how developed and modernized a Bangladeshi village may become, town centres tend to retain their age-old rustic look and feel. Much like a portal to the past. You'll see the old shops your father used to go to when he was a child, old small mosques and temples standing gracefully, and so on.

VILLAGE FAIRS

Ah, the monthly 'melas' of villages (once annual 'melas'). These fairs spark some life into the villagers' daily lives. Magic shows, circuses, kaleidoscopes, Nagordo-

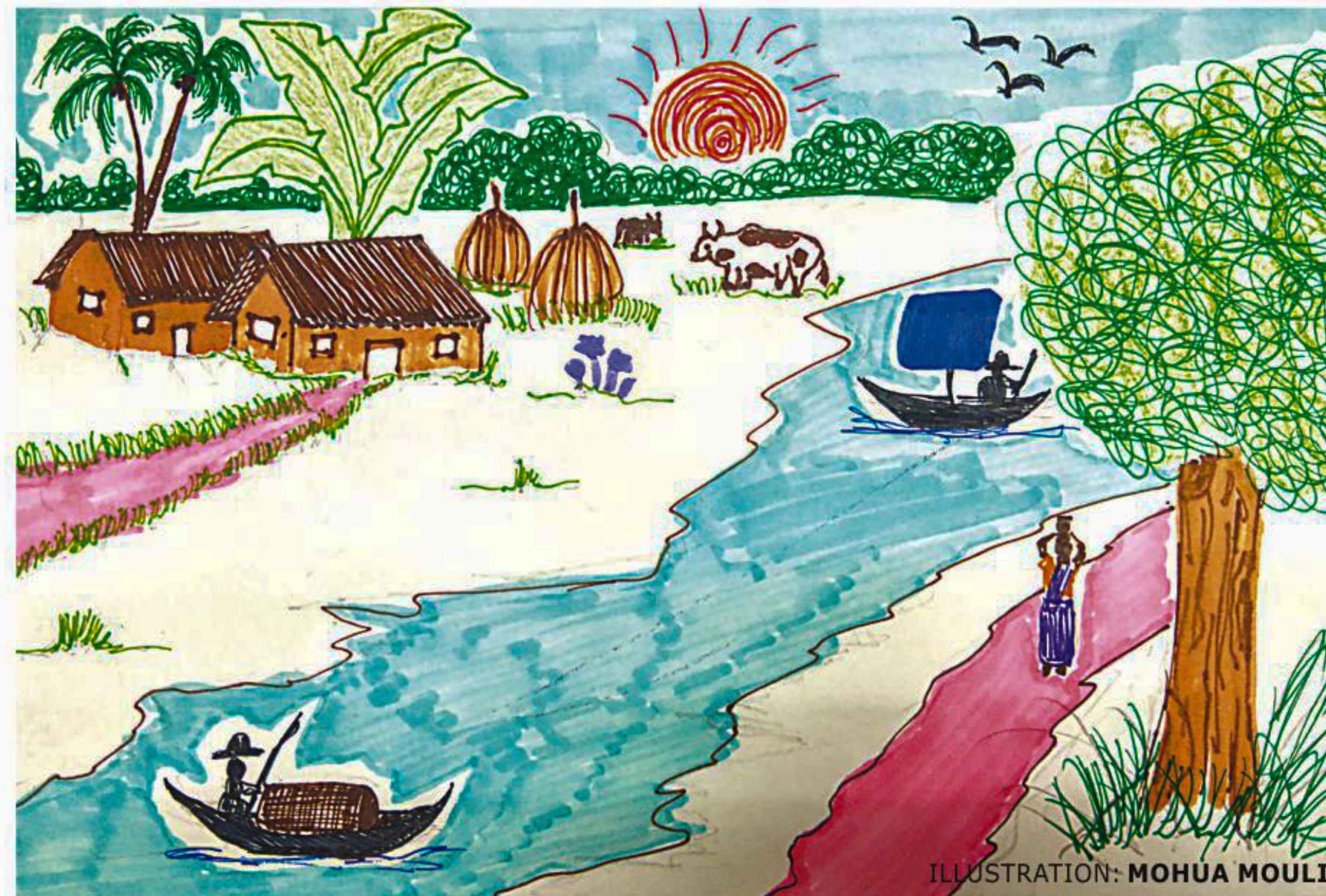


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las, candy floss and many other things. Things that bring a little joy into the hearts of the villagers. Nowadays, these fairs take place nearly every month in most villages. People still go there to socialise and have a swell time.

HOSPITALITY OF THE VILLAGERS

In all honesty, I have found villagers to be the nicest people to encounter on the streets. They will instantly lend you a hand whenever you seem to be in trouble.

JUDGMENTAL ELTERS

We love them, we care for them and we have a special spot for our dear grandparents, aunts, and uncles in our hearts. Most of us go to our villages to meet such beloved ones, or we are at least pulled over to our villages to see them. Yet, no matter how much we love them, we can all agree on the fact that we have at least one solid gripe against them: their snarky questions and comments.

From offering us gratuitous 'advice' on how to improve upon our 'unimpressive' grades, to overzealously curious questions about our personal lives, they will utter them all, often with little or no bounds.

It's not all bad. At least we learn how to brush off unwanted questions as politely as possible thanks to these encounters. Besides, the delicious food and the open environment of the villages make up for it.

THE VILLAGE ATMOSPHERE

There's something infectiously soothing about the atmosphere in villages. Just a sweet, calm feeling that you wouldn't normally find in Dhaka (except on the two Eids). The open fields, the smell of the earth on rainy days, the simple lives of the villagers, etc. They all come together to make a timeless little package that most of us love to experience.

Whether we go to villages to meet our loved ones, for an escape from our busy lives, or because we were dragged there by our parents, there are some things about the villages of our country that still make it worth our while. Things that remain timeless and worthwhile.

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