

The Magic Brush

Once upon a time, there was a poor *orphan* boy named Dillu who lived in a small village in the Rihand hills. He had no relatives and friends. Nobody would care about him. But he was satisfied with his living style. He had no complaints to God for his *misfortune*. He earned his living by working as a labourer on a farm.

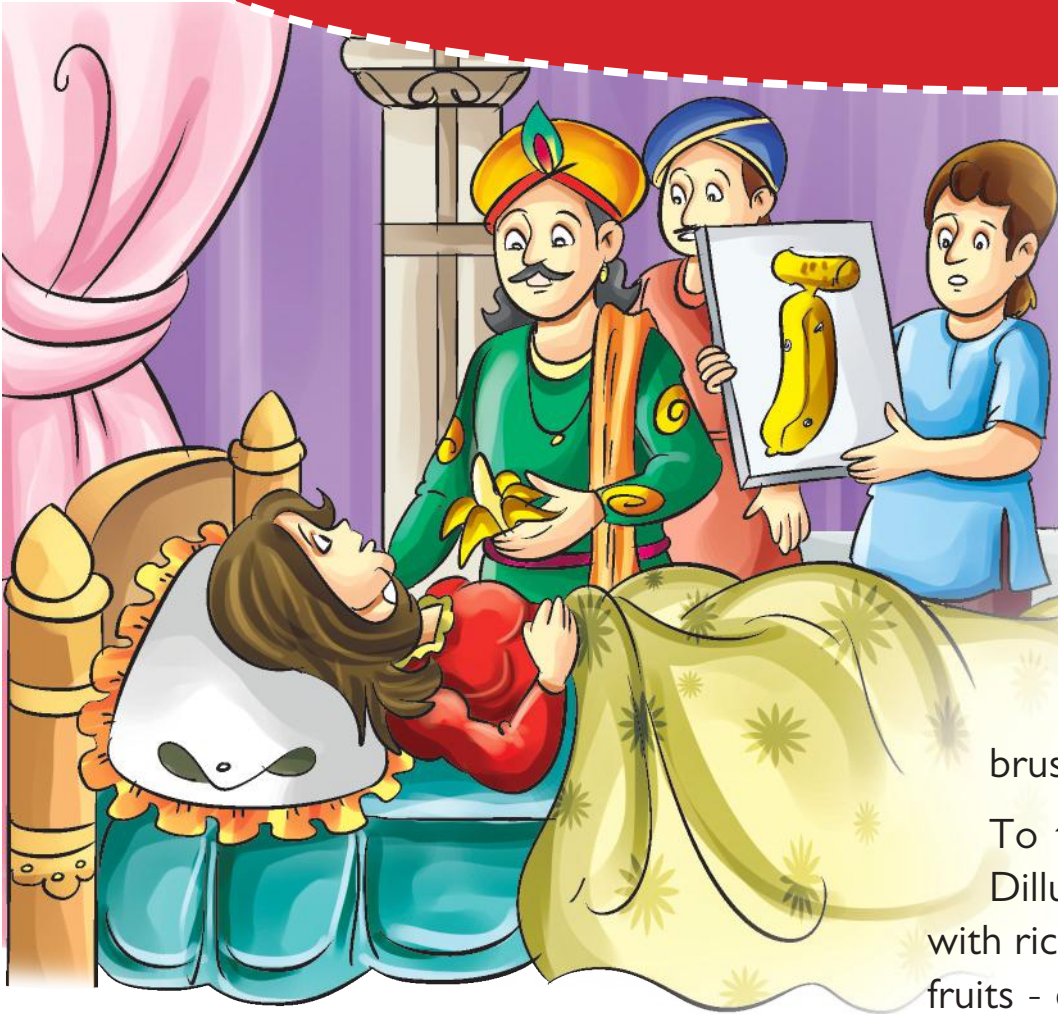
In his spare time, he would sit under the shade of a huge banyan tree. There he would draw pictures of the mountains, rivers and *twigs* people that looked very life-like.

Dillu did not have any money to buy a paintbrush, so he used twigs of banyan tree. His art was *matchless*.

People who saw his paintings were filled with wonder and appreciation. Soon his fame as a painter grew far and wide.

One day, while working at a farm, he felt very tired, and though it was only afternoon, fell asleep. After sometime, he started dreaming. In his dream, he saw a fairy named Foena. Foena was looking very beautiful who was *captivated* by Dillu's innocent face.





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Foena said, “Dillu, people appreciate your painting talent and so I wish to give you a paintbrush. This is a magic brush by which you can do anything you want.” Saying this, the fairy put a brush next to the boy and disappeared.

When Dillu got up from his sleep, he found a golden brush lying next to him.

To test the magic of his dream, Dillu painted a plate and filled it with rice, chapattis, daal, dhokla and fruits - everything he wanted to eat.

To his surprise, the plate and food

turned real as if by magic. Dillu was **delighted** and ate the food with great relish.

He then painted a set of new clothes. Also, these too became real. Dillu took off his old torn clothes and wore his new ones.

The next day, Dillu went to the village and gathered all the poor people. With his golden brush, he painted food - hot steaming rice, curry and all kinds of fruits, which he fed them. The people **blessed** him and wished him happiness.

Once, the princess of the royal family fell ill with a serious disease. The royal hakim told the king, “The princess’s **disease** can be cured by giving her a banana of red colour only.” The king ordered his men to bring the same banana for his daughter. The men went in search of red banana, but after a week, they returned back to the palace without any result. Everybody was sad and dejected in the kingdom. In the meantime, Dillu came to the royal court and requested to meet the king. He told the guard that he had the medicine for the king’s daughter. The guard passed that message to the king. The king immediately ordered his men to bring Dillu in front of him. The king said, “If you wake my daughter up, I will give you anything you desire.” Dillu took out his magic brush

and drew a red banana on the canvas. The red banana on the canvas became real. Everybody present there was stunned at the boy's magic. The boy gave that red banana to the hakim. The hakim put that banana on the lips of the princess, and as a result, the princess woke up and everybody started praising Dillu. Then the king asked Dillu about his reward to which Dillu said, "I don't want anything for me. There are many people in your kingdom who are very poor and live their lives on one time meal only. So, provide them with suitable jobs in your palace, I will be very grateful to you." The king was *flabbergasted* at the boy's wish. The king offered him a good position in his kingdom, and he fulfilled his wish also. Everybody praised Dillu for his kind behaviour.

Word Treasure

orphan : one who has no parents

twigs : very thin branches of trees

captivated : fascinated, attracted

blessed : asked God to protect

astonished : shocked

misfortune : bad luck

matchless : beyond comparison

delighted : very pleased, joyous

disease : sickness

flabragasted : surprised



EXERCISE TIME

Comprehension Skills

A. Tick (✓) the correct option :

- He had no complaints to God for his _____.
 a. goodluck b. happiness c. misfortune
- People who saw his _____ were filled with wonder and appreciation.
 a. clothes b. paintings c. axe
- Dillu was _____ and ate the food with great relish.
 a. delighted b. shocked c. helpless.
- The people blessed him and wished him _____.
 a. misfortune b. poverty c. happiness
- The king immediately _____ his men to bring Dillu in front of him.
 a. ordered b. requested c. happiness

B. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements :

1. We should take care of orphan children.
2. We should not appreciate the good work.
3. We should be habitual of day-dreaming.
4. We should help the poor people.
5. We should care for our own benefits only.

C. Answer the following questions :

1. Who was a poor orphan boy?
2. Where did Dillu work?
3. Who appeared in Dillu's dream?
4. Who fell ill with a serious disease?
5. What was the cure of the princess's disease?

Fun with Words

D. Complete the words with 'er' or 'ar' :

lobst___

cell___

gen___al

butt___fly

doll___

hang___

sauc___

butt___

slipp___

st___

g___den

sc___f

Essential Grammar

E. Fill in the blanks with suitable Conjunctions given in help box :

or, because, either, or, and, when, but

1. He will score first position _____ he has worked hard.
2. _____ Chinoy _____ Michael will go to movie.
3. Come in _____ get out.
4. Mazhar is strong _____ fool.
5. Simran will play _____ her exams are over.
6. Gurender _____ Neeta are friends.

F. Rewrite the following sentences changing them into negative form :

1. Farheen will be in the cinema hall.

2. Carter was playing hockey against Bangladesh.

3. The children play cricket regularly.

4. The competition was won by Vardhman.

5. They will arrive at the station on time.

6. Cheena has many dolls and other toys.

7. Somya and Sherlin are friends.

8. Subodh is a good designer.

Essential Writing

G. If you were in place of Dillu, what would you make with the magic paintbrush? You can take help from the following pictures. Write it in your own words on the given lines :



Essential Speaking

H. Here are given some pictures depicting seasons. Describe seasons on the basis of these pictures in the class :

