

June 30, 2020

Dear Madam or Sir,

How are you? During this isolated time, I would love to share some oriental myths, fables and historical stories with you. Here is the story for today:

The Fox Assuming the Majesty of the Tiger

A tiger was the fiercest predator in the forest. One day, the tiger caught a fox in a forest, and was just about to eat it. The fox was so frightened but he thought a trick that may save his life.

The fox said, "You mustn't eat me. I was sent by Heaven to rule the animals. By eating me, you will violate the command of Heaven. If you don't believe me, just follow me to see whether the animals are afraid of me."

The tiger agreed, and followed the fox as it walked around the forest. The animals all ran away on seeing them. The tiger thought they were afraid of the fox, so he let it go. He didn't realize that it was him that the animals were really afraid of.



This idiom means relying on another's power to bully or frighten others.

I hope you enjoy it!

Cheers!

Sincerely yours
Andrew



“This is a picture of a cowgirl on an RV trip in the dessert. I drew this because I think cowgirls are really cool. I like how I drew a really cute camel next to the cowgirl.”

7/2/20

Dear Friend!

My name is Yaphet Lemiesa and I am volunteering with Link Generations to reach out to lonely individuals during this COVID-19 Pandemic and help those who are in need. I hope that this message reaches you and encourages you to continue trying to strive!

I am a rising Sophomore attending Montgomery Blair High School. When school closed, my life was changed due to the fact that my homework was cut in half and all my clubs cancelled... but I saw the bright side! I now have so much time to pursue many of my own personal interests such as sports, instruments, and personal education!

Now that the weather is much warmer, with temperatures reaching to the 90s, at least in my area, I have so much more fun things I can do. These range from playing table tennis, taking walks, riding bikes, going on hikes, and exploring a nearby forest. As far as physical activities go, I am doing plenty of exercise which I think is crucial for everyone to do! In order to preserve our bodies in a way that is benefitting us in the utmost, best way, we need to have a form of exercise. I do workouts once a day, for about 30 minutes and I also commit to playing Table Tennis whenever the time permits in order to improve my skills. Later in the day, my family and I go on lengthy walks and truly explore our neighborhood.

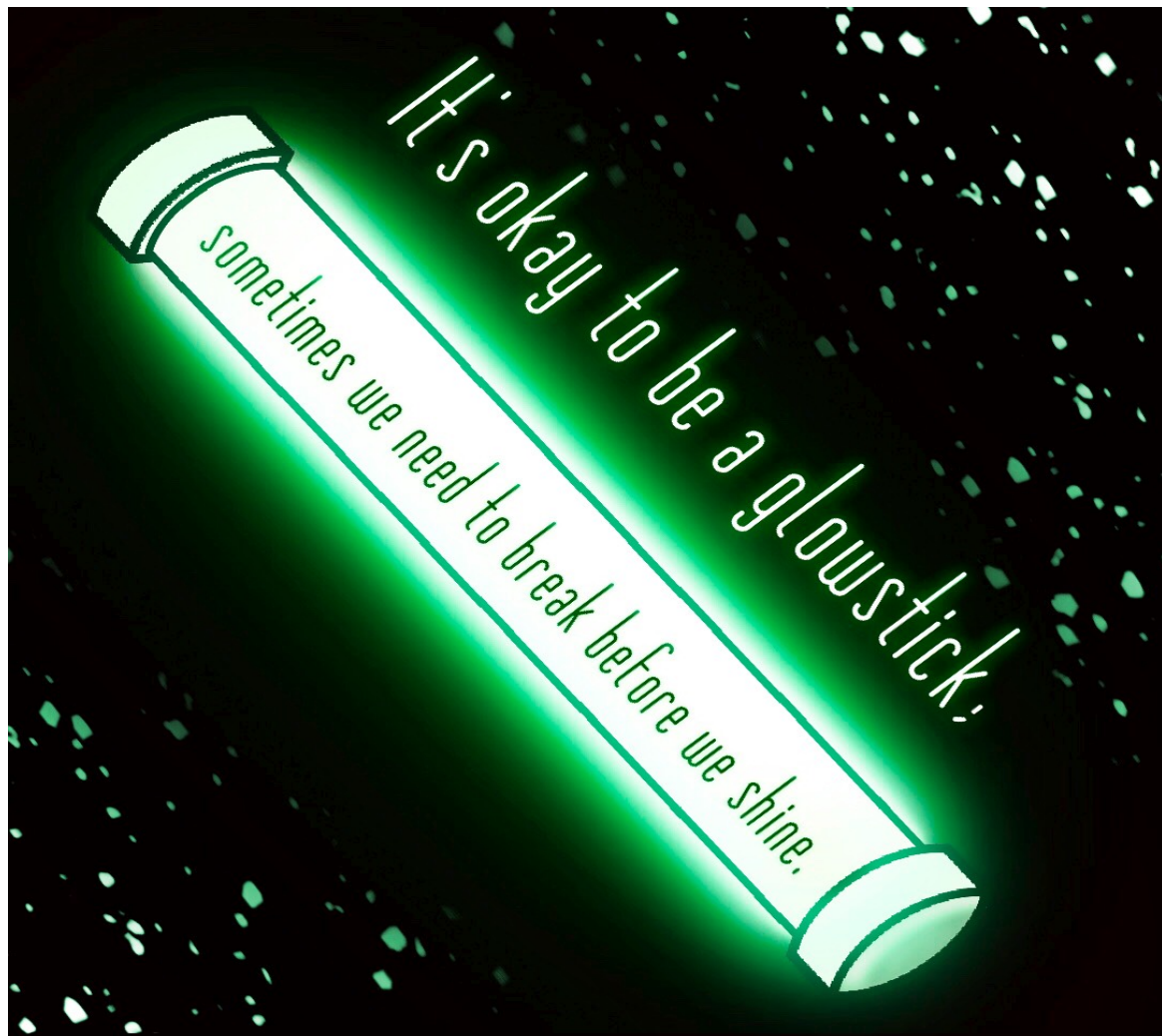
I know that many people have been struggling during this period of time to find things to do, but I am overflowing with ideas, I simply wish I had enough time to do them all! Besides physical activity, I have committed myself to learning piano and playing numerous kinds of games with my siblings whenever I can. Some of these games include cards, chess, table pool, and air hockey. I am blessed to have siblings and the equipment to do so many activities but I know that there are many other things people can do as well. You can keep a well written diary, watch TV, play games, and much more.

I also tell my parents and siblings jokes I find everywhere usually at dinner time. Here is a good one from rd.com. Have you heard of the Karma Restaurant? There is actually no menu or waiters, what you get is what you deserve. This joke was extremely funny and my family was falling over laughing from hearing it because karma is based on the concept of getting repaid for all the actions you do, and the restaurant called Karma does so too!

I hope this letter reaches you when you are strong and healthy but if not, I hope it could comfort you in some way, shape, or form.



Thank You,
Yaphet Lemiesa



These times may be hard, but it will be worth it. You will come out better, your contribution is not pointless and helps others. You can get through this, you will get through this. I know you will get through this so you can shine brightly.

Hi! How are you?

My name is LeAnh and I am a rising junior at Winston Churchill High School. In addition, I'm a volunteer at Link Generations, a nonprofit organization that helps connect people throughout the community. However, due to the spread of the coronavirus and the need for social distancing, all connections are now done through letters and art (rather than in person).

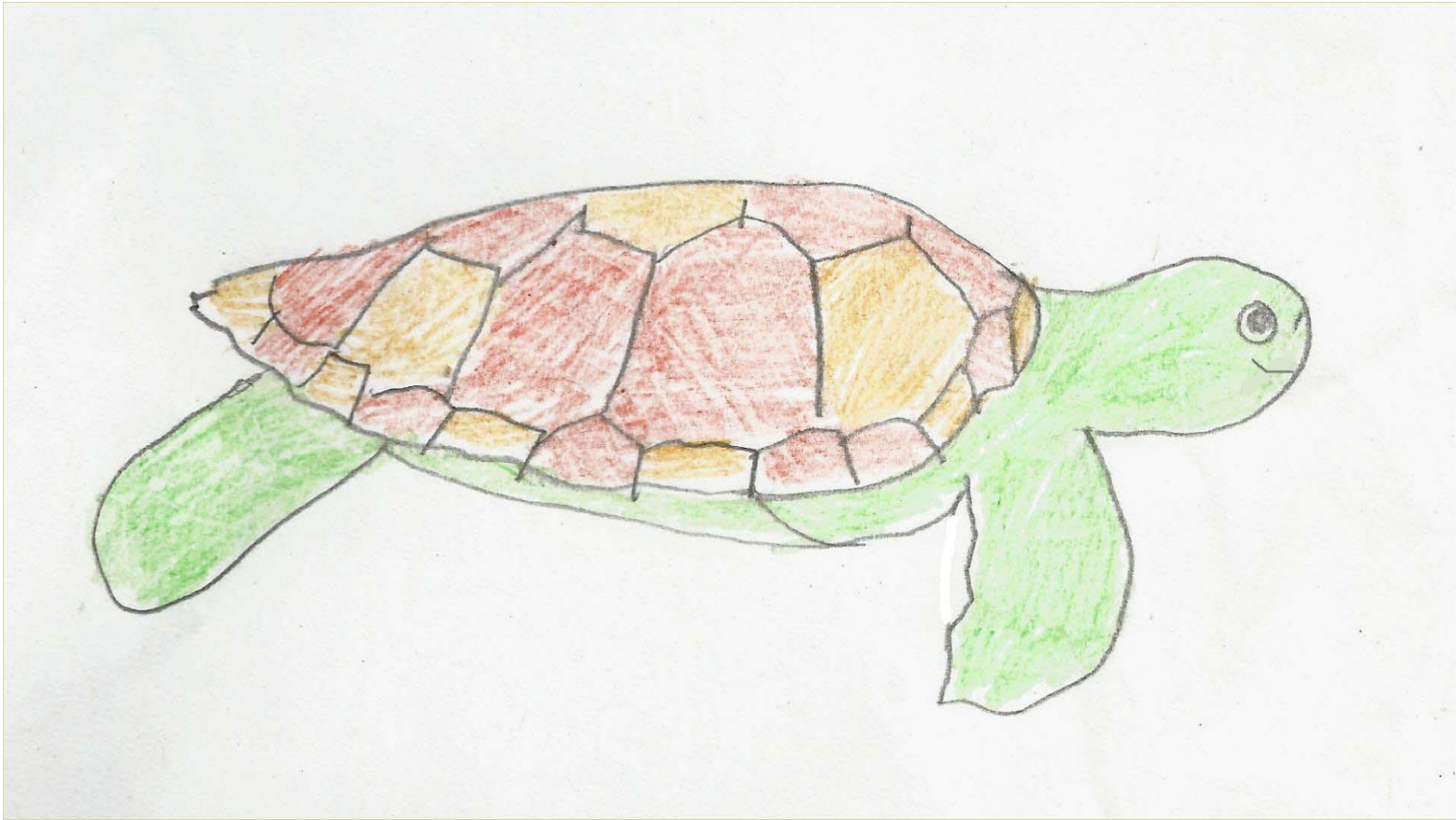
Anyways, do you have any pastimes to get through this quarantine? Personally, I've been spending a lot more time listening to music, and I feel like it's helped me develop a happier and well-balanced version of myself. Some of my favorite artists include Frank Sinatra, Jim Reeves, Elvis Presley, Jack Jones, Bobby Vinton, Perry Como, and Engelbert Humperdinck. I would definitely say that "Blue Velvet" is a song that I could never get sick of. For me, "Blue Velvet" is that one tune that you can't help but smile when you listen to it. Do you have a favorite artist or song? On a side note, if you listen to the radio, I recommend 94.7 FM The Drive radio station for some good tunes. 97.1 WASH-FM is also great too! Have a great rest of your day and stay safe!

Sincerely,

LeAnh



Hi. My name is Hannah and I just finished sixth grade here in Rockville, Maryland. I play piano and violin, and also sing in my school's acapella chorus. One day, I hope to be either a vet tech or a music teacher. I also love to draw. I thought I would draw this for you because it might be hard to have a real pet or animal in your room, but a picture of this happy turtle will make every day better! I hope you enjoy it.



Dear,

Hey! My name is Ryan and I'm currently a rising seventh grader. I am volunteering with Link Generations to connect with people during this time of social distancing to protect us from the spread of the coronavirus. I'm unable to get together with you right now, so I am writing to connect through this letter.

Recently, me and my family went to Harpers Ferry National Park. It was a moderately long drive, and we got mixed up a couple of times. It was interesting learning about the park, because it was a historical site. An abolitionist by the name of John Brown led a small band of slaves and seized the armory, only holding it for 36 hours before being captured and hung. He was the first person executed for treason in the U.S.

We also went down by the riverside and skipped rocks. I've seen something on rock-skipping, but in reality it's much harder than it seems. I could only get two skips while my dad got around six. After, we took some pictures standing on some rock ledges that led out slightly into the river.

We almost walked 15 minutes to see this "site" my mom had picked out, but halfway through, we reconsidered. It turned out that the so-called "site" was actually only a little part of the railroad, which we had been walking beside for the past 8 minutes.

The trip was still enjoyable, though. I hope we can go back and see a little more once this pandemic has passed. Thank you very much for taking the time to read my letter. I wish you and your family a healthy year.

Sincerely,

Ryan



My name is Yaphet and I am an incoming Sophomore, attending Montgomery Blair High School. I am volunteering with Link Generations to connect with lonely individuals who are responsibly isolating during this Coronavirus Epidemic. The following drawing is a view of my front porch where my family's garden is. I see flowers, bushes, railings, a "Welcome" sign, and steps. The view might be exaggerated but represents my front porch accurately.





Keep walking forward because in time,

you'll reach
the light at the
end of the tunnel.

Power through this,
you can get through
this. Even if it
seems impossible
now, you will find
your happy ending,
I believe in you.

-Angela