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Class-X

English

Footprints without Feet

Chapter-9

The Book That Saved the Earth

Part - 2



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NOODLE : (adjusting knobs) I have a close sighting of the space crew, sir.

(Think-Tank puts on a pair of enormous goggles and turns towards the stage to watch.)

They seem to have entered some sort of Earth structure.

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THINK-TANK : Excellent. Make voice contact.

NOODLE : (speaking into a microphone) Mars Space Control calling the crew of Probe One. Mars Space Control calling the crew of Probe One. Come in, Captain Omega, and give us your location.

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OMEGA : (speaking into a disk which is on a chain around her neck) Captain Omega to Mars Space Control. Lieutenant Iota, Sergeant Oop, and I have arrived on Earth without incident. We have taken shelter in this (indicates room) — this square place. Have you any idea where we are, Lieutenant Iota?

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IOTA : I can't figure it out, Captain. (holding up a book) I've counted two thousand of these peculiar items. This place must be some sort of storage barn. What do you think, Sergeant Oop?

peculiar : अजीब

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OOP : I haven't a clue. I've been to seven galaxies, but I've never seen anything like this. Maybe they're hats. (He opens a book and puts it on his head.) Say, maybe this is a haberdashery!

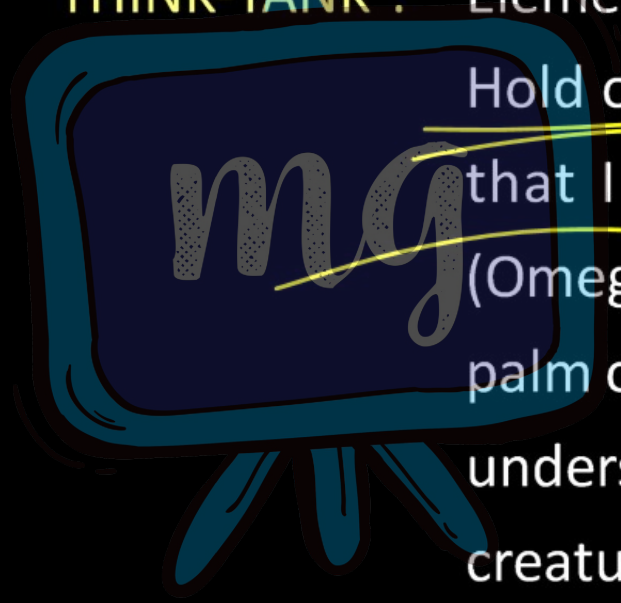




OMEGA : (bowing low) Perhaps the Great and Mighty ThinkTank will give us the benefit of his thought on the matter.

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THINK-TANK : Elementary, my dear Omega. Hold one of the items up so that I may view it closely. (Omega holds a book on the palm of her hand.) Yes, yes, I understand now. Since Earth creatures are always eating,

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crude : अपरिष्कृत

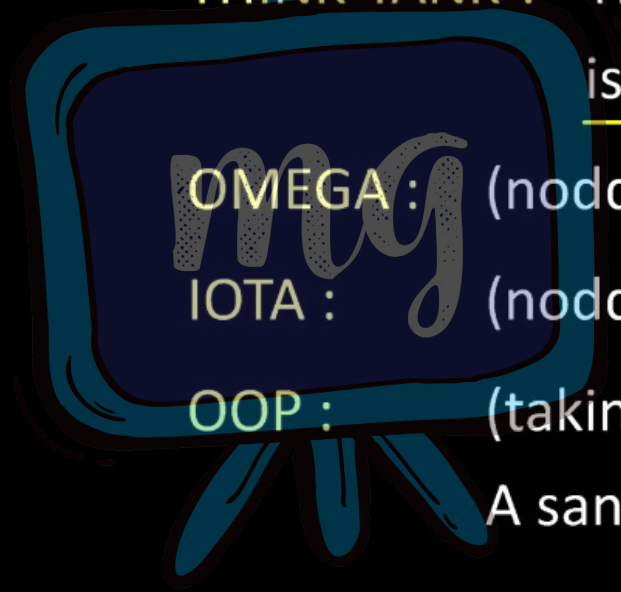
the place in which you find yourselves is undoubtedly a crude refreshment stand.

OMEGA : (to Iota and Oop) He says we're in a refreshment stand.

OOP : Well, the Earthlings certainly have a strange diet.

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THINK-TANK : That item in your hand is called a sandwich.

OMEGA : (nodding) A sandwich.

IOTA : (nodding) A sandwich.

OOP : (taking book from his head) A sandwich?

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THINK-TANK : Sandwiches are the main staple of Earth diet. Look at it closely.(Omega squints at book.) There are two slices of what is called bread, and between them is some sort of filling.

staple : मुख्य भोजन



OMEGA : That is correct, sir

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THINK-TANK : To confirm my opinion, I order you to eat it.

OMEGA : (gulping) Eat it?

THINK-TANK : Do you doubt the Mighty Think-Tank?

OMEGA : Oh, no, no. But poor Lieutenant Iota has not had her breakfast. Lieutenant Iota, I order you to eat this — this sandwich.

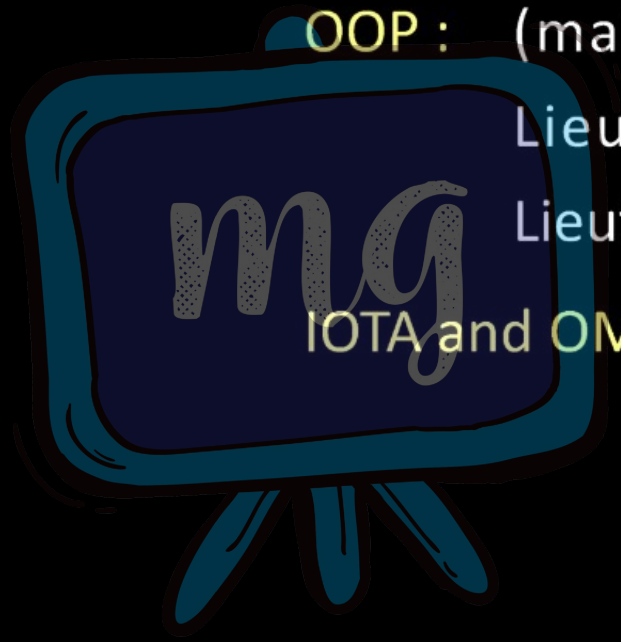
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IOTA : (dubiously) Eat it? Oh, Captain! It's a very great honour to be the first Martian to eat a sandwich, I'm sure, but — but how can I be so impolite as to eat before my Sergeant? (handing Oop the book and saying brightly) Sergeant Oop, I order you to eat the sandwich immediately.

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OOP : (making a face) Who, Lieutenant? Me, Lieutenant?

IOTA and OMEGA : (saluting) For the glory of Mars, Oop!

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pantomimes : नाटकीय अभिनय

OOP : Yes, of course! (unhappily) Immediately. (He opens his mouth wide. Omega and Iota watch him breathlessly. He bites down on a corner of the book, and pantomimes chewing and swallowing, while making terrible faces.)

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pound : मारना

OMEGA : Well, Oop?

IOTA : Well, Oop? (Oop coughs. Omega and Iota pound him on the back.)

THINK-TANK : Was it not delicious, Sergeant Oop?

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OOP : (saluting) That is correct, sir. It was not delicious. I don't know how the Earthlings can get those sandwiches down without water. They're dry as Martian dust.



NOODLE : Sir, sir. Great and Mighty Think-Tank. I beg your pardon, but an insignificant bit of data floated into my mind about those sandwiches.

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THINK-TANK : It can't be worth much, but go ahead. Give us your trifling bit of data.

NOODLE : Well, sir, I have seen surveyor films of those sandwiches. I noticed that the Earthlings did not eat them. They used them as some sort of communication device.

trifling : छोटा / मामूली

surveyor : निरीक्षक

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haughtily: घमण्ड से

THINK-TANK : (haughtily) Naturally. That was my next point. These are actually communication sandwiches. Think-Tank is never wrong. Who is never wrong?



ALL : (saluting) Great and Mighty Think-Tank is never wrong.