

EtudeOne

As an Immigrant who has left almost everything he had behind in his home country, including relatives and friends, I am surrounded with lots of strange things in my room. Things which Each one of them actually works as a switch; a switch that turns on a series of memories and moments that I have passed with the person who gave that thing to me.

The first THING that I discovered in my room, which was drowning under the dust and I totally forgot about, is a “Genie Lamp” that one of my friends from medical school gave me as a memento. Back in the time, I did not even know genie lamps existed in the real world, and I thought only Aladdine had one.

What makes it special for me besides its unique shape, golden color, all the textures it has, and its cap, which creates an interesting sound when it hits the lamp’s body, is the fact that it contains all the memories of a person who was, an still is, one of my best friends.

As Mentioned above and can be seen in the photos, it is made out of metal; bottom part of its body is rounded, but top surface is mostly flat with some hand carved details. It has two holes and a cap which is attached to the handle by a chain.



The second thing that I decided to include in this list is my “Ney” (a Persian wind instrument), which has given to me by my uncle. Ney in persian and Turkish culture acts as liaison between one and The Creator, God. It is an instrument that connects the the lover and beloved. So somehow we can argue that Ney acts as a sort of spiritual switch. The Persian Ney consists of a hollow cylinder with 6 finger-holes, 5 in front and 1 in back. Sometimes a brass, horn, or plastic mouthpiece is placed at the top to protect the wood from damage, and to provide a sharper and more durable edge to blow at, which in my case, the top has a plastic and on the bottom it has a brass cover.



The last thing from my strange things, which, again, is a memento from my dearest friend, is a music box. It looks like many other music boxes, with a wooden base at the bottom, all mechanical metal parts on the top, and a small handle on the side. The reason why I love this thing is that it reminds me of my first love and my first kiss.



