

MEDIUM

*THIS IS THE SALVATION FOR YOU,
THE ONE WHO SEEKS THE TRUTH..*

*You are in an empty room,
tied to a chair when you woke up.
You somehow managed to remove the ropes,
but the door is locked.*

STAGE 1

EASY 4 BIT, 1 INPUT, SPATIAL PUZZLE

THE POEM

**WHEN YOU GLANCED AT ME FROM THE OTHER SIDE,
I SHIVERED WITH DELIGHT.**

**NEVER HAD I FELT SUCH EUPHORIA,
COURSI NG THROUGH MY VEINS.
MY LIFE,
YOU TOWER OVER AND REIGN.**

**YOUR LITTLE ACTIONS SEND ME JOY,
SETS MY HEART AFLUTTER.**

**YOUR TROUBLES AFFLICT ME WITH TORMENT,
ABUSES ME WITH HELPLESSNESS.**

**WE ARE TWO SEPARATE INDIVIDUALS,
ONLY 2 SEATS AWAY FROM EACH OTHER,
YET IT FEELS LIKE AN UNCLOSABLE DISTANCE,
AN ETERNITY AWAY.**

**HOW I WISH WE COULD BE ONE,
TOGETHER FOREVER.**

MEDIUM 4 BIT, 2 INPUT, ABSTRACTION & ALU FUNCTION PUZZLE

A BUDDING FLOWER

THE WORLD OF FICTION WAS A PLACE OF RESPITE FROM THE MEANINGLESSNESS IN MY LIFE. FROM TRAVERSING THE LAND OF GIANTS WITH GULLIVER, TO BEING ALONGSIDE A SQUARE SPREADING THE GOSPEL IN FLATLAND. EVEN AMIDST THE INCESSANT NOISE AND SCORNFUL EYES, I WAS ABLE TO FOLLOW THE BEAUTIFUL WORDS PENNED BY REMARKABLE INDIVIDUALS, INDULGING IN THE WORLD THAT THEY CREATED. BUT RECENTLY, I FIND MYSELF DISTRACTED, YEARNING TO VENTURE THESE WORLDS TOGETHER WITH HIM.

SINCE WHEN WAS IT, I WONDER, THAT I BECAME SO CONSCIOUS OF HIM?

I WOULD IMAGINE US ELOPING FROM OUR FEUDING FAMILY. HE WOULD BE NEXT TO ME AS WE WITNESSED THE WONDERFULLY INGENIOUS MR HOLMES SOLVING YET ANOTHER MURDER MYSTERY. WE WOULD MANAGE THE FARM WITH WEIRDLY PRECOCIOUS ANIMALS TOGETHER. EVENTUALLY, OUR FAMILIES' FEUD CAUGHT UP TO US. THINKING I WAS LEFT THE WORLD, HE DRANK THE VIAL OF POISON, WHILE I, GRIEVING OVER THE LOSS OF HIM WILL IMPLANT A DAGGER FIRMLY IN MY HEART.

WHILE I DREAMED, THESE SWEET BUBBLES OF THOUGHT WERE ONCE AGAIN ABRUPTLY POPPED BY THE HIGH-PITCHED SHRIEKS OF THOSE MONKEYS AGAIN. LIKE A PRIDEFUL PEAFOWL FLAUNTING ITS FEATHERS, THEY WEAR FANCY DRESSES AND APPLY RIDICULOUSLY THICK MAKEUP, TRYING TO SEDUCE HIM. I PITY THEM FOR LOOKING LIKE CLOWNS. THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT HE SEES BEYOND THE SUPERFICIAL AND APPRECIATE VIRTUES FOR WHAT THEY ARE.

THOSE DUMB MONKEYS SHOULD JUST DISAPPEAR FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

ME AND HIM, WE ARE THE SAME,
HE SEES THAT WHICH CAN'T BE SEEN AND HEARS THAT WHICH CAN'T BE HEARD.

OTHERS WILL NEVER PERCEIVE THINGS WE CAN PERCEIVE.
THEY SPEND THEIR LIVES BLINDLY CHASING AFTER THINGS WHICH DON'T MATTER.

ONLY I CAN UNDERSTAND HIM,
ONLY I CAN STAND BY HIS SIDE AS HIS EQUAL.

WHAT HE IS OR WILL BECOME DOES NOT MATTER,
IF ONLY HE WOULD LOOK AT ME THE WAY I LOOKED AT HIM.

STAGE 2

EASY 4 BIT, 1 INPUT, SPATIAL PUZZLE

THE VOW

**YOU ARE MY MOST SIGNIFICANT ONE,
TO BE YOUR PROTECTOR I WISH.**

**YOU CAN ALWAYS TRUST ME WITH YOUR BACK,
FROM YOUR WOES AND FOES I SHIELD,
STANDING EVER SO UNYIELDINGLY BY YOUR SIDE.**

**WITH THIS RING, I GIVE YOU MY PROMISE
THAT FROM THIS DAY FORWARD
I WILL GIVE YOU ALL MY LOVE,
AND YOU SHALL NOT WALK ALONE.**

**I HAVE NO GREATER GIFT TO GIVE,
AS YOUR LOVE IS MY ANCHOR,
AND YOUR TRUST IS MY STRENGTH,**

**WHEREVER YOU GO I SHALL BE,
EVEN FOR A BIT,
I DO NOT WANT TO PART.**

MAY MY HEART BE YOUR SHELTER
AND MY ARMS BE YOUR HOME.

LET US ALWAYS TAKE A STEP BACK AND,
APPRECIATE WHAT PRECIOUS THING WE HAVE.

AS I PLACE IT ON YOUR FINGER,
I GIVE YOU ALL THAT I AM,
AND ALL THAT I SHALL BECOME.

THIS RING HAS NO END OR BEGINNING,
AND SO SHALL WE FINALLY BE,
FOR ETERNITY.

MEDIUM 4 BIT, 1 INPUT, SPATIAL & LITERARY PUZZLE

WHITE DAY

*The truth might be simpler than it appears to be,
you just need to look,
for where the sacred Rule is*

TODAY IS WHITE DAY, OUR 3RD ANNIVERSARY, AND OUR WEDDING DAY.
TIME SURE FLIES.

EVEN BEFORE WE GOT TOGETHER, YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SO KIND AND ATTENTIVE. OUR CLASSMATES WOULD OFTEN MAKE SNIDE REMARKS AT ME FOR READING DURING BREAK-TIME. THEY SAY I COME OFF TOO STUDIOUS, TOO OBNOXIOUS, TOO ANNOYING A BOOKWORM. IGNORING THEM, YOU WOULD PULL A CHAIR UP NEXT TO ME AND ASKED IF I MIND READING A BOOK WITH YOU TOGETHER. HOW COULD I SAY NO TO YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS? THOSE TIMES MADE ME FELT THAT ONLY YOU WERE CAPABLE OF UNDERSTANDING ME. MY EYES WOULD UNCONSCIOUSLY FOLLOW YOU WHEREVER YOU ARE AROUND. GIRLS TEND TO FOLLOW YOU AROUND, AND THAT SIGHT USED TO IRK ME. BUT NOW, THAT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE.

ON WHITE DAY 3 YEARS AGO, I REMEMBER THAT MOMENT WHEN I SAW A PINK NOTE THAT WAS STUCK TO MY FILE ON THE TABLE. READING IT MY WHOLE FACE TURNED BEET RED INSTANTLY. IT WAS A LOVE POEM THAT YOU WROTE FOR ME. IT WAS SO LOVELY! FROM THEN ON, I KNEW THAT I REALLY WANT TO HAVE YOU AND I WON'T LET ANYBODY ELSE TAKE YOU.

LISTENING TO THE VOW YOU MADE TO ME TODAY – I SWEAR, IT WAS SO SWEET THAT IT ALMOST GAVE ME DIABETES. **B**UT I LOVED IT. **B**EFORE I MET YOU, I WOULD SAY THAT MY LIFE WAS A RATHER LONELY AND POINTLESS ONE. **T**HREE YEARS WE SPENT TOGETHER BECAME THE HAPPIEST TIME OF MY LIFE, AND I AM SURE MANY MORE WILL COME. **I**BELIEVE NO MATTER WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS, AS LONG AS WE STAY TOGETHER, LAUGH TOGETHER, CRY TOGETHER, WE WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD AS ONE. **T**HANK YOU FOR CHERISHING ME WAY MORE THAN I EVER THOUGHT ANYONE WOULD. **Y**OU ARE MY SOLE REASON FOR STAYING ALIVE. **I**F YOU EVER LEFT ME, I DON'T THINK I WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE LIVING. **N**OW THAT YOU ARE OFFICIALLY MINE, AND ONLY MINE, STAY WITH ME, FOREVER.

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P.S. I CAN'T WAIT TO GO ON OUR HONEYMOON TRIP TO LONDON*!

STAGE 3

EASY 4 BIT, 1 INPUT, ABSTRACTION & SPATIAL PUZZLE

SINS

*There are sins you have committed,
you must recognise and accept the Truth*

SINCE THE START OF THIS WEEK, HE HAS BEEN HOME VERY LATE.
3 HE HAD EVEN MISSED THEIR IMPORTANT DATE NAPPING ON THE SOFA. WHEN SHE ASKED HIM IF HE WAS ALRIGHT OR IF WORK WAS GOING WELL, HE WOULD SHRUG IT OFF AND SAY EVERYTHING IS FINE. SHE WAS REALLY WORRIED FOR HIM.

2 TO ENSURE HE WAS GETTING THE NECESSARY NUTRIENTS, SHE WOULD WAKE UP EARLIER AND PREPARE A WHOLESOME HEARTY BREAKFAST AND A LUNCHBOX FOR HIM. THIS WAY HE WOULD HAVE MORE ENERGY FOR THE DAY SHE THOUGHT. THIS WAS NO EASY FEAT AS SHE ALSO HAD HER PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, BUT IF IT'S FOR HIM, ANYTHING WAS WORTH IT.

1 EVENTUALLY, SHE NOTICED THAT HIS SHIRT CARRIED THE SCENT OF PERFUME – THE SMELL OF ANOTHER WOMAN. SHE TRUSTED HIM BUT DOUBT STILL BEGAN TO SPROUT IN HER. SHE TRIED TO IGNORE IT, TRYING TO BE THE IDEAL TRUSTING WIFE SHE WANTED TO BE, BUT THAT STIFLING SMELL WHICH STAYED ON HIS SHIRT DISPARAGED HER EFFORTS. IT FELT LIKE THE FURTHER INTO THE NIGHT HE REACHED HOME, THE STRONGER THE SMELL WAS.

PARANOIA BEGAN TO GNAW AT HER FROM WITHIN. SHE COULDN'T CONCENTRATE AT WORK AND THOUGHTS OF HIM HOLDING OTHER WOMEN ASSAULTED HER SANITY. EVENTUALLY, HER WORST NIGHTMARE CAME TRUE. SHE HAD FOUND A RED LIP STAIN ON HIS SHIRT. SOMETHING BROKE IN HER.

"IT WILL BE FINE, HE WON'T DO ANYTHING UNFAITHFUL TO ME. HE LOVES ME," SHE REPEATED TO HERSELF LIKE A CHANT, AVERTING HER EYES FROM THE REALITY IN FRONT OF HER.

MEDIUM 4 BIT, 2 INPUT, ABSTRACTION & ENTER-A-VALUE PUZZLE

THE SOLILOQUY

NO MATTER HOW MUCH I SCRUB IT
THE PUNGENT SCENT CANNOT BE ERASED

NO MATTER HOW MUCH I TRY TO FORGET
THAT BRIGHT SHADOW HAUNT ME STILL

NO MATTER HOW MUCH I IGNORE IT
THE VILE SEEDS OF DOUBT BLOOMED GROTESQUE FLOWERS

NO MATTER HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU
THIS SENSE OF BETRAYAL STAYS

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A HOPELESS WOMAN,
AN OBSESSIVE FREAK,
A MANIPULATIVE WITCH.

I WONDER IF THESE ARE THE THINGS
YOU THINK OF ME AND CURSE,
BEHIND THE WALL OF SILENCE.

**WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE ALL OF THIS?
WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT?
WHAT SHOULD I DO TO MAKE YOU TURN BACK?**

**IF ONLY WE COULD RETURN TO THE DAY
WHEN YOUR LOVE WAS ETERNAL
AND YOUR HEART WAS SOLELY MINE...**

...

**MAYBE ONCE YOU ARE OUT OF HER REACH
TIME WOULD FINALLY REWIND,
AND YOU WILL LOVE ME AGAIN.**

**LET US DISAPPEAR TO A PLACE
WHERE NO ONE WILL BOTHER US
AND NO ONE CAN BOTHER US
EVER AGAIN.**

STAGE 4

MEDIUM 8 BIT, 2 INPUT, ABSTRACTION & ARITHMETIC PUZZLE

A FUTILE ENDEAVOUR

GOOD MORNING DEAR.

I ALREADY TOLD YOUR BOSS THAT YOU WILL BE TAKING A SHORT BREAK.

IT'S A LITTLE COLD IN HERE, BUT I'M SURE WE CAN WARM EACH OTHER UP.

HEY, DON'T STRUGGLE SO MUCH, IT'S USELESS.

I'M JUST TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU STAY SAFE.

IT'S SAFER HERE. THE OUTSIDE WORLD IS FILLED WITH HORRIBLE PEOPLE TRYING TO BREAK US APART, ESPECIALLY THAT WOMAN.

I'M SURE YOU DIDN'T MEAN FOR THAT TO HAPPEN.

IF ANYTHING, IT MUST BE HER.

SHE MUST BE THE ONE WHO TURNED YOU ASTRAY AND RUINED YOU.

AFTER ALL, YOU SAID THAT YOU LOVE ME FOREVER RIGHT?

SO THAT VIXEN MUST HAVE SEDUCED YOU,

OTHERWISE THERE'S NO WAY YOU WOULD HAVE DONE IT.

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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING SO SCARED?

OH WAIT, SORRY, YOU COULDN'T REPLY ME EVEN IF YOU WANTED TO.

BUT IF I DON'T SEAL YOUR MOUTH AND YOU MIGHT START SHOUTING,
WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE? I'M JUST TRYING TO KEEP YOU SAFE,
OKAY?

DEAR, YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU BELIEVE ME.
DO YOU THINK THAT I'M CRAZY?
I'M NOT CRAZY, OKAY. YOU KNOW I'M NOT.
YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU THE MOST.
BUT WHY DOES MY HEART ACHE SO MUCH?
WHY, NO MATTER HOW MUCH I PUT IN,
WHY, NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY,
NOTHING SEEMS TO WORK.

YOU DON'T TALK TO ME ANYMORE.
YOU DON'T HOLD ME ANYMORE.
YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT ME ANYMORE.

AND WHEN I REALIZE THAT YOU MIGHT NOT LOVE ME ANYMORE,
SOMETHING INSIDE ME BROKE AND
I WANT EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE
THAT HOLDS YOU DEAR TO BE GONE
SO THAT YOU WILL REMEMBER.

THE ONLY ONE THAT TRULY UNDERSTANDS YOU IS ME.
THE ONLY ONE THAT TRULY CARES ABOUT YOU IS ME.
THE ONLY ONE THAT TRULY LOVES YOU IS ME.
AND THE ONLY ONE THAT YOU TRULY NEED IS ME.

DON'T WORRY DEAR,
EVERYTHING WILL BE ALRIGHT.
NO ONE LOVES YOU MORE THAN I DO.

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“But...”