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Editorial

One bitterly cold night in Canada, five-year-old Hannah Taylor saw a homeless man eating food out of a garbage bin and she was filled with sadness. She thought to herself, 'If we shared a little of what we have and cared about each other, could we bring about the end of poverty?' She felt inspired to start some fundraising projects. By the age of eight, Hannah had helped establish the Ladybug Foundation, which has gone on to raise millions of dollars to help homeless people.

Hearing this story, we wholeheartedly appreciate and support the fact that needy people should receive help, right? On the other hand, sometimes we end up supporting negative things. For example, in school, if someone is bullying a person we dislike, then we might encourage them to bully that person even more.

So, what do you call it when we support and encourage things, either positive or negative? Come, let us explore this topic through the understanding of the *Gnani*, the stories, and the activities contained in this issue. Let us learn which matters are beneficial to support and which are harmful.

- Dimple Mehta

What Do You Support?

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Gnanis Say...



Questioner: What does it mean to do something, to get something done, and to support someone to do something?

Niruma: 'To do something' means to do it yourself. To 'get something done' means to make someone else do it. To 'support someone to do something' means that, even if someone is not doing something, we instigate them to do it by saying, 'Do it, I support you'. This is called *anumodan* (instigation; to support and encourage another person's actions).

One person does something, another person makes someone do it. When a person supports or instigates someone to do something, that is called *anumodan*.

Questioner: What is the result of us supporting someone?

Pujyashree: There are two types of supporting: one is supporting good things, and the other is supporting bad things.

If someone is making a donation and you say, "It's admirable to donate to a religious cause," then that is considered good. By supporting a good deed, you bind merit karma.




If someone is stealing and you say, "That businessman deserves to be robbed," then you are supporting a bad deed, and you will bind demerit karma.



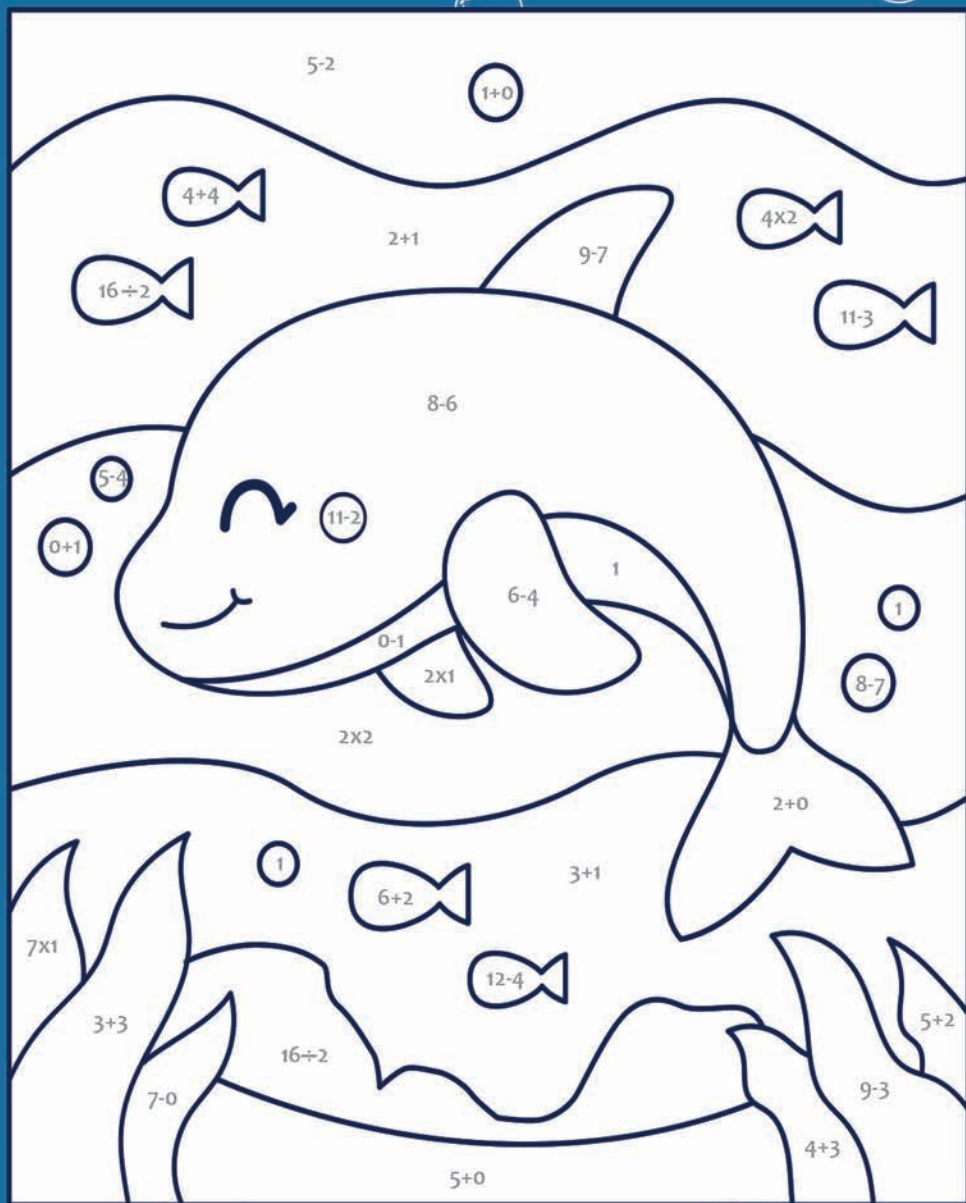
The people who encourage (*anumodan*) eating of meat by stating, "We should eat meat; otherwise, there will not be enough food," bind more sin than the butchers who have to slaughter the goats to provide the meat.

LET'S PLAY

Do the sums in each section in the picture below. Use the answer of the sum to find which colour to colour that section, by using the key on the left. Don't forget to send a photo of your completed picture to

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If someone is donating one lakh rupees and another person, who is unable to donate, thinks, 'How wonderful! He is doing such a good deed,' then he has supported the intention of donating one lakh rupees.

This support (*anumodan*) plants a seed equivalent to having actually donated the money.

For example: If someone is happily giving away their favourite things, like toys, stationery items, etc., and we think, 'They are doing such a good deed, this is how it should be,' then we have supported the intent of 'sharing'.

By supporting this deed, we would gain the same benefit as if we had given away those items ourselves.



I Am Always With You

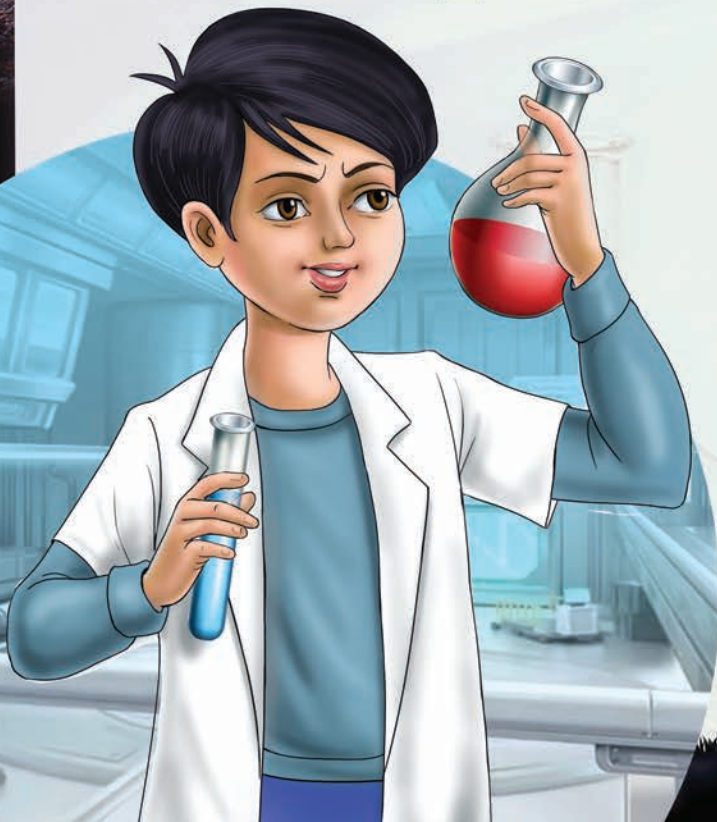
(This is an imaginary story. Just like how on our planet Earth there are countries such as India, China, America, etc, in this story there is an imaginary planet called 'Surenis' in which there are two countries named 'Zendar' and 'Dolomex'.)

Yuko's heart was racing. In the centre of a closed laboratory, he was conducting an experiment inside a blue-green flask. The result was now due in just twelve seconds.

At the young age of fifteen, Yuko had already carried out numerous experiments. The people of Zendar, a country located in the south of planet Surenis, knew Yuko as the 'Little Scientist'. Sometimes his experiments were successful and sometimes they failed. But on that day, for the first time in his life, Yuko's success was paramount for Zendar. It was becoming more and more difficult for Yuko to endure the passing of each second.

Finally, at the twelfth second, the result came in, and Yuko was ecstatic. He felt as if he had won a war. Truly speaking, he had actually conducted this experiment to win a war.

A short time ago, the country of Dolomex had invaded Zendar. The soldiers of Zendar had confronted the soldiers of Dolomex with great bravery. But in the end, the army's bravery was not enough against the technical strength of Dolomex. Day by day, it became increasingly likely that Dolomex would capture Zendar. During this critical time, the much needed success of Yuko's experiment could prove to be a turning point in the war's outcome.



Yuko went to meet Marcus, King of Zendar. Marcus listened very carefully to what Yuko had to say. When Yuko finished, Marcus had tears in his eyes. In the darkness of a fierce war, the king could see a ray of hope.

“Well done, Yuko. You have made a huge discovery. I am now positive that King Kazan of Dolomex will be willing to hear us out.” Marcus patted Yuko on the back.

King Marcus presented Yuko’s discovery to King Kazan, but the Dolomex king merely laughed it off. He found Yuko’s scientific discovery to be implausible and he wasn’t fully convinced. However, when Marcus suggested that Yuko would personally come to Dolomex and prove it to him, Kazan was persuaded.

Marcus then put forward two conditions: One, Yuko’s experiment should be broadcast live to the whole planet of Surenis. Two, if the experiment is successful, then the war should be ended.

Kazan thought to himself, ‘There’s no harm in right now agreeing to these conditions. After all, the final decision rests in my hands.’

“I accept your conditions,” Kazan informed Marcus on the video call. “But Yuko should come here alone. We will send a flight to fetch him.”

Marcus agreed to Kazan’s condition.

When this news spread there was a big uproar throughout Zendar... “How will our little Yuko go to Dolomex on his own?!” “Kazan is cruel; what if he takes Yuko captive?” Whilst the people of Zendar began praying for Yuko, the people of Dolomex began mocking him. No one in Dolomex had faith in Yuko’s scientific discovery.

King Marcus assured Yuko, “Yuko, do not worry at all. I won’t let them harm even a single hair on your head. Even though you are going there on your own, the whole country and I are with you.”



Yuko packed all the supplies for the experiment in a trunk. With courage in his mind and a prayer to end the war in his heart, he boarded the flight. While passing through the clouds, looking through the airplane's windows, at the sights below, Yuko was surprised to see the modern high buildings of Dolomex, painted in pink and orange, surrounded by winding roads. This was his first time going to Dolomex.

As soon as the flight landed, a cone-shaped shuttle arrived to take Yuko to a stadium. King Kazan, his staff, and thousands of people of Dolomex were waiting for him. Yuko was to carry out his experiment within this stadium.

Yuko felt somewhat nervous after seeing the large crowd of people. But he remembered King Marcus's words, 'I am with you,' and he regained his courage.

First and foremost, Yuko thanked King Kazan and the audience for giving him this opportunity. He then greeted all the people of Surenis as well. This experiment was being broadcasted live everywhere. Yuko began, "There are a lot of problems in Zendar, whereas Dolomex might have hardly any. But there is one problem which is common to both the countries: a shortage of drinkable liquid which is fit for consumption for the people on this planet. There is a shortage of this liquid in both our countries, We have to import this liquid from other countries. In my science experiment, I have made this liquid by using gases from the air. Now, we will never have a shortage of this liquid ever again."

Yuko put his blue-green flask on the table and successfully demonstrated his experiment. The whole stadium vibrated with the sounds of thousands of wows. Yuko drank the liquid first and then displayed some numbers to the people



nearby, demonstrating that it was indeed a drinkable liquid.

King Kazan's eyes widened with amazement. He had always intended on acquiring the technology for himself, but now a further cruel thought crossed his mind; to keep Yuko in his own country, so that he could exploit all his future scientific inventions also.

On one side, Kazan was planning to capture Yuko, whilst on the other side, the people of Dolomex were showering Yuko with praise. These were the same people who, a little while ago, had been mocking him.

Yuko very humbly said to King Kazan, "Dolomex also needs this technology as much as our country does. King Kazan, I will give you this technology, but please now end this war."

Kazan gave a big, booming laugh and abruptly stopped the live broadcast. He grabbed Yuko and ordered for him to be taken to the castle. Kazan had no intention of stopping the war; he wanted to capture Zendar.

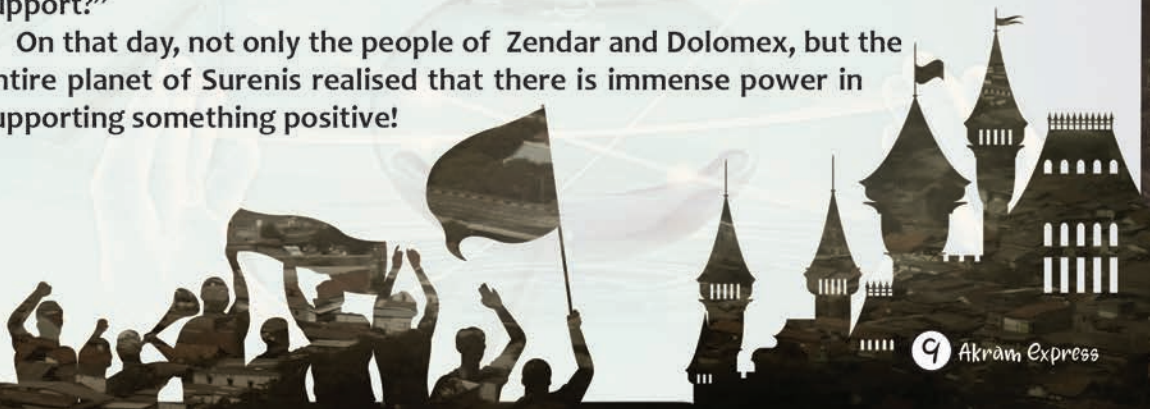
Upon discovering Kazan's merciless intention, the people of Dolomex united to spark a remarkable revolution. Half of the population attempted to free Yuko by chanting slogans, while the other half heartily prayed and supported the little scientist.

"How can we imprison a youth who came on his own to give us the formula for the drinkable liquid? How can we betray his trust?" Kazan needed soldiers to continue the war, but they too had put down their weapons. Apart from a few loyal followers, no one was ready to support Kazan. As a result, he was eventually forced to accept defeat.

When King Marcus arrived in Dolomex to take Yuko back to Zendar, someone asked Yuko, "Were you not scared to come here alone?"

Yuko replied, "No, because King Marcus had told me that he, along with the whole country, was with me, and when I came here, it was the intention of the people of my country that the war should end and there should be peace. That intent was always with me. After coming here, I received support from the people of Dolomex too. Why would I be scared after getting so much positive support?"

On that day, not only the people of Zendar and Dolomex, but the entire planet of Surenis realised that there is immense power in supporting something positive!



Solve the Case

Let's become a detective and solve a case. In the event given below, find out who was the doer, who made someone do it, and who supported the doer. Upon finding them, write their names in the table below. Write their names in the boxes below and remember to take a photo and send it to us on +91 9313665562.



Mr Smith, a wealthy businessman from London, purchased a diamond worth 15 crore from Mr Verma, a diamond merchant from Paris. The diamond was safely kept in a bank locker.

Mr Khatri found out about this. He called Rocky and told him, "Rocky, you have to bring me this diamond. Swap the real diamond with a fake one. You will get your reward."





Rocky very cunningly carried out Mr Khatri's task. The next day, all of London's TV channels were abuzz with a single topic of discussion: despite such tight security, who committed this theft and how?

When Mr Pathak saw this news on TV he thought to himself, 'These rich people should be robbed. They just sit around enjoying money taken from hard-working people.'

The names of the characters in this event are: Mr Smith, Mr Verma, Mr Khatri, Rocky, and Mr Pathak. Write the appropriate names in the table below.

Who did it?

Who made someone do it?

Who supported the doer?



Support for Such a Thing?



There was still time before class was due to start. Tej was standing outside the classroom. Just then Laksh walked up.

Tej, did you hear? The principal has fired Mr Manoj.

Wow! Superb! He deserved to be fired.

Zeeshan arrived shortly thereafter.

Hey Zeeshan, you seem to be a lucky charm for our class. Yesterday was your first day, and today is Mr Manoj's last day!

So true, but before leaving, Mr Manoj still managed to give you his famous 'gift'.

The three of them went into the classroom.

In the classroom...

Today is my last day. All the best for the 'India Talent Search' exam.

Look at how he is acting now after annoying us so much. He should join a drama school.

They both burst out laughing.

In the evening
at Tej's house...

What's going on? Why
are Tej and Laksh so
happy today?

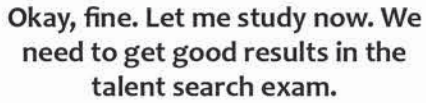
Because today the
villain of the class, a.k.a
Mr Manoj, was fired by
the principal.

How can you be
happy about that?
Someone has lost
their job, and you find
joy in that?

Well, what can we do about it?
We didn't remove him from his
job. We haven't even made a
complaint about him that could
have got him fired.

We are just
supporting the
principal's
decision.

That is also
wrong. If
we support
a bad deed,
then the
result is never
good.



Okay, fine. Let me study now. We need to get good results in the talent search exam.



Tej and Laksh spent months excitedly preparing for the exam. However, on results day, both of them had glum faces.

In the evening of results day...

What is this? We failed so why is there a party going on here?


Because Suhas Uncle's son, Vyom, aced the talent search exam and he has been awarded a scholarship for his further studies.



Congratulations, Vyom!

Thank you, Sister. But this is all because of St. Frances School's Mr Manoj.





What? The same Mr Manoj from our school?!

Yes, he is very strict, but if he had not taught us so well, I would not have passed. And thanks to Zeeshan also.

Yes, if Zeeshan's dad hadn't got Mr Manoj removed from your school, then how would he have joined our school? Okay, I need to go now. They are calling me over there.

Zeeshan?

Today, I regret that we supported the fact that Mr Manoj was fired.

Shortly after, Tej's neighbour, Ashwin Uncle, came.

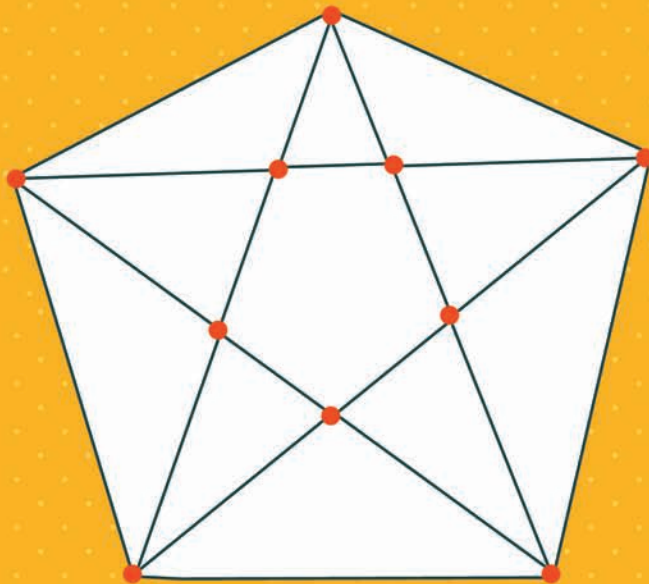
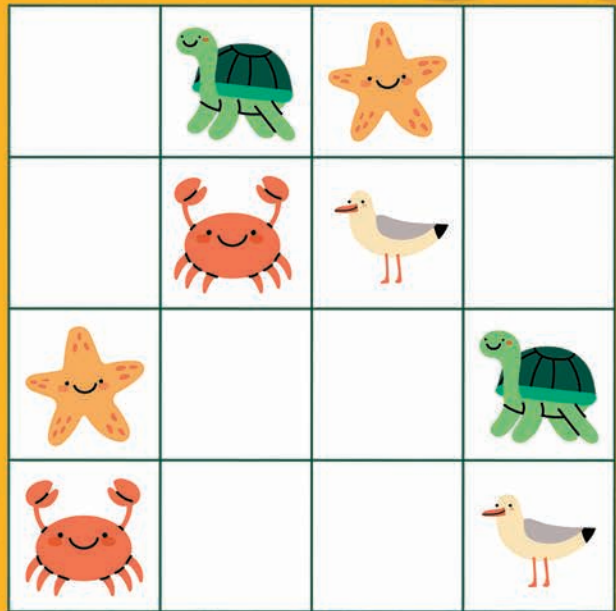
Youngsters like you should oppose such weird celebrities.

There's no benefit in supporting negative things.

Yes, you are right. Sister was right that the result of supporting something wrong is never good.

Uncle, what if, instead of opposing negative things, we support positive things like pizza?!

Cut out the pictures below and arrange them in the box to the right in such a way that the same picture only appears once in each row and column.



Count the number of triangles shown in the picture on the left.

Mythological Story

In Paatliputra, two brothers made their living through trade. One day, after listening to a religious teaching from a guru, they both took *diksha* (renunciation from worldly life).

While one of the brothers made no effort to study, the other studied well and became an *acharya* (teacher). He had 500 students. He would give discourses to monks and he was the one that they frequently came to with their questions. Sometimes he would not even get time to sleep.

Once, the *acharya* thought to himself, 'I am suffering because I studied the scriptures. I do not get any rest. My uneducated brother, on the other hand, is so happy. He has no worries. He enjoys his meals, and then peacefully goes to sleep. Indeed, one should not study. Then one can remain happy.' Thus, he supported the idea of 'there is happiness in remaining uneducated'.

When all the monks had gone out one day, the *acharya* took advantage of this opportunity to escape, and he fled from the town. He came to a place where there was a festival taking place. They had decorated a pillar and people were sitting around it. The *acharya* stood to one side, observing the ongoing activity.



Once the festival was over, people removed the fabrics and ornaments from the post and left, leaving the post bare and alone. Then, crows gathered there, cawing. Seeing this, the *acharya* thought to himself, 'Due to the gathering of people around it, the post was decorated. It looked splendid due to the presence of people. As soon as the people left, the post looked like a skeleton. It is in the presence of our family that we shine forth. Solitude holds no splendour. I have a family in the form of my students. My thought to escape from them was very wrong.' He returned to the ashram, performed penance, and went to heaven after his death.

After finishing his life in heaven, he was born to a shepherd family in his next life. One day, after a family incident, he began to aspire to taking *diksha* and becoming a monk.

He started studying the scriptures. However, because he had supported the belief of 'there is happiness in remaining uneducated' in his previous life, he was now finding it very difficult to remember the lessons in the scriptures. He could not retain any information at all.

He spoke to his guru about his difficulties in remembering things. The guru asked him to recite a mantra, 'Ma Rus, Ma Tus'. The meaning of this mantra was, 'I will not get annoyed by anything, I will not get attached to anything.'

The monk started to recite the mantra repeatedly. Day and night he chanted the words 'Ma Rus, Ma Tus' in a single tone, over and over, so that eventually his tongue grew tired and started saying instead 'Mas-tus Mas-tus'.

When people heard him, they laughed at him. But keeping the guru's teaching in mind, he did not get angry at anyone and forgave everyone. The other monks began calling him 'Monk Mastus'. However, he continued to keep the true meaning of the mantra in his mind.

While chanting the mantra, he overcame worldly abhorrence and attachment, attaining *keval Gnan* (absolute knowledge). After completing his life, 'Monk Mastus' achieved *moksha* (the state of ultimate liberation).



AALOO CHILLY



Yes, but first find the end of this ribbon.

What are you doing? What have you got there? We have to start preparations for next month, don't we?

Aaloo, I just can't find the end of this ribbon at all. It just keeps going on and on and look, it is also tangled up in the middle.

Something similar is going to happen next month. It will just keep going on and on, and in the middle...

Oh yes, I remember. Correct.

Chilly understood what Aaloo was talking about. What will keep going on and on, and what has got tangled up? What preparations do Aaloo and Chilly have to make? We'll have to wait until next month to find out!

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