

END OF AN ERA

29 November 2019.

Tis a sad day indeed.

A moment has come, which comes but rarely in history.

The Hat and I are no longer in each others' lives.. due to the vagaries of Life... Or a light fingered git, to be more precise.

We met a decade ago in San Juan.

I fell in love with him when I saw his twin worn with great elan by a Puerto Rican pimp.

Just to clarify, when I saw that man I did not realise he was a pimp. I just saw a man wearing an amazing hat, surrounded by a bevy of beauties. I was enthralled. Obviously I assumed it was the hat turning tricks.

Drawn by its magnetic jauntiness I immediately procured one just like it. No, not from the pimp. From the Hat store next door.

Only then, on delicate enquiry did I learn of the wearer's despicable trade. However, that did not detract from The Hat's appeal.

Over the past decade The Hat and I travelled about 39 countries. We shared many adventures. Beheld many amazing sights.

And He sheltered me through many a rain, sun, dust, sand and snow storms.

Easy rested this head with Him safeguarding it.

But today. On reaching Singapore. As I gathered my belongings and got ready to disembark from my flight from Siam Reap, I realise some cowardly blighter had pinched Him. I know not who for I am one of those who wait for the plane to empty before I make my leisurely way out.

To say the least, I'm heartbroken.

How now will I wander these winding #MukulinStar roads that Life has in store for me?

With whom will I share my ideas, joys and sorrows? Sigh!

Oh well. As the Bard said, the show must go on.

And to ye who pilfered The Hat, I wish you well. May He bring you the same solace, joy and companionship He bestowed upon me.

And you, Dear Hat, Farewell. You shall always rest fondly in my memories.

May you weather life's storms with the same jauntiness. Always.

And perhaps, one day, Life shall deliver us to the same crossroads at the same time again. Perhaps at some faraway airport, or on some foreign road or shore, I shall set eyes on you again. And I know I will recognise you. I surely will.

Saying goodbye is never easy. But for now, farewell, my friend.

Tonight. In memory of our time together, I shall sip with Brother Bacchus. And sup with Hermes.

And tomorrow... tomorrow we will step out from the old to the new. As we pack for another day, another flight.

The show must go on.

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I am passionate about empowering and inspiring people and organisations to achieve peak performance and transformational results by helping people **ACTIVATE THE RIGHT A.R.C. – Attitude, Resilience and Confidence.**

To enable this I deliver keynotes, coach, mentor and facilitate sessions - so far in 20 countries across the world.

An ex-Indian Army officer and an accredited coach from the Henley Business School, I have co-founded two companies (MSD SECURITY PVT LTD, based in India and INFLUENCE SOLUTIONS PTE LTD, headquartered in Singapore) and written 18 books in 5 different genres. Some have done fairly well. And some are even being made into movies.

I would love to stay connected, to learn from you, and share your insights with others, so that they too may LIVE LIMITLESS.

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