

MEGHALAYA 2k17 : The journey to THE ABODE OF CLOUDS

To the world we could never know amidst the sky and tall trees grow, Take us there where clear water flow to find a place where hearts glow



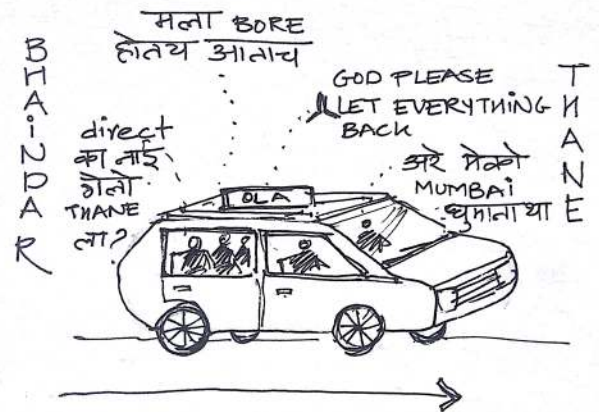
GROUND ZERO: the planning stage



The world around us has so much to offer that anywhere everywhere you experience something different.

Travel is a beautiful thrilling way to learn about the world, other people, one's own friend and about self. The way we cope up or enjoy a journey shows the abilities and qualities one has to offer.

With uncertainties and fear backed up by the hope, courage and enthusiasm we embarked on a journey which was to change us.



Thrilling journeys, unbelieavble structures and beautiful views ... awaited us

MAY 13-16th :the travel PUNE-THANE-KAMKHAYA

The first phase of our journey was the long travel from our hometowns to the mesmerizing states of Assam and Meghalaya. We took the Kamkhaya train from Thane to Kamkhaya.

The best thing about the train journey is you start living each and every moment. You start noticing Every thing, everyone around you even if you want to avoid it you can't.

It can be different people performing everyday prayers, a kid observing you or a certain pervert making you uncomfortable .

A perfume trader with a similar food taste as yours.

Sleeping bunch of girls not caring about anyone,

Agentmen trying to help out in every possible way,

regular chaiwalas and salesman trying to pul their nerves and shouting.and what not.

We'll always remember the encouraging words, the warm food and the fun games that we played. The train journey is a good form of transition from one's comfort zone to the unknown waters.

THE MOST SWEET & HELPFUL COMPANY



MYSTERIOUS SMART ASSAMESE turns out he is a screenplay writer for award winning marathi movies .

I think he's some sort of agent or something
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रुक में बात करता...
मो शोपतोय

THE SEAT HIJACKERS



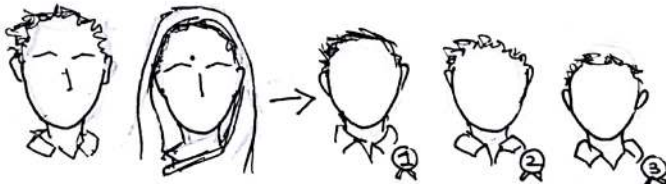
THE MAN WHO LOVES GARDEN VADAPAY



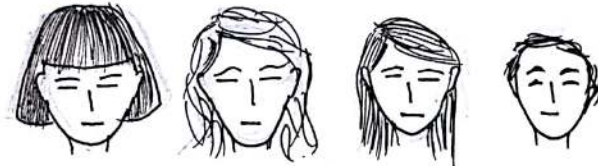
CLOTH MERCHANTS



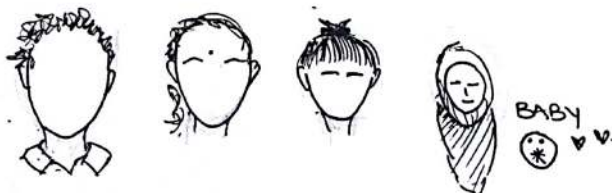
SWEET LITTLE FAMILY



THE ALWAYS SLEEPING SQUAD.



ARMY MAN & HIS FAMILY LOVELY



MAY 17-19th :NOGRIAT AND MYNTENG

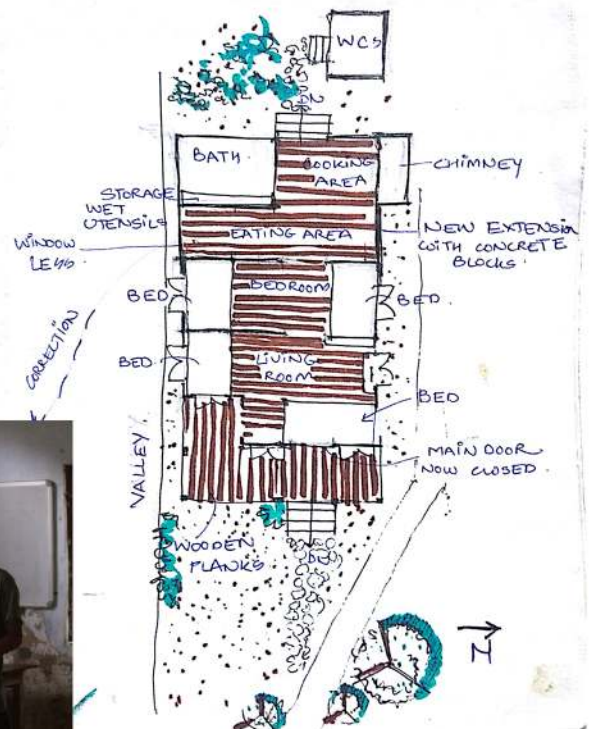


Nogriat and Mynteng are two beautiful villages located at the foothills of the Khasi Range. They are famous for bay leaves used as spices and the living root bridges constructed to go in search for them.

In such extreme conditions amidst the tall tobacco trees unless you go deep along the waterfalls to search for the villages.

There you would find a beautiful Charlie's homestay where you might have less food options on the menu but more adventure sports options than anywhere else.

The homestays and natural swimming pools are a lovely option to meet new fellow travellers in search for adventure and relaxation at the same time.



MAY 19th :CHERAPUNJEE- BEYOND THE RAINS



Being the wettest place on the earth, it surely offers you the all-time monsoon weather and the beautiful sight of clouds. People go to the market on every Saturday. We saw different local fruits, vegetables, and other useful local utilities there. We got lucky to visit and feel how the market place looks like. Our hosts took us around Cherapunjee village to understand the local terrain and governance. The whole village is governed by the Queen and is divided into smaller parts for ease.

***They say the rain is getting its home, surely that's the reason to roam,
The mountains will run your way around, amidst the sky which is full of clouds,
You'll watch the season as they go, deeper you see there's a lot to know,
Everything runs with its own time, even the bright sun over the shine,
You feel the warmth by the folks around, happier with the life and things surround.***



Some places are not remembered because the way they look, the food they offer, the surroundings they have but are only by the people living over there. Cherapunjee is one of the them. The people are the essence of this place. We were lucky to find some of the most beautiful folks.

The Layknti heritage lodge was one of the best homestays we stayed in. This place is run by a couple named Batista and Layknti. Other than taking care of the guests, they teach at the school below the rooms for orphans and their own children. These were the warmest humans we ever met. The children were the best part of the stay. Their innocence and enthusiasm moved us. Sharing food, playing games, listening to stories are the memories which will always stay with us.





After leaving in the forest for 2 days we were excited to see what our next stay would be like. By the time we were used to the local and only vegetarian dish i.e.(daal,bhaat,potato. But here we got to eat chinese and the roti as well. The stay was organised by a family which allowed us to visit their house as well. One of the member was a runner up of MEGHALAYA'S GOT TALENT. We got lucky to saw some of his magic tricks at the end of the day

The magician's house was big enough and properly maintained. They had an entranc porch , a kitchen and 2 bed rooms. When asked, they told us that it was the new house that they have built of concrete. They welcomed us with their local meat

Houses around were also built of concrete and somehow all the people think that concrete houses are the best solutions



DAWKI RIVER



The small border town of Dawki in the west Jaintia Hills has the famous river flowing which is the major tourist destination in Meghalaya Dawki lies between India and Bangladesh and it is the trade hub between two countries. It is also famous for the bridge and boat riding competition they host.The water is clear and green. The surrounding greenery makes it more beautiful

MAY 21ST :MAWPHLANG: WHERE SKY AND LAND MEET



Scotland of the East: Mawphlang
The word 'maw 'means 'stone'
maw 'phlange 'means' grassy stone '
and is one of the settlements in Khasi Hills
named after monoliths.
It's a village filled with beautiful houses and
landscapes. Mawphlang has one of the
biggest sacred forests in the world.



We stayed in a beautiful timber house. It was
a great place to meet new people and to
taste Khasi delicacies.
The hosts were very encouraging and friendly.
Which made us fall in love with the place more
We met a priest, a builder, an entrepreneur, few
cooks whom we connected on with a cricket
match and good food.



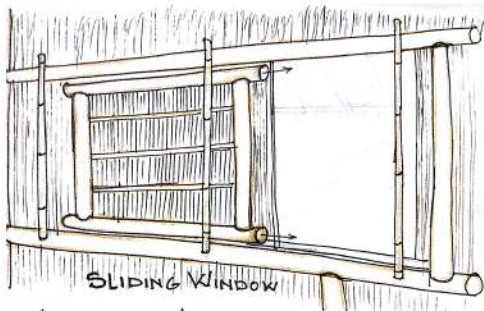
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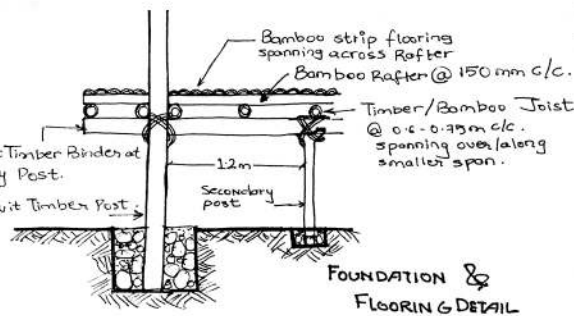
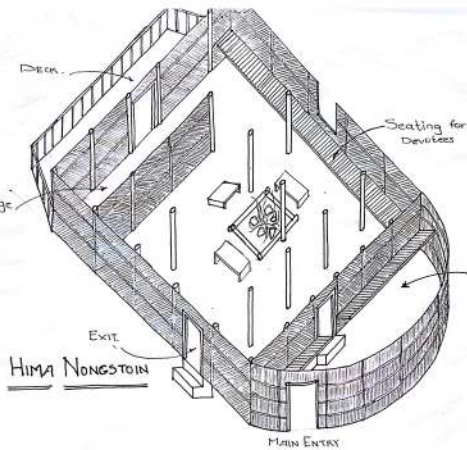
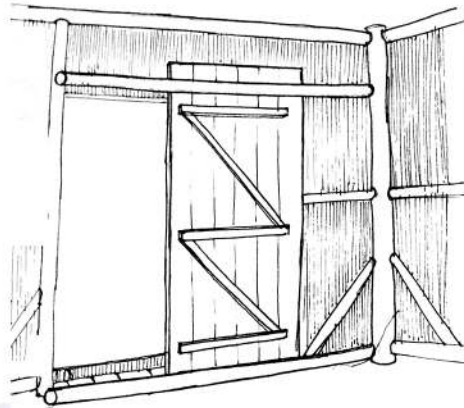
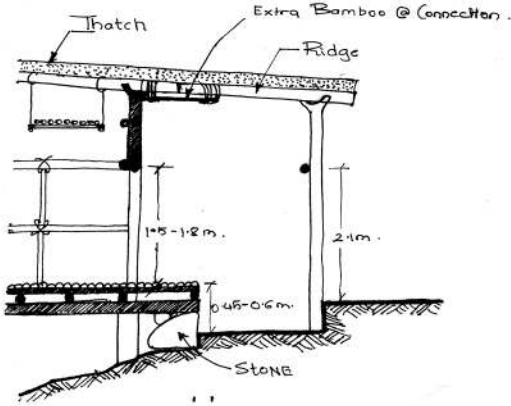
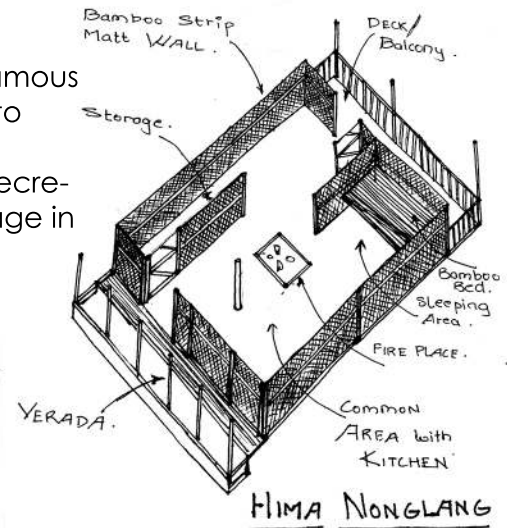
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Khasi heritage village is one of the famous tourist spots. It is a village recreated to depict the historical houses of Khasi. Use of traditional materials helps to recreate the same essence of the old village in current times.



Each house is named differently by the identity of the kingdom. They typically had a living room, kitchen, toilet, and a varandah or a public space. Each house differs from each other due to the requirements and the area available. Material used for walls was bamboo and thatch. The entire house was constructed using bamboo and thatch. Framework of bamboo supported the doors and

used in order to achieve the desired length and thickness. Many houses had a storage place for kitchen which were kept above the fireplace. The living rooms had a raised platform of bamboo for the seating purpose





Smith village is about 45kms from mawphlange on the way to Guwahati. The village had their weekly bazar on the day of our visit. Many people trading bamboo items,vegetables,spices, meat,bakery products, etc. come under one roof to earn their living.

They have different kind of spices and vegetables other than the regular ones The market had temporary as well as well constructed permanent shelters for the traders and vendors.

The Lamonte's carpentry Workshop -

We visited the workshop where one of the best artists and architect practice their innovative ways making furniture. They had a complete set up for the storage, processing, cutting and other carpentry works.



THE JOURNEY WAS INCOMPLETE WITHOUT YOU

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We thank you for the given opportunity
and believing in us .You have made
every effort to grant this travel and made
this journey memorable for all of us

JAYANTA BORDOLOI TRAIN JOURNEY

Cheers to all the talks and
Thanku for your guidance



PYNROI RYMAI NONGRIAT GUIDE



BATISTA AND HIS FAMILY CHERAPUNJEE

Thank you for so much love
Cherapunjee will be always special



BORN MAWPHLANG

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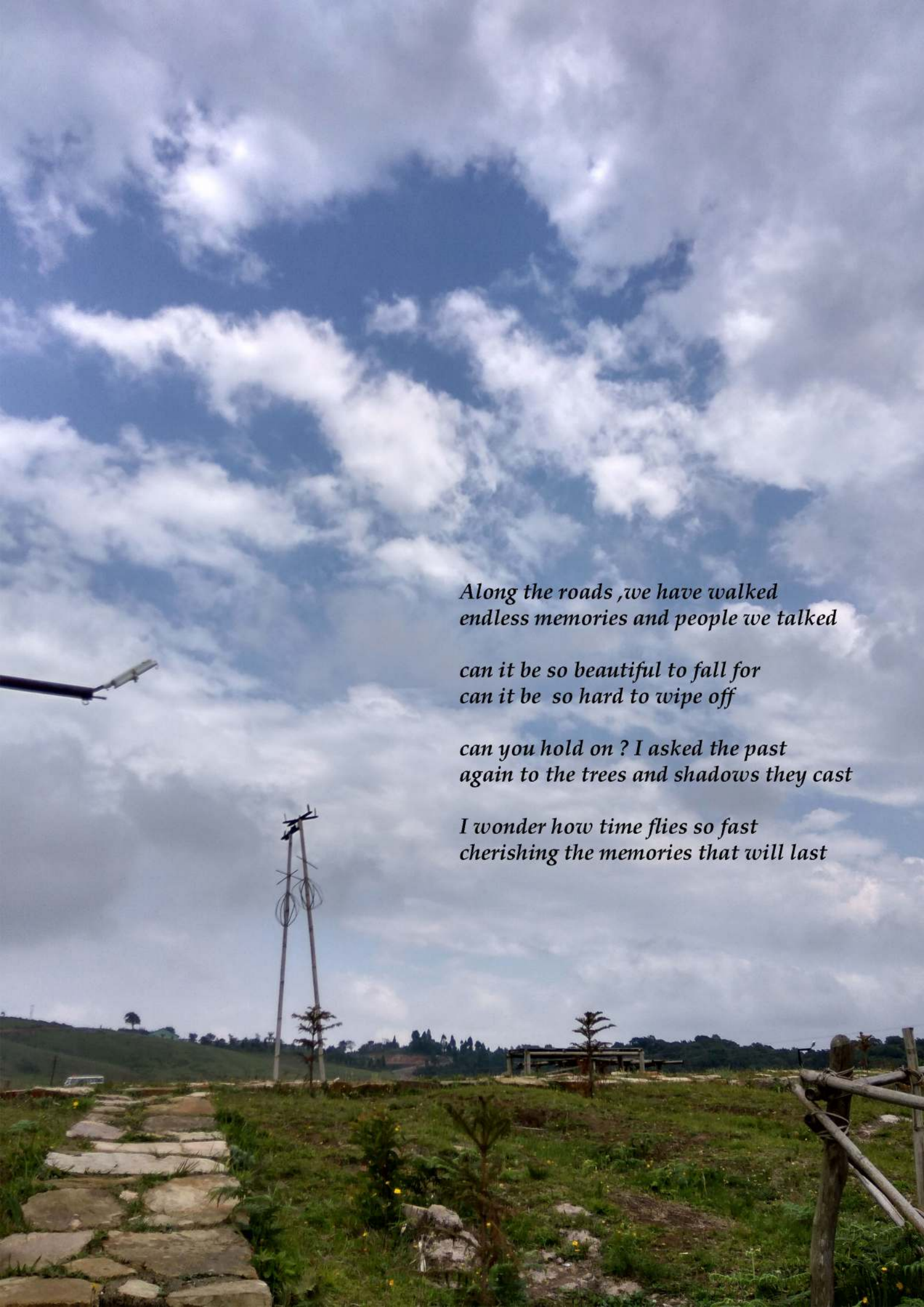


LAMONTE SMIT VILLAGE



FULLINSTAR M KHONGSNI THE MAGICIAN PYNURSLA



A landscape photograph featuring a cloudy sky with a blue and white color palette. In the foreground, a stone path leads through a grassy field. A tall, thin antenna tower stands in the middle ground. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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