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HOMOSAPIEN VISUAL CULTURE HERITAGE

ANALYSIS REPORT

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Earth, Milky Way

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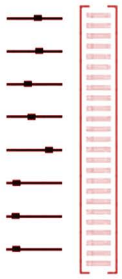
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“Dhrishti Bommai”

A cultural symbol - A mask found hung outside most tamil households believed to keep away evil



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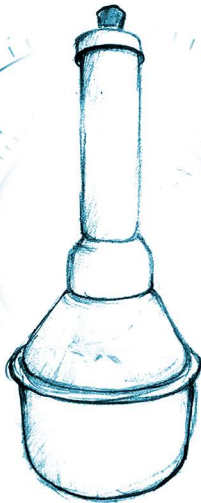


CONTEXT

POINTS OF OBSERVATION

- >> Translation : Evil Eye Doll ; Usually made of Cement, wood or Terracotta
- >> A demon head from Hindu Mythology
- >> Used to keep away Evil gazes and bad thoughts
- >> Found outside most tamil households in TN
- >> Associated with the Folk Guardian Diety 'Ayyanar'

- >> Pretty Scary Looking ; Intimidating
- >> Initially thought it was an actual head of a creature later realized it was an inanimate sculpture
- >> Could be a warning to trespassers
- >> Could be local god
- >> Probably based on myth not real creatures.



CONTEXT

- >> A utensil used to make a dish called Puttu
- >> Uses steam to cook the puttu
- >> Water stored in the bottom part and heated from below
- >> The upper tubular container has a fine mesh which allows steam to escape upwards without the content flowing down
- >> Common in Keralite households

“Puttu Kutti”

A very common cooking utensil used to make the delicious Puttu - tubular rice cakes



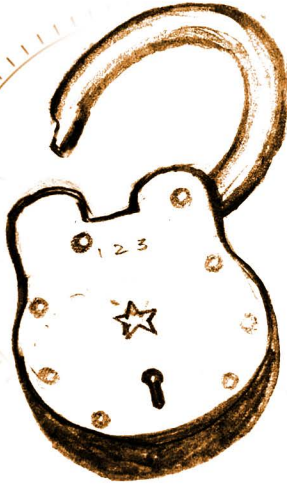
POINTS OF OBSERVATION

- >> Looks like a Utensil
- >> Steam bases probably because of the holes on top.. could be a cooker
- >> probably used to make large quantities
- >> Could be a storage device too
- >> Used to store long items maybe



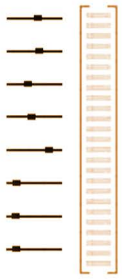
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“Dindigul Poottu”

The Famous Dindigul lock
which is a nightmare to
Tamil Nadu Thieves



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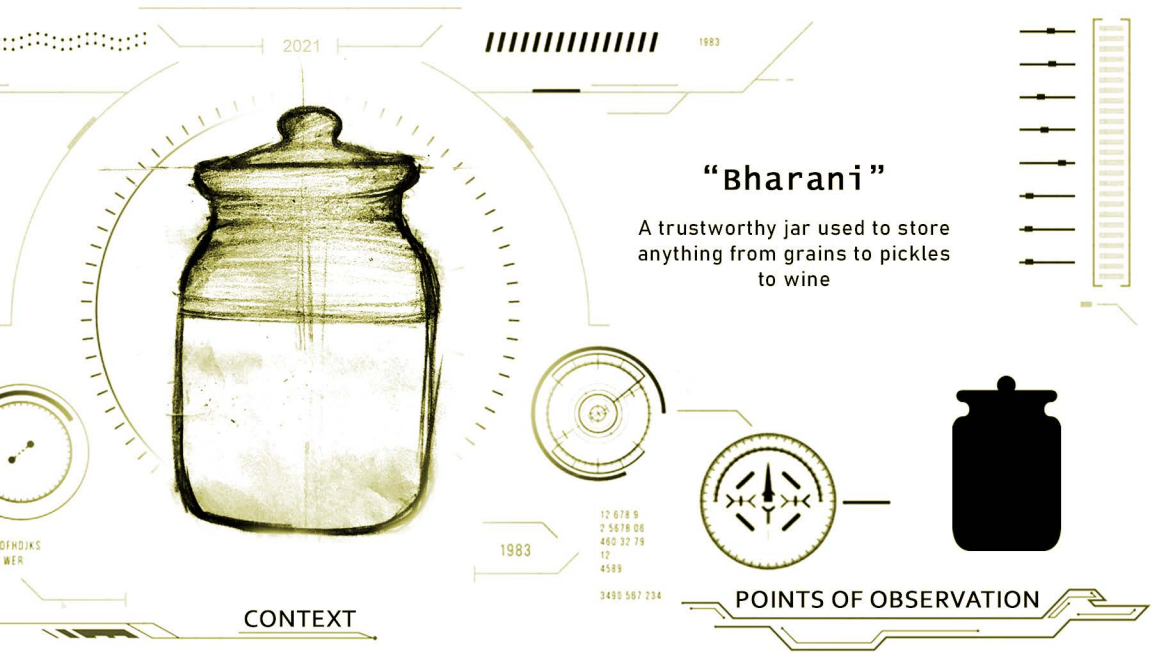
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CONTEXT

POINTS OF OBSERVATION

- >> A famous lock commonly found in Tamil Nadu
- >>Dindigul is the name of the a district in TamilNadu
- >>where these type of locks are manufactured
- >>Widely known for its safety, difficult to break
- >> Known to give a hard time for Thieves

- >> it is definiely a lock
- >>a more advanced form of security than other locks ive seen around
- >>looks pretty strong
- >> hard to break
- >>Experienced Locksmith work



“Bharani”

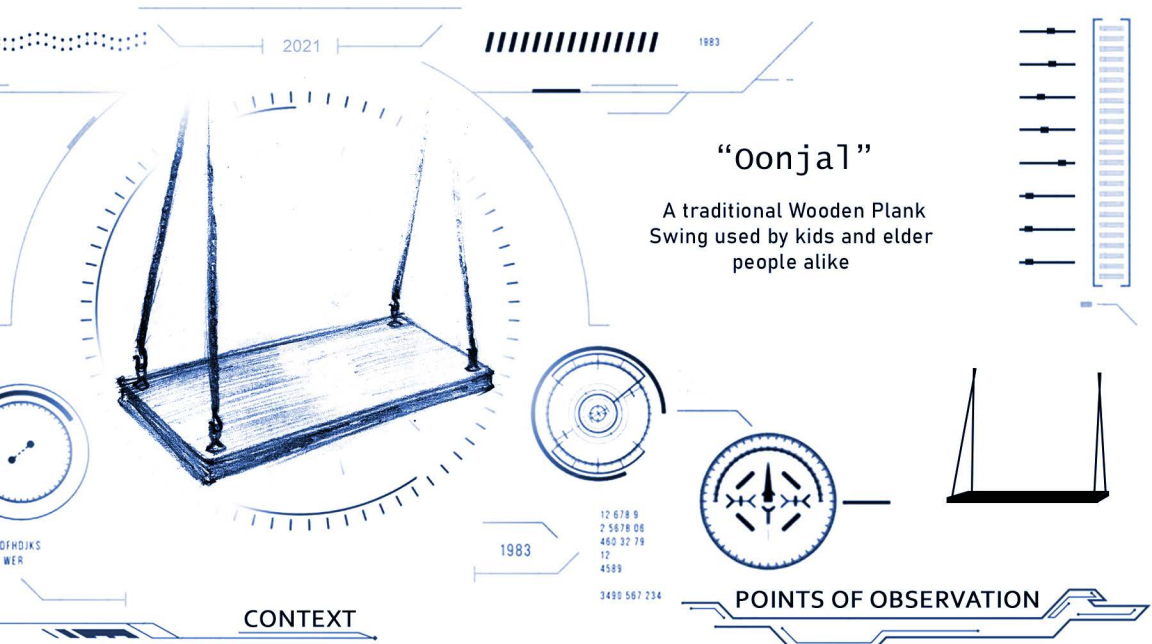
A trustworthy jar used to store anything from grains to pickles to wine

CONTEXT

- >> A big airtight Jar commonly found in southern states
- >>Used to store food items for long durations
- >>Also used in Winemaking as it requires long storage without air interference
- >>Made of ceramic and sometimes clay
- >>There are stories about ghosts living in these.

POINTS OF OBSERVATION

- >> A beautiful looking container
- >>It looks fragile and strong at the same time
- >>Seems airtight
- >>I wonder whats the reason behind only the top being colored
- >>Feels like there must be something delicious inside



“oonjal”

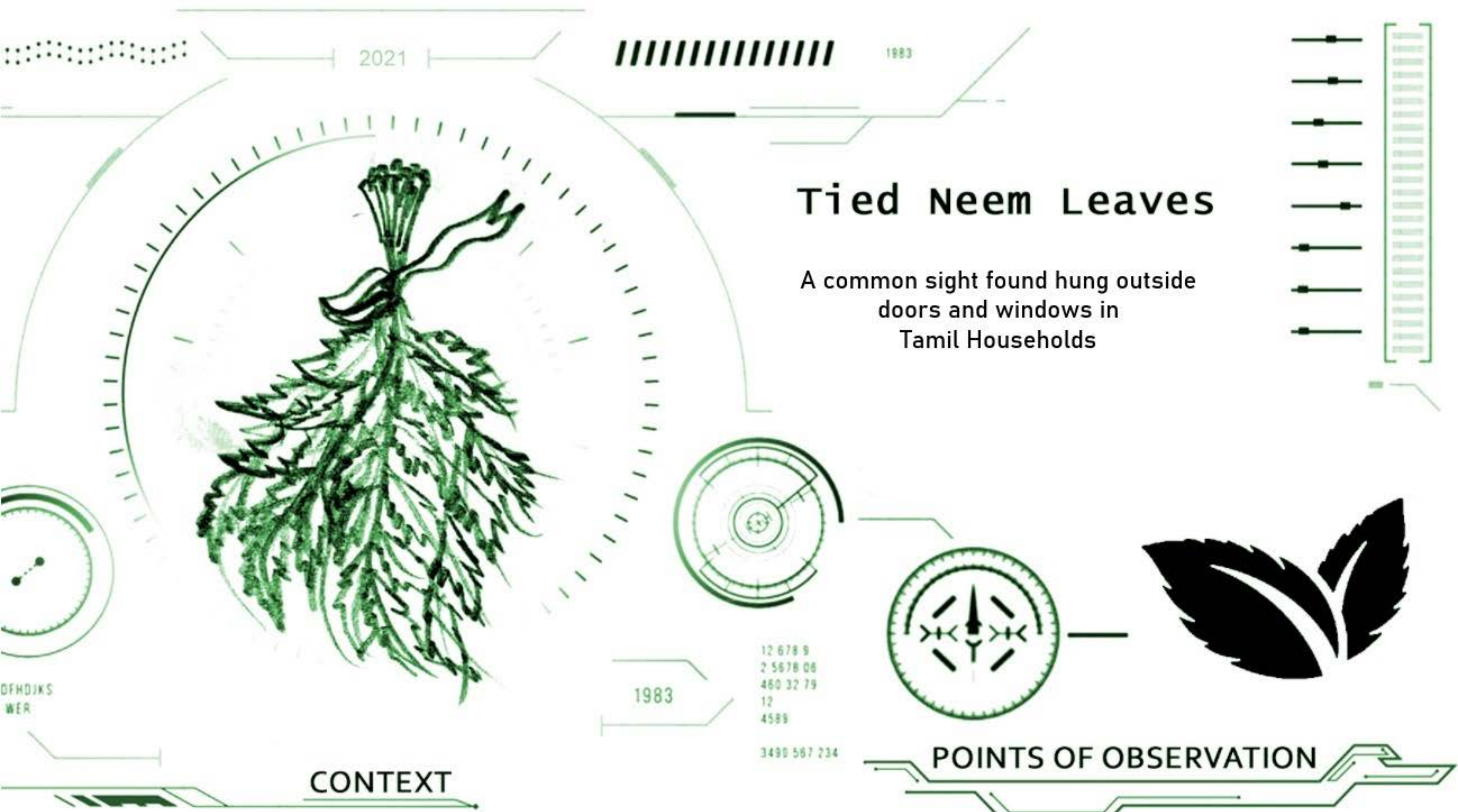
A traditional Wooden Plank Swing used by kids and elder people alike

CONTEXT

- >> A classical swing which is found in traditional southern households
- >>A wooden board usuall decorated and polished hung with decorative brass chains
- >>Sometimes paired with bells
- >>Usually found in rich households owned by land-lords and higher caste in the old times.
- >>Sometimes has pillows too

POINTS OF OBSERVATION

- >> A suspended wooden board
- >>maybe used for physics experiments
- >>Or for jst sitting maybe
- >>The decorative chains suggest higher class use
- >>Surprisingly entertaining to sit and move forth and back



- >> Neem leaves are tied and hung outside homes in Tamilnadu
- >> Believed to fend off evil
- >> Has scientific significance too as neem leaves release maximum oxygen
- >> Has antibacterial properties and thus keeps the atmosphere clean wherever it is hung

- >> Leaves tied and hung out to dry them maybe
- >> Could be for Decorative purposes
- >> Possible Natural Air Purifier
- >> To Keep away insects maybe
- >> gravity Assisted growth technique ??

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CONTEXT

- >> The Thalayatti bommai is a type of traditional Indian bobblehead or roly-poly toy
- >> Made of Terracotta
- >> Famously manufactured in Thanjavur
- >> hence aka The Thanjavur doll
- >> These toys are traditionally handmade, finished with detailed, painted exteriors

“Thalaiyatti Bommai”

Thalaiyatti Bommai (head-nodding doll) is an inexpensive must buy souvenir whenever one visits Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu



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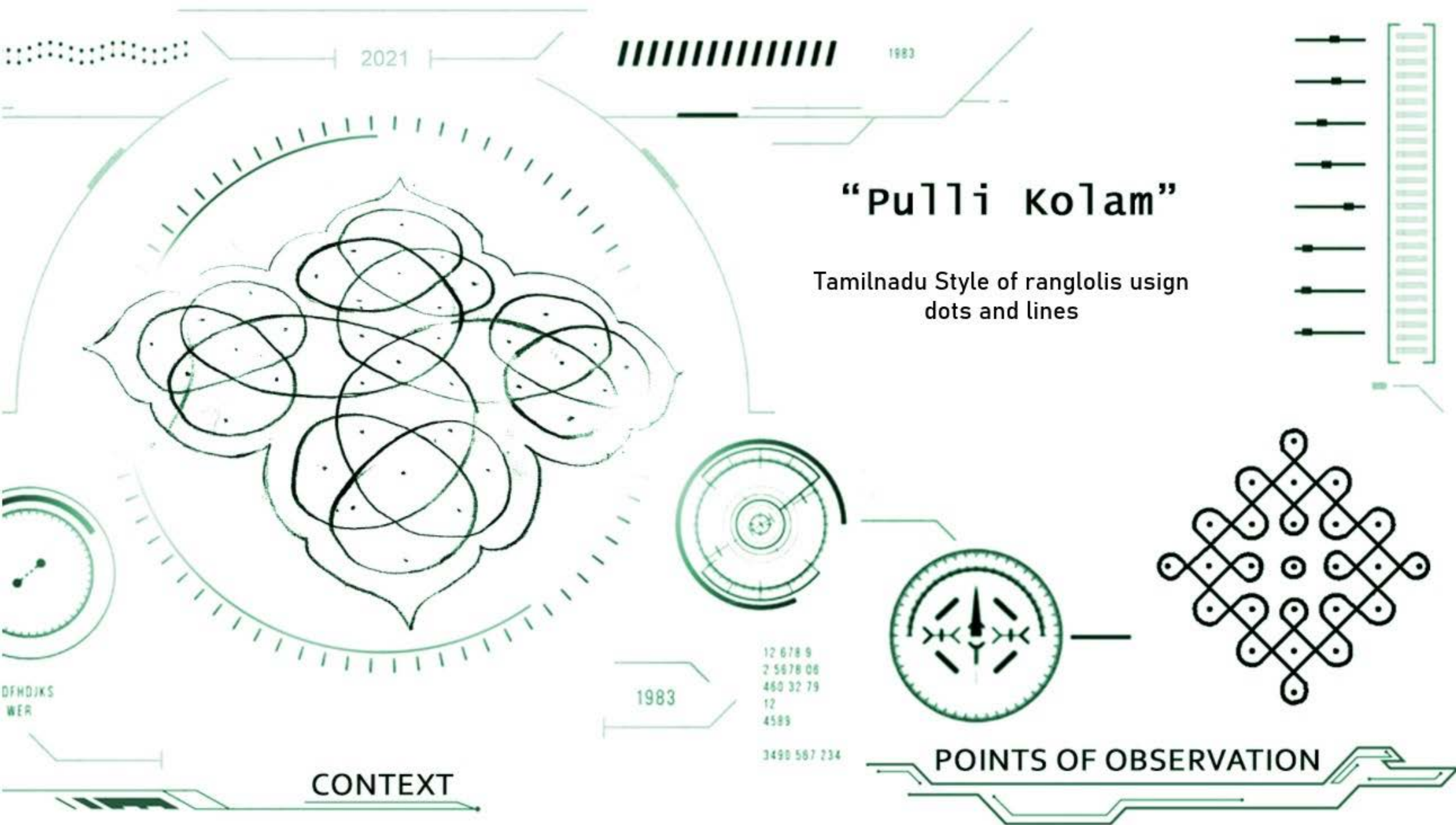
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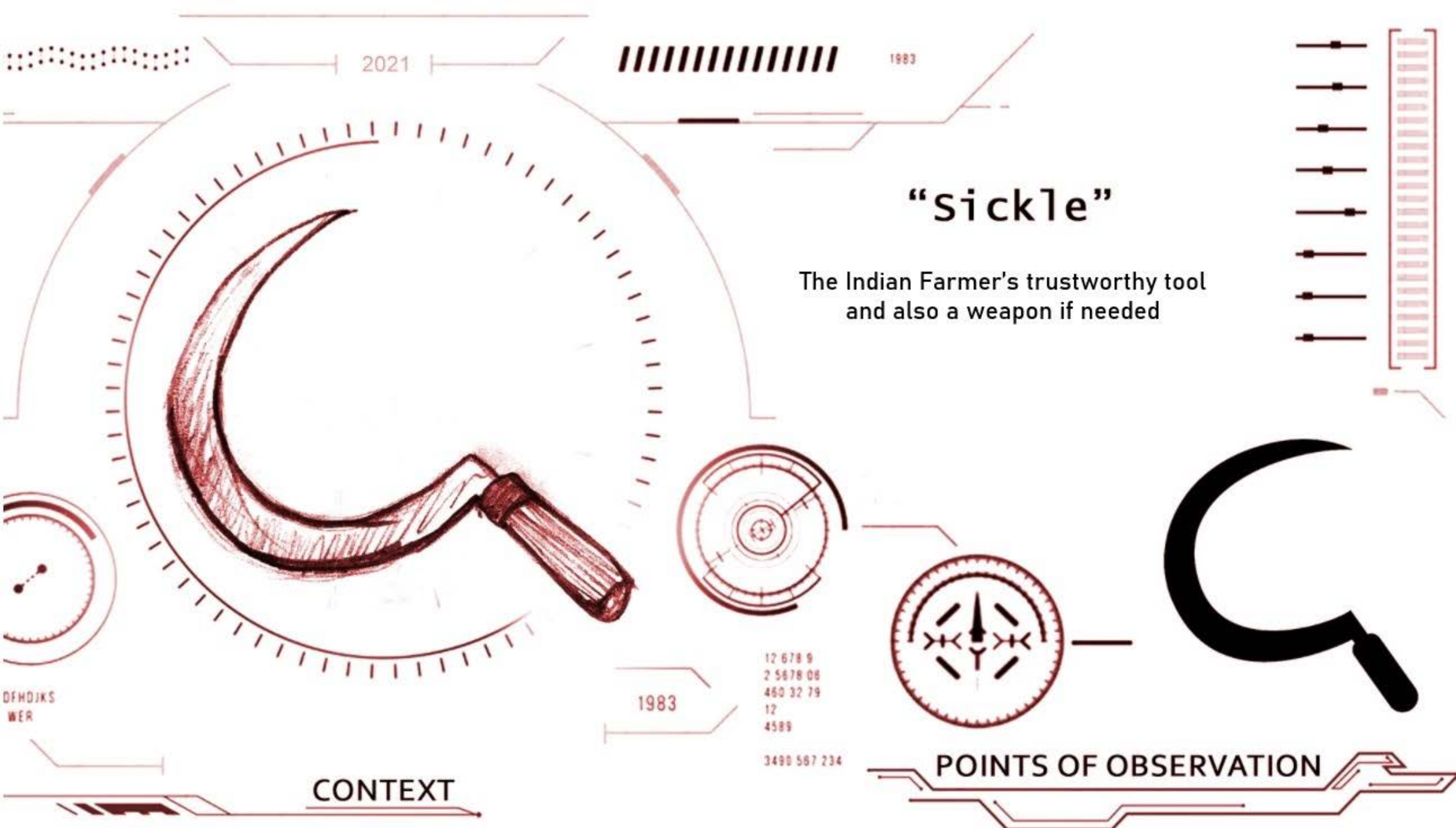
POINTS OF OBSERVATION

- >> Wobbly Head... Probably a figurine
- >> Based on some dance form I assume
- >> Could be made for Younglings' Amusement
- >> It is pretty interesting to keep looking at its wobbling head... very soothing.
- >> Replicates the beauty and movements of the artform beautifully



- >> Pulli Kolam is a style of rangoli commonly found in the south.
- >> You'll find ladies
- >> Kolam translates to "form" and "beauty" in Tamil and is revered as a symbol of auspiciousness and divinity.
- >> Each dot, line, curve, interlinking circle, triangle and square is said to represent the universe's energy and is backed by a heritage extending to over six centuries.

- >> Customised patterns in front of most homes
- >> maps or layouts???
- >> scientific illustrations??
- >> decorative patterns maybe
- >> Floor identification marks of homes maybe



“sickle”

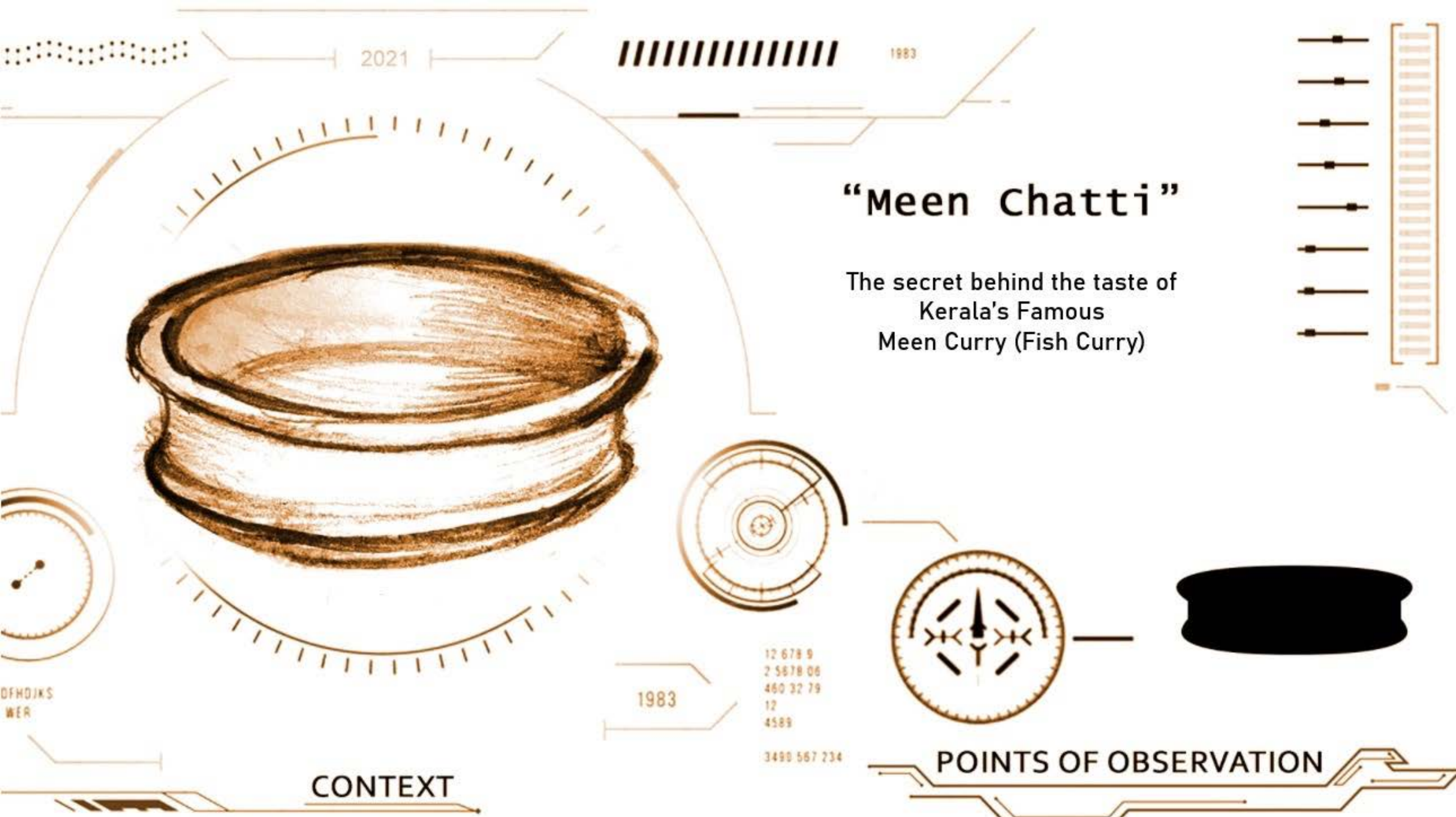
The Indian Farmer's trustworthy tool and also a weapon if needed

CONTEXT

- >>A curved knife with a sharp inner edge and wooden handles
- >> Used to Cut crops and clear weed plants
- >> Special curved shape to assist in harvesting crop bunches
- >>Represented as a Weapon used by Local Dieties worshipped by farmers
- >>An element in the widely used Communist Symbol depicting the workers

POINTS OF OBSERVATION

- >>Looks like a dangerous weapon
- >>Might be used for Beheading
- >>Multifunctional because of sharp inner edge and blunt outer edge
- >>Could be used as a carving blade
- >>A throwable boomerang weapon



“Meen Chatti”

The secret behind the taste of Kerala's Famous Meen Curry (Fish Curry)

CONTEXT

POINTS OF OBSERVATION

- >>A terracotta pot used to cook and store food
- >>Meen Chatti translates to Fish Pot as it is widely used to make Fish Curry
- >> These pots are specially handmade and are seasoned and maintained for the cooking process
- >>Found in most keralite households
- >>Comically threatened to be broken on husband' Head by wives in kerala.

- >>Looks like a Container or utensil
- >>Materials looks like it with stands heat so probably used for cooking too
- >>Not very modern but still found in most Households
- >>Could Be used as a weapon if used correctly



We humans are very very small, but we are profoundly capable of very very big things
-Stephen Hawking
(A Human I met)

