



# Wild Tales of Serendib

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"When two friends understand each other totally, the words are soft and strong like an orchid's perfume."

Martin Luther King Jr.

Orchids teach us that passion requires great patience. Standing tall in the tropical sunlight, they share wild tales of mystery, romance and excitement. Bathed in the monsoon rains, they shed tears of sorrow and compassion.

Orchids are the solitary extroverts of the flower world. Cultivating them is an art form, and they don't mix well, either in bouquets or on farmer's fields. Orchids stand alone, proudly displaying their stems and petals as if to say---*I am here for you to observe and to bring you pleasure, but from a distance.*

Sri Lanka has some 185 identified species of orchids, including some of the most diverse species in the world. The images included in this collection were taken from the Orchid House of the Royal Botanical Garden in Peradeniya and from the Waters Edge Orchid Garden in Colombo.

These photos were shot in the days following the 2019 Easter bombings, a shocking and horrific time for all Sri Lankans. But Sri Lanka, like its orchids, finds strength and resilience in its great diversity of people and beliefs, and from the wild tales of courage and tolerance passed on from one generation to the next.





























































































































































































































































































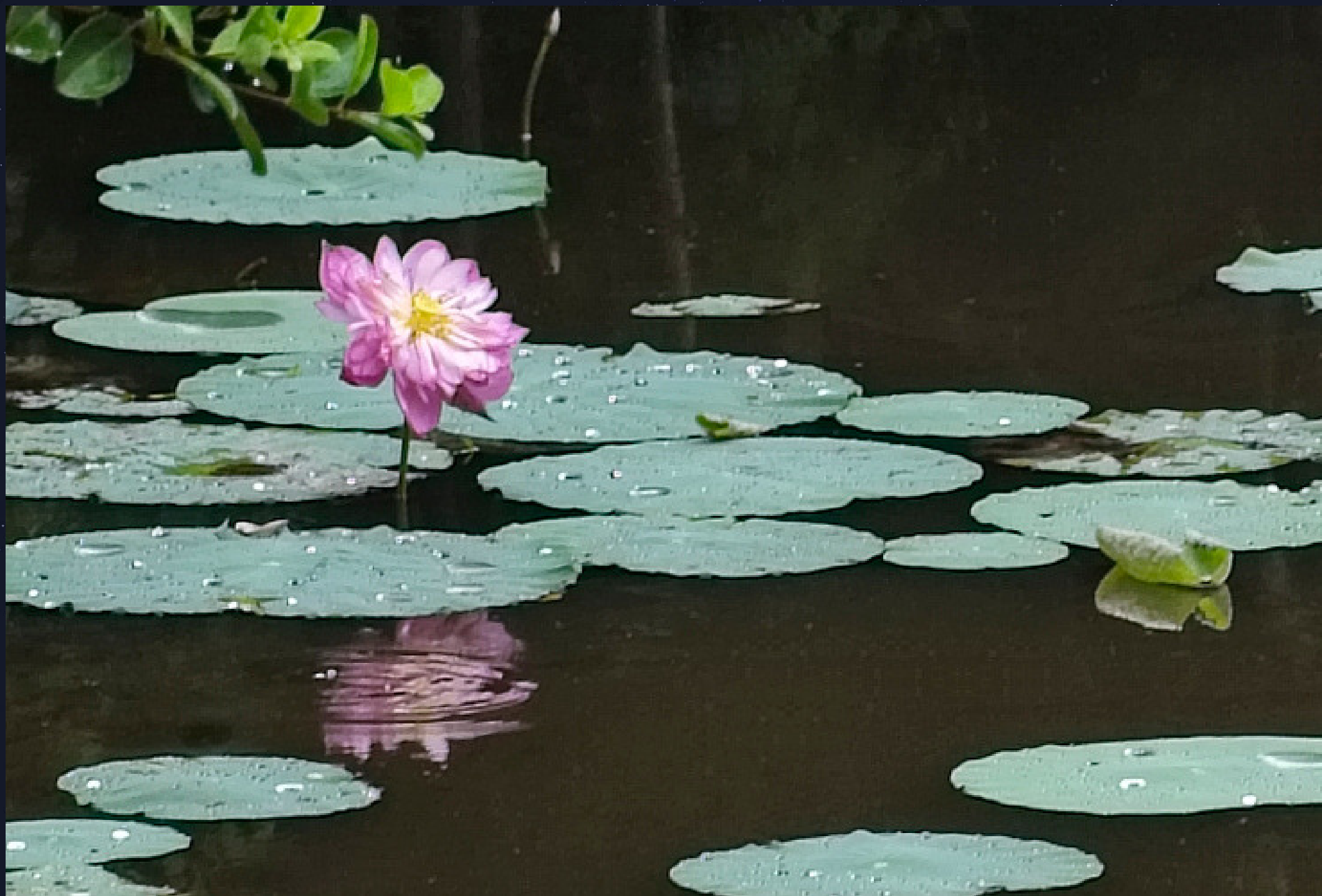


















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