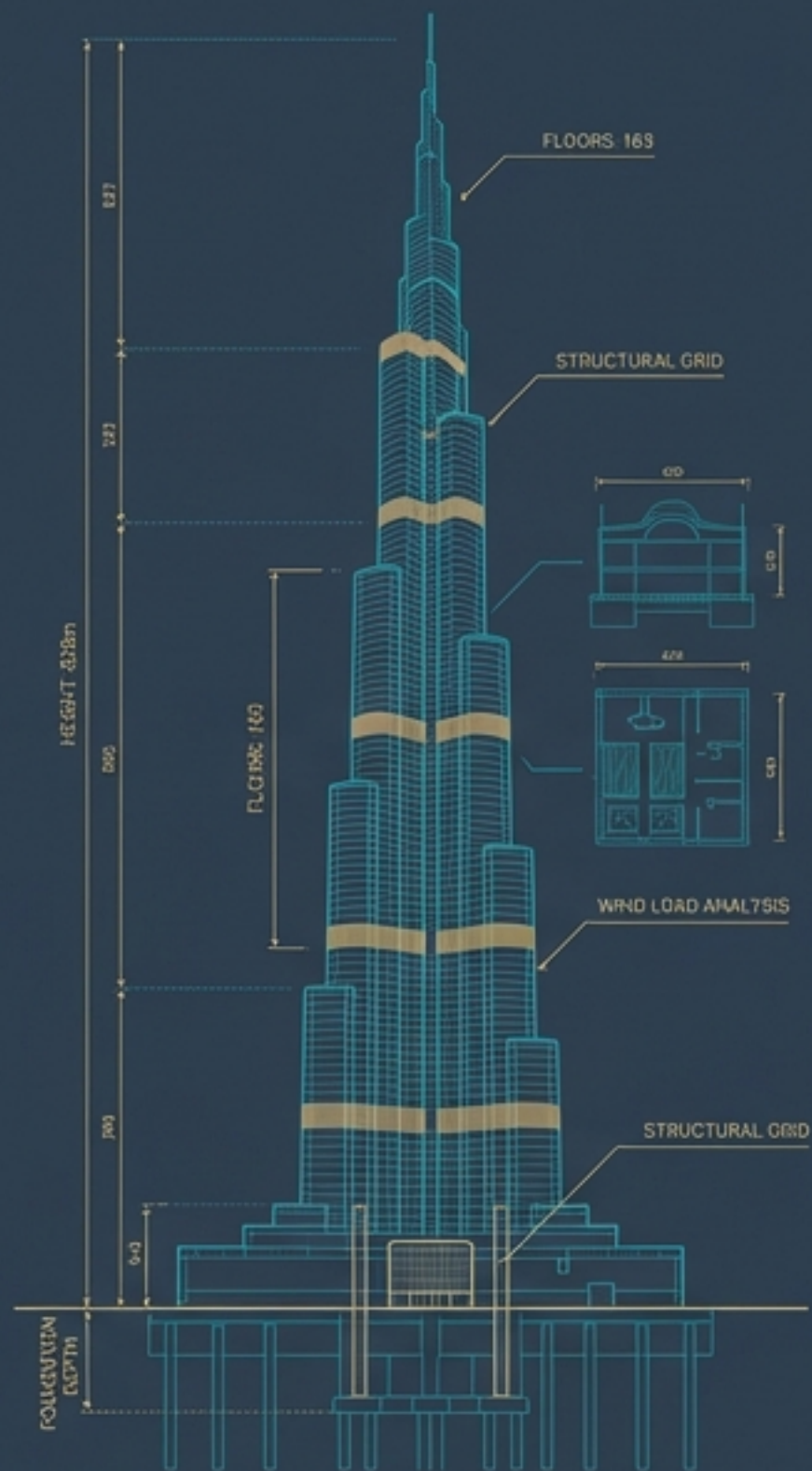


The Art of Comparison

Measuring the World and Mastering the Self



To understand our place in the world, we compare. We measure height to find the tallest, analyze data to find the cleanest, and listen to music to find the deepest. This deck explores the degrees of comparison—from the concrete height of the Burj Khalifa to the spiritual depth of a silent guru.



Inter

An exploration of Unit 2: Learn More, Be Brighter

The Relativity of Perception

*Whenever I see
Others taller than me,
I feel that I am small
And I wish I were tall.*



**Oh, your friend is such a dear
The words I'm happy to hear**

*Whenever I see,
Someone overtakes me,
I wish my legs were longer.*



Insight: Our sense of self-worth often shifts based on who is standing next to us.

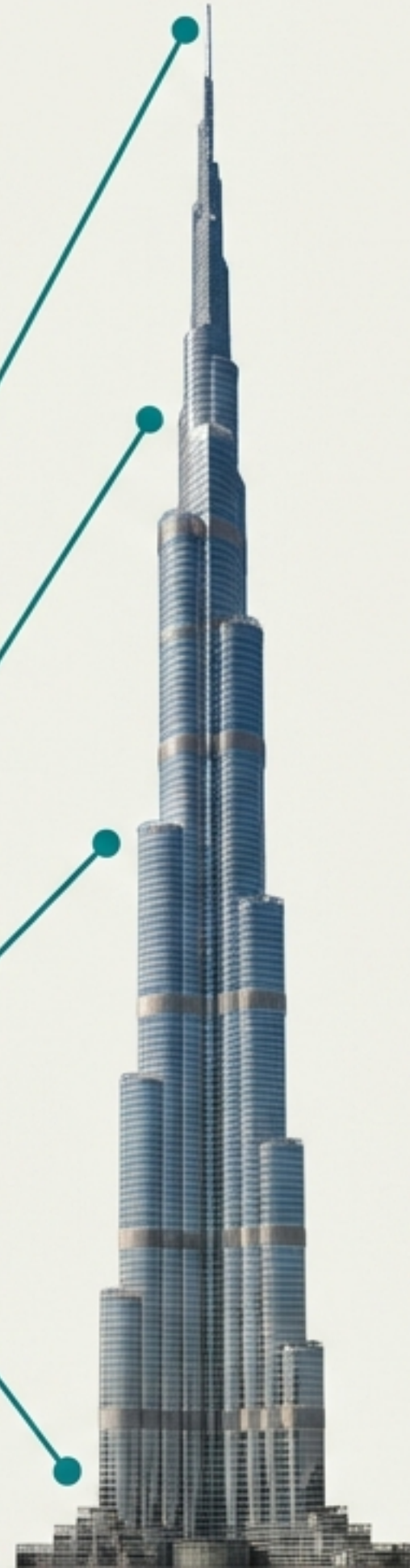
Engineering the Superlative

Height: 827.8 meters (2722 ft) — The **Tallest.**

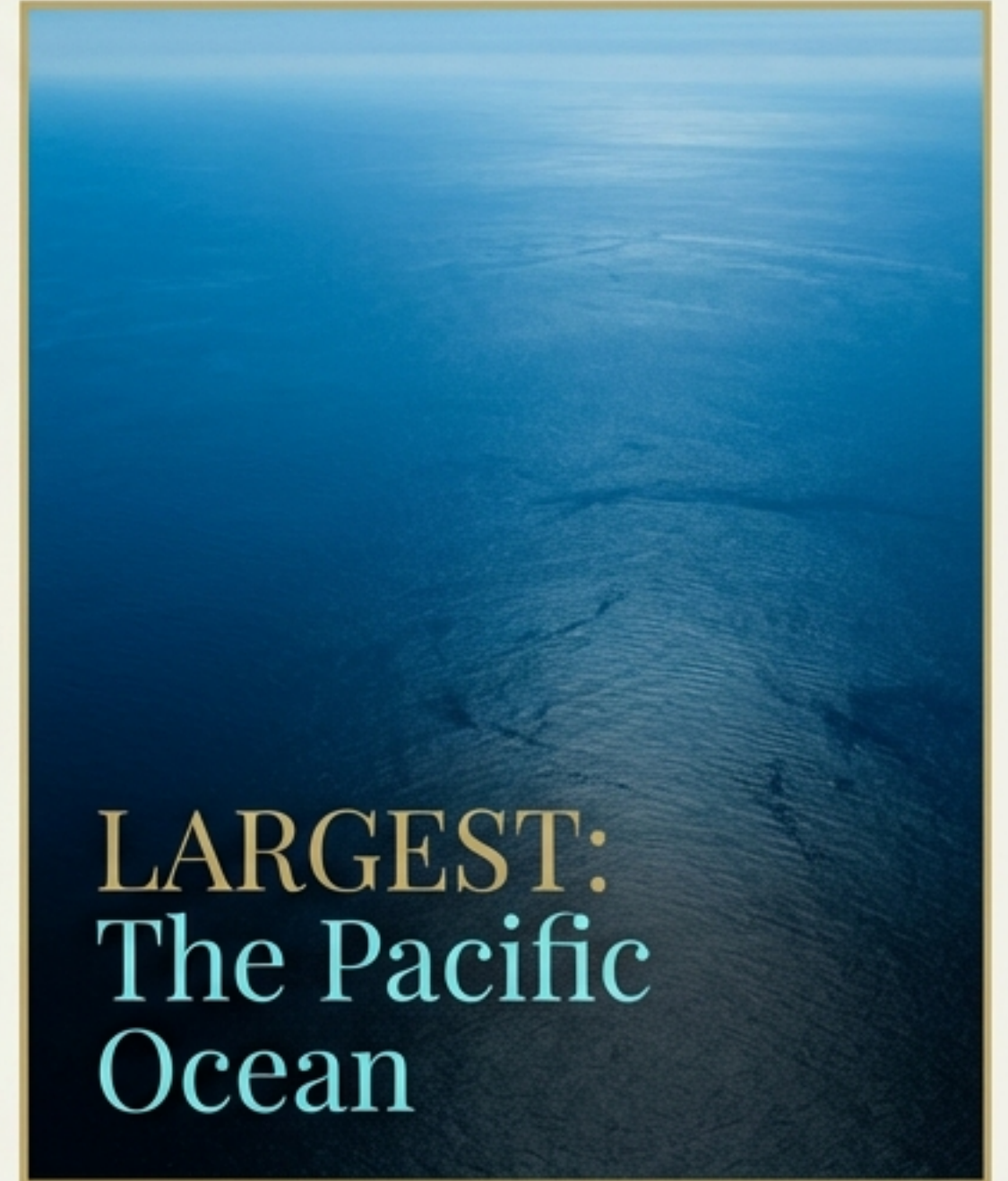
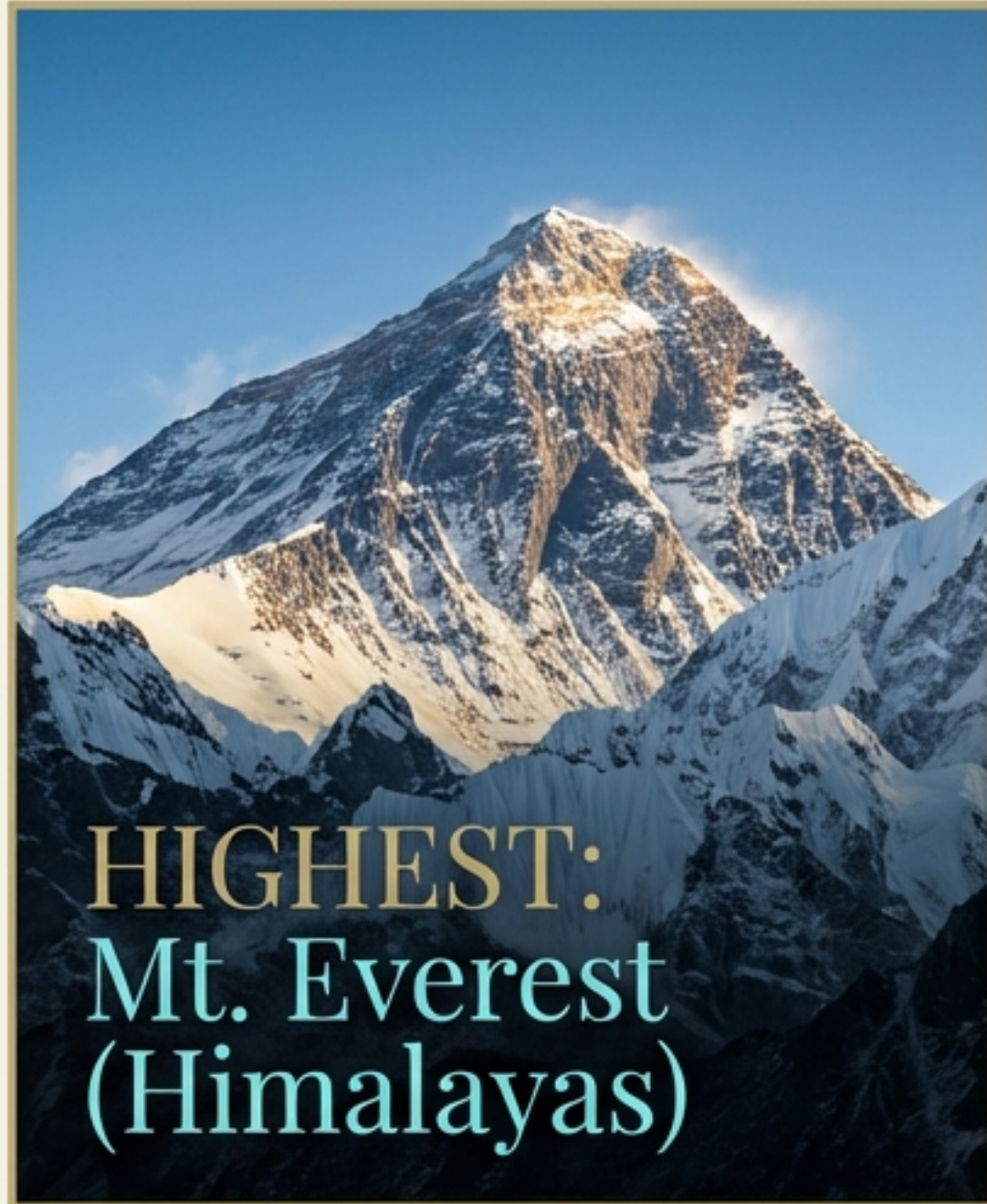
Capacity: 163 floors.

Infrastructure: **Longest** water supply line & **Longest** lifts.

Cost: US \$1.5 billion — The **most expensive.**



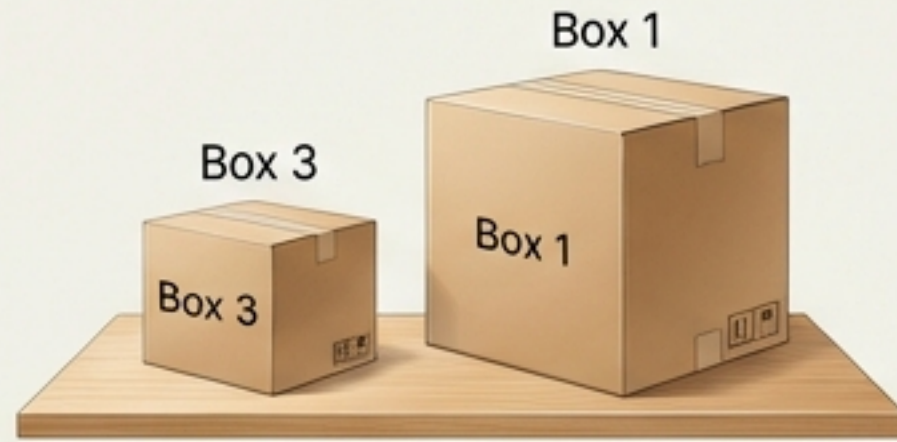
Records of the Natural World



Superlatives define the boundaries of our geography. They turn rocks into records.

The Mechanics of Comparison

Size



Box 3 is **smaller** than Box 1.

Thickness



Banyan trunk

Mango trunk

The Banyan trunk is **thicker** than the Mango trunk.

Age



Mr. Patel (67)

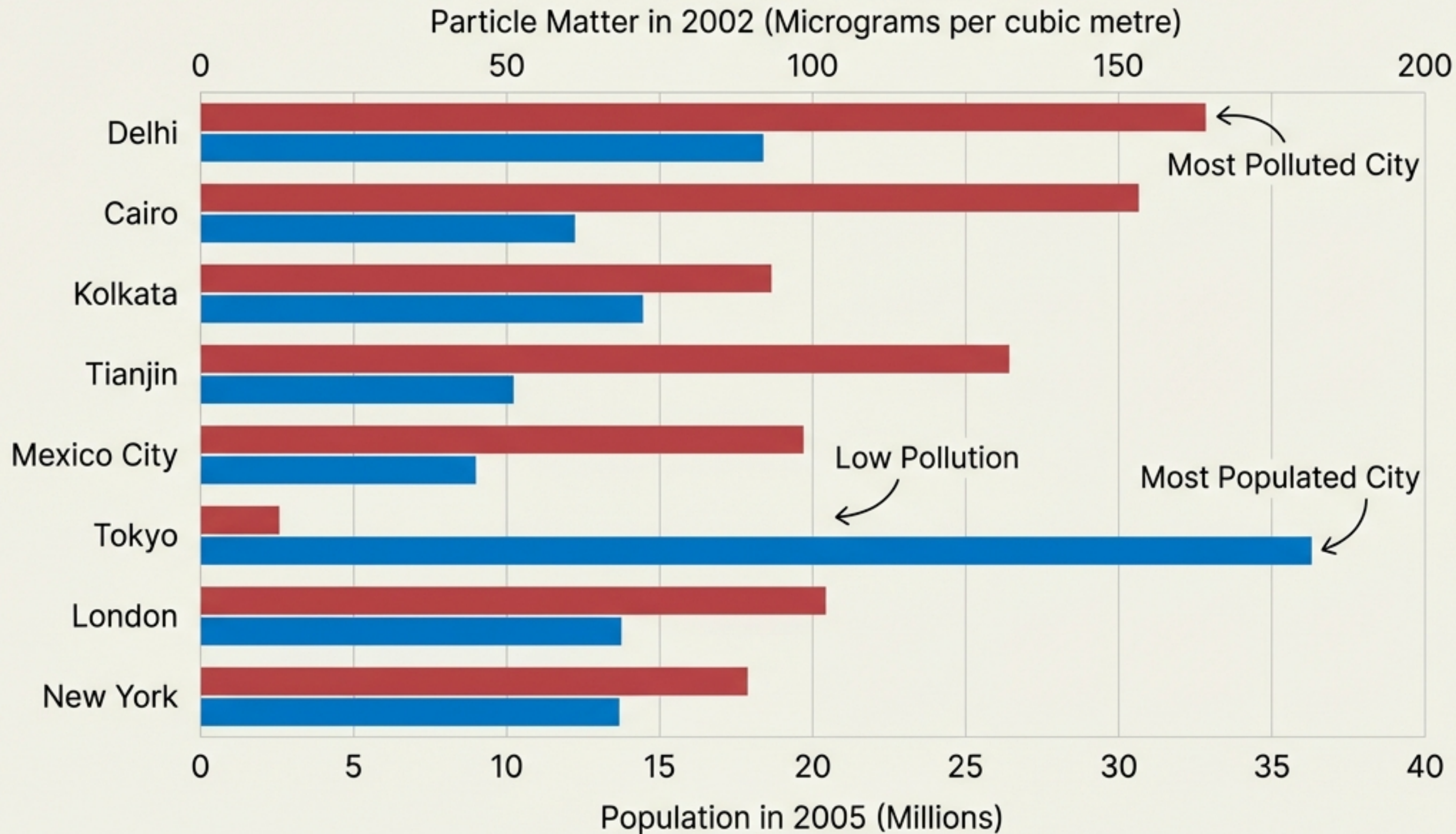
Mr. Pandya (70)

Mr. Patel is **younger** than Mr. Pandya.

Grammar Note

Entity A + **Verb**
+ **Adjective(-er)** +
THAN + **Entity B**
Inter

Analyzing Complex Data: Population vs. Pollution

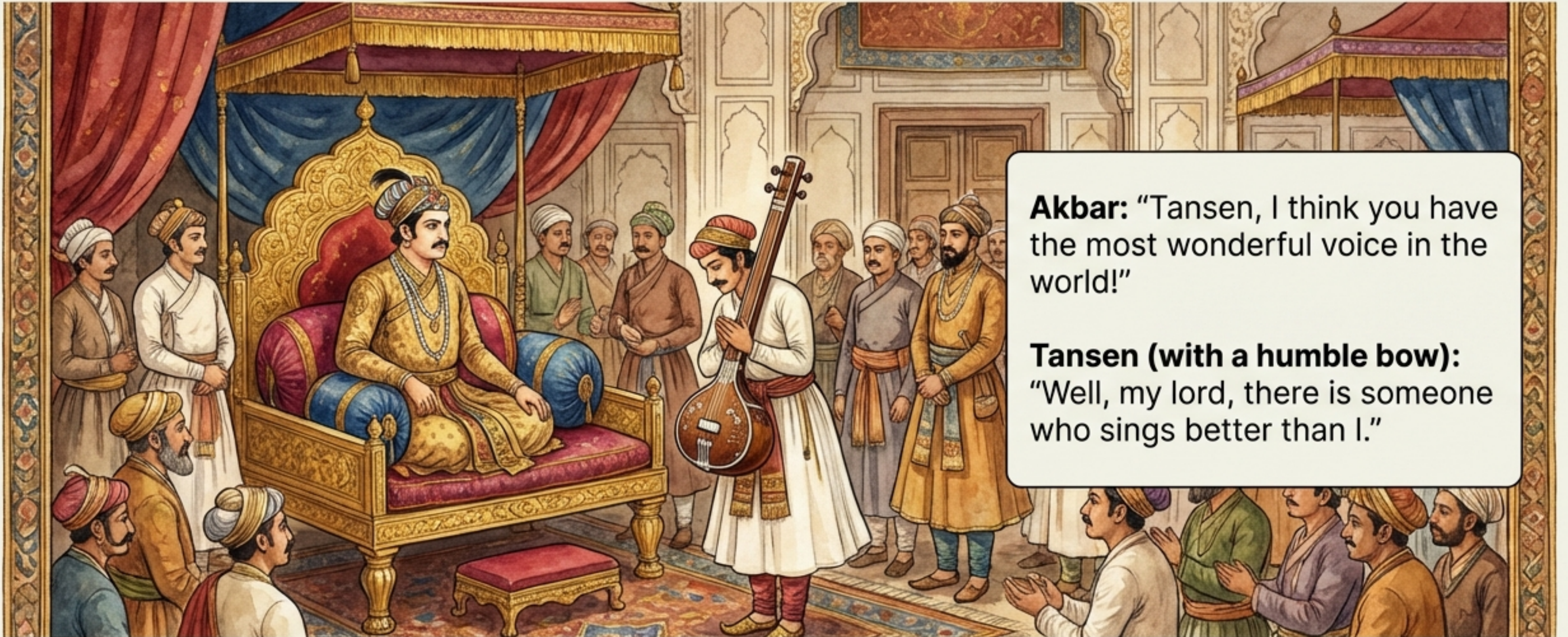


Comparison reveals the paradox: The most populated city is not the most polluted.

Tokyo puts the 'more' in people, but Delhi puts the 'most' in pollution.



The Nine Gems and the King's Pride



Akbar: "Tansen, I think you have the most wonderful voice in the world!"

Tansen (with a humble bow): "Well, my lord, there is someone who sings better than I."

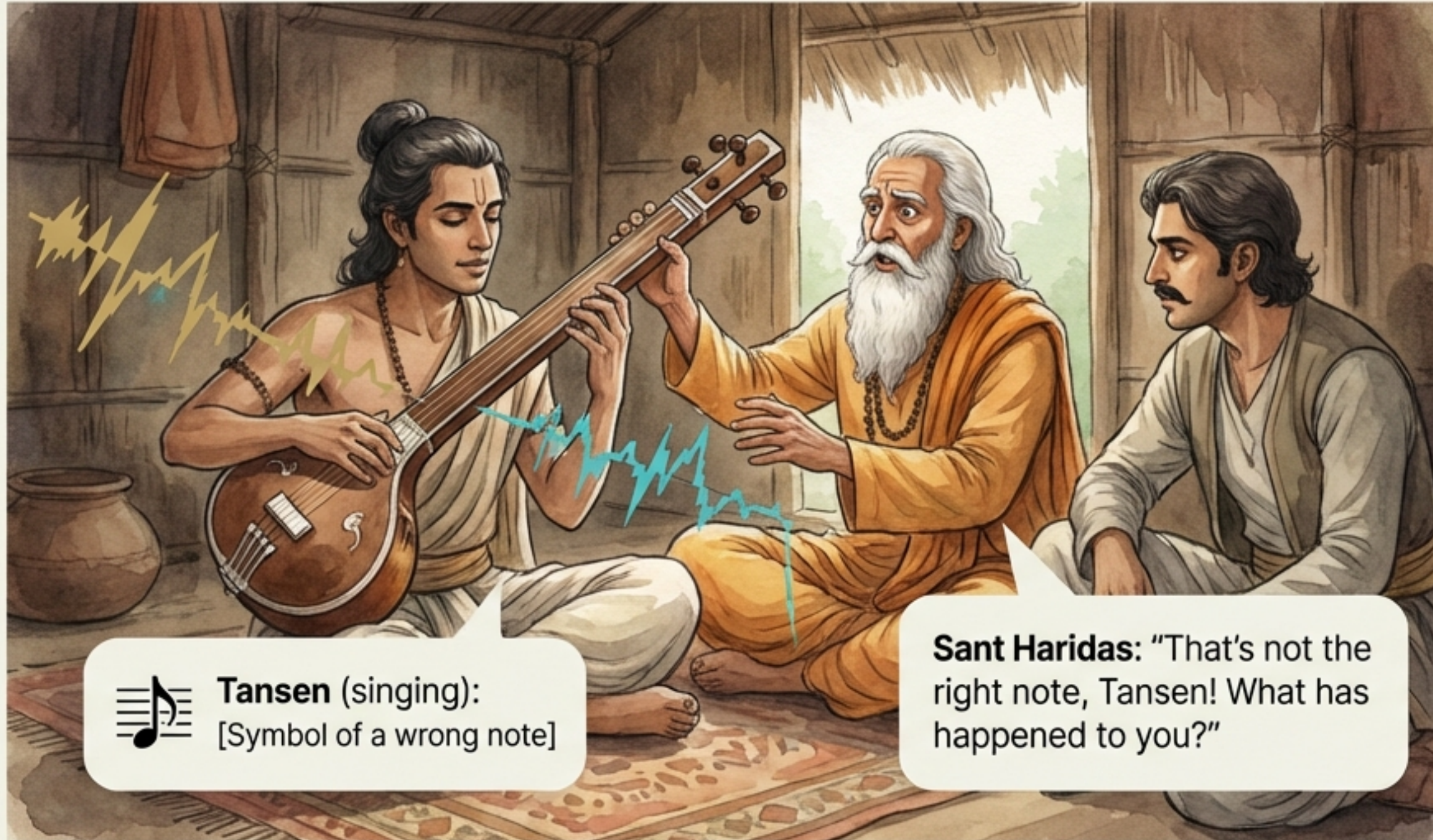
Comparison shifts from data to art. The King believes he possesses the 'best,' but the Master knows there is 'better.'

The Quest for the Guru

Sant Haridas lives in a hut, devoted only to music and God. He will not come to the court. To hear the "best," the King must become a commoner.



The Ruse



Tansen cannot command the Master.
He must trick him.

The Difference Between Great and Divine



“The Verdict: No other musician is so great as him.”

Tansen (Great)

“I sing at the command of the
King of Hindustan.”

Haridas (Divine)

“Guruji sings for the one who
is the King of Kings.”

A Grammar of Greatness

We use grammar to structure the hierarchy of value in our world.



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Painting with Comparisons: Similes

As brave as a **LION**



As faithful as a **DOG**



As busy as a **BEE**



As blind as a **BAT**



Similes allow us to borrow the qualities of nature to describe ourselves.

Know Your Context

Investigate and record your observations about your classmates.



Project Prompt

Create a scrapbook!

Collect pictures to describe:

Light - Lighter - Lightest | Big - Bigger - Biggest



Summary: The Scales of Comparison

PERSPECTIVE



The Physical Scale
(Measuring Limits)



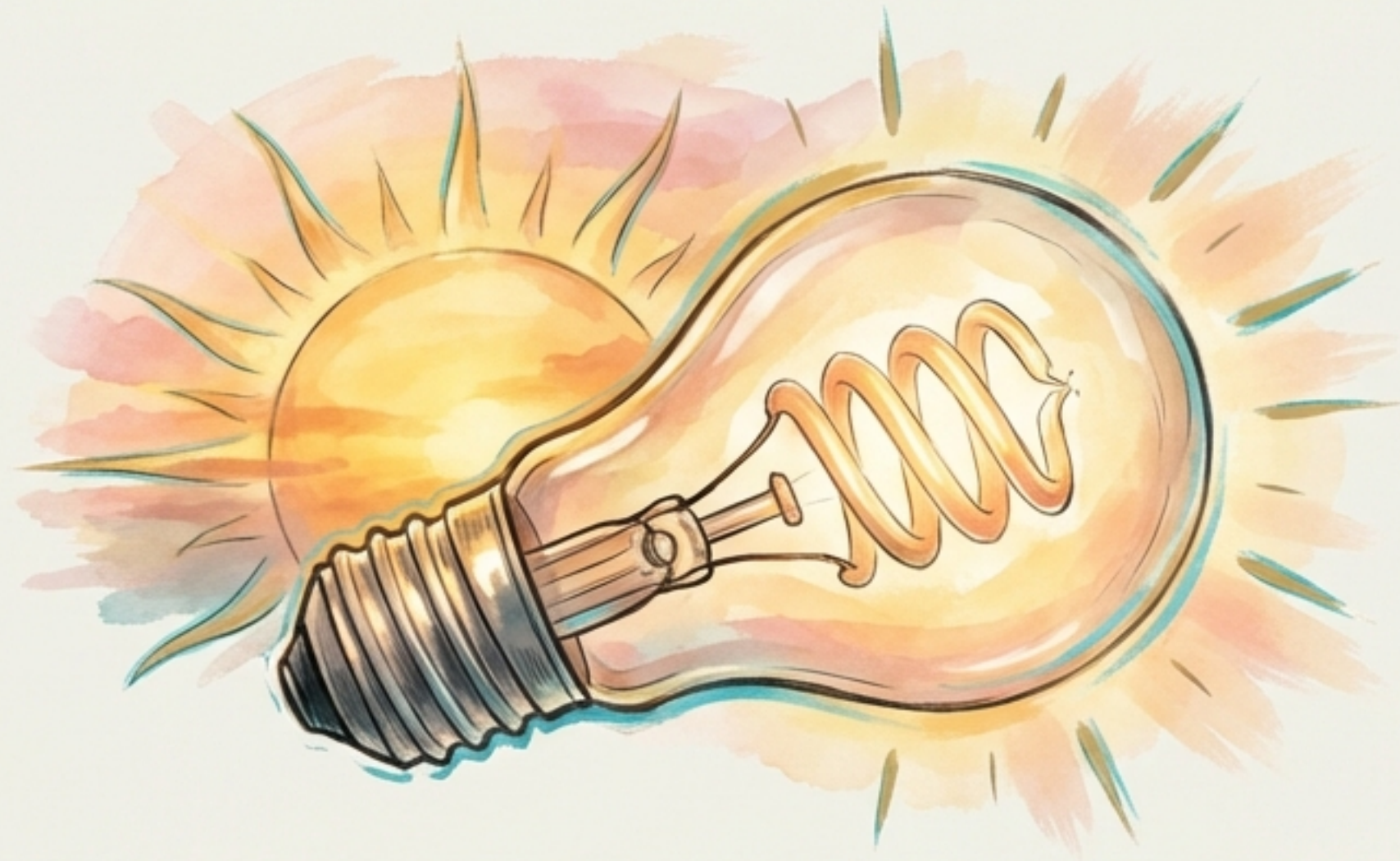
The Spiritual Scale
(Measuring Purpose)



The Analytical Scale
(Measuring Truth)

Whether measuring a building or a song, comparison helps us define 'better' and strive for 'best'.

Learn More, Be Brighter



“I wish my legs were longer, to carry me faster.”

Let learning be the legs that carry you forward. From small, to tall, to tallest.