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Different peoples have imagined different characters, told different stories, different myths and different dreams all whilst gazing at the same stars.



The stars and the sky

A meadow, the sun and ...all above blue sky.
Every night, stars shine upon every human being on Earth... and it does not matter if he is an adult or a child, if he is rich or poor, happy or sad, careful or not, if he lives in a town or the countryside.



This is ORION

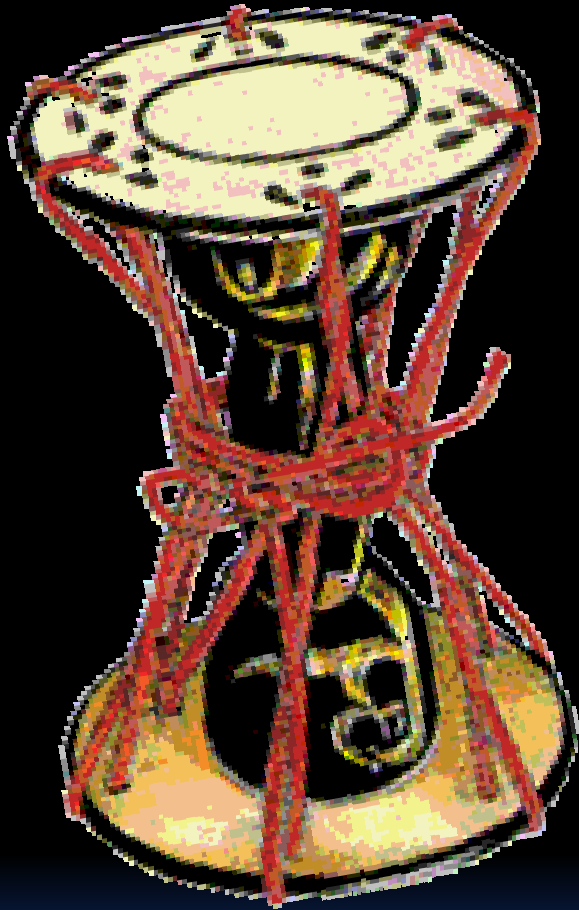
The Ancient Chinese, for instance, saw a general in the seven brightest stars that the Greek Roman culture call the Orion constellation.

But what would happen if one day the Chinese general went up into the sky to take his place amongst the stars and found an arrogant Greek hunter occupying that same place with no intention of moving?



Japanese have seen few if any individual gods or heroes or even mythological creatures within the constellation as a whole but rather icons of common knowledge or use and symbols of specific cultural values and attributes.





This hourglass-shaped **tsuzumi** in Japan was introduced from the Asian continent around the 7th century

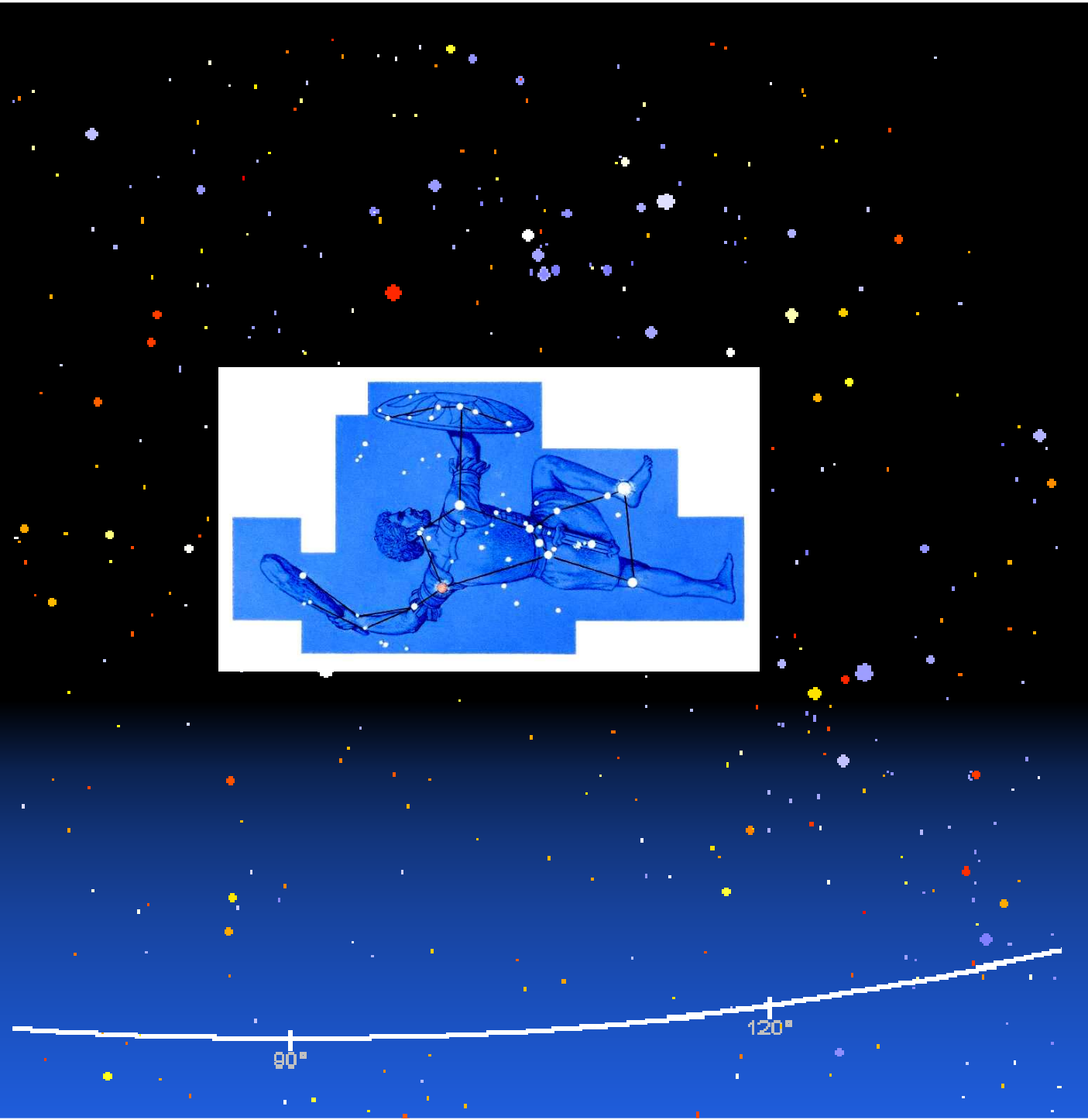
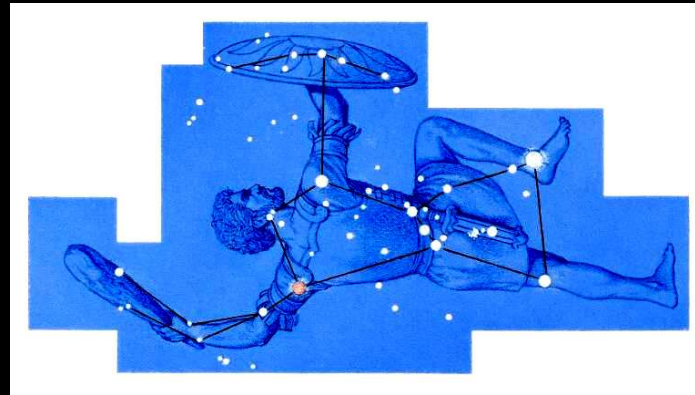


This Indian drum called Damru

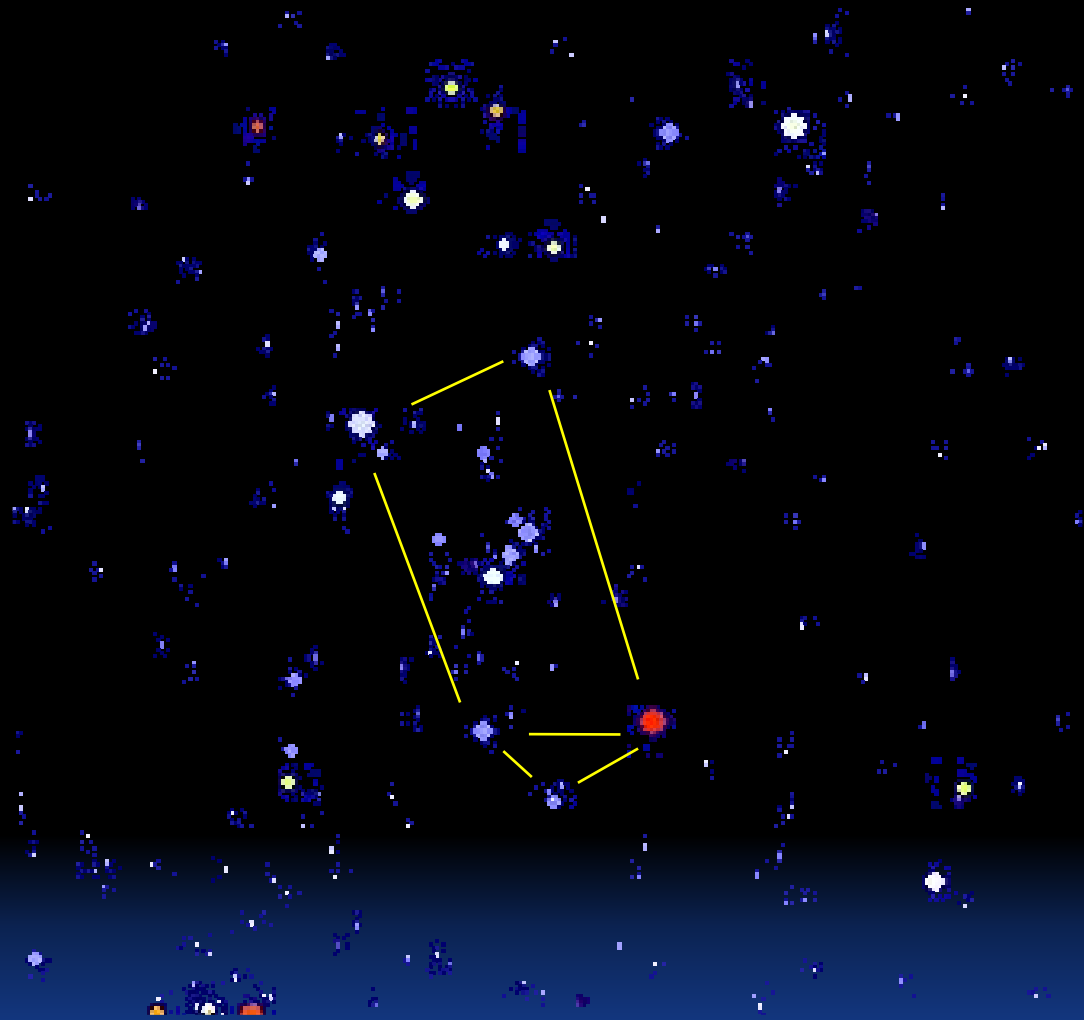
It is easy to imagine Orion as a giant figure standing above the horizon from northern latitude such as that of Italy.



But at
latitudes close
to the equator
Orion is ..
..well would be
a sleeping
figure



And from far southern latitudes such as from Australia "Orion" is seen upside down.







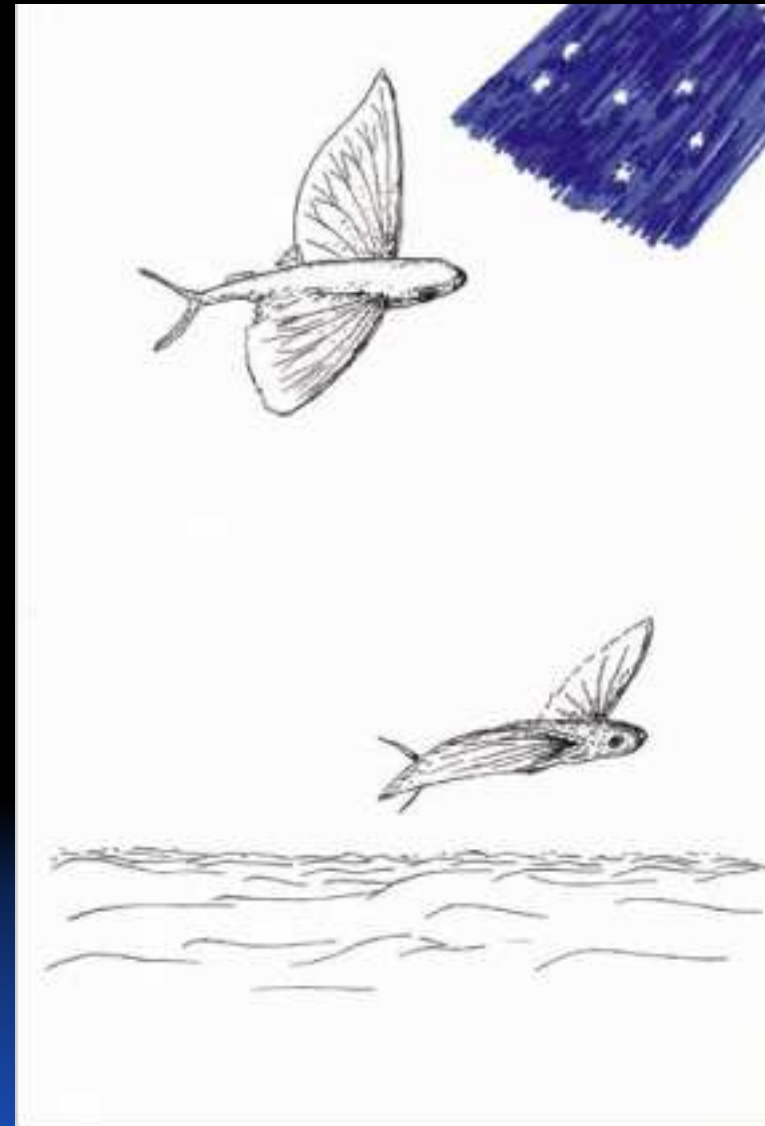
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**“We are all citizens of
the sky”**
Camille Flammarion

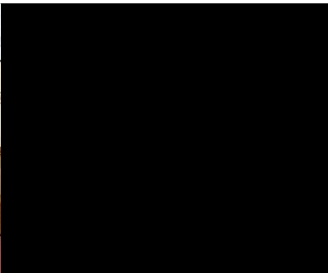


It is possible that children living in town have never seen a cow or a chick, and children from tropical countries have never touched the snow... but somewhere, somehow they have all seen the sky... and it does not matter if it is bright, crystal clear or cloudy... what matters is that they all have seen it.



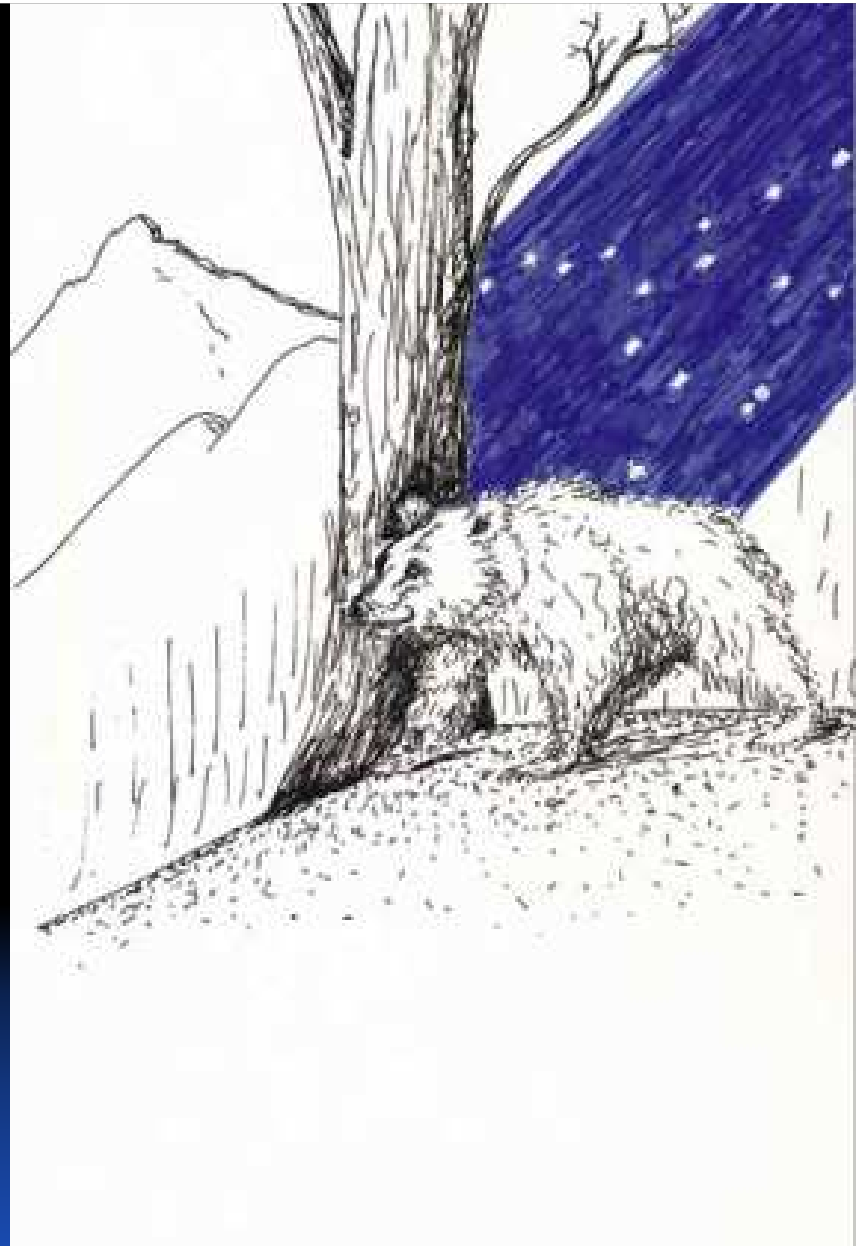
Qualche cenno all'esperienza





E DOPO??????

Il libro.....che è qui e
parla da solo





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Realizzazione di due giochi sulle costellazioni di cui uno in particolare sulle costellazioni del mondo.



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