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The Middle Finger

We are the sons of Pandu, yet mothered by Venus.
We dwell at the foot of the mount of Venus.
Yudhishtira the thumb, the head of the Chiro dynasty.
Bhima the Pointed one, the self-assured being.
I, Arjuna at the middle, the courageous and righteous.
Then come Nakula and Sahadeva - the Ashvineya.

This is my story - the story of the abandoned.
I am least loved and not adorned with precious jewels or
rich metals.
In my family, I am the tallest, bravest and inevitable.
Some abduct my brothers in reasons and seasons.
The eldest dwarf Thumb is called forth for approval or
rejection.
The forefinger, still elder, is over-concerned about
others-
Their faults, follies and prudence.
I am the third son of my parents - a victim of foolishness
and stupidity.
I am more misunderstood than understood.

Though i am a son of Pandu and Venus; Vulgarity looked after me.

Thus my veins carry it in and through.

I give orders, especially to scam.

My younger brothers are receptive,

And thus receive freebies for being fair.

Though separable we are; we are inseparable.

We are one in prayer- the sign of the Cross, though the eldest leads the rest.

Folded hands make us united and it's the gesture of prayer.

We, in unison, can give everyone a salute or namasthe or a handshake.

But what can i alone give everyone?

Its only a salute- the middle finger salute!!!



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