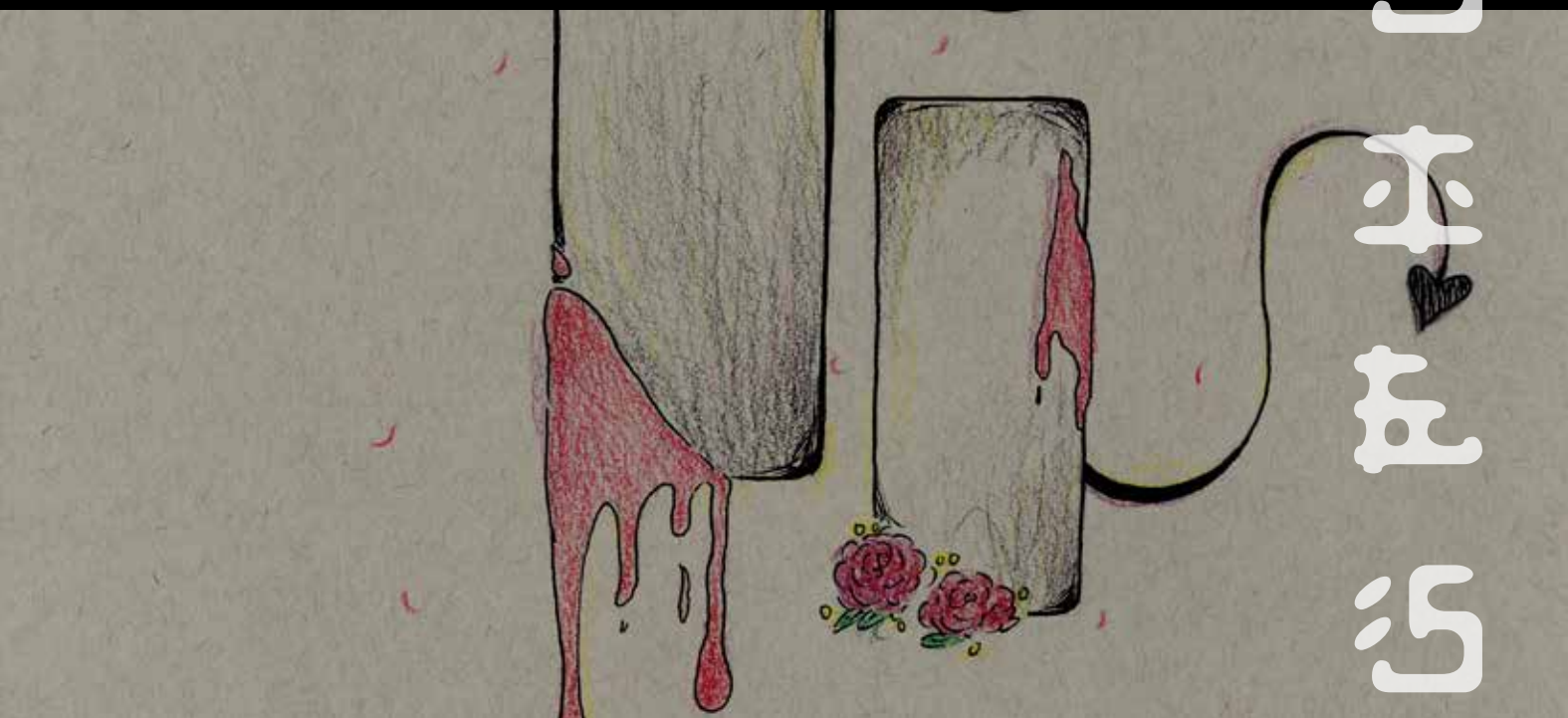


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About the Program

What is your favorite story of all time? How could you change it to make it even better? Inspired by Kat Cho's novel, *Wicked Fox*, the ninth graders in Mr. Hafner and Ms. Wang's class had the opportunity to transform their favorite stories into something new and exciting.

Wicked Fox is inspired by the Korean tale of the 'gumiho,' a nine-tailed fox that stays alive by feeding off of human souls. Miyoung, the main character, is half human and half gumiho. She faces an internal conflict when a human boy saves her life, but accidentally takes her fox bead, the key to her soul.

During her visits to the class, Kat shared how she breaks her stories into sections to keep herself on track. She also taught the students the importance of including captivating dialogue in all of their stories.

From TV shows to fairy tales to Chinese mythology, the students showed their takes on their favorite stories during the writing workshop. Students worked with Behind the Book writing coaches to polish their tales and achieve new heights in their work.

Behind the Book teaching artist Candice Humphries led an art workshop inspired by a Korean style of art known as 'munjado.' This style takes Chinese characters and changes the letters to illustrate the qualities or meaning of the word. Students used the names of their main characters as the basis for their art.

Over the course of the program, students evolved into master storytellers, delving into the world of their favorite stories, adding twists, turns, magical spells, and even romance. These stories will introduce you to characters and take you on journeys you won't soon forget!



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Another Realm

ERICA

In another realm, there is a wooden cabin in the middle of the dark forest where a witch lives. Her hair is a long silky silver color, with eyes red like rubies and fair skin. Her name is Veronica Antisanchez.

You can hear pecking at the window. Veronica wakes up and yawns as she walks to open the window.

“The Queen is calling for you. The Queen is calling for you.” the bird said and flew away.

So, she quickly dressed herself, took her staff and teleported herself to the castle.

“What did you call for this early in the morning.” Veronica said looking irritated to be called to the castle.

“You are going on a mission.” the Queen said, she looks just like Veronica but with the crown on her jet black hair, sitting on the throne. She sounds high and mighty with an air of dominance around her. The Queen is the older sister of Veronica. She threw a ring at Veronica, so Veronica put it on and before Veronica can say anything.

The Queen said “The witch over there will tell you the details.” and then teleported her away.

CHAPTER 2

At the witch was waiting for waiting for Veronica in a dark alleyway. Light shone and Veronica appeared on a magic circle. Veronica was very angry, but she quickly calmed down since she thinks that being angry was a waste of energy and time.

“Welcome to Earth witch of the dark forest, my name is Analisa.”

“Earth?” Veronica asked confusingly

“It is the name of the human world and I will tell you the details of the mission.”

“Speak.”

“Veils are opening the monster are coming out of it”

“So.”

“Your mission is to close up the veil.”

“But I don’t sense any mana here.”

“Indeed there is no mana.”

“The mission sounds tiring. I am going back.”

Just as Veronica was about to cast her spell Analisa stopped and said “Stop, it’s just a waste of mana. The Queen has put a restriction spell on the ring , so you have to complete your mission to be able to return.”

“So how am I going to complete the mission without mana.” Veronica said as her brows furrowed together and sighed

“I know that you are good at brewing potions so you just need to find the ingredients. There is one witch who grows the ingredients but we don’t know her exact location.”

“Is she around here somewhere?”

“She is.”

Veronica signed, getting a headache listening about the mission. She cursed at the Queen in her head purposely making the mission more difficult.

“I’m hungry bring me somewhere to eat.” Veronica said

“Alright, but let me bring you to change your clothes.” Analisa said as she looks at her outfit.

CHAPTER 3

As they walk to Analisa’s house, Veronica looks around curiously. The people walking around were staring at Veronica entranced by her appearance.

“Do I look weird?” Veronica asked looking puzzled

“Indeed, what you’re wearing is unusual here so they probably think you’re cosplaying.” Analisa said.

“Cosplaying?”

“Cosplay is the activity or practice of dressing up as a character from a work of fiction”

“Oh, I see.”

Finally, they arrived at Analisa’s house. Veronica looked inside the house in bewilderment. Analisa walked in and took some clothing for Veronica.

“You can change in here” Analisa said and Veronica walked inside.

“How do you know where this is?”

Analisa walked in and helped her change. Veronica walked out wearing a knee length black dress and a hat.

“Wear this too. Your eye color is not normal here” Analisa said while handling her sunglasses.

“Lets go, I will bring you somewhere to eat.” Analisa said and Veronica nodded her head.

They walked outside and stopped in front of a car. Analisa opens the car’s door. She asked Veronica to sit and to put on the seatbelt but Veronica what the seatbelt was so Analisa had to put it on for her.

“What is this?” Veronica asked

“This a car, it is a vehicle for transportation” Analise said answering her question

“Can you tell me what we are going to eat?”

“We’re going to eat Hot Pot”

“Is it tasty?”

“Yes.”

As they arrive they can smell the aroma of different broth.

“A table for two please” Analisa said as they enter the shop

“Alright, follow me please” the waitress said taking two menus off the table and showing them the way.

“This is a buffet so you can eat as much as you want”

“Please come again” the staff said as they looked as if they were about to cry and sighed in relief that she finally left. Veronica left with a satisfied face.

“They look as if they don’t want me to come back” Veronica said

“Well you did eat a lot”

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“I can’t help it that I ate more than usual, it tasted delicious”
“I tell you where you can find the witch back at my house”

CHAPTER 4

When they arrived home, the sun had already set. Analisa brought Veronica to the living room and they sat on the couch.

“Anyway the witch is named Peridot, she owns all types of rare ingredients. If you bring her a peridot gem or jewel she’ll give you any ingredients you ask for.” Analisa said seriously

“So where is she?” Veronica asked nonchalantly

“That is the problem we don’t know her exact location but we do know she’s around here. I will give you a picture and use your magic to pinpoint her since you’re better at using the spell than I am.”

“Alright, I’ll do it tomorrow, I’m too tired”

“Ok, I will show you how to use the shower in the bathroom”

“Thanks”

“Perfume”

CINDY

The bright sun shines through Min Jae’s window in Seoul at 10 a.m. There was a long pause then she spoke. “ Divorced”. I notice you had another woman outside. You dislike me because she has grown fat after giving birth. I know it’s not your fault , it’s my fault. The thing is that you never would tell anyone that I’m your wife, and you wont stand close to me because you wont embarrassed yourself that you have a ugly, clubby , and fat wife . Now get out of my house. You will go find the women you want .

You finally realized our thing is over , and you finally say it .” Which men do not want their wife to be slim and beautiful “? Jo Han responds back . One day you will regret what you have done today. By the way, Jin Kyung and Min Kyung won’t be your child. Remember how you ruin our family.

Jo Han walked out of the house while Min Jae angrily got all his belongings and threw it out. The salty watery tears created a river along her pale clubby skin, tasting the bitter salty tear. By the time the river could flow she heard calm and soft footsteps walking to the door. She quickly wipes her tears with her sleeves. The brown golden door has opened, it is her daughter Jin Kyung who goes to the same university as her mother to become a model and celebrity. She walked to me. She might have to know what has happened.

It is okay. Mommy, without dad you still have me and Min Kyung even though my brother is out of state studying. If dad ever hurt you again we will never talk to him. Jin Kyung said. She slowly put her hand to my lap. I could feel the soft warm hand-warming my skin. Jin, “mommy loves you”. I won’t be sad just because of him. I will be more pleased after today. He will not be forgiven for what he has done to this family.

Jin Kyung stood up and kissed her mother’s cheek. She had to return to her dorm and change for her show later. She walked to the door then looked back at her mother’s eye and said goodbye. After she left, Min Jae got up and was about to return to her room but then she heard a knock on the door. She walked to the door to see who it was. It was the girl that lived next door to them. I open the door then she says. “ Hey, I have something for you, open it after I leave,” Lisa says.

When she handed me the pink small box that was pretty heavy. She walks away after I couldn’t get a chance to ask her. Anyway, I hold the box and walk back into my room and stare at it for a second. Then I went to open the box. It was a perfume that looks like the perfume was designed for me. It has a red diamond on top of the bottom and the perfume smells like a memory as a teen-



ager . She sprays her wrist, something happens surprisingly. She felt she became smaller and the meat of her clubby body felt lighter. She looked down at her hand and she screamed. Her hand became slim and young. She can't believe it, she rubbed her eyes again to make sure she was awake. No matter how many times she tried to reopen her eyelid, her body was slim and normal. She quickly ran to the closest mirror and carefully with her two eyes staring at her reflection of herself in the mirror. Min Jae tries to pinched herself making sure it hurt when she pinched her own skin. It does hurt.

Min Jae never thought herself becoming back to normal and her age of her teen. As the teen of her use to work as a model at Seo Yi Do fashion show and the top model agency becoming a celebrity. She had to quit after marriage and now since she came back , she plans to go back again and let him regret what he has done . I was blinded by falling in love with you, you the one destroying my dream career. Now I need to get back to my career.

She went to Korea National University of Art, and today was her lucky day because the show needed a model . She went to apply for it. She ran into her daughter after she was done with her interview. She went to tell her daughter who she is and included the uses of the perfume, because she doesn't want to hide any secret behind her true love's family. Anyway her daughter had the same career as her mom when she was a teen . Her daughter was happy how her mom ended up because after marriage she has never been living happy. As her daughter I know she felt bad how she didn't accomplish her dream career. Jin Kyung will help her.

Before she could go buy her lunch, her body felt strange when she walked out the door. She feels her body growing up and becoming heavy , she looks at what has happened to her. She panicked that she turned back into a clubby mother. She started crying , she didn't know what to do next. Min Jae then just remembered the perfume. The perfume was the one that turned her back . She took out the perfume, sprayed it on her wrist, and a second later amazing things happened. She turned back. She paused then took out her phone to calculate the time she spray and the time right now .

“12 hours of the use of perfume”. Now Min Jae has to plan her schedule. She can not let the third person know her secret. Fighting ! You got this. Your career is up to you now. Your youth can not just be ruined like this.

The time when she got home , her life at home was just the same as before because her son is in New York studying, while her daughter at school , she got divorced, now she been by herself at home. It's fine, she used to live her life like that. She got changed so she can prepare for tomorrow's job. She handed up her purse then dug through her bag to get the perfume out . She thought to herself that, one day the perfume will be finished. She has to find a way to solve her problem whether she figures out how to refill the perfume or be healthy and fit. She decided to go find Lisa to ask her what happened when the perfume finished. She knocked on Lisa's door, but there was no response , she knocked harder , a guy came out and said, “Who are you? Who are you looking for? What can I help with you ma'am?”

I am looking for Lisa, by any chance do u know Lisa. I have important things to tell her.

Ummmmm sorry , the girl who used to live here , has moved out. She didn't say where she was going .

Ohhh Okie . Sorry to bother you. She now worries about what happened to Lisa and where she went? Where can I find her now? How would god give me such a good opportunity letting me relive my life as a teen. I have to pay the price for all the good things god is giving me . She knows that she can't rely on per-

fume , she knows if she really wants to become a model she has to work hard. She then set up her plan. Since she works on weekdays , she will go to the gym on the weekend and after work , she will also head to the gym. She will continue with the perfume till she can slim back to at least a normal weight for herself as a model requirement.

The next morning has begun , time for Min Jae to go to work today. Before she heads out the door, she flies to her room to spray on her perfume to start her day. Min Jae is an outgoing woman and not only does she love her kids. Jobs are also important to her. She walked to the office, after she went inside the boss's office. Seo Yi Do, who is the boss of the university and the fashion show. He smiled after Min Jae came in the office.

“You don't remember me” ? I was the boy who lived next to you, but then you left after I tried to go to your house. They say you guys move away. Do you remember me now ? Oooooo it you. I didn't know your name. You didn't like people to call you by that name, I remember you made a nickname that you wanted me to call you by that name. I'm sorry that I didn't recognize you. It's so funny how I work for you. Humm ,,,, Is there any show event happening that you want me to do ?

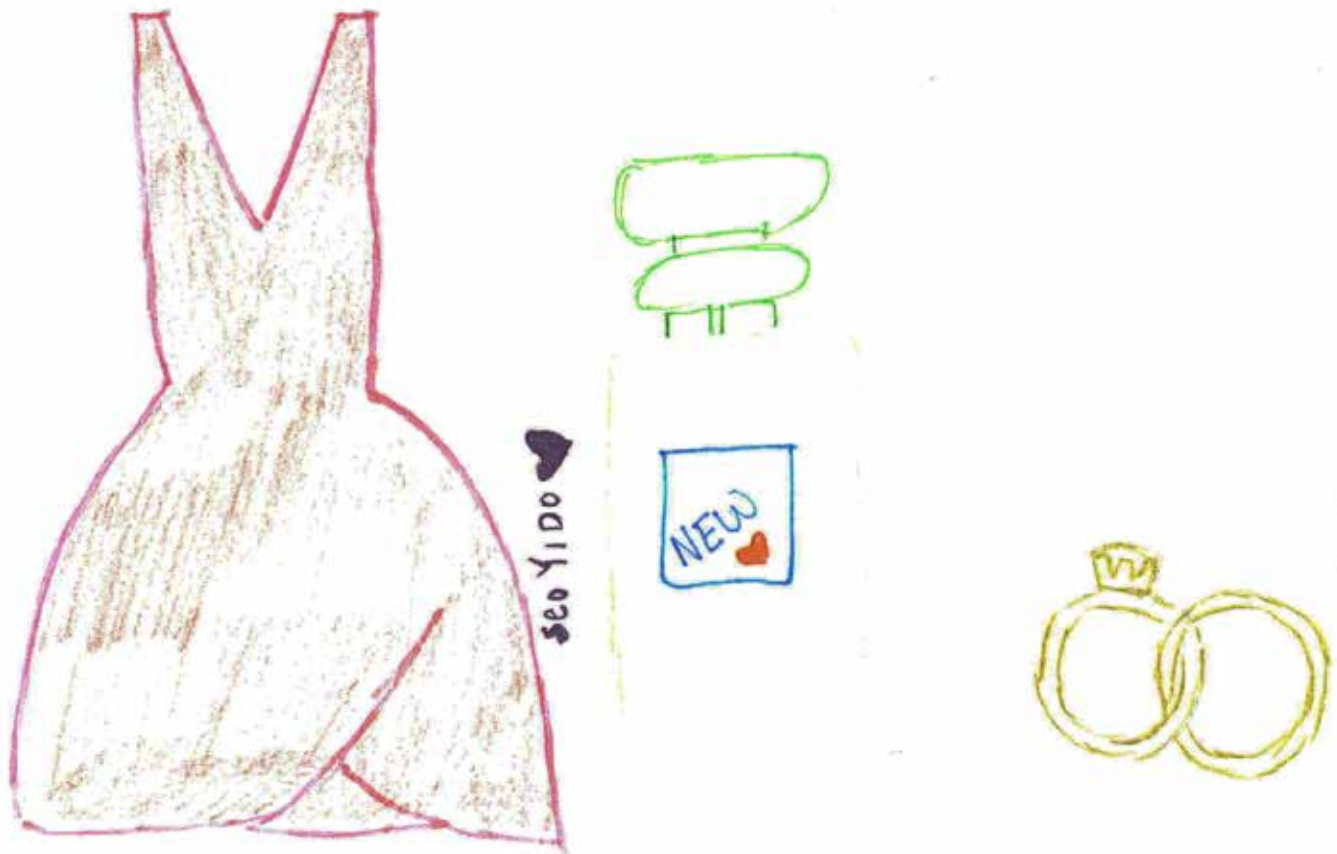
Not this week , perhaps next Tuesday there will be an event . I just want you to practice walking that all . I call you and will let you be prepared when the show happen. Min Jae got off work and headed to the gym that was closest to the school. Every day she will spend 3 hours in the practice room and 4 hours in the gym. Day after day going by, she has noticed she has lost about 6 lbs in 3 days. But then she knows she still needs a lot more to lose , about 50 more lbs . On Tuesday, she went to work, an hour before the show began. She got ready, and headed to the makeup room. About 10 minutes left. Seo Yi Do came , went to Min Jae and told her how this show is important and of course every show is essential to him. “Min Jae , don't disappoint me , and I trust you can handle it “.

When I waited for my turn to get up on the stage , my daughter was also there. I am not worried now, I have my daughter with me. “Mom, you will do good , I believe in you.” Jin kyung went up the stage with Min Jae. They both did good. Seo Yi Do pulled Min Jae to his office. He told her that he had liked her when they were both kids till now. But she was surprised by what he just said because she was older than him by 5 years. I never thought he would like me since I am older than him. Also I have kids and have been divorced.

“You know I was divorced and had two kids.” And to be honest, back in childhood, I wasn't sure if I liked you or is it something else that not love. “I realize I fall in love with you after you move away, I remember all the good memories we have back then and now you here. I am grateful that I see you again “.

Seo Yi Do slowly fix her hair on her face then he kissed her. Min Jae stood back after the kiss. Her face turned red , her heartbeat was quick as the raindrop . She ran out of the office. She slowly breathed again. Instead of going home, she went to the gym. She looked in the mirror. She screamed. She





looked at the mirror again. She rushed home and hurried to measure her weight. 10 lbs has lose..... How could I? So magical.... THEeee KiSSssss from him?? nOooo WAyyyyy. Min went to bed and think very hard about the feeling toward Yi Do. Maybe it's true love, or else how come . Do I like him also? My heart was beating so fast. Should I give him a chance?

She called her daughter, explaining what had happened , and should I accept his love ? My daughter told me that, since you kinda have feelings toward him and he likes you.” You should give it a try”. Am I overthinking ... oh my gosh ... my head hurts. She went to sleep

Long story short, after a month with him and in the gym. She has changed her feeling and her weight is becoming better. She is now around 130 lbs and after spending more time knowing him more and true love for him. We are together after a month of spending time together .

At night time, she has forgotten to spray the perfume ,but then it so strange that it should turn her back into the real side of her but it didn't, it has past 12 hours. The perfume shine and glitter . She went to see what the light shining at. The perfume let out a phrase.

“Love is what you need to make yourself perfect.” When Min Jae tried to spray the perfume the next time she needed it, the perfume was now a normal perfume. She was happy now how there was no magic between her body and the perfume. When she returned to the school, and entered the office, she saw her ex. He also brought his “girlfriend” saying that she wanted to attend the model show. I told her and my ex-husband that , she will

never be one and we won't want you. That was his revenge . Not only that but the girlfriend he is dating right now was one of my best friends in college. The reason why she decided to be with him is not because of love but money. I know all this because she used to be my friend but in the end the friendship is fake. She will eat down all your money and by that time you have no time to regret.

It did happen . Now that they broke up, he ended up having nothing. But on the other hand Min Jae now does not worry about the perfume and the look of her because Yi Do still loves her no matter her beauty.



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ASHLEY

The first day of school was as hectic as ever. Incoming students scrambling to find their classrooms and returning students finding humor in their struggles. Screams flooded the halls as a fight broke out. The principal bolted into action immediately after hearing the ruckus and almost took a hit to the face. Spectating students groaned in frustration as the fight ended.

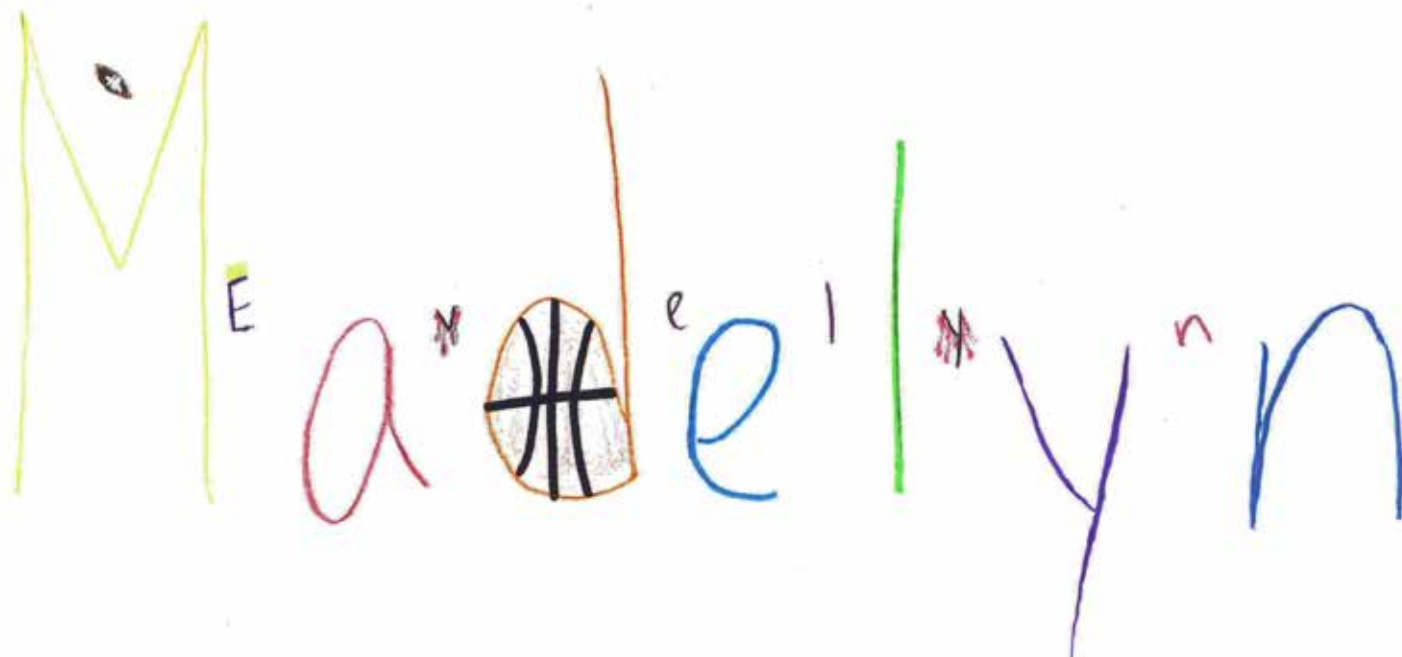
“Get to class everyone. Nothing to see here,” said Principal Darwin. He turned his head with a stern look. “You two boys come with me.”

In Principal Darwin’s office sat two new students, Evelyn and Madelyn Davis. They looked like ordinary teenagers. However they were anything but ordinary. They are one of the oldest vampires alive. They had survived a few wars which gave them experience but also made them more vulnerable. Despite their many skills, they also faced many challenges. For example, they could only stay out in the sun for 8 hours and would die if they stayed past the limit. Evelyn and Madelyn had always been the popular kids at school. Evelyn has stunning blonde hair that smelled like fresh strawberries and had a very feminine style. Madelyn on the other hand was more “masculine”. She has silky black hair as dark as the night sky and deep blue ocean eyes. Due to their looks, the spotlight had never left them.

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“Home sweet home,” said Madelyn. “Almost a century later and it still looks the same,” said Evelyn, tears swimming in her eyes. The tears quickly faded as a wave of concern crashed upon her. “What happens if they recognize us? Will they recognize us?”

“Don’t worry. You know everyone who could’ve known us has passed long ago. We



have nothing to worry about,” said Madelyn reassuring her sister. “We’ve got to be careful ‘cause we have history here. Who knows what could happen?” said Evelyn.

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Evelyn had no trouble making friends because she was much more approachable than Madelyn. A week had passed and she knew almost half the school. However, popularity came with a price. Rumors in the past spread like wildfire due to such advancements in technology. No matter how advanced, neither sister could get people off their backs. Running, however, helps them keep in shape.

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“Evelyn you better start wearing your watch again. You’ve been cutting it very close to the limit,” said Madelyn. Evelyn scoffed and rolled her eyes.

“You aren’t my mom you don’t need to tell me that,” said Evelyn.

“I was just trying to look out for you because that’s what sisters do. Don’t let the popularity get to your head. You remember what happened last time?” said Madelyn sternly.

“How could I forget? It’s all you talk about. How many times do I need to tell you I’m sorry? It was an accident,” screamed Evelyn.

“Killing Mason was no accident. You knew exactly what you were doing. How could you be so selfish? You knew how much I cared for him,” cried Madelyn as she began to choke on her words.

“How could you be so weak to care for a mortal? Not as strong as Mom and Dad painted you to be I see,” snapped Evelyn. “Besides I’ve been watching to stalk that guy. He looks just like Mason.”

“There’s no way it’s him but at least I can feel a little bit of peace,” said Madelyn as she walked away.

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Madelyn had recently become a regular customer at the subway Luke worked at. Madelyn didn’t have the courage to engage in a conversation after two weeks but Luke had served Madelyn with a napkin that contained his number. He has asked her out on a date. As she read the note, her face lit up like fireworks bursting in the air.

“You are the most beautiful girl I’ve ever seen,” said Luke the next day as he handed Madelyn her regular order. Her face felt like it was set ablaze, making Luke chuckle. After much discussion, they decided to take a cooking class. They both loved food and really wanted to explore their passions.

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Luke yelped in pain as he cut himself with a knife. He was assigned to chop some tomatoes and leave some unwanted juice.

“Are you okay?” said Madelyn quickly turning away knowing exactly what was happening.

“Im fine just a small cut. Are you okay? You seem a little grossed out by the blood,” said Luke. With the scent of blood in the air, Madelyn began to feel her face tense up. Every muscle she had vibrated, wanting to rip Luke apart. Resist-



ing the urge, she ran away. Without a clue, Luke sat at his station alone to bandage his wound, feeling deflated as the sight of Madelyn faded. Madelyn running as her life really did depend on it, she ran to the one place she could always feel safe, the playground.

“The universe works in funny ways doesn’t it?” said Luke as he sat beside her on the swing. Madelyn’s face was plastered with shock as she stuttered in amazement.

“How did you find me here?” asked Madelyn after a brief pause.

“I’m guessing you find this place a safe haven as well,” said Luke.

“I need to tell you something...”

“Of course. Anything.”

“How should I put this? ... I’m a vampire.”

In utter shock, Luke wanted to run. He stood up and began to run but noticed the amount of trust she put into him to reveal this secret. He knew she was special and didn’t want to let her go.

“Why’d you change your mind?” asked Madelyn.

“Your courage is honestly impeccable,” chuckled Luke.

“Thanks for staying. You’re the first. I’ve sadly had to kill the others so please. I’m hoping I can trust you to keep this secret.”

“Of course.” They looked at each other with a huge smile and life has never been the same.

# Forgotten Love

DAISY

A long time ago, there lived a mermaid and a prince. The mermaid was captured by his soldiers and was brought to the sacred lake. The mermaid was very scared and nervous, thinking she was going to die. But suddenly, the prince came and examined her. She was very beautiful and had shiny long black hair. He told the mermaid that she would be his wife, but she didn't like the sound of the idea. He noticed after that she can turn into a human but she told him that if she or he doesn't love her, she will die in 30 days so he said that he will accept the challenge. They began to start spending time with each other and they started to have feelings for each other. Soon after they confessed their feelings for each other and they got married the day after that. They lived happily ever after and loved each other forever. But that was just an old legend.

In present times, there is this guy that walks out of the airport in California, he looks rich and very chic. His hair was pushed back and he had a very nice suit on. He walked to his driver and asked, "How are you doing, Mr. Park?"

"I'm doing fine sir, it has been a long time since you once visited here," he answered.

"I know, I deserve a vacation once in a while. As you know, I am the C.E.O of the popular CLOUD company in South Korea," he explained nicely.

"I am well aware of that, let me get your suitcases into the trunk and lets get going," he told him.

Mr. Park put his luggage into the car and they both drove to his destination. This man's name is Heo Joon Jae. He is the talk of South Korea. Everyone knows him and he knows everyone. He came to California for a quick vacation before he has to get back to work.

Once they arrived to JoonJae's beach house in Malibu, he said his goodbyes to Mr. Park after he was done unloading his luggage. JoonJae looked over the ocean standing on his front porch. The ocean was very beautiful because the sun was about to set. The sun reflected over the ocean and the colors were amazing. The salty smell of the ocean was very fresh and nice. He took a long breath and was about to head inside but he suddenly heard something like a cry for help. It sounded like the person was saying "Help me, Help me" so he went towards the sound and found a mermaid lying there on the beach. He thought it was impossible that a mermaid was really there so he rubbed his eyes over and over again to see if it is actually there and there it was lying on the beach floor. He came up to the mermaid and asked, "Are you ok?"

"What's going on? Why am I here?" she replied.

"Um- I don't know why you are here but I- I'll take you inside so we can talk," he said, still shocked from all of this. Suddenly her tail turned into legs and he



almost passed out from the sight. They both walked together inside the beach house and he gave her a fluffy blanket so that she can be warm and he asked, "Who are you?"

"Well, my name is Jung So Min, I am a mermaid from Jeju-do island," she answered.

"If you remember how you got here, please tell me," he asked.

"I only remember a few parts although I am still a little dizzy. I remember I wanted to swim up to the ocean surface and see what was happening to the outside world and when I got there, there was a dangerous storm that appeared. I was so scared and suddenly I saw this ship heading towards me and I tried to swim away but it hit me and I blacked out," she finally finished, still shaking from the thought of the frightening events.

"Well, do you want to go back to Jeju-do island?" he asked.

"Not now, I would rather stay here for a little bit then head back. I never experienced life outside of the ocean," she concluded.

"You are welcome to stay here as long as I'm here," he politely said.

They talked for the rest of the night about what her life was like and what his was like too. He was very fascinated about the existence of mermaids. She was very interested to know all about human life. Soon the sun started to come up and they started to plan their day. They thought that if they only have limited time to spend together, why not make the best days of their lives. They go to malls and restaurants so that she can try some things that humans would like to do. She absolutely loved food and she gobbled it up like a vacuum cleaner. They went to visit all of the tourist shops and got some souvenirs and little trinkets. On the last night of their vacation, they sat down on the beach together. It was really windy and the moon was shining brightly in the night sky. He began talking about this place called Seoul. He said it was



very busy and very beautiful.

“I would like to take you there one day. You would love it!” he said excitedly.

She stayed silent, taking the thought all in. She was very sad that it was the last day.

The next day, he began for departure. He packed all of his belongings and said bye to Somin.

“Bye, Somin. I’m going to miss you,” said Joonjae.

At that moment, she noticed that it was real and began to cry a river. She noticed that she really loved him and didn’t want him to leave. He comforted her and said that it is ok. Soon after, his driver told him that it was time to go. They said their final goodbyes to each other and he left. She didn’t know what to do after and just sat on the beach thinking about her next plan.

Suddenly, she remembered something very important that she forgot to mention. She remembered a story her mother used to tell her. It was about when you are a mermaid and you step on land, you have 30 days to live. The only way you can live is that you fall in love with somebody and they love you back. After she remembered that, she made a mission to go to Seoul and tell him how she feels.

Once he arrived in Seoul, he got picked up by his driver and started to go to his workplace, CLOUD inc. They were driving on this really busy road and suddenly there was the car driven by a maniac speeding across the road. Everyone was very scared and tried to avoid that maniac. Joonjae wasn’t paying attention to that driver and suddenly there was a loud boom. Everyone looked around and saw the maniac’s crash into Joonjae’s car. Someone hurried and called the ambulance to come save him.

A while later, they hurried him and the driver to the hospital. There were a lot of people that looked worried. They were quickly brought into surgery because they have suffered a very severe injury. After they were healed, only the driver had woken up and he was fine. Turns out Joonjae had a more severe injury in his brain and was still in a coma. Soon after he woke up and said, “What am I doing here? Who am I?”

“It is ok. You are in a hospital and your name is Heo Joonjae,” replied the doctor. They have discovered that he has temporary amnesia. They ask his servants to take him back to his house and let him rest until he has to go back to work.

Meanwhile, Somin was swimming to Seoul and was almost there. When she got there, she asked people if they knew him and where he was. She soon found out where he worked and asked the receptionist if he was there. They told her that he was at home sick today so she had to wait outside for him all night. She was shivering while she was sitting on a bench outside the workplace. It felt like she has been waiting for years for him to walk past those doors. Finally morning has awakened and she began to wake up. After some time, she sees someone familiar walking towards the workplace and soon found out that it was him. She came up to him and said, “Hi, Joonjae. It’s me Somin from California that you met before.”

“Wait, who are you?” he replied confusingly.

“Don’t you remember me? I’m that mermaid you meant on the beach,” she



said, hoping he will remember.

“Mermaid? I don’t remember meeting a mermaid. He pushed her aside and went to the elevator and the doors closed. She began bursting out in tears. She didn’t know what to do from now on. She only had 27 more days to live and she wasn’t the happiest. But she still didn’t give up so she waited for him until dark to tell him everything and maybe get to know him a little more.

Darkness has overtaken the sky and CLOUD employees were walking. out do those big glass doors and she soon saw Joonjae walking out too. She quickly ran up to him and said, “Can I quickly just talk to you?”

He said, “No, I’m in a hurry.”

“Please, it will only take 5 minutes,” she said urgently.

“Fine then but be quick,” he said annoyingly. She quickly rushed him to sit with her on the bench.

“Why don’t you remember me?” she asked.

“Well, I didn’t really think you would be interested but I recently got into a car accident and I lost my memory temporarily so I will be like this for a short while,” he concluded.

“Oh, I see now. So you don’t remember anything we did back in California?” she said.

“Nope,” he said to her.

“Well, this will be difficult,” she said to herself quietly.

“What did you say?” he asked.

“Oh, nothing. It’s just that.... We had a really fun time in California and I can’t believe you forgot it all,” she said sadly.

“Well, maybe we can make up for the lost times that we had,” he said nicely, knowing it would make her feel better.

“That’s a promise you can’t break. Call?” she said excitedly.

“Call!” he ended. The five minutes are up and he wanted to get her information so that he can contact her but she didn’t have a phone. So the nice guy that he is, he went across the street and got her the latest Samsung phone and she loved it. He was about to leave but she suddenly stopped him.

“I don’t have a place to stay. Can I please stay at your place?” she asked, hoping he would say yes.

“Sure it’s the least I can do. But you owe me a favor,” he said with a sigh.

After that, she was jumping with excitement and quickly hopped into the car. He got into the car and they went zooming to his house. When they got there, she got out of the car and her jaw dropped from amazement.

“This is your house?!” she asked happily.

“Yes. Is there a problem?”

“N-no, no problem.” Soon after, they entered the house and there were tons of furniture in there and it was very modern. It looked like it came out of a magazine page from IKEA. She began exploring the house while he made dinner. He made some kimchi jjigae and some rice on the side. When she was done exploring, she entered the dining room and sat down and ate like she didn’t eat for ten years. Once they were done eating, they took a shower and got ready for bed. He showed her to her bedroom that is right next to his and they said goodnight and went to sleep. Once she woke up, she noticed that he wasn’t there so she walked down to the kitchen and found a note that says, “Sorry for leaving so early. I had to prepare for a business

meeting but you can have breakfast that is placed on the dining table.” So she sat and ate all alone which is quite sad and she got on with her day.

Hours passed and it was night time already, he came back from work and found her sitting on the couch watching television. Once she saw him, she got up quickly and ran to him and hugged him.

“Wow! What a nice greeting!” he said.

“Oh, sorry. I was really bored without you here.” she said.

“It’s ok, I’m here now,” he comforted her. It seems like he really liked her but she didn’t know for sure. Her time is running out and she only has 25 days left to live. She need to spend more time with him but he always have work.

“Joonjae, what days do you not have work?” she asked.

“Well have this Saturday off and next Wednesday off too,” he said, making sure he was right.

“Oh then do you wanna do something together to remake those memories you lost?” she asked, hoping he will say yes to her offer.

“Sure, since I have nothing to do that day,” he told her. She was really happy that he said yes. They both did what have to do before bed and then fell asleep.\

Saturday has come really fast and she only had 20 days left. They got ready for the day and when she got out of her room, he was amazed of how beautiful she looked. He looked very dashing too, of course. They went out to a fine restaurant and got to know each other a little more.

They did that for almost every week but time was almost up. She decided to tell him about how she really feels since the deadline was only one day away.

“Heo Joonjae, I love you!” she told him loudly.

He chuckled and then said, “I love you too.”

“Why don’t you love- Wait, did you just say yes?” she asked confusingly.

“Yes, I did. Why did you have a problem with that?”

“No that’s fine with me.”

“I also got to tell you one more thing..... I’m a mermaid.”

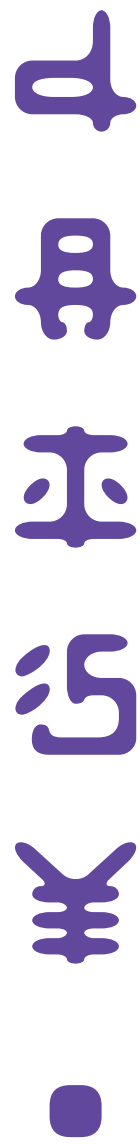
“I know, I got my memory back a long time ago,” he said.

“But why didn’t you tell me?” she asked.

“Because I didn’t want us hanging out to end so quickly,” he said thinking it was funny.

She lightly hit him on the arm but then hugged him and they lived happily ever after.

A few years later, they had a family and got married. They had 3 beautiful children and they would also soon be mermaids but they didn’t tell them yet. It would definitely be a surprise of their lives.





# Awaken Spirit

AISHA

The sunlight shines through the car, dazzling in Chihiro's eyes, she rubbed and suddenly bumped into the car seat. She got off and smelled a sharp scent of gasoline. "The car cannot fit through the tunnel, we have to walk". Chihiro's dad said. Chihiro looked around, there was only a trace of light in the narrow tunnel. She holds tight to her parents and goes through the tunnel. She saw a grassland and buildings not faraway. "Are we going to walk that far?it's like hundreds of miles!", Chihiro moaned. Her parents continued to walk. "Wait wait for me.", Chihiro ran towards her parents. The buildings are coming closer and closer Chihiro finally saw people. Chihiro's parents smelled something good to eat and saw a restaurant and sat down on the stool. "I'm not hungry, I'll take a look around", Chihiro wandered around and started walking. "Don't get lost!". The sky started to get dark, lights and lanterns from stores started to light up consistently, Chihiro sees things started to walk out from stores. She took a closer look and found out it was animals and spirits. Chihiro hurried and ran to her parents, but all she saw was two pigs constantly eating wildly. She then realized it was her parents. Suddenly, a voice broke in, " You are a human?", Chihiro looked back and saw a dark haired, human-like person standing in front of her.

"Why are you here?", the boy asked

"I need help, my parents became pigs"

"Answer me first, how did you came in?"

"I....I went inside a tunnel"

"I cannot help you, but I know someone that can help you," the boy put a talisman on the back of Chihiro. "This will help you from letting others know you are a human, you can go find Lin in the tower behind you, but be careful, I need to go". The boy transformed into an azure long dragon and flew up to the sky. "Wait.. at least tell me your name".

Chihiro was thinking if she should believe him or not, but it was her only chance of saving her parents, she tied her hair up and started to walk to the tower. When Chihiro entered the tower, a loud voice called on her, "you're new?", she pushed chihiro and told her to move faster. Chihiro started to wash large bathtubs and arrange customers to go in. A tall and skinny girl went to Chihiro, "Hi, you're new?.... I'm Lin". "Umm..yea, I'm Chihiro", for that second she felt she was the luckiest girl in the world. "It's almost time, you can go rest let me take you there". Chihiro followed Lin to a place where she and others live, "go rest, I'm doing night shift today". Lin left, Chihiro opened the door and went to the balcony. She never took a close look at the place, a place packed to the gills, bustling with noise, and seeing frogs talking to each other, she can't believe frogs are speaking instead of saying "rabbit". "Clack..Clack", someone was throwing pebbles. Chihiro put her head down and saw the boy from last time waving to her. She hurried and ran down the stairs.

"Where have you been?", the boy took Chihiro's and led her to a garden.

“Has anyone found out about you yet?”

“Not yet, what's your name?”

The boy stood for a moment and said “Haku”

Chihiro looked up and saw the wonderful scene and started to cry.

“What happened”

“You will see your parents soon, I know a way to help you”

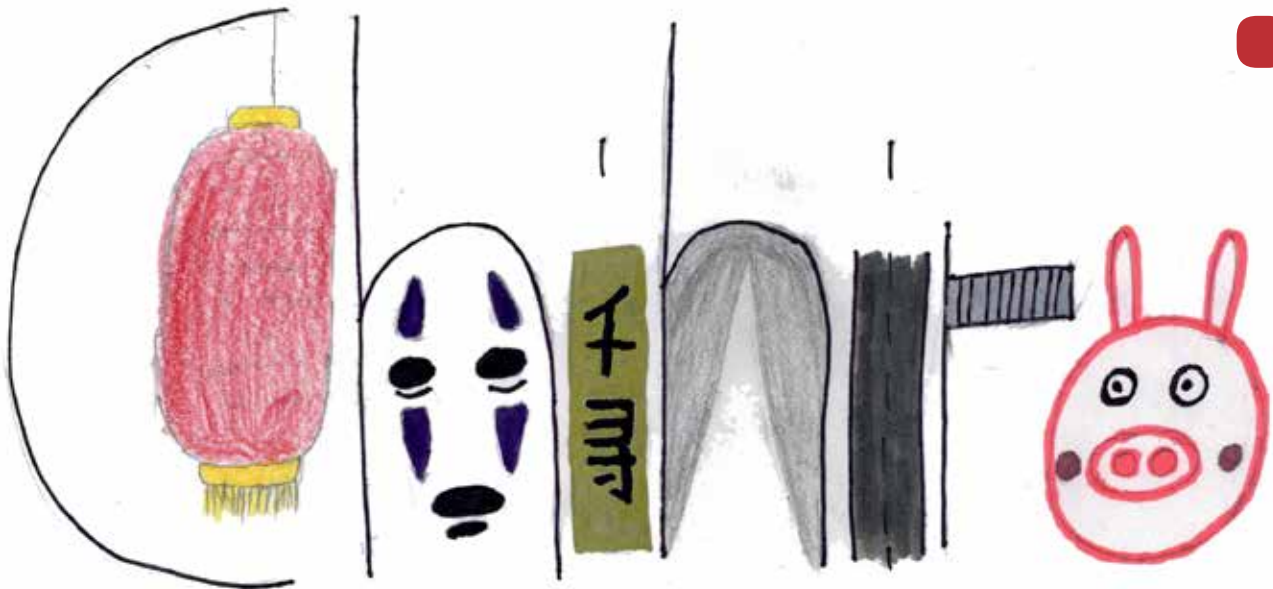
Chihiro stared at him deciding to believe him or not.

“Give me a week”.

Haku sent Chihiro back and told her not to make any trouble while working.

The next morning, Chihiro went outside and saw a sky pure like the waters from the sea. Trains were floating on the water. Lin showed her how to clean tubs properly and where to give tickets to customers to get in. Chihiro was fully cooperating with others for the next few days waiting for Haku to be in front of her. “Tomorrow will be a busy day, make sure to not sleep late”, Lin told Chihiro and went to sleep. Chihiro can't fall asleep it's been almost a week and she can't even see a hint of Haku, but it's not the end of the week yet, she told herself. In the evening, a huge spirit full of garbage stinks came in and no one was taking care of him. Just this moment, Chihiro stepped up and took him to one of the open bath tubs. Lin also came for help, They spent hours and hours cleaning the hundred tons of trash. Finally, after the spirit gave Chihiro a small mirror, she was not sure of what it was for. When she got home, she looked in the mirror and saw a pig farm, she then realized it was her parents, she knew that helping others was a right choice.

On the last day of the week, Chihiro requested to not work for that day. She decided to wait for him for the whole day, it was boring as listening to teachers



teach. Chihiro lay down and looked at the ceiling. All of a sudden, something crashed inside the room, it was Haku, he was injured. Chihiro hurried and checked, there was blood everywhere. "What happened?, How can I help you?", "I found something that can help your parents", Haku gave Chihiro two beads. Chihiro ran to the tower and told Lin about it. Lin went back and helped Haku stop bleeding. "It must be Witch Yubaba, she takes control of everything here", "How can I find her?", "You are going to talk to her? , Ummmm.....Go to the back of the tower, up the mountain and you will see a huge building, it's her house, be careful.". Chihiro listened to Lin and on the road, she saw the spirit was following her, together, they found the house. They went in, it was dark, gloomy and something just pulled Chihiro and took her to a room. The room was full of weird things and the chair turned Chihiro saw an old lady.

"Are you the witch?, can you please help Haku",

"Why should I?"

"He's dying, he did nothing wrong, it's all because of me" Witch Yubaba attacked Chihiro with her power, suddenly, the spirit popped out of nowhere and protected Chihiro.

"Will I get anything if I help you?"

"I can give you anything"

"Anything...."

"I will take your most important memory, to exchange for Haku's life", Chihiro agreed to it even though she doesn't know what was her most important memory.

"Can I go see him"

"1 hour, once you walk out of the tunnel, it will be erased", Chihiro went to see Haku for the last time.

"I always think you are very lucky, you know the outside world looks like, you know how it feels like to have a family" Haku said . "There's not much time left" Lin ran up and told Chihiro. When Chihiro went down, she saw her parents were standing there waiting for her. She turned back and saw Haku on the balcony, she threw the mirror to Haku and waves to him. While walking through the tunnel, Chihiro fainted. When she wakes up, she sees her parents driving, not long after she sees a tunnel.

# The Beautiful Bite

EILEEN

On an earth-like realm, there lived vampires and humans not-so-peacefully. Vampires had their own government, but humans didn't. So, humans were like the lower classes. In this realm, there was only one school named Millhigh University, which vampires and humans both have to go to school together. Vampires could take the lives of any human at any time without it being illegal. Millhigh University doesn't look too "bright", it looked just like one of those haunted houses you would find in the theme park. Old, dirty, dark.....it seemed there was never daylight in the school. But even with that, some humans still choose to go to Millhigh University because that was the only place they could get educated.

Just another rainy school day, the smell of salty rain filled the air on Yami's way to school to sign up for her second year in Millhigh. She entered the noisy bus and searched for a seat near the window sides. As she arrived in front of Millhigh University, it gave a chill down her spine that she hasn't felt since last year. Yami was not one of the popular and pretty girls, but she wasn't that unsightly either.

"Yami!" called San, Yami's one and only friend in the school.

San's personality was a complete opposite from Yami's. San is a very enthusiastic and "loud" person. She is loud to the point where Yami feels like her ears are going to turn deaf everytime she talks to her.

"Shhh! San you are too loud, this is school we are not at your house." Yami said with a motherly tone.

"Ok, Ok mum...." whispered San softly.

Yami doesn't get how San seems so happy in a school like ...this. But, she does have to admit that San is her energy source and the reason that she is still keeping up.

"Did you get your schedule sheet yet? What period do you have lunch at?" said San.

"No, I was on my way to get it when YOU jumped up on me."

"Ok then let's go!"

Yami was on her way back home when a boy bumped into her.

"Watch where you're goin' human!" shouted Yi

"Um...what? You where the one-"

But Yi ran off before Yami could say anything else.

"Owww...." Yami pushed herself up from the floor and decided not to care about it anymore and continued on her way back home.

It was the next morning, Yami went to school as she normally would. 8:51am,





her watch showed. She has 9 minutes to get herself ready for her first class of the day. She rushed towards her class until she bumped into a boy in the hallway.

“Owww...”

“Hey! It’s you again, the human girl who bumped into me yesterday!”

“What?! I beg for your pardon, but it was YOU who bumped into ME!”

“I know I’m good-looking and all, but you don’t have to try that hard for me to notice you.” said Yi confidently.

When Yami looked up to see Yi’s face, she was silenced immediately. That was because Yi was the principal’s younger brother, also the prince of vampires. Yi wasn’t someone a human would want to get close to, but many girls gets overwhelmed by his charms. People say that even though Yi isn’t that scary normally, but when you get him pissed, he really will come after you.

“Sorry...” mumbled Yami and ran off to class.

Luckily, Yami wasn’t late to class. She took a seat next to the windows, she always

Liked to sit near windows because the blue sky made her calm while in class or anywhere. All of that calmness went away when the person entered.



# Requiem: Feedback

ETHAN

Diavolo (better known as Solido Naso) is a 6-foot tall 33-year-old man. He was also the former mafia boss of the Italian gang Passione but one day a rouge group of members banded together to stop him from selling drugs to young people and killing the innocent. These members consisted of Giorno Giovanna, Narancia Ghirga, Guido Mista, Bruno Bucciarati, Leone Abbachio and the boss's own daughter Trish Una after he tried to kill her. They all had their stands and had one goal in mind...getting the Requiem arrow to evolve their stands and face off against the Diavolo once and for all. But Diavolo wasn't working alone, Diavolo suffers from multi-personality disorder and works with another version of himself called Doppio. Unfortunately, Doppio was killed in the final battle by Mista and Diavolo swore he would get revenge. After Giorno took the Requiem arrow he plunged it into his stand and using its new ability trapping Diavolo into a never-ending death loop, Diavolo has been in that death loop for over 10 years and it's now 2011, he has received over 527,966 deaths. But this loop will be different.

Diavolo, being quite aware that he's in a death loop, assesses his situation and realizes that this death includes the Requiem Arrow as it did 10 years ago. Before Giorno even begins his dialogue Diavolo starts barreling toward the arrow in an attempt to give his stand the power of Requiem. He grabs the arrow without blinking he stabs himself the Requiem Arrow, his stand begins to melt and King Crimson's once cosmic red glow with his silver nets keeps his body intact has melted. His new stand was a hooded figure with a cosmic back aura and King Crimson's mouth has been replaced with a purple/reddish cosmic tone giving off a blue smoke coming from his eyes with no visible pupils. King Crimson Requiem wore a cosmic black hoodie with black cosmic pants. Diavolo felt the power surge through his body like electricity. Giorno looked up in fear seeing his opponent in complete control of his ability. Diavolo smiles and says "You have no idea how many years I had to die over and over again, today will be legendary now be obliterated, KING CRIMSON REQUIEM!!!" King Crimson Requiem's hand turned into a piercing object and impales Giorno the erases his body complete and makes quick work of Mista and Trish. Diavolo chuckles to himself that "What I did to this Giorno in this dimension was a walk in the park compared to what I'll do to you...yare yare daze." Diavolo then activates his stand and tells it to get him out of this timeline King Crimson Requiem nods then raises his right arm and blows a hole in their current dimension. As Diavolo walks back into his home dimension he asked his stand what his ability was. His stand spoke to him on a subconscious level, in an echoed voice in Diavolo's mind King Crimson Requiem said "I was brought to existence by you and your sheer will to survive therefore I serve your every command, I will rewrite time for you if I must, I control the properties of space-time, with me on your side you will never lose".

Now back in Diavolo's home dimension, he sets out to search for Giorno but he keeps feeling riffs in time even though there faint he feels something terrible will happen. As Diavolo walks the streets of his former home he begins to get angry because Giorno has taken his town and made it a capitalist society, Diavolo asks KCR (King Crimson Requiem) what happened

and he responded that the Speedwagon Foundation made a deal with Passione reunited Giorno with long lost relatives. This news makes Diavolo visibly angry and he runs to his old palace off the coast of Venice. Diavolo now running up the stairs to kill Giorno, once he reaches the door he kicks it open and still keeping up the momentum he shouts “KING CRIMSON REQUIEM!!!” Giorno froze Diavolo’s stand in place. Giorno stood up from his throne and began to slow clap, he said “Finally you awoke from the long sleep bravo, but unfortunately it’s time to return”. As soon as he said that King Crimson Requiem shattered the frozen position and punched Giorno in the face knocking him back 20 feet. Giorno, now very angry takes out his stand Golden Experience Requiem and throws a punch back at Diavolo but King Crimson Requiem punches back and shreds Giorno’s arm straight down the middle. Diavolo now standing above Giorno cradling his mangled and bloody arm menacing and saying “ I’ve been dying over and over for 10 years and now you look as pathetic as I was when we last met now you will feel how I did “ King Crimson Requiem’s arm began forming into a sword and as it swung 2 bullets came from around the corner almost as if the were homing to Diavolo’s body. I was Mista and his stand Sex Pistols, Diavolo teleported out of the way of the bullets but one grazed his leg. Mista began shooting Diavolo but he froze all Mista’s bullets in place and applied enough force to return to Mista in hit him in all no vital areas of Mista’s body. Diavolo said to Mista that “My business is only with Giorno, I do not intend to hurt civilians no matter your relation towards Giorno.” Mista looked at Diavolo in shock and says “ Aren’t you supposed to be evil, you killed Abbachio and Buccirati”. Diavolo cut him off and said, “ You killed Doppio, you’re lucky I’m not gonna kill you .” Mista falls quite and Giorno sits in shock thinking he’s gonna die but then another time rift presents itself and now it’s very noticeable, Diavolo summons King Crimson Requiem to tell him where the signal is coming from. King Crimson Requiem says “it’s coming from Cape Carnival, Florida by Kennedy Space Station, The man wielding the time-shattering Stand name is Enrico Pucci and his stand is 10x stronger than Giorno’s. Diavolo scoffs and says “I can save the world when in done but until Giorno repents for what he has done to me for the past 10 years, today he dies then I can save the world.” The soft-spoken King Crimson Requiem shakes his in understanding and then he says “ Shall we then obliterate the enemy” and Diavolo smiles and nods his head then turns toward Giorno and grabs both of his arms and tares him complete in half. Afterward, he teleports to the signal of the danger leaving Giorno’s shredded corpse as Mista’s body bleeds out.

Jolyne and Jotaro (the surviving members of the green dolphin squad) are attempting to battle Pucci but with his third installment of his stand “MADE IN HEAVEN”. That stand has the ability to speed up time and create new universes and Jolyne’s stand was only able to create strings and Mobius Strips and since Jotaro and his time stopping stand have been injured beyond repair. Diavolo assesses the situation and decides to fight Pucci himself, Diavolo teleports right in front of Pucci and teleports him out of the confines of space and time altogether. This void-looking dimension was clad in pure white, when Diavolo and Pucci were in that white void Pucci asked in a very stern voice “WHO ARE





# Kingo Kurimzon



YOU? You're not on their side so who are you?" Diavolo responds with a chuckle "Well you're right I'm not on their side but I'm not on your side either, I sensed a disturbance and you're the cause, I'M HERE TO STOP YOU!!! " Pucci scoff's and says "Then bring it on." Diavolo shouts "King Crimson Requiem!" Its cosmic body sparkles out of thin air and forms spectacularly from the legs up and Pucci does the same. KCR begins a dash towards Made In Heaven but it hits KCR way to fast but Diavolo eventually learns how to match the speed, soon enough the 2 go-liaths of stand abilities are fighting on the same wave-length with KCR with a slight upper-hand and the void around them is beginning to crack, soon enough those cracks form into hole sucking out almost everything out even though the fight ensues. Soon enough, Pucci and Diavolo are out in space floating above Earth, Diavolo now very irritated shouts "OUR ABILITIES ARE TO ALIKE BUT IT WON'T STOP ME FROM BECOMING KING OF MY HOMELAND, I CAST YOU TO A NEW DIMENSION WHERE YOU WILL SUFFER THE FATE AS ALL THAT STAND IN MY WAY!!" As soon as Diavolo said that Earth began rotating backward and then began to mitosis and Diavolo gave a swift punch toward the second Earth he formed but noticed a fluke when he noticed a small boy floating toward the second Earth and before Diavolo could bring the boy back KCR to reset Earth back to normal. Back on Earth, Diavolo hovers over Cape Carnival as Jolyne cradles Jotaro's lifeless body, Diavolo heals Jotaro and all the members that have died have been revived but before Jolyne could thank him he has disappeared back to Italy. Back in Italy, Diavolo disposes of the 2 dead bodies of Giorno and Mista as he sits back on his throne as the KingPin of Italy once again.

# The making of Dagu and Dijia and How They contribute to Saving Earth from Evil Monsters

GUANG

A long time ago in a galaxy far far away, there were four giants that ruled over Earth. They are the evil four. Three of the evil four were jealous of their leader Dijia. so they betrayed him and turned him to a stone statue. The power of Dijia was too strong for them to seal away so they turned themselves into stone so that Dijia will be sealed up forever.

In 1996 Dagu along with his Shenglidui team members investigated a strange pyramid that appeared out of nowhere. As it turned outwards, there were three giant stone statues inside of it. Suddenly two Guai shos, Gerzhan and Hermila, attacked the pyramid. They melt down the pyramid into energy particles which revealed the three statues hidden inside of it.

Gerzhan destroys the first statue which resulted in its head being broken into pieces. Hermila peeked through the second statue which splits it into three pieces. When they start to attack the third statue the jet Shengli#1 appears and attacks them. Hermila shoots it down and a ball of light appears from the jet and flies down into the statue. The two monsters refocus their attention towards the third and final statue.

When they are about to destroy the statue, the energy particles from the pyramid go inside the statue's body and it turns to life. It was revealed to be a multi-colored giant. It started to beat the daylight out of the two Guai shos.

Suddenly, it turned to the color of bright red and used an energy ball that contains magma power and energy. Gerzhan noticed something was wrong so he shot a beam of destructive energy that melted the pyramid. The energy ball weaved and waded through the beam of destructive energy and hit Gerzhan in the head where he shot the beam of destructive energy. Even though it hit him he still manages to dig his way out of this situation and dips.

Hermila was shocked, it flew up to the sky so that the giant can't hit it. But unexpectedly the giant turned from the color red to purple which allowed the giant to move very fast and grants the power to fly. The giant gathers the wind energy around him and turns into a shuriken. He then utilizes this power to cut through Hermila's throat and beheads it. The giant then flies away.

A few minutes later... "Dagu." The leader asked, "What should we call it."

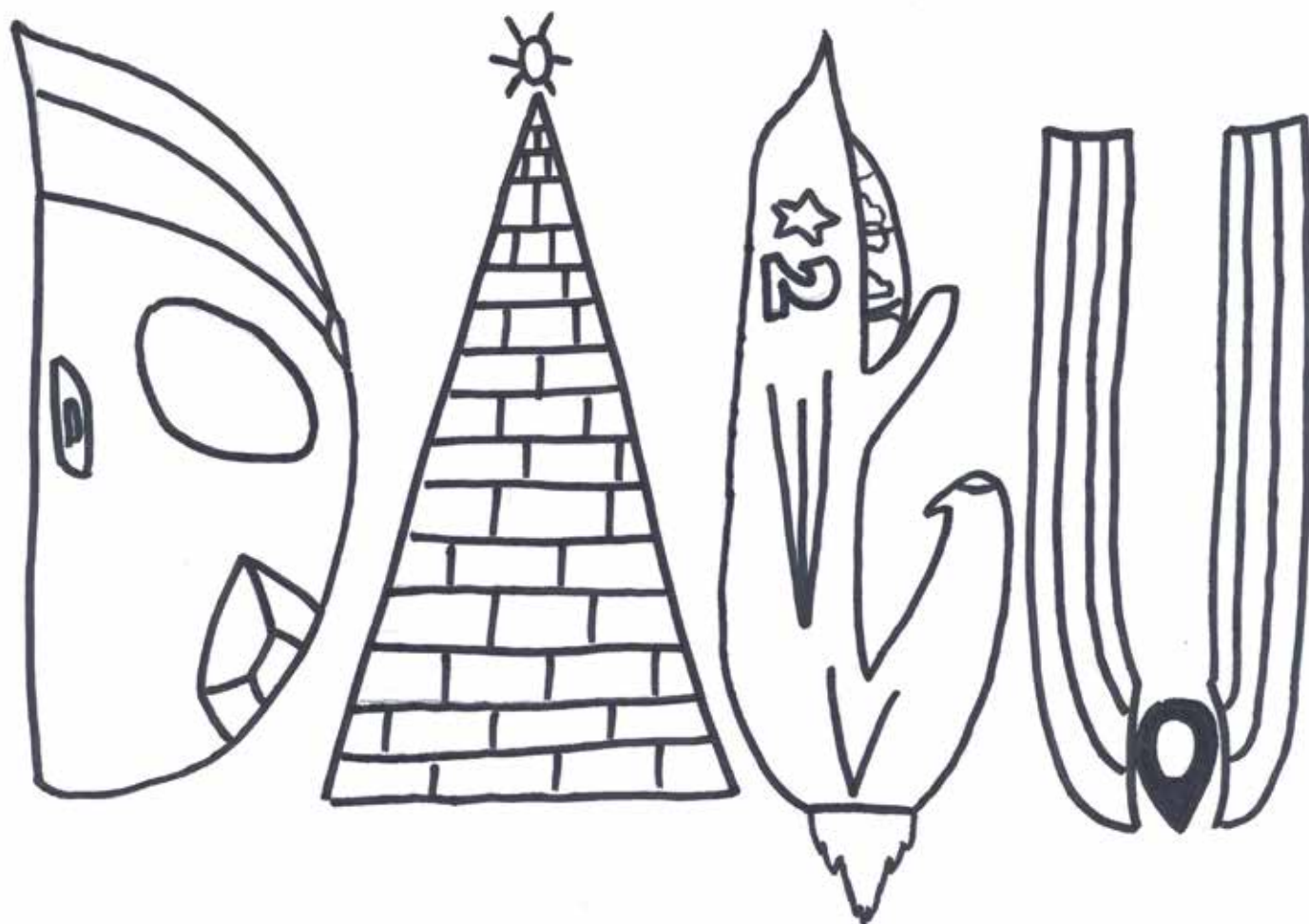


Dagu replied "Dijia." After all of this had happened the Shenglidui goes back to Shengli base to report.

The next day a meteorite crashed on the ocean of Tokyo. The effect was massive. An island has been devoured by waves and waves of tsunami. Meanwhile at Shengli base a young handsome man around the age of 26~28 woke up in shock. He was dreaming about a meteorite that contained the twin Guai shos Zabuza and Zabusa. If it reaches a place that is surrounded by a source of water it will be destroyed.

He rushed to the command center to tell the captain what he was dreaming. "Dagu." The captain called out as he entered the room. "We have got intel that many small islands have either been destroyed or overflowed by masses of tsunamis." "Oh no." Dagu spits these words out after a few seconds. "What is it?" The captain asked. "We have to get there fast." Dagu replied urgently. "Why." The captain questioned him. "Because there is always a culprit to everything." Dagu answered "Very well then, you and Xingchen go and take blackbird #2, if anything goes wrong return and report." "Yes sir!" Ten minutes later Dagu and Xingchen boards blackbird #2, "Been so long since these kind of things happen." Xingchen said. "We need to find out what happened." Dagu said. "Lets go." And blackbird #2 went off with a blast.

"What is that?" Xingchen asked confused. "That's a meteorite." Dagu replied. Suddenly, the meteorite cracked open and two qigantic monsters came out of it. "It's those Guai shos!"



and yells out “ TIGA!” when he pulled the god light stick out.

Dijia then appears and the two Guai shos starts to attack him. It’s like Dijia predicted that it was going to happen and he flipped over then and threw an energy shuriken at one of the Guai shos. The energy shuriken hits the red Guai sho in the head, destroying its horn. When Dijia landed the other Guai sho of the color blue charges forward at Dijia and knocks him into the ocean. Meanwhile Shengli base noticed what is going on with the sky eye they planted and sent out Atlas 0.

While all of this is happening Dijia changes to the color of purple and fly to the sky. He kicks the blue Guai sho in the head and knocks it back. Dijia then makes an energy sword out of one of his hands and slices it directly at the red Guai shos neck. The red Guai sho blocked it, but suddenly Dijia makes another energy sword on his other hand and sneak attacks the blue Guai sho. The blue Guai sho gets sliced in half.

The red Guai shos eyes turned red and its power level rises above his original state. It claws at Dijia and makes Dijia step back 7 times. The life power of Dijia turned red. Dijia noticed that this is a hard fight so he turns to the color red and charges up his magma energy ball. The red Guai sho sucks up his brothers remaining energy and charges up a destructive plasma beam from its mouth.

Atlas 0 shows up and shoots out the Gama beam which is infused with cosmic energy. But little did they know when the three sources of energy collides with each other it caused a giant explosion and wipes out the life power of both Dijia and the red Guai sho. Both Dijia and the Guai sho is dead and all the living things around and within the radius of the explosion is also wiped out.

Because of this explosion many Guai shos have awakened from their long sleep. Suddenly five bright stars landed inside of Dijia. “ Dijia.” All five of the stars said. “ Use our power to restore balance to earth again.” With that being said they merged together with Dijia and he turned to the color of gold that is 100 times bigger than he originally was. Dijia makes a fist and smashed it into the sky. The destructive energy of the fist was too powerful and all of the Guai shos died.

Dijia then fades away. The god light stick then turns into stone. Everyone that died got ressurected. Dagu then decides with the rest of the Shenglidui that he is going to mars with Lena, his fellow team member and girlfriend. When they are about to leave for Mars Dagu notices a teen around 18 to 20 that went past him. He sensed something in him, something that is similar to Dijia and something that will save the earth later on.



# Stormforge Hero into Villain

HAOYU

It has been a while since it came across him. How did he push the undead off of the gates so effortlessly. It really hasn't bothered him because he was so busy, trying to defend his home town, his future kingdom. However, tonight, it hit him, he was lying in his bedroom, once his great grandfather's bedroom. The room was oval shaped, with 1 set of windows directly in front of the bed, with the door next to the bed, and walls full of his grandfather's painting from when he was still a fighter, and once the king of Strathlomance. It all came to him when a voice had spoken to him in his dreams, " Co~~~~me rul~e us~~~". It was a ghostly and ominous voice that was talking in his dreams.

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The prince of Strathlomance, Arthur Menethil, a boy in his early 20s, with golden, long hair that waved behind him when he walks, light blue eyes, a sharp chin and a very pale face. The prince is loved by the people, and his name is known throughout all kingdoms of Stormforge. Not a single person throughout all of Stormforge, doesn't know his name. All the good deeds he has done for his people throughout the years of his life, made him the most well known human alive. However, his father got all the credit and honor. The people loved Authur, but his father is a different story, everyone adores him, they treat him like he is god. This made Arthur really confused, "why do I do this...." he said sharply to himself. "This doesn't make sense, my father sits in his throne, while me and my men are out there defending the city, and he gets all the credit? No this is not going to happen, this is going to change!" he exclaimed as he drifted into a deep sleep.

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The very next morning, the sun was high in the sky, its noon, Arthur woke up with the mean shine of the sun glaring into his eyes, waking him up from his sleep. He gets out of bed, still half awake and walks to his closet to choose his attire for the day. His closet was the size of a whole room, its to the right of the door when you enter. Most of his clothes were chosen by his maid and servants of the palace, and some of them were heirlooms of his family. After he chooses what he is going to wear, he cleaned himself and got dressed, he trotted down the spiral stairs leading to his room into the left wing of the palace. The palace was a shape of a trapezoid, with many towers in front and surrounding the palace. When Arthur came down, he saw, all the commanders and lieutenants standing there side to side, along with the advisers. Then there stood his mentor, Uther. He is the most trusted and well known protector throughout Strathlomance, he is a paladin that rose to power with the king side by side after the death of Arthur's great grandfather and the death of his father Terlas the II after losing his sanity in battle. Uther is a paladin, as well as the king. They both grew up together and were best friends ever since they met and never ever fought apart or lost a fight because of their trust in

each other. This trust had the king made Uther mentor of his first child, Arthas.

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Uther was born in a poor family. The young boy had light blonde hair, small chubby face, greenish eyes that turned flaming blue, with a fully grown beard at the age of 15. His dad was a slave that worked for the royal family, his mother raised him alone in a small hut that was set on the outermost part of the kingdom, next to a farm. He first met the once young prince Terlas Menethil the III, when his dad brought home the royal family to meet him because of how sick his wife was. Luckily, because of all the medicine available during that time to cure sicknesses was abundant, therefore she was cured. From then on Uther cannot forget the help of the royal family and therefore also served the royal family when he signed up for the draft at the age of 20. As he entered the palace to receive the blessing of paladin, the prince Terlas pulled him aside. "I want a word with you" he whispered. Uther was shocked "Oh my lord, are you the prince?" . They hurried into the prince's room as Terlas dragged Uther along with him. "Heyyy, sorry, this is really a last second thing, but I need you to be my protector, is that alright?" . Uther was left in shock as he look Terlas head to toe, he had a strong face and a buzzcut, he also had light yellowish eyes and light eyebrows. This was one of the best chances for him to support his family. Being the protector of a royal family member could be even compared to being a commander of 20 men. "Yes, yes I would," Arthur said with his voice shivering. From there on the two paladin rose as the most irrelevant and weak duos to the two they are today, the powerful rulers of Stratlomance.

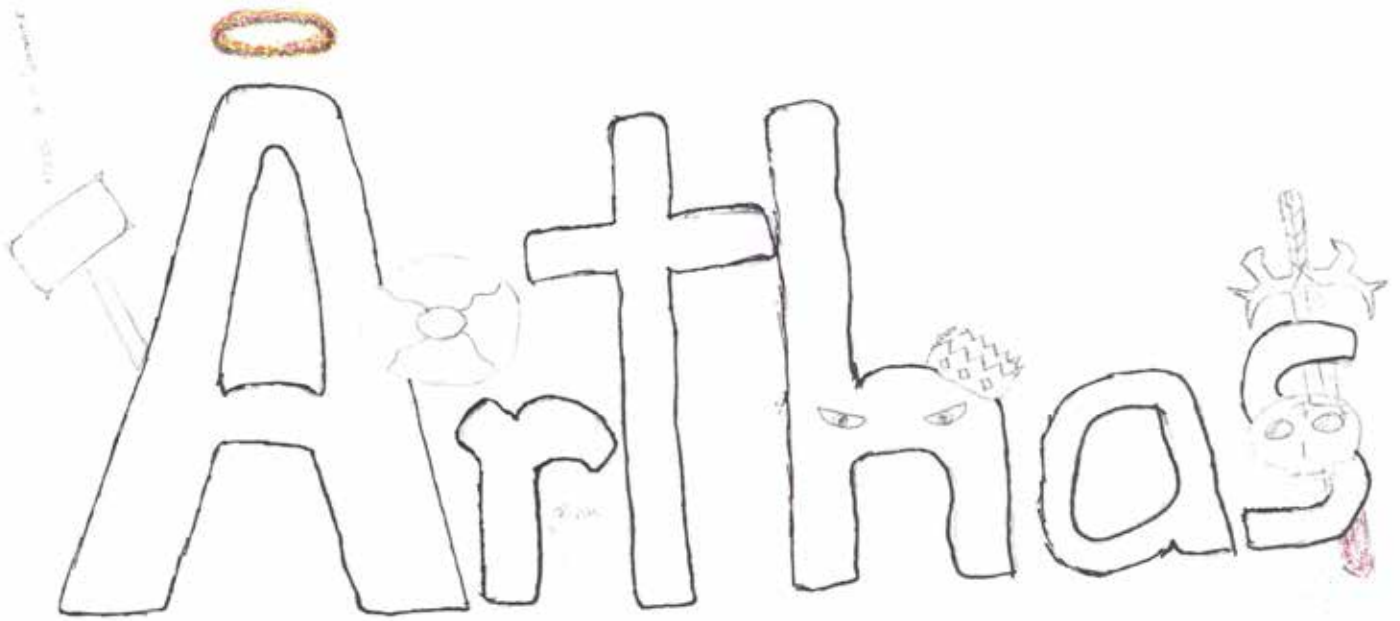
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Arthur walked up and greeted all of the men, and appreciated their efforts for defending the city with their lives on the line. Then he walked up to his father and mentor. "What a beautiful morning, isn't it father" Arthur says as he looked at the sun through the windows arranged at the top of the palace. "Indeed it is my child!" said Terlas as he laughed and looked at Uther. " Good day Uther" , Arthur said as he lost his voice. " I need a word with you." Uther looked at Terlas and gave him a confused look. Terlas was as confused as Uther but he nodded as he trusted both of them with everything he's got and ordered everyone back to their settlements outside the town hall. The town hall which was an old building covered with vines and moss. It was a small hut where leaders would talk about ideas and laws. Then, Arthur asked Uther to come with him. "See you later father" Arthus said as he walked out of the room. "Later brother, take care" Uther said after Arthus.

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After they reached the wall that fended off their enemies, beyond the walls were just plains of dead grass and shrubs burnt from the fighting done to defend their kingdom. Arthus started talking. " Hey...um..Uther, I have been hearing this voice in my head lately.. It's been saying that I deserve more power..." he paused as he thinks that telling Uther the truth might cause trouble so he lied " and that I should do more to protect our people!" Uther was so confused, he





didn't understand what has gotten into Arthur, "I don't... know what you mean, how do you want to oba-----." Then there was a boom, a cannon ball flew right over their heads and landed on the first clock tower in the first district. "Run Arthur, gather the army and get ready to fight!" Arthur screamed. Arthur ran as fast as he could and shouted, "helppp, helppp, call the guards and prepare to fight" as he sped to the barrack.

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As the soldiers came running out of their camps and barracks armed and ready following Arthur who rode to the gate as fast as possible. He saw Uther come back limping with his hand around 2 guards that were on patrol. Apparently Uther was ambushed by 2 undead rogues that has been scouting the area. However, they didn't expect Uther therefore, they thought he was just a normal soldier. The guards explained the situation to Arthur and it ignited him, his heart was burning like magma as anger rushed to him. He raised his hammer and shield and light shot down from the sky and charged Arthur with power no one has ever seen before, the strongest light that has ever been seen in Stormforge. Fire rushed through the soldiers giving them extreme non human power as Arthur raised his hammer and charged in with his mount, "charge men, for Uther, for Stormforge!"

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After several days of battle, several thousands lives laid, they finally fend off the undead and peacefully return to their normal lives for now. Arthur was more tired than any battle he has ever fought. He feels heat rushing through him everytime he tries to close his eyes and rest. It

hurts him to see that thousands of good young men died because of unagreeable peace treatment between the horde and the alliance. Then the voice came again “Go~~~~~od Arthur, go~~~~~od, you’ll become our leader soon, feel my wrath in your blood you pun~~y mortal!” and Arthus faints.

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Terlas, was scared for his life, his left and right arm, Arthur and Uther fell. They were injured badly, wounds all over them, unable to battle or defend. Terlas was the only one with the ability to enchant the army with supernatural powers that helps them win battles and defend attacks from enemies. Terlas sat next to Arthurs, “What can I do without you my son” said tearing up. “Why son, why~~~~.”





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# Zhang Liang

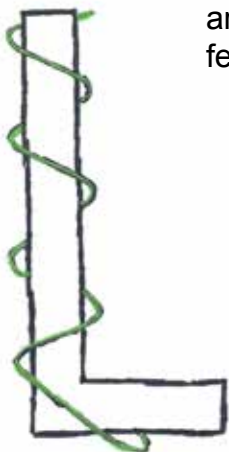
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Zhang Liang is a teenage boy that lives in a small room that barely fits a single bed, a desk, and a bookshelf, in a small neighborhood in China. He gets woken up by the sound of people chatting and traffic, it's also normal for him to smell gas. One day he woke up finding a mysterious book right next to him. He tried to pick up the book, but when he touched the book he went into a magical space, he saw an old man meditate in the air. Suddenly the old man opened his eyes and started talking. "I am the book spirit of the book, I was created by a god to seal monster, but the monster broke free a few days ago, My owner, the god that created me told me to find you because you're the "Son of Destiny" you're the only one that can help me to seal the monster in the whole Earth!", the old man said seriously," why.....why didn't your owner come and seal the monster himself, he is a god, he's powerful, isn't he ?" Zhang Liang asked, "It's because my owner is a god, he is limited to come to Earth so he told me to find you to help me to seal the monster." the old man answered."couldn't I just hide in a place where no one will find me, even the monster," Zhang Liang said with a tremble voice."the monster will get stronger every time he eats a human, at one point he can detect the whole Earth, no one can escape from him! and he will take over Earth to captive human!" The old man replied . "Emmm..... I will help to seal the monster to save Earth and to save human" Zhang Liang said. "Thank you for saving Earth and Humans," the old man said thankfully. The book is bound into Zhang Liang's body and Zhang Liang feels buff, So they went on a adventure to find the evil monster. The book told Zhang Liang that the monster just broke free from the book a few days earlier so the monster is in his weak period so he will be hiding in a small and unknown place to reinstate himself, so if they want to find the monster they will have to visit small, and unknown places. Their first visit was in a town near the sea, they went there because the book smelled the monster's breath in this small town. When they got in the town they feel that the town was not normal because the town is very silent, only a few people walking around even though it is now a small town, and when they entered the town they felt depressed. They tried to find the starting point.



# Untitled

JESSE

Far away from civilization there was a small cabin with a family of three. The father was a cop and the mother was a teacher, they were an ordinary couple but they had an unordinary child. The child's name is Jimmy Crooks he looks and acts like a normal child and he is but... he had an ability to create unnatural things.

On October,31 2010: Halloween 10:30pm at the Crooks' house they stayed by a fireplace telling spooky stories. The windows creaking and wind blowing in hearing the howls of the wolves. Jimmy's father Mike started his story; "Once upon a time there was a cop that just finished his shift late at night and went to a donut shop for a bite... But when he had gotten there the employee told him that it was all SOLD OUT!!! AAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHH, screamed the cop." -The End. Jimmy cried out with laughter, "that sounds exactly like you."

"Hey stop making fun of my story." But Jimmy continued to laugh. Then Jimmy's mother Jenna interrupted him while he was dying from laughter. "Let us continue the stories. It's my turn."

"Once upon a time there was a nice and peaceful family that had lived deep inside the woods. It was mid-Autumn and the leaves were rustling on the front lawn. Wolves howling and the moons out at the brink of day. The family inside the cabin heard a knock and a cry of a small infant. When they wondered what that noise was, the mother went to investigate the mysterious noise. Twenty minutes later the cries of the infant only got louder and the mother was nowhere to be found. The father and son got worried so they went to find the mother; but when they got to the upper floor there was just a huge dark mist and sticky red substance all over the place. But when they looked deeper into the mist... Suddenly a small dark figure rushed out at them at an inhuman speed and silence. Days went by and there were only cries of an infant. -The End."

12 o'clock midnight. "Well now I won't be able to sleep, stated Jimmy." From the shock of the story that Jenna told Mike was on the ground unconscious. "Alright it's late at night head up for bed said Jenna." "But what if the creature gets me while i'm going up the stairs, said Jimmy clicking his teeth." There is no monster up stairs, it was just a story it's not real. "Ok I will go up and head to bed", stated Jimmy shivering. When Jimmy reached his room he was concerned that the creature would leap out of the closet and get him.

At four in the morning he fell asleep and his childhood nightmares began. In Jimmy's dream he saw a being that was in the closet with a spider head and hands of a viper. He had also heard banging under his bed he'd also saw a big fur ball with razor sharp teeth; out of nowhere they all lashed out at him. Meanwhile in the real world a dark mist started to appear around the room and the light



of the moon shined in; out of the mist came the spider headed creature and the fur ball.

When morning came Jimmy woke up in fear of every dark area in the house. He went to look for his parents but they were nowhere to be found. Jimmy ran around the house shouting, "MOM DAD WHERE ARE YOU!" But there was no response. Jimmy thought to himself that it must have been the monsters of the mist that had gotten them. That means I'm next. Jimmy screamed and ran straight to the door thinking that the creature can't get me if he's out of the house. Then he saw a note on the door.

TO: Jimmy  
Your next!!!

Just kidding. It was early in the morning so your mother and I had to go to work so don't worry we didn't get "eaten" by monsters." We will be back at 9 o' clock at night. There is food in the fridge so make sure you eat. And NO MATTER WHAT DO NOT GO INTO THE BASEMENT!  
-Mike

After Jimmy finished reading the note he looked at the basement door and it was locked tight. He wondered why his dad keep mentioning the basement. It's like he wants me to go into the basement. "Even if i wanted to go into the basement I don't know where the key to the 5 locks are; also it's not like there is candy down there.

Out of nowhere Jimmy heard scratching on the second floor. He thought to himself that it's most likely a squirrel. But time went by and there was a large bang. He thought to himself there is no way a squirrel can make such a big noise.

Therefore Jimmy went to investigate what had happened. Everything was peaceful and nothing out of the ordinary until it came to his room. The room was dark and ominous. The window was wide open and the bookshelf was knocked over and there was no creature to be seen. The room was silent and cold wind blowing through the window. Jimmy looked over to his closet and there was a creaking. He walked over to the closet where one of the monsters lurked. The monster inside the closet was staring at Jimmy and ready to pounce once he'd



open the door. Steps away from the closet and the monster was about to be unleashed. Just as Jimmy was about to open the door he'd heard the timer go off and remembered that he still hadn't eaten yet.

After Jimmy ate his food he had forgotten about the sound and mess in his room. Then the phone rang it was his father calling because they won't be able to make it home because of a landslide that blocked their way to go back so Jimmy will be alone for a few days. As time passed it was night and Jimmy headed to bed. When Jimmy had fallen asleep the monsters became active. The giant fur ball with the razor sharp teeth started to come out under the bed and the closet creaked open and out came the spider head.

Meanwhile the monsters were lurking out of their stations Jimmy was having a nightmare of no more sugar. Then he was suddenly at the dentist and getting his teeth drilled in. He woke up in sweat and his heart was pumping rapidly. There near his bed he'd seen the monsters that were hiding from him. Out of nowhere the furball lashed out straight towards Jimmy almost striking him in the face. The wall behind Jimmy was completely shattered. Jimmy jumped out of his bed and dashed out of the room screaming. Jimmy thought to himself what kind of mutated animals were those and why are they here. When Jimmy took a look back at his room he'd seen the room covered with webs and the spider head peeking out. The spider headed creature had spat multiple webs at him but missed. Jimmy thought that if he's outside that he will be safer. So Jimmy ran towards the door and out of the house. While he was outside he'd seen a large crack near where his room should have been. Moments later the wall broke and saw the furball looking at him. On the first floor there was the spider head looking through the window staring him down. In the back Jimmy saw that the house was completely filled with webs, it's like a house that has been abandoned for years.

Outside of the cabin he knew that he was safe from the monsters. But what was he going to do to take back the house and why did the monsters suddenly appear. Jimmy knew that he had to go inside the basement because there must be a powerful and dangerous weapon in the basement. That must be the reason his father didn't want him to go down there. But now the question is how to open the door and not be found by the monsters when he entered the house. For all he knows he could be killed once he enter the house. He didn't think much and went to a nearby cave to camp out for the night.

Jimmy had spent the night in a nearby cave and morning had arrived; so he took action and snuck back into the house. But when he got there he saw no monsters. He thought that they were hiding and waiting to jump him. So he went up to his father's room for the gun that he put under his bed. After that he went to the basement door and shot the locks. The locks had been broken and the door also creaked open.

The monsters that had gone back into their slumber had awakened. As Jimmy entered the basement to find things that can help him defeat the monsters. The monsters had come out of the stations and began to hunt. As Jimmy was trying to figure out a way to defeat the monsters he noticed an oddly placed book. The book was called memories.



As Jimmy looked through the pages of the book the monsters had seen the basement door. The monsters made layers of barricade to block up the way back up to the main room. After their barricade was complete they entered the basement. Now in the basement only lurked Jimmy and the monsters. As Jimmy flipped through the pages he heard growls and loud footsteps. He knew that it must have been the monsters so he held the gun and was ready to fire as soon as they appeared. Meanwhile a small breeze had come in through a small crack and flipped the page to when he was using some unknown ability. As he saw the page he immediately read the book and found out that he could use some unknown ability. While Jimmy was reading the book the two monsters had appeared from the corner, out of fear Jimmy rapidly fired the gun but the bullets just went past them.

When the monsters saw the book that was held in Jimmys hand they became enraged. The monsters lunged straight at Jimmy trying to destroy the book and him with it. But Jimmy was able to avoid the attack and ran into a nearby room and locked it shut. He quickly flipped through the pages trying to see if he could find anything useful that would help him end his nightmares. Finally there he'd found it, it had said, "To make one disappear just do not fear."

But it was too late the monsters had broken into the room and knocked Jimmy down, and into a crate. There Jimmy lies unconscious and the snakes were about to bite his feet with its venomous fang and the furball was inches away from his head. Moments later there was no sound but crunching.

As the days passed the crooks managed to get home and everything was fine. But just one thing little Jimmy didn't greet the door. The crooks wondered what had happened normally Jimmy would be running around happily but he was nowhere to be seen. But in fact, Jimmy was asleep in his bed with a smile. Nothing about the house seemed out of the ordinary. The house was all fixed and Jimmy didn't look hurt. But what could have happened? But the book inside the basement began to float and moments later it disappeared.

-The END



and moved toward Jotaro. Once Dio was in front of Jotaro, Jotaro summoned his stand during stopped time and literally blew a hole in Dio's chest. Dio, while flying away at the impact said "H-He really could move during stopped time!" and went crashing through a deli which made time start moving again because Dio went unconscious for a few seconds. But since Dio was a vampire, by the time Jotaro came, he was fully healed and the hole in his chest went back to normal. Jotaro tries to fly away using Star Platinum but Dio saw it and stopped time while Jotaro was up in the sky. Dio too, also flew up with his stand and goes to Jotaro. This time Dio was more cautious and instead of going into Jotaro's stands range, he backed a few meters away and instead of using his stand this time, he took out knives from his pockets and started throwing them at Jotaro. He threw all the knives he had and since the time as stopped the knives would stop right when its in Jotaro's face. Jotaro uses his stand and only punches away a few knives because he used all the time he could in Dio's stopped time. Once all his knives were thrown, Dio makes time move again and all the knives start moving toward Jotaro's body. Jotaro, since he already knew all the knives were there, he quickly summons Star Platinum and starts punching the knives away. But, even for Star Platinum, there were way too many knives and some end up hitting Jotaro. Jotaro gets knocked down from the sky and landed on the ground hard. He chokes some blood, then checks underneath his shirt. There were thick heavy textbooks in there put by Jotaro before just in case Dio tried to throw anything. He cursed









# Super Cube

LI PENG

In ordinary high school students have a dark city birdcall constant his friend invited to the cafe to play him on the way to a cafe met her flowers called chuxi

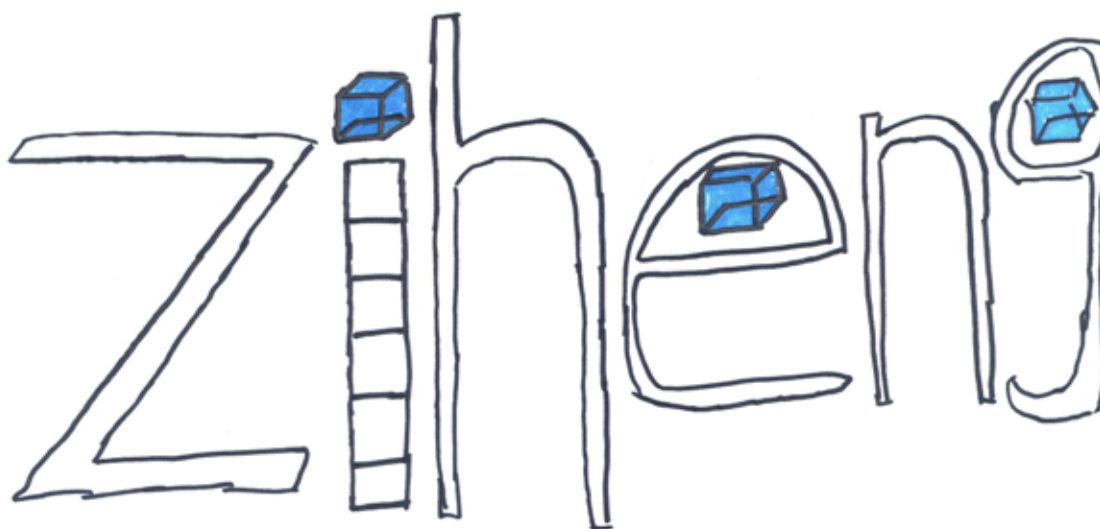
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He thought to GG glow when see a square stone he used to swim in the past and then things into his body lining constant a hot body

Blinking came home he fainted the son of constant up tomorrow morning thought made a nightmare but clothes wet feeling suddenly he heard someone speak in his mind he thought he was crazy but in his body of things that i will be the future of high-tech can improve your whole body can to a certain level will have supernatural power

Which how to improve grades ziheng said square said to find a special stone the easier the more special upgrade ziheng'll school found chuxi to chuxi house road there is a police in her door is the gang chuxi seize , ziheng found themselves but they so ziheng to find special stones into hadrons constant find five stone my stronger then the hero save the United states saved chuxi and live a good life.



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# Untitled

MING YU

There were once two brothers Yin and Yang. Yin had black long hair, wore a dark loose-fitted robe. Yang had short white hair, wore a white loose fitted robe. Their family was in a rebellion; a rebellion against the Guo dynasty. With such brutal strength of Yin and the intelligence of Yang, they successfully took over the throne of Guo Ye. "Poor you why don't you just surrender" Yin grinned. After the Guo dynasty, their father Yang Jin ruled under the Yang Dynasty. Their mother Lady Yuan was a noble and a wise commander known for her intelligence. Those two set an example for their kingdom by following Daoism to live life freely. By age 16 Yin and Yang accompanied their father. However, while setting down next to the river. They were attacked by a rebellious army held by Du Louzhou. Du led his army to invade their household, destroying their dynasty.

"Well, well, well look what we have here," Du said, "An excellent fighter and commander that led his small army to a Dynasty."

"What do you want from me" Jin hesitated.

"Your blood, your kingdom and your beloved treasure," Du grinned.

An awful storm started sounding like a gigantic whip in the sky. Ashes were everywhere with the scent of failure. Yin and Yang were captured and tied with swords inches away from their throat.

"Fool, you're really a fool" Jin said as he was trying to plan something

"And why would that be?" Du looked down being cautious.

Instantly Jin got up and punched Du in the stomach causing him to kneel down. Jin picked up the sword that Du had dropped, he slashed his way to save his son. As he untied the sons the army had surrounded Jin made an opening for Yin and Yang to escape.

"Yang!" Yin screamed in pain. "Where are you?"

He saw soldiers cornering Yang and as the soldiers steps closer, Yin jumps in and grabs the legs causing them to trip and fall. An arrow was shot thousand feet from the sky and as silent as a snake looking for its prey. As the two brothers desperately try to predict and dodge the arrow. Yang slips and falls into the river of sorrow.

"Brother!" Yang cried

"Grab my hand!" Yin said as he reaches out his hand

"I'm trying to!" Yang cried as he struggle to grab his hand

The flood was too strong for Yin to hold him tight, and not before long Yang's hand slipped.

"No!" Yin screamed in pain as he tries to grab him again

But it was too late Yang had already been washed away. Yin couldn't do anything but watch Yang being washed farther and farther away from him. Yin knows



he also had to escape the massacre before it's too late. Yin jumps into the Sorrow River hoping to find his brother. Months later after being washed Yin was found and picked up by another kingdom which was peaceful. They saw many cuts and bruises on Yin's body and brought him to rest. He later married the ruler's daughter and became the next ruler.

"Your honor" a soldier came hurriedly.

"What's the problem?" Yin asked

"There's an unknown object that was washed here!" he answered.

"No way..." Yin was shocked as he rushed through the front gate towards the river side. It was lying there on the shore, it was unconscious.

"Where am I?"

"Where is this place?"

"How long was I unconscious for?"

"Are you awake?" A voice came from the other side of the room.

"YIN!" Yang yelled as he burst into tears.

"Yes, Yang it's been a while" Yin said as tears drop from his eye.

"Where were you this whole time..." Yin cried

"After you were washed away in the water, I jumped now with you," Yang said, "But when I woke up, you weren't near me, I searched for you but there was no hope"

"But how did you get washed over here?" Yin asked as he was pouring tea

"I was prisoned when I entered their territory" Yang replied

"Whose?"

"The Du Dynasty" Yang said

"They found out that you were still out there, they locked me in with other survivors of the Yang dynasty" Yang continued

"But how did you escape?"

"I-" Yang cried

"The survivors sacrificed themselves for me escape, they were all massacred" "I sneak out to a boat and escape the land" "But an awful storm happened and washed me away" Yang explained

"Yin, we have to run!" Yang cried out

"They are coming for us!"

As Yin and Yang step out of the front door they are surrounded by a group of soldiers from the Du dynasty

"So that's where you went Yang" Du said

Yang was shocked and panicked as he grabbed Yin's arm for a quick escape.

"We will make sure you don't escape this time" Du grinned as he picked up his blade.

"Run Yin run!" Yang screamed

But no matter how fast the Yang brothers ran, the soldier of Du's eventually caught up. Yes yes in was shot on the leg by a soldier of Du's. With a bleeding leg it was impossible for Yin to escape. But when Yang desperately tries to save Yin, Yin pushes him away and grabs his own blade.

"I'm sorry I can't escape with you" I'm Hi sorry to he said I don't wanna

"However if we keep this up we both will be slain, it is better for me to buy you time so ur could leave. Leave now Yang and never come back"

“I can’t, I can’t leave you again and I wasn’t even going I escape without you”  
Yang cried “We’ll fight side by side”

“We are outnumbered Yang” Yin panicked as he counted to push Yang away  
“We can’t win, we be dead”

“Then let’s die together Yin” Yang cried “I can’t afford to be without you, I’m  
an outcast there’s no home for me anymore, there’s no point in living anymore,  
there’s no point to be alive without you”

“Let this be our last time together Yin”

“You really are a stupid brother ” Yin laughed

“Stupid brother I am” Yang laughed also

“Get Them!” Du ordered

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# A Choice

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“I hope someone is going to seal it for good.”

It was the first thing Hana Yi heard as she was going to the gate. She smiled, for she was going to seal the dungeon’s entrance. She continued walking down a long and wide street, with the aroma of freshly baked bread and colorful marble buildings. The mood was always the same, cheerful and happy. Perhaps that’s one of the reasons why she loved her home.

Shops are seen everywhere, with food, accessories, and furniture displayed on the board. Adults, as well as children, were always present in the streets, carrying baskets and toys. Hana stopped at the gate. The gate was golden, with the pictures of the ancestors and the multicolored jewels shining on the light of the sun.

With a deep breath, she opened the gate and was in the forest.

Trees of green surrounds her, with flowers and bushes. The road seems to be in a straight line and the soil is soft and watery. She looked around, making sure no one was following her.

Then, she flew up. So high that all the land of the forest can be seen. At the very edge of the left side corner, she spotted a rocky towerish mountain. Hana assumed it was the dungeon so she flew towards it. As she flew, a gust of wind blew her ocean colored hair, slightly covering her eyesight.

She landed in front of the entrance. The surroundings were empty, which is odd. Most of the time, there would be monsters near it. The entrance was blocked, covered with marble and wood. Touching it feels silky and rough. She imagined how hard her people worked to attempt to cover the dungeon to prevent monsters from coming out. She knew this wouldn’t last long.

“Don’t worry. I’ll seal it. Even if it means death,” she whispered. However, deep down, she fears death. The pain of it, at least. She doesn’t want to imagine the faces of her family, her friends if she really died.

Suddenly, from behind, a very cold and deep breathing is heard. Huff.

Fear paralyzed her, preventing her from moving. Slowly turning around, what she saw was a devil from hell. The creature was dark, perhaps twice her size, with eyes of red, pure hatred.

The monster roared and Hana screamed, running. The monster chased after her, holding a big iron axe.

As she ran, trees swifed, as if telling her to escape to safety. Every area she ran was filled with monsters. Goblins, wolves, and slimes. The sun was warm, but not providing any support. The soil was dry and soft, which is a good ground that prevents tripping.

Hana tripped, not noticing that she tripped over a small stem that leaked out of the ground. She cursed, for this was bad luck considering her situation. She turned and the monster was right before her. Like preparing for death, she closed her eyes. Before the monster landed an axe on her, a male voice screamed, “Stay away from her, you monster!”

The sound of sword clashing filled Hana’s ears. Then, something dropped on the ground. Assuming she was safe, she opened her eyes. What she saw wasn’t one of her people. It was a human. A human boy of brown hair and golden eyes wearing quite thin armor, with blue long

sleeves and long black pants. Quite handsome, she would say. He was carrying a sword. What she heard falling on the ground was the monster's head.

The human boy turned, facing Hana. "You alright?"

Hana turned around, thinking he was talking to someone else. There was no one.

She pointed to herself. "Me?"

The boy chuckled. "Who else?"

"You shouldn't be able to see me."

"What do you mean by that?"

"I'm a spirit. Someone a human can't see."

The boy smiled wide, like he made a big discovery. "You mean spirits exist?!"

Hana nodded. She finds the human boy very strange, yet entertaining. Not to mention that he saved her life. A strange, odd feeling warmed her heart, like a balloon ready to take off.

"Hey, can you help me?" Hana asked.

The boy nodded. "Ok sure. What is it?"

"Help me seal the entrance of that dungeon."

The boy frowned. He seemed nervous, perhaps hesitant.

"Girl. Sorry to say but there is no way to seal the entrance forever. Not that I know of. I'm just a normal boy outside the forest who earns money by killing monsters."

"The outside?"

The boy was confused. "You've never been outside before?"

Hana shook her head. "No. The law said that if anyone leaves the forest, they cannot come back."

"That's sad."

Hana smiled. "Being there was really nice though."

The human boy holds out his hand. "Can you get up?"

Hana was hesitant, for touching someone's hand that she does not know of isn't comfortable. The boy notices the uneasiness and put his hand down. "It's fine if you don't want to."

"Alright." Hana stood up and brushed the dust off her clothes.

She looked at him. "What are you going to do now?"

"I'll be going. I have what I came here for."

The boy lightened his face. "Ah, I haven't told you my name yet."

He smiled. "I'm Yuno. Yuno Hakuni. What's yours?"

"Hana. Hana Yi."

"Well Hana, do you have to obey the law?"

"No. Not necessarily. It's more like a choice."

"Then, come with me."

"With you? You mean to the outside?"

Yuno nodded.

Hana was shocked, in a good way. A human that she just met gave her an opportunity to go to the outside world. With no conditions, no effort. With a choice of freedom. But, she has loved ones there. Her mother, and her friends, Lily, De-





clan, and Chris.

“You’re gonna trust a stranger you just met?” Hana asked, frowning.

“You look like a nice person. Besides, that stranger happens to be one of a kind,” Yuno said with a chuckle. Hana does not like his sense of humor. She sighed.

“All right. I decided to go with you.”

Hana couldn’t bring herself to tell that to her loved ones. Especially if the reason is a human boy. She decided not to tell, to just leave without saying a word.

Yuno clapped happily. “Great! Now we better get going. Grandma is waiting for me.”

Hana nodded and together, they went to leave the forest.

One step. It was all it took to leave. Hana breathes heavily and out.

With Yuno by her side, she stepped out. At first, she was expecting something. Anything.

Not a single thing happened. So, she tested out. As she attempts to go back to the forest, something blocked her. Yuno noticed. “A magic barrier, huh?”

Yuno sighed. “All right, let’s get going.”

Hana nodded. Before she turned, she took a last look at her home.

“Goodbye, home.”



# Assassins Creed

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## **Foreword**

“Apple” (“Eden shard” are tools ruled humanity at the beginning as the creators of the “Pioneer” ) they can be used to create, illusions, control the minds and humans “pioneers” survived this disaster

( The great flood recorded in the[Bible]),

At this time their respective numbers have been severely reduced, the forbidden fruit has also fallen apart, and scattered into fragments scattered around the world. Debris to prevent abnormal geological activity.

A Templar military organization exists from ancient times to the present and has always wanted to build a “perfect world” , and is therefore an enemy of the Brotherhood of Assassins. Over time, the Templar’s power over the pieces of “Eden shards” became fanatical, trying to establish a “new order”. The Templars firmly believe that their mission is to achieve world peace through the fragments of “Eden shards”. They believe that since there is no future life and no “judgment”, moral ethics is meaningless, so they only ask for purpose, not for mean people hate it. But many people don’t know that other people do this bad thing under the name of “Perfect World”.

Assassins Brotherhood, an organized group of assassins and the deadly enemies of the Templars, throughout human history, they have engaged in an ongoing secret war with the Templars. Contrary to the Templar’s intention to fight for power by, controlling free will to ensure the survival of free will, because free will allows the development of new ideas and the growth of independent personality.

In 1191, the Templars clashed with the Assassin’s on their were eventually killed by two leaders. Both sides suffered heavy losses and “Apple” fell into the hands of the Assassins. The Templars fought for the “Eden shards” for more than 1000 years with the Assassin Brotherhood.

In 2013, the Assassin Brotherhood gradually declined. The only remaining assassins scattered the “Apple” of “Eden shards” around the world to prevent the Templars from getting them. But the location of some fragments are still unknown. More the 100 years later, the last Assassin brotherhood member. “carlos” He will lead a group of lively partners to become his most powerful ally.

## **Story**

Paris, France. A man in a light blue nano costume sits on a chair in an abandoned apartment, “My revenge can begin”. In 2125, Carlos arrived at the Assassins Castle, which was once the headquarters of the Assassin. Carlos glanced at the wonder, turned over a low and rough city wall, and stood for a moment at the top of the wall, carefully examining the surrounding landscape: the castle and the mountain. Many towers complement each other, and the dome of the main tower

can clearly reflect the reflection of those lower prison towers. The steel support is like a sharp claw, holding the gray load-bearing wall tightly. There is no alert here, as it is abandoned.

The wind is still full of wind ..... wait! There is movement! Is that ..... the scratching sound?! He jerked, and pulled out his weapon like lightning. But it was too late, a bullet hit his right shoulder exactly, and the bullet's head immediately pierced his armor the guards around, and hundreds of lightsabers pointed at Carlo's lying in the ground at the same time. A man came over. "We have been waiting for you a long time. I think you must be surprised. The ancient fortress of the Great Brotherhood will actually fall into our hands! These are the rewards we deserve! Lock him up!" Two guards picked him up, but it wasn't so easy. Halfway through, Carlos stretched out his sword's sleeve and pierced the sword's sleeve and pierced the sword into the guards throat.

He climbed up to the roof and killed the guards one by one. When he was about to come down, he happened to be found by a guard. The guard shouted: "Hey, that's bad! The Assassin escaped!" A large group of guards rushed over "Oh no". Carlos said to himself, "sure enough, my assassin skill is not enough." The guards sured in, and they quickly surrounded Carlos from the side. Hundreds of lightsabers and energy guns pointed at him in unison-but strangely, although occupying an overwhelming advantage in numbers, the guards still had difficulty

△ Carlos



concealing their fear of the assassin.

Carlos raised his arm slightly, and stretched out two sharp and deadly lightsabers slammed from all around at the same time. He smartly dodged from side to side, and used two clear-cut tricks. The nearest guard was cut in half. Then, before the corpse landed, he quickly retracted the lightsaber with unbelievable skill, vacated his hand to grab the guard's hand, and stabbed his lightsaber into the poor guard's chest!

At this time, there were shouts outside the castle. Some assassins the castle of purpose was to retrieve the castle of Assassins Brotherhood and "Eden shards". Carlos learned from the new Assassin brothers that the "Eden shards" were hidden in the underground library deep in the castle. Carlos got a key from his brothers. The key was used to open the underground library.

There was a bloody smell in the air, and there corpses lying on the ground, the ground was covered with blood, and Carlos, had blood in his mouth and face. There were screams all around, lightsaber collisions and footsteps. Carlos felt a tingling sensation in his lightsaber, but he ignored it.

Carlos came to the entrance of the underground library, and a man came over, "Carlos!" The man's voice growed, Carlos turned around and saw the commander of the Templars "Do you think it's that simple!" Carlos turned around, the commander of the group took out his lightsaber, Carlos was startled and he also took out two lightsabers. The commander of the charge came over Carlos carrying the sword and blocking it down. "You have to pay for what you did!" said the commander. Carlos said: "You are not perfect." Their anger prompted the two to rush towards each other immediately. The commander shouted: "I will not die! Fate is alway on my side!" "You lock is gong!" Carlos replied. Carlos slashed his sword at the opponent's head, and the blade drew a deadly air. The commander was frightened by the speed of the sword, and he hurriedly lifted the sword to barely block the blow. The violent collision made his arm numb. They began to quickly swing their sword, and the sword collided fiercely. Carlos took a step forward, set the commander's longsword to the right, and then turned his wrist to stab at the commander's abdomen, and the commander fell, "You lost." Carlos said.

A shout suddenly sounded outside. Carlos used stealth and a cell phone to hack into the armor of the outside guards. Their armor immediately failed. Carlos entered the underground library and hid. He came to the hall inside, on the stone pillar in the center of the hall is "Eden shards" Carlos said to the "Eden shards": "Do you bring us doctrine or destruction?" Carlos then realized the assassin's creed. The phrase " Nothing is true, Everything is permitted." is respected, People's will and thoughts should not be bound by law, because it is the existence of new ideas and the continuous progress of human civilization. Perhaps one day human beings will be able to liberate their own will, be able to control their own actions without the restrictions of the law, and jointly build a peaceful, beautiful, and positive world with their own will.

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# Untitled

SHIYU

Yeon Joo is an ordinary girl living an ordinary life. In the building, the sound of wind is whistling in her ear. The cement is cold and dry. The sound of gunshot fired. A man was bleeding from his stomach. Yeon Joo is a cardiothoracic resident doctor, and she took action. Blood flooded her hands. Ambulance came, paramedics rushed out the ambulance. She went in the ambulance and was brought to a hospital that she has never heard of. Kang Chul woke up seeing Yeon standing there with her hand crossed in front of her chest.. Kang Chul saw the tag she has in front of her chest.

“I have never heard of that hospital”

Yeon took her flip phone out to check what time it was. Kang Chul swallowed his laughter.

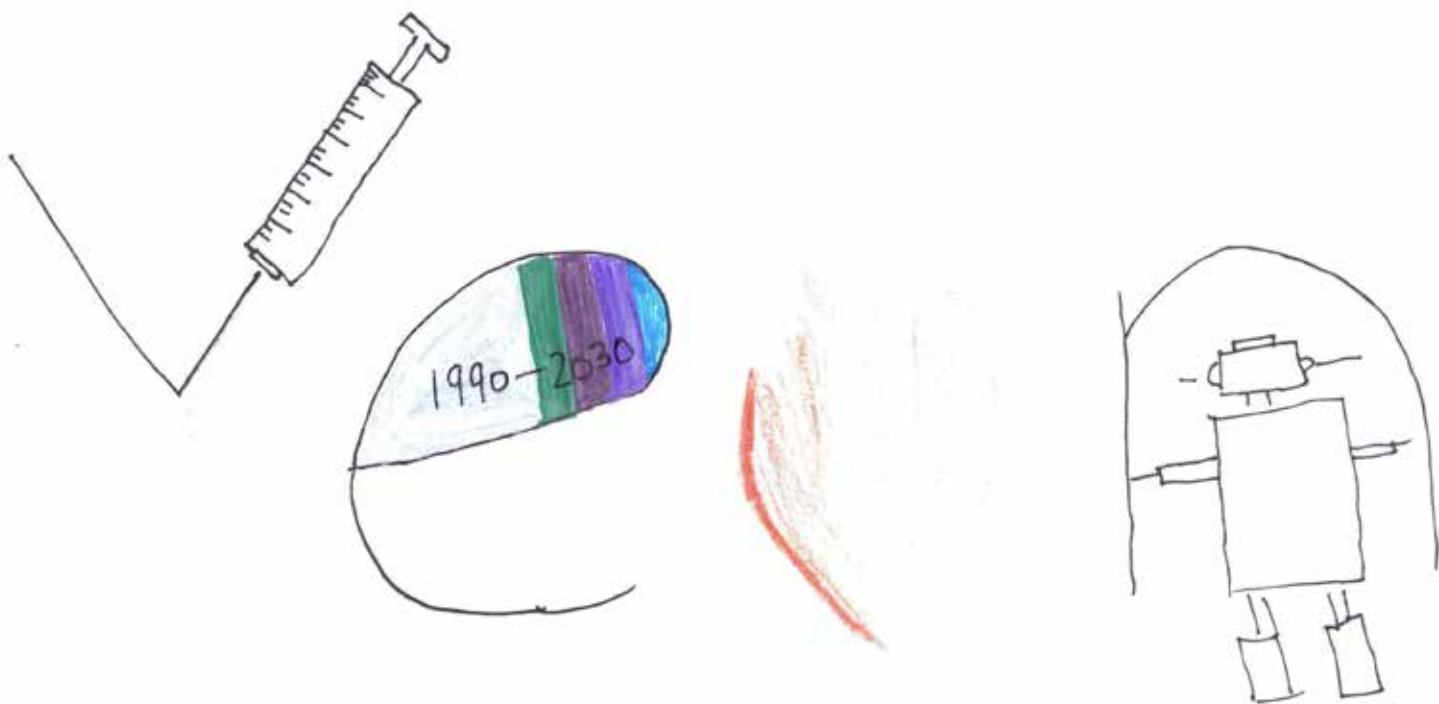
Yeon started to have a headache and she started running down the aisle. A blink of an eye she was back on top of the building. Her president called her down to talk about a patient,

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Kang asks his secretary who Yeon is.

“I saw her carrying a flip phone with her like she was in the old days,” Kang said.

“I didn’t find any information about her,” said the secretary.



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After performing a surgery on a cardiac attack patient she was back on the rooftop. Headaches came to her. It's like a rush of blood in her brain. Kang Chul was out of the hospital, driving his car to his house. There he saw Yeon fainted on the floor, he picked her up and brought her home. Yeon woke up and saw his villa. Yeon was surprised.

"Why do you have a flip phone?" Ask Kang Chul

"It's the newest model, what do you mean?" Yeon said

"This is 2030, do you live in the past?" Kang said curiously

"This is 1990, stop joking around" said Yeon

There she vanished in front of him. He was looking for her thinking it was some sort of magic. Two days later, she came back to Lang Chul's house. Because she doesn't live in 2030, She had nowhere to live. They went out together and quickly fell in love. One day Yeon vanished, Kang Chul was looking for her. Kang Chul realized she went back to her own time. He thought she would come back, but she didn't.

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# The Goddess Chang's Flight to the moon

XUAN

A long time ago, HouYi shot down the sun and saved the people. Then he married Chang'e, they are very lovely. People say that they are a perfect couple really like a pair of fairy couples. They live a happy and sweet life every day, but one person was very jealous of them---Xiwangmu. Xiwangmu is a god. Beautiful as she is, but she has a very bad heart! She is as vicious as an evil snake! So she wants to keep them apart.

One day, Houyi suddenly fainted while hunting in the mountains. Xiwangmu seized the opportunity to find chang'e. "I think you're very worried about your husband's injury." Xiwangmu said, "I have a medicine, let your husband eat it, and your husband will soon be better." "Really" Chang'e was very excited to say, "wait, who are you? Why should I believe you?" Then she pushed Xiwangmu out of the house.

When Xiwangmu saw that the plan was unsuccessful, she changed into a doctor and wandered around the house of chang'e and HouYi. Chang'e saw a doctor outside and invited "him" in. The "doctor" looked at it briefly and said "I have a pill here, just let him take it." Then "he" left the medicine and went away.

Chang'e thought, "I will try this medicine for my husband." Then she cut the medicine in half, and ate it. Suddenly she felt out of control, flew to the direction of the moon. HouYi woke up to find his wife flying to the moon. She felt very sad. Xiwangmu was very happy to see him so sad.

HouYi missed his wife so much that he fell ill and died people to commemorate them. They will change the Chang'e fly to the moon of the day as the Mid-Autumn Festival.

The story of the world ended with the death of HouYi. But the story of chang'e isn't over.

After Chang'e flew to the moon, she became a god. Because she became a god, she forgot all that happened in the world and only remembered that she was a moon goddess.

Chang'e wandering in the moon palace. When passing the kitchen, she smelled a very sweet smell, then she walked in the kitchen. She was shocked to see a rabbit with a spatula frying carrots.

"Who are you?" chang'e said in surprise, "Are you a rabbit? Why are you in the kitchen?" "Don't be shocked!" the rabbit said, "Yeah, I'm a rabbit, my name is YuTu. As you can see, I'm frying carrots. Are you new here? What's your name?" "Yes, I'm new here. My name is chang'e. Can you tell me about my future work? Can you show me around?" "Sure, wait till I finish my meal." "Thanks!"

After eating its meal, YuTu took chang'e to get familiar with the palace. "Your job is to control the rising and setting of the moon, and my job is to tamper with the drug. My job is much easier than yours, so I can help you some time."

"Okay ~But where is my bedroom?"

YuTu took chang'e to her bedroom, and said: "You can stay here in the future."

“By the way,let me take you to meet someone!”YuTu said excitedly,“There are more than two of us in the palace.”

“Why didn’t I see them?”Chang'e said doubtfully,“Where have they all gone?”

YuTu said with a smile:“Because they are all resting.”

After a short walk.

“Okay ~here we are.This guy is WuGang.He is a strong man.He cuts down the osmanthus tree here every single day.”YuTu said,“But this osmanthus tree can never be cut down.”

“Why didn’t he choose not to chop down when he knew he could never chop down?”said Chang'e doubtfully.

“Because he made a very serious mistake ,the emperor of heaven punished him with this never-ending labor.”YuTu explained.

After a little while.

“This is where you work.”YuTu said,“At night you need to control the moon from here,and during the daytime you can go back to your bedroom and rest.”

“Okay!!’ll do a good job. Don’t worry!” Chang'e vowed to say,“Please take care of me in the future!”

From then on chang'e and YuTu became good friends.On the moon,day after day,year after year of life.Chang'e control the rise and fall of the moon,YuTu every day pound medicine,and WuGang is still cutting osmanthus trees.





# Diavolo's Liberian Adventures

TONY

Doppio walks into an empty street in the pouring rain. Before him, lays the ruins of Liberia in the year 2050; a country ridden with constant war, cracked walls, dirty streets, and the stench of waste. A distant army approaches Diavolo at 2:00 PM.

"Fire," the distant warlord says.

A tall man wearing a tight-mesh suit appears behind the army. Most of the army suddenly have holes in their stomach. The rain abruptly stops. The rest of the army tried to shoot but their guns were, for some reason, empty. The rest of the army then had their bodies sliced in 2. The tall man that before, appeared behind the army was now gone. It is now 2:01PM.

Some time passes by and Doppio walks into a city ruled by the Liberian warlord, Dio.

"Doppio," a mysterious voice inside Doppio says, "let me take over."

"Yes," Doppio answers.

Doppio's eyes suddenly roll downwards. Doppio's face changes as he strips himself of his pink sweater; revealing his muscular, naked body covered in a mesh suit. Doppio's alternate personality, Diavolo, walks into Dio's lair.

A bullet suddenly races towards Diavolo. Diavolo then disappears and reappears 20 meters to the right of where he was before. A confused priest holding a gun is now across from Diavolo.

The priest tries to shoot at Diavolo but the pistol is empty. Diavolo and the priest disappear and reappear elsewhere again. It was at this moment that the priest realizes Diavolo's power. Diavolo was able to skip time.

"Who are you and what do you want?" Diavolo asks the priest.

"I am Pucci, and I have been sent here to erase any intruders into Dio's headquarters," the priest replies.

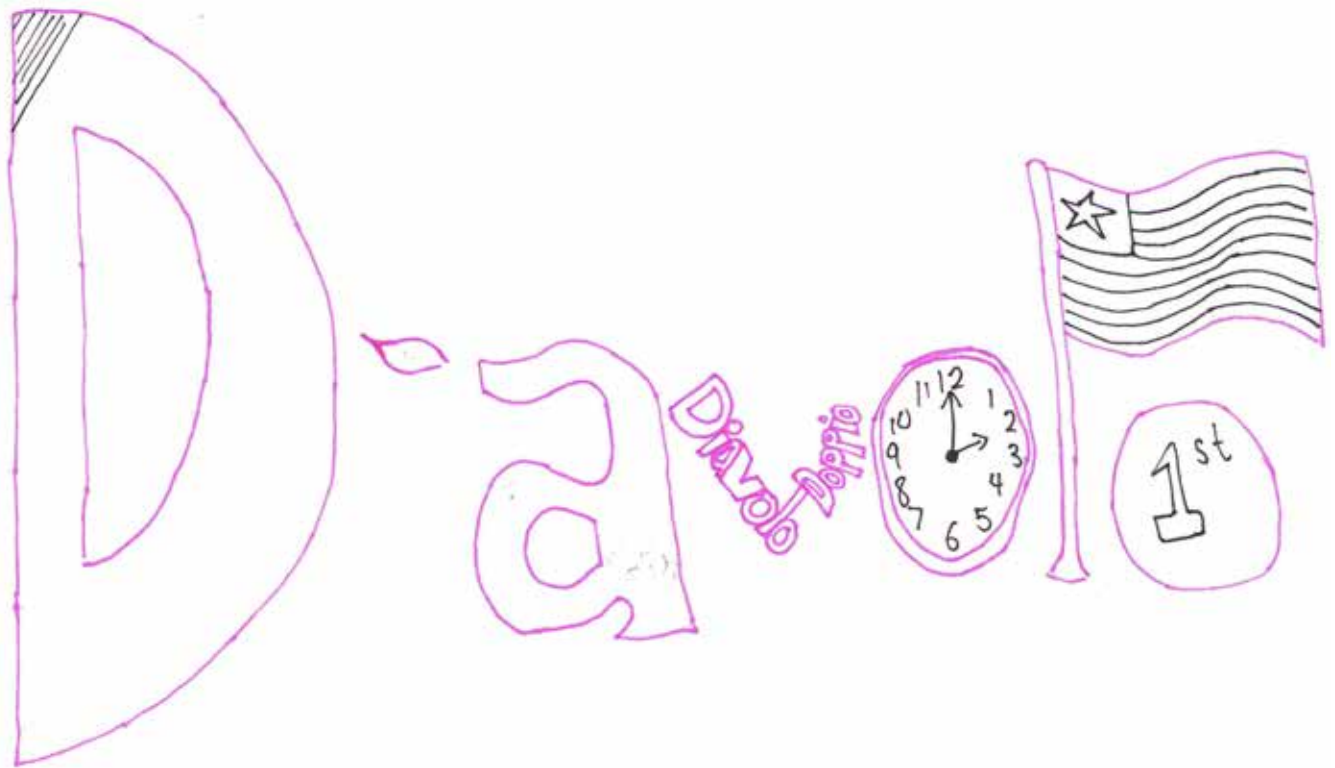
Pucci starts emptying a bag of crosses while keeping his distance and keeping a gun on hand. The number of crosses on the ground suddenly jumped. Pucci then tries to check for if Diavolo was nearby. Though, Diavolo was on the ceiling lamp hiding. Diavolo strikes the lamp directly above Pucci causing the lamp to come crashing down on Pucci. Pucci, in a flurry, jumps away from the lamp. Diavolo takes advantage of his focus on the lamp by striking Pucci in the abdomen, sending blood gushing out. Pucci had been a devout follower of Dio. Dio was the last Liberian warlord Diavolo had to fight before finally ending this war. Diavolo's stand, King Crimson out of Pucci's body, causing a gaping hole to be left in Pucci's body.

Diavolo starts walking up a narrow stairwell. A muscular, blonde, and disarmingly handsome vampire posing intimidatingly awaits on top of the stairwell.

"DIO!" Diavolo shouts.

The Liberian communist, Diavolo's last obstacle, is finally in front of Diavolo.

"You must be Diavolo," Dio replies in a calm voice, "you capitalist trash."



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"Why do you believe this dictatorship and communist nation you are creating is okay?" Diavolo asked.

"It is the only way we can truly establish equality," Dio says with a relaxed voice.

"Though, through communism, you are causing some people to not feel the need to work. You can scare away the middle and upper class causing the rations to be minimal. Also, your government is the prime example of tyranny!" Diavolo shouts.

"And through starvation, you allow a greater ease of control. A dictatorship centered around me is the only way we can create a perfect nation," Dio replies.

"You're insane," Diavolo replies angrily.

"I didn't expect inferiors like you to understand my intelligence and perfection," Dio says condescendingly.

Dio pulls out his stand; The World, a golden, robotic, and seemingly powerful spirit.

Diavolo sees into the future 10 seconds with one of his stands, Epitaph. There was a single image that was an amalgamation of Dio's actions. Diavolo attempts to get far enough away so that Dio's The World can't hit him. Though, Dio also threw some knives which reached Diavolo. Diavolo attempts to erase



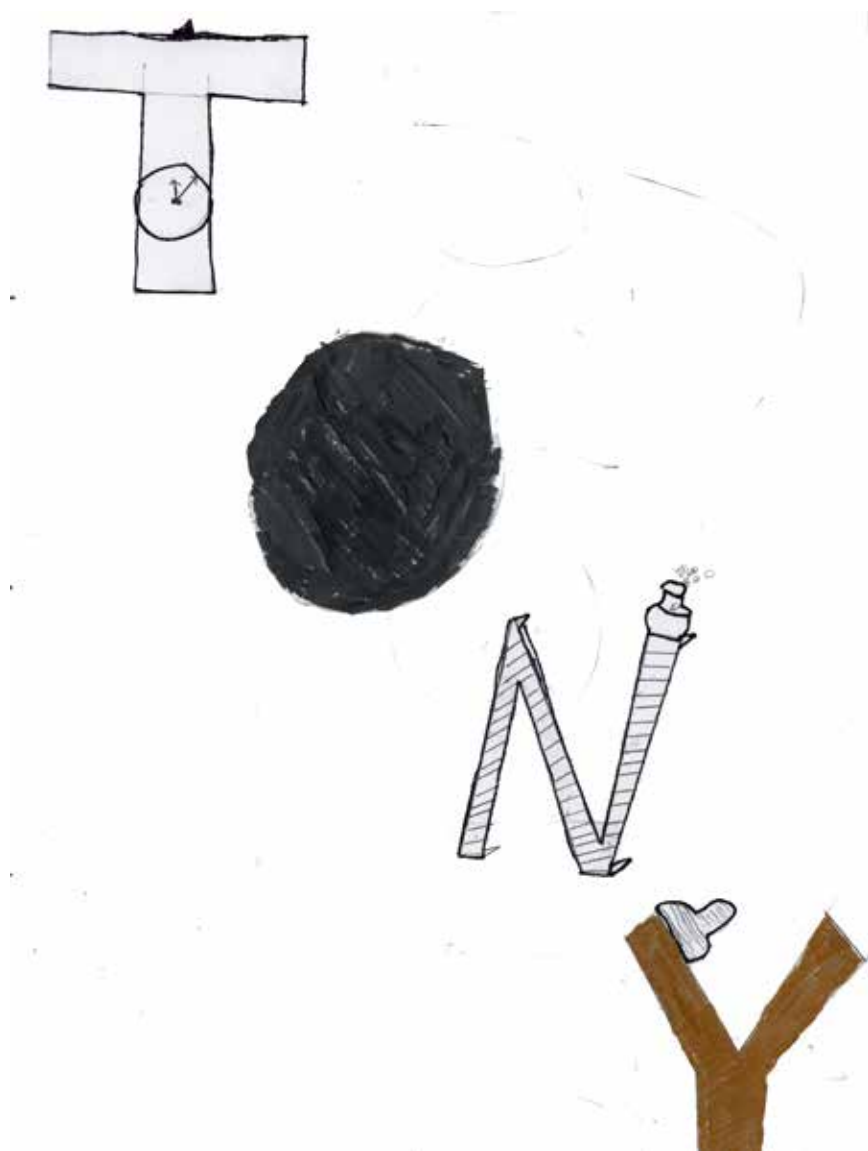
the time that some knives went through his head but some knives still got to his body. Diavolo plummets to the ground and rolls down the stairs like a smooth boulder rolling down a steep plane in an attempt to trick Dio into thinking he's dead. Dio turns around to head towards his bedroom. Though, these 10 seconds of events have been skipped so that Dio doesn't remember anything. Dio eventually walks down the stairs to attempt to search for Diavolo but then, Diavolo's King Crimson punches a hole in the wall to let light in to vaporize the vampire, Dio. Dio tries to jump back towards the stairwell but the light but the light had been reflected by a couple of shiny crosses on the ground. Dio eventually gets reduced to dust.

Diavolo has finally defeated every Liberian warlord in his way to creating a Democratic-Republic in Liberia. He will go on to create a Democratic-Republic with checks and balances. The first president of this new Liberia was a woman by the name of Jolyne Kujo. The country would continue to live on for centuries into the future.

# Tony's Life in the Magical Jojo Realm

BRYANT

Tony is a young, inexperienced ghost with a cowboy hat that lives in a worn down apartment in the Jojo world. The climate is quite harsh in the Jojo world where it's cold one day but the next is blazing hot. As Tony travels further into the realm, he realizes that he's not alone in this bizarre place... He begins to see monsters and hallucinations as trauma begins to overtake him. In this wretched



world, the weak die while the strong survive. Our lives will all be gone within a mere day or even a mere second if we make rushed decisions. We must learn to find the item that binds us all with great power and conquer the perils of our past. May the adventure begin!

What is this place? Where am I? Dazzling light pierces through the worn down apartment. "Hello, is anyone there?! Please help me!" Tony pleaded. Whatever. Well, I guess it's time for me to just go out alone. Tony swayed from right to left like a jaguar honing on its prey. Deonk. Donk. "What the fuck! Who's there?" Tony said aloud. Silence was all he heard. I really am alone... Without further hesitation, Tony plundered down to the darkness that awaits him from the door that is in front.

The darkness faded away as the broken door opened to reveal the light that is hidden from a commoner's eye. Tony takes his time to observe his surroundings to help him survive knowing that insight grants power to an individual. Tick tock, tick tock. Why do memories plague an individual so much that he/she loses sanity to even dwell in this harsh world that Jojo has bestowed on us? My cousins, friends, and family are all dead! "Why Jojo why?!" Tony cried in remorse. "You can't do anything child. Life was never meant to be easy and those who are weak die from trauma while the strong survive." Am I hallucinating?

What's going on in this world? It feels as if I'm trapped in a void... I see monsters of the past as they call me. "Boy, you'll soon join us." I'm just fighting the ghosts of my past at this point. I must find the ichor that will restore me to my original state! But, where is this ichor? Where can I find it? An old woman told me that I could find the seller in Emerald Shore. But, little did Tony know that his walk to Emerald Shore was going to be a walk through a small piece of hell. I walk further down the road to see what lies ahead.. I see a great array of things, but what lies beneath those objects? Objects have always fascinated me since the dawn of time; I may as well take a look. Grrr, I guess that was just a waste of time because all I found was just shattered glass. Oh, what is this? It seems like some type of flask with liquid. Tony heard the shattered flask call his name. "It's time to join us, boy. " As Tony sips from the flask, his mind races and his vision begins to blur.

BOOM! A loud noise sounded from downstairs. "It sounded like it was coming from the shore," Tony thought out loud. He had jumped out of his bed and landed face-down on the floor. The entire night he was alert; just yesterday something great happened to him. He didn't take the mysterious flask seriously but now Tony was beginning to think that he should have. The ichor has done something to me that changed me as a person entirely. What was the change? His senses have sharpened and so has his ability to keep his sanity in place. Once the quietness arrived, it stayed and spread in Tony. It reached out of his head and enfolded him in its ghostly arms...sent its stealthy, mysterious claws inching along the insides of his skull, hoovering the knolls and dells of his memory, dislodging old sentences, whisking them off the tip of his tongue until emptiness was aroused.

"Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don't resist them - that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality. Let things flow naturally forward in whatever way they like."-Lao Tzu

# Ghost of Changan

ZHUOHENG

On an obscure night, the silver platter is bright as the day. Changan city under the bath of moonlight, shows the opposite. It is lonely and quiet. A cold wind is like a sharp sword flying in the night sky, hitting people like burning. The streets that penetrate the city are empty, which only leave the afterglow of the lights. In the day, you can smell many kinds of fragrance from the stall, the sound of hawking flux and reflux through the bustling market. In the night, it only brings the cold with a bit of atmosphere.

Changan is the largest city in 687 B.C. that is composed of Waiguo city, palace city and Imperial city, covering an area of 83.1 square kilometers. The city is surrounded by high walls, protected by magic aura, people can't interfere with it, they are born in Changan, and also die in it. All the energy sources are from the city gate. It is huge, the height reaches the top of the wall, as long as about ten normal adult open arms connected together. You can feel the magic here is strongest, there is a little dazzle light exuding from the gap, it seems it would open at any time.

There is another disaster the resident of Changan face, the gate is also called "Passage of Underworld," because when time reaches 11 P.M., things called spirits that naked eye can't see will go through the gap of the door, and disappear at 6 A.M. Therefore, since ancient ancient times Changan have enforce a strict curfew, all people must be back home before

At 9 P.M., violate will result in a direct death sentence. The spirits wander in night include the evil spirits. They attack humans with a sense of autonomy. Even there are iron rules and life-threatening threats ahead, some people still can't stand the restlessness in their hearts. They want to peep at the ancient mystery behind the door. Most of them end up with evil spirits with no corpse, the few lucky ones also didn't see the drool secret at the end.

"We will be attacked by them sooner or later if they want. We are just prey in the cage." Said a young man dejected.

"My lifelong wish is to see the outside world while I'm alive, at least don't be the spirit after I die." An old man sighed.

The people would discuss the origin of the city, also people who try to study magic, and this kind of life lasted for hundreds of years, to 487 B.C. This has always been a mystery about the door.

Prophesy: Changan is the land shroud of darkness, creatures born here, doomed the bear the heavy crime, in the end, would it be the eternal sin or redemption of the gods...

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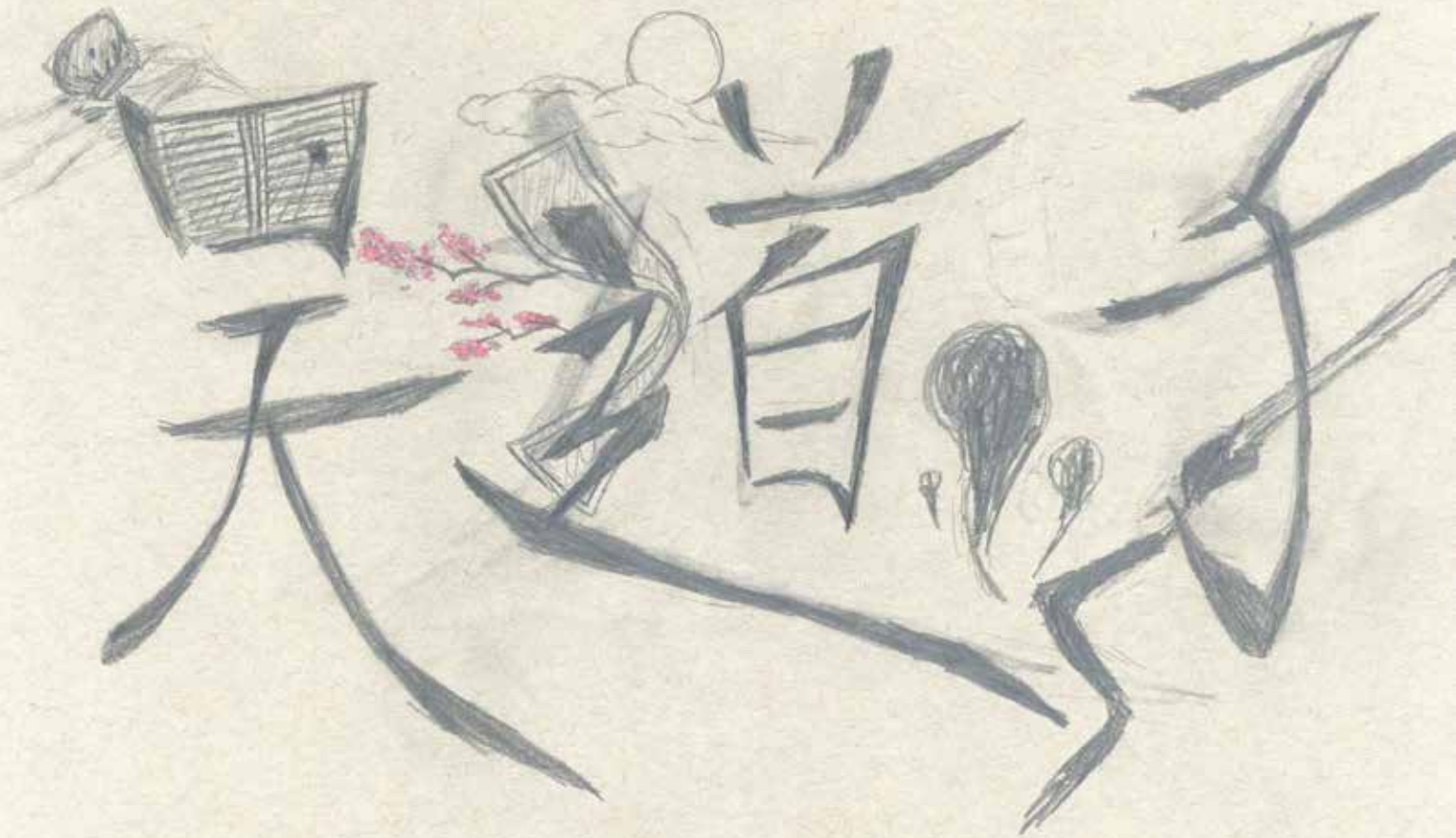
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type, wood for pivot, tile for roof, is kind of a classic building structure. The house of the rich is Courtyard Dwelling, built walls around it, many multiple compartments, which architecture of Changan are various. A by named Wu Daozi lives in a shabby house that is mainly made of wood, stone and thatch. He loves to read and paint, and is curious about spirits since childhood, so he works hard on study for a day to know the secret of Changan.

On that day, Wu Daozi can't fall asleep as usual, so he peek at the streets from the gap of his window to observe the spirits.

"That is a ferocious one."

His sight focuses on a cloud of purplish red smoke, larger than others in size, as the blow of wind the intensity of fire depress and rise, seems to have life and consciousness. Suddenly, the evil spirit turns his direction in opposite and accelerates.

"It's escaping?"

And he notices there is a greater spirit chasing behind when it appears in the center. The shape is over triple of the evil spirits, chasing it with the faster speed. When it gets closer, the shape of evil spirit gets smaller and smaller. He only sees the huge smoke turn into the shape

of a human, take a sack out from waist nearby a sword, inhale the remaining gas. And the person disappears after turning in a green smoke.

“The evil spirit is gone? I should note it down.”

Wu Daozi got a parchment and ink pen, and started to paint. The memory in his mind is that a man with round eyes on leopard head, messy hair and side-burns, wears a red robe, and on his waist wears a sword and sack. His right hand grasps the ghost, look comfortable with bright colors, compared to the spirit, it looks more like an immortal.

“How does it come out of my mind?” Wu Daozi looks at his finished product and measures it with his eye, and can’t help but admire it. He plans to show others tomorrow.

The next day, everyone had a discussion about “immortal” from last night. Wu Daozi’s painting became the center of the event.

“It’s exactly the same as what I saw last night.” One of the others said, others successive assent. Paint of Wu Daozi known to all the people in Changan, and became a famous painter afterward.

The day in a row, people still can see it in night, the spirits also gradually get lesser one by one day. About a month, people never saw any spirit again, and no feel of magic around the wall.

The gate has opened for the first time.

The event of it keep spreading to today, based on Chinese of “catch ghost (zhuo gui),” people name him Zhong Kui, and worship it as a symbol of Exorcism.

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# The Legend of Lee Sin

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This is a story about the role of the game, his name is Lee Sin. In a place call ai ou,select- ed by the dragon gave birth to a child because he has a strange smell,they almost talk daily by neighbors. Time passed, Lee Sin's parents can't stand him ,so left the infant Lee Sin in the doorway of a temple after Lee Sinparents then committed suicide.

The people in the temple saw Lee Sin and brought him into the temple, but only one person in the temple saw the extraordinary child, so he took Lee sin as his disciple and he was the first teacher in Lee Sin's life. Then Lee Sin grew up under the guidance of his mentor.Lee sin was ten years old at once, but this was also the saddest year for Lee sin.

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One day when Lee Sin was ten years old, the weather was still sunny. Lee Sin was also practicing with his tutor. Suddenly the weather changed from sunny to dark. His mentor charged at him, he rushed to embrace Lee Sin, but already late Lee Sin has been a powerful force, he opened his mentor with powerful strength of control, then looked at the lying in the underground mentor, his instructor stood up to use force to make him calm down, but the result was Lee Sin of divine power to dozen physically disabled, because Lee sin has run out of energy so he also fell to the ground.

When Lee Sin woke up tied to a chair, she looked around and struggled.

“Let me go. Why tie me up? You’ll be finished when my teacher comes.”

The elder of the temple came out. His expression was a little mixed, and he said to Lee Sin in a less cheerful tone, “There is a mysterious and powerful power in you. Lee sin looked at the elder with a look of incredulous disbelief. He wept.” “impossible, impossible...” he sobbed. The people in the temple looked at Lee sin and began to heckle and said, “get this monster out of here. He can’t stay in the temple and do harm” then the mood turned soured. The elder called a silence and the atmosphere calmed down. The elder said to Lee Sin, who was still crying, “You’d better go.” The outside world is more suitable for you, I think. Lee Sin reacted, he had to accept the fact, he had his rope unfastened, he did not take his belongings, he did not see his mentor, he opened the door and went out, he watched the outside world sadly left the temple.

During Lee Sin’s many years in the world, he saw almost all the good and evil in the world.

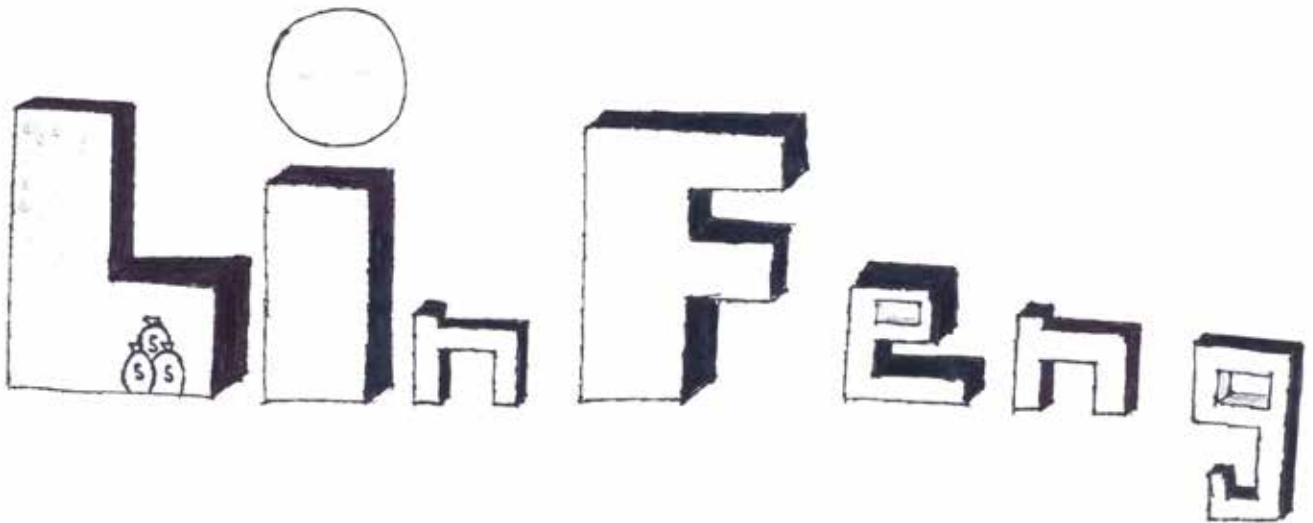
A few years later, Lee Sin’s country and hometown were rescued. His body force of the dragon, inadvertently put enemies near including all the people around him to faint, and saw all these people in the distance the Lee Sin as god and savior, Lee Sin was ten thousand people worship. After that, Lee Sin planned to live in seclusion of his hometown to protect the people in his hometown. At the same time, he kept improving his strength and mastering the power of his body.



# Doomsday of Online Game

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On the day October 20, 2751, a man suddenly wakes up in his bed, breathing hard “hu,hu,hu”. After a few minutes Lin Feng opens his eyelids and looks around the room. Another key fact to remember, in his mind, Lin Feng has a question about where he is now ? Furthermore, after a few seconds Lin Feng finds out it’s his bedroom before doomsday comes. Another key fact to remember, Lin Feng has a question about his body, “Is it real?” Moreover, all the memories Lin Feng thinks are fake. Lin Feng survives in doomsday and one section of his memory is Lin Feng has opened a legendary chest and gained all the items in the chest. Because Lin Feng has open the chest, the dungeons protection system reacts. Furthermore, a legendary monster comes out and hits him. However, Lin Feng is almost dead and Lin Feng has found out he was poisoned by the legendary monster. Moreover, Lin Feng knows he’ll die after a few minutes. Another key fact to remember, Lin Feng uses exploration and has found a legendary monster called Poison Spider Queen. As a result, Lin Feng has been trying to call



the system and the system has come out. Furthermore, Lin Feng has seen his character panel and the panel looks normal.

Name: Lin Feng

Gender: male

Hp: 1000 (A normal human life)

Legal only: 0

constitution: 5 (A normal human constitution )

Strengths: 5 (A normal human strength )

speed: 5 (A normal human speed )

Sutra: 5 (A normal human sutra )

Mutual trust:???

Luck:???

Moreover, the system has a little bit of lagging and he has found out dimensional space has a signal calling him to look. Furthermore, he has opened the dimensional space and he has found out the dimensional space has three items: real luck, death touch, and death eyes. Another key fact to remember, real luck effort is if a owner use this real luck will gain power to gaining the best choice, death touch effect is give the owner death damages, and the last item death eyes effect is given the owner the power see the death line and if owner hits the death line gain Critical damage • 2. Another key fact to remember, all the items have with can't be used. Moreover, Lin Feng has a question in his mind "why I can not use all this item" and after a few seconds Lin Feng thinks maybe it is secondary has not come to this world. As a consequence, all the items can't be used.

After few seconds late has iPhone ring "茕茕子立沆漈一气踽踽独行醍醐灌顶绵绵瓜瓞奉为圭臬龙行龘龘犄角旻旻娉婷袅娜涕泗滂沱呶呶不休不稂不莠咄嗟蹀躞耄耋饕餮囹圄夔夔凯觐龇龇犷犷轳轳轩怙恶不悛其雷虺虺腌臢子子陟罚臧否针砭时弊鳞次栉比一张一翕" ( 生僻字 ). As a result, Lin Feng pick up has iPhone and open has iPhone. Furthermore, Lin Feng hear has boss Li say "If you don't come to work, you don't need to come." Moreover, Lin Feng says "I'm quitting !!!". Furthermore, Li's boss said "ok ok !!". As a consequence, he closed the call and Lin Feng went on to the networks and Lin Feng searched about doomsday and he found out on October Nineteenth some meteorites had fallen on some business structures. Furthermore, Lin Feng knows that all the falls meteorites are not meteorites, they were monster cards because dimensional haven't really opened. As a result, the monster can't come out of the card and all the monsters come to earth first are most powerful because monsters gain more power from earth. On the other hand, they are more uncomplicated by killing or slavery. Moreover, Lin Feng knows he needs to buy weapons, armor, food, water, safety house, and car. As a consequence, Lin Feng goes on Taobao(淘宝) to buy weapons because he is on Chinese land so Lin Feng can only buy swords. Another key fact to remember, he has bought protective armor. Furthermore, Lin Feng has gone out and has to go to the bank to get money and Lin Feng has found out that the ATM is not working. As a result, Lin Feng goes to reception and asks the reception workers " May I get my money back. Reception work Chen says " yes you can get it back, how much money you want to get." Lin Feng says "all of it."



Reception work chen say "ok". Moreover, after a few minutes later, Lin Feng gets all his money back about 100 thousand and he goes to a palace borrower warehouse and Lin Feng finds the boss of this warehouse and Lin Feng asks Wang's boss how much is the warehouse with the dugout. Wang's boss says "a warehouse is 25 thousand but this warehouse with the dugout is 10 thousand". However, Lin Feng says " 5 thousand dollars. I will borrow the warehouse for one month ". Wang's boss says "9 thousand for one month". Lin Feng said "No no, 6 thousand for one month". Wang's boss says " 8 thousand dollars for one month". Lin Feng said "How about just 7 thousand". Wang's boss says "ok". Lin Feng "Can I have all the warehouse keys?". Wang's boss thinks a minute and he says "Ok". As a result Lin Feng borrowed for one a month and Lin Feng has all the keys. Furthermore, Lin Feng goes to a market to buy food and water because he uses all his money and Lin Feng has to go to the network and he has to do some things about doomsday every day and no one thing is real.

Furthermore on October twenty-seventh 0:00 pm doomsday starts. As a result, Lin Feng can use items and he uses them because Lin Feng has real luck. Lin Feng gains death touch hide effect given the owner power death damage, can bind a piece of equipment and equipment can gain increased. Moreover, death eye hide effect given the owner the power to see death line and the owner hit the death line gain Critical damage • 4 and straight. Furthermore Lin Feng has both items death eye and death touch because Lin Feng has both items he gains Death hand legend occupation and Lin Feng uses legend occupation. Moreover, Lin Feng gets all his power because he is the first legendary Occupation. As a consequence, Lin Feng gets lottery tickets. Furthermore, because Lin Feng has real luck, the lottery was the most powerful item. Moreover, Lin Feng got legendary law. As a result, Lin Feng gets a new lottery ticket and gets a legendary blood and Lin Feng uses legendary blood (god blood) because Lin Feng has god blood and has occupation is death hand because Lin Feng becomes death god because this he stops the dimensional open.

# Little Riding Hood Girl

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Not long after the big gray wolf was killed by the hunter, his elder brother, big black wolf, learned the news. The angry fire was born from then on, and he secretly decided to get revenge for his younger brother.

A year later, Little red Riding Hood went to school. The school will organize the students to have an outing. When the big black wolf heard the news, he said to himself, isn't this a good chance to avenge his brother? But I have never met a Little Red Riding Hood. How can I know who is a Little Red Riding Hood? The big black wolf was worried again.

"Big black wolf, you are so stupid! Little Red Riding Hood, doesn't mean she will wear a little red hat on her head! who do you see wearing the Little Red Riding Hood tomorrow?" "That's her," said uncle wolf, who passed by the door of big black wolf's house.

The next day it was sunny. Little Red Riding Hood is wearing a little red riding hood, happily going on an outing with her classmates. The big black wolf saw the little red riding, then walked in the grass, followed the little Little Red Riding Hood team. The teacher asked the students, "What's your favorite animal?" When the Little Red Riding Hood replied, "I like butterflies" Big black wolf was very happy, thinking: I put a butterfly close by. Little Red Riding Hood will not see it? So the big black wolf found a butterfly and rushed it to the grass. When the little red hat girl saw it, she cried out, "ah! What a beautiful butterfly!" After that, little red Riding Hood went after butterfly.

The Little Red Riding Hood girl just walked into the grass and saw the ferocious face of the big black wolf. She cried out in fear. "help, help me!" The teacher and the students heard the call and ran to see it. The big black wolf was so scared that his legs kept shaking so he ran away quickly.

"Ah! Fortunately, I can run fast! The big black wolf sighed, but in his heart he thought: hum! I can't do that. I must avenge my brother. The big black wolf followed the little Little Red Riding Hood team. At this time, the teacher asked the students, "what's your favorite food?" When Little Red Riding Hood replied, "I like cake best!" The big black wolf thought again: I take a plate of fake cake to attract Little Red Riding Hood to come over, and then eat her, isn't it ok?

The big black wolf took some lime from the forest, picked some wild fruits, and made a "cake", which was placed on the road not far from the Little Red Riding Hood team. When Little Red Riding Hood saw it, she ran to the cake quickly. The big black wolf pulled Little Red Riding Hood to the grass. When she raised her head, she saw the horrible face of the big black wolf. She was afraid and didn't know what to do. The big black wolf grabbed Little Red Riding Hood by the neck and said angrily, "you hurt my brother, I will get revenge for it." Little Red Riding

Hood was very afraid, kicking with her feet. The teacher saw it ,ran to her and rushed to the big black wolf with a long knife and shouted,“let go!” Seeing someone coming,the big black wolf was afraid. He quickly put down Little Red Riding Hood and ran to the woods.But the teacher had already inserted the knife into the big black wolf’s stomach.

The teacher took Little Red Riding Hood to the team and said to the Students,“Students,in front of the enemy,,you must be calm,not afraid of the enemy,you must know that evil can never resist justice.”

The next day, Little Red Riding Hood

had a dream.On her way to school.she saw the big black wolf. Little Red Riding Hood thought to herself, “Isn’t the big black wolf dead? Why can I still see him? What an I supposed to do?” In a twinkle of an eye,the big black wolf was running after Little Red Riding Hood, and told the big black wolf, “don’t eat me yet! I’ll treat you to ice cream,but don’t eat yet,will you?” Big black wolf agreed to Little Red Riding Hood’s request and followed her to eat ice cream. On the way they chatted,“big black wolf,why do you have to eat me?”can’t we be friends?” When the big black wolf replied, he was suddenly very angry and wanted to eat Little Red Riding Hood. At this time, Little Red Riding Hoodwoke up from her dream. When she woke up, she found herself dreaming and said,“it’s not real!”

From then on, Little Red Riding Hood lived happily ever after.



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# Common Core Learning Standards Addressed

## CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.3

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

## CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.3

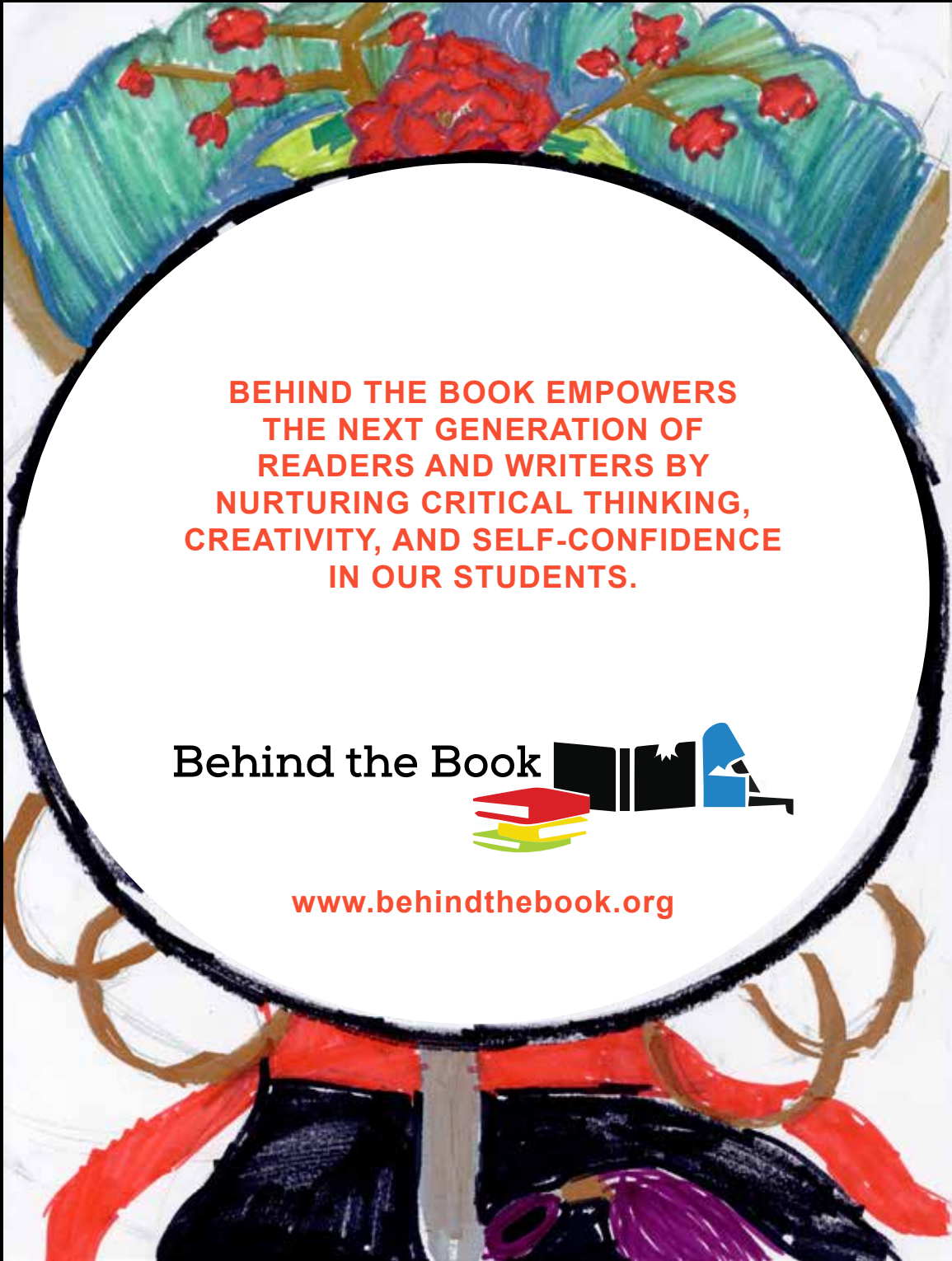
Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.

## CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.4

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

## CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.5

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