

### Editor's Letter

ear parents/carers, teachers, and fellow students at Hunters Hill High School, I would love to welcome you to the final main issue of the "Figleaf" for this year. I am Lily Sarzentich, the Editor of our school's wonderful newspaper. The "Figleaf" is a student-run team that consists of:

- The Writing Department: This team consists of the students that write the amazing stories and articles that you will find throughout each and every issue of Figleaf.
- The Art Department: This team consists
   of the students that create the multitude
   of outstanding artworks and puzzles that
   you will find throughout each and every
   issue of the "Figleaf".
- The Social Media Team: This team consists of the students that organise our remarkable "Figleaf" Instagram account (@Figleaf).
- Then last but not least, the Editor (me) and the Deputy Editor (Zeynep Erdogmus). These roles are extremely important to the "Figleaf". We help run the "Figleaf" along with our incredible teacher (Miss Lake), we make sure that all the students in each department submit their artworks/stories/articles/

puzzles in on time and make sure that no one is too off task!

This year has been a difficult year for a lot of people, as we have all been affected by COVID-19 in one way or another and it will likely leave a mark on our lives for a long time. But this year is coming to an end, and we are all hoping for a better 2021. Hopefully there will be less stress and fewer issues with COVID-19.

We hope you all enjoy this issue as we have worked extremely hard on this, as we usually do, to provide you with top-notch content. We wish you all a magnificent holiday and will see you all in the new year!

#### -Lily Sarzentich (Year 8)



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## FAREWELL, 20



**Shifty:** "Treat this school like a big family; everyone here are brothers and sisters to me. Do what you're doing, lead the way."

**Poppy:** "I hope we all can show that you don't have to fit a certain box to be a captain because look at how different we are; I don't do sport, for example."

**Bella:** "Just be yourself; be unique to yourself. Everyone's different and everyone

has a purpose here, but if you just be yourself and enjoy high school as much as you can, you can do it."

**Brayden:** "While you're being yourself, try and decide for yourself as much as you can; don't let society make you decide what you want to be. You decide what you're going to get up to, and you will go further."

### "The secrets of our success"

Shifty, Bella, Brayden and Poppy take a bow by sharing their advice on how to ace life at HHHS.

## 20 CAPTAINS!

# "What is was like to lead the school through a pandemic"

Bella and Poppy let us in on the triumphs and challenges of school captaincy during COVID-19.

**Bella:** "When we first went into lockdown, immediately the meetings we would have every weekend shifted quite swiftly into remote learning, which meant we had to do Zoom calls. We had to stop all the things we had in progress for the upcoming year. I think at the forefront of it, back in March and April, we were at home so it was such a shock for us to have to alter the way in which we were to be leaders. Essentially, we had to be leaders over Zoom, trying to get the new SRC members who hadn't been a part of our little family welcomed."

**Poppy:** "A lot of the stuff we'd normally do and the stuff we had in progress had to stop. We had to kind of start over again, like fundraising things because we couldn't do the gatherings, we couldn't do this, that and the others so we had to rethink a lot of those ways of doing things. I think that one of the ways we really did engage with the school community throughout remote learning was with the podcast. I hope it's something that

can continue because there was a lot of effort going into that. A lot of people helped to make it into a thing and I really hope that continues because that was one of the better things that came out of remote learning."

**Bella:** "Also, something that came out of this period of being leaders in a pandemic was the ability to reach people over social media; the ability for the "Figleaf" to use Instagram and for the P&C to use Facebook, for example. This shows the future we have."



## WELCOME, 20



Want to know our new leaders? Our 2021 captains Naya, Zach, Grace and Sam share their big plans for the year ahead.

### Why did you want to become captain or vice captain?

**Naya:** "I love our school and I love the people in it and the teachers. I just wanted to be able to be a part of it and become a leader. Also, to give people a voice and bring the school all together."

**Zach:** "Our voices as a community must be heard. I felt there wasn't a dominant student-

body voice, so that's why I wanted to bring change to the student community."

**Sam:** "I thought it would be good to try and make a difference in the school, because I really do like the school; I care about the future of it."

**Grace:** "I really enjoy community connection and relationships - this school has been really important to me throughout

## 21 CAPTAINS!

my life. If I could give something to a younger student, like influence, to give them a positive impact on their experience of high school. If I can create a system of support, that's really important to me."

### What was your reaction to becoming captain or vice captain?

Naya: "I was really, really excited and I was so relieved as well because I had been so nervous. There had been a lot of self-doubt. I was also really happy about everyone and I don't think they could have picked a better team."

**Zach:** "I was super ecstatic. I don;t think it could've gone better. I think we could make a positive impact on the school. When I got it personally, I was super proud. I wasn't sure I would get it; I kind of doubted myself. I'm glad I ran."

**Sam:** "I was very relieved because I was really nervous leading up to it. Just happy. When Zach got in, I was happy for him because I think he was a very good candidate."

**Grace:** "I was really shocked because of the nerves build up. It was really exciting hearing everyone else get it. I think this is a really great team and I'm glad I'm doing this with them."

What did you find challenging in terms of writing your speeches and preparing your videos?

Naya: "It was really, really hard to find the time to be able to sit down and put all of my time and effort into it. I struggled a lot with what I really, really wanted to say because it was only two minutes. It was nerve-wracking making a video that people would watch and I wouldn't be in the room."

**Zach:** "For me, it was a mix between organisation and time. I had one or teo exams that day and I got home at 2:30 so I had to really put my foot down and get the speech posted. I had to film on my phone and the quality wasn't very good; I was disappointed by that."

**Sam:** "It was right in the middle of our exam period. Our speech was due 3pm the day of our last exam. It was just really hard to find the time to do it. The main thing I struggled with was stuffing up the speech."

**Grace:** "I really struggled with nerves, even putting myself up for nomination. Opening yourself up to be judged for your speech and the things you believe in to the people voting for you, that's really nervewracking. It makes you vulnerable. It was worth it."

### What are you hoping to achieve in 2021?

**Naya:** "I want to make the school as much of a community as I can, making it as safe of a place as possible for everyone. I really

want to work on the acknowledgement and understanding and respect of Aboriginal culture around the school. It's important but unintentionally overlooked. I want to make an impact in that area."

**Zach:** "I'm really aiming to make a family-body run school, hoping to break down a lot of structure around things like UMatter. I hope that we can all get together and become closer with each other. I want to do a lot of events where we bring the whole school together and not just a grade."

**Sam:** "Trying to get some more programs into student mentoring, where you have learning from one another. Particularly for year 10 because they are choosing their subjects. I've seen a lot of people make ill advised choices for subjects and paid the price for it 12 months later. That's something definitely needing addressing."

**Grace:** "I would like to invest more time into community engagement, involvement and relationships both in school and out of school. If we can create a space for discussion and opinions, mutual respect

between people, I think that's awesome to have that. A really great connection with your year can make a whole lot of difference."

### What do you want to tell the school community now that you're captains?

**Naya:** "Be kind to others and be kind to yourself. School can be very, very hard but amazing at the same time. Always remember to put yourself first, to love yourself and give yourself everything you need to be the best person you can be."

**Zach:** "We're all here for them, they can come to us and that they can feel safe. Making everyone feel like they are a part of something and that they can break out of their comfort zone. Come talk to us."

**Sam:** "Keep trying. Be nice to each other. Do your best, make the best of it."

**Grace:** "It's okay to express your individuality. It's okay to be yourself. I really hope there's a good space for that by the end of our term."





# "Sun, fun, and lots of corn starch: My first Colour Run"

#### Year 7's Zeynep Erdogmus shares her highlights from her inaugural Colour Run.

he Colour Run is an annual event of joy and inhaling dyed corn starch. We got to spend time with our friends, we got to wear mufti and the sausage rolls were significantly better than what you would realistically expect.

With the run itself, it was different for everyone. Some ran, some walked. Some got coloured, some somehow got out without much colour on them; a disappointing moment for some, a relieving one for others.

I found the run to be relatively short, especially since I originally believed its length would be comparable to the length of the cross country track. However, since I have the energy and athletic durability and

ability of an inanimate object, it was still challenging enough for me, although not challenging enough to become problematic. By the time I was finished with the run itself, my hair was a mix of the primary colours, and my face was a mix of just about all colours.

I've been living in Australia for four years now, just long enough for the heat to not surprise me all that much. We were sprayed with water through the run and cold drinks were available to those who could afford it, so I remained generally unaffected by the heat, although I know that this does not apply to all those who took part.

Overall, it was a nice and new experience; something unique and memorable. In the end, no annoyance I had would be as great as whatever the people who clean the school buses had to go through.

# The gold s

2020 Year 12 students Poppy Burton and Alex Manefiel Duke of Edinburgh Award! As they celebrate this big program, and explain why

#### Poppy says...

teammates.



Through doing Duke of Ed, I learnt that I could achieve more than I ever thought I could. I also learnt about how I can manage my time better so that I am able to complete all my award hours alongside my other commitments.

My advice for someone considering getting involved with Duke of Ed would be to do it. It's an awesome way to meet new people, give back to your community, get outside and learn some new skills. Get involved!"

"I originally wanted to do the Duke of Ed because I was in the Scouts and I enjoy camping and hiking. Volunteering was also really rewarding for me, and Duke of Ed was a combination of all these things.

Some of the highlights of Duke of Ed were the bonding that happened on the hikes, especially on the four-day Gold Award hikes, and also volunteering at the cat shelter. I made some awesome memories and inside jokes. Persevering through the tougher parts of the award was easier when you had the support and encouragement of your



## standard

d are the first people from HHHS to complete the Gold win, they look back on their fave memories from the YOU should get involved.

Alex says...

"I've really enjoyed camping and hiking in the past, so I mainly started the Duke of Ed program in Year 9 for the adventurous journey, however, the bonus ATAR points for Yr 12 were definitely a compelling factor in starting the Gold Award, as well as the opportunity to do an extended hike.

The highlights of the Duke of Ed program have easily been the bonds created with new friends and the strengthening of bonds with old friends through experiencing the same multiday hike and camp. The adventurous journeys will be one of the highlights of my school life, and I will be sure to continue activities like it in the future.

I found that the encouragement of others was a major motivator during the tougher parts of the Duke of Ed program. The constructive encouragement that my friends and family gave me along the way helped me get through the hours of sport, skills and community service, as well as the long days of walking.

Through the Duke of Ed program, I have learnt about my own strengths in being able to complete set tasks, and about weaknesses

I struggle with, such as organisation. Without our superb award supervisor, I surely would have failed to organise myself enough to complete the award.

The best advice I could give would be doing it. It is one of the rare opportunities you will have in your life to undergo such a fulfilling, rewarding and fun program with very little consequences. It is an absolute win for all aspects of your future, and an opportunity you cannot simply brush over."

#### What is Duke of Edinburgh?

The Duke of Edinburgh Award (Duke of Ed for short) is a development program for highschool students. To achieve an Award, you must learn a skill, improve your physical wellbeing, volunteer in your community, and experience a team adventure in a new environment.

#### How can you get involved?

If you are 16 or up, and are interested in doing the Gold Award, you can now bypass the Bronze Award and move straight to the next level. Contact Mish Cavanaugh-Downs on mish.cd@gmail.com for more information.



ecently, Hunters Hill High School welcomed two hives of native bees onto the grounds! These pollinators can be found behind the TAS block and the Library, next to the garden. Although the hives have only arrived this term, they have been long awaited throughout this year.

The bees came from Alyson at the Beecology Project from a hive of native stingless bees split into two, which happens when the weather gets warmer and the flowers start blooming. That's right; these bees are stingless! Stingless bees are smaller than the regular old Western Honey Bee, and do not have the iconic yellow



striping. They are also a native Australian species.

The bees were initiated by the Science Department as a way to help students understand the place bees have in native environments. They hope to learn what flowers these bees prefer, and a Year 12 class is looking into their favourite colour.

Please take care to not smack these bees- they cause no harm to us and help the environment! The hives are looking for a name as well- please post any beehive name suggestions to the Figleaf Instagram (@ hhhsfigleaf)!

# Flight of the bumblebees

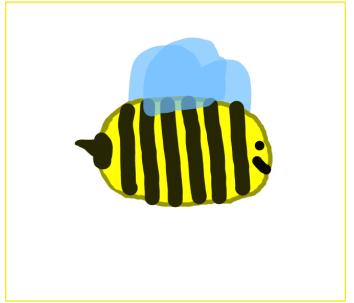
Amber Szucs gets the buzz (see what we did there?!) on HHHS's newest residents; a swarm of native bees!

### ART GALLERY

The "Figleaf" team shares their artistic interpretations of HHHS'S bee colony.











#### SPOTLIGHT ON: HHHS REC SPORTS



We love it because... "We learn about dancing and choreography. It's a safe space and having Ms B as our teacher is the cherry on top."

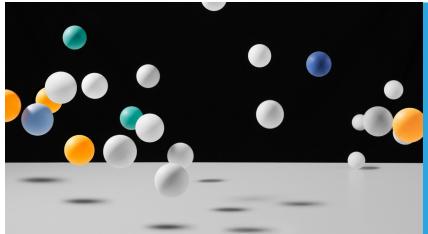
5 words we would use to describe Dance at HHHS are... "Safe; dramatic, exciting; interesting; unique."



#### **GARDENING**

We love it because... "We get to help improve the school.

5 words we would use to describe Gardening at HHHS are... "Relaxed, unathletic, peaceful, fun, consistent."



#### **TABLE TENNIS**

We love it because... "Mr Johnson is our teacher."

5 words we would use to describe Table Tennis at HHHS are... "Exciting, thrilling, competitive, relaxing, ambitious."

## Spotlight on: HI

Unsure of which recreation sport to pick in 2021? from students in seven popular rec sports to fin



#### **YOGA**

**We love it because...** "There are air conditioners and we can relax."

**5 words we would use to describe Yoga at HHHS are...** "Funny, stretchy, stress-free, rejuvenating, Namaste!"



#### **SOCCER**

**We love it because...** "The teachers are lovely and it's very inclusive."

**5 words we would use to describe Soccer at HHHS are...** "Inclusive, fair, robust, exciting, energetic."

#### **THE FIGLEAF**

**We love it because...** "There is a large variety of options and much to learn, so different people can enjoy it, and the students and teacher are lovely. Our projects are selected by students for students, so we get to publish what want to publish, making it a very unique experience every time."

5 words we would use to describe the Figleaf are...
"Interesting, unique, adaptive, laid-back, creative."



## HIS rec sports

Chloe Brooks and Zeynep Erdogmus get the scoop do out what keeps them coming back each term.

#### **BREAKING BOUNDARIES**

et's not lie; when it comes to representation in TV shows and films, directors don't always get it right ("Mulan" remake, I'm looking at you), and this can make it super disappointing when you're trying to watch something entertaining AND accurate. Nothing kills the vibe of a story quite like an eye rolling-ly bad attempt at representation. I think we can all agree that if you're not going to do it right, don't bother.

Considering that you might find yourself flicking through Netflix or the streaming site of your choice as the Summer holidays near, here are some accurately diverse and enjoyable tv shows from me to you. There's something for everyone! This list includes representations of different cultures, LGBTQ and depictions of mental disorders.

#### "Dear White People" 2017 MA15+

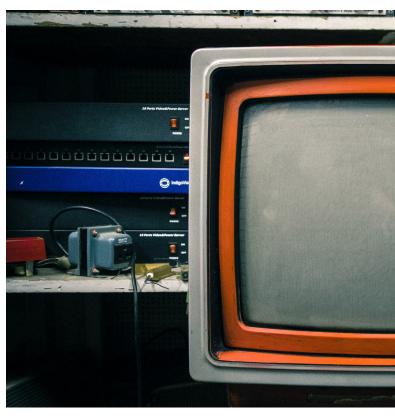
This satirical drama series follows a queer black man on his journey through relationships and college.

#### "I Am Not Okay With This" 2020 M

A seriously bingeable series about a young teenage girl coming to terms with her sexuality and newfound superpowers.

#### "Sex Education" 2019 MA15+

Loveable characters come together in this



heartfelt comedy drama about a sociallyawkward teenager finding his footsteps among his peers with a higher guidance from his sex therapist mother.

#### "The Haunting Of Bly Manor" 2020 MA15+

This thriller drama follows a young governess on her experiences in a haunted manor where she nannies the children of a family which lived there. Not only is this series great on representation, but it's also seriously easy to get hooked on.

#### "Kim's Convenience" 2016 M

A sitcom following a Korean family who

# Breaking be

In an entertainment landscape where so many miss the getting representations of the second se



migrated to Toronto and run a family owned convenience store. This complex plotted comedy will bring a smile and enjoyment to those who watch it.

#### "Never Have I Ever" 2020 M

This coming-of-age comedy drama tells of a first generation Indian-American teenager finding her footsteps in a complicated life and her conventional Indian family.

#### "Jessica Jones" 2015 MA15+

When tragedy puts this super-powered woman's life on hold, Jessica Jones becomes a detective. However, as she struggles through every day with PTSD, she tries to

focus on saving herself instead of the world.

#### "Euphoria" 2019 MA15+

A teen drama story which follows the teenage experience of Rue, a bipolar sixteen year old, and her cohort. The show effectively depicts addiction, the LGBTQ community, and different complications that are common in many young adolescents' lives. A guaranteed emotional rollercoaster.

#### "The Society" 2019 MA15+

A modern take on "Lord of the Flies", this mystery filled teen drama follows a town's highschool students after they return home from a school trip, when they discover that everyone who lived in the town has disappeared. This show had great representation of the deaf and LGBTQ community.

On an endnote, I'd like to take note of the trend of Netflix cancelling shows with brilliant representation, as it seems to be extremely common with many of our favourites. Too often we receive a nailbiting cliffhanger at the end of a season, then discover the show will not go on. Despite this, shows and movies with misrepresentations and problematic themes continue to stay on the site. Perhaps it's just a coincidence, but it is an interesting thought to chew on.

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mark, Nina Schafer switches you onto the series that are entation right.



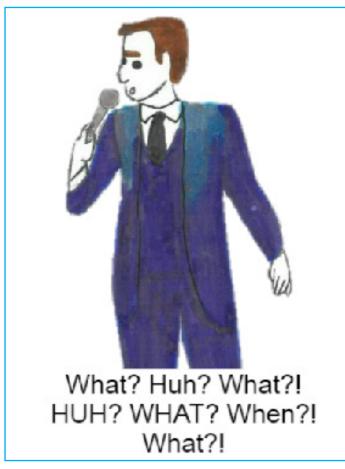
Pythagoras' theorum

## Maths explained by John Mulaney

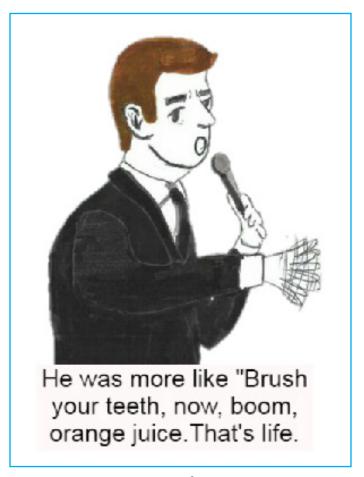
John Mulaney, a man like no other.

Mathematics, a subject with questionable motives.

Together, sounds like a blast. Join us on this adventure of John Mulaney's best quotes paired with the best matching Maths topics.



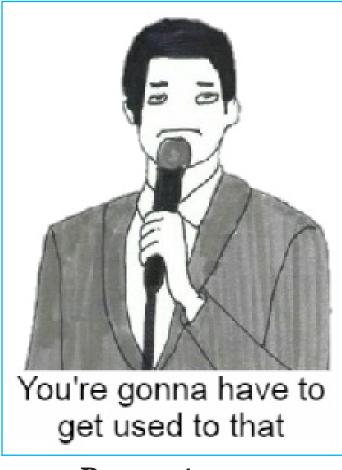
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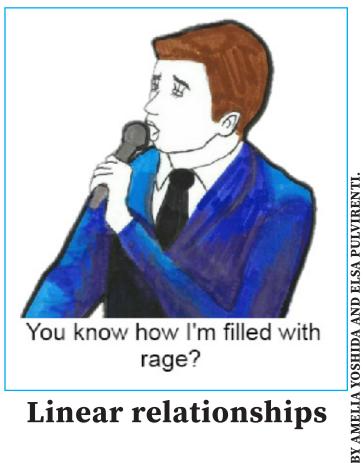


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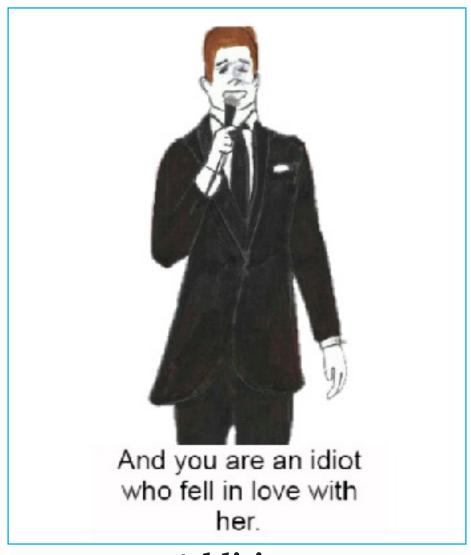
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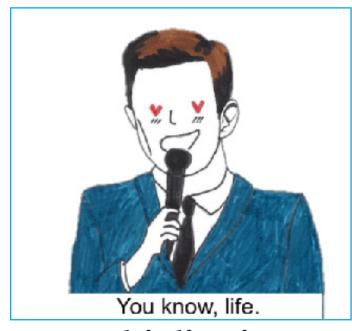
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**Addition** 



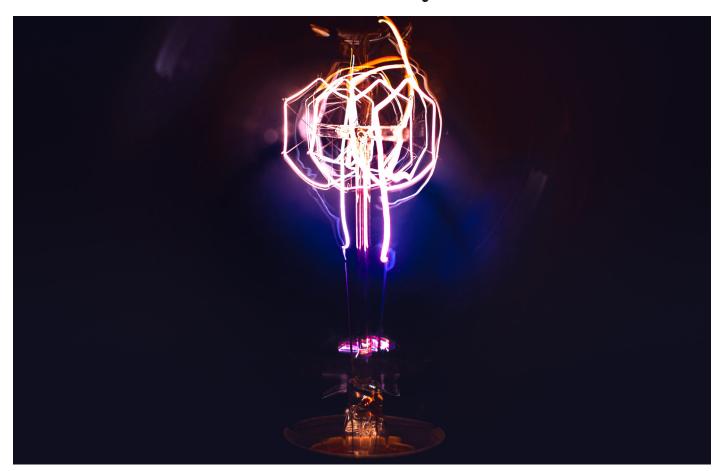
Multiplication



Simultaneous equations

## Weird science

Ronin Serrao investigates the relationship between the Schrödinger's Cat thought experiment and immortality.



ou may have heard of the paradox known as "Schrödinger's Cat". This speculates about a mysterious cat who is both alive and dead at the same time (thankfully, this has only ever been discussed in theory and never put into practice). What is fascinating about this experiment is that it suggests you could be 50% immortal. (Seriously.)

#### **Basic background knowledge**

Erwin Rudolf Josef Schrödinger was born August 12th 1887 in Vienna, Austria and died 1961 in Vienna. He was an Austrian theoretical physicist that had invented the Schrodinger equation and also contributed to the wave theory of matter and other areas of quantum physics. (Quantum Physics is a fundamental theory in Physics that provides a description of the physical properties of nature at the scale of atoms and subatomic particles. It is the foundation of all Quantum Physics which include Quantum Chemistry, Quantum Field Theory, Quantum Technology and Quantum Information Science.)

### How the Schrödinger's cat theory works

A cat is placed in a steel box with a vial of poison, a hammer, a Geiger counter and a radioactive substance. As the radioactive substance decays, the Geiger counter detects the radiation and then triggers the hammer and releases the poison as the vile is smashed. The radioactive decay is a random process which means there is no way to predict it's time to decay. Quantum theorists believe that the atom exists within a state known as the "Superposition" which is where it is decayed and not decayed at the same time.

#### What we can and can't see happening

The person who is observing the experiment does not know if the cat is alive or dead. The paradox comes into play is when the cat dies or survives. Once the substance has decayed, the cat will die and survive, which puts it in a superposition which is where the atom is as well. As the cat is existing in two different states, being decayed and not decayed, the universe splits into another universe where the radioactive substance has decayed and the cat is alive and another where the cat is dead and the substance has decayed.

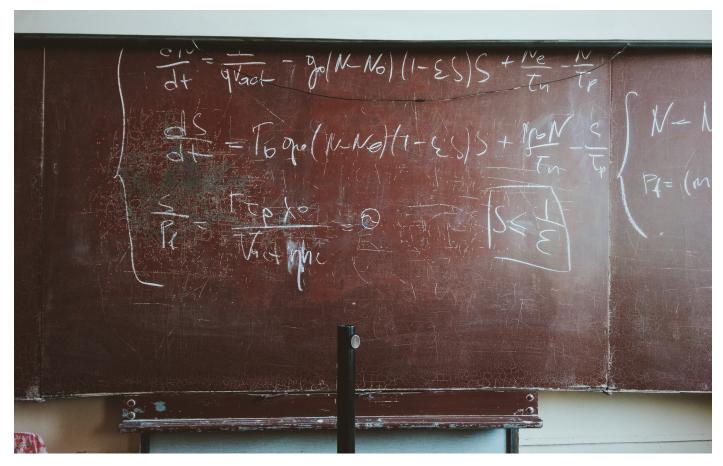
#### Why is tricky about this theory

We cannot see what happens and we will only know the state of the cat as dead or alive when we open the box. We cannot confirm this theory to be true unless we had communication with the other universe which we do not have the technology to do so yet. We would either see the cat dead and that would be the end of that, or we could possibly see the cat alive which would be the end of that experiment. During the experiment where the cat is sealed in the steel box, the cat is in the super position and we would only know the outcome when the observer opens it.

#### What it would theoretically be like

As we have said before, this is a theoretical experiment that has not been done practically and cannot be done as doing this would potentially create a new universe, and we would not be able to have communication between the universe we are in and the new one, as this happens it also creates a paradox.

So, as this is theoretical, you could say that instead of a cat, you would put a person in the box. The same thing would happen and the person would be taken to the super position which is done in nano seconds (0.00001 seconds) where he or she does and doesn't exist. This would put you in a new universe as the particle in the super position where it does exist and doesn't. As you can't exist in this universe, you would not exist meaning your body would have died but at the same time, see that nothing would of changed and you could be pacing



or sitting around and of not noticed anything according to the Schrödinger's theory. So, we can see how in one universe, you would be pronounced dead and loved ones would be sad, and in the other universe you have been split into you'd be alive and no one would know that anything changed.

#### **Immortality and Schrödinger's theory**

As the theory states that when the Geiger gets set off and the radioactive particle decays and the particle reaches the super position, it exists here or the other universe and doesn't exist here or the other universe. (Which is also why the radioactive substant has a random decay time and can't be predicted.) So would the living organism in the box. So as you would have a 50% chance of surviving. If you were to do it again, you would have a 50% chance of surviving but originally would be a 25% chance, then

12.5% and can keep going on infinitely such as having a 0.00002% of surviving the next one which would make you immortal. The only thing that would bypass this would be the inevitable death by age.

#### More on the superposition particle

The superposition in Quantum Physics is where a radioactive particle exists in multiple places at the same time like teleporting and ending up at one place but not even teleporting from the original position as an example. It's said that when a radioactive substance decays it enters the superposition where it exists and doesn't exist. Schrödinger's equation is a linear partial differential equation that describes the wave function or state function of a quantum mechanical system. This equation is used to tell us the state the particles are in such as the superposition.

## 28 ways to enjoy a Covid-safe break



#### Have a relaxing vay-kay with these easy suggestions

his has been a rough year. We have been through lockdowns, quarantine, social distancing and many more things that have helped us rid of this disease in the best way we can. But while it seems to have settled down in our country, that does not mean that it has disappeared.

While the holidays are a time to relax and be free from assignments, homework, annoying kids, persistent teachers, strict rules etc., we still need to be wary of the fact that COVID-19 is still around and contagious. We need to take care of ourselves and others around us and abide by the rules made for our safety. This may mean you can't have that huge end-of-school celebration, or go on that overseas holiday that you were really hyping for, or sleep all da- wait (no, you can do that if you want!), but you get what I mean! Instead, stay Covid-safe while still having fun by giving these activities a try:

- 1. Cooking
- 2. Puzzles
- 3. Reading
- 4. Video Games
- 5. Online Zoom calls with friends and family

- 6. Create songs using an online application
- 7. Watch some TV
- 8. Watch Movies
- 9. Spend time with your family at home
- 10. Do some gardening
- 11. Help parents around the house
- 12. Go for a bushwalk
- 13. Go for a drive somewhere new
- 14. Catch up with the news
- 15. Make something using recycled goods
- 16. Just relax and think about life
- 17. Study (although I don't expect that!)
- 18. Practice your dancing
- 19. Have a small group of friends over
- 20. Play a game with your siblings
- 21. Practice your photography
- 22. Listen to a new song
- 23. Draw something
- 24. Learn a new skill
- 25. Spend time getting to know your parents
- 26. Clean rubbish. Take before and after photos so you can see your progress.
- 27. Go to a gym that is not too full
- 28. Write a list of something you want to complete by the end of next year.



Il my life I had lived in the quaint town of Whitby located in the North of Yorkshire. Growing up I was the stereotypical quiet nerdy schoolgirl who carried around a Dyson V7 Trigger handheld vacuum.

My hair was always braided on both sides of my head and I wore a bow on the tops of both braids. Green was my school's colour and I can't say it complimented my beach blonde hair.

My mother woke up bright and early every morning to pack my lunch and braid my hair, much to my dismay. She would hum sweet tunes as she tied up my hair, no matter her mood. I must say on some occasions her singing would put me to sleep.

Some days I would find myself rushing out of my house on days I would sleep in, but I would always remind myself to stay positive no matter how stressed I felt. The one thing that really kept me smiling though, was my Dyson V7 Trigger handheld vacuum. My school career was never a fantastical one like the ones on the tellie but that never bothered me.

Even when I would pass the halls seeing the popular girls and their Dyson Light Ball Multi Floor + vacuums, I never felt spite for them because my Dyson V7 Trigger handheld vacuum always kept me safe from their harsh words. I was a smart girl and the smartest one in my school. So, it was no surprise when the College of Dyson vacuums accepted me into their academy. My family roared with excitement when they heard of the news. My father, who was a lawyer at Whitby's local firm, made use of his

addiction to gossiping and before noon, the whole town had heard of my achievement. There was a huge celebration and it was all for me. My father stayed up all night singing sea shanties and my mother wept in her sadness. She wasn't fond of the fact that I would be leaving my hometown of Whitby and heading to London.

A week had passed since the celebration and it was time for me to leave. I was starting a new life; this time without my braids.

London was new and intimidating.
Everywhere I looked I saw the next best
Dyson vacuum cleaner. It was during this
time in my life that I began to feel shame
towards my Dyson V7 Trigger handheld
vacuum.

My first heartbreak was experienced in London. I had met a boy named William, he took the same train as I did to and from the academy. One day our vacuums bumped into each other. He had the same one as me.

The moment our eyes met my heart began to pound. It was a completely new feeling. William and I would meet every week, we would chat and bond over our love for the Dyson V7 Trigger handheld vacuum. We would laugh at how similar we were. But one day things changed.

William stopped bringing his vacuum to our meetups, which I saw as strange, when I asked him about it he would simply say it was being repaired. One night on my way home I saw something horrific. It was William, he was standing with another lady, holding a Dyson Cyclone V10 Motorhead vacuum.

I was so terribly hurt and so shocked that in the heat of the moment, I turned on my vacuum with a horrifying rage. I was shocked at my own actions, I felt like crying but I knew I couldn't cry in front of him. So instead of confronting him, I ran away as fast as I could.

The next day, I was the laughing stock of the school. I was nicknamed the "viscous vacuum" at my school and became isolated. I needed a break, a place that would let me calm my nerves. So I went back home.

My parents were obviously concerned about this sudden visit. I've never been much of a good liar so I came clean and told them my story. They were obviously horrified and tried to convince me to move to a different school. But I couldn't, I had to be strong. After staying at my parent's home I made the courageous decision to go back. It felt like a terribly long journey but on the way I found a mystical vacuum shop.

They had little sweets in the shapes of vacuums and best of all they had fudge in the shape of the Dyson V7 Trigger handheld vacuum. I obviously had to buy it and the taste it left on my palette had been able to stay vividly in my memory. I asked the shop keeper for the recipe of the fudge and being the kind woman she was, she gave it to me for a cheap price of \$2,000 (her name was Belinda; she was very nice). This fudge seemed to rejuvenate me and gave me the strength to confront William, and so I did.

I found William sitting in the usual place we normally met, he looked at me and scoffed as if he pitied me. He was quite brave for doing so as he didn't know of the power I now had. I talked to him using my big boy words and let's just say, he wasn't smirking anymore. The next day was normal, no more teasing or snorting, everything was back to normal. It was all thanks to the fudge.

#### By Elsa Pulvirenti and Amelia Yoshida

#### **Ingredients:**

- 3 cups of chocolate chips
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- ¼ cup butter

#### Recipe:

- 1. Place chocolate chips, sweetened condensed milk, and butter or margarine in a large microwaveable bowl.
- 2. Zap in the microwave on medium until chips are melted, about 3-5 minutes, stirring once or twice during cooking. Stir in nuts, if desired.
- 3. Pour into a well-greased 8x8-inch glass baking dish. Refrigerate until set.
- 4. Enjoy.



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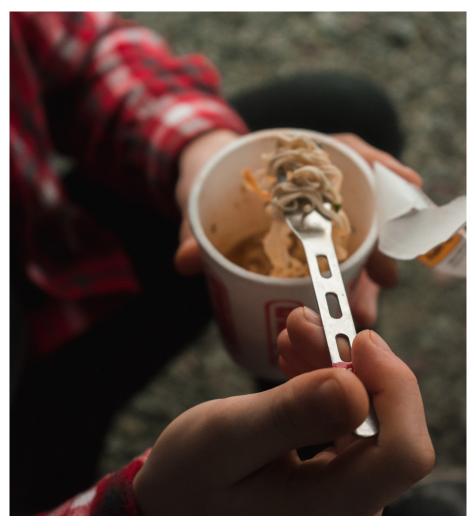
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## The "Cup Noodle"

A (probably) made-up story of an Instagram "Yummy Mummy's" totes ah-mah-zing recipe for cup noodles. (Warning: serious sarcasm ahead.)



hen my husband first brought home the Bobcat E20 Excavator, I was quite thoroughly shocked. I mean, we were two weeks away from the big move! The kids were ill and I was constantly making recipes for clients! And Michael comes home with a Bobcat E20 Excavator! He had to keep it in the front yard (which

was very embarrassing; how do you even explain that to the neighbours?!), away from the kids because, of course, all they wanted to do was climb all over it. Not only did they both have whooping cough, the Bobcat E20 Excavator would probably give them a whole other bout of sickness. Who knows where it has been??

Anyway, all you mums will know how stressful moving is with little ones and an incompetent husband. Friends, family and neighbours have been helping us pack our things (and also throw things out; I'm looking at you, unused Barbie sets! Little McKeighliey was horrified.). The new house is right on the beach, in this safe, gated neighbourhood, with responsible families all around and a primary school in walking distance (private, obviously!!!). I'm really looking forward to our new life.

McKeighliey and Lahcklynn have been highly invested in this new cartoon show recently. They spend so much time on the screen now it makes me a little bit uncomfortable, but as so many of you have written to me saying to just let them go wild, I'm letting it go. Because of this, I've allowed the kids to stay up until 7pm, instead of 6pm! I hope this doesn't affect their health or encourage any diseases to infect them, but I'm trusting in all of you - as well as Michael - that it will be okay.

And do you know what has keeping me sane throughout all this chaos? Let me tell you about this recipe I was given about 10 years ago when Michael and I were on our honeymoon in Madrid (Michael is a big soccer fan, so I forfeited my childhood dreams of a honeymoon on Hawaii's beaches so Michael could go to Madrid to meet this sporty team). It had been a hot day, and so the hubby and I were sitting in a cafe with some cool drinks, when this old lady came over to us advertising this interesting-looking local cuisine. I asked her what it was and she said "cup noodles". I had never heard anything like it before in my life! So I asked her if I could buy some, and she

gave me three packets for €40. Ever since, the "cup noodle" has been my go-to meal when I'm in the mood for something exotic, and so now, after 10 years, I want to share it with the rest of my Yummy Followers!

Please be warned, the "cup noodle" is very spicy! It says it's "only" spiced with pepper, but don't let that fool you! Milk is an advised beverage when enjoying this dish.

#### **Instructions**

- 1. First things first, buy the "cup noodle". The type I have been eating for the past decade is by a brand called "Cup Noodle", and the specific type I always have is chicken. For this recipe, I will be giving directions on how to prepare this specific flavour.
- 2. Next, you'll want to boil your water, and while you're doing this, crush the noodles up into small pieces with a fork. When the water has boiled, pour it over the the noodles and let them sit for three minutes.
- 3. Finally, pour in all the seasonings.

  Mix well and enjoy with your
  favourite spoon!

And that's it! It's so simple and so tasty! I've absolutely fallen in love with how the noodles become sludgy and just melt on your tongue. I was a bit hesitant sharing this recipe because the cup noodles' underground status is perhaps one of the best things about it, but I really wanted to be the one to pioneer it into society, and so I convinced myself to share it with you all. I hope you all enjoy it as much as I do.

I'll see you Yummy Followers next week with another yummy recipe by your certified Yummy Mummy, Susan.



# A (non) review of "Call of Duty"

#### Sean Hughes explains why it's time to turn your back on your "Duty" and fire up "Disco Elysium" instead.

o, another year goes by and a new "Call of Duty" comes out, and what's this one about. Oh, still bad, but now we get to commit war crimes for Reagan.

Now I'll be honest. I didn't buy this game, I don't have to. "Call of Duty" has shown me prior that it can not do anything apart from either being: a) incredibly racist, or b) not understand historical nuance, typically both. So, what's my verdict. Bad, don't fund the game, buy any other game.

Now, why are you here, yes you. Why do you want to read a review on "Call of Duty". If you didn't get upset and stop reading already, you mustn't be a fan of that series, so how about this. I'll review an indie game that I've been rather enjoying lately. "Disco Elysium" is one of the few games truly trying to push gaming forward. This is why I have that opening, because these games contrast rather well. "Disco Elysium" is a top down game where you have to solve a mystery. You're a burnt-out detective who got so drunk after drinking for three straight days that you've lost your memory, all of it. Absolutely everything. Now, I won't be referencing anything else about the plot, purely because I think everyone should try it. It is rare for me to be this positive on a

game, but this is a rare type of game. (A warning: this game contains strong themes of depression, suicide, and various other triggering things, just as a warning for any who may be affected by such.)

Instead of typical skill trees (you know, strength, intellect, and all that) we have voices that speak to you, such as Esprit-decorps, Savoir faire, Volition, and Drama. Each plays into who you want your detective to be, as the memory loss allows you to make him a new man; the game does offer a lot of choice. There's even a point in the game where these choices that you listen to are compromised and will offer you the opposite of the truth due to actual feelings your character is experiencing. Once this happens you may no longer trust some of them, and the choice you make then can impact the results of the investigation.

You can also choose your political ideals, being a Neo-Liberal, Centrist, Communist, and even a Fascist, although the game does give you adequate consequences for each. This freedom is seldom offered, even in some of the other great RPGs.

Another amazing aspect is how the game reacts to your behaviour. I ended up being

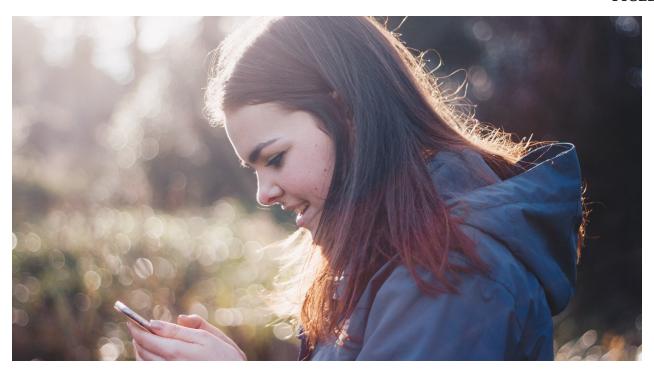
the sorriest cop ever, purely because I felt so bad for every action I had taken during the three nights of drinking. The game can also really expose some facets of one's personality if one chooses to make the detective themselves, such as myself who got called a "Hyperstellar Law Official" for acting like a deranged superstar. This pairs perfectly with the game's most unique mechanic, the idea shelf. Here, you come up with ideas that you can internalise. These will make you worse during internalisation, but once you reach a breakthrough, they offer some great buffs to certain stats. When you run out of space, you can forget an idea, but this is permanent, as you can never regain this idea ever. This provides a truly interesting and unique aspect of gameplay quite literally never seen before or since.

Now we venture back to "Cod Blops Cold War" where we experience the same gameplay as has been experienced for over a decade. No pushing forward gaming as an art form, no. It's go here shoot this, then go here press button and shoot more things. It's just really disappointing to see how all this money goes towards making absolute garbage and nought else.

Now, don't let my love for "Disco Elysium" fool you; it has flaws, but they are miniscule. The biggest one would be how you can just change what you're wearing to pass a skill check, which can be a mite annoying as it detracts from the sting of failure, where you can completely ruin something because of the roll of a dice. Another problem would be how the effects of some of the dialogue can't be predicted at all, but this is often more of a failure of the player, not the game.

Ok, now that we're at the conclusion, "Disco Elysium" is a good game, get it. Now for the COD fans that skipped to the end. COD sucks, stop fueling the bad company that makes bad games. Buy another game, and anyone who buys them to see if they've changed, also stop. They won't change the game series at all. Maybe they'll add minor things, but never a fundamental change. Okay. There. The end. Goodbye.





onkai Impact 3rd", also called "Houkai 3rd" is a mobile game; it's also on PC which I mostly play on. It's quite fun for people who like fighting or 3D roleplaying games and is free to play, so you don't have to worry about buying the game to be able to play it. The only thing is that you can buy things in game such as gems and items. It's got anime shorts; you can find these videos on YouTube.

There are multiple characters to collect throughout the game, each with different abilities and styles. Each character has multiple outfits you can choose from; you just have to collect the necessary items to get them. A lot of things in the game can be confusing, so don't worry if you don't

understand everything; there's a lot going on in game.

Strategy is often needed in battle, along with skills to actually fight with your opponent. It's pretty easy to get the handle of fighting enemies and creating items. Events are often going on so be sure to look out for those if you can; every day you can collect a login prize which is useful if you're low on supplies.

Overall, I think "Honkai Impact 3rd" is such a fun game to play especially if you like anime and RPG-type things. If I were to rate the game myself I'd probably give it a 8.5/10. I find this game taking up so much of my time because of how entertaining it is maybe you should look into it too!

## "Honkai Impact 3rd" review

Love anime? Can't get enough of RPG? Marnie Wollaston roadtests a game that combines the two!

# "My essential 2020 playlist"

Wil Stevens shares the songs that have salvaged a seriously strange year.



#### "Bury Me Alive" by Oliver Tree

When I found this song, I was in lockdown and I was trying to find unreleased songs by "Oliver Tree" after his announcement of his album being canceled. Even if the song is quite sad and dark, it is still groovy and catchy. This song was just what I personally needed to feel better during this crazy year.

### "Somebody That I Used To Know" by Gotye

As well as repeatedly listening to "Bury Me Alive" during the lockdown, I was also listening to music that I used to really enjoy when I was younger. This song gave me a lot of nostalgia, even if I only remember hearing the chorus while in the back of the car when I was really young.

#### "Wolf In Sheep's Clothing" by Set It Off

This was another song that gave me a lot

of nostalgia; I used to listen to it during my borderline emo phase after hearing it used in an "Undertale" AMV (Yeah, I was THAT kind of person) and listening to it again after forgetting it for years brought back memories of being obsessed with things like "Undertale", "FNAF" and "BATIM".

#### "Eighth Wonder" by Lemon Demon

I first heard Lemon Demon while in a call with some of my friends where we were playing music. They first played a song called "Two Trucks" (which I suggest NOT listening to, for your own sanity). This was all they played for a while, but when they put on "Eighth Wonder", I was instantly charmed by it. I don't know what it was; perhaps it was just the way the song was arranged and created, but it instantly made it one of my favourite songs of 2020.



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Last night, as I was sitting in living room and watching some Tv before bed, I heard a strange noise. It was a slow, drawnout, scraping across the hardwood floor. Confused, I searched for the source of the sound, and I found it immediately. Someone had slipped a small folded note under the door. "What the...?" I said to myself in panic

More curious then anything, I appeached the note slowly. Kneeling down cautiously, I picked up the strange paper. On it were only five words scrawled on in a crude, messy fashion; "Get out, he is coming." I didn't pause to consider the meaning of the note, however, as I immediately realised there was very, very wrong with this situation.

That's when I felt my stomach drop as right in front of me there was a creature. I could not see many details but there he was; a tall, big, shadowy figure right in front of me. But there was nothing that I could do, until I woke up and realised that all of it was just a dream.

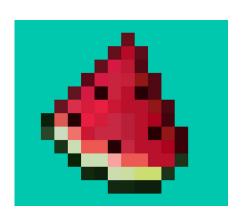
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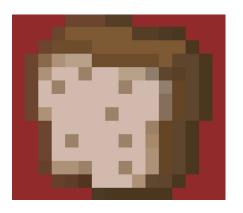
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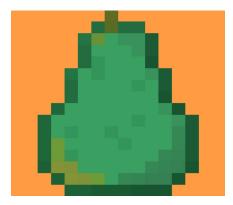
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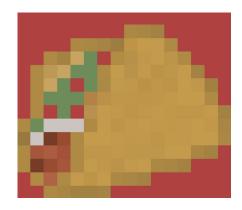






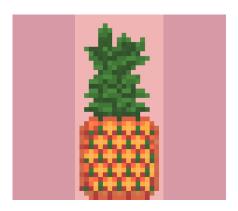




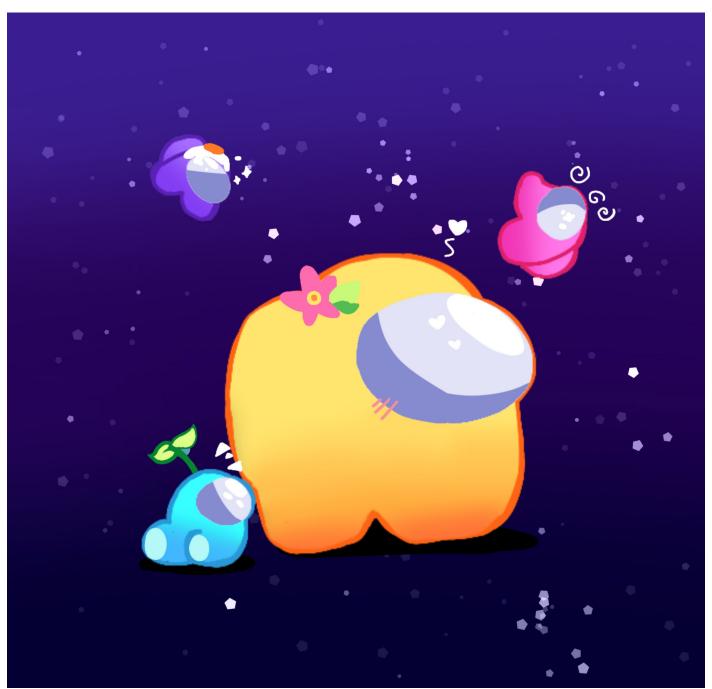








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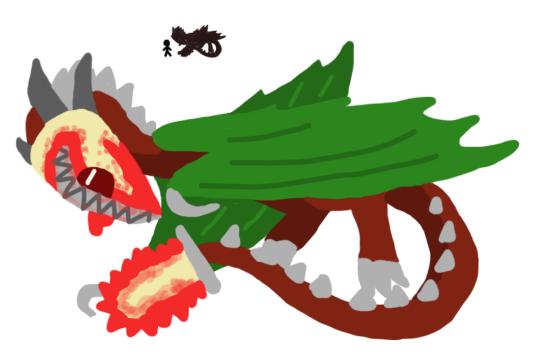


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#### hallow's bloodsaw

fast and deadly these dragons are adventurers worst nightmares, these ragons will pick out a single aman target a year and stalk em until the perfect moment or attack, these dragon are surprisingly fast and strong for their size, and a deadly pike covered tail that makes oud buzzing noises to ward off other dragons. it is nknown how they stalk their rey without them seeing it. these dragons have tough hide and regeneration powers, although not vincible these dragons pose a big threat and have to be hunted down in suburban areas, quite a few lawful ragon captures spend their lives tracking bloodsaws down and relocating them. ntrainable and dangerous it important that you report to e police if you ever see one earby but usually its too late once you see it.



#### hallow's glowbone

the hallow's glowbone is a unique and especially rare dragons, living only in massive caves that produce certain glowing algae. although this dragons are completely subterranean they sometimes come out of their caves a night to hunt for proper protein. these dragons are terrifying in person but not as dangerous as they appear, as they are not aggressive towards people, but if you are an unlikely case of a very hungry glowbone, the best Idea is to shine a light at it or go somewhere with lights, because of their strangely sensitive skin they burn in light

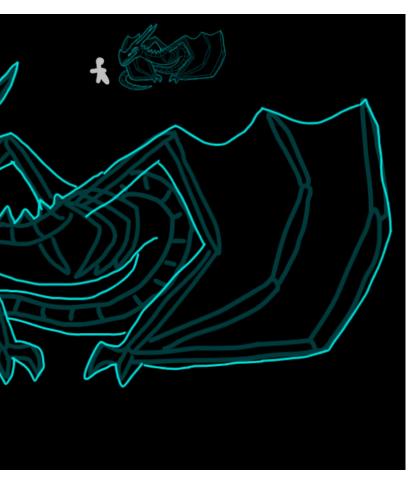


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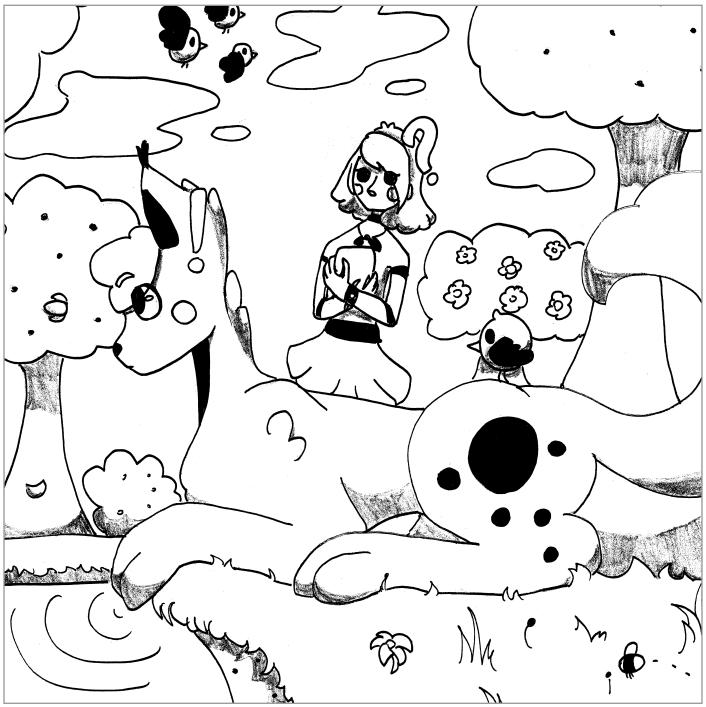
#### hallow's gluttonspine

hallow's gluttonspine is a rare and dangerous dragon that comes out of hibernation only one month of the year, because they have to eat as much as possible before going back too hibernation, it causes large scale rampages of these dragons, they only hunt at night and spend the day digesting what they have eaten. although considered untamable there have been a number of instances where children play and cause mischief with these dragons. although they never do anything for adults and when not hungry tend to do incredibly annoying things to adult people. these dragons are cannibalistic to other dragons and tend to form packs of their own species, for these dragons food comes first.





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