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The Three Heroes Pt.3

By: Addison Swenson, Grade 06

Vallory White: The Three Heroes

Last week a scrawny squeak like five foot five ran into me, I got mad, he got mad, and things happened. My lips turned blue, his head became red. He steamed, and I blew frost breath. A puddle appeared beneath us. Then his friend appeared, like no joke, just appeared. They then explained their names and who they were. One was named Hunter Packer, the other was Emmry Unknown. They were mutants. Hunter was like literally super strong.

That brings me to now, the Semi-finals. I was standing on stage, I opened my mouth, and sang my own original song.

“If I could travel back in time and see how just one man turned this world upside down…” I continued to sing the song, and I ended up in the finals. The finals was a singing competition. So I brought my all. The other contestant, a guy, sang “Perfect” by Ed Sheeran. I sang “Piece by Piece” by Kelly Clarkson. I won. As I took the winner’s podium, I saw Hunter, first place, from throwing his weights. And Emmry was on a first place podium, there for cross country. Everyone was taking my photo, when they dropped. In the air I saw a dramatic sight. A giant like orange thing. Omg, I am not good at describing things. Once I saw it more in depth I saw a… dragon?

“Give me the one I seek.” command a deep gruffly voice. I guessed it was like the dragon.

“Who is it your looking for!” Hunter cried out.

“I am looking for… Emmry Unknown,” It cried.

“Why do you want her?” I asked

“To take her home,” He responded.

“But I am home.” Emmry said confidently.

“Your real home has a special… uh… job for you,” he said, smirking. Emmry smirks a lot too.

Where they come from, does everyone smirk? He started burning the middles (humans).

“Oh that’s the last straw.” I yelled at the dragon,” You can take away Emmry for all I care, But… you… cannot… take away… the paparazzi!!!! ATTACK!!!!!!!!!!!” I finished.

Emmry started distracting the dragon while Hunter threw some punches. I heard Hunter murmur, “Are you going to do anything?” I was eventually going to help. I blew the dragon a very cold kiss, so cold that the kiss froze the dragon. After that the ice broke, and the people started waking up.

Underneath the dragon was a boy.

“Cough.cough. Emmry,” the boy rasped, “your town needs you,” and the boy disappeared.

Emmry looked up from me. I indicated with my hand to the winner podiums. But I feel like the adventures aren't over yet. CONTINUED NEXT YEAR...
VOID PT2

By Logan Adcock, Grade 06

It was a trap, and we fell for it, but Swift was determined to cross, the Void...

Hours later...

“Come on Bandit, they need us,” Zack said.

Zack was a newbie here, but he had spirit and guts.

“Okay I’m coming,” I responded.

Swift wanted a squad of his strongest men to across the Void with him, luckily Elijah isn’t coming, but the bad news is...

“Soldiers, you are my strongest men in a healthy state, I will call my squad out, Zack, Diego, Chris, Olivia, and Bandit. Come on soldiers, we are crossing today,” Swift yelled.

That was one of my worries, but another was...

“Bandit, you ready for the Voiders?” Diego said.

The Voiders were the raiders of the Void, on their own side, just trying to win the war for themselves.

As we started we had only stacks of food on us...perfect for the Voiders to steal...

“Listen up, Voiders are not dangerous but they are willing to steal,” Swift said.

“But there is two dangers, the Sandmen and the Soul catchers...” Swift informed.

The Sandmen were scouts for the enemy, and Soul catchers are even worse, poisonous snakes.In one bite they take their souls.

The enemy name is the Elite, powerful and skilled soldiers were trained there to be killing machines.

“So Bandit, how is it?” Diego asked.

“Good so far.”

“That’s good.”

“Wait...” Swift said.

“I heard movement,” I said

“WATCH OUT!” Zack yelled as he dove in front of me to take a bullet.

“It’s a Sandman!” Swift said firing a bullet.

“Bandit help...” Zack said injured.

“Okay, I got you,” I said trying to save his life.

“I NEED A MEDIC!” I yelled in tears.

“PLEASE!”

“I got him,” Olivia came over to help Zack.

“Tell my family I loved...them...” Zack weakly said.

“DON’T GO!” I yelled.

“Bandit, he will be fine!” Diego said.

“NO!” I said.

“He’s fine, he’s fine,” Olivia said.

“Bandit, is that you?” Zack said.

“Yes Zack!” I said.

“I will be fine get across the Void,” Zack said.

I yelled and yelled, but nothing worked. Thankful Olivia took Zack and walked him back to base, I never heard him again.

“We will set up camp here.” Swift said.

Once I was setting up my camp I saw Chris sneaking off, being the person I am I follow, I saw something amazing, a beautiful waterfall coming from a blue mountain, and Chris saw me.

“Welcome Bandit, to my home...” Chris said.

I wondered what he meant, so I walked away and never told Swift, but Chris was odd, he had blood red eyes...

TO BE CONTINUED...
DEEP, DARK, WOOD pt. 3
Lizzy Robinson, grade 6

I still don’t know how it all happened. I thought that Jaydon and Charlotte were going to help, but no. They decided to kidnap us instead. How could we have been that stupid?! I don’t get why we went with them.

My name is Sally Stevens. I have black hair, freckles, and blue eyes. I’m shy, but not around my friends. And that’s about it. Anyway, what’s happening?! Oh, yeah.

So, Charlotte’s like: “I need your help.”
And I’m like: “What do mean? We’re normal kids!” And yeah, that’s it. Now Charlotte’s explaining how she needs our help.

“You see, darlings, that rain made you unnatural. It gave you powers. It happens once a year, and we always track down the victims,” Charlotte said.
That almost made me barf. It sounded like she was hunting! Or killing people! Is she demental or what? I wondered.
Charlotte continued. “We are going to send you on a quest. Before, you have to discover your powers. And Jaydon and I will train you,” She grinned evilly.“Any questions?”
Jacob raised his hand, and Jaydon slipped everyone’s gag off.
“How did you know about the rain?” Jacob asked.
“Why, we were in it,” Charlotte said. Jaydon nodded.
“What are your powers?” Jane asked.
“You’ll have to find out yourself,” Charlotte replied.
“Wait. Jaydon’s is mind control, and, Yours is... the same thing. You’re twins!”
“What? How!” Charlotte yelped. She came closer to my chair. Her hand grazed my shoulder. I don’t know what happened. It was like all of her memories came to me. A younger Charlotte in the rain with a younger Jaydon. Them finding their powers from within. Charlotte is now controlling her brother!
“What?!” I gasped.
“What do you mean, what?” Charlotte sneered.
“You’re controlling your brother?” I was astonished.
Jacob looked furious, I guess he was feeling empathy for Jaydon. I mean, I guess I would if my sibling started taking control over me, so I wasn’t me anymore. Anyone would.
Noah just cringed, as if he were disgusted at the thought.
“Charlotte, are you really doing that?” Jaydon looked hurt for one brief second, but then his face returned to looking grim, as he answered his question. “No, you would never do that to me, you brats are lying to me, trying to get me to open up to you and take your side.”
“But,” Charlotte probed, gesturing for Jaydon to finish the sentence.
“That won’t happen.” Jaydon said.
Jacob rolled his eyes and muttered, “Thanks for the lecture.”
“What did you say?” Jaydon asked, like he was my dad asking me what I said if it was snarky. Charlotte stopped Jacob from answering, saying, “Let’s start the training.”
How to Care For Chickens
By Daphne Simmons, Grade 7

Chickens seem like dirty animals that are very hard to take care of, but the truth is, they are very easy to raise. I have chickens so I know what it’s all about. Below is some basic information everyone needs to know if they are going to raise chickens.

First of all, when they are baby chicks, it is important to have a little pen for them with food and water in it. They also need a heat lamp on them at all times so they don’t get cold. It is recommended that the temperature starts at 95-100 degrees fahrenheit and lowers 5 degrees every week. Another tip is to hold them a little bit everyday so they can get used to people. But be sure to wash your hands if you ever touch a chick!

As chicks get older, they start entering an ugly stage (no offence chickens!) where their feathers start to grow in, and they get taller. Pretty soon they will have to be moved outside into a hen house with an area for them to move around in, called a run. They also love to wander around the yard, scratching and pecking the ground looking for bugs to eat. They practically weed the yard for free.

Finally, after about 6 months, they start giving little surprises in their coop… EGGS! Home raised chicken eggs are the best tasting eggs you could ever imagine! It’s the number 1 reason to get chickens. Once you taste a home raised chicken egg, you’ll never go back to store bought eggs. Seriously think about buying chickens!!

Chicken Q&A with Daphne:

Q: When and where do you buy chickens?
A: I buy my chickens at a local feed store. Spring time (March-April) is the time stores typically sell them.

Q: (I get this one so much) Do you eat your chickens?
A: No. I do not eat them. They live about 4-8 years, and lay eggs for most of that time, so you want to collect as many of their eggs as possible before they die. Also, realistically, if you cooked an egg laying chicken when it looked ready, the meat would be tough, and taste really gross because they are old. I do not eat my chickens.
These Broken Stars Review
By Ava Koh, Grade 6

These Broken Stars is a great book about not giving up hope. It’s about a girl named Lilac LaRoux and a war hero named Tarver Merendsen. Lilac LaRoux is the daughter of the wealthiest man in the universe, while Tarver Merendsen is a young war hero who was led to believe that some girls like Lilac bring more trouble than they’re worth. They both meet while riding Icarus, her father’s grand masterpiece. Icarus, a massive luxury spaceliner flying peacefully, is suddenly yanked out of hyperspace and plunges into the nearest planet.

Before Icarus crashed Tarver invites Lilac to view the stars with him, but for Lilac she is constantly denying suitors who are only after two things, her fame and her father’s fortune. When Icarus suffers severe damage, it begins a destructive decent out of hyperspace to the nearest planet, and Lilac and Tarver find themselves in the same life pod trying desperately to escape. They are able to leave, but they seem to be stranded alone on an eerie, uninhabited planet. Will they ever be found?

These Broken Stars is a grand novel about not giving up hope. I give it a rating of 4 ½ out of 5 stars because it was engaging and exciting. My favorite part of the book was when Lilac rejects Tarver since I found it humorous. If you are interested in a courageous, survival book, check out These Broken Stars today!

Dress Code Report
By: Kumba Jagne and Addison Swenson grade 6

School dress codes are important. They teach you to be decent and how to dress in a work environment. But are school dress codes too strict and unfair? Well we are going to see what the student body thinks about that.

We asked 32 people, compare what you think to the people we asked.

Mrs. Doyle has given us her point of view. Here’s her answer when I asked if she thought the dress code was fair. She said, “It’s fine, think it’s fine, it’s fair, it’s okay.”

Let’s get some more detail on our dress code. Our dress code states that your head should not be covered unless for religious purposes or have sunglasses cover your face, that legs need to be covered to your fingertips with arms relaxed at your sides. Also our dress code states that shirt straps must be at least two fingers wide, all undergarments have to be be covered completely, and back and stomachs must be covered. Of course some of these rules make sense and must be followed in all settings. Other rules some say, apply to only one group of people.

Though these rules should be followed they can spark controversy. Like what if you have long arms, or do these rules only apply to one gender? Even though the dress code has to be followed by both genders, girls seem to be the only people that need to watch out for it.
Do you set your clothes in the night before bed and double think if it’s school appropriate? Or do you throw on a last minute outfit in the morning? Both could be risky choices because if you don’t follow the dress code, you could get “dress coded,” as the students say. So make sure you plan your outfits because the consequences can get severe.

Have you ever wondered what the consequences for violating this rule is? I will explain all of the consequences, you can also find them on page 7 of your academic planner/calender. If you don’t follow the rules, the punishment you will get is to be sent to the office. In the first offense they will “ask” you to change or modify your clothes. On the second offense, you will be given detention. The third offense is Saturday school.

We have not tried to tell you if you should think the dress code is fair or not. You are entitled to your own opinion. We simply informed you and told you the facts. All genders must follow the dress code though girls especially need to be more careful. If these dress code rules are not followed you could be given detention or worse. The dress code, though unliked by some, is a mandatory rule in many schools and must be followed.

TRAVEL GUIDE

Travel Guide: Around London

By Raiyna Walia, grade 07

Big Ben: Big Ben is the nickname for the Great Bell of the clock at the north end of the Palace of Westminster in London.

Buckingham Palace: Is the home to Queen Elizabeth ll, but it is also the monarchy’s headquarter.

The Tower Bridge: Tower Bridge was built between 1886 and 1894. The bridge crosses the River Thames close to the Tower of London and has become an iconic symbol of London. Because of this, Tower Bridge is sometimes confused with London Bridge.

Windsor Castle: Windsor Castle is a royal residence in the English county of Berkshire. It is notable for its long relation with the English and later British royal family and for its architecture. It also has a beautiful two mile walk outside ending with a statue. It is surrounded by trees!

Madame Tussauds: is a wax museum in London with smaller museums in a number of other major cities. It was founded by wax sculptor Marie Tussaud it. There are also rides. Is really fun to take selfies there!

London Eye: The London Eye is a giant Ferris wheel on the South Bank of the River Thames in London. It is 443 feet (135 m) tall. When it was
Hello video gamers (or not). Do you like team based games that only matter on how skilled you are? Then Splatoon 2 is the game for you!

**Composition**

You are a person who can turn into a squid.

When you first log on to the game there are three options. 1. Story mode, in story mode you go on missions to save the eels in distress. Sometimes you get new guns. The enemies are octopuses and there not that hard to defeat.
2. Multiplayer battles, in battles you fight other players to ink the most turf this mode is probably the hardest because the enemies can think and outsmart you.
3. Multiplayer salmon run, in salmon run you team up with 3 other people to collect golden eggs from bosses. The enemies are pretty hard in this mode but you have people to cover your back and revive you.

**My thoughts**

This game is an awesome game because there’s a game for everybody my friend like Story mode and I like battles because we all have our place in it.