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Invaders Pillage Western Villages

by Geraldo Rivera

In early March, barbarians landed on the rocky western shores south of the beaches and laid waste to several villages in the foothills.

Rudolfo, the watchman on the beach, begged Mister Huang for forgiveness which was immediately given as the marauders had landed too far south of Rudolfo's position.

The barbarians, still unidentified, defaced a poster of famous mathematicians in addition to burning and pillaging. No captives were taken. All the women are safe.

Shayan Zolghadar denied any involvement before anyone accused him. Although Zolghadar has been trying to establish an autonomous region within 109 (without much support), he vowed to assist the kingdom in finding the perpetrators.

109 has always had porous borders due to

the peaceful atmosphere of the Lands of Longfellow, but an incensed Mister Huang immediately contacted the Powers-That-Be and closed all border crossings to aliens on weekends. No one except he and 109 citizens may enter at those times. Although this declaration was an unprecedented move, the Powers relented. The streets then filled with raucous cheers for the monarch who dictated terms to the supposed Powers-That-Be.

Republic of Krawczykstan Claims Test #7

by Anderson Cooper

On March 2, in its own state-run newspapers, the Republic of Krawczykstan claimed 109's 8th grade Algebra Test #7 as its own property.

The Kingdom of 109 immediately sent a forceful letter to the ROK, a nomadic nation

led by former citizen of 109 Eric Krawczyk, informing them that punitive action may be taken if the claim were not rescinded. The ROK has yet to respond.

Huang Predicts Low Happiness Level for Gaba

by Didier Drogba

Mister Huang has predicted that according to Ethan Gaba's own happiness level function, he will have an extremely low HL next year.

Gaba's function states that his HL varies directly with the number of Redskins and Jets wins and inversely with the square of the number of Cowboys wins. The constant of variation is 1.5.

Making a quick scouting report in his head, Huang predicted 1 win for the Redskins, 2 wins for the Jets and 12 wins for the Cowboys, giving Gaba an HL of approximately 0.02.

Forgetting that Huang is not God and therefore

cannot predict the future as accurately as a deity, Gaba was distraught. He later came to his senses realizing that Mister Huang might be wrong.

Johnson's Request Stirs 5th period

by Trent Reznor

When Clint Johnson asked 5th period to help him remember to turn in his homework, he didn't expect the outpouring of advice he got. Perhaps he shouldn't have asked for someone to slap him to help him remember.

Within seconds, a host of citizens volunteered to be the one to slap him when he entered the door each day. Someone behind him offered to bop him on the head right at that moment.

Then Jay Williams offered a constructive piece of advice. Why not write "Turn in homework" on your Skill Drill sheet?

Johnson took the advice. So has Brian Godla. However, the advice has not caught on as much as Williams had hoped. No one else in 5th period has taken it, not that many in that

period need the reminder.

Ask Arvid

Dear Arvid,

I am a non-athletic citizen of 109. I think Mr. Huang is sexist. He lets girls go to the bathroom more than boys.

Dear Weak Bladder,

I think you should concentrate more on developing your speed and agility. Maybe then your body will be better able to hold its water.

Dear Arvid,

I'm trying to be cool, but I fail miserably every time. How can I succeed?

Dear Wannabe,

Stop playing the fool. Why must you be cool? If you ape today's drones, we will end up with a world of clones.

Dear Arvid,

When is it too late to turn in homework?

Dear Deaf, Dumb and Blind,

Where have you been all year? It's too late when Mr. Huang starts returning it to the class.

109 Sound-bites

Seungin Sohn: "Define 'nothing'."

In Young Cho: "What you are doing right now."

Robby Koch (after tripping over a bag): "Whose bag is that?"
Robby Koch: "Oh, it's mine."

Ethan Gaba: "People with lazy eye are liars."

Skill Drills

7th grade

6: Kristina Hu
4: Kevin Au, Robbie Clark, Alex Dalzell
3: Michelle Lee, Zach Moser
2: Tom Cresce, Amit Nayak
1: Alice Ju, Woojae Kim, Zayd Farah, Katherine Sheridan, John Polzer, Eric Leimkuhler, Catherine Ayres

8th grade

9: Mario Fidalgo
8: Hitoshi Koshiya, Greg Mascialino, Chae Won Lee
7: So Hyeun Chun
6: Robin Hinson, Sei Young Hwang, Brian Roy, Julia Kim, Sarah Kelley
5: Collin Juba
4: Elaine Wu, Ashley Yun, Asli Uyanik, Brian Lichliter
3: Yuriko Salmon, Robby Koch, Min Wook Lee, Graham Lobel, Andrey Tretyak, Andrea Omonte, Greg Weiss
2: Xuan Do, Nuha Naqvi, Vanessa Csapo, Rayn Epreman
1: Hannah Mayberry, Nolen Ramminger, Zach Sirlin, Jay Williams, Sean Kim