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Thank you....

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1st: Kavya Kuttuva
2nd: Jack Kirk
3rd: Chengbo Kan
4th: Victoria Wauters
7th: Vayun Malik

DM: Aaron Stark
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Not Small Potatoes Will Be Illustrated

By Luca Infante

Not Small Potatoes, the story of the first 15 years of the Kingdom of 109 due out in June, will be an illustrated book.

According to inside sources, the book is about 70% finished. The decision to include illustrations follows the 109 tradition of using the visual arts to tell the stories of 109. Until now, only murals on walls have

been used to tell the history of 109.

Like the artists who have painted wall murals, the illustrator for the book will also be a 109 citizen. Rough drafts of certain scenes will be made available to prospective artists who will then submit sketches for those scenes. Mr. Huang will make the final decision on who the illustrator will be.

"We are looking for an artist who knows the history well," said Mr. Huang. "The drawings should be true to the stories and respectful of what 109 has achieved and experienced through the years."

Not Small Potatoes will be published by Mango Publishing, the new literary arm of Mango Productions, the company that produced the film *Mangos and Large Potatoes*

Peleg Tries to Lock Out Mr. Huang

By Derek Pardon

It wasn't an assassination attempt, but on Jan. 16, 2020, Seth Peleg tried to prevent Mr. Huang from ever coming back to 209.

After lunch, he and Prashim Rijal arrived early while Mr. Huang was out. Peleg closed the door behind him. When Mr. Huang returned, he accused Peleg of trying to eliminate his own king.

Peleg helps Prashim Rijal around on his scooter while Rijal

heals from a leg injury.

Peleg has a history of unusual behavior. He admitted to helping Rijal around out of guilt because he was the one who caused the leg injury "Closing the door will not get rid of me," said Mr. Huang. "I have a key to 209, and I am skilled with door-knobs."

Peleg doesn't have a key to lock the door, so his dastardly plan was bound to fail.

Injured Remily Takes AMC

By Leonardo Candi

Despite massive injuries to her face, Jaya Remily or 2nd Period still showed up for the 2019 AMC 8.

Reports are still vague, but Remily fell on her own or was tripped in PE on November 12, causing two lacerations on the left side of her face. Such injuries would keep a normal 109 citizen at home., but Remily is apparently more determined that the normal 109er.

"The AMC gods decided I had to come," said Remily, referring to the annual math contest held on 11/13.

"I wish I had dedication like that," said one fellow citizen.

Qualification for the AMC 10 depends on how well the population does on the AMC 8. Fewer high scores results in a lower bar to qualify. Since Remily was predicted to be one of the higher scores, her absence would have resulted on lower scores possibly squeaking through to the next round. Naturally, conspiracy theories have risen.

"I think it's obvious that someone in P.E. tried to get rid of her to bring the qualifying score down," said one friend. "I heard of others who said they were almost tripped in PE the day before the AMC. It's pretty obvious these incidents are connected."

Master Tries to Stand Out

By Reggie Upshaw

On January 14, 2020, Rohan Master of 1st Period disagreed with the advertised answer to a homework problem. This was not news. However, the reason he disagreed was.

The homework problem in question involved fractional exponents where negative exponents on bases or exponents can drastically change the answer. Master disagreed with the official answer because on his worksheet, he claimed there was a negative on the exponent.

After double-checking his

copy, Mr. Huang said there wasn't a negative. Several citizens confirmed this was the case. Master then wondered why Mr. Huang gave him a worksheet with a different problem than everyone else. Then Mr. Huang had an idea.

"Rohan, take an eraser and try to erase the negative," said Mr. Huang.

The eraser worked. Master had apparently added a negative while working the problem. No one is certain why, but he might have wanted his worksheet to be different.

Sethi Doesn't Want His Spanish Binder

By Jacopo Soviro

The message is clear. Ishaan Sethi of 2nd Period doesn't want his Spanish binder.

On two separate occasions, Sethi has left his Spanish binder in 209 for Mr. Huang to throw away. However, Mr. Huang doesn't think that is the right thing to do, so he has tried to give it back to Sethi by placing the binder on the white board tray right in front of Sethi's eyes.

After the first time Sethi left the binder on 1/14, the binder stayed on that tray for four days.

"He had to have seen it," said Mr. Huang.

Instead of taking it, Sethi let his

actions do the talking by leaving it there as if he were saying:

"Please take it away from my eyes. It burns!"

Finally, on 1/23, Sethi grudgingly took it back, but just before 2nd Period ended, he decided to try to get rid of it again by leaving it on the floor under his desk. Perhaps he was hoping the custodians would sweep it up and throw it away.

Sethi's actions have put a strain on 4th Period citizen Nathan Park who sits in the same desk. Park has dutifully put Sethi's binder on the tray twice, but his patience is starting to run thin.

Hagen Leaves Little Room for Error

By Giuseppe Poeta

Deven Hagen stretched his lead in the Skill Drills race to four, but his stumble on SD#13 leaves him with no possibility of eclipsing Tanmay Neema record of 24.

Chris Jia and Patrick Shi moved up to second place with Leah Zhang. All three have six perfects. Arya Bharath of 2nd Period, who was only one behind Hagen after 1st Quarter, failed to get a single perfect in 2nd Quarter but still remains in 3rd place with five perfects.

The SD Commissioner predicts that there will be 26 weeks

of SD this year. If Hagen is perfect the rest of the way, he will end up with 23 perfects, tying Michelle Kang for 2nd all-time.

However, if that happens, Hagen could petition 109 for an extra weeks of Skill Drills. Tanmay Neema didn't need an extra week to break Kang's record, but Kang did have 27 weeks which means Hagen could argue that he should get a 27th week if the Skill Drill year ends on week 26.

Much to 109's consternation, the PTB have been slowly reducing the school year for the past 10 years.

SD Standings, Alg. 1 (after SD #13)

- 10: Deven Hagen
- 6: Chris Jia, Patrick Shi, Leah Zhang
- 5: Arya Bharath
- 4: Emily An, Tara Bhatnager, Alan Zhu, Minsong Ha, David Sheng
- 3: Birka Chen, Hudson Keeler, Teju Charagundla, Youngji Sohn
- 2: Tavian Melvin, Eric Xie, Rachel Noh, Angela Chen, Chengbo Kan, So Matsumoto, Titus Powars, Evan Ru, Jaiden Saran, John Kim
- 1: Joshua Massery, Daniel Choi, Ailesh Amatyia, Claire Chen, Jack Kirk, Courtney Kosco, Hannah Lee, Jennifer Lee, Sophie Zhang, Noam Nikolich, Kyle Li, Rita Dray, Sophia Filipi, Vivienne Holly, Claire Lee, David Lu, Nora Venetianer, Aileen Wu

2nd Period Debates Brownson's Present

By Alessandro Cipolla

On January 6, 2020, the first day of the new year, 2nd period got into a heated debate over whether Cowl Brownson's Christmas present was actually a present.

Brownson was proud to announce that his best Christmas present was tickets to Disney World. Better yet, he would be going with the brother and parents. However, the family aspect of the present is precisely what caused 2nd Period to question whether the tickets could be classified as a present.

"If the whole family is going,

can we really say the tickets were Cole's present?" asked several citizens.

"Was there a bow tied around the tickets?" asked Landon Moore. "If there was a bow, then it's his present."

"I think his parents really wanted to go," said another. "They couldn't go alone, so they were forced to get tickets for Cole and his brother too. It's definitely not a present then."

"I think it's a present because it was a surprise," said another. "If it's a surprise, it's a present."

The issue was never resolved.

Alg. 2 (after SD #8)

- 9: Tanmay Neema, Catherine Jeon
- 8: William Zhang
- 7: David Cao, Vayun Malik, Angelina Richter
- 6: Alina Chen, Seungwoo Ha, Taohan Lin
- 4: Jaeyoon Keum, Benji Cohen
- 3: William Liu, Chris Lyu, Megan Zhang

Ask Arvid

Answers to Questions in an Ever-Confusing World

Dear Arvid:

Why doesn't Mr. Huang read out the answers to the quiz before the quiz instead of the day after? If he reads them before, we would do a lot better (except for me because I don't write anything down), wouldn't we?

Dear Statue:

You are absolutely correct. Everyone except you would do a lot better if he read the answers to a quiz before the quiz.

Dear Arvid:

Is it ok if I use my own scratch paper for quizzes and tests?

Dear Mabel:

Yes, it is, as long as it's blank. We are all a blank slate when we are born. Then life writes something on our blank slate. Therefore, what you write on your scratch paper makes a difference. But don't be alarmed if what you write is wrong. You can cross things out.

Quiz Bowl News and Notes

Eight Players Set for MSNCT

NAQT accepted Longfellow's wildcard request for a second teams' entry into May's MSNCT national tournament in Chicago.

Longfellow A and B will be in the Windy City from May 8-10 to

The eight players chosen for nationals are:

Andrew Evans
Abigail Lee
Carter Pisocky
Samuel Li
Deven Hagen
Nathaniel Godfrey
Teddy Winston

Clara Marks

Mr. Huang will announce the lineups for A and B teams in early March. Based on previous lineups in the regular season, Andrew Evans and Abigail Lee seem assured of spots on Longfellow A.

TJMST Moved to February 15

Due to logistic and financial snafus, TJ's middle school tournament originally scheduled for January 25 has been moved to February 15. Longfellow will still send at least one team, but several teams including Cooper and Burleigh Manor have announced they may not attend.

If the top teams do not attend, Longfellow may find a high school tournament to attend in February or March to keep the players sharp.