

# The 109 Times

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## 109 Army Frees Tieland

Lee Majors

Tieland cashed in on its treaty of alliance with 109 when the 109 army freed Mr. Cheney and his citizens from Evil Morris and Calamito.

On an overcast day in the outer fields of 109, the 109 army charged bravely in order to free Tielanders from the evil grip of their masters. When 109 broke through the zombie lines, the cowardly Evil Morris and Calamito were already on their way back to Tieland to find the disco ball.

Even before the battle had begun, Evil Morris and Calamito had lost their bargaining power when Huang freed Mr. Cheney from the locked cell. The larvae in his beard were about ready to hatch.

"Give us Cheney back," cried Calamito from across the battlefield.

"You will have to go through 109!" shouted back Huang.

After some more attitude from Evil Calamito, Mr. Huang uttered the immortal words that have become the people's motto.

"You're small potatoes to us."

And in moments, 109 charged to victory.

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## Cheney to Write Prison Memoirs

John Smith

"There were times I felt like giving up."

So starts Mr. Cheney's account of his imprisonment by Evil Morris and Calamito. Mr. Cheney was beset by hunger, thirst, loneliness and disease. Worst of all, he was despondent over not knowing what had happened to his faithful citizens. For all he knew, Evil Morris and Calamito had eliminated all Tielanders.

"I worried so much over them. I didn't know if they were dead or alive," continues Cheney.

At certain crucial moments, Cheney

almost decided to pray for death, but through it all, Cheney remained faithful. He did not despair, for he clung to the hope deep within his soul. And hope came.

Through violent shaking and slapping, Mr. Cheney was able to free Niranjan Dinesh from the psychological grip of the disco ball. Dinesh was then able to seek help from 109. The rest is history.

"Freedom is a wonderful thing," concludes Mr. Cheney. "I will never take it for granted."

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## Howard Makes Her Mark

Shannon Miller

The genius of the latest theory of human intelligence has been overlooked for centuries. Now that it is out in the open, people all over the world are slapping their foreheads thinking to themselves:

"Why didn't I think of that?" And we have Carlyle Howard of 1<sup>st</sup> period to thank.

“Everybody’s dumb when they are born.” For now, it is called the Carlyle Phenomenon.

“It’s amazing,” said Brett Park. “I have become enlightened.”

The citizens of 1st period are not the only ones taken by the new theory. Pilgrims from far and wide have traveled to 109 to hear the wise words of Howard in person.

“I’ve heard of this theory, but I hoped to taste in person my another morsel of her sweet wisdom,” said Jim Jones III.

Not all wisdom is complex. The wisest advice is often the most direct and simple. We thank Miss Howard for reminding us of that.

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### Ask Arvid

**Dear Arvid,**

I’m afraid of moving on. What if I fail?

**Dear Human Being,**

First, everyone is afraid. Don’t be afraid to admit you are afraid. Second, if you fail, pick yourself up and keep going. If you fail once, twice or a hundred times, you are

not a failure. It means you are being challenged to try again. Make your choice.

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### SD Total Breaks Record, Enlger and Woo tie

Frederica M.

The citizens of 109, led by juggernaut 5<sup>th</sup> period, shattered the previous record of total perfect skill drills by dozens.

1<sup>st</sup> period had 67 perfects, 5<sup>th</sup> period 102, 6<sup>th</sup> period 54 and 7<sup>th</sup> period 46 for a grand total of 269.

Fifth period’s dominance in the SD discipline was led by Maggie Engler, Madelyn Paquette and Arlan Jaska. Engler’s 15 put her 3<sup>rd</sup> all-time in 109, tied with Christina Woo (7<sup>th</sup> period). Woo, who only had 9 perfects after three quarters, impressively scored 6 perfects in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to tie Engler. Paquette is 5<sup>th</sup> all-time, and Jaska is right behind her in 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Brien Comey led 1<sup>st</sup> period with 9 perfects, and Seongmin Lee led 6<sup>th</sup> with 10.

### Perfect Skill Drills

(2 and up)

#### 7<sup>th</sup> grade

15: Maggie Engler\*  
13: Madelyn Paquette  
12: Arlan Jaska  
10: Seongmin Lee  
8: Max Kanwal  
6: Peter Price, Jay Choo  
5: Paul Li, Kartik Gupta, Yordan Ugarte, Namita Kansal, Isabella Liu  
4: Polina Tamarina, Naveed Mostaghimi, Jihun Kim, Jiwon Yang  
3: Alec Brenner, Luke Morell, Monica Ennis, Rachel Dymont, Tyler Kim  
2: Dina Ajalli, Saman Asdjodi, Alysha Singh, James Bollinger, Cyrus Malekpour, Robin Sturm, Clayton Zheng, John Heberton, Collin Berman, Emily Gurian, Annie Springsteen

#### 8<sup>th</sup> grade

15: Christina Woo\*  
9: Brien Comey  
8: Dana Kazerooni, Colin Rapson,  
7: Scott Lafoon  
6: Christy Meyer, Chris Vignali  
5: Tamara Giorgadze, Clare Durham, Erin Howard  
4: Dusty Schuman, Julia Henderson, Alex McCleary, Lexie Shoaibi, Colleen Widmaier, Ariana Nguyen  
3: Danny Yang,  
2: Charlotte Parkhurst, Hannah Welch, Samantha Downey, Nikos Pavlis, Trent McDaniel, Eric Stevens

\* 3<sup>rd</sup> All-Time