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Volume 8: Saying Goodbye By Emma S.

As June slips away from us and the school year comes to a close, it's time for the incoming freshman to take a second and think about the approaching inevitable: high school. Regardless of where you are attending, whether it be Lenape or another school, it does not change the reality that we, eighth-graders, are advancing towards uncharted territories and leaving our middle and elementary days behind us.

Many of you may be excited or nervous about this new territory, worried about how these next four years will shape the course of your life. After all, high school is supposed to be the highlight of your life, right? A place for new friendships, branching out, advancing athletic prowess, and preparation for what is to come in college and beyond. However, the high school career portrayed on TV may not be as accurate as we would like it to be. Because mixed in with these school dances and pep rallies comes difficult classes, a school large enough to get lost in, SATs, and hundreds of upperclassmen who prefer for freshmen to stay out of their way.

In an attempt to remedy some of these worries, we set out to ask Lenape's seniors to advise on these topics. "The first week of school was definitely confusing, but you will quickly get used to it. It is literally just two big circles, and once you figure that out, you won't get lost. " This was the response of an incoming Lenape senior when asked her thoughts about navigating the school. She reassured that teachers understand the difficulties that freshmen face and won't penalize them for being late.

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When asked about hallway etiquette, those interviewed had a lot to say.

"Don't take up the whole hallway with your friends; people are trying to get places." "Be considerate of others; don't walk too slow or be super loud."

Along with that, students were asked their thoughts on extracurriculars.

"Take them." one student urged, "People think that it's a waste of time, but it looks so good on college resumes because they want to see that you have a wide variety of interests."

"Lenape has so many opportunities. There is a club fair at the beginning of the year so make sure you get involved in a couple. They are super fun!"

Finally, the class of 2022 was asked to give one piece of advice to the incoming freshman.

"Have fun!" one student noted, "Go to pep rallies and football games with your friends and focus on enjoying yourself instead of looking cool. You will get better friends and have better experiences this way. It helps you cherish them while you still have them."

"High school is what you make of it, and it goes by so fast. Spend it having fun and doing what makes you happy instead of focusing on others."

"Enjoy high school! Don't take things too seriously, but also try your best. High school is such a learning experience."

And with that advice, the 2021-2022 school year concludes. Paw Prints sincerely wishes those graduating the best of luck in this new chapter of their lives.

HMS SeaBots Sweep Competitions By: Paw Prints Staff

The HMS SeaBots SeaPearch teams both had great days at the NJ/NY SeaPerch Competition! Led by advisors, Ms. Barrett and Ms. Ashman, Team Avisa won first overall, as well as first in pool missions and first in the tech report, presentation & poster side of the competition. Team AquaStars won second overall, with second in pool missions and third in tech report, presentation & poster. On June 5th, they then moved on to the University of Maryland for Internationals where Team Avisa came in 2nd place in the pool category.

The HMS SeaBots MATE teams also did excellent at their Massachusetts competition! Both the 7th grade Scout Team and the 8th grade Ranger Team won first overall, with the Scout Teams winning first in pool missions and first in the tech report, presentation & poster as well.

The Ranger Team will be moving on to Internationals at Long Beach College in California. Congratulations to all of the teams and to Ms. Barrett, who is retiring this year.

Fun Things to do During Summer

By: Tessa S.

Everyone is excited for school to be over, but all we do during summer is play games on our phones or have nothing to do. This article has things to do during summer, so you aren't bored or have a million hours of screen time every day.

- PAINT!! (rocks, canvases, faces/hands, shoes, etc. I promise it will look good!)
- Make stickers
- Make jewelry (wire rings, beaded necklaces/bracelets, string bracelets)
- Go for a walk/run
- Bake/cook something
- Read (book reviews on different page)
- Make mocktails/smoothies
- Make fishbowl drinks
- Decorate/bedazzle sunglasses (or any other object)
- Make shoe/phone charms
- Have a picnic
- Go to a local park at night
- Wake up for the sunrise
- Make a scrapbook
- Have a themed dinner night
- Have a charcuterie board party
- Go mini-golfing
- Have a game night with your family/friends
- Have a bonfire and smores
- Have a sleepover in the trunk of a car/truck

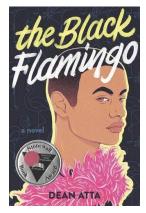
June Book Review:

The Black Flamingo by Dean Atta

By A.C

A popular book-in-verse that I have recently read is called *The Black Flamingo* by Dean Atta. This novel explores topics such as race and sexuality, making it an inspiring story of finding your identity.

The story follows Michael, a mixed-race gay teen living in California. Growing up, Michael finds it difficult to express himself due to years of bullying for being seen as different and strange. Only his family and his best friend Daisy seemed to be there for him. However, as Michael grows older and attends college, he finally



starts to find friends who accept him for who he is and a place where he belongs.

The novel goes through a large portion of Michael's life— starting from young childhood ages to college life. Readers can see how his confidence evolves throughout the story, while also showing how difficult his journey was. *The Black Flamingo* can help teens all over the world go through times where they are ashamed for not fitting in to times where they are confident about it.

Overall, I enjoyed reading this book and would definitely recommend it to my peers. The message of the story is especially important because it is beautifully displayed throughout the whole book and could help make a difference in the lives of many people.

Juneteenth

By: Paw Prints Staff

June 17th, 2022 will be the second Juneteenth celebrated as a federal holiday, after becoming one last year. Yet many people still don't know what Juneteenth is, or why it exists. Juneteenth, also known as Freedom day or Emancipation day, is the combination of "June" and "Nineteenth", commemorating June 19th, 1865. On this date, many of the last enslaved African-Americans were finally told of their freedom, months after the Civil War ended and two and a half years after Abraham Lincoln signed the emancipation proclamation into effect. Now every year people celebrate with parades, food, buying from black owned businesses, and using the date to educate about the history of slavery and the history of African-American culture in general.

Eight Most Anticipated Movies For Summer 2022

The last two summers have really been difficult for the motion picture industry due to the Covid 19 pandemic. This year it is time to get back in to the theaters and fill those seats. So, what should we go see this summer?

Jurassic World Dominion After the events of Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom, there's no containing the dinosaurs. They are in the wild. They are among us. The only question that remains is whether humans or dinosaurs will be boss. **June 10**

Lightyear The film is an origin story of sorts for the character that inspired the toy from the Pixar classic. *June 17*

EIVIS This one could be good or it could be awful. Either way it should be an interesting movie that covers the life of Elvis. **June 24**

Minions: The Rise of Gru It's an origin story delving into how the popular sidekicks helped young Gru (from "Despicable Me") become the top villain in the game. **July 1**

Thor: Love and Thunder This movie follows a newly slimmed-down Thor (he was overweight in 2019's "Avengers: Endgame") trying to adjust to peacetime. *July 8*

Nope The latest from Jordan Peele appears to take place in a horse ranch, where supernatural forces are having a terrible effect on humans and animals. *July* 22

Bullet Train

This entertaining action comedy, stars Brad Pitt as a hit man who, on assignment, boards a bullet train in Japan, only to find that he is competing with four other assassins doing a similar job for other clients.

Samaritan Based on a comic book series, "Samaritan" stars Sylvester Stallone as an aging superhero. *August 26*

DAD JOKES ABOUT THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Q: What do lobsters do on the last day of school? A: They shellabrate!

Q: Why didn't the school basketball player go away for summer vacation? A: He didn't want to get called for traveling

Teacher Talk - June Edition (the last one!)

By Anika T. and Tessa S.

It's the end of the year!! Thank you to all of the amazing teachers that have taken the time to respond to our monthly Teacher Talk questions!

Questions

- 1. What are you looking forward to most during the summer?
- 2. When you think back on this school year, what would you say was your favorite memory?
- 3. During summer people eat a lot of ice cream, so what is your favorite ice cream flavor?
- 4. If you could go anywhere this summer, where would you go and why?

Ms. Spicer

- 1. Playing pickleball, boating, and reading on the beach
- 2. My homeroom E11 is the best!
- 3. Arctic Ice Cream Cappuccino Crunch
- 4. I would go to Capri, Italy because it is beautiful, on the water and has scrumptious food!

Mr. Shapiro

- 1. Sleeping in, hanging out with friends and family around the pool, and building a cabana for my wife.
- 2. Once the mask mandate was lifted and finally being able to see my students' faces was extremely memorable.
- 3. Chocolate peanut butter
- 4. I would love to travel to any island in the Caribbean. We haven't had a family vacation in a long time, so that would be nice.

Ms. Veston

- 1. Spending time at the beach and my sister's wedding in July.
- 2. On my birthday my students made me cards and emailed me.
- 3. Soft serve vanilla ice cream with rainbow jimmies
- 4. Paris or somewhere in Italy to relax, eat great food, and explore

Ms. Barbano

- 1. Going to Ocean City with my two boys, not having to rush around, and lazy mornings!
- 2. When Mr. Lubin came to school with both of his sleeves ripped. He blames the laundromat.
- 3. Strawberry milkshakes! :)
- 4. Any place that has a beach. I would love to visit California or Hawaii.

Easy Mocktails to Make in the Summer!!!

By: Anika T.

mock·tail

/'mäk tāl,'mäk tāl/ noun North American

1. a nonalcoholic drink consisting of a mixture of fruit juices or other soft drinks.

Strawberry Daiquiri Mocktail

2 cups frozen strawberries 1/2 cup fresh strawberries 1/2 cup lime juice 1/2 cup maple syrup or your sweetener of choice

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Blend all ingredients together in a high speed blender.
- 2. Test the consistency. If it's too thick, you can add 1/4 cup water. Repeat until it reaches the desired consistency.
- 3. Test the flavor. Add a little extra sweetener or lime to taste.
- 4. Blend again and serve garnished with fresh strawberries and lime.



Piña Colada Mocktail

1 cup cream of coconut 3/4 cup pineapple juice 2 tbsp fresh lime juice (about 1 lime) 1 tsp molasses (optional) 10 ounces frozen pineapple, chopped (about 3 cups) Maraschino cherries, to garnish (optional) Fresh chopped pineapple, to garnish (optional)

Instructions

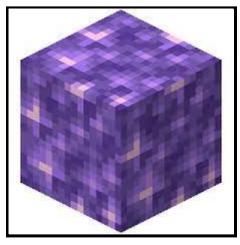
- 1. Blend all ingredients until smooth, about 1 minute.
- 2. Transfer the mixture to a container with a lid. Freeze the

mixture for 45 minutes to 1 hour, until it is partially frozen.

- 3. Blend again for just a few seconds, until it is smooth and creamy.
- 4. Serve immediately. Garnish with maraschino cherries, little umbrellas, straws, and a wedge of pineapple.

A Minecraft Suggestion

By: Henry N



The Crystal SMP



It's that time of the year, a brand new season, the Crystal SMP (Survival Multiplayer). Graduation is coming soon on June 21nd and 22nd for the Eighth graders. The server is coming nearly after the graduation ceremony, meaning Eighth graders would have one great gift at the end of the school year! Many things are going to be different here. A brand new owner of the server, no more CSPD (Crystal SMP Police Department) and of course, a new

style of law and order of the server. Not much information has been released yet since it's only a few weeks away, and the owner is soonly going to release his plans later in June. Many people of the discord are hyped for the new server! As if you can play at any time of the day when Summer arrives! There's no knowledge of any plans from anyone, not many had revealed anything. It would be a great addition to the server with YOU in it as a member! In order to join you must join the server's discord. Either copy the link, or meet up with some other members for the join request.

Discord Link - https://discord.gg//dBdp6RFc



Pride Month By Ellie S. and Kaley U.

For all of you who don't know, June is pride month! So what is pride month? What does it celebrate? Pride Month is the month where we celebrate LGBTQIA+ individuals all around the world, and it marks the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots (aka the Stonewall Uprising) which took place on June 28, 1969! What are the Stonewall Riots? The Stonewall Riots are a series of violent confrontations between police and gay rights activists, taking place outside the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York City, beginning in the early hours of the morning on June 28, 1969.

Pride Month started off as a holiday on the last Sunday of June called "Gay Pride Day" but since then it has come to be a month-long series of events, now known as Pride Month!

Gilbert Baker designed the first pride flag, the rainbow flag! Today Pride Month celebrates the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.

Ways You Can Celebrate Pride Month

- 1. Be an Ally!
- 2. Attend a Pride Parade or Pride event
- 3. Volunteer or donate to an organization that supports the LGBT+ community
- 4. Become an advocate
- 5. Educate yourself
- 6. Support LGBT art and culture
- 7. Support LGBT owned businesses
- 8. Learn about the history of Pride Month
- 9. Get crafty with rainbow art and decorations
- 10. Keep the conversation going

Congratulations to the HMS girls softball team for their championship win!!





Summertime is basically here, and while the beach is a lot of good fun, it can get pretty repetitive. That's why my wonderful self is here to give you a list of things you should do that are just as fun or funner than going to the beach.

Make popsicles

You can make popsicles out of just about anything (juice, chocolate milk, etc.) and they turn out so good Color with makeup I don't usually know what to do with expired makeup, so I use it for art projects.

Beat an old video game you used to play

As a kid, I was not very good at a lot of video games, but after some growing, it turns out my only limit was my small fingers

Get a head start on math
(-b±√(b²-4ac))/(2a) is a fun place to start
Stalk celebrities on google
I don't know if anyone else does this,
but it's very entertaining

Lick a toilet

I am kidding, please do not go around licking toilets, that's very not correct Binge watch a recommend show I don't usually watch shows my friends recommend, since I don't really have the time. No more shall I use that excuse. ev01.to is my favorite streaming service. Make a headband for your pet You can use pipe cleaners ! Go for a walk/run This is better done at dawn or dusk, don't during the middle of the day (pardon my alliteration) Write a letter to your future self and wait ten years, I hear it's very cathartic Rays of light piecing me Stabbing my neck and face Surly that will leave a mark Won't leave without a trace I shake the little net Of oranges I have Praying someone will buy so I can rest my aching calves The stares and looks of pity Are more than I can bear I quickly undo my ponytail To hide my face with my hair I sweat lots, like a pig The sun is mad at me I see a diner and run inside Away from the highway streets I sit in a red booth Knowing well that I can't buy The waitress walks up to me "Is there anything you'd like to try?"

I shouldn't even be here I shake my head unsure I look shamefully at the table And spot a bright brochure

NOW HIRING FILL OUT A FORM I hold it up to the waitress And she smiles kind and warm "I'll get you one, stay right here" She's gone and I just sigh Maybe I can get a job Maybe this is my time She returns, form in hand I skim it through and through I begin to fill it out Then the pen I start to chew There's much to leave blank I couldn't fill it out Tears come to my desperate eyes I couldn't fill it out The waitress comes back to me Asks if I am done "You have to put a number here" But I walk back out to the sun I trudge along the highway Shaking my little net Cars honk and I just walk Shaking my little net



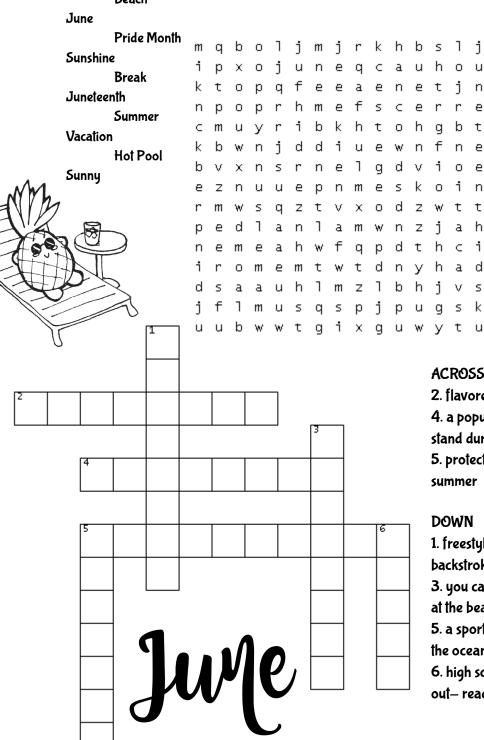
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June Puzzles

LGBTQ+



By: Olivia Asciutto





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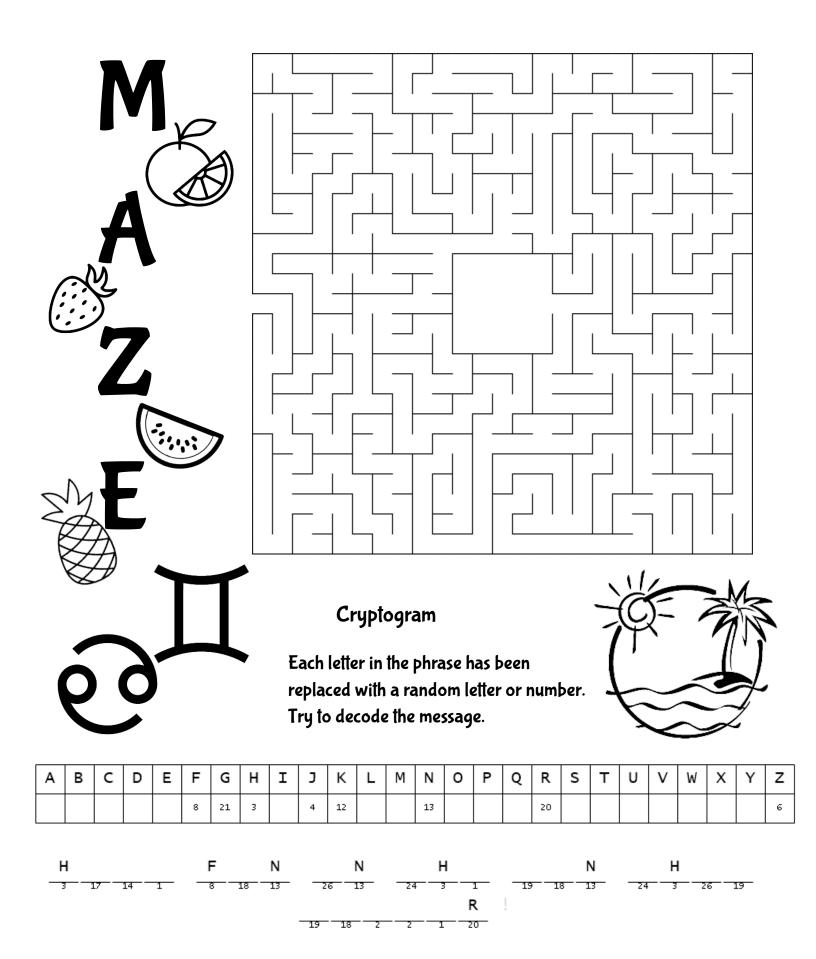
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2. flavored ice on a stick (delish!) 4. a popular beverage to sell at a stand during the summer 5. protect your eyes during the summer

DOWN

1. freestyle, butterfly, and backstrokes are all examples of this 3. you can collect these in the sand at the beach

- 5. a sport using a narrow board on the ocean
- 6. high school musical, "school's out- ready to ____!"



Although we are all anxiously waiting for summer vacation, many of us will be returning to HMS in September. I set out to ask future 8th graders what they would like to see when they return in the new school year. Here are some of their responses:

- l. Better People
- 2. Continuing enforcement against bullying
- 3. Bigger Lockers
- 4. Cleaner Lunchrooms
- 5. Free Period
- 6. More assemblies
- 7. Cleaner Bathrooms
- 8. Better Food
- 9. Normal behaviorl in the hallway

If you could add any club or activity for the next school year, what would it be?

- l. In person gaming club
- 2. Movie Club
- 3. Cooking Club
- 4. Relaxation Club (Chill Pill)
- 5. Chess Club
- 6. Comic making
- 7. Tv Club
- 8. Art Club
- 9. Weaving

Books and their First Lines

By. Joanna L.

"As Head Boy of Truhan Grammar School, I've done many things. I got drunk on the wine at parents' evening. I've been photographed with the mayor three times. I once accidentally made a Year 7 cry." - Nick and Charlie (A Heartstopper novella) by Alice Oseman

"On the White House roof, tucked into a corner of the Promenade, there's a bit of loose paneling right on the edge of the Solarium. If you tap it just right, you can peel it back enough to find a message etched underneath."

- Red, White, and Royal Blue by Casey McQuiston

"One summer night I fell asleep, hoping the world would be different when I woke. In the morning, when I opened my eyes, the world was the same."

- Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz "A girl made of stone and masks and broken glass sits alone at her desk."

- The Coldest Touch by Isabel Sterling

"My father was a king and the son of kings."

- The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller

"Death-Cast is calling with the warning of a lifetime—I'm going to die today." - They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera

"I decide to come out to my parents at Sunny Apu's engagement party. Not because of Sunny Apu and her groom, or even the buzz of the wedding in the air. And not because everything about a Bengali wedding is so palpably heterosexual"

- The Henna Wars by Adiba Jaigirdar

"Cinderella has been dead for two hundred years. I've been in love with Erin for the better part of three years. And I am about two minutes away from certain death"

- Cinderella is Dead by Kalynn Bayron

The Ukraine Conflict By Joyce T.

As some of you may know there is a war going on in Ukraine as of right now, and it's affecting a lot of people. At least 46,000 people have sadly passed and 15 million are displaced. Now, I don't want to make this article very sad and little triggering to others, so instead of going on and on about the war and what it's causing, I'm just going to explain how we can help.

This whole fiasco has been going on for about 3 months now, and it's really scary how it's hurting a lot of people. But let's focus on the big idea here. We can help change and help others by donating to the Ukraine Red Cross and Project Hope. This organization is collecting money which will all go towards helping those who have been affected by this situation. A person who has been trying to help others during this time is Maksim Chmerkovskiy who is also Ukrainian and when the war had just started he was actually in Ukraine and was arrested and taken to Poland. Fortunately, he was sent back to his home and right now he is going back and forth from Ukraine to the United States to help those who are stuck there. Our President, Joe Biden, is doing the best he can by sending materials, weapons and any other resources that are needed to help during this crisis.

Even though this is a huge problem we can be part of the solution. Even though we are just kids, we too can help by donating, and by just remembering how lucky we are to be alive. But there are some people in worse situations than us. I am not going to say what you're going through is nothing, but remember that they're people out there suffering right now.

https://www.icrc.org/en/donate/ukraine https://www.projecthope.org/crisis-in-ukraine-how-to-help/04/2022/ https://supportukraine.eu/organization/voices-of-children/

The R slur needs to stop

By Moxie R.



Hi, you know me as the person who does the silly comics every month. (except April we don't talk about that.) But recently I have realized that more people have been using an ableist slur - whether they realize it or not, this needs to stop. I will be using this word in my article, but only to educate you all. Warning - this will be dark.

The R slur was a word originally a diagnosis for mental disabilities such as down's syndrome and autism, it was also used to categorize people who are a bit slower mentally or regarded as stupid. While it does have its roots medically, it has been a very long time since it was regarded as a medical term. Those who were "diagnosed" as mentally retarded were treated horribly. Doctors favored "treatments" such as Ice baths, electric shock therapy, purging, bloodletting (this was slitting someone's wrist to try and let the "bad blood" out), straightjackets, forced

drugging, and the most unfortunate of them all, lobotomies (this was a brain surgery that left people non-functional.) This diagnosis was also used as an excuse to carry out eugenics against those with disabilities. Compulsory sterilization laws were in use from the 1930s to as late as the 1970s and allowed doctors to sterilize (meaning to intentionally leave a person unable to reproduce) people with certain disabilities. These horrible laws have been used to suppress and try to breed those with medical disabilities out of existence.

I'm not the best person to be talking about this as I have called people stupid before, while this no way on the same level of the R slur, I feel the need to hold even myself accountable for these actions. The R slur is hurtful in a specific way, while stupid can be said about anyone, it's usage is to target those with intellectual disabilities. When you use these words in a hurtful way it stigmatizes and dehumanizes those with intellectual disabilities, resulting in us treating these people differently.

Chapter 9- I Guess This Is The End?

See the last edition of (Paw Prints) to catch up on How to Use Superpowers 101!

Mae's POV

"Do you think we could fight fire with fire?" River asked. The three heroes were now standing outside of their apartment building, trying to figure out how to defeat the dragon-dinosaur thing. "I mean we have fire on our side..." River said.

"We could try," Mae said. "But we need a backup plan."

"We could use this sword I found..." Birb said, holding up a samurai sword.

"Where did you get that from?" River said, somewhat amused.

"Doesn't matter... It's plot convenience," Birb said, definitely not breaking the fourth wall.

"Okay... anyway, we could use the fire as a distraction again. If things get out of control, I could always use my fire against the dinosaur thing, but I want to avoid using this power to cause harm," Mae says.

"That's true, but there's no way we are letting this thing get away without killing it. I hate to say it, but I mean, dinosaurs are extinct for a reason," River said. "Birb, do you happen to know how to use that sword?"

"Yes, I can slash at the ankles so that it can't move. I could turn into a dog and carry the sword in my mouth until I get close to the creature and then turn back into a human and strike," Birb said, with a crazy grin on his face.

"Well that's... a bit insane but it's a good plan. If you can't get close enough I can always freeze time to make it easier for you. I think it's best if I just oversee this one," River reasoned.

"Alright that sounds good to me," Mae said and Birb nodded.

And so the short battle started. Everything went to plan and they successfully defeated the fire-dino. It was lucky for the three heroes that when the dinosaur was defeated, for some reason it dissolved.

"Well that was... interesting," River said.

"Yeah..." Mae agreed.

"I guess all of our problems are solved?" Birb said with a questioning tone.

"No, the story still has to go on..." River trailed off.

"What do you mean, 'story'?" asked Birb.

"River, stop breaking the fourth wall!" Mae hissed.

"Sorry, but it's the end of the school year and the author has to wrap up the story somehow." River explained.

"Well... sucks to suck! Sorry guys!" Mae said to literally nobody.

THE END

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??? POV

"Wait! Wait guys! I didn't get to do my whole villain arc thing yet! Remember me from chapter seven? The cool mysterious dude? The guy with Dr. Bubbles as his side-kick?" A scratchy voice whined. "Guys? Is there even anybody here? Aw man, I had so many things planned! I was, like, going to destroy the world!" The voice echoed into the abyss that was nothingness.

THE END (for real this time)