

# The Phoenix Feed

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## About The *Newspaper Club*...

>Editors-JiAh Choi, Jae Park

The MS newspaper staff is dedicated to getting you (our readers) the most current news of our school along with a handful of fun features, opinion articles, and comics. We have a team of dedicated students who are hardworking and who we hope will stay committed throughout the entire year. We really do believe that this year will be a great first year of the MS newspaper at CDS.

This year we were fortunate enough to have a great team with us along for the ride. First of all, we have two editors: Jae Park and Ji Ah Choi. They will be delegating tasks, making tough decisions, and writing editorials for the MS newspaper. We also have two layout designers: Nicole Shin and Lisa Lee. These two will be responsible for the layout and design of our paper overall. For the contents of our paper, we have three reporters: Liz Kim, Ivette Jin, and Jisoo Hong; three feature article writers: Henna Jeong, Alex Noh, and Jinyu Ogura; and finally three opinion/review/column writers: Alex Kim, Hyungmin Song, and Ethan Hong. To give you notice of all school events, we have two advertisers: Suhyeon Han and Lena Chang. And last but not least, to add a little humor to our paper, we have one comic writer: Jun Seo.

We have really high hopes for this year's MS newspaper. We hope our club will run throughout the entire year with the same constant enthusiasm from all of our members. We envision a monthly newspaper that is easily accessible by all middle schoolers in CDS and that provides all students with good, quality information along with some entertainment. As we progress on to the future we hope to release more frequent editions of our newspaper. We know that this is new terrain we are currently exploring this for the first time ever, but we still believe that this will be a great expedition into the unknown.

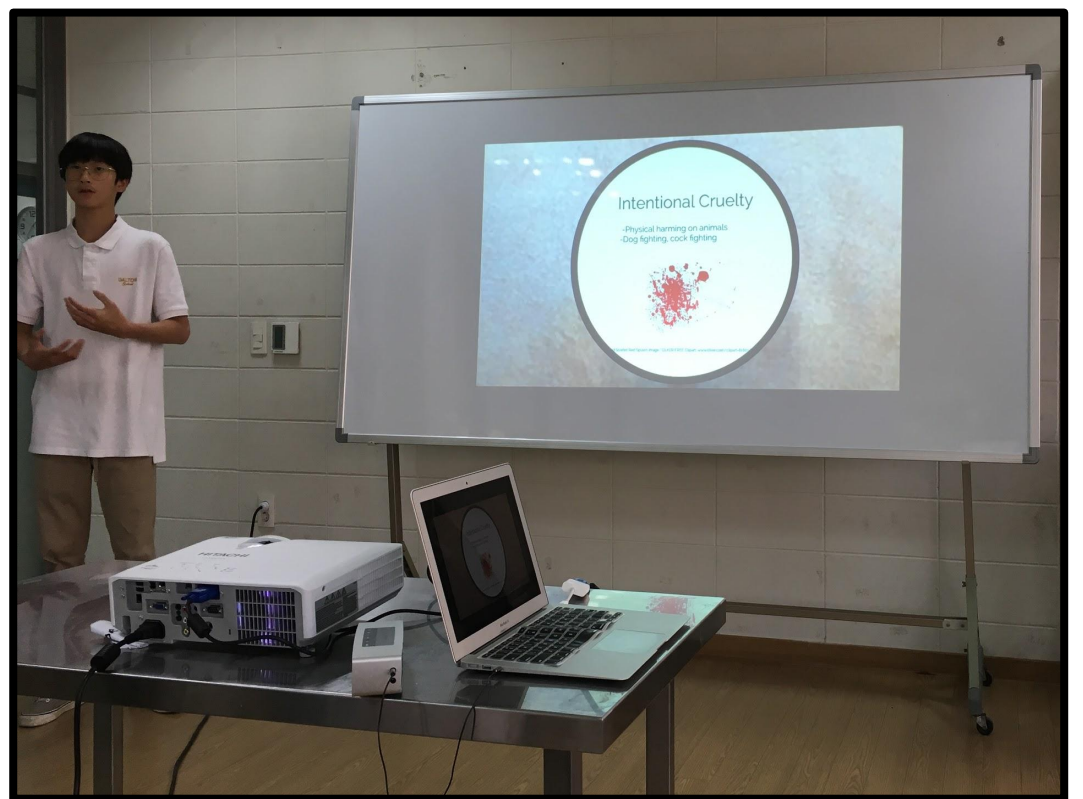
This year we truly believe will be a great milestone for the MS newspaper with our great and dedicated team. As we wrap up our first ever editorial we would like to thank all of you for reading this editorial and we hope you will all join us in our grand adventure into the unknown. Thank you, truly, once again for reading our editorial and our first ever newspaper.

# **7th Grade *PBL* Presentations**

*>News Reporters-Liz Kim and Ivette Jin*

The 7th graders did their PBL presentations on December 1, 2017, in the middle school testing room #1 (health classroom). They presented their inquiry and findings on various topics such as animal abuse, illegal hunting, depression treatment, and bullying. Students presented in front of an audience, in groups of 2 or 3, using their research information and their presentation slides. They started this project to get ready for high school and the outside world.

After her presentation, 7th grader Amy Yoon claimed, “I liked that I learned how to present and share to other People.” present and share to other people.” When asked When asked, another 7th grader



Victor Shin said, “I was happy at the end because I learned something new.

Ms. Kim, the 7th grade PBL teacher, aided the students with their projects. She wanted the 7th graders to use the 6Cs in their projects: community, collaboration, critical thinking, curiosity, communication, and character. In each PBL class, they learned more and more new and interesting things and will continue developing their skills throughout the year.

# Have You Lost Your Marbles? Your Pets are So Unusual!

**>Feature Writer-Alex Noh**

Do you have pets? Or do you *want* pets? When thinking of pets, you would probably think of dogs, cats, and fish. However, that's not all! I would like to introduce you to the top 5 most unusual pets.

## 1. Bearded Dragon Lizards



A small dragon crawling around your house. Don't you think it's awesome? These look like they would be very common, but no. They are one of the rarest pets that are legal to own. However, despite the fact that they are rare, they are very easy to maintain. They are very gentle and don't really care about what they eat.

## 2. Chinchilla



Chinchillas are balls of energy, running around floors crazily. Hard to believe that it's a rare pet? It seems like it's not, but they very well are. Chinchillas are mostly recommended for teens or above, due to its sensitivity. Too tight grips can provoke it and could lead to bites. However, it has a very thick layer of fur and light weight, causing not much sound as it moves around your house.



## **-Features-**

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Do you wonder why the hedgehog is such an unusual pet? You probably would, especially if you have or had one. As for the people that haven't had the experience to own one, they wouldn't be confused at all. Hedgehogs are known for their spikes that look very threatening, but in fact, they are the opposite. They are shy and mostly develops good personality. *Don't deceive anyone by one's appearance!*

### **4. Fish Piranha**



Many of you out there would probably recognize this fish. Yes, it's the flesh eating piranha. They come out in many movies and eat people alive. It's not that hard to notice why they aren't very common, isn't it? Well, the reality isn't very far from that. They are carnivores and messy eaters. They probably aren't the best pet for kids. If you by any chance buy a piranha, DO NOT FEED THEM WITH BARE HANDS AND DON'T GO TOO CLOSE TO THEM! If you don't know why, you can find out the hard way.

### **5. Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches**



No need for explanation of this being one of the most unusual pets, right? It's gross. But these are enjoyed among many people due to its hard exoskeleton. You just have to thank the gods that they can't fly. Imagine it flying around your room, bumping into your belongings and using your head as a bathroom while you were asleep. It would be horrible.

There you have it. These are the 5 most unusual pets to own!

Source of information: <http://www.wordsiseek.com/unusual-exotic-cool-pets/>

# Did Somebody Say *Life Hacks*?

**>Feature Writers-Henna Shin, Jinyu Ogura**

*Have difficulties at school? With these school life hacks, you will never have a problem again! (Special Edition: Christmas Life Hacks below!)*

1. Blow on your thumb before a presentation. It slows your heartbeat and calms you down
2. Speaking everything's the same as reading the same thing 7 times over.
3. When writing a paper, find a topic that infuriates (angers) you. You will be able to rant on for hours and you will be done in no time!
4. If you always get confused between 'affect' or 'effect', just use the word 'impact' and you'll never get it wrong!
5. Taking notes in a blue pen is scientifically proven to remain in your memory more than a black pen.

## **>Special Edition: Christmas Life Hacks!**

- 1) Want to know how to make your slime melt in your hands? Put your slime in the freezer for one hour. Then, take it out and enjoy!
- 2) You can turn your chip bag inside-out and use it as wrapping paper! (It's dirty, but who cares.)
- 3) Attach string to your present to make a handle! It's comfortable and fashionable!

*Without a doubt, these life hacks will help you get through the Christmas break!*





## Movie Review: *Justice League*

>*Opinion Writer-Alex Kim*

Justice League is a new movie by DC Comics. The movie features Ben Affleck as Batman, Henry Cavill as Superman, Ray Fisher as Cyborg, Gal Gadot as Wonder Woman, Ezra Miller as the Flash, Jason Momoa as Aquaman, and directed by Zack Snyder.



The movie is about Batman reuniting the Justice League with Wonder Woman, Cyborg, the Flash, and Aquaman to save the world. The antagonist in the movie is Steppenwolf, who needs to possess the three mother boxes that have the ability to change the Earth into hell. Overall, I think that this movie was poorly made, because it was very confusing.

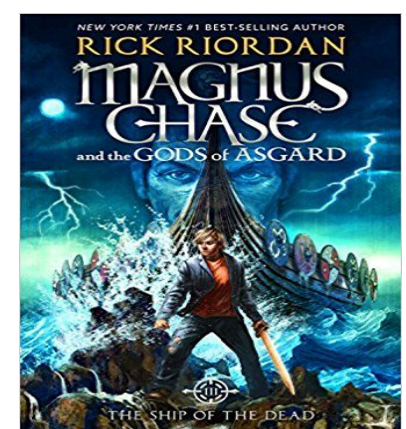
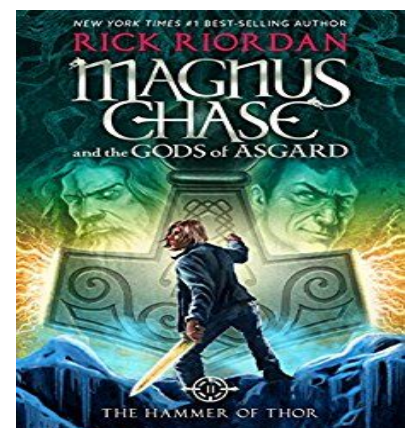
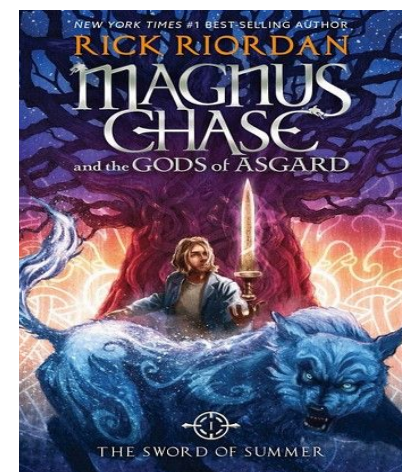
I would give this movie 2.5 popcorns out of 5 popcorns. The movie was complicated and was just like any other superhero movie. I do not recommend this movie to other people because the storyline is not entertaining and because there aren't any twists at the end. However, if you are a superhero maniac, I guess you would enjoy this movie.

## Book Review: *Magnus Chase Book Series*

>*Opinion Writer-Nicole (Hyorin) Shin*

Magnus Chase is a new series of novels written by Rick Riordan and it follows a similar format to his other series, Percy Jackson. The author guides us through the journey of Magnus Chase who learns about his parentage while fighting off monsters. This series is based off of Norse mythology and mainly focuses on Valhalla or heaven of the dead warriors in Norse mythology. Magnus is dead and he lives on in Valhalla with many of his friends. The first book revolves around him looking for this father's sword, The Sword of Summer. The second book revolves around him looking for Thor's hammer to stop the forced marriage of his friend Sam, daughter of Loki. The new book in the series published not so long ago focuses on Magnus and his friends battling Loki who has now escaped his punishment.

This book series would be recommended to all those who loved the Percy Jackson series, fantasy novels, and Norse Mythology. Out of 5 books I would give it 3.5 books. The book is told in a teenager's perspective but for a teen, the language is too formal. The plot is also too much like Percy Jackson and it basically has the same storyline as well. Rick Riordan could have been more creative in my opinion.





# -Opinions-

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## Review: *Danger*

>**Opinion Writer-Sophia (Hyun) Seo**

Danger is a BTS song from 2014, and its about a love relationship that's falling apart. A boy loves his girlfriend but he thinks his girlfriend doesn't like him back. In the song, the boy is basically asking her why she won't respond to his text or calls. He is warning her to stop playing with his feelings because he's worried she doesn't love him anymore. The song is really catchy so once you hear it, it will probably be stuck in your head. I would recommend this song to people who like fast songs or songs with a dark mood.



## Why Environmental Groups are Trying to Throw us Back into the Stone Age

>**Opinion Writer-Hyungmin Song**

Usually, I think of polar bears and penguins when somebody says, “Save the environment.” However, what I’ve never thought of is reducing our energy usage by 95%, reducing the hours of commuting, or in easy words, and STOPPING THE USAGE OF PHONES. Yeah, you have your CELLPHONE IN YOUR POCKET THAT YOU SECRETLY LOVE AND HUG AT NIGHT. What if you support these environmental groups? Well, you’re in for a *real* treat.

First, while you’re *recycling* your phone, remember to *recycle* your computer(s), radio, TV, and basically every single modern device you have, except your Nokia 7600, which uses absolutely no power. You know why? They say that modern devices speed up climate change and global warming, because they use energy. Energy is made from coal. Burning fossil fuels (like coal) causes global warming. So they should ban electronic devices! Oh, what? You still like these environmental groups? Well, continue reading then!

If you still don’t get my point, I’m going to tell you about how seemingly innocent “charity” groups are using their money, which was donated to them - usually by people like your father or mother, completely innocent people - to pay lobbyists, who in turn lobby politicians, who have the power to BAN YOUR SMARTPHONE. Yeah, it’s pretty easy. They pay the lobbyists money, then the lobbyists go to the national government, draft a new Act which works toward banning smartphones,

Additionally, have you heard of “green-terrorists” or “eco-terrorists”? What they do is go around harming a bunch of people, just like regular terrorists, but with one goal in mind: to stop the killing of the earth. They want to harm YOU for using YOUR phone for YOUR enjoyment. Climate change isn’t that big of a problem! In fact, mankind has only increased climate change by a slight percentage, not even that much! I mean, who ever thought of getting rid of *AIR-CONDITIONING*?

Finally, the last of your supporters are going to point at the number of animals gone extinct since humans came into the picture. We blame Darwin. According to the Darwinian process, only the strongest and most fit to survive will come out on top. So, it isn’t total because of humans, wildlife goes extinct even without the “helpful” input of humans.

In conclusion, these environmental groups who are claiming to save the earth aren’t actually trying to do that; while they tell you to stop using power, they waste it for powering billboards and TV ads. If you really love your phone, remember: environmentalist groups are trying to throw you all the way back to 300 BCE, before air conditioning, before cars, before aircraft, and most importantly, BEFORE YOUR SMARTPHONE. Have a great day!

# Exceptional Eats With Big E

**>Columnist-Ethan Hong**

Cheongna is a small city and finding good places to eat is quite difficult. However, there are actually really good restaurants that are spread throughout the city. One such place is 빈스(Vins) Chicken. The address is 인천광역시 서구 크리스탈로 84 레이크가든 지하1층 빈스치킨 and can be seen on the Naver map. This place sells fried chicken, roast chicken, and a variety of sides.



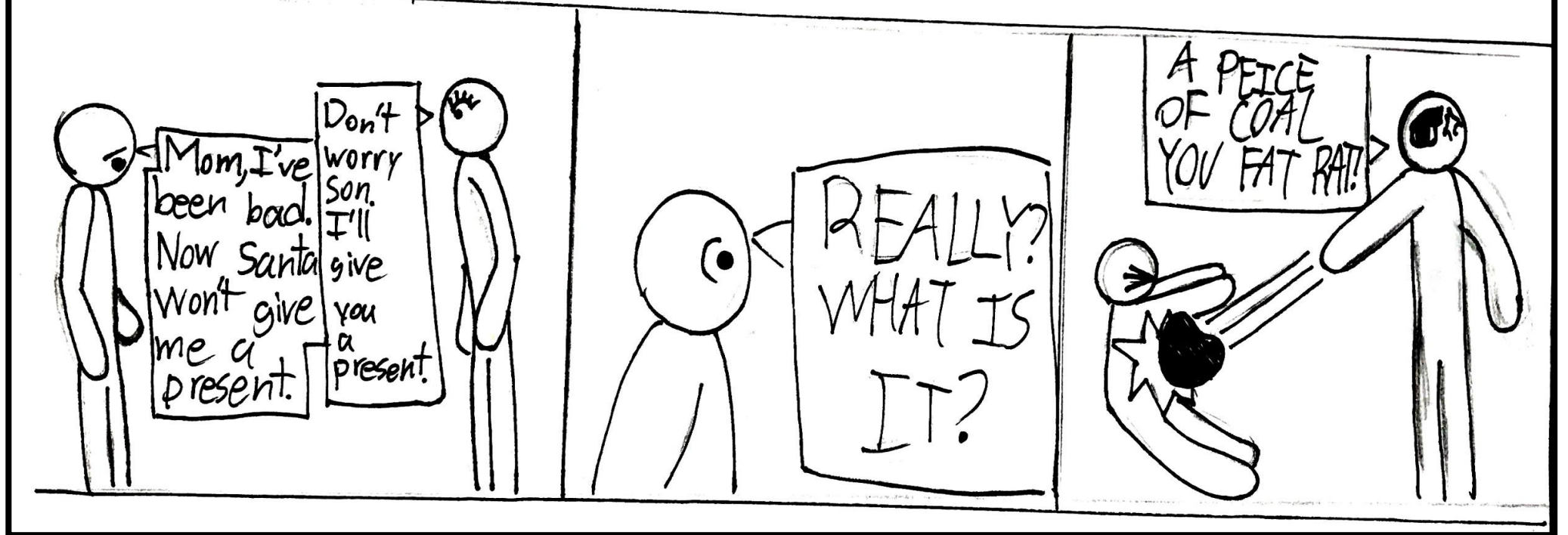
I visited Vins Chicken on a Saturday afternoon. What I ordered was their original fried chicken. Although there were no other customers while I was dining here, it took 15-20 minutes in order to receive my food. Although, it took some time, the wait was worth it. In my opinion, I thought that the chicken was excellent. The meat was moist and practically slid right off the bone. The breading was really crispy. It was not too greasy and there was even a subtle taste of peanuts that is probably from the oil it was cooked in. The food is a bit pricey. A little over a dozen pieces of chicken costs ₩16,000 won. A plate of wedge fries costs around ₩8,000. Since I was the one paying, I didn't want to spend too much money. However, it shouldn't cost you much if you split the bill between a group of friends. The quality of the chicken totally made up for the price and wait time though. Not only was the food great, the restaurant also was clean, pleasantly lit, and cozy. The best part was the free wifi.

To sum up, the food was great and my visit was pleasant. My personal rating is 9.5 chicken bones out of 10 chicken bones. It truly was finger licking good. I recommend that anyone who loves fried chicken to go to Vins Chicken. In order to get the best experience, I recommend going with a group of friends.



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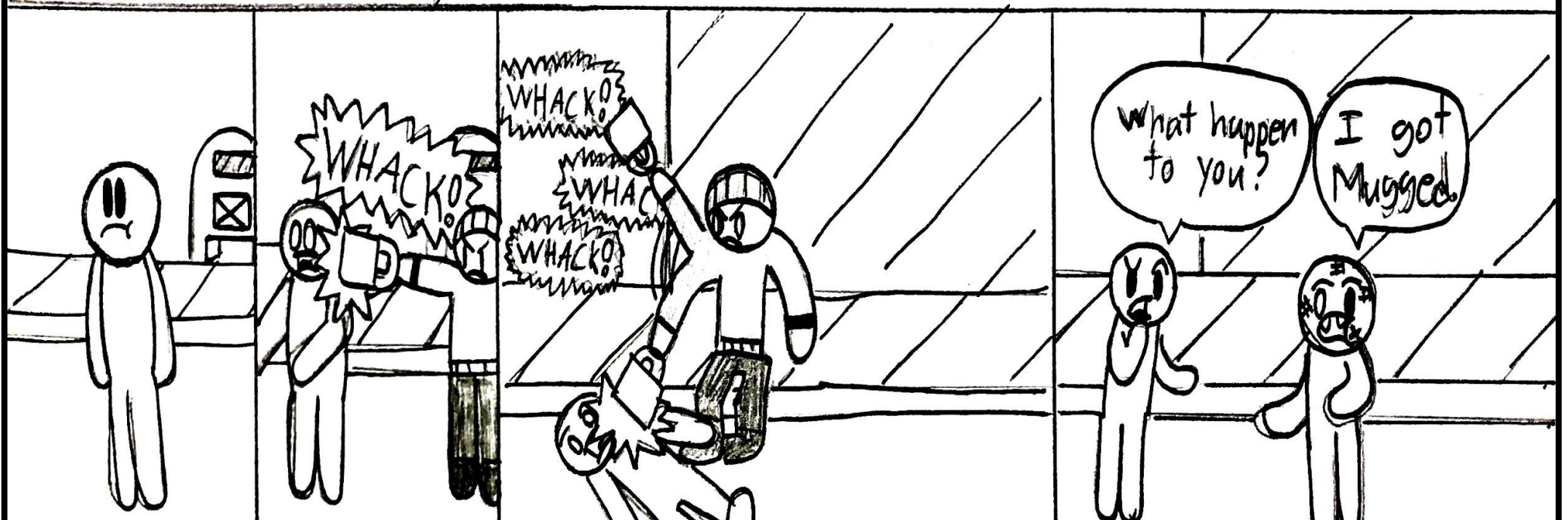
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