

A REGRETFUL FAREWELL?

By Jax Paley



Next year is just around the corner, which means another long summer break. For some people, it's full of camping and the great outdoors. For others, they prefer to relax in the comfort of their home. However, for some students, their summer vacation will last forever. Our school's grade 12 students graduate this year! Though it might be exciting, there are some downsides.

Common issues that teens struggle with are usually related to financial situations. This could include not having enough money saved after graduation, or not budgeting their money well. What about those huge student loans if you're planning on going to post secondary education? Another big issue is employment. It's really hard to find a job that pays well, especially in today's economy. Not only that, but you have to find a job you like, too. It's near impossible! The list is long but the biggest issue about graduation, though, is leaving. Leaving means that all the memories you made at school, happy or sad, will be nothing but that; memories. Some friends may go on their own path too. Friends you were once so close to, spent so much time with, gone. It's like a melancholic goodbye, to both the friends you cared for so much, and the environment you spent 13 years in to learn what you now know today.

Grade 8 students, like me, also have their negatives. Going from middle school to high school can be quite troubling and nerve-racking, especially when you don't know what awaits you. What I (and probably most of my fellow classmates) fear the most is the work. New topics in subjects can be really tedious, mostly because of how much harder it gets in high school. It's like the calm before a storm, the calm being right now, learning what we're used to, and the storm being the inescapable work load of the high school curriculum. There's also schedule changes. It's basically a wrench thrown into the plans we already know! Not to mention the risk of getting a schedule that looks absolutely terrible to you! A shared con between both high school graduates and us new high schoolers, is friends. Friends, again, might leave for new places, in this case, a new school. In some cases, you might be the one leaving. It's a really sad thing to think about, but a very true one as well.

Now that we've looked at the negative, let's look at the flip side and check out the positive. For graduates, they now have the ability to be fully independent. They can choose what they want to do, when they want, without homework or school getting in the way. Want to stay up late and sleep in? No worries! Do it. There's also less stress, since deadlines for schoolwork no longer apply to you. Grade 8s have a fresh start with new teachers and classes. Also, they get to do more things that were high school exclusive, such as being able to leave school at break, the ability to bring phones to school, and events like dances.

Even though we're in very different grades, our situations are somewhat alike, and it's time for each of us to turn over a new leaf. This is a new stage in life that we must face, together or alone. For our graduates, they're experiencing adulthood for the first time, and for grade 8s, they're transitioning into high schoolers. It might be stressful at first, but eventually, you'll adapt to your situation, and get through anything your own way.

SOCIAL MEDIA BAN FOR KIDS

By Noah Sousa



So the government wants to ban social media and AI for kids ages 15 and younger. Which is crazy, because if I were them I would do it so kids ages under the age of 13 could use anything but AI. Mainly because AI is bad for the planet and takes so much water to cool the super computers. But I will leave that for a different time.

These are the reasons why I think this is a good idea:

First, kids don't go outside a lot any more.

Second, "brainrot" will not be a thing for younger kids who should not have phones.

Third, kids will spend time with friends more and be more connected with the world without having to look at their phones every five minutes.

Fourth, cyber bullying will not happen as often as it does, well at least for younger kids.

I know some kids will not like this but in all reality it is the best thing for younger kids who shouldn't even have phones. In conclusion it could be a great thing for younger kids. I hope some kids think that this move from the government is not a bad choice, it's good for Canada's youth. What do you think of the government's decision? Is it a good idea?

Kleefeld is Coming: Issue or Not?

By Ariel Abrams and Kaydence Slagerman

Ariel Abrams:

As we expand into more of a high school, our school will inevitably get bigger. With Kleefeld coming we will get more courses, and hopefully a bigger music program.

Everyone has different interests so there will be a variety of clubs, as our beloved teacher Mrs. Little said "there will be more students for the sports teams". This is great because once again everyone has different interests. So the students that didn't get to be a part of a sports team, because there weren't enough students, will be able to be a part of a team. I know that was very important to me when I played middle school sports. If students don't really want to play it's unfortunate for the people on the team that actually want to play. I remember me and my friend were disappointed that there wasn't an all girls baseball team.

We don't offer the special classes such as aesthetics, dance, welding, etc. Kleefeld may be disappointed because we have no special programs. The thing is we have our own advantages, like being a smaller school. The teachers may pay more attention at our school solely because we have less students.

I think when the students adapt to Kleefeld coming, it will be a great thing for our school. I know at the beginning I was bothered, but I didn't know the opportunities it brought. I am excited that people will find groups that they fit in. And hopefully this does good things for the newspaper.

Kaydence Slagerman:

All of these statements are very relevant and good to think about, but I have some more I believe are important as well. We also need to think about how many people might be feeling. We have talked about some benefits, but one we haven't and that we should consider is that since our school is so small, everyone knows each other. With new students coming, it will allow new connections, and a brand new experience! Allowing our grade to expand more and have more friendship/relationship opportunities!

Meeting new people is great, but we also should think about how some students may be nervous about meeting so many new people. Which is why I believe we should all be as welcoming as possible to make those grieving feelings weaken.

Another thing we should take into consideration is that some students that I have talked to about this matter have shared some concern for the amount of space Grunthal/GVS has to offer. Even though GVS is a smaller school, Grade 6s will be moving back to south oaks, which leaves more room for the students who are coming to the school. And with the expansion that should be done in a year or two, there should be no problem with the amount of space. But, GVS wasn't the only space worry, as many say that spares and breaks may get crowded at the restaurants in Grunthal, as there will be many more students. Personally, I don't think that this will be too much of an issue, the biggest problem we may face with this is just the lines getting a little bit longer.

Ariel + Kaydence:

Kleefeld coming is a big change, and so is high school. Experiencing these changes at the same time can be stressful, but in the long run it'll be worth it. With a little getting used to, we don't see why Kleefeld coming would at all be an issue. We will welcome them with open arms, and a positive attitude. Maybe Kleefeld coming was needed to kick start our future at GVS as high school students, but only time will tell. In the meantime we can say with full confidence that Kleefeld coming is not an issue.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

**Well that was a lot of reading hope you're still with us, because now it's time for Jareth Klassen, our comic relief!
AHAHAHAHA some days I wonder if I'll ever really be loved unconditionally...**

In regards to the new school rules:



A Sneak Peek at the New Series, Amulet of Magica by Kaelyn B. Smith, and Clare MacPowell

~Prologue~

Hope Silverstar was huddled in her mother's arms. Her mother was clutching her tight, tears running down both of their faces. The mist of swirling music notes filled the city air, causing the citizens of cloudspire to fall to the ground, panting and trying to stay awake. The sound of haunting music filled the air. It sounded almost like a lullaby. Hope's father, Duncan Silverstar collapsed next to his wife, choking on the thick, poisoned air. The land began shaking, and turning a deep shade of purple. The land cracked open. Sylvia crouched down, shaken by sobs, as she stared deeply into her beloved husband's eyes.

“Duncan...”

Sylvia noticed Hope's cries had stopped, and turned into chokes. She was falling under the spell. Sylvia took her amulet from around her neck, and put it on her daughter. Sylvia then collapsed next to her husband, determined to stay awake. Determined to tell the legendary prophecy to Hope.

“A dark day is to come, where the underworld be opened by... On... and will take the citizens of cloudspire... down with h... to be deep..., and come after the last...”

But before she could finish, her eyes turned sharply to a light purple, her pupils disappeared, and Hope knew she wouldn't be able to stay here with her mother any longer. Sylvia looked up at her daughter one last time and mouthed the words “RUN.”

Young Hope took off running toward Zephyr Gate. Her little 4-year-old legs were running for her life, The ground disintegrating close behind her. She then saw the gates crumble before her. Her foot snagged on a loose stone, and she fell into the gap where the gate had been. Hope plummeted through the hole, she felt like the fall would never end, and then, she hit solid ground, and closed her eyes, feeling a sharp pain in her left foot.

Like what you're reading? Check it out at the GVS Library, just ask Mrs. Friesen for it! The 2nd and 3rd are out too!

GVS Talent Show

By C.B.

Hi GVS students and staff! As you know the annual GVS talent show is coming up on Friday, June 12th. This is a great opportunity to showcase your talent! It is a wonderful time and many different talents are displayed. Last year there were a variety of performances including many singing acts, the Teachers Band, and Chamber Choir even did a performance! Let's look at what some of the teachers involved in talent show prep have to say:

What are you looking forward to seeing at this year's talent show?

Mr. Neufeld - I always love the performances at the talent show. All of them are so unique and display a passion for the art being displayed and performed. I love seeing students take risks and try something new. Getting up on stage in front of your fellow students is a nerve wracking experience. So what am I looking forward to? All of it, but aside from the talent we will get to see, I love seeing students put themselves out there and experiencing what it's like to perform and receive the applause and recognition from their fellow students.

Ms. Wiens - I love seeing the talent we have at GVS. I want students to experience the thrill of performing in front of their peers. Performing with a friend or a group can make it much easier the first few times. Opportunities like the talent show help build confidence and public speaking skills that will benefit students in the future – whether they're giving a speech, participating in an interview, or performing as adults. Every year I look forward to the talent show. I believe in the ability of our students to perform and show their incredible talent.

Are there any performances in previous years that stood out to you?

Mr. Neufeld - There have definitely been some memorable numbers over the years. There have been some where the performance didn't work out. I recall a performance where a student froze under the pressure, and a few performers came onto the stage and helped the students finish the number. I love those moments when students step up and help each other out. And there are the memorable performances when students get to sing in their own voice, in their own style and just blow everyone away with talents we didn't know were there.

Past Memorable Talent Show Acts

Ms. Wiens - I have many great memories from past talent shows. One year, a group of Grade 5 students performed Rubik's Cube races. It was amazing to watch and showcased a very unique talent. There have also been years when teachers and students joined together to form a teacher-student band. I always enjoy seeing teachers and students collaborate and perform together. One of the things I love most about talent shows is seeing students overcome their fear, step onto the stage, and grow in confidence as they perform. Moments like these show students that they can face challenges and continue to take on even bigger ones in the future.

How do auditions usually work?

Mr. Neufeld - Auditions are fairly straightforward. It is helpful if students have already worked on the number they will be presenting, but they do not need to have it perfected yet. Mostly what we are looking for is for students to share what they are going to perform and what they will need from us, like playback files and technical requirements.

Ms. Wiens - The talent show audition is an opportunity for a person or group to show their commitment to performing in the show. It lets the panel of teachers see that performers have practiced their act before the audition and are prepared to continue practicing and preparing for the final performance. The audition is also a time to determine what will be needed for the show, such as music, microphones, and other equipment.

Short Little Nightmares

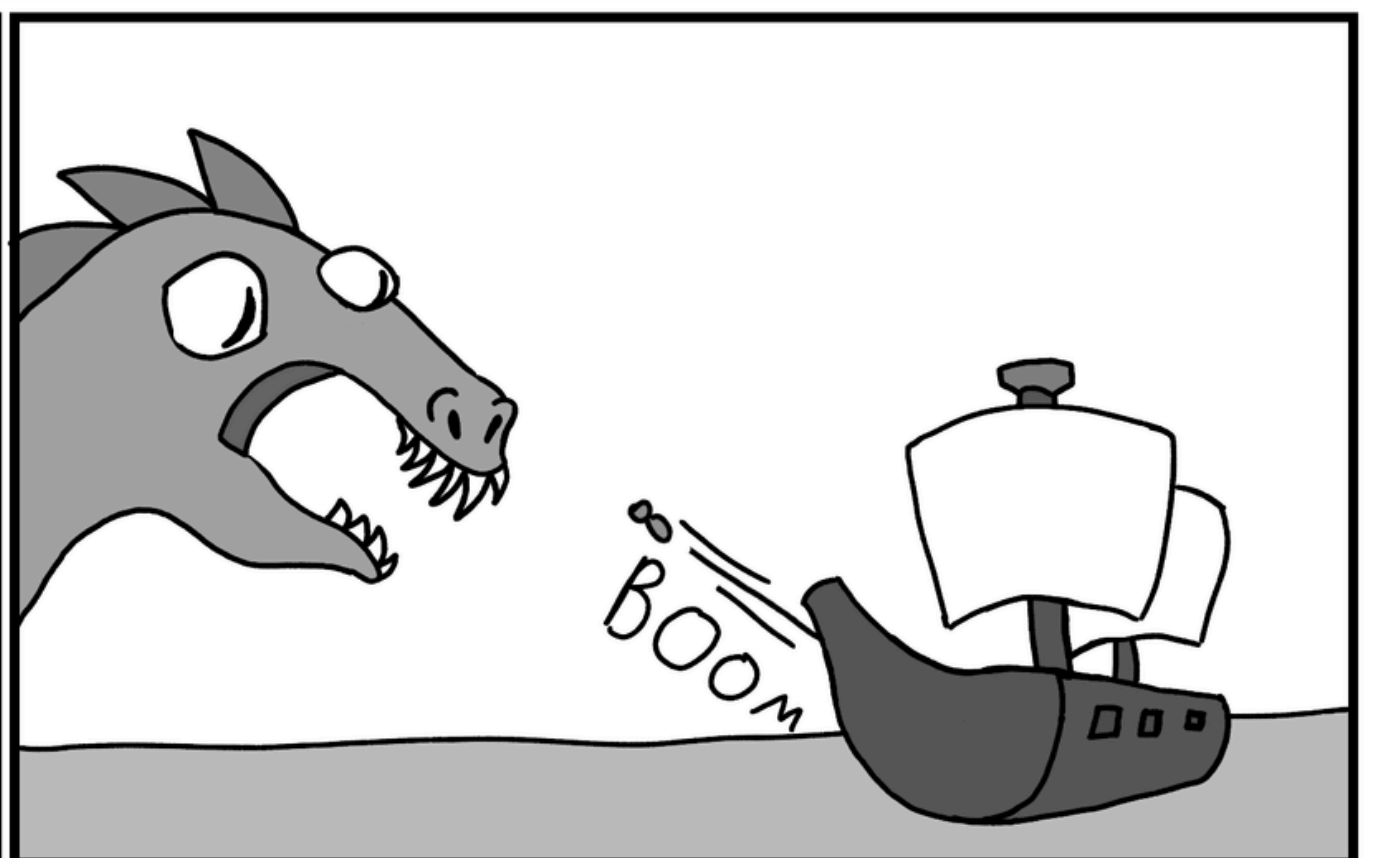
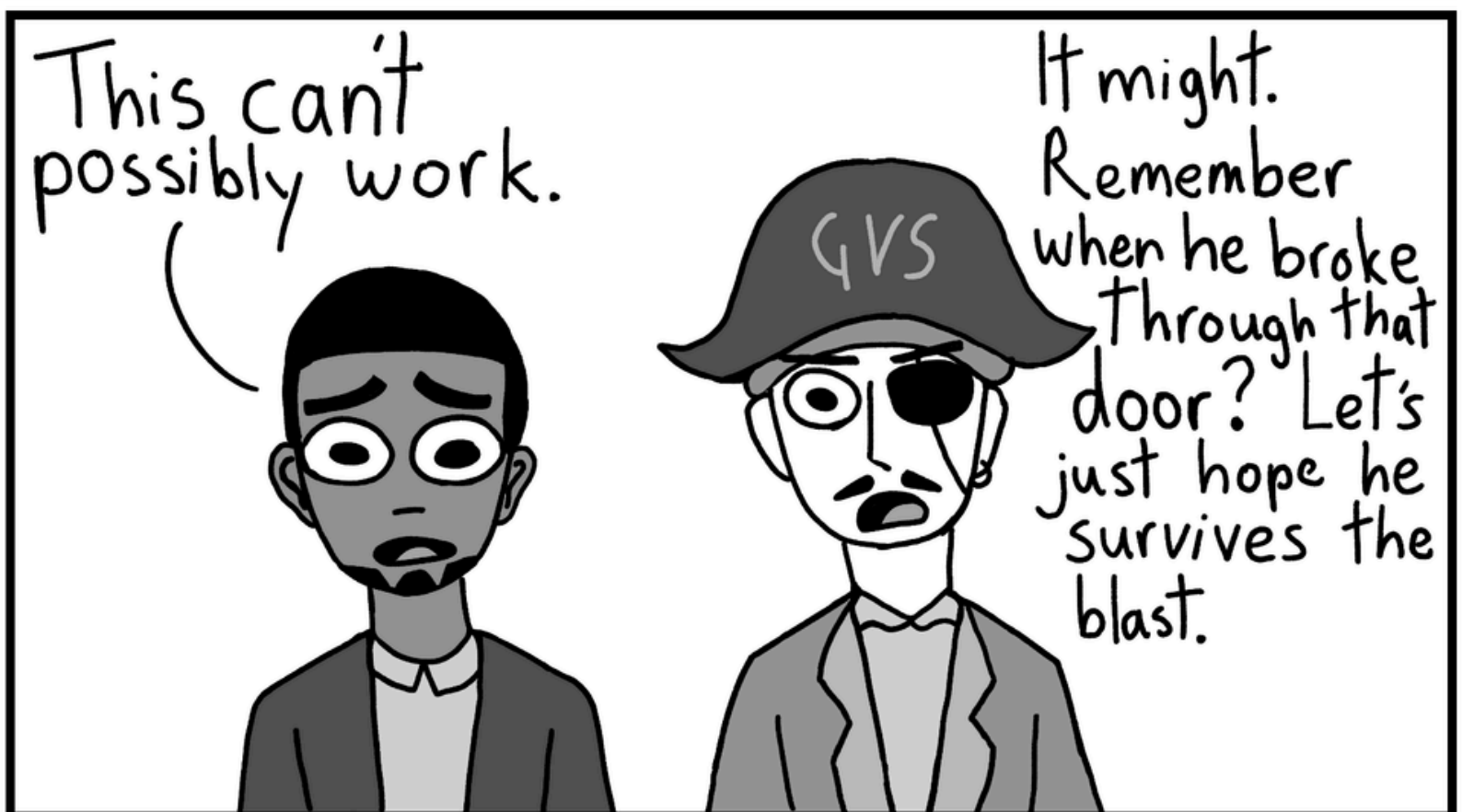
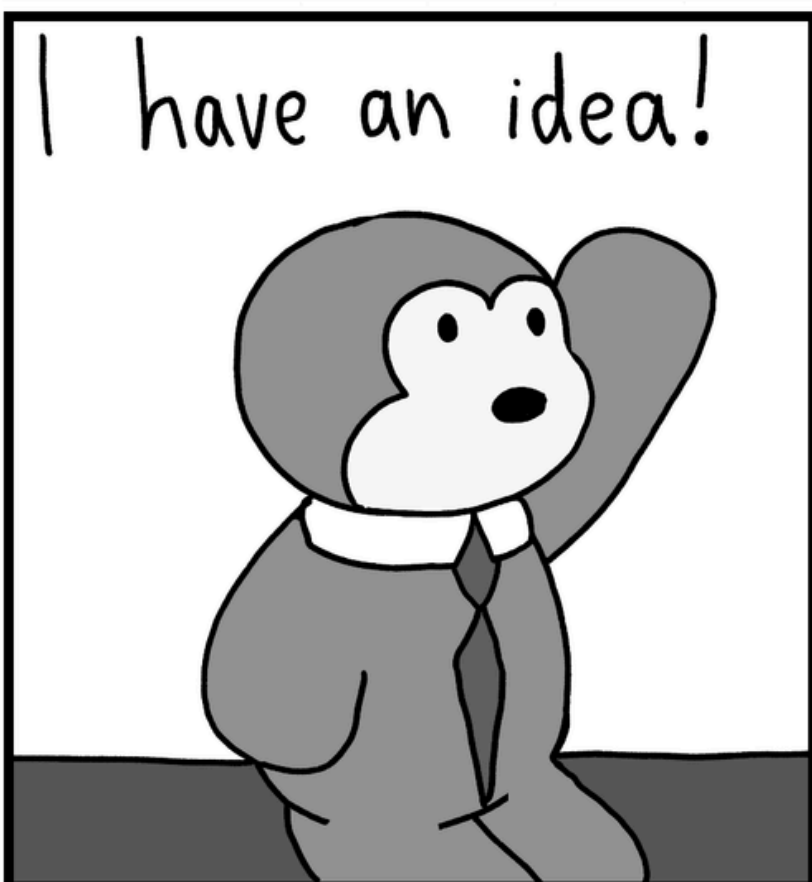
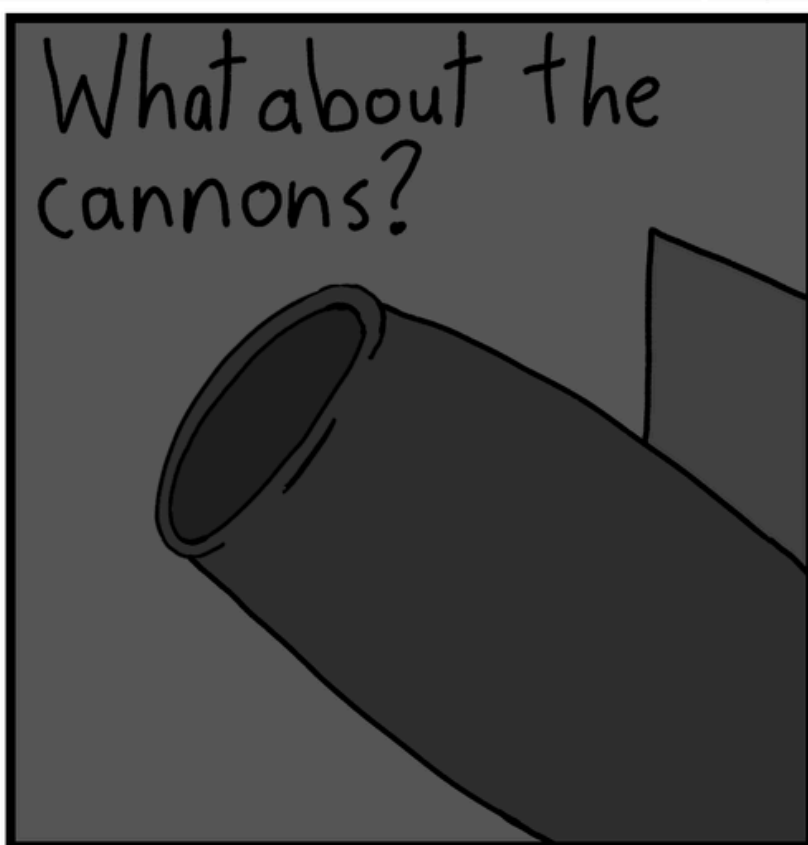
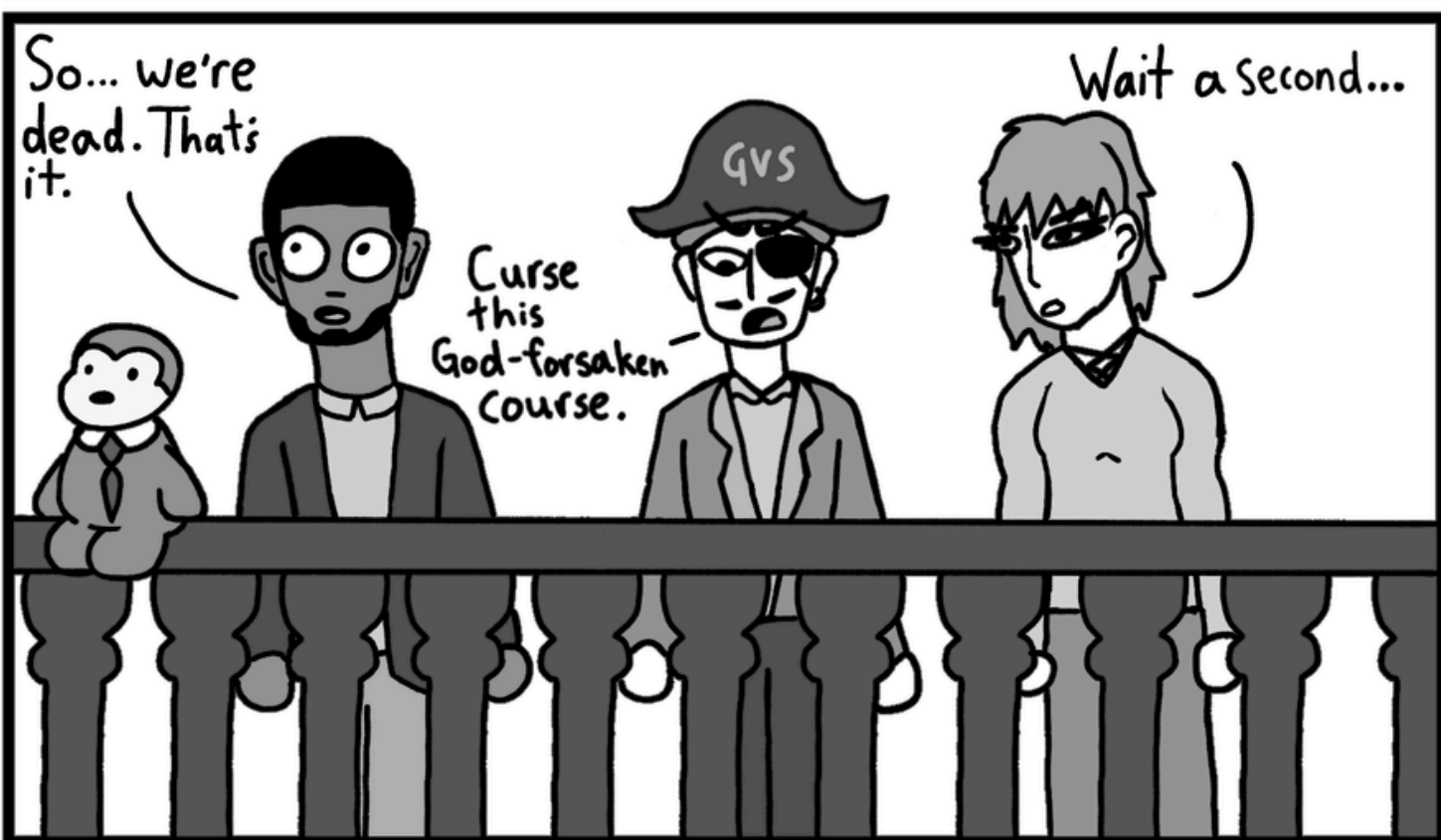
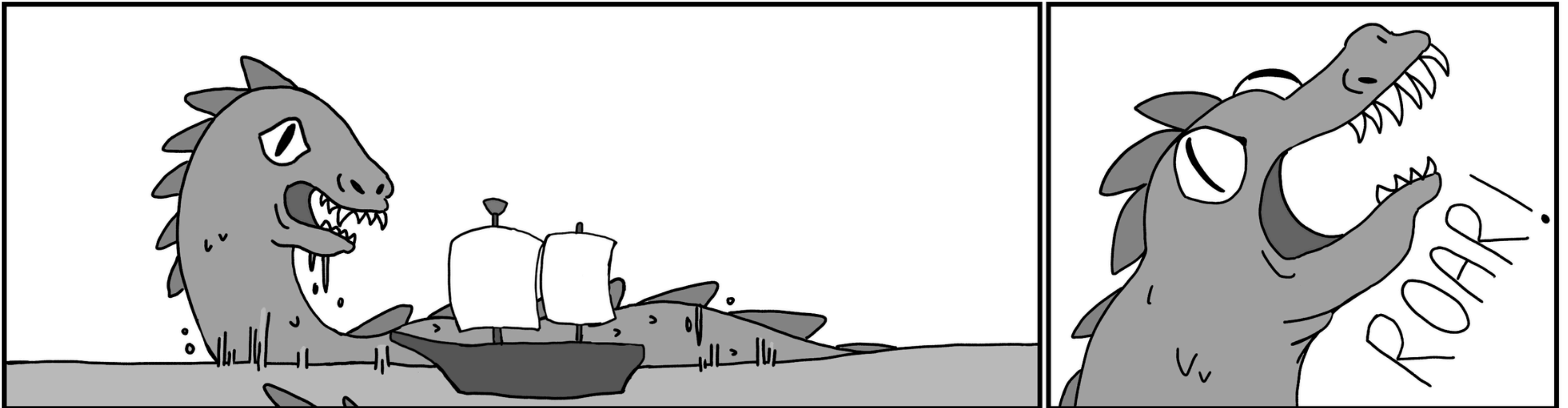
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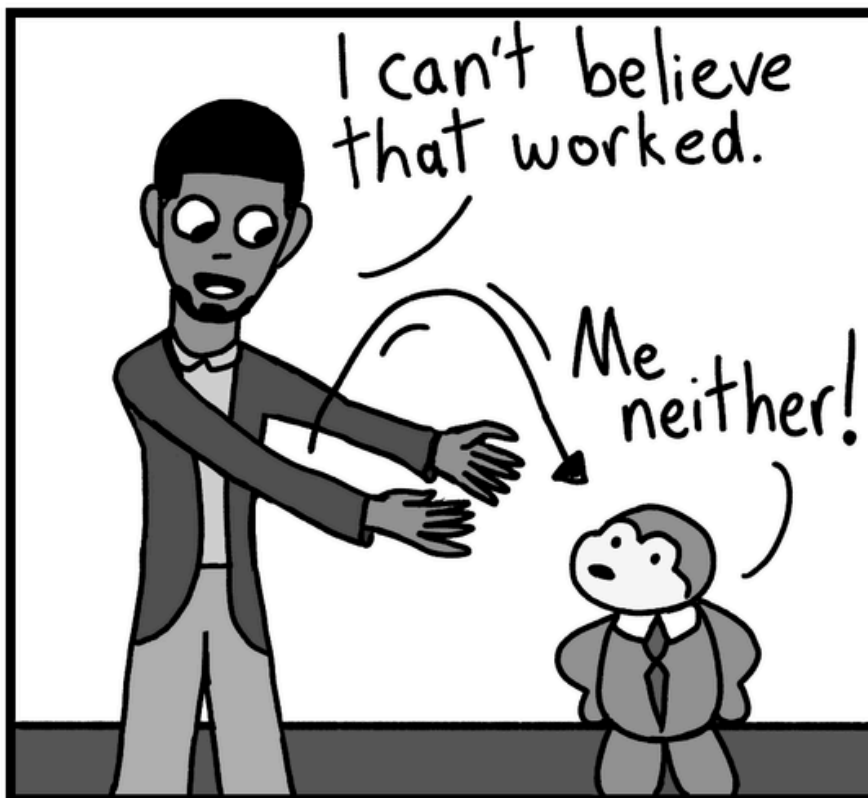
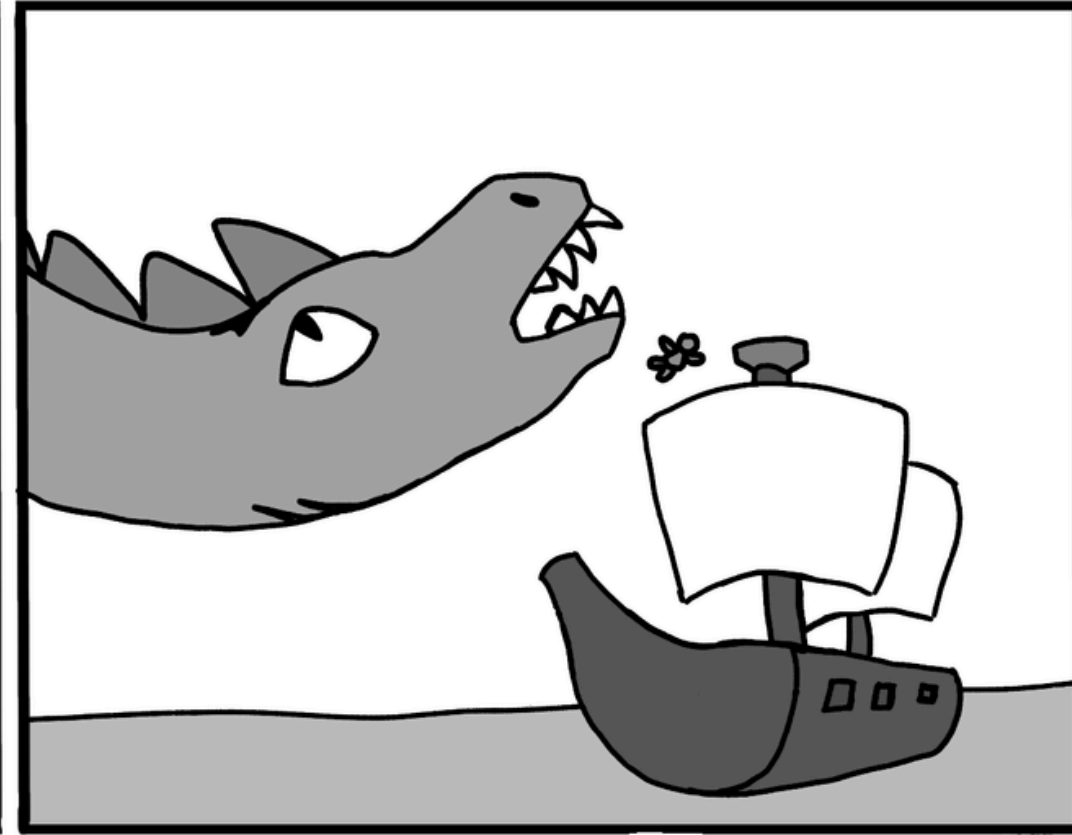
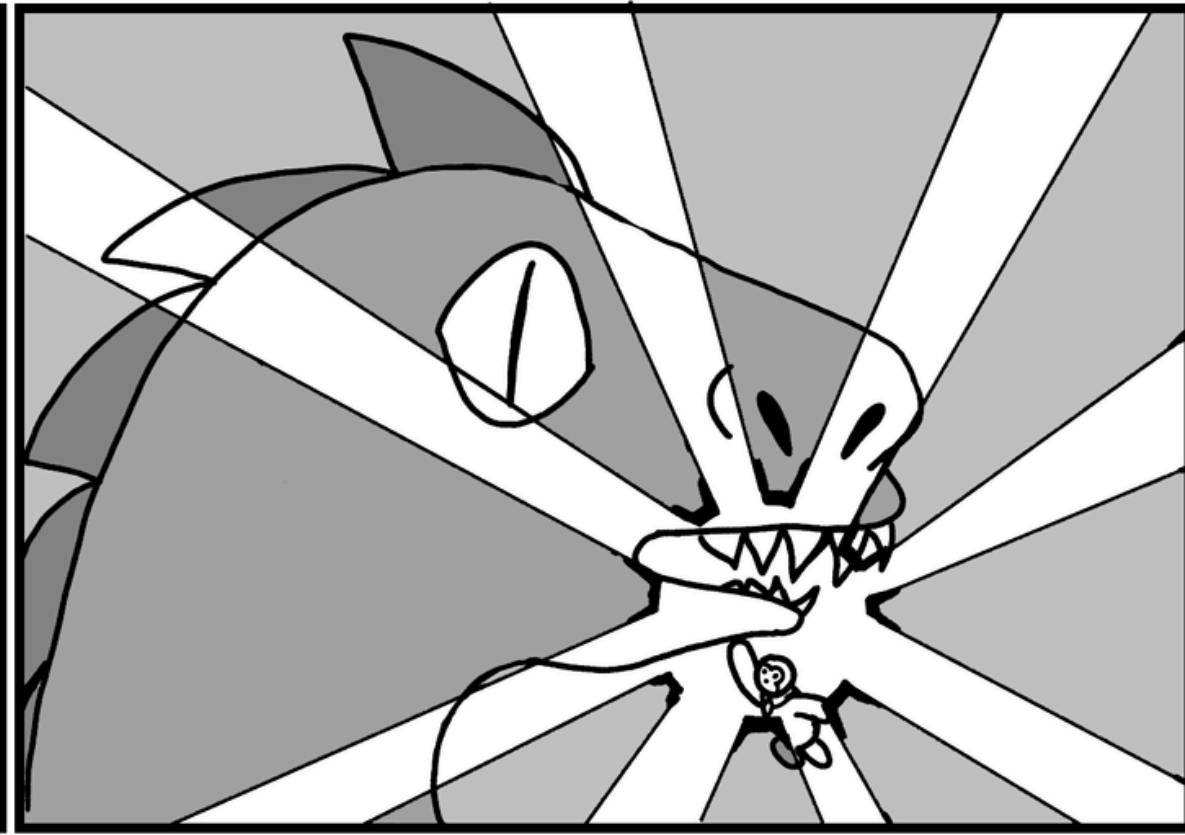
I'm the author of Short Little Nightmares. I have book 1 in the library. There's only one book so you might have to put it on hold. It is not on the shelves so you have to ask Ms. Friesen for it. It is about a boy who moves into a strange town. When he goes to school he realizes that it is strange. Follow the story with the laughs, scares and mysteries. Feel free to ask for it in the library!

THE TALE OF MR. MONKEY

By Liam MP

Previously: Tensions within the crew had begun to rise over the conflict of whether to sell Mr. Monkey or not. Suddenly things start to go awry as the course that the Captain had planned may not be as safe as he previously had thought.







Well, as this school year comes to an end so does this edition. And to everyone's dismay this will be the last edition of the GVS tribune for this year. Please don't get your tears on me. Don't be sad for too long though because the tribune will continue next year, you'll just have to miss us till then. Until next year, goodbye!

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