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# THE HOOT

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## Leader of the Pack

By Brianna Goldner

We sat down with Mr. Goneau and asked him lots of questions and this is what we uncovered.

We first asked

him how long he has been here at SMS. Mr. Goneau told us he started as our principal in January 2008 and this will be his sixth in a half year with us. We then asked him how he thought about how the school is run, and he then replied, " We do great. If you look at the data for kids at SMS seventy-five percent of them are on the honor roll which means that our teachers are doing a great job helping the students learn. They are also trying new ways to make learning fun with videos and many other lessons that are allowing kids to use computers and interacting with one another." Hence google chrome.

We then moved away from the school questions to some personal questions. Mr. Goneau is from Ventura, California, a beautiful city on the beach. He is the third out of four children. He has an older brother with a older and younger sister. When he was in middle school, he loved to play football, surf, and he was on a diving team. When he was in high school he still played football, surfed and started to work part time.

When he became an adult, Mr. Goneau joined the Marine Core, and enjoyed flying helicopters. Later on he started to teach sixth grade at our very own SMS. Soon, Mr. Goneau was an associate principal of the high school. Then he became our principal.

Today, Mr. Goneau has a wonderful family with five children. He has three daughters named Michelle, who is 36, Nancy(32), and

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## Former SMS Student Dreams Big!



By Ben Hoitink

The future of U.S. women's soccer could be right here in Slinger. Madeline Hoitink, a ninth-grader at Slinger High school, has been playing soccer at the national level for two years. But like all sports sensations, she had to start small. "I've been playing soccer for 9 years, and those years were not wasted", Madeline said. In those nine years, she played with 4 clubs: Slinger Soccer, Washington County, FC Milwaukee, and FC Wisconsin Eclipse.

In the past few years, Madeline has been attending national level camps. The most recent, the id2 training camp in Chula Vista CA, contained some of the best players around the country at her age level. But Madeline, not looking back at the past, has a great plan for her future soccer career. "I wish to continue my soccer career through college at Harvard University".

Ashley (19). He also has two sons named Joshua (26), and Christopher (22). His family has a white and brown chiuwawa named Harley.

Mr. Goneau's favorite color is sky blue. His favorite sport to do is hunting and to watch football. Since he lived in California, his favorite teams are the Broncos, Steelers, Raiders, Dolphins, and all the AFC teams. He also likes fly fishing, but he dislikes basketball. As his hobbies, he likes to read science fiction and, of course, go hunting. When Mr. Goneau has his summer break in July, he goes traveling with his wife. In all, Mr. Goneau is a pretty interesting principal, and that's the way we like him.

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## Is the Youth Center the new hangout?

By: Emily Merget, Anna Bertsch, Sean Hammond

The Youth Center has been open and closed once. We interviewed three supervisors and one happened to attend when he was a teen! The youth center is located on Kettle Moraine Dr. South. It is also known as The House of Prayer.

Q: Why do you work at the youth center?

A: David- "Well I grew up in slinger and things weren't that easy for me, I didn't know who I wanted to be. My mom said that I should go to the Youth Center and I ended up working here to give back."

Q: How many years have you been working at the Youth Center?

A: David- "I've been the main manager ever since it re-opened."

Q: What did they have there when you hung out here as a kid?

A: David- "We had skee-ball, Play Station2, Pool, tv (small), darts, arcade games like: foosball and ping pong. Now we have: three new tv's , Xbox 360, Playstation 3 & 4, and Skee-ball, air hockey, pool, and movies."

Q: Why do you have the Youth Center?

A: David- "To give kids a place to go (safe place) because it's important to have a comfortable, positive environment."

Steve- To give kids a place to go (safe place) because it's good to have a positive influence.

We asked some of the kids who were at the Youth Center why they came there and answers varied from the fun games, to visiting with friends and the food and drinks.

The youth center is open Thursday from 3-7, Friday 3-7, and Saturday 5-9. It is there for all kids and parents are welcome to come down and check it out. They also have church on Thursdays and Sundays. Everyone is invited to church and on Sundays there

are extra hours at the Youth Center.



## Tunes of Winter

By: Emily Groth and Sophie Haugen

The seventh grade band had an annual winter concert. They had practiced for many months. The concert was on Thursday, December 12, at 7:15, and was at the Slinger Middle School's gymnasium. Both bands were combined to show the skills and techniques that they have learned to their loved ones. Many students prepared themselves to play the solos that took place during the concert. The songs that the seventh grade performed were "Oh Hanukkah, Ukranian Bell Carol, Ding Dong Merrily On High, and Deck the Halls With Rock and Roll." Mrs. Galezio is the band teacher that will conduct the concert. We hope that you enjoyed it!

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stars  
high in the sky  
twinkling above me bees  
buzzing all around the flowers here the  
grass so soft and bright green the trees  
so tall  
so they seem the most peaceful morning  
yet summer  
is fresh in the warm air my bike so blue  
resting too don't disturb me  
don't make me leave  
i want to stay  
FOREVER

Ransom Note Poem  
by Rebecca Mezera

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## THEY HAVE THE WRITE STUFF

By Chloe Schmidt and Laura Coarsey

The Future Authors Club is a group at Slinger Middle School for aspiring writers, started by two seventh grade teachers, Mrs. Bindrich and Mr. Walter. They gave us some of their time to answer some questions about the club.

### Why did the two start the club?

Mrs. Bindrich told us that she wanted to start Future Author's Club here at school for a couple of reasons. First because she missed teaching writing (she's now a literature teacher). She's also a writer herself, and she loves being with other writers to share their writing, it doesn't matter how old they are! Secondly, Mr. Walter and her wanted a way to raise the growth of young writers without the expectations of the classroom - meaning no rubrics, no assignments, no pressure; just a bunch of people who love writing. Finally, this was a brilliant way to stay connected to the participants in their Future Authors Camp held at Slinger High School each summer. They wanted to encourage students to share their writing with their fellow students, and possibly publish their stories.

### Does she enjoy her students writing?

Mrs. Bindrich responded, "I enjoy reading their writing; most of the time I'm especially interested in it when I know that the student has put his or her heart into a writing paper and genuinely wants feedback. I do make Mr. Walter read crazy Star Wars writing pieces though," Mrs. Bindrich answers.

**Do you expect your Future Author's Club kids to publish any books, and if so, do any specific names come to mind?** "I hope they do!" responded Mrs. Bindrich. "If they don't publish in books, I'd like to see their names at least published in magazines, on blogs, on fan fiction sites, or hear that they're a songwriter. Any names? Well, we have so many talented writers, I'd hate to pick a few specific names. Anyone can write and publish with lots of hard work and a sane amount of passion!"

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## Divergent Taking the World by Storm

By Alyssa Koepke

The book *Divergent* by Veronica Roth has taken the world by storm. With the movie coming to theaters on March 21 the fan base has grown rapidly. Enter the world of Divergence and follow Beatrice Prior on her adventure through this new world. In this action packed thriller the society is split into 5 groups, or in this case factions. When each and every child in the city turns 16, they take an aptitude test that will decipher what faction you belong in. This simulation prepares scenarios for you to go through and based on your actions you will go to the rightful faction. If your test is inconclusive, or your results are not complete, you are Divergent. Divergence is where you belong to more than one faction and you can control the simulations.

*Divergence* is extremely dangerous. Beatrice is Divergent and chooses the faction she has always taken an interest in; the Dauntless. She is drawn to how they jump off the train each morning, and their bravery. When you chose a new faction you don't ever get to see your family again. After all this city's motto is "faction before blood." You are able to recreate yourself and Beatrice coming from the Abnegation needs to prove she was what it takes to pass initiation. When you are from Abnegation and you transfer factions people will call you Stiff. Well Beatrice is the only Stiff for the Dauntless initiates, and she is going to

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## What do you plan to do in future meetings?

“Well, we’re going to continue to encourage students who are

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Young Authors Club cont.

participating in NaNoWriMo, we attended a writer’s luncheon in Milwaukee in February, and otherwise, just trying out different modes of writing in a fun, low-key environment,” Mrs. Bindrich replies. Mr. Walter had a more vague answer though saying they didn’t really have a distinct plan for the upcoming meetings.

## Do you have any advice for writers?

“Write, write, write, revise, rewrite, seek feedback, revise, write, write write!”

I also asked Mr. Walter is he was satisfied with the number of students showing up to the meetings, in which he responded that he was glad with the amount of bodies that high-tail it to Mrs. Bindrich’s room and that he had a hunch that about the same number of us would show up every meeting and so far he’s right, or should I say ‘write.’ ;D

Then, I asked a Future Author’s Club member at Slinger Middle School, Abigail Schmidt, in the eighth grade some questions about Future Author’s Club.

## Why did you join Future Author’s Club?

She responded with the reasoning that she could have people push her to do her best, and that would give her some time to write, because otherwise she’s too busy with school and other work.

## Why do you enjoy the club?

She told me that she enjoyed the club because it has a fun atmosphere to it and it gives you a peaceful time to write.

## What can you write about in Future Author’s Club?

Abbie informed me that they give you prompts, but if you’re not comfortable or if you don’t want to do the prompt, you can write about anything that you want or love.

## Are you going to publish anything in the future?

Abbie answered with that the Future Author’s Club makes it easier to try and get your writing pieces that you love and you’re proud of out there in front of people, so she hopes she will.

have to prove herself to make it, or you become factionless. Follow Beatrice in her adventure to keep her Divergence a secret and how she is coping to survive in this whole new world.

If I were to rate this book I would give it five stars. It is spectacular, well written, and a book you can’t put down

## LITTLE SWITZ GETS FACELIFT



By Steve Anderson

This summer, Little Switz came up with a brand new run!! This is the steepest run/terrain in the entire complex. The name of the hill is “Holy Switz” (as decided in a vote). “Don’t Tell Mom” was creative, but ended up coming in second. “Holy Switz” is a big hit as the new season comes to an end.

Our Big Deal tow rope has undergone a complete mechanical overhaul. A new pulley system, gear box and computer controlled drive will provide more reliable, efficient service for you to enjoy.

Little Switz has taken Snowmaking to the next level. Their fully automated system utilizes the latest technology and provides the highest quality snow while saving energy. Last season, Switz was the first ski hill in Wisconsin to be completely open. They have increased their capacity this season by adding even more fun guns and snow sticks from TechnoAlpin, the ultimate Snow Experts.

The restaurant above Little Switz is now completely run by Little Switz. This new chalet has an amazing new menu with awesome food.

## SMS Hoop Recap

By Justin Hendrickson and Maxwell Budnik

The Slinger Owls seventh and eighth grade basketball teams were in almost every game. The seventh grade Slinger basketball team was coached by coach Trembl. The first game against Silverbrook was a heart-breaker; they were up by six at

halftime and ended up losing the game because of a deep two pointer to put Silverbrook up by one with 24.1 seconds left. They lost





to Pewaukee by one point with another heart-breaker. They are did well on offense, but defense was a weakness. In most of all their games they put a great deal of points, but fall apart defense. Coach Knutson's Owls team started the year 2-1. They lost their first game to Pewaukee red. The second game against Badger Middle School they crushed them and were on their A-game the whole day. They beat Silverbrook by one in overtime in their third game. What really benefits the Owls team is their speed and ability to drive. Over both of the teams performed well and give Slinger fans something to get excited about in the future!

Here are a couple of questions that we asked Coach Tremel:

Q- What's your favorite number?

A- My number for high school sports was 33 so I would have to say 33.

Q- Although your team is small, how are you benefiting with it?

A- Every year brings a new group of athletes which allows a coach to focus on different skills they excel in. This year we are smaller so it just changes up how we play. Instead of feeding a big guy in the post, we want to keep it uptempo, running up and down the court while having a tenacious defense.

Q- Is there room for improvement? And what are your current goals for your team?

A- I believe with any athlete there are skills to work on and areas to improve. I believe all athletes in middle school and high school need to focus on the fundamentals (shooting, dribbling, and defense).

Q- What is your key element to your team, such as height, ball handling, or perhaps shooting?

A- Defense wins championships. If you can stop the other team from scoring every time there is a chance to win the game..

Q- Are you happy the way your team is playing right now?

A- Yes! We have a fun group of guys that are improving with each and every game. Although we lost our first three games we were extremely competitive losing by a grand total of 4 points in those three games.

Q- Why do our basketball jerseys look so much like Wisconsin's?

A. You would have to ask Mr. Westermann he is the fashion guru in regards to the middle school sports uniforms. I think they are pretty sharp!

Q- What are your favorite hobbies?

A- To be active! I really enjoy being outside doing something in both winter or summer. I would rather be outside than stuck inside. In the winter I usually ski or snowshoe and in the summer I like to run, bike or golf as much as I can.

Q- What position did you play in basketball when you were in high school?

A- Being so small in high school I was a shooting guard. Although my title was shooting guard did not have a real good shot so I focused more on my defense.

## WINTER WONDERLAND

by Kayla Otte

**Outside in the cold,  
The soft white snow lands on me,  
It's like frozen fluff**

**When I come inside,  
I drink the warm hot chocolate,  
It warms my body.**

**When I stir it up,  
the candy cane gets shorter  
and soon it is gone.**

**The snow is falling,  
I saw it out the window,  
Just really small flakes.**

**I love watching it,  
This is what I like to call,  
Winter Wonderland**



## **DO YOU HAVE THE HEAT?**

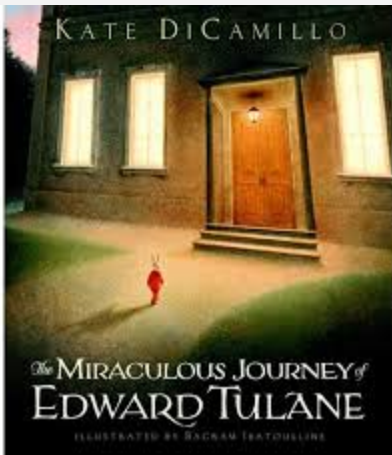
by: Abbie Becker and Payton Neuber

Slinger Middle School Girls Slinger Basketball team brought home many victories during the 2013 season. The cagers tallied a 7-1 record. The coach of this amazing team, Coach Sromek, said, "that there was amazing growth demonstrated by each player this season!"

The fifth game of the season was against that dreadfully Pewaukee team and gave Slinger their only loss. They started off ahead of the Pirates, but then the opposing team came back and got the lead. Slinger please see **Heat** p. 6

## The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane Book Review

By: Ashley Kreft and Nina Wood



In the book *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, a china bunny goes on a fantastic journey that teaches him to learn to love, because it won't last long. At first, Edward was only a fragile bunny owned by Abilene. She changed him into fancy silk clothes, and always remembered to wind his pocket watch. One night, once he was tucked into bed, Abilene's

Grandmother told them a story.

The story was about a young princess who runs away from home because she does not love the one who loves her. In exchange for this, the princess is turned into a warthog then shot by a hunter. She was served to the prince for dinner. "Because," said Pellegrina, "She was a Princess who loved no one and cared nothing for love, even though there were many who loved her." This scared Edward, so when he was accidentally thrown off the side of a boat, he thought he would suffer equal consequences. After time of being in the ocean, he was brought up by a fisherman whose wife loved him as much as Abilene did. From then on he was loved by many people, but he didn't love them in return. Then when he ended up in a china shop he discovered who he truly was.

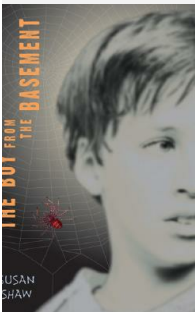
"I really enjoyed this book. I got involved in Edward's story and I hope that everyone else will as well." ★★★★★ --Nina W.

"This book is a heart-warming story that everyone should read. Edward's story is sort of depressing throughout the book until the ending which will make you joyful once again." ★★★★★ --Ellie M.

"The book is a very easy but interesting book. It has many twists in it and fun mysteries. I hope you will chose this book to read. Have fun reading!" ★★★★★ --Ashley K.

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## The Boy in the Basement By Emily Schmit



**Charlie** is a twelve year old boy that is forced to live in the basement by his dad for the rest of his life, because he was bad when he was younger. (His mom doesn't want to punish Charlie, but if she lets him out she will be beaten.) He has never seen the outside world, and he finally decides to go to the bathroom outside while his dad is sleeping. While outside he loses consciousness and ends up in the hospital. After

stuck with the game plan and ended up only losing the game by three points! It was a very close game, but in defeat Slinger were still good sports about it. They didn't let this one close loss sink them to the bottom.

The girls team had a very nice season. They played with pride and worked well with each other. At the end of the game season the two teams (The Owls) had a pizza party! There was drinks and pizza! The coaches gave out awards to the players. Sadly, the season is over, but they are very excited for next year!

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## NFC NORTH SHOWDOWN



By Payton Beisbier

As the Packers, Bears, and the Lions faced off last season, the Minnesota Vikings had little chance of reaching the playoffs. They played for record breaking and fun. Adrian Peterson has broke a record this season by become the fastest running back to get to 10,000 yards.

The big question is will the Pack make it to the playoffs next season? Big time free agent, Julius Peppers, signed by the Packers last week should help the defense get better. The Lions and Vikings changed coaches and we'll see if they improve. Hopefully, Aaron Rogers can get the Packers back to the Super Bowl!

telling people that he was abused he is put in a foster family. Being put in a foster family was the best thing that could happen to Please see Boy in the basement page Charlie, but he fears his dad will find him and take him, so is it the best?

Why it's good= I think "The Boy in the Basement" by Susan Shaw is a good book. I think it is a good book, because of the suspense. It's suspenseful, because you never know when something dramatic is going to happen, it just comes out of nowhere. Rate= 4.5 out of 5 stars



## Winter Fun

By: Vincent Damato, Tanner Sarauer, and Tom Schoenke

There is a new group out on the slopes called Slinger Snow Nation #SSN. As members, we are going to share with you the best and the worst thrills

that have happened at Little Switz. Slinger Snow Nation is a group of exclusive skiers and snowboarders.

This group was founded by Vincent Damato, Jake Bernarde and Bennett Connolly. What this group does is ski and snowboard at Little Switz for fun and whenever they can. SSN is a way for guys to have a purpose to ski and snowboard with their friends.

We do have an Instagram account, Slinger\_Snow\_Nation. Follow us to check out awesome videos of us tearing it up at Switz, or meet us at the hill on weekdays and weekends. You are bound to find a member.

As a snowboarder, I believe that the most important thing the have at the hill is Terrain Park. My personal favorite is Small Park by a long shot. The set up at Small Park goes from top to bottom. A short and fat slanted-up box leading to a four foot long and four foot wide chunk of snow. This leads onto a ten foot long steep box. Next you have two rails, a short one on the right, and a long one on the left.

At the center of the hill there is the 102.1 box that is about fourteen feet long with a jump leading onto it. Now we have a new and improved jump that is good for tricks and at the very end, a rail angled up.

Then on the back side, there is Medium Park. Medium Park starts off with a slanted box, then goes down and, from left to right, you have a larger jump. Next, There is a smaller jump that is still a really good one for tricks and riding off but doesn't create much speed. You will just hit the knuckle. Then you have another long 102.1 box slanted up at the right side of the hill.

Finally there is Big Park. Big Park starts off with a bike rack for a rail set up with a nice long box to the left of it. Then to the left of the bike rack there is a long Z - rail. Upwards to the front of the rail there is the newest feature that little Switzerland has bought called "The Cannon." To the right of that there is a gigantic box called the swag box. In front of the bike rack there is a steep jump about six feet high that rockets you straight up in the air. This is awesome for everyone!

## Movie Review: Catching Fire



By: Riley Alton, Cassidy Christman and Alyssa Lallensack Rating: 4.5 stars

Catching Fire, the second movie/ book in the Hunger games series, came into theatres on November 22, 2013. The movie starred Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson and Liam Hemsworth.

We asked other students what they thought of the movie, and we got an average of 4.5 stars. This movie starts out with Peeta and Katniss being reaped to go into the Hunger games, where two people from each district go fight to the death against 23 other tributes. Katniss and Peeta must go into the Hunger Games for the second time. The gamemakers, the people who come up with the arena, made the games extra difficult. This time Katniss and Peeta are going against tributes who have won the games before. Katniss and Peeta try to make allies, but they can't decide who to choose. As they rose into the arena they saw water, beaches and forests. Then the games begin... "It was good actually no, it was amazing, spectacular, FANTABULOUS, and amazeballs!", Said all time book lover Alyssa Koepke.

Here are some of our thoughts on the movie:

"I think this movie is really great. It has everything----- Romance, Drama, Action, and even a little boost that will make you jump out of your seat, scream, and spill nachos all over your brand new jeans. But hey, it was definitely worth it! I would see it again and again and highly recommend it!" ~Cassidy

"I believe this movie is fantastic! I thought it was definitely worth going at 9pm and getting home at 1 in the morning. - Alyssa



## Crafty Gaming

By: *Spencer Krumhus and Aaron Muellenbach*

Team Crafted's Bajan Canadian started a vote a couple months ago for the removal of their "friend" Setosorcerer. The vote was approved by every member except Deadlox. Seto finally came out about it explaining why they did it. They gave reasons like, "You are too serious," and, "We need to keep the business funny." The actions of Team Crafted caused a long four month depression for Seto, and they almost made him quit YouTube! Unlike KermitplaysMc, who had 1 warning before he just left, Seto had no warning. However it is obvious that he doesn't need them because he is approaching the 1 million subscriber mark.

In other news Ryan or Xrpmx13 - the incredibly good looking gamer was added to TC last week, and the question still remains: Who will fall for a new member?



## The Ghost Wolf!

Call of Duty: Ghost released a new skin for the killstreak guard dog that looks like a wolf. There has been a lot of controversy on whether it works on one map or any of them. COD developers are trying to fix the bug, but it's not working very well. Some get it on only one map, while others get it on all of them. Will Call Of Duty developers refund those with the bug, or will they just lose customers?



## Hunger Games

by Jabe Schaub



In the movie Catching Fire one Katniss Everdeen's worst nightmares comes true.

Katniss and Peeta are settled into their new homes in the Victors Village after winning the 74 annual Hunger Games. The Hunger Games is a battle to the death in which one boy and one girl, between the ages of 12 and 18, are reaped from each of the twelve districts of Panem. They are then trained and put into an arena in which they battle to the death until one lone victor remains.

After Peeta and Katniss return they go on the Victory Tour. The Victory Tour is when the victors visit all of the districts and give a speech about the games. On their Victory Tour Katniss and Peeta started to notice that the districts were starting to rebel against the capitol to stop the Hunger Games.

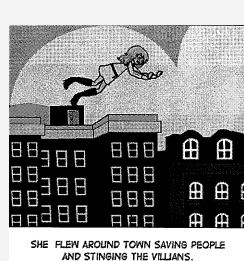
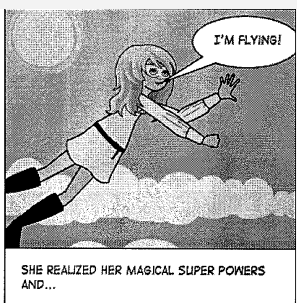
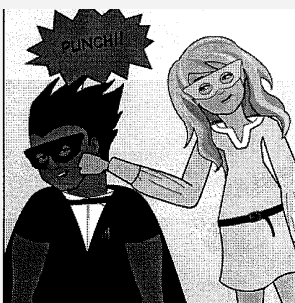
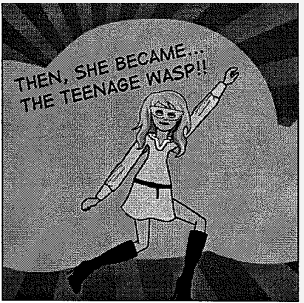
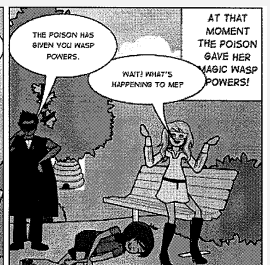
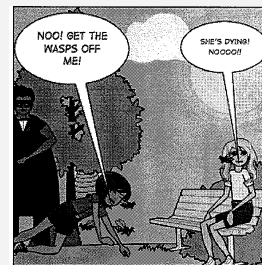
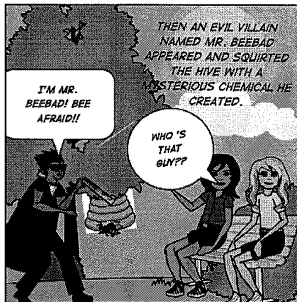
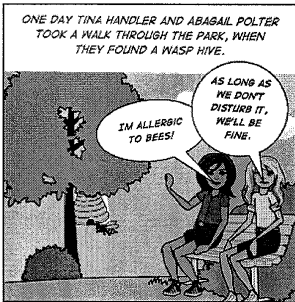
Shortly after they return from the Victory Tour President Snow announces the third quarter quell. A quarter quell happens every 25 years and it is always something different than the regular games. In this year's quarter quell two of the victors from earlier games will be chosen from each district to go into the games a second time. And since Katniss is the only living girl victor in district 12, she is going back into the games.

You will have to see the movie yourself to find out what happens next. The movie was excellent and I give it five stars!

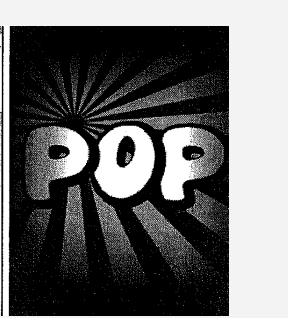
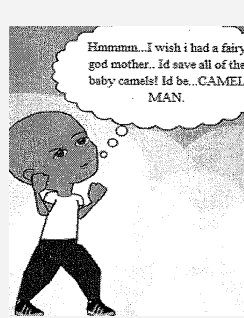
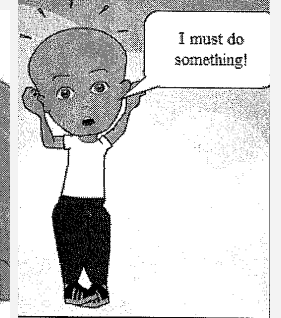
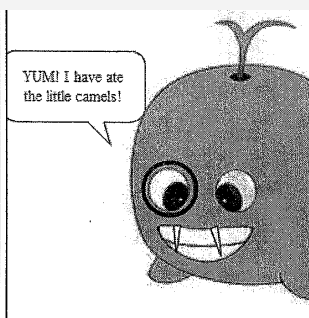
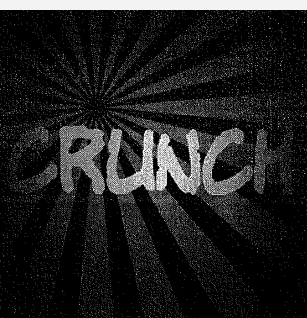
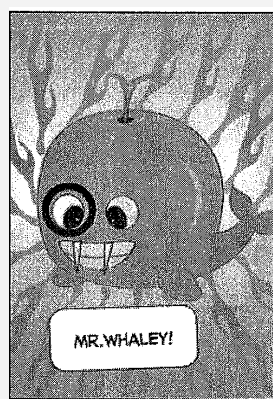
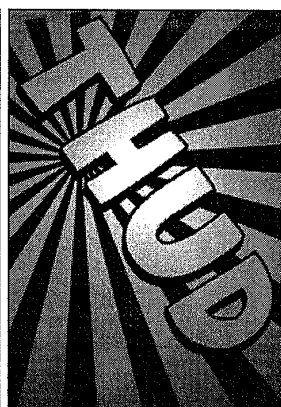
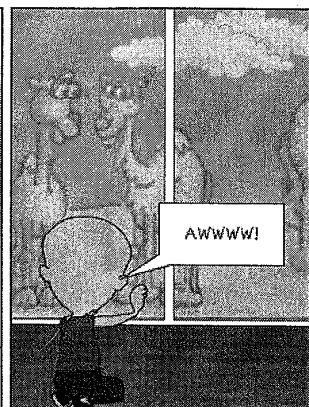
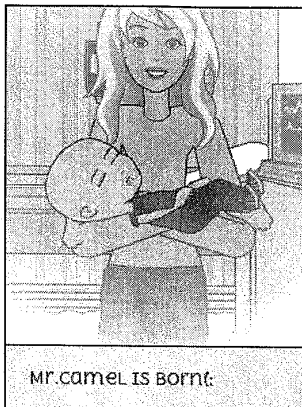


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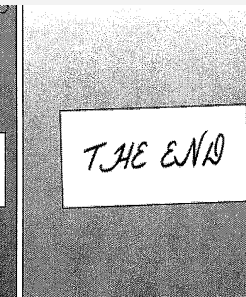
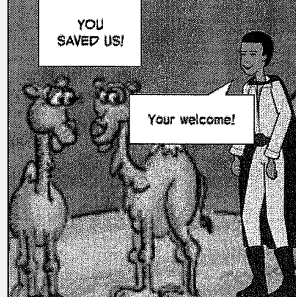
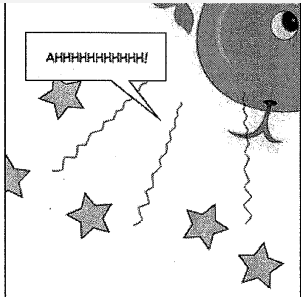
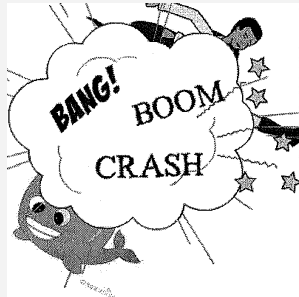
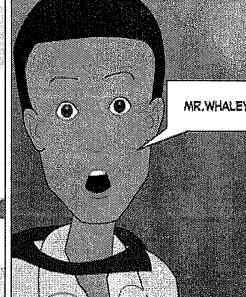
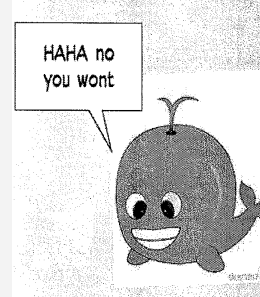
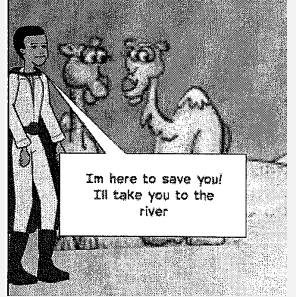
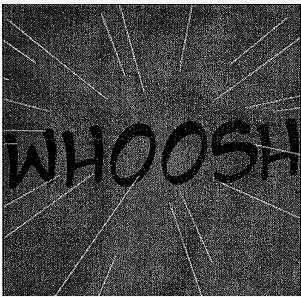
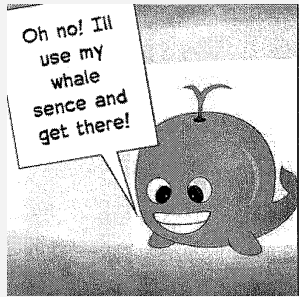
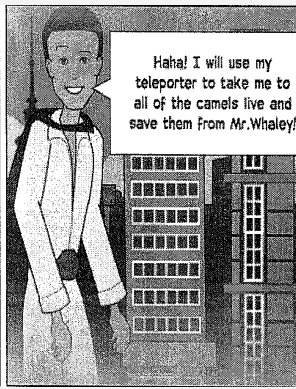
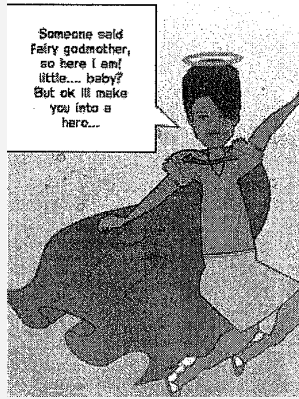
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COMIC/GRAPHIC NOVEL: Mr. Camel man







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