

THE DUEL

for kids!

"know thyself not be thyself"

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Fairy Tale Gone Wrong: It's Shrek, like you've never seen before!



Gather Round Kids,
It's Storytime!
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Once upon a time, in a land far, far, away, lived a fair maiden named Princess Fiona...who was a ginger. Fearing persecution for not abiding by ginger stereotypes like being fantastic at field hockey and naturally enjoying cheap whiskey, her regal parents put her in the highest room of the tallest tower guarded by a fierce dragon until they could successfully push the proper anti-anti-ginger legislation through parliament, or until first love's kiss, or the end of this sentence, seriously, it is so long, why do fairytales do this...

Don't look at me like that. This is a fairy tale, not Thomas fuckin' Pynchon. Keep reading.

For many years, FiFi waited faithfully (if you don't count xtube and IMDb pictures of John Stamos) for her prince to arrive. Desperate, she finally placed a personal ad in the Ye Olde Daily Bulle.

"This shall be a cinch!" thought the Princess. "I've got the looks of an internet t-shirt company model and a GPA to match!" She spent her free time polishing up her Facebook profile, hoping that special someone would invite her to his formal, where she'd give in to unspoken social expectations and pity-kiss him half-naked in a bathroom stall. A kiss is a kiss. Whatever.

Meanwhile, Lord Farquard, the handsomest man in a 3.6-klick radius, stumbled upon the fair maiden's advertisement. Like anyone with a Y chromo-some, he rushed to Facebook to check if he could estimate her cup size from her profile picture, if she was still single, and if her mom was a MILF.

After a quick F-book chat, Farquard agreed to rescue her from her tower while avoiding the grave peril, etc., etc.

Being a good trust fund legacy, Farquard outsourced his responsibility to a work-sudy ogre rounded up from the Bunde Swamp. 'Twas a chub-

by but endearing ogre named Shrek.

"What's in it for me?" asked the ogre.

"Um...how 'bout a talking Donkey? He's entertaining! Plus, you can pressure him to share his adderall and totally ace your finals!" Farquard reasoned. Shrek agreed.

After many days' journey, Shrek found the castle and fought the dragon by utilizing his amateur training in the Humanities. After convincing the dragon that its outsider status could be a source of empowerment, deriding the colonialist mindset that relegates it to merely guarding monarchs instead of fully participating in a democratic community of his peers and recommending he attempt to get signed into this sick 300 level CompLit seminar on Dragonic Theory, he climbed the tower to meet Fiona.

"You looked skinnier online," she sneered.

"Whatever, I'm not your guy, he just sent me here to rescue you," Shrek replied.

And then Fi — OH SHIT THE WALKING DEAD FINALE IS STARTING!

Sith Nazgul swept in and killed everyone! Ta-da! Go to bed, my shows are on.

The end.

Cool Teacher Corner

By Mr. Johnson '14
Miles of smiles Dept.

A Message to Faculty:

Treating students properly can be rough this time of the year, but by using a few simple tips, you can keep on being "that mildly cool professor" even in these trying times. For example, it's becoming increasingly common for students to skip meals for a little extra study time; bringing fun snacks such as cookies, trail mix, or jello shots can help keep your students nourished while providing just the right amount of excitement.

"That Econ class where the professor let us take swigs of the hooch from his briefcase was awesome!" Jim Bean '12 remembered. "I don't get why he mixed the girls' drinks separately, though..." Participatory learning, people!

Another thing you can do is have class outside for a change! Many mundane teachers only do this during the warmer summer months, but did you know cold air sharpens

the mind much more effectively? True story, bro! Be warned though, remaining in a Hamilton snow shower for longer than ten minutes will probably result in your entire class being entombed in several feet of snow. Poke a few breathing holes and be on your way, no one has to know!

Unlucky students often end up with multiple finals on the same day. Combat this by giving your final in a time slot you know no other teacher has! There are no finals scheduled between 2 and 5 AM on weekdays, so take advantage of it now, it won't last long! Additionally, our reliable poll (NO YOU CAN'T SEE THE NUMBERS, YOU COMMIES) tells us that many students find the hustle and bustle of main campus distracting; consider instead having your finals take place in a more relaxing location, like the field house, or better yet, the Root Glen. Yes, yes... Take them into Root Glen in the middle of the night... Oh, uh, *Ahem.*

Overworked students can easily get burnt out and unmotivated in these last few weeks, so keep them under your control! If their grade in the class slips significantly (our experts recommend anything below an A), contact Campus Safety to get a letter written home to their parents. Better yet, write it yourself! Be sure to use strong, vulgar language, and maybe throw in a few threats; remember, this is for the child's own good!

Write your own *Duel* Article: An INSANE-LIB

Really, It's Not Even That (Adjective)!

By. Mr. Boudreau '14
Minimal effort Dept.

([Unfortunate last name that can easily be rhymed with "jerk"] LIBRARY) As finals week approaches, many students are finding themselves increasingly [negative adjective]. As a result, they are starting to [verb] in order to pass their exams.

"Lately, I've found myself doing a lot of [commercially available drug that rhymes with 'pistol death'] in order to stay awake when I'm cramming in [academic building with a J in it]," [First Name of a Harry Potter character] [Last name that doubles as slang for fellatio] '13 said.

Other students are taking a more legal approach to their studies, as evidenced by [first name that a WASP would name their child] [last name that is a scientific principal, but not a scientific principal that's named after somebody's last name. I'm looking at you, Bernoulli] '14.

"Basically, I've just been trying to focus on studying for my [ridiculous class that will never be useful in real life] final by doing a lot of [activity that is best done away from your roommate]."

On the whole, it appears as though the campus has taken a/an [cynical adjective] approach to the end of the semester. Professors remain insensitive to students' struggles.

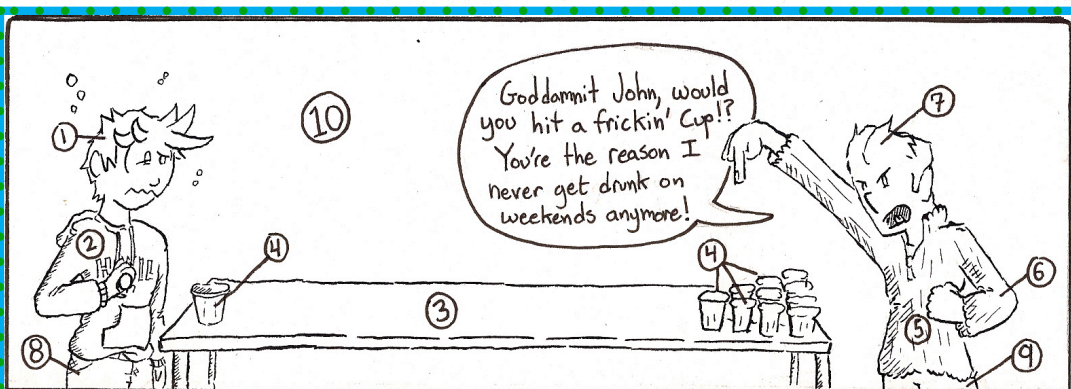
"Hey, I'm busy too!" Professor [Last name that is 70% vowels] said. "It's not like I'm sittin' on my ass here. I mean, I've got to do [generic household chore] and catch up on episodes of [television show that went off the air in the '90s]."

The Administration has taken a mixed view on students' studying methods. Although [labor-intensive snack food] has kindly been provided by [professor in the Women's Studies department], official college spokesman John Nitterman Jr. voiced a somewhat contrary opinion.

"I don't know why these kids are wasting time studying," Nitterman Jr. said, in between sips from a large bottle of [cheap, legal, generic, alcoholic beverage]. "I never studied for a single one of my exams at [college located in Hamilton, NY], and look how I turned out. Just [expletive ending in -in] fine!"



Stare at this optical illusion for 30 seconds. See a crazy old woman? That means you're going insane. Congratulations!



Mr. '13

Color by #s

- | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|--|
| ① Brown | ⑤ Royal Purple | ⑩ Umm...A darker pair of Jeans |
| ② Sweatshirt grey | ⑥ Serf Purple | ⑪ The background should be that |
| ③ Beer-Stained Beige | ⑦ Black like your soul | ⑫ Color you only saw that one time |
| ④ Solo cup Red | ⑧ Blue Jeans Blue | ⑬ you did Acid with Tony in the |
| | | ⑭ Glen. You Freaked out, but it was sick |

By Mr. Grebey '12, who understands the irony of having a black and white cartoon for the one color issue of *The Duel* for the year.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROCRASTINATE?

By Mr. Hostetter '13

That fat Al Ham! That fat Al Ham!
I do not like that fat Al Ham.
I do not like this research paper,
I do not like that final exam.

Exams and papers and work can wait!
Would you like to procrastinate?
I have a twelve-pager to write!
I have no time to slack tonight!

But you deserve a little rest!
Five minutes of Facebook,
then back to the test.
Five minutes on Facebook
turns into an hour!
This research needs doing
'fore my coffee goes sour.

But what if that person
replied to your post?
You need to flirt back
with a clever riposte.

I'll stalk people later,
there's work to be done!
My last grade in this class
was a seventy-one!

What's this? A text:
"come watch a movie!"
You can work on your paper
in front of the tubie.

I'll get nothing done
with those guys around!
My laptop and books
will just sit on the ground!

Well, you can have fun too
just sitting in Burke.
Turn on some music,
Lip-sync while you work!

If I turn on my music,
I'll enter a trance!
I can't write my paper
when I just want to dance!

Go away, procrastination,
I need to keep working!
I'm running out of time,
and I can't keep shirking!

But you're already slacking,
you gullible fool!
Instead of working,
you're reading *The Duel*!

Do-It-Yourself Theses Made Simple

By Mr. Van Tassell '13

Looking for a fun and hands-on thesis project? Don't worry, The Duel has ideas that will be fun for the whole family! The following suggestions were designed for developing college students and can be completed with materials found in your home!

How Volcanoes Work (Mrs. Parchinski's 3rd Grade Science Dept.): This elementary school science fair project is incredibly relevant to geological studies today. When proposing to your thesis committee, suggest playing a game of "The Floor is Lava" to stress the real-world applications of your research. But remember, kids: baking soda is NOT soda.

Fun as a Function of Sock Puppet Interactions (Ecology Dept.): On a scale of 1 to "Ice Cream!" how much fun are sock animals? Consider the socio-educational implications of wearing socks on all four limbs. Suggested references include the monthly scientific journal "Things Made of Clothes" and Dr. Edwin Greenbottom's influential dissertation, "My Left Hand is a Dinosaur."

Circle Vs. Square: The Search for Meaning in Geometric Shapes (Comparative Physics Dept.): This project is geared toward students who are looking for careers in the field of Identifying Symmetrical Objects. Students should be proficient in placing various shapes into holes of similar shapes and should be able to name and describe

HOMEMADE GIFT IDEAS: No Money, No Problem!

By Ms. Joyce '13

With the holiday season already upon us, it's time for obligatory gift-giving to family and friends. But for those students without Daddy's PIN who have already spent all of their drinking money, this time of the year can be particularly challenging. The following present suggestions can all be made from supplies in the typical dorm room and/or stuff you stole while drunk.

Flower Vase:
Materials: 1 bottle of Jack Daniels or 1 bottle of Stoli or, if too cheap, 1 can of Utica Club
Instructions: Drink contents of entire bottle, rinse out, and fill with flowers you swiped from your parent's center-piece

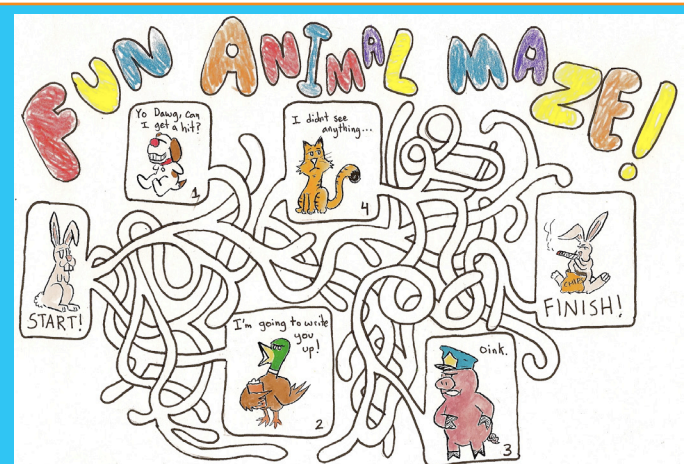
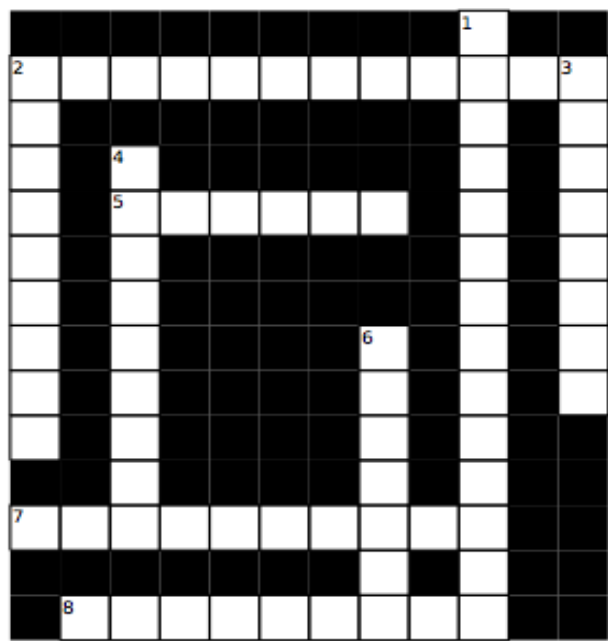
Solo Cup Tree:
Materials: Green solo cups, glue, duct tape



STD Symptoms:

By Mr. Schnacky '14

Edited by Will 'Slight Burning Sensation in my' Shortz



Help Blaze the Bunny find a place to chill out before finals!

Make sure to avoid:

- 1) Pooch the Mooch - He'll smoke all of your weed!
- 2) Ducky the Sucky RA - No fun at all!
- 3) Camp Po'(rk) - You've already got too many points!
- 4) Don't worry about Cool Cat - He's the cool RA!

By Mr. Grebey '12

shapes of up to four sides.

Plants: What Makes Them Grow? (Seriously, You Shouldn't Be In College Dept.): Here's another classic rainy day thesis that aims to answer a timeless question. Place one plant on the windowsill and another inside a dark closet. After three weeks, see which one has survived! This is a good pilot project for the more advanced topic, "How to Grow Pot in Your Dorm Room."

"Seeing and Not Seeing": Mysticism in American Pop-Up Books (Wizard Studies Dept.): Study the various magical properties of pop-up books, focusing on how images that are super big can be hiding inside a book that is super little. Due to risk of paper-cuts, *The Duel* suggests against constructing your own pop-up book without adult supervision.

How to Go Pee-Pee on the Big Boy Potty (Any Pretentious Liberal Arts Dept.): Your proposal should include an interactive demonstration.



Instructions: Glue cups into tree-like shape (use tape if you would prefer to disassemble into Beirut game halfway through Christmas dinner)

Alcoholic Gift Basket:
Materials: 1 empty basket (a plastic bag or recycling container will do), 1 bottle opener (or instructions for using your palm and a table), 1 kimono koozie from Mitsuba, whatever alcohol you didn't drink by the end of finals
Instructions: Put everything in basket

"Love" Coupons
Materials: blank sheet of paper, markers, scissors
Instructions: Cut paper into rectangles, decorate rectangles with promises to vacuum or give backrubs, forget about worthless coupons

Book Safe
Materials: 1 thick textbook (preferably paid for by parents and never opened), exacto-knife
Instructions: Cut out center of pages in book*, leaving a cavity perfectly sized for flask and/or weed, keep gift for yourself

*sober supervision required

- Across
2. Raised, flesh-colored lesions on the genitals, anus, or surrounding skin. They may appear as cauliflower-like growths
 5. Small, red bumps, blisters or open sores in the genital, anal and nearby areas
 7. A large, painful blister or ulcer which appears in genital area; may rupture
 8. Causes pain during urination, and if left untreated can result in kidney failure

- Down
1. Greenish yellow, possibly frothy vaginal discharge
 2. Thick, cloudy or bloody discharge from the penis or vagina
 3. A small, painless sore on the part of your body where the infection was transmitted, usually your genitals, rectum, tongue or lips
 4. Painful urination
 6. A contagious skin disease caused by a species of mite that is very small with itching, rashes, and sores on the skin from scratching and digging

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