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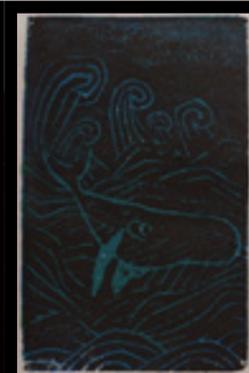
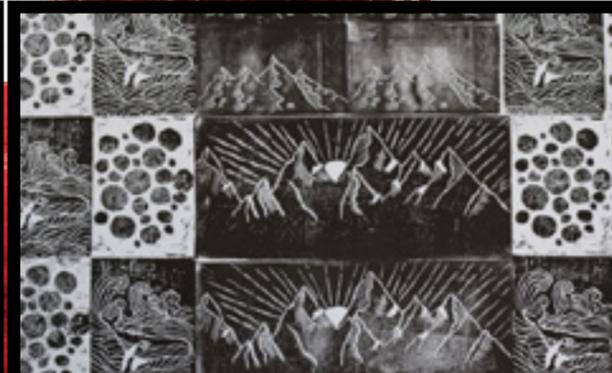
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~Continued Inside



Amy Smith



Happy Valentine's Day! In this fine month of February, we have held Kalabunga Daze. The dance has unfortunately been postponed for an undetermined length of time due to poor sales. Grad photo retakes will be taking place on February 14th. Grads are reminded to submit baby photos for the slide show if they have not submitted them already; the Yearbook deadline for baby photos has passed. Please send them to me or drop them in my box at the office. My email can be found at the office as well. Valentine's Day will be on the 14th, Angelman's Awareness Day will be on the 15th, (more about that below,) and Chinese New Year will be on the 16th. Leadership will be holding a Klub Fair once again on February 22nd. Several clubs, including Newspaper, Book Club and Environemntal Club will have sign-up sheets there. Other teachers who wish to sponsor a new club can contact me. I will provide sign-up sheets.

Please remember, the newspaper has an email, which is kalamalkanews@gmail.com. If you have any questions for Dr. Love, or if you want to join, or if you have any other newspaper-related business, or if you have information regarding the Klub Fair, please email us at the paper's email.

News

International Angelman Awareness Day

Today, that is, February 15th, is International Angelman Awareness Day. In case you weren't aware, Angelman Syndrome, after which the day is named, is a genetic disorder associated with delayed development, severe expressive language limitations with approaching typical receptive language skills, severe speech impairment, and problems with movement and balance (ataxia). Affected children also have recurrent seizures (epilepsy) and a small head size (microcephaly). Symptoms usually appear early in childhood. One prominent person who has been diagnosed with the syndrome is Edison Thomas, (not Thomas Edison,) Mr. Thomas's son. It is very important that we recognize Edison as an individual beyond his diagnosis. He has Angelman Syndrome just like someone who has Cancer, and under that he is a normal Grade 8 boy. He likes to hang out with friends and have fun just like everyone else. For more information about Angelman's Syndrome, see <https://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/condition/angelman-syndrome>.

- Rare: only about 1 in 15000 people have it,
- Causes delays in all areas of development,
- Most people have seizures,
- Most people LOVE water!
- Talking is REALLY hard and most never do,
- Most use pictures, gestures and computers (like iPads) to communicate,
- Walking is really hard and 10% never walk independently,
- Most are very loving, caring friends,
- LOVE TO LAUGH and SMILE,
- Most have a great sense of humour,

- Caused by a mutation of chromosome 15 (70% have a piece of it missing, called a "deletion"- that is Edison's type,)
- Most are really sensitive to heat,
- Some have hypopigmentation, (very light coloured hair, skin and eyes,)
- Some have Strabismus, (weak or uncoordinated eye muscles making one or both eyes turn out or in,)
- Most have sleep issues because they actually require less sleep than other people their age, and because their brains wake them up a lot,
- Hypermoteric- their bodies like to move almost constantly, but they find it really hard to coordinate their movements,
- Most are very determined and work really hard to learn new things and accomplish their goals, (Edison kept practicing climbing even when his arm was broken!)

All want to be understood and included :)

Media

Best Celebrity Couples

CAMILA & MATTHEW

Camila Cabello was spotted kissing relationship coach Matthew Hussey on a beach in Mexico as seen in photos published by E! News on Feb. 9th. Cabello and Hussey showed plenty of PDA as the former Fifth Harmony band member, dressed in a black bikini, polka dot cover-up and a white sun hat, walked hand-in-hand on the sand with the British dating expert, who wore a gray and white striped shirt, navy board shorts and sunglasses.

DANIELLE & PAUL

The Bachelor and Bachelor in Paradise alum

-by Alec Campbell

-by Alec Campbell

Danielle Maltby made her relationship with Big Brother star Paul Calafiore Instagram official on Jan. 29th by sharing two Polaroid photos of the couple at a friend's wedding. "Melting," Maltby wrote while Calafiore, who appeared on season 18 of the CBS franchise, captioned a similar photo with "Wedding season" and a red heart emoji.

SHAILENE & BEN

Although Shailene Woodley and Rugby player Ben Volavola were spotted packing on the PDA back in October 2017, the couple didn't make their couplehood official until they attended the Valentino Haute Couture Spring Summer 2018 show as part of Paris Fashion Week in France in January. The actress shared multiple photos on social media, including one photo of the two posing against a Valentino sign with the caption "This date tho."

AMBER & ELON

Despite breaking up because of their increasingly busy schedules in August 2017, Amber Heard and Elon Musk were spotted out together in January 2018. Heard was seen holding hands with the Tesla founder as they left a Sushi restaurant in Los Angeles. "They're definitely back together," a source close to the couple told People Magazine, but the reunion didn't last long. After a few months of dating, the Tesla founder and the Justice League actress called it quits once more. "Elon decided it was time to end it and Amber agreed. They both still care deeply for each other but the timing wasn't right," said a source close to the couple.

JOSIAH & LAUREN

Josiah Duggar has a very special new lady in his life. The 21-year-old Counting On star is courting 18-year-old Lauren Swanson; they told People Magazine exclusively in January. Swanson is the eldest of eight children and has been a family friend of the Duggars for years, even making an appearance on an episode of 19 Kids and Counting. "We are overjoyed to begin this new phase of our lives together. Through the years, our families' friendship has allowed us to get to know one another as friends. I can definitely say I have found a great friend ... even better than I could have hoped for or imagined," Duggar told People Magazine.

DANICA & AARON

Watch out sports fans, there's a new power couple in town! During an interview with the Associated Press in January, NASCAR driver Danica Patrick revealed that that the rumours about her relationship with Green Bay Packers player Aaron Rodgers are true. "Yes, Aaron and I are dating," Patrick confirmed, adding that the new couple had known each other for years after meeting at 2012 ESPY Awards.

NICK & MADELINE

Nick Jonas was photographed out to dinner with the Handmaid's Tale actress Madeline Brewer, (she plays Janine on the Hulu show,) on Jan. 11th following the Critics' Choice Awards. The pair's night came out two months after Jonas was seen out and about with Victoria's Secret model Georgia Fowler at his brother Joe Jonas's engagement party in New York City.

DAKOTA & CHRIS

Dakota Johnson and Chris Martin, who have been fueling romance rumors for months, were photographed jointly for the first time during a dinner date on Jan. 12th. The Fifty Shades of Grey actress and the Coldplay frontman grabbed food and drinks at Soho House in Malibu, California, where they were snapped with big grins on their faces. An eyewitness told People Magazine "Chris and Dakota arrived together in Chris' car. They met up with friends and had a fun night. They both seemed very happy. They were flirty, and also left the restaurant together."

MICHELLE & ANDREW

Michelle Williams has a new man in her life. The Golden Globe-nominated actress is dating New York financial consultant Andrew Youmans, a source confirmed by People Magazine. The couple is rumored to be engaged after the actress was spotted wearing what seemed to be an engagement ring. Youmans was first spotted with Williams in July 2017 when the couple strolled through the streets of Rome while she was filming All the Money in the World. The entrepreneur is a graduate of not one, but two Ivy League universities, Dartmouth College and Harvard Business School, according to his profile on Handel Group. He started his own operations management and consulting firm, Yomo Consulting, and served as president for 15 years before stepping down in 2011.

YOLANDA & HER MYSTERY BEAU

Yolanda Hadid told Entertainment Tonight on Jan. 8th that she is "so in love right now," revealing the happy news three months after her divorce from David Foster was finalized. "I'm very blessed to have found a beautiful love," she shared about her mystery businessman beau, whom she did not name. "I'm excited and it's all good. I'm off the market."

LAURA & BARON

Are they or aren't they? Laura Dern was photographed kissing basketball player Baron Davis outside the Beverly Hills hotel in late 2017, according to multiple outlets. Although a source close to the Big Little Lies star told People Magazine "they're good friends," we can't help but ship this coupling.

-by Caitlin Larnder

Short Story

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He swung his bag onto his shoulder as the bell rang and headed out the classroom door, his stomach twisting. He kept his head low as he walked down the stairs which he had nearly become a victim to yesterday. His cheeks flushed as he quickly sped past the giant wave of people marching down the stairs and into the main hall. It was then that Fin saw the blonde hair and freckles whom he was set to confront. He quickly dove behind a recycling bin. His heart beated fast in his chest as he peeked out from behind his hiding spot to see her walk around the corner. He breathed a sigh of relief and stood up. Fin towered above the sea of students, surveying the crowd. He spotted his friend Oakley and pushed through the mass of people to reach him. Oakley, a small, dark-haired boy smiled up at Fin and squeaked, “So you’re going to really ask her today? I saw you duck out of sight just then. You are like a giraffe trying to hide behind a coconut!”

Fin punched his arm and laughed, “I swear, I’m doing it today, this lunch hour!” He instantly dreaded sharing his plan with his one and only friend. Oakley was a great pair of ears, but the idea that he had expectations of Fin was stressing him out even more.

“So what’s the plan beanstalk?” Oakley said, still laughing. Fin laughed, but secretly became more anxious.

“I haven’t come up with one yet, but I have ideas...” Fin said uneasily.

“So you’re winging this, aren’t you?”

“Yeah.” Oakley patted Fin’s elbow, the highest

part of Fin he could reach. They headed off to their usual lunch spot to eat and discuss tactics for actually talking to a female.

The lunch hour was nearly over when Fin looked up at the clock and quickly stood up. “Lunch is almost over!” he said in a panic, “I’m going to miss my shot!” He quickly stuffed his half-eaten sandwich into his lunch bag and began dragging Oakley to his feet.

“Yeah, shot,” Oakley laughed at him. Fin scowled and pulled him off towards the commons. As they made their way down to the main eating hall, Fin’s palms became slick. He wiped them down his jeans and caught Oakley eyeing his clammy palms.

“How ya feeling Giraffe-boy?” he laughed half-heartedly. Noticing that Finn was thinking himself into a panicked state, he pulled him aside. “You don’t have to do this, but of course I’ll make fun of you forever if you don’t!” he joked, and with that he pushed Fin around the corner into the dreaded lunch room. From Fin’s high point of view he surveyed the room. No blonde hair or freckles to be seen. He breathed a sigh of relief mixed with disappointment.

“She’s not at her usual table,” Fin said to Oakley. They turned to leave again when Oakley said,

“She’s probably just in the washroom, or getting extra help, or-”

“Signing up for the play!” Fin cut him off.

“I was gonna say off with her group down by the park...” he said frowning up at Fin.

“No!” Fin said wheeling Oakley around, “Look who’s signing up for the school play!” And there she was, short and blonde with freckles sprayed across her happy face. She stood back from the sign-up sheet with a smile on her face. Fin made a move toward her but before he could reach her she had picked up her bag and disappeared into the crowd of students. With barely any hesitation, Fin strode forward and picked up the pen she left on the notice board with the sign-up sheet. With determination he leaned forward and promptly wrote his name below her’s. It was only after he had placed the pen down and turned to Oakley that he realized what he had done. Oakley stood there with a look of shock on his face.

“Didn’t picture you as the theatre type, but whatever floats your boat man!” Oakley laughed. Fin quickly spun back around and looked at his name written in permanent ink on the sign-up sheet for the school play. He backed away from the notice board and swiftly walked down the hallway to his locker with Oakley trailing behind, still laughing. Once they reached Fin’s locker, he slid down the wooden panels and sat with his long legs outstretched in the hallway.

“What am I going to do?” Fin mumbled. He pulled his hoodie strings to hide his face. “I don’t even act, or sing, or dance!” Oakley slid down the wall to join him on the floor.

“To be honest, you’ve gotten yourself into a bit of a pickle,” Oakley said, pulling his knees towards his chest. Just then they saw a flash of blonde hair ‘round the corner of the hall. Fin bolted to his feet and leaned casually against his locker. She walked quickly past with her headphones on, bouncing lightly to the beat of a song no one else could hear. She didn’t notice Fin, but just kept making her way down the hall further away from him. As Oakley watched her come around the corner, Fin slid back down the panel door of his locker.

“She’s unattainable!” Fin said pulling his phone from his pocket.

“It’s not like she spoke to you and shut you down,” Oakley said exasperatedly. “Just try and talk to her!” Fin shook his head and pulled out his earbuds as he stood up.

“There’s no point, Oakley,” Fin said defeatedly. “Let’s just go to class.”

To be Continued...

Interview

Interview w/ Two International Students

The following is an interview with our 2 Japanese students at school. Abby Poulin conducted the interview; Alec Campbell sat nearby. The first to arrive was Daiki Shimokawa. The second has requested that we not publish her name.

Q: What are your names?

#1: My name is Daiki Shimokawa.

(#2 requests that her name not be published.)

Q: Which prefectures are you from?*

*Prefectures are the provincial jurisdictions of Japan, of which there are 47.

#1. I’m from Kanagawa, (Located in Kantou Region.)

#2. Niigata. (Chuubu region.)

Q: When did you come here?

#1. I came here in September.

Q: First impressions of Canada?

#2. I came from Vancouver to Vernon. I didn’t really see anything in Vancouver, but it still seemed very different.

#1. I really like the culture here. It’s very different, and there are multiple different cultures in Canada.

Q: That’s really nice. Aside from the culture, what are the base differences from Canada & Japan that you notice in your everyday life?

#2. Food, definitely. It’s so much more different here.

#1. I come from a really crowded place, and I’ve found that it’s so much less crowded here. Houses, apartments and streets are all less crowded.

Q: Where did you live in Japan?

#1. I lived in a house.

#2. Apartment.

Q: I’ve heard about things like how there are no built-in ovens in houses in Japan. Is that true?

#1. Definitely. We had to buy the oven in my house separately.

Q: What do you like to do here?

#1. I really like to snowboard, which is great, because I can’t do that a lot in Japan. (Winter isn’t as long.)

#2. I like to ice skate, but there’s not a lot of that in Japan.

#1. I also really like to play soccer. In Japan we don’t have a soccer/baseball/basketball season; we can play many sports whenever we want there.

Q: So team sports are largely the same, I take it?

Do you play any team sports here?

#1. I played soccer and I did snowboarding this year. I will be playing Rugby later.

Q: Favorite hobbies?

#1. I really like to do sports, hang out with my friends, have good food and go shopping.

Q: Do you miss Japan?

#1. Yeah, absolutely.

#2. Yes.

Q: You said before that Canadians are very nice?

Expand on that.

#1. Oh yeah. They’ve said on TV they said Canadians are nice, and they really are.

Q: Do you feel accepted at school?

#2. Kinda. Some parts. It could be much better.

Q: How is English for you, from the perspective of someone with a second language? How is it different?

#1. I can speak and tell people what exactly I want to do in Japanese, but in English it’s so much harder. I can tell how I feel and want to do easily in Japanese.

#2. I can say things much more emotionally in Japanese, but not nearly as much in English. Words are different.

Q: So it’s much harder to articulate in English?

#1. Yes, it’s much harder.

Q: With all the grammar differences, I’m really impressed with you guys for taking it on. What did you expect here? How did your experience differ?

#1. I thought English 10/11/12 would be very hard. It wasn’t that bad. I lived in the USA for a while, so it hasn’t been hard to communicate with my friends here, but classes like English, Science and some others are hard.

#2. (Japanese Japanese) Uuuummmm... I’m not sure what to say, but same as him.

Q: So English itself wasn’t very hard, but learning things in English was?

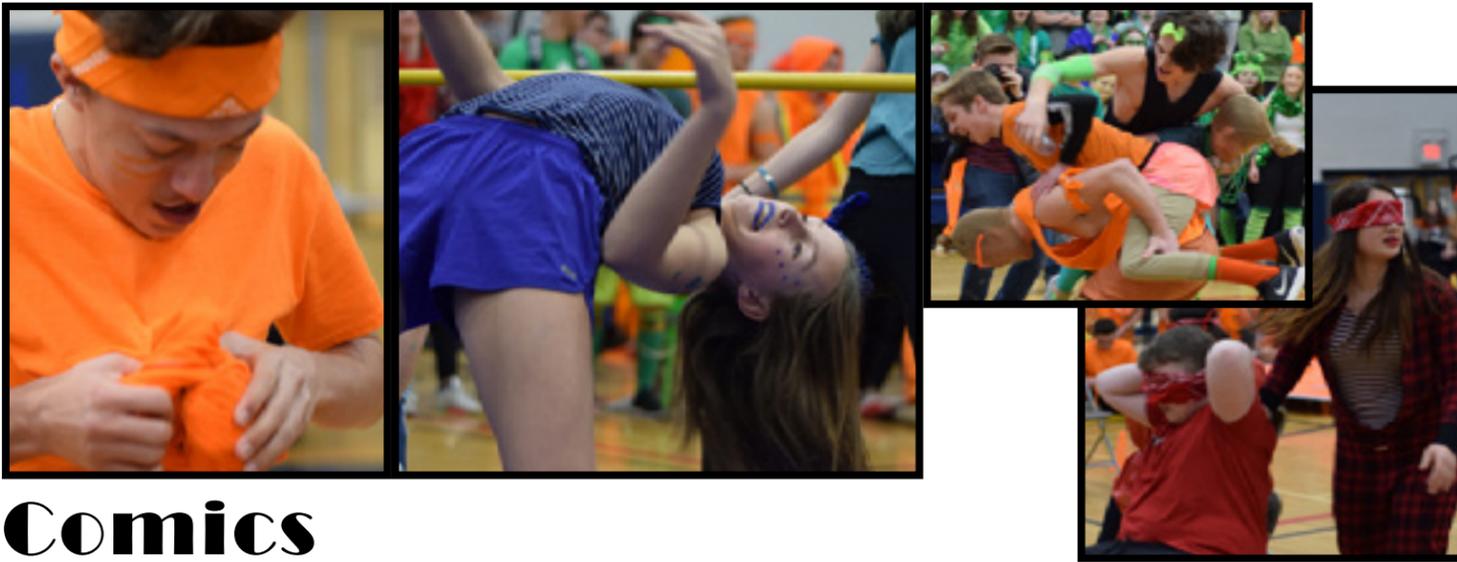
#2. Communicating wasn’t too hard, no.

Q: If someone from here went to Japan, what advice would you give?

Alec: I am actually planning to go on a trip to Japan. Mrs. Cooper is going to be organizing that.

#1. That’s cool! I think if you don’t understand something, don’t ever be afraid to ask. Learn a little bit about proper manners in Japan before you go. Do that, and it will be much easier.

-by Abby Poulin



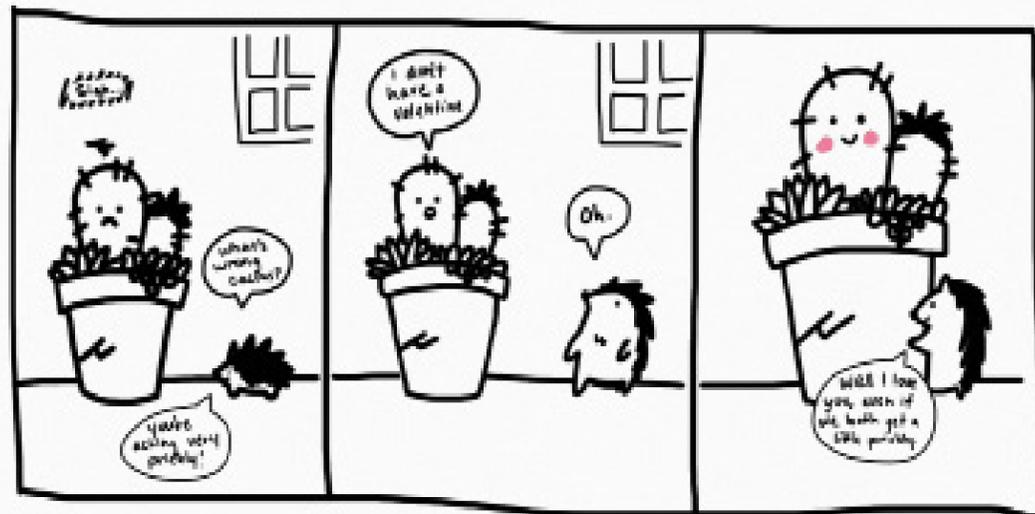
Comics



Prickly Love

-by Kiera Byrnes

Text:
Cactus: "Sigh"
Porcupine: "What's wrong, Cactus?" "You're acting very prickly."
Cactus: "I don't have a Valentine."
Porcupine: "Oh."
Porcupine: "Well, I love you, even if we both get a little prickly."



Dr. L♥ve*

Your questions, fantastic answers - 100% Guaranteed**

Ah yes, it's that time of the year my beautiful little anonymous friends. It's Valentine's Day! This means I've got a lot of questions. Some of them, unfortunately, cannot be put into this page, but I will admit I did get a great laugh out of them. I did my best to answer the questions that I can put in here, and I hope everyone, single or not, has a happy Valentine's Day.

Sincerely, Dr. Love of the Love Goods.

Q: Dear Dr. Love, what do I do if I love food more than my boyfriend?
 -Anonymous

A: Well, that's very simple. Buy more food, and if your boyfriend disagrees, just steal all of his food and leave him. Food is great. I too love food more than most people, because food, food you can't live with, but people you can probably live without.
 -Dr. Love of the Love Goods

Q: Dear Dr. Love, what do I do if my boyfriend says I need to lose weight?
 -Anonymous

A: Well, my dear little anonymous... Wait, what did that guy say to you? How dare he! You are beautiful just the way you are, and you don't need to lose weight. Your boyfriend should love you the way you are and not want to change you in any way. So, my advice is to tell him that you don't need to lose weight, or really just get a better boyfriend that will respect you and your wishes.
 -Dr. Love of the Love Goods

Q: Dear Dr. Love, I've been trying to pick up girls, but they don't like my pickup lines. I need some more please.
 -Big Booty John

A: Well John, you're in luck. I have a few pickup lines that probably won't work due to them being so cheesy and completely horrible, and I don't recommend you use them. (Nah, you should probably use them anyway.) Hope you get a good laugh out of them:

- Are you from Tennessee? Because you're the only 10 I see.
- Are you a camera? Because every time I look at you, I smile.
- If I were a cat, I would spend all 9 lives on you. (Aww, how puuurfect.)
- Do you like Nintendo? Because Wii would go together easily. (This one is my favorite.)

-Dr. Love of the Love Goods

Q: Dear Dr. Love, how do I get a date on Valentine's Day?
 -Anonymous

A: Well my dear little anonymous, you don't have to get a date for Valentine's Day. I know it sucks to see a lot of happy couples that just remind you that you're single, but just be proud of being single. There nothing wrong with it. With that said, if you really are set on getting a date, I recommend you use some of the pickup lines. Those will definitely work. Even if they don't, just buy him/her some ice cream and get that person to be your Valentine.
 -Dr. Love of the Love Goods

Q: What do I do if I am forever alone?
 -Anonymous

A: Buy some cats, get some ice cream and watch Twilight to remind yourself how lonely you are. I'm just kidding! I believe that no one is really forever alone and that there is a match for everyone out there. You just have to be patient enough to find him/her. In the meantime, enjoy being single.
 -Dr. Love of the Love Goods

If you wish to send me a question, please write it on a piece of paper and place it in the news's question box in the office. Alternatively, you can also send your question to kalamalkanews@gmail.com. Please note that your question must be appropriate, or else it may not be used. When writing, you may use your own name or use a fake name; it's all up to you.

**Doctor Love might not be a professional, and may or may not be human. We will check one of these days. Our Dr. Love has a theoretical degree in relationship drama- er, love, and a perfect PHD in theoreticalness. Real word, I made it up. We do not take responsibility for the cosequ- uh, loving relationships.

Happy Valentine's Day!