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"There is nothing more deceptive than an obvious fact." ~The Boscombe Valley Mystery

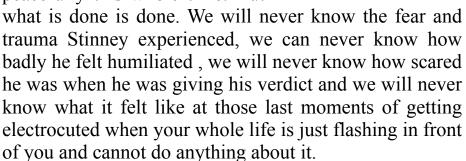
JUSTICE, ARE YOU REALLY THERE?

~Antareeksha Maibam.

Dirty, scoundrel, lowlife, murderer. These were the words which George Stinney Jr. heard moments before his death. Who is he that you ask now? Well, he is a fourteen-year-old boy who was electrocuted to death for a crime he never committed. Yes, that's right. He became America's youngest prisoner sentenced to death only to know 70 years later that he was innocent. As someone around his age, I can't even imagine what it must have felt like to know that you are going to be subjected to a painful death for something you didn't even do.

It all started back the 40's when police found the dead bodies of two girls brutally murdered, beaten over the head with a railroad spike and dumped in a water-logged ditch. They belonged to a white family who had earlier come to inform the police of their missing daughters. The family was horrified at the tragedy which struck them and immediately wanted justice to be served for their daughters. But maybe at that time justice was at the hands of the higher-ups and the higher-ups favoured the one who was deemed powerful at the time. The case was small as the convict was arrested in a day's time. But it was big as the convict was a fourteen-year-old black boy who was questioned alone in a small room without his parents and his attorney. The victim's family said they always suspected him and their gut feeling told them that he was the one responsible. For me it was a case of scapegoat; they wanted to blame it on someone so they blamed it on him. The police, without any hesitation, arrested him. The case was over in two hours in court and his punishment was decided in a matter of ten minutes. It's so strange that without any evidence the entire system blamed everything on a young terrified boy who at that point of time must have been so scared to fight back. Even his lawyer went against him and hence he was sentenced to death. Imagine the fear in those eyes and the thoughts which would have come to him while awaiting his death. And what's worse is those few days before his death he was subjected to all kinds of humiliation, abuse and what not. He was not allowed to receive any gifts which his family gave and he was not allowed to see his parents for 82 days before the day of his hanging. Years later in the 21st century, the case was reinvestigated due to popular demand from his supporters and it was then that the judge concluded that Stinney was convicted wrongly and was innocent the

entire time. People rejoiced, happy that justice was finally provided for that young boy and there w a s tremendous amount of backlash against the white boy



Usually, we talk about an issue which addresses a global crisis, something which is currently happening in the world. But as we do aren't we overlooking the past? We are born in a country and are being raised in a school in which equality across all races is maintained but now and then someone will come up and accuse the other of doing something they never did. No matter how small and boring that issue might be, like stealing a pen and blaming it on others it still shows how quick we are to blame and believe that the person in question had done that deed without any solid evidence. Take into consideration the current issues of the high rise in the fake cases of domestic violence against women where the husband didn't even raise his hand but just to get some advantage, the wife falsely blames her partner and the public believes it. My point is if we want to change these small things in ourselves we need to know our past and know what can happen if we don't stop our blame game. Today we are blaming a person for something really petty but tomorrow we might blame them for something really big. Is it something we can live with for

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the rest of our days?

THE FOREVER YOUNG CULTURE OF MIS

~ Sneha Saha

Heard of K-POP? Of course you have. Either because of the inscriptions on your desk and chair where hopeless romantics profess their love by expressing their desires to marry Korean boys that you must have vaguely heard the names of because of your seemingly crazy cubie/dorm mate who can't stop talking about them and singing (more like bellowing) out lyrics that sounds gibberish. There can also be a third alternative where you are that person who lovingly writes those birthday countdowns for Jimin and Chanyeol, not caring about the vandalism of school property or the annoying roommate who won't stop screaming 'Kill This Love 'at the top of their lungs. Either way, the point is that if you're a MIStar, whether you like it or not you're familiar with the idea of K-POP.

Wildfire is one way to put the speed at which it has spread throughout the school. MIStars have seen the high and low of K-POP. Ranging from the devotees who would jump off a cliff if Jackson Wang told them to and the wannabe's who point at Jihyo and call her Jenny. From the desperate fangirls saving up to see their 'OPPA' in one of those ridiculously expensive concerts. Of course, we can't leave out the 'Koreaboos' who try only to fail miserably to talk in Korean. Whatever anyone thinks of K-POP, it has grown to be a big part of this school's pop culture. So dear fangirls, who save their allowance just to buy their merchandise, and dear ignorant people who don't even know about the existence of all of this, the K-wave is going forth and taking the world by a storm. So be ready to be swept away with it, if you haven't been already.

A BIRD'S NEST

Muskan Mittal (VII A)

You can see that, in the first picture there is a beautiful Source unknown bird and in the second picture there is a small house of bricks made by a tiny bird.

So, these pictures show us that even a small bird can build a beautiful home made of bricks. Now the question arises that she doesn't have hands, she cannot pay money to someone and say, "please build a house for me." Then how can she build a house? The answer is by doing hard work.

See the picture carefully and you will observe that she is collecting those flowers, leaves and bricks to build a house. It is very easy for us to do that but not for that small bird. First, she takes one flower and goes back to keep it. Then she comes to take another brick and leaf and goes back. She repeats the process till she reaches her goal. She does not feel lazy like we humans do. She is carrying all that in her mouth. Would you ever like to carry something like that in your mouth? Sometimes we can also learn many things from these birds, insects etc.





Every small thing in this world can teach us something so take inspiration, a lesson from everything. Have you seen the people, who don't have hands, don't have legs or they are suffering from some disease? They actually know the meaning of hard work. If they want they can write with their legs and walk on their hands. We think that is impossible for us.

You should always remember that nothing is impossible in this world, hard work is the key to success. When you want to achieve something, you have to work hard for it. Just sitting and thinking about your future will not make your future bright. The way no one can stop the sun to from rising that's the way no one stop the MIStars from achieving their goals. She – Panthers cannot shy away from facing challenges. You need to say bye to darkness and meet the brightness of your life because we are the She – Panthers.

THE POTATO VERDICT

~ Potato Queen

How cool is it to be proved wrong right up to your face? Very cool right? Ever been bothered to interrogate (I mean question) yourself? Why bother? (surely what you might have thought) Here, this *aloo* brings the new challenge to all the readers – test your smartness level.

Dearest she-panthers, ma-panthers and pa-panthers, **never** underestimate yourself, not that I mean that you shall start placing yourself next to those "sir oracles" but the least you can do is get your *facts* right. Pretending to have knowledge about everything (existent or not) is not really cool. I definitely promote the idea of learning from wherever you can but do look up the accuracy too. I guess most of the population in MIS, would bother to think about the consequences of debating over something they might not even have heard about. Right!?

Shout out to everyone who thinks they are better than Sherlock Holmes at his job by assuming that poor tenth grader to be THE POTATO QUEEN, my TRUE identity will be out; it is supposed to be.

Happy Assuming!

JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- Amongst the California wildfires and the air problems in China, North India's taking up the top place on Earth for battling the severe pollution.
- Flash mob rallies in downtown Hong Kong district
- After hiatus, Rajapaksa brothers set to dominate Sri Lanka again
- Israel kills Islamic Jihad commander in Gaza, another targeted in Damascus
- India finally join the pink ball party in Bangladesh series
- Alibaba's Singles' Day sales hit record \$38 billion; growth slows
- United Sates 'very actively' asking North Korea to return to talks South Korea



What Are They?

What are they?

Are they pearls,

Or diamonds shining in the sky?

Which only appear in the dark night.

Are they torches which shine on their own?

Or eyes of black monsters playing hide and seek on their own.

Sometimes they even make a mountain peak.

What are they?

They break their legs and from such a height!

Are they sprinkles of silver mines

Or are they silver starfish glowing in the sky.

What are they?

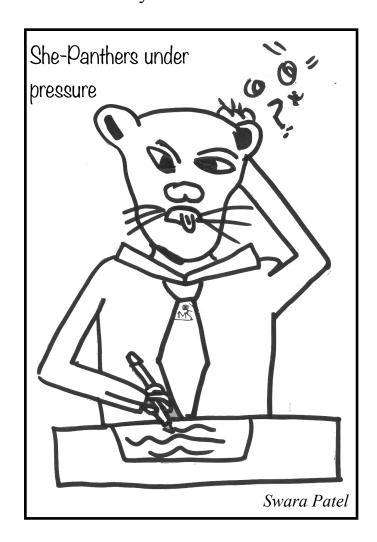
Can I climb a ladder to touch them?

What are they?

Are they droplets of mercury scattered in the sky?

Or are they silver birds flying in the sky?

What are they?



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PREVIOUSLY ON DIWALI

~ The Indian Rupanzel

What's good homies? Or should I say She – Panthers? Speaking of which, our mascot was killer. Sport's Day was an extremely tough competition but sorry to say that the so called Gayatri legacy broke and the trophy came back home. When most of the She-Panthers went home, the others watched Housefull 4 and those who watched Sandh Ki Aankh missed out. The only thing you could hear in the hallways from that day onwards was 'Bala, Bala, Bala'. Looks like 10's farewell dresses are turning into birthday dresses. But that's not the sad part, the sad part is 9's and 11's stay warm and cozy in their dorms whereas the others are most likely to get frostbite. But when it comes to Halloween, they will be "compelled to do the same". In the end I would like to say, don't fall under bad influence kids or you might just be shifted from your dorm.

SIMON SAYS

Look your face in mirror (Honourable Senior Editor)

My hair is shrinking. (Umang)

Welcome to back (Mr. Rajeev Negi)

Plaaagarism
(Accented French of the French Editor)

Did you understood (Sukhbani)

Sir monkey (Fearless She-Panthers)

I don't want any bit of noise here (Jr. Cubie Ma-Panther)

Call is going (Miss swing along)

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