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Squad Halt!

Aditya Bhattacharya reports on the 76th Inter-House PT Competition held on May 1

On Tuesday, May 1, the Main Field was a haze of colours. Three hundred fifty odd boys and a few girls stood perspiring in the seemingly never-ending ground, awaiting their turn and their fate. The 76th Inter-House PT Competition had begun. Year after year in this competition, boys never fail to astound the audience with a showcase of their grit, determination and coordination. PT is an activity that requires all three aforementioned qualities, along with another quality, which is probably the most important: unselfishness. This attribute is most demanding, and it was displayed by all houses this year.

This year's PT competition was not free from its share of problems. The greater part of the first month of term was devoid of any organized PT as the PT Leaders had not been appointed. However, as



soon as the Leaders were appointed, with Dhruv Agarwal as School PT Leader, all squads began training. Throughout the greater part of the term, the squads trained without the S formers which led to a problem. The new S formers joined the squads after their break and helped increase the numbers of their respective squads. However, some of them left for exchange and

various other programmes which cost many squads their members. The SCs played a sterling role as they fully cooperated with their leaders and were there for PT every morning. But it was only when the competition began that their efforts were realised. First up was Hyderabad House, with Nabeel Shah leading the senior squad, and Sambhav Sethia leading the junior squad. Their performance was commendable, with the juniors performing their exercises well, but the seniors lacked coordination. They were followed by Tata House, with the senior squad led by Sanat Kumar Thakur and the junior squad led by Banda Mann Singh Lamba. Despite putting in their best effort, both squads put up a lacklustre performance. Kashmir House was next, with Nivit Kochhar leading the senior's charge, and Alawi Singh the junior's. They gave the remaining Houses something to think about, putting up a fine display of coordinated exercises. However, some issues which arose during falling in and aligning the squads cost them heavily. Yuv Khosla and Tanmay Kapoor then led the senior and junior squads of Oberoi House respectively, and they showed the judges why they deserved the Gong. Their collective brilliance was evident. The last House to do PT was the one billed as the favourites for winning their fifth Gong in a row; Jaipur House. Dhruv Agarwal's senior squad pulled off an impressive table, as did Madhavan Saklani's junior squad. However, they did not match up to the performance of Oberoi House, as the results were soon going to reveal. The competition ended with speeches from both the School Senior PT Leader, Dhruv Agarwal, and the Chief Guest, Dr Peter McLaughlin. Dhruv Agarwal picked up a well-deserved Best PT Leader award. Oberoi House won the Gong after a gap of 5 years, Jaipur House finishing a close second.

All in all, it was a magnificent display of PT and as the Headmaster said, it did the whole school proud to see all those Houses come out together, not as form-mates, seniors or juniors, but collectively as teams. We surely look forward to more of such praiseworthy and exceptional competitions.

Results

The following are the results of the **Inter-House PT Competition:**

Juniors	Seniors	House
1st: Oberoi	1st: Oberoi	1st: Oberoi
2nd: Hyderabad	2nd: Jaipur	2nd: Jaipur
3rd: Jaipur	3rd: Kashmir	3rd: Kashmir
4th: Kashmir	4th: Tata	4th: Tata
5th: Tata	5th: Hyderabad	5th: Hyderabad

Best PT Leader: Dhruv Agarwal

OUT OF THE STADIUM

The following boys have been awarded **Cricket Colours**:
Half Colours: Eeshat Tiwary, Arjun Khanna, Siddharth Sethi, Arjun Midha

Full Colours: Adhiraj Singh, Kabir Sethi, Dhruv Agarwal
 Congratulations!

SMASHING!

The School Badminton Team played friendly matches against **The Aryan School**. The School Team **won** the singles event **8-0** and the doubles event **3-2**.

The School Squash Team played friendly fixtures against **IMA**. In the fixtures, Ishaan Sandhu **won 3-2**, Dhananjay Bansal **won 3-2**, Tanmay Kapoor **lost 2-3**, Rishiraj Deva **won 2-1** and Devansh Agarwal **won 1-0**.

The Sub-Junior School Table Tennis team **defeated The Aryan School** in the singles team event **3-0** and in the doubles the team event they **lost 0-2**.

The Junior School Table Tennis team **defeated The Aryan School** in the singles team event **3-0** and in doubles event **2-0**.

Well done!

IH PLAY

Following are the results of the **Inter-House One Act Play Competition, 2012**:

Best Brochure: Hyderabad House

Best Director: Sanat Verma (Hyderabad)

Best Supporting Actor: Gaurav Kothari (Jaipur)

Best Actor: Mrigank Khemka (Tata) and Devesh Sharma (Hyderabad)

House Positions:

1st: Hyderabad

2nd: Kashmir

3rd: Jaipur

4th: Oberoi

5th: Tata

Congratulations!

STEREOTYPIC STEREOTYPES

Dhruv Agarwal presents his views on stereotypes that are being formed in School

This is to address the school community and especially *The Doon School Weekly* about the stereotypes that are being formed. *The Week Gone By* that was published last week stated 'How can we forget the shockingly articulate speech made by the Senior PT Leader'. It is quite simple, people are not appreciated if they do something that is not expected from them. This is due to the stereotypes that are formed by the community. Why should it come as a shock if I spoke to the community 'articulately'. Whenever one tries to do something different, and extract all the opportunities from School, they are criticized. Their development is hindered as they are unable to explore all opportunities that School provides. This is because of the excessive levels of criticism one receives. Why can't a good sportsman be a good speaker? Why is it that only the members of the Editorial Board of the *Weekly* can understand debates? I understand that people have their interests and stereotypes are inevitable, but we should think with a broader perspective and not make comments which are unnecessary or derogatory in nature, especially in the *Weekly*.

Opinion oll



Do you think stringent measures need to be adopted to discourage the school community from littering?

Next Week's Question:
 Does morning toy help you prepare better for Trials?

(405 members of the School community were polled)

Dosco Doodle

Madhav Dutt



One-Act Play Competition: Diversity!

Minutes of the School Council Meeting
Saturday, March 27, 2012, 3:00pm in the Nandlal Kilachand Library

The following were present for the meeting:

1. Dr. Peter McLaughlin	Headmaster (Chairman)
2. Mr. Philip Burrett	Deputy Headmaster
3. Dr. MC Joshi	Dean of Activities
4. Mr. Deepak Sharma	Dean of Sports
5. Mr. PK Nair	Dean of Studies
6. Mr. A Qezilbash	Dean of Students' Welfare
7. Mr. Piyush Malaviya	Dean of External Affairs
8. Mr. Debashish Chakrabarty	Housemasters' Representative
9. Mr. AK Mandhian	Teachers' Representative
10. Mrs. Sarabjeet Sandhu	Dames' Representative
11. Yuv Vir Khosla	School Captain
12. Aditya Gupta (Stand-in for Siddhanth Sachdev)	Prefects' Representative
13. Yash Jalan (Stand-in for Nabeel Shah)	H House Senior Representative
14. Abhishek Bansal	H House Senior Representative
15. Rohan Chaudhri	H House Junior Representative
16. Saksham Goyal	H House Junior Representative
17. Karan Singh	J House Senior Representative
18. Advait Jha (Stand-in for Karan Kairon)	J House Senior Representative
19. Rahil Chamola	J House Junior Representative
20. Tanmay Gupta (Stand-in for Sahir Chaudhary)	J House Junior Representative
21. Abhijeet Karwa	K House Senior Representative
22. Nivit Kochhar (Stand-in for Madhav Dutt)	K House Senior Representative
23. Devansh Agarwal	K House Junior Representative
24. Ashvin Solanki	K House Junior Representative
25. Raj Surana	O House Senior Representative
26. Animesh Jain (Stand-in for Nakul Talwar)	O House Senior Representative
27. Manan Pradhan	O House Junior Representative
28. Samarth Juneja (Stand-in for Shourya Kishorepuria)	O House Junior Representative
29. Arjun Parmar	T House Senior Representative
30. Aviral Gupta	T House Senior Representative
31. Nikhil Saraf	T House Junior Representative
32. Smayan Sahni	T House Junior Representative

Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting

Yuv Vir Khosla proposed the Minutes and Aditya Gupta seconded the Minutes.

Matters arising from the previous meeting

2. Reviewing whether ScLeavers should be allowed to play any Inter-House Competition

Dr. Peter McLaughlin reminded the Council, especially the Sc Formers, that ScLeavers would not be allowed to participate in the Inter-House Competitions next year. Mr. Deepak Sharma brought to the notice of the Council that there was a match played between the School Cricket Team and the ScLeavers and he hoped that from next year they could resume the T20 Tournament, in which ScLeavers would be allowed to participate.

3. Review of the resurfacing of Skinners

Mr. Deepak Sharma told the Council that the process would take longer than expected. Thus the fields would only be ready later in the term and he would notify the Council regarding any further developments.

4. Concise scheduling of the calendar

Mr. Phillip Burrett informed the Council that the committee that makes the calendar has taken this into consideration. He also conveyed his hope of improving the calendar next term.

Proposals of the Current Meeting

1. Café should be started for the entire School on a daily basis

Nivit Kochhar informed the Council about his concern that there would be a 11-hour gap between dinner and Chotta Hazri. Mr. Phillip Burrett told the Council that café is served to the entire School during Test Week and Trials. The major concern was that of serving healthy café. Yash Jalan told the Council that it would be preferable to serve biscuits, as they would be healthier than pizzas and they could also be stored if boys were not feeling hungry at night. Aviral Gupta started a discussion of a House Pantry. Mr. Phillip Burrett said that it would be up to the Houses to decide for themselves what they would want. Abhishek Bansal made clear to the Council that it would be better if the Council took a decision for all Houses instead of allowing House Councils to decide as then there would be some uniformity. Mr. Debashish Chakrabarty conveyed his regards about D Formers, as it would be redundant to serve café like chips and pizzas to them, as their Lights Out time was 9:30. Yuv Vir Khosla said it would be good if healthy café was served.

2. There should be free seating in the CDH for the entire School on holidays and weekends

The Chairman told the Council that it would be necessary for boys to follow rules by sitting where they were meant to during dinner and only then would this proposal be discussed in the following meeting.

3. Refurnishing of the furniture in the Main Building

Abhishek Bansal told the Council that there was a need to improve the damaged furniture. Yash Jalan also added that the improvement was necessary. The Chairman informed the Council that the Main Building was a British heritage and its interiors needed remodelling. He also said that replacement was necessary and is scheduled. Furthermore, Aditya Gupta told the Council that it would be better for students if they were provided better quality desks during their Board Exams. Mr. PK

(continued overleaf)

Nair said that he would look into the matter, but the problem was that tables were moved from the Main Building to the rooms of Sc Form boys, which led to a shortage. He said that he would come back to the Council in the next meeting with solutions to this issue.

4. Remedial Classes should be held after lunch or after dinner

Yash Jalan told the Council that remedial classes that were held should be restarted to help uninterested and weak students who may require extra help in a particular subject. The Chairman said that remedial classes are generally for students who suffer from dyslexia or other such problems. He added that no student who wished to waste their time could be helped in any way. Aditya Gupta brought to the notice of the Council that boys who return from various School trips are also affected and they would need help outside the classroom to cover up. The Chairman said that the School was looking at the possibility of having virtual classes for these boys.

5. Usage of Grounds behind Jaipur House

Abhishek Bansal raised a query regarding how the grounds were going to be used as there had been some speculation. Dr. Peter McLaughlin said that there would be architects who would visit School and only then would there be any decision taken and the decision would be brought to the notice of the Council. The Chairman wished to take proposals of other activities, which students wanted on campus. Aditya Gupta, Nivit Kochhar and Yash Jalan said that there were other sports, which boys wanted to play, but adequate facilities were missing and those should be concentrated on. Arjun Parmar told the Council that the School Hockey Team had wished to use the ground for hockey during the cricket season but the idea was rejected as the ground needed to be resurfaced and improved. Mr. Deepak Sharma added that it would be better to know the priorities and then make final requirements. The Secretary stopped the discussion as the next proposal was regarding the infrastructure of sports.

6. Improvement of the infrastructure of sports in School (Shooting Range, Golf Driving Range or nets, improvement of squash courts, Tennis Wall)

Aviral Gupta and Abhijeet Karwa brought to the attention of the Council that there were a few sports, which would need additional facilities for boys to participate in, and the following possibilities were discussed:

Ø A Tennis Wall next to the tennis courts- Yash Jalan

Ø A Climbing Wall- Chairman

Ø Golf Nets or Driving Range- Secretary

Ø Improvement of the Squash Courts- Aviral Gupta

Ø Expansion of Gymnasium and improvement of equipment- Yuv Vir Khosla

Ø A Multi-Purpose Sports Hall (which would include a Shooting range, facility to host visiting teams, Table Tennis, Badminton, an indoor basketball court and a training center)- Mr. Philip Burrett

Ø Horse riding (which was supposed to take place in IMA)- Abhijeet Karwa

7. Academics

a. IB Classes should be equipped with functional technological facilities

Abhishek Bansal told the Council that it would be helpful for especially IB students if classrooms were equipped with projectors and basic furniture. Aditya Gupta said that it was the maintenance, which was causing an issue. Yuv Vir Khosla also added that this was mainly due to the bureaucracy within the staff. The Secretary also added that this was not only the case for the Main Building but also publications like *The Doon School Weekly*. The Chairman said that he would look into the matter to see where the administration was going wrong.

b. IB Markers should be awarded to batches even where there aren't ten students in a class

Abhishek Bansal and Yash Jalan informed the Council that it would be unfair if students performed exceptionally well and did not get a Marker. The Chairman agreed that a student should not be deprived of a marker if the student deserved it. Mr. PK Nair told the Council that there was a minimum requirement of boys in the class though it could be changed to a minimum mark. Mr. Debashish Chakrabarty said that it was decided that a Grade 7 would be a minimum for a student to receive a Marker for the IB. Mr. PK Nair said that it would be taken to the Academic Council and a report would be presented in the next meeting.

c. There should be more library schools incorporated in the Sc Form ISC Timetable

Raj Surana told the Council that the ISC students receive enough time when their course is complete and it was a request to increase the number of schools in the library. Mr. PK Nair told the Council that there would no issue in incorporating these Schools though the problem lay in the discipline and the regulations that students would have to follow in the Library. The Chairman said that only if such disciplinary issues were resolved could the Council take a decision on this, though it would not be a bad idea.

8. Transparency in the School fees

Abhijeet Karwa brought to the notice of the Council that there was a concern regarding the increase in the fees. The Chairman informed the Council that there were issues with the way money had been originally managed in the School. This was the reason why there was suddenly a rise in fees once in a few years. The recent increase in fees has only been because the School wished to maintain the fees in relation to the inflation rates instead of rising prices drastically once in a few years. Also, he conveyed his message that the same had been informed to parents and the School was ready to help those who were not going to be able to meet the fees. A comparative test of the fees, which was prepared by the Board of Governors showed that the School fees was relatively lower. The Chairman brought an end to the discussion.

9. Both a Hindi and an English Play should be staged at Founders' Day

Mr. A. Qezilbash reminded the Council about what used to happen and why a Hindi play was started a few years ago. Dr. MC Joshi told the Council that a decision was taken last year to alternate the play to reduce the burden on the boys and masters involved. Abhijeet Karwa said that the ethos of Founders' is being lost as exhibitions have been stopped. Also Aditya Gupta told the Council that the Stage Committee needed to do lesser work and therefore only a few boys were needed, so there would not be such a huge pressure on students if this was re-introduced. The Chairman informed the Council that last year, the need for Jesus Christ Superstar was immense and thus we only had one play, though there was still a possibility to have both plays during Founders' Day. A decision was taken to look at this proposal once again in the next meeting.

10. Scholars' Blazer should be awarded on an honorary basis

Abhishek Bansal proposed to move towards a system where there would be no points, which would result in students not working towards their points and the criteria of people being made to read twenty books. Though the Chairman felt it was

better than not having boys read those books it would not make someone a scholar if they would meet this criteria. Also, he added that the current scheme also leads to boys who deserve it not receiving it, which is why it would be a good reason to relook at this. Mr. Philip Burrett said that if the Scholars' Blazer was made honorary, then it would lead to boys canvassing for recommendations. Animesh Jain also furthered this point that people would want to do something and get noticed so that they were also recommended. Yuv Vir Khosla believed that there would be a subjective decision taken by the panel and having an objective scheme would be a better option. Mr. PK Nair was requested to look at all the activities and revert to the Council after discussing it in the Academic Council. A sub-committee was formed, comprising M. PK Nair, Shashvat Dhandhanian, Yuv Vir Khosla and Abhishek Bansal to discuss the probability of having an honorary Scholars' Blazer.

11. Confirmation of lunch outings

The Secretary addressed the Council on the confirmation of lunch outing, which was sent to the Housemaster's Council for a decision. The Chairman informed the Council that no final decision was taken and the Housemaster's Council would take a decision in their next meeting

Any other matter raised with the permission of the Chair

1. Ties for various Colours

Yuv Vir Khosla raised the question of the various school ties, which would have a lamp on it. As there was no urgency to solve this matter, the Secretary decided to bring samples of ties for the next meeting to see which ties should be allowed as no tie should be like the School Colours tie.

2. Timings for Day-Outings

Smayan Sahni said that as the time at which students were allowed to go for outings had been postponed; boys should be allowed to return later as parents travel long distances to meet their children. The Chairman said that it was a valid argument and the Housemaster's Council would take a final decision.

Secretary
(Shashvat Dhandhanian)

Chairman
(Dr. Peter McLaughlin)

| Report |

RSC Kenya

Imroz Suri reports on the Round Square Conference held in Kenya between

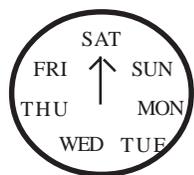
On the March 26, an eager group of five boys and one master waited for Emirates flight EK-512 to Dubai and then a connecting flight to Nairobi, Kenya, to attend the 2012 Annual International Round Square Pre-Conference and the Conference itself which were to be held at Brookhouse International School, Nairobi. The School delegation consisted of Avik Gugalia, Pulkit Bansal, Anant Singh Mann, Anirudh Gupta, AKS and I. As scheduled, we met with the rest of the pre-conference schools at a hotel in Nairobi on the 27th afternoon. After a couple of hours of rest, we were all called for dinner and the initial awkwardness one experiences on meeting new people soon melted away and paved the way for new friendships. We then retired to our rooms for an early night as we were all jet lagged -so much so that one particular delegate began talking to the bellboy in Hindi!

The next morning we were all woken up early and after a delicious breakfast at the hotel we piled into off-road jeeps and set off for Masai Mara, the most famous game park in Africa. After a four-hour journey that involved bumps, twists, turns and the occasional jump, we reached our home for the next three days, the lovely lodge in Masai Mara. Upon arrival the staff greeted us warmly with the words 'Jambo', 'Ashante Sana' and 'karibu' meaning 'hello', 'thank you very much' and 'welcome'. Soon we set off for our first game drive where we were shown the amazing wildlife of Kenya that includes lions, cheetahs, elephants, giraffes, hippopotamus, crocodiles and the red-buffed baboons along with many other animals. Over the next few days we explored the depths of the Mara and even visited a local Masai village where the Masai people showed us some of their traditions and shared with us their way of life. We then did a little bit of shopping in their market where being Indian really helped us to strike good deals with the locals.

After an adventurous three days at the Mara it was time to say goodbye and head to our next destination, which was the coastal city of Mombasa. After a four-hour journey back to Nairobi and a visit to Brookhouse School and to the hotel to locate AKS's vanished bag (he survived three days with only one set of clothing!), we made our way to the airport where after technical problems that almost stopped us from taking off, we landed in Mombasa and made our way to a hotel. Then over the next four days we explored the Jumba ruins, went snorkeling, did beach cleaning, taught the others how to play cricket, learnt how to salsa and made some amazing friends. The scheduled work with physically challenged people in Mombasa next day could not happen due to a grenade attack, and so the day was spent in our resort itself. Next morning we left Mombasa behind and reached Nairobi for the main conference.

The actual conference, comprising forty-one schools was every bit as exciting as the pre-conference during which the Headmaster joined the delegation. The opening ceremony was a huge hit and the musical styles of Eric Wainaina and 'The best band in Africa' had everyone on their feet in appreciation. Then we were split up into groups and sent to stay with host families for the conference. The next few days were spent listening to interesting speakers talk about Kenya's future and student delegate discussions on topics such as democracy, good governance, leadership and conservation of wildlife. Also during the conference was the adventure day where one either went for the safari walk, which epitomized the conference theme- "No existence without co-existence", or for river rafting or to the animal conservation center known as 'William Holden'. Next there was the service day where we were divided into service groups and each group had a particular service project to complete. We spent the whole day working on these projects and it was amazing to see Brookhouse's contribution to service for the community. Finally, there was a cultural night where we saw performances from places such as Armenia, Canada, Peru, Scotland and Kenya. It was truly a great spectacle to watch. As the next day was the last day of the conference we got to experience the wonders of Nairobi, having enjoyed which, we came back for the closing ceremony.

This conference was a truly amazing experience and even though I am back from Africa I will never forget my experiences or the *African Flava*. I would like to urge everyone to try and attend Round Square Conferences as they offer experiences of not one but many lifetimes.



The Week Gone

By...

Utkarsh Jha

The past week has been extremely busy and tiring for most of us. Boys could be seen scuttling around school, either with hockey sticks in hand, or rehearsing lines for the play and transporting bars, replete with a wide variety of scotches, wines and bar accessories required to enjoy

these fine drinks. But before your eyebrows touch your hairlines, (which might not be possible in the case of some masters and students) let us assure you that drinking 'is' still strictly prohibited in School. This exodus of bars from the raided houses of masters (whose wardrobes also went missing!) was a requirement necessitated by the Inter-House One Act Play Competition.

The plays this year, with notable exceptions, carried important social messages. They seemed to cry, much like Jeffrey, "Hold it right there Diego" (with the hilarious action, conspicuously absent) to all the social ills that seem to have infiltrated our society. Additionally, we should have all played Sherlock again, when the Headmaster, in his speech said that we have had 'a tiring week'. Shockingly, rather regretfully, none of us understood the weight of those words till much later.

It was only on Sunday night that we were informed that the Headmaster had declared a holiday on Monday. The joy that rushed through the souls of those who had assignments to submit, projects to complete and text books to open cannot be expressed on paper.

This week also bore witness to the first Socials of S form with Unison World School, as if we hadn't heard enough from the Sc Formers last week! While the 'Fantastic Five'... let's leave that for the Roving Eye! It was a... unique experience!

More importantly, this week also saw the abolishment, sorry, temporary cancellation of Physical Torture... erm... Physical Training. However, the joy was short lived as the boys had to get up for morning toye (after all, it is easier to dose off in toye than while doing the Egyptian Dance). The school, except the S formers, has a lot to worry about with Trials too close for comfort. However, the new S formers might have greater woes coming their way with the Board Results just around the corner. (Those lucky exchange students who won't have to face the endless pestering of the parents!)

This week was truly busy, and was made worse with the heat wave that seems to have swept over the School. However, something tells me that next week is going to be much worse; we will have to study!

| Short Story |

A Nightly Errand

Madhav Dutt

The digital watch on his wrist beeped frantically. It was one a.m. He ran up the three flights of stairs and hid behind the adjoining wall. The bag hanging on his small shoulders weighed him down as he stopped to catch his breath. He looked apprehensively down the corridor for any signs of movement. There were none. It seemed like he had gotten lucky. Anyway, it was too late for the Housemaster to come now, he thought to himself.

The darkness and thick fog made the corridor appear never ending. He took a deep breath and stepped forward. It seemed like the only noise reverbrating in the House was that of his footsteps, the rhythmic clank of the contents of his bag and his uneven breathing.

Joining the Main House was the best thing that had happened to him in School. He enjoyed himself thoroughly and the seniors liked him too. Though this seemed like a good thing at first it was his companionship with the seniors that had gotten him into this difficult situation.

Only a stretch of granite separated him from his destination. He prepared for the final dash, but just before he began, he heard a voice from one of the rooms. It was unmistakably a teachers'. He looked around in panic, desperately looking for a place to hide. There was none. He pushed himself against the side of the corridor, sticking as close to the wall as possible. Though the weather was cold and damp, he began sweating profusely, a tight knot forming in his stomach. The teacher crossed him. Two steps ahead of the junior, he stopped briefly, and then he walked on. The junior gasped, he hadn't breathed the entire time. He scuttled quickly. I have finally completed the most petrifying journey of my life, he thought to himself. Upon reaching the seniors room, he knocked on the door anxiously. Yet another junior opened the door and quickly ushered him in. As soon as he entered the room the door was shut, curtains drawn and the school bag opened. It was emptied on the bed. A few cakes of Maggi, a kettle and a used plastic container lay on the bed.

"Man, you forgot the cutlery!" grumbled the senior. The junior looked into the bag with disbelief, desperately searching for the glint of a fork, or a spoon, at least. There was nothing. He walked out of the room without saying a word. The darkness enveloped him yet again as he carefully traced his steps back downstairs to where he had started the nightly errand.

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