

B.O.T.B.

Bring. On. The. Books.

**Find out what is
happening in our School
Library Community
NOVEMBER 2022**

Dear Library Friends,

I was thinking November had been a quiet month but compiling this newsletter, I see we have actually accomplished quite a lot!

A fantastic effort from our Library team (especially Amy C) shelving 841 books this month and that's with partial closure for exams. We are accepting donations of pre-loved Christmas decorations for our Library raffle (for book covers and repair materials) and I still need a few more letters coloured in for our alphabet frieze.

I have thoroughly enjoyed our Debate sessions and know pupils have too. My next challenge is Library 'speed dating' to enable our readers to share their favourite books. Thanks to Mrs Ashton's Year 7s for being my 'guinea pigs'. At the end of their speed dating, several books - which might otherwise have been ignored - were loaned out.

Finally, there will be no newsletter for December, instead, please look out for the Library article in the School Christmas newsletter and in particular, our top 20 books for 2022).

Happy Reading

Mrs Brett



Library Co-Ordinator

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Mrs Brett's Library Report

STATISTICS for NOVEMBER 2022

Books borrowed	418
Books shelved by the Library Team	841
Number of overdue books	79*

* Whilst many of these books are between 1 to 3 days overdue, I am becoming increasingly concerned by students' lack of haste to return books by their due date. Is this because we no longer charge fines? Replacement fee emails have been sent out for 12 books (circa £55 to replace), a further 24 books (3 weeks or so overdue) have been flagged up to Tutors and an additional 10 are on my endangered books list as students are avoiding me...:(

TASKS

1. Focus on the return of overdue Library books. Tutor emails, satchel: one reminders and class room collection.
2. Year 7 Victorians Library lessons.
3. Year 9 Books versus film session.
4. Debates (see page 7).
5. Student Librarian training.
6. Displays : Remembrance SAS Heroes Ready, Responsible, Respectful.
7. Purchasing and processing new books.
8. Book repairs (more books are being returned damaged).
9. Library Christmas fundraiser (page 4).
10. Library Monday lunchtime speed dating (new initiative).
11. Scribing for Year 11 Mock Access Arrangements.
12. Newsletter.



Library Noticeboard

STUDENT LIBRARIAN TRAINING PROGRAMME

We are now consolidating our Library Team and a number of students have excelled:

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Our new Trainee Blue Badge Librarians:

LIBRARIAN

Ethan Brough

River Hawke-Harris

Grace Piangnee

Our newly promoted Yellow Badge Librarians:

LIBRARIAN

Megan Lawson

Millie Forsyth

Erin Wareing

Last, but certainly not least, two of our team members who have qualified as Senior Red Librarians:

LIBRARIAN

Heidi MacKechnie

Morgan Richards

WELL DONE EVERYONE!!!

PRE-LOVED XMAS DECS

DO YOU HAVE A CHRISTMAS DECORATION
(IN GOOD CONDITION) WHICH YOU WILL NOT BE USING AGAIN?

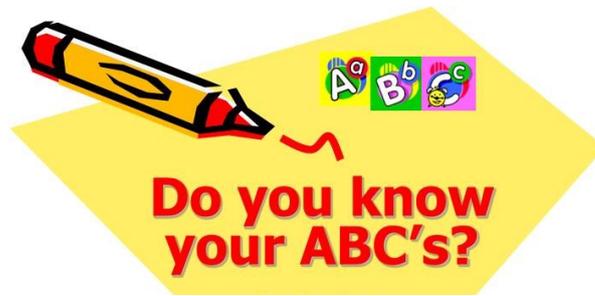
If so, please can you donate it
for our Library
Christmas Raffle?

Coming soon...

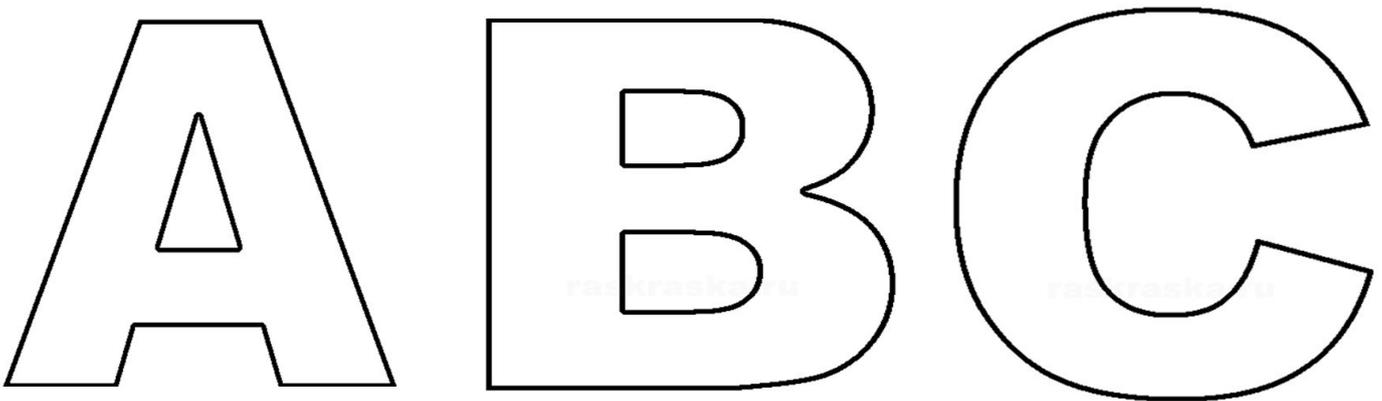
Library Christmas Raffle

50p per ticket.

This fundraiser is for
book covers and
book repairs.

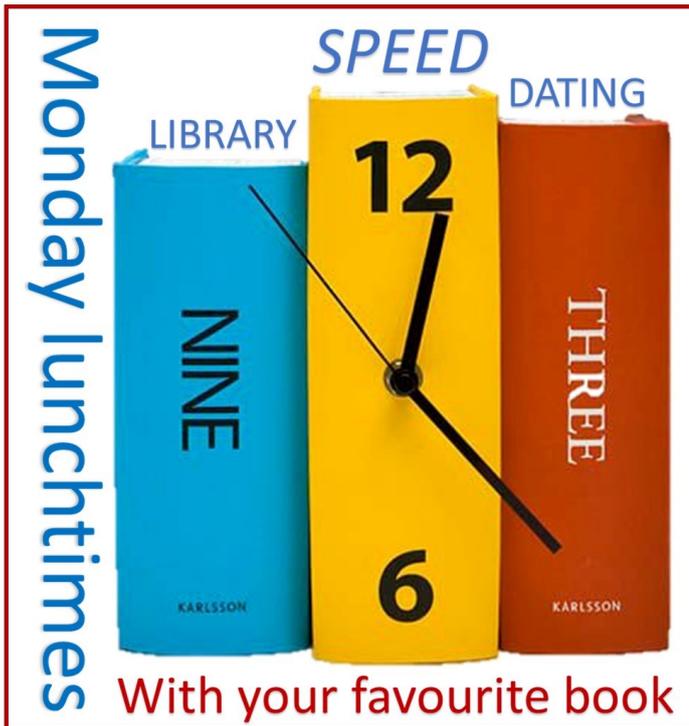


Our fiction books are stored in alphabetical order by author surname and I need a second alphabet frieze to help our students with their ABC's. I need 26 students who are good at 'colouring in' to come and collect a letter of their choice. I will be awarding an edible prize for the 'best' one.



Please see Mrs Brett if you would like to participate. I hope to have the new frieze ready for January 2023!

Trialling during exams, see Mrs Brett for details...



FORMAT. Two students sit down facing each other, each holding a book, these are the **speed dates**.

The students have five minutes to cover off:

- a) the first impression
- b) the initial 'small talk'
- c) the 'getting to know you better' phase

After five minutes, one student moves on to repeat the process. **At the end of the session**, the speed dates are reviewed and we see how many want to go on a second date.

I am hopeful this fun activity will:

- a) Encourage more readers to be more confident and to come into our Library at lunchtime. The Library will be closed to facilitate.
- b) introduce pupils to genres which otherwise they would be very reluctant to try.
- c) Help to expand our range of fiction titles as students bring in books from home and introduce new authors to our Library.
- d) Promote reading and awareness of the wide range of books available to borrow.

DATER (Student)

DATE (Title) :

FIRST IMPRESSION (cover)

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INITIAL CHAT (blurb on the back)

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YOUR TYPE? (read the first page)

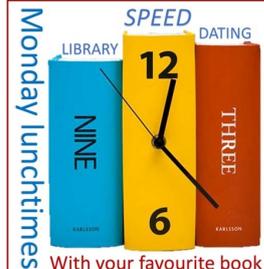
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SECOND DATE (circle)
YES / NO

DATERATING (colour in)

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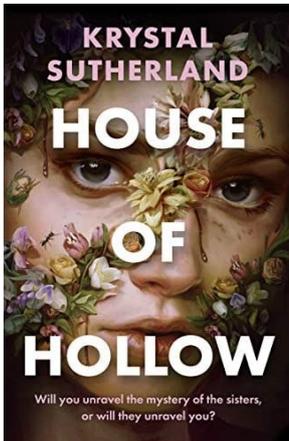
Mrs Brett's Reading : November



Very few books read this month as most of my spare time has been devoted to making Christmas ceramics. I have, however, thoroughly enjoyed...

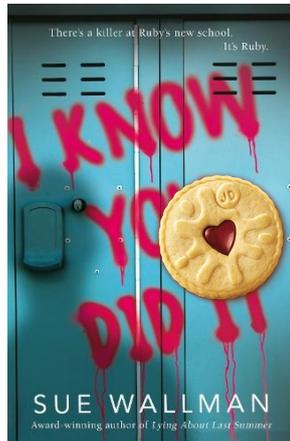
House of Hollow

An 'must read' for Horror fans. Thanks Georgie for lending me your copy as our Library one is permanently out on loan. Film next?!!



I Know You Did It

The ending was rushed but a great Crime read. Thanks Ella for lending me your copy. I now have one in the Library.



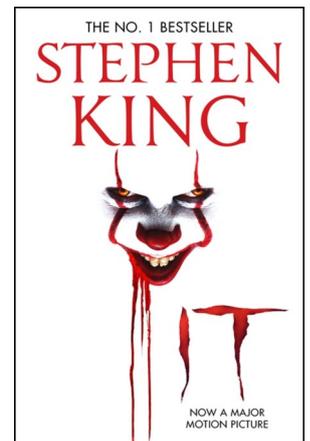
Rosie Loves Jack

The 'blurb' did not grab me but I had promised Bethany I would read. Now on my 'to buy' list. I cried buckets. Do not be put off by the cover.



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A challenging read but only in short bursts in the daytime (nightmares). Maria, I may need to buy you a new copy...

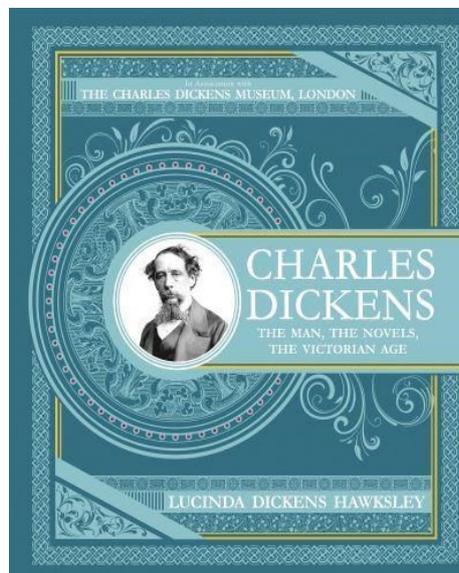
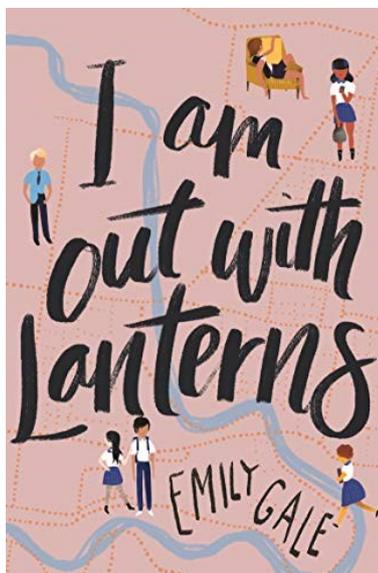
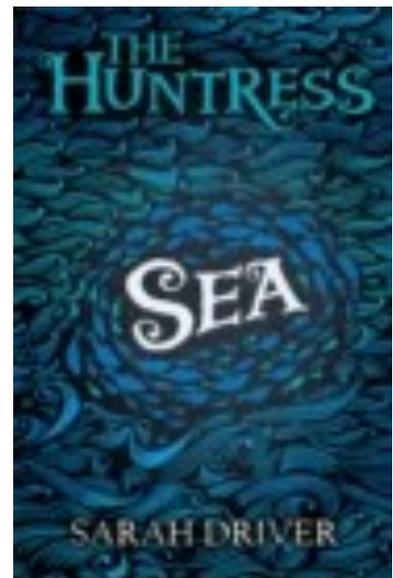
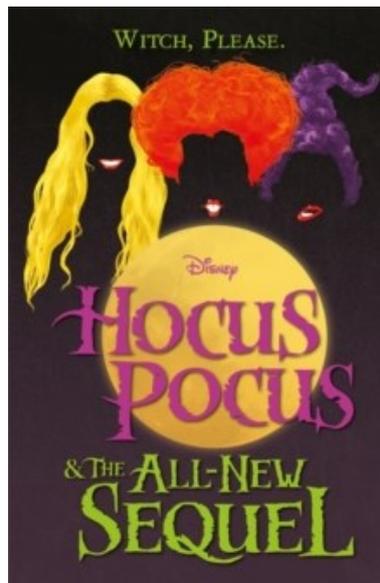
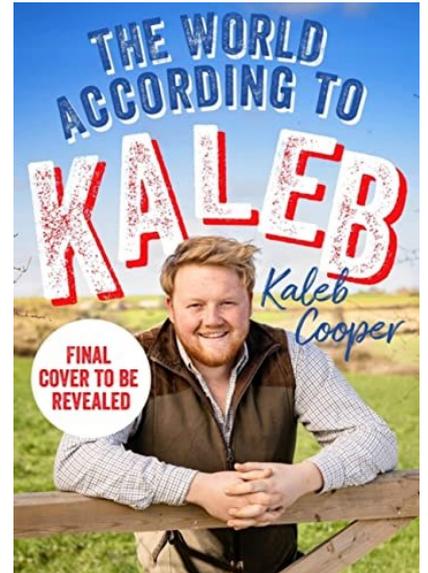
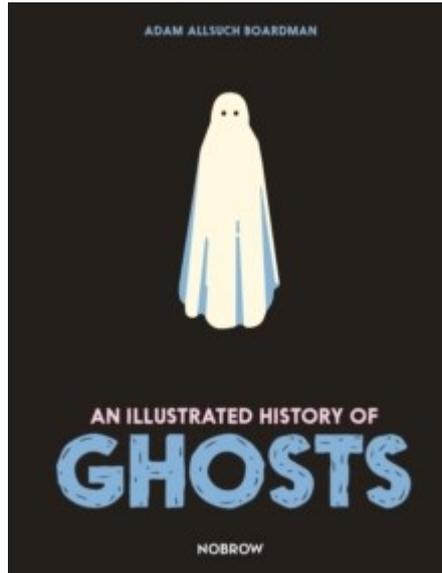
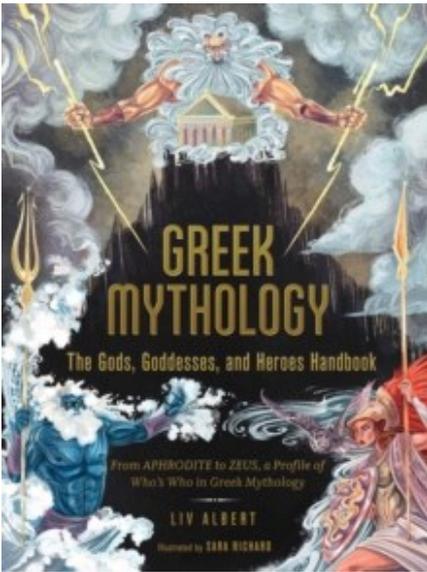


NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE TO LOAN

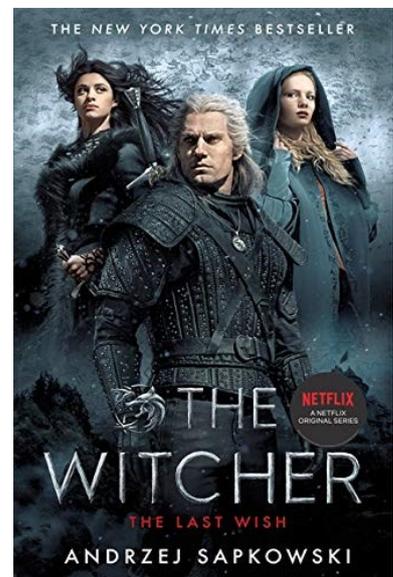
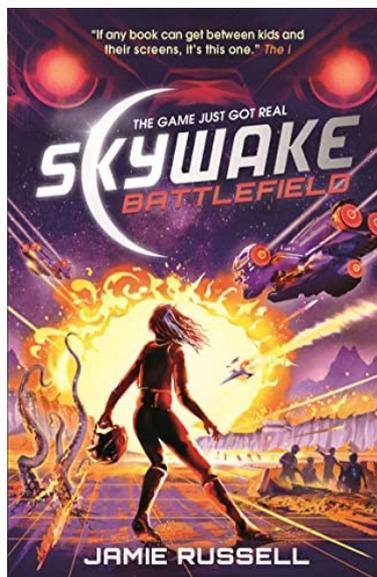
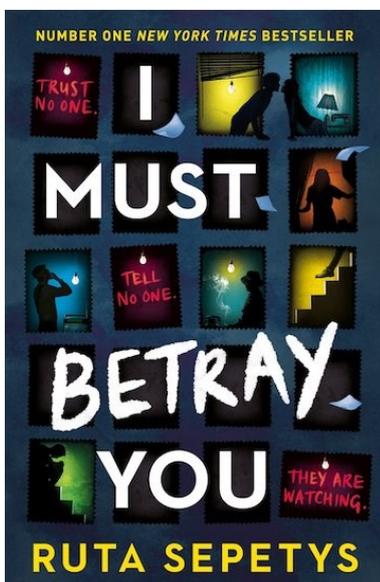
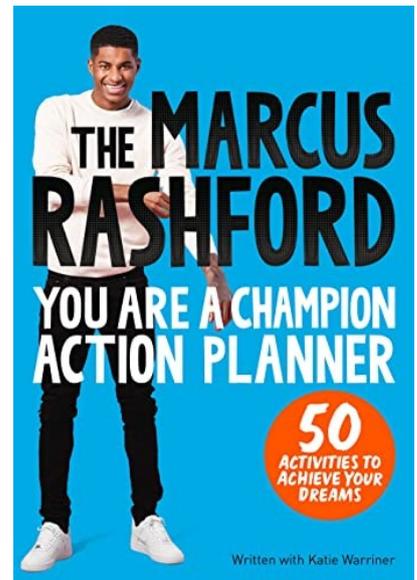
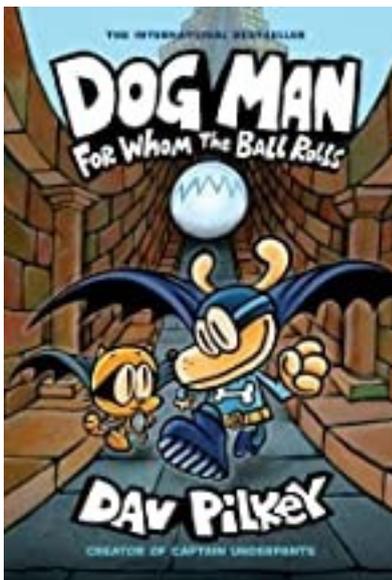
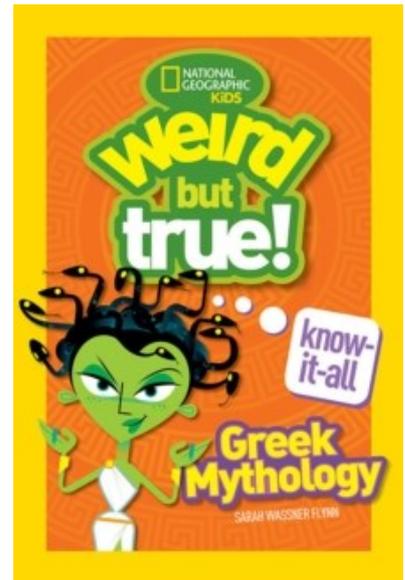
For the first time, I have been made aware that some of our students think they have to pay to borrow a Library Book. Sadly, this shows the decline in use of our Public Libraries. We are so lucky that all our Libraries offer a free service; you don't have to pay to read a good book!!!

YOU'RE NOT
using
YOUR LOCAL
LIBRARY
enough!

NEW BOOKS (Alpha order by Author)



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FINALLY, we were able to hold our first debates of this academic year. Our fun one was the contentious 'pineapple on a pizza' question.

As always, Mrs Brett asked for the audience's view before the debate and 50% confirmed they preferred pineapple on pizza, 49% hated it, with one abstention.

At the end of a very vocal debate, the pineapple topping was declared pizza heaven but the voting showed that Heidi had swayed more people in the audience to either change their minds or abstain.

Well done Millie (our firm but fair Chairperson), Heidi (who showed us the value of good research) and Serg (who held up well under pressure). Congratulations to members of the audience - Liz, Dyls, Ethan, Maria, Dominik and Peter for their insightful questions and statements.



Our next debate - a serious one this time - was the Army V the RAF. We have a lot of enthusiastic cadets in our School so we tried to define the motion before we began. We did get a little bogged down with how many GCSEs our military needed to have..

More students attended this one and Millie, our Chair person did particularly well. Who would have thought she had a sore throat? The opening vote was tight with just one vote separating the two and seven abstentions. At the end of the debate, the Army won by 6 votes in spite of Liz's passionate arguments. With the exception of Seb in the audience, we lacked factual information to back up our assertions and so our next session will be looking at the value of research. Exams permitting our Friday plan for each month is as follows:

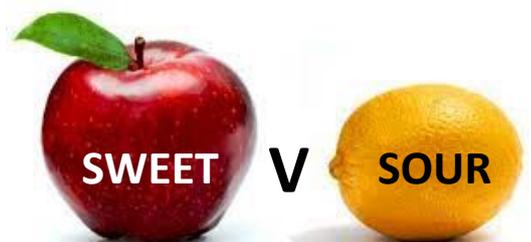
Week one : Meeting to review the last debate and prepare for the next.

Week two : A fun debate

Week three : Meeting to review and prepare.

Week four : A serious debate

**Our next fun debate is
ALL WELCOME**



CREATIVE WRITING

VIGILANTE ACADEMIA : Chapter Two

by DAFYDD YOUNG (10R)



People were now free to do what they wanted but for some this wasn't a good thing; people used their powers against Society while others used them to help. Across a timespan of six months, groups of Villains formed, eventually making the word 'Hero' an occupation.

How did you get paid? Well, that was simple, you just needed to do your job well and stop the Villains. This made for huge amounts of deceit within the Hero community as Japan set up the revolutionary idea of Hero Schools. Thousands applied but the acceptance rate was low, you had to be at a high standard if you wanted to be a Hero.

Fights were everywhere and civilians were always getting hurt or killed. When the villains fought, everyone shouted at them but when the heroes fought and killed, people didn't 'bat an eye', the Heroes just collected their monetary rewards.

Our protagonists had a ringside view of the havoc people were wreaking on the World...



The air pressure, the bloodlust, the raw fear that surrounds the great fight is the only reason for civilians refusing to move forward. All they know is the most dangerous No.1 Villain is facing what many are calling 'a symbol of hope', someone who never backs away from a fight and always making sure the casualties are kept at zero, one of our true heroes, "DELAWARE SMASH!!!!"

Another shockwave. The Hero's symbols scream and pound repeatedly into the No.1 villain whose mask splits revealing an unrecognisable face.

Suddenly the symbols go flying, vulnerable in the air, our Hero tries to use his quirk to create enough air pressure so that he can get back down on the ground. He fails. People gasp at what they see next, our best Hero a human kebab on a black tendril circuited with red neon. Before he can even react to counter the attack, the Villain has gone. The tendrils hang in the air before fading into the tarmac.



Weeks later and there was still no news on the Hero's health but the No.1 Villain had a nickname - 'Potato' - because his face looked like a mashed one. This enabled the Government to put surveillance on the No. 1 Villain after seeing the damage he was willing to cause.

Meanwhile, Potato had problems of his own...he had been kidnapped!!!

Potato didn't know where he was, the last thing he remembered was piercing his worst enemy with one of his many quirks. Potato's kidnappers were vigilantes, they wore masks and so our No.1 Villain could not use his power (he needed to touch their faces in order to absorb and use their quirks). The question was, did they know this?

Suddenly a bright light blew in through the dark hood over Potato's head. He was lifted by an invisible hand and his head placed in a ring of metal, arms clamped down by burning chains and legs submerged into the concrete flooring. He felt electricity course through his body... then ... nothingness as he fell into unconsciousness...

