

# Manga Class of 2007

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*When Ruby moves to a whole new region and a whole new town, he also has to go to a whole new school. He is then put in a class with a buncha weirdos! Will Ruby survive or will he be doomed to live like this forever?!*

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# 1 - The Not-So-Great First Day

"Wake up."

"Hngrh?"

"Wake up Ruby."

"Hrrgggnn, five more minutes."

"C'mon, you have school today."

"Dang it." I mumbled.

"I'll meet you downstairs." Mom said.

*Great, now I hafta go to a totally new school and I don't even now anyone!* I got out of bed and got ready to go to the most dreaded place on Earth.

If you are wondering, my name's Ruby and I first lived in Johto but then moved to Hoenn. We then moved back to Johto but the bad thing is I have to go to school now. That *really* sucks.

I slung my yellow backpack over my shoulder and went downstairs. Mom was cleaning the table while Dad was eating the rest of his breakfast.

"Morning Ruby," he said, as he put the plate in the sink.

"G'mornin'." I replied.

"Ruby are you all set?" Mom asked.

"I guess...."

"Okay, off to your new school."

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The good thing is that I didn't have to ride the bus. Mom dropped me off and I had to go to the front office to get my homeroom number. The bad thing about moving in January is that people already have their frineds and form their own little groups. The new kids are usually left out.

"Here you go," the assistant said as she handed me the paper.

"Thanks," I mumbled back. I looked at the paper as I left the office. My homeroom was in room 1.06. I read the numbers on the wall and saw it said 1.12.

*Okay, so far it's easy. All I hafta do it follow the numbers down.* As I walked down the hall the numbers gradually got smaller. 1.08, 1.07, and finally 1.06. I read the name on the door. "Mrs. Opal" With a trembling hand I knocked on the door and waited.

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Before I evenn knew it, I was whisked away into the classroom and being introduced to everyone. Mrs. Opal just couldn't stop talking! She just kept yammering on and on about stuff like "be nice to the new kid" and "treat people fairly". I saw out of the corner of my eye a kid with electric green hair take out an iPod and stuffing the ear buds into his ears. How I wish I had something to cover my ears now...

"Okay, what was your name again?" Mrs. Opal asked which nearly made me jump.

"Oh! Erm, Ruby..."

"Well you can have a seat next to Red."

"Thanks." I dropped my bookbag next to the desk and slumped in the chair. *This is the worst day of my life...*

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As usual with all new kids, I sat alone at lunch. The food looked totally inedible so I just left it alone to rot on my tray. *Gotta tell Mom to make me lunch from now on.* As the minutes passed by, I became so hungry that I took my fork and started to eat some so called "rice". The first moment I tasted it, I spit it all

back out. I felt like I was going to be sick as I gently put the fork back down. It tasted like someone took paint chippings and sprinkled them with sugar. And it had a really bad aftertast. *Why, why?....*

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Nearing the end of class, I remebered most of my classmates' names. I remember Sapphire the most because she can't stop staring at me or something like that. It creeps me out. There's also this girl named Crystal who dresses up like a secret agent with sunglasses....I think she needs therapy. There's this really nice girl named Yellow and an evil, rude one named Blue. That's all I can remember for now. I figured out there are only 9 people in this class counting myself. *This must be a class for the special needs kids. They must've run outta room for the other homerooms and I got stuck here. Great, just great.*

The dismissal bell ran. I never heard a most beautiful sound in my entire life. I bounded out the door before anyone else and I bet they thought I was crazy. But I didn't care. It was the the end of the day.....

At least, until tommorrow. I groaned and slowed my pace down to a brisk walk. "I'd wish tommorrow never comes..." but I as soon as I said that, it made me feel even worse. As I slowly walked towards the doors, I didn't have time to react fast enough. I was hit at a speed of about 180 mph and tumbled toward the ground.

## 2 - I Can Deal With It...For Now

"Hey are you okay?"

"Huhhh...?"

"C'mon, get up."

I slowly got up from the floor and saw a giant mob of kids stampeding toward the bus lane. *So I guess that's what hit me....*

"Whoa..." I said quietly. I turned back to the kid who asked me if I was alright.

"Yep. This school is crazy if you don't know who you're dealing with." He stuck his hands into the pockets of his black jacket and headed towards the doors.

"Wait!" I said catching up to him. "What's your name?"

"Red."

"Ah! You're the kid I sit next to in class!"

"Yup."

"Do you like this school?"

"Nah, it sucks. Especially the cafeteria food."

"Did you move here?" I asked.

"'Bout a year ago. I must say, I like it better in Kanto." We walked out the doors and followed the sidewalk. As I was just about to head home Red asked, "Hey, you walking home?"

"Yeah."

"Cool, I'm coming with you,"

"Okay.." I replied uncertainly. *Don't screw up Ruby, I thought. This might be the first and only person you can get to know and possibly be your friend.*

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Red is okay as a person. He has purple spiky hair and wears mostly black except a striped t-shirt with a eighth note on it. He actually has the nerve to talk to a person he doesn't know.

"Okay, gotta go." I said as I turned toward my house.

"See ya tomorrow!" Red called back. I waved and ran up the hill to the garage. Dad was probably all ready at the gym and as I walked in I was suddenly hammered with questions.

"How was your first day? Did you make any friends? Who's class are you in?" Mom asked me. She reminded me of Mrs. Opal for a second, about how she loves to talk.

"It was...good...." I managed to say.

"Great, dear."

I trudged up to my room and lazily threw my backpack on the floor next to my bed. Looking out the window, I saw Red walking up the narrow path that goes over the hill. *Tomorrow's gonna be alright...I hope...*

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Tomorrow was definitely FAR from alright. Mrs. Opal paired us up and we had to find the answers to this atlas worksheet. Unfortunately, I was stuck with Sapphire.

"Um...okay..." I said nervously as I opened up the atlas.

"I'm so lucky to be paired up with you!" Sapphire chimed.

"Right..." I mumbled, trying to change the subject.

"All the other boys in this class are weird looking but not you!"

"Okay, let's try to focus on the worksheet and not me..."

"Okie dokie!"

At that moment, I wish that it would be time for lunch or something. But there was an hour and 25 minutes left to go until lunch and I knew with Sapphire I wasn't going to last that long.

Sapphire was a *real* girly girl. She had pink hair and wore a red ribbon. She had a blue dress with lace trimmings and flower embroidery on it. She also wore jewelry. At least I was glad about one thing...I wasn't paired up with someone who looked like he/she wanted to kill me. I looked up at the clock. *1 hour and 20 minutes left...I can get through this....*

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Sapphire was as dumb as a telephone pole. Apparently, she didn't even know that there were seven continents and that there is such a thing as the Pacific Ocean. When it was time for lunch, we only had half of the worksheet done. I was glad that we could go to lunch now and grabbed my lunch box. Unlike yesterday, Red decided to eat lunch with me. He also brought his lunch and told me about a rumor that the cafeteria workers actually bring their leftover food from last night's dinner and feed it to the kids. I shuddered at the thought as I opened my soda.

"Why are there only so little people in your classroom?" I asked.

"Cause they took the leftover kids they thought wouldn't fit into *normal* homerooms and stuck us in one small group." He ate some of his French fries and pointed to another table. "Those are where the smart gifted people sit."

I looked at where he was pointing and saw a buncha smart people talking and laughing. Red continued on, "there's the totally idioc peeps, the sports peeps, the gothic peeps, the popular peeps, the socially challenged peeps, and the not-so-normal people sit right here." He pointed to where him and I were sitting.

"Ahhh," was all I could say.

"Don't worry, you'll remember sooner or later.

"Where are the teachers?" I asked.

"Somewhere else scarfing down all the good food," he said.

"Oh..." I finished the rest of my lunch and stuffed all the trash into my lunch box. "I've always wondered why the adults get all the good stuff,"

"It's the laws of nature, adults get everything and we hafta suffer,"

I laughed at his remark. Maybe this school wasn't so bad after all. I looked around the cafeteria at all the other kids. This group of boys were throwing mashed potatoes at each other. Some of it got into this girl's hair and she started screaming her head off.

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After lunch I had to go back to working with Sapphire. Amazingly, we finished the worksheet and then since everyone finished, we had the last 20 minutes to do whatever we wanted.

"Ya know Ruby, you're really smart!" Sapphire commented.

"Erm...thanks." I grunted. *Gee, it takes a genius to know that Anarctica is the coldest continent...*

"But nobody's smarter than Green."

"Who's Green?"

She pointed to a kid with brown hair, square rimmed glasses, and a red striped collared t-shirt. "He's really smart but also really mean."

"I can see that," I said softly. He glanced up at me and gave me a sort evil glare. I quickly looked away and Sapphire started saying, "It surprises me why he's nnot in the gifted classes."

"Uh-huh."

The dismissal bell rang. I walked out to the door with Red and thought, *I have a geek who seems to hate me, a girl who likes me but doesn't know the difference between salt and pepper, and an sort-of-goth person who seems to be my friend.....yep, I'm gonna have the weirdest year of my life....*

### 3 - Gifted Kids and Gory Dreams

Another dumb worksheet. I wonder how much paper people waste doing idiotic worksheets. I looked over and saw it was a math one about exponents and linear equations. I finished most of it, but there was one problem that I wasn't so sure about. I decided to ask the person in front of me.

He turned as I asked, "Do you know how to do this problem?"

"Duh," was all he said.

"Er...yeah..."

"I don't think you should be asking him, he's really idiotic..." said the girl who sat behind me. *Great, how many retarded people are there in one class?*

"So are you saying you know the answer?" I huffed.

"I'm not there yet, but you should really know who you're dealing with." she said. "I'm Crystal, just in case you're wondering," She had teal colored hair and wore sunglasses. She also wore a lot of black.

"Anyway, that person you just asked was Silver. He's educationally-challenged. Next to him is the evil one, Blue. I don't think she's from town...how did she come from \*beep\*? Next to her is Green, the evil nerd." I shuddered. "Behind him is Gold the punk...dude. He likes music and is never without his iPod. Next to you is Red, the emo person. He really doesn't like to be called goth, trust me. Next to me is Yellow...an angel that came outta nowhere....and next to her is Sapphire, the really really really REALLY girly girl."

"....."

"Yeah, it's a weird class, but as for me I'm perfectly normal!"

My eyes widened. *Normal, ha!*

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"Okay, our lunchtime has changed and we are gonna go to lunch with the gifted students." Mrs. Opal announced. Everyone gathered their things and we headed out the door.

The gifted class had about 20 kids in it. I figured Green should've been in that class. Unfortunately, I wasn't paying attention and I bumped into one of the girls in the class. She turned head and said "Hey, watch it!"

"Come on Aquamarine," said another girl next to her.

"Whatever, I don't need to be affiliated with you morons," she snapped.

Jeez, angry much? She really had a temper. What was her name.....Aquamarine.....? And I guess the girl next to her was her friend of some sort.

The bad thing was that we had to sit with their class and I did NOT want to collide with that Aquamarine girl again.

But I just HAD to....

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"I haven't seen you around before," she said.

"That's because I'm new..."

"Are you educationally challenged to be put in the class of weirdos?"

"No..."

"You're in denial, HA!"

Her friend just watched wordlessly and ate her lunch. Red finally caught up and said, "Who are these

people?"

"My name is Aquamarine and this is my friend Diamond." she introduced, pointing to her friend.

"Yo." Diamond greeted.

"....." At least it was better than being stared at by Sapphire all day.

Aquamarine had brown hair that hung on the sides of her face and she wore a white hat with a red stripe and semicircle on it. She wore a blue shirt and red shorts. Diamond had long brown hair with blondish highlights and she had a white hat with a purple stripe on it. She wore a black vest, a blue and green striped shirt, and jeans. Before she ate, she took off the purple gloves she was wearing.

"So...."

"Hm?"

"Why do you wear that weird hat?" Aquamarine said sheepishly.

"The same reason you wear yours." was basically all I could say. With a quick motion she took my hat off.

"Your hair is actually black yet your stupid lil' hat makes it look white. So are you trying to make the impression that you're old?"

"What?!" I tried to snatch the hat from her but she swung it out of my reach. Diamond looked on in disbelief.

"Ow, hey!" Aquamarine yelped and she dropped the hat nearly in the food we were eating. I grabbed it before she had any chance to take it again. I glanced and saw Red had a smirk on his face. Aquamarine glared at him.

"What're you doing kicking innocent people?! For the love of Fried Frogzards, are you socially inept? You little goth fool!" she blurted on and on. Red just smiled and didn't say anything. From what I was told earlier, I would expect he would get mad for someone calling him goth.

"Jeez, Aquamarine. Chill out." Diamond said.

"You all are weird, but I have all matched you up into scientific groups! Now I can tell who's who." she announced.

"What are you talking about?!" I asked. *Is she REALLY in gifted??!*

"She gives everyone scientific names by their personality traits. Like that Green kid over there is nerdus evillus." Diamond explained.

"Um."

"From what I'm hearing you don't seem to be a gifted person..." Red said with a mocking tone in his voice.

"And what? You're saying you're a genius?!" Aquamarine retorted.

"In my own personal way, yes."

"Hahahaha...I forgot to laugh."

"Look out!" A giant glob of spaghetti flung through the air and hit Sapphire on the head.

"YYYYAAAAHH!!!" she squealed. She ran outta the cafeteria in tears, sauce and noodles trailing behind.

"Ya know, I'm actually glad that happened," I laughed.

"I can't stand people like her, they make me sick." Diamond grunted.

"She wears too many bright colors..." Red mumbled.

Another glob of spaghetti was flung through the air and this time it landed on the floor with a splat. Silver, who had just got his lunch, tripped and fell. The whole table exploded into laughter and Silver merely scooped up some Spaghetti with his finger and ate it. I winced at the sight.

"Anyway," Aquamarine began. "I had this weird dream last night that I was in this house and there was no one else. I grabbed this sword that came outta hammer space and started to explore the house. All of a sudden I was transported to this room covered in blood..."

I gulped andn tried to keep down my lunch. "Then this weird guy with an axe jumped out at me and tried to cut my head off!" I grimaced and Aquamarine keep going on about her gory dream. "So I ran outta the room and through this long hallway that lead to another room. But all it did was transport me back to the blood room!"

"Yo, Ruby...you okay?" Red questioned uncertainly.

"So I had no choice but to fight him! He swished his axe around and nearly missed me a couple of times. Then he backed me into a corner. I thought I was doomed so I looked to for something to help. I knocked a chair over and he tripped, the big oaf. Then I took my sword and thrust it through his heart! Then I woke up...the end!"

"Blargh...." I choked out.

"What's the matter Ruby? Afraid of a little bloodshed?"

"Dude, that was one sick dream." Red exclaimed.

"I know, I try!" she said cheerfully.

"That was gory-er than the usual!" Diamond procclaimed.

"Ruby, do you feel okay?" Red asked.

My head was on the table. "No, no more red stuff....."

"Great Aquamarine! You mentally scarred another victim!" Diamond shouted.

"That's my job!" she chimed.

I covered my eyes to avoid the sickening thoughts of bloodshed. I heard Aquamarine say, "Don't worry Ruby, hopefully you won't hafta die like that guy I killed in my dream!"

"Bleehhh...." I didn't eat anything at lunch.



## 4 - Candy Canes are Fruits!

After lunch, Mrs. Opal decided to ask us random trivia questions, the kind that they zap you with on "Who wants to be a millionaire."

"Okay, since Silver doesn't really have a fair chance, I'll start with Blue." Mrs. Opal said. "What Sea has the most salt in it?"

"The Dead Sea..." she huffed.

"Alright, Green. What does URL stand for?"

Green sighed as if he were being answered what  $1+5$  was. "Universal Resource Locator."

"Next, Gold...how long does it take for the average person to sleep?"

"ZZzzzzzzz...."

"Gold?"

"Zzzzzzzz..." Gold had already fallen asleep, listening to his iPod.

"Someone wake him up," Mrs. Opal ordered. Yellow stooped over his desk and whacked him on the head with her fishing pole.

"THE WEASELS! THEY HAVE RETURNED!!!" he screamed. Everyone was silent.

"Ookkkaaayyyy...Gold your question was how long does it take for the average person to fall asleep?"

"In my case, 'bout 1 minute."

"But you're not an average person..."

"Do you SEE an average person in this classroom?!" he shouted. In unison, everyone pointed to me.

"Oh, okay... hey Ruby! How long does it take you to fall asleep?!"

"Erm...about 5 mins..." I estimated.

"Okay, 5 it is!" Gold answered in confidence.

"The correct answer is 7 minutes." Mrs. Opal said.

"Whatever..." Gold mumbled as he put the ear buds back into his ears and drifted off to sleep.

"Red, which Pokemon is number 25 in the national dex?"

"Pikachu."

"Ruby, what is 10% of 180?"

"Ummm...18." I replied, thinking that these were some trivia questions....

"Wow Ruby! You're so smart!" Sapphire giggled in the back row.

"Yep, I'm a genius...." I said sarcastically. Sapphire grinned and Mrs. Opal read the next question.

"Crystal, what is the biggest planet in the Solar System?"

"Jupiter!" she answered, adjusting her sunglasses.

"Yellow, which type of cloud is the most dangerous one, which can lead to heavy lightning storms, blizzards, and hail storms?"

"Um, cumulonimbus?"

"Correct. Alas, Sapphire. What type of food is a candy cane?"

"Uhhh....." She scratched her head. "A...fruit?"

"No, the correct answer is "a candy or sweet". Mrs. Opal closed her miniature trivia book and put it in one of the drawers of her desk. "For the last 10 minutes you can do whatever you want."

I packed up my bookbag and heaved it onto the table. Sapphire came bouncing up to me, and started complimenting on how smart I was.

"Hehehe..." I laughed weakly.

"You're funny! I haven't had this much fun in the whole school year!" she explained. She grabbed my

bookbag and started fingering through it.

"Hey, don't mess with anything in there!" I cried.

"If you want it back you hafta catch me!" she giggled foolishly. She pranced to the other side of the room and I chased her. She dodged pretty fast, on account of the dress she wore. Sapphire then danced to the other side of the room. I took a shortcut through the desks and she still dodged. She was then standing in front of the dry erase board and I was at the very back of the classroom.

"Silly Ruby, you can't even catch a backpack!"

I ran at full speed but that was enough to kick in the running shoes I was wearing. She dodged again and I didn't have time to stop. *Ruby you fool, you ran smack into the board!*

"Oh no! Ruby, are you alright?" Sapphire exclaimed. She dropped my bookbag and went over to help me.

"Don't worry Sapphire, I'm good."

"Whew, you had me worried! Here's your backpack back...I'm sorry." Sapphire apologized, her head drooping.

"S okay, no biggie." I reassured her. I slung my backpack on, to make sure that no other want-boys-to-smack-into-dry-erase-board girls would snatch it. Sapphire just grinned and went over to talk to Yellow.

"Dang that girl!" I whispered, rubbing my forehead. I didn't notice Red standing behind me.

"Seems like she has a *major* crush on you!" Red said.

"Gah!" I jumped.

"Don't worry. He attention span is really low. Give it a couple of days."

"Has she had crushes on anyone else before?" I wondered.

Red leaned against the board. "Not that I know of."

"Darn the luck," I grumbled.

I glanced at Sapphire and she gave me a friendly wave. I smiled sheepishly and turned my head.

"Red, could you do a favor for me?" I questioned.

His eyes widened. "What kinda favor?..." he insisted with a strain in his voice.

"The make-the-crazy-lovesick-girl-not-like-you-anymore-kind..."

## 5 - This Is NOT Good...

"Arghhh!!!"

"Dude, what are you doing?"

"This gum won't....come off!" I yanked the gum off my hand and dropped it onto Sapphire's chair.

"Hey, I could've done that..."

I took out an index card and quickly scribbled on "Do you still like me? Signed Ruby." I put it in the chair next to the gum.

"I hope this works, I got the extra sticky kind." Red explained and we rushed back into our seats. We had just come back from the computer lab and everyone had a restroom break. Sapphire foolishly walked in and plopped down into her seat. She then got up and found the wad of gum was now stuck to her!

"EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEYYYYYAAAHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!" she squealed. She picked up the card and read it, then glared at me. I just merely smiled and she shuffled off to the bathroom again.

"That's gotta work. If not, this is gonna be one tough crush to beat!" Red whispered. I just sighed.

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Kiri walked briskly to deliver Mrs. Opal the stack of papers. Her light blue hair, held in a ponytail with a Dratini scrunchie, swished back and forth.

As she approached the door, she loosen her grip on the papers and they scattered everywhere.

"That's just great," she grumbled. She started to gather up the papers as Diamond was coming down the other hallway.

"Oh! Lemme help you with that!" she said and they both gathered up all the papers.

"Thanks," Kiri chimed. Mrs. Opal opened the door, since she heard a "racket" outside. The two girls just stood still and waited.

"What are you two doing here?" she asked, as if this were an interrogation.

"I was sent to deliver these papers for you to sign," Kiri managed to reply.

"And she dropped them so I helped her gather them up," Diamond added.

"Very well, come here." Mrs. Opal orderd. Kiri and Diamond just exchanged glances and followed the teacher inside the classroom. She took the stack of papers and placed it on her desk. "Now where's a pen..." She serached around for a blue or black pen.

Diamond looked around the classroom and saw most of the students were reading. One of them had fallen asleep, still listening to his iPod. She then recognized Ruby, who was reading his Science textbook, and Red, who was watching Mrs. Opal find a pen.

"Ahah!" she declared. She took the pen's cap off and signed all the papers in what seemed like 5 seconds.

"Thank you Mrs. Opal!" Kiri and Diamond said in unison and they rushed out the door. She closed it behind them with a bang.

"Dang, I thought she was gonna put us in detention or something!" Diamond exclaimed. Kiri agreed.

"I'm just glad we made it out alive. By the way, what's your name?" Kiri questioned.

"Diamond, and you?"

"Kiri Sancho."

"Nice to meet you!"

"You too!"

They came to the place where the hallway branched out. "See ya!" Kiri waved as she ran back to her class.

"G'bye!" Diamond shouted and she paced down the hallway to her social studies class.

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"RED!"

"GAAHHH!"

"Time to go!"

"Go where?"

"Lunch!"

I grabbed my lunchbox and hurried out to catch up with the rest of the class. Red quickly stumbled behind, knocking over a few chairs. He kinda looked like he was drunk or intoxicated of some sort. "Red, get it together!" I urged. He stood up straight, stretched, and yawned. He gave me one of those queer smiles of his and I just laughed. "Mrs. Opal says we're eating outside today," "Finally, we can at least have some time to get out of this wretched building..." he mumbled. As we headed toward the exit doors, the same girl who had delivered the papers came sprinting down the hall, following an Espeon.

"Wait, come back!" she cried. She then disappeared into the maze of hallways.

"That...was....strange..." I announced.

"Mmm-hmmm..." Red murmured in agreement. As we exited the school many kids had already found places to sit in the grass. We both sat down on the curb and Aquamarine came up to us.

"Hello Gezeerus Wimpus!" she greeted, if it was in fact a greeting.

"Um, okay....So what sick dream are you telling us today?" I scoffed. She adjusted her hat and smirked.

"Actually last night I had a pretty weird one..."

"NUH-HUH! No more!" It was no use, she kept going on.....

"...And there was this epic battle in this field. The men were charging at each other, spears set. They basically tore each other apart! I swore I saw an arm fly through the air!"

I gulped. *And here comes the nasty part....*

"There was this giant bomb that exploded everyone's head off!"

To avoid fainting, I looked away and saw Diamond and the same girl with the Espeon throwing a tennis ball at each other.

"CAR!" shouted some random kid. Diamond and the girl ran outta the driveway and let the car pass through. After it did, they went back to playing with the green ball.

"Catch it, Kiri!" Diamond shouted. She threw the tennis ball and it bounced off the ground.

"Got it!" she said.

*So her name's Kiri....*

"SQUI-ISH!" Aquamarine declared. I could not take it any longer and I blacked out.

"Dude, why do ya hafta inform us about your sick life?!" Red snapped.

"Cause it's fun!" Aquamarine said happily.

"Well it's also wrong!" He looked down at his friend. "And you made Ruby faint again..."

"Well, that means my job is done and I'm gonna go back to playing with the tennis ball. See ya the Lesser Gothilus!"

"I'M NOT GOTH!" Red screamed back, but Aquamarine didn't seem to notice. Diamond and Kiri had, so far, avoided all the cars but no one seemed to notice the car speeding down the driveway.

"DIAMOND! LOOK OUT!" Aquamarine warned her friend. But they were right in the line of fire.....

## 6 - I SWEAR TO DRUNK I'M NOT GOD!

SWWEEEEERRRRRVEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!!!!!!!!

"Yargh!" Diamond and Kiri leaped outta the way just as the car swerved to a halt.

"You idiots!" snapped the driver.

"Sorry..." Diamond and Kiri apologized. The driver then mumbled something about "teenagers" and drove into the driveway and into the parking lot. Diamond twirled around abruptly and announced, "Okay, there's nothing to see here people!"

The kids just went back to what they were doing and Aquamarine joined the tennis ball game. Red heaved a sigh of relief.

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Peridot was heading towards the chorus room. She had blond hair, and a little of it was held in a bun. She wore glasses over her light green eyes, a pink and white striped shirt, jeans, and brown "slipper" shoes. She heard the very outta-tune notes singing along with a piano. Peridot knew it was Sapphire. Which is bad. REALLY REALLY bad. She walked through the doorway, where, thank goodness, Sapphire had stopped singing. Her friend Yellow sat in a chair, scribbling in a notebook.

"Hey Yellow!" she greeted with a smile.

"Hi Peridot, how have you been?"

"Good, not counting the ear damage I have taken from Sapphire's singing."

"Hehe, yup." Yellow paused for a moment. "Didya hear 'bout the two kids that almost got ran over by a car at lunch?"

"No...uh...explain, please..." Peridot offered.

"They were playing with a tennis ball and no one told them there was a car headed straight toward them. The guy stopped just in time."

"Who were they?"

"Some girls named Kiri and Diamond..."

Peridot gasped. "Diamond! She's my friend!"

Yellow whistled. "Then be thankful she wasn't flatten like a pancake." The piano had started up again and Sapphire started to "sing" Ode to Joy.

"Let's leave..." Peridot suggested.

"Good idea," Yellow agreed.

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Emerald had just received word of the car incident. She had blonde hair, dark green eyes, and an emerald necklace. She wore a sleeveless purple shirt and cutoffs. Emerald thought to herself, *how come no one noticed? Did they just want them to get flattened?!*

"Emerald, can you hand me a textbook?" Kiri asked.

"Oh, here," she said, handing her the science textbook.

"I can't believe I almost....*died* today." Kiri whispered.

"Call it luck!" Emerald laughed.

"Hahaha,"

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"The answer is b to the second!" Aquamarine cried.

"Okay, okay!" Diamond said.

"Little numbers are evil...." Peridot murmured. The friends shook their heads in agreement. They were in

math, studying the division and multiplication of exponents.  
"Good call there, Diamond," Peridot referred to the incident.  
"Heh,heh....what can I say?" she replied with a sweatdrop.  
"Excuse me, back to the worksheet?" Aquamarine implied.  
"Oh, right..." Peridot and Diamond said.  
"Er, sixteen a to the eighth?"

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I didn't remember this "car incident" that everyone was talking about...and I was there!! *I must've passed out...Aquamarine again...*

It was about 5 more minutes until dismissal and the usual craziness was going on in the classroom. I gathered up my bookbag and went over to Gold's desk.

Gold was humming to the song that he was listening to, lying back in his seat.

"DJ Mary?" I asked, without a doubt.

"You got it!" Gold said, with a thumbs up.

Suddenly, I felt something hit me in the back of my head. It rolled under Gold's desk so I picked it up. It was a piece of chalk. *Green...*

Green usually spent the minutes before dismissal writing and solving problems on the board. I walked up and put the chalk back into the tray.

"I guess you have some mental ability..."

"Huh?"

Green flipped his head. "You were smart enough to realize that I threw that at you."

"And your point is....?" I questioned.

"I figured a new guy like you wouldn't have much wit..." Green scoffed and still continued to solve his problems on the board.

"Hey you! Listen here-"

The bell rang and everyone hurried out the door. Green grabbed his bookbag and left before I had a chance to come back with anything.

"Yo Red, wake up dude," Gold nudged Red in the arm. He had fallen asleep...again. Red always falls asleep for some reason... I trudged over to Red's desk.

"How are you gonna wake him up if that doesn't work?" I asked. Gold gave me a weird smile. "Watch..." he instructed. He took out a CD player and popped a random CD in. He cranked up the volume to full blast and put it near Red's ear.

"I always get a kick outta this!" Gold chuckled.

"Right...." I mumbled. As soon as the music started playing, it sounded like a airplane had dropped a bomb.

Red's eyes burst opened and he shouted, "I SWEAR TO DRUNK I'M NOT GOD!!!"

"Wh..what?!" I stammered.

"Cool, this is the weirdest one yet!" Gold cheered.

"Huh?" *What is goin' on here?!*

"C'mon Red!" Gold said as he grabbed Red's arm and hoisted him off his chair. Red stumbled behind, disorientated. "I will never tell, NEVER!" he shouted. Not knowing for sure what was happening, I trailed behind.

Gold took Red into the restroom. Thinking of the possibilities of what Gold was gonna do to Red, I waited outside. Several seconds later, I heard a loud splish. *Eeewww.....*

"There ya go, all better now...right?" I heard Gold ask. They came back out into the hall. Red's hair was matted and wet.

"Um, what didya do to him?"

"It's my own special cure," Gold explained. "Red has this weird sleeping disorder and he seems intoxicated when he wakes up. To cure him, I simply just dunk his head into the toilet!"

"Bleh," I winced.

"So you're good now...right?" Gold asked.

"It's all good." Red answered.

Just then, Emerald came down the hallway from dropping off something to a teacher. She saw Red with his wet hair.

"Uh, what were you guys doing?"

"Ahh!! What a cute girl!!" Gold exclaimed.

"Er, what?" I said.

"Gold, in his many ways, gets all weird when he sees a cute girl." Red replied, taking off his hat. He shook his head like a dog, to get the water off. Meanwhile, Gold was going on about how cute Emerald was.

"Um, thanks..." Emerald answered with confusion at the compliments Gold gave her. "But why is your hair wet?" She pointed to Red.

"Er...the hypocalypse?" he shrugged. I gave him an unsure look.

"Alright, you guys are weird." Emerald grunted, and she walked off.

## 7 - Estoy Enferma

Note: The title for this chappie is in Spanish, and it says basically, "I am sick." Don't ask me why I put it in Spanish, I'm just weird like that!

Anyway.....

BOOP! BEEP!

"Grnnn..."

BOOP! BEEP!

"Shut up..."

BOOP! BEEP!

I reached over and turned the alarm clock off. Jeez, it was warm today. I didn't feel like getting up, so I just lay in my bed...*I'll just rest my eyes for a little bit...*

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"Ruby?"

"Huh...?"

"Get up, you're late..." My mom said. She took a good look at me and said, "You don't look so good..."

She went to go get a thermometer and I just sat up in bed and waited. *I do feel a little sick...*

She came back with a wet washcloth and a thermometer. She stuck it into my mouth and put the washcloth on my head.

"Now hold that for 3 minutes," she said, pointing to the thermometer. I nodded in agreement and laid my head back. 3 minutes passed, and my mom removed the thermometer.

"Hmm," She shook her head, "101 degrees, you're staying put,"

"That shouldn't be a problem..." I mumbled.

"I go get you some breakfast," she hurried out the door and down the stairs.

Well, I get to miss school. That's a good thing. But being cooped up in my room with nothing to do is gonna be hard to accomplish. *I wonder what everyone's doing at school...*

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"Behold, the Great Pyramids!" Gold exclaimed with pride. He had carved out a replica of the Great Pyramids out of his mashed potatoes. Diamond and Peridot looked at him and exchanged glances.

"Where's Ruby?" Peridot asked Red.

"Dunno. Probably sick or something." Red replied. Gold took his fork and squished down the pyramids, sending bits of potato everywhere.

Aquamarine came down to the curb. Once again, they were eating outside. She surveyed the lot. "Hey, where's Gramps?"

"Sick." Peridot, Diamond, and Red all answered together.

"Aw man, I was gonna tell him about this weird thing that happened yesterday. I'll just save it for when he comes back!"

"Yeah, maybe when he does come back, your dream will probably make him sick all over again!"

Diamond said.

"That's what I'm expecting!"

Spish, squib!

"Gold, you're flinging potatoes everywhere!!" Red cried. Indeed, Gold was taking scoopfuls and flinging



them in the air. One nearly hit Sapphire, as she glared at Gold. He stopped waving his fork and then started making another model out of his food.

"What are you making now?" Peridot questioned.

A model of the Statue of Liberty!"

"....."

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After eating breakfast, I decided to go to sleep. But that didn't last long, because I was awoken with bits of slobber on my face. I opened my eyes and was face to face with Nana, my Mightyena.

"What are you doing, Nana?" I said softly.

Nana wagged its tail and whined. Obviously, it wanted to play...but I was not in the mood for playing. I rolled over and touched my forehead. It was still really warm.

Nana whimpered and pointed towards the lunch that was left on the table next to my bed. Must've slept through lunch, I suppose. I took the bed tray and put the contents on top of it. The usual...sandwich...soda...something that comes in little packs like gummies or crackers....and dessert. As I began to eat my sandwich, Nana looked at me with her "big eyed" face. It clearly wanted some food. I opened the packet of cheese and crackers and gave on to her, which she thoroughly enjoyed. She then bounded out of my room.

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"So, how have you been training your Pokemon?" Diamond asked Peridot as they walked down the hallway.

"They've been doing great!" Peridot said with triumph. "So good, that I challenge you to a battle after school!"

"I'm up for that!" Diamond declared.

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Red waited patiently as the last minutes of school ended. He was then frightened a little when Sapphire tapped him on the shoulder.

"Do you know why Ruby isn't here today?"

"I think he's sick."

"Oh, that's too bad..." she sighed.

The school bell rang and he and Gold walked out of the classroom.

"We should call Ruby to see how he's doing," Red suggested.

"Here you go," Gold offered, handing him his cellphone. Red dialed the number and then waited.

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Bring!!!

I slumped over, my eyes still heavy and closed from sleeping, and picked up the phone.

"Hello..."

"Ruby, how are you feeling?" It was Red.

"Terrible."

"Fever?"

"Uh-huh..."

"Do you want us to drop off your homework for today?" Red asked.

"Sure, whatever..."

"Okay, feel better."

"Will do..." I put down the phone and pulled up the covers.

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Okay, the perfect place to have a battle!" Peridot declared. It was a wide open field, next to the school building.

"Okay! One on one!" Diamond said.

"Gotcha!"

"Let's go!" They both shouted and threw their Pokeballs. Peridot had a Metagross while Diamond had a Raichu.

"This battle will be between Diamond and Peridot, no time limit. Let the match begin!" Aquamarine announced.

"Richa, let's start this with a speeding quick attack!" Diamond commanded.

"CHU!" Richu shot through the air like a bullet and knocked Metagross backwards.

"Okay, BelBel, Take down!" Peridot ordered. The cries of the attacks had drawn a crowd, and people stood in a circle, watching the trainers dish it out.

"Richa, dodge!"

"Rai!" Richa quickly dodged the Take Down. "Return with Thunderbolt!" Diamond said.

"Rai...chu!" A bolt of electricity zapped BelBel, and it struggled to take the impact of the attack.

"BelBel, use Psybeam!"

"Meta!" From the cross on its head, it shot a rainbow colored beam. Richa covered it ears and tried to keep balance.

"Now while we got it off guard," Peridot said to herself, "Use Pyschic!!"

"Metagross!!" Its eyes glew bright blue and it lifted Richa off the ground.

"Now go for it!" Peridot shouted. BelBel flung Richa high into the air. It was thrown so high that no one could see it through the clouds.

*The clouds*, Diamond thought. "Richa, put everything you have into a THUNDER!!"

Silence.

"Hah! How will you launch a Thunder from that high up?" Peridot sneered.

"Just you watch! Even though I'm your friend does not mean I'm taking it easy!" Diamond exclaimed.

What is she up to?...Aquamarine wondered. All of a sudden, a loud rumble echoed across the sky. For a brief second, nothing happened. Then a brilliant bolt of electricity shot down from the sky and struck BelBel.

"Yes!" Diamod cheered. The Thunder was so powerful that she swore she felt the ground moving. She saw Richa's tiny figure as it fell back to Earth. BelBel was still dazed by the Thunder.

"Finish with Iron Tail!" Diamond shouted. Richa's tail glew a whitish color and it fixed its body headfirst, as if it was diving of a spring board into a pool. Before the strike, it did a somesault and struck the center of BelBel's head. There was a giant puff of dust as the two Pokemon collided.

"Well, the winner is..." Aquamarine coughed, trying to sheild the dust away from her. As it cleared, she and Diamond were surprised to see that BelBel was still standing.

"As I have always said, I'm not going without a fight!" Peridot annouced. "BelBel, attack!!!!"

TO BE CONTINUED.....OR IS IT?.....I DUNNO.....WHY AM I ASKING MYSELF THESE IDIOTIC QUESTIONS???

## 8 - Hey, Hey, Yo!

"Man that sucks!" Gold was playing a game on his iPod when all of a sudden it went dead. It was the game where you shoot people in the helicopter. "I need to charge this thing,"

"So, you were only playing that game to see if you could beat your high score." Red said. "By the way, what is your high score?"

"6!" Gold replied cheerfully.

"I shoulda guessed...." Gold did not have the type of attention span even for video games. He would probably watch the first 5 minutes of a movie, and then do something else.

"It's your turn to carry the books." Red grunted.

"Alright, fine." Red piled the books one by one into Gold's arms. He almost collapsed under the weight.

"Jeez, you're a weakling!" Red laughed.

"I am not! I just don't like physical exercise!" Gold retorted. He then took one step forward and dropped the books all over the pavement.

"And that proves that you *are* a weakling!"

Gold murmured something about "not lifting weights" and began to pick up the books. Then it started to rain.

"Dang, that's gonna ruin my hair!" he whined. He ran toward Ruby's house, Red trailing behind.

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After what seemed hours of battling, it started to rain, and everyone dispersed to their homes.

Aquamarine said that Diamond and Peridot could come to her house and they followed behind in the rain.

"I'm hungry."

"You're always hungry!" Peridot exclaimed.

"Yeah, but all that battling beat the wind outta me!" Diamond wheezed.

"I probably have something in the fridge." Aquamarine said.

"I'm hungry, too." Peridot said.

"Good greif, you too!" Aquamarine cried.

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I sat on the couch, my brain vegetating. Mom had gone grocery shopping and Dad had his usual job at the gym. I heard the doorbell ring, so I went to answer the door.

"Happy Birthday!" Gold shouted. They were both drenched and Gold had about 10 ponds of homework in his hands. "Here's all your HW."

"Thanks. Um, you can come in if ya want." I offered. The stepped through the doorway and Gold shook his hair as if he were a wet dog. "Hey, you gotta plug anywhere?"

"Uh...sure...?"

"Good, I need to charge this thing." He went of in search for a plug and I sat back down on the couch.

"So, anything happen at school?" I asked Red, who said in the armchair.

"Well, Sapphire missed you...and we pretty much did nothing." Red answered.

"YAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!"

"What was that?" Red and I said together. Gold came back into the living room and was covered in smoke. "It shocked me...." he said feebly.

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Diamond and Peridot were happily enjoying their tuna sandwiched Aquamarine had prepared.

"Are you satisfied now?" she asked. They both gave thumbs ups. "Good."

They finished the last few bits and then didn't say anything for a minute.

"I'm thirsty." the both said. Aquamarine did an anime fall.

"Alright, you can have something to drink."

"Oh, didya hear? There's gonna be two new peeps in the school!" Diamond said.

"Yeah, I think their names are Dy and Pearl..."

## 9 - Newbies

"Alright everyone, shut up..." the teacher said. All the students, stopped and immediately shut their mouths. Aquamarine, Diamond, and Peridot were sitting in a 3-desk group and turned their head to face the teacher. Kiri and Emerald stopped their swordfight with rulers.

"We have two new students today!" Mrs. Halite said cheerfully. The class clapped and some muttered under their breath. "Class, don't be disrespectful..."

"Down with school lunches!" one random kid shouted. Everyone laughed but Mrs. Halite only glared and told the kid to sit down.

"Awesome! New kids! Maybe I can tell them about my gory dreams and make them faint!" Aquamarine whispered.

"Don't get yer hopes up," Diamond replied.

"Lemme introduce you to Pearl and Dy." She led a boy and a girl into the classroom.

"Die? What kinda name is "die"? Aquamarine murmured. Peridot and Diamond just shrugged their shoulders.

"Now make them feel welcome, not threatened."

"Yo! It rarely snows here!" shouted the same random kid. Mrs. Halite just sighed.

"What's up with them?" Peridot pointed to a group of boys who were going gaa-gaa over Pearl. Pearl seemed to be enjoying the attention.

"Crap! She's one of those stuck up kinda girls!" Diamond sneered.

"Like Sapphire...only worse..." Aquamarine said. The three friends shuddered.

"Okay, I need someone to go with each of these students and help them on their first day." Mrs. Halite explained. The group of boys shouted that they wanted to show Pearl around the school. Pearl flipped her hair back and smiled.

"I wanna help!" Aquamarine said and shot a hand into the air.

"Me too!" chimed Peridot.

"Me three!" added Diamond.

"Seems like ya'll wanna help. You can be the ambassadors for Dy."

"Yay!" Diamond and Peridot exclaimed. They slapped each other high fives.

"Perfect..." Aquamarine said, with a glint in her eye..

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Gold did not come to school today because he had severe burns from being electricuted by the plug. We were in the computer lab doing projects for L.A.

"Mrs. Opal, my computer's not working!" Silver whined.

"That's because you haven't turned it on yet." Mrs. Opal said. Silver nodded and started pushing random buttons on the monitor.

"How pathetic," grumbled Green.

"Mrs. Opal, what's the password?"

"Pokemon." Silver clacked in the password and uploaded the screen.

"Mrs. Opal, what are we doing again?"

"We are writing a report about classical literature."

"Okay."

Mrs. Opal went back to her papers.

"Mrs. Opal, how do I research classical literature? Silver asked. She groaned and went over to help him.

"Does that guy ever learn *anything*?" I asked Red.

"No...we were once paired up for a science experiment..." Red started on.

[flashback to 6th grade]

Red was mixing the right amounts of chemical together to create the perfect mixture. He created a purplish liquid in the beaker.

"Perfect!" he said triumphantly.

Silver waddled over with a test tube filled with another chemical. "What will happen if I pour this into your mixture? He tipped the tube downward.

"No don't--!" Red cried.

KABOOM!

[end flashback]

"...and we did the same experiment to see if he remembered anything...and did the same thing...AGAIN!!!"

Red looked frightened and angry at the same time. I decided not to ask anymore questions.

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"Now Dy, the most important room to avoid is Mrs. Opal's classroom." Diamond explained.

"Why?"

"You'll see at lunch." Peridot and Diamond were giving the grand tour of the school. They came down a long hallway and stopped at the cafeteria.

"Behold, the cafeteria, which holds some of Earth's newest lifeforms!" Peridot said with her arms spread out. Diamond whispered, "You might wanna bring your own lunch..." Dy nodded.

They went to the left side of the cafeteria. "Behold, the gym...the dumbest period of the day!" Peridot went on. They continued left and stood in front of the connections wing.

"Behold..!" Peridot began.

"Enough of the "beholding", just get on with it!" Diamond said.

"..the connection hallway, which is home to Home Ec., Tech. Ed., Chorus, Orchestra, and Band!"

Dy looked at Peridot as if she were a nutcase.

"Yeah, you just need to get used to it..." Diamond reassured him with a wave of her hand. A massive group of guys were down the other hallway, showing Pearl the computer lab.

"Okay over here," Diamond moved forward. "Peridot, come on..." Peridot was still waving her arms in the air, but she put them down and followed.

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"So, where is Mrs. Opal's class?" Dy asked.

"Right next to ours." Diamond pointed.

He looked and saw these strange looking kids. "Um, there is a devil and an angel in their class...he trembled.

"Yup, no one knows where they came from..." Peridot said in a spooky voice.

"Hey, it's the newbie!" Aquamarine chimed as she joined her other two friends. "What your name again, Death?"

"It's Dy. D-Y." he said, irritated. Diamond thought, *Here we go again...*

"It's the male version of Diamond's name." Peridot added.

"Tch. Whatever. So, how's France?"

"Huh?" Dy said.

"Aren't you from France?" Aquamarine was purposely trying to get on his nerves.

"Uhhh, no."

"Oh, well you look like it."

"Uh, who is this again?" Dy asked Peridot and Diamond.

"Our gory friend Aquamarine."

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"I bet Gold would've love to been heretoday 'cause there's a new girl named Pearl that all the guys are talking about." Red said. I looked up.

"Who is Pearl?" I questioned.

"That girl over there with the dark blue and hair and black and pink dress." red pointed out.

Pearl seemed used to getting all the attention. She walked past where Red and I were sitting. She flipped her hair as if she wanted us to follow.

"That ain't working!" Red shouted happily. She glared at him and walked away.

"I don't think she wants a guy who has a sleeping disorder follow her around." I said.

"That's me, and that's exactly why girls don't bother!" he said.

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"What the heck are you TALKING about?!" Dy said.

"It's her "Gory Dream of the Day". She tells us about the dreams she has every night." Peridot said.

"I had this weird dream that an Absol was the evolved form of an Umbreon!" Diamond shared.

"Whoa! That's weird!" Dy and Peridot said. A mass of mashed potatoes flew through the air.

SPLAT!

"Nice hair!" Aquamarine sneered. The potatoes had splattered on Dy's hat.

"Umbrellas ready!" Diamond shouted. They each got out two umbrellas from under the table.

"....." Dy was puzzled.

"Just wait," Peridot said. All of a sudden, mashed potatoes came raining down like hailstones. When it was over, the top part of the umbrella was covered in sloppy, potato goop.

Silver came over and took a scoop of potato from Aquamarine's umbrella. "Mmm, not bad."

Dy just stared with a sweatdrop.

## 10 - Dunkin' Donuts is in Your Neighborhood?!

"Owee..." Gold whined. "My arm hurts."

"Well, you shouldn't have plugged your iPod into the wall socket when it was LIGHTNING outside!" Red exclaimed.

True, Gold's arm was covered in bandages and he was told not to be stupid the next time something like that happenend.

"And I heard that there was a hot new girl at school! Crap!" he blabbered on.

"I think you need a new pair of eyes." I said.

"No I have 20/20, unlike you Glasses Kid!"

"Um...."

"Shut up about Pearl." Red chimed. "She's not that pretty anyway. She's used to getting lots of attention from guys."

"Sounds like you interested in her!" Gold smiled.

"Wha-NO!" Red shoted.

"Oh man, da emo's in love with da prep! BWAHAHAHAHAHA!!!" Gold laughed. Red klonked him on the head with his fist, and he stopped laughing.

"Owee... that hurt!" he whined.

"I can make it hurt even more." Red said.

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"Okay, thus ends the grand tour of the school!" Peridot said.

"Good, that was a lotta "beholding." Dy said.

"So, d'ya know how to get home?" Diamond asked.

"As a matter of fact....no?" he shrugged.

"Is your mom supposed to pick you up?"

"I dunno. She's busy unpacking stuff and my dad is looking for a new job."

"What about any older siblings?" Peridot questioned.

"I'm an only child." Dy said.

Peridot and Diamond did an anime fall.

"D'ya at least know what the neighborhood is *called*?" Diamond urged.

"Ya, something with the word "Creek" in it..." he recalled.

"That's a good start, TO MY HOUSE!!!"

Peridot grabbed Dy by the scarf and dragged him along.

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"Okay Peridot, you go on the computer! Research all the neighborhoods in this town that has the word CREEK in it! Aquamarine, get some snacks! I will turn on the T.V.!" Diamond ordered.

"Hey, I wanna watch T.V.!" Peridot said.

"Fine, Aquamarine, help Peridot unplug the labtop! I will go get the snacks and turn on the T.V.!" She looked at Dy. "Dy, you just sit there."

"OKay, I got something!!" Peridot announced. "Here's all the neighborhoods in town with Creek."

"Okay, now we'll show every house to you, Dy."

Peridot uploaded a pic of the first house.

"This one?"

"No."



"This one?"

"No."

"This one?"

"No."

"This one?"

"That's Dunkin'Donuts."

"This one?"

"No,"

"This one?"

"No."

"This one?"

"That's an old shed."

"This one?"

"No."

"This one?"

"Uhhh...." The three all leaned forward for the answer. "No,"

"RRAWWWGH!!!!" they groaned.

After 40 minutes of searching they finally found what was hopefully Dy's house. Peridot printed off the address and the three yanked Dy out and dragged him to his house.

"Thanks, I think this is the right one..." Dy said. He trembled to ring the doorbell. His mom pulled open the door, nearly yanking him off his feet.

"DY! Where have you been?!" She hugged him and looked like she was giving him a Full Nelson.

"Sorry \*cough cough\* Mom, but you didn't give me an address!!" Dy struggled to say.

"Oh, silly me! Did these girls help you get home?" his mom asked. Diamond, Aquamarine, and Peridot waved. "Are they your admirers?"

"*Mom....*" he said with a strain in his voice.

"Oh well, now you can help me unpack! By girls!" she shut the door and threesome headed back to Diamond's house.

"Seriously, who would admire him, he looks like he's gonna go skiing!!" Aquamarine exclaimed.

"Tell that to Pearl..." Diamond and Peridot replied.

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"Owee..." Gold strained as I put the ice pack on his head. Red had hit him pretty hard, but it's not like he was gonna injure any brain cells. I don't even think he has any...

"Meanie!" he said childishly at Red and stuck his tongue out. Red glared at him.

"Eheheh..I don't think you should be doing that.." I said catiously. I did NOT want a fight to be in my house and me being the one rearranging the furniture (and my face) when it's over.

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"Pass the popcorn!"

"I don't wanna watch a soap opera, change the channel!"

"Okay, okay!"

"Cool, this is a funny game show!" Diamond said and entered the channel.

[show]

Contestant guy: Is the answer Pikachu?!

Host: Sorry, it is Voltorb! Now you lose 15 points! So now your current score is -15 points to 125!

[end show]

"Bwahahaha! What a loser!" Peridot bawled.

"Yeah, even Silver could answer these questions right!"

"Oh, time to go," Aquamarine said.

"Where?" Peridot and Diamond asked together.

"Someone's coming over to my house. See ya tomorrow!"

"BYE!"

Aquamrine gathered her things and left. Peridot and Diamond continued to watch the game show.

"Who d'ya think is coming over to her house?" Diamond asked.

"Maybe...a SECRET LOVER!!" Peridot shouted, and then giggled.

"Yeah right!" The two friends continued to laugh as the contestant on the game show lost more points and was down to -225.

## 11 - Workin' at the Car Wash, Yeah!

Today was the day of the school sponsored car wash. We charged people for free, but some people always gave donations, anyway. Everyone was getting ready, and some cars had already pulled up.

"Crystal, can you hand me that sponge?" Yellow asked.

"Here ya go," Crystal said, as she gave her the yellow sponge. Yellow mixed some soap and water, while Silver and Blue worked on getting the hoses ready.

"I wonder what happens when I pull this nozzle..." Silver said, pointing the hose to himself.

"No, wait--!" Blue cried. Instantly, a wave of water exploded into Silver's face. He quickly turned the hose off, and everyone hooted in laughter.

Meanwhile, Sapphire was whining her head off.

"But I don't wanna wash someone's filthy car!"

"Er, well, you can use the hose to rinse the soap off," I said.

"Yuck."

"Hey Gold, how's the sign?"

Gold turned his head and smiled. "It rocks, man!" Red held up a giant piece of poster board that said "Free School Sponsored Car Wash! Donations accepted." In the background was a red car, some sponges, and a hose. I nodded in approval and Red and Gold worked to add the finishing touches on it.

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Peridot was carrying two buckets full of soapy water and saw Diamond with a magnifying glass. Dy watched in curiosity.

"Guys, what are you doing?" Peridot questioned.

"Ya know how on T.V. people can adjust magnifying glasses to burn things? I'm trying to do that, but I have not yet succeeded..." Diamond replied as she poised the magnifying glass a little more to the right.

"Good luck with that!" Peridot said with uncertainty as she dragged the buckets along.

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Amethyst was helping wash a red van, and has just finished the tires. She had purple hair, and strangely, her right eye was blue and her left eye was purple. Let's just say she has a fuzzy feeling for Red. EMO Red.

She grunted as she picked up a bucket to refill it. She spotted Diamond and Dy with the magnifying glass. Diamond had scribbled a sign that said "If you are wondering what I'm doin', I'm trying to burn stuff with a magnifying glass!", taped it to a pencil, and stuck it in the ground.

"Okay..." she said with a sweatdrop. Not watching her step, she bumped into Peridot, who just came back from filling two buckets. Water sloshed onto the ground, and the buckets were once again, empty.

"Oh my god, I'm sorry!" Amethyst apologized, bowing.

"No sweat, I hate this job anyway!" Peridot said with a wave of her hand. "Are you volunteering?"

"Yeah, my name's Amethyst!"

"Sweet, I'm Peridot! That's the girl who's trying to burn grass is my friend, Diamond."

"Why...?" Amethyst started.

"Don't ask."

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"Pearl, why aren't you doin' ANYTHING?!"

"Because, there's nothing for me to do." she scoffed.

"What?! There's a buncha stuff to do!!" Gold exclaimed. Pearl flipped her hair, and that made Gold even

angrier. He gritted his teeth and stormed out of her presence.

"Jeez, she makes me sick..." he murmured. All of a sudden, he heard someone shout, "Success!!" He turned around and saw that Diamond had, indeed, created a small flame on the grass.

"I knew it wasn't a myth!" she triumphed. "Well, better put it out," She took a hose and doused the flame with water. She then slipped the glass in her back pocket, and bounded to the car lane, to see if she could be in of any service.

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"How much money have we collected?" Red asked.

"About 10 dollars..." I said, as I scrubbed the fender of a jeep.

"Nice,"

Silver was handling the hose, and accidently turned on the nozzle, spraying Red and me from head to toe.

"Yargh, you idiot!" Red snarled, and he took a bucket of soapy water and heaved it at Silver. Silver dodged but it hit Blur instead. And, of course, Blue got anygry and fired a stream of water from a hose.

"Water fight!" Aquamarine yelled, as she turned on another hose, full blast. Everyone was soaked, but the cars were squeaky clean. Soapy water drained down the driveway, as Peridot, Gold, Dy, and Diamond emerged from a hiding spot under a table.

"Dang, I just had this washed," Dy said, wringing the water from his drenched shirt.

"And this sweatshirt is dry clean only!" Gold said, with a fist in the air. Pearl, who didn't do anything from the start said "Now I have something to do! Make fun of how ridiculous you all look!"

Gold, Dy, Diamond, and Peridot all sighed.

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Luckily, the teachers didn't know ANYTHING...

## 12 - Can It Be?!?

"La, la, la, la, la, la..." Yellow sang. "How was that?"

"Near perfection!" Peridot said. They were in the chorus room practicing their scales when Gold and Diamond burst into the room. Each was holding a double bass bow and swordfighting wildly. Diamond had just had her highlights redone, and they were now a caramel orange. Gold had also gotten his hair cut. "You'll never take me alive!" Diamond shouted as she took a quick jab at Gold. Gold blocked the hit with his bow and said, "I'll hunt you down to the day I die!" He ran at Diamond as she ducked behind a gong. "What are you two doin'?" Yellow asked, concerned.

"I wanna play!" Peridot chimed! She grabbed a drum mallet and pretended to stab Gold in the back. "Ack! It seems...cough, cough, I've been hit! Farewell world!" he said dramatically as he limped onto the floor.

"Nice shot, but now it is you against !!!" Diamond declared. She jumped from her hiding space, and took a big swing at Peridot, nearly hitting Yellow's head.

"Yah! Be careful!" Yellow said.

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Gold got up abruptly from the floor. "Woot, that's the bell, I'm outta here!" he dashed out the door, as Yellow, Peridot, and Diamond collected their things, and returned the instrument equipment.

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"Guess what!" Red said, almost running into me.

"Um, you've cured your sleeping disorder?" I guessed, hoping that he wouldn't be insulted.

"NO! Better than *that!*"

"Well, don't keep it a secret from the world, tell me."

"I heard that...Sapphire is MOVING!!!" He exclaimed.

"R..really?!" I stammered.

"Yeah, I heard that her parents think that they'll move to a place with a much easier school curriculum!"

"That's weird, I thought this was the easiest you could get in a school."

"But dude, isn't that awesome?!"

"You bet it is!"

Little did they know, a heartbroken Sapphire listened as Red continued with his conversation.

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"Oh, I'm gonna win and you know it!" Diamond shouted behind to Peridot.

"Yeah? Well getta load o' this!" She put the pedal to the metal and swerved in front of Diamond, nearly knocking herself off her bike.

"Curses!" Diamond said playfully. Peridot was still looking backward and didn't notice the sprinkler that she was about to run into.

"Peri--" Diamond started but Peridot had already hit the sprinkler and was sent hurling into the air!

"Gah! Oh man!" Diamond gasped.

In front of Aquamarine's house sat a boy with brown hair and a brown eyes. He wore a red and white vest, jeans, and a red hat with a white semicircle. As he waited on the front step, he saw a girl with blond hair flying through the air, followed by another girl with brown hair and caramel highlights.

"Go Eruption!" he said as he let his Charizard out with a flick of a pokeball. Peridot, her eyes tightly shut, did not know that there was a Charizard flying after her. She landed on Eruption's back, thinking she had

hit the ground. When she opened her eyes all little, and saw that she was still in the sky, she let out a screamed that could trigger earthquakes. Eruption flew back to the earth and instantly, Peridot stopped screaming.

"Whew, what a relief..." Diamond sighed.

"Yeah, who's Charizard is this?" Peridot questioned.

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Dy ran home, eager to get something to eat, because who knows what they serve in the school cafeteria. He barely looked where he was going, nearly missing a tree and tripping over a bicycle. But he eventually smacked into Amethyst, who was carrying a basket of bread. Dy did a somersault and smacked into another tree, startling some Starlys.

"Oh my god, are you okay?" Amethyst said.

"Mgyuhhhhh..." he grumbled.

"Here, lemme help you." She grabbed his hands and pulled him up off the ground.

"Hehe, I guess I need to watch where I'm going." He said with a sweatdrop. "All I really wanna get is a decent meal."

"Oh, well why don't you have some of this bread?" Amethyst offered, tearing off some bread from the loaf she had.

"Are you sure?"

"Go ahead, I have plenty more at home!"

"Thank you!" Dy said and he headed home, taking bites of the bread from time to time.

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"Hmm, where could he be?" Aquamarine sighed.

"Yo! Aquamarine!" Peridot and Diamond waved.

"Hey guys, what are you doing with a Charizard?"

"Dunno who's it is, but it save Peridot from a nasty fall." Diamond explained. Peridot noticed a boy running toward them. "Eruption, there you are!" he said with relief.

"I guess this must be your Charizard," Peridot inferred.

"Yup, my name's Zircon. And I'm sure you've met Eruption!" The Charizard gave a friendly roar.

"Hello little cuz, long time no see!" Aquamarine said, putting an arm on Zircon's shoulder.

"Little cuz?" Diamond and Peridot asked.

"Yup, he's my cousin."

"WHAT?!?!?!?"

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Sapphire walked home, trying not to think about Red and Ruby's conversion in the hallway. She sighed, and tried to get her thoughts straight. Maybe Ruby just didn't like her as much as she liked him. She tried not to let it get to her too much, but the words keep spinning around in her head. She stared blankly at the ground, and sighed again.

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I ran down the street unaware of my surroundings, and didn't noticed Sapphire. I rammed into her head on, and bashed my head into the concrete sidewalk.

"Heh, sorry about that." I apologized. Sapphire just sat there on the sidewalk, not even noticing that I ran into her.

"Sapphire?" I said. *Something's wrong...*

I walked around her and looked into her eyes. They were filled with tears and then it hit me. *She heard the conversation...*