

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING INSTEAD OF ASSIGNMENT MAGAZINE?



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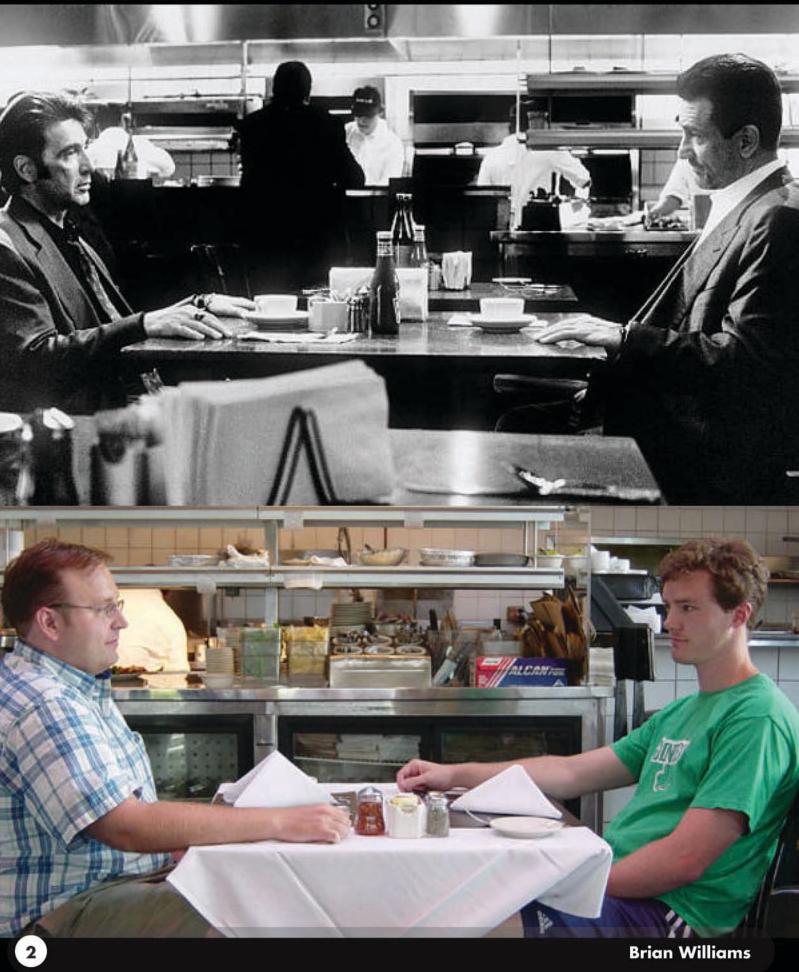
This month's assignment, assigned by Mary Winn Heider:

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CHAPTER 1 OF THE FALSE UNICORN VS SPACE HITLER

The amphibian had turned up the cabin heat again, rendering our overclocked string drive pilot overheated and entirely stupid.

"We all agreed that this does not go above 25," I reprimanded, turning the thermostat down to 10.

"DUUUUUUUUUUUH," replied Arbie.

Groalk stared at me silently, petulant dissent in his big black eyes.

I was getting tired of moderating the difficulty the two had living together, and this latest wrinkle was going to make us late for our appointment.

The two got along great, it was just a matter of temperature.

Arbie was a robot. In a cost-saving move for the ship, rather than buy a new automatic string drive when the original wore down, we overclocked his CPU so he would be fast and smart enough to handle string navigation duties. Admittedly, it's made him a little crazy.

It also made him run very, very hot. We tried to mitigate the issue by adding a variety of fans and coolants, so his roughly anthropomorphic outer frame cascaded with sloshing containers and whirring modules. Doing the calculations to steer a ship through higher dimensions still wound up taxing his resources.

If he got really hot, it was too much, and he got really dumb. The only solution was to let him shut down, turn down the temperature, and cool him off.

Groalk loved the heat. As an amphibious gene holder, he had cold-blooded tendencies and was always looking to push the air warmer and wetter. He loved getting as close to Arbie as possible, especially when Arbie was working.

Groalk also had impulse control issues, and could not keep his damn hands off the thermostat.

A combination that more than once had left us drifting in space, as it had then, waiting for our crew mate to reboot out of the moron zone.

Louie Franklin Saunders III June, 15, 1986 3rd Period – Mr. Garguilo

WHAT HAVE I BEEN DOING INSTEAD OF ASSIGNMENT MAGAZINE?

My summer was so fun.

I had Ice cream lots and swam.

My dog pooped in the car and I laughed.

Tee ball was so fun.

I found a man sleeping under a bridge.

He sleeps all the time.

So I feed him nerds and gum.

Dad bought me a skateboard!

Louie Saunders

Andes Mint MyCuisine



In the time that I have spent not doing Assignment Magazine, I've actually started a rival publication called Andes Mint MyCuisine. It's this great on-line zine where I get to talk about Andes Mints. Alot of people are really jealous about it. I talk about how I would always get one as a kid when my family would go eat at Luby's cafeteria. Which was always great because Luby's was weird and full of (except for the Jello, corn, and fish fillet) bad food and weird old people on oxygen tanks. Who wants to look at that when you're an 8 years old?! Sometimes, they would not have Andes Mints but York Peppermint Patties instead. Blech! Those are a far inferior chocolate mint candy, ami right?

Even though inflation and recessions have happened, a single Andes mint has cost 5 cents for the past 20 years as far as I can tell.

Also, why don't they have packs on Andes Mints in 7-11s? I would buy a pack of them over a pack of gum any day. I don't like gum anyways. I don't like things to be in my mouth for too long.

Anyhow, I don't have alot backing to support Andes Mint MyCuisine right now so it's taking away alot of my time. Like the 10 minutes it took to draw around the picture of the mint in MS Paint was something an intern could totally do if I had one. It would've saved me, like, 10 minutes.

So, sorry Assignment Magazine if I've been a little busy lately. Obviously, I've been doing important things!

I have been helping Frodo cast the ring into the fire.



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