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Tartan Teacher Talks

By Marie Beale

Hello Campbell Tartans! November is the month of harvest festivals, holidays, and the change in our climate; a great time for great discoveries, growth, and remembrance. For this month's article, Reesh and I thought that everyone should be involved in the growth of our community in the newspaper club. And what better way to do so by sharing their stories and experiences with everyone else! We asked a simple but very nostalgic and inspiring question to several teachers around campus: What is your favourite high school memory? P.S. (Since so many people were involved in this project, we will split up the teachers we involved into two articles over the span of two months!)

Firstly, Mr. Sembaluk, In his favourite high school memory, he recalled winning soccer provincials at Campbell in 2008.

What a wonderful way to represent our school!

Ms Carignan shared that she once had a crazy old English teacher who would jump on his desk as he taught Hamlet. If any student got any answer right, he would reward them with a dollar.

I bet days wouldn't seem long with him around!

Ms Exner didn't just have a story, but a business! When she was young, she and her friend started a business in their entrepreneurship class. It was called Kandi, named after her and her friend. In the end, they were supposed to run it for a few

weeks, but after they started to make money, it took off, and they ran it for the rest of the year!

Commercial Break!

Stories like these not only connect us, but help us grow and make our own discoveries about ourselves! What's one discovery you have made about yourself recently?

Ms Thomson especially enjoyed the Thom Collegiate rallies she joined and went to when she was younger. Never forget school spirit.

Ms. Vindevoghel liked to participate in sports and activities like playing volleyball and basketball.

That sounds like a great way to spend time in high school!

Mrs Sprungala explained that her favourite part of high school was getting involved in extracurriculars and football games.

Mr Pelletier participated in a band at an event like our Campbell annual carnival. He recalls how lively it felt with how many people watched him in a circle.

What a fantastic opportunity!

Ms Danyluk exclaimed that she played a silly prank on her photography teacher that there were ghosts in the dark room!

Spooky!

Mrs Priya remembered that when she was younger, she had been given a surprise test worth 100 marks on the day she got back from being sick. Suddenly, after getting her

test back, she was told that she got the highest grade in the class.
What a motivating moment.

Take a break!
With all of this talk about thinking back, what is something you remember that changed you positively?

Mr Stinson added that he was involved in doing one-act plays, learning new roles, and acting. He loved that he was surrounded by the people he had known from previous years, and that acting found his voice.
“Some people find sports, some people will find arts. No. I found drama.”

Constable T Weir exclaimed that he felt like winning the baseball city championships was his favourite high school memory.

Last but not least, Ms Hamill explained that, similar to Mr. Stinson, she also liked enjoying drama competitions. She'd enjoy one-act plays where she would don a costume and compete.

How fun!

Now that this article has reached its end, let's not forget that November is an important and moving month, where people are not to forget what forms our identities and cultures. A month where we all step back to step forward. Thank you all for your patience, and I thank all the teachers who contributed to this month's article. Have a great November!

TIME Person: Who Will be Next?

By Soleil Shabatoski

What is TIME?

Along up there in history with *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, *TIME* is one of the most famous magazines in the world, with an estimated audience and readers of about 100 million people. Amongst reports on popular news subjects such as world politics, science, and health discoveries, *TIME* is also well-known for annually electing its *TIME Person of the Year*. As 2025 comes to a close, so do highlights that defined the year, including choosing a person who shaped important aspects of this year. What has driven these decisions in the past, and who shall it be for 2025?

What is the Process?

According to *TIME* magazine itself, the title of *Person of the Year* goes to “the person or people that affected the news and our lives”. Even then, it is not always a person or group that wins it. Sometimes the major influence is an object or a concept (for example, Artificial Intelligence). The *Person of the Year* is not exactly the figure of hope and inspiration of our time, but rather the person or thing who encapsulated what was major about this year, with a positive or negative impact (we'll get more into this later). In other words, the person, group, or other that was most appropriate based on the influence and the difference (for better or for worse) that they made throughout the year. There is a reader's choice poll, where the magazine invites readers to select and vote

on who they think deserves the title. This allows the magazine to include civilians' opinions, which makes it much more relevant to the rest of the world to get another view on who has affected the lives of the public. The people's viewpoints and opinions are weighed in consideration when the public votes from mid-November to early December. The announcement is made in mid-December, where the news goes out publicly before any physical copies are made.

TIME After Time

This has been a yearly tradition since 1927, when the first person to gain the title was Charles Augustus Lindbergh, who became the first man in the world to fly a plane over the Atlantic Ocean successfully and was seen as a "hero" around the world. He was deemed as *Man of the Year* that year. The first *Woman of the Year* was Wallis Simpson in 1936, and it was not until 1999 that the magazine decided to change the official title to gender-neutral.

So we have discussed that *TIME* chooses its person of the year by the impact they made in the world, for better or for worse. Some chosen figures have been more controversial than others, including Adolf Hitler (1938), and Joseph Stalin (1939, 1942). Others have been world activists, such as *The Good Samaritans* (Bill Gates, Melinda Gates, Bono, 2005) and Greta Thunberg (2009). More recent recognized names are Donald Trump (2016, 2024), Elon Musk (2021), and Taylor Swift (2023). There was even an extra-unique edition in 2006, where you were Person of the Year, recognizing all the users and civilians on the internet were

beginning to change the world (as *TIME* magazine states it), back when content creators and such were not as popularized and were relatively new. All of these varying people chosen over the years just show us all how much the world is constantly changing.



Note: although it's a topic relevant to the world, many of the chosen people have been Presidents of the United States.

The *TIME* Will Come Giant Spider Nests And New Species of Spider By Jaiden Szautner

Ever wanted to be Spider-Man? Apparently, on the border of Greece and Albania, in Sulfur Cave, there's been a new spider nest has been discovered. Stretching over 1,140 square feet (106 meters) or half of a basketball court, this web homes over 100,000 spiders. The scariest part about it is that Scientists have found that 2 different spiders live there together, in peace and harmony.

Scientists and researchers discovered it back in 2022, but only released the information on October 17, 2025, in the Subterranean Biology Journal by David C. Culver and Tanja Pipan. The article is

named “A surprising new genus and species of cave-adapted Plusiocampinae *Cycladiacampa irakleiae* (Diplura, Campodeidae) from Irakleia Island, Cyclades Islands in the Aegean Archipelago (Greece)”. These new cave spiders are named *Cycladiacampa irakleiae*.

Surprisingly, these little guys aren’t causing any harm; instead, tourists and visitors of the cave are said to be disturbing the cave ecosystem and may be a potential threat to unique endemic species. Their home is nothing too special, just a regular dipluran nesting area. The few unique parts of it are the Absence of any specific macrosetae, which is a fancy biology term that means “A large articulated seta, with thick and long shaft and robust socket. Macrosetae are innervated by three neurons and become erected when the hemolymph pressure increases.

Nerve impulses are generated only during the erection phase. They occur mainly on appendages, but sometimes similar setae occur on the opisthosoma as well.” - Bioportal.

In conclusion, the discovery of the *Cycladiacampa irakleiae* spiders in Sulfur Cave reminds us just how resilient nature can truly be. While the spiders will not attack, their existence in the cave could be disturbed by humans. The web’s size and the peacefulness of 2 spider breeds co-existing is a special discovery. This rare find underlines the importance of studying, respecting, and working to preserve these ecosystems before they are harmed by external factors.

Canada’s Role in WWII

By Ethan Jin

Have you ever wondered about Canada’s role in World War 2? Well, Canada had a very important role, as it was one of the first countries to enter the war against Germany and proved crucial in many key battles. This essay will discuss some major events Canada was part of during WW2, these events include: The Dieppe Raid, The Normandy Campaign, and The Battle of Okinawa. Canada had a very important role that helped change the course of WW2.

First, the Dieppe raid was a major raid launched by the Allies on the coastal French port of Dieppe. This raid was intended to test new equipment and gain experience. The raid on Dieppe took place on August 19, 1942. Canadians made up nearly five thousand of the 6,100 troops involved in the raid, attacking at five different points roughly 16 km long. “The raid was designed to test the Allies’ ability to launch amphibious assaults on Adolf Hitler’s ‘Fortress Europe’”(Alex Herd, 2013). But unfortunately, the raid was a disaster; the German coastal defenses were aware of the invading forces, and they were much stronger than the Allies expected. More than nine hundred Canadian soldiers were killed, and thousands more were wounded or taken prisoner, with only two thousand soldiers returning home. Despite the many losses and bloodshed, this raid proved to be an invaluable lesson to future Allied assaults like D-Day.

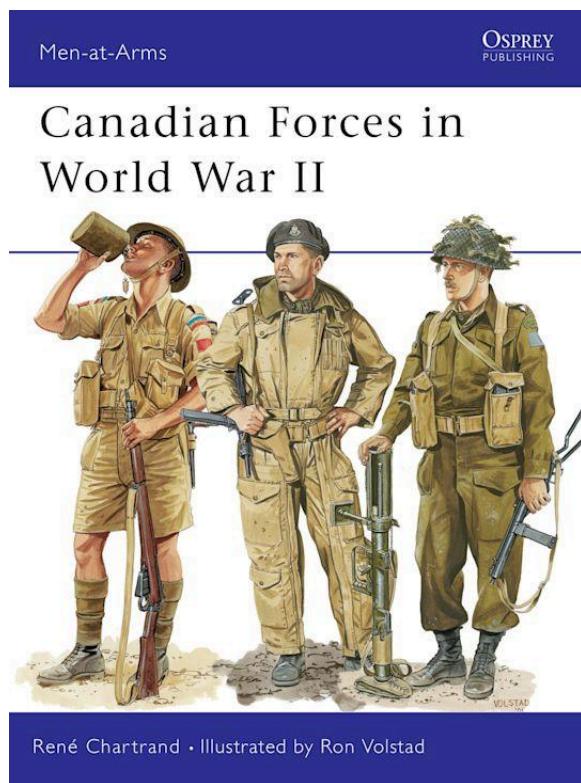
Second, the Normandy Campaign,

better known as D-Day, was an invasion orchestrated by the Allies after countless months of planning and learning lessons, like what was learned at Dieppe, and this was “*The bloody campaign to liberate Western Europe from nazi occupation*”(Richard Foot, 2006). The Campaign was a pivotal event in the history of World War II, which turned the tide against Germany and in the Allies' favor; the D-Day landings started on June 6th, 1944, and ended on July 24th, 1944. There were nearly 150,000 troops deployed onto the beaches of Normandy via parachutes or boats, 14,000 of whom were Canadian. Besides the ground troops, Canada also contributed 110 ships with 10,000 sailors and 15 fighter squadrons, with more people growing every day of the battle. The Campaign was a huge success, as after tirelessly fighting, the Allies managed to drive away the Nazi forces, and on April 30th, 1945, Hitler committed suicide. Not long after, Germany surrendered to the Allies on May 7th, 1945. Though a success, there were many casualties on both sides, with countless lives being lost; there were more than 200,000 allied casualties, 19,000 of which were Canadians and 5,000 Canadian soldiers died.

Finally, the Battle of Okinawa was one of the last major battles of World War 2 II. This battle was fought between the Allied forces and Japan and was the final battle before the Allies reached Japan. This battle was one of the bloodiest battles in the war, beginning on April 1st, 1945, and ending on June 22nd, 1945. Some of the most ruthless tactics the Japanese unleashed were the

Kamikaze, Kamikaze are essentially suicide pilots, they are well trained pilots ordered to drive a plane carrying explosives into an enemy warship at high speeds, the allies suffered tremendously from this as they lost 36 warships, 5,000 soldiers died, lost 763 aircrafts, 368 ships were damaged and another 5,000 men were wounded. It wasn't any better on land though, as Japan sent 130,000 of their best troops to defend Okinawa. The battle raged on for 3 months and is considered the bloodiest battle of the Pacific, in the end the Allies won but with a hefty price, 12,000 allied soldiers were killed with 36,000 wounded it is estimated 110,000 Japanese troops were killed and 100,000 civilians were killed reducing the population of Okinawa by one third. After, the Allies dropped two atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6th, killing between 130,000 - 230,000 people, Japan soon surrendered after the horrific casualties.

In Conclusion, Canada had a very important role in World War Two and many crucial battles like, Dieppe where the Allies suffered from great losses but learned lessons from their losses therefore incorporating this into The Normandy Campaign, where after years of planning, the Allies managed to push back Nazi forces leading to the surrender of Germany, finally in the battle of Okinawa, the allies pushed back Japan, ending the war with the surrender of Japan. Canada definitely was a major player in the war against Germany and we should never forget about the brave soldiers who gave their lives so we can be here.



Child Abuse and Neglect

By Jade Rosca

Child Abuse and neglect is horrible and no one should go through it. This topic is sensitive, and it's a troubling issue that affects countless lives around the world. Child abuse and neglect is a range of harmful actions, in which can be physical, emotional, and sexual. Neglect behavior is when a child gets deprived of their basic needs and rights. For example, clothing, shelter, a healthy diet, and a safe environment. All of these situations can cause long-lasting damage to the physical and psychological well-being of our most vulnerable members of society.

According to the World Health Organization, approximately 1 billion children aged 2-17 experienced violent or neglectful treatment in the past year, with about 19,000 dying yearly due to violence, abuse, or neglect. 9.2% experienced physical abuse resulting in harm, while 18% of girls and 8% of boys were reportedly sexually abused before turning 18 years old. These statistics underscore the urgent need for comprehensive efforts to prevent and address child abuse and neglect. By understanding how child abuse and neglect is we can all work towards implementing effective interventions, supporting survivors, and creating a safe environment for children.

How do we fix Child abuse and neglect? There's no way we can fully stop child abuse and neglect, but here are things that we can try and do to raise awareness towards child abuse and neglect. We can support and empower families by providing access to resources, such as counseling services, mental health support, substance abuse treatment, and parenting education. Using comprehensive legislation and policies, we can help by developing and enforcing comprehensive laws and policies that will protect children from abuse and neglect. We can ensure that child protection services are well-sourced. We can also help them by providing a safe place and a safe environment for children in schools, childcare centers, and community settings. All of these can help a little bit, even though child abuse and neglect won't ever be fully put to a stop, it can bring down the percentage of children being abused and neglected. Thank you.



When China Shuts Its Doors, the Prairies Pay the Price

By Angela Xue

Canada is the world's second-largest country by size, covering about 9.985 million square kilometers. It has various landforms, including freshwater areas, tides, mountains, waterfalls, lakes, rivers, and islands. With such vast lands, agriculture became Canada's major economic driver. Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector supplies 1 in 9 jobs in the whole country. In 2023, the entire system contributed about 7% to the nation's GDP.

The major agricultural products are grains, canola, wheat, soybeans, as well as livestock, dairy, and seafood. Among those products, canola is produced in the prairies such as Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Manitoba. Canola is important to Canada as one of its most valuable principal field crops. It generates a lot of profits for farmers when it is exported to other countries like China. The Canola industry supplies 206,000 jobs in Canada. In 2024, Canola was the top farm revenue for Canadian crop

farmers since it created \$12.9 billion in farm cash receipts.

Once a single seed can determine the fate of an entire region, its value becomes impossible to ignore. Across the vast Canadian Prairies, where endless stretches of gold meet the horizon, canola has long stood as both a symbol of national pride and a backbone of economic stability. Yet this symbol now faces unprecedented pressure. Since March 2025, China has imposed a 100% tariff against Canadian canola oil and meal. In August, China adopted an additional 75.8% preliminary anti-dumping duty on canola seed imports. Moreover, on September 5th, 2025, China's Ministry of Commerce extended its anti-dumping investigation into Canadian canola seeds to March 9, 2026. This can be seen as a retaliation against Canada for placing tariffs on Chinese EVs, steel, and aluminum.

China's retaliation made it impossible for Canada to sell its canola oil on Chinese soil. China has been the biggest buyer of Canadian canola seeds for years. Thus, if China didn't buy Canada's canola oil, all the efforts the farmers had been engaged in for the past months seemed fruitless. With harvest approaching, the canola business grew into a hard nut to crack. A gloomy market unfolded itself. The economic base in the prairie provinces was shaken down in the tsunami of the tariff tug-of-war between the two C countries. This basically caused a ripple effect in the federal government and its economic decisions. Groups like the Canadian Canola Growers Association (CCGA) and the Canola Council of Canada (CCC) began working with the federal government and

provincial governments to figure out a solution. But, meanwhile, every little delay could lead to a serious aftermath, traumatizing Canada's market economy.

In order to fully understand this debate, China's viewpoint should be taken into account. Supporters argue that it has the legal right to initiate an anti-dumping investigation under international trade principles. Based on the World Trade Organization (WTO) Anti-Dumping Agreement, China, as a member of the WTO, can investigate imports suspected of

being sold at a lower price than fair market value. China maintains that Canadian canola seeds and oil are entering its market at an unjustifiable low price, hurting Chinese farmers and processors. Therefore, an anti-dumping investigation is necessary to protect their domestic industry and ensure fair trade. Consequently, the investigation was launched in September 2024, and the preliminary decision to impose duties was represented as a regulation rather than retaliation. From this perspective, China's measures are legal rather than political and protective rather than punitive. In their view, this investigation is necessary to ensure fair competition between imported and local products. Therefore, powerful actions become essential to protect domestic industries.

However, while China's claims may appear reasonable on the surface, deeper examinations reveal inconsistencies. The timing of China's response raised concerns about political motivations overshadowing economic reasoning as the sudden tariff decision arrived right after Canada imposed duties on Chinese EVs, aluminum and steel.

Moreover, the severity of China's measures brought consequences that crossed the line of usual anti-dumping cases. China's tariff and anti-dumping duties have greatly affected Canada's economy on an indefensible level. It does great harm to Canadian farmers as it is impossible for them to sell their canola oil and seeds to China. China is the major export destination for Canadian canola. The 100% tariffs on Canadian canola oil and the 75.8% duties on Canadian canola seeds is pushing Canada to the edge of the cliff. In this case, the defense for fair trade cannot hold water. According to Eli Ridder, a CBC reporter, farmers like the Neubauers, the canola planters, are about to experience "a significant loss" of \$40,000-\$50,000 under the current trade scenario. Their harvests for canola are trapped in storage bins. Though China has the legal right to investigate, the immediate timing and the scale of its response suggest a retaliatory undertone. In the bigger picture, this is not just a tariff issue, but a matter of fairness and balance in international trade.

Consequently, a multifaceted solution is needed. To begin, Canada needs to take measures to protect its farmers and find channels to proceed with trade with China. Canada should be taking the initiative to negotiate and form an alliance with China through a dialogue mechanism. However, solutions are not limited to one way. Additionally, Canada needs to diversify its markets for canola seeds and reduce dependence on a single country. Canada should find new buyers and sell its canola seeds to other countries like Japan, Mexico and its southern neighbor. Furthermore, Canada can seek domestic solutions. For

instance, the renewable fuel industry in Canada can buy canola seeds and extract the oil to produce diesel for vehicles and glycerin for soaps. Combining all measures, Canada can reduce harm and promote stability.

To conclude, the canola dispute serves as a powerful reminder of the fragility of global trade. Both sides present compelling arguments, yet the consequences have landed unevenly. China claims legality, but Canadian farmers face hardship and loss. In the world where economic relationships resemble delicate balancing acts, precaution, preparation and participation with a panoramic vision become the strongest defenses. Canada now has the opportunity to transform a moment of instability into a catalyst for resilience. By confronting the challenge directly, balancing diplomacy with diversification and acting decisively, the nation can ensure that its fields of canola continue to thrive—not only today, but for generations to come.



LOVE

By Teheerah Giwa

*Love that shines through the darkest nights,
Optimism that surges when nothing seems
right,*

*Vast feeling huger than the Mediterranean
Sea,
Endless rivers of which love flows free.*



November before the snow
By Neveah

Bare trees flow through the wind
The skies are soft and turn grey, the sun is yellow

The warmth of fall is fading away
Winter waits in the shade and coldness



Staring At Street Lamps

By Gwen Modi

Cold air biting our shaky fingers
Our fear from earlier still lingers

The camera won't work
And we both start to smirk

At this nightmare of a vigil
Our delirium fuels our giggles

We laugh so we don't cry
As we stare at the aurora in the sky

Its greens and blues and purples
Form intricate swirls and circles

Even in the freezing weather
We're standing here together

Even though everything's a blur
And we're both about to hurl

We pack up our things
And go sit on the swings

I stare at the street lamps that shine like the
Sun
This feeling is something I cannot outrun

But we run anyways, the whole way home
As its dark and cold and hours past gloam

We part for the night
And immediately, I turn on every light

I try and go to sleep
As dawn begins to creep
But every time I close my eyes
Another school bus drives by

And the cycle repeats



No Tigers in Africa?

By Taheerah Giwa

There are no wild tigers in Africa, but was that always the case? This is the story of why there are no tigers in Africa, without the usual shenanigans about how there were never tigers there to start with or how all the feline species dispersed in the continent. You probably are wondering when I will get to the point, so let me explain.

Long, long ago, before any of us were born, it was an ordinary day in the life of Butterfly in the Benue River basin, and she was on the way to lay her egg. Most people like to know what the characters in stories look like, so here is a brief description of Butterfly. She was a blue morpho butterfly, one of the most unique in the forest. When she closed her wings, it looked like a bunch of eyes were staring at you, and when she flew, it looked like she was appearing and disappearing. Okay, that's enough, back to the story.

Butterfly was in a tree, checking out a spot for her egg, when she heard something hit the branch she was on. The next thing she knew, she was falling and could not fly away because of the pressure. She then flew with the pressure, which caused her to slam into Tiger, who was taking a nap.

Awoken from her beauty sleep, Tiger got mad and tried to swat Butterfly away, but then a[RG1] stone came flying by her ear. She ran away, but unfortunately towards Butterfly, who then thought the tiger was chasing her, so she too ran. Tiger called out

to her, but Butterfly did not slow down. Tiger then slowed down as she was already gasping for breath, even though she ran for just a few minutes. Tiger called out to Butterfly.

“Please help me, please help me, I really need your help, I honestly won’t hurt you.” Tiger kept moaning.

Butterfly stopped, flew back towards her and onto a branch and said, “You said that you desperately need my help. Do you plan to kill me as some kind of bait for your lunch?”

“Of course not.” Tiger said, annoyed, “Would I ask for your help if I wanted you as bait?”

“Ummmm... Most likely yes” Butterfly said with some air of irritation, “You’re just like all the other tigers around here, caring for themselves and themselves alone.”

“First of all, the question I asked you was a rhetorical question...”

“Ruh-tuh-waht, stop speaking gibberish” Butterfly interrupted.

“A rhetorical question is one that does not require an answer! Tiger growled through clenched teeth. “You said ‘the other tigers around here’, well, there are no other tigers around here because...”

“You’ve got to be kidding me, I just saw some old-looking tiger just the day before yesterday”, Butterfly interrupted again. “Oh! Let me tell you what he did...”

“Stop interrupting me, or I might actually consider killing you, bait or not!” Tiger growled while unsheathing her claws. “That old-looking tiger is my husband. One of the stupid humans with dumb flying rocks killed him...”

“Oh my God. I thought I would never see this day. A tiger with sorrow and tears in her eyes!” Butterfly said with glee, oblivious to Tiger’s rising anger with each word. “Wait till I tell my friends about this, they would...”

“They would mourn you, you imbecile!” Tiger roared, unsheathed her claws again, dashed up the tree, and swatted Butterfly before she could process the meaning of imbecile.

“Okay, ma’am, please for the love of God, please calm down and don’t kill me, please?” Butterfly begged with despair in her voice and a hole in her wing.

“Just shut up!!!” Tiger growled, “One more interruption and I swear, I will rip your wings out”

“Yes, m’lady”, Butterfly said in the most respectful tone she had ever uttered before.

“You are neither British nor a gentleman. So drop it”

“Yes, ma’am” Butterfly said with the same respect without the British accent.

“I am not old,” Tiger said with a sigh, “but let’s move on, so as I was saying, my husband and I were the last of our kind here in Africa, even though we have been here

since the beginning of time. We were hunted because they wanted medicine, food, trade, homes or even status.” Tiger has the faraway sorrow look in her eyes again.

“That is so depressing,” Butterfly said, trying to look sad, sorrowful and upset. She was not successful, though.

“I suppose my dilemma is that horrid,” Tiger said as she returned to reality. “We were trying to find a safe place for me to give birth so that our lineage can continue even though they would be mixed or whatever.”

“So how can I help?” Butterfly asked very sincerely.

“I need you to spread the word if I die, but I mostly need you to find a safe spot for my baby first.” Tiger said, “Is that too much, considering I accidentally ripped a hole in your wing?”

“Firstly, you did not accidentally rip a hole in my wing; you lunged for me with precise coordination.” Butterfly said as a matter of fact, “Secondly, it is not too much for me, because I’m obviously exceptional, a hero, you have had enough rest, let’s get going”

“Thank you so much”, Tiger replies with glee.

They left together, all the while becoming very friendly and acquainted. They made a quick stop for Butterfly to lay her egg on the first day, but apart from that, they did not stop until one faithful day a week later. Tiger and Butterfly had stopped for Tiger to have a quick water drink by a stream, when a rock shot past Tiger’s ear.

“Oh no!” Butterfly said.

“Tell my story! Go now be safe, but make sure you tell my story!” Tiger said with urgency.

“I can’t go without you!!!” Butterfly whined.

“Go now so it's easier to ...” Tiger trailed off. “Oh, found him!!!”

Tiger growled with all her might and jumped over the stream. She then lunged towards the trees, and there was a human scream. Tiger backed away and looked Butterfly in the eye and said.

“It is obvious I won’t survive. I had my aim wrong and did not strike him the right way. Please tell my message for as long as you live, please fulfil my last wish,” Tiger said, sounding defeated.

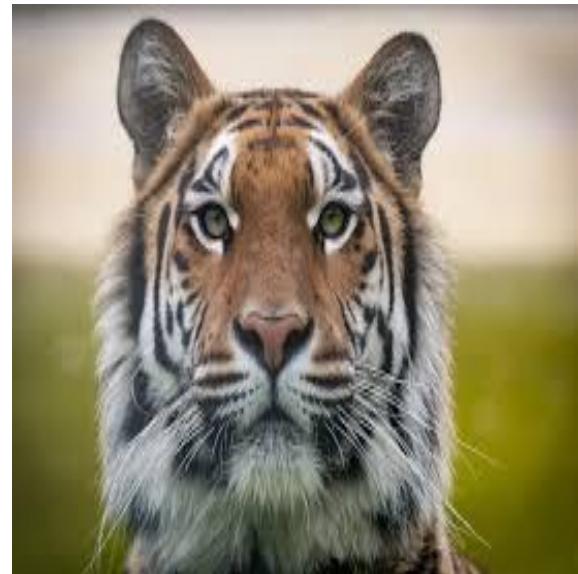
“Please run with me! I am sorry for how we started, but you are my friend now! Please, please, please?”

As Butterfly pleads, a stone comes flying over Tiger's head, she turns then gets hit with a sharp stick in the chest. She turns to a butterfly smile and says

“It was nice knowing you, m'lady”

Then she sadly passed away. Butterfly flew away, crying more than she ever had before, she found a squirrel, told him Tiger's story and told him to spread the truth. Every animal she encountered was told the unfortunate truth.

That, my friends, is why there are no wild tigers in Africa. We made them disappear with our greed. Tiger's story shows us our mistakes and reminds us that when we take without conscience, we create consequences for others to face and endure.



Japanese Rock and the Death of Childhood By Boidahi Deb

I am a deeply sentimental person. I was quite the hoarder in my younger years, refusing to throw out receipts and tickets to movies long forgotten because I didn't want to lose the memories. Nostalgia is a hole in my heart that thrums with phantom pain every time I am reminded of the past. I watch old movies, and my dreams at night consist of flashes of those films. All this to say, Japanese rock is something I have loved before I even knew of it.

As a young child growing up on the internet, I could not escape Atsushi Sakurai. His face popped up on every Pinterest search, his voice every time I left Spotify to its own devices. One day, I got curious enough to listen fully to one of Sakurai's band, BUCK-TICK's songs. I heard *My Funny Valentine* for the first time and I was hooked. I blasted Malice Mizer, Mejibray, Dadaroma, and every other Japanese rock band I could get my hands on, at all hours of the day and night. Even so, before I knew it, I had grown out of that phase. Years of fangirling, posters on my wall, all of it was given up to fit in with everyone else in my elementary school.

Recently, just like the first time, I heard Sakurai again while trying to search up a different song. Feeling a sense of melancholy towards the past, I clicked on the song, *Dress* and almost immediately my childhood rushed back to me. Hours on my tablet playing some mobile game, while Sakurai crooned in the background in a totally unfamiliar language, about his lost love. The obsession came back full-scale, and within the week, the faces of the BUCK-TICK members plastered my walls. I listened to all their albums back-to-back, Sakurai's voice haunting me as I went through my daily activities.

The first time I searched up BUCK-TICK after rediscovering them was to know if they had any new releases. I learned that they did, but Sakurai was not to be on them. Atsushi Sakurai died on October 13, 2023, due to a brainstem hemorrhage. I sat in shock for a bit after processing that. I had seen death before of course, in older family members and friends, but never in

someone so larger than life. For someone who had never even seen the man perform live, I felt such a strong connection to him. I recalled being eight years old, finally carving out an identity for myself, and BUCK-TICK being a huge part of that identity. I remembered being ten years old and unsure of my place in the world, with Sakurai's voice always playing in the background.

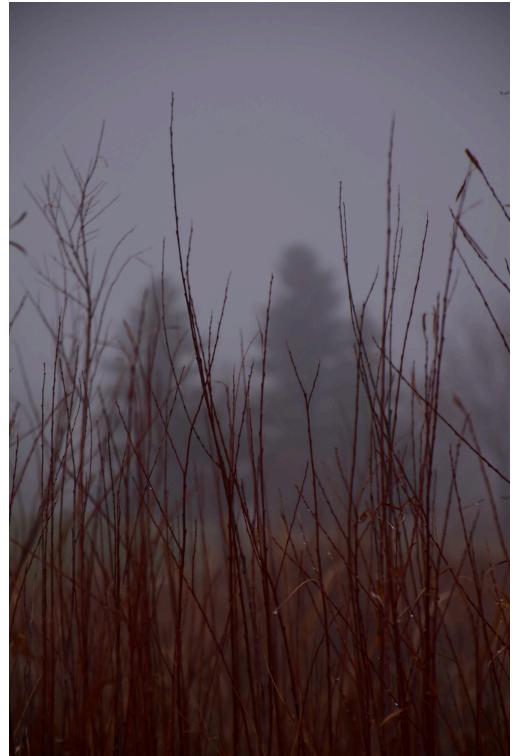
And now, I was fourteen years old with my favourite singer dead and my childhood gone along with him.



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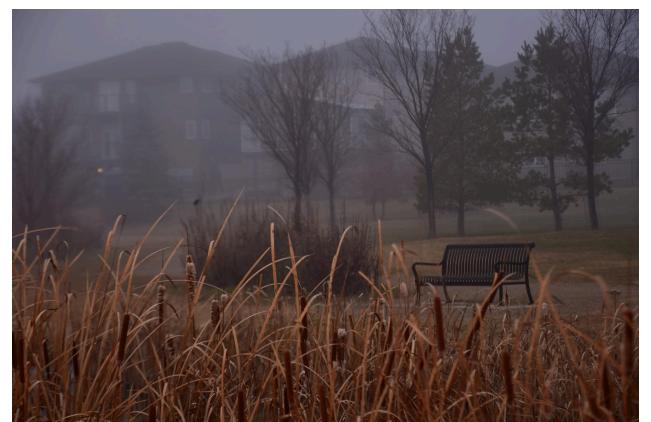
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INTO THE WOODS: The Totally Essential (and Mildly Concerning) Bucket List

A survival guide for students who've wandered off the path... again.

1. Bake Something Questionable

Channel the Baker & Wife.
If it's edible, congrats. If it growls, release it back into the woods.

2. Make Awkward Eye Contact in the Hallway

Experience the “Little Red meets Wolf” tension.

Try not to speed-walk away.

3. Enter the “Woods” (School Courtyard) Alone

Last as long as possible before a teacher says

“What are you *doing* out here?

4. Make a Wish on a Random Object

Locker? Pencil? Crusty water bottle?
If your wish comes true, you’re officially the protagonist.

5. Dress Like a Witch for a Day

Black hoodie = instant sorceress.
Cast spells like: “Finish my homework, please.”

6. Trade Something Useless

Jack traded his cow for beans.
You can trade your broken pencil for a single Skittle.

7. Sing Dramatically Through the Hall

Solve your problems *musical-style*.
Bonus points if a stranger joins in.

8. Face Your Fear: Check Your Grades at 1 A.M.

The REAL dark forest.
Snacks advised. Therapy optional.

9. Be Mysterious for a Day

Say cryptic things like:
“Your destiny awaits...”
and walk away slowly.

10. Leave a Magical Object Around School

A glitter rock.
A note that says “It’s enchanted.”
A single raisin.
Confuse everyone.



