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The Story of Kent Ryan Jr.

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It was the 8th of July, 2005. The Ryan family gave birth to a black child in a tiny wooden house. His mother bled to death when giving birth to little Kent. The father went on with his life and named the little boy Kent Ryan Jr.



Father and Son ~ By Samuel Lin

They lived in a poor community in Detroit. There were drugs and guns everywhere. Old Kent knew about the danger in this area, so he seldom let little Kent go out. That annoyed little Kent a lot. His father brought him up, fed him, taught him and did everything for him. It bothered little Kent since he always wondered what the outside world was like. He felt trapped like a bird. He longed for freedom and because of this reason, he hated his father.

One day, he received some astonishing news. Little Kent's uncle became a billionaire, and he invited Little Kent to live in his mansion for a few days. Little Kent couldn't refuse the

offer and went, leaving his father, old Kent alone. That's when he started to despise his hometown. The mansion was gigantic, with dozens of servants waiting for him. There were two golf courses, five basketball courts and five football (rugby) fields. Little Kent soon became interested in football. His uncle soon discovered his talents, *"How could a 5'4" boy jump 50 inches high? That's insane! His matureness in football looks as if he has been playing for years in just seconds. He's a genius!"* he said. His uncle started training him hard and became very strict to him.

Under the training of Kent's uncle, little Kent couldn't rest at all and threw up almost every day. Kent didn't mind since he was extremely passionate about American football. His uncle often encouraged him and said that he could play in the National Football League (NFL). Little Kent was living happily and forgot about his poor life in Detroit.

But one day, things changed. While he was training, little Kent's Achilles tendon couldn't stand the high pressure of training and he tore it. It is a deadly injury for athletes. That's when his uncle abandoned him. He yelled at little Kent, saying he was "useless junk" and that he was just wasting his time. He also said, *"I'm here for nurturing talents! Not rubbish!"* He later kicked little Kent out of the mansion and sent him back home, taking a deadly injury with him.

When little Kent returned home, he noticed his father's hair was white. Old Kent didn't blame him but instead showed him love and care. That's when little Kent became mature. Little Kent finally learned to appreciate everything his father did for him. Although his family was small, it was warm and precious.

A Letter to Mr. Randy about Technology

Tiger Shuai Yucheng (3D) 2022-2023

Dear Mr. Randy,

I am writing to express my opinion on whether technological development is good or bad for human civilization. From my point of view, technology is vital and crucial to the development of the entire world.

Every time technology evolves, the living quality of humans improves. In the past decades, centuries and millennia, technological developments have brought new and innovative things. For example, the breakthroughs in cultivation technology, smelting technology and industrial technology have provided us with higher productive efficiency, more durable tools and more convenient transporting methods such as vehicles. Take information technology as another example. The development of digital and electronic equipment has made communication and the dissemination of information



Space and the Universe

easier and faster than in the past. The Internet has also become indispensable in our daily life. I could not have lessons without the Internet during the pandemic and this proves that technology is helpful in our daily matters. In addition, most of our entertainment activities, like watching movies and playing games, are all from the electronic world. Those mentioned above are the reasons why technology is so beneficial to us.

Another reason why technology is meaningful and helpful is that technological developments help us understand life and the universe further. Thanks to the rapid progress of space exploration recently, we have been obtaining more and more understanding of how the universe works. From the first step humans made contact on the moon in 1969, to the first clear shot of a black hole in 2019, we have been exploring the universe. The development of space technology created great artificial products such as the Hubble Space Telescope and the Voyager 1 space probe. All the above achievements were remarkable milestones of space exploration. They not only gave us a chance to cognize what the universe is like but also led to answers to deepening questions which have been bothering scientists and philosophers for thousands of years about the origin and meaning of life.

Mr. Randy, I believe that technology is good for human civilization and the whole world. Technology developments do not only provide technical improvements but have enhanced our lives immensely and let us know more about everything.

One small step for technology is one giant leap for humanity.

Sincerely,

Tiger

A Letter to My Former Classmates on Venus

Emily Wei Ziqi (1C) 2022-2023

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My Former Classmates on Venus,

Hi. In case you guys forgot, let me remind you first of who I am. Remember, ten years ago when all of us were still at school, there was this girl who came from Earth, who was isolated and distanced and disliked most of the time? That's me, Margot. My family brought me back to Earth the following year after that fateful day, and I was, again, able to see the sunrise every morning. Yet how you treated me back on Venus and that spiteful joke still lingered in my head for some time, which is exactly the reason why I'm writing this letter.

I remembered well. When I lived among you, I was treated as an outsider. We didn't play together much and could never get along. I admit I wasn't active myself, but it doesn't explain the poor treatment I received. Perhaps you thought I was different. I had seen and remembered the sun I saw every day on Earth, while you only have a faint, distant memory of it until that fateful day. When the sun finally came out and everyone was in excitement, immersed in delight, I was locked up in a dim, wet closet for fun.

Margot of the Future ~ By Emily Wei (2A)

I missed my only chance of seeing the sunrise on Venus that day — hundreds and thousands of days on that dark, drenched planet without the warmth of the sun. I never got used to it, not even for the slightest second, much less talking about liking the underground city. And when the sun was about to appear in the gray sky, I was kept away.

Disappointed, for I was unable to see the magical, breathtaking scene. Frustrated and desperate, for I couldn't escape from the closet I was forced into, which was also the cruel barrier between me and the sun. I was tired of all the wasted time expecting and believing I could see it rise before my eyes on Venus.

However, I have forgiven everyone now, and it is all in the past; there's no point to keep nagging on about it.

Best,

Margot



My Thoughts about Advancements in Technology

Helen Wong Hoi Lun (3D) 2022-2023

Dear Mr. Randy,

Hello Mr. Randy! I am sharing my opinion on whether technology is good or bad with you.

The development of technology has brought various benefits to our lives. First, we can communicate easily through the Internet anytime and anywhere. Examples are ICQ, WhatsApp and Microsoft Teams. We can still share our daily life with our friends or send our homework in a file format to our teacher even if we are far from each other.

Second, artificial intelligence (AI) is intertwined with advanced technology. It can take away some easy and boring jobs such as factory assembly and cleaning. These jobs are usually labour intensive or are very physically consuming, so it will be convenient for people when machines take up those jobs to serve us. Although technology helps us to live more easily and conveniently, big and small problems will occur if we overuse it. If AI replaces humans for work, people may become lazy and refuse to find a job. A high unemployment rate will result, and employers will make more money using AI instead of human labour. It can help increase productivity and reduce production costs. While workers replaced by AI may be unable to find a new job because of their lower education level, the difference between the rich and the poor may widen. It may result in social problems like demonstrations and higher crime rates. The above things will destroy social harmony and society.



The Future Risk ~ By Eva Ho (4A)

Moreover, AI can't take away jobs that require care, a heart and emotions. Examples are doctors, nurses and social workers. Also, AI has no feelings or emotions and it will be terrible if robots start to have self-awareness. They may not be satisfied with serving humans and only want to take over the world. AI may betray humans, and if this happens, we may not be matching rivals because they are too smart, and all the people in the world will die.

Therefore, effective use of technology is very important. We should not rely too much on technology. Play it safe, use technology wisely and in a correct way. If we use technology wisely, human beings can also progress. If technology advances too fast, the threat of being taken over is more possible, bringing human civilization to a demise!

I hope you enjoy reading my opinions and I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Wong

The Girl in Red

Ada Hu (2C) 2022-2023

Last Saturday, it was a fine evening, and I took a walk in the park nearby after dinner as usual. There were very few people inside the park that evening, and the surroundings were unusually tranquil, with leaves rustling in a gust of breeze. As night was beginning to fall, the whole park was shrouded in darkness, leaving only a few dim lights by the roadside. I was strolling down the path leisurely under the moonlight.

Nothing happened until a blurry black figure suddenly darted out of the trees beside me and crossed in front of me in a split second. It was quite hard to see what the shadow was due to the gloomy environment and its fast-moving speed. Out of curiosity, I quickened my pace in order to catch up with it, wondering where it was heading. I followed it across grassland with several bushes when I discovered this creature was a wild cat under the glowing road lamps. There was a strange little girl's high-pitched laughter growing increasingly loud, and it kept ringing in my ears as I continued to go after the cat's light footsteps.

Unexpectedly, the cat stopped its steps when it arrived at a deserted playground at a remote corner of the park. The moment I looked around this unfamiliar place, I spotted the girl in a red dress playing on a swing delightfully as she giggled. Without thinking further, I stepped forward and greeted her in a low voice.

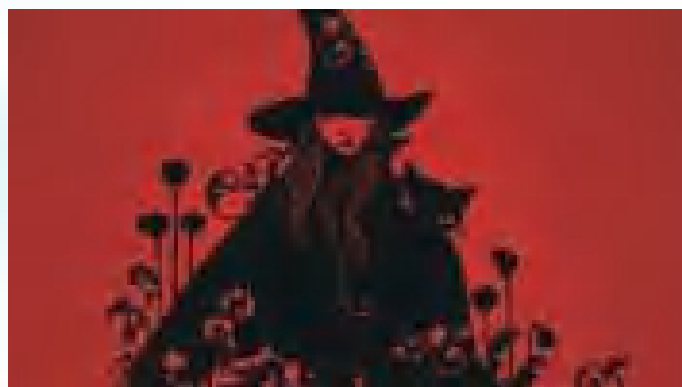
"Hello! Are you playing alone, too? Why don't we play together?" I asked.

However, she just ignored me and kept playing. When I tried to ask her again, she vanished from the swing in just a short time, which got me confused. *"Where has she gone?"* I thought, rubbing my eyes and trying to see clearly. However, what I witnessed was that there was no one on the swing, but it was still swinging

by a large margin. Seeing such a creepy sight, I was held totally by a burst of horror that made me feel a chill creeping up my back and unable to move an inch. Suddenly, I felt someone tap me on the shoulder from behind gently, and I turned around to take a look. But just then, before I could see the person, the girl appeared on the swing again, gazing straight at me and smiling strangely. At that moment, I felt every single hair stand on end, and my body ran frozen with horror.

"Who are you? Don't come over!" I screamed, shivering.

However, the girl's sight still fixed on me, and there was no response from her, which stuck fear into my heart.



A Girl and her Cat

Meanwhile, the girl got off from the swing and was striding towards me. Without a second thought, I turned around immediately and rushed as fast as I could to the exit of the park; I felt my heart was beating violently.

Fortunately, I got out of this frightening park. Later, I heard from the security guard that the little girl I met was the one who had drowned in the lake in the park last month. The cat was the girl's pet. After knowing the truth, I was even gladder to get out of the park in time.

Murder Mystery of a Federal Agent

Andy Wong Kwan Ho (3C) 2022-2023

John was a federal agent in Washington. It was Christmas. John was rushing home to celebrate the special festival with his family. While driving home, he suddenly got pulled over by 3 black Chevy SUVs. John's vehicle flipped over and crashed into a nearby shop. Not knowing what was happening, John tried to escape. *"Bang! Bang! Bang!"* John stood still as blood gushed from his head, and a few seconds later, he collapsed.

"Are you okay? Are you okay?" His wife repeated from his phone in a concerned voice. John was quiet because he was already dead. Knowing about his death, Interpol Carrell Dockling rushed to the scene immediately. He almost passed out when he saw his best friend lying there. Filled with grief and indignation, he vowed to find the murderer. Suddenly, an unexpected guest visited him. *"I am Lorraine, an agent from the FBI. I was sent to investigate the case with you because I was John's former partner,"* Lorraine said. Then, they went to John's house. They knocked on the door and a young woman answered. It was John's wife, Emma.

"Recently, John told me that he was investigating a corruption case involving several government officials, it might be... no! It must be! They must have killed him!"



John's wife squalled with tears in her eyes. *"I swear I'm going to find those guys!"* Carrell yelled. *"According to the clues provided by my informant, several of John's colleagues left the station in a hurry. They are Joseph, Sam, and Boris, respectively,"* Lorraine said.

They set off immediately to their homes but found them all dead. *"Wait, is it Emma?"* Carrell rushed to her house. However, it was too late. She was shot dead. Carrell wondered who the murderer was and what or who was behind them. *"How can I find them?"* He shouted out loud. The detectives arrived at the evidence collection room. *"According to the dash cam, John's route home was blocked by 3 Chevy SUVs. There was a masked man standing behind him. He must have been the one who shot John. Check their phones! They must have sent messages to the leader!"* Carrell screamed. Lorraine answered suspiciously, *"Ah..... yes I think so too, but it is very late now. Let's continue tomorrow."*

While Carrell was driving home, he received a message, *"Come home quickly to find the killer!"* He hurried home and found a man waiting. Carrell immediately pointed a pistol at him, *"Who are you? What does my friend's death have to do with you?"* Carrell asked. *"Calm down. I'm Ken from the CIA. I am here to give you a clue!"* In the living room, Ken quickly took out a list.

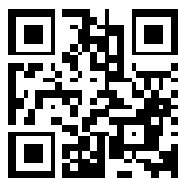
"That's what your friend gave me before he died. It's a list of corrupted agents in the CIA and the FBI. Our Bureau is full of eyes and ears in the mob. Really, trust me, even your partner and colleagues are in it. In short, your friend handed over the evidence to me as he was afraid of being silenced. You should take a quick look." Carrell quickly picked up the list and found the most profitable and corrupt agent is Lorraine! Carrell yelled out loud, *"How is this possible!"* Carrell couldn't believe his eyes.

Suddenly, the door was pried open by men in black suits, and Lorraine stepped out of the door. *"Carell, you know too much. Now, it's your time to keep John company..."* Lorraine said with a wicked voice and smiled.

Then.....

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