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## Mid-Semester Crises and How To Solve Them

Hey, we've made it more than a month into the semester! Great job. That's the good news. The bad news, as you may be well aware, is that midterms are creeping up and motivation is hitting a slump. Fall break is only two weeks away, but these two weeks will be a marathon of deadlines. As you enter midterms hell, you'll want to take the following bits of advice to heart as you encounter some of these common roadblocks.

**Crisis:** You have a paper due in less than 24 hours and you haven't started it yet.

**Solution:** First, you'll need a lot of coffee. A lot. Become the caffeine. Fill your bloodstream with the sludgy productivity juice. If coffee's not your thing, you could use Yerba Mate, but ew why would you. Anyway, once you're bursting with energy, run a couple laps around campus to shake off the excess until you feel ready to sit down at your desk and type. Then all you need to do is arrange your source texts into a neat pentagram on the floor, light some candles, burn some herbs, and perform the following incantation: "*Esaium brilliantus et originalus scriptadum, in nomine [insert professor's name here], ad paperam [insert desired pagecount here].*" A small woodland creature will then appear and defecate furiously in neat little lines until the paper is complete. Huzzah!

**Crisis:** You're completely stuck on the last problem on your physics homework.

**Solution:** (a) Drop physics. (b) Okay, if you really have to pass physics... First of all, you're going to want to recreate the situation in the problem. You'll need some equipment, like, what, a pendulum or something? So set it up, get it oscillating. Take some measurements and convert the answer into the equation you were actually supposed to figure out by changing some of the digits to Greek letters. If you're still worried that the grader will know you didn't use the right method, write something about the swerve of particles and the futility of studying their behavior in a vacuum.

**Crisis:** You're using up your board plan too fast.

**Solution:** As the semester gets more stressful, you buy more food. We've all been there. But if you want to save yourself some board points for the rest of the year, it's good to know about cheaper alternatives to Commons. Spend a couple days foraging in the canyon and in the dumpsters around campus. You may find that you can construct an entire feast from the scraps that people throw away. Stale bread, cheese rinds, and a cardboard Java Jacket -- there's a perfect sandwich right there. I hear you can pick some pretty interesting mushrooms around here too. Fuel your creativity.

**Crisis:** You're not getting nearly enough sleep.

**Solution:** Have you been staying up until 4 a.m. with homework (or video games or masturbation)? And then having to wake up at 8 for your morning classes (or just to masturbate again)? This is unhealthy behavior and must be remedied. To help you along, I'll let you in on one of the best-kept secrets among upperclassmen: most of us have our own Time-Turners. They're easy to make -- all you need is a lock of unicorn hair, an artifact from your childhood, and a Victorian-era pocketwatch. Tie them together with some wibbly-wobbly timey-wimey string (you can get this at the bookstore), and you're ready to become master of your own schedule. Three turns should do it -- if you succeed, more than one relaxing dream may be saved tonight.

**Crisis:** People in your dorm are being loud and annoying.

**Solution:** Rent out, like, a cricket bat or something from the sports center. Poke your head out into the hallway now and then and swing the bat threateningly. Or just go work in the library; if people are making noise there, actually hit them. They must not know what it's like to be stressed about midterms. Right? The world is your oyster, man.

**Crisis:** Your parents keep nagging you about unimportant stuff.

**Solution:** Remind them that school is the only thing that matters right now. You don't have to worry about having any money in your bank account, or remembering to pick up your prescriptions, or brushing your teeth. Wait, scratch that last one. Please brush your fucking teeth. But seriously, don't let any reminders of a "real world" existing out there distract you from your academic blossoming. Stay in the bubble; it's safe here.



My cup overfloweth... with overwhelming responsibilities.

by ER

## Frequent Giant Bee Attacks Deemed by Authorities as "Unavoidable"

TW Death, Potential Gore?

Tragedy struck this week as yet another group of students were attacked by a group of gigantic bees. The students were on their way to class Wednesday morning when suddenly a swarm of bees came out of absolutely nowhere. The swarm descended upon the students and began to sting every patch of exposed skin they could find, killing 10 students and injuring 9 more. Eyewitnesses claim that these fuckers were the size of Yorkshire terriers on steroids.

"Honestly these things happen like once a month in this country, there isn't anything we can do about it", said Richard "Law Abiding Taxpayer" Johnson, a resident of the area, "Like maybe it's kind of dangerous that almost every single household in this county keeps a few giant bees around, and maybe garages aren't the best places to keep a colony. But that can't possibly have any correlation with these statistics."

"Like I know there are some people out there trying to get the government to butt in our personal lives with 'beekeeping regulations', but if the government can just take away our bees, who is to stop them from taking way our dogs or even babies? I swear this country is becoming a haven for communist scum", Johnson said, and then he emphasized his disgust by spitting out his tobacco.

United States is the current world leader in giant bee attacks. According to a recent Wall Street Journal article, 14 European countries including Russia had 23 attacks between 2000 and 2014. In contrast, the United States experienced 133, a frankly insane amount for any country that claims to be "civilized". At a Thursday press conference following the incident, a government representative reportedly announced, "It is truly baffling how this could have happened. We have our best detectives working on the case. But really, bees are known to be capricious, and we really can't stop nature". He declined to answer any more questions.



Really, something must be done about this. I can't keep publishing these sorts of images. These tragedies are soul-crushing.

by HZ

## Marco Rubio Reannounces John Boehner's Resignation To Boost Poll Numbers

Claiming, "It's what the people want to hear, and I'm just the guy to give it to them", Marco Rubio announced for a second time to an electrified crowd that speaker of the house John Boehner had indeed resigned.

"Look, I've been having a rough time lately, between Trump and Bush," Rubio admitted. "But when I announced that resignation the first time I'd never seen a crowd so fired up! Right after that, for some reason my poll numbers jumped up and I figured hey, if these people like to hear it so much, I'm sure they'll wanna hear it again!"

True to Rubio's word, a massive crowd packed into the auditorium, once again absolutely thrilled to hear the now days-old announcement.

Following the announcement Rubio, walking back and forth across the stage and making finger guns to the audience with an enormous grin, shouted "Lemme hear it D.C.!!". To the increasingly excited crowd, Rubio then brought out a lifesize stuffed doll of speaker Boehner and proceeded to tear the head off, throwing it into the maddened audience, before finally exiting the stage, highfiving through the crowd as he left.

At press time Rubio had reportedly jumped to the front of the polls.

by JG