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THE SCHOLASTIC AVENGER

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AND WELCOME TO ANOTHER EPISODE OF THE "SCHOLASTIC AVENGER."
THE ONLY SUPER HERO TO HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.
A MAN SO LINGUISTICALLY EDUCATED, HE USES HIS ORATORY SKILLS TO EDUCATE
EAGER YOUNG LADS, AND REPREMAND LOATHESOME VILLAINS WHO SMITE THE
SCHOLASTIC PERSERVERENCE OF LAW ABIDING CITIZENS.

WHEN WE LEFT OFF, ^{AM, AM, AM} CLAMFACE, ARCH ENEMY OF THE SCHOLASTIC
AVENGER, HAD CORNERED LITTLE BILLY MITCHELL IN THE BACK OF A DEAD END
ALLEY, AND WAS TRYING TO MAKE BILLY DRINK A JAR OF SOME STRANGE
SUBSTANCE HE HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

CLAMFACE: HEY BILLY, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE A NICE, BIG GULP OF
ACRIDINE?

BILLY: WELL, I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHAT IT IS, BUT I'LL GIVE IT
A TRY.

S.A.: WAIT BILLY! DON'T DO IT! IT'S HARMFUL!

BILLY: WOW! THE SCHOLASTIC AVENGER!

S.A.: THAT'S RIGHT, BILLY! ACRIDINE IS A COLORLESS, CRYSTALLINE
COMPOUND, $C_{13}H_qN$, OCCURRING IN COAL TAR AND IMPORTANT
AS THE PARENT COMPOUND OF DYES AND PHARMECEUTICALS.

CLAMFACE: CURSE YOU, SCHOLASTIC AVENGER!

S.A.: NICE TRY, CLAMFACE. IT'S A GOOD THING I SHOWED UP IN TIME
TO DEFINE THAT WORD. ARE YOU OKAY, BILLY?

BILLY: JUST FINE, SCHOLASTIC AVENGER!

CLAMFACE: WELL YOU KNOW WHAT, SCHOLASTIC AVENGER? YOU REMIND ME OF
A BIG, HAIRY "BRACHIOPOD!"

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BILLY: GOLLY, SCHOLASTIC AVENGER! WHAT DOES "BRACHIOPOD" MEAN?

S.A.: WELL, IF I'M CORRECT, IT INVOLVES ANY OF A PHYLUM BRACHIOPODA OF MARINE INVERTEBRATES WITH BIVALVE SHELLS WITHIN WHICH IS A PAIR OF ARMS BEARING TENTACLES BY WHICH A CURRENT OF WATER IS MADE TO BRING MICROSCOPIC FOOD TO THE MOUTH.

BILLY: GOSH! THAT'S SWELL, SCHOLASTIC AVENGER! YOUR SMARTER THAN SUPERMAN!

S.A.: I KNOW.

CLAMFACE: CURSE YOU, SCHOLASTIC AVENGER, HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT WORD? I THOUGHT VICTORY WAS MINE!

S.A.: NOT BY A LONGSHOT, CLAMFACE. IT LOOKS LIKE THIS TIME YOU'RE OUT OF CONTEXT.

CLAMFACE: BILLY! JOIN ME AND I'LL MAKE YOU RICH BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS! I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE "DEMETHYLHYDRAZINE" MILKSHAKES YOU WANT!

BILLY: OH, BOY! FREE MILKSHAKES!

S.A.: WAIT, BILLY! IF I'M CORRECT, DEMETHYLHYDRAZINE IS EITHER OF TWO FLAMMABLE, CORROSIVE, ISOMERIC LIQUIDS, $C_2 H_8 N_2$, WHICH ARE METHYLATED DERIVATIVES OF HYDRAZINE, AND OF WHICH ONE IS USED IN ROCKET FUEL. .WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY TO THAT, CLAMFACE!?

CLAMFACE: DON'T BELIEVE HIM, BILLY! JOIN ME AND TOGETHER WE CAN RULE THE WORLD! HA! HA! HA!

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S.A.: FOR GOD'S SAKE, BILLY! DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! HE'S SUFFERING FROM A COSMIC "ENTERO-VIRUS."

BILLY: OH, REALLY? I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!?

S.A.: YES, IT'S A DISEASE STEMMING FROM ANY OF A GROUP OF "PIC-ORNA VIRUSES," AS A "COXACKIE VIRUS," THAT TYPICALLY OCCUR IN THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT, BUT MAY BE INVOLVED IN RESPIRATORY AILMENTS, MENINGITIS, AND NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS.

BILLY: STAY AWAY FROM ME, CLAMFACE! I NOW KNOW WHAT AN EVIL-DOER YOU ARE!

CLAMFACE: WE SHALL MEET AGAIN, SCHOLASTIC AVENGER! MARK MY WORD!

S.A.: NOT IF I CAN HELP IT, CLAMFACE!

BILLY: YEAH, GOOD RIDDANCE!

NOTE: AND SO, ONCE AGAIN, THE SCHOLASTIC AVENGER WINS ANOTHER BATTLE IN FAVOR OF JUSTICE AND THE GRAMMATICALLY INCLINED. SO, STAY TUNED UNTIL NEXT TIME, WHEN WE BRING YOU ANOTHER EXCITING EPISODE OF "THE SCHOLASTIC AVENGER!"