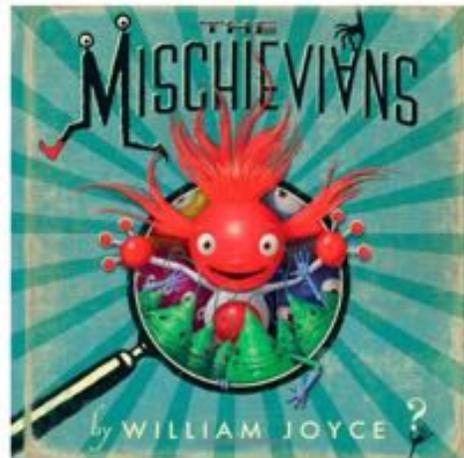


# *The Mischievians*

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as interpreted by  
The Grayson School's 4th-5th grade students



With honor and appreciation  
to William Joyce's book

# Introduction

In ELA Workshop, Ms. Doherty had an idea, to share this book,

*The Mischievians* by William Joyce.

Mischievians are crazy creatures that cause problems, like Mista Blistas, who cause blisters and Remote Toters, who steal remotes. As we flipped through the pages, we laughed along with the crazy narrator. The question-and-answer style was an great way to present the “information” about the Mischievians and to help us understand more. So, we decided to create our OWN Mischievians and practice writing in Q&A.

We hope you enjoy this book as much as we enjoyed the original!

(Which, to be clear, was a lot. NOT a little, okay?) 😊 😊

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# Itchians by Aedan

**Q: Okay, you know how you suddenly get itchy and when that happens you just keep getting itchy again and again? Is that the work of a Mischievian?**

A: Yes. Many, in fact. These Mischievians are known as Itchians. They are microscopic little balls with legs that also act like the tongue of a mosquito.

**Q: What is it about the Itchians that make you itch?**

A: When Itchians hatch, they are very weak, so they seek out a life form. Most often that is the closest human or cat or dog. They always travel with their egg groups, as a group of Itchians is called. They climb onto you and stick their legs under your skin and suck out however much of your life force that they need. But, since they are microscopic, they don't suck out much life force.

Besides, your life force regenerates like your blood. The process of the transferring of the life force is what makes you itch.



**Q: So are mosquitos a type of Itchian?**

A: No, they are not. Mosquitoes suck out your blood, not your life force. But, Itchians like these spots because they offer more life force than other spots on your skin, so that is why mosquito bites itch all the time. Itchians are what make mosquito bites itch.

**Q: What do Itchians feel like?**

A: Well, since they are microscopic, Mischievianologists couldn't figure out what Itchians felt like for a long time. But in the year 2005, a Mischievianologist named Carl Gulfur invented a robotic arm with a screen on the end that told the user what the Itchian or other microscopic Mischievian felt like. The product was very popular among Mischievianologists.

**Q: What do they smell like?**

A: Simple answer: TERRIBLE! Detailed answer: a horrible combination of moldy ham, spoiled milk, and blue cheese.

**Q: So are Itchians responsible for all of your itches?**

A: Yes. They are responsible for all your itches. Moving on!

## The Toe Cutter by Graham



Question: Are the cuts on my feet I sometimes have when I wake up from a mischievian?

Answer: Yes, well, kind of. The creatures that do this are called toe cutters, but they're not actually mischievians, they are aliens that were sent from the future.

Question: Do they only cut my toes when I'm asleep?

Answer: No, the toecutter will occasionally cut your toes when you're awake.

Question: Then shouldn't I see them?

Answer: No, they are nearly invisible because they only come out at night and can hypnotize people, so you most likely won't see them.

## Burnergases and Brrrrgases: an interview with Robot Dude by Jack H:



Question: Why does air burn in my car on hot days and why does it blow at me?

Answer: It's a Burnergas. It's only been seen with infrared.

Question: Do Burnergases only come out on hot days?

Answer: Yes. they are allergic to temperatures under 90 degrees.



Question: How do you get rid of them?

Answer: Drive around the parking lot for 4 minutes before parking, play loud music, or keep ice packs on every seat. Also you can't prevent Burnergases from entering your car any other way.

Question: Why do I feel icy cold wind on cold days? Is it another Mischievian?

Answer: oh,It's a Brrrrgas. They freeze wind and freeze water. The windchill is definitely a brrrrgas! Brrrgas should be CALLED windchill! (laughs)

Question: (laughs) Do Brrrgases make frost and icicles and ice?

Answer: Yes. They are the most helpful Mischievian because they make frost, icicles, ice, and snow.

Question: Are Burnergases and Brrrrgases related?

Answer: Also yes! They are very closely related. Burnergases were made because of burning air in a sweat lodge.

Brrrrgases were made in the Pliocene Epoch when a Megalodon jumped out of cold water, came back in, ate a dead diver that was frozen solid, and then blasted out 100,000,000 brrrrgases.

## Anti-Yugi-Dragon by Julieta



**Question:** What does it do?

**Answer:** It uses ancient Egyptian magic to transport itself into people's dreams and tell them a certain strategy for Yu-Gi-Oh that is very powerful - except when countered with the dragon's own strategy.

**Question:** Why does it do that?

**Answer:** Anti-Yugi-Dragon wants to be the Yu-Gi-Oh champion, so he makes sure that everyone is using a strategy that he knows how to beat easily.

**Question:** How does it sneak into people's dreams?

**Answer:**

While he was living in ancient Egypt, Anti-Yugi-Dragon snuck into the Pharaoh's palace and sucked some of the magic out of the Millennium Key, which can transport a person into another's mind. There, these Mischievians can change the inner structure of that person's mind to whatever they want. Although, Anti-Yugi-Dragon was not able to steal *all* of the key's magic, because the sun had just begun to rise, and he would soon be seen.

**Question:** How did he live for so long?

**Answer:**

The lifespan of dragons is normally pretty long - about five thousand years. There are other dragons out there like Anti-Yugi-Dragon, but there are very few of them.

**Question:** How was he created?

**Answer:**

When Mahado, High Priest of the Pharaoh, used his evil magic in the fight against the Thief King, he accidentally created Anti-Yugi-Dragon by misusing his powers. Mahado had not known of the dragon's existence until a month later - when it was much too late to try to stop him.

## The Slippian by Katy



Q: I hate forgetting things; it's so annoying. Is a Mischievian responsible for that?

A: Why yes. It is called the Slippian. It's very small, about one millimeter high. It is either purple or black, but it always has silver tails.

Q: Why does it make you forget things?

A: Well, this Mischievian is not stealing thoughts to be mean. It takes them because it needs to power its brain. If it doesn't get enough thoughts its brain will slowly shut down, and its body soon after.

Q: I'm glad I'm not a Slippian! How does it get into your brain without being noticed?

A: That's easy. It sneaks in through your ears...

Q: Then how come I don't feel it?

A: It is virtually weightless. And the more experienced ones can camouflage. Anyways, it sneaks in through the ears, and once in the brain it uses its silver tails to grab thoughts and

then it exits. Don't worry, once finished using the thoughts, it returns them.

Q: I know that they return the thoughts, but I don't want to lose them in the first place! How do I keep this Mischievian away?

A: Well, a Slippian never takes the same thought twice, but they can't stand reminders. Their tails somehow react to them.

Q: Speaking of silver tails, why are they silver?

A: At the very beginning of the world, the ancestor Slippian's tail got caught in two asteroids, both with traces of silver. They have had silver tails ever since.

Q: And how do you forget things when you have reminders?

A: There is a special evolved type that is immune to reminders. This is a very select group though. They are actually yellow. Their tails are still silver, but a darker shade.

Q: Thank you! Is there anything else I need to know?

A: You're welcome! And no, unless you want to know why your ears sometimes itch.

Q: Why?

A: Inexperienced Slippians.

## ***The Rotten Forgottens***

***By: Julia***

**Question: Why do you forget things that you were about to say? Is that also a Mischievian?**

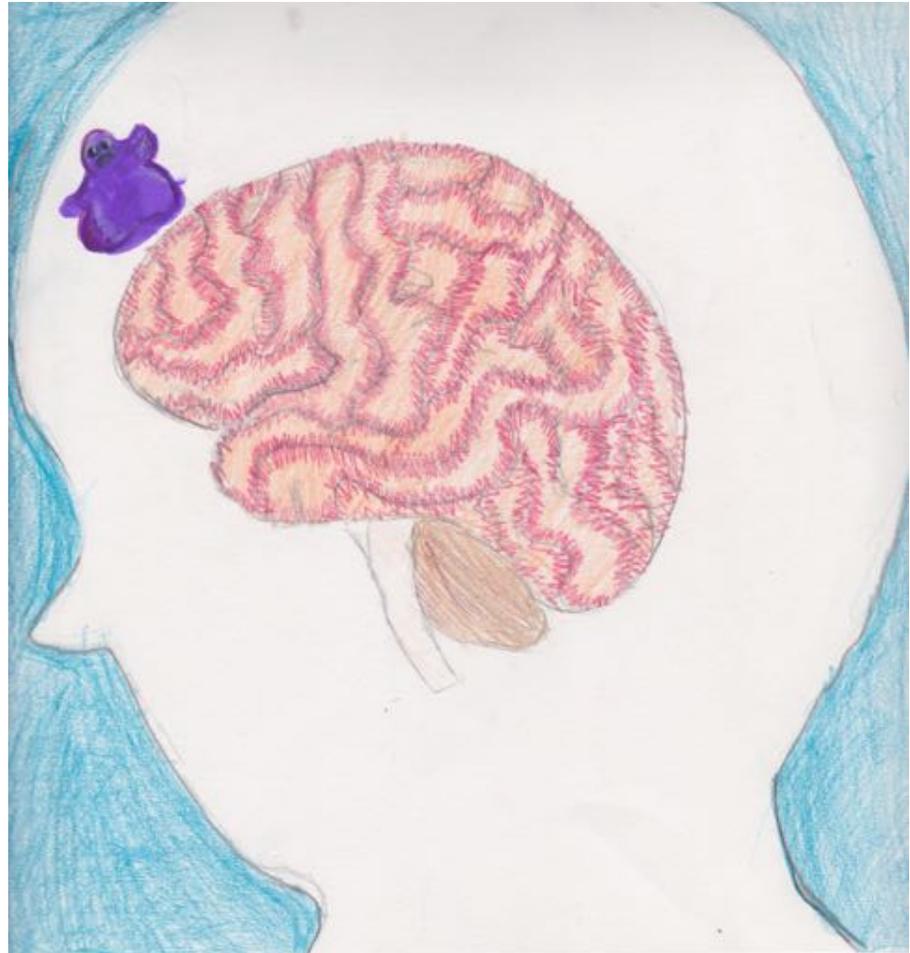
Answer: Ahhh. Great question, that's the work of the Rotten Forgottens. They crawl up through your nose and into your brain.

**Question: Ewww! Why?**

Answer: Well you see, they don't have thoughts of their own, just instincts. So, they steal yours. The greater and smarter your thoughts are the smarter the Rotten Forgottens become when they take them. That is why they are among the worst of the Mischievians.

**Question: Is it possible for them to steal a very unintelligent person's thoughts and become very dumb?**

Answer: Of course. That happens quite often.



**Question: Can you stop them?**

Answer: Fortunately yes, but you have to focus *really* hard on your thoughts. This works because when you focus hard on your thoughts it sort of puts a protective shield around that thought so the Mischievians can't take it.

**Question: Are they in some way related to the Slippians?**

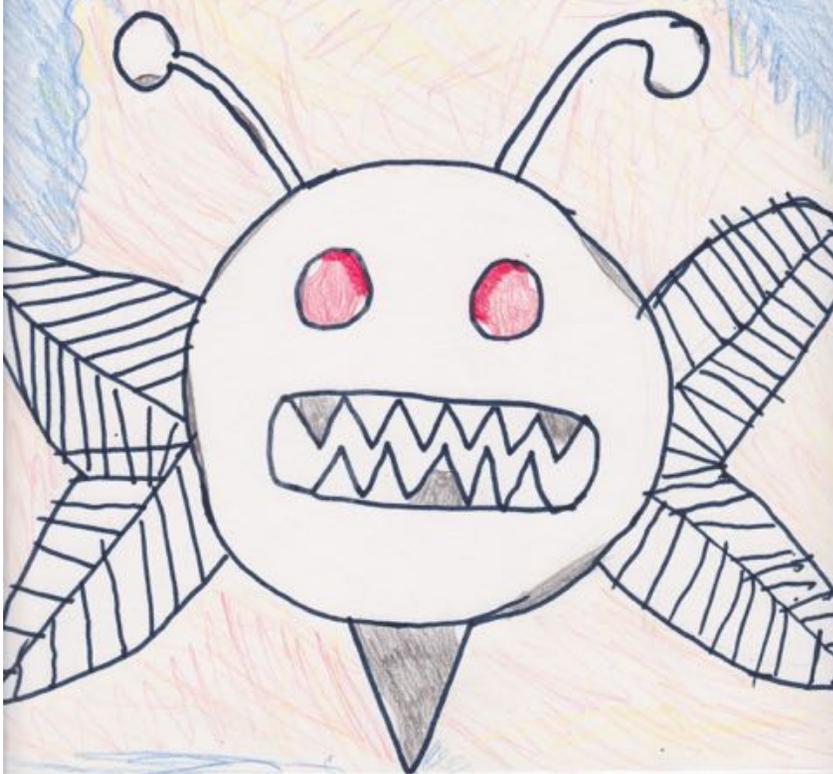
Answer: Yes, in fact they are cousins.

**Question: What do they look like?**

Answer: According to my studies they are about the size of an ant but are in the form of a slimy, purple, blob.

## The Blinders

*By Jacqueline*



### What kind of Mischievians make headaches?

The Blinders make headaches by shining so brightly that your head starts to hurt. The bright light that comes from their body makes you have a headache.

### Why do they do that?

They love stealing things from your pockets and hiding them after you lay down with your headache and close your eyes to rest. They love seeing you wake up and find all the things in your pocket missing and searching and searching to only find it a week later. They will stay around for weeks watching you.

### How do they steal things from you pockets?

On the bottom of their body, there is a black spike. They use their spike to lift up the items and carry them to where they want to go.

Where do they come from?

They come from the first time you have a natural headache and see white spots.

How can you stop them?

You can't actually stop them, but you can avert your eyes from them. If you don't, you will probably get a headache.

What is their real size?

They are actually a little smaller than a dime.

What color are they?

They are mostly a blinding white with red and black.

Do the Blinders have any relatives?

Yes, they do. The Untuners are distant cousins. Otherwise, not that I can think of off the top of my head.

How dangerous are they?

The worst thing they can do is cause a few day migraine, but they aren't that dangerous.

# The Stresser by Natalie

**Q: Are Mischievians the cause of stressing out?**

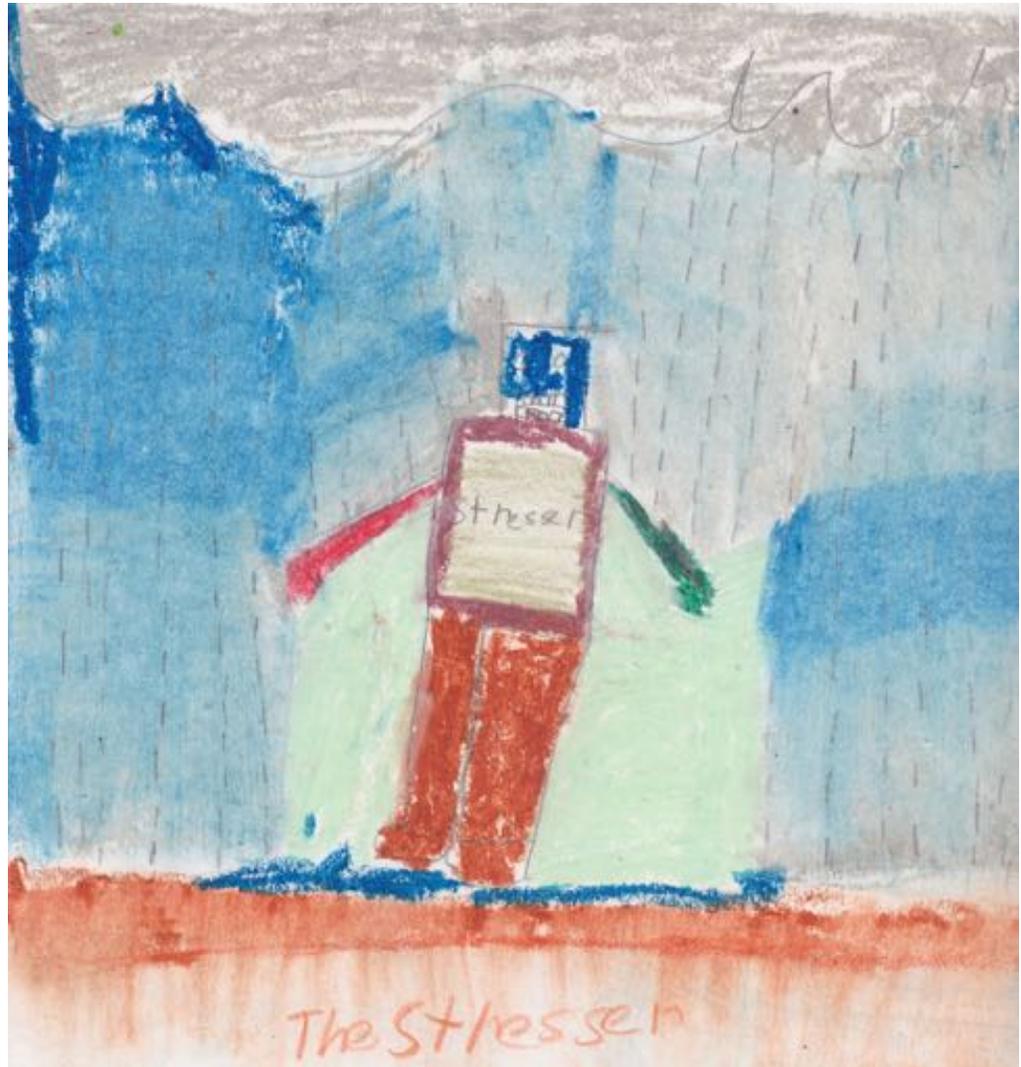
A: Why, yes they are. Stressing out is caused by a Mischievian called the Stresser.

**Q: What is their history?**

A: They started out with stressing the stars and planets to explode.

**Q: Why do they bother us?**

A: They do it because they think it is funny. They think it is funny because of how the people look when they are stressed. The people put their hands over their eyes and that looks funny.



# Cattiest Floppiest Flabs

By: Sebastian

**Question:**

**Is the Cattiest Floppiest Flabs responsible for my cat hissing, yelping and attacking me?**

**Answer:**

Yes, of course it is! It bites your cat's flabs and is also the reason cats run away from scary things such as dogs.

**Question:**

**How do I prevent these Mischievians from getting on my cat causing the cat to run away?**

**Answer:**

There is a type of bug spray called Thicc-Away that gets rid of your Mischievians and your cat's flabs.

**Question:**

**What if I do not have enough money to buy Thicc-Away?**

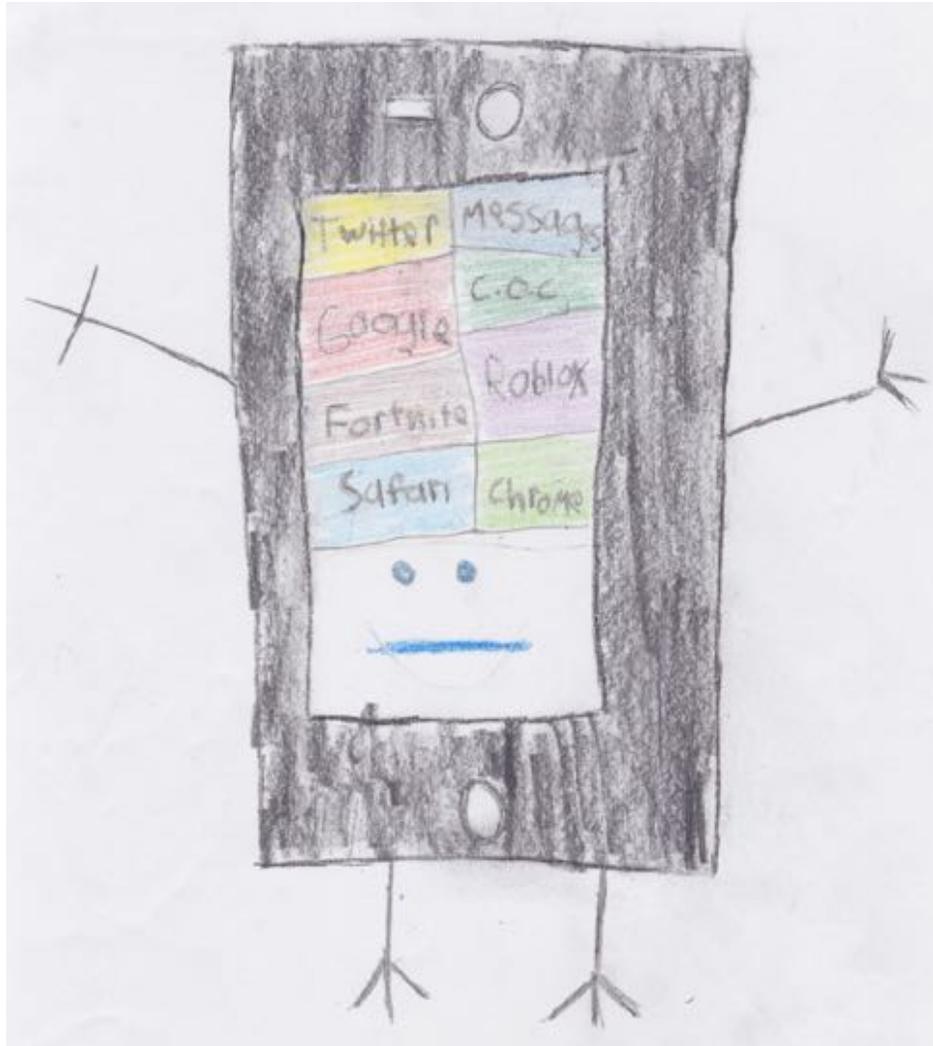
**Answer:**

You can just simply make this face (◡‿◡). They will



get scared away instantly or you can just scratch your cat's tongue.

## THE INTERNET STEALER by Jack M.



**QUESTION:** Is there a Mischiefian behind Internet problems?

**Answer:** Indeed there is! The Mischiefian behind Internet issues is called the Internet Stealer. The Internet Stealers have been around since the Internet was first created. Their mischief level is nine out of ten because they often make people, mostly children, very furious. The feisty little creatures walk right into your computer and suck your Internet right into their phones, which causes lag and slow Internet speed

**Question:** Why do they steal our Internet?

**Answer:** Well where would they get money to buy their own Internet?

**Question:** Is there a way to stop them?

**Answer:** Yes, plug a CATIEST FLOBIEST FLAB thumb drive into your device.  
It will instantly kill the Mischievians when they go into your device.

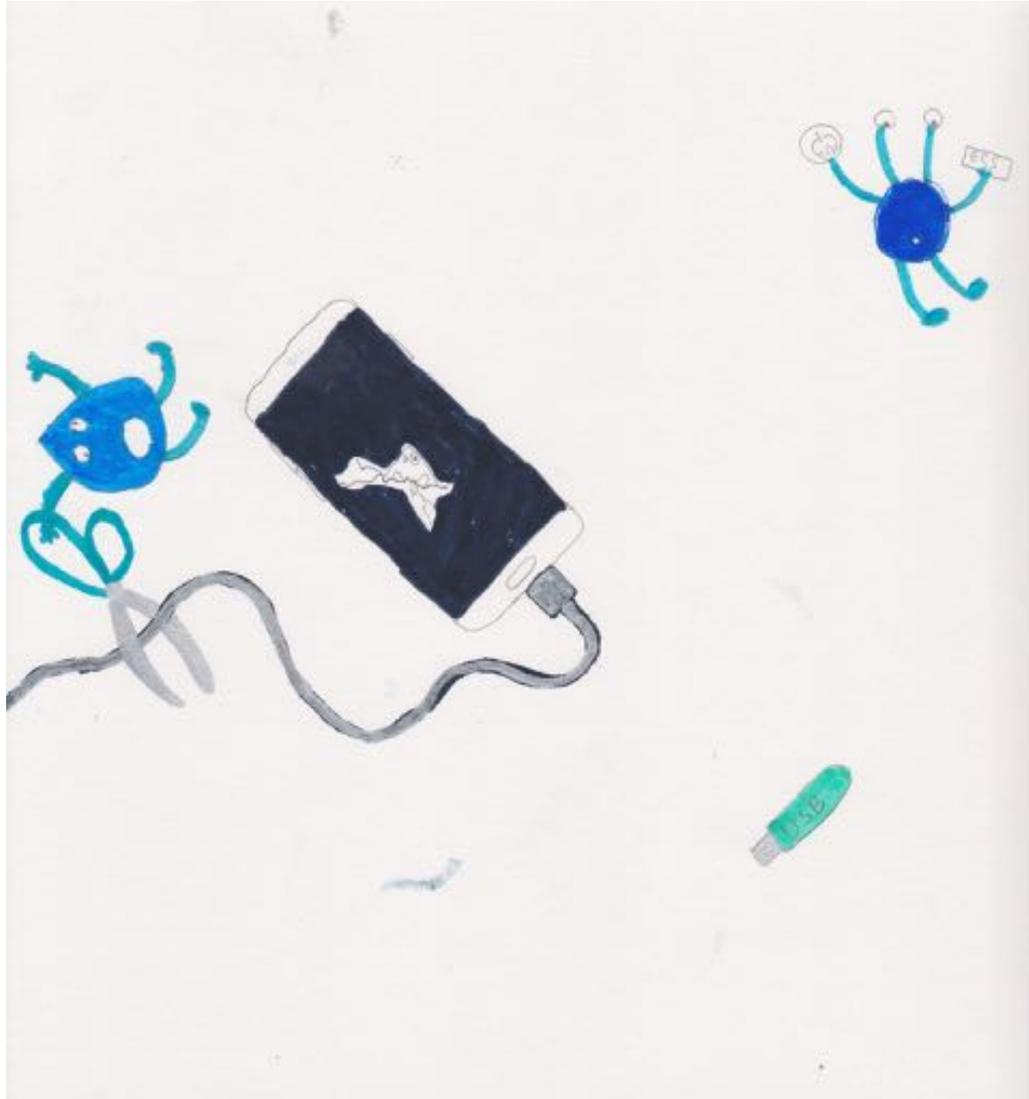
**Question:** How come when I go over to my friend's house, I never get bad Internet?  
Are there no Internet Stealers there?

**Answer:** There are Internet Stealers everywhere, but you probably didn't get bad Internet because your friend bought good Internet. When you have good Internet there's enough of it for the Internet Stealers and you to get good connections.

**Question:** Is the Internet Stealer responsible for when your files go missing?

**Answer:** No, that would be caused by another Mischievian.

## The Buryball by Jacob



**Question: When I open my computer, why are some of my keys popped out of their spot?**

Answer: It's caused by a Mischievian called Buryball. Buryball jumps into your device and gets itself trapped so it continually pokes around, trying to break free, and shatters the screen or pops out the key.

**Question: Does Buryball do anything else?**

Answer: Yes. It can also duplicate or triplicate or worst case scenario quadruplicate (replicate), cut or clog your charger, delete files, cause glitches, lock your device, drain your battery, or waste a lot of storage by taking a ton of random photos.

**Question: Is it avoidable?**

Answer: With some luck, though this method is doubtful, but it's worth a try. First, turn your device all the way off. Next, spray a bottle of repellent on your device. Finally lock it in your room for 24 hours and only take it out when needed.

**Question: Where can I get repellent?**

Answer: You'd have to ask Buryball...

**Question: What's Buryball's history?**

Answer: Buryballs live in giant groups of millions or even billions. These groups are very clumsy. They climb and fall and get buried. The first Buryballs appeared when someone (anonymous) downloaded a Trojan Horse, computer virus, then the doorbell rang. The person opened the door, and there was a Trojan Horse. The person opened it and tons of Buryballs came rushing in. Though the Trojan Horse didn't do any damage to the computer, the Buryballs did, and from then on the Buryballs just continued to replicate.

# Lure Dragon by Quincy

**Q: Why do crabs pinch people or dogs bite people or cats scratch people or parakeets peck or poop on people or sharks attack people?**

A: The cause of all animal attacks or wild appearances are Mischievians named Lure Dragons. These little creatures lured mammoths and other prehistoric life to the cave people. They are the cause of every animal discovery.

**Q: How do they breed?**

A: They don't. They are created when people are angry. The stronger the anger the more likely the Lure Dragon is to be male. You may be wondering, why does the gender matter. The males attract more aggressive animals.

**Q: Does it smell much? If you were to eat it, what would it taste like?**

A: It can adjust it's smell to lure something to the smell. It tastes like blood, poison and acid because it will inject poison and acid into you and scratch your tongue to bits.



**Q: What does it look like?**

It's invisible to the human eye but it looks like a dragon with a glowing bulb with a swirl in it on their tongue, little sharp teeth, sparkling eyes that could be the colors a human eye, bug antennas, short claws, a dorsal fin, spiky back, a leaf wing, spiky on males, more fins, sticks come from its tail and the end of its tail is a fish hook in normal form, but in beast form it is way different because it is a sign that it's MAD.

In beast form its tongue turns to box jellyfish tentacles, If they are swirled in the right way, they can shoot lightning. Its teeth elongate and can rotate. Its antennas turn to ram's horns. Its claws elongate so they're razor sharp. Its fins turn to those of a shark. Its wings turn to dragon wings. Its spiky back grows longer. The sticks turn to whips. Its tail turns into the tail of a scorpion, and its eye turns pitch black if it's female, blood red if it's male. They can change color at will.

**Q: What do they sound like?**

A: They sound like any animal or creature it is near. So if they are near chicken, they would sound like a chicken.

**Q: What do they feel like if you touched one?**

A: They feel painful. This is what happens. **You may want to skip the next part if your mind is delicate.**

When you step on it, it injects poison and acid, then morph to beast form, whip and sting you as it wiggles free. Then it turns around and bites all the way through your foot. Then it spins its teeth like a chainsaw ,and it grinds your leg. Then, it leaps out of the water and stabs its claws and tail into your head. Finally, it shoots you with a bolt of lightning.

So that's the description this Mischievian. Good luck in the wild.

# Smudgers by Amelia

**Q:When my art smudges, is that also a Mischievian?**

A:YesYesYesYesYES!

**Q:How do they smudge your art?**

A:They have millions of tiny feet that also act as the hairs on a brush and they will scurry along your art, brushing the lines, therefore smudging your art.

**Q:Why?**

A:They don't know that their smudges make you mad. They think they are helping and just want to make art of their own.



**Q:If they're so small, how do they make big smudges?**

A:They will create large groups of up to 1,000,000 and will scurry in synchronization.

**Q:How do we not see them?**

A:They change color.

**Q:How do I avoid them?**

A:You don't.

**Q:Can I squish them?**

A:No.

**Q:Why not?**

A:They are immortal and will regenerate immediately if they are killed.



## The Untunian by Daniel

**Q: Why do the Untunians untune instruments?**

A: They DON'T untune things ... to them. They actually are tuning to their ears, which they don't really have! And an interesting fact is that almost all of them have different hearing.

**Q: What happens if an Untunian untunes something for too long?**

A: Well, in an extreme case, everyone in a two-mile radius would have an extreme headache and their ears would bleed if they were very close to the instrument while it was played. But, the Untunians need to be untuning for thousands of years, and for this to happen is a very rare case.

**Q: How come that's never happened to me?**

A: Well that's a question that I already answered. Almost all of them have a different hearing.

**Q: What did the first Untunian do, and what did it look like?**

A: That's an excellent question! The first Untunian comes from space and untunes asteroids. That's why they make one huge sound when they come down, but they have no taste in music and are very primitive.

**Q: What is the cure to the huge headache that they can give you?**

A: You can wear earphones, listen to music, wear headphones, or sleep.

# The Waiter by Keilani



**Q. Is a Mischiefian what causes my sister to tell me to wait? She tells me to wait all the time!**

A. Yes, they love to watch people play on their phones. While they're playing, the Waiter hypnotises them. That's what caused my sister to ignore me.

**Q. What caused a Mischiefian to enjoy watching people wait? That just seems mean to me.**

A. Well, they think it's funny and kinda of creepy.

# The Gameling by Jonah



**Question: Does a Mischevian annoy me when I play games?**

Answer: Yes! A Mischevian called the Gameling is the reason that you sometimes bang the board for Ticket to Ride or Chess or Catan. It is also the reason that you constantly trip and fall while foot-racing.

**Question: Does the Gameling spawnkill\* me when I play video games?**

Answer: Yes! A Gameling annoys video gamers by going into their consoles and being the most annoying thing possible, such as a baby zombie in Minecraft or that guy who suddenly comes out from behind the hill and shoots you in Fortnite. They generally, when coming into computers, hitch with file-munchers. They have been around since Oog the caveman kicked a ball into a cave, very much angering Kirp the caveman.”

This female Gameling was found dead next to my Xbox one day.

**Question: How do I deal with one?**

Answer: The best way to deal with a Gameling is to find it, and while looking at it, if playing a video game, turn off your console. Otherwise, close your eyes for five (5) seconds.

\*Spawnkilling is a video game concept in which one team stands over the other team's spawnpoint and instantly kills anyone when they spawn or re-spawn there. In some games, it is illegal.