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Dear Mr. Wayne,

Congratulations! After reviewing your application, we have selected you as one of the lucky few to be accepted into our prestigious institution.

As one of our students, you will be taught by some of the finest professors and scientists. And you will learn alongside some of the most promising students of your age.

Many of our previous graduates have moved on to become captains of industry and to further our global cause of educational enlightenment. Your educational needs will be fulfilled with us.

We see great things in your future, Bruce, and I look forward to peeling back the layers of your mind.

Welcome to DUCARD.

Sincerely,

Professor Hugo Strange
School Admissions / Guidance Counselor

DATE: AUGUST 6

USERNAME: BWAYNE

RE: JOURNAL ENTRY 1

I JUST GOT MY ACCEPTANCE LETTER IN THE MAIL FOR THE DUCARD ACADEMY! ALFRED MADE ME WRITE SO MANY LETTERS TO EVERY SCHOOL THAT MY HAND ALMOST FELL OFF. BUT MY FIRST CHOICE ENDED UP BEING THE ONE I GOT, SO IT WAS A SUCCESS!

I CAN'T WAIT TO START AT MY NEW SCHOOL! NO MORE BORING TUTORS BROUGHT TO THE MANSION, OR ALFRED'S "ETIQUETTE" LESSONS. AND THE BEST PART—NO MORE CHORES! BUT ALFRED PROMISES ME MY CHORES WILL BE WAITING FOR ME WHEN I GET HOME FROM SCHOOL EACH DAY. *NOT FAIR!!*

I HOPE THE CAFETERIA FOOD IS AS GOOD AS ALFRED'S COOKING. DON'T TELL HIM I SAID THAT OR HE'LL ASK FOR A RAISE!

THE DUCARD ACADEMY

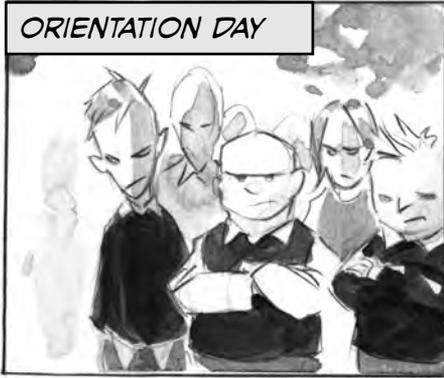
SCHOOL ORIENTATION



WELCOME NEW STUDENTS AND PROSPECTIVE CONQUERORS OF TOMORROW!

- Meet the administration staff
- Meet the teachers and current students
- Supervised tour of the school grounds . . .
Please stay with your group
- Campus map and class schedule handout
- Sports and extracurricular preregistration
- School uniform fitting and pickup

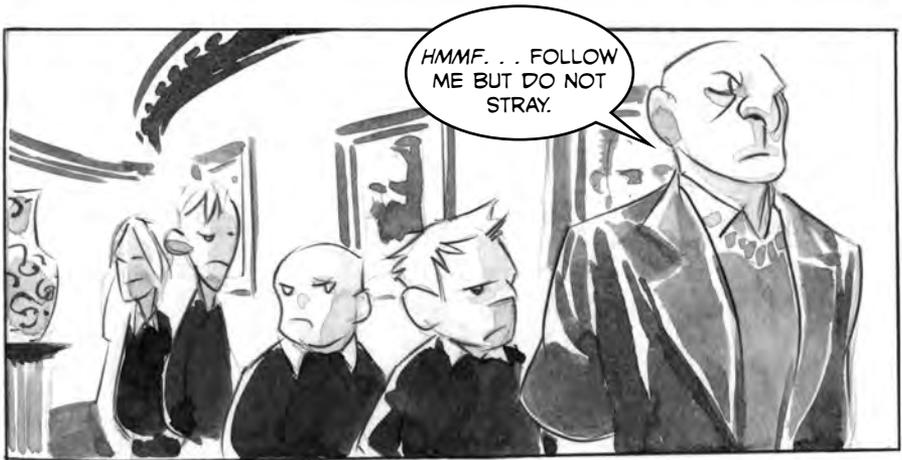
ORIENTATION DAY



YOU ARE HERE FOR THE TOUR. I WILL SHOW YOU.

NOW. SINGLE FILE.





HMMF. . . FOLLOW ME BUT DO NOT STRAY.



TOUR IS OVER!
EVERYONE REPORT
TO SCHOOL
TOMORROW.

THAT IS ALL.

DATE: AUGUST 14

USERNAME: BWAYNE

RE: JOURNAL ENTRY 2

NOTES: ORIENTATION WASN'T WHAT I WAS EXPECTING. IT GAVE ME A BAD FEELING, BUT MAYBE IT'S JUST NEW-SCHOOL JITTERS. STILL, IT WOULDN'T HURT TO RESEARCH THE SCHOOL ON MY OWN. HERE ARE MY RESULTS . . .

SYSTEMS CHECK = [Y/N]

ENTER COMMAND = HISTORY OF THE DUCARD ACADEMY

PROCEEDING . . .

SCHOOL FOUNDER → ACCESS DENIED

CREST HISTORY → ACCESS DENIED

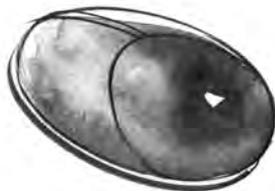
STAFF BACKGROUND → ACCESS DENIED

CRIMINAL HISTORY → ? // FILE NOT FOUND

ENROLLMENT → ACCESS DENIED

PARENTAL COMPLAINTS → 0

RESULTS → INCONCLUSIVE





HOW DO
THE NEW
STUDENTS
LOOK?

THE
RECRUITS?

"STUDENTS"!
WE MUST
KEEP UP
APPEARANCES.



THEY ARE YOUNG.
EAGER. MAYBE TOO
EAGER.



THERE'S ONE . . .
THE RICH KID . . . VERY
NOSY. HE COULD BE
TROUBLE FOR US.

I'LL BE SURE TO
KEEP AN EYE ON
HIM. I'VE ALREADY
STARTED.