

Eberwhite Kids' Courier

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In the peaceful Eberwhite Neighborhood strange things have been happening. Animals come out in really odd places, strange figures have been seen, and more! The EKC has interviewed several witnesses. They are listed in the article!

Interview #1: Nan Smith

EKC: What have you seen?

NS: I was the last one out on the playground on recess on the 4th because I hadn't seen that the other kids were going inside. I was swinging backwards when I saw coming out of this thicket of thorns a humongous wolf! It threw its head back and howled. Then it saw me and said, "Ah, you." I didn't stay to hear more! It had red eyes!

Interview #2: Daniel Hathaway

EKC: What have you seen?

DH: I saw this thing in my backyard when I was playing out there. It was a person with a huge red cape. He had on a blue shirt and black pants. He said, "Daniel John. I've been wanting to see you." I was sort of creeped out so I ran inside and told my sister, but she didn't believe me.

Interview #3: Lena Hathaway

EKC: What have you seen?

LH: It was sort of creepy, seeing as it was the middle of the night. I got up to get a glass of water and when I came back to my room I saw a person outside my window in a white cape and a pale blue dress. She had on a diamond amulet. At first I thought it was Zoe playing a trick on me, but when it said "Hello" in this odd voice I wasn't so sure. Then it turned into liquid wind – somehow – and was blown away on the breeze.

Interview #4: Katarina Crane

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Letter to Scholastic Publishers

Dear Scholastic Submissions:

Hello. My name is Marisa Blacksmith, and I have written a book entitled Recognizing Poops, by Marisa Blacksmith, age 30. It has information in over 3560 pages! It includes all creature poops, including the lion doo doo, which smells of garlic and contains deadly nightshade berries. To protect against lions, the book says, squirt garlic juice all over and put deadly nightshade on you. Our own poop is listed. Also, the last 100 of the pages are devoted to fun dog facts, including the fact that the original Lassie was digital!

In the middle, there are fun fotos (ha ha ha!) of ancient redwood trees from California. Captions are included. These trees are natures mite-y wonders! (Ha ha ha!!)

I also include in the middle of each page a brown&gray Scholastic logo. Fifty pages in the book describe how much Scholastic is great! Also, there is a greatness meter! These pages also include reviews on Bushes to Berries, another book published by Scholastic! When these pages are added to the back of the book, it will be 3610 pages!

This book has stuff that is easy to comprehend for kids and is simple, and yet delicate, obscure, and detailed. Hope you enjoy it!

Your BFF,

Marisa P. Blacksmith

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The Maker of Poops

Sophie's Answers (a regular column!)

Question #1: Does eating a full onion improve the shape of your head?

- Lena Hathaway, age 10

Answer: Yes! Eat four onions a day for three days and watch your beauty increase! Here are some of the awesome features you will gain:

1. You will get a huge, 2 cm by 1 cm, mole on your right cheek.
2. You will get a wart on your nose and your nose will twist downward.
3. Your cheeks will puff out.
4. Your hair will gain gray stripes.
5. Your eyes will become concave and be always halfway shut.
6. Your ears will elongate and begin to flop downward, and you will grow big blue ear hair.
7. And more that the scientists discovered, but they forgot them.

Thanks for the question!

Yours, **SOPHIE**

Question #2: Is it okay to buy a prepared Thanksgiving dinner at my local grocery store instead of cooking the meal myself?

- Cole Shepherd, age 7, and his mom Ann Ford

Answer: No! You must not! You never know what the stores will put in it, like turkey or cranberry sauce. If you do buy it, beware! Everyone who eats it will instantly be wrapped up like a mummy (minus the head) in curtain tiebacks for three days.

For your home-cooked meal you might like to include the following:

- a. Tomato Juice – VERY HEALTHY!
- b. Fried Worms – Taste like bacon.
- c. Spinach Punch – You can use this on your Bee's Knees.
- d. Bee's Knees – Very dangerous to get! Ask a professional beekeeper to harvest for you.

Thanks for the question!

Yours, **SOPHIE**

Freak Attacks Rage! *continued from page 1*

Katarina Crane's interview . . .

EKC: What have you seen?

KC: I saw a cartoon skunk in my litter box before it ran out the window. Is that a mouse?

Interview #4: Lena Von Moltke

EKC: What have you seen?

LVM: I saw a hot chocolate cup on my desk. That wouldn't be strange except a ladybug was also on the desk. It was really big and it said, "Hi Lena." I thought that was really weird so I didn't know what to say so it said, "Maybe another day." And it flew away.

Interview #5: Gregg Crane

EKC: What have you seen?

GC: I've seen . . . umm . . . I've seen a plane that landed on our roof. It was driven by a compost bin.

Interview #6: Leslie Ford

EKC: What have you seen?

LF: I've seen, uh, I've seen a big strong guy in a suit who said, "Hi Leslie," so I said, "Hi, but who are you?" He said, "I'm nobody. Ignore me." So I said, "But why? You just said hi!" Then he ran away.

Interview #7: Matty Hack

EKC: What have you seen?

MH: It was awesome! I saw a giant eagle land in our backyard. It flew up to the window and tapped on it. Of course, I was really shocked, so I didn't do anything at first. By the way, it was a male bald eagle, and it was about one year old. "Hello?" said the eagle. I was even more stunned by this, as you can imagine. I probably said something really intelligent like, "Huh?" It stopped for a moment and said, "Matty Hack, you are wanted by the General." Somehow I think of General with a capital G. It flew off after this, and I feel really great being able to see such a magnificent bird!

Interview #8: Benjamin Hack

EKC: What have you seen?

BH: It was really cool. I saw a sparrow with two owls by the back door as I played basketball with myself. This was really weird because it was during the day, so I was sort of confused. "We're here to see Benjamin Hack," said the sparrow. The owls just sort of nodded.

It's really odd to find a talking sparrow. This was a juvenile female. The owls were a male great horned owl that was old in owl years and a young female snowy. I didn't know what to do, so I just stood there. "Benjamin Hack?" said the sparrow again. "Ummm . . ." I probably said, so she said, "Wrong house." I said, "But I'm Benjamin Hack!" but she'd flown away. I feel really fortunate to have seen such a cool thing.

What do you think the sightings were about?

- Pepé le Pew, the cartoon skunk, was playing pranks on the Eberwhite Neighborhood.**
- A mysterious boundary broke, flooding all the worlds with creatures from other worlds.**
- Disciples of the rare "Insectalites" managed to create an insect god that rules over everything except people.**

Answer: a!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Marshal Cogburn by Zoe Crane



Untitled by Cole Shepherd

The Journey – Part 4

Lupis finished gnawing the puppy's rope away and sat down panting. Then Marisa, the German shepherd, ran around the corner of the house. She stared at Scannon, Lupis, and Lyra for a second.

"Scannon, I've been looking all over for you! There's a flat on fire!" Scannon saw Brokefang and Sima coming around the corner.

Suddenly, Scannon felt something rush through him. He saw Lupis with her bleeding mouth. She was near to unconsciousness. There had been metal fibers in the rope. As if through a fog he saw Sima and Brokefang staring and Marisa looking at Lyra. Then it passed, and he knew what he had to do.

"Marisa, you get Lyra, that's the puppy, back to camp. Sima, Brokefang, you get Lupis somewhere safer than here," Scannon said in a new voice. It wasn't his. It was too, well, leaderly. For some reason all the others sprang to obey.

"What'll you do, Scannon?" asked Brokefang.

"I'm scouting out the burning flat," said Scannon.

"WHAT!!!!!" cried Brokefang.

"Get back to work!" said Scannon sharply. He was astonished at the voice he'd used.

Scannon left the backyard and saw smoke rising above the buildings. He raced toward the source. Once he'd reached the flat he heard voices inside.

"Help!" cried one dog. And some mewling voices. Then out of the building ran a calico cat with a black kitten in her mouth. She dropped the kitten outside the building and ran back inside. Scannon followed her. He ran to the dog. All was a haze of smoke and fire. The dog was trapped under a cabinet that was about to catch fire. Scannon grabbed a pot and broke off the handle. He used the handle to pry up the shelf just enough for the golden retriever to crawl out. The retriever, panicked, ran outside. Scannon followed and saw four kittens huddled together, a black, two tuxedo, and one calico. The mother was just running out with one more calico. The cat collapsed next to her kittens sobbing.

"Poor Emerald, with her father's eyes!" bemoaned the cat. "Stuck in there!" Scannon knew what he had to do. He raced back to the entryway of the burning building. *To be continued . . .*