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OPENING CEREMONY HIGHLIGHTS



MY FIRST MUN EXPERIENCE

In the year 2022, I was persuaded by a dear friend to attend the sixth annual ACGMUN conference as a member of the press team. At the time, I was an absolute foreigner to the world of Model United Nations. I had no inkling of how it worked or what to expect from it. Yet, as a member of the press team alongside the student officers of the conference - which, to be frank, I had no idea about back then - I had the incredible opportunity to experience the conference live. The conference was held in a charming hotel located in Nea Erithrea, where around 80 students from different schools and cities were in attendance, out of which I knew scarcely two.

As a photographer at the conference, I had the chance to observe people closely. I spent my time capturing the little moments of affection they all showed to one another. I remember re-watching those moments when I went back to my hotel room, surprised by the strong bonds that MUN had created among these individuals. I was impressed by how much those who had been in the MUN family for a long time were loved and appreciated. It left an indelible impression on me.

As in all conferences, the ACGMUN ended with the closing ceremony speeches. Never before in my life had I seen so many tears, love, and admiration in one room. It made me realise that this was a family that I wanted to belong to.

This year, I had to choose how I wanted to participate in the 7th ACGMUN conference. I remembered my first MUN experience and how amazing it was to be a member of the press team and decided I wanted to relive this experience at another ACGMUN conference. Writing this after the end of the first day, I could not be more satisfied. I cannot wait to see the next two days of the conference through the lens of an observer, who finds true happiness in the greatness of ACGMUN and the joy it offers to everyone participating in it.

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THE OCEAN IS BECOMING A POOL FULL OF PLASTICS AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE DROWNING ON IT.

As the sun peaks over the horizon, I, as an adolescent, usually think of questions such as “what will my plans be for the weekend?”, “I need to study for that test” and, “what color should I paint my nails next?”. As my brain is still fogged and calm after hours of sleep, I find some minutes of peace where I can think of my outings, tests and nails, as you probably remember yourself thinking when you were my age. However, as the aroma of coffee fills the air, a sobering reality crashes in and some of the real questions that concern most teenagers nowadays hit me “did the fish I ate yesterday contain plastic?”, “what if I grow up to be deadly sick due to pollution?” and “how do I stop myself from feeling pissed off that just 100 companies are responsible for 71% of global emissions !”.

You’ve read hundreds of informative articles regarding the importance of protecting the environment – and this is not another one. This is simply to let you know something rather simple; as a teen, when I find myself worrying about superficial matters, I remember that the ocean contains more plastic than fish and thankfully, everything else becomes much less important!

THE REALITY OF ECO ANXIETY

The ocean is becoming a pool of plastic and young people, among fish, are drowning on it. Eco anxiety by oxford languages is defined as “extreme worry about current and future harm to the environment caused by human activity and climate change”. My definition of eco anxiety is “mom, please come pick me up, some scientist dude on the New York Times says our extinction rate is currently 1,000 times the natural rate”. Us teenagers are known for our “excessive” anxiety. Now, the way I see it, there is a major difference between regular anxiety and eco -anxiety. You see, anxiety is mostly caused due to our over analytic abilities that give us the impression that something bad might happen, maybe that we’ll never be able to know or control how people think and feel about us and generally about how scary the unknown and the uncontrollable is. Whereas, eco-anxiety, is the natural, subconscious reaction of the mind to the ecological danger that exists, which we cannot really understand, but we feel. Eco-anxiety is the product of pure truth. Something but might not happen, something bad is happening as I write this, and it is large and real.

THE BURDEN OF AWARENESS

But let's be real for a moment: being a teenager in today's hyper-connected world means we're constantly bombarded with doom-and-gloom headlines about climate disasters .From polar ice caps melting faster than ice cream on a summer day to critters struggling for survival in polluted habitats, it's enough to make you want to bury your head in the sand—except, you know, the sand might be polluted too.

And here's the kicker: we're not just passive observers in this environmental meltdown. Nope, we're reminded day in and day out about our role in this mess. Cue the guilt trip every time we reach for a single-use plastic bottle or absentmindedly toss something in the trash instead of recycling it.

So, where's the silver lining in this cloud of eco-anxiety? Well, it's not in the form of preachy lectures or empty slogans like "reduce, reuse, recycle. !" what we need is a roadmap—a guidebook to navigating this plastic-strewn sea and coming out on the other side with a shred of hope intact.

GUIDING OVER LECTURING – HOW TO SAVE US.

To teenagers, it seems like people keep pointing at that pool full of plastics, telling them how much it will harm them and then right away throw them in it. The fear of drowning in it might never leave us but how about helping teenagers use that fear to do good, instead of leaving them alone with their eco-anxiety? Instead of scaring us witless with tales of impending eco-doom, how about giving us the tools and the know-how to turn the tide? After all, if there's one thing scarier than the ocean turning into a plastic soup, it's the thought of standing idly by while it happens. In my opinion, guidance is the key solution to eco-anxiety. We know our earth suffers, now, take our hand, drag us out of the pool of plastics and show us how to save it, before we drown.

ICONIC STOFF QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

Q: DESCRIBE YOUR STRATEGY FOR SURVIVING A ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE USING ONLY ITEMS FOUND IN YOUR COMMITTEE ROOM

- sacrifice the delegates and attack any remaining zombies with the gavel
- Use the cold jokes of the gossip box in order to kill them all
- I would probably give them the total amount of the uncorrected resolutions the chairs need to read and correct in a conference. They would be the ones running away.

Q: IF YOU WERE TO WRITE AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY ABOUT YOUR LIFE SO FAR , WHAT WOULD THE TITLE BE?

- Don't stop me now (or maybe do?)
- Still waiting for the academic comeback
- I ' m still standing

Q: IF YOU COULD GRANT ONE WISH TO EVERY DELEGATE IN YOUR COMMITTEE, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

- For all their MUN relationship to work out (they never do..)
- motion for a 30-minute recess. Cause I like recess.
- To be able to engage in direct dialogue if the topic is controversial so as to create some drama.

Q: WHAT IS THE MOST UNHINGED THING YOU ' VE HEARD A DELEGATE SAY DURING DEBATES OR ICE BREAKERS?

- they quoted Kanye West
- During the debate a delegate stated that a resolution is like a bikini, it covers the important parts but does not offer a holistic coverage
- Back when MUN was online the delegate of Russia changed their background from the Russian flag to the USSR flag.

Q: IF A SPOTIFY PLAYLIST DESCRIBED YOUR COMMITTEE, WHAT TITLE WOULD YOU GIVE IT?

- law and no order
- surviving mun 101
- nuke-free vibes

Q: WHAT'S THE DUMBEST THING YOU'VE SAID IN A CHAIRING POSITION INTERVIEW SO FAR?

- Called the school the wrong conference name
- I once said that if there's no participating we could do "fun debate", and when they asked what I meant, I said I'd bribe the delegates with sweets.
- Accidentally insulted the interviewer

Q: WHAT'S THE MOST NONSENSE ARGUMENT YOU'VE HEARD DURING YOUR MUN EXPERIENCE?

- The souvlaki Vs kalamaki debate.
- vote against this resolution because we have to spice things up.
- you should vote in favour of this resolution because we will declare nuclear war.

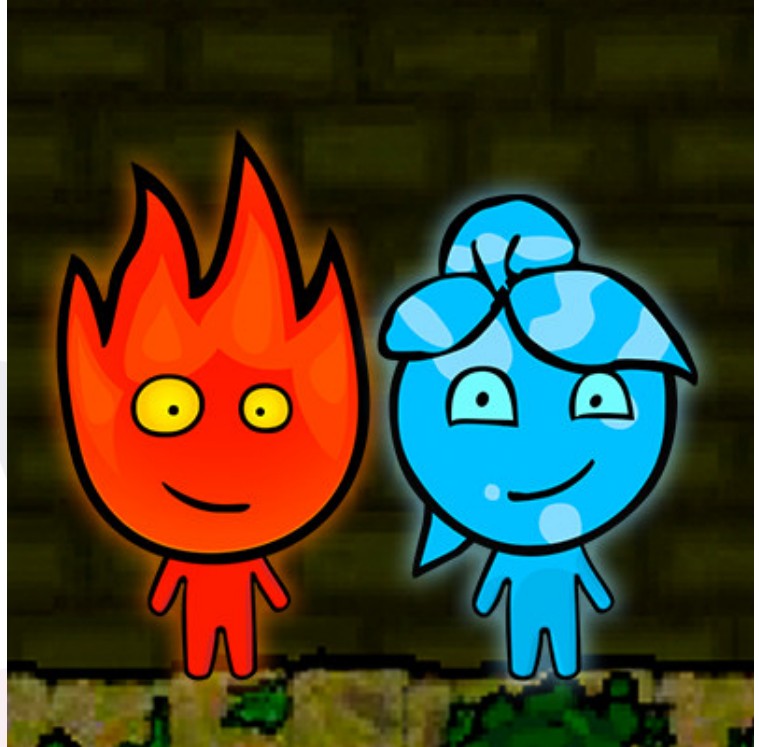


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ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS



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FIREBOY & WATER GIRL



MERIDA FROM "BRAVE"

BEST DUOS



BEST SHIP!

BEST MATES!



BEST GIRLFRIENDS!