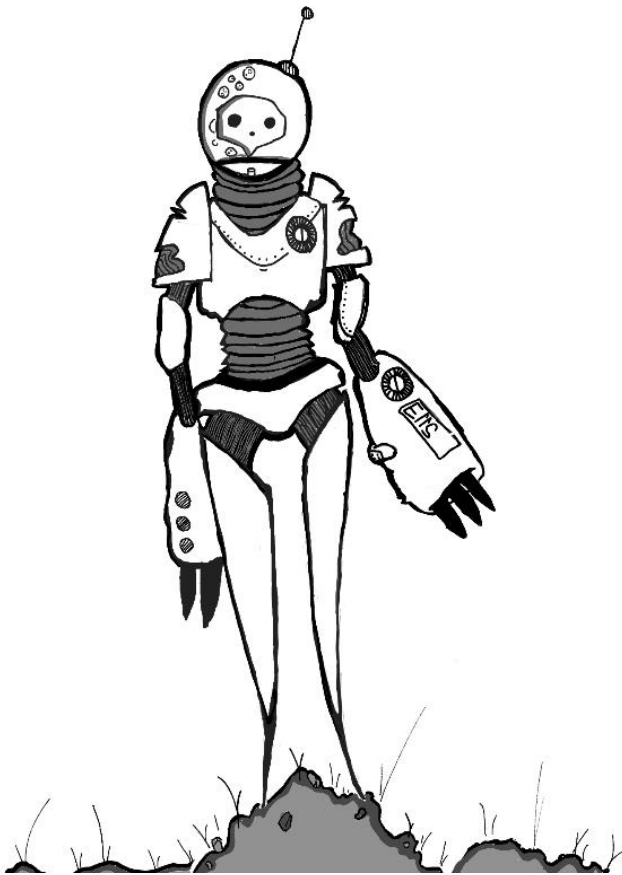


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Hi there,

My name is Theo Monaghan. I'm 14 and this is my first issue as editor of the Chicklit magazine. This issue has lots of stuff, containing digital art by Zohar Cohen-Brener, a Portal: Still Alive gameplay review, an article about equality by Natalia Fernandez, and more. Thank you to everyone who sent in submissions and I hope you enjoy reading this. ._.

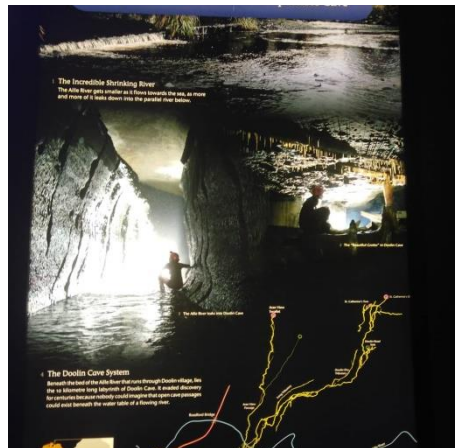
Cover Page by Zohar Cohen-Brener

My Trip to the Cliffs of Moher

Kate Foley

On Tuesday the 13th of August I went and visited the Cliffs of Moher, it was beautiful, I loved everything about it, there was a lot of seagulls and some puffins, but I could only see these when I used my binoculars.

There were busloads of people visiting the place, the visitor centre was really interesting, it was €16 for our entry in, I would recommend everyone to visit



Portal: Still Alive

Review by Theo Monaghan

I recently completed the Portal video game.

Portal is a single player game which involves making your way through a series of chambers to escape from the Aperture science laboratories. Each chamber increases in difficulty and the last chamber is a boss fight.

Portal: Still Alive is a variation of the first Portal game. It has 14 bonus chambers. These are named Still Alive 1, Still Alive 2, and so on. There are also advanced versions of the chambers in the story levels of the game.

The boss fight at the end of the game has a time limit. I found it relatively easy, once you know what to do.

WARNING!!!!

THIS GAME IS VERY RAGEY!!!

8/10 for Portal

Next issue will contain a review of the third-person shooter game, Earth Defense Force: Insect Armageddon.

Portal images



Companion Cube



The Cake



Testchamber 15



By Zohar Cohen-Brener

30th of August 2019

Equality in our Society

By Natalia Fernández

The gender gap in our society is huge. There's no doubt about it.

For as long as we can remember, our society has been one defined by hate. Regardless of conflict and reason, we've always managed to put the blame of our everyday problems on some social group. This is clearly seen throughout history, but the most obvious and most overlooked is that of inequality. We as a society have learned over the centuries that it is only right to treat men and women differently, that women are delicate and fragile in comparison to men who are strong and at times vulgar. This should not be the case.

Equality is something the great majority of us has been searching for most our lives. The feminist movement is the most widely acknowledged: women all over the world fighting for their basic rights and a place equal to any other in society.

Humans are pros when it comes to finding someone to shift blame on to. If it isn't the emigrants, it's the women. If it isn't the women, it's the men. If it isn't the men, well then it must be the LGBTQ+ Community. We always accuse someone of our struggles, whether it's because they truly are to blame or not is clearly not the point. Everyone is affected by our hate: teenagers, religious groups, family, friends and I assure you that any other group you can think of.

What we as a society need to achieve is equality for each and every social group out there. How do we expect to resolve global conflicts otherwise?

The first step to equality is an open mind. Stereotypes have been hammered into our brains for centuries and if we don't switch our way of thinking into something healthy and beneficial for all, then there's no hope for change.

How people should look based on their nationality, identity or personality shouldn't be for others to decide. And we shouldn't have to fit into those categories either. Equality is another form of saying social freedom, and stereotypes should never be allowed to block our path to it.

Simple comments such as “you're good at sports, for a girl” or “you're good at singing, for a boy” go a very long way. They impact the way we think about ourselves and the people around us. These comments and stereotypes are what have shaped us into the unequal society we still continue to be today.

The benefits of equality are unpredictable. As society continues to open its gates to the most obvious cases, it will also have to open up to that of social and gendered communities that have also been greatly oppressed by the ideology we've so far kept.

Social inequality comes in many forms, not only that of oppression and isolation but also that of demanding. Society urges everyone to showcase themselves as their most visually appealing versions. Marketing beauty products and different treatments and surgeries that will change your looks to fit the expected and expected social spectrum.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying that these options shouldn't even exist. I'm no extremist. What I'm saying is that people shouldn't feel the need to satisfy the expectations of those around them but to instead care for themselves in the best way they possibly can.

Women aren't defined as such because they wear heels. The same could be said about men, they aren't defined as men based on how much of a handyman they can be.

One seemingly meaningless form of inequality that we each fall for in our daily lives is the simple task of opening a door for another. When opening the door for someone else to pass through first, it is considered polite, right? What we don't see is that in the case of a man opening the door for a woman, they might in fact be making life quite difficult for each other. Following the social cue of “ladies first” is not an act of chivalry and is instead most likely to make people uncomfortable when it's done each

and every single time, sometimes against practicality. These positions should be interchangeable and not based on biology.

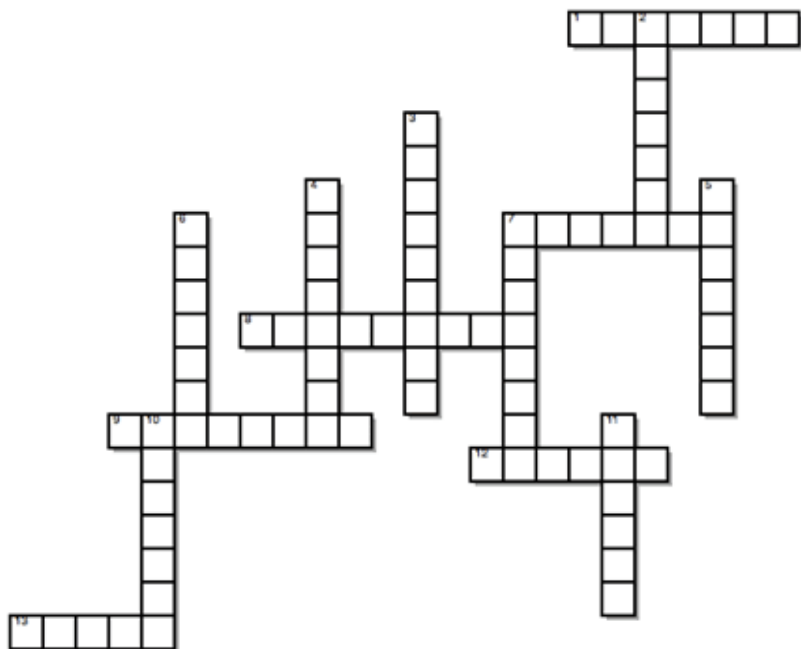
So what I'm saying is, we have a lot to learn about ourselves and each other and there's nobody that can teach these things to us. We'll have to figure it out for ourselves and take it along with us to the future. The only way to start is by abolishing our ignorance.

My Teacher

By Roald Dahl

My teacher wasn't half as nice as yours seems to be.
His name was Mister Unsworth and he taught us History.
And when you didn't know a date he'd get you by the ear
And start to twist while you sat there quite paralysed with
fear.
He's twist and twist and twist your ear and twist it more and
more.
Until at last the ear came off and landed on the floor.
Our class was full of one-eared boys, I'm certain there were
eight
Who'd had them twisted off because they didn't know a date.
So let us now praise teachers who today are all so fine
And yours in particular is totally divine.

Test your Poké Knowledge



ACROSS

- 1 This Pokemon uses electricity to shoot its fur like needles.
- 7 This Pokemon is owned by Ash and is seen as the mascot of the series.
- 8 Champion Lance of Johto is known for using three of this Pokemon.
- 9 This Pokemon's round shape makes it difficult for it to swim.
- 12 This Pokemon is nicknamed "The Desert Spirit."
- 13 This Pokemon is known for being able to evolve into seven different Pokemon.

DOWN

- 2 It is said that any couple that meets this Pokemon will be in a happy, never-ending relationship.
- 3 This Pokemon appears when the snow flowers bloom.
- 4 This Pokemon's tail shines brightly, and used to be used to send signals to sailors on the sea.
- 5 This Pokemon enjoys the sound of crying children.
- 6 It's said that trainers with this Pokemon will always win.
- 7 The device most commonly used to capture Pokemon.
- 10 This Pokemon carves symbols in the icy trees to communicate with others of its species.
- 11 This Pokemon uses its rocket feet to fly.

A Crossword for Pokémon Fans



Images from "Bendy and the Ink Machine"

Maebh McMahon



Drawing by Oisin Wernick

If you would like to see your work in the Chicklit, please keep sending in stuff and I will print it in the next issue. Art, stories, reviews, and anything that interests you.