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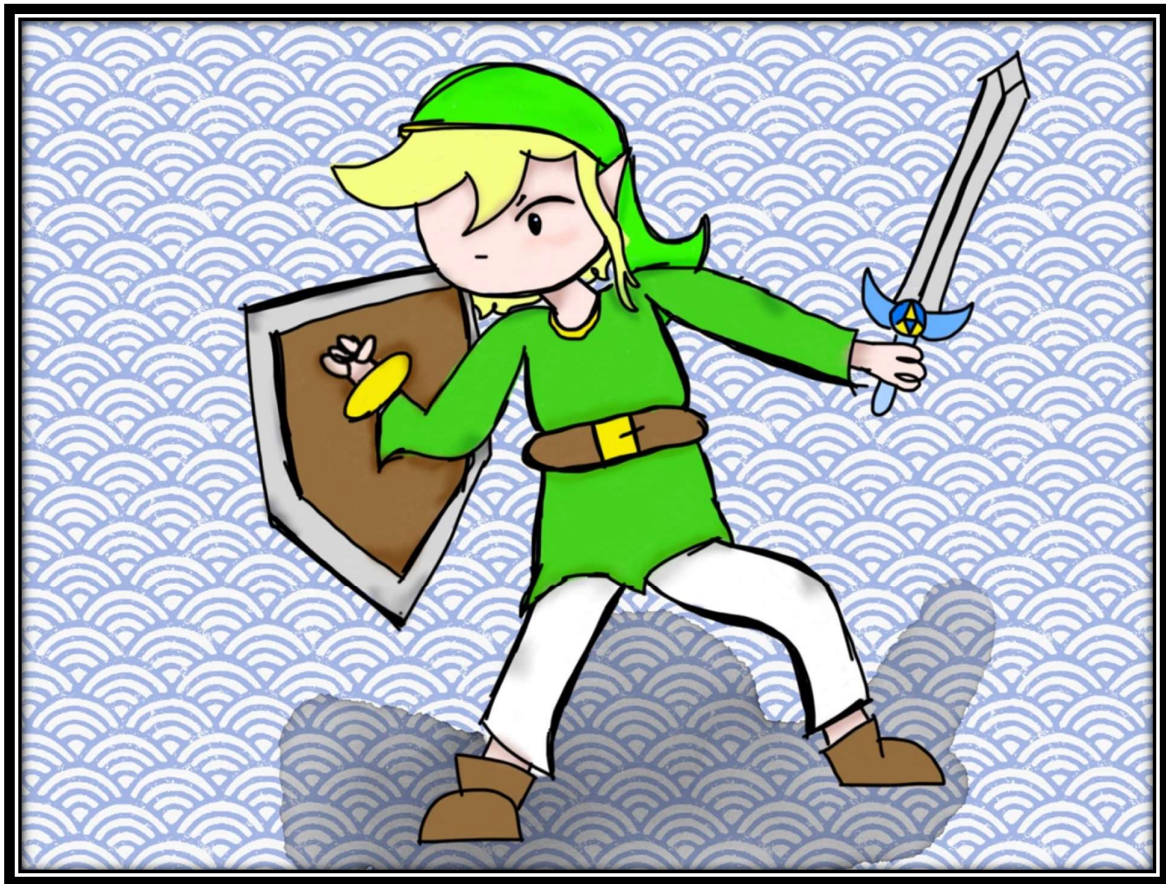


Hello and welcome to the summer edition of Chicklit!

In this edition you'll find mainly drawings/digital art; I suppose people have been drawing during lockdown. 2020's been a pretty rubbish year so far, hopefully it will get better soon. I realized that the last edition was labelled as the "Summer Issue" when it was actually the Spring issue, apologies for that mistake :)

- Theo Monaghan, editor

- Cover art by Zen Rice



- By Fallon Ewart

- Photography by Theo Monaghan



- Vartry reservoir



- Buddy (Yorkshire Terrier/Pomeranian mix)

- A Harry Potter wordsearch

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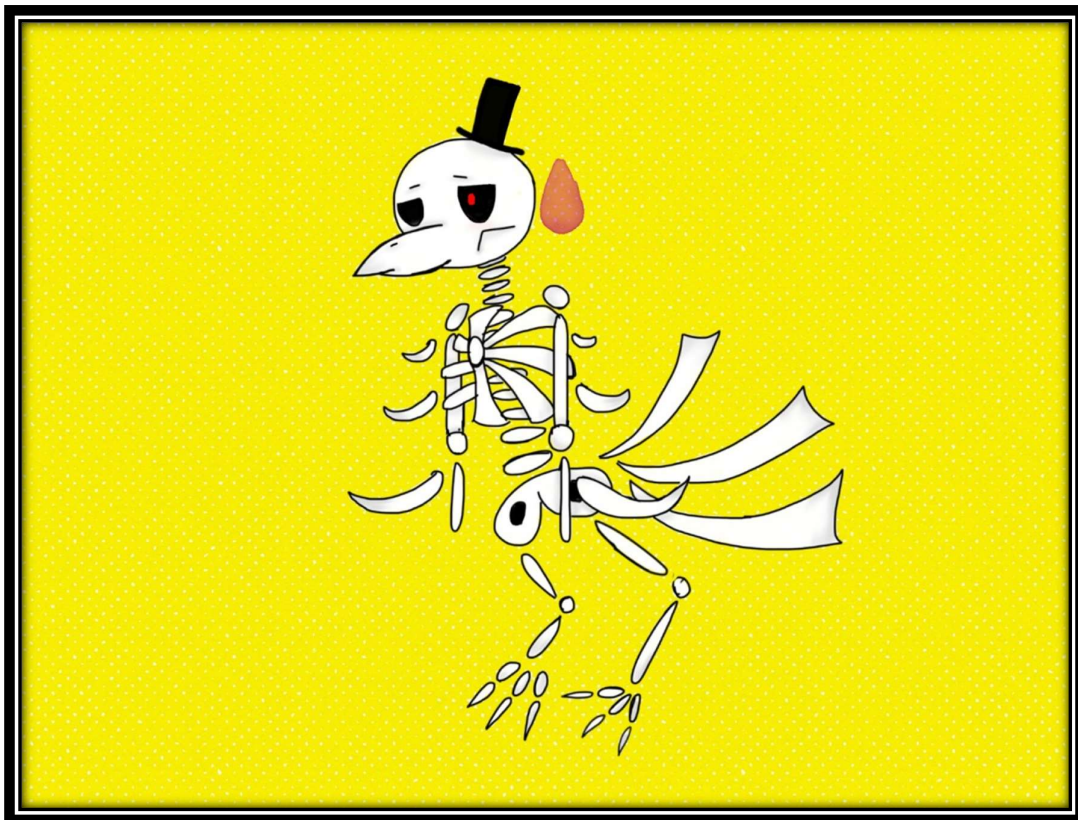
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 RONALD

Play this puzzle online at : <http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/149/>



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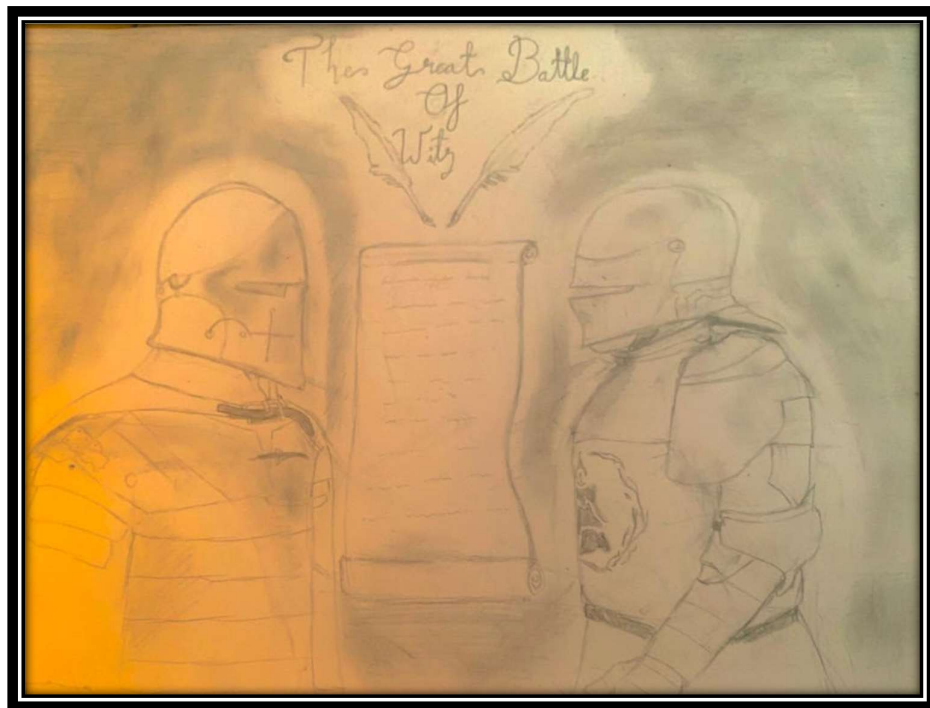
Bird Skeleton, by Fallon Ewart



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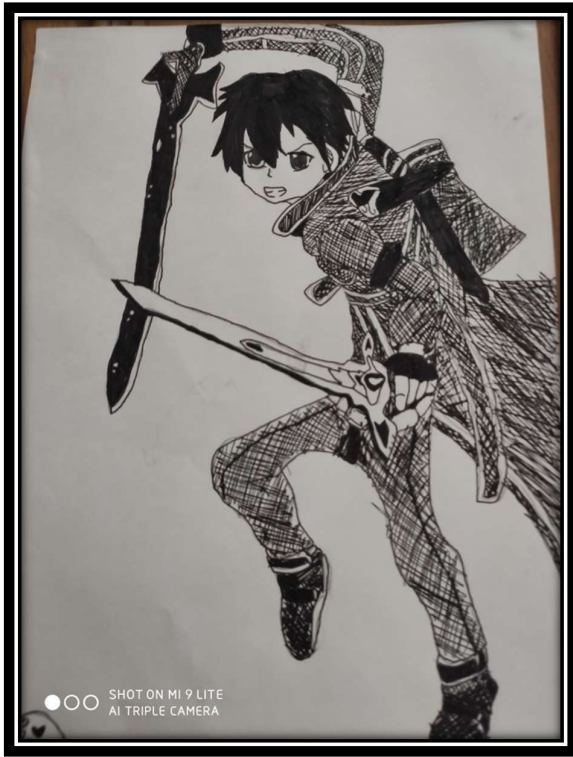


- By Oisín Wernick

Drawings and rock paintings

By Paige (age 11) and Fiachra (age 10)





The Betrayal

By Liadhain Quaid

The red swing squeaked in the rising wind. A solitary crow called in the air in reply to the barking fox as raindrops pattered around our feet. The fated day had arrived. Four armed soldiers were walking down my driveway. My brother Pádraig stood quietly beside me, his shoulders tense. His little boy, John clung to his leg hiding his face from the approaching soldiers. Was this really happening? Should I stand beside my brother pretending or should I reveal the truth?

My brother is an ex-military. He travelled to England as an adventurous 18-year-old in 1939. He fell for the old lie that fighting for the nation is honourable. But, so did I. He was sent to the front line four days before his 19th birthday. He fled that night, deserting his regiment in the most desperate time. He had committed a crime that I was sure he should pay for but now I was not so sure. They had come to take him away to be tried before the British court. He would be found guilty and it was all my fault. Little did he know that I had reported him in a moment of spite. Now my brother would be taken from me forever.

The soldiers had reached us. I closed my eyes, desperately wishing for this nightmare to end. Suddenly, I could hear wracking sobs and I couldn't figure out who it was. When I felt Pádraig's arm snake around my waist, I realised it was me. I was making those ugly sounds. I tried to breathe but I felt trapped. The world was closing in on me. I screamed and sank into the darkness.

Photos from Amber and Matthew Roe



- A bee found by Matthew named Bubblely



- Rocks painted by Amber and Matthew to look like the bee, Bubblely



- A Home sweet home card made by Amber for her friend

A Lottie Adventure

by Amber Elizabeth Roe

The day was a wonderful day just like any other day Lottie had spent with her family. Her twin sister Charlotte, her older sister Sofia and her younger brother Finn. Her dad was called Mr. Lavender and her mom was called Mrs. Lavender. It was a lovely afternoon, Sophia was reading a book, Lottie was drinking from a buttercup filled with elderflower cordial pondering which colour balloon she would prefer; while Charlotte was painting her nails and Finn was busy untying her plaits.

Then, all at once, a dark shadow fell upon them, Finn stopped untying Charlotte's hair ribbons. O no, whispered Sophia dropping her book, what ever shall we do? They all looked up in horrifying silence.

Staring down at them with green piercing eyes, sharp claws, covered from head to tail in a coat of impermeable fur was their arch nemesis, Nightshade, the neighbor's cat, ready to pounce.

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA tinged the air. Lottie eyes searched the surroundings for hope and it hit her like a bolt from the sky, "Cats Hate Water", the sprinkler was nested to Lottie's left. She pounced and with all the strength she could gather, she turned the rusting sprinkler on. Suddenly, a splash of water hit Nightshade between the eyes, who screeched in dismay and jumped towards the sky.

"Run", shouted Charlotte, "the lavender, Quick." With that, they all ran for their lives towards the lavender with Nightshade having recovered by now hot in pursuit. They skirted the carrot

patch leaving a trail of footprints behind them with the safety of the lavender now in sight.

Finn, at the rear of the group, tripped over a rambling worm on a shopping expedition to Marks and Worms. Nightshade with a glint in his eye, stiffened his broad back for the finale when a shrill bang pierced the air. Nightshade seem to freeze mid-flight and, in the confusion, overshot the motionless Finn head first into the brambles and screeched in agony. Lottie with the shattered remnants of a balloon in hand, grabbed Finn by the arm and with that the brave adventurers were safe in the confines in the lavender.

Review



Monument Valley by Ustwo Games (Android and Apple) - 5 stars

Monument Valley is a puzzle game developed and published by Ustwo Games. In the game you have to lead princess Ida through different mazes to reach different platforms. I find the graphic very inspiring and relaxing; plus the music feels fairy

like. The mazes contain illusions and the perspective is often



totally askew which can make it a challenge. It has been compared to M. C. Escher's drawing, so if you like his drawings you will like this game too! There is no time limit and no points get truly recorded; this takes away the pressure and gives you time to appreciate the graphic and

the journey. Only downside: it is too short - 10 levels! Luckily



enough, there is a free extra game you get with Monument valley 1 (Ida's dream) and there's an extension, which is cheaper than the main game. There is also Monument Valley 2.

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Thank you to everyone who sent in submissions! If you would like to see your art/writing in the Chicklit please send future submissions to chicklit.hen@gmail.com.



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- Back cover art by Sadhbh Warren

