The State of DMA
By Keith Jewell

The school year is off to a fast and exciting start! The first marking period is already finished, with midterms and half a semester behind us. We have had many events already pass to kick off the year: From the annual 9/11 ceremony - an emotional and memorable commemoration of the tragic events just 18 years ago, to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newest addition to our campus, the football field, and of course the recent Spirit Week leading up to the exciting Homecoming game and dance. We even had a live filmed event on Fox news to lead us to an exciting football game against rival team St. Elizabeth’s, during which we had been revealed to have been awarded the Blue Ribbon award, which only 3 schools in the state of Delaware have received, making it a huge honor that everyone should be proud to have earned for themselves.
Welcome to the Official Fall Season!
Way to go DMA Seahawks!

Fall Sports in Season
Fall Sports are doing great thus far! Keep up the hard work. If you have any questions for coaches, contact info, or transportation, go to the Seahawks Sports website (www.seahawksports.com) or Team App to look up your sports information.

Fan Central
by Austin Edmonds and Damian DiMartino

Boys Soccer
At press time, the soccer team was 2-8 and showing a lot of potential for the future. The past few years the team has made it into the state tournament, and they are expecting to make the tournament again as the team has very good skill across the board. When asked who the big impact players were this year, Coach Holland responded “Instead of having a single star we have a very level team and don’t have to rely on one person. But one of the standout players is Aidan Leida. He came from being the back-up goalie to being the starting forward.”

Volleyball
The volleyball team was 5-7 and pushing into the playoffs after their two big wins against Appo and Ursuline. They are a very diverse team that has a lot of upper and underclassmen that play in game. They have a lot of talent on the team and are making a late push to move into the playoff picture. When asked who the big impact players were for the year, Ms. Limmina responded “Captain Ali Banks has been amazing as a player and a leader on this team for being a four-year player and being someone a person can look up to. Another player is Maddie Lewis who has been amazing defensively and goes after every ball and never quits and will always give you 110%.”
Cross Country

DMA’s cross country team is trotting along into the season after 3 meets, hosted by Conrad and Delcastle at Banning Park. The team had just recently ran in the Killens Invitational where 15 schools competed on Friday, October 11th. Logan Batt leads the squad this year as well as Luke Charno, Keith Jewell, and Sam McGuckin. While the season runs its course, the fighting Seahawks will continue to “Run Their Race” through the strenuous month of October, before putting it on cruise control in early November at Killens Pond.

Football

The football team has been doing very well this year, having won many of their games this year, with a record at press time of 5-1. They are making great use of the new field in place behind the dome, but they certainly aren’t slacking in ‘Away’ games either. It’s been a busy season, but the team still has a few games to go before they call it in for the year. Good luck, and give the rest of the season your best Seahawks!

Field Hockey

The field hockey team has had a long season in which they give the sport they love everything they have every day. They’ve had tough competition this year, but despite that, they have not been discouraged and still continue to give it all they have, and it shows in their
spirit with every practice and every game! Keep giving it everything you’ve got Seahawks, and good luck for the rest of your season!

KEEPING UP WITH DMA

Good Morning Philadelphia
by Henrietta Riverson

“Hype and ready for this game”, “We’re going to blow them out”, these were comments of Mason Harding and Devon Green about their game with St. Elizabeths.

On September 27th, 2019, DMA had the opportunity to appear on Fox 29, Good Day Philadelphia. The school appeared on the three minute, High school football faceoff. During the time on air, Commandant, Anthony Pullella announced that DMA had won the Blue Ribbon Award, and with that award DMA was considered one of the best schools in the state of Delaware (academically). Out of the 3 schools in Delaware that won the award, DMA was one of them. This gave DMA even more of an edge in the spirit they had, and they had plenty of it already.

9/11 Ceremony
by Bianca Todd and Keith Jewell

As per yearly tradition, DMA held a ceremony on September 11th to recognize the tragic events that took place just 18 years ago. This event is very important for us here, as the events that took place on that day are events that we should never forget. This year a large majority of our cadets are at the age where they were not even born yet for these events. Despite this, however, we noticed that there was still an air of respect coming from our students. This is important to show that despite not having been there to witness the events, it still is something that we simply refuse to forget. We also had a guest come to tell the story of his brother, Captain Howard, and it was a huge honor to hear his story. Thanks to everyone who was a part of making the ceremony happen, as everyone who did showed great pride and respect, which certainly did not go unnoticed!

New Campus Field
by Damian DiMartino

DMA has grown tremendously since its beginnings, both academically and athletically. Our Commandant, Mr. Pullella, has been a huge part of this process. His idea was to expand the campus and provide the best high school experience for every cadet. This eventually included athletics, but what Mr P. didn’t expect was the exponential growth in athletic ability in the incoming cadets, and where we carry the school today. The most recent expansion would of course be the addition of the athletic field provided at the back of the Dome. Mr. P. states that “From what I’ve heard everyone has loved the new field and what it has brought to the school.” Only time will tell what the future may bring, but with the rate it’s going it seems DMA has the potential to continue to expand in many ways, athletically and academically.
The Man Behind the Dog
by Jaelyn Valentin

Along with many other new additions to Delaware Military Academy, there was one instructor that caught many peoples’ attention-- Petty Officer First Class Paul Johnson and his trusty sidekick Koby. We had the honor of interviewing him on his past experiences, as well as being able to talk to him about his experience at DMA so far.

Petty Officer First Class Paul Johnson is a medically retired veteran with not only a great deal of dedication, but a heart made of pure gold! After retiring, he continued to help others learn and grow despite his circumstances. He came to DMA to instill a ‘can-do’ mindset that says “Anything is possible”. He makes it apparent that we all have strengths and weaknesses, and even with our weaknesses we can control our lives and do what may seem like the impossible. One of his many friends, Sara “Flamingo” Edwins, deadlifts and jump ropes despite having one leg amputated due to her having cancer. He stated: “Each of us have different challenges, different problems, different things that we have to get through and around. As long as we can identify those things you can solve them, and that’s what I intend to bring to ‘DMA’ every single day.”.

When it comes to many high schools like ours PO1 Johnson noticed that many schools aren’t as structured as ours. We asked him how his experience was teaching at DMA so far. He said: “The difference between teaching at a regular high school like I used to and teaching here is that in this environment every student is held to the same standard-- now you’d think that in regular high schools that’s true as well but it isn’t...Being here it feels like it’s a more structured, more even, and a better environment alone…”.

Petty Officer Johnson has undergone many memorable experiences throughout his career in the military and many stories to tell the teachers and kids he sees every day. After asking him what his favorite memory was while being active duty, he said his favorite memory throughout the duration of his active military career was seizing 15 and a half tons of cocaine and arresting nine narco-terrorists, all while obtaining six palets worth about approximately 600 billion dollars, only in the first TWO years of his career! This was definitely not something Koby and Rosie could experience since they came into his life later on.

To our surprise, Koby was not the first service puppy to take the large role of protecting Officer Johnson’s life. His first service dog’s name is Rosie. He rescued her from an abusive environment where her prior owners tried to drown her and even burned a cigarette into her back. This instilled a large fear of any body of water in her, but despite her fears she would still jump into water today to save her favorite veteran if needed. Johnson wasn’t the only one Rosie protected while she worked. At one point in time Officer Johnson’s wife had an issue where she was bleeding internally; Rosie guided her to their neighbor who eventually took her to the hospital. Thanks to Rosie, Mrs. Johnson is alive and well. Rosie retired, and in another year or so, Koby will too. This means that Fletcher a German Shepherd puppy (named after the late Sailor, Chief Petty Officer Oris Fletcher from the U.S Navy) will be the brand new addition to the squad!

With all of his old and new experiences, it’s very safe to say Petty Officer First Class Johnson is one of the best additions to Delaware Military
Academy. He has so many amazing qualities that he is able to instill in the cadets at DMA, and we are all very proud to have him as a part of the Seahawk Nation Family. Thank you Officer Johnson for your powerful words. We hope to make better and brighter memories with you over the coming years.

Interviews
Good Morning Philadelphia and the Blue Ribbon Award
by Angelina Roderick

Many cadets were very excited about the events taking place on the day of the Good Morning Philadelphia filming, as well as learning that we had earned the Blue Ribbon Award. These are some of the things our cadets had to say about the events of the day:

Zechariah J. (football player)
1. How do you feel about everything that went on today?
   ● Extravagant
2. How do you predict tonight’s games gonna go?
   ● We will have the advantage: the crowd going crazy!
3. How do you predict tonight’s games gonna go?
   ● “We had to perfect our craft, a lot of running and conditioning.”
4. Do you think our school deserved the Blue Ribbon award? Why?
   ● “Yes, because we are the best.”

Roman G. (football player)
1. How do you feel about everything that went on today?
   ● “Great, 10/10.”
2. How do you predict tonight’s games gonna go?
   ● We will get this win
3. How has the school, the football players, cheerleaders etc, prepared for this big event/game?
   ● “Ran a lot at practice.”
4. Do you think our school deserved the Blue Ribbon award? Why?
   ● “Yes, because we worked hard for it.”
5. How do you think DMA winning this award and tonight’s game will affect the image of DMA?
   ● “People will stop disrespecting and hating on our school.”

Mason H. (football player)
1. How do you feel about everything that went on today?
   ● Hype, ready for the game
2. How do you predict tonight’s games gonna go?
   ● “Beat them by a lot of points.”
3. How has the school, the football players, cheerleaders etc, prepared for this big event/game?
4. **Do you think our school deserved the Blue Ribbon award? Why?**
   - “A lot of conditioning.”

5. **How do you think DMA winning this award and tonight’s game will affect the image of DMA?**
   - “Great, everything was fun.” “Had some good vibes.”

2. **How do you predict tonight’s games gonna go?**
   - “Yeah cause we’re the ‘GOATS’.”

3. **How has the school, the football players, cheerleaders etc, prepared for this big event/game?**
   - “Good, but theirs a lot of competition let alone a lot on our shoulders.”

4. **Do you think our school deserved the Blue Ribbon award? Why?**
   - “If we ___ tonight’s game…
      - Win~ will be our best game so far
      - Lose~ would be very sad for everyone

5. **How do you think DMA winning this award and tonight’s game will affect the image of DMA?**
   - “Yes, because we worked hard as a school, as well as our academics.”

Devin G. (football player)

1. **How do you feel about everything that went on today?**
   - “Fun, Great experience.”

2. **How do you predict tonight’s games gonna go?**
   - “Blow em out!”

3. **How has the school, the football players, cheerleaders etc, prepared for this big event/game?**
   - “RAN!”

4. **Do you think our school deserved the Blue Ribbon award? Why?**
   - Yes

5. **How do you think DMA winning this award and tonight’s game will affect the image of DMA?**
   - If we ___ tonight’s game…
      - Win~ “Happy because the pep rally really hyped us up!”
      - Lose~ “Mad because everything won’t feel the same.”

Jaelyn V. (cheerleader)

1. **How do you feel about everything that went on today?**
   - “Exciting and Nervous.” “This is a big gateway and opens many opportunities for the school as a whole.”

2. **How do you predict tonight’s games gonna go?**
   - “DMA to St E’s record is 2-1, we are gonna win.”

3. **How has the school, the football players, cheerleaders etc, prepared for this big event/game?**
● Staying positive, constant practice, learning new cheers.

4. Do you think our school deserved the Blue Ribbon award? Why?
   ● Yes, our academics are good, discipline, hard work, be an example for others.

5. How do you think DMA winning this award and tonight’s game will affect the image of DMA?
   ● Award: “Creates a really good image, one of the best in the nation, shows everybody our hard work.”
     - Win~ hype up everybody, school 10 times better
     - Lose~ a disappointment (on our new field).

Mr. Jeanne
by Damian DiMartino

Mr. Jeanne is our new Athletic Director this year at DMA, and has thus far already been doing many great things for the school and our athletes. We are sure that he will continue doing just that in the months to come!

Question 1: What was your first impression of DMA when you got here?
   “At first, the cadets, how respectful everyone is, the spirit around the school, everyone loves being here and the facilities I think the gymnasium and the stadium look amazing.”

Question 2: How has the transition been from Glasgow to DMA?:
   “Well it's been good. I have gotten a lot of support from everyone, the staff, the administration and even the parents and students, it's been good. I

was a little bit sad to leave Glasgow. I’ve been there for so long, but I was excited by the idea of being here so it's been a good transition”

Question 3: What experiences as an athlete have you had that effect you as an Athletic Director?-
   “I feel like the fact that I was an athlete myself I can surely relate to what the athletes go through. Being a former coach I can surely relate to what the coaches go through so I feel you combine both experiences together I'm in a position where I can lead the right way. So facing adversity as a player is something that helped me be in the position I am now. It's often that you have to deal with different issues I don't stress over it ‘cause I’ve been there and done that before.”

Question 4: How do you think you can effect DMA in a positive way?-
   “Well you know I have a positive spirit, so my goal, obviously, is to win the DI Sportsmanship award. I think it will bring light to everything that's been done here at this school, and I just want to support the coaches by providing them opportunities to go to different coach’s clinics where they can be better as coaches and do the same thing with the athletes and just you know do anything I can to help the athletes win. I look at my strengths and weaknesses, and I think my strength is to bring everyone together and I think I will be able to do that.”

Question 5: What are the matchups you are really looking forward to?:
   “Well first of all I want to make this clear to everyone listening to this interview right now, we are not losing to Conrad. I’m ‘gonna set the record straight. I’m a very good friend with the basketball coach at Conrad. I've been talking a lot of crap to
him already and when the field hockey team beat them I was quick to text him, and when the volleyball team lost he was quick to text me as well. So for everyone listening right now mark on your calendars when we play Conrad cause we’re not losing to them.”

Question 6: What’s your favorite thing to do outside of DMA:

“I love to travel, I love to play basketball, I love to watch basketball, and I like to listen to music. And I would be wrong if I didn’t say I like to spend time with my wife.”

Question 7: How was your time playing overseas?:

“It was the best experience of my life. It was a long time coming. I was a player it took me a long time to develop, so in high school I was the man. I played with guys like Tony Parker and all of them ‘cause we’re like the same generation. I learned a lot from them, so when I first moved to the US I was kinda like advanced. My SAT scores were kinda low ‘cause of the language barrier, so I had La Salle and Manhattan University those were the Division I schools that were after me, but I settled for a Division 2 school for a very local school here in Delaware called Goldey Beacom College. I played there for three years. My senior year I decided to go play in a semi-professional league. It was the EBA at the time, so I went in Harrisburg. They had a team there. You know, I got an agent, went overseas, but the experience was great, I learned a lot. I learned how to budget money because every time I was getting paid I was one of the young athletes who would go to the club and didn’t know how to save his money. I learned how to be careful sometimes when you kinda like stall you know you have people who will treat you in a way that if you don’t stay humble could get you in a lot of trouble. So I learned quite a bit and the experience was amazing.”

Question 8: St E’s vs DMA Friday night seven o’clock everyone is gonna be there Whos winning the game? What’s the score?

“I’m gonna answer the first question by saying that was a very, very stupid question. It is no doubt in my mind that DMA is gonna win that game. Two reasons: Number 1 we do not lose at home, and Number 2 that’s what we do. We played you know Milford with a little misstep, but you know the expectation is that we are gonna win the rest of the way. And as far as the score, I’m gonna give credit and a little bit of respect to ST E’s so I’m gonna say one touchdown so we’re gonna give them 7 points. They probably don’t even have a kicker. They are gonna miss that kick so they are only gonna give them 6 points. DMA you know, Devon Green is gonna run for 200 plus yards, we’re gonna throw the ball a lot as well. Let’s go with a final score of 34-6.
US: 9/10

Accompanied by her husband (Winston Duke) and two kids (Shahidi Joseph, Evan Alex), Adelaide Wilson (Lupita Nyong’o), and her and her family vacation to the beach house where Adelaide grew up as a child. Haunted by a traumatic experience from the past, she grows increasingly worried that something bad is going to happen. Her fears become reality as four masked strangers appear at the house, forcing the Wilsons to fight for survival. When they get a closer look, they are horrified to realize that each of the masked intruders takes the appearance of each of them.

Logically, we are going to question some things that happen in the film due to our own sense of curiosity of what we want in movies. Do I have certain questions? Sure, but at the same time this film’s unique creepiness and the various open-ended question that we are left with makes this film a great one. I don’t want to spoil your experience, it’s best to watch to know what the film is all about. Only thing I can tell you; it has a perfect cast and background score that makes the environment even more engaging. Give it a try for a surreal experience.

It: Chapter Two; 8/10

Defeated by members of The Loser’s Club, the evil clown Pennywise returns 27 years later to terrorize the town of Derry, Maine once again. Now adults, the childhood friends have long since gone their separate ways. But when people start disappearing, Mike Hanlon calls the others home for one final stand. Damaged by scars from the past, the united Losers must conquer their deepest fears to destroy the shape-shifting Pennywise - now more powerful than ever.

This nearly three-hour sequel has well-rounded, appealing characters and even some laughs, but it lacks the nerve-rattling scares and appealing simplicity of it’s 2017 predecessors. I found myself engaged with the adult characters, all of whom were cast superbly and with particular attention to matching the look and feel of their child counterparts. I felt that for the most part, each character had a sufficient amount of focus and attention, which served not only the immediate
conflict but expanded upon the themes of the first film.

It truly didn’t feel like a three-hour film as I enjoyed the story and how it was put together. The final fight this time around was sufficiently engaging, yet left something felt to be desired. Perhaps the inclusion of the Turtle, the pure enemy of It that crashed to Earth from space to stop It who was the main antagonist in the novel, would’ve left the non-readers a bit confused. It is worth seeing, whether or not you find it better or worse than the first film. It is a touch long, but if you can get over that aspect, you will certainly enjoy yourself. I know I did!

tragedy strikes, Louis turns to his neighbor Jud Crandall (John Lithgow), setting off a perilous chain reaction that unleashes an unspeakable evil with horrific consequences.

The fact that this adaptation, derived from the Stephen King novel of the same name, either left out or changed many key elements to the original story, made it very cliché’ and boring, with no real twists or unexpected ideas that made King’s story feel so close and haunting. The actors themselves seemed unfocused during scenes, and the special effects were pretty tacky. The highlight of this film was John Lithgows’ version of Jud and his portrayal of the iconic neighbor.

Pet Sematary; 4/10

Dr. Louis Creed (Jason Clarke) and his wife, Rachel (Amy Seimetz), relocated from Boston to rural Maine with their two young children. The couple soon discover a mysterious burial ground hidden deep in the woods near their new home. When

Midsommar; 8.5/10

A couple travel to Sweden to visit their friend’s rural hometown for its fabled midsummer festival, but what begins as an idyllic retreat quickly devolves into an increasingly violent and bizarre competition at the hands of a pagan cult.
There are too many things in this movie that merits commendation to call it a bad movie. But at the same time, I ultimately didn't get the satisfaction I felt after I sat through the whole thing. This movie is gorgeous to look at. Idyllic scenes of bright cheery colors and picturesque natural landscapes unsullied by the touch of modern society gives this movie an almost surreal glimpse into another world. The enchanting camerawork, that seems to fluidly distort space and time, helps sell the idea that the film is meant to be simulated acid trip centered around a cult in Sweden.

The people living in this otherworldly place are happy, connected to each other, and each knows perfectly well their place and role in this community. Indeed, it invokes the image of what a paradise on earth would be like, but behind this paradise is a darker and more sinister aspect. Overall, the movie doesn't fit the typical stereotype of a horror or psychological thriller, though those elements are there to a certain extent. The real genius of this film is its ability to create in it's viewer this sense of mounting dread and terror, even as you’re almost consistently presented with scenes of serene beauty, which makes those moments of ‘horror’ more shocking and uncomfortable.

Horoscopes
by Biana Todd

**Leo (July 23 - August 22)**

Element: Fire

Quality: Fixed

Color: Gold, Yellow, Orange

Day: Sunday

Ruler: Sun
Greatest Overall Compatibility: Aquarius, Gemini

Lucky Numbers: 1, 3, 10, 19
Strengths: Creative, passionate, generous, warm-hearted, cheerful, humorous

Weaknesses: Arrogant, stubborn, self-centered, lazy, inflexible

Leo likes: Theater, taking holidays, being admired, expensive things, bright colors, fun with friends

Leo dislikes: Being ignored, facing difficult reality, not being treated like a king or queen

People born under the sign of Leo are natural born leaders. They are dramatic, creative, self-confident, dominant and extremely difficult to resist, able to achieve anything they want to in any area of life they commit to. There is a specific strength to a Leo and their "king of the jungle" status. Leo often has many friends for they are generous and loyal. Self-confident and attractive, this is a Sun sign capable of uniting different groups of people and leading them as one towards a shared cause, and their healthy sense of humor makes collaboration with other people even easier.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Greatest Overall Compatibility: Pisces, Cancer

Lucky Numbers: 5, 14, 15, 23, 32
Strengths: Loyal, analytical, kind, hardworking, practical

Weaknesses: Shyness, worry, overly critical of self and others, all work and no play

Virgo likes: Animals, healthy food, books, nature, cleanliness

Virgo dislikes: Rudeness, asking for help, taking center stage
Virgos are always paying attention to the smallest details and their deep sense of humanity makes them one of the most careful signs of the zodiac. Their methodical approach to life ensures that nothing is left to chance, and although they are often tender, their heart might be closed for the outer world. This is a sign often misunderstood, not because they lack the ability to express, but because they won’t accept their feelings as valid, true, or even relevant when opposed to reason. The symbolism behind the name speaks well of their nature, born with a feeling they are experiencing everything for the first time.

Libra **(September 23 - October 22)**

- Element: Air
- Quality: Cardinal
- Color: Pink, Green
- Day: Friday
- Ruler: Venus

Greatest Overall Compatibility: Aries, Sagittarius

Lucky Numbers: 4, 6, 13, 15, 24

Strengths: Cooperative, diplomatic, gracious, fair-minded, social

Weaknesses: Indecisive, avoids confrontations, will carry a grudge, self-pity

Libra likes: Harmony, gentleness, sharing with others, the outdoors

Libra dislikes: Violence, injustice, loudmouths, conformity

People born under the sign of Libra are peaceful, fair, and they hate being alone. Partnership is very important for them, as their mirror and someone giving them the ability to be the mirror themselves. These individuals are fascinated by balance and symmetry, they are in a constant chase for justice and equality, realizing through life that the only thing that should be truly important to themselves in their own inner core of personality. This is someone ready to do nearly anything to avoid conflict, keeping the peace whenever possible

Elements continued...

by Keith Jewell
Chapter 9

Well, this was unexpected. Rose used her powers to send us to the past, and now we need to find our way back to our time. But to do that we’ll need to get ahold of the same staff Rose used to send us here. And then we’d need to find out how to use it, meaning we need to find the Library of Souls. Only issue is that place is exceedingly dangerous. It takes the darkness held in the hearts of those who enter and uses it to corrupt them. No one who’s ever entered has made it out. But of course we don’t have much of a choice but to try anyhow. So we split up. Damien and I will go to retrieve the Staff. Meanwhile Summer and Ace will go to the library. If all goes as planned, we’ll get back to our time soon.

“Do you think they’ll be okay?” I ask Damien as we’re travelling to where we need to be.

“We chose those two for a reason - they are the most level headed of us right now, right? They’ll be just fine, I’m sure,” Damien tells me. I know he’s right, but still. I can’t help but worry… everyone has a hidden darkness inside of them. Even Summer must have something that she’s in danger of letting take hold of her. I just… I don’t want to let that happen. I can’t even imagine Summer being corrupted… but that reality may happen.

“Hey, eyes up,” Damien says suddenly. I notice what he means - there’s some kind of weird energy in the air. Perhaps it’s some kind of wind magic or something, but regardless, it’s definitely bad news for us. We knew the staff was ‘gonna be guarded, but this thing seems like it’s ‘gonna be tough to beat.

“How do we have any idea what we’re up against?” I ask.

“Honestly not really. Considering we’re at some point in the past, it could really be anything,” Damien tells me.

“Perfect. Alright then, I guess we should just head on to see for ourselves,”

“No, don’t charge in recklessly, we need to form a plan,” as Damien says that, we hear a roar.

“Well then let’s get something figured out soon,” I say.

“Alright, how about this. I’ll head in, draw it out, so that we can get a proper view of our enemy at least. I have the best chance of getting away, right?”

“Yeah, okay, that’ll work. Let’s do it,” And so we put into our plan into action. Damien uses his powers to quickly enter the forest ahead of us, as a flash of lightning. And just as we planned, right back out Damien comes, bringing the monster with him. It’s huge! He looks like a lion with the wings of a dragon. And it’s coming towards us with crazy speed.

“Sora, get moving!” Damien shouts.

“R-right, Flame Wings, go!” Sprouting wings of fire, I take to the air avoiding the beast’s charge. “Flame Slash!” I draw my sword, and slash downwards, creating an arc of flame to fly towards
the monster. It hits, but it doesn’t seem like it does much damage at all.

“That won’t work, this thing is too strong to hurt like that!” Damien says.

“Than what will work?” I ask.

“Something that’d take all of our power and probably kill us in the process. We can’t beat this thing as we are, we just need to take the staff and get out of here!”

“Then let’s do that,”

“Only issue is this thing has a wall of wind blocking access to it,”

“Of course it does. So then do we gotta lead it away from here?”

“Yeah, that’s probably for the best. Leave that to me, just take the staff and get it out of here,”

“Alright but don’t do something crazy and get yourself hurt, we just healed you after all,”

“Heh, and here I thought I was your teacher,” Damien grabs the monster’s attention, and then flies off. I hope he’ll be okay. I hope everyone is gonna be okay. We’ve been through so much lately… it feels like a lifetime ago when my biggest concern was Ace being a jerk. But that was really only a few weeks ago.

I fly down to the area the staff is, and in a few moments, the wind dies down, revealing it. Walking up to it, I notice that the area still feels strange. There’s still a weird energy going around, perhaps due to the power contained in this staff. I grab it, and fly away from the area. This was actually a lot easier than I thought it might be,