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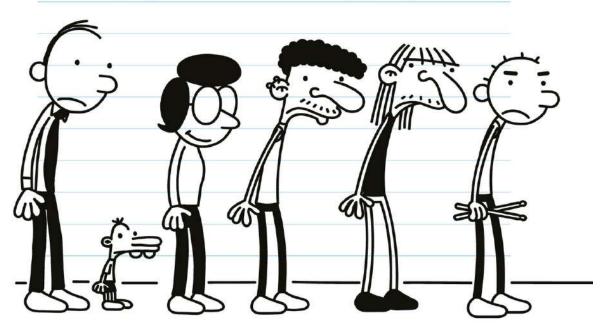
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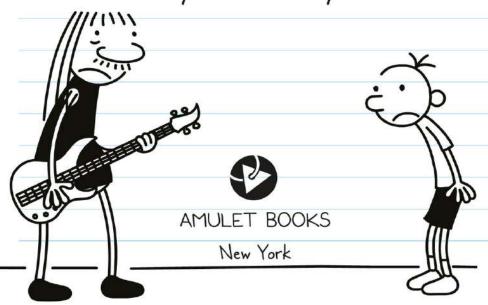
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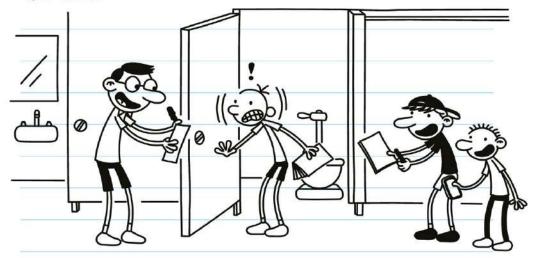
I always thought I wanted to be rich and famous, but now I'm starting to wonder if fame and fortune are worth all the hassle.

I'm sure it would be great to be a celebrity, because it'd be nice to get the rock star treatment and see your name in lights.



But there's only so much attention one person can take, and I bet that kind of thing would get kind of old after a while.

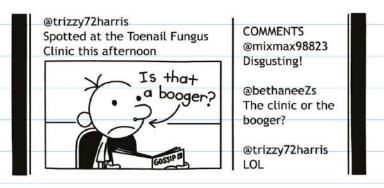
If you're famous, you can't just turn it off whenever it's inconvenient. And it wouldn't be much fun getting mobbed for autographs and selfies all the time.



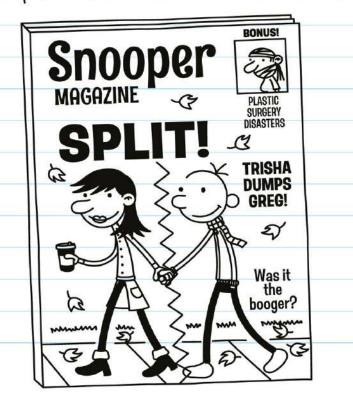
When you're a celebrity, you can't even take care of your personal business without everyone finding out and posting about it on social media.



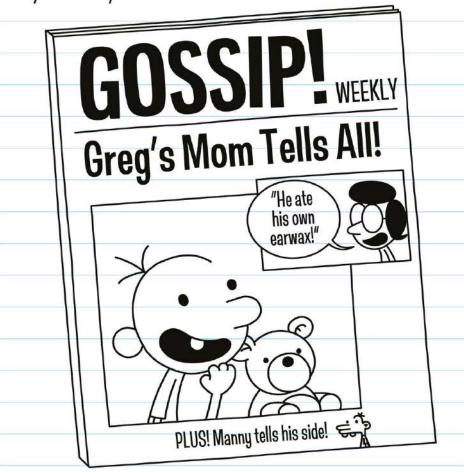
And when you're out in public, someone's bound to snap a picture of you when you're not looking your best.



On top of that, everyone feels like they have the right to know all the details about your personal relationships, which can't be a lot of fun, either.

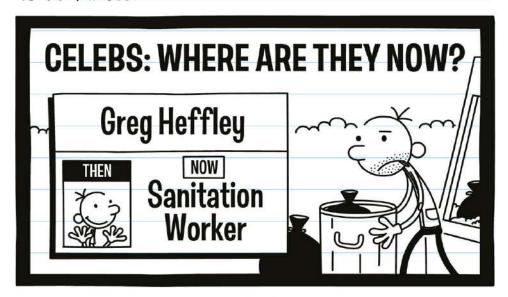


Speaking of relationships, when you're a celebrity, you never know who you can TRUST. Because even the people closest to you will be happy to air your dirty laundry if the price is right.



The celebrities who have it the WORST are former child stars, because after they grow up and fall out of the spotlight, they have to learn how to live like regular people.

And I'm sure it's no fun being someone who USED to be famous.



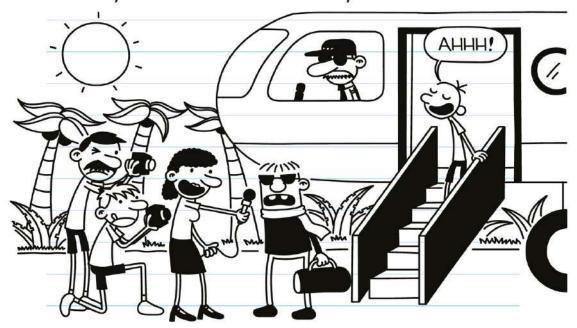
People recognize former child stars even after they've become adults. And I'd like to be able to enjoy a meal with my family in public without getting hassled by fans later on.



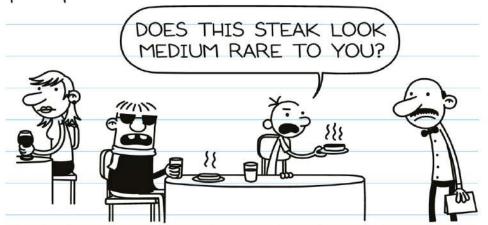
Don't get me wrong, it would be nice to have mansions and expensive cars and all the other stuff that comes with being famous. I just wouldn't want to deal with the downside of fame.

That's why it would be awesome to be FRIENDS with someone who's famous. Then you'd get all the perks of being a celebrity without any of the negatives.

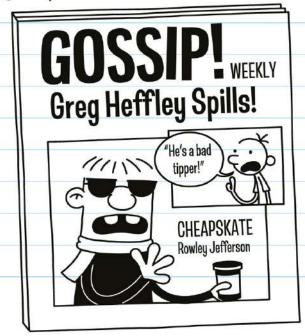
Famous people are always traveling the world and going on fancy vacations. And I could definitely see myself getting used to that kind of lifestyle, especially if I wasn't the one paying.



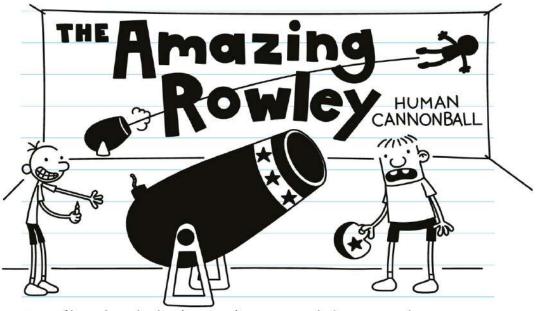
Plus, if you're friends with someone who has more money than you, you can always count on them to pick up the tab.



And if you and your famous friend ever have a falling-out, it wouldn't be the end of the world. Because people will pay good money for juicy celebrity gossip.



The only problem with my plan is that I don't have any friends who are on track to become famous. And even though I've tried to encourage my friend Rowley to start making a name for himself, he just doesn't seem all that interested.



So I've decided that what would be even better than being friends with a celebrity is being RELATED to one. Because you know your Christmas presents are gonna be WAY nicer if you've got a rich person in the family.

My older brother, Rodrick, actually has big plans to become a famous musician.

But I just don't know how realistic it is to be successful when your band's name is Löded Diper.

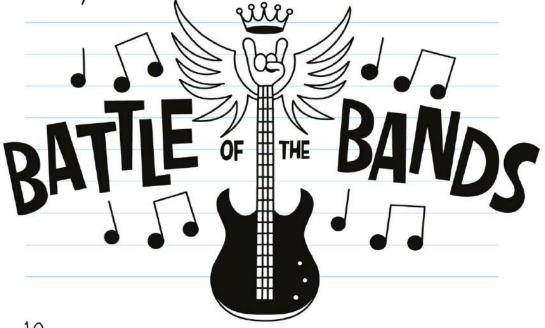
Aside from their name, Löded Diper has a few obstacles standing in their way. The first one is that they still practice in our basement, even though my parents probably wish they DIDN'T.



On top of that, Löded Diper hasn't played an actual show in more than a year. And the only member of the band who's not in high school is the lead singer, Bill. But he's thirty-five years old and lives in his gramma's basement.

Even with all that, Rodrick still thinks Löded Diper can make it to the big time. And he's come up with a plan for how they can do it.

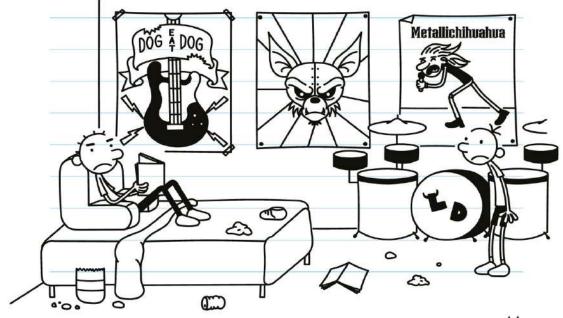
There's a competition called the Battle of the Bands that's held every year, and Rodrick thinks if Löded Diper works hard to get ready, they can actually WIN it.



Rodrick's favorite band, Metallichihuahua, won the Battle of the Bands when they were just starting



I'm not a big fan of that kind of music, and the only reason I've even heard of Metallichihuahua is because Rodrick's bedroom is plastered with their posters.



Rodrick says the Battle of the Bands competition launched Metallichihuahua's career, and afterward they were on the cover of every magazine.



Metallichihuahua broke up before Rodrick got a chance to see them play, so everything he knows about them is from magazine articles and old concert footage. But when Bill was ten years old, his gramma took him to see Metallichihuahua on their last tour. And he's always bragging about it



In fact, sometimes Bill still wears the T-shirt he got from that concert, even though he probably



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