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ESCAPE THE ROOM

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Some time ago I devoured *Endurance*, one of the must-read books about adventure and leadership. Now is the time to put into practice the experiences of a bunch of explorers lost in the Antarctic. They were stuck, like you and me. They were faced with a dichotomy (for millennials, a choice) between 2 ways to dealing with reality. Option #1, to make the same face that Frodo does for almost 9 hours in the abominable adaptation of *The Lord of the Rings* made by Peter Jackson (you know what I mean, just google Frodo and you'll have rivers of pixels of a guy with the ultimate loser expression in his eyes). Forget it. Option #2, to embrace the challenge with both arms. To tell the whole world: "Fellas, there is an opportunity to be a hero!"

Now, let's define hero. If you look throughout human history, the hero is the guy who gets things done when nobody else wants to, when it's nasty, and when it's challenging. A mother is the quintessential hero when she cleans a bathroom...that has been used by someone else! A brother is a hero when he sits in the back of the car without being asked, A dad is a hero when he shows interest in a girl's prom dress... All of these heroes overcome their limitations, suffer, and get some scars. But they bring the optimism that you need when outside is dark and unknown. They decide to be at ease living in an imperfect world with imperfect people. They take the challenge and overcome adversity because they find an inner fountain of cheerfulness. The question is, *Do you want to be part of the problem or part of the solution?*

Maybe this dialogue from *Die Hard* gives you a hint of what I'm talking about. John McClane -a regular cop- describes to a teen what it takes to get involved in changing the world...

John McClane: You know what you get for being a hero? Nothin'. You get shot at. You get a little pat on the back, blah, blah, blah, attaboy. Your wife can't remember your last name. You get to eat a lot of meals by yourself. Trust me, kid, nobody wants to be that guy.

Matt Farrell: Then why are you doing this?

John McClane: Because there's nobody else to do it right now, that's why. Believe me, if there were somebody else to do it, I'd let them do it, but there's not. So we're doing it.

Matt Farrell: Ah. That's what makes you that guy.

Do you want to be a hero? We have a tremendous opportunity. Let's escape the room. What room? Yours, mine. The room of our comfort zone, the room of mediocrity, the room of selfishness. There's a family waiting for us. Be creative. Reach out to them. Make breakfast for them, do the dishes with them (while listening to the music your sister likes), organize a *Monopoly* game after dinner, pray the Rosary with them, get-together, talk - talk to each other, listen, encourage them. Be a hero. You won't have a better time than this one.

PICTURE OF THE DAY



MEME OF THE DAY



First online Circle in Sauganash history! Scott joined us from San Francisco, James Spingola from Mars (?) and Joe Paschal from the 3rd Heaven (are you levitating or what, bro?)



RESPONSE FROM THE EDITORS



Thank you, John, for sharing your concerns about the "Proof We Belong in Arizona" article we published. While we found the arguments in the original article very compelling, we will do our best going forward to keep this publication propaganda free. We rely on written submissions from readers like you. The best way to guarantee high quality journalism is for all our readers to continue submitting content to the email address below. We don't know who this "Justin" is, but we have received a number of anonymous submissions praising the Grand Canyon State's many glorious features. We hope, with all our contributors' help, that we will not need to resort to publishing those.

Submit your article to jreckart@sauganashcenter.org



LET YOUR SISTER PICK THE MUSIC, EVEN IF SHE LIKES JONAS BROS

WORDS OF WISDOM from Chief Sauganash

CORONACLE CAPTION CONTEST

PODIUM

- 1st **Alejandro Toro**, "Please tell me you didn't put that in the mudwater"
- 2nd **Daniel Lotus**, "Somehow, I imagined something different when you said Green New Deal"
- 3rd **David Roman**, "Did you say snack?"
- Honorable Mention**, "I was woken up for this!?"