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Based on a
TRUE
Story...

It all began in
the first year
of medical
school...



Quiet in Library!



You don't
have a
PhD!



And it
only got
worse as
a second
year

Haven't
published in
any journals!



Not an
ex-model



Not
top in your
class...

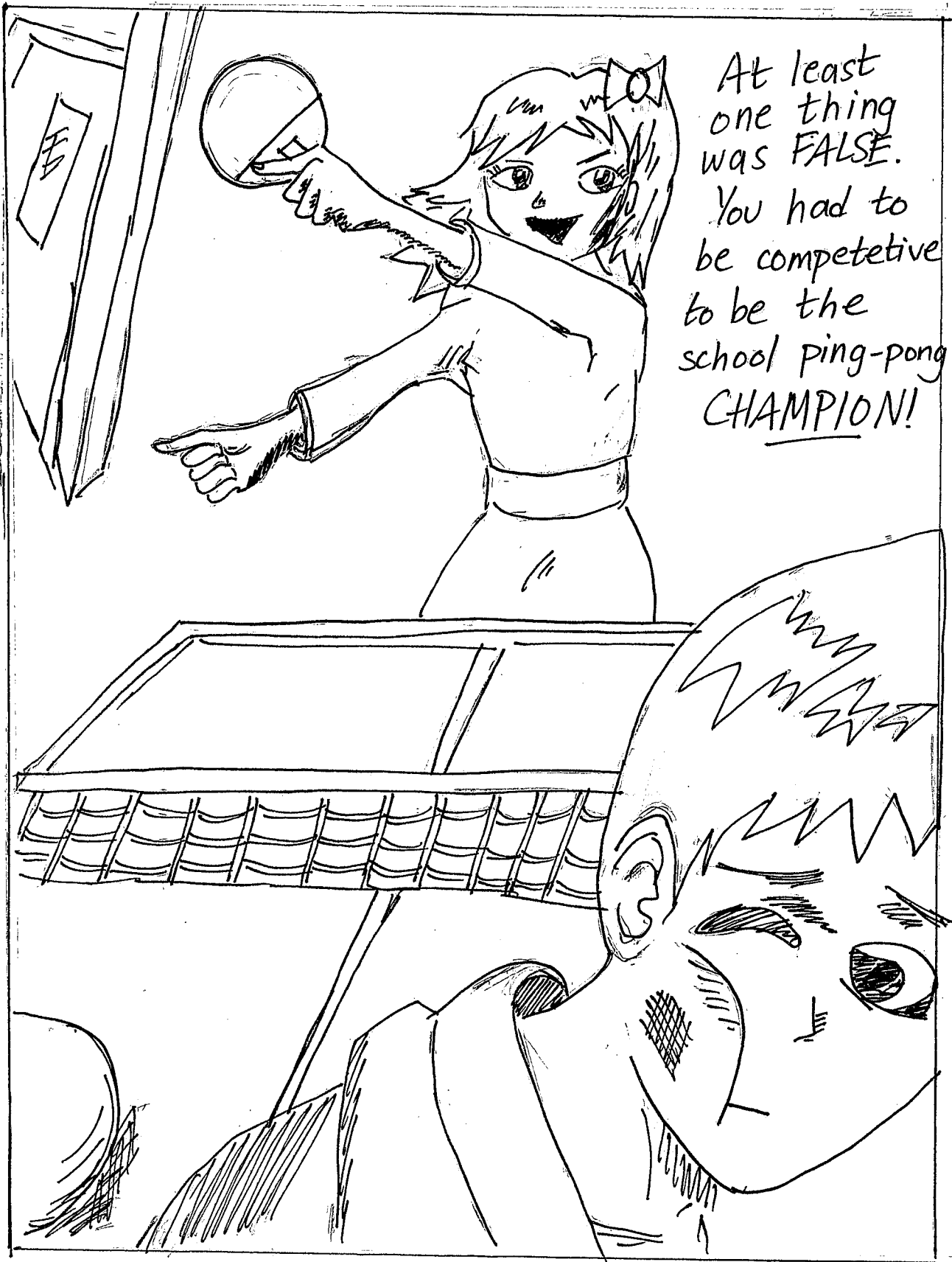


You haven't
done any
significant
community service



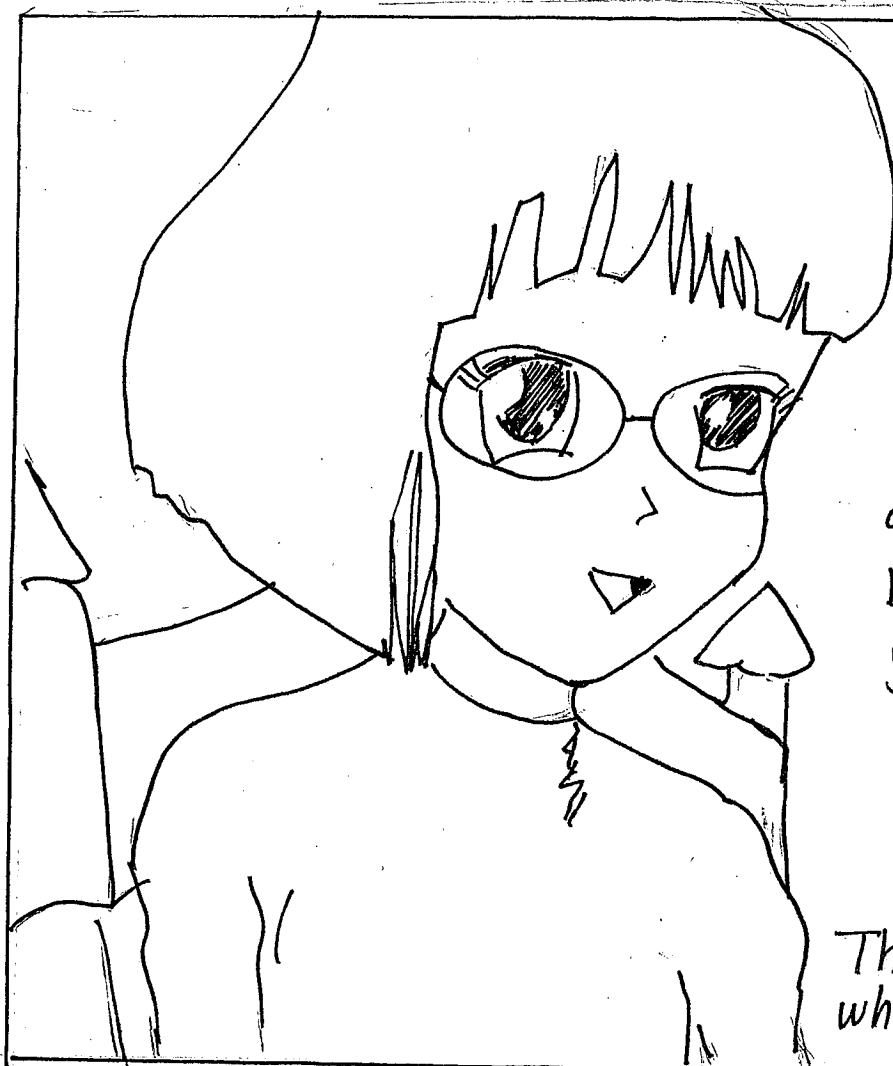
But,
WORST of
all, you're not
even a competitive
person!





At least
one thing
was FALSE.
You had to
be competitive
to be the
school ping-pong
CHAMPION!

I decided
to seek
the truth
out myself
before I
began the
most critical
year of
medical school



What classes
will you
really need to
do well in? Well,
all of them
of course...
But, don't fret,
you can do it!

That wasn't exactly
what I wanted to
hear....

4th Year



Before I could officially apply, I had to meet with the Chair of Dermatology.

"So, what makes you special?" he said.

"Well, I'm a good skateboarder and I make a mean mixed CD..."

"Last year we interviewed an Olympic volleyballer and a New York Times bestseller, anything like that?" he asked.

"Oh, No." I replied quietly...

V. Bright
Yale
MD/PhD

B. Wise
Harvard
MD/PhD

Star J.
Johns Hopkins
MD/PhD

A. Shoe-in-Smith
Harvard
MD/PhD

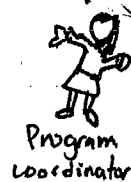
F. Sharp
Stanford
MD/PhD

A. Whiz
Harvard
MD/PhD

Not A Chance
State School
MD only

Joe Genius
Yale
MD/PhD

Don't forget to
wear your name
tags before
interviewing



Did you
end up publishing
in Nature or Science?



other applicants

We went with
Nature, higher
Impact Factor
you know...

By the end of Interview
season, I had come
full circle, and found
that all the
rumors were in fact
true... Oh Dear....



Oh Dear...

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10 Years Later...

So, you're an ex-astronaut,
developed a
vaccine for
melanoma,
started a
homeless
shelter
and are
#1 in your
class. ...
Still, I feel
your application
lacks that
WOW factor....



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The End