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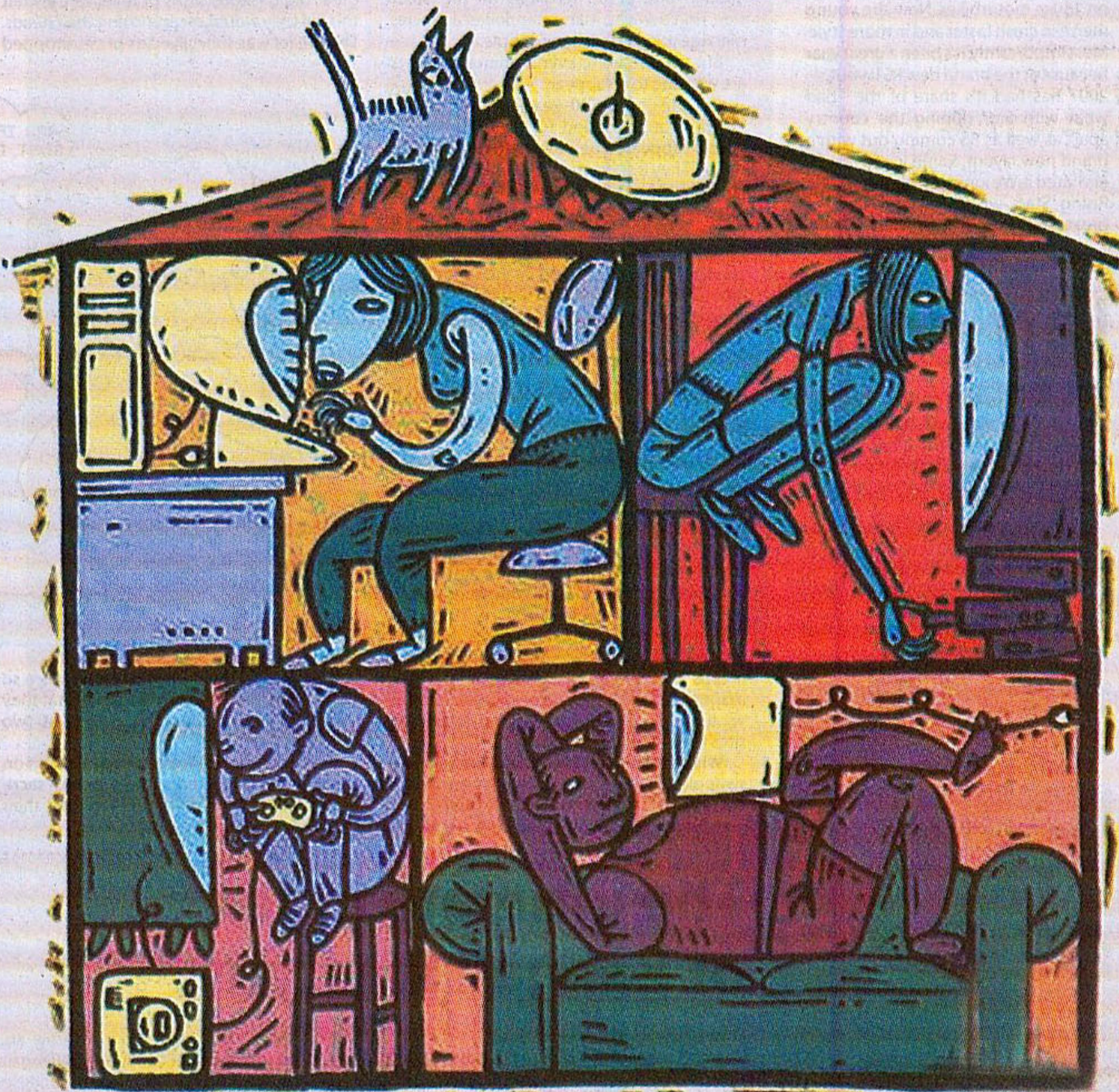
He felt a fever coming on the indubitable scratching at his throat that signaled the virus has entered his body. He flopped onto bed, tired of endless classes. His head was burning. His mom came in and placed her cool hand on his forehead. He fell asleep, glad of that soothing touch and wondered what he would do without her...

By Nisma Elias

► Dependent

I know what you want, but you can't have it, I thought darkly. Shackled to the metallic chair, cold desk in front and a dim light creaking above, I could see myself brooding upon the surface of the glass. How long would it be before I was torn asunder, spewing my innards to the ravenous jackals beyond the looking glass? I gulped; my resistance breached. Words escaped my lips in silence, as I began typing away again.

By Le Chupacabra



Winter laze

By Emil

TO a person with the laze calibre, seasons, and sometimes moments, can come and go without their notice, and more often than not, without their consent, too. Winter's here. Finally. After long weeks of indecisiveness by Mother Nature, winter's finally here. One of the only sure fire way for a lazy person to realize and acknowledge this fact is when one fine evening, with several days interval, he goes to take a nice bath, and finds himself assaulted by skin-shattering cold. But, really, Winter doesn't affect the lifestyle of a lazy person all that much. Not really, at least.

Changes in lifestyle

There be two sorts of lazy people in this world- the ones that do nothing- literally, and the ones that do something. But it is the sort of 'something' that ultimately adds up to nothing anyways. Apart from warmer food and warmer clothes, changes for the former sort seem nearly non-existent. For the latter, the same changes apply, among others. For one thing, he will no longer feel obliged to make an effort on taking baths. It's winter- give us a break, eh?

For another, guardians take a more lenient approach regarding the physical during these months. Amazingly, they altogether stop their pestering about taking long evening walks for health reasons, due to the fact that it's quite cold outside, you know? You might catch a cold.

A new season has arrived, and that calls for new clothes, too. You're a year older, and old stuff may not be very fitting, or very fashionable. Either way, point is, this might allow you the chance to cash in on your clothes that are

due to you. Since, you'll be too lazy to go, present a fear of cold that you don't want to catch, what with that presentation or that performance or that exam right around the corner, you know?

If you're a TV person, and there's only one television in the household (though, that's a rarity these days), you might face a bit of a trouble watching that favourite show at nine o' clock. Chances are, your dad may not be all too keen to work late on these harsh cold days and is home, to catch up on all the favourite shows that he missed, namely the news. The same can be said for your mom- it's a rough deal to be working all the time, even in winter. She might want to spend some time in front of the television, as well. So, winter can be a bit rough on the edge for TV laziers.

The best bid is for those who like to slack, laze and fiddle around with their computers/consoles. For these people, no season is too boring or too rough. They'll spend hours and hours on their backside, eroding away the leather under them, staring at that monitor/TV screen doing what they like doing best. This is the season when new stuff comes out. Of course, collecting them can be a bit of a bother. But, sometimes, some things are just worth walking that proverbial extra mile. Better if there's a seat under you, and someone else is doing the walking. The fun thing about this is that in most cases, guardians are too busy with their own things to care about the supposed hazards of using the computer too much, or playing the console too much, or doing whatever it is you're doing too much. And at the end of the day, or the end of the night, it's just so much fun to huddle up under

than thick quilt, what with the coziness and all.

The hardships and the rest.

Winter is all about hardships. And nobody, particularly not the lazy people, have it easy. They now have to wear that extra layer of clothing. Take that bit of extra care over themselves, lest they catch a cold or suffer a flu. They have to be that extra bit thoughtful about the less privileged. And so many other things. These are just the tip of the iceberg. There are so many more and not all of them as simple as this, a lot of them blasphemous to the Kingdom of Laze, and beyond. As a denizen of said Kingdom, I can't bring myself to utter such horrors to my fellows. I'd prefer them to stay blissfully ignorant, or ignorantly blissful.

Really, winter is our time. This is when laziness shines out. There's something about the cold that promotes laziness. You'll see a lot of people, who aren't generally lazy, indulging themselves on that extra hour of sleep, on that extra hour of slacking around. Winter is just... the time to be lazy, to lay down and leave that work for the next day, and the day after that. If there was a God of Laziness, I'd reckon this was the time he'd be out and about. But, then again, being lazy, he'd probably sleep in.

Yeah. Winter is the time to be lazy. The perfect time. Wake up. Freshen up (if you want). Eat. Sleep. Wake. Laze. Laze. Laze. Eat. Sleep. Rinse and repeat. Yeah, the perfect time.

Condolences to those who have school, college, university or work to go to. Yeah. You have our sympathies.