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SQUID GAME: THE CHALLENGE

A tone-deaf adaptation of the original show

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Squid Game: The Challenge was a big hit for the streaming giant. The show was surprisingly complex and thoroughly entertaining, with lots of empowering moments, humour, and numerous unpredictable twists and turns scattered throughout. However, given the world's current socio-economic and political climate, it ultimately is a bleaker and even more depressing watch than the original. A series of candid testimonials drive home that most people are participating in paying off their mortgages, cars, loans, and debts. This gives the show an uneasy atmosphere from the get-go. The games in *Squid Game: The Challenge* gradually become increasingly complex, demanding, and cruel. It created division and hostility within the participants and forced them to make difficult decisions. The devastating reactions of many participants when they get eliminated from the show is also agonising to watch.

While the show has redemptive qualities, its very existence remains its core problem. A depressed global economy trying to recover from a pandemic and two paradigm-shifting conflicts, turning an anti-capitalist piece of media into a game show where participants do whatever it takes to win is tone-deaf. Not only is the point of the original show missed but *Squid Game: The Challenge* buys into the hyper-capitalist and consumerist notions the show was meant to dispel.



OPPORTUNITIES

Sheba.xyz – Intern (HR)

ELIGIBILITY

Bachelor's degree from any reputed university in Human Resource Management.



Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).

Strong problem-solving and analytical abilities.

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Currently enrolled in a design program from a reputable institution.



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LETTER

Dear Campus,
As a young adult, who is currently navigating the rough terrain of my next chapter in life, I have often felt a sense of insecurity and uncertainty. Therefore, having a reliable source of advice, insight, and comfort has been an invaluable resource to me. Thank you for all the articles on choosing majors and dealing with academic burnouts. They have helped carry me through difficult times.

Yours sincerely,
Zahi Wali Aadit
Graduate, Sir John Wilson School

RESPONSE

Dear Aadit,
Moving forward in life is never easy. There will be a lot of challenges and obstacles along the way, each more daunting than the other. However, in such difficult times, we often lean on things and other individuals for a bit of support. We are glad to hear that you too have found something to lean on during these challenging times. That being said, be prepared to tackle the challenges that await you in the future. Things will get tougher but you will hopefully make it through as long as you have the dedication and the right support.

Regards,
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