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The Academy of Language Studies, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Kedah is thrilled to announce the release of the second edition of its e-magazine, The Epitome. This publication exemplifies our steady dedication to fostering creativity in language and literature.

The primary objective of THE EPITOME is to offer a platform where writers, educators, scholars, poets, and researchers can come together to exchange their ideas, discoveries, expertise, and narratives. Our special focus revolves around an array of creative writing genres, encompassing Playwriting, Short stories, Songs, Speeches, Memoirs, Literary Journalism, Humour writing, Lyric essays, Innovative essays, and Personal essays, with a goal to embrace diverse linguistic expressions, with content available in four languages: English, Bahasa Melayu, Mandarin, and Arabic.

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Every day is learning curves...

Dear Readers,

We are back! We are thrilled to present a collection of articles that we believe capture the essence of the writers. Our team has worked diligently to curate content that we hope will both engage and resonate with you.

In these pages, you will find a diverse range of perspectives on life, from joy to sorrow. We hope these pieces inspire reflection and spark meaningful conversations.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to our talented contributors for their time and expertise. Their dedication is what makes the second issue of Epitome possible.

As always, we value your feedback. Please do not hesitate to reach out with your thoughts and suggestions.

Thank you for being a part of our Epitome community.

Warm regards,

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EDITOR'S NOTE

"The Hilarious Adventures of Jack: A Social Media Superhero"

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In the year 2023, Jack was just an ordinary guy with some extraordinary dreams, much like any kid today. Instead of comic books, he spent his evenings binge-watching the latest superhero series on streaming platforms. He dreamed of becoming a superhero, just like the ones he saw on his high-definition screen, leaping tall buildings and saving the world.

Jack, however, had a secret power that was a bit out of the ordinary in this modern era. He had the uncanny ability to attract pigeons. Yes, pigeons—the gray, unassuming birds that usually made city streets their home. Whenever Jack stepped out in his makeshift superhero costume, which he proudly displayed on his TikTok channel, pigeons flocked to him like he was the latest trending hashtag. He'd strike a heroic pose, but the citizens of the city were left swiping up and wondering why their hero was surrounded by a sea of cooing birds. #PigeonMan

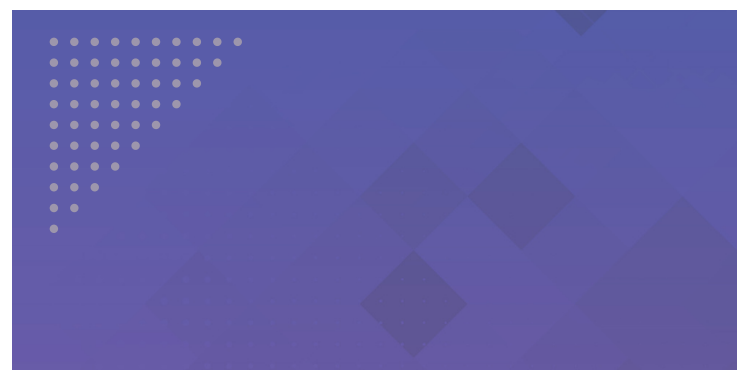
Jack's pigeon-magnet superpower was just the beginning of his adventures in the age of social media. One sunny afternoon, he


decided it was time to take to the skies, just like his idols. With his cape fluttering in the wind, he live-streamed his attempt to soar into the clouds, but alas, his lack of grace and finesse went viral faster than a meme. Instead of gracefully taking off, he tripped over his own cape, somersaulted through the air, and crash-landed into a tree.

He lay there, dazed and confused, with a face full of leaves. Passersby couldn't help but hit the 'like' button for this epic fail.


Jack's heroics didn't end there. On another occasion, he stumbled upon a bank robbery in progress, which was being live-streamed by the robbers themselves. With unwavering determination, he rushed to the scene, intending to shout the iconic superhero catchphrase: "Stop in the name of justice!" However, Jack's enthusiasm far exceeded his vocal control. His booming voice shattered the bank's glass doors into a million sparkling pieces, and he was left with a hefty bill for damages. The bank robbers, too stunned to continue their heist, were apprehended by the regular police while Jack's video went viral on YouTube.

But perhaps Jack's most memorable adventure involved a kitten stuck in a tree, and it was all captured on his Instagram Stories. As any good-hearted superhero would, he decided to rescue the terrified feline. Climbing up the tree with all the agility of a squirrel, he reached the trembling kitten.





However, as he began to descend with his precious cargo, disaster struck. His pants got caught on a branch, leaving him dangling in his underwear, the kitten perched safely on his shoulder. The kitten, with an air of indifference, eventually decided it had had enough of Jack's antics and nonchalantly climbed down by itself, all of which was live streamed on Jack's Insta.



Despite all these slapstick mishaps, Jack refused to give up on his dream of being a superhero, and his followers couldn't get enough of his entertaining antics. He may not have had the grace of a gymnast or the power of a locomotive, but he possessed something even more extraordinary—a heart of gold and the talent for making people laugh, even when he didn't mean to. In a world where superheroes often took themselves too seriously on their verified Twitter accounts, Jack's unique brand of clumsiness was a refreshing change.

The city gradually realized that Jack might not be the hero they had expected, but he was undoubtedly the one they needed in the world of viral trends. So, with his bedsheet cape flapping in the breeze, pigeons sharing his adventures on their social media, and an ever-growing fanbase, Jack continued his superhero adventures. He knew that he might not always save the day in the traditional sense, but he would always leave a trail of laughter in his wake, and that was the superpower that truly mattered in 2023.

#JackTheLaughingHero



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