

## **Alle Schülerarbeiten wurden leicht editiert.**

### **Text 1** (Letter 1)

Dear Shelly,

How are you? I'm not fine.

I'm still thinking about what happened yesterday.

The yellow paint, which the kidnappers put on our heads, is so nasty! It took two hours to get all the paint off my hair!

My mom was shocked when she saw me, of course she was! My hair is so short! Mom will take me to the hairdresser's on Tuesday. I hope I'll look better after that.

I will not go to school on Monday, I just won't! I think somebody from our school kidnapped us. Maybe they wanted to punish us.

What have we done that someone is so bad to us?

Maybe it was Birgit Neilsen with her friends because of what we did in the stockroom (Maybe the chocolate-saliva-mixture wasn't as good as we thought =).

But how can we prove that it was her?

What do you think? And Jessie?

My mother said that we should go to the police and tell them that they kidnapped us, cut our hair and painted it. She is right!

Nobody should tie us to a tree! Don't you think they have to be punished?

We will talk about it soon! OK?

Yours,

Mona

### **Text 2** (Letter 2)

Hi Candy,

I know that I've made a big mistake. I know you warned me. I know that Heck would still be alive if I had listened to you. I know all that ... But I only know it now, now when it's too late.

Heck was a really nice guy and I really liked him although I wasn't always nice to him. I now say sorry to you because you probably liked Heck the most and he liked you too.

I shouldn't have done this, I knew Heck wasn't so bright and intelligent. I just wanted to help my so-called Hit Squad to punish people, but now I see you were right. The bullies and Hit Squad are probably the same.

I think I did it just for Birgit because I liked her... a lot.

You don't want to see me and I understand. But how can I promise I really mean it? You don't want to listen to me either. So, just tell me, what can I do?

I miss Heck too, you know that, don't you? I feel so bad. I didn't want this to happen.

You must believe me, Candy!

Yours

Michael

### **Text 3** (Diary entry)

Dear diary,

Yesterday we started our mission to punish Joey Washington's attackers. Everything went alright, but then we were in the underground of the old town. We walked in tunnels and then we saw a barrier with the sign: DANGER! KEEP OUT!

We told Heck to stop walking, but it was too late. Heck walked on to the catwalk. The beam began to break. We all ran down to the next level. Mickey found Heck's body and cried. He felt his hand, no pulse. There was blood on his head. He was dead.

But I don't care. Heck was just a big, fat nobody!

His funeral will be soon. Then I'll write again.  
Birgit

### **Text 4** (Newspaper feature story)

Last week an accident happened in the old underground city. One boy died, two boys were hurt. Michael Cord told us more:

In his school, there were some bullies who attacked other students. One girl, her name is Birgit Neilsen, wanted to stop the bullies and teach them a lesson. She founded a secret society called "Hit Squad" to "clean" the school from bullies. In this group there were Michael Cord, Birgit Neilsen, Winston Smith and Peter Miller.

First, they planned to hit Shelley Crewel, Mona Teasedale and Jessi Jones – Birgit's attackers.

One night the "Hit Squad" kidnapped the three girls after a party and took them to the park. They cut and colored their hair to teach them a lesson.

Gino Bibby and Gordon Tweet – their second hit. The group stole a van to follow the two boys. They had masks and baseball bats with them. The two boys ran away to the old underground city. There was a barrier with a sign: ATTENTION! KEEP OUT!

But they ran on. Onto a catwalk. A wooden beam cracked and the catwalk collapsed. Heck, whom Michael had asked along because they needed “some muscle”, had followed Gordon and Bibby. They all fell down. The “Hit Squad” was shocked and called an ambulance. Gordon and Bibby had only broken their legs – but Heck died.

### **Text 5 (Summary)**

#### **Hit Squad – a summary (chapt.12 and 13)**

Mickey is in a “clean-up” committee with Birgit Neilsen, Peter and Whisper. They take revenge when somebody was bullied. Billy was bullied by Bibby and Tweed. In the cafeteria, they gave him different orders all the time, and he brought them all the things they wanted. They also stuck out a leg, so he tripped and fell over.

Mickey and the others were watching and wanted revenge. But Bibby and Tweed were too big and fat for them, so they needed more muscle. Mickey had an idea and asked Heck to help him. Heck really wanted to help him, so they made a deal. First, Mickey, Peter and Heck stole a van and picked up Birgit and Whisper. They had baseball bats for themselves, but Heck did not need one.

Then they waited outside the Hastings Pool Hall until Bibby and Tweed came out and got into Tweet’s Pontiac. They followed them until they came to the oldest part of Vancouver. Here the two fat bullies, who had realized that the “Hit Squad” followed them, jumped out of the car and ran down into the underground city. There were tunnels and a dark wasteland.

Suddenly there was a barrier with the words “DANGER! KEEP OUT!” on it. The two bullies jumped over it and walked onto a catwalk. First, the “Hit Squad” wanted to follow them, but then they saw it was too risky. And Heck was already on it. The catwalk collapsed and the three boys fell down.

They called an ambulance. Heck’s body was hit by a falling beam. Mickey put his finger on

Heck’s neck, trying to feel his pulse, but there was none. He was gone...

### **Text 6 (Book review 1)**

In the book “Hit Squad” by James Heneghan, the main theme is bullying. The protagonist Michael Cord changes schools from Creekside to Grandview because in Creekside there were too many bullies. To the new school, he has to cycle three kilometers. But at Grandview there is bullying, too. That’s why he gets a letter from a girl called Birgit. It says that he has to come to the band room. He goes there and meets Birgit, her boyfriend Peter, and Whisper. They found the “Hit Squad” and their plan is to take revenge on the bullies.

My opinion: I think the book is a good read because to kids like us it sounds realistic. But it is a short book and there are not many pictures.

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### **Text 7 (Book review 2)**

“Hit Squad” was written by John Heneghan. He was born in Liverpool, England. He worked 20 years as a teacher and wrote a lot of books. And one of them is “Hit Squad”.

In the book there is a lot of bullying. There is also a mysterious group. They are against bullying. There are four people in this group: Birgit, Peter, Whisper and Mickey, who was asked to join the group “Hit Squad”.

Birgit’s tormentors are: Shelley, Mona and Jessie. The group kidnap them and tie them to trees. They cut their hair and paint it yellow.

The next hit was on Joey Washington’s tormentors: Bibby and Tweed. They are big guys. So the group needs help. Mickey asks his roommate Heck for help. The “Hit Squad” and Heck follow Bibby and Tweed to an old underground city and run into it. Heck follows Bibby and Tweed. Mickey wants to go after them but Whisper stops him. In the end Heck dies.

Why did Whisper stop Mickey?

Why did Heck die?

If you want to find that out, you will have to read the book.☺