

Alex is a senior majoring in EECS at UC Berkeley. He loves *Hiking* and traveling alone. Once two weeks Alex will go to Yosemite by himself to go hike those real crazy hard trails because he is really confident about his hiking skills. Alex is too arrogant that he never brings his bear spray even though he knows it's highly possible to encounter a bear when doing solo hike. He just hates hiking with people that he thinks that everyone's pace is slower than his and he has to take care of everyone which he thinks it's a waste of time

As usual Alex wakes up at 6 in the morning and is ready to do his favorite activity – **Solo Hike**. He drives all the way to Yosemite, getting the park permission and are all set to challenge the most difficult hiking trail in Yosemite – **The Bear Claw**. The Bear Claw trail is known to be extremely difficult for solo hikers. The grizzly Bear's footprints, the scratches on the tree made by bear's claw are all over the pathway. However, Alex is not afraid of anything; he claims that he can kill a grizzly bear without using any tools. As Alex starts hiking, he hears bear's roars and sees bear all over the mountain. But he's still not afraid of them. Halfway through his walk, he sees a huge, bulky grizzly bear staring at him, hissing and giving warnings to the unwelcome stranger not to get closer to its territory. However, the arrogant Cal student refuses to obey the signal and decides to challenge the bear. As Alex keeps walking towards the brutal creature, the bear launches a surprise attack, giving Alex a huge scratch right across his chest. The aggressive grizzly bear knocks Alex down and soon it leaves the place. When Alex wakes up the following day, he realizes that there is something wrong with his body. He found out that he can, in fact, transform into a bear whenever he likes.

Once back in Berkeley, Alex began to shy away from the responsibility that his new bear powers had given him. As an EECS major, Alex always knew he would be a *god amongst men, a king amongst peasants and a genius amongst plebeians but he was afraid* of the responsibilities. He feared having to use the powers for reasons other than **beating up bullies that made fun of him, attacking professors for giving him ninety-nine instead of one hundred on exams and eating other EECS students that were in competition for internships** would impose too large a burden for him to handle. The possibility of using his bear powers for good was **out of the question**. Alex suppressed his urge to go *full bear* and instead decided to dedicate his life to his studies so he could graduate and rule the world one technology company at a time.

Passing through Sproul plaza in the afternoon, Alex saw a group of protesters advocating people to kill bears. They claimed that bear is a dangerous animal that we might risk our lives if we encounter bears in the wild, or even in the bear territory – our main campus.

Alex took one glance at the protestors and walked away. Even though the protestors advocated for the killing of bears around the world because of the health benefits within bear meat, Alex felt that getting a good night's rest for his final the next day was far more important. While Alex could have taken action and fought for bear rights by turning into a bear and mauling the protestors with his giant paws, he was uninterested. Assuming *bear form* detracted from

Alex's true goal of ruling the world with his superior intellect. Uninterested in the protest, Alex continued walked home. He heard the faint shouts of "Bear meat is fair meat" through his headphones, but did not even turn around.

As Alex approached his apartment, he took out his keys to open the door. Suddenly, he heard footsteps behind him. Alex turned around and saw a man holding a sign that read "*More Bears More Problems.*" Stunned, Alex inquired if the guy needed something. The man pointed to Alex's laptop yelling "That bear sticker of yours makes you look like a bear supporter boy." The man pulled out a sword from his pocket and struck down Alex with one swing. Alex's body split in half and landed on the floor with a loud **thud**. Alex's belongings dropped to the floor, drowning in a pool of his blood.