Connecting with Computational Social Scientists

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For discussion:

Why network?

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The goal of “networking” is to make <u>other people</u> feel welcome

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Embrace the Awkward

Everyone is awkward

Being awkward will put other people at ease

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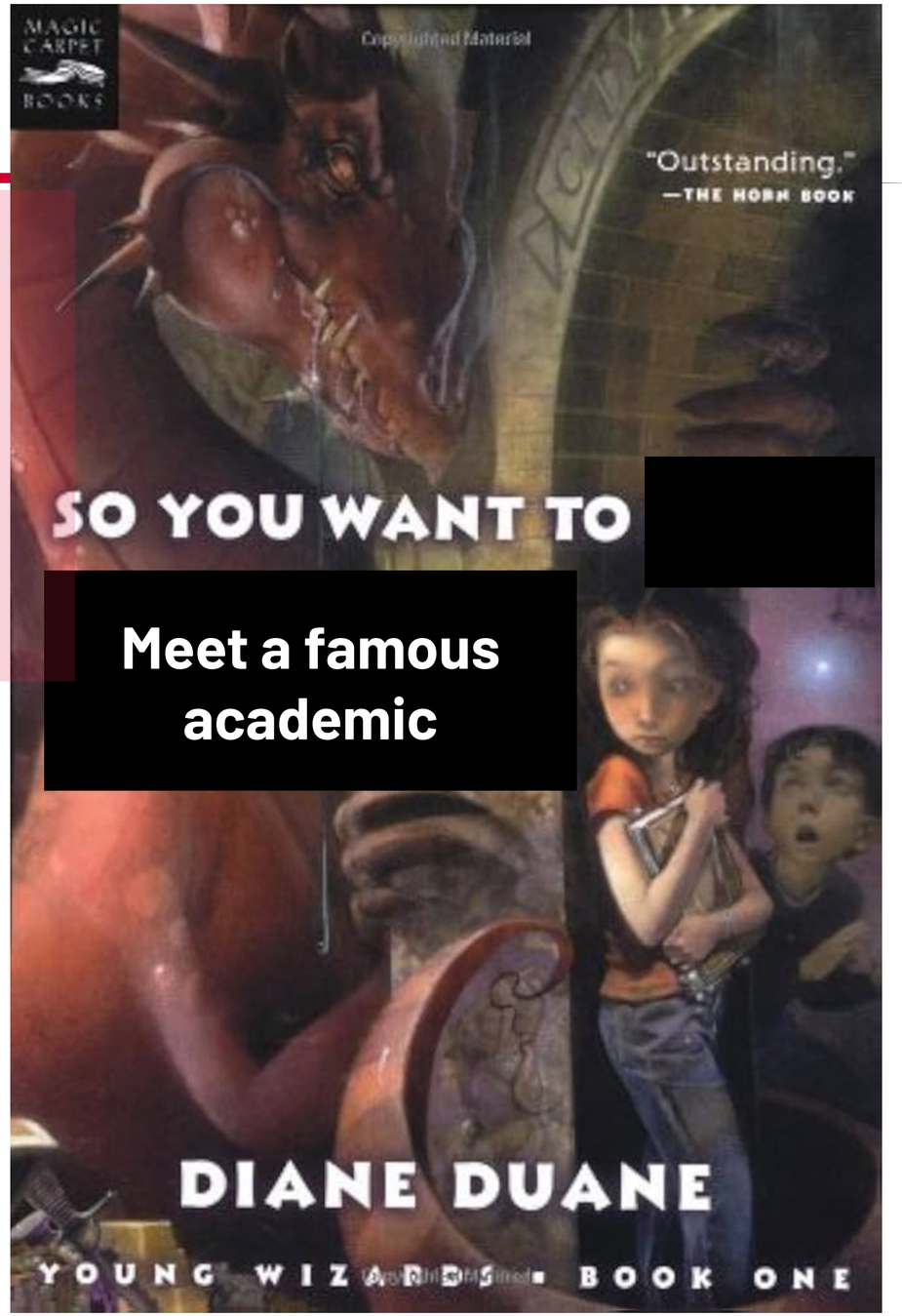

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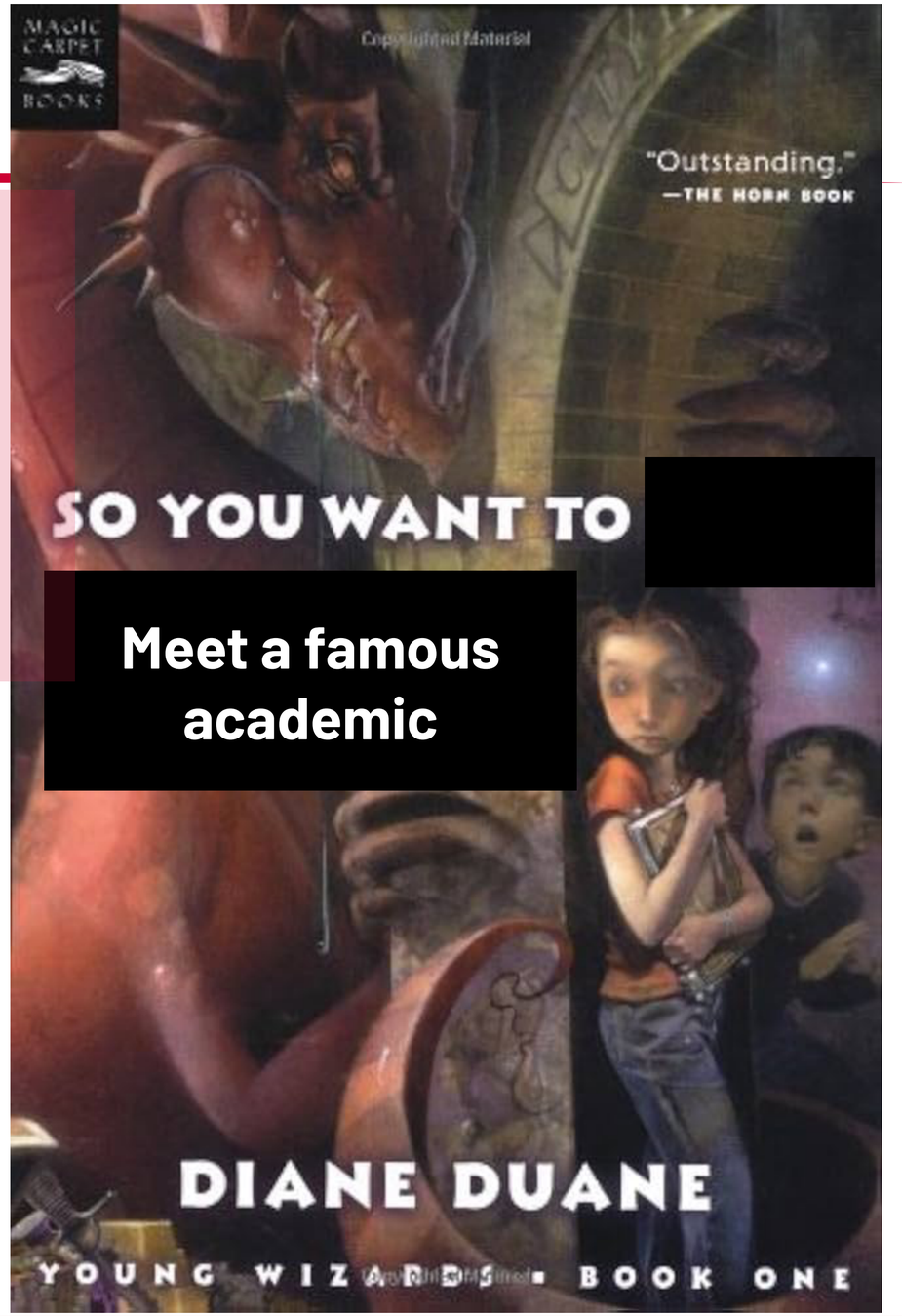

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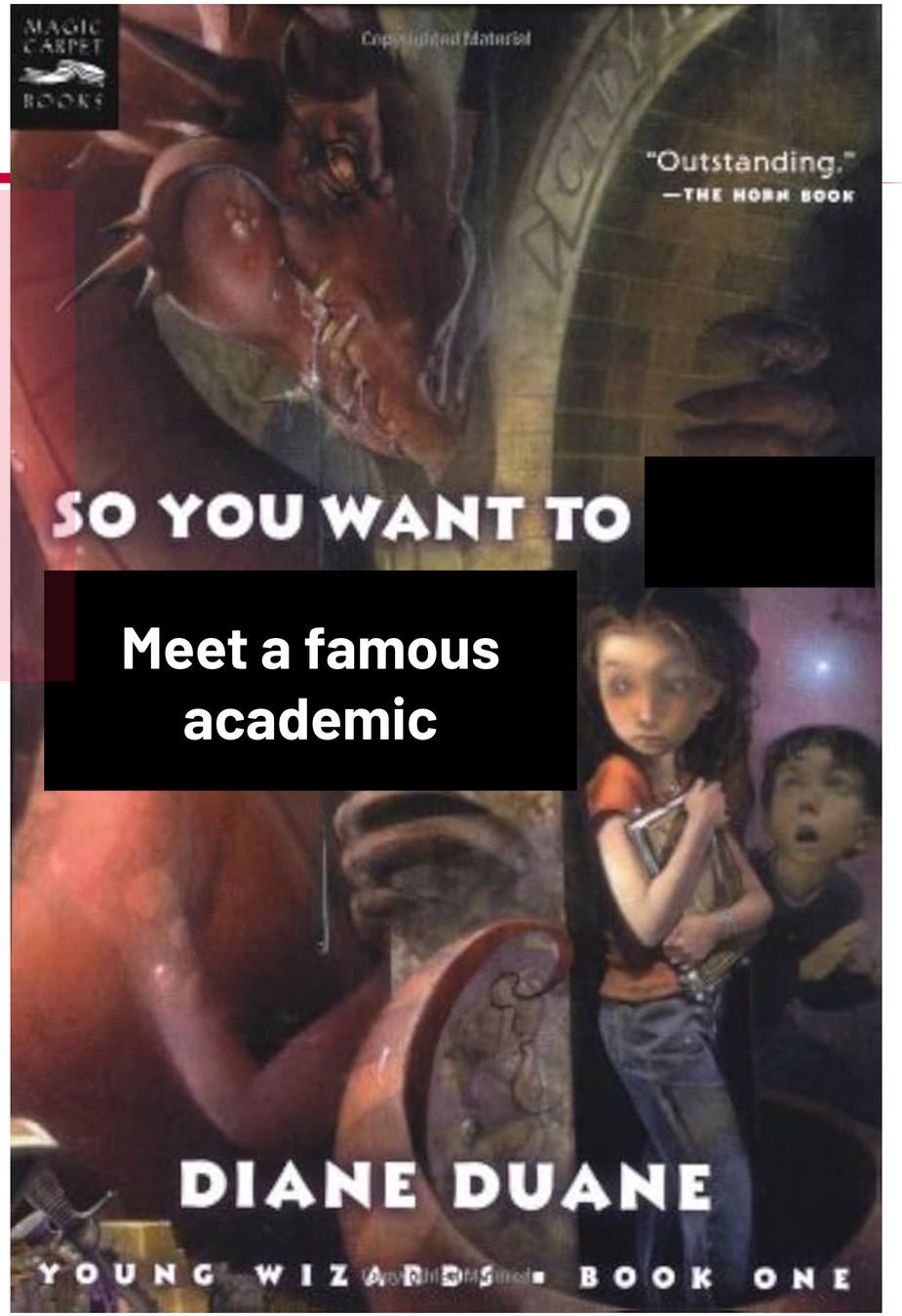

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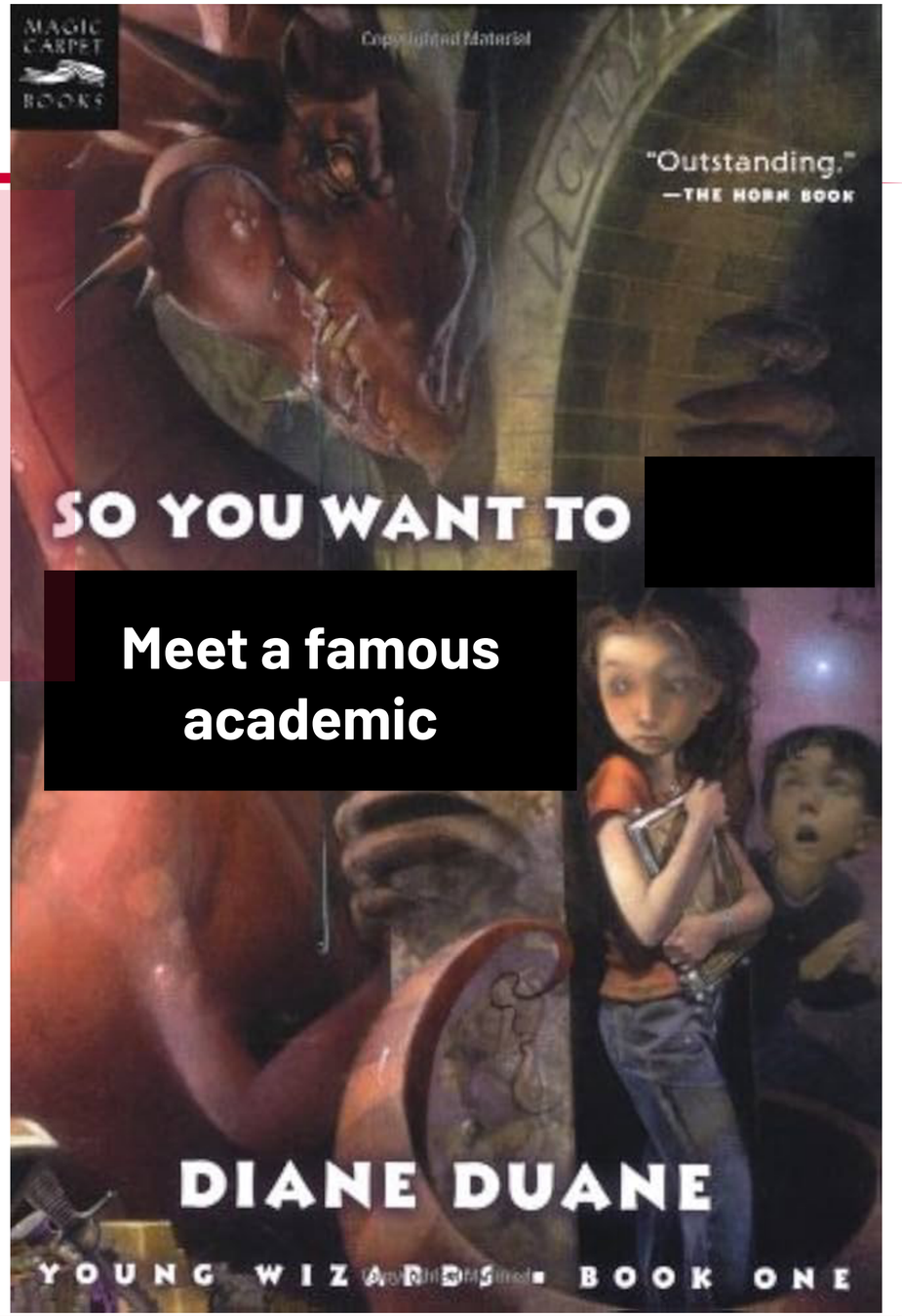

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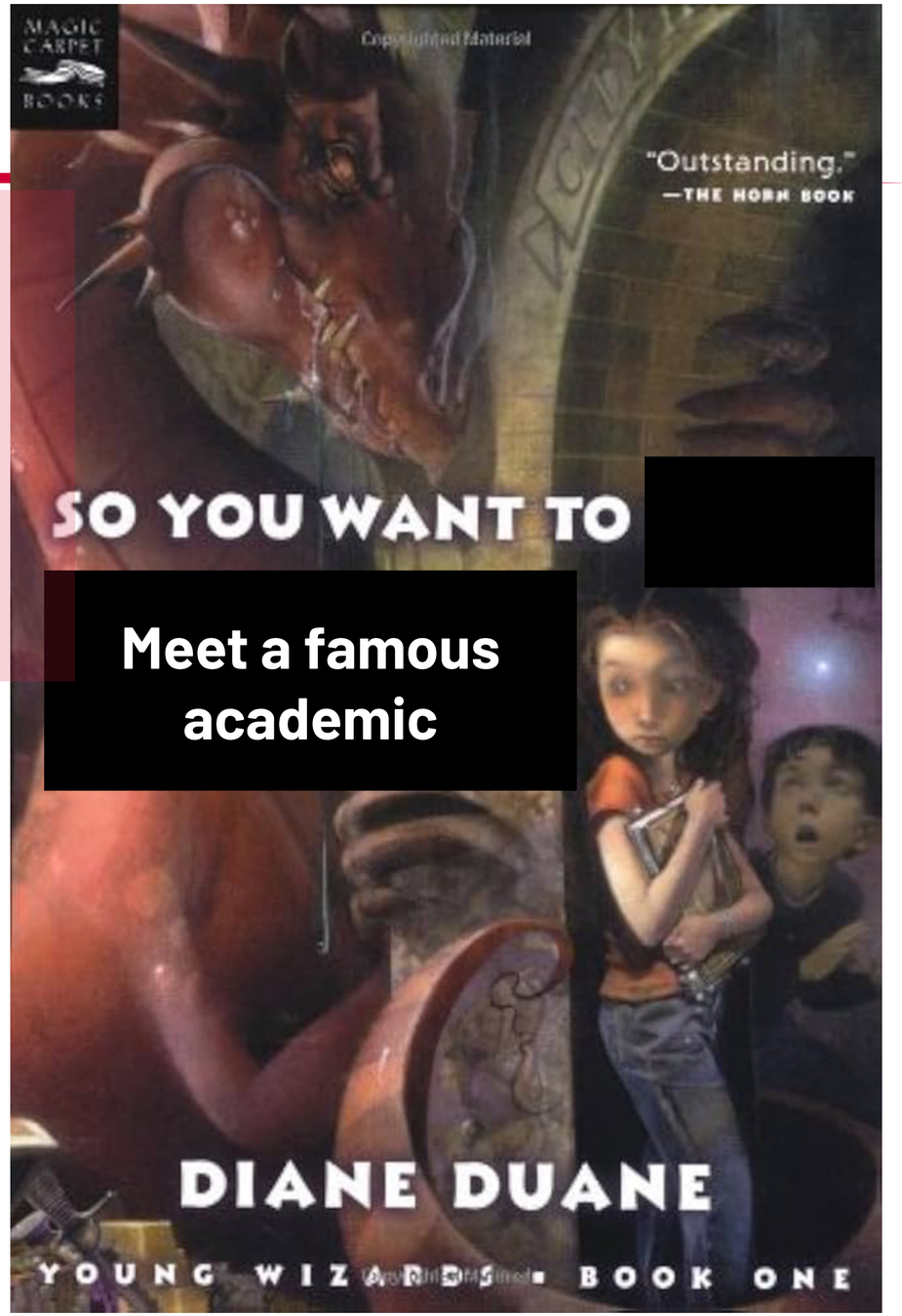

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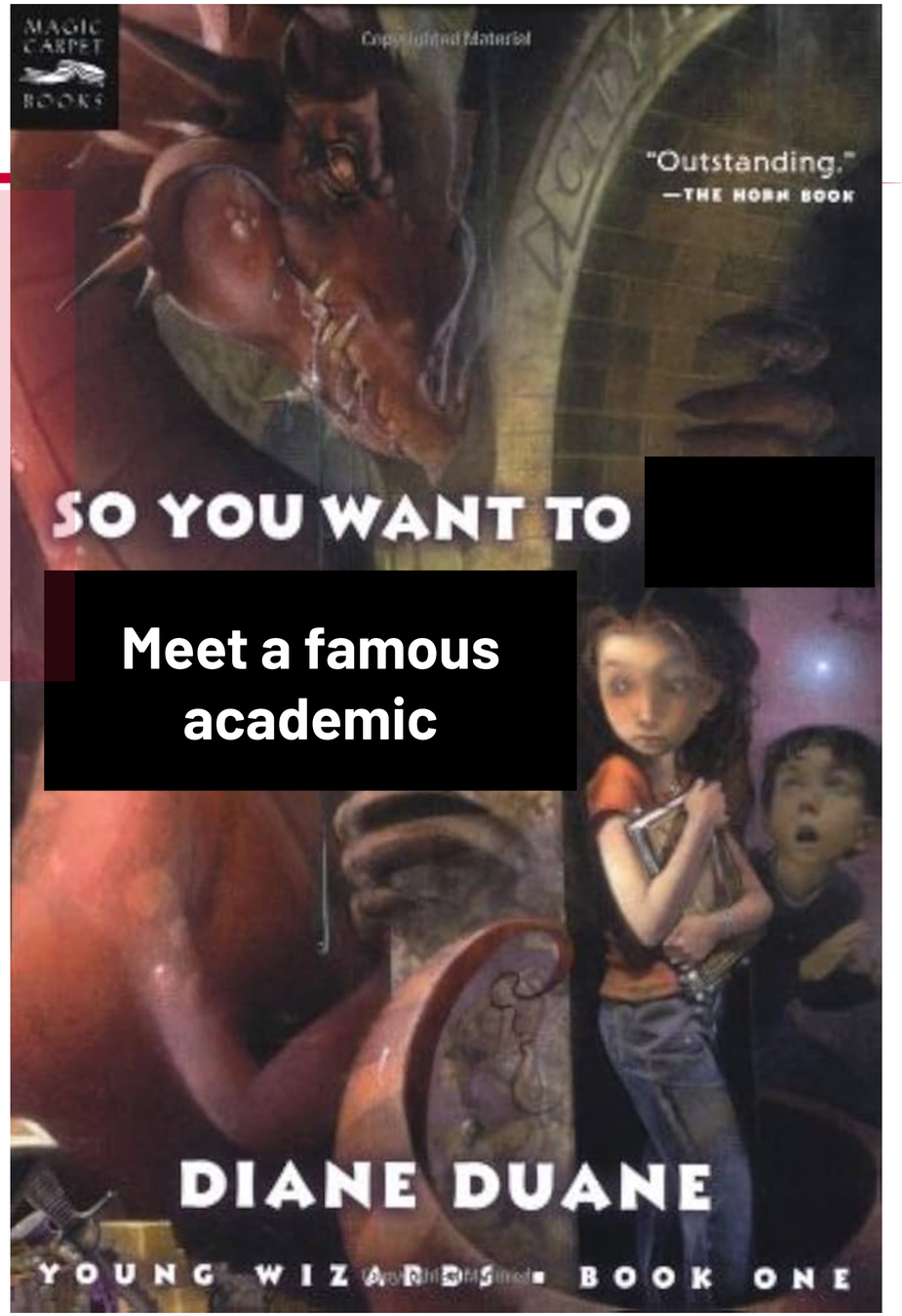

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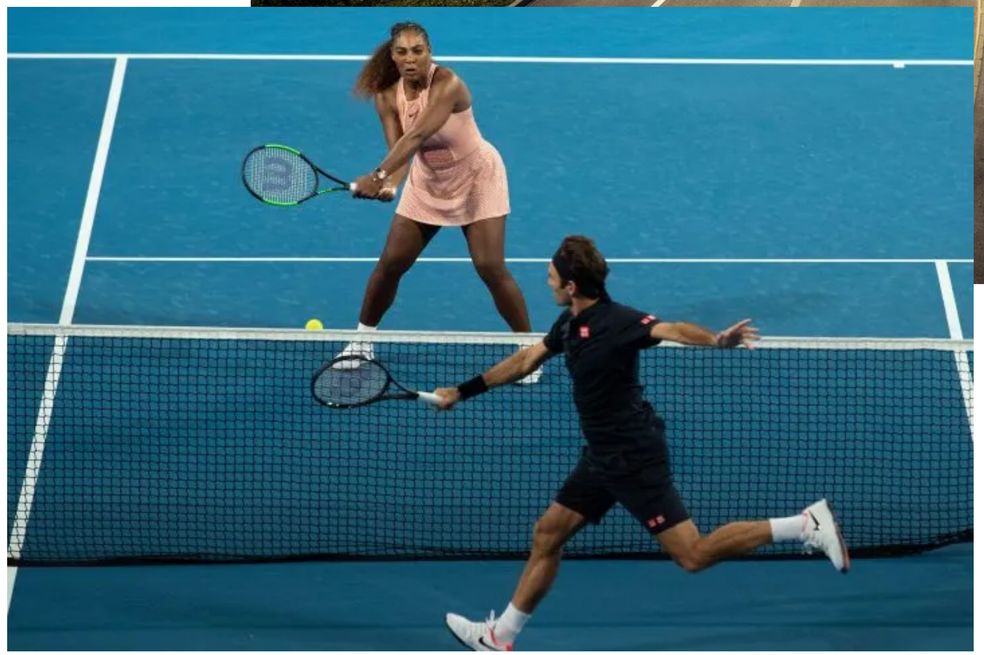

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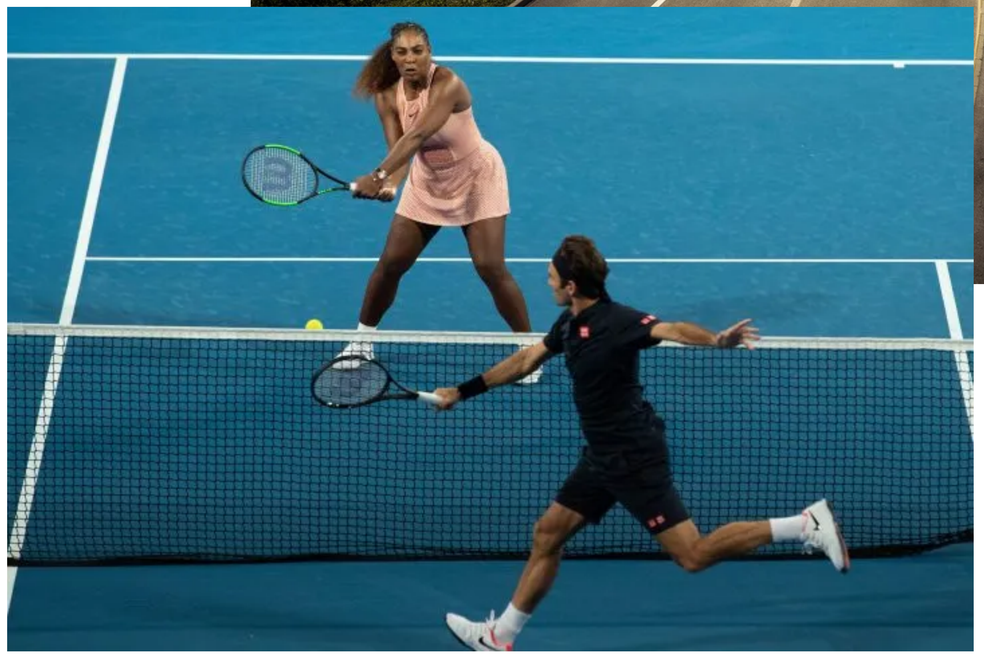

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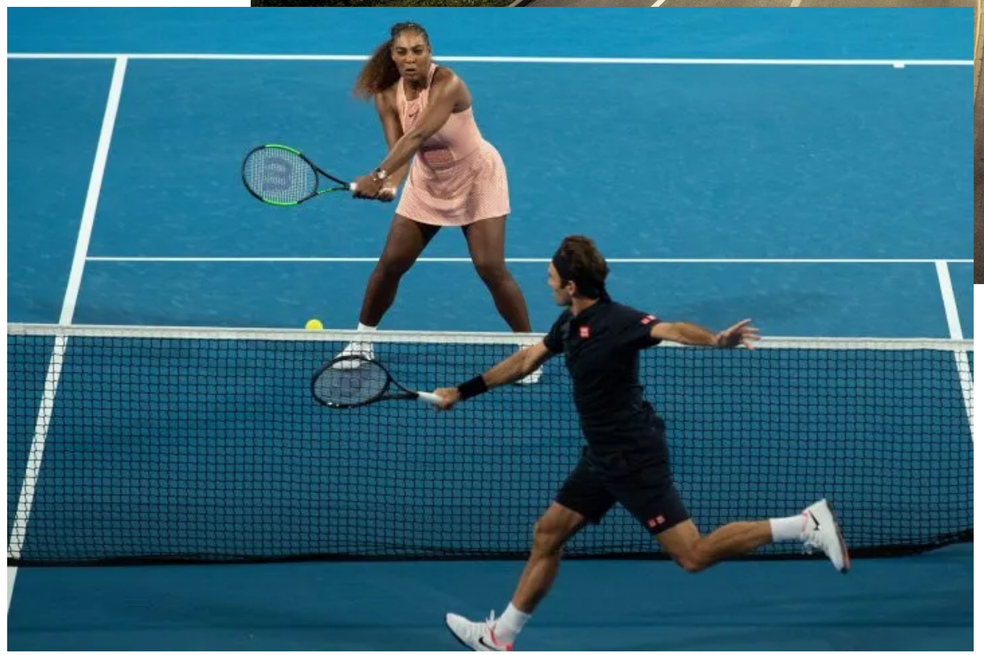
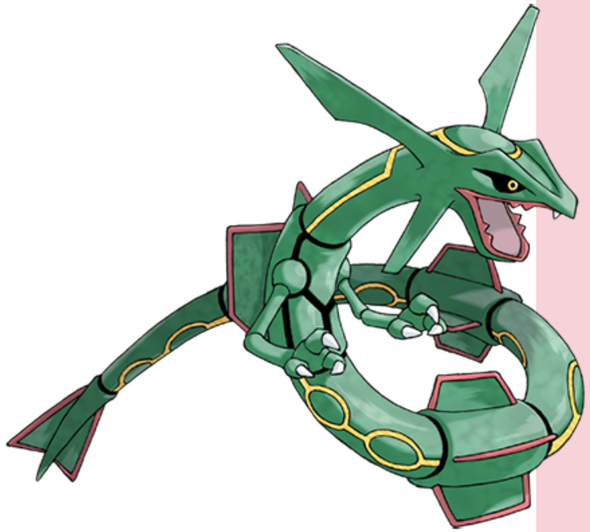
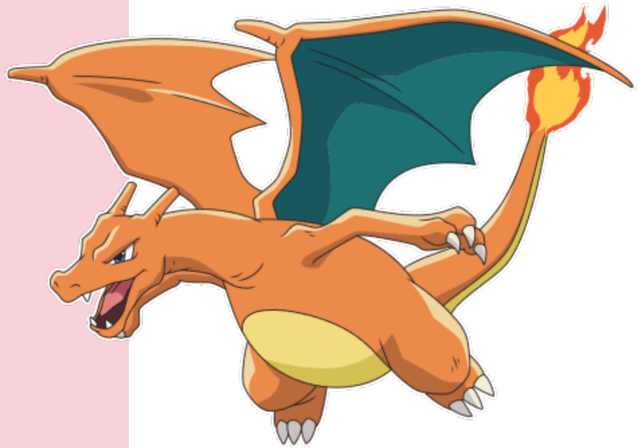
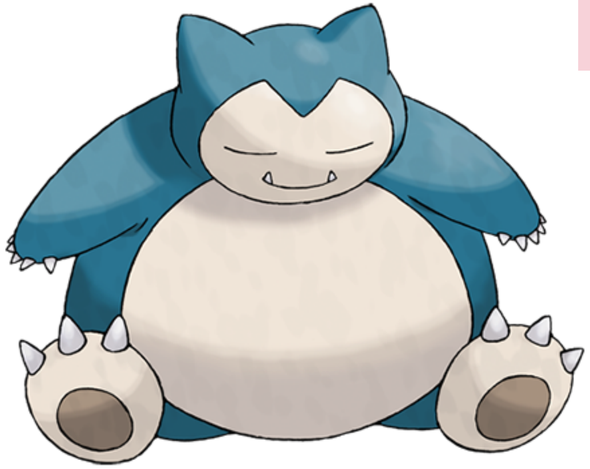
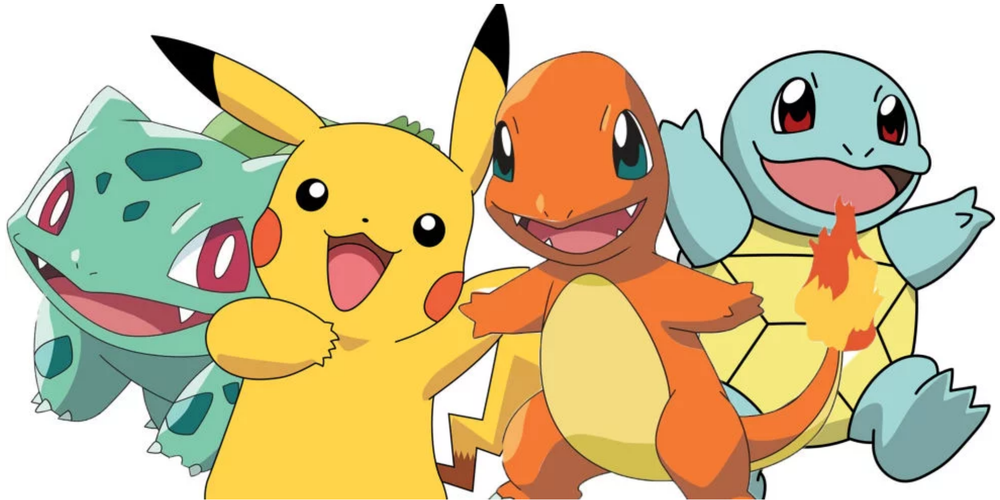






Mentors are like Pokémon: You gotta catch ‘em all





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