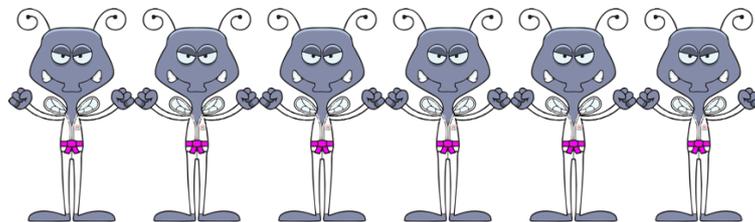




The chronicles of Kyōshi Hae

教師ハエがの年代記

Kyōshi Hae no nendai-ki





A LONG, LONG TIME AGO IN A DOJO FAR, FAR AWAY...

Karateka Hae started with karate, like all karateka, as a white belt. He progressed well (that is for a fly) and soon he became more powerful than he ever thought he could be – but it was not enough. He wanted more! So Hae decided to leave the honbu dojo in Gordon's Bay to travel to a far away galaxy, named Okinawa, and learn there everything there was to learn, so that he could become the most powerful karateka who ever lived.

Okinawa was a strange place with strange people – gone were the days of drinking beer, eating steak. No, the people of Okinawa ate only rice, fish and drank sake. But Hae endured it all and progressed once again up to the point where he decided that the people of Okinawa could no longer teach him anything new. He knew it was time to go home.

And at the beginning of 2016 an all powerful karateka with the title of Kyōshi landed at the honbu dojo in Gordon's Bay. No longer was he the student – no, that is beneath him, he was now the teacher of teachers!

Kyōshi Hae noticed that a lot has changed since he left for Okinawa. The once powerful Soke Dai Hanchi has fallen from grace and was replaced by a panel of Shihan. The question was – would they accept his new status? Kyōshi Hae doubted this and therefore decided that he would, for a start just mingle with everyone. To make sure his title and rank was not obvious he would only wear a pink belt instead of the traditional black belt with all the trimmings of a Kyōshi.

Not only was there a change in the management, even the dojo colours changed while he was away. No more posters, statues, medals and trophies – the dojo was now a place to practice. The new colours of red and black suited the dojo and Kyōshi Hae. It is much more difficult to notice a fly sitting against a black wall than against a white one!

Kyōshi Hae developed a plan of action for 2016: yes, he would slowly integrate and he will report on what he sees. No-one will be safe from being reported on, no-one will be able to hide from the all-seeing eyes of Kyōshi Hae.

So karateka, be warned, when you expect it the least, have a look over your shoulder or look at the far side of the dojo – you might just get a glimpse of me.

Oh, and don't even try to smack me or chase me away – the all powerful Kyōshi Hae is INVINCIBLE!

Below you will see that I have already been busy collecting some evidence of what is happening around the dojo.



Can you believe it: Germans on both side of the picture and I believe there are more coming in March/April for the 50th anniversary of Funakoshi Karate International. Also some

Australians, New Zealanders and Belgians should be joining them – what a good source of “skinnernuus”!

News flash: Sempai Anke has decided to grow up – she turned 18 on 25 December and has become a shodan. Another one I will have to manage – my poor workload is just getting bigger!

New flash: Anke and Wickus will leave Gordon's Bay to try and learn something – not that I have any hope for them. They are apparently settling in Stellenbosch shortly – and rumors are they might open a dojo there – poor people of Stellenbosch – I have to warn them soon.



It seems that gone are the days that people are not allowed to write on the walls. In the picture on the right you can see two things: one of the shihan panel writing on the wall, but also showing me the necessary respect, even if she does not know it yet (he-he-he).

Some more news flashes: I heard nidan Gerhard has (almost) injured his foot this time. What can one say about such a clumsy person – if it is not his left knee then it is his right foot. Makes you wonder if he is not getting a bit old for the karate activities.

Shodan Anke finished (we all really hope so for Yondan Gert's sake) with school. By the time you read this she should have received her results – that is if you can believe whatever the school tells you now'a days!

Nidan Wickus floored us all – we thought he joined the refugee movement in Germany and then he came back and announced he is going to study to become a preacher. Well the way he tells stories all the time should make him a good one.

Well that is all for now! Let me fly off and go and find some more news bits to chew and report on.

Enjoy 2016 and remember to keep a look out for me

Kyōshi Lee