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To those it may concern,

We, ~~_____~~ and ~~_____~~, would first like to say that we are responsible for the absence of matter in Nicolas ~~_____~~'s now barren room. We are writing this letter, for one, because we fear reprehension against the entire dorm even if the aforementioned physical matter is returned. We are not, however, returning Nick's material possessions at the current time. We will return everything exactly as it was as soon as Nick experiences the enlightening moment of self-revelation that accompanies freedom from decadent material bindings. We would like to stress the fact that we mean our dorm parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reid, no disrespect, either to their person or their authority. Our reasons for withholding the furniture are as follows: first and foremost, we consider just this sort of harmless prank to be part of the dormitory experience. It was done to us by our elders and we were promised the chance to do the same to our underclassmen. It is a quintessential part of being 16 years old and of being a junior in a private high school. One day this will appear as an amusing anecdote in our memoirs, which we will publish in the sainted name of ~~_____~~ ~~_____~~, that we may give it lots of money. We will all look back and have a good Ha-Ha.

Although the following are not generally considered relevant to the judiciary process, we ask that you consider them anyway, so that rational can overcome protocol. First, everything we did, we will undo. None of Nick's things were broken, lost, or altered. No damage was caused to anything whatsoever. Second, this was done among friends. We are both Nick's good friends. We know Nick will take this as well as anyone possibly could. We are not causing Nick any harm of any sort. Anything he needs during the day will be returned before he would have used it. (Besides, we left him his special Banky, his playing cards, a pack of Ramen noodles and an ironing board. Those of you who know him as well as we do will know that this is all he ever wants or needs anyway.)

Also consider the spirit in which this was done. We intended no malice to anyone or anything. Honestly, we didn't even think anybody would mind. In fact, we moved the furniture in full view of the cleaning personnel and several students. At no time did we lock Nick's door in an effort to conceal our actions. Finally, it is funny, we had fun, and Nick will enjoy it too. We wish that this sort of thing could be resolved between students, but if you feel that it cannot, we will accept whatever resolution is given. It should be clear that this was a conscious action not taken recklessly, carelessly, thoughtlessly, or disrespectfully.

Sincerely:

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