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## ...and I Hate Math



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Mathematics is a game played according to certain simple rules with meaningless marks on pieces of paper.

David Hilbert

## Dedicated to Pythagoras

## (and poor ol' Hippasus)

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## Chapter What?

Why does a chapter need a number?
Why does the number 1 come first anyway?
What about zero? Isn't it before 1?
That should make the number 1 second.
See how silly math is?

Yes, I hate math.
It makes no sense.
One, two, three, four, five, and so on. Who cares?
It's numbers. Numbers are stupid.
I don't need numbers.

## I don't

## like

## small

numbers.

## Chapter Next

I hate addition.
Don't tell me about apples and oranges. I don't care.
If I have 2 apples and you give me 3 more, I don't need to know how many apples I have.

Maybe I have a lot. Maybe I don't have enough. I'll be fine. It's just apples.
If I don't have any, I'll eat an orange.

I don't need addition.

I hate subtraction
If I have 4 apples and eat 1 apple, I don't need subtraction. I still have plenty of apples.

They call it finding the difference, but they're all apples. How different can they be?
(I already ate the orange.)

I don't need subtraction.

I hate multiplication.
It's just a harder way to do addition (which I already hate).
In multiplication, X means times. That's dumb. Shouldn't times be $\mathrm{T}-\mathrm{not} \mathrm{X}$ ?
This times that. Something else times anything. Who cares?
I don't need multiplication.

I hate division.
Everything always gets smaller.
Divided by 2 just means cut it in half.
Divided by 3 just means cut it in thirds. That's a little harder, but why bother?

Divided by 4 means cut it in half twice.
Divided by anything else just isn't necessary. Who cares?
I don't need division.

I really hate long division.
Too complicated.
Remainders? Yuck.

Throw them away.
Who needs long division?

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It's okay to hare math. It doesn't have a
heare. It doesn't have a soul.
Wath is the worst?
If you don't already hate math, this book
can help you learn how.

