



### Description

To break down this meme, in the first picture you can see a creature spitting out a scared person. In the mouth it says 2019, which in context is stating that 2019 was a bad year. The second picture supports the first picture stating that 2019 was a bad year. In the third picture the purple octopus is trying to grab onto the human as the human is trying to escape. The purple octopus has the number 2020, so in context to the other pictures the person in the last picture is trying to escape the year 2020. The year 2020 was clearly worse and more traumatic than the previous year 2019, which was the year that coronavirus became a pandemic.

### Reflection

I chose this meme because it spoke out to me, the pandemic was a hard time for myself and I also know it was for others as well. It always seems that no year can be worse than the other. The year 2020 changed that though. We never would have thought that we could take any of our normal day to day activities for granted. Until the year 2020, the pandemic arrived. During the pandemic it was very hard to adjust to

things that were once not normal to us. For me, it was adjusting from in person classes at school, to online meetings over computers. All my schoolwork was being done online and it was hard to learn anything. One of the good things was that I could wake up late and sleep in. Although there were good sides to the pandemic, a lot of them were down sides. The down sides were the social distancing and wearing masks everywhere you went. It was something completely out of our usual norms. We never really noticed how close we were to people until social distance was put into place. Six-feet was how far apart we had to stay away from everyone. Everyone had to stay home for the longest time. Whenever someone was diagnosed with covid, they had to self quarantine for two weeks. Mentally this virus took a huge toll on everyone around, not just myself. It was mentally draining with not being able to go out to the store or go out and socialize with even our closest families. It was a struggle to keep up with friends and families, to keep a social life in general was a struggle. Since I was not able to go to my gym, to keep myself fit I would run down my road. I also learned how to skateboard during that time. It was a good time to try new things and do things we would never usually do. Like for me, it was skateboarding and running on a road, something I would never do. These are just ways that I learned how to cope with the pandemic. Coping with the pandemic was a way to find and learn how to do things you never once knew how to do. Boring things became normal things. We had to learn how to live without going out and having a social life with everyone else besides the people in our homes. It was a struggle to wake up everyday and know that we were stuck in our homes, looking forward to nothing. One way or another, we have moved on from the pandemic but not completely. When

people are sick or want to prevent others from getting sick, we still wear masks. And now more than ever we social distance.