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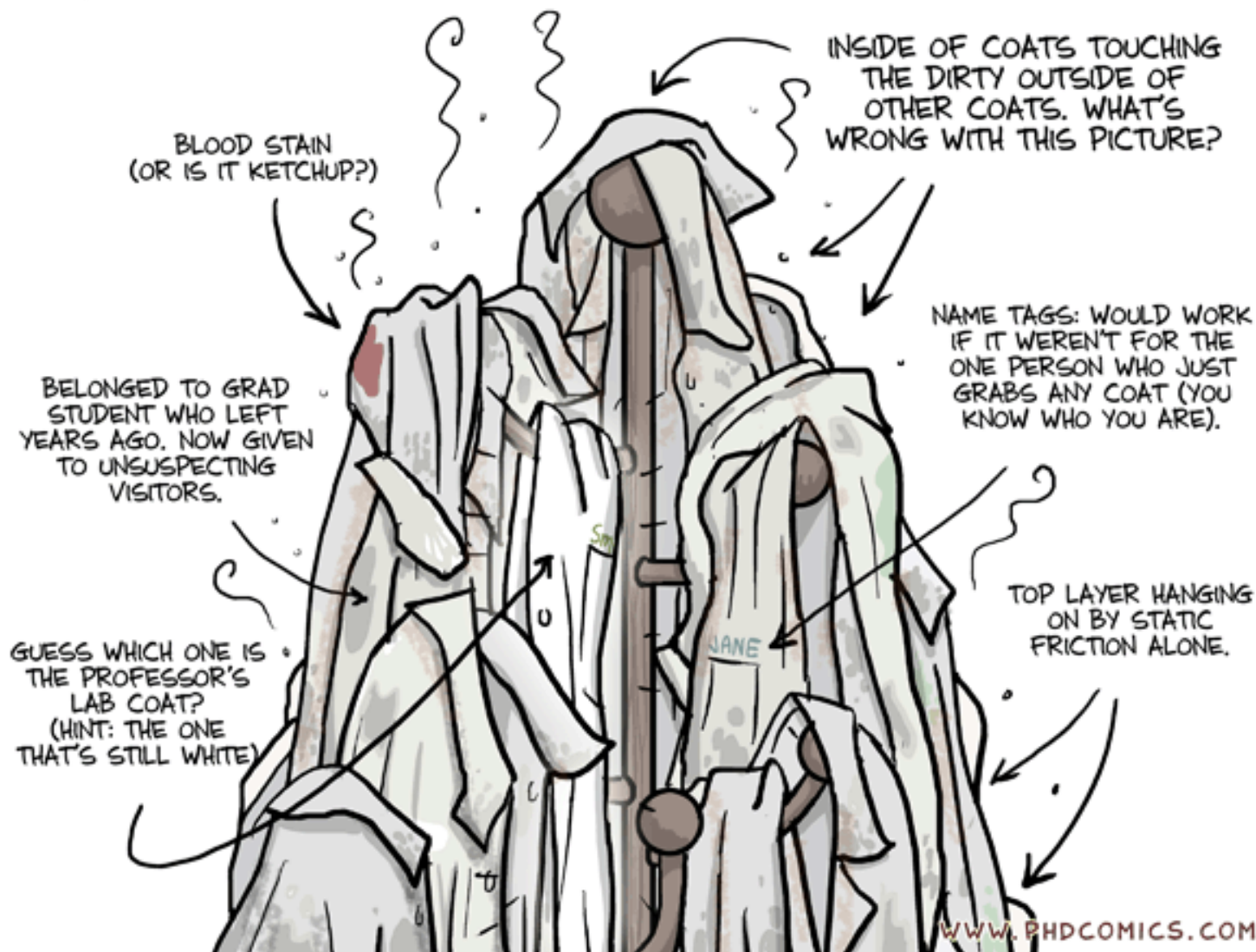


Lab Coat Cleaning



THE LAB COAT RACK

WHEREIN THE PURPOSE OF THE LAB COAT IS UTTERLY DEFEATED.



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Significant Spills

- In the event of a significant spill:
 - Remove lab coat and other affected clothing immediately
 - Attend to health and safety first (safety shower, eye wash, etc.)
 - Spill kits can be used to help absorb and neutralize certain chemicals from lab coats
 - Store and use a different lab coat until it can be properly laundered
 - Severely contaminated or damaged lab coats should be discarded



Treatment

- Different hazards/fabrics and may need to be treated differently
 - Biological hazards require autoclaving or bleach
 - Flame resistant (FR) lab coats should not be cleaned with bleach, starch, fabric softeners, or H_2O_2
- Dirty lab coats should not be taken home or laundered in conventional machines



Department Cleaning

- Department offers lab coat cleaning services twice a year
 - Next cleaning is Friday, June 8th
 - Lab coats are collected outside the stockroom (Mellon 345)
 - Laundered lab coats are returned the following Friday
 - Disposable lab coats are available in the interim