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Arthur's Fist

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Informant:
My name is Melissa Herrera and I am a Junior at Utah State University. Majoring in Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Science (ADVS). I was born in Anaheim, California, but moved to Logan, Utah, when I was nine years old. Needless to say, choosing to attend USU was an easy choice. I work as a Veterinary Technician (Not Certified), and I am a member of Alpha Chi Omega, Beta Xi chapter here at USU. You will find me on my phone scrolling through Facebook, iFunny App, Instagram, Pinterest, etc. When I was younger one of my favorite shows was the PBS animated show, Arthur. Along with watching the shows after school, I would read some of the books.

Context:
I was first introduced to this meme through an online discussion for ENGL 3070 (Folklore and the Internet) Fall semester of 2016. The goal of the discussion was to post three versions of one meme. Then reflect on how it’s typically used, what kind of attitude or commentary it holds. I messaged the person who posted the meme in the discussion, in hopes to get an interview. However, I did not receive a message back.

You first see Arthur clenching his hand in Arthur Season 4 Episode 1 titled “Arthur’s Big Hit” aired on September 6, 1999. The implication from the clenched fist is often associated with a frustrating or infuriating feeling about a circumstance.

“On July 27th, 2016, Twitter user @AlmostJT posted a screen captured image of Arthur’s fist, describing the picture as “relatable” for displaying “so many emotions in one fist” (shown above). The original tweet has since been removed.” (knowyourmeme.com)
Text:
When you about finished washing dishes and somebody throw another bowl in the sink

Texture:
The intent of this meme is to portray humor. However, it also has a sense of familiarity and is easy to relate to. By just looking at the picture you know immediately that it is depicting frustration about a circumstance. Frustration is an emotion everyone has felt one way or another. Since my peer never messaged me back, I do not know who the original creator of the meme above.