

THE GREAT HEROES OF CROYDON



MAYA PRODUCTIONS

TEENAGE SUPERHERO STORIES
CURATED BY JACOB V JOYCE FOR
MAYA PRODUCTIONS

The Great Heroes of Croydon Comic

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO SHARE SOME OF THE VISUAL ART WORK CREATED BY CROYDON'S FINEST YOUNG SUPERHEROINES AND SUPERHEROES. THIS WORK WAS DEVELOPED IN MAYA PRODUCTIONS' CROSS-ARTS YOUTH PROJECT INVOLVING DRAMA, MARTIAL ARTS AND COMIC BOOK STORYTELLING. THE PROJECT WAS RUN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CROYDON DISABILITY YOUTH SERVICE.

INSPIRED BY THE LACK OF REPRESENTATION OF BLACK, ASIAN AND MINORITY ETHNIC AND DISABLED CHARACTERS IN WESTERN COMIC BOOKS AND FILMS OUR PROJECT EXPLORED DIVERSE ROLE MODELS, HEROES AND HEROINES.

A WEEK LONG SUMMER PROJECT INVOLVED 14 YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 14 - 18, IN DEVELOPING ARTISTIC AND LIFE SKILLS AND CREATING THEIR VERY OWN SUPERHEROES AND SUPER VILLAINS FOR CROYDON.

IN A PERFORMANCE AT BENSAM MANOR SCHOOL THE YOUNG PARTICIPANTS SHARED THE SUPERHEROES AND SUPERVILLAINS CREATED THROUGH SCENES, DANCES, STORIES AND FILM.

THIS COMIC FEATURES THE ART DEVELOPED IN THE PROJECT THAT HAS BEEN CURATED BY AND EMBELLISHED BY ARTIST/ILLUSTRATOR JACOB V JOYCE.

WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY THE GREAT HEROES OF CROYDON!

SUZANNE GORMAN, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, MAYA PRODUCTIONS

OUR SUPERhero CHARACTERS

Michelle Afriyie
Sienna Brewster
Zac Chaouch
Julie Corfield
Natasha Cox
Thomas Cox
Emily Jastrzebska
Nicholas Kenlock
Connor Lewis
D'Jean Davis Murphy
Glory Nnarma
Finnian Oldam
Jacob South
Kyle Porter

Volunteers -
Laila Msouhli
Marlon Chin
Anton Bland

THE TEAM

VICTOR RIOS - PROJECT DIRECTOR
JACOB JOYCE - VISUAL ARTIST
ELLE ROSE - DESIGNER
RAPHAEL VERAS & ALTON BROWN - MARTIAL ARTISTS
NICOLE GRANDISON - YOUTH WORKER
DAVID WILLIAMS - YOUTH WORKER
LAILA MSATLI - VOLUNTEER SUPPORT WORKER
MARLON CHIN - VOLUNTEER SUPPORT WORKER
ANTON BLAN - VOLUNTEER SUPPORT WORKER
CRISTAL COLE - PROJECT ASSISTANT
SUZANNE GORMAN - PROJECT MANAGER
PAUL FUNNELL - CROYDON DISABILITY LEAD OFFICER
Roxane Grant - Photographer



WE ARE THE SUPER CAT SISTERS!

AND I'M SUPER TASH

**WE GOT OUR SUPER POWERS
FROM A RADIOACTIVE CAT
THAT SCRATCHED US AT
A FAMILY PICNIC**

**I CAN SEE IN
THE DARK!**

**NOW I CAN
JUMP REALLY
HIGH!**

**AND MY
PURRING
FREEZES
TIME!**





back in the day...





the present day





I AM LORD TENTACLES

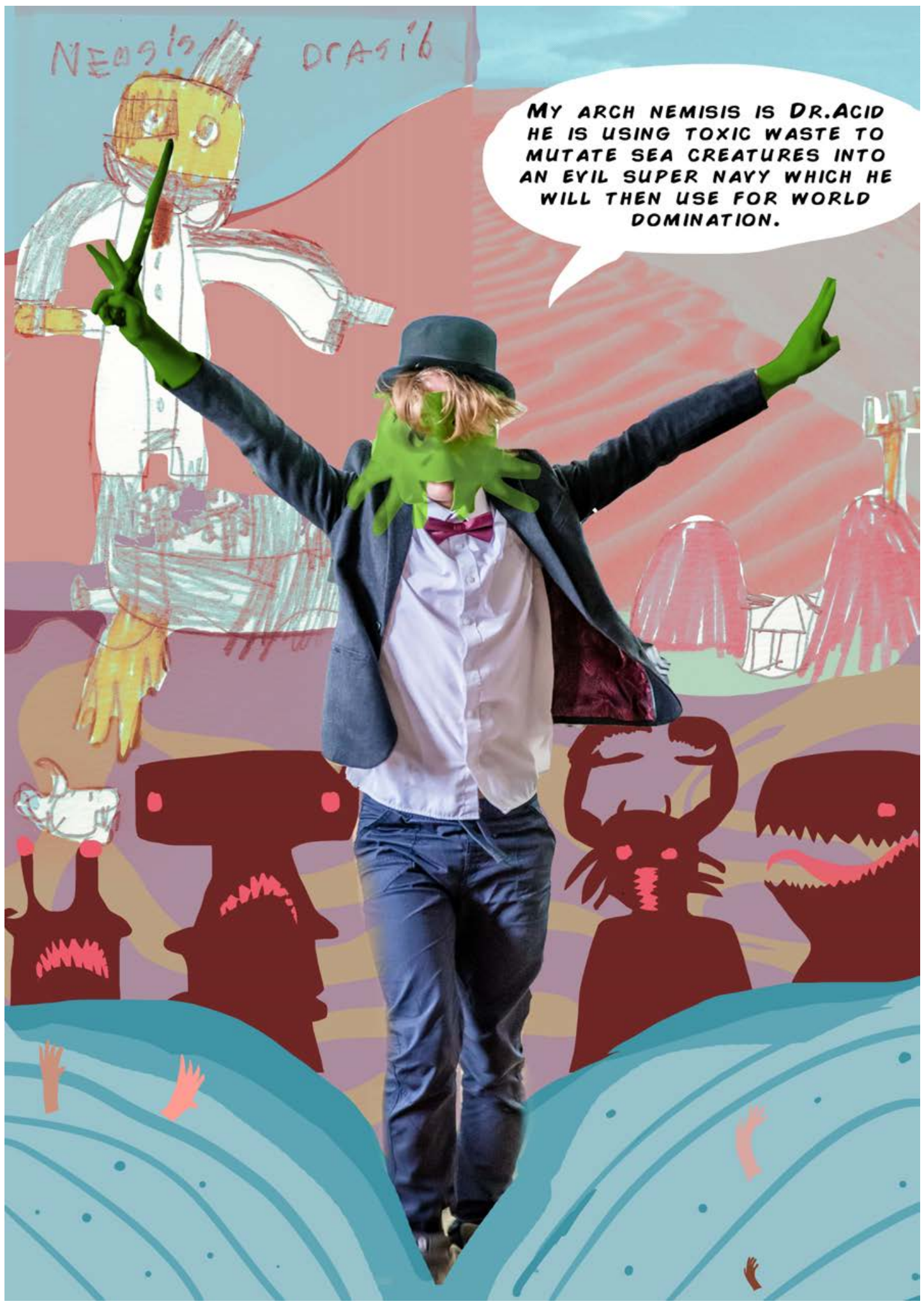
MY DAD WAS THE SEA MONSTER CTHULU AND MY MUM WAS A WITCH AND THAT'S WHY I HAVE THE POWER TO BEND REALITY AND CONTROL WATER.

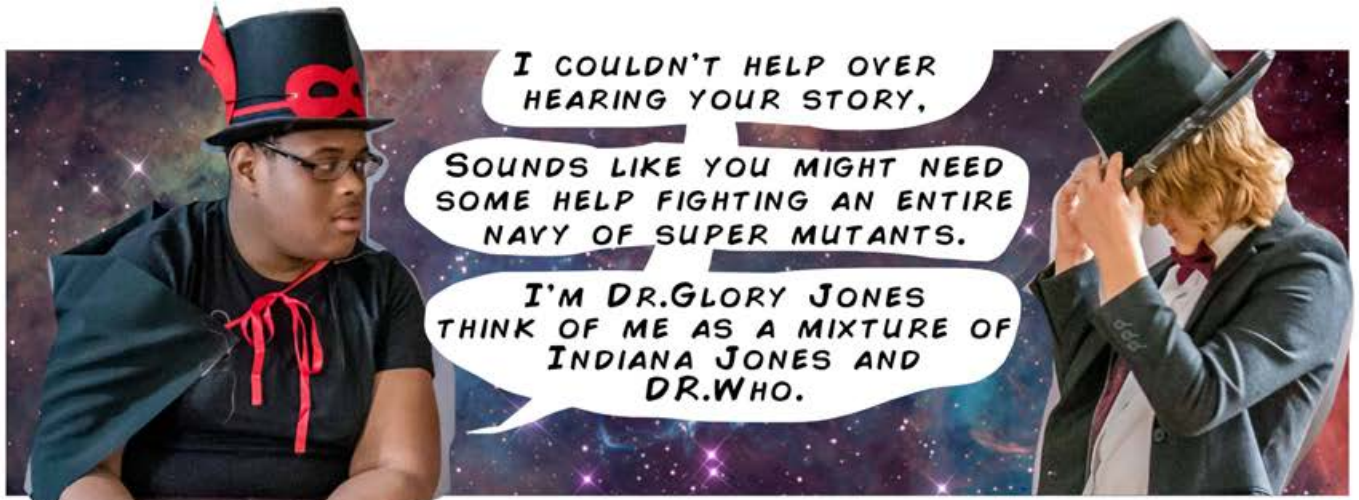
I PROTECT THE OCEAN AND STUFF.. WITH MAGIC.



NEOSIS DRASIB

MY ARCH NEMESIS IS DR.ACID
HE IS USING TOXIC WASTE TO
MUTATE SEA CREATURES INTO
AN EVIL SUPER NAWY WHICH HE
WILL THEN USE FOR WORLD
DOMINATION.





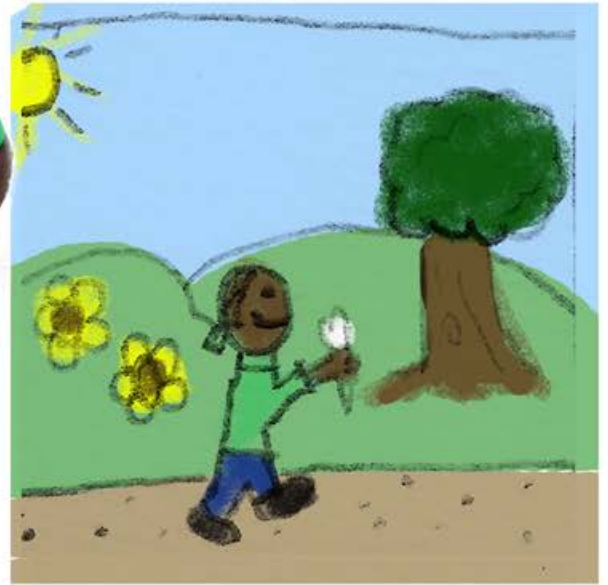
And so Lord Tentacles and The Doctor joined forces and waged war on DR.Acid and his navy of super mutants.



Dragon Element



One sunny day I walked to the lovely Park in London, I am so happy I enjoy my ice cream.

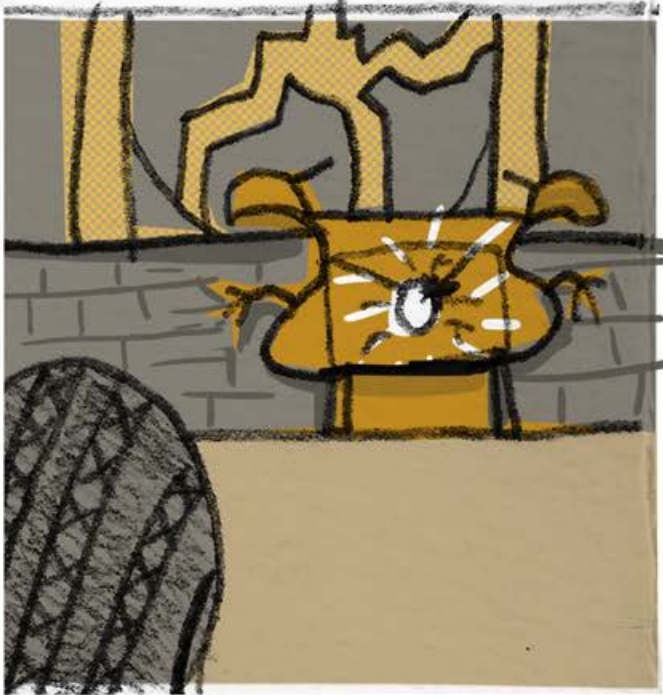


Suddenly the rain cloud apper and Pour down with rain, so I RUN to find a place to cover because I didn't bring a coat.

Then I see a temple so I went inside I say "Hello is anybody here?" but no one replied.



So I walked very slow
and I feel scared and I see
something shiny over there.



It a Amulet it shine I Pick
it up I think shoud I leave it or
wear it?

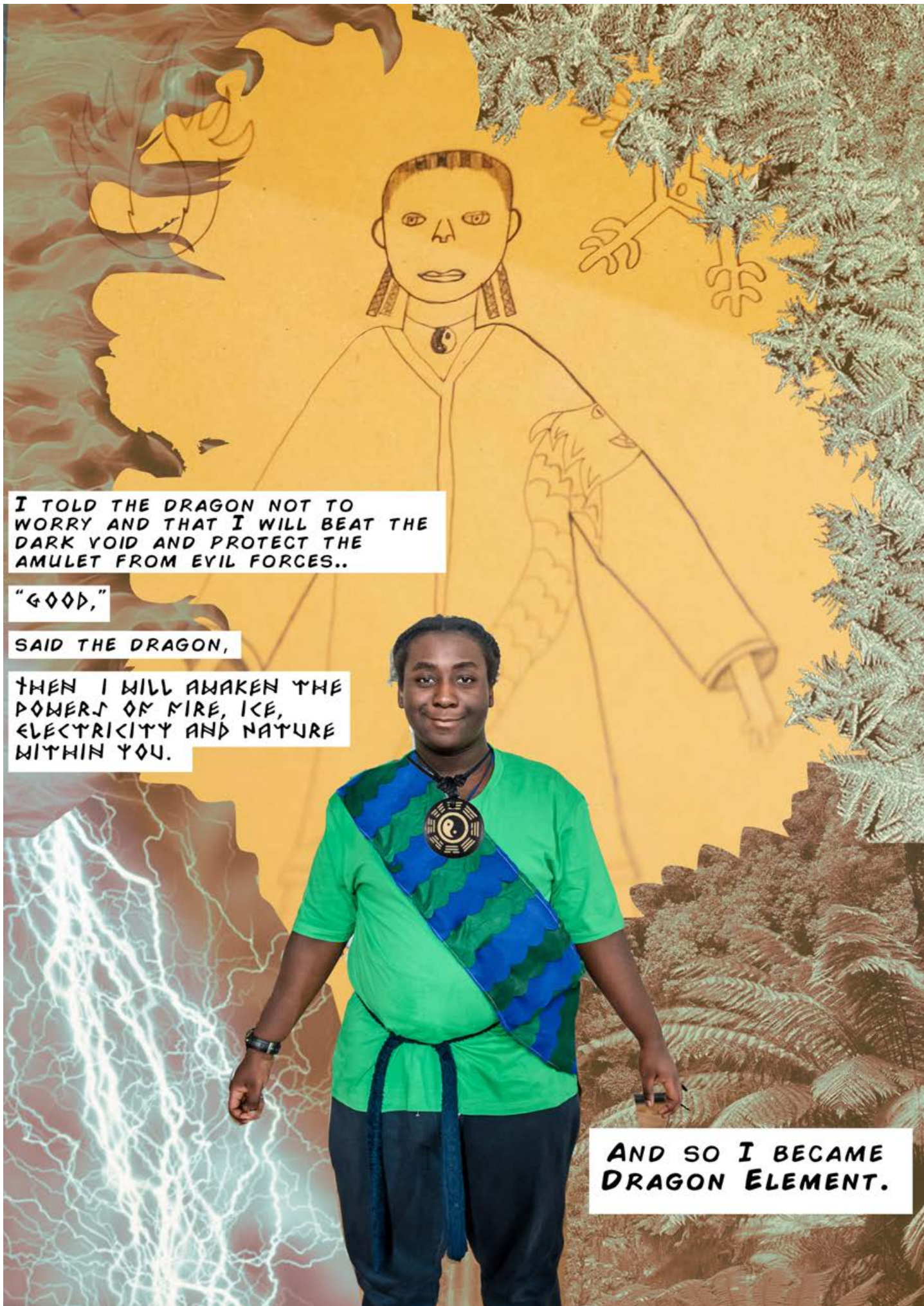


I Place a amulet on my
neck, it fit Perfectly What
can possibley go wrong?



The Eastern Dragon came out of the Amulet and said

"YOU ARE THE CHOSEN ONE, ONLY YOU CAN BEAT THE DARK VOID.
THE DARK VOID IS AN EVIL MORCE TRYING TO GET THAT AMULET
AND USE IT'S POWER TO RULE THE UNIVERSE."



I TOLD THE DRAGON NOT TO WORRY AND THAT I WILL BEAT THE DARK VOID AND PROTECT THE AMULET FROM EVIL FORCES..

"GOOD,"

SAID THE DRAGON,

THEN I WILL AWAKEN THE POWERS OF FIRE, ICE, ELECTRICITY AND NATURE WITHIN YOU.

AND SO I BECAME DRAGON ELEMENT.



Thomas Cox
was just a
regular
fireman,



until he was caught under a falling piece of
burning wood on the job and burned to death.

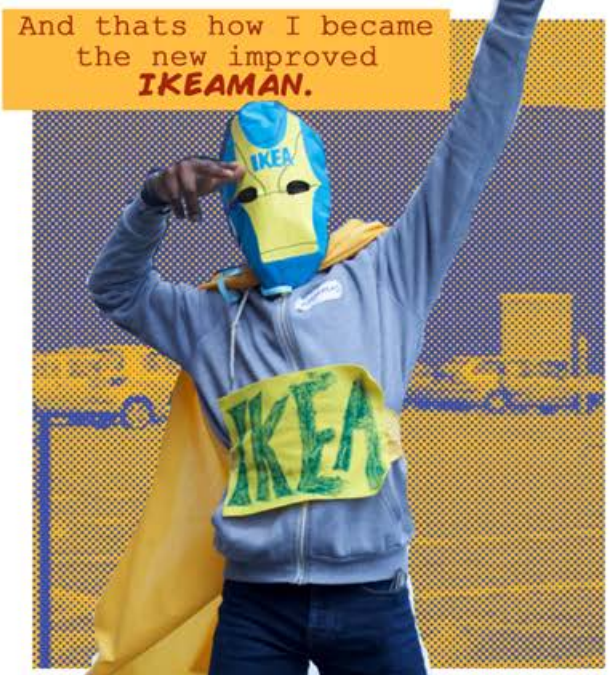


His friends
thought they had
lost him forever..

until they saw a
fist burst through
the charred
remains of the
building..

Thomas was reborn
as the superhero
FIRE MAN!

I'm Nicholas, I got my powers from a magical suit that used to belong to a villain called **IKEAMAN**. When I saw him attacking people in Ikea I knew I had to stop him.



**THIS IS FUDGEWELLS.
SHE GOT INTO A CHEMICAL ACCIDENT AT THE
HAIRDRESSING LABORATORY WHERE SHE WORKS AND
SHE WAS RIDICULED IMMENSELY FOR SUCH
FOOLISHNESS.**



**THE INFLUX OF EMOTION CAUSED A CHEMICAL
REACTION FOREVER CHANGING THE PIGMENT OF
HER SKIN AND GIVING HER THE ABILITY TO
CONTROL THE LENGTH OF HER HAIR.**



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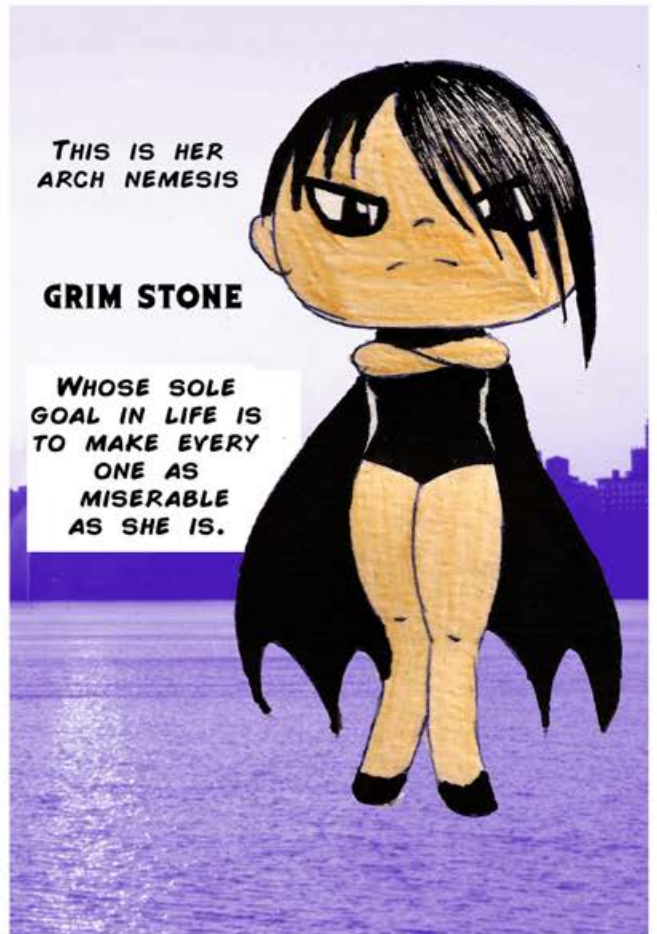
THE NEWLY AWAKENED SUPER POWERS ALLOWED
FUDGEWELLS TO TRANSFORM INTO
THE SUPERHERO

apunze!





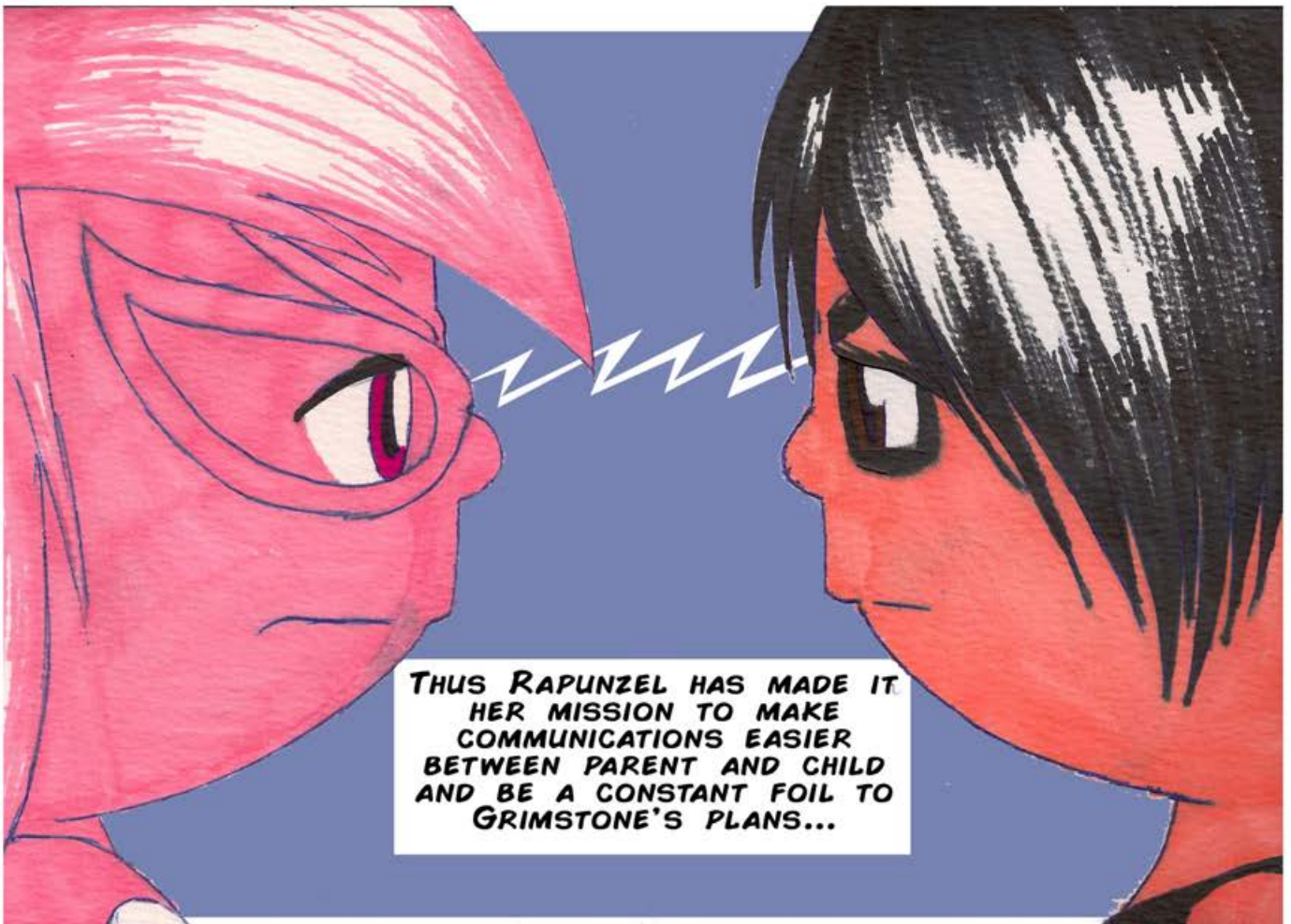
**IN ADDITION TO HAIR-KINESIS,
OUR HEROINE HAS EXTREME EMPATHY AND
HER HAIR CHANGES COLOUR ACCORDINGLY.**



**THIS IS HER
ARCH NEMESIS**

GRIM STONE

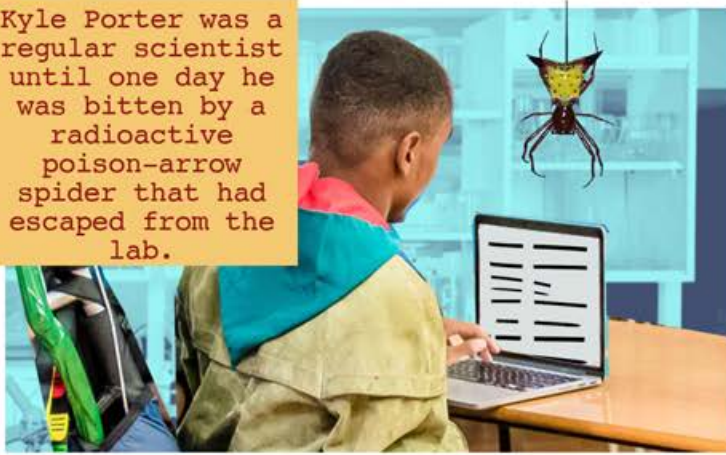
**WHOSE SOLE
GOAL IN LIFE IS
TO MAKE EVERY
ONE AS
MISERABLE
AS SHE IS.**



**THUS RAPUNZEL HAS MADE IT
HER MISSION TO MAKE
COMMUNICATIONS EASIER
BETWEEN PARENT AND CHILD
AND BE A CONSTANT FOIL TO
GRIMSTONE'S PLANS...**



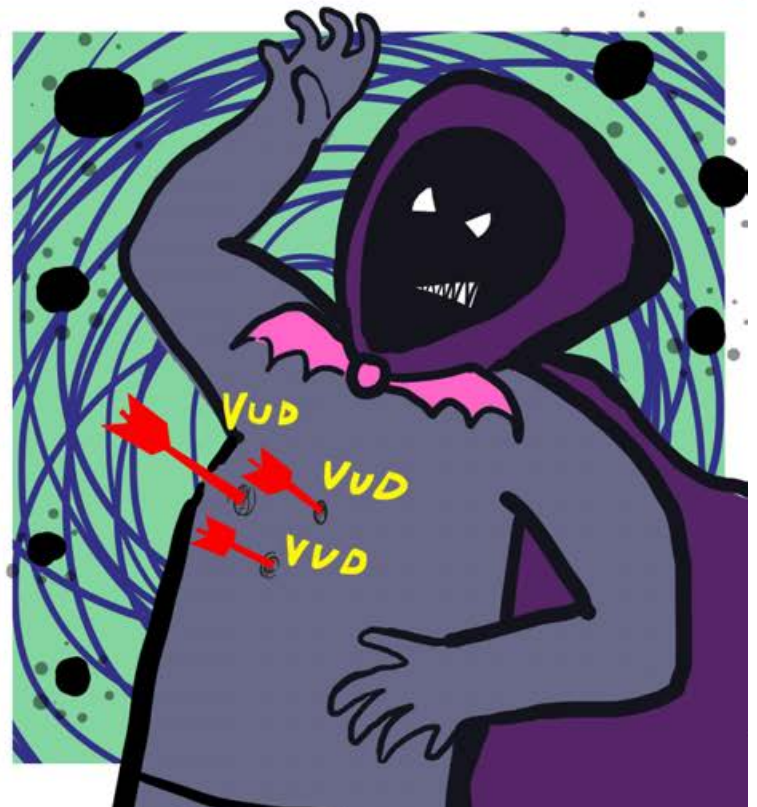
Kyle Porter was a regular scientist until one day he was bitten by a radioactive poison-arrow spider that had escaped from the lab.



The spider venom fused with his DNA giving him the power to create objects out of poison spider silk



On one of his weekend fishing trips he came across a group of heroes locked in battle with the notorious super villain DARK VOID. Thinking fast Kyle fashioned his fishing rod into a make shift bow and used his powers to conjure three poison spider arrows,









BUT WAIT, THERE IS ONE MORE MEMBER OF THE GREAT HEROES OF CROYDON TEAM. HAS ANY ONE SEEN THE MYSTERIOUS KID ARACHNID?



About Maya Productions

Maya Productions create diverse theatre to create social, political and cultural change.

Our vision is of a world where people of all ages, abilities, culture and classes have the opportunity to experience theatre.

At Maya Productions, we want to change what takes place on our stages and screens. We find stories that don't often get told and we look for new ways of telling them. We open doors, inviting a wide range of people to get involved with the arts. We value a global world and believe connections across borders are important.

Our work includes producing and touring new work, mentoring and supporting artists, sector research and creating participation projects that cross and combine art forms.

We work in collaboration with artists, young people, community organisations, academics and cultural leaders.



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