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In January 2021, Sgt. Aoife Reilly of the Mountjoy Garda Community Engagement Unit approached Fighting Words with the idea of collaborating on a creative project for primary school students on the northside of Dublin. Following meetings with Fighting Words staff, the Story Seeds project was born: new stories to celebrate the areas where we all live, work and play. The idea was that the first school would write the first chapter of a story, the next class would write the second chapter and so on.

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Congratulations to all the young writers for a fantastic achievement.

Enjoy!

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Felix On Planet Earth

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Chapter One: The Alien Who Came To Earth

There once was an alien called Felix who lived on the moon. He went on an important mission to Mars. On the way, Felix's spaceship ran out of fuel. He only got as far as Johnny Cullen's Hill in East Wall in Dublin.

Felix started to explore where he had landed. He was walking down the street and he slipped on a banana peel. When Felix looked up, President Michael D. Higgins was standing there. He was in East Wall with the Gardaí who were investigating the crashed spaceship.

"How did your ship get here?" asked Michael D. Higgins. "This place is way beyond your years."

"BEEP BEEP BOP BOP!" Felix responded. "Beyond my years? More like behind your years! Look at all this old technology. I was on a mission to Mars but then I crashed here. Where am I?"

"You are on Earth. You are in East Wall in Dublin," Michael D. told him.

"Oh!" exclaimed Felix. "I'm on Planet 549."

Planet 549 is the Alien Planet Code for Earth.

Felix said in his alien language that he was hungry. "FEEEW!" he said. Michael D. couldn't understand.

Michael D. had an alien scientist who specialised in alien languages on speed dial. He phoned and asked the alien scientist to translate. "Oh! I know what he said!" the scientist told Michael D. "He's telling you that he's hungry."

Felix switched back to English. "On the moon, there's a restaurant called Donald's Mac. It's my favourite."

"I have something even better! We have McDonald's, if you want to try that," Michael D. told him.

Felix and Michael D. passed St. Joseph's National School on the way to McDonald's. They noticed all the different people in different poses in the colourful mural on the wall of the school.

Felix saw someone throw a banana peel in the bin outside St. Joseph's. He got scared because he had slipped on a banana peel already.

Felix ran away...

Chapter Two: The Banana's Revenge

Felix ran all the way to St. Stephen's Green. He was feeling scared - he was afraid of bananas.

Meanwhile, the banana peel that Felix had slipped on before started growing arms and legs. "Banana! Banana!" the peel growled angrily. He was now Bad Guy Banana. "I want to step on that Felix!"

Felix met a hedgehog while he was walking around St. Stephen's Green.

"Hello, mate!" said the hedgehog.

"BEEP! BEEP! Hello, what's your name?" asked Felix.

"I'm Tim," said the hedgehog. "What's your name? You look hungry."

"My name is Felix," replied Felix. "And yes, I am hungry!"

They both hopped on the Luas to O'Connell Street. Everyone seemed shocked - you don't see an alien and a hedgehog on the Luas every day.

Felix felt a bit travel sick on the way, and he was happy when the doors opened. They decided to get a Big Mac and a twenty-piece Chicken McNuggets at McDonald's in O'Connell Street.

After they ate, they walked up the street and saw the grey door of Gaelscoil Choláiste Mhuire and decided to visit. Michael D. Higgins had already informed the principal, Máistir Paul, that Felix the Alien might visit and to let him in. Felix and Tim visited every classroom in the school. The kids were excited to see the two unique visitors.

Felix and Tim went out to the balcony of the school with the students in third class. They saw the Garden of Remembrance and the Gate Theatre.

While they were on the balcony, Tim spotted Bad Guy Banana coming up O'Connell Street. Tim told Felix, "I was sent from the future to protect you." Tim pulled out his feather gun and shot at Bad Guy Banana to tickle him.

(By the way, Tim could also rewind time to stop bad guys if he needed to.)



“Banana! Banana! Me laugh too much!” laughed Bad Guy Banana in pain.

The children wanted to throw chairs at Bad Guy Banana but Michael D. Higgins came just in time to save the day and squished him!

Felix actually felt a bit bad now. Suddenly, he heard clapping in the corner of the balcony. He turned around. “That wasn’t me,” said Bad Guy Banana.

Bad Guy Banana hopped into his Banana Car and drove away into the Garden of Remembrance. He planned to go to the Spar, buy a fake banana and replace himself.

Tim said to Felix, “It’s time to face your fears and grow up!”

They went into the Spar after Bad Guy Banana...

Chapter Three: Ice Cream Mayhem

Once they got to the Spar, Felix and Tim spotted a lovely-looking orange that Tim wanted to eat. When he peeled the orange, it opened its eyes!

The rest of the fruit section started to come to life too. The apples, bananas and pears were hopping and jumping and leaping and eventually all the fruit ran out of the Spar and into O’Connell Street. A dog called Chippy happened to be out on a walk when he saw the fruit running around. He chased after them.

Felix had never seen a dog before. Chippy ran up to him and jumped up. Felix got scared again because he thought Chippy was attacking him. Felix ran all the way to the

Botanic Gardens in Glasnevin, with Chippy running fast behind him.

Meanwhile, Tim had been left behind, so he had to jump on the Number 11 bus to catch up with Felix and Chippy.

There were two Gardaí in the Botanic Gardens café having a coffee when they spotted Felix, Chippy and Tim. They were shocked at seeing an alien and fell over - spilling coffee on their uniforms. They ran out of the café and after him.

Felix realised that he was being chased by the Gardaí and ran deeper into the Botanic Gardens. Tim ran after him. They ran up a tree and lost the Gardaí.

“Excuse me!” said one of the squirrels in the tree. “This is OUR tree.”

Tim got annoyed - the squirrels reminded him of all the sassy squirrels in St. Stephen’s Green. He used his spikes to scare them off. All but one ran to the ground. The squirrel who was left was busy eating a banana.

Felix jumped out of the tree when he saw the banana and spotted a swan in the pond. “Oi, you!” said Felix. “Give us a lift.”

The swan decided to help Felix - this was the first bit of excitement in a while. “Okay, I’ll help you.” Felix climbed on the swan’s back.

Felix introduced himself. “Hi, I’m Felix,” he said.

“I’m Ratoosha,” said the swan. “Where are you from? And where do you want to go?”

“I don’t know - somewhere with water?” Felix suggested.

“Okay, I’ll take you to Griffith Park!” Ratoosha said.

On their way, Felix spotted Bad Guy Banana on another swan's back.

“Well, well, well,” said Bad Guy Banana. “Fancy seeing you here.”

“Where did you come from?” asked Felix, taken aback.

Felix decided to face his fears. He pushed Bad Guy Banana off the swan and into the water.

“Ahhhh!” Bad Guy Banana screamed. His peel got soggy and he sank to the bottom of the pond.

Felix finally felt happy. “Now let's go to Griffith Park.” Tim scrambled down the tree and ran after Felix.

“Felix! Felix!” he cried.

“Jump! Jump on to Ratoosha's back!” Felix told him.

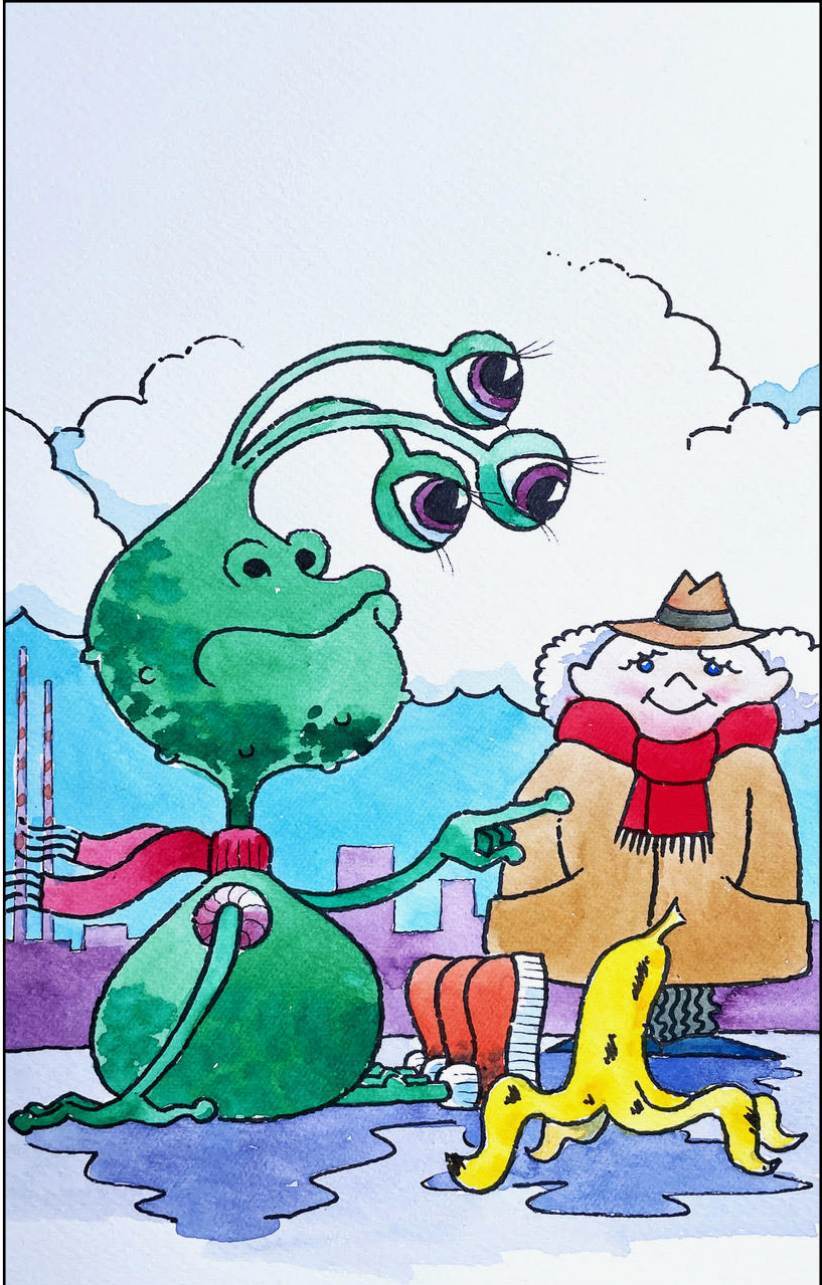
“I don't know if I have enough space,” Ratoosha said. She batted Felix on to her friend's back with her wing. “I'll take your friend and you can go with Natoosha.”

Tim jumped onto Ratoosha and they all went to Griffith Park. Felix and Tim thanked the swans and went on their way.

They arrived at the playground. Felix was amazed at what he saw - the swings, the slides and climbing frames. After a while, Felix and Tim realised they were hungry again.

They heard the bell and spotted the ice cream van. The driver saw Felix and ran away screaming - he had never seen an alien before. Felix and Tim hopped into the van. Before they took off, they had sundaes and Icebergers. They each finished with a 99. Then Felix took the wheel while Tim worked the pedals.

Out of the rear-view mirror, Felix spotted a tall building.



“Rocket ship!” he screamed. What they actually saw was the Daniel O’Connell monument in Glasnevin Cemetery.

“I don’t think that’s a rocket,” said Tim doubtfully.

“Oh wait,” said Felix, looking around. “Where’s Chippy?”

Chapter Four: Felix, Tim and the Magic Potatoes

Felix and Tim jumped out of the ice cream van and Felix shouted, “ROCKET SHIP! ROCKET SHIP! Maybe we can use the rocket ship to find Chippy.”

Tim looked disappointed. He kept telling Felix that the monument wasn’t a rocket ship, but Felix wasn’t listening. Felix ran up to the monument and Tim ran after him.

Meanwhile, Chippy had been caught by the Gardaí on horseback outside Circle K.

Felix had very sticky hands from the ice cream, so he was able to climb the monument. Tim went into Felix’s backpack and they climbed to the top of the Daniel O’Connell monument. They saw Chippy with the Gardaí on horseback.

“We’ve got to save him!” said Tim.

“Yeah!” said Felix. “And this isn’t a rocket ship, by the way. Chippy is at Circle K with the nasty Garda who has coffee all over his clothes! If we go there to save him, we can get some fuel from Circle K to fuel my real rocket!”

What Felix and Tim didn’t know was that Chippy was



working for Bad Guy Banana. One of the ducks at the pond in Griffith Park had rescued Bad Guy Banana, who had left without saying thank you.

“You’re welcome!” the duck called after him.

“Thanks, I guess,” he responded.

Back at the Daniel O’Connell monument, Tim thought that going to the Circle K was an amazing idea. They arrived at the same time as Bad Buy Banana.

“You’re not leaving Earth yet!” shouted Bad Guy Banana.

“You were just at the bottom of the pond. How did you get here?” said Tim to Bad Guy Banana.

“That’s for me to know!” laughed Bad Guy Banana. “I’ll never tell you!”

Felix had started to cry because the Garda horses frightened him. Horses were another thing he had never seen before!

Tim spotted a group of fourth class students from St. Columba’s National School. One of the students said, “Do you need help?”

“Yes! Can you help us get away from Bad Guy Banana?” asked Felix. “And the horses?”

The students were just as scared of Bad Guy Banana, so they told Felix and Tim to follow them back to their school. When they got to the school, Felix and Tim changed into St. Columba’s tracksuits as a disguise.

The fourth class students showed Felix and Tim the garden and introduced them to Mr. Fox, who lived there.

Mr. Fox turned to the unusual visitors and said, “This is the best time of year for potatoes! We grow the best magic potatoes here.”

The principal, Ms. Whelan, saw everyone in the garden and came out to tell them a secret about the magic potatoes.

“If you push a pencil into one of the potatoes, rocket fuel comes out,” Ms. Whelan explained.

Felix was so excited, because now he had a way to get to Mars. All of the students helped Felix and Tim collect potatoes in shiny buckets to take back to the rocket ship in East Wall.

Suddenly, a limo pulled up outside the school and one of the students wondered, “What is going on here?”

President Michael D. Higgins popped out and said, “We need to get you out of here quickly because Bad Guy Banana is planning to build a rocket ship to destroy Mars!”

Felix told Michael D. that they had the rare fuel and asked for a lift to East Wall.

When they arrived, they saw Bad Guy Banana and Chippy were nearly finished building their own rocket.

Bad Guy Banana saw that Felix had rocket fuel and stole some. But when he put it in his own rocket, it exploded! He didn’t know that his rocket could only be powered by fuel made from broccoli and gravy.

The debris from the rocket caused Bad Guy Banana to shrink to the size of an ant and to this day nobody can find him.

Felix suggested that Tim and the girls from St. Columba's come with him to Mars.

"It will be our school tour!" said one of the girls.

"Adiós amigos!" Felix said to Chippy and Michael D.

After Felix, Tim, and the students left for Mars, Chippy decided he wanted to be good.

"We're going to be good friends," said Michael D. "Why don't you come live with me?"

"I would love to!" said Chippy.

"I can't wait to introduce you to my other dogs!" said Michael D. Higgins.

THE END



Lucy's Quest for Wings

- Chapter One: The Secret Agent by 5th Class,
Christ the King Girls National School, Cabra, Dublin 7
- Chapter Two: Town Underground by 4th, 5th & 6th Class,
Scoil Caoimhín, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1
- Chapter Three: The Clue by 4th Class,
St. Columba's National School, Iona Road, Dublin 9
- Chapter Four: The Note On The Rusty Bridge by 4th Class,
St. Laurence O'Toole's National School, Seville Place, Dublin 1



Chapter One: The Secret Agent

Lucy was a thirteen-year-old schoolgirl - or at least, that's what people thought. She was on a special mission that no one could ever imagine. Who would ever suspect that a kind, warm-hearted girl could have such a disturbing backstory?

Lucy worked in a spy agency, but she needed to be able to fly to complete her mission. She had wings already but had recently discovered that they were fake. To get real wings, Lucy was told by her boss at the spy agency that she had to collect fifty identities. Only then would they give her real wings. Lucy decided to set up her own circus to lure people in to steal their identities.

When she arrived in Cabra in Dublin, Lucy asked for some volunteers at Christ the King Girls National School to help set up a circus in the school yard. The school yard was certainly big enough! She could lay out the tents across the basketball court, play snakes and ladders in the yard, and the main stage could be on the map of the world.

People were very happy with Lucy's idea and they agreed. Every day for a week, she worked with her new friends to set up the carnival for the big opening night.

Lucy's friends Milly and Abby from the school found what she was trying to do in taking people's identities. They wanted to help Lucy and give her a little bit of their identities.

"We know what you're up to, Lucy," her friends said.

Lucy thought, My friends were nice and respectful. I can't take their identities!

She explained to Milly and Abby, "When your identity is taken out, you don't have personality or a brain and you can't think or feel things."

Lucy, Milly and Abby went on a hunt to find identities that belonged to bad people. They walked along the New Cabra Road. They passed McDonald's and stopped in for some cheeseburgers.

Lucy forgot herself for a minute and asked for chips with a side of eyeballs. The cashier assumed it was a joke until Lucy gave her a dark stare.

The cashier called the manager and said, "I think we've got a cannibal here."

Lucy realised that she had blown her cover. "Ha ha, I was just joking around."

Lucy, Abby and Milly quickly left McDonald's and headed through the industrial estate and found the gates of the Phoenix Park...

Chapter Two: Town Underground

Lucy, Abby and Milly walked out of the Phoenix Park and took the Luas over to Marlborough Street to St. Mary's Pro Cathedral, next to Scoil Caoimhín. They wanted to pray that Lucy was able to get her wings.

They were walking around the church when suddenly they fell through a hole. They screamed and were scared. They hoped that God would protect them.

"Are you okay?" asked Lucy.

"Yeah, are you okay?" asked Milly.

"I'm fine!" Abby replied.

"Do you have a light?" They could not see in the darkness.

They heard something squeaking. Lucy was able to magically create a flashlight because her body glowed in the dark.

Lucy, Milly and Abby ran and saw the squeaking had come from a rat. The glowing light from Lucy had scared it off. They continued down the tunnel until they hit what they thought was a dead end. Luckily, they saw a set of stairs, so they went up and opened the hatch at the top. They entered a room full of books.

Lucy, Abby and Milly spotted a door and when they opened it, they saw loads of students. They realised they were in a school because the students were wearing school uniforms and holding books. It was Scoil Caoimhín!

They asked where the nearest Luas stop was.

"The nearest Luas stop is a couple of metres down the road," replied one of the students.

The students didn't know who Lucy, Abby and Milly were, so they called for help at the Department of Education



campus, where the school was based. Two security guards chased them out of the school. The girls had just reached the Luas stop so they got away.

“Why were those security guards chasing us? And why are you glowing?” asked Abby.

“I should have told you ages ago,” replied Lucy. “I am an alien spy. Don’t tell anyone.”

“WHAT?!” Milly and Abby shouted together.

The Luas stopped at the National History Museum, which was nicknamed the Dead Zoo. They went inside and looked around. They were very curious about the whale and then they saw a piece of paper inside the whale’s mouth! It was a note.

The note read: *You want wings, so go to the place where they have them. One for sorrow, two for joy, three for a girl and four for a boy.*

“I saw a magpie nest not too far from here,” Milly said.

“Well, let’s go!” Lucy said excitedly...

Chapter Three: The Clue

Lucy, Milly and Abby saw a nearby Luas stop and ran to catch it. They got off at Connolly Station and caught the DART to Drumcondra Station.

They noticed a new magpie nest on top of a Bus Éireann bus that was zooming past. Then they saw Lucy’s enemy, Burt, looking in the nest. Burt was a demon cyclops dog. He was ripping up something that he was holding his hands.

“I wonder what it is,” said Abby. Lucy realised that it was a clue. Burt threw the ripped-up clue on the ground while he stared at Lucy and ran away.

They went over to pick it up. Just then a car drove by and ran over the pieces. The pieces were all wet. Lucy, Milly and Abby didn't know what to do!

Lucy was really mad at Burt. This caused her to shoot her laser eyes and accidentally burn up the pieces. Lucy was really shocked - she didn't know that she had that power!

Lucy froze and thought to herself, I wonder what other powers I have...!

“Look behind you!” said Milly. There were five people looking at them. They ran towards St. Columba's Church grounds.

“Follow me,” said Abby.

They knew where they had to go. They had to get to St. Columba's National School because there was another nest there.

“There are a few trees in the school and a magpie nest is at the top!” Abby said frantically.

Lucy saw the big gates outside of the school and noticed the three or four trees. The school was grey and there were two yards, with new grass outside the entrance.

The three friends sprinted towards the nest but were stopped in their tracks by Lucy's boss. Lucy's boss looked worried because he could not find the paper in his pocket.

Lucy saw a few pieces of paper on the ground and she picked them up. “Is this what you're looking for?”

“Booyah, gotcha!” Suddenly, Lucy's boss shape-shifted into Burt.

Lucy, Milly and Abby had other things on their mind. They saw some junior infants climbing the tree with the magpie nest. They wanted to see the eggs. The girls wanted to make sure that none of the eggs broke.

“We have to save the eggs and see if there is a note,” said Milly.

Just then, they saw one of the junior infants, a little girl, fall out of the tree! Lucy ran with her super speed to catch the little girl while Abby and Milly climbed the tree and looked in the nest for the note. Lucy stopped running for a millisecond and looked down. She was surprised that she could run so fast.

Just as the little girl was about to hit the ground, Lucy reached out her arms and caught her in the nick of time. She turned around and Milly raised an eyebrow.

“How many more superpowers do you have?” Milly asked as she clutched the note.

They were feeling very hungry, so they went to Chipmongers. They made their way to Griffith Park with their chips.

“What does the note say?” Lucy asked.

“I’m not sure - because it is blank,” Milly replied.

“Let me see,” said Lucy.

Lucy detected a faint imprint of words. Instead of a clue, it was a message from Burt.

It said: You can't get your wings. I have ripped up all the clues. If you want them back, you better come to my lair.

Milly and Abby looked at each other. That’s weird. Lucy was being silent and was not able to say anything.

Lucy thought about what Burt would be doing. Why is Burt doing this? she thought. Is he trying to get my wings?

Out loud, she said to Abby and Milly, “Burt’s lair is in Glasnevin Cemetery.”



When they started to head off, they spotted a camera hanging out of a tree...

Chapter Four: The Note on the Rusty Bridge

Lucy decided to have a closer look at the camera. When she took a look, she saw that the camera was turned off. They were all confused at first why it had done that but then they realised it was because Lucy was an alien.

Lucy, Abby and Milly left the camera alone and headed to Burt's lair. Burt's lair was accessible through a hatch in one of the chapels in Glasnevin Cemetery.

The girls were a little bit scared but were also brave because of Lucy's superpowers. When they opened the hatch into Burt's lair, there was a big shelf lined with potions. The walls were painted black and there were a few rats running around.

One of the venomous rats that lived in Burt's lair bit Lucy on the leg - but she didn't get hurt because of her alien powers. The girls grabbed a couple of potions from the shelf, but Burt turned around and saw them. Lucy drank one of the potions that was labelled TALL and became very big, almost like in *Alice in Wonderland*.

Just then, Burt caught up to them all and Abby passed out with fright. Lucy picked up Abby and Milly and ran really fast towards North Wall. It only took her a few steps!

They decided to get food at the Frega. They got rice, chicken balls, chips, prawn crackers and curry sauce.

"Guess what? Before Milly stole the potion, I was able to capture the venomous rat's identity. Now I am able to get my wings," said Lucy as they were enjoying their food.



Afterwards, they ran all the way past the K&A shop in Seville Place into one of the avenues. They didn't realise that the witch Marina was there as well. Marina was Burt's sister, and it was her mission to get Lucy's wings as well.

The three friends made their way to the statue of Luke Kelly in Sherriff Street and the camera was there again. Lucy went over to the camera but this time it didn't turn off. The owner of the K&A, Mark Fay, was driving past the statue and saw the girls panicking. He stopped his van and decided to help them on their mission.

Mark drove the girls to Penneys. Burt and Marina chased them all the way inside Penneys so they hid behind all the clothes. Burt and Marina had been able to chase the girls through the city's cameras!

Marina saw them and they escaped into the lift. Abby grabbed a bottle of perfume and sprayed into Burt and Marina's eyes. When they had the time, the girls ran.

Lucy suddenly saw a note on the ground. She picked it up and it read: *The last place you need to go is the Rusty Bridge. There you will find your wings.*

Mark drove the girls to the Rusty Bridge beside his house. Lucy had pocketed another potion from Burt's lair. She took a couple of sips to make her smaller.

They saw Lucy's golden and white wings floating above the bridge. They climbed out of the van and ran to the wings so Lucy could get them.

Lucy finally got her wings and they celebrated with a huge party.

THE END



Super Jack and the Villains

- Chapter One: The Adventures of Super Jack by 1st Class, St. Vincent's Primary School, Glasnevin, Dublin 11
- Chapter Two: The Never-Lasting Octopus by 4th Class, O'Connell CBS Primary School, North Richmond Street, Dublin 1
- Chapter Three: The Big Bird and the Silly Pigeon by 4th Class, St. Vincent's Girls National School, North William Street, Dublin 1
- Chapter Four: Jack's Journey by 5th & 6th Class, Glasnevin National School, Botanic Avenue, Dublin 9



Chapter One: The Adventures of Super Jack

Super Jack was out walking with his dad when got caught up in a spiderweb and turned into a superhero. Super Jack found that he could use the web to cling to buildings. He travelled this way from Finglas to defeat all the villains in Glasnevin.

Super Jack arrived at St. Vincent's Boys National School and waited for school time to be over so he could catch the villain who was attacking the students. While he was in Glasnevin, Super Jack saw some fields, the train tracks and Glasnevin Cemetery with its round tower. He noticed the black, white and grey walls of the school and the playground.

Super Jack saw a first class student called Seán and asked, "Can you show me around please? I want to know what is around this school."

"Okay, come on," replied Seán.

Seán brought Super Jack to the soft play area in the school

yard. They ran around, played tag and a bit of football. After that, Seán took Super Jack into the swimming pool beside the school yard.

“I’m not up for this job,” said Super Jack. “Call someone else in!”

Super Jack was afraid of water!

Seán took Super Jack away from the swimming pool for a walk along the canal. But there was even more water!

Suddenly, a shark jumped out of the canal. Super Jack saw a person swimming and he wanted to save them. Super Jack used the webs from his arms to catch the person in the canal and dragged them out.

Super Jack then used his electricity to shock the shark. The shark swam away but Super Jack chased him, just to make sure he had been defeated...



Chapter 2: The Never-Lasting Octopus

Super Jack had used his electricity to shock the shark and the shark swam away. Super Jack chased him...and ended up by the Royal Canal by O'Connell Primary School. Super Jack finally defeated it!

Super Jack went into the gates of the school. He noticed the colours red, pink, blue, green and white around the school. He sensed that when he defeated super villains, they didn't fully disappear. An evil octopus was on the way to attack the school and Super Jack had to save all the students.

The octopus had already revealed his plan: "I want to take away all the colours in the school so everyone will work for me. It will all be plain grey!"

The octopus stole all the toys and ropes from the yards in the school. Super Jack chased the octopus to the back of the school to the back yard. There were basketball hoops, toys, softballs and skipping ropes. Super Jack saw a picture of the city on the wall as well.

The octopus climbed into nearby Croke Park, where there was a football match going on. He jumped down onto the pitch and challenged Super Jack to a football match.

"I'm hungry, can I go get some food first?" asked Super Jack. He went to the DNS shop in Ballybough Road to get a roll with chicken, mayonnaise and cheese. The octopus decided to join him.

They got their rolls and went back to the rope yard in the school. Super Jack and the octopus started the football match, but it turned into a battle. The octopus climbed onto the roof of the school. Super Jack followed him and they fought one last time.

Super Jack managed to defeat the octopus with his spider web powers. He shot a web to the octopus' face and swung it around. He threw the octopus out of the school gates.

The students were so happy with Super Jack that they decided to throw him a superhero party.

“We're going to dress up as you and party late into the night,” said one of the students. The party moved to Sean MacDermott Street during the night.

Meanwhile, the octopus had organised someone - a private investigator - to go and investigate the party. The investigator sent pictures back to the octopus, who saw Super Jack playing football with some of the students.

The octopus showed up at the party and shouted at Super Jack. “I WANT A FOOTBALL MATCH AGAINST YOU!”

“Oh, I forgot about our arrangement,” replied Super Jack. “If I win, you go away and if you win, we can have another battle.”

Super Jack was feeling confident.

They made their way to the football pitch in Diamond Park in Gardiner Street. Some of the students brought football gear to set up. There were a few shops around the park for the students to grab some snacks and sweets to watch the match. There were chocolate cookies, bars of chocolate and cans of 7Up for them to enjoy.

In the middle of the match, the octopus called in his ship to track Super Jack. The ship did what it was asked.

Super Jack got trapped in the ship...



Chapter 3: The Big Bird and the Silly Pigeon

Super Jack used the super strength in his arms to punch a hole in the ship. Super Jack climbed out of the ship and saw the principal of St. Vincent's Girls National School in Ballybough. She was called Ms. O'Connor.

Super Jack saw a big school with four stories. He saw that the yard and the school windows were very colourful. There were orange, green and blue colours. There was a new garden in the yard.

Ms. O'Connor and Super Jack made a plan and then they made their way over to the Spire in O'Connell Street. Super Jack used his super strength and flying ability to climb up to the top of the Spire.

Super Jack could see for miles! He looked towards Ballybough and saw the River Liffey, the Rotunda and lots of shops. There were so many buildings, as well as the Royal Canal. Super Jack noticed the cars and cyclists along the North Strand, alongside electric scooters.

He finally saw the octopus on Parnell Street. Super Jack pushed against the Spire until it fell and trapped the octopus.

Ms. O'Connor called the police to make sure the Spire was secured. Ms. O'Connor brought Super Jack back to St. Vincent's GNS and he helped the caretaker, Mr. Dunne, with his jobs: taking the spare lunches away, fixing the hand sanitizer and taking out the rubbish. The students told Super Jack, "Mr. Dunne fixes anything that is broken but he doesn't clean the bathrooms!"

After Super Jack helped the caretaker fix everything and do all his jobs, Mr. Dunne exclaimed, "I am going to do something nice for you too!"

Mr. Dunne and Super Jack went back to the Spire and collected the trapped octopus. They brought him back to the school and placed him in junior infants class. Because he had been very rude, the octopus had to learn everything all over again.

Meanwhile, Super Jack played with all the girls in the yard. They were playing hot potato until a big orange bird with a black mask around its red eyes came along and picked up one of the girls.

It had a very long beak and dropped the girl on top of Croke Park. There was also a very tiny pigeon with it. When they landed in Croke Park, the bird was going to feed the girl to its baby birds.

All the girls in the yard started screaming and panicking. They turned to Super Jack for help, but another villain had appeared. They moved closer to Super Jack to hear his conversation with the villain.

“I don’t know about you, but I’m hungry,” said Super Jack.

Super Jack and the villain went to Circle K to get Slush Puppies and then they headed to the Fraga to get a spice bag. When they got to Croke Park, the girl was gone...

Chapter 4: Jack’s Journey

The bird had flown off with the girl to find a new home. Super Jack had been so distracted when the bird flew away that he hadn’t realised that the girl was gone.

Super Jack took the Number 9 bus and made his way to Freddy’s Convenience Store. He met another superhero.

“Are you heading to Glasnevin?” they asked.

Super Jack realised he was in Glasnevin. He left Freddy’s only to realise that the superhero he met was the octopus in disguise who was trying to lead him into a trap.

Super Jack went to the Botanic Gardens and saw that the giant bird was nesting on top of the glass house.

Super Jack saw the girl in the nest. He tried to save her and took her outside The Barber Shop. Suddenly the girl transformed into a dark red and black horned devil. She had five horns surrounding her head. She also had a big

circular crown with red eyes. Behind her, she had big wings that let out fire and helped her to fly.

All the students in Glasnevin National School looked out one of the windows of their school. They ran out to help Super Jack defeat the devil!

The students threw their bags and homework at the devil before they gathered around and threw their hands into a circle. They transformed into knights with swords and slayed the devil.

Super Jack needed to take a break, so he went for a walk in Griffith Park. He met a monkey. Super Jack didn't realise that the monkey was the devil, who had survived. The monkey threw Super Jack into the Tolka River. Super Jack grabbed the wall and threw a banana at the monkey.

Super Jack suddenly noticed Beechmount House. He knew that it shouldn't be there, but he went over to have a look at it. He quickly realised that it was an illusion because the house started to flicker before it disappeared.

Then, all the villains Super Jack had encountered appeared and surrounded him in a circle. The octopus held him down and he couldn't get back up. Luckily, the monkey came to his rescue.

Suddenly, Jack woke up in class.

"Where is The Barber Shop?" his teacher asked.

"It's where the girl transformed," he replied. Everybody started to laugh but Jack was still remembering his dream.

THE END





Villains All Over Dublin

- Chapter One: The Tale of Bubbles and the Giant Spiders by 5th Class, Central Model Senior School, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1
- Chapter Two: Shirley to the Rescue by 5th & 6th Class, Christ the King Boys National School, Cabra, Dublin 7
- Chapter Three: A New Hero - Jerry by 1st Class, St. Vincent's Infant Boys School, North William Street, Dublin 1
- Chapter Four: The Final Fight in the Botanic Gardens by 3rd Class, St. Vincent's Primary School, Glasnevin, Dublin 11



Chapter One: The Tale of Bubbles and the Giant Spiders

Bubbles was asleep at home in China. She dreamt about giant spiders kidnapping her. When she woke up, Bubbles was in O'Connell Street in Dublin and the spiders in her dream were running away from her.

Bubbles hadn't been a superhero before, but she was now (but didn't know it). When the spiders kidnapped her and she woke up in Dublin, she didn't want it to happen to anyone else.

Outside the GPO, Bubbles saw a girl blowing bubbles. She also saw the giant spiders running toward the girl and the fear she'd had during her dream came back. Bubbles wanted to save the girl.

As Bubbles ran toward the girl, she put her hands out in front of her. Suddenly, bubbles shot out of her palms!

Bubbles was shocked but she went along with it. She put the girl in a bubble and brought the girl back to her home in Summerhill.

“Thank you so much for saving me!” said the girl. “What is your name?”

“My name is Bubbles,” she replied. “What is your name?”

“I’m Sarah,” the girl said. “How did you do that?”

“I don’t know, actually,” said Bubbles.

“Well, it looked terrifying, but it felt amazing!” said Sarah.

Bubbles asked, “Would you like to meet up again?”

“Let’s meet at the Spire at noon on Saturday. We can go up to the tip in a bubble!” Sarah suggested. “Before you go, where are you from?”

“I’m from China,” Bubbles replied.

“Are you going to stay and go to my school? I have a lot of friends there and some of them are from China as well,” Sarah said.

“Well, I’m trying to get back to my family in China,” Bubbles said. “But I would love to make new friends while I’m here.”

“Will I bring some of my friends on Saturday?” Sarah asked.

“Make sure they’re not afraid of heights!” said Bubbles.

On her way past Diamond Park, Bubbles spotted more giant spiders...

Chapter 2: Shirley to the Rescue

Bubbles jumped into a bubble and landed in Fassaugh Avenue in Cabra and got a chicken fillet roll with taco sauce and cheese in the deli.

Sarah's mam Shirley was the deli lady and could shoot taco sauce from her hands. Sarah and Shirley looked the same - that's how Bubbles knew who she was. Sarah had a birthmark and Shirley had a tattoo of it!

All the spiders had travelled to Cabra on the Luas. The giant spiders wanted to capture superpower kids and bring them back to the king spider. Taco sauce was their anti-venom. Taco Man, Shirley's husband, was also on the Luas. He ripped the top off a bottle of taco sauce to reach the spiders before they could reach Cabra.

Meanwhile, back in Cabra, the real Shirley was in the back doing stock. One of the cans fell and rolled into the security room, so she followed it. Shirley looked at the security cameras and saw a fake Shirley with extra spider eyes. Shirley shot taco sauce at the wall and broke it! She made her way out and continued to shoot fake Shirley with taco sauce. Fake Shirley turned into a spider!

Shirley and Bubbles ran out of the deli and made their way to Dalymount Park. When they got there, Bubbles got stuck in a giant spider web.

The Luas came to a stop outside Dalymount Park. The giant spiders attacked Taco Man but because he was made of taco sauce, they became sick. They threw up all the evil inside of them and turned into good spiders.



The good spiders helped Shirley fight against the bad spider. Bubbles tried to use her powers to escape from the web, but they wouldn't work.

The spider who spun the web captured Bubbles and brought her to the king spider. His lair was on top of the Spire...

Chapter 3: A New Hero - Jerry

Shirley was trapped with her enemy, the giant spider.

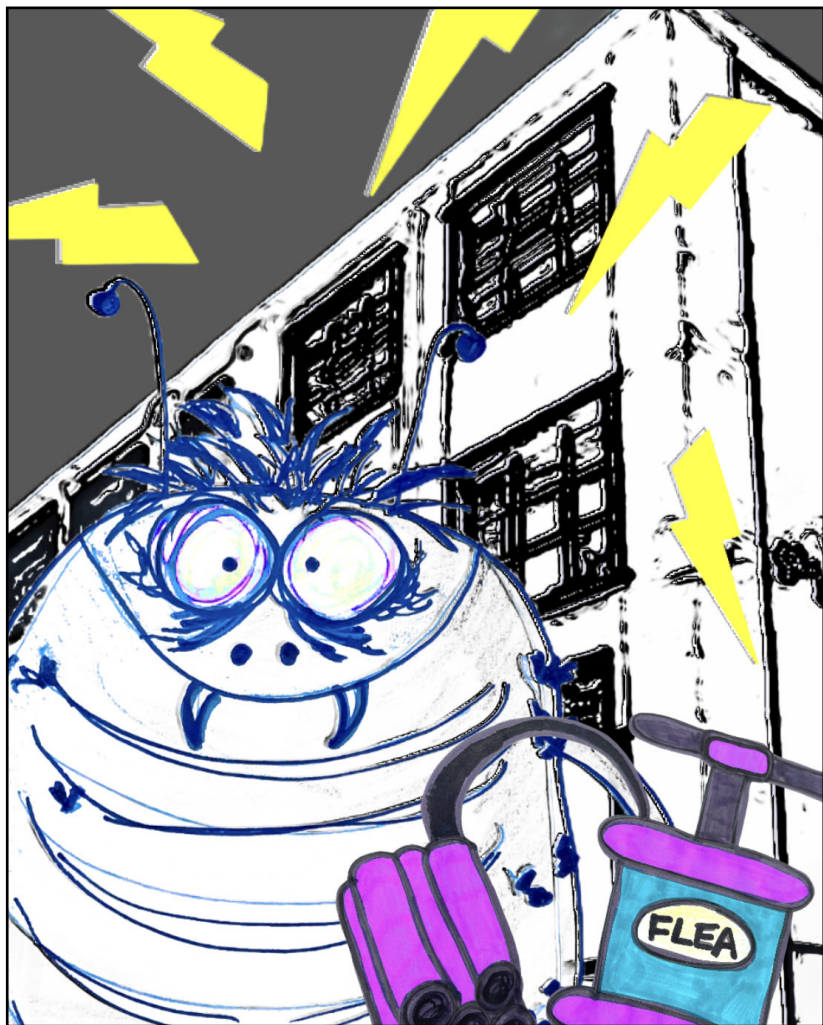
Taco Man climbed to the top of the Spire and rescued Bubbles. Bubbles realised that she had a new superpower: she could make any of her friends into a bubble at any time. She felt a lot safer.

Bubbles made her way to a secret door that led to SuperValu on Parnell Street. Taco Man ended up going with Bubbles into the secret base at SuperValu.

Bubbles found another superpower, called the superpunch, and they planned for Taco Man to shoot the king spider with his anti-venom taco sauce.

They went back up to the Spire and brought Shirley to safety. They returned for the king spider and turned him nice with the taco sauce.

Afterwards, they all travelled to Ballybough where they met a new enemy in the garden in the yard at St. Vincent's Boys National School. His name was the Giant Flea. He could spit toxic on the ground and he could make himself even bigger. As he got bigger, Giant Flea could shoot red lasers out of his mouth and he got more toxic.



“I’m going to blow up this school and infect you all!” shouted the Giant Flea to all the first class students.

“Go somewhere far away from this place!” said Taco Man.

“NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!” screamed the Giant Flea. He wagged his flea finger.

Bubbles put the giant flea in a bubble. The school was evacuated before the Giant Flea could blow it up with a detonator. But he survived because he was safe in a bubble. Only for the bubble, Giant Flea would have self-destructed and been destroyed.

Bubbles, Taco Man and Shirley quickly grabbed their jet packs when they saw that the giant flea had a detonator. They flew to Croke Park and when they landed, they met a cleaner called Jerry. He also had special powers too - he could shoot water out of his hands.

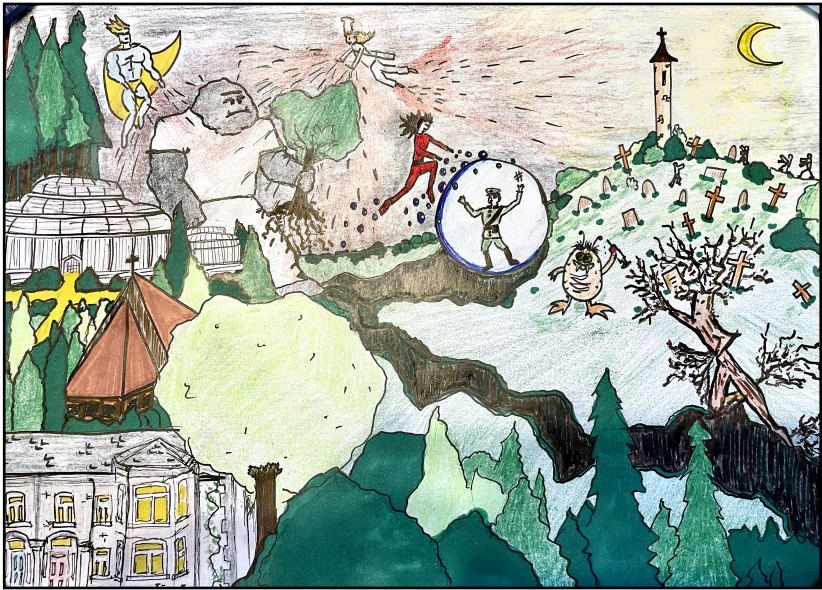
“Will you help us put out that blazing fire at the school in Ballybough?” asked the superheroes.

“Yeah, no problem mate,” Jerry replied in his Australian accent.

The Giant Flea’s bubble popped and he was off again...

Chapter 4: The Final Fight in the Botanic Gardens

Returning to Ballybough, Bubbles, Shirley, Taco Man and Jerry saw something strange. When they got closer, they saw what it was...



It was a new enemy emerging from the fire called Stick-Man. He looked like a walking tree and he could shoot sharp sticks from his hands. He was also fireproof.

Taco Man attacked Stick-Man as he punched him in the face. Stick-Man suddenly surrendered.

“I give up. I’m on your team now,” said Stick-Man.

Meanwhile, the Giant Flea fled to his secret lair in the Round Tower in Glasnevin Cemetery. He was trying to recruit new villains by trying to bring the dead back to life.

The Giant Flea injected a liquid into the bones of Michael Collins. He came back to life and had the ability to control minds.

“Ooooooh, you brought me back,” Michael Collins said. “I will do whatever you say.”

“Destroy those heroes at once!” replied the Giant Flea.

“What heroes?”

“Get me Bubbles, Shirley, Taco Man and definitely Stick-Man.”

Michael Collins found the heroes and said, “I am going to get you because my master told me to.”

“Who is your master?” asked Taco Man as he shot his anti-venom taco sauce.

Suddenly, Bubbles trapped Michael Collins in a bubble. But Michael Collins used his mind control on Bubbles and escaped.

He fled back to Glasnevin and the heroes followed him. As they jumped from roof to roof on the houses in Iona Road began to shake.

Another superhero came out of the ground, Concrete Man who could turn people to concrete.

Meanwhile, the Giant Flea was coming up with a new plan to destroy the heroes.

The heroes made their way to the Botanic Gardens. When they got there, the Giant Flea and Michael Collins were in a fighting position. Just then, the Giant Flea drank a potion that he made which turned him into a colossal python.

“I will destroy you!” shouted the Giant Flea.

People ran away to Griffith Park to escape the fight. The squirrels and ducks flew and ran away to the park too.

“One of you is missing,” said the Giant Flea. He heard an earthquake.

Michael Collins dug into the ground to see what was happening.

Taco Man shouted to Concrete Man, “Now!”

Concrete Man jumped from the ground and lifted the Giant Flea and Michael Collins. Michael Collins used his mind control, but it didn’t work because Concrete Man had a concrete brain.

Bubbles created a bubble for Michael Collins as Taco Man shot his hand off.

Shirley made her way to the Giant Flea's lair in the cemetery to destroy it with taco bombs.

Jerry and Stick-Man got on top of the Giant Flea. Stick-Man became a small plant. Jerry shot water at him and Stick-Man grew bigger inside of the Giant Flea.

"Oh, I don't feel so good," said the Giant Flea.

The Giant Flea exploded each time Stick-Man got bigger. Michael Collins began to die all over again because his master had been defeated.

All the heroes met in Phoenix Park and went to visit the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins.

"Congratulations," said Michael D. Higgins. "Thank you for saving us. Without you, we would be dead by now."

"Well, it's our job," replied all the superheroes at once confidently.

THE END



Chaos - The Hero of Dublin

- Chapter One: Chaos' First Mission by 5th Class, Gaelscoil Bharra, Cabra, Dublin 7
- Chapter Two: Madness by 4th Class, St. Peter's National School, Phibsborough, Dublin 7
- Chapter Three: How Chaos Made Friends by 3rd Class, St. Mary's Primary School, Upper Dorset Street, Dublin 7
- Chapter Four: Chaos Starts More Chaos by 5th Class, St. Vincent's Primary School, Glasnevin, Dublin 11



Chapter One: Chaos' First Mission

Chaos, the outer space human, looked around his bedroom on planet Pluto. He thought that because he had no one to talk to, maybe he needed a friend. Chaos had no friends. He really wanted one but there was one problem: he was afraid of people.

Whenever he visited Cabra on his visits to Ireland, Chaos always wanted to go up and talk to people, but he was too nervous.

He flew to Cabra in his UFO to see all the sights but then he saw people and got super scared. The side of his UFO read UNIDENTIFIED FLINGING OBJECT. It was like a catapult.

This time, Chaos was determined not to leave Cabra without finding a friend. All the people were so nice to him, especially the way that they talked to each other, but Chaos was still frightened. He was about to leave Cabra but then a little boy came up to him.

“Do you want to be my friend?” asked the little boy. Chaos felt a rush of fear but he thought that he could make friends with this boy.

“Sure,” he said with some hesitation.

“Do you want to go on a little trip to the White Moose Café?” the boy asked.

As they were walking to the café, they saw a dog. Chaos became nervous again because he had never seen one before. The dog started barking and Chaos realised that he was bigger than the dog. He started chasing the dog and it ran into the Shandon Dog Park.

When Chaos ran into the park, he saw loads of dogs. They started to surround him. Chaos also saw all the trees, the playground and the big yellow swings.

Chaos noticed a gap in the dogs surrounding him. He ran and climbed to the top of the yellow swing. The little boy was standing at the bottom of the yellow swings.

“I can’t climb that,” he called up to Chaos.

Chaos was confused. He wanted to come down to the boy but he was still afraid of the dogs.

“SAUSAGES!” Chaos shouted. That was his favourite word. The dogs suddenly stopped barking and looked at Chaos hopefully. They allowed him to pass safely, hoping that they would be rewarded with sausages.

They finally left the dog park and went to the little boy’s school, which was called Gaelscoil Bharra. They found the little boy’s friends playing in the yard. Chaos saw the big school gates and the massive pencils that were stuck into the ground as well as all the colourful flower beds!

“This looks like a nice place,” said Chaos happily.

They entered the school and Chaos saw the white walls and black ground in the yard. There were also orange

basketball hoops and a green astro pitch.

When they were leaving, they noticed the new green house. Chaos realised that it was home time, which meant all the children were leaving. It also meant that there would be way too many people for Chaos.

He ran away all the way to Dublin Zoo, his new favourite place. There were no people around but there were animals. He went to the hippos and climbed into the enclosure. He thought it would be a good idea to ride one.

The zookeeper didn't notice Chaos as he was crating the hippos to take them to a different place. Chaos was accidentally put in the crate...

Chapter Two: Madness

“Help! Help!” shouted Chaos.

Suddenly, Chaos heard a winch attached to the crate. The winch placed the crate on a truck. The truck was headed to Dublin Port to go to America, but Chaos' crate fell off the truck when one of the truck's wheels came off.

The hippo tried to take a bite out of Chaos but missed and took a bite out of the crate instead. Chaos climbed out of the hole of the crate and saw Phibsborough for the first time in his life.

The first thing that he saw was McDonald's. He went inside and asked for food. Chaos didn't know if he would have to pay or not, so he grabbed the jumbo fries and cheeseburger and ran as fast as he could.

The workers from McDonald's chased him but Chaos jumped on top of the hippo and rode away. It turned out that the hippo apologised to Chaos and then they became friends.

They rode into St. Peter's National School and went into one of the classrooms. They saw the fourth class students doing their work. The bell rang and it was break time. All the students gathered around Chaos.

He couldn't hear too much but he heard a few phrases.

"Hi!"

"How are you?"

"Look at the hippo!"

Chaos stuttered and let out an ear-splitting scream. He tried to find somewhere to hide in the classroom, but he was surrounded by the students. He had no choice but to climb into the hippo's mouth.

Inside the hippo's mouth, he saw the leftover bits of the crate with the destination written on it: Boston. Out of excitement, Chaos jumped out of the hippo's mouth, started riding the hippo again - and accidentally bumped into the teacher.

The teacher got very mad and grabbed the hippo by the tail. Chaos fell off. Now he would have to get to Boston by himself. Chaos left the school and stumbled into the traffic warden.

"Do you know how to get to Boston?" Chaos asked.

"That's all the way in America, don't you know?" the traffic warden replied. "If you want to get all the way to Boston, you'll need a plane ticket."

Chaos called the UFO catapult on his super-cool Pluto phone and the catapult launched Chaos through the air. He landed in a shop called Wonder Mart.

The shopkeeper was the little boy's mother! She stopped, screamed and sprinted out of the shop. The little boy, who had been searching for Chaos, saw his mum and told her, "Don't worry, that's just my friend Chaos."

Meanwhile, Chaos got very anxious when he saw the amount of people in Wonder Mart. He got very anxious again. When he settled down a bit, Chaos asked the little boy's mother to book him a plane ticket to go to Boston.

"Okay, I'll book you one now," she said.

"Could I also get first class on the plane?" asked Chaos.

"First class is about €900," the little boy's mother said.

"That's a little bit expensive. We'll just do business class instead."

After that, Chaos saw the teacher with the Gardaí at the door of the Wonder Mart. The hippo - who had been in the Wonder Mart the whole time - picked up Chaos, the little boy and his mother and charged the door of its hinges. The Gardaí had to dive out of the way. "Whoa!" they cried.

The hippo ran to the airport. The little boy's mum booked a hotel for the night because their flight to Boston was the next day. The following morning, they got on the flight and met a very famous figure.

It was Will Smith! Will Smith had been in Ireland on his holidays and was going to Boston to film a movie.

When the plane took off, Chaos realised that Will Smith was sitting right next to him. He cried tears of joy.

Unfortunately, Chaos' tears were acid and they burned a hole in the plane...

Chapter Three: How Chaos Made Friends

Everyone got their parachutes and jumped out of the hole of the plane. They landed in the grounds of St. Mary's Primary School in Dorset Street.



All the children and teachers were shocked and surprised. The principal, Ms. Kelly, fainted. Everybody else ran rapidly outside.

“Go back to class!” shouted one of the teachers, Mr. Kerr, but nobody listened because they were too busy looking at Will Smith.

Chaos saw Mr Kerr’s beard and thought it would be a good disguise for him.

“Wow!” squeaked Chaos. “Can I please have a piece of your beard?”

Mr Kerr got out a pocketknife and cut off a piece of his beard and gave it to Chaos. Chaos stuck the beard onto his pointy chin and it grew. He was so happy that he kept playing with it.

Casey, who was in third class, asked Will Smith, “What will your next role be?”

When the students found it was going to be a sequel to Aladdin, they all asked for part in the movie.

“Can I be the Genie?” asked Chaos.

Will Smith agreed.

Meanwhile, the hippo was lying on the ground and panting.

“I think that the hippo is very, very thirsty,” said Eva.

“I know!” said Molly. “Let’s go to Blessington Street Basin.”

“No, we can’t. It’s not a reservoir anymore,” said Mr Kerr. “That was 200 years ago.”

Isabelle suggested, “Let’s go to the Garden of Remembrance in Parnell Square instead.”

Seán jumped up on the hippo's back to lead the way and everyone followed. On the way to Parnell Square, Armani's mum saw them and called the Dublin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"There's a big parade and they're riding a hippo!" she told the DSPCA. "The hippo looks thirsty and sad."

The people at the DSPCA did not believe that there was a hippo in a parade in Dublin and just hung up.

When they arrived at the Garden of Remembrance, the hippo jumped in the water and had a big, long drink. Seán had slipped off the hippo and had a swim.

When Chaos saw the Hugh Lane Gallery, he decided that he would like to go in and look at the paintings. Inside, there was a class in an art workshop. They were making heads out of milk cartons.

Chaos had realised that stroking his beard made him feel comfortable and safe. He went into the workshop and sat down next to the teacher.

Chaos asked, "What is your name?"

The teacher replied, "My name is Chris. Would you like to join my class?"

Back in the Garden of Remembrance, Jayven from third class realised that Chaos was missing. He ran across the road to the gallery to find him.

"Would you like to come back to our school?" Jayven asked Chaos. "It's time for our science lesson."

The hippo had finished his drink, so he went with Chaos and the class back to St. Mary's.

During the science lesson, the class learned about light and mirrors. But something went horribly wrong. Ryan shone a light at the mirror and it reflected back on Chaos' beard.

There was a loud explosion, which woke up Ms. Kelly. “What is going on around here?” she said.

Chaos turned purple and started to shrink.

“Help! Help!” Chaos shouted. “Why is everybody so big?”

A big fat yellow bee flew in the window. “The hippo sent me to get you by bee-mail.”

The bee scooped Chaos up and flew off. “Let’s go to the Ilac Centre and get ice cream...”

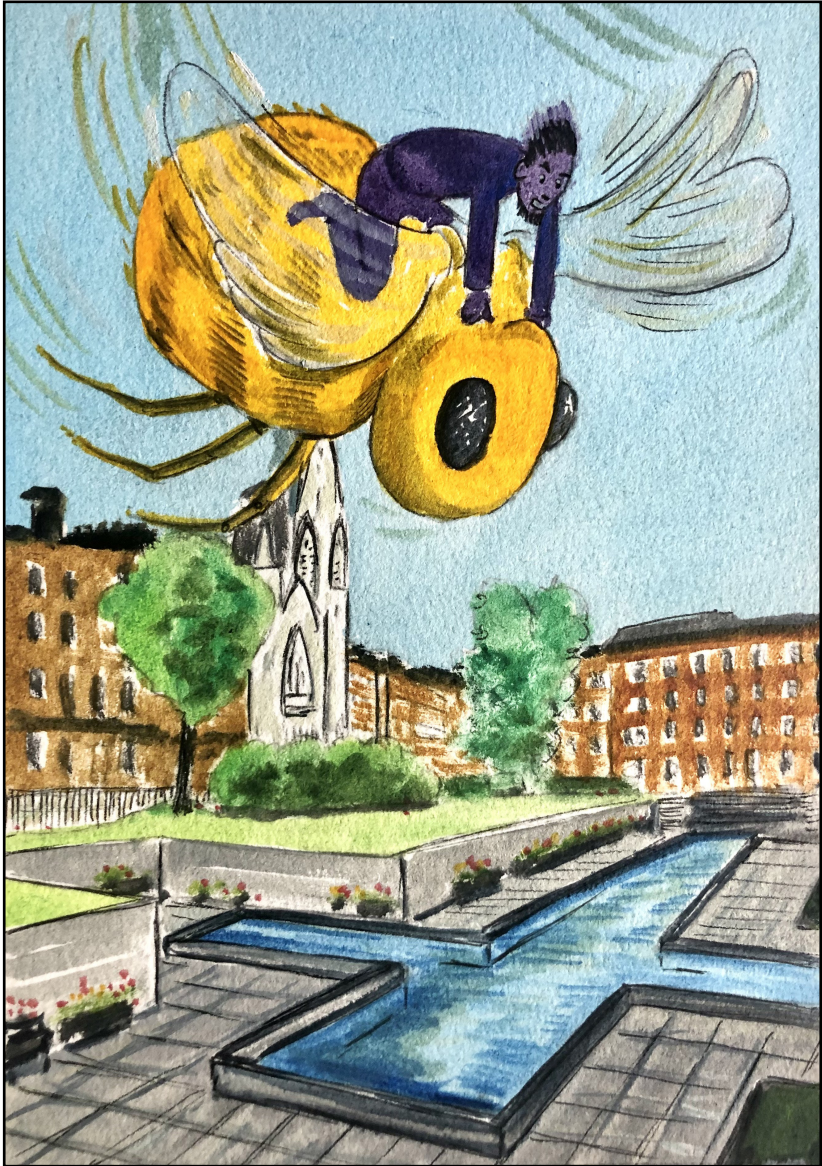
Chapter Four: Chaos Starts More Chaos

The bee had actually tricked Chaos and took him instead to a big beehive in the Botanic Gardens in Glasnevin as a hostage. When Chaos saw an opening in the hive, however, he quickly ran to the exit. He grabbed a leaf and floated down to the ground. A gust of wind pushed the leaf and Chaos to the top of the Number 40 bus and brought him to Smyths Toys in the city centre.

Meanwhile, the bee had flown back to St. Mary’s, thinking that Chaos was back with the hippo. The bee chased the hippo into the city centre. The people on the street started running - they were terrified of being eaten by the hippo or stung by the bee.

The hippo bumped into the Spire and knocked it down. Chaos had been blown by another gust of wind onto a windowsill on the Gresham Hotel and he saw what happened. The force of the Spire going over blew Chaos back to Glasnevin, into Room 13, 5th class at St. Vincent’s Primary School.

Back in the city centre, everyone was screaming. The Spire had knocked down all the buildings in O’Connell Street, even McDonald’s!



A reporter from RTÉ was on the scene.

“News reporter Sharon here, reporting on the hippo who has knocked over the Spire...AAAHHH!” The reporter was run over by the hippo in all the confusion.

In Room 13, Chaos had bumped into Mr. Reilly’s head accidentally when he flew into the room. Mr. Reilly was the principal at St. Vincent’s and was in Room 13 to tell the class that they couldn’t go out to the field because it was raining.

“AAAHHHH!” shouted Mr. Reilly. He got a terrible fright and left in a huff.

Evan, sitting in the corner, saw the bee appear at the window. He tried to swat it away but he pushed the bee Chaos’ direction instead. The bee stung Chaos.

Chaos turned red and grew back to his normal size. The boys asked their teacher Mr. Lalor if Chaos could become a student in fifth class.

Mr. Lalor had a good think about it. “Fine, but if he puts one foot wrong, he’s out!”

A little while later, Chaos accidentally broke a table. “Chaos! Get out of the classroom right now. I’ve already warned you!”

“I’m very sorry,” said Chaos. “I won’t do it again.”

All the boys protested. “Let Chaos stay!” they shouted.

Chaos told the class that he had lost his friend the hippo in O’Connell Street. Chaos and the boys in fifth class got on the 40B into the city centre to find the hippo. Unfortunately, there weren’t many seats on the bus because of the Covid restrictions so some of the boys had to stay behind.



Will Smith, the little boy and his mother were helping with the rescue efforts in O'Connell Street. Chaos and the boys met them there and they helped too.

That evening, Chaos decided that it was time for him to go home. He had made a lot of friends and completed his mission. There was one thing left to do before he went home, though.

“Goodbye, everybody,” Chaos said. “I need to get the hippo back to Dublin Zoo. Would three of you boys help me?”

Brody, Dean and Ryan agreed to help - they rode with Chaos on the hippo back to the zoo. The zookeeper was pleased to have her hippo back!

Chaos used his Pluto phone to call his UFO. Before he catapulted back to Pluto, Chaos said goodbye to all his new friends. The boys from fifth class gave Chaos a present - a picture of the whole class and a note home to Chaos' parents from Mr. Lalor about the broken table.

“Thank you very much for the present,” Chaos said. “I will be sure to come back soon!”

He climbed into his UFO and shot back to Pluto. Once he got home, Chaos looked back at Earth through his telescope. He could see all the boys in St. Vincent's.

But there was one boy missing.

Chaos turned around and saw Lewis. “Yes!” Chaos said. “I get to have a friend live with me here until my next mission to Earth!”

THE END



The Super Pups Save Dublin

- Chapter One: Ginger the Detective by 3rd & 4th Class, St. Columba's National School, Waterloo Avenue, Dublin 1
- Chapter Two: The Dragon Apocalypse by 2nd & 3rd Class, St. Laurence O'Toole's CBS, Seville Place, Dublin 1
- Chapter Three: The Enchanted by 3rd Class, Gardiner Street Primary School, Upper Gardiner Street, Dublin 1
- Chapter Four: Portal Jumpers by 4th Class, Gaelscoil Cholásite Mhuire, Parnell Square, Dublin 1



Chapter One: Ginger the Detective

Ginger the cat was walking alone to Lidl in East Wall to do her shopping when she saw a beautiful princess. The princess looked really scared and like she didn't know where she was.

“You look hungry,” said Ginger. “Do you need food? I can buy you anything – anything except vegetables, that is.”

When Ginger had first had vegetables as a kitten, they were rotten, so she had never eaten them again. She was scarred for life!

The princess replied, “No, thank you. But can I stay in your house?”

“Sure,” said Ginger. “I live in a trash can in Fairview Park by the skate park.”

“That sounds really cosy,” said the princess. “I'm from a land of dragons.”

On the way to Ginger's house, Ginger tripped and fell into the Royal Canal.

The princess laughed an evil laugh and ran away. “Mwahaha! Hahaha!” Ginger knew then that the princess was evil.

Ginger swam to one of the ladders on the canal, where a Labrador dog helped her out of the water.

“Thank you so much for helping me out of the canal! What is your name?” said Ginger.

“My name is Shaggy,” the dog replied. “I live in the recycling bin next door to you.”

On their walk along the canal in search of something to eat, Ginger and Shaggy decided to form a detective team of stray animals in Fairview Park to follow the princess. They called the group the Super Pups.

They met a professional detective while ordering pizza in Da Mimmo on the North Strand. “I can teach you to be professional detectives too,” she told them.

When Ginger heard the detective speak, she recognised the voice. It was the princess in disguise. The princess realised that Ginger knew her secret. Right away, the princess tried to make Ginger eat boiled carrots!

Shaggy did not realise that the detective was actually the evil princess. He said, “Carrots are good for your mind. They will help you be a better detective!”

Ginger threw the carrots at the princess. “Get those things away from me!”

The princess pinned Ginger to the wall...

Chapter Two: The Dragon Apocalypse

Ginger threw the princess into the Royal Canal.

SPLASH! She started floating away.

Shaggy said, “What are you doing, Ginger?”

“We’re doing this because the detective is really the evil princess and she’s tormenting us!” Ginger replied.

When the princess reached the end of the canal, she opened a portal to call her army of dragons. They captured Ginger and Shaggy and locked them up in the principal’s office at St. Laurence O’Toole’s CBS primary school - the smallest room in the school!

The students were all at home because of the Covid-19 lockdown so the princess and her dragons had the school to themselves.

Ginger and Shaggy sent out a signal on their trackers - a cat and dog high-fiving each other. The trackers told the Super Pups where to find Ginger and Shaggy on GPS. The Super Pups saw the enemy dragons on their radar in Fairview Park and knew that the evil princess had Ginger and Shaggy trapped.

“I don’t know about this,” said Laser Beam the Cat, who was feeling a bit scared of the dragons.

“We have to face our fears,” said one of the pups, who was called Carlo.

The Super Pups took the Dublin Super Bus to the school. This was a special bus for animals with superpowers. They stopped at Spar at the Five Lamps to get food - one the pups needed water to breathe ice and another needed Flamin’ Hot Cheetos to breathe fire.



When they got to St. Laurence O'Tooles CBS, the Super Pups snuck into the principal's office through the vents. They found the room where Ginger and Shaggy were and took the cuffs off them.

The princess found out that the Super Pups were in the school and got really cross. She prepared her army for battle on the roof of the school.

One of the dragons breathed fire at Laser Beam the Cat and he fell down. Frozon the Ice Dog rescued Laser Beam by breathing ice at the dragon's fire to stop Laser Beam from being hit again.

Suddenly, the portal opened up and a lemon came through. The lemon turned into a man, called Lemon Man.

"I'm here to help! Vibe the Reindeer sent me a signal that you needed help," said Lemon Man...

Chapter Three: The Enchanted

"I have brought my gang of super fruits!" exclaimed Lemon Man. "We are here to save Ginger the Cat."

Lemon Man fought dragons with his powers. He shot out sour lemon juice into their eyes. The dragons were very, very furious - they hissed and roared and jumped around.

This gave Ginger, Shaggy, Lemon Man and all the Super Pups time to get away. They took the Dublin Super Bus to Tesco in Parnell Street to get supplies to build a castle in the school yard of Gardiner Street Primary School.



The teachers had made robots so they didn't have to do any more work. The robots helped the Super Pups and everyone else to build the castle.

Meanwhile, the students in third class were in a Zoom class writing a story with a team from Fighting Words when they were interrupted by the dragons! The dragons decided to take the students to their own dimension, Dragontopia. The students were really scared.

The dragons told them that the children now had to do all their homework. The evil princess was the principal of the dragons' school. She was known as Ms. Mean. She told the students that they had to take all of the dragons' tests.

Back at Gardiner Street Primary School, the Super Pups realised that the students were all gone. The Super Pups had been distracted while building their castle and they knew

that now they had to rescue the students. The Super Pups discovered that the only way to get Dragontopia was to run through another portal, which was in the school wall.

The Super Pups made a plan to save the students when they got to Dragontopia.

The dragons were having a nap. When the students saw the Super Pups, they all said “SHHH!” so they didn’t wake the dragons.

Vibe put the dragons under a spell. The spell turned the dragons back into students - it turned out that they were actually students from St. Columba’s National School that Ms. Mean had turned into dragons.

“We have to go quickly,” said Vibe. “The spell only lasts for three hours!”

Ginger said that she would be in charge of the timer and the other Super Pups would bring all the students from all the schools back to Dublin and take them to Penneys...

Chapter Four: Portal Jumpers

As all this was going on, one of the dragon students was eating a packet of Doritos while leaning back in his chair. He coughed and fell backwards - and accidentally discovered the portal back to Dublin!

The Super Pups saw the dragon student fall through the portal and then they knew how to get home. They gathered all the students together and jumped through the portal.



First, they landed in the Stone Age. Shaggy the Dog said, “This isn’t right. We need to jump back in.”

A dinosaur started chasing them, so they jumped back into the portal and landed in 1916, outside the GPO. They heard a lot of gunfire and saw smoke, so Ginger screamed loudly.

“Get back in the portal!”

On the third jump, they thought they were back in 2021 but there were no people. Ginger checked the date on the clock and saw that they were actually in 3021. They saw something swirling in the sky.

Lemon Man said, “That can’t be good.” They were running down the street when Laser Beam said, “All this portal jumping is making me hungry!”

Shaggy said, “We should go to the Blessington Street Basin. There’s a lot of food there.”

When they got to the park at Blessington Street Basin, they ran into the Loch Ness Monster, who told them to jump in the pond so he could show them where the lever was to activate the portal back to their own time.

The Super Pups and the dragons followed the Loch Ness monster into the pond and finally got back to their own time in O’Connell Street. They saw the princess - she had been chasing them the whole time!

They ran into Penneys to escape from the princess. They hid under the clothes and pretended to be mannequins.

Ginger saw that time was running out - the students were going to turn back into dragons. She had to break the princess’ spell!

Vibe the Reindeer spotted a pair of floating fluffy slippers near the pyjamas. “You guys should try these on!”

One of the students tried on the slippers.

The princess cried, “No! Not those slippers!” She tried to take them away, but it was too late.

The spell was broken.

Everyone wanted a pair of slippers. Luckily, Lemon Man saw that there was a sale on – ten for the price one! Everyone put on their slippers – they were really comfortable.

The princess chased everyone out of Penneys and up O’Connell Street. When they were outside Gaelscoil Choláiste Mhuire, the princess stopped, out of breath.

“Please, Ginger,” the evil princess begged. “I need those slippers to keep my powers.”

“We will give you the slippers,” Ginger told her, “if you leave us alone.”

The princess agreed. She put on the slippers and started floating away. When she reached the Garden of Remembrance, she froze in the shape of an air demon. That’s when the Super Pups and all the students realised that the princess was actually Aoife from the Children of Lír!

Everyone cheered. The students from fourth class in Gaelscoil Choláiste Mhuire had watched all this from the balcony of their school in amazement.

“We are still hungry!” said Shaggy.

The students from fourth class suggested that they all go to the Kingfisher for fish and chips.

Ginger then became one of the best detectives in Dublin. Every time she and the Super Pups solved a case, they went to the Kingfisher to celebrate.

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