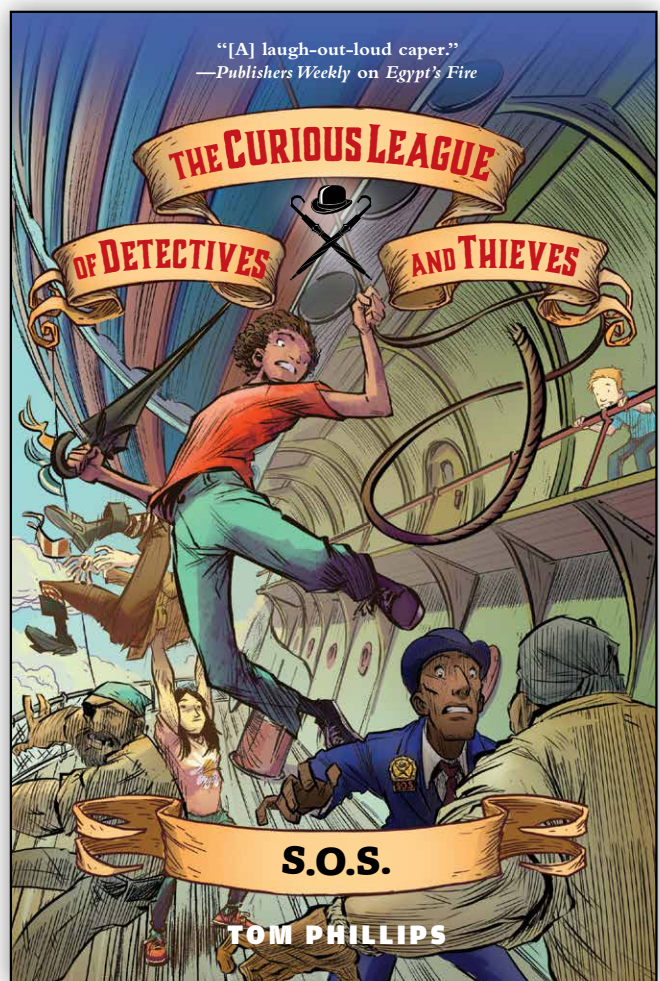


# THE CURIOUS LEAGUE OF DETECTIVES AND THIEVES ACTIVITY KIT



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## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- A Picture Is Worth a Thousands Words
- Museum Labyrinth
- The Meaning Behind Definitions
- Searching for Clues
- A Colorful Cast
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- Detective Word Search
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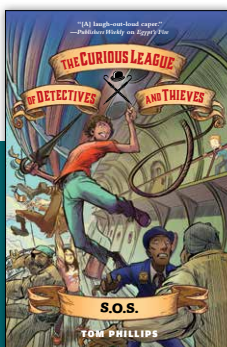
## ABOUT THE SERIES

With hilarious, nonstop adventure and a detective duo like no other, The Curious League of Detectives and Thieves is a middle grade series readers won't be able to put down. Join twelve-year-old John Boarhog and Inspector Toadius McGee as they solve crimes, track down culprits, and go on wild adventures as members of the Society of Sleuths!

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Despite a lifelong struggle with dyslexia, Tom Phillips grew up with a passion for storytelling. He writes books that kids can enjoy on their own but also read aloud and share. He's had a long career as an editor and artist for clients such as LeVar Burton Kids, HBO, Disney, and ABC, and is currently writing a screenplay for a major studio. An armchair Sherlockian, Tom lives in Los Angeles with his lovely wife and his dog, Dr. Watson.



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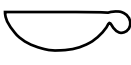







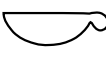





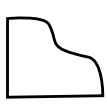

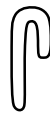




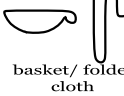

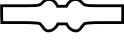


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# A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

Hieroglyphics, created by the ancient Egyptians, are one of the first written languages. Using the Egyptian alphabet, can you decipher these codes?



A  vulture	B  foot	C  basket	D  hand	E  reed	F  viper	G  pot stand	H  house/ shelter
I  reed	J  cobra	K  basket	L  lion	M  owl	N  water	O  lasso	P  stool
Q  hillside	R  mouth	S  folded cloth	T  loaf	U  quail chick	V  viper	W  quail chick	X  basket/ folded cloth
Y  reed	Z  door bolt	CH  tethered rope/ bolt	H  twisted flax				

**Code 1:**          

**Code 2:**        

**Code 3:**         

Make your own code! Use the space below to write your own code using the Egyptian alphabet symbols.

Answers: Code 1: Stay Curious; Code 2: Detective; Code 3: Mauve Moth



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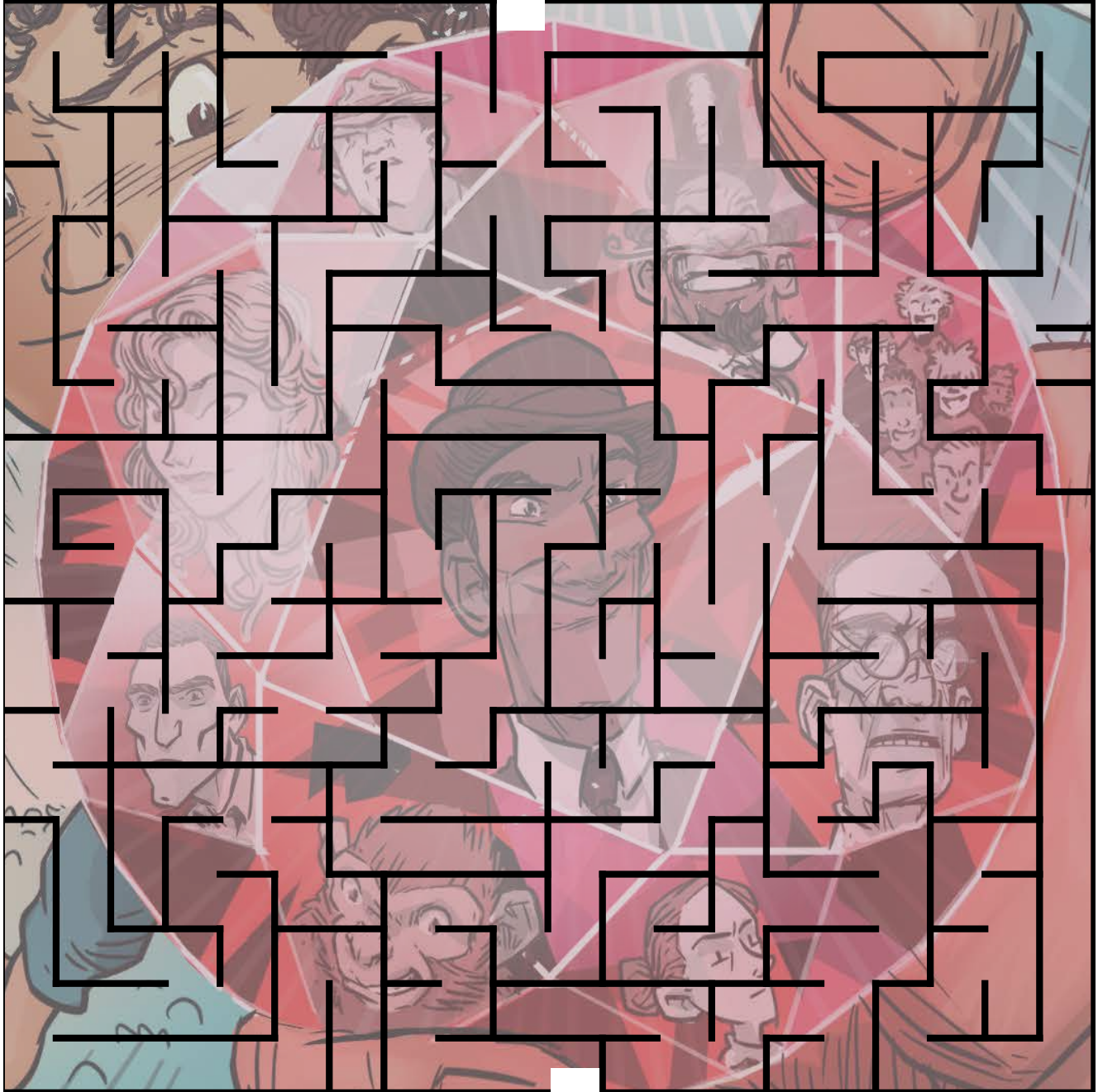
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# MUSEUM LABYRINTH

Help John find the Egypt's Fire ruby! Navigate through the museum's hallways to find the ruby and bring it to the Egypt exhibit.



**START!**



**END!**



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# THE MEANING BEHIND DEFINITIONS

For expert detectives, anything can be a clue. To figure out the clue, find the correct word for each definition. Then use the letters in the circle to find the hidden meaning.



## DEFINITION

1. A child whose parents have died.
2. A structure with a square or triangular base and sloping sides that meet at a point at the top; built in ancient Egypt.
3. A stone coffin, often associated with ancient Egypt.
4. Not easily convinced; having doubts or reservations.
5. A person who has committed a crime.
6. A building in which objects of historical, scientific, artistic, or cultural interest are stored and exhibited.
7. A store that seems normal to the public, but has a hidden business taking place behind the scenes, usually involved in illegal activities.

## WORD

1.										
2.										
3.										
4.										
5.										
6.										
7.										

## CLUE

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1. Orphan, 2. Pyramid, 3. Sarcophagus, 4. Skeptical, 5. Criminal, 6. Museum, 7. Speakeasy, Clue: Pickles

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# SEARCHING FOR CLUES

When you're a detective, you should always keep your eyes open. Head to your nearby natural history museum and see if you can spot these things. Who knows—it might even lead you to some clues!



- ☐ A ruby
- ☐ A janitor
- ☐ An exhibit about a faraway place
- ☐ Limestone
- ☐ An extinct animal
- ☐ A moth or butterfly
- ☐ Something purple
- ☐ A book in the gift shop



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# A COLORFUL CAST

Color in your favorite characters from the story!



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# CLUE CHARACTER SKETCH

Master detectives always pay attention to details and descriptions. After reading *S.O.S.*, pick a character listed below, and based on their description in the book, sketch their physical appearance.

- Mr. Fishfighter
- Captain Cloudhopper
- Mora Doaponi
- Abra K. Dabra



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# DETECTIVE WORD SEARCH



Can you find these character names in the word search below?

Word Bank:

Boarhog

Toadius

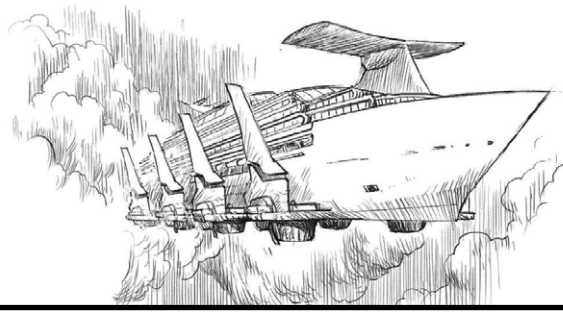
Boxelder

Sullivan

Gatsby

Goatinee

Pickles



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V	B	H	H	Q	F	K	E	Q	D	U	T
X	B	Y	Z	B	Q	G	R	M	D	G	N
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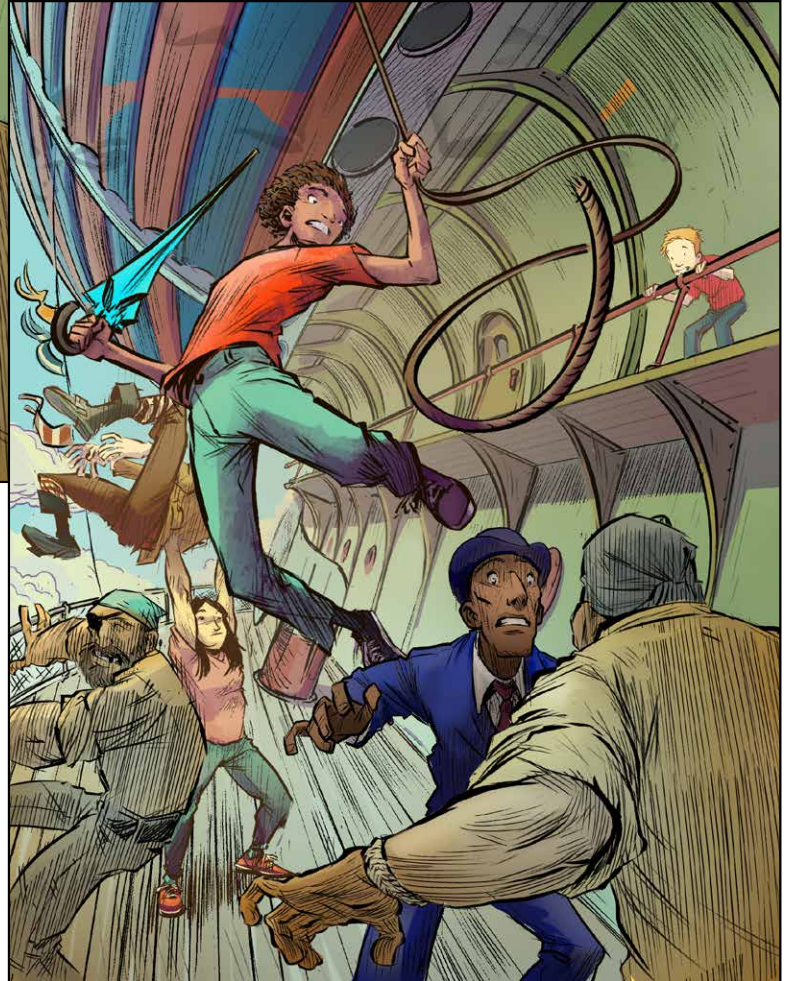
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# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Look carefully! See if you can find the five differences between these two images. (Five differences total)



Answers: 1. white flower on Kana's shirt, 2. pin on Toadious's lapel, 3. ship window, 4. Wembley's shirt, 5. blue umbrella



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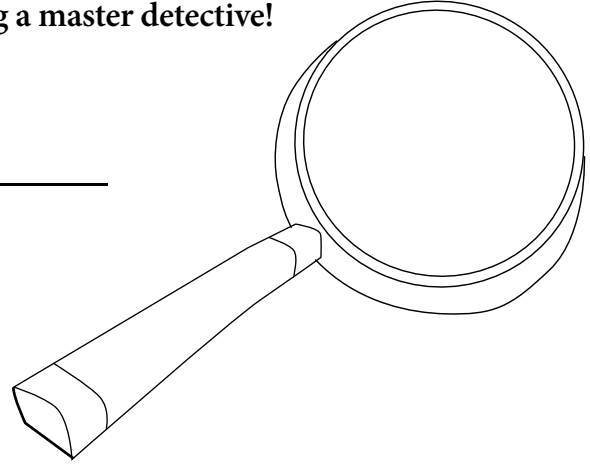
# SUSPECT PROFILE



Help John Boarhog and Toadius McGee narrow down their suspects by filling out this profile. As you read each book and find more possible suspects, make copies of this profile sheet to fill out so you can track potential thieves.

If you help solve each case, you'll be one step closer to being a master detective!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Characteristics:

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Picture:

Motive: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information:



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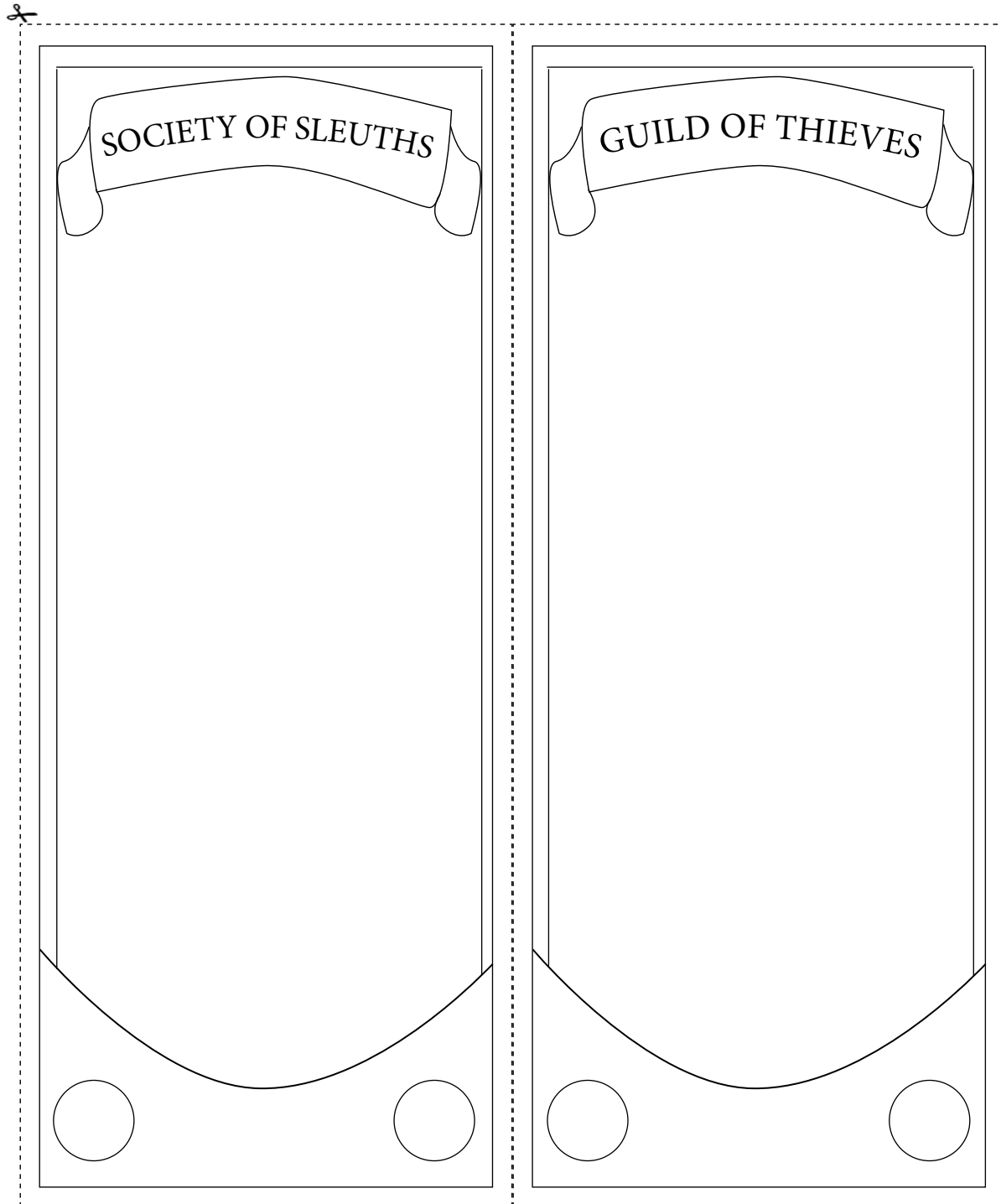
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# THE POWER OF A GOOD BOOK(MARK)

Which side are you on—the Society of Sleuths or the Guild of Thieves?  
Draw your favorite character, then color and cut out your own bookmark!



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# WHAT'S IN A NAME?

**Rule Number Nineteen:** Your name is only as good as your word. Figure out your detective and thief names by following the instructions below.



## DETECTIVE NAME

First Name:

Take the first letter of your first name

A: Armadillion	N: Nutria
B: Bucky	O: Ocelot
C: Crawdad	P: Pigmalion
D: Dove	Q: Quailius
E: Egret	R: Raven
F: Fawn	S: Swander
G: Grizzly	T: Toadius
H: Herringer	U: Unaulia
I: Impala	V: Vultura
J: Jackdaw	W: Warthog
K: Kittie	X: Xolo
L: Lionus	Y: Yakky
M: Mousius	Z: Zebranda

Last Name:

Take your birth month

Jan: Papple
Feb: Finnick
Mar: Lollygag
Apr: Gibbon
May: Clutterbuck
Jun: Meldrop
Jul: Dollop
Aug: Tickle
Sep: Borden
Oct: Gerber
Nov: Squabble
Dec: Tilly

## VILLAIN NAME

First Name:

Take the color of the shirt you're wearing

Red: Garnet	White: Frosty
Orange: Amber	Black: Onyx
Yellow: Mustard	Gray: Charcoal
Green: Emerald	Brown: Sepia
Blue: Cobalt	Multicolor: Patina
Purple: Periwinkle	

Last Name:

Take the last letter of your last name

A: Aphid	J: Junebug	S: Slug
B: Beetle	K: Katydid	T: Treehopper
C: Cicada	L: Louse	U: Underwing
D: Dragonfly	M: Moth	V: Vine Borer
E: Earwig	N: Nit	W: Wasp
F: Flea	O: Owlfly	X: Xylophagus
G: Glowworm	P: Palmetto	Y: Weevil
H: Horsefly	Q: Queen Bee	Z: Zoraptera
I: Icebug	R: Roach	



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