



SURPRISING STORIES, COMICS AND POEMS

**FROM THE SUPERHEROES
OF THE 5TH GRADE**

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Introduction and Acknowledgements

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Akiba M.

The Story of Me By AJ	My name is... Akiba Here I am at home.
	
I like to... sleep	One of my favorite memories is when... I play GTA
	

Amelia S.

My name is Amelia.

My name is not Sissy.

People call me Mew-mew.

My name sounds like King Von.

My name remembers Niya and Rere.

My name is heard in the stars.

Amillyah B.

My name is Lyah or Amillyah
 My name is not Leyeh.
 People call me Lyah.
 My name sounds like Lylah, like
 Leyah and like fresh air.
 My name remembers my best
 friend and my mom.
 My name is heard at Urban Air,
 Cedar Point and Put-In-Bay.
 My name brings calm, ease and
 simplicity.
 My name means like because my
 real name is Amillyah but if you
 take out the Amil it's Lyah!



An Earthquake at the Movies

I was at the movies and a tree fell through the roof and it landed on somebody. Then everybody started to run. The ground started to shake when they tried to open the door. I tried to call the police but they didn't come in time. Then water started leaking and it was a leak. The police came and pushed the door down. Then all the water went to the door. Then the police said, "IS EVERYBODY OKAY?"

So we had to take care of ourselves. I learned about earthquakes in 4th grade and this is how to stay safe. 1. First we have to help each other. So I yelled, "Is anyone a doctor!" and two people replied, "Yes," so I told them to give one of them mouth to mouth and the other doctor can press down on her heart, a little hard but gentle at the same time. I shouted to the people, "If the ground starts shaking, get down away from walls and other things and get down and hide under seats and be quiet." So I'll say it'd been a good 7 mins that we'd been quiet. The police knocked on the door and asked, "Is everybody okay?"

Amillyen B.

My name is Amillyen.

My name is not Jayden.

People call me Mill-mill.

My name sounds like millionaire.

My name remembers my friends and my mom.

My name is heard in Put-In-Bay and Kalahari.

My name makes people feel nice about me.

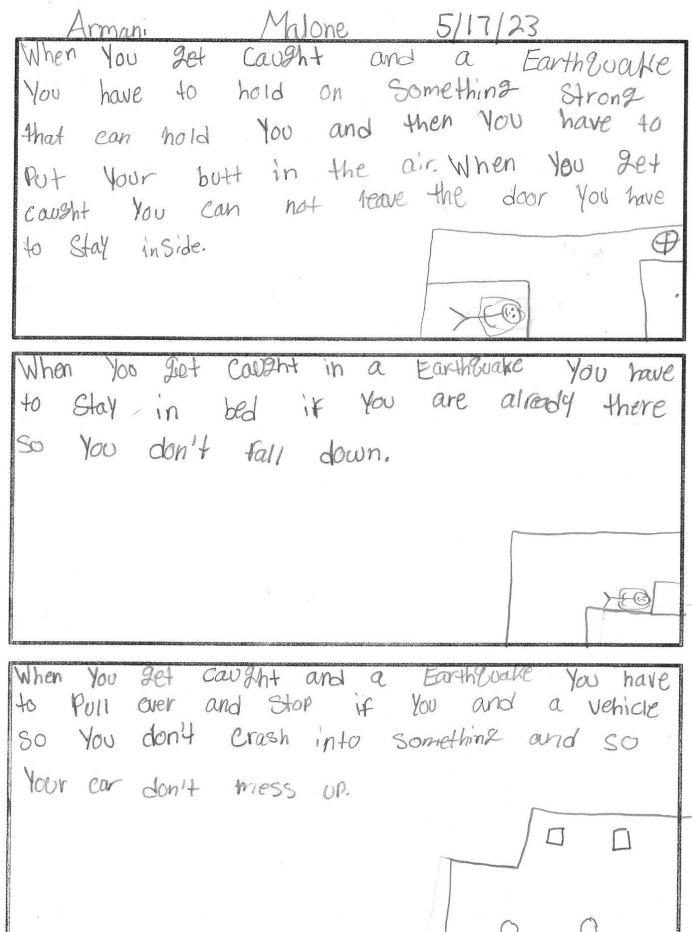
My name means nice, cool, rich and evil.

The Volcano

Once there was a point in time, I saw a volcano and it was hot, and a lot of smoke, and it was scary.

I had to close all the doors and windows.

How to Survive an Earthquake by Armani



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Armani M.

My name is Armani.

My name is not Amari.

People call me Mani, Mama, Amari and Armani.

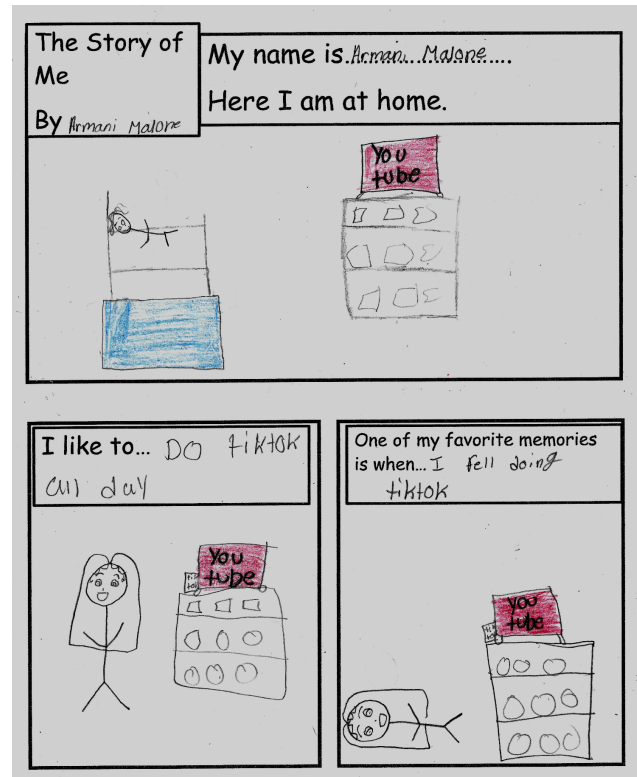
My name sounds like Armoni with and O.

My name remembers my mom, step dad, sister, brother, classmates and teachers.

My name is heard at school, home and other places.

My name brings joy, kindness and smiles.

My name means joy, kindness and happiness.



Hurricane Warning—Leave Now!

I woke up and seen on the news that it's gonna be a hurricane so what I do is get myself prepared to go somewhere that's not gonna have a hurricane. I also get other people prepared for the hurricane because I don't want nobody to get stuck in the hurricane and I'm the only one who don't get stuck in the hurricane. So what i do is pack up my stuff then go to my mom and tell her there's going to be a hurricane, and then I go outside and yell, "There's going to be a hurricane coming! Everyone leave now, before it comes and you get stuck!" Then I go back inside and tell my mom that we need to leave now and then we go in the house and go somewhere safe.

Braylon S.

My name is Bray.

My name is not Jay.

People call me Bray Bray and Braylon.

My name sounds like Gray Gray and Graylon.

I like the sound of people who call me Big Bray.

My name remembers my dad and grandma, and my mom and my friends.

My name is heard in Texas, Cleveland and Chicago, Jacksonville, Memphis, Florida, Miami and Louisiana.

My name makes people feel good and funny, happy, chill and sometimes mad.

My name means Big Bray Bray.

Prepared for an Earthquake

This is how I survive an earthquake. It had waked me up. Then I had went to go see what is going on. So I had seen people ask for help. But me, I had my own gear for protection. My gear included a grapple hook, water, a first aid kit, baked beans and greens, chicken and bread. I had a stove, a toothbrush, vaseline and medicine. I also had an underground bunker. So I had went down there.

So I had come back up. Then I had left my house and I seen lots of people dying and getting sucked into the earthquake. Then I had went to my building and seen my people with no gear so I took them back to my house. So I was in an earthquake, I know what to do.

Daa'Nylah Y.

My name is Daa'Nylah.

My name is not D'lyla.

People call me Niyle and Nylah.

My name sounds like kitties, waterfalls and art.

My name remembers my grandma who told me how to cook.

My name is heard in Cleveland and Youngstown.

My name makes people feel kind and lovely.

My name means love yourself.

Surviving the Tsunami

My friend Katie said there is a tsunami warning and we should get some food and water. My sister Marea came running downstairs and ran in the attic with mattresses. We went to the attic. I went back down. An inch of the floor was covered. I ran out to get our phones and chargers. I ran back down because I looked out the window and saw another wave.

Katie blew up the mattresses and we went to sleep for a few hours.

We woke with a crash. We went downstairs. The water was up to my knees. We ran to the second floor to grab clothes and ran to the attic. There was a bathroom in the attic. It had a toilet and a shower. We showered and got dressed. The next day we used a gas stove. When it was over we went downstairs and cleaned up the house. This is my story of how I survived a tsunami.



Dai'Mire M. –Two Comics



Day'Yan T.

My name is Day'yan.

My name is not Dayoan.

People call me Day.

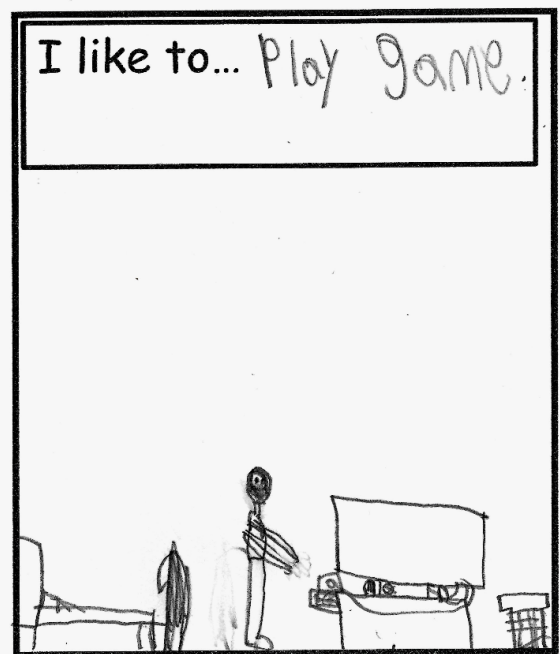
My name sounds like playing catch back.

My name remembers my mom and my dad.

My name is heard is heard at school, and home and in ohio.

My name brings joy, helpfulness, and fun.

My name means Almighty ruler, helper of people.



Delir J.

My name is Delir.

My name is not Desir.

People call me DJ and Dexter.

My name sounds like love, happy and nice.

A Tsunami Interrupts Our Shopping Trip

Me and my family was going to the city and getting food. We hunt because we need other things like cereal, fruit, veggies, chips, pop, milk, juice and 23 pieces of candy. Then we go get clothes for school. Summer is about to turn back to school days. We need button up shirts, khaki pants and socks, hats, and more. On our way home we got gas, and we left and it started.

The water pushed the car back. It was only a little water and we got out the car and ran. We got wet. We ran to a bridge.

There was a group of people. We seen a piece of the ground floating. We had an air mattress. We filled it up with an air pump. We had trash cans, shovels and fishing poles. The trash cans were for the water.

We got to a boat. It was a lot. We had a fire fighter, doctor, a teacher and a WWE wrestler. We made a plan. The doctor and the teacher stayed. Then we, as in me, Rick the firefighter and Jay the wrestler, and John Sean the Cop, we went fishing.

We took the poles and shovels. We used the shovels to get the fire. Then we go back and me and my friend made a fire and roast the fish. Me and the cop stay up. The next day it was over. Now we live in the city and we all go out to eat and this is how I survived a tsunami.

Eric P.

My name is Eric.

People call me EJ, Eric and LiL Eric.

My name sounds like Jokes,
Fortnite battles

My name remembers JJ and my
dad, and my cuz.

My name is not heard but it is
heard by people who I do not
know.

My name makes people think,
"Yes."

My name brings my mom and my
dad and my cuz.



Hungry in the Hurricane

I was in my home and saw my neighbor.

I said, "You see the big hurricane and you see that you will be okay and you have to have food and be ok and just be ok."

First one big hurricane and then another hurricane came. I said, "You will get hurt. I need to get lots of clean water to survive. Oh wait I can get pillows and go to the attic to save my sister. Look at the hurricane. I'm getting hungry. I'm going to go make me something to eat. What should I eat? Oh wait I can make me some corndogs. I will be ok. Wait, I see somebody!"

"Hey come."

"Hi, I really need something to eat."

"Here eat this. Get in my boat. I will take you to safety."



Essence M.

My name is Essence.

My name is not Ms. Moore.

People call me Cutes, EE and Short legs.

My name sounds like clown, man and lion.

My name remembers the year 2020 when I was at my grandmom and my granddad.



Finn B.

My name is Finn.

My name is not Ben or Ken or Ren or Bum and hobo.

People call me Finn, Finney and Bum.

My name sounds like music, art, rain, sadness and fall.

My name remembers my sister and older sibling—they was there when nobody else was.

My name is heard at home, in school and in mouths.

My name brings sadness, rain, annoyance and fall.

My name means rain, music, art and fall.



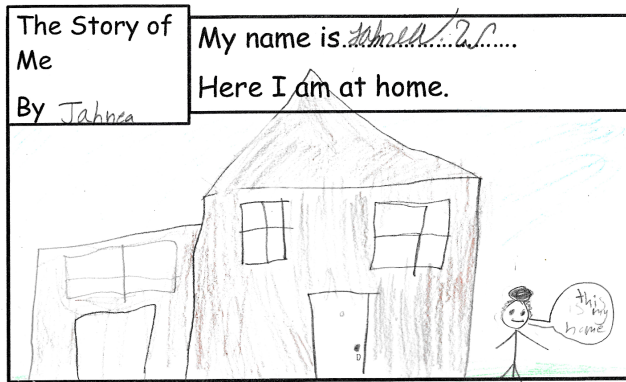
Traumatized Over the Tsunami



I was in my backyard skateboarding and I heard a big splash of water and stuff flying in the air. I picked up my skateboard and went back to my house. Then I realized my mom and all my brothers were gone because they went to their dentist, but I had a feeling they were okay, and so I looked on the news to see what was going on. I seen it was a

tsunami. So I prepared. I got bottles of water, canned food, and I went to the attic with my pillow, blanket, water, and canned food. When it was over my mom, sister, and brother came home and they wasn't really okay. They were traumatized over the tsunami. They had to go the roof, but they are still traumatized.

Jahnea W.



Jaliyah G.

My name is Jaliyah.

My name is not Jayla.

People call me Big J, J.J. and Jayla.

My name sounds like water, smartness and funness.

My name remembers my mom who brings me joy, my granny who gives me kindness and my friends who are fun.

My name is heard at school or home and in public.

My name brings happiness and fun.




My name means joy, kindness and be yourself.

Earthquake Survival

Jaliyah G.

I was at school. It was a normal day. Suddenly it was a small shaking. Then suddenly it stopped. Then it started again. The desks was falling. Everybody started screaming and running. Then I ran outside and then I ran from all the buildings and wires. Then it stopped. Everybody went home and around 6:00 I was in my mom's room. We was watching a movie. Suddenly the tv fell. Then I knew it was back, but I was prepared. I got food, cover, pillow and lots of water.

Then I remembered I learned about earthquakes at school so I got my mom outside of the house because we can get hit with something. And I took my book bag of the water, food and pillows. Like 5 min after, it stopped. Then we went back in the house. I told my mom I was happy we lived. I was glad we was ok.

The Story of Me By Jaliyah		My name is <u>Jaliyah Ghar</u> Here I am at home.	
			
I like to...		One of my favorite memories is when...	
			

Jamar J.

My name is Jamar.

My name is not Ja'mair.

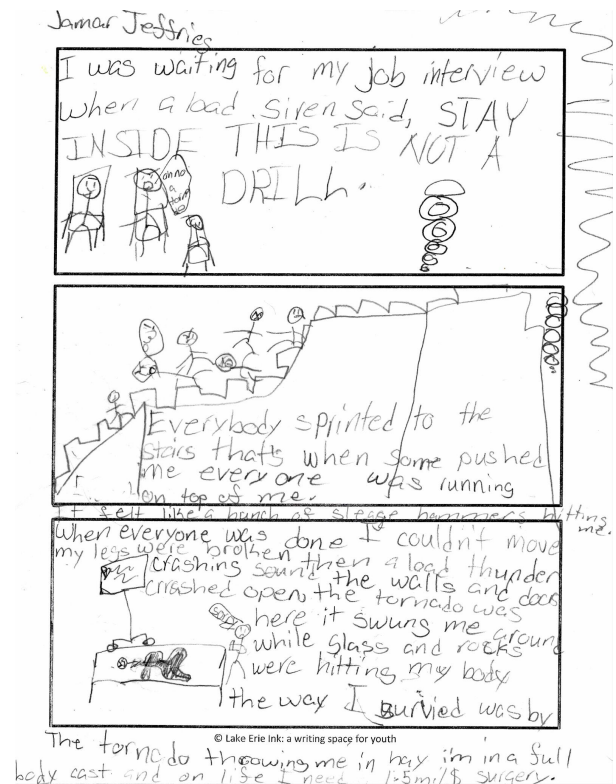
My name sounds like Mimir, dogs, clarinets.

My name remembers my cousin Jordan, who makes me laugh, and my uncle Jamal, who got me into sports.

My name is heard outside while I play football in Florida on our family vacation, and inside while I play my game.

My name brings happiness, anger and compassion.

My name means smart and helpful.



Climbing to Safety

I was sunbathing in the beautiful beach in San Francisco with my wife and kid. Suddenly I heard screaming. It frightened me a little. I looked up and saw hundreds of people running. I turned around and a loudspeaker was yelling, "Tsunami warning, get to safety!"

"Oh my goodness, we're going to die!" screamed my wife. I grabbed my wife and son and went into the tallest building I could find. We tried to go to the elevator but it was too full, so we took the stairs. Ten flights up we found a stranger. He had food, and we had nothing. We were starving, so we were going to rob him, but someone came from behind and shot me in the arm. He dropped the gun, stole the guy's food, and started eating. I thought I was dead, BUT the guy that got scared by the gun and ran, and he dropped the first aid kit! We continued our journey. We had no food. Our only choice was to eat rats and bugs. We set up a trap and caught hundreds of bugs. We washed them with water and ate them.

Finally we reached the top and watched the giant wave hit the lower part of the building.

Jayla G.

My name is Jayla.

My name is not Jalayah.

People call me Jayla, Baila, Pigs and Piglet.

My name sounds like the shore and bay,

the waves at the beach

and the rain pouring like a waterfall.

My name remembers my bestie D'nasia who was with me since first grade all the way to fifth grade.

My name is heard as sunflower, beach and blue jay, also sunset.

My name brings joy, kindness and peace.

My name makes people feel free and cared about.

My name means one who is special, joy and charity.



A Long Struggle by Jayla G.

"Hi, my name is Kayah, and this is how I survived an earthquake."

I was in my room listening to music when the ground suddenly started to shake. My bed started to shake. I was confused.

I was concerned. So I went downstairs to ask Mom what was shaking the ground. Mom started to cry and said, "It's over."

I opened the door to hear people screaming and running.

I quickly grabbed mom and my two big siblings came along. I grabbed a kit and a small axe and ran.

We ran far and tried to avoid teh falling in buildings. We ran into the woods.

A Long Struggle, Continued

As you know, California is most likely to have earthquakes so the weather is weird. We ran far, until the point where we saw trees and deer, rabbits and bears and birds.

I could not believe this was happening. We did not have any food, shelter or protection. We had no choice but to make a shelter and food.

So I thought of a plan to survive.

Mom was terrified. Janie was already ready to give up, and Ron was hugging me. I climbed up a tree and looked around, but all I saw was trees, no villages, no sheds, just trees.

I quickly climbed down and said, "Everybody stop panicking. We're going to survive. Let's make a plan together."

So Mom, Janie and Ron huddled up and made a plan with me. Janie suggested that we should make a tree house and Ron agreed. Mom said, "No, we need to build something that is fully for sure stable and not high." I agreed with Mom. Mom assigned Ron to chop the trees and Janie to gather the logs. While I tried to build it, Mom went out to go get some food.

Mom started to walk, leaving red leaves as a trail to lead her way back. After a few minutes, me and my siblings got worried. What if she got attacked, I was thinking?

After hours of waiting, she never came back. It was night, and we were hungry. I built a small shed, and thank god I knew how. We were devastated. Nowhere to go...

We slept on a hard wooden floor that night, hungry, and still had hope that she would come back.

The next morning we decided to hunt for the first time. We had no idea how. We made a blade out of wood with the axe. We saw a deer. I told Janie to go and try to make a fire. She successfully did. And it was up to me and Ron to hunt the deer.

We quickly threw the blade and closed our eyes. It missed...As hungry and disappointed as we were, we tried again, and next time we got it. We quickly ran up to it and sadly had to take its liver and heart out and cook the other part.

We enjoyed it so much we demolished it. I was still worried about mom. She would never leave us like that. We prepared for bed. We cooked fish and that was our last meal for the day.

Months passed. Still no sign of mother. We prayed she was okay.

A Long Struggle, continued

The next day something terrible happened. Ron got hit by a black bear. It approached him fiercely and whipped him. He was in pain for days. We had bandages, but he was okay. He just needed rest. That day he grew tougher and older.

Unfortunately we had our own life. Now I was 17 when we finally found mom. It looked like monkeys attacked her.

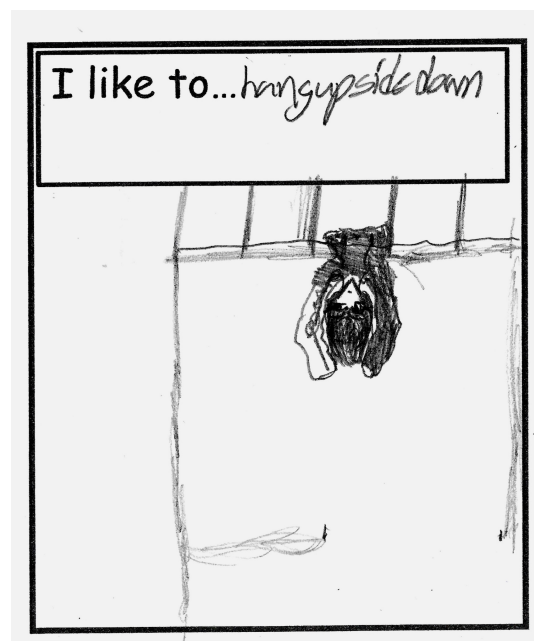
Then a helicopter came and saw us. We were relieved. We moved to Florida and were finally home!

The End.

Julianna L.



My Superhero Self, also known as Death, lives in a mansion in the sky. Her powers are wings of death.



Jordyn M.

My name is Jordyn.

My name is not Jordan.

People call me JaJa and JorJor.

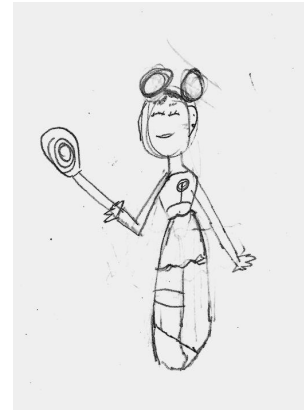
My name sounds like soft music, fun water, funny rap and a calm beach.

My name remembers Za'nayia and Sa'myiah.

My name is heard at school, at home and in public.

My name brings Jesus, happiness, love and softness.

My name means nice, happiness, chill, mean, Jesus, joy and be yourself.



That Fateful Day

I was asleep when I woke up to the ground shaking. My brothers was playing in the other room until they came in running. We looked out the window and the ground was cracked. Then I heard my phone go off. It was an alert of an earthquake.

We woke up our parents. Then we packed food and water and other stuff. then we went to go seek shelter. When we got in the car and started driving, a second earthquake came. It shook the ground. It even split the world apart. It lasted so long my siblings was crying.

Then we drove to shelter base. By the time we made it, our city/state was destroyed. I am happy we survived when millions died on that fateful day.

Ka'Mylah W.

My name is Ka'Mylah.

My name is not Kamilah.

People call me K.K., MyMy and Mylah.

My name sounds like soft dancing by the river and a painting.

My name remembers Kamala Harris. My last name is Williams and so is Michelle's from Destiny's Child.

My name is heard onstage when dancing at school, at home and on paper.

My name brings joy, fun and a good listener when talking.

My name means helper to the Priest.

The Day the House Collapsed

I was lying in bed with my favorite book in my hand when the ground started to shake. I was panicking. I ran downstairs screaming and shouting! I saw my three year old sister and my sixteen year old brother. They were peeking out the window. I was still quite confused. What was going on? Then my mom said it was an earthquake.

People were running out of their houses, taking cover! My mom grabbed a flashlight. My two siblings grabbed their items and put it in their bags. I ran back up stairs. I have to hurry! I grabbed my items and put them in the luggage.

"Does everyone have their stuff?" said Dad.

We nodded our heads as the house started to shake. We ran out the door. The house collapsed. Tears ran down my face of all the memories we've had. Would you cry?

We found a tent in the woods. We unpacked our things. "This should be good for now," Mom said. I took out the mini fridge and put all the food inside. I put it to the side and grabbed my cover and pillow. The ground stopped shaking when it started to calm down.

A few years later, we got a new house.

Self as Superhero Comic Characters

Daa'Nylah Y.



I am Daa'Nylah, also known as Lev. My hideout is in a cave. My sidekick's name is Ria. My powers are levitation. I use my powers to save people. My weakness is strong smells. My enemy is Luca. I'm an alien born with powers.

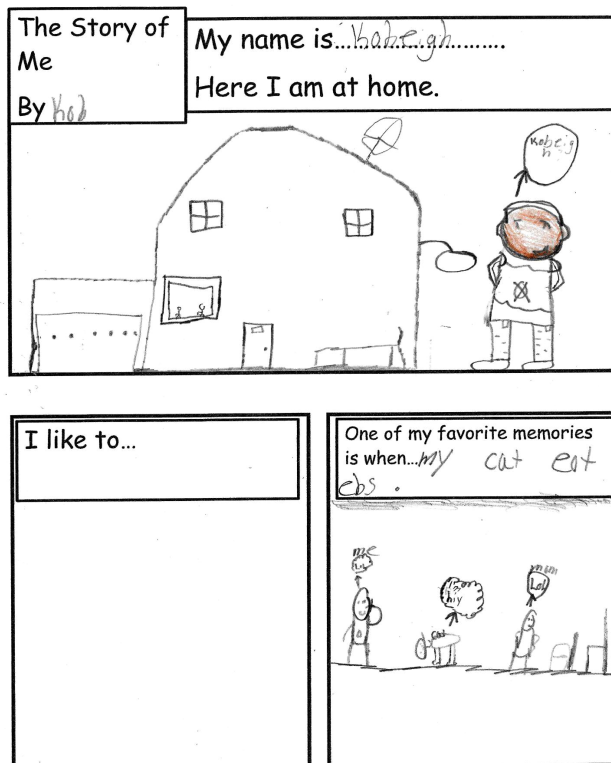
Kobeigh A.

I am Kobeigh also known as Trystian. My hideout is the moon. My sidekick's name is Solo. I can go back in time. I use my powers to do anything. My enemy is my cat.



Kobeigh A.

My name is Kobeigh.
 My name is not Kobeigh the clone.
 My name sounds like sword in the stone, screaming and car racing.
 My name remembers my mom and dad and me.
 My name is heard and school, in texas and in the house.



Marco G.

My name is Marco.
 My name is not Marcis.
 People call me Marc and Markey.
 My name sounds like a pencil drawing, like running and like jumping.
 My name remembers my mom and my nana.
 My name is heard at school by teachers, at home by my mom, and is heard at any place.
 My name brings laughter.
 My name means the God of war, or warlike.

Kyree W.

My name is Kyree.

My name is not Kay Kay.

People call me KEY KEY.

My name sounds like Key key.

My name is made by hellcats and richness and badness.

My name remembers my friends and my cousins who play video games with me.

My name is heard in Florida, New York and Chicago.

My name makes my mom feel happy and funny.

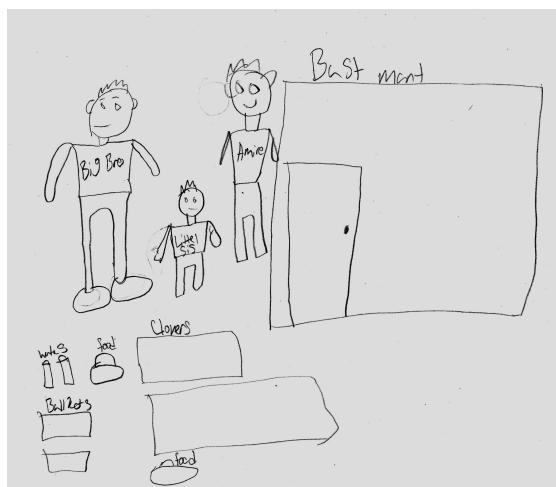
My name means happiness and funness.

How the Siblings Survive a Tornado

One night, Amire was in his room. Then his sister Angel came in his room and she said, "What is that on the tv?"

He said, "It's a tornado warning."

Amire said, "We need to get ready."



Angel said, "Let's get lots of food, and we have lots of water bottles in the fridge."

Amire said, "Let's go in the basement."

"We have so much food and we need pillows and covers. Ok," said Angel.

"I finna go get my phone," said Amire.

"No, it's not safe," said Angel.

"Why, how is we supposed to talk to Mom?" said Amire.

"Well, I don't know, I thought you already

had your phone," said Angel.

"Wait we have walkies and talkies in the back," said Amire.

"Ok, let's go get them," said Angel.

"Ok, said Amire, "Ok so now we got the walk and talkies. We can talk to mom."

"Oh boy," said Amire.

"What?"

"The tornado is coming," said Amire. "Let's get in the basement."

So they stayed in the basement until the tornado alarm stopped going off.

Amire said, "Angel."

"What?"

We survived the tornado," said Amire.

Superhero Selves



Jayla G.

I am Jayla also known as R. Serena. My hideout is the moon and different dimension. My sidekick's name is Cap Wrena. My powers are telekinesis, flying, moonbeams. I use my powers to defeat villains. My weakness is fire. My enemy is manipulator. I got my powers from the moon and thunder.

Essence M.

I am Essence also known as Aquamarine. My hideout is a submarine. My sidekick's name is Heartbreaker.



Marco G.



I am Marco also known as Marco. My lair is the sky. My sidekick is Fat Cat. My powers are electric. I use my powers to do good. My weakness is cement. My enemy is Mr. X and Cement Man.

Nazir S.

How I Survived a Tornado Even Though I Did the Wrong Thing

One day I was at home and I was taking out the trash. I went back in the house and the tv said a tornado was coming. First the sky was blue; then it was gray. I went back outside and there was kids screaming, cars flying around and glass breaking. Everyone was running. Ten minutes later everything stopped so it took a long time to clean up. My brother told me I should have went to the basement with him. Now we live happily ever after.

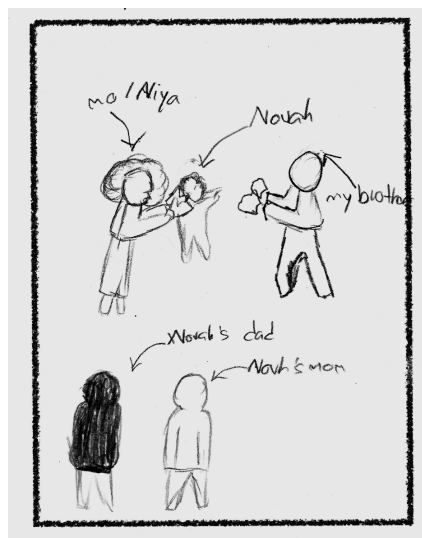
Niya J.

My name is Niya.

My name is not Nilya.

People call me NiNi and Niya.

My name sounds like fireflies and lightning bugs.



The Earthquake Tsunami Disaster

I was in school when this happened. Me and my brother James were trying to get out of the school to go home but we and my friend Juno had detention. So we saw our teacher and went to detention. I was on my phone and texting my mom that we had detention and that we were going to be at school for 2 hours because we got caught skipping class. 10 minutes into detention there was a loud noise on the phone for emergencies. Before my teacher could tell me to give her my phone, the floor started to shake. Me, my brother and Juno ran out the classroom and got our bookbags. Then the ceiling started to fall, and I was hearing people screaming.

We ran and ran till we got outside. We started to call our moms and dad but no one was picking up. As I started to call our parents, nothing was picking up—no internet. James and Juno started to panic about our moms and dad, so me, James and Juno ran to our houses only to see our house and Juno's in crumbles, as we all started to cry. We all just gave up and went to school, as we didn't have a home to go to.

Once we got to school, walking sadly, people, not just any people, our parents were there!!! Hugging us, happy, sad and scared. They all had this sudden glimpse of remorse and relief, but still we didn't have a home to go to. Mrs. and Mr. Chair, Michael's parents, was thinking about going somewhere where there's not so much earthquakes, but all their money was in the house. Their photos, paintings, gifts, beds, bathrooms—everything was in there.

Just when we thought it was over, everybody's phone started to ring, ring, ring. Everyone looked at the floor. Water—it was water.

"Shoes, my shoes," said Juno, "My shoes—they're soaked. Soaked! Oh man, I just got those too, but why is there water?"

"Run, run! It's going to get us!"

Everyone was getting in cars but us. We were wondering why they were running away, and that's when we saw it, the tsunami!

"It's coming for us," said Michael, "Run," starting to run.

We all got in our cars.

"Michael, come on, let's go," said Juno.

"Oh sorry, where's my keys?"

"Oh, I have them," said Mrs. Chair.

"Oh, mom, why do you have my keys?" said Michael.

"It fell on the floor so I picked them up."

"Ok cool, oh yeah let's go."

Now we were starting to dry off. We all followed Mr. Torn, Juno's dad. We went to their house. Juno and Mr. Torn was rich.

"I guess their house would be fine," said James.

They had a bunker and everything: food, water, bathroom. We stayed at Mr. Torn's and Juno's house till the Tsunami and earthquake was done, help arrived, and our house was built again.

Rod-Janae W.

My name is Rod-Janae.

My name is not Rod-Jaena.

People call me Nae, Nae-Nae and Naeski.

My name sounds like Genae, Dunai and Ranae.

My name remembers my mom and dad, and my family.

My name is heard in Myrtle Beach, Los Angeles and Florida.

My name brings happiness, sometimes dumbness and craziness.

My name means love, haters, smartness.

The Earthquake

I was at home with my daughter and it was daylight. Me and my daughter Falicha were reading her homework at the table. The table started to shake and windows started to break. We both had water and food at the table and Falicha's phone was by her on the charge. So we grabbed the food, water, and phones, a blanket off the couch, and ran to the basement, just in case of these situation. And a mattress. We was down there for 5 hours. We thought it was over. NOOOPE. It started again for 1 hour! Then it was over. We went back upstairs and went to sleep again. THE END.

Samiyah W.

My name is Sa'Myiah.

My name is not Za'Myiah or Sa'Niyah.

People call me Myiah, MyMy, Nana, Booki and Pookie.

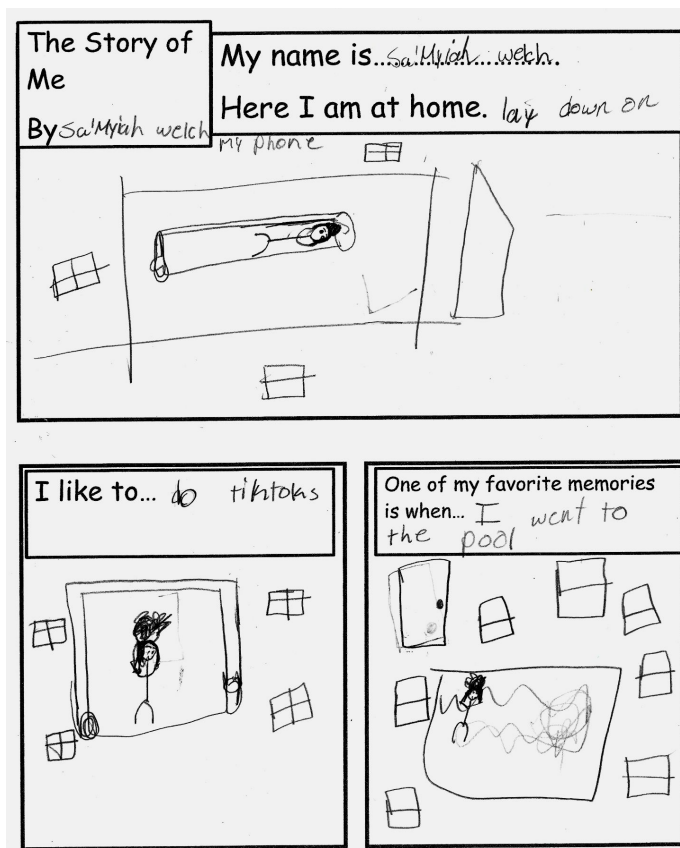
My name sounds like a roller coaster screaming, a waterfall falling and cars riding.

My name remembers Za'nayia, Armani, Jordyn and more.

My name is heard in North Carolina, Memphis, California, Cleveland, Ohio; Erie, Pennsylvania, and all over.

My name brings joy, happiness and funniness.

My name means Goddess of power, elevated and exalted.



Earthquake at Mall: Shoppers Saved by Mermaids

I was at the mall with Bobby, Ava, Isabella, Oliva, and Noah. And all of a sudden, there was an earthquake. All the people started screaming and going wild. The glass started breaking and stuff started falling. Then Bobby started running and getting all the people to safety. Then Ava came and started picking up all the glass with her mind. And then, as the earthquake was still happening, a tsunami happened. Then Oliva and Isabella turned into mermaids, and saved the people from underwater. And the earthquake ended. And then I calculated the time it would take to go underwater and unplug something, and then that made all the water go out. Then I woke up and found out it was all a dream. And then guess what? That was my 11th birthday. And it was a good party too.

Za'nayia W.

My name is Za'Nayia.

My name is not Za'Niya.

People call me Zaza, Nayia and Nay.

My name sounds like music and calm and soft.

My name remembers my mom because she is my happiness,

and my grandmoms because they bring me joy,

and my friends because they are fun.

My name is heard at school and home, public.

My name brings joy, funniness and love

My name means forever and always.

Prepared for the Tornado Quake

I was asleep and I saw things flying around. I felt winds increase. I heard winds sounding like a train. To survive an earthquake you need skills and self-control, responsibility, including accountability, diligence, self management, punctuality, and loyalty, bandaids, bandages, alchohol, blankets, skills and brains.

We had been sleeping but we woke up and got prepared. When it's an earthquake, if you're in a house you have to put a pillow over your head and get on the floor with your head to the wall. If you're at school then you just have to get down with your head to the wall. I was at home so I put a pillow on my head and got down and put my head to the wall and when I woke up every one was screaming, and they was scared. Like five minutes later it stopped and we lived—me, my mom and brother.

PARTNER DIALOGUES

Polo and Kitty Cat

By Anton and Marquell

Kitty Cat: Hello, my name is Kitty Cat. What is your name?

Polo: My name is Polo. Want to play fetch?

Kitty Cat: Sure.

Polo: Let's go to the zoom.

Kitty Cat: Ok.

(they walk to the zoo)

Polo: We're here. This is where I love to play fetch.

Kitty Cat: Why the Zoo?

Polo: Because I am a zookeeper and I love people, animals and money. I love money. I really really love money. It's so nice and it's amazing.

Kitty Cat: Well, money is not everything. There are things that are more important like... life... haha

Polo (gets nervous): Haha, so funny.

Kitty Cat: Ok, let's play.

(Throws ball.)

Polo: Catches ball.

Kitty Cat: Nice job. You're good at this game.

Polo: Thanks. I practice for years.

Kitty Cat: I see.

India and CJ

By Kobeigh and Jordyn

India: I would let aliens join the party.

Kiya: Ew! No!

India: Ok.

(India calls her alien friend CJ the alien, and CJ and his alien friends come to the party.)

Kiya: Ew! What are these ugly green people here?

(The aliens look sad.)

Kiya: Sorry.

(They become friends and enjoy the party.)

CJ: I have to go home.

(Before he left, they made him his favorite food and he went to his ship and went home.)

Gorp Gorp and Mopo

By Kobeigh and Jamar

(Gorp Gorp comes home.)

Gorp Gorp: I'm home! Mom! Dad! Mom? Dad?

(Gorp Gorp sees a note.)

Gorp Gorp (reading the note): If you want to see your parents gain, enslave all humans on earth and bring them to me!

(Gorp Gorp cries in pain. He takes the spaceship to earth.)

Gorp Gorp: This is a nice planet.

Gorp Gorp: I'm in the country. Alabama's beautiful!

(Bang!)

(Gorp Gorp got shot in the leg.)

Mopo: I got you, you slimy critter. What even are you?

(Gorp Gorp shapeshifts into a dog to run.)

Gorp Gorp: What's wrong with these humans?

Mopo: I had to trace that thing down.

Gorp Gorp: He's catching up! I have to escape now.

(Gorp Gorp shapeshifts into a bird and flies away.)

Ed and Leya

By Sa'Myiah, Essence and Ms. Larsen

Ed: Excuse me, can you tell me how to get to the Monster Supply Store?

Leya: Sure, but you're going to have to drive, Ed.

Ed: I don't have a car. Can you take me there?

Leya: No. Guess why? Because I'm a supervillain.

Ed: then you should want to help me destroy the city. That is my evil plan. Okay?

Leya: What about the people? They'll get hurt.

Ed: Yes! Won't that be lovely to see? Down with People! Up with Monsters!
Monsters should rule the world!

Leya: NO. I don't want to be a villain any more. I'm going to use my powers to defeat evil, starting with you.

Ed (growls): You will never defeat me!

Leya: (levitating) (fire blaster) (water turns into ice and traps him) (fire blasts him)
(He melts)

Ed: Help (squeaking) I'm melting. Please have mercy. I will be good! I promise!

Leya: Fine, but you're going to be my sidekick in good not evil.

Monster: Okay. You're the boss.

Finn and Jane

By Finn and Anonymous

(Finn and Jane are at the amusement park. They are finishing their cotton candy.)

Finn: Jane. Let's go on a ride!

Jane: Sure.

(They ran to the ride. They ride and as they get off the ride, Finn sees people skating.

Finn: I want to try.

(Finn walks up to the people.)

Finn: Can I try?

Person: Sure.

(Finn tried balancing on the skateboard but fell.

Jane (running to Finn): Are you ok?

Finn: I'm fine. My knee is bleeding though.

Jane: Let's try something new.

(Jane sees some girls from her school dancing and she is amazed. So she runs to the dance floor and shows her best moves. Finn is trying to get the blood of his knee with a paper towel.

Tom and Lola

By Jayla and Eric

Lola: I'm so tired of studying. I hope I pass.

Tom: Me too, Lola.

Lola: Well, you're good at math! How about you help me with math and I help you with reading?

Tom: No, I'm "good". I do not want to, Lola.

Lola: But you said you needed help and I'm not going to pass.

Tom: I'm not going to help you because you're not popular in class like me and all you do is work!

Lola: Yeah, because I want to pass unlike you.

Tom: Me too, Lola. I would love to pass too.

Lola: But you won't let me help you in return of help with math.

Tom: You know what, you are a horrible friend.

Lola: What? I'm leaving.

Tom: Fine!

Lola: Fine!

Lola: (studying) Ugh (sees something outside)

Lola: What's that. It's like a glowing light outside. Oh my god! It just hit the ground. It made a big boom!

Tom: What's' that? (Big Boom!) Ahh! What's that?

(calls Lola)

Lola (phone ringing): Hello?

Tom: Did you hear about the big green light that made a hole in the ground?

Lola: Yes, I heard it. actually, I saw it.

AJ and May

By Amillyen and Jahnea

AJ: I like to play all day.

May: I do too.

AJ: Wanna play.

May: Yes.

AJ: Ok.

May: What do you want to play?

AJ: Do you want to go to the zoo?

May: Yes. I got to ask my mom.

(May goes to ask and comes back.)

May: she said Yes.

AJ: Ok. Let's go.

May: Look at the zoom. It's big.

AJ: Let's ride and elephant.

May: WHAT??!!

AJ: You don't want to.

May: I do.

AJ: Let's go.

May: Ok.

AJ: You go first.

May: Ok.

AJ: Good luck.

May: I need that.

AJ: Ok.

May: I'm falling!

AJ: Oh no.

May: Call help.

AJ: Ok. Ok.

May: I'm playing.

AJ: Oh.

May: Let's go home.

AJ: Ok.

Mary and Bri

By Julianna and Rod-Janae

(Mary went to the mall with Bri.)

Bri: What store do you want to go to to be a celebrity?

Mary: I think we should go to Clare's.)

Bri: Ok. Wait. It's CLOSED?

Mary: That's said. I really wanted to go. I wish it was open.

Bri: Wait. I have an idea!

Mary: Oh. What is it?

Bri: Weeee..... sssssshhhhhouldddddd ROB CLARES.

Mary: Maybe we should. How could they be closed?

Bri: IDK. Maybe not. I don't want to be famous no more.

Mary: It's okay. We don't have to.

Bri: Yeah... I'm just going home.

Mary: Yeah, Ima go home too.

Bri: Well bye!

Mary: Bye

The PS5

By Day'yan and Kyree

Ben: I can't believe that new PS5 is so expensive.

Blue: I know. But I will steal it for you.

Ben: Why do you have to steal it. I can just BUY it.

Blue: No, I will steal it.

Ben: No, that's bad. You can go to jail for that.

Blue: Fine, I will buy it for you.

Ben: Ok. That's better.

Blue (secretly): I will steal the PS5 behind his back.

Ben: Let's just go home.

Blue: Ok.

(Later Blue goes back to the mall before it's closed)

Blue: I am gong to get snacks.

(Blue goes and gets the PS5.)

Ben: How you get the PS5?

Blue: I stole it. Hahahahaha.

Ben: Why did you take it? You have money.

Blue: Because you don't have one.

Ben: You mean I want the PS5?

Blue: Yes. Do you want to play.

Ben: Yes. Let's play 2K23.

Blue: Ok. Bet.

Mire and Bob

By Dai'Mire and Marco

(Mire and Bob are at the amusement park.)

Mire: Bob, what do you want to do now?

Bob: I'm going to study the place to make my own.

Mire: But that will take forever. The park closes at 12:02 and it's 2:30 right now. And the park is closed tomorrow.

Bob: Well unlike you I'm patient and I can wait.

Mire: Well, I got a way to get rich.

Bob: How? I think you're lying.

Mire: I'm not. We can rob people.

Bob: No!! That's a terrible idea.... Find some other way.

Mire: Your dad is rich. Just ask him for money.

Bob: I'll share.

(The next day at Bob's house.)

Bob: Hey Dad.

Frank: Yes, son?

Bob: Can I have 50K?

Frank: For what?!!

Bob: For Mire.

Frank: Fine.

(Frank gets 50K out of his wallet.

Then Bob splits it with Mire.)

Mire: Great, now we got 25K each, Buy an SRT.

Bob: Ok. Buy it yourself. I just sketch the amusement park that I'm making.

Mire: But I need 80K.

Bob: Why didn't you tell me!!!

(Bob beats up Mire.

Mire shoots Bob in the foot.)

Amillyah and JJ

By Amillya, Kamylah and Jaliyah

Amillyah wants to be a hair braider but she has to make money so that she can buy her supplies.

She gets a job.

A few months later she gets her stuff and saves for her shop and starts to braid.

JJ was Amillyah's partner. She helped her braid. When our client comes in we offer them snacks and let them watch TV.

JJ: Sometimes I wash hair.

Amillyah: I blow dry hair.