

WITH GREAT POWER

THE MARVELOUS STAN LEE An Unauthorized Biography

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ACTIVITY GUIDE

Every superhero has their origin story: a radioactive spider bite turns ordinary teen Peter Parker into Spider-Man, wealthy Tony Stark escapes captivity by building his Iron Man suit, scientist Bruce Banner survives gamma rays only to transform into the Hulk.

For Stan Lee, it was books of adventure, monsters, and magic that helped him transform from an ordinary boy to a superstar superhero creator. At first, reading these stories was a pathway to a world bigger than his family's tiny apartment in New York City, but it wasn't long until Stan was crafting his own stories, creating comics professionally when he was still just a teenager! Still, writing wasn't exciting when the heroes were always the same: strong, perfect, and boring. Stan had a revolutionary idea. What if anyone—even an ordinary kid—could be a superhero?

Discover more about the life of the Cameo King, known to many for his appearances in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, and how he revolutionized comics with this vibrant introduction bustling with action, humor, and references for fans new and old. 'Nuff said!

Annie Hunter Eriksen grew up with a love of superheroes and remains a huge Marvel nerd to this day. Her favorite comic book series is Ms. Marvel. She works as a freelance writer and lives in Ohio with her husband, cat named Cosmo, and hedgehog named Pineapple.

Lee Gatlin learned to draw by looking at cartoons, kids' books, and comics. He is the illustrator of the *Monster School* by Kate Coombs (Chronicle). In addition to drawing and making things, he enjoys making a racket on the piano or banjo. An illustrator and cartoonist, he lives with wife and three children in Georgia.

WHAT IS YOUR SUPERHERO NAME?

Create a superhero name from the words below and write it on the line.

PURPLE RAINBOW SPOOKY LAUGHING PINK

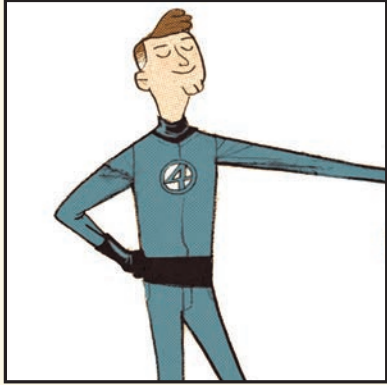
ROACH CAT FIRE THE BLUE LOUD CLOWN

SKELETON PUMPKIN GHOST WITCH PIRATE SPICE

BUBBLES POOF CRASH SPIKE CRUSH SHIMMER

NAME THE HEROES!

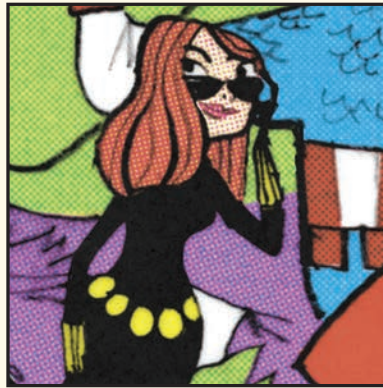
Identify the superheroes and write their names on the lines below.













FINISH THE SENTENCE

Refer to pages 6 and 7 for help.



Stan Lee didn't have
hulking _____

hands

strength

or _____
reflexes

squirrel-like

catlike

or fantastic

flexibility

abilities

His superpower was
_____ heroes
who did.

reading about

creating

FIND THE ONOMATOPOEIA

Circle words in the puzzle below.

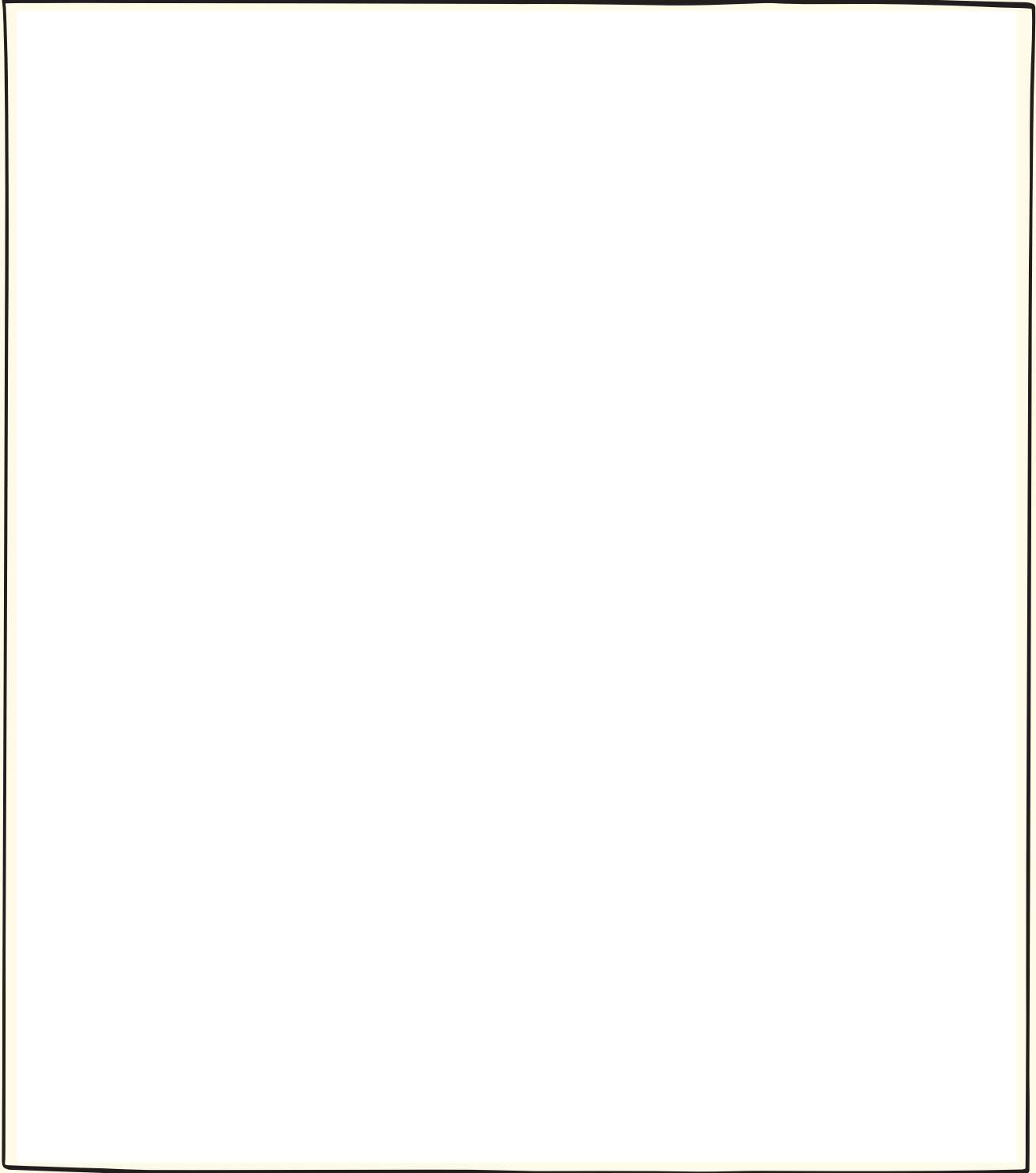


GLUG CHOMP ZOTT THWIP BIFF

SHAZAH BANG POOF ZIP

DRAW YOUR OWN SUPERHERO

Create a superhero and give them an awesome name.



CREATE YOUR OWN COMIC BOOK

Use the next few pages to create your own comic book.

