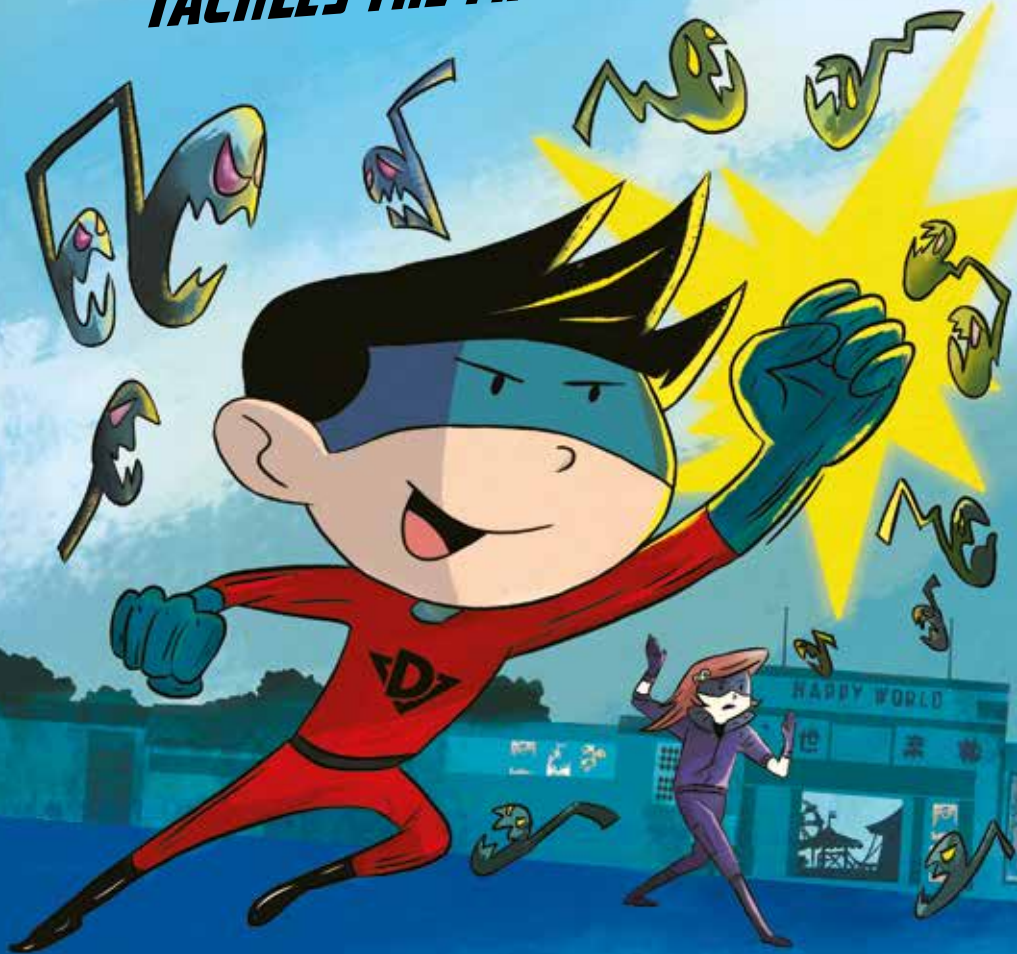


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*TACKLES THE MAJULAH MAYHEM*



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*To Edmund and Ruth  
for believing in the super powers of Danger Dan*





# CHAPTER 1

*“Mwahahaha!” cackles the Sinister Spy. “You want to pick a fight, Fantasy Squad? Try this for size!” The giant cockroach that he is riding towers over the metropolitan city of Tokyo.*

**THUD! THUD! THUD!**

*The asphalt road cracks under the hideous cockroach’s weight. The Fantasy Squad gazes up in horror at the insect’s disgustingly long feelers and six scrabbling legs.*



*The monstrous bug goes on a destructive rampage, stomping on cars, uprooting trees and snapping electrical wires with ease. A swing of one of its grotesque legs shatters windows and sends shards of glass raining down onto the streets. Just for fun, it crunches on a few buildings.*

# CHOMP!

*Chaos ensues as Japanese civilians scream in terror, trying to escape the monster. Silver Wing swoops in on the cockroach at 100 kilometres an hour. At the last minute, he folds his wings in and transforms his whole body into pure silver. Instead of penetrating the cockroach's hard brown shell, Silver Wing merely bounces off it without even leaving a dent.*

*Energia desperately flings different energy orbs at the giant cockroach. Fire orbs. Water orbs. Electrical orbs. Even explosive orbs. But nothing seems to have any effect on the monster.*

*Flex Rex stretches out his elastic body between two lamp posts to trip the cockroach. He braces for impact as the cockroach heads towards him. But it is too strong for Flex Rex. Bulldozing past the super canine, the cockroach catapults Flex Rex to the other end of the street.*

*“Cryptic!” yells Energia. “Do something!”*

*“Alright then!” hollers Cryptic. “Time for a change!” Cryptic transforms into...a GIANT BROOM!*

*He tries whacking the cockroach, to no avail. The cockroach brushes the broom aside with a single swipe. “Cryptic, quit fooling around!” shouts Silver Wing.*

*Cryptic changes back as he hits the ground hard. “How are we going to beat this thing?” he asks, rubbing his leg. “It’s too big and powerful.”*

*“You’re right,” announces Energia. “Hang on, guys, I’ve got an idea.” Shutting her eyes in deep concentration, Energia emits a bright, radiant glow. She brings her hands together and fashions*

*another energy orb. This one is bigger than usual and glows a sickly green. Energia throws it with all her might at the giant cockroach. The large orb hits its mark and explodes.*

**SPLOOF!**

*A huge cloud of foul-smelling gas is unleashed.*

*“Noooo!” cries the Sinister Spy, as the giant cockroach inhales the insecticide fumes and convulses. “That’s impossible! Not bug spray. No!” The cockroach collapses onto the ground, throwing the Sinister Spy off its back. It overturns, legs pawing the air. With a final twitch of its long feelers, it takes its last breath.*

Eleven-year-old Danny slammed his comic book shut, his heart pounding in his chest. That was the scariest *Fantasy Squad* adventure yet! Danny was terrified of cockroaches, even little ones. He couldn’t imagine facing a monster cockroach.



Suddenly, Danny felt something small and cold on his neck.

“AARRRGHHH!” he yelped and jumped up, imagining it to be a cockroach. It was on his neck! No, it was down his shirt! Danny leapt up and down like a hysterical monkey, flapping his hands uncontrollably. Out of his shirt tumbled a small, brown eraser.

“HAHAHAHAHAHAHA!” Danny’s three older sisters doubled up with laughter.

“Frightened by an eraser!” guffawed Amy. Eighteen-year-old Amy was Danny’s eldest sister and she could talk circles around anyone. Danny called her Big Mouth Amy.

“You looked like you were having a seizure!” sniggered Betty. Sixteen-year-old Betty knew a gazillion facts and figures. She was the Big Brain behind the eraser prank.

“Scaredy cat!” chortled Candy. Twelve-year-old Candy did not have a Big Mouth or a Big Brain. She was just...BIG. So big that the chair

she was sitting on trembled when she laughed.

Danny’s Big Ears turned red with rage. “YOU! You...meanies! You!” He was so angry he couldn’t think straight. At that moment, he disliked his sisters even more than cockroaches. If only a giant cockroach would carry them all away!

His thoughts were interrupted by the voice of his father. “Kids, get ready to leave soon. We’re going to Grandma’s for lunch.”

Danny turned around, alarmed. His sisters too, stopped laughing, the joke momentarily forgotten. Danny butted heads with his sisters on almost everything but if there was one thing they agreed on, it was this: having a meal at Grandma’s was something to be avoided at all costs.

“G-G-Grandma’s?” stuttered Danny.

“Spinach soup!” groaned Amy.

“Bittergourd with pickled cabbage!” gulped Betty.

“Sweet potato porridge!” grumbled Candy.

It wasn't that the children didn't love Grandma. Grandma was gentle, kind and sweet. The problem was that Grandma was a strict vegetarian. All her meals were meatless and tasted decidedly green. Her absolute favourite dish was grilled long beans and lady's fingers, and she had a very peculiar way of eating it. She would line the long beans and lady's fingers up in a perfectly straight row on her plate and eat them alternately.

Sometimes, if Grandma was feeling extra energetic, she would serve a whole jug of wheatgrass juice. Just thinking about it made Danny lose his appetite.

Grandma was 80 years old but Dad said eating this way might help her live to 100. Danny didn't want to live that long if it meant having to eat all those vegetables. He was most definitely a meat-o-saurus. So were his sisters.



Big Mouth Amy tried to talk her way out of going to Grandma's house. "My 'A' level exams are coming up and I need to focus all my energy on studying. Eating at Grandma's might cause the neurons in my brain to snap from too much chlorophyll, causing my mouth muscles to stop working. Going to Grandma's will make me fail my oral exams. You wouldn't want that, would you?" Amy could talk a lot but she didn't always make sense.

“Dad, did you know that fibre cannot undergo hydrolysis to become monosaccharides, which would be a great waste of all my digestive secretions, like amylase, lipase and enterokinase?” attempted Big Brain Betty.

Candy looked down at her Big Bulk and said, “I’m, er...on a diet.”

Dad folded his arms and looked at Danny. “So what about you? What’s your excuse?”

“I...I...” Danny stammered. “I don’t want to go! You can’t make me go!” Why did his brain always freeze at such crucial moments? Silly brain!

Mum came over, put her hands on her hips and said sternly, “I’ve never seen such a bunch of complainers. Get ready to leave in 10 minutes.” When Mum and Dad formed a team, they became the Dynamic Duo. They were invincible.

Grumbling under their breaths, the four children reluctantly put aside what they were doing and prepared to leave home. Danny stuffed his *Fantasy Squad* comic into his red

sling bag. From their HDB flat, the family walked to Toa Payoh MRT station. Grandma lived close to Aljunied MRT station so it was a convenient 20-minute train ride to her place.

*The Dynamic Duo, the best superhero team, has fallen under the Veggie Villain’s spell! They have captured Danger Dan and are bringing him to the Veggie Villain’s lair. Danger Dan needs to escape from the prison vehicle. Otherwise, he will be forced to eat poisonous herbs!*

*Danger Dan scans the interior of the prison vehicle. His sharp eyes catch sight of three other prisoners—Arguing Amy, Brainy Betty and the Colossal Candy-saurus. Arguing Amy can rattle off 360 words per minute and is arguably the world’s best speaker. She whips out her handphone and rapidly speaks in code. She’s probably calling for help. Brainy Betty, the mad scientist, is a genius who knows a million formulas by heart. She furiously flips through a book. Maybe it contains*

secrets on how to escape from the prison vehicle. The Colossal Candy-saurus is resigned to her fate. She sinks uselessly in her seat.

Danger Dan is trapped! The prison vehicle is solid steel and has no weak spots. Danger Dan wishes his partner, Gadget Girl, is with him. She might have been able to get them out of this mess.



Looks like Danger Dan will have to face the Veggie Villain alone. Will he meet his doom?

“Aljunied,” announced the MRT’s automated voice, jolting Danny from his daydream. He remembered that the last time he was on his way to Grandma’s, he had time-travelled and met Gadget Girl. If only all train rides were as exciting as that one.

Danny’s parents alighted first, followed by his sisters. Danny squeezed past the passengers standing by the door. As he stepped out of the train, he saw a familiar flash of wavy blue streaks.

**FWWWOOP**

## About the Authors



Monica Lim and Lesley-Anne Tan are a mother-daughter writing team (in that order). If Lesley-Anne could have a super power, she would choose the ability to stop time, so that she can study and write books in no time at all. Monica's preferred super power is mind control, so that she can make Lesley-Anne stop dreaming about time freezes and get back to work.

## About the Illustrator



James Tan is an illustrator living in the western part of Singapore. He likes to draw animals and loves cats. He enjoys reading and drawing, garnering inspiration from daily life and travelling. James' most heroic acts involve saving snails from being crushed by joggers and cyclists when he goes for walks.

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## **A SNEAK PREVIEW OF ISSUE #3**



Melody and Danny kept their eyes peeled for any sign of movement beneath the water. Soon, a little splash caught their attention.



“Melody! Melody! There’s something over there!” cried Danny, pointing to the ripples in the water. A small wave came rolling in, revealing a dark shadow under the surface.

Danny was just about to press the purple button when Melody noticed an ominous fin

emerging from the water. She gave a start. “No, Danny! It’s a shar-!”

But it was too late. Danny had already released the grappling hook. It flew straight through the air like an arrow. With perfect precision, it gripped onto the shark’s fin.



The shark thrashed about violently in the water. Danny tried to reel it in, but the shark was too strong. It was like a game of tug of war gone horribly wrong. Danny almost lost his balance and Melody grabbed his shirt to stop him from falling into the water.

“SHARK!” screamed Melody. “It’s a shark!”

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