

The Henderson Pets Story Pitch



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The Henderson Pets

On a quiet street in Columbus Ohio in what looks like a typical American family home, live four intelligent sentient animals. Unbeknownst to them, they are being pursued by an evil Emperor from another planet who wants to enslave them to fulfill his malevolent plans.

The Henderson Pets: Season 1 - Summary Story Narrative

The first season introduces The Henderson Pets and their family. Each episode contains a storyline that explores the relationships, struggles, and character of each of the pets and their owners in the family, including Tim. As the season progresses viewers are introduced to the Pets' rivals, starting with the Forest Animals. With each episode, we learn more about the connection between their rivals and a series of criminals, starting with Ben Williams and leading to an international terrorist organization called The Venom.



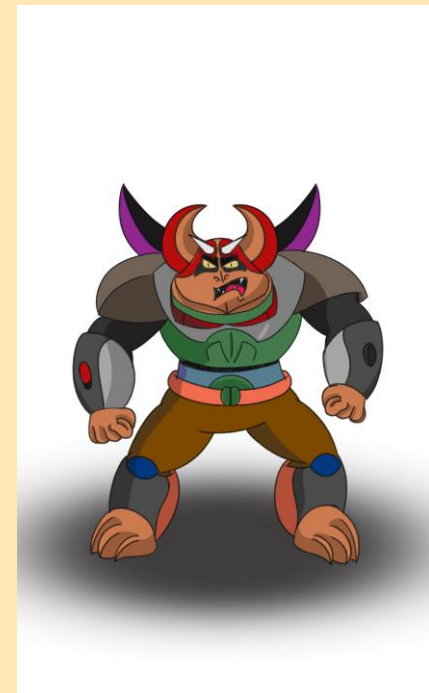
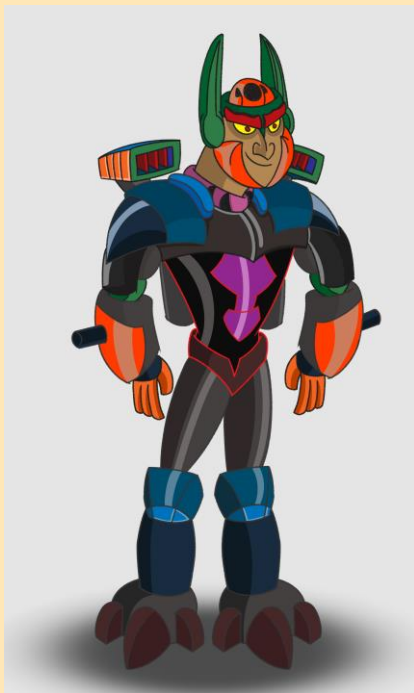
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The Pets seem overmatched by their enemies, but they are helped by The Justice Defenders, a team of teenagers, most of whom possess superpowers. One of the Pets, Mike the Guinea Pig, is recruited by The Justice Defenders, and joins their team as Guinea Hercules. The season continues with a mix of character driven story lines and high drama superhero action as they fight The Venom. In a dramatic final scene, The Justice Defenders confront The Calamity (the Venom's leader) and his squad of terrorists. The Justice Defenders overcome The Venom, but The Calamity gets away.



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But there is a more sinister enemy on the horizon. Throughout the season, viewers are shown teasers of an alien Emperor named Draco who has a dark purpose that threatens the Pets, their family and friends, and even the people of Earth.



Locations



Columbus, Ohio

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The Henderson Pets live in the fictitious neighborhood of Buckville in Columbus Ohio

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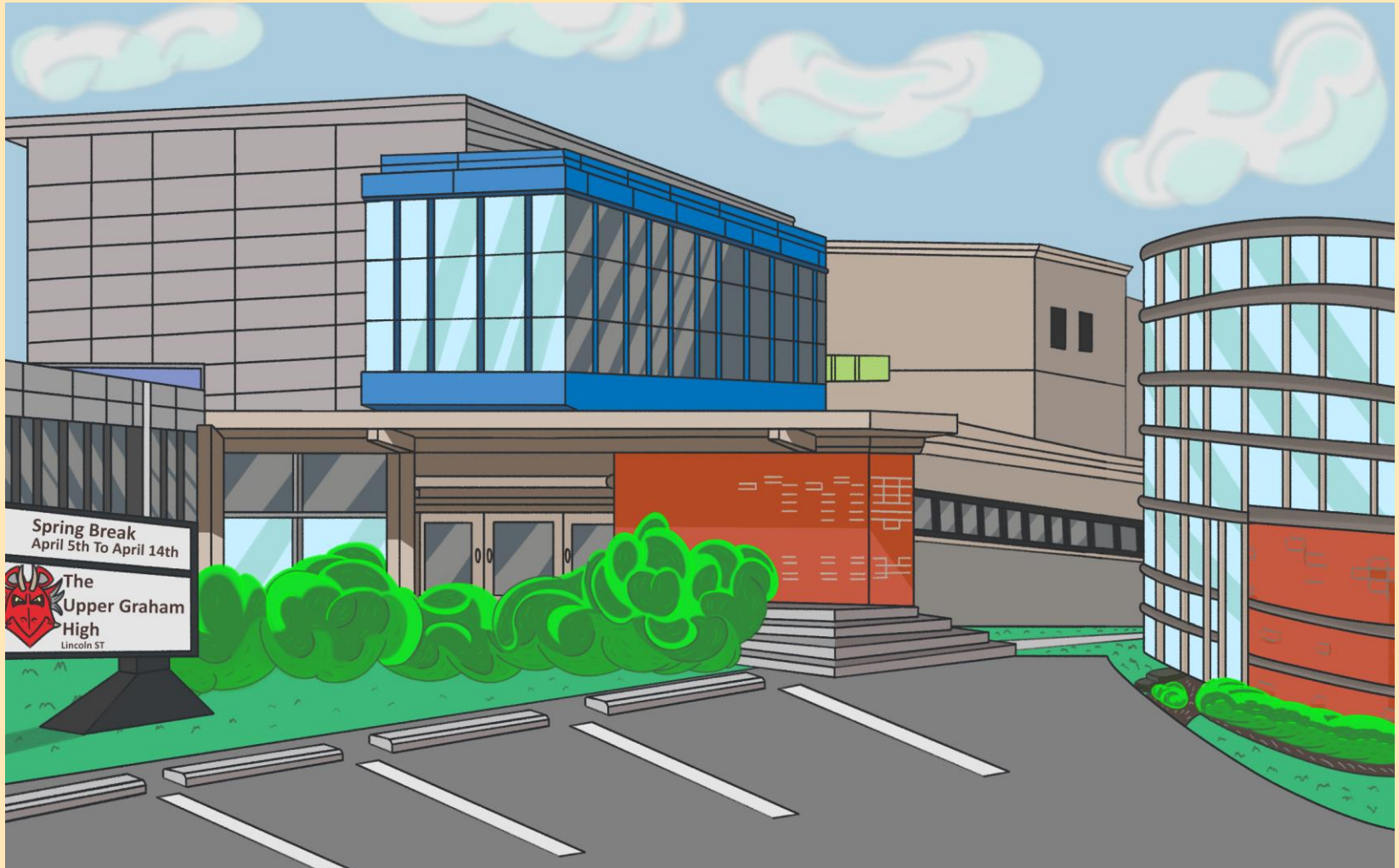
The Henderson Family House

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The Henderson Family living room. This is where the pets hang out with their family & friends.

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The Upper Graham High is where most of the young pets along with one of their owner, Tim go to high school.

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Ben Corp is a company known for engineering, archaeology and science.

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The Justice Defenders Headquarters. This is the base where the Justice Defenders plan their missions, train and chill out.

Characters – Protagonists



Zach the Dog is a Belgium Shepherd and the oldest of the Henderson Pets. Zach is kind, mature, caring and responsible. He works as a journalist and is an activist with groups that speak out against racism, ablism and oil and gas polluters. Because he's the oldest of the pets, he is the most mature and always tries to talk sense when the other pets and the family get on each other's nerves. He's good at making friends and flowing with people.



Mike the Guinea Pig enjoys making jokes, doing pranks and putting the videos of his fun on the internet. Mike is fun loving, silly, mischievous, likes to be loved and accepted and is a showoff. He gets defensive whenever he is corrected by his human parents for being loud and talking too much. Mike is a little lazy and doesn't like helping with the housework.

Characters – Protagonists



Frank the Rabbit is a scientific genius who likes talking to women. Frank spends a lot of time in his laboratory designing and creating machines, such as futuristic weapons and technological devices that help people. His hobby is studying all kinds of science, hacking and cybersecurity. Frank has a bad habit of talking too much and not listening.



Tony the Cat is sensitive, grumpy and overreacts a lot. He's a sixteen-year-old cat who is lazy and doesn't like doing much, except when he has to because the situation is dire. Tony can be immature but in his own grumpy way, he really wants to show people that he likes them by any means necessary. He hates annoying people, especially bullies, and he's ready for a fight even when he is scared. Although he acts like he hates everybody, he just really gets angry at people who are good to him because he really just wants to socialize with people who are nice to him.

Characters – Supporting



Tim Henderson is the oldest child in the Henderson family who struggles with social interactions because of his learning disabilities, which makes him very sensitive. Tim has a strong bond with The Henderson Pets because they all understand each other. Tim's girlfriend is Sierra. He loves his girlfriend and his family very much and is very defensive with anyone who messes with them.



Sierra Grayson is Tim's girlfriend and the coolest, kindest and most respected girl in their school. Sierra is a superhero named Spark-Girl, but Tim doesn't know that she's been a superhero because she keeps it a secret from him and her family to protect them. While she knows that her being herself isn't around to be with Tim, she uses her superhero identity to comfort Tim. She along with the other heroes' recruit Mike to be a superhero like them and Mike along with the other Henderson Pets promise to keep all of their identities a secret.

Characters – Supporting



Astra is an alien humanoid from a planet called Komerainia. Like the rest of her people, Astra has many superpowers, but the most special power is her ability to heal people's mental health. Astra got to Earth accidentally after escaping from Draco, The Emperor of The Eternal Empire. She can't remember many details of her past because she was magically possessed by the power of the Amagon, Draco's magical artifact. As one of Tim's friends, Astra became friends with The Henderson Pets.

Characters – Antagonists



Draco is the Emperor of The Sinister Eternal Empire. He is from an alien race called the Gonnadorlions from the planet Othron. Draco's ancestors traveled to Earth during the Ice Age to mutate animals to be intelligent. Draco wants to find the descendants of the intelligent animals his ancestors created so he can force them to be citizens of the Empire and use them to create a new army. One of Draco's ultimate goals on Earth is to abduct Zach and torture him until he's able to do Draco's will.



The Calamity is a dictator in a fictitious western Asian country called, Avakon. He's a supervillain who secretly has different superpowers. He's the leader of an international terrorist that started as a regional called the Venom. The Venom became a loyal and humble servant to The Sinister Eternal Empire and against The Henderson Pets.

Characters – Antagonists



Ben Williams is the evil, rich, CEO of Ben Corporation. He uses his money to fund mobsters, terrorists and dictators because he wants to rule the United States. He doesn't like anyone who interferes with his plans and feels threatened by people like Zach who fight for social justice. He's also against protesters, rallies, nonprofits, and activists because he considers them threats to his business. Ben Williams is a traitor to humanity because he will do anything to keep himself rich and powerful

About Devin Calem

Devin Calem is a CCAD graduate (May 2021) with a BFA in 2D Animation. He enjoys creating and animating stories, designing characters and backgrounds.

Devin is originally from Israel, and moved to Columbus, Ohio with his family in 1998. Currently based in Columbus, Devin does freelance work and is looking for a full-time job in the industry.

Devin has always been interested in art, possibly because drawing has always been easier for him than talking. When he was younger, he was inspired by Disney, Chuck Jones' Looney Tunes cartoons, DC animated shows, and more recently Seth McFarland's Family Guy. The action, humor and wild and fantastic stories of these cartoons excited him and showed him the power of creating stories.

Devin has learning disabilities and is on the autism spectrum. Growing up with autism has invariably influenced his approach to art. His 2D animation work is influenced by Disney and superhero shows. His unique approach is to bring a sense of humor and his own personal sensitivities to his animation work.

