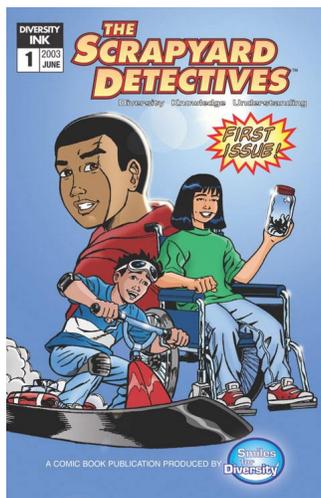


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THE SCRAPYARD DETECTIVES #1

The Case of the Missing Roses

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Introduction to Issue #1

Hate crimes are very real and they happen all across the country, affecting people from all walks of life. Maybe their skin is a different color; they speak differently; worship somewhere else; or have a disability. Every year over 11,000 people are victims of hate crimes in our country. Hate also hurts the families, friends, and communities of these victims. In other words, hate can hurt us all.

In the first issue of THE SCRAPYARD DETECTIVES, read how Jinn, Raymond, Robert, and Lisan come face to face with the ugly side of human nature and learn that by stopping hate, we can send a message that we are all different and that different is good!

Use this issue to discuss the following themes with your students:

- Similarities and Differences
- Tolerance
- Hate Crimes
- Friendship
- Family
- Honesty and Responsibility

Use this issue to discuss the following story elements with your students:

- Setting
- Plot
- Characters
- Events

Use this issue to talk about these other subjects:

- Technology
- Entomology
- Geography



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SCRAPYARD DETECTIVES #1: READING COMPREHENSION

Can you answer these questions? Write your answers or explain them in your own words to your teacher or a classmate.

1. What are the names of the Scrapyard Detectives and where do they hold their meetings?

2. Who has moved into the neighborhood and where are they from?

3. Look at the picture of Jinn's little brother, Kahl, at the bottom of page 6. How do you think he feels and why?

4. Describe Robert's new invention (page 7). What happens when Lisan accidentally activates it?

5. What even happens during the night that will become a case for the Scrapyard Detectives?
How would you feel if something like that happened to you or your family?

6. How do the Scrapyard Detectives solve the mystery?

7. Why did Kahl destroy the roses?

8. Why could his actions be considered a hate crime?



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THE SCRAPYARD DETECTIVES #1: VOCABULARY

Do you know these words? Look in your book to see if you can find clues to help you discover their meaning, then check the dictionary to see if you are correct!

1. Footage (pages 1 and 9)
2. Gizmo (page 2)
3. Accelerator (page 2)
4. Activator (page 7)
5. Jam (pages 7 and 8)
6. Plunger (page 8)
7. Perpetrator (page 13)
8. Monitor (page 13)
9. Disposal (page 13)
10. Generator (page 16)
11. Apologize (page 18)

Now that you know what they mean, can you put the words in alphabetical order?



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THE SCRAPYARD DETECTIVES #1: IMPORTANT ISSUES

Can you answer these questions? Write your answers or explain them in your own words to your teacher or a classmate.

1. What is an immigrant? Were your parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents immigrants? If so, where did they come from?

2. What are some of the reasons why people from other countries come to the United States to live?

3. How do you think it would feel to live in a new country?

4. What is a hate crime? Why do you think they happen?

5. What could you do to make someone new feel welcome in your neighborhood or school?

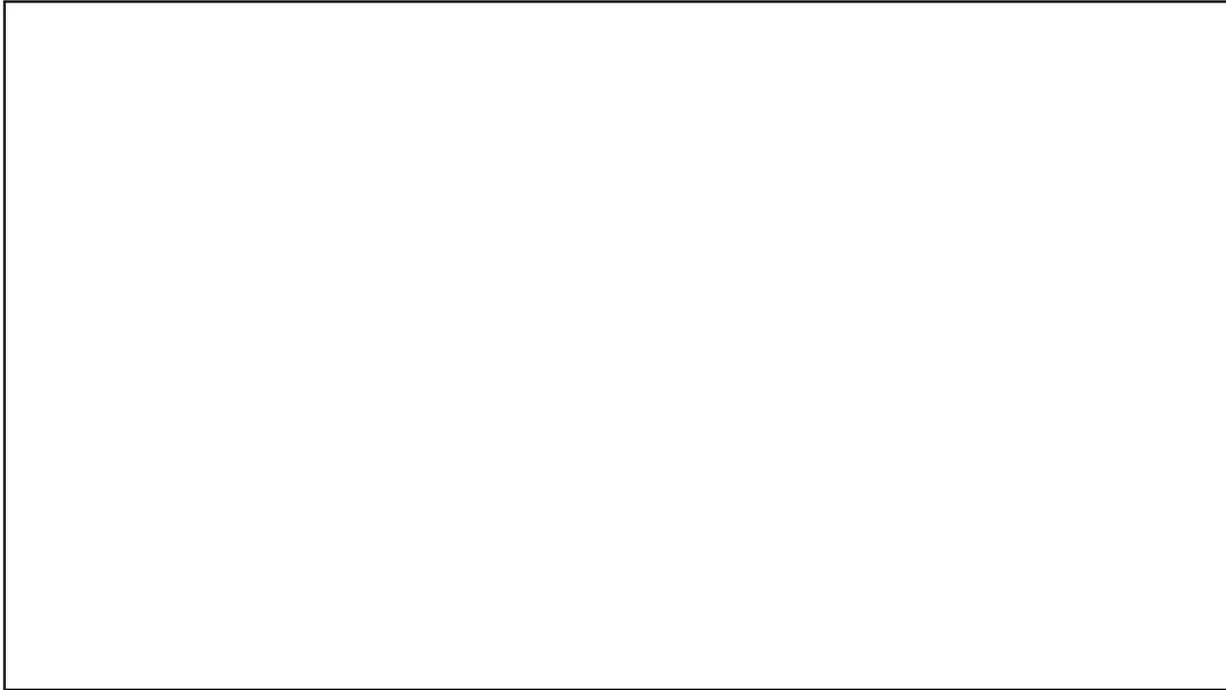
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SCRAPYARD DETECTIVES #1: ART PROJECT

1. Draw a picture of yourself testing out one of Robert's inventions.



2. Look at the story panels below and write your own dialogue in the balloons.





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THE SCRAPYARD DETECTIVES #1: KEY EXPRESSIONS

Sometimes when people talk, they use expressions that can be hard to understand. Have you ever heard the following phrases? Look in your book to see if you can find clues to help you discover their meaning, then check the dictionary to see if you are correct!

1. To cook something up (page 2)
2. To be up to something (page 5)
3. To be up for something (page 9)
4. To do the trick (page 8)
5. To work out a few bugs (page 9)
6. To get to the bottom of something (page 12)
7. To count on something (page 13)
8. To be grounded (page 18)

What expressions are popular with you and your friends that might be a bit tricky to understand?

SCRAPYARD DETECTIVES #1: ART PROJECT

Draw your own cover for Scrapyard Detectives #1.

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