COMICS & NATURE

FUN BOOK ISSUE 32

FEATURING A DRAWING TUTORIAL BY KATIE COOK!

INCLUDES ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH’S AND THIS MONTH’S PUZZLES.
GOLDFISH AND CLASSY NARWHAL BY KATIE COOK.

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Color Us Underwater

Goldfish by Katie Cook, as originally featured on the Toucan Blog.
Email a photo of you with your work to museumops@comic-con.org for a chance to be featured on the Comic-Con Museum’s social media!
Lesson #12: How to Draw a Classy Narwhal!

Step 1: Grab your pencils! It's time to draw the thing that geometry geeks everywhere love ... a circle.

Step 2: We're drawing a narwhal, right? We should probably give that circle fins, a face, and a magical unicorn horn.

Step 3: What makes this little guy classy? Why, a top hat and a monocle, of course! Draw them in!

Step 4: Use a black pen or marker to go over your pencil lines ... then erase your pencils!
True Value

Comics artists employ a variety of shading techniques using lines, dots, and cross hatches to add depth, texture, and tone into illustrations. In anticipation of our d4: Tabletop Creative Conference, shade each shape to make them look like 3-dimensional illustrations of a 4-sided die. Refer to the first shape for guidance.
Comics Panels

Make a comic about an outdoor walk! For inspiration, draw from childhood memories like comics creators and educators Sharon Lee De La Cruz and Breena Nuñez (panel video coming soon to the Comic-Con Museum YouTube channel.) For more layouts, check out Comics Layouts 04 on the Museum@Home webpage.
# Word Play

Hidden in this month’s puzzle are creators and works about nature and the environment, and characters that can control aspects of the environment.

How quickly can you find the 16 terms?

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Cross Purpose

From Jackie Ormes’ “Torchy Brown in ‘Heartbeats’” to Rachel Hope Allison’s *I’m Not a Plastic Bag*, storytellers have used comics and related popular culture media to explore the impact of nature on our lives, and our impact on the environment. In celebration of Earth Day, this month’s crossword features works in comics and popular culture connected to nature and the environment.

**ACROSS**

5. His theme song says he’s "gonna take pollution down to zero."
6. This robot’s name is short for Waste Allocation Load Lifter: Earth Class. He’s also featured in our Pop Culture STEAM curriculum.
7. *Paying the Land*, a non-fiction graphic novel by *Footnotes in Gaza* creator Joe ______, is centered on, and told in the words of, the Dene Nation.
11. In this book, a boy and his apple tree grow up together and learn about giving and taking.
12. Film based on the book by Diane Young, in which magical fairy Crysta leads her people to save the rainforest from human pollution, deforestation, and an ancient enemy named Hexxus.
13. Lin Li, aka Nature Girl, learned to use her mutant power of controlling and bonding with animals at this X-Men member’s school for Higher Learning.
14. Rocket Raccoon’s partner and a Flora colossi.

**DOWN**

1. Eco-villian, Batman nemesis, and Harley Quinn love interest.
2. DC’s creature of vegetation and protector of the Green—the force that unites all plant life.
3. Graphic novel, TV series, and film set on a train, in a future where a failed experiment to counteract climate change plunges Earth and its survivors into a new ice age.
4. Pixar film about an ant named Flik who recruits a troupe of circus insects to help save his colony from bullying grasshoppers.
8. Sea animal rescue team led by a polar bear named Captain Barnacles, a pirate cat named Quasi, and a penguin medic named Peso. Based on the children’s book series by Vicki Wong and Michael C. Murphy.
9. Dr. Seuss’ cautionary environmental tale featuring the Once-ler and the lesson of “Unless.”
10. *Junk ______* is a manga series set in a post-apocalyptic future and follows three women as they go up against a governmental organization.
Answer Key to This Issue

Word Play

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Cross Purpose

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All -

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Angry

Eternally

Gullly

Hegemony

Root
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Pathfinder

START

Word Play

WPAGRBQUQBLEDDELLIQANT’
HFFNHAIHEHMNQSJSNTRXRGRZ
XWYNJRAMONAFRADOFLWDBDC
SWIDRTJKMUSOJACKIEORMESA
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Cross Purpose

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LIU

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SENSEOFWONDER

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BIRDSOFPREY

*8 Across: Annie Wu was used incorrectly in the development of the puzzle. The correct answer to the given clue is Volant.
But Wait, There’s More!

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