

VERY Surprising Details!



Give it a Listen: Season 3, Episode 23: Cartwheel Girl/The Poisonous Butterfly

What's this activity about? Making up a character with a VERY weird detail that makes them surprising.

What stuff do I need to do it? Pencil, paper, and your Creator Club notebook

In "The Poisonous Butterfly," by a kid named Vivian from Colorado, we meet a character with something VERY surprising about them. We normally think of butterflies as being pretty, harmless creatures who fly around without bothering anybody. But the butterfly in this story bites people...and poisons them...which turns them into zombies!! This is about as far from a normal butterfly as you could get!

It can be fun to have a character in a story with a VERY surprising detail that readers would never see coming. Try making one up yourself! Start by choosing what kind of character you want to imagine: it could be an animal, or imaginary creature, or any type of person that sounds interesting to you. Next, write down a few words to describe what you might NORMALLY expect from a character like this....and then describe on one VERY surprising detail that your reader will never expect! Here's an example using the Poisonous Butterfly:

What you'd NORMALLY expect:

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| beautiful | likes to flutter around |
| colorful | totally harmless |

A VERY surprising detail:

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| This butterfly bites people and poisons them! They turn into ZOMBIES!!!! |
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Try it yourself! Make up your own character with a VERY unexpected detail, and then draw a picture or write a story about them. (And since we already have one character who turns people into zombies, your challenge is to think up a **different** surprising detail!)

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