

## **Create a Character Contest**

Hi everyone, I'm holding a contest this summer for people like me who like being creative. The purpose of the contest is to benefit both parties, you and I, in stretching our creativeness in a way that's more exciting than normal. So here's how it goes:

### **Instructions:**

You are to describe a character from your own mind using words. Your description can be as long as needed, but please keep it within reason. You can describe your creature or character in any way you wish. Describing with poetry or form more than everyday language is a plus.

Make sure you describe the following characteristics of your character and any others you think of: color, height, shape, and maybe even personality.

### **Your Character Is Allowed the Following:**

- Ten items to wear max (should be described)
- 2 Items to hold or wear max (should be described)
- 1 short description of a favorite activity at the end. The activity is to be something either done using the items your character is holding or can be done alone without other props.

As an extra you may submit a sketch or sketches of your character as you have visualized it but rely more on the verbal description than the visual. You may continue submitting descriptive material to me until the contest is over.

### **Contest Times:**

The contest begins May 10, 2008 and will end on Friday, June 6, 2008. There will be one winner.

### **The Prize:**

The prize for this contest is I will make a 3D version of the described character and do my best to make a short animation (probably just a few seconds) of the character doing its favorite activity. You will get a few rendered still images of the character as well as rights to it as a piece of art.

The contest should be fun and shouldn't take too much work. Hopefully I'll be able to set up a way for those who enter to see others who have entered to build some excitement as the deadline ends. Hope to be seeing some of your entries soon!

Calvin Culy

## Example #1

### **Name**

Ronald Peterson (Ronny P.)

### **Character Description**

#### **Narrative**

From the start, it was obvious that Ronald Peterson was a nerd. From the thick circular glasses down to the socks and sandals he was definitely different than the ordinary and he didn't mind being so either. Ronald, a skinny grade 10 kid at Yol-Olo Highschool, was definitely a type.

Ronald had a face like a honey dew melon, not green—just round. Pudgy you might say, and covered in freckles. He had big brown eyes that were about four times bigger when his thick prescription glasses were mounted on the front of his face and every time he blinked, well, you knew someone had blinked. Even if you weren't looking at Ronald. Ronald also had a small button of a nose that was always a little more red than the rest of his face, even when he didn't have a cold, which wasn't often. It seemed Ronald was always sniffing or sneezing, but some children are like that. He had a big mouth too. Not that he talked a lot, but it seemed that he had too many teeth to keep behind his lips or not enough lips to hide his teeth, but either way he was always smiling about something from ear to ear.

He was a happy-go-lucky type of guy. Always bouncing down the hallway without a care in the world, red hair waiving in the air...

#### **Poetry**

Here comes a boy with a spray can,  
He sprays everything that he sees,  
From dawn until dusk, he feels he must,  
Even though it makes him sneeze.

Here comes a boy wearing sandals,  
With socks pulled up to his knees,  
He's wearing a cape, and he tries to escape,  
A big plate of leftover peas...

#### **Items Worn**

T-shirt: His T-shirt is blue with a big R on the front in a circle. The circle is white with a black border and the R is red. The T-shirt is a bit big for Ronald. There is nothing on the back of it.

Baggy Jean Shorts: The baggy jean shorts have two pocks on the front sides, two on the front bottom, and two on the back. They are frayed at the bottoms and are a dark denim. They are a little worn from use and age.

Knee High Socks: Ronald's socks are white with a thick red stripe at the top and look very nerdy. They have no dirt on them at all and are hard to look at.

Sandals: Ronald's sandals are the brown dressy kind of sandals that look good on older men only. Nothing else needs to be said about them.

Cape: The cape is one of the crowing features of Ronald. It is way too small for Ronald and only makes it halfway down his back. It is bright red and has no writing on it or logos. It is tied in a bow at his front.

Thick Prescription Glasses: Ronald's thick glasses cause his eyes to look very big. They are big and round and thick and have a light pink frame around them.

### **Items Held**

Spray Bottle of Carpet Cleaner: The spray bottle of carpet cleaner is red with a label on both front and back. The front says, "Crazy Carpet!™" In big letters in front of a yellow star like you might see on a sign that says 50% OFF! There is a lot of fine unreadable print on the back and a bit on the front that no one reads before using the product, not that Ronald uses it on carpets anyways.

### **Favorite Activity**

Ronald enjoys spraying anything that moves with his Bottle of Carpet Cleaner.