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ZANIB MIAN'S

PLANET OMAR

ACCIDENTAL TROUBLE MAGNET

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MEET THE TEAM ⚡

It has taken lots of different people to bring Planet Omar to life on stage. Let's meet the people involved.



ZANIB MIAN

Author



WHAT IS HER JOB?

Zanib wrote the *Planet Omar* book series. Omar, his fantastic world, and his funny family all came from Zanib's imagination. Without Zanib, Omar wouldn't even exist!

What skills do you think Zanib needs to be good at her job?

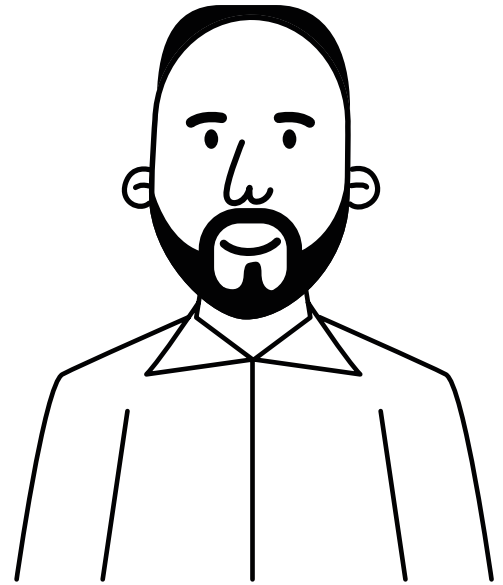
ASIF KAHN

Playwright/Adapter

WHAT IS HIS JOB?

Asif adapted *Planet Omar* into a play. Plays work differently to books, so Asif had to think carefully about how to make sure the story is clear when you can only use dialogue and stage directions to tell it.

What skills do you think Asif needs to be good at his job?



SAMEENA HUSSAIN

Director



WHAT IS HER JOB?

Sameena directed the play *Planet Omar*. Her job is to decide how to bring the script to life on the stage. She makes decisions about who the actors will be and helps them with their performances. She also makes decisions about how to make things like H2O – Omar's imaginary dragon friend – exist in real life on stage.

What skills do you think Sameena needs to be good at her job?



NIKKI CHARLESWORTH

Designer

WHAT IS HER JOB?

Nikki has designed the set, costume and puppets for *Planet Omar* – she has to make sure everything the audience sees on stage fits in the world of Planet Omar and is in line with the director's vision for the show.

What skills do you think Nikki needs to be good at her job?



MEET OMAR'S FAMILY



OMAR



Has a huge imagination, hates marshmallows, once raced against his Dad's car on his bike and won.

ESA

Don't be fooled by this three-year-old's innocent face, he can scream and cry louder than an ambulance siren.

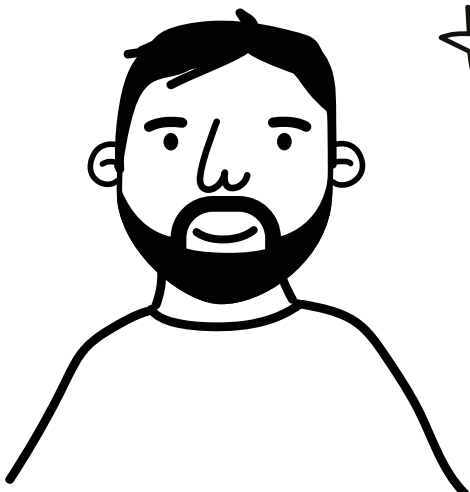


MARYAM

Was once caught hiding a stash of fondant fancies under her pillow. Loves winding Omar up even more than she loves fondant fancies.

MUM

Doesn't know how to say no and is never seen without a cup of coffee in her hand.



DAD

Rides a motorbike (Grandma tries to puncture the wheels because she doesn't think it's safe).



YOUR TURN

If there was a show all about your life, like there is about Omar's who would be the main characters? Tell us about them here and draw in the boxes.

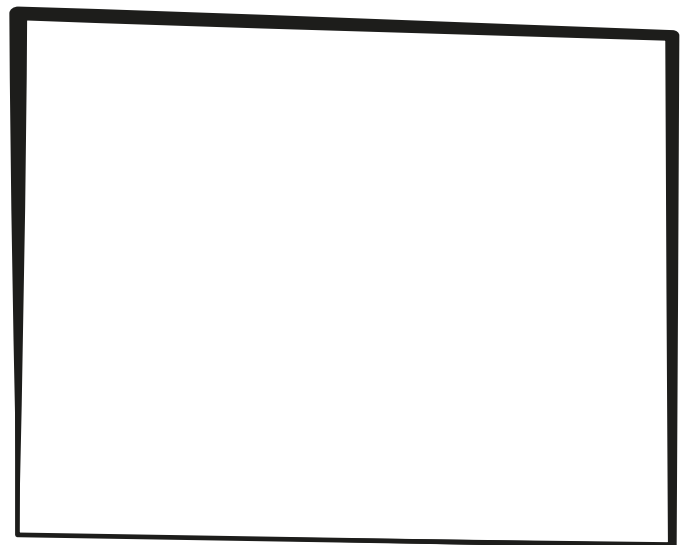


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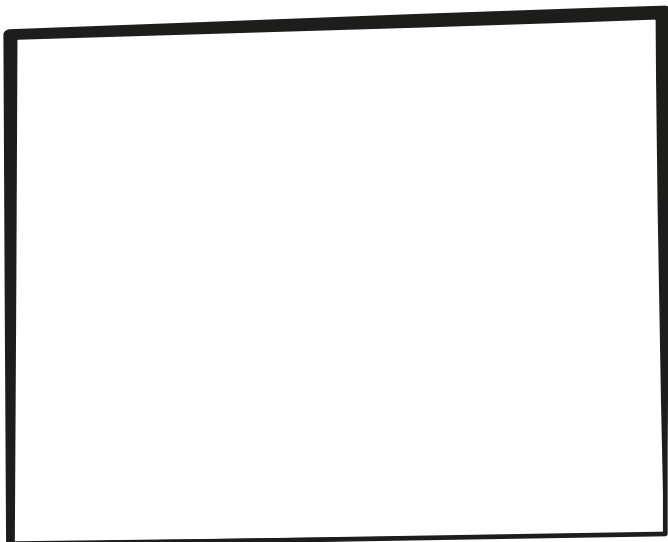
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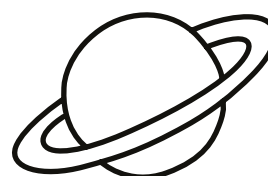
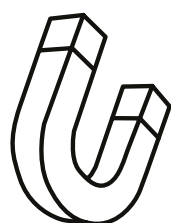
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TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Can you answer all these questions about *Planet Omar*?

SECTION 1: VOCABULARY

V: Omar and his family go to Mosque – what is a Mosque?

V: Mum always wants things done very precisely on Science Sundays
– what does precisely mean?

SECTION 2: RETRIEVAL

R: Who does Omar accidentally spit on, when he's spitting over his shoulder to try and get rid of Shaytan?

R: Why are Omar and his family moving house?

R: How many bits and bobs does Omar choose to take with him to the new house?

R: What is Omar's imaginary dragon friend called?

R: What is Omar's all-time favourite Pakistani food?

SECTION 3: INFERENCE

I: Omar says "*It feels like snakes. And some of them sneak up and squeeze my heart*"
– How does this mean he's feeling?

I: Why do you think Omar feels nervous about starting a new school?

I: Why do you think Omar doesn't want his mum to give him Gooney kisses
in front of his friends? 

I: Why was Omar happy that Science Sundays were keeping him distracted and stopping
him thinking about Monday?

I: Why did Omar's mum buy chocolates for their grumpy neighbour? 

I: What does Omar mean when he says Daniel is "*Talking upside down*"?

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Can you put these events from *Planet Omar* in the order
they happen in the play?

- ☐ **A** Omar goes on a school trip to the Science museum.
- ☐ **B** Omar starts a new school.
- ☐ **C** Omar's friend Charlie comes round for dinner.
- ☐ **D** Omar and his family do "Science Sundays".
- ☐ **E** Daniel knocks dirty paint water all over Omar's Picasso portrait.
- ☐ **F** Esa causes trouble by blowing his whistle and counting loudly at the Mosque.