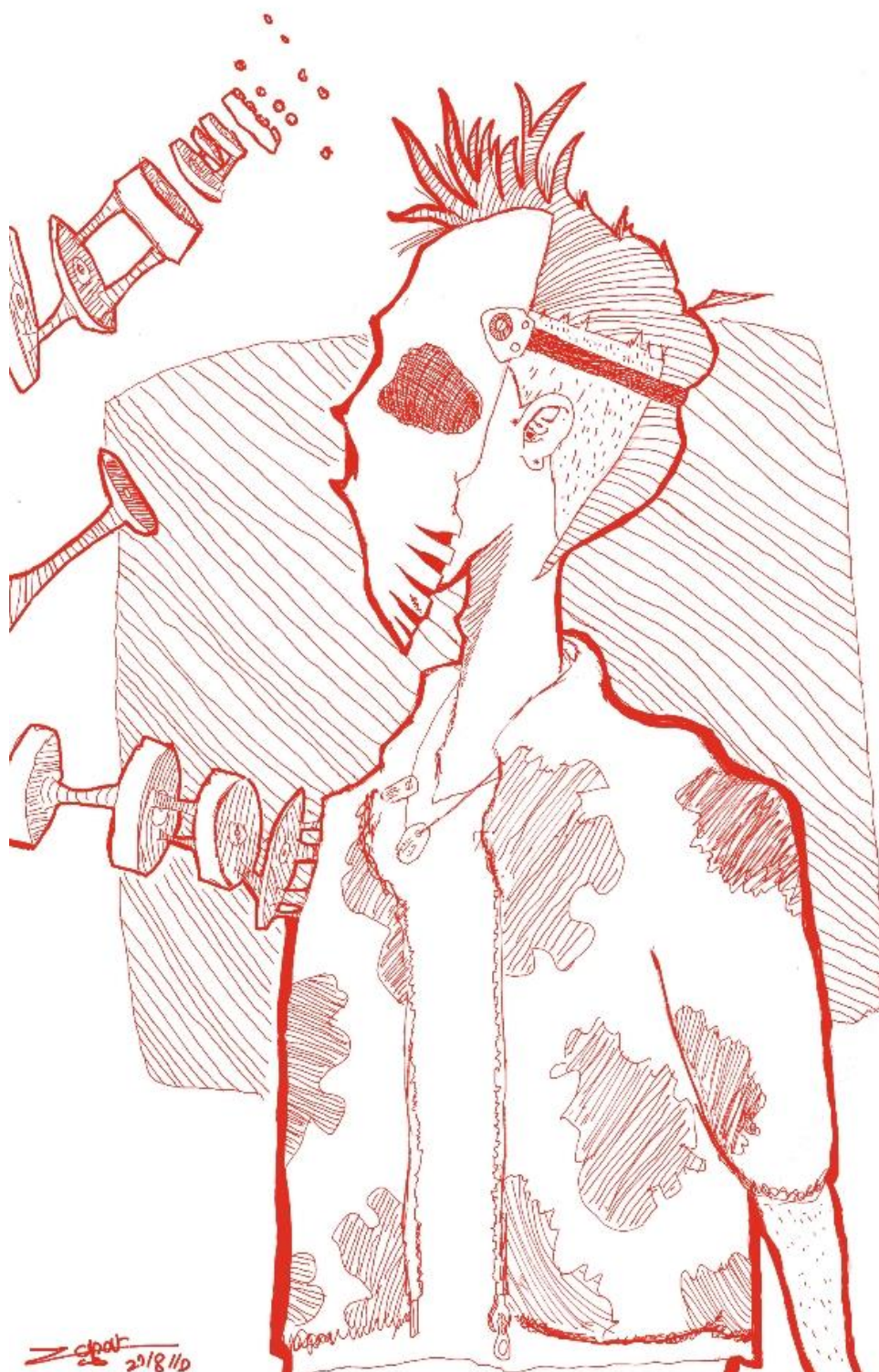


# CHICKLIT SUMMER 2020



Hey, I hope everyone enjoys the spring edition of Chicklit (At least it's something to read in the lockdown)

Thank you to everyone who sent in submissions and thanks to Zohar Cohen-Brener for his amazing cover art.

Theo Monaghan, editor



Oisin Wernick

Once upon a time there was Cuphead and a Mushroom Bounty Hunter and a Mushroom King. The Mushroom Bounty Hunter was a ninja and he had a bandana. He was a pink and red mushroom. King Mushroom was a gold and yellow mushroom.

One day Cuphead was walking down the road of a river stream and then he saw a cat who wanted help to get across a river, but he couldn't swim. The water currents were so big. So Cuphead gave him a lift over on his back.

Cuphead gave him a ride over but he had to give him something in return.

He gave him ten moolah then he got across.

Cuphead actually had to go over there to kill King Mushroom because he was going to take over the earth. So he went to King Mushroom's kingdom but he couldn't get through a magic wall because the Bounty hunter was there and to get in you have to give the Bounty Hunter something in return: a cat.

So he went over and asked the cat if he could take him to be a key for King Mushroom's kingdom. So the cat asked "What will you do if I'm used as a key?" Cuphead said "Shove you into a door". Then the cat said yes, and then they went back over to the door and then the Mushroom Bounty Hunter wanted one more thing: a cloud.

So Cuphead got a supercharged trampoline, he jumped on it and he shot a cloud down with his finger.

So they gave a rain cloud to the Mushroom Bounty Hunter but the Mushroom Bounty Hunter was angry because it was a rain cloud.

So he asked them to get a leprechaun's gold and the rainbow. So Cuphead had to go over to a leprechaun and ask him "Can I take some of your gold?" He said "Yes but in return you have to bring me to King Mushroom's". So then they took the pot of gold and the rainbow and the leprechaun was inside but as soon as they got there they saw that the leprechaun was suffocated.

Then they shoved the cat into the door and got in, and the cat was actually black so he had bad luck. So they got into King Mushroom's kingdom. Then the Mushroom Bounty Hunter let them go in and then the Mushroom Bounty Hunter suddenly just found out that it was bad luck. And the Mushroom Bounty Hunter worked for them and they told the Mushroom Bounty Hunter to kill King Mushroom. And then he did that. The end.





By Zohar Cohen-Brener



By Fiona Duffy



Theo Monaghan

## Our trip to the Planetarium with Wicklow Homeschooling Village February 2020

**Noah** - The observatory was my favourite part of the trip, it was a giant screen and we got to see planets on the screen above us, like they were up in the sky. The person giving the tour controlled the screen. After the talk we got to play with costumes and pretend we were astronauts.

**Kara** - I really liked watching the solar system and finding the red stars. The rollercoaster at the end was really fun.

**Younus** - I liked that there was a place for kids to try on astronaut suits and do some role play. One of my friends, Noah, was mission control, and myself and Bobby were astronauts, and we were trying to board the ISS.

In the same room, there was also a small Mars base, which was also very cool.

Another thing which I liked was the workshop where we as a team had to build a Mars lander with an egg inside, and we had to make sure that the egg didn't break on landing, and we had to be able to evacuate the egg in 10 seconds.

Lastly, I really enjoyed the movie on the Moon landing and the solar system.

My friends and I tried space food, including ice cream and strawberries, which were both freeze-dried. The ice cream was very yummy!



Simon and Alice having fun!





The astronauts at Mission Control



## Review of Pokemon Shield

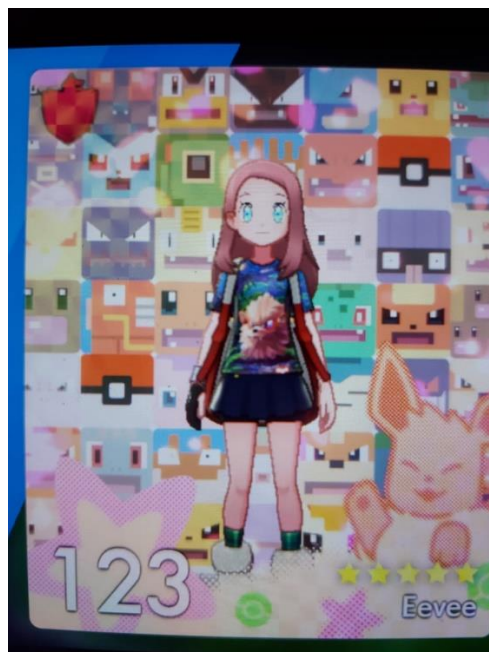
I really like this game, especially that you can customise your character and league card.

The gym challenge is really fun. Nessa has a great gym puzzle. I like that Leon, the champion, has a stronger starter Pokémon than your one. My favourite Pokémon in the game is Galarian Ponyta because it looks really cute and is way smaller than normal Ponyta. I like that people cheer for you in the game especially Hop when you fight Leon. Something else I like is that Leon gives you a level 5 Charmander when you beat him and become the champion.

My favourite part of the game is Marnie's brother's gym because you can't dynamax your Pokémon and you fight Marnie there when you become champion.

I would give this game 4 stars out of 5 because you need Pokémon from the sword version to complete your Pokedex. I like that I can bring my Nintendo Switch to different places so I can play this game.

By Kate McMahon (7)





## Drawings by Reuben Spielman



The apples



The face



 The apple tree



By Zohar Cohen-Brener

## Poetry by Lucy Hood

### Spring Air

The sweet smell of spring dances with rich colours through the air to leap through meadows, forests and rivers to touch the sleek scales of a fish or tongue of a lizard.

Just a light, a light of life to sooth the hardened flesh of winter.

To bring joy, happiness, to cradle the deer and mice.

The gaping throats, the bitter ice inside.

Many a creature sips the dewy fresh air of spring.

It seeps through their tissue and blood sprinkling energy in their bodies.

Quickening pulse gushing a feeling of exhilaration galloping through the marrow of their bones.

Weariness is crushed as green grass leaps in front spreading as one breathing blanket of lushness.

Birds flit through, gaining a sample of meat from fat grubs and beetles juicy as berries in the dew.

It sweeps through me, the golden air set alight with the patter of feet, the clatter of hooves, the rush of wings swishing through me with life.



## A Thunderstorm

The wind swirls through the glass of the window howling with rain  
Crashing fiercely.

Sheet lightning slams the sky as a wave of wind lashes down.

The curtains shiver on their hooks while the lurking storm toughens up  
with the gradually building crescendo of forked lightning.

It rips the clouds with a glare of sharp light that crumbles away with a  
growling roar of thunder.

The sky looks torn, great purple bruises, bleeding bucket falls of rain  
slashing down on the fields and trees.

The shattering falls of water lurch, a dagger of fear punching my heart.

I scuttle out of the way as a blow of thunder bursts through the walls  
hammering a noise loud and booming.

The wind batters the air and sheets of rain storm down but a change  
meets my ears.

The thunder stifles its roar quieter than a whisper echoing in a lull,  
pattering away to nothing.

A tiny slit of light cuts the dark.

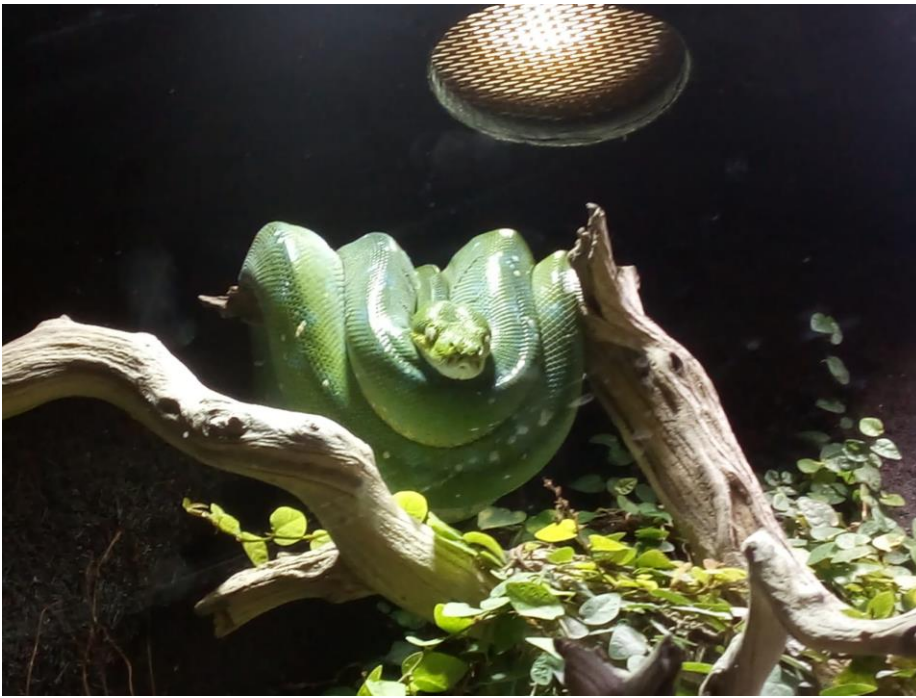
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## **A European Tour**

**by Zen Rice**

"I went around Europe, it was great craic! I started in Paris and saw all the main attractions; the Mona Lisa was disappointing, there are so many paintings I feel are a lot better. The Macarons were wonderful. I went to Austria, Slovakia and the Czech Republic. I went to an aquarium, a zoo and a hot spring amongst other places. The Austrians make great pizzas. Zen Rice"

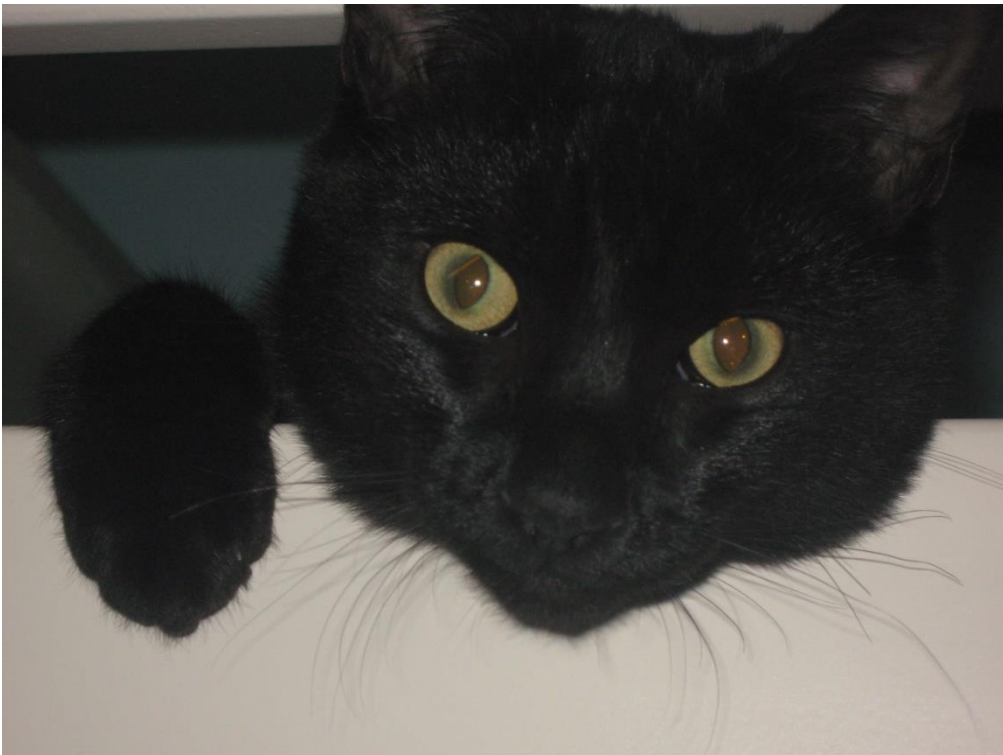








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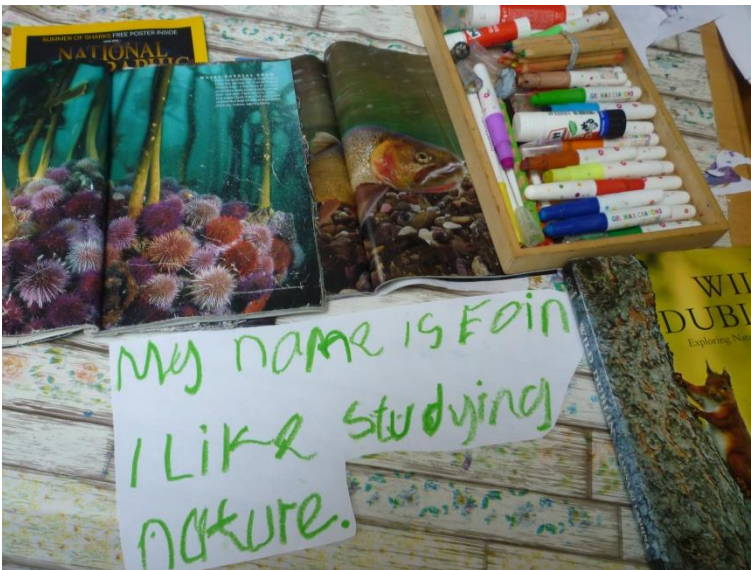




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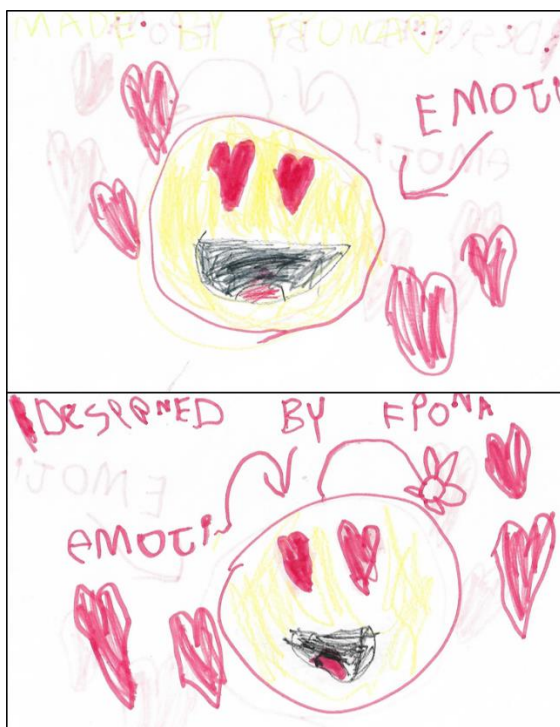


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