

STORIES FOR BOYS Who DARE -TO BE- DIFFERENT

TRUE TALES OF AMAZING BOYS WHO CHANGED
THE WORLD WITHOUT KILLING DRAGONS

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Dear Parents who dare to be different...

Stories for Boys Who Dare to be Different came from a need for positive role models for boys who didn't feel they were Prince Charmings or dragon slayers. Because more often than not, these are the role models boys encounter in the books they read at home and at school. As a boy, there is an assumption you will conform to a stereotypical idea of masculinity. And we know that this stereotype can be harmful for boys. The time is now to ask important questions about what it means to be a man, and help boys to feel confident to be whoever they want to be.

The men in this book are in it because they're not 'typical' – they might have preferred to pick a book up rather than kick a football, wear a dress rather than trousers, cry rather than hide their feelings. Ultimately, this inspiring collection of men from the past and the present day went on to make the world a better place through compassion, generosity and self-belief.

Our activity pack serves as a way to help bring this book to life and to help you and your children pass the time over the coming weeks. You can pick and choose from the variety of activities on offer, from crosswords to colouring-in.

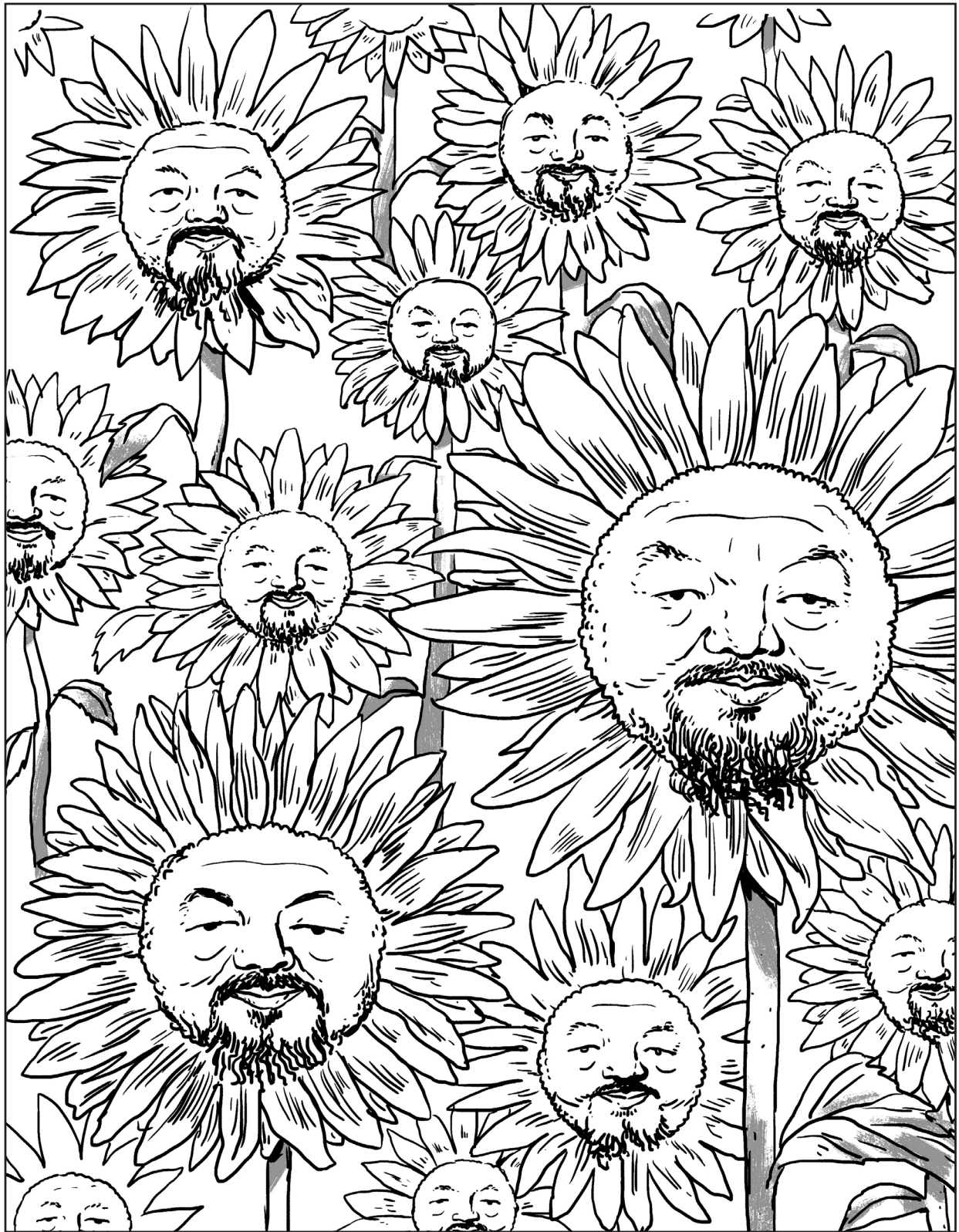
We can't wait to hear how it goes!

Yours sincerely,

The Quercus Books Team



GRAYSON PERRY DARED TO BE DIFFERENT BY...

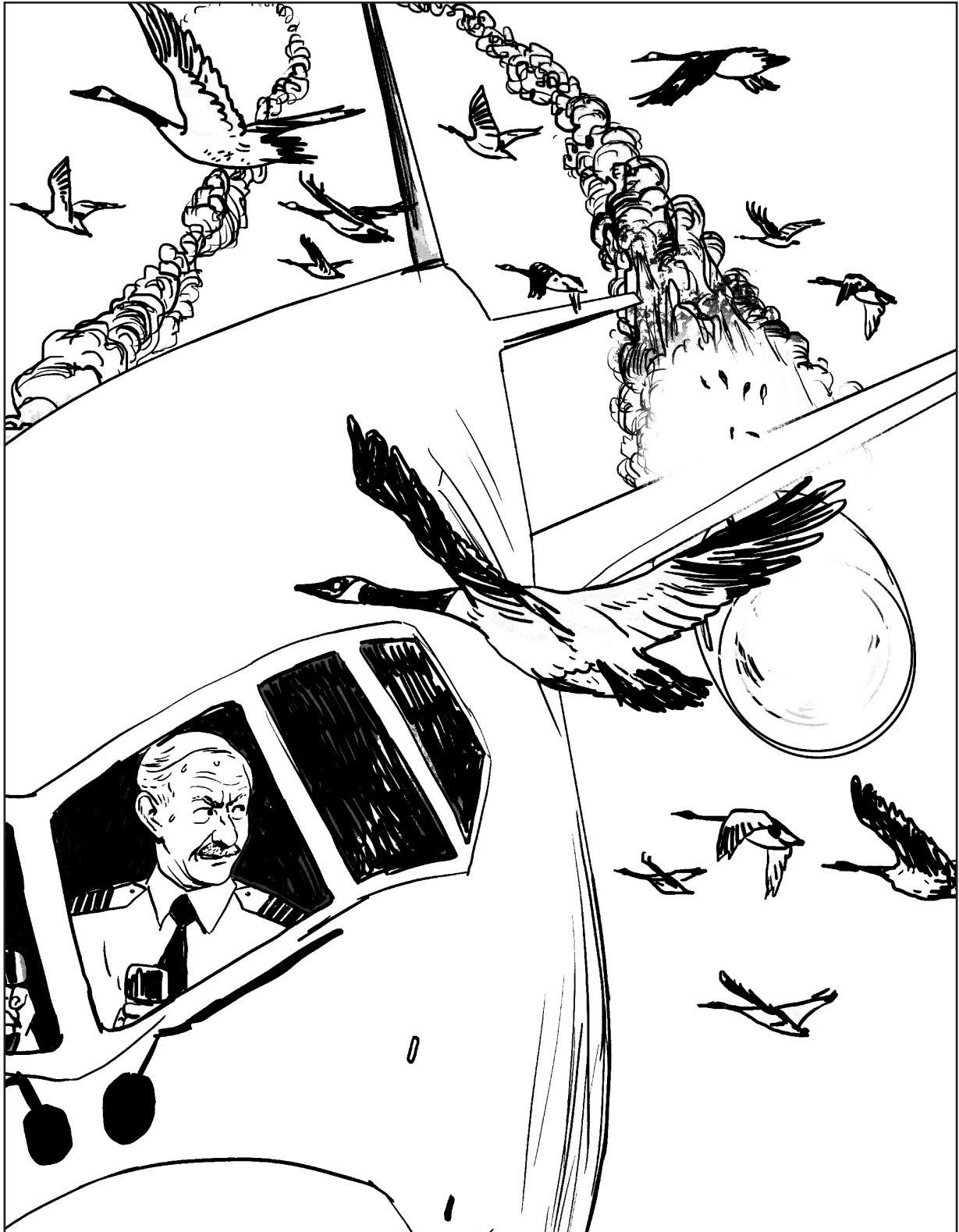


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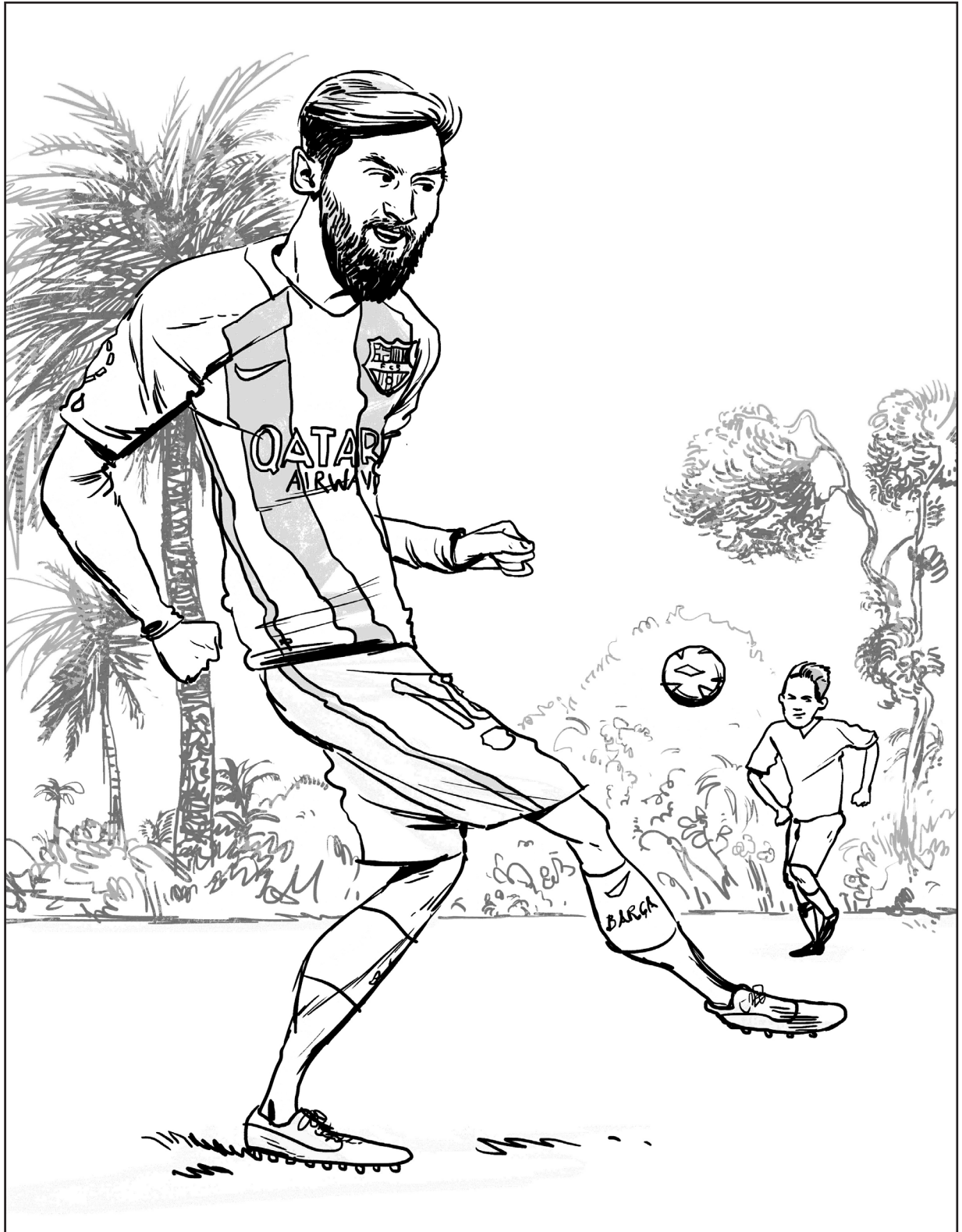


CHESLEY 'SULLY' SULLENBERGER DARED TO BE DIFFERENT BY...

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LIONEL MESSI DARED TO BE DIFFERENT BY....

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CREATE YOUR OWN BOY WHO DARES TO BE DIFFERENT

Have a think about what you admire about the boys in the book, and boys that you know. Use those qualities as inspiration to create the ultimate boy who goes against the grain to make the world a better place.

Name

What does he do?

Where does he live?

What are his good qualities?

Does he have a sidekick?





WORDSEARCH

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

BEETHOVEN
AI WEIWEI
CONFUCIUS
BRAILLE
BILL GATES
DYNAMO
PATCH ADAMS

GALILEO
GRAYSON PERRY
HARVEY MILK
JAMIE OLIVER
FRANK OCEAN
OBAMA
OSCAR WILDE

PATCHADAMS
RAIN
STORMZY
TANK MAN



WORDSEARCH SOLUTION

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BEETHOVEN (S,16,3)

AI WEIWEI (S,18,3)

CONFUCIUS (E,6,1)

BRAILLE (E,6,3)

BILL GATES (E,1,8)

DYNAMO (E,1,9)

PATCH ADAMS (E,2,11)

GALILEO (S,15,2)

GRAYSON PERRY (E,1,5)

HARVEY MILK (SE,5,1)

JAMIE OLIVER (E,7,9)

FRANK OCEAN (E,1,10)

OBAMA (E,1,12)

OSCAR WILDE (E,7,12)

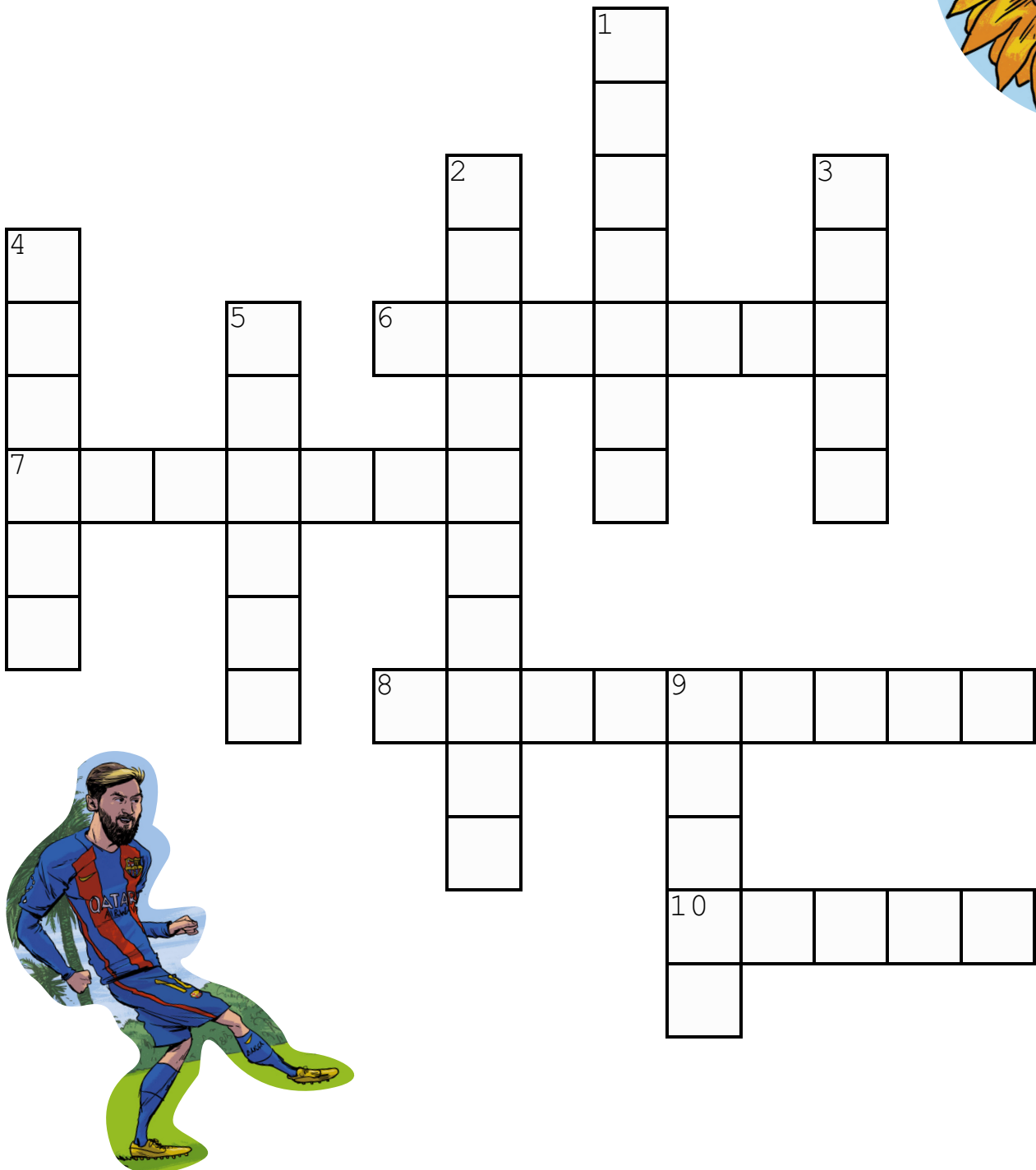
PATCH ADAMS (E,5,2)

RAIN (S,17,3)

STORMZY (E,3,7)

TANK MAN (E,1,6)

CROSSWORD



Across

6. Who discovered that the Earth moved around the Sun, and was put under house arrest by the Church for the rest of his life?
7. Tenzing Norgay was one of the first people to reach the summit of the highest mountain in the world. Which mountain is this?
8. What is Bill Gates' computer company called?
10. Who went on to become one of the greatest footballers in history after being diagnosed with a serious illness at the age of 11?

Down

1. What skill helped Frederick Douglass escape slavery?
2. Who invented a machine to crack the Enigma code?
3. Patch Adams has two jobs. One of them is being a doctor – what is the other one?
4. What is the name of the movement created by Luigi Ciotti to fight against the mafia?
5. What prize did Grayson Perry collect while wearing a dress?
9. Who was the first black President of the United States of America?

HOW DO YOU DARE TO BE DIFFERENT?

The boys in this book are amazing in several ways. If you were in this book, what would your story be?



How would you want to change the world?

My name is:

My dreams and aspirations are:

I hope I will make a difference in the world by:

I hope that I will be daring by:

BEING DARING

Choose one of the following illustrations by Quinton Winter:



Task 1





- What does the picture show?
- How do you think it represents daring?
- Can you spot any important objects or symbols in the illustration?

Task 2

Look at the illustrations again. Can you find the following objects?



Now you've found the bulb, quill, graduation cap and fishing net, write down what you think each of them could represent and what it tells us about the men included in the book. Record your thoughts below!

| | WHAT IT COULD REPRESENT | WHAT IT TELLS US ABOUT THESE MEN |
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It's your turn! If you were in the book, what would symbolise your personality?

INSPIRATIONAL MEN

Looking back at the previous activity, can you match the following professions with the pictures below?

- Environmentalist (Boyan Slat)
- Poet (Percy Shelley)
- Inventor (William Kamkwamba)
- Teacher (Jaime Escalante)



Task 2

The men included in this book are real men, with real stories. Here are some facts about them. Can you write down what each fact tells you about their talents, ambitions and personality?

| BOY WHO DARES TO BE DIFFERENT | FACT | TALENT | PERSONALITY |
|----------------------------------|---|--------|-------------|
| William Kamkwamba (Born 1987) | William was born into a small village in Malawi and his family couldn't afford for him to go to school. He went to the library, taught himself about electronics and set about changing the quality of life in his village with very simple tools, including wind turbines, solar power and clean water. | | |
| Percy Shelley (1792 – 1822) | Percy Shelley was lonely and bullied at school, and was thrown out of university for writing about not believing in God. He ran away to Scotland and then Paris and spent his time scribbling down poems, that turned out to be the most important and beautiful ever written in English. | | |
| Jaime Escalante (1930 – 2010) | Jamie started teaching at a school with a reputation for being dangerous and violent, where pupils often failed exams. He didn't listen to people telling him it was a waste of time. He taught his students in ways they had never experienced before, and eventually more of them got into the local university than any other local school combined. | | |
| Boyan Slat (Born 1994) | When 16-year-old Boyan realised how polluted the earth's oceans were with plastic rubbish, he invented a new type of ocean cleaner which scientists doubted. His invention worked amazingly well, and earned him the title 'Champion of the Earth' | | |