

Superheroes.  
Special people.  
Born with amazing abilities.  
Gifted with uncanny power.  
People born to be heroes.

This show is not about them.

THE UNFORTUNATES is about regular kids  
born with useless abilities  
and “gifted” with crappy powers  
becoming heroes in their own way.

# THE UNFORTUNATES

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So. You're a kid that's just discovered you have a power. And that it's pretty crappy. You've applied to other kid superhero teams and they've turned you down. "Your power isn't useful... We don't know what to do with you..." And you're not sure what to do. You're wondering "Can I actually use this power for good? Can I be a hero? What should i do?"

That's where we come in.

We run a hero school for kids. Kids who have been gifted with powers and discovered that they're... not great. Reverse-telepathy. Exceptionally uncontrolled hair growth. Super-plugged sinuses. All our powers are pretty crap. Just like yours. We'll teach you how to use your powers for good. For herodom.

Look. None of us are ever gonna be Superman or Spider-Man or Captain America. None of us is ever gonna change the world for the better. Some of us can barely change our underwear properly. But we can change our communities. Our towns. Our little corners of the world overlooked by the big guys. We can come together and do good.

The world may see us as unfortunate, but we don't have to see ourselves that way. Let's make our communities a little better.

Come learn how at The Unfortunate Magnet School.

*- Mr. Unfortunate*

Mr. Unfortunate  
Founder, The Unfortunate Magnet School.

So. You got accepted by that goody-goody "Unfortunate" school. You probably got a letter saying how your powers can be used for "good" and how you can "help people" and how you can "be a hero". BLECH. PUKE. BARF. what a pile of crap.

Look. You'll never be Superman or Spider-Man or Captain America. You'll never change the world the way the big guys do. You can probably barely change your underwear without causing some catastrophe.

And that's totally okay. We know it because... our powers suck too.

Our powers aren't a blessing. They're a curse. People look down on us because of our abilities. We have to scrape, claw, and fight for respect out of the normies. If you join us, you'll have a chance for that respect. Normies will fear you. Together, we can finally make the world recognize their own prejudice against us as they bow down to us.

Fear is a most powerful teacher.

Join us and become someone. Become a Respectable.



— The X.

## **The Unfortunates**

It's a show about schoolkids with terrible "superpowers".  
(Like having super-sticky hands that permanently attach to anything they touch.)

It's a show about choosing your own destiny.  
(Becoming the heroic Gummyboy or the villainous Viscid.)

It's a show about trying to put your hero pants on when your hero hands keeps sticking to everything they hero touch.

*It's like X-Men meets The Breakfast Club.*

## **The Characters**

Superman. Wonder Woman. Captain America. Are nowhere to be found in this show. Not because we couldn't afford them (we can't), but because they're not the focus. In a world where the big guys exist, we focus on the little guys. The ones with crappy powers. The ones who will never change the world because they have trouble changing their underwear. We'll focus on a group of kids just coming to discover their powers. Just learning how to use them. Or abuse them. The show is about watching a group of kids decide for themselves who they want to be: heroes or villains. But to start, we'll focus on one kid: Liam Vickers. More about them later...

## **The Setting**

The Unfortunate Magnet School. An academy founded by the the number one.... thousand seven-hundred sixty-fourth Hero in the world himself, Mr. Unfortunate. The Unfortunate Magnet School was designed to take in kids with crappy powers and help them become the kind of small-town heroes they should be - just like Mr. Unfortunate. It's like an inner-city magnet school, trying to help kids with disadvantages stay on the straight & narrow.

It's a well-funded school. But because Mr. Unfortunate isn't around to supervise and inspire as much as he like, it can be hard for the other staff to keep the kids engaged. He does make the occasional visit - the first day of school, graduation, important ceremonies - but the general day-to-day is run by other, even lesser heroes. And when Mr. Unfortunate isn't around, it can be hard to stave off the influence of villains...

## The... "Other" Setting

Inside the The Unfortunate Magnet School lurk unseen villainous forces. Someone is sowing discontent within the walls, attempting to convince students that the hero path is worthless. That the "gifts" the students received in the form of their powers are really curses. That the greater good is no good when it ignores those that it has slighted. That the only logical solution is to get whats yours and damn everyone else.

No one knows from whom this dissent is coming from. There seems to be some central leader, but no one can pin it down. And a shapeless enemy is the hardest to fight... The interesting thing is, the faculty of TMMS know the cancer that is growing within their very walls. But they believe that can contain it. And save those affected from going down the wrong path...

## Mr. Unfortunate

*A pillar of the community.*  
*A force for good and right.*  
*#1...764th best hero in the world.*

That's Mr. Unfortunate!

Mr. Unfortunate's power is a weird one... Whenever he gets emotional (be it sadness, happiness, anger, ennui) he gets incredibly magnetized and metal objects fly at his head. It's a constant source of physical comedy.

Giving an inspirational speech? BONNNG metal bowl to the cranium. Having a heart-to-heart with a student? BAM bopped on the nose by a spoon. Feeling a fatherly sense of pride while watching a graduating class of students go out to make their communities better? WHAM fridge to the...well, everything...

But that doesn't stop him. Mr. Unfortunate has taken his crappy power and turned it into a supermove. If a villian lunges at him, he channels a little angry and WHIING a trashcan lid comes to him and he uses it as a shield! Through his school, he aims to teach others to do the same - turn their burdens into boons!



## **The Stakes**

The world!... is not at stake. What IS at stake is the town of Cherry Hill, New Jersey (where The Unfortunates takes place). It's a small town, but for the people of Cherry Hill it is their entire world. Citizens care about the well being of their town with the intensity of Superman in Metropolis. But that's mostly due to Mr. Unfortunate's presence...

Mr. Unfortunate is a shining beacon to all of Cherry Hill. His personal story – born an "unfortunate" zero and turning himself into Mr. Unfortunate the Hero – is inspirational to each and every citizen. His is a symbol of all that is good and right. Problem is, Mr. Unfortunate isn't always around. He's got a lot to do! He's got a lot of schools across the country to manage! He does his best, but he can't be everywhere all the time. When he's not around, the citizens of Cherry Hill are in danger of being subtly influenced by villainous forces. Of falling into villainous and victimous psychology. "If Mr. Unfortunate doesn't care about preserving our community... why should we?"

That's where the real hero of "The Unfortunates" comes in...

## **Our Protagonist, Liam**

Some people are grumpy about their "powers" and wish they could be gifted something else. A lot of kids wish they could trade their powers for something better. But not Liam Vickers. Liam just wishes he would could have had any power at all. He's got nothin'. Doesn't stick to things. Nothing flies at his head when he's emotional. Bupkis. Liam's totally average. They've wanted to be a hero their whole life, but can't believe they haven't even been gifted with a crappy ability. They've got nothing at all. And it hurts like hell.

But that's not gonna stop Liam. Liam wants to be a hero so bad that they're gonna sneak into The Unfortunate Magnet School. They're gonna attend classes that they're not registered for. They're gonna pretend that he has some unfortunate power. They're gonna work super-extra hard to become a hero, even though they hasn't been "gifted" with anything at all.

And that gonna pay off for them.

When Mr. Unfortunate discovers Liam's ruse - that they're attending classes without being enrolled, doing assignments they're not being graded on, doing more work than any "actual" student - he's incredibly impressed. He finds Liam to be incredibly inspirational. Mr. Unfortunate decides to give Liam a gift...

Part of the weird thing of Mr. Unfortunate's "power" is that he can pass it on. Such is the power of magnetism. Mr. Unfortunate chooses Liam to be his successor. To be the one

that can continue his work when he's not around. To be... the next Mr. Unfortunate. And that's what he's gonna become. "The Unfortunates" is a show about Liam's journey to becoming the next Mr. Unfortunate. And about banding all the kids of The Unfortunate Magnet School together to overcome for forces of villainy.

## **Our Antagonist**

Chase Jin. De facto leader of the current 1st year class at The Mighty Magnet School. His power is powerful but unpredictable - his body sweat is an unstable explosive that can go off at any time. He has learned how to predict when it will "pop" and how to control it, which makes him leagues above the other kids in his class. He looks down on his classmates, including Liam. He thinks he is clearly the most powerful of them. And he's right. He can't wait for Mr. Unfortunate to realize it and make him his personal disciple. That's not gonna happen.

When Mr. Unfortunate passes his power onto Liam and choses them as his disciple, Chase has a shitfit. "WTF!? I'm clearly the most powerful here! WHY AM I NOT YOUR CHOSEN ONE!?!?" Now Chase has two goals: be recognized by Mr. Unfortunate AND take down Liam...

## **The Big Villain**

Former sidekick of Mr. Unfortunate, **The X** is at the center of all the villainy brewing in The Unfortunate Magnet School. But no one knows it. **The X** is building their own army of villains inside the school called The Respectables. **The X** is subtly influencing kids to come to their side... to reject what Mr. Unfortunate says is "good" and snatch the respect they deserve from an undeserving public.

**The X** and Mr. Unfortunate have a long sordid history that will unfold as the seasons go on... Suffice it to say that **The X** is now against everything Mr. Unfortunate believes in, and will work to undo all the good that Mr. Unfortunate has done in the Cherry Hill community. And it starts with trying to take over the school...

**The X** knows that if Mr. Unfortunate gets his way and all the kids of The Mr. Unfortunate Magnet School band together to become heroes, then **The X** and The Respectables have no chance of taking over the school. But if there's one thing **The X** is good at, it's sowing discontent. And **The X** is gonna start with Chase...

## **Some other Characters in The Unfortunates!**

Hopper - Reverse Telepathy

Polly - Polymorphs Randomly

Blank - No personality.

Snake Eyes - Worst possible luck. Always.

Cling - Sticks to everything.

Shrinking Iris - Every time Iris asserts herself, she shrinks.

Luri - Anti-invisibility.

Bob - Uncontrollable hair growth.

Wahwahweegee - Shoots spaghetti out of his fingers.

*But are these characters heroes or villains? We'll find out as the show progresses...*



## Episodes

### 1. Pilot

First day of the new school year at The Unfortunate Magnet School. A fresh crop of kids are starting their journey. In homeroom, kids discuss why they are there. Some to use learn how to their powers to be heroes. Some to figure out out to control their uncontrollable powers. One kid isn't talking about their power at all: Liam. He won't reveal what his power is or why he wants to be there. Which pisses off one Chase Jin. Chase vows to find out what Liam's power is and why he's at school...

### 2. Attack

Having learned that Liam has no power, Chase backs off. Liam wants to be a hero but he has no power at all? Liam isn't even worth Chase's time. But when villains attack The Unfortunate Magnet School, Liam's worth may be proven...

### 3. Abduction

Part 2 of the villain battle. Kids are being abducted from the school and The Unfortunate Magnet is nowhere to be found. Things look dire for our 1st year class. The villains grab hold of Chase and are about to get away with him when Liam jumps in and saves him without thinking, swapping himself in place for Chase. The villains get away with Liam...

### 4. Gift

The villains try to convert Liam to their side. "You don't even have a power... you should join us and stick it to the kids that do." But Liam won't budge; he will not fall into victim mentality! He will save everyone he can even though he has no power! The villains are about to discard him when WHAM Mr. Unfortunate busts in and saves Liam. Huzzah! Back at school, an assembly is called. Mr. Unfortunate brings Liam up to the stage and thanks him for saving Chase (much to Chase's dismay). BUT. Liam cannot stay at The Unfortunate Magnet School because he does not have a power. So...he bestows Liam with a gift...

## Visual Inspiration:

