

Pre-Production Summary Template

GENERAL INFO

1. **Your name:** Luke McMullin

2. **Story idea #:** 1

3. **Linear or Non-Linear?** Linear

a. **If Linear**, summarize:

i. **Beginning / Exposition:**

Penguin is looking for friends. He stumbles upon a group and requests to join them. Group notices that Penguin has a chipped flipper and laughs hysterically at him. Penguin is embarrassed and saddened.

ii. **Middle / Complication:**

Penguin starts walking away while Group continues to laugh at him. Soon later, while they're still laughing, one member of the Group (Alien)'s ear falls off. The Group pauses, then starts laughing at Alien. Next, another member (Dolphin) reveals his tag. They all then laugh together. More shots of cascading revealed 'flaws' of Group members may happen.

iii. **End / Resolution:**

Group member rushes over to Penguin, asking him to join the Group. Shot of Group with their 'flaws.' Penguin starts to laugh, followed by Group members. They all leave the scene together happily.

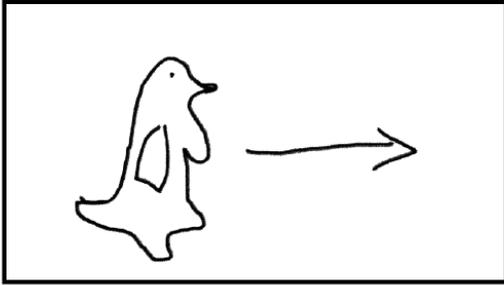
b. **If Non-Linear**, which format are you using? _____
(Book Ending, The Countdown, The Puzzle, or The Beaded Necklace)

Summarize how your story will fit that format:

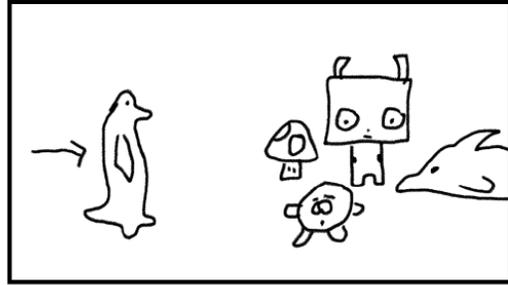
CREATIVE BRIEF

1. What must it be? A short stop motion animation that tells a compelling story
2. Who is it for? Audiences of all ages who are interested in quirky stop motion with themes of acceptance
3. How long must it be? 10-60 seconds long, 10-24fps
4. What is your objective with the piece?
My objective here is to give life to random figurines I found and make a compelling story from them. Noticing that each figurine has 'flaws' (broken parts or tags), I want to create a story around themes of accepting yourself and the realities of trying so hard to "fit in," while adding humor to the fact that they are figurines.
5. When is it due? 2-19-23, before midnight
6. What is the overall idea? The main idea is for the audience to question why we try so hard to hide our true selves in order to fit in.
7. What is the storyline summary?
A group of personified figurines makes fun of and rejects someone for having a noticeable 'flawed' trait, only to realize soon that each of them have 'flawed' traits of their own. They apologize to the fellow figurine and accept him into the group.
8. Elevator pitch: A quirky and heartfelt story of a penguin figurine looking for friends that gets rejected by a group for having a 'flaw,' only for the group to come to grips with the fact that they each have 'flaws' of their own. The underlying ideas are acceptance and embracing our differences.
9. Tagline: Are they flaws? Or are they our true selves?
10. Look and feel description: The actions and expressions will be implied through the stop motion movements of the figurines. The characters are the center of the story, so the background will be in somewhat muted colors while the characters are vibrant. Because there is quirkiness to this, there will be cartoon-like gestures and sound effects, especially when each flaw is revealed.
11. Identify classic plot. Ex: Good vs Evil / Overcoming the Monster, Rebirth and Redemption, Rags to Riches, Role Reversals, Buddy Stories, Love Stories, Quest / journeys / Voyage and Return, Ship of Fools, The Rebel / Life Against the Grain, Coming of Age, or "Other" (explain):

This is sort of metaphorically like Coming of Age, where the Group "comes of age" or matures into acceptance. It could also be like Role Reversals, as the Group members start walking in the Penguin's shoes when they reveal 'flaws' of their own.



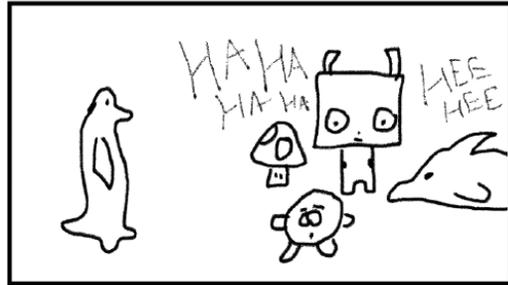
Opening scene is established. Penguin enters scene and walks to the right.



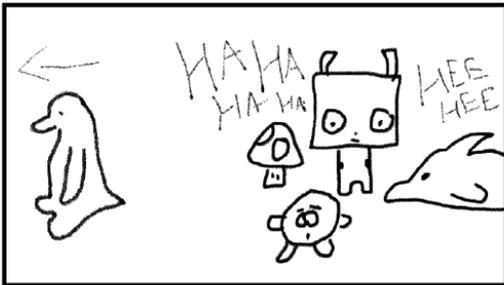
Penguin approaches group, who then turns around and notices Penguin.



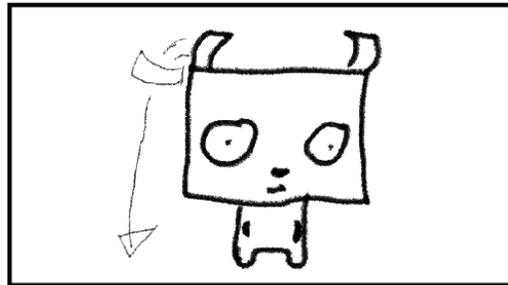
Zoom-in shot of Penguin's chipped flipper. Group notices it.



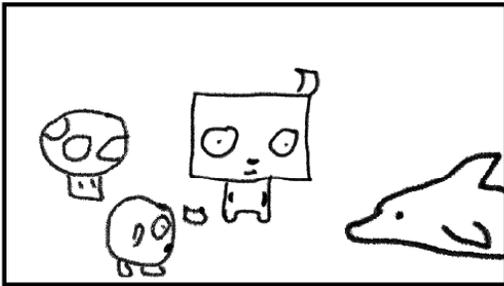
Group laughs hysterically at Penguin. Jittering motion and sound effects will portray this.



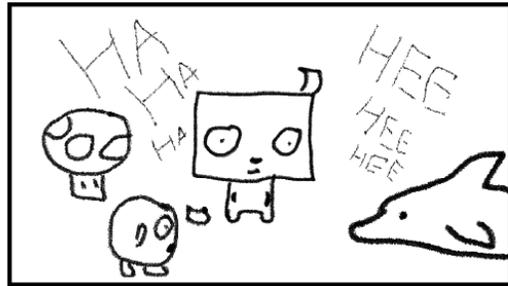
Penguin starts walking away, embarrassed and saddened by his rejection.



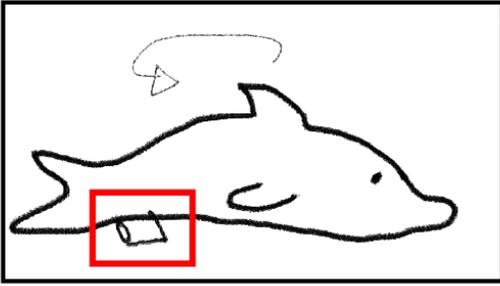
Shot focuses on a Group member (Alien) and his ear chips off and falls to the ground.



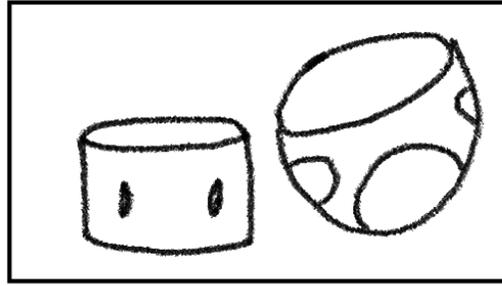
Everyone stares at Alien, noticing that his ear just fell off!



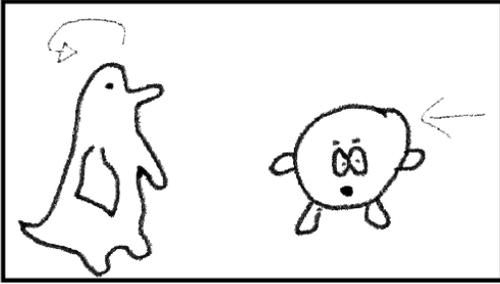
They all start laughing at Alien.



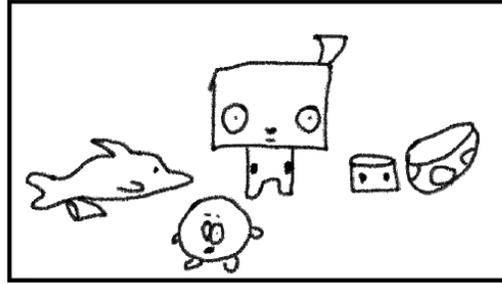
Dolphin turns around to reveal a tag sticking out of his side. Camera may zoom in on tag.



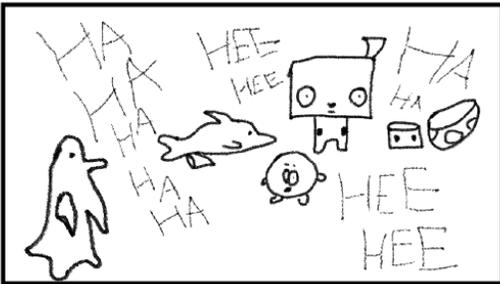
Top flips open on Mushroom, revealing his hollow inside. Everyone laughs together now.



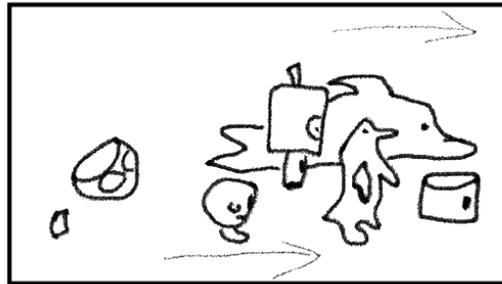
Sad Penguin turns around, noticing a Group member rushing over. He apologizes to Penguin and asks him to join the group.



Shot of all the Group members with all of their 'flaws' in plain sight.



They all laugh together.



Penguin joins the Group and they all walk off the set together, flaws and all, in bliss.