

Dear young readers,

My favorite children's book growing up was *Where the Wild Things are* by Maurice Sendack. It was through that book, I learned the power of words, meaning, and imagination.

Like the main character Max, I was a wild child who wreaked havoc, and often found myself lost in these invented worlds inspired by books, popular culture, and video games. It was one of a few inspirations that lead me to become an Illustrator and educator...

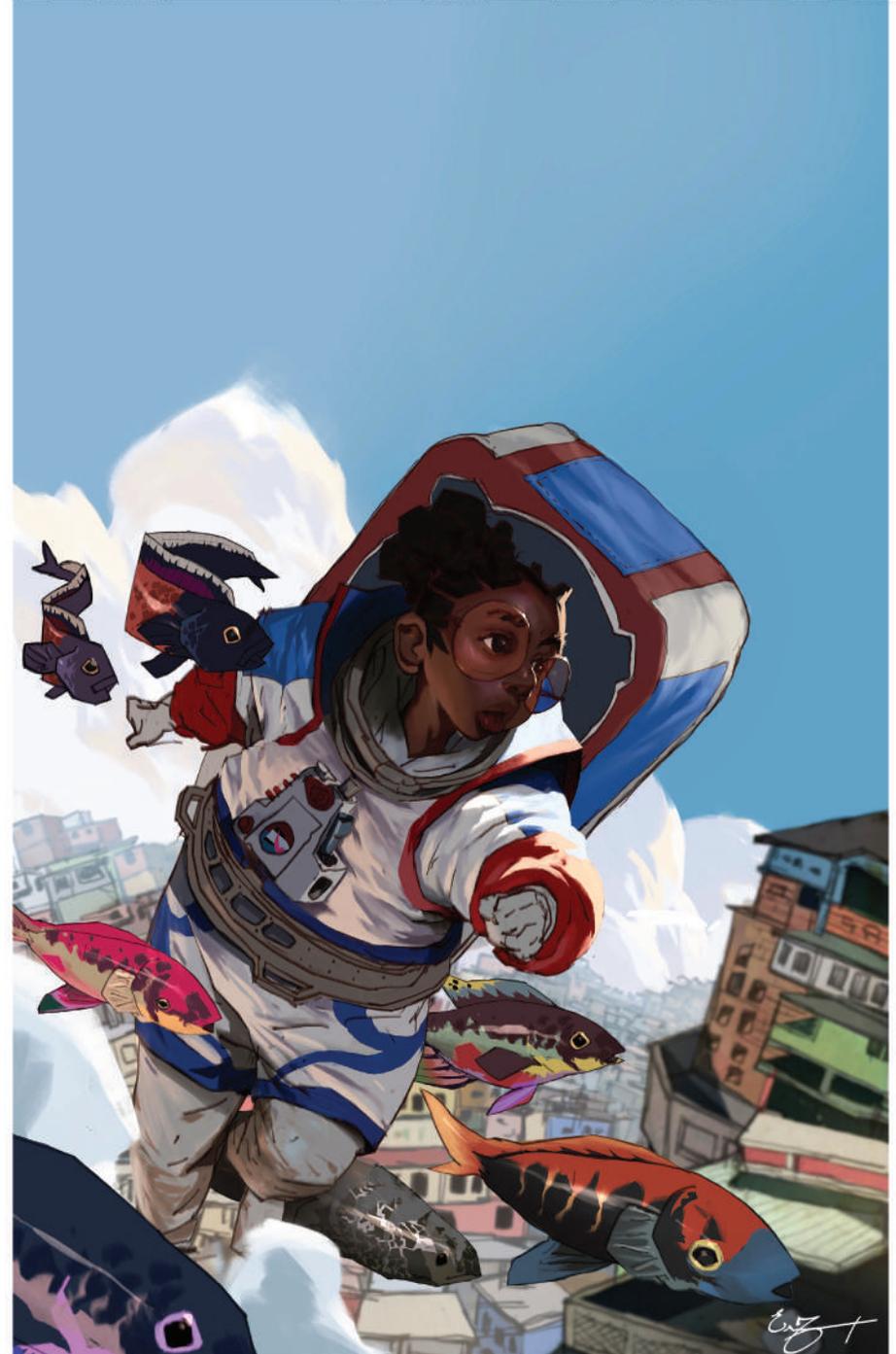
Sincerely,

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