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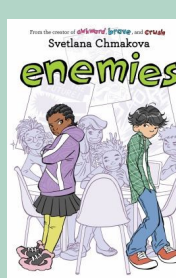
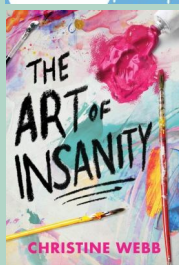
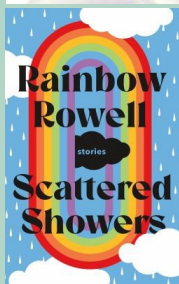
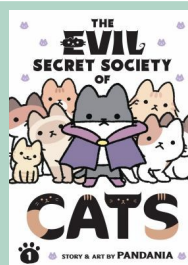
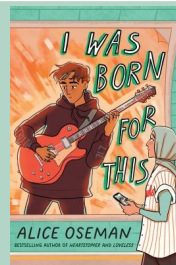
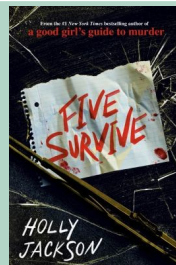
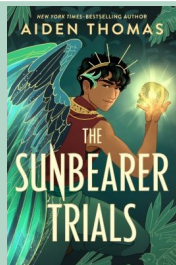
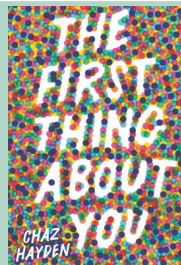


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The library has published entries exactly as they were submitted. They reflect the views and opinions of the teens who created them.

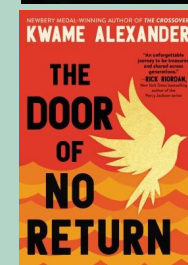
To submit your work for publication in a future showcase, email it to zone@gailborden.info or visit www.gailborden.info/teenwriting for details. We look forward to seeing your work!





New at the Library

Check these books out at your friendly neighborhood library branch, or reserve them at gailborden.info!



FRONT COVER
Agent 8
DANICA FONG



BACK COVER
Untitled
ANDREW RAYNER



Gray Room

DWENY GEETH

Chapter 2:

I sit on the floor, still not believing it. There's no way this is happening. I'm obviously dreaming.

I need to find those robots. They're going to pay for this.

I get up and wipe the tears from my face, wondering where to start. I visualize my mind notebook, an area in my brain where I store my thoughts.

I know that the woman is the leader of the robots. Their goal: to invade Earth with robots.

Great. I basically know nothing.

I save the page and decide to use my second strategy. Running. I run towards the door and open it, stepping outside.

Only then I am able to fully breathe in the atmosphere of my demolished city. The beautiful domed structures and cube shaped homes are rubble on the ground. The rivers are a murky gray, polluted with pieces of the buildings that were built on top of rivers. And people....

There are no people to be found.

I look around at the dusty landscape, littered with debris from buildings.. This is just too much. I turn away and run as far as I can, until I can't feel my legs and my heart is pounding too quickly to comprehend. I sit down, exhaustion overwhelming me, with my thoughts foggy in my brain. My eyelids droop. *No, I can't fall.. Asleep... Right now.... I still..... Need to..... Find..... The robots.*

I dream of my city before it was destroyed, with its towering buildings and beautiful waves of glass. The gray structures jut out from all directions. A flash of color, and the robots from last night's dream are standing in front of me. Their leader stares at me.

"Are you ready to join us?" she asks. Her image flickers and her words are distorted. She doesn't seem real, but she's here in this space, talking to me.

"What?" I ask, woozy from the pain in my feet. It takes me a minute to process the question.

"Why are you doing this?" I ask the woman.

"Because we need you to help us," she responds. "And since you didn't seem to be cooperating, your city got destroyed."

I stare at her. "What happens if I help you?"

"Well, I've already destroyed your city, so if you would help me destroy the rest, I might release the people from your city. But no one else,"

I nod. "I'll get back to you by tonight,"

"That sounds fine," her lips curl into a thin smile. She vanishes, and I wake up.

I open my eyes to the sight of destruction. Thoughts flood my brain. I need to warn people in the other cities. But how?

Crystal Dream

KAYLEEN PEREZ



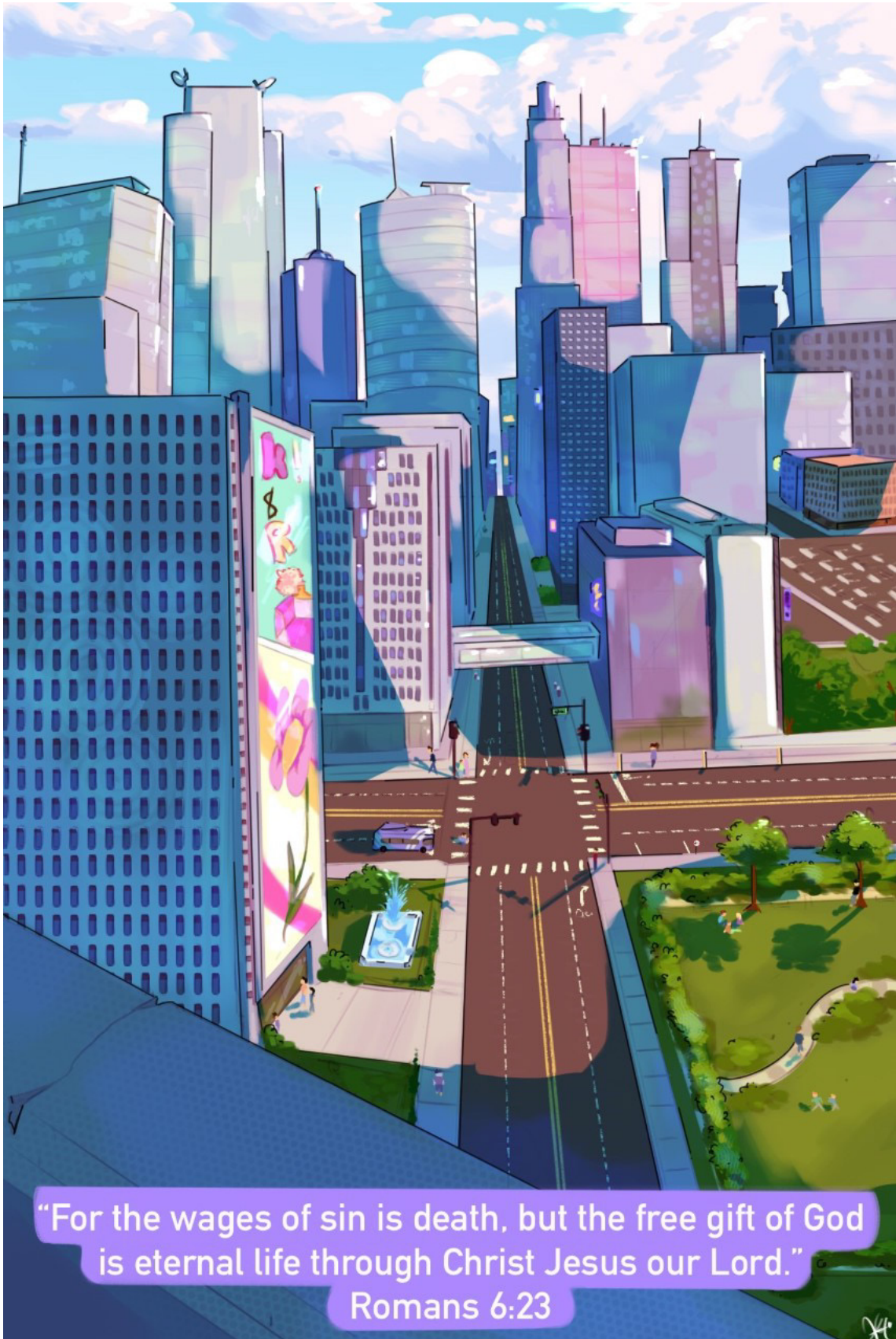
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LIZZY FROHLING



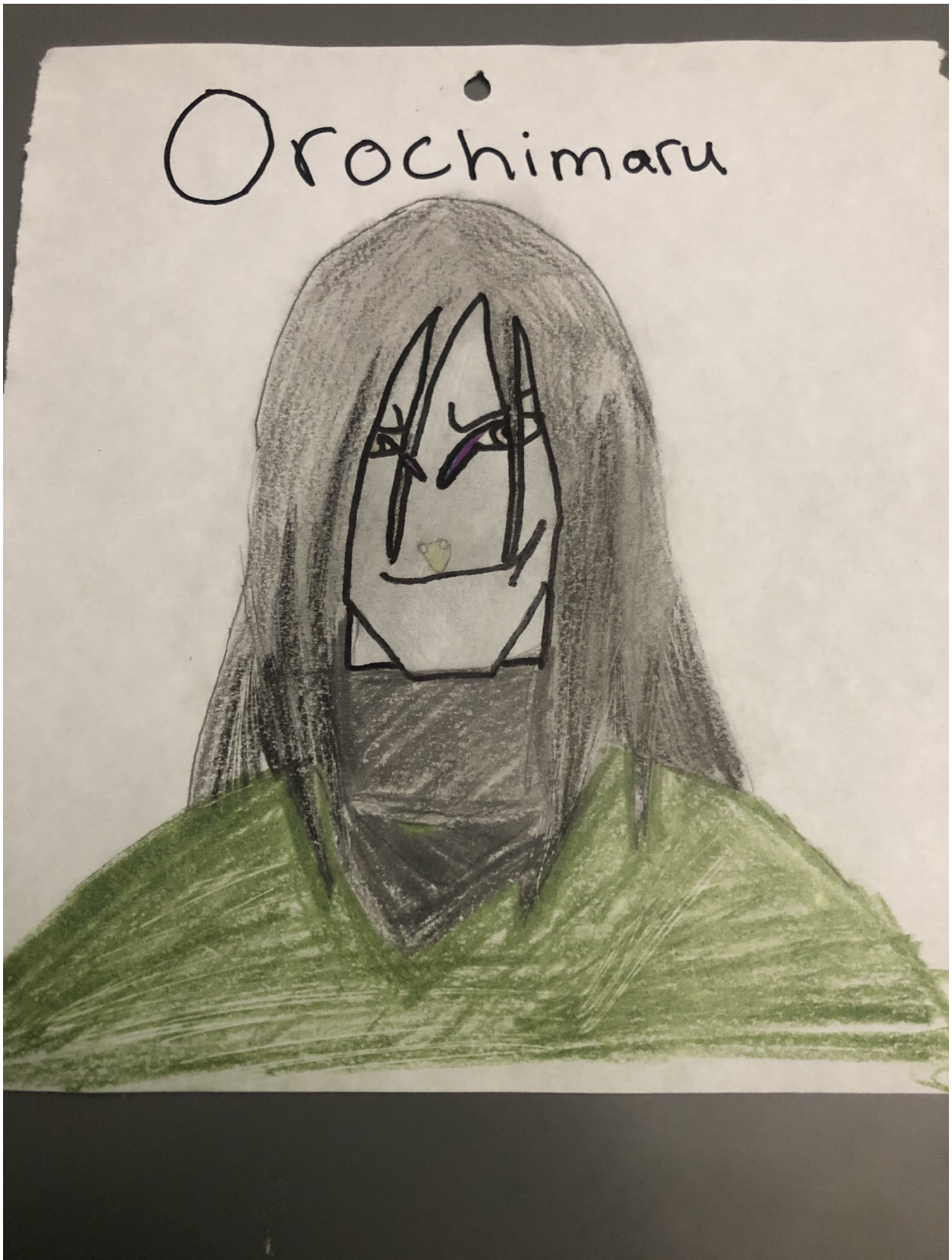
City Skies

VALERY MARTINEZ



Orochimaru

RYAN SIEMION



Self Portrait

KYLE SANEDRIN



Alone in My Thoughts

PAIGE SANEDRIN



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Grades 6-12

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Grades 6 - 12

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Calling all fans of Demon Slayer, Attack on Titan, My Hero Academia, and more! Watch anime, share fan art, make buttons, and try an anime-themed craft. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome.

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