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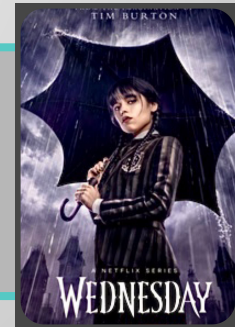
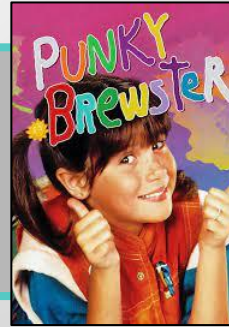
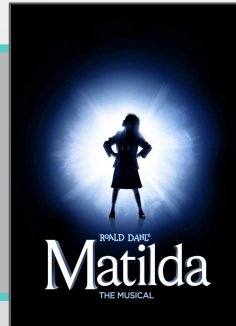
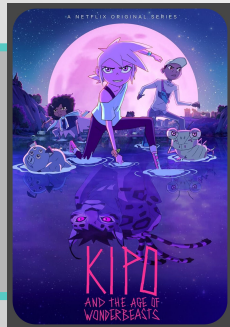
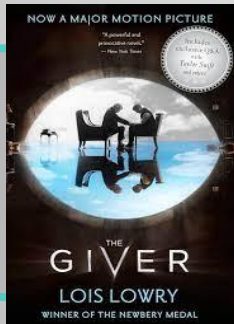
COMPS



moonpies



Moonpies is *The Giver* meets *Punky Brewster*, with some bits and feels of *KIPO/Wednesday* and *Matilda*. The pilot is sixty minutes with subsequent episodes falling at thirty minutes. Rating of TV Y7.



Series Logline

"Novi, a spirited preteen girl, is forced to embrace her inner power to rescue her kidnapped friend from the dark forces running the oppressive dystopian society in which she lives."

Moonpies takes place in Nume, a dystopian society that demands children conform to assigned family career expectations. Families are only allowed to befriend families that share the same gift. If you have any flaw or difference, the people of Nume believe you cannot carry out your family gift. You will be deemed "faulted" and sent to reside in an institution called Atherton. The "faulted" children who forever disappear are known as "the gone," and nobody is to mention them again...BUT three girls with different family gifts form a secret group called Moonpies and pave the way to a new life in Nume.

#iMATTER

#healthyBOUNDARIES

#FREEtoBeME

#MoonpiesISaCORESHAKER

#THEMES

#EMPOWERMENT

#ownMYtrauma

#IamENOUGH

#stayTRUEtoYOU

#FINDINGyourVOICE

#perseverance

#heartGENDERtruth

#RESILIENCE

Moonpie Marrow

Moonpies takes the audience on a journey covering all the human emotions. It taps into childhood experiences that are relatable even though the world is set in a dystopian society. Nume shares a lot of elements with our own society allowing the audience to connect. I feel I have succeeded if saltwater drips from your eyeballs, you grind your teeth from suspense, and wet your pants a tinge from laughing.



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The MOONPIE CREW

Novi Duray uses her spunk and preteen angst to try and create a normal childhood, including her forbidden friendships amongst all the Nume rules. Desiring change for Nume inspires her to "paint outside the lines," with the stakes being her family's potential banishment from Nume. Frustrated by her lack of progress forces Novi to look inward and realize her biggest obstacle is her own self-acceptance.



Novi

Clovi

Clovi Carie's sweet, pleaser personality and paranoid nature make her an exemplary Numekin. These attributes, combined with her Moonpie devotion, help keep Novi in check in hairy situations. But Clovi's secret is that she begins to detest her family's sale gift and wants something different. Self-exploration becomes Clovi's theme in life so she can experience the feeling of passion.

Thayer JM Millis is an eccentric soul and provides the Moonpies with endless laughter and memorable moments. Unfortunately, due to her trauma, she has had to hide all her family secrets, even from Clovi and Novi. Her trickiest secret is her DID (Dissociative Identity Disorder.) If her alters become known, she faces rejection from her Moonpies and being separated from her family forever. For Thayer to have inner peace, she must overcome the guilt and shame that control her.



Thayer



The Durays



Adler Duray rounds out the family as that sarcastic, hip older brother who appears too cool to care. Oh, but he cares; it just happens to be for Clovi's sister Hetta, who has a different family gift. She holds his heart, and in Nume, that is NO-NO. Choosing love means Adler must find his inner strength.

Adler

Yara and Etin Duray are products of Nume, raising their Numekins, Novi, and Adler the best they know-how. Their conditional love parenting style stems from their desires to have Novi and Adler be the best they can be at their assigned family gift. Unfortunately, their dedication to Nume has resulted in Yara having no voice of her own anymore and Etin void of emotions. Confronted with the possibility of losing Novi forever and their family being ousted from Nume forces them to prioritize what is truly important. Validating Novi and showing her and Adler true unconditional love is the key to freeing themselves from their inner struggles and saving their family.



Meet.. the parents...

Etin



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SHELLEIGH G DELUXE



Shelleigh G Deluxe is Thayer's dominant fabulous hilarious alter who also happens to be a turtle (mix tortoise/turtle). She represents a younger version of Thayer, protecting Thayer from bad trauma memories and handling all her emotions but anger. Thayer has no memory of her and is embarrassed when Shelleigh takes over. However, struggling to feel accepted keeps Shelleigh more present. Neither of them will ever be satisfied until they learn to compromise.

"I am having the paradise of my life!"



RAMONE

BYMONE



Ramone comes out rarely, only when Thayer is threatened, or provoked. Thayer and Shelleigh despise him because he gets physical and really angry. To keep Ramone in check, Thayer needs to feel safe but Ramone needs to understand his actions are not always helpful.

Muna



(sad) Muna

Muna Mari Millis is Thayer's 10-year-old sister who has become invisible in their household. She is a quiet observer who is anxious and sad due to their family's secrets. Accepting Novi's invitation to become a Moonpie to find Thayer comes at the cost of having to share their family secrets. The journey unexpectedly provides Muna with a support system empowering her to heal.

Francis Kimpy is a goofy chocolate-loving classmate of Novi's. Nobody takes him seriously, even Francis himself. An opportunity to help Novi forces Francis to expose his mom's participation in the underground. Francis follows his heart for the greater good, allowing him to gain the inner confidence he never had.



Francis



Orla Sorelle comes across as an arrogant soul with an attitude that keeps the institution kids at a distance. However, loneliness, curiosity, and despair about her identity allow her to open up to Novi. Casting her fears of rejection aside and giving the kids a chance allows Orlo to experience acceptance. Finally, Orlo can feel free to live as a HE!

Orla → Orlo

Moefar Rifton radiates positivity and comic relief with his big sassy personality. When he befriends Novi in the institution, he inspires her to use her voice and focus on her dreams and goals. But Novi challenges Moefar to recognize his positive outlook isn't always healthy. She encourages him to find a balance and not hide behind his humor.

Moefar



#LIVEyourTRUTH

**Time
for the
“bad Numbers”**



Alto Maldoni

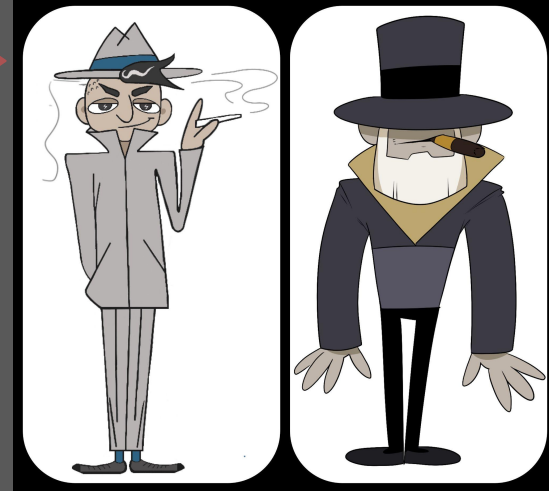
is the current leader of Nume, who is mean, selfish, entitled, and lacking all qualities that would make a mother proud. Unfortunately, his mommy issues have contributed to his influence over Nume, making it the undesirable place it has become. However, Alto has finally met his match in the form of a little girl named Novi and her friends. With his leadership on the the line, Alto becomes desperate and even more undesirable.



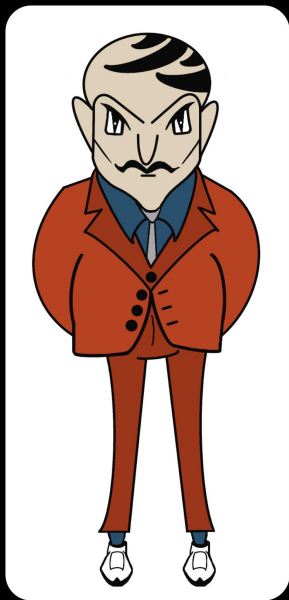
THE LORKS

Heads up....

If you hear a knock on your door and live in Nume, you hope to never open open it up and see The Lorks on your front steps. They are Nume officials who only visit when they are following their orders to deal with the faulted cases. All their brain power is devoted to Alto and Nume rules. So best to pretend you aren't home if they come a knockin. But know they will come back.



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THE JERKS

Vorton Idleberg is in charge of the “faulted” kids in Atherton, keeping them submissive Numwards with his mean, heartless, selfish power. Novi rallies the kids to sabotage Vorton’s plan of selling the “faulted” to be experimented on for research. Instead, the “faulted” try to give him a chance to redeem himself. Yet, Vorton is who he is, incapable of change, proving Vorton should not be in any position of power.

VORTON



Principal Finster reigns supreme at faking nice, but everyone recognizes his agenda, which is his loyalty to Nume. Fear controls him like everyone else, yet he goes out of his way to protect himself. As Novi embarks on her mission, Finster stands in her way every chance he gets. Eventually, an opportunity to assist the children penetrates his heart, changing how he uses his “family gift.”

#TRUSTyourGUTnotVORTON

NUME

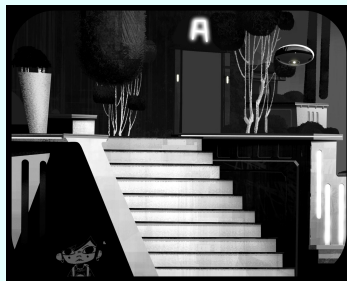
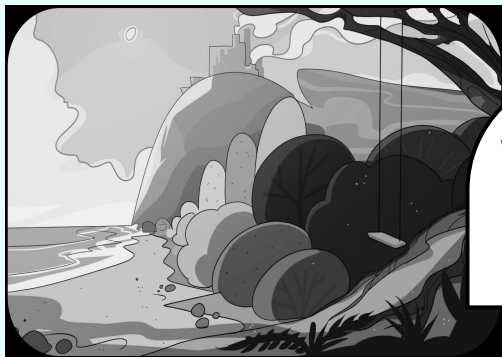
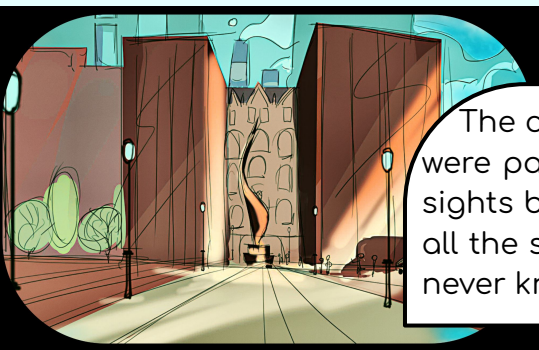
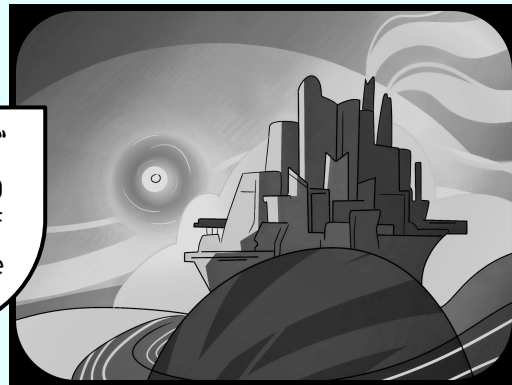
The city of Nume is eye candy with its dramatic stylized visuals. If you were passing through, you might ease off the gas pedal to soak in the sights but simultaneously lock your doors. However, the aesthetics and all the signs with rules are red flags. Things might look perfect but you never know what is going on behind closed doors.

The Moonpie Spot

The Moonpie spot is surrounded by thick foliage with a sandy beach on a lake. The birthplace of the Moonpies, where their forbidden friendships were born. It is the ideal secret spot for the girls to hang out, be free, and hopefully not get caught together.

Atherton

Atherton is the institution where “the faulted” are sent to reside. It is an eerie building lacking love in every way. It represents the “dark side” of Nume, yet ironically is where seeds of hope begin, thanks to Novi.





NUME Central School



The LAKE SPOT



The Moonpie Spot



ABANDONED HOUSE



THE BLACK CAR - BEWARE!



Atherton Institution

"The Gone"

Novi, Clovi, and Thayer wrap up another fun Moonpie meeting. None of them consider themselves official Nume Breakers despite their illicit friendship. They managed to hang out again at their secret spot on the lake and not get caught. Knowing how dangerous it is for them to be friends keeps them on their tippy toes. Making sure the coast is clear, they go home with a plan to meet up tomorrow.

The following day while waiting for the bus, Novi slips Clovi a Moonpie note and she stuffs it in her pocket. But then, the mood changes to serious as all eyes go to the infamous black car barreling down the street. Everyone knows in Nume, the black car means another child has been deemed "faulted," and one family's life is about to change forever.

On the bus, Novi observes the other children sharing the same curious, worried vibes. The bus continues down their street slowing down as it passes the same black car. Everyone's heads turn out the window. Novi witnesses Thayer being carried out of her house by a Lork, kicking and screaming with her little sister Muna trying to save her. The tears of disbelief and confusion begin roll down Novi's face. Emotions Novi must hide not to give away her secret friendship with Thayer, who has a different family gift.

Throughout the day, Novi refuses to accept that Thayer is one of "the gone." Meanwhile, with Principal Finster distracted, Novi sneaks into his office and steals Thayer's file. An impulse steal that leaves her stressing the rest of the day because she knows how much trouble she and her family would get into if caught.

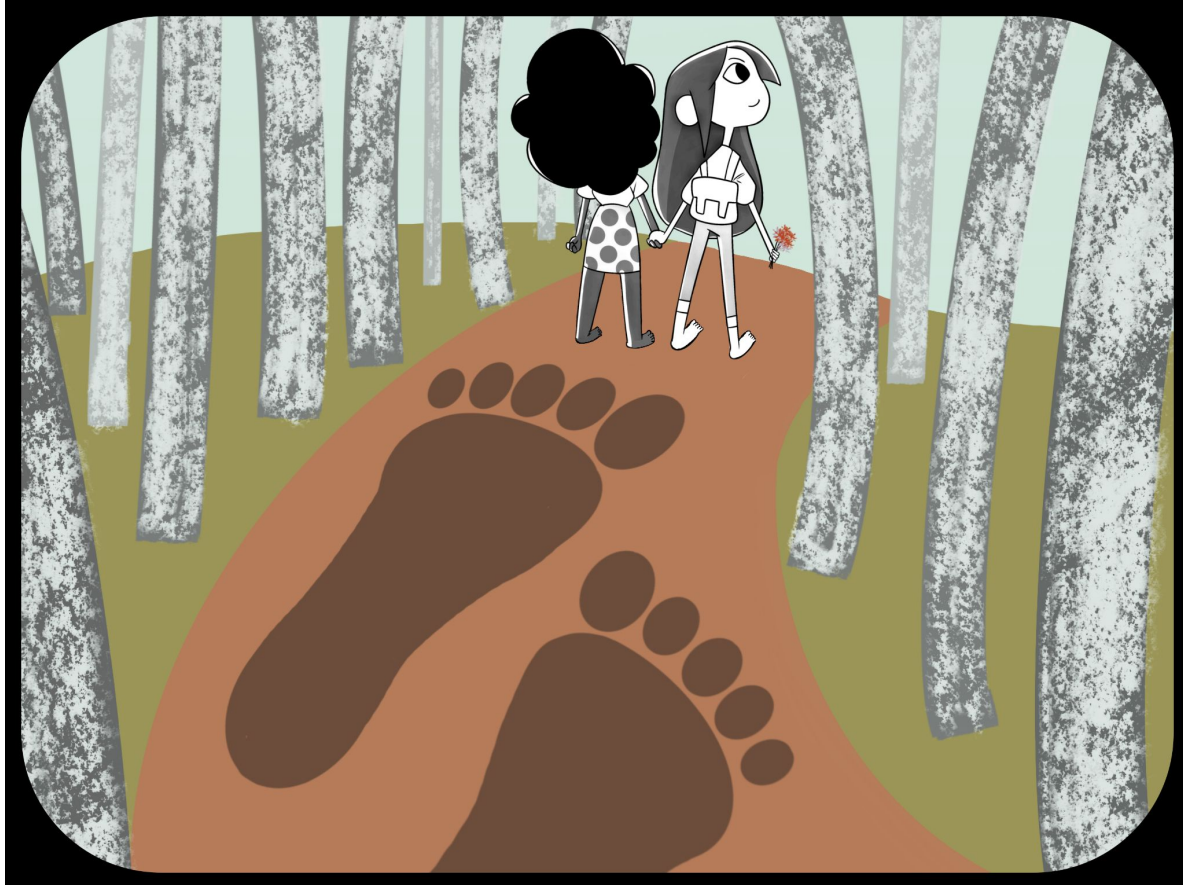
After school, Novi and Clovi arrive at the Moonpie Spot and place flowers on the empty log where Thayer should be. Clovi gazes at Novi empathetically. She wipes a tear and puts her arm around Novi. Both agree they must find Thayer. Clovi looks at Novi's face, "What...tell me." Novi slowly pulls the file out of her backpack. After Clovi finishes her paranoid meltdown, she makes Novi promise never to read the file and get rid of it ASAP.

Novi shifts to her other idea to invite Thayer's sister Muna to be an honorary Moonpie member hoping Muna could provide important clues. Shockingly, Clovi gives a thumbs up, approving "Mission Muna." Excited yet incredibly anxious, they sneak off to Muna's house. Fortunately, their risky adventure ends with a celebration once back at the Moonpie Spot. Even though they can't tell anybody how they dodged the nosey neighbor and had an encounter with Novi's brother, it makes for a good story they hope to share with Thayer soon.

That night Novi locks her bedroom door and walks back to her bed, focused and intense. She grabs Thayer's file, and a tear rolls down her face. Then, all goes dark as she puts a blanket over her head. A click is heard as she turns her flashlight on, and with hesitation, she opens the file. Novi is now a full-blown one-of-a-kind like never seen before Nume Breaker (person who goes against Nume's rules). There is no turning back. #FreeTHAYER

“Our feet might be small, but our footprints are GIANT”

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GIANT’



Season Summaries of 1...2...3

1 Novi's parents have instilled in her that Nume comes first, but her secret best friend is taken, creating an internal struggle. However, her heart wins, and her desire for justice takes over. This inspires her to rally others to help in her plight. Novi knows the first step is to find the institution where Nume sends "the faulted." Yet staying under the radar is difficult with Principal Finster, the nosey neighbor Nessie, Nupes, and The Lorks. Evading being caught allows the Moonpies to discover The Nameless City where the institution, Atherton is. Now they must figure out how to get Thayer out. Novi jumps into save mode wanting to bust Thayer right out of Atherton. But, her lack of patience becomes detrimental as what seems like the perfect escape plan goes awry. Atherton officials have been tipped off! The officials sound the alarm.

2 The Moonpies realize they need help. Novi turns to her parents, believing they will assist, yet they try to stop her efforts. This creates confusion and disappointment, forcing her to enlist the underground. The Moonpies gather more clues on the underground before making contact. Finally, a solid far-fetched plan pays off, and Thayer is back in the Nume hood down the street from Novi, where she belongs. A first of its kind release and all thanks to the Moonpies. Big phew, Thayer is safe, and the long-awaited Moonpie meeting can commence. But the secret celebration comes to a halt when a Nupe discovers the Moonpie spot and threatens to expose them all!

3 Novi identifies as a Nume Breaker, which makes her forge ahead to keep the Moonpies together. Thayer takes time to adjust back into the Nume groove. She cautiously shares her alters with them. Still fired up with seeking justice, Novi encourages the Moonpies that their next mission is to solve the mystery of the family that disappeared. This becomes an obsession, yet Clovi wants to avoid partaking in the rabbit hole adventure. Both are unwilling to compromise, resulting in their first official fight putting a divide in the Moonpies. In an attempt to encourage others to rise up, Novi makes quite the scene at the school art show. Unfortunately, her dissent backfires, and she is deemed "faulted." When the Lorks come to take her away, she pauses to see if her parents will fight for her, but they don't. Looking at her parents, she storms out of the house and walks down to the black car. Instead of getting in, she picks her bike up, hops on, and takes off. Novi knows what it is like to feel like the black sheep of Nume and owns every bit. A pursuit ensues by the Lorks to capture Novi, but she refuses to turn herself in. Novi refuses to become one of "the gone."

#IheartWRITING



The Creator

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#QUIRKYforLIFE



The short version is that I am a retired indie rocker from the 90s who married her high school bandmate/soulmate and made four humanoids. Music, creating arty stuff, and writing my way through our interesting life has been my much-needed self-care over the years. Studying creative writing and psychology in college complimented one another and helped nourish my writing soul. Over the years, my writing fever was persistent toggling back and forth between writing music, children's books, poems, and screenplays. My passion has shifted from our family business where I have been able to use my creativity to now dedicating myself to my writing projects. My main squeeze, *Moonpies*, started as a novel 21 years ago. It evolved into the current series based on my childhood traumas and our children's, which has helped feed life into my characters. Now that the kids are mostly grown, the animals are housebroken, and touring days done, it is mommy's turn to foster my other true love and help inspire other souls along the way.

#JOINtheMOONPIEmovement

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#LifeRepresented #MoefarSaysPEACEout #SHUTitVorton
#GUTtruth #NUMEisDoom #BraveME #RESPECTisEarned #TinaNEEDSaHaircut
#RAINBOWlife #IamENOUGH
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