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**Y**ears ago, a team of supervillains known as the **VICIOUS 6** wanted the powerful, ancient **ZODIAC STONE**. Their oldest member, **WILD KNUCKLES**, snuck into a creepy jungle temple to steal it.



But when Wild Knuckles returned with the Stone, **BELLE BOTTOM** and the other villains stole it from *him*! Wild Knuckles vowed to get the Stone back.

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In another part of the world, a boy named **GRU** had recently started sixth grade. When his teacher asked what he wanted to be when he grew up, he answered, **“A supervillain!”**

All the other kids laughed at him.



HA HA  
HA HA



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But when he got home, Gru found an invitation from the Vicious 6! He ran to his new lair and told his **MINIONS**, "The Vicious 6 got my application! They want to interview me tomorrow!"

The Minions cheered.

MINI BOSS!  
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The next day, Gru went to a record store that had a secret entrance to the lair of the Vicious 6. He met **DR. NEFARIO**, a brilliantly evil scientist posing as the record store clerk. Dr. Nefario gave Gru his latest invention, the **STICKY HAND**.



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**“If you ever get famous,”**  
Dr. Nefario said, **“remember who**  
**gave you your first gadget!”**

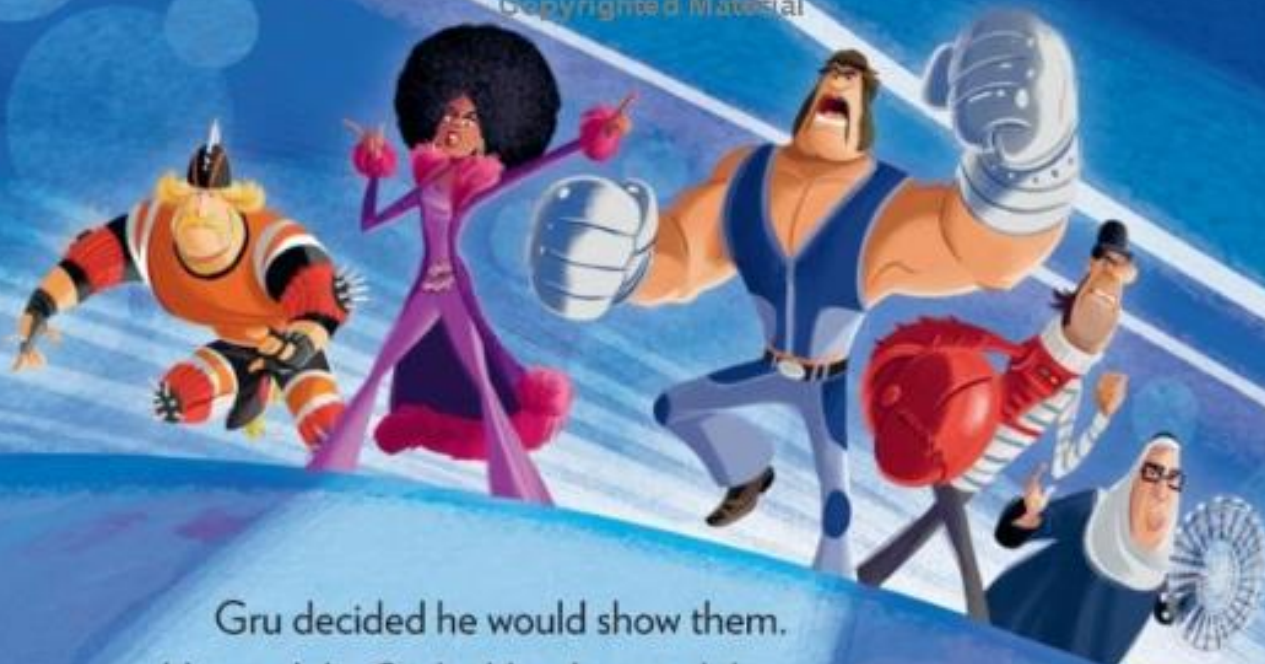
Down in their headquarters, the Vicious 6 were surprised to find out Gru was just a kid! They rejected him, saying he was too young to join.

Their leader, Belle Bottom, laughed and said, **“Come back when you’ve done something to impress me!”**

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Gru decided he would show them.  
He used the Sticky Hand to steal the  
Zodiac Stone!

**“I’ll get him!”**

**STRONGHOLD** yelled.



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