

The Real-Life Superheroes

Reading



Superheroes Anonymous is a group of people in New York who help keep their communities safe. Like superheroes in movies and comics, their real identities are a secret.

The members meet and help people in the streets. Their meetings look like a costume party because men and women wear colorful costumes, masks, and long black capes.

These people are ordinary people, but they choose to live extraordinary double lives, like Batman or Spider-Man. One member is called Night Owl.

During the day, Night Owl is an accountant. He goes to work in a suit and tie and works from 9 to 5. At night, he puts on his superhero costume and goes out with his friends to fight crime.

Not all members fight crime. They also help people in need. They give food and clothes to homeless people and help elderly people who live alone. Night Owl says he feels happy and proud when he helps people.

Vocabulary

Match the words with their meaning.

1. community
2. secret
3. costume
4. ordinary
5. fight crime
6. homeless
7. elderly
8. proud



- a. without a home
- b. people who live in the same area
- c. old people
- d. normal, not special
- e. clothes for a character
- f. not known by others
- g. stop bad or illegal actions
- h. feeling happy about what you do

Vocabulary Practice

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

(community – costume – homeless – proud – secret)

1. Superheroes Anonymous help their _____.
2. The members wear a superhero _____.
3. Their real names are a _____.
4. They give food to _____ people.
5. Night Owl feels _____ when he helps others.