The Battle of the Millennium
CAPTAIN EMPATH
Community Health Workers VS COVID-19
In 2019, a new virus arrived on Earth. It was more contagious and deadly than ever expected. It soon began to spread all around the world. To stop the spread and protect the people, non-essential activities were paused.

Theaters, playgrounds, schools, and gyms were all closed down as large gatherings were no longer safe. Luckily, our superheroes from El Sol, as some have come to call them, came to the rescue.
HEAVEN!! DON'T RUN! WAIT A MINUTE!

I DON'T WANT YOUR VACCINE

DOCTOR BROWN
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? EVERY DAY I SEE MORE AND MORE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR RECEPTION AREA!

I KNOW

UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF ALL THE MISINFORMATION GOING ON, MANY OF THEM THINK THEY DON'T NEED A COVID-19 VACCINE.

THEY ARE SPREADING THE VIRUS AMONG THEMSELVES ...

... AND THOSE WHOSE IMMUNE SYSTEMS ARE NOT AS STRONG ARE ENDING UP IN OUR HOSPITAL.

I THINK IT IS TIME TO CALL EL SOL FOR SUPPORT.
These new variants are more contagious than the original and it is going to take all of us getting vaccinated to stop the spread.

The watch!

I can handle it from here, Danny.

?! Thank you Victoria.
WE HAVE A PROBLEM, DANNY!

OUR HOSPITAL IS FILLING UP WITH UNVACCINATED YOUNG ADULTS. CAN YOU HELP FIGURE OUT WHAT IS GOING ON?

DON'T WORRY DOC, I WILL CHECK IT OUT.

MEANWHILE RONA CONTINUE ATTACKING THE UNVACCINATED CITIZENS.
DON'T BE AFRAID, HEAVEN!
YOU DON'T NEED THAT VACCINE!
I WON'T HURT YOU

Hey you!

LET HER GO!
SHE'S JUST A GIRL.

And who are you??

I'm a community health worker

Are you ready to be defeated?

Try me!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE RONA!

OH! WHO DO WE HAVE HERE. IT’S CAPTAIN EMPATH.

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH THEM!

LET GO NOW!!

I DON’T WANT ANYTHING FROM THEM. I AM JUST TELLING THEM THE TRUTH ABOUT VACCINES.

WHAT TRUTH?

THAT THEY ARE NOT NEEDED!
Ouch!!

That is not true and you know it!

The vaccines are dangerous, it will make them sick and weak!
THE VACCINES ARE SAFE! IF THEY DO FEEL SICK AFTER A VACCINE, IT JUST MEANS THE VACCINE IS WORKING AND HELPING THEM...

...BUILD PROTECTION AGAINST YOU!

CAPTAIN EMPATH, I’LL BE BACK WITH HELP.

FREEZE!!

OH!! I CAN’T MOVE

THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT THESE KIDS DON’T EVEN NEED THE VACCINE.

THEY ARE YOUNG AND STRONG, I COULD NEVER HURT THEM. I AM JUST A WEAK LITTLE VIRUS LIKE THE FLU. BWAHAWAHAWHAHAHA!

VIRUSES!! CATCH HIM!!
Due to the misinformation, Rona was able to multiply. Captain Empath needed the community's trust to defeat him.

But is it true what he is saying? That we don't need the vaccine because he can't hurt us.

I know you are scared and confused. This is a lot to take in and things seem to change every second. But you need to know that we are here to help you.

He is just telling you what you want to hear. He may not hurt you in the way you think.

You may not feel very sick, but he can stay in your body for weeks or even months making you feel fatigued, dizzy, and full of anxiety until he is gone. If he ever leaves.

Hey Captain Empath. I thought you could use some support so I called the team.
¡WE CAME TO THE RESCUE!

TEAM! I AM SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU!

I HEARD WHAT RONA WAS SAYING, AND I NEED YOU TO KNOW THAT HIS MAIN GOAL IS TO USE YOU TO INFECT OTHERS WHO MAY NOT BE AS STRONG. SO THAT HE MAY CONTINUE TO TAKE OVER OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. HE IS HOPING YOU WON'T GET VACCINATED AND WANTS TO DISCOURAGE YOU FROM FINDING A VACCINE LOCATION.

BOOOOOOO!
YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE IN US. WE HAVE THE VACCINES HERE. YOU DO NOT NEED TO GO FAR TO GET THEM ANYMORE, ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS TRUST US.

OKAY, I TRUST YOU.

ANTIBODIES ACTIVATED
YOU GUYS ARE NOW FULLY PROTECTED! ARE YOU READY TO STOP HIM?

I AM READY!

WE´RE READY TOO!

YEAH! LET´S GO!

LOOK WHO IS STILL HERE
I will always be here, Rona. It is my duty to protect local communities from the likes of you!

You are wrong, Rona! Once they learn the truth, they will get vaccinated. All you have done is spread misinformation.

You can't stop me!

You may have vaccinated these kids, but what about the rest of them??! They will never get vaccinated and I will continue to take over the world.

And who is going to tell them the whole truth? You?

It's going to be all of us, Rona. We will all continue to talk to our community about the dangers you bring. We won't give up. It may just be a few of us today... but tomorrow there will be more.

Enough talk!
While the superheroes of El Sol continue to fight COVID-19, many more from the community begin to get vaccinated. Each day, more community health workers join the battle in educating communities about vaccines. The spread of COVID-19 begins to decrease as more people trust the information about the vaccine and get vaccinated.

We did it! We beat Rona in our community.

But remember, there are many like him around the world. It’s going to take all of us getting vaccinated to defeat him.

We need to learn the facts about COVID-19 because it affects everyone. Maybe not in the same way. Some of us may get sicker than others, but we all have the ability to spread the virus, which makes it stronger and harder to defeat.

If you have any questions about COVID-19 and its vaccines, talk to your nurse, doctor, or community health worker. Stay safe! Go to www.cdc.gov to learn the facts about the COVID-19 vaccine.
Help Fight Against COVID-19!

Captain Empath is here to help educate the community on the facts about COVID-19 and he needs your help.

CHW Comics are culturally relevant educational resources for Community Health Workers/Promotores. The fun, informative comics guide community members through the misinformation that continues delaying vaccination efforts in vulnerable communities; and highlight the importance of community and self-reflection while living through a pandemic.

Contact El Sol CHW/P Training Center if you or your organization is interested in helping your community and join the fight against COVID-19.

www.elsolnec.org

Check out more of our COVID-19 Toolkits:

- Comic Strips
- Activity Book
- Booklets
- Healing Toolkit
- Videos and more!

Your Vaccine is Waiting For You.

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