We find our characters just days away getting ready to go to Advocacy Day. A big event will be taking place in Columbia, SC in front of the statehouse where people will come together with State Legislatures to advocate for equal rights for the community of people with disabilities.

Unfortunately, some of our characters have caught the eye of our evil villain, Barrier Man, who hatches out a plan to ruin the big day. Can The Advocators defeat Barrier Man? Or will Barrier Man destroy the possibility of equal rights for everyone?
Hey James, are you going to Advocacy Day next week?

What is Advocacy Day?

Advocacy Day is a state-wide event where the community of people with disabilities and allies come together to advocate for our rights.

That sounds amazing, does that include the right for equal pay?

MEANWHILE AT BARRIER MAN'S EVIL LAIR...

Yea, it is one of the many rights that we advocate for!

Amazing, maybe we could advocate together.

Pshhh...Disabled people don't deserve the same rights. They want equal pay? We'll see about that.

Who do these kids think they are! They want to help advocate for themselves and others? I must do something or my name isn't Barrier Man.

Before I can ruin Advocacy Day next week, I need to perfect my diabolic plan. To my planning room!
You kids are next... No one will be able to stop me!

I am so excited to finally see Avengers: Endgame!

This movie is amazing, you're gonna love it!

I saw it on opening night. It was amazing!

You're gonna love this movie..

Remember, we need to turn on the captions for Stephanie.

Because it's always you
BARRIER MAN TURNS THE CAPTIONS INTO SYMBOLS

Whoa! What is going on with the TV?

What happened to the movie?! Fix it, fix it!!

I don't know! The remote's not working!

Now that the captions are symbols, Stephanie can't watch the movie!

Captions are helpful to so many people. Who would do something like this?

Gotta go!

LATER THAT DAY IN ROOM 201 IN MRS. CAMPBELL'S CLASS

Alright everyone, it's time for your final exam!

- Aw man!!

- Ugh!!
Patrick, here is your test. You get an extra 30 minutes according to your IEP accommodations.

Thanks Ms. Campbell. I studied really hard last night, and I know these extra minutes are going to be just what I needed.

Let me know if you have any questions!

I got this!

Hello....Patrick, I don’t think you are going to finish that test!

But, I’ve got plenty of time to finish.
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Maybe if you didn’t need accommodations, you could finish the test on time like the rest of the class.

Looks like you’ll be taking Algebra II again...

W-Wait, n-no! B-But...!

On to the next place to create havoc!

Hey Kiesha! Yeah, I’m headed into the library now. See you in a minute.

STUDENT GOES TO LIBRARY TO STUDY WITH FRIENDS

Where do you think you are going?

In the library to study with friends.
Not today kid. Your easy access has been revoked!

But...wait...

Oh no, the steps! Now how am I going to get in the library?!
Become aware
Build friendships
Share your abilities

Bring out the leader in yourself, no matter what your limitation in life may be.
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WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE GOING?

Just out for a walk with my dog.

YOU NOW HAVE TO CROSS THE STREET. HOW WILL YOU DO THAT?

That's why I have Charlie—he is my service dog and helps me cross streets.

Well, he does not any more!
Charlie? Where are you?!

I turned your sweet Charlie into a butterfly!

Oh no, Charlie! How will I cross the street now?

Now, you will never make it to Advocacy Day! Haha!

I can't wait to get there, it is going to be a great day!

Woohoo! Are we there yet?

STUDENTS ON THE WAY TO ADVOCACY DAY
It's time for the Finale!

Who's ready to advocate for themselves!
We are! Let's advocate for a better tomorrow for all individuals with disabilities.

We deserve the same rights as everyone else. Disability rights are human rights!
I'm so excited for today's speakers!
I know, I can't wait!

Help! Barrier Man is here and he is trying to ruin Advocacy Day.

Now I have made it to Advocacy Day, it's time to face my wrath!
Guys! Turn on the news there is a situation at Advocacy Day.

Breaking News! Barrier Man is wreaking havoc at Advocacy Day in Columbia, South Carolina.

Team we got to get to Advocacy Day!

I can't believe Barrier Man would attack the kids on Advocacy Day of all days!

We can use the “Super Car” to get there quick.

You want to Rock, Paper, Scissors for driver?

You're on!

I call Shotgun!

I'll meet y'all there, I'm going to fly!

Alright Team, we are minutes away get ready for a fight.
We got to stop Barrier Man before he causes more chaos!

You're too late super zeros. I have already changed the mind of the people here at Advocacy Day. Never again will these people support the community of disabled people!

It's community of people with disabilities! We are people first, good sir!

I got this!

No! Don't! You can't take him by yourself.

Are you ok?

OUCH

I will be alright.

How are we going to beat Barrier Man?
I got an idea, but we are going to have to work together.

Let's do this, as a team!

Alright, you three try to hold him down, while I try to explain self-advocacy and how we fight for it!

That will never work, he will not listen to us.

We have to try or else there may never be change.

Quick! Distract him!

Get him before he uses his “evil move”

That's it team! Hold him down.

Listen here Barrier Man! Individuals with disabilities deserve the same rights as everyone else. It is a great community and we are fighting for what is right! Team, join in!

They deserve to have the appropriate assistive technology when requested!

The community deserves equal pay!

They deserve to have their voices heard!

It's working the storm is clearing up.

WHY do they deserve equal rights?

We are all the same people in this world and we may do things a little differently but we need to support each other no matter what!

The only way to make this world a better place is to work together.

NOO! Let me free!
Well when you put it that way it makes sense, but I am still unsure about equal rights.

If you are unsure, let us get Advocacy Day back on track and come listen to what they have to say.

Awesome idea, as this event is a great way to learn more about the community.

Everyone come back! Barrier Man has been stopped, but his mind has not been changed yet. We need to continue with Advocacy Day to open his mind and others.

Yeah! But Barrier Man should be thrown out!

No Luke, If we want his opinion to change we have to educate him about our community.

You see all these great people here fighting for what is right.

Yes, I have been mistreating people with disabilities for far too long.

That is why we are here, there is room for you to join the movement and help us in our climb for equal rights.

Advocacy Day for Access and Independence mission is to shine a light on all barriers in hopes of improving the lives of all individuals with disabilities!

Team! There is news of a pandemic and it is spreading fast.

This sounds like a job for The Advocators to educate others on proper Personal Protective Equipment. Let’s go!

I’ll see y’all there!
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