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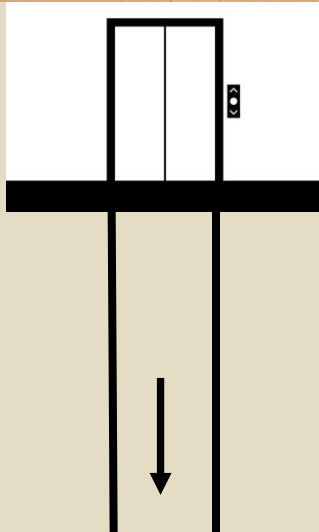
Action | Comedy

A secret elite faction of EPA agents travels the globe battling poachers, oil companies, and climate change deniers under the direction of the bloodthirsty world tree Yggdrasil.

Half-Hour | Animated | TV-MA



Deep beneath the modest and underfunded headquarters of the Environmental Protection Agency...



...Lies the secret lair and base of operations for the Environmental Action Team.

The Environmental Action Team is an off-the-books, black ops unit comprised of the most elite warriors the world has ever seen.

Environmentalists who've been pushed too far. Who are tired of do-nothing politicians and a callous world filled with littering and pollution.



Protectors of the world who can no longer stand idly by. Who will respond to crimes against the Earth with...

EXTREME PREJUDICE

THE MISSION

An excerpt from the Environmental Action Team recruitment and indoctrination document:

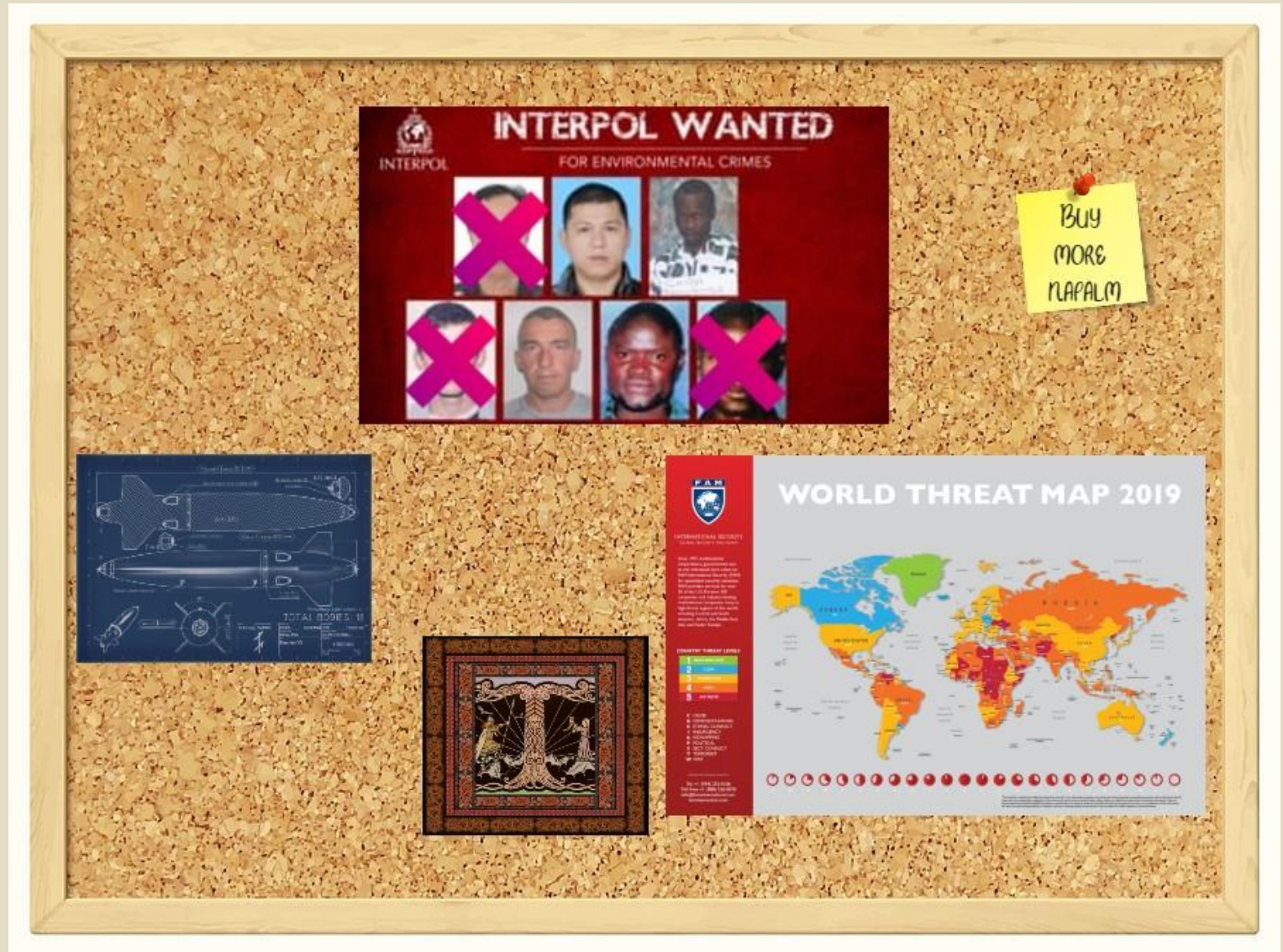
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Our mission has three core objectives.

- *Eliminate all threats to the environment*
- *Maintain the secret of the organization's existence*
- *Never question the mission*

Anyone who isn't with us is against us and must be dealt with.

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MEET THE TEAM



Rocko Valentine (40s)

THE RADICAL LEADER

Rocko is tall and muscular, with broad shoulders that carry the weight of his important role as team leader, and scars crisscrossing his body that tell the story of each battle fought to protect the Earth.

Rocko lost his family in a freak littering accident. Ever since, he's been an unwavering agent of environmental justice. His tragic past has turned him into a capital "e" Extremist. He believes that anything less than the total annihilation of Earth's abusers is a mission failed.

Rocko's willingness to prioritize the environment over even his own life and the lives of his teammates makes him incredibly effective in the field; but it comes at the cost of a decaying sense of empathy and an ethical "do-not-cross" line so thin it's practically invisible.





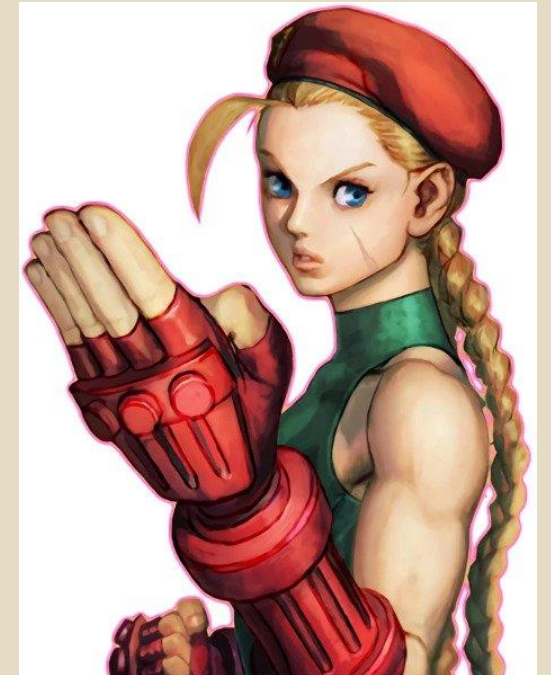
Tara Masters (30s)

THE ANIMAL LOVER

Tara is athletic, with visible abs and everything. Her nose is a bit crooked from a lifetime of underground fight clubs, but you should see the other guys.

Tara grew up on a cattle farm in Texas that doubled as an unlicensed boxing venue at night. After a childhood spent watching cattle get slaughtered, she became an outspoken animal rights activist and vegan, but she never lost her hunger for pounding the meat out of her opponents.

Tara's "punch first, ask questions later" mentality often gets the team in trouble. Her overly-direct approach extends to her personal life as well, as anyone who's matched with the "Lone Wolf, Dog Lover" on Tinder can attest to.



Sky Redwood (30s)

THE TREE HUGGER

Sky is thin with long blond hair as wispy as the pot smoke he exhales on a daily basis. His clothes are all hand-made. He swears they're comfortable.

Sky was orphaned when his hometown's nuclear power plant failed. He was shipped off to a New Mexico commune to be raised by a polyamorous throuple who ran a militant chapter of Greenpeace. Sky views humanity as a blight on nature and carries enormous guilt for being a human. He often meditates on the best title for his manifesto.

Sky's deep distrust of government and authority causes friction within the Action Team chain-of-command. He's especially suspicious of Rocko, and his instincts are rarely wrong.





Dr. Ichiro Watanabe (60s)

THE DISGRUNTLED SCIENTIST

Dr. Watanabe's body is slightly hunched from decades bent over a microscope. His greying hair is often hidden under a baseball cap with an ever-changing array of incomprehensible logos.

Ichiro is a chemical engineer who resigned in disgrace from a top tech company after learning that his inventions were being used trick carbon emission sensors for Big Oil. He's a technology expert, with the world's security cameras and computer systems just a few keystrokes away, and D.I.Y. fanatic who will often whip up gear for the team out of whatever is lying around.

Dr. Watanabe is fully absorbed in his work at all times and is completely oblivious to the world around him. He could be within reach of a button that would stop World War 3, but if he was engrossed in an intriguing mathematical puzzle, the world would probably end.



Greta Thunberg (19)

THE TACTICIAN

Yes, Greta Thunberg. The young Swedish activist-turned-diplomat who made waves in the environmentalist community for her eloquent speeches that call out failing leaders. Long, braided ponytail. Intense eyes that strike fear in politicians.

After years of being an environmentalist icon, Greta became disillusioned with the system. She sharpened her strategic and oratory skills until they were as fine as diamonds extracted illegally from the Earth, but nothing ever changed. If she was as diehard about saving the planet as she thought she was, she knew she would have to find a better way. She found the Environmental Action Team.

Greta's commitment to environmental justice is repeatedly put to the test as she comes face-to-face with the harsh realities of the job and the dark depths she must sink to in order to survive.



Damien Stocks (40s)

THE CORPORATE OVERLORD



Damien wears a permanent haughty sneer and luxury suits as black as his soul.

He's the charismatic CEO of Obsidian Corp, a multinational conglomerate responsible for a litany of environmental violations. His contempt for the planet stems partly from being deeply egocentric and partly from a rare condition called *biophobia* – a disconnection from nature that reduces his drive to preserve species and habitats. Damien is the Action Team's arch-nemesis. His near-limitless resources allow him to operate in the shadows and exert global influence.

Over time, Damien will be forced to come to terms with how his abuse of the planet affects everyone, including himself, as his desperation to defeat Rocko takes an increasingly severe toll on his life.



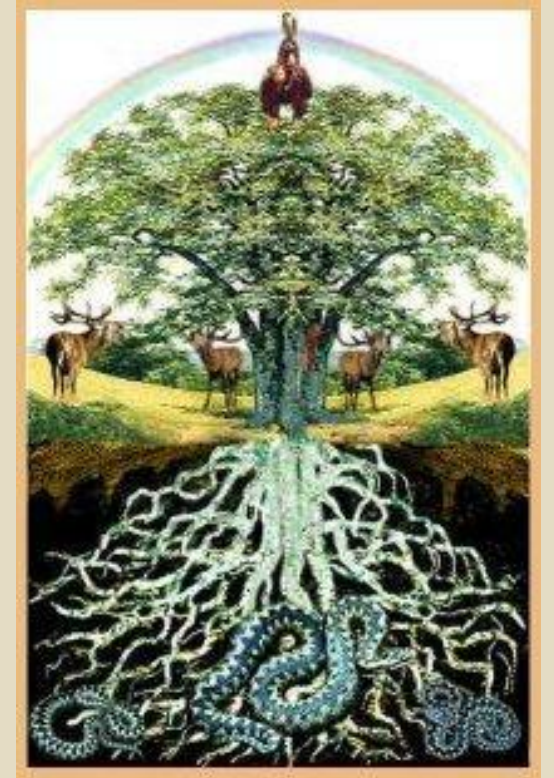
Yggdrasil (Immortal)

***THE WORLD TREE,
ARBITER OF DIVINE JUSTICE***

Yggdrasil looks like if Guillermo del Toro designed Grandmother Willow. Her ancient, gnarled roots wrap around the Earth's core – tendrils spread through every country. Her main trunk resides in a sub-basement of the Action Team's HQ that only Rocko has access to.

Her magical sap, which has the power to influence others, was supposed to protect the Earth, but it couldn't stop climate change from coming. Yggdrasil retreated beneath the ground where she stealthily recruited an elite team who built her a secret base underneath the Environmental Protection Agency and became her instruments of vengeance upon those who would hurt her planet.

Yggdrasil uses concentrated sap to enhance the team's abilities and ensure their absolute loyalty...





She is their puppet master, controlling the team with the power of her sap, which they routinely inject via vials worn around their necks.

Rocko is the only one who knows about Yggdrasil, having ingested enough of her sap to be completely enthralled. He **lies** to his team – telling them that the vials contain potent vitamins.

What neither Rocko nor Yggdrasil realize is just how habit forming the concentrated sap is, or what the side effects might be.

TONE AND STYLE

Environmental Action Team is *Captain Planet* meets *Bad Boys II*. It's an after school special on a fuck-ton of cocaine. A Saturday morning cartoon that airs on Saturday nights. A revenge story where mother nature is one nasty bitch who uses murder and manipulation to protect herself.

The action is violent and gratuitous, in part thanks to the sap which gives each team member special powers.

Rocko has **increased strength and speed**. Tara can **communicate with animals**. Sky can **control the elements**. And Greta's **Carbon Vision** let's her see traces of any being that contains carbon, such as footprints or thumb prints on a keypad. Dr. Watanabe "doesn't touch the stuff."

THE SERIES

The series follows the team's adventures on field missions fighting against eco-terrorists and environmental criminals. It also explores the struggle of balancing their personal lives with the demanding commitments of the team, keeping their professions secret, and the mounting consequences from their collective dependence on Yggdrasil's sap.

Season One focuses on Greta being added to the team and coming to terms with their extreme methods, Sky becoming suspicious of Rocko and learning the consequences of asking too many questions, Tara being afraid that she's turning into her violent father, Dr. Watanabe being oblivious to it all while working on his plant-based artificial intelligence, and the looming threat of their arch-nemesis Damien Stocks.

By the end of the series, the team will have all learned to trust and respect one another. They will realize the cost of using Yggdrasil's sap and will have discovered her true plan of brainwashing the entire world to make humanity a more environmentally-friendly hive mind. In the end, they'll learn to put the fate of the planet in the hands of its people, not an evil, bloodthirsty tree bent on mass subjugation.

WHY THIS SHOW?

Environmental News

**The Surge in Deforestation
and Fires has Escalated
Alarms Over Amazon**

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Supreme Court curbs EPA's ability to fight climate change

By [Ariane de Vogue](#), [Ella Nilsen](#) and [Veronica Stracqualursi](#), CNN

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The show might be silly, but climate change is serious. There's a growing sentiment, especially among young people, that the world's governments are failing to take meaningful action on climate change. As a regular citizen, it can be frustrating.



This impotence and feeling of helplessness is echoed in this series by characters who have channeled their frustrations into a white-hot rage and taken matters into their own hands.

It's an epic revenge fantasy that explores how people can become radicalized and swept up in something dangerous, even if they start out with the best of intentions.

MY CONNECTION

My connection to this material is that I love nature! I love biking, swimming in the ocean, hiking, and exploring the world's national parks.

This story is dear to my heart because it's an outlet for my own frustrations at what's happening to the planet.

If I can tell a super fun, over-the-top story about magic-wielding environmental warriors and get people thinking about climate change at the same time, then that's a project I definitely need to make.



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