



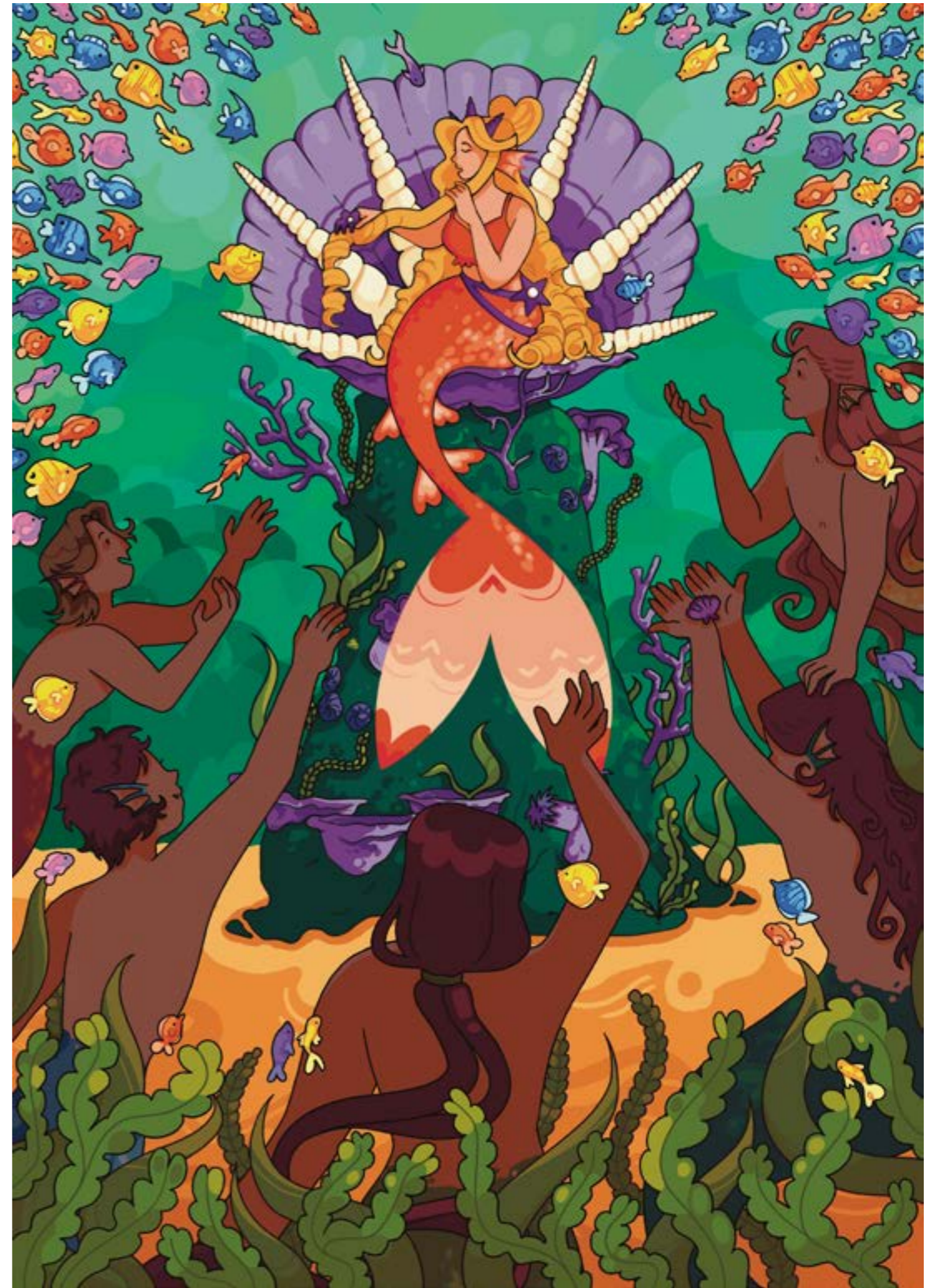
# Talia Thompson

Fuelled by a love of  
fantasy and colour.



## 01: The Mermaid

The brief given was to create an illustration based on a piece of literature. I chose the poem 'The Mermaid' by Alfred Lord Tennyson. My final piece was physically constructed in a custom cardboard frame with layers of an underwater scene separated by sheets of acetate to add depth.







The final piece photographed from both a front and slight side angle to show the layers.



## 02: Genre Darlings

For my self-set brief I had to create a themed set of 5 characters along with a character sheet and 2 pieces of merchandise for each. The theme I went with was 'genres', having characters inspired by: mystery, fantasy, romance, sci-fi and horror.



Mystery



Romance



Horror



Fantasy



Sci-fi







# Mystery

Likes:

- Learning
- Baking
- Making lists

Dislikes:

- A lack of planning
- Loosing Sleep
- Waiting



# Fantasy

Likes:

- Dragons
- Cosplay
- Being outside

Dislikes:

- Talking to Strangers
- Cold weather
- Swimming



# Romance

Likes:

- Fashion
- Writing
- Photography

Dislikes:

- Heights
- Being rushed
- Rude people



# Sci-Fi

Likes:

- Gaming
- Music
- Surprises

Dislikes:

- Silence
- Boredom
- Traveling



# Horror

Likes:

- Crafts
- 'Creepy' animals
- Staying up late

Dislikes:

- Getting up early
- Being ignored
- Loosing things



When it came to creating the illustrations for the merchandise, I recreated the characters in a simpler, cuter style that was more readable at a smaller size due to the exaggerated proportions.





For the merchandise I had both a keychain and pin button manufactured for each character using the simplified illustrations.





### 03: Fantastical Colouring

As part of the 'Professionalism and Commissions' brief I had to produce a promotional item. I decided on a fantasy themed colouring-in zine with the 4 internal illustrations available as standalone colouring pages as well.



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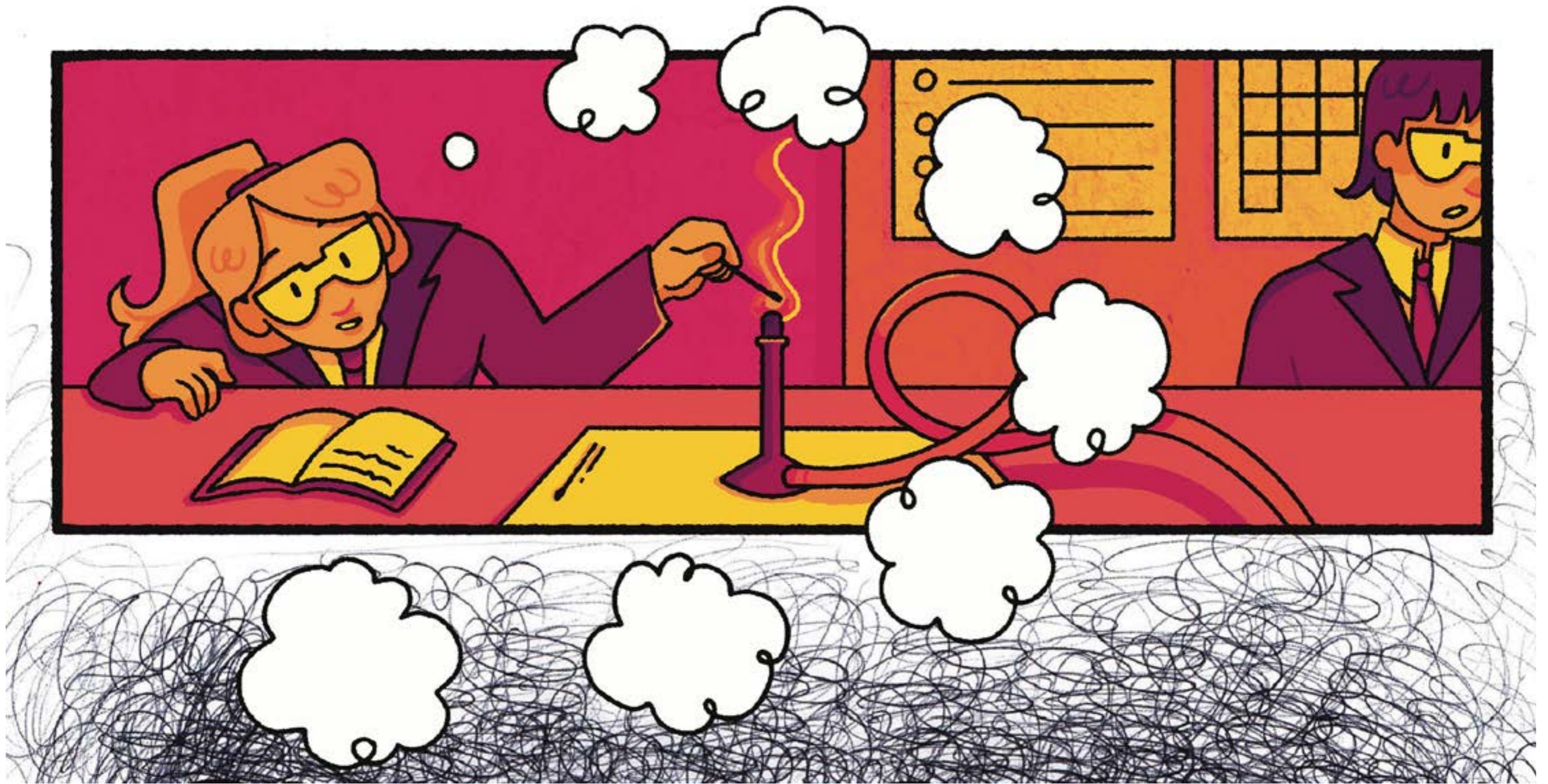


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FANTASTICAL  
COLOURING  
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#### 04: Intrusive Thoughts Zine

In this brief I was asked to produce an illustration or series of illustrations that respond to an ethical challenge facing society. From the list of subjects given I chose to tackle 'inclusivity, accessibility, and representation'. To accomplish this I created a comic/informational zine about intrusive thoughts, to bring awareness and representation to the topic.



# INTRUSIVE THOUGHTS

Intrusive thoughts are **involuntary, unwelcome** thoughts, ideas or images that are **upsetting or distressing** and can feel difficult to manage.

**Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)** and similar conditions tend to heighten the **frequency and intensity** of intrusive thoughts until they feel impossible to deal with.

Most people experience some form of intrusive thoughts in their lives. Some common thoughts being opening the door to a moving car, or harming yourself or others with a kitchen knife.

Intrusive thoughts are **NOT secret desires or feelings**, they are **entirely involuntary** and often fall in opposition of someone's morals. They do **NOT** mean you secretly **want to act upon them**.



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# INTRUSIVE THOUGHTS

## ways of dealing with Intrusive Thoughts

- Question** the thought, is it helpful? Should you let it go?
- Recognise** a thought as intrusive, and that it's not something you want to act upon.
- Accept** that the thought is there and know it will pass.
- Talking** to someone or writing it down can help get the thought out of your head.
- Do something** to draw your attention away from the thought. Listen to music or hang out with friends.

**Remember** that different things work for different people. There are more methods to try, you are not alone <3



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