

# Ward 76

# Play Companion



**We hope you enjoyed watching Ward 76!**

Now you've watched the play, think about the characters, the choices they made, and how the story unfolded.

Did anything surprise you or make you think in a different way? Do any of the themes connect to your own life or people you know? Notice any questions the play leaves with you.



### 1. "So what's wrong with you?"

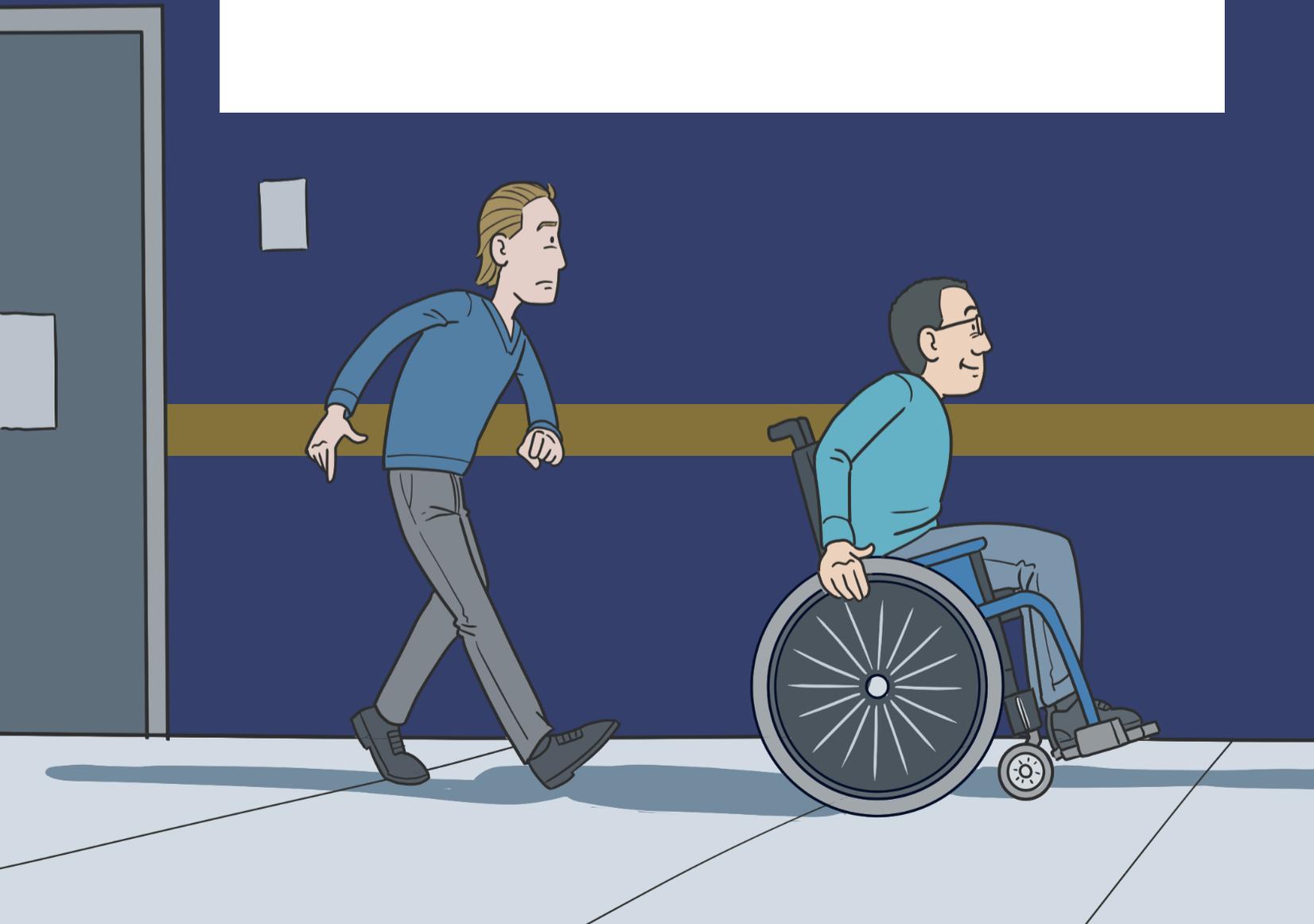
In the play, K-Ren asks Harry about his condition. Would you have asked Harry the same question? How might you have asked it differently? How do you think Harry would have responded?

Your answer:

### 2. "Welcome to our Ward 76 hospital radio show."

At the end of the play, the new friends set up a hospital radio show. If you set up a radio show or podcast, inspired by the play, what would it be about? What would you say to open your show? Who would your guests be?

Your answer:



### 3. "Make sure we all stick together, yeah?"

Who is the hero? Now you've seen the play, who is the hero of the piece for you, and why? What do you think makes someone a hero?

Your answer:

### 4. "Aren't you glad you took my advice and talked to one another?"

Why can it be hard to talk to others? What makes it easier? What advice would you give the characters after watching the play?

Your answer:



Everyone keeps acting like I should be excited to move up to adults, new start, new team, big shiny adult hospital, but you know me, I just nod and smile, but inside I'm absolutely bricking it, Thirteen years of this place, thirteen bloody years of living more on Ward 76, than in my own home. It's the only place that has ever made sense to me. I know where everything is. I know who does my bloods without warning, and who counts to ten. My parents keep talking about it like it's this huge milestone, and I suppose it is. They've spent my whole life learning how to survive hospitals, but sometimes I feel like they don't know who I am outside this place, and I'm not sure I do either.

Change is hard.

What if they don't get me like you do?

Harry, you don't give yourself enough credit, you think you've survived all these years on luck? You're resilient, and funny, and an absolute menace. Any hospital will be lucky to have you. You're an inspiration.

I aint no one's inspiration -for what? for getting out of bed in the morning and remembering my own name? I don't exactly know who I am yet but I know I don't have to be an activist or Paralympian to be taken seriously! I want people to understand how some situations might affect me differently and not have low expectations of what I can achieve. I'm scared Clare.



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