

Synopsis: ©“MOTHER EARTH STRIKES BACK” The Musical

The Story begins on Mount Olympus where we find **ZEUS** (Father of the Gods) and his wife **HERA** arguing about the damage that humans are doing to Earth...” **We gotta do something before they destroy themselves and take us with them!”**.... In desperation Zeus summons Mother Earth and asks her to come up with a plan.... she agrees.

Cut to Earth and we find Jason, a typical teenage boy, and Aphie, the girl next door arguing about Jason’s bad environmental conduct that she has just witnessed. Jason objects. Aphie admonishes him for squirting her cat with the hose, which also drenched her. She chides him for taking a shot with his slingshot at a helpless bird in flight; for tossing the rubbish at the bin, missing and not bothering to pick it up , and for leaving the garden hose running.

it is obvious that Jason is taken with this beautiful apparition. So much so that he is oblivious to his notebook that is flashing an SOS signal from Mother Earth. Aphie points it out, but Jason scoffs at it and presses the delete button. Suddenly, they are magically whisked - via their note pad - to the land of **GNOSIS** (learning) where they meet: **FANG-U (A celestial serpent and spiritual guide to the humans)**

FANG-U informs them that he has been appointed by **MOTHER EARTH** to be their guide through Gnosis, where they have to learn some lessons about human behaviour - particularly Jason’s - and solve the riddle of the Hidden Toxxix. Jason asks about them?

Fang-u responds, the TOXXIX are the bad habits of humans, like **pollution, bullying AND SOCIAL VIOLENCE**. Jason protests that he doesn’t want to solve any riddles or meet any TOXXIX he just wants to go home. On their journey they meet many characters like **Mother Earth**, and Jason’s un-recycled rubbish (**the Trashees**).

Mother Earth informs them that they were brought to Gnosis to solve the riddle of the “HIDDEN TOXXIX”. However, if they don’t, the human race – by their own hands - could face extinction. Jason and Aphie are aghast at this news! To emphasise her point, Mother Earth takes them on a tour of the “**Well of Extinction**”, where she stores her memories of all the vanished species - including the SERPENTS. **FANG-U** hastily reminds them: “We never vanished; humans don’t respect us anymore! (Fang-u’s song: © “**Respect! You got to earn respect...**”)

- The journey continues and many adventures await them. The fun begins when they meet the TOXXIX. and their self- appointed bully-boy leader **THREXX** (T-REX). He confronts them and informs them that the TOXXIX are the vices of humans, and the humans love them! He proposes that Jason be their King, because he has **a bit** of every bad habit!

Jason is shocked by the opinion of Threx, and says he doesn’t want to be their King....Threx is stunned by this, and in order to try and persuade Jason, **Threx** launches into a tour de force presentation of a song titled: © “**It’s good to be the King!**” Jason rejects the offer and in response sings a duet with Threx: -© “**You’re a Bully**”

Following this show-biz display between Threx and Jason, the other TOXXIX accuse our trio of interfering and put them on trial in: “**The Court of Public Opinion**”.

During the trial, Jason discovers the answer to Mother Earth's riddle...**He is the riddle! Humans are the problem**, because they harbour the TOXXIX, and without the Humans the TOXXIX can't exist! Mother Earth intervenes and says to all that: -

Jason - is the chosen transforming instrument for all humanity. Jason realizes that if he changes himself, the **"TOXXIX" will become servants to the Earth and not its destroyers.**

- Jason is now enlightened. He realises that taking personal responsibility for his conduct can make all the difference in RESPECTING OTHERS and MOTHER EARTH. Lessons learned. Jason realises there are billions, just like him; therefore, he has a responsibility to pass the torch to others.
- However, the TOXXIX don't believe that the humans can change, because, 'HUMANS are GREEDY. You're addicted to us! The planet's real afflictions are your vices and addictions, you love us!... We're your TOXXIX!' Jason responds: "If I can change, so can others. I am going to change and that means YOU will too!"

Mother Earth, and all of characters they have met during the journey in **Gnosis**, say a tearful goodbye to Jason and Aphie and return them to Earth, where they are confronted by Jason's Mother. They explain their new enlightenment and their quest to form **KUBE**. (Kids unifying for a better Earth)

"KIDS CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE" and they will... THE LEGACY BEGINS

*The "TOXXIX", TRASHEES, FLORA and FAUNA are represented by costumed characters *

Threxx: (T- Rex)	Not respecting living things, and the ultimate bully-boy.
Bones-zee:	Poisoning our oceans and the earth (a hip skeleton)
Uzee-Once-A:	Wasting resources-made of plastic & disposable paper products
Wast-a-lot:	Wastage of energy (Medusa head of electric cords)
Carbo Man:	Polluting the air that we breathe (half man - half car)
Marcel Maggot:	Not recycling our rubbish (A maggot in discarded trash)
Greedee:	A flaw in Humans: A stand up mirror with little feet
Jason:	Human ignorance – indifference
Aphie (Aphrodite):	Human conscience – hope
Fang-u:	Celestial Serpent and spiritual guide to the Humans
Mother Earth:	A feisty, indigenous Elder, and Guardian of the Earth ZEUS and HERA:
Gods of Olympus, plus featured players and extras	
The "TRASHEES"	Jason's household rubbish personified as characters

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©' The clock is on runa we're under the gun we've got to come up with a plan'