

UGA 2023 Local Playwright Monologue
From *Mega Her Rangers GO GO GO Supreme!!!* by Andy Park-Buffelen (he/him)
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STORY CONTEXT

MHRGGGS is my homage to action / anime shows from the 90's ala TMNT, Power Rangers, and Dragonball. The story is about a group of friends / world famous superheroes who meet their greatest foe who steals their powers and casts them to the deep deep desert. Tensions boil over with the friends and they split up. They are on their own and powerless for the first time and need to learn to navigate this new reality.

The Ranger's enemy, Pan, is built from the AI system of the Rangers' new app (think Meta, Amazon, and Twitter combined). At the launch of the new app, and right before Pan's birth, the Big Ol' City's Mayor gives the following speech.

CHARACTER / GENERAL INFO

60-90 seconds; Gender non-specific; Comedy

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This play was produced by 14/48 in 2022 for their Outdoor Theater for Families program. The Director was Mike Nevarez and the Stage Manager was Rosemary Jones.

Monologue may be cut short to fit your needs, but please do not move chunks around. Most importantly, have fun!

MONOLOGUE

MAYOR

People of the Big-Ol'-City and the World

It is I

Your sweet Mayor

First off

Vote for me in Twenty Bliggity Two

Second

Text #mayoriscool to 56642446449 for a #mayoriscool sticker

Now, a relevant speech

(Obviously reading off a prompter.)

I am so proud to be here today to launch possibly the greatest product of our time

When I push this button
The Mega Hero Rangers Go Go Go Supreme World App will be live and active
Bringing leisure, protection, convenience, and the world's known information to your fingertips
The artificial intelligence in this app was created by none other than Gornika of the Rangers
We entrusted Gornika with highest levels of civilian and military grade intelligence and
technology
No questions asked
So naturally
There's absolutely nothing to worry about
I know it's strange to gather all the Big-OI-City's citizens and broadcast for the entire world a
simple button pushing ceremony
As if you might be here to witness something extraordinary
But no
Just pushing a boring old button
Rangers
You have impacted our lives in ways we couldn't predict
It's pretty crazy to think that only a few years ago we had no idea who you were
When crime was on the rise y'all showed up and we were like
Oh, Rangers, how convenient to a certain Mayor in an election year
Then really evil villains started showing up around the same time
Which is a really crazy coincidence that I hadn't really connected the dots about until just now
Anywho
Let's push the button, huh?
Countdown with me
Three
Two
One

(The Mayor pushes the button. A deep rumble builds into what sounds like dial up internet into what sounds like the charging of a warrior's ki into what sounds like a nightmare scream from an electric guitar. Everyone covers their ears as lights dance around from the button. This climaxes, a ding, then notifications. The app is live.)

Huh
Well I'm sure the pause in rising tension is a sign there is nothing to worry about
Everything is functioning as expected
I'll conclude by saying once again
Vote for me in Twenty Bliggity Two
Then text #mayoriscool to 5664244--

(The Mayor is suddenly pulled into the mainframe of the app. The Rangers take ready positions.)

END OF MONOLOGUE