

## Task for *Ubby's Underdogs: Heroes Beginnings*

### Completed character retrieval chart: Paul Donappleton

Complete this retrieval chart to explore how characters in the graphic novel have been constructed both through the words on the page and through the illustrations.

Character: **Paul Donappleton**

Elements	Words on the page	Images
Naming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yupman Poe addresses Donappleton as 'Sir'.</li> </ul>	
Physical appearance. (How the character is described.)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He appears formally dressed in a suit and tie and is neatly groomed.</li> <li>He is represented as physically imposing.</li> </ul>
Behaviour. (What the character does.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He hires the hunters to track down Medinga and later makes plans to lead an expedition to Hollow Graves to capture the Sandpaper Dragon.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He is often drawn in a position of power, above the eye level of the viewer. In relation to other characters he is shown threatening them either through his close proximity to them (often clutching them), his position above them or through his aggressive facial gestures.</li> </ul>

<p>What the character says.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donappleton demands Yupman Poe's attendance at a dinner: 'But I cannot accept your absence, Yupman.'</li> <li>• He humiliates his son: 'It's a good thing the Pearl Juniors are made up of pathetic excuses like you...'</li> </ul>	
<p>What the character thinks and feels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donappleton is obsessed with the idea of developing and controlling the most powerful weapons ever made.</li> <li>• He is unsympathetic to his son when Scotty fails to stop the Underdogs from rescuing Medinga.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donappleton is extremely ambitious. At the top of page 27 he makes contact with the reader, gazing out directly from the illustration and demanding approval for his plans to develop weapons.</li> </ul>
<p>Reactions of other characters.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Underdogs react to his demand that Yupman Poe attend a dinner:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ubby: 'Dirty rotten....'</li> <li>○ Quick: 'Crooked mangy ...'</li> <li>○ Sel: 'Stomach maggot!'</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ubby's eyes are shown in extreme close-up in a separate box as she looks at Donappleton and says, 'There's someone here we can't trust.'</li> <li>• Yupman Poe and Sylvania Neocrati cast a disapproving sideways gaze at Donappleton in the previous panel.</li> </ul>

<p>What other characters say.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A naval official refers to Donappleton’s ‘financial irregularities’.</li> <li>• Miss Neocrati does not approve of Donappleton’s business methods.</li> <li>• Ubby says, “There’s someone here we can’t trust.”</li> <li>• One of the naval officers says, “Money is not the problem. <i>You</i> are.”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The naval officers (p. 27) look up disapprovingly at Paul Donappleton from a position of little power.</li> </ul>
<p>What the author says.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the cast of characters Brenton McKenna describes Donappleton as ‘... a pearling industry bully’ driven by ‘ruthless ambition.’</li> </ul>	