

Solution: Graphic Storytelling and Visual Narrative

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The 3x2 colored subgrids and the phrase “visually impaired” hint at this puzzle involving Braille. The flavor text hints that half of the 144 characters have glasses, sunglasses, or other eye accessories. If you treat these characters as Braille dots and read in the normal direction (left-to-right, top-to-bottom), you get the message:

WEARSAWHITEORREDTIEORTOP

This indicates you should repeat the process, but instead of glasses, you should look for the characters wearing a white or red tie (including bowties) or top. There are 74 such characters, and reading the resulting Braille gives you the message:

NONHUMANREADITUPSIDEDOWN

Again, we place Braille dots for the desired property, this time with the attribute being non-human. Based on the Author’s Note, this puzzle does not require any knowledge of the shows, so we judge solely based on characters having human appearances (even though diehard animation fans might note that the human-looking characters include at least one alien, ghost, fairy, mutant, and plant).

Reading these Braille dots with the grid upside-down yields the message:

NAMEOFMRMAGOOSPETBULLDOG

Mr. Magoo is a cartoon character who first appeared in 1949 who is known for having mishaps related to having extremely poor eyesight. In the 1970s series *What's New, Mr. Magoo?*, he has a talking bulldog named **MCBARKER**.



Note: We also accept “ANGUS” or “ANGUS MCBARKER” since that was the dog’s full name in the 1997 Leslie Nielsen film.