

# Sanitiser Saoirse- Diary of a Cork Superhero

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Dear Diary, I'm exhausted. Today was insane. It was a normal day until noon when Soapy Sam called me as he needed my help. He had discovered Germ George, Virus Vera, Covid Callum, Corona Ramona, Fungus Fred, Protozoa Polly and Bacteria Beth were all having a top-secret meeting today at 2 o'clock at Cork Opera House to concoct a plan to defeat us. He told me I was needed to go on a Covid-Ops to uncover their plan. I didn't exactly want to at first because I'm a bad liar but he explained that he was out of town and couldn't go so I was the only hope. I stopped at a costume shop on the way to buy a wig so they wouldn't recognise me but I was super nervous they'd know it was me. When the time came, I sneaked into the Opera House auditorium. It was packed with people. This was no mere meeting this was a mass gathering. As I listened to Germ George speak, I was astonished when I heard his plan. They were going to concoct another virus, even worse than COVID-19 which they had created here in Cork. I slipped outside and called Soapy Sam to tell him what I had heard. He couldn't believe it either, he told me to not get into any trouble until he got there. I agreed but as I hung up, I was immediately grabbed by Virus Vera. She said I looked familiar and was taking me to Germ George. I tried to convince her it was probably just that she'd seen me around Patrick Street but she wasn't convinced. Again, I am a horrible liar. I was brought up onto the stage where Germ George was talking to everyone. He asked me my name. I gulped. I hadn't thought of a name. "I'm umm...Mmmicrobe Mary?" I muttered "Yeah I'm Microbe Mary that is definitely, like, my name" I said to him. He didn't believe me one bit. He said "We already have a Microbe Mick" "Yeah well I'm his um cousin." I responded. "Mick get up here" he called out. A tall brawny man stepped onto the stage. He walked right up and looked down on me. I was terrified. Surely, he could easily crush with me with a flick of his finger. He clenched his fist and raised it above me. I closed my eyes but all he did was rip my wig off and shouted "I have no cousin, imposter!" Everyone saw me and was furious. Surely, I was going to die this time but then a rumble came from outside and seconds later Soapy Sam, Tissue Tim, Ethanol Ethel, Clean Clara and Dettol Dan all rushed onto the stage. They had come to save me! And next minute I knew, all the villains had fled the scene. Luckily, I caught Germ George and took him into custody where he's now being questioned. We had all saved the day once again!

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