

# **METAL GEAR SOLID**

PICTURES OF THE SNAKES

A Picture Book Proposal

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## **Project Synopsis**

METAL GEAR SOLID: PICTURES OF THE SNAKES is a fully illustrated children's book designed to teach children about all different breeds of snakes: the rattlesnake, the garden snake, Liquid Snake, even the rare Solidus Snake. It will also provide lessons in stealth, such as the use of cardboard boxes for hiding and when a long soliloquy about the meaning of love in an age of war-for-profit. The audiobook will be narrated by David "Solid Snake/Big Boss" Hayter.

## **Target Audience**

METAL GEAR SOLID: PICTURES OF THE SNAKES simple pictures and creative narrative appeals to children and nature lovers of all ages. With the occasional deep-dive into moral philosophy and nanotechnology, it will appeal to older readers as well. In addition, librarians will love METAL GEAR SOLID: PICTURES OF THE SNAKES thanks to an addendum of instructions for teaching stealth among library shelves.

## About the Authors

MIKE “SHEDDING CORGI” CHEN (Here And Now And Then, A Beginning At The End)

bought the first Metal Gear game for NES and spent hours trying to draw the cover, which blatantly rips off Michael Beihn from The Terminator. In addition to his novels and geek journalism for StarTrek.com and Tor.com, Mike has beaten every canonical Metal Gear game and the non-canon Metal Gear Acid as well as paying David Hayter on Cameo to wish his wife happy birthday.

MARY “VERIFIED BLUEBIRD” KENNEY (games, other stuff) never played a Metal Gear game until grad school made her. This led to a complicated love of the franchise followed by years of blank stares at deep-cut references made True Fans™. She would reference one here, but the fact that she can’t rather proves her point. She is, however, a fan of both snakes and in-game cutscenes, leading to her life’s achievement of getting to work on this book. The aforementioned graduate school is the NYU GameCenter. Since attending, she has contributed to dozens of games as a writer and narrative designer, including *Spider-Man: Miles Morales* and *The Walking Dead: The Final Season*, neither of which had enough snakes.

*Sample pages from METAL GEAR SOLID: PICTURES OF THE SNAKES*

Illustration:



Text: Rattlesnake? RATTLESNAKE? RATTLESNAAAAAAAAAAAAAKE?!?!?!?!?

Illustration:



Text: Kingsnake? KINGSNAKE? KINGSNAAAAAAAAAAAAAKE?!?!?!?



Illustration (Interlude):



Text: CODEC CALL -- A flower can bloom even in the driest of lands with love. Love, after all, is nothing but the intention of positive energy. With love, that energy flows with intent towards nurture. Towards growth. Like the flower pushing itself up past the cracks of dry dirt underneath the dessert surface, love can form something out of nothing. Every drop of rain, every wick of moisture is a molecule of love. Snake, always remember that even when nature and humanity threaten it, love can bloom. Even under the threat of nuclear war.



Illustration (Sidebar):



Text: Treat your cardboard box with care. Take care of the box and it'll take care of you.

Illustration (Addendum):



Text: (Caption) Library Activity 1: Tactical Espionage Action



## CONTINUE?

Should METAL GEAR SOLID: PICTURES OF THE SNAKES be successful, a follow-up picture book could be produced featuring the light and whimsical world of DEATH STRANDING.