**Autism Hub - Vignette - Do You Have Any Special Interests**

**TRANSCRIPT**

- I do love art, mostly fan art of things both, 3D and 2D. I've got a couple of fandoms. Splatoon mostly at the moment, which is, you know, the game with all the squids shooting each other with multi-coloured ink. And that kind of segued into my special interest about cephalopods, because like, they're really, really cool. Octopi are big old introverts, like, they are just like, 'Nup, don't want to be too social, I am going on my own.' So they're only, they pretty much just chill by themselves. And then squid are just like 'Hi! Hi!' Like, squids are like mega extroverts.

- My special interest used to be around Dark Souls, the video game. That was a really good one. And before that I was very into rocket science. So space craft, rockets, and before that it was planes. So I went from planes to rockets and then medieval fantasies.

- I was a competitive cheerleader for over two years. That's a, I guess, a little bit out of the ordinary. When I say that people think of like in the movies where you see the girls with the pom poms. But competitive cheerleading, the way that it actually is, you've got the whole stunting and everything. So where you throw people up, I'd do all that. And then you have the floor tumble, that's where you see people run across and do the flips and all that.

- I've always just had a really like good interest in games. A lot of the games I like playing they just have like a really fun story and I just really like enjoying them.

- I like farm and technology. I like farm because I like working with animals. And then I like technology because I find it fun.

- I do ten pin bowling. I bowl in a league, helps me a lot with my coping mechanisms. It makes me feel more confident about life.