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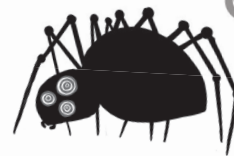


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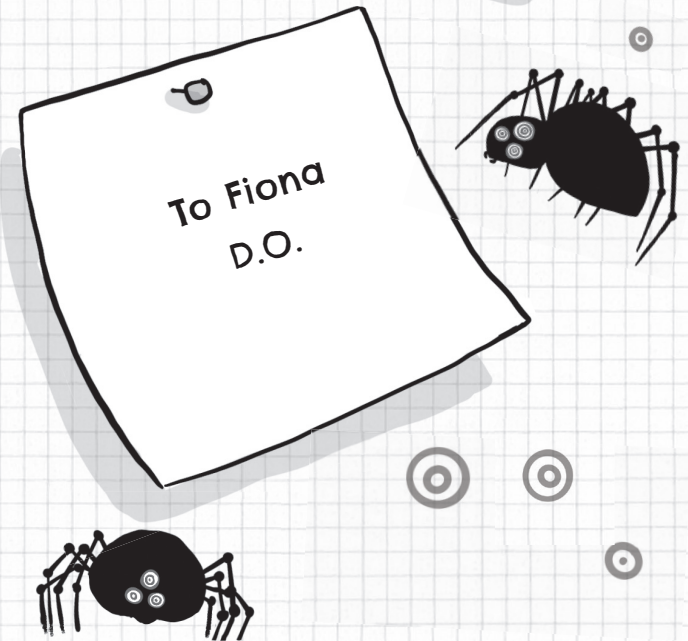
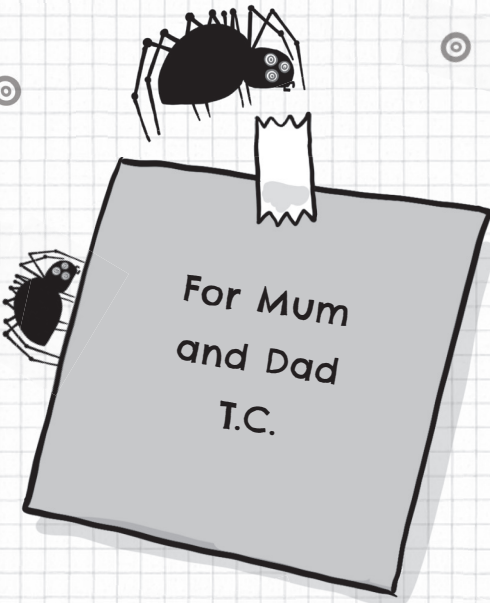
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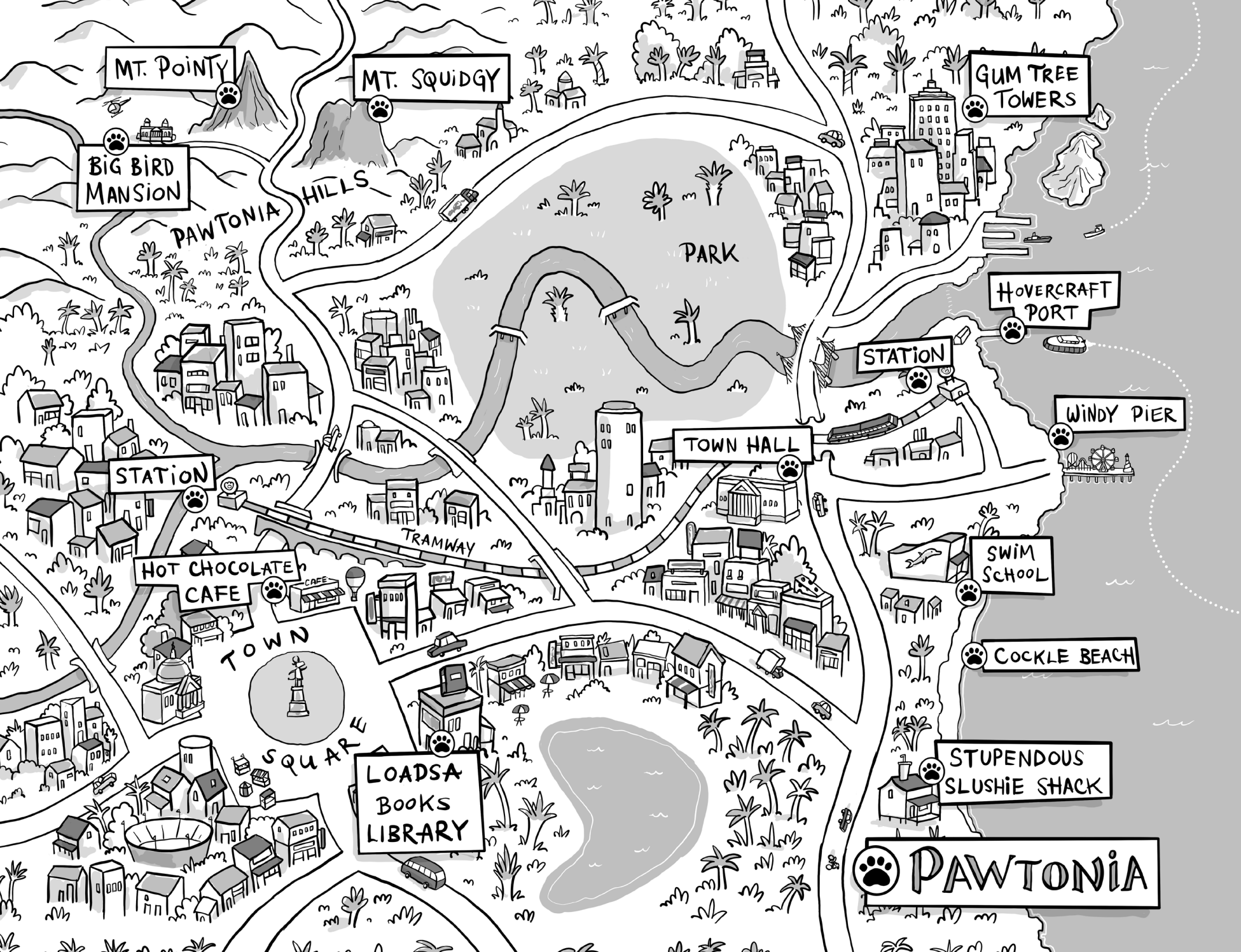
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★ CHAPTER I ★

Somewhere on a Street in Pawtonia

BOB AND ARCHIE were taking a break from being superhero koalas. It was the weekend of the Pawtonia Music Festival, and they were heading to their favourite place, the Hot Chocolate Café.

The streets were lined with animals wearing band T-shirts, and some were even

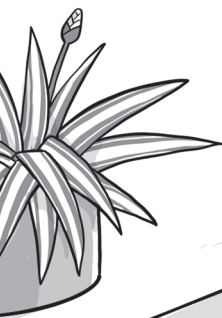




dressed up in costumes. Bob and Archie had already spotted a group of goats wearing glitter jumpsuits to support Dave the Disco Dachshund.

“I love the Pawtonia Music Festival!” said Archie. “Just good vibes and everyone having a great time. Nobody trying to do anything evil!”

“We still have to be ready for action,” said Bob. “Who knows when Dr Colossus might strike again!”





“But there haven’t been any sightings for the whole summer,” said Archie. “Maybe he’s on holiday, which means maybe we could take a little holiday too. I’m sure the police kangatroopers can handle things.”

Bob stroked his chin, deep in thought. It was true that Dr Colossus, their



and really annoying giant ostrich, did seem to be taking a bit of a break.

“I guess superheroes do need a bit of time off sometimes,” said Bob.

“Exactly!” said Archie. “And maybe this year I’ll get the chance to be on the new talent stage and I can impress everyone with my sax playing!”

Archie patted his saxophone, which was slung over his shoulder with a strap.

“Erm, are you still having lessons?” asked Bob. “Didn’t your teacher say it was like trying to teach a sea lion to play the piano? No offence.”

“None taken, but actually it was a penguin playing a piccolo,” said Archie. “I’ve got a new teacher now and I’m definitely making some progress. I think I’m ready for my first



public performance!”

“As long as we get to ride the Big Wheel at the festival,” said Bob.

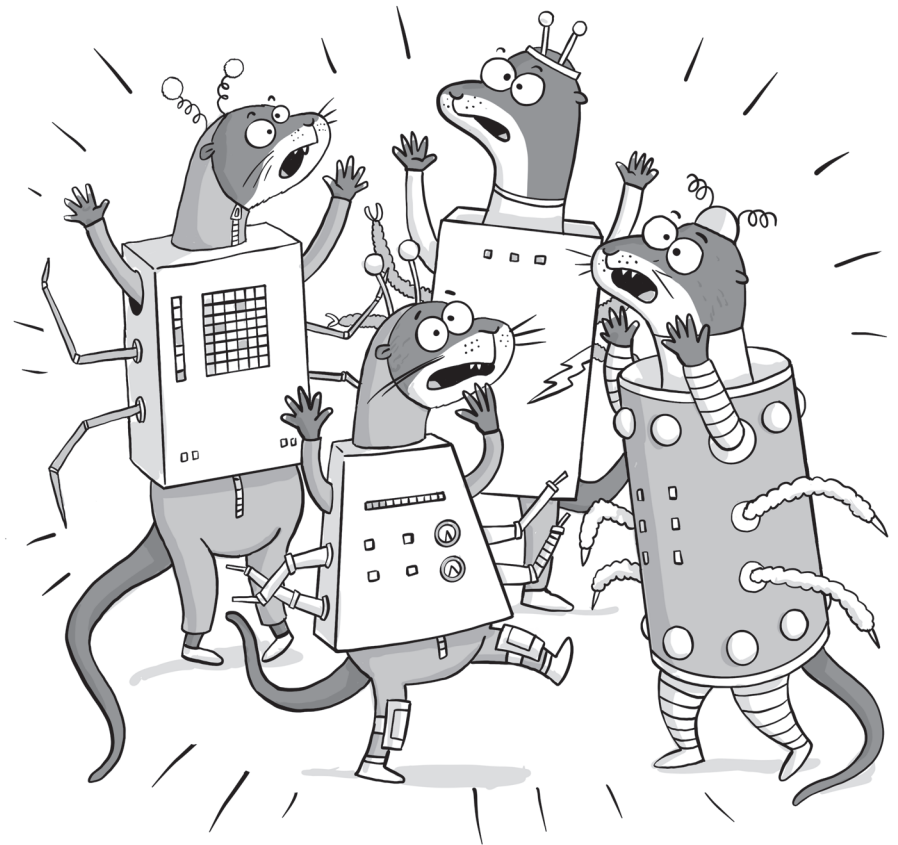
“Well, I’ve made a plan for the day and printed out a detailed timetable for reference,” said Archie, grinning while waving a laminated sheet at Bob.

But before Bob could reply, there was a loud rumbling noise. Bob and Archie spotted a group of otters wearing robot spider costumes in honour of their favourite band,

TECHNO ARACHNIDS.



They were standing on the other side of the road looking distressed, while screaming and waving their arms in the air.





“Those citizens are in danger!” whispered Bob to Archie. “This looks like a job for

KOALAS IN CAPES!



★ CHAPTER 2 ★

Techno Arachnids

BOB GRABBED ARCHIE'S arm and they ducked into an alley. “Quick, we need to change into our superhero outfits!”

“Are we really just leaving our bags here?” said Archie, as they fastened their capes and pulled on their superhero boots. “My saxophone is quite expensive, and I’ve got a





limited edition comic of *Super Possum Kid and Electro Echidna* with me!”

“They’ll be fine!” said Bob. “And if anything gets stolen, we can track down the criminals – we’re



remember!”

Bob and Archie emerged from the alley ready for action. They rushed over to the otters, who were still screaming even though the rumbling noise had stopped.

“Never fear, citizens of Pawtonia!” said Bob, using his



to scoop them all up. “Koalas in Capes will protect you!”

Bob flew them up to the roof of the Hot Chocolate Café, closely followed by Archie.

“What seems to be the problem?” said Archie. “We can help with any threat – big or small! Though preferably a small one as they’re much less stressful and life-threatening. And also, we’ve got a music





festival to attend!”

The otters finally took a breath and stopped screaming.

“Erm, we’re actually fine,” said one of the otters. “We’re just excited to see Techno Arachnids’ private jet! Can you believe we were so close to them!”

She pointed into the distance, where Bob and Archie could just make out a plane heading for the Pawtonia runway on the outskirts of the city.

“Oh, I see,” said Bob.

“Do you like our costumes?” said the smallest otter. “I spray-painted the robot



legs myself!”

“Excellent outfits, Pawtonia citizens!” said Bob, nodding. “We will now return you back to, erm, safety.”

“Very sorry to disturb you,” said Archie. “We hope you enjoy the music festival!”

“No worries!” said the otters in unison, who looked delighted they’d not only spotted their favourite band but were face to face with real-life superheroes.

Bob flew the otters back down to the pavement. And as a car drove past playing a Techno Arachnids song, they all started screaming again.

Bob and Archie ducked down the alley and changed back into their ordinary clothes.

“Well, that was embarrassing,” said Archie. “But, finally, we can go and get a hot chocolate and start enjoying the music festival!”

“I’m so ready for a triple chocolate deluxe!” said Bob. “Superhero work always makes me thirsty!”

“Well, strictly speaking we haven’t really done any superhero work yet,” said Archie.

“It all counts!” said Bob.

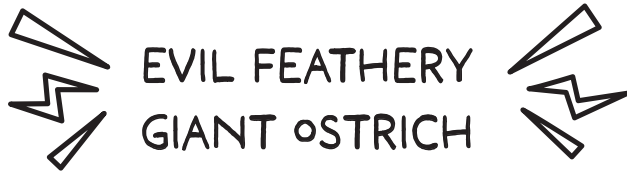
“Those otters didn’t even need our help,” said Archie. “Which proves my point that





today is just a happy music festival day and there's no threat to Pawtonia. And we can just be ordinary koalas going about our business."

"There's nothing ordinary about us, Archie!" said Bob. "But I guess we can be superhero koalas undercover as ordinary koalas - but if we see anything suspicious related to an



then we'll have to bust out the capes immediately!"



"It's a deal!" said Archie.

And the two koalas headed over to the Hot Chocolate Café for a drink. But not just any drink ... the best hot chocolate in all of Pawtonia!

