

ZOO CREW

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And our lions: Natasha, HaiHa, Wendy & Rosie - GE & MZ

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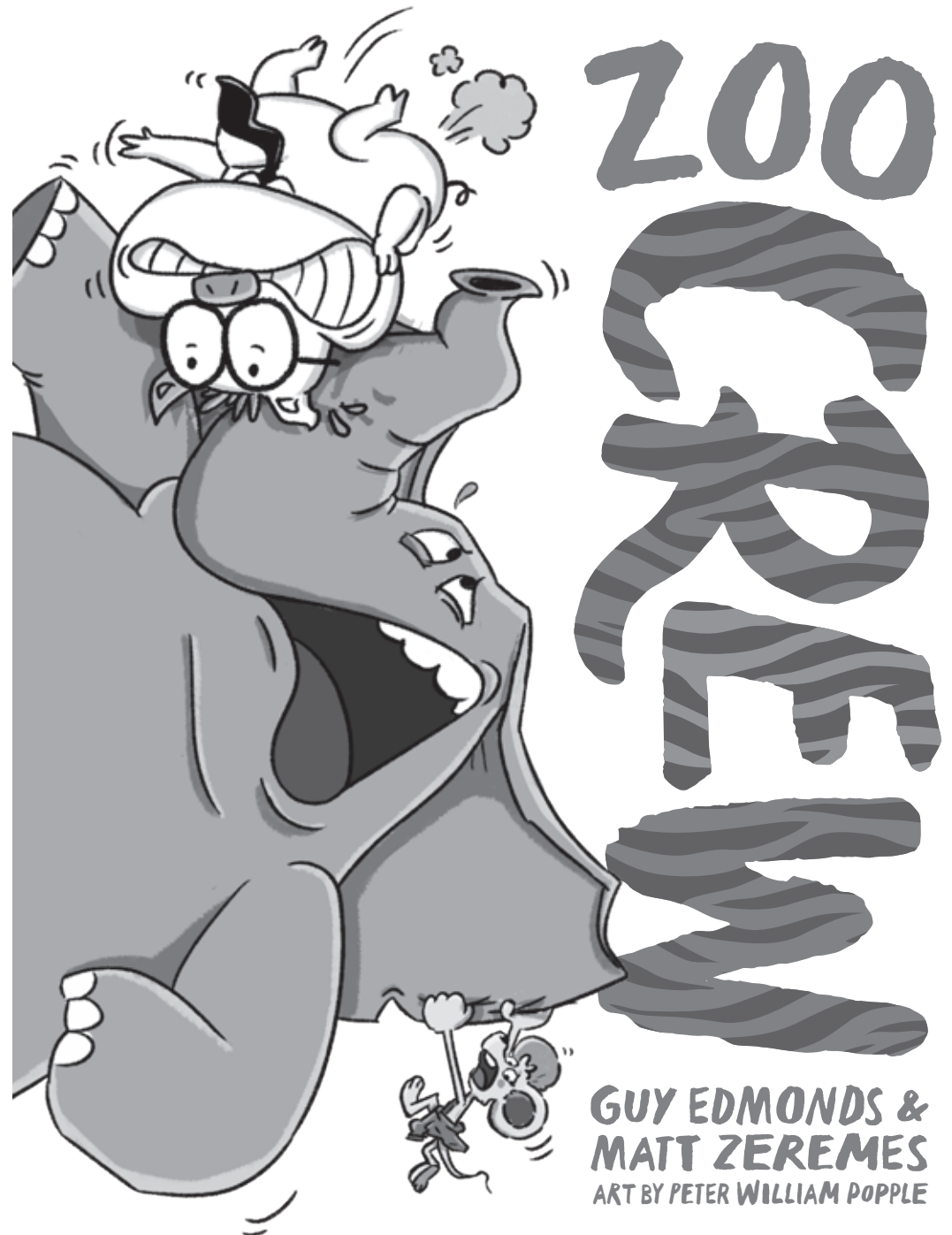
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PROLOGUE

(THE COOL STUFF
BEFORE THE START)





I'm basically a guinea pig, and I'm basically the narrator, which basically means it's my job to tell you the story and stuff. So here I go!

Ahem.

Principal Phaart the toad was in her office at Bazooglyville Primary School (Zoo Primary for short). Her office looked less like a principal's office and more like a prison cell. And guess what? Phaart liked it that way. She stood in front of the mirror slapping on lipstick and squeezing her warts.

It was **TOTALLY GROSS.**

SQUEEZE





Phaart scraped the pus off the mirror and plonked it **straight** into her breakfast smoothie.

After some more super gross **SQUEEZE-SPLATS**, she looked at herself in the mirror. 'Lookin' good, Phaarty!' she gargled through a Scottish accent.

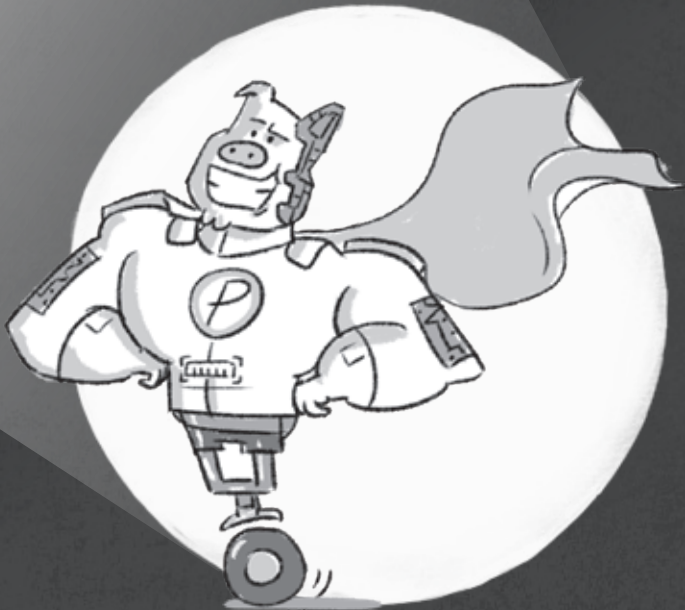
Phaart sipped her **pus smoothie** and death-stared out the window.

She was death-staring the students as they buzzed into the school. It was the day of the Bazooglyville Primary athletics carnival. Phaart hated the carnival so much, she farted.



Anyway, there's more to this story than Phaart farting. This story's got hummus, teamwork, wart pvs, friendship, a buttload of sugar, relay races and all-you-can-eat gelato.

Even everyone's favourite robot-pig superhero, **PIGGYTRON™**, makes an appearance!
(This will make sense later!)



The students were ~~fotes~~ excited about the athletics carnival. It was super sunny outside and the perfect conditions —

HANG ON!
WHOA!



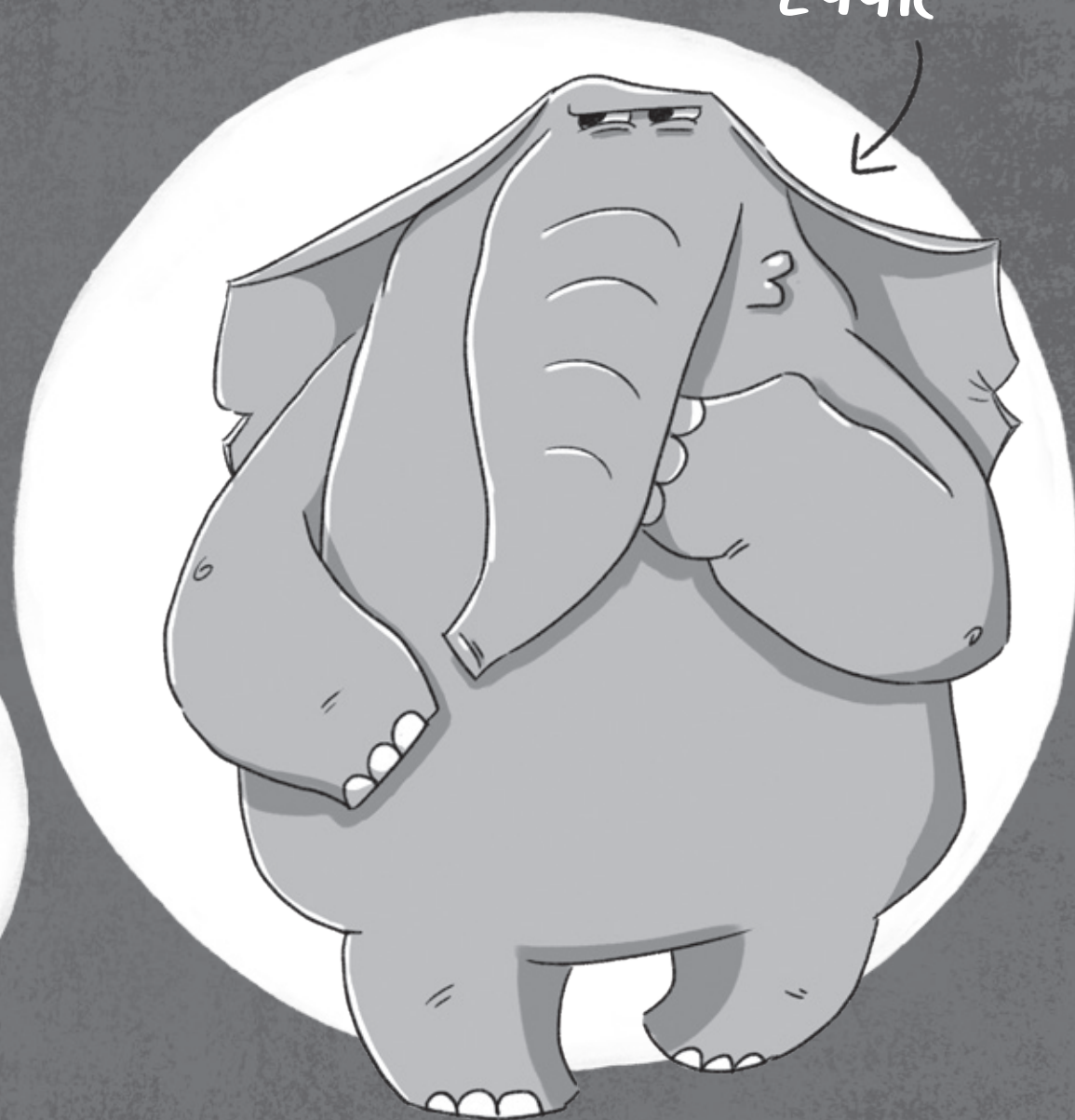
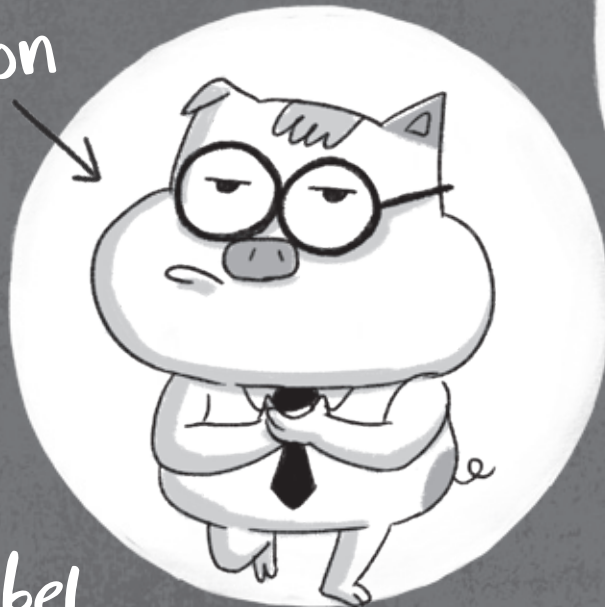
I've totally forgotten to tell you who the stars of this totally rad story are — other than me, of course! Ha. Good one, Gus.

Meet the
**Best
CREW**
at Zoo!



Mabel

Princeton



Eddie

EDDIE^{the} Elephant



He's the nicest, glass-half-fullest,
BIGGEST, loyal-est elephant ever!

[FUN] [FACTS]



- Allergic to **PEANUTS**



- Once got kicked out of an All-You-Can-Eat Buffet because he **ate it all** (But you didn't hear that from me!)

- Loves ice-skating, except when he **BREAKS THE ICE**

CRACK!



MABEL the Mouse

She's the
smallest,
cutest,
fiercest,
STRONGEST
mouse
EVER!

I eat
HIPPOS
for breakfast...
NOT!



[FUN] [FACTS]

- Wants to be a pro-wrestler
(SICK!)



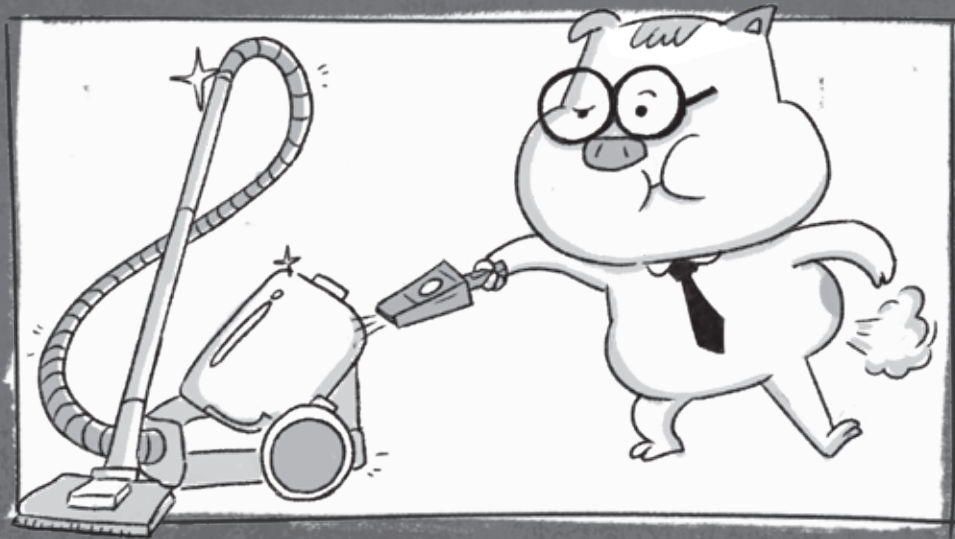
- Hates cheese, prefers
brussels sprouts **(YUCK!)**

- Once tamed a wild
unicorn in her dreams
(SWEETEEET!)



PRINCETON the PiG

SMARTEST, FARTIEST
(farts heaps and stuff), NEATEST
pig ever!



[FUN] [FACTS]

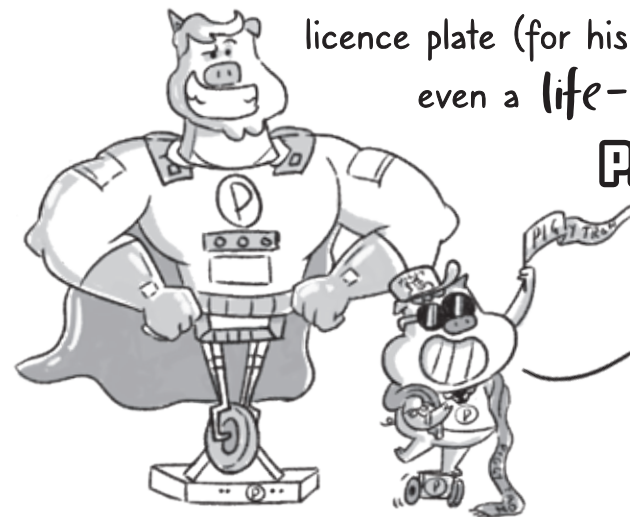


- Super-duper worry wart



- Carries a portable vacuum cleaner (He *hates* dust!)

- His favourite superhero is **PIGGYTRON™**.
He has every comic, toy, cap, bobble-head, undies, bedsheet, bath gel, bath toy, toothbrush, limited-edition tomato sauce and cereal, licence plate (for his mum's car) and even a life-sized replica of **PIGGYTRON™**.



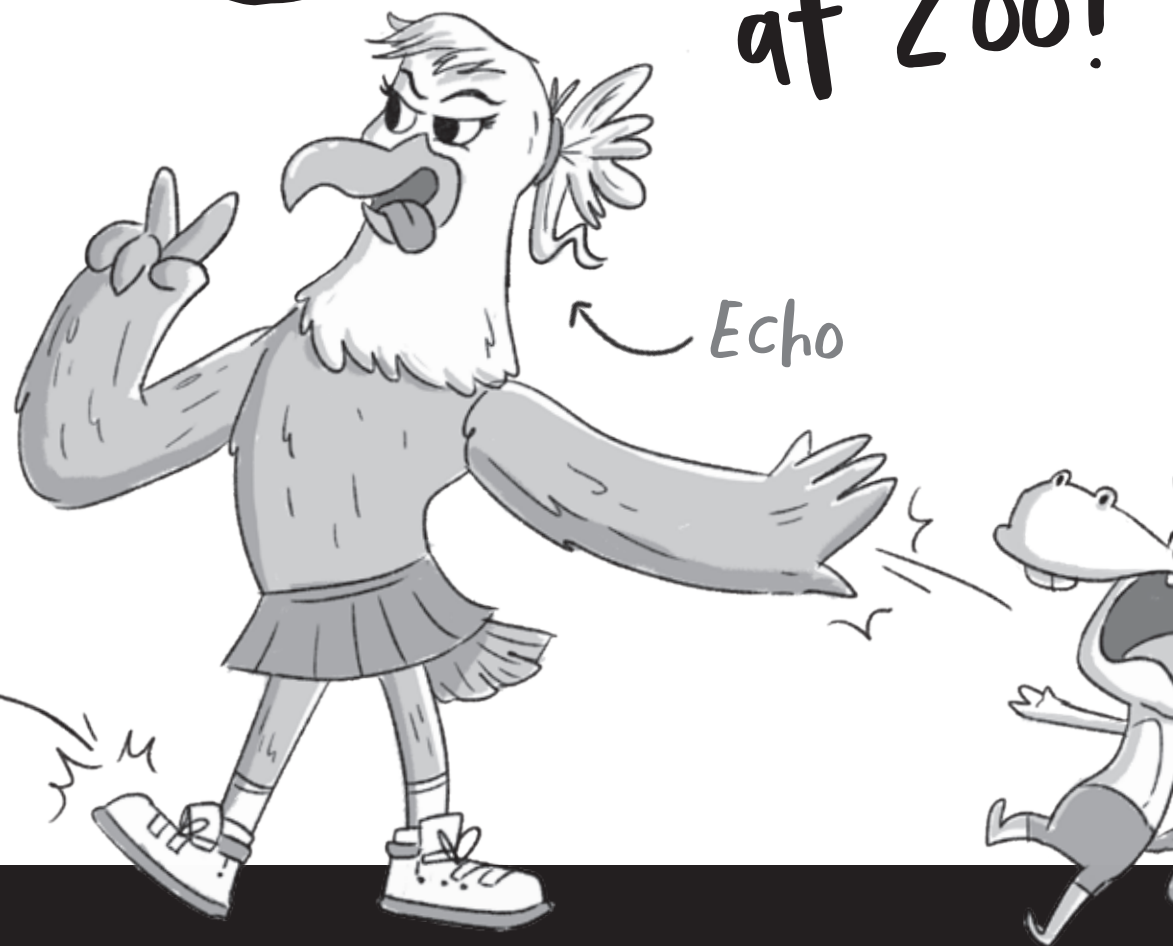
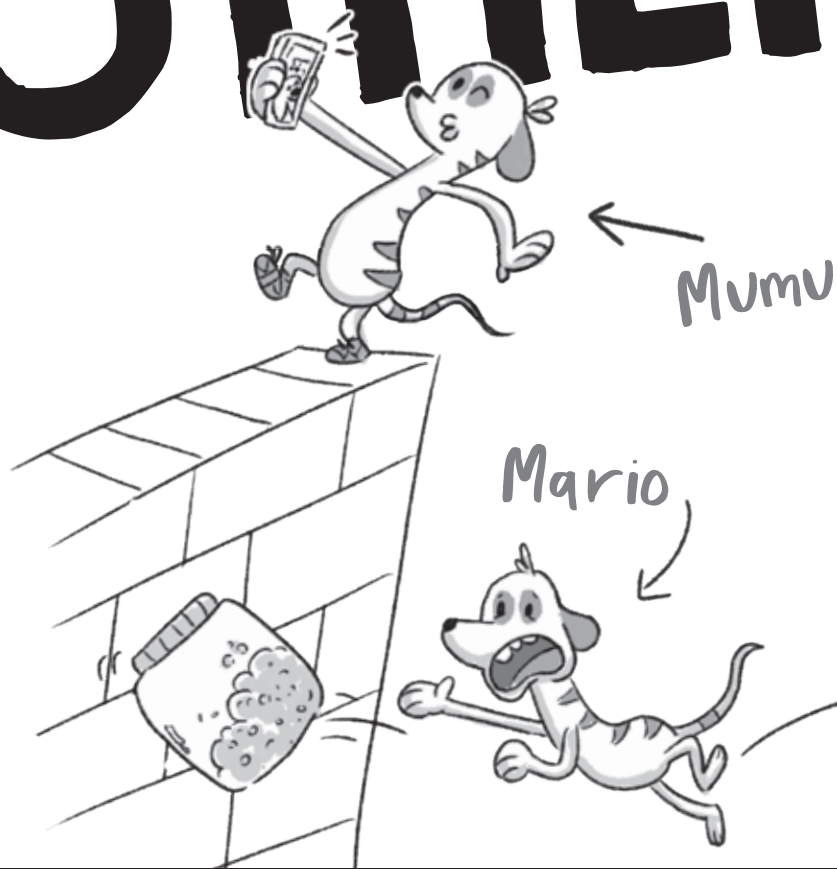
B.P.F.
(Best Pigs
Forever)

And meet...

the OTHER

CREW

at Zoo!



ECHO^{the} Eagle

BWAHAHA
HAHA
HA!



She's the meanest, coolest, **PUSHIEST**
eagle ever!

[FUN FACTS]

- Has the **largest** sneaker collection ever
- Has names for every sneaker
- Has never given a 'like' to a video on ZooTube, even if she loves it



MUMU the Meerkat

She's the wannabe-est, try-hard-est, eager-est, tag-along-est meerkat ever!

[FUN] [FACTS]

- Wants sneakers like Echo
- Wants to impress Echo
- Made wings to fly like Echo (It was an **EPIC FAIL** and she spent a week in hospital!)



[FUN] [FACTS]

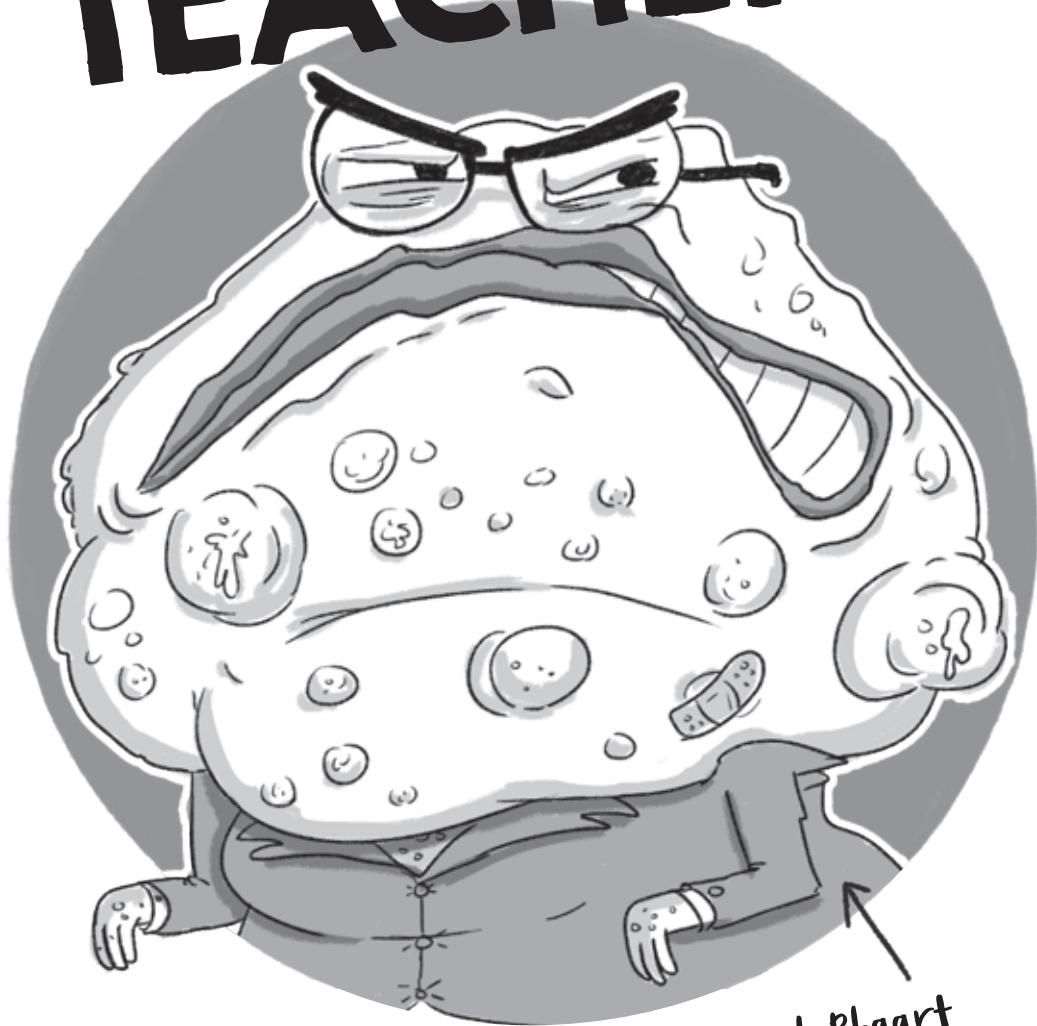
MARIO the Meerkat

He's the slowest, silliest, goofy-est meerkat ever!

- Loves sticking stuff up his nose (WHO DOESN'T!)
- Loves picking boogers out of his nose (WHO DOESN'T!)
- Has more boogers in his booger collection than a booger shop (I WISH!)



Meet THE TEACHERS!



Principal Phaart

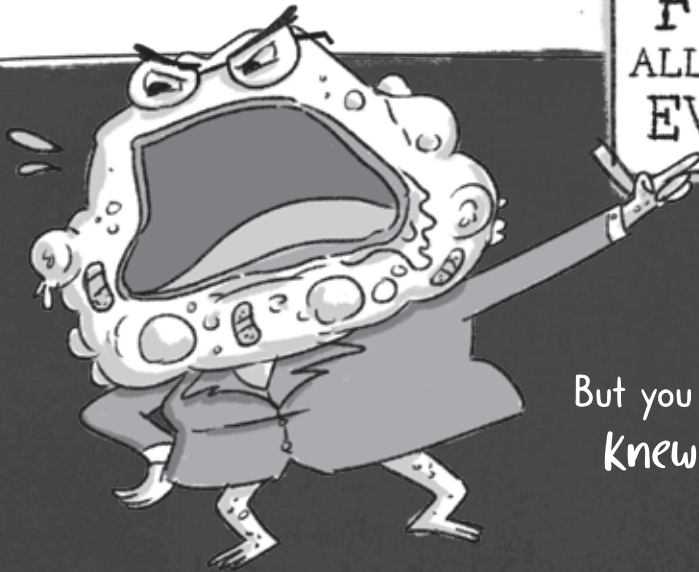


Miss Latwanda

Miss Honeybear

Principal PHAART

Well, you've met **HER!** She's the cruel-est, grossest, **PUS-IEST**, wartiest toad ever!



NO
FUN
ALLOWED.
EVER.

But you already
knew that.

[FUN FACTS]

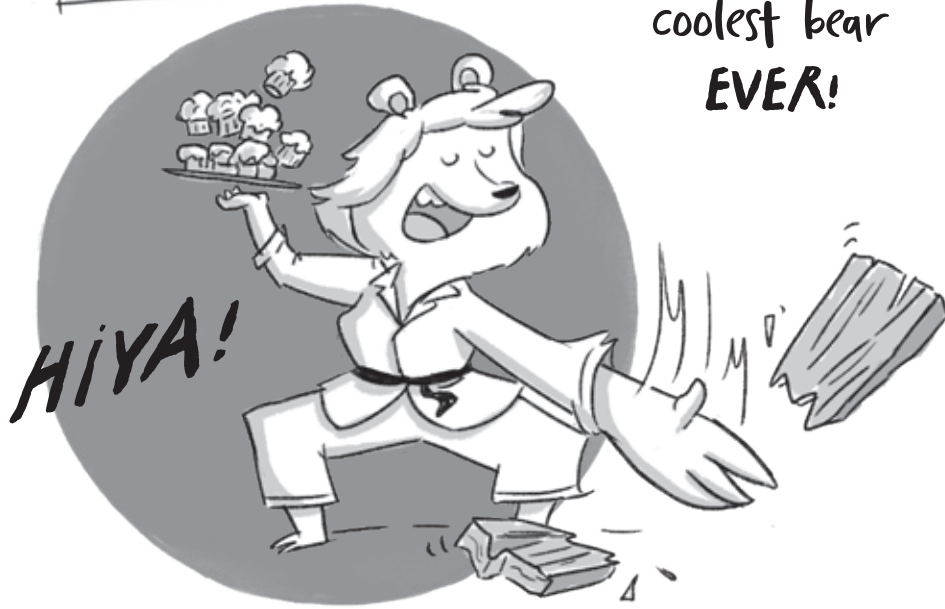
- Hasn't smiled in 56 years (**SHE'S 56 YEARS OLD!**)
- Makes breakfast smoothies out of her wart pus (**GROSS!**)
- Loves making students cry and collects their tears (**WEIRD...**)

Tasty
TEAR
time!



MISS Honeybear

She's the
sweetest,
funniest,
loveliest,
coolest bear
EVER!



- Is a black belt in Karate
- Is a black belt in baking
- Is a black belt in

AWESOMENESS!

**[FUN]
FACTS]**

She's the
oldest, chattiest,
slowest, wisest
llama ever!

Miss LAFWANDA

**[FUN]
FACTS]**

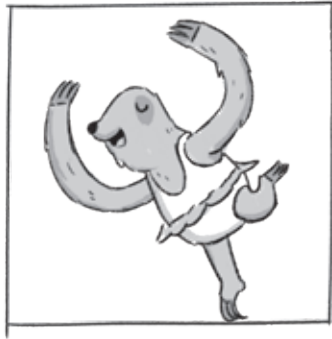
- The world's **oldest** librarian
- **LOVES** sponge cake with strawberries
- Online Battle Royale world champion
(I can't beat her! **EVER.** I've
tried. I can't. Seriously.
She's awesome.)



And THE REST

RUBY the RABBIT

A scatterbrain to the max!



SAILOR the SLOTH

A budding ballerina!



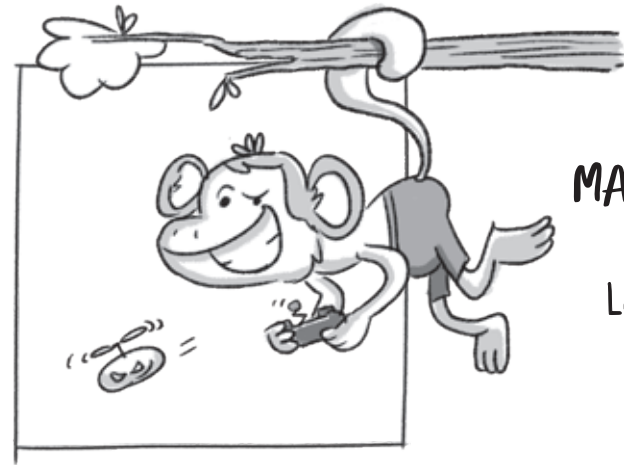
WILLIAM the WOMBAT

A budding musical theatre star!



GUIDO the GOLDFISH

Has a photographic memory!



MARLOWE the MONKEY

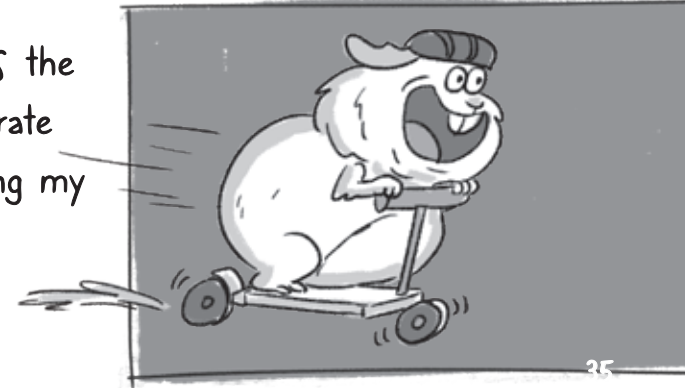
Loves causing trouble!



HAZ the HUMMINGBIRD

A super successful streamer!

Oh. And I'm GUS the guinea pig! I narrate stuff. I love riding my scooter ...



...and building castles for my fairies.



FAIRIES ARE
REAL,
OK?



But that's another story and I have a much **COOLER** story to tell you. A story about hummus, teamwork, wart pus, friendship, a buttload of sugar, relay races, all-you-can-eat gel—wait a minute. I've already done this part...



Well, what are we waiting for? Let's get our
butts jiggling!



IT'S
**STORY
TIME!**

CHAPTER ONE

BUTT-JIGGLE TIME!

