

*For my superdog Archie  
– Swapna*

*In memory of our pup, Scooby, whose superpowers  
included deathly farts and sniffing out cheese.*

*– Minky*

Published in the UK by Scholastic, 2025  
Scholastic, Bosworth Avenue, Warwick, CV34 6UQ  
Scholastic Ireland, 89E Lagan Road, Dublin Industrial Estate,  
Glasnevin, Dublin, D11 HP5F

SCHOLASTIC, and associated logos are trademarks and/or  
registered trademarks of Scholastic Inc.

First published in New Zealand by Scholastic New Zealand Limited, 2025

Text © Swapna Haddow, 2025  
Illustrations © Minky Stapleton, 2025

The moral rights of the author and illustrator have been asserted by them.

ISBN 978 07023 4285 1

A CIP catalogue record for this book is available from the British Library.

All rights reserved.

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, hired out or otherwise circulated in any form of binding or cover other than that in which it is published. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any other means (electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise) or used to train any artificial intelligence technologies without prior written permission of Scholastic Limited. Subject to EU law Scholastic Limited expressly reserves this work from the text and data mining exception.

Printed in the UK

Paper made from wood grown in sustainable forests and other controlled sources.



10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

This is a work of fiction. Any resemblance to actual people, events or locales is entirely coincidental.

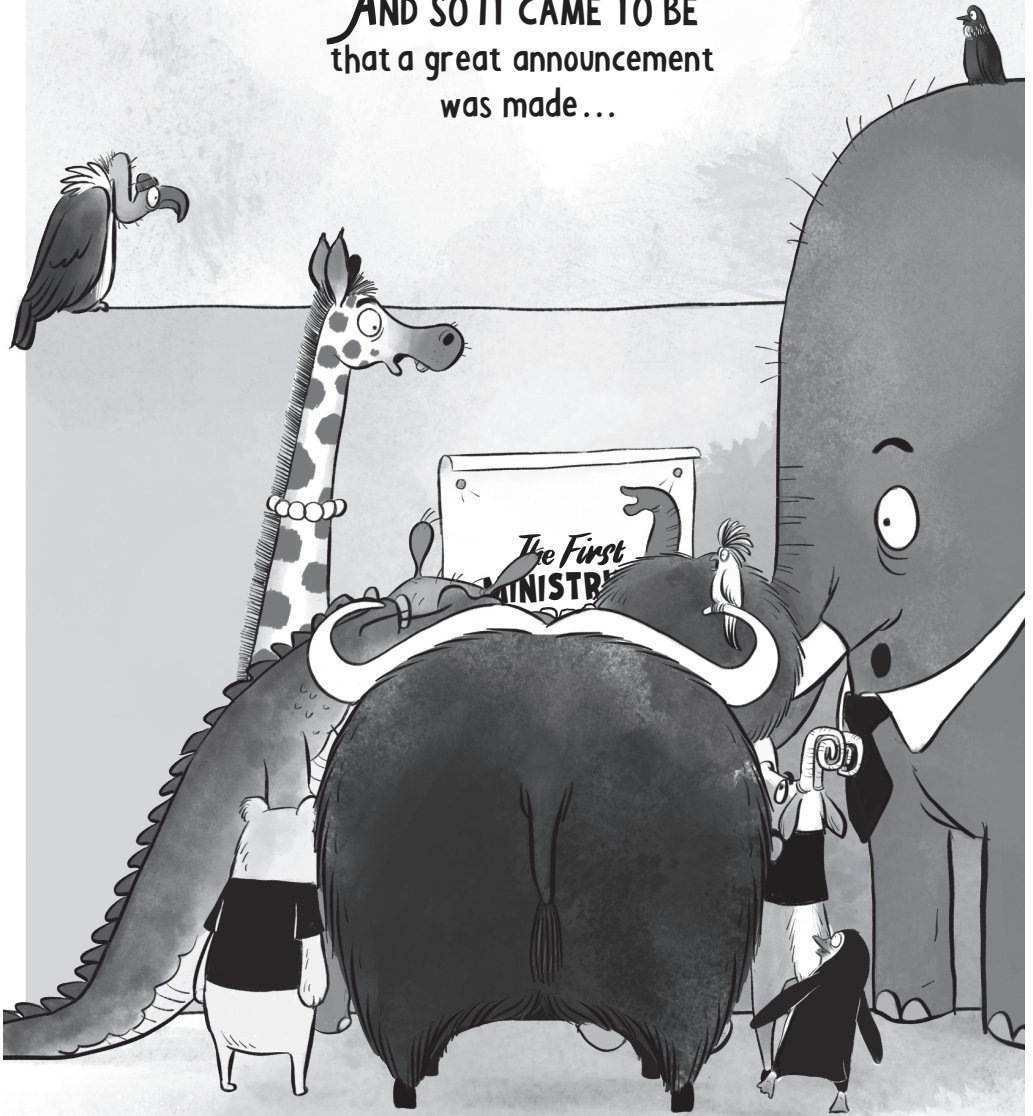
Illustrations created in Adobe Photoshop & Procreate  
Publishing team: Lynette Evans, Penny Scown & Abby Haverkamp  
Designer: Minky Stapleton

[www.scholastic.co.uk](http://www.scholastic.co.uk)


For safety or quality concerns:  
UK: [www.scholastic.co.uk/productinformation](http://www.scholastic.co.uk/productinformation)  
EU: [www.scholastic.ie/productinformation](http://www.scholastic.ie/productinformation)



AND SO IT CAME TO BE  
that a great announcement  
was made...



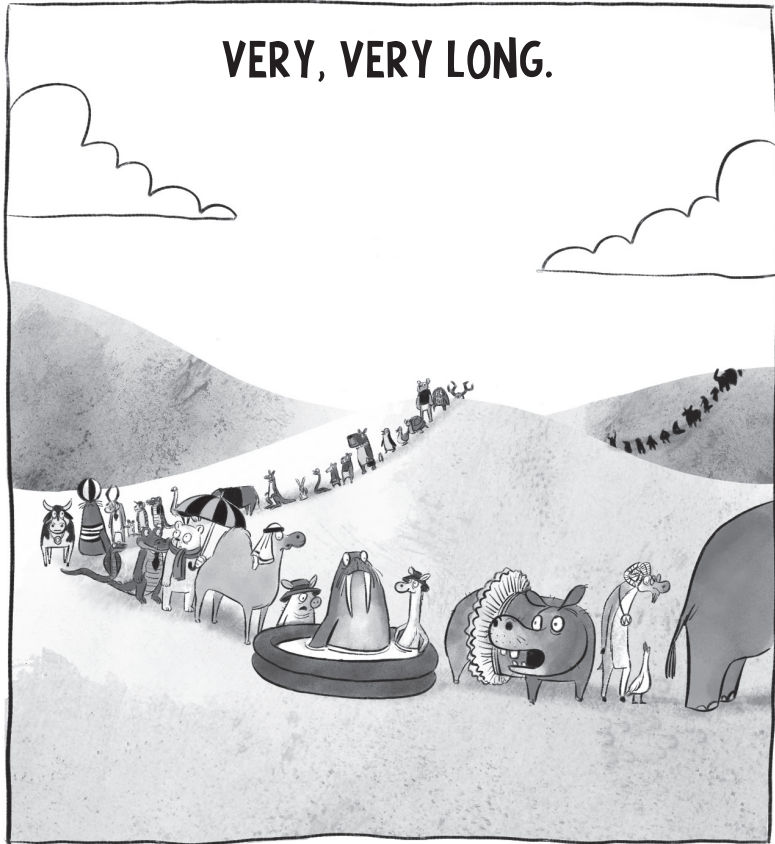
*The First*  
**MINISTRY OF**  
**SUPERPOWERS**  
IS NOW OPEN AND  
**EVERY ANIMAL**  
IN THE WORLD  
*is invited*  
TO RECEIVE THEIR  
**SUPERPOWER.**



The line was **LONG**. Very long.



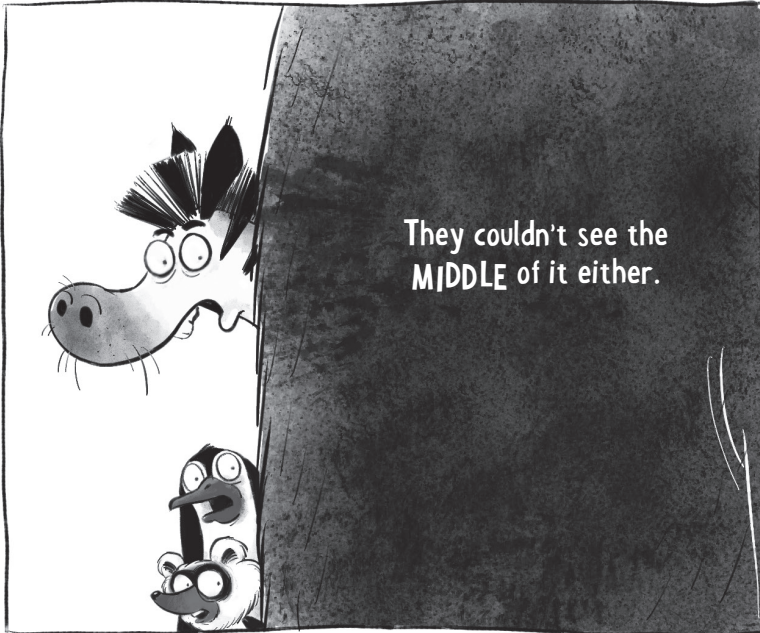
**VERY, VERY LONG.**



So **EXTREMELY** very long that the ZEBRA, LEMUR and PENGUIN at the very end of the line couldn't even see the front of it.



They couldn't see the MIDDLE of it either.

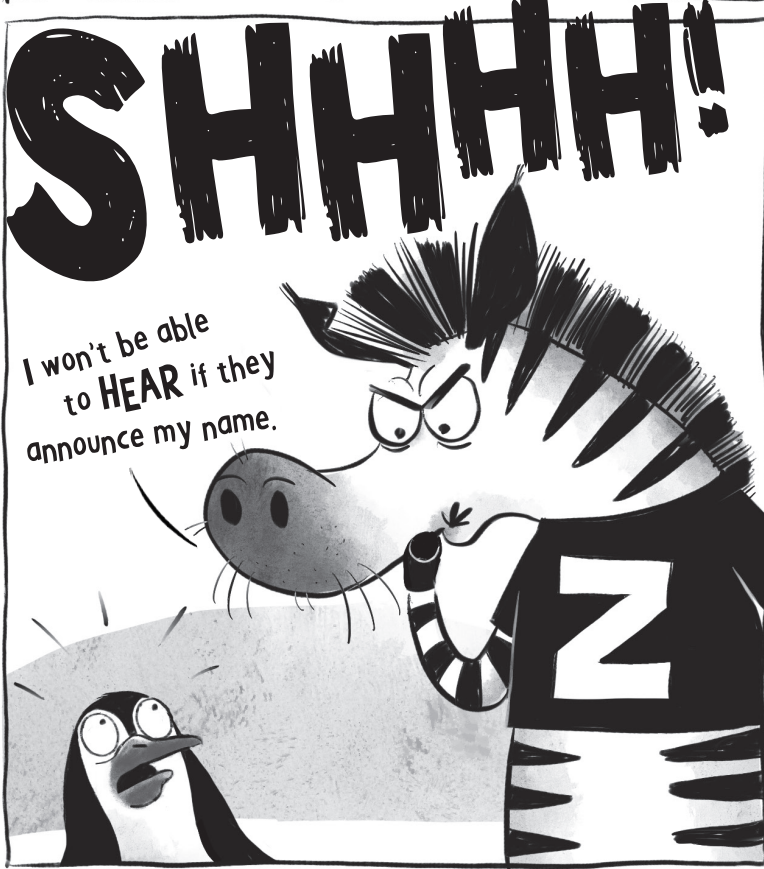


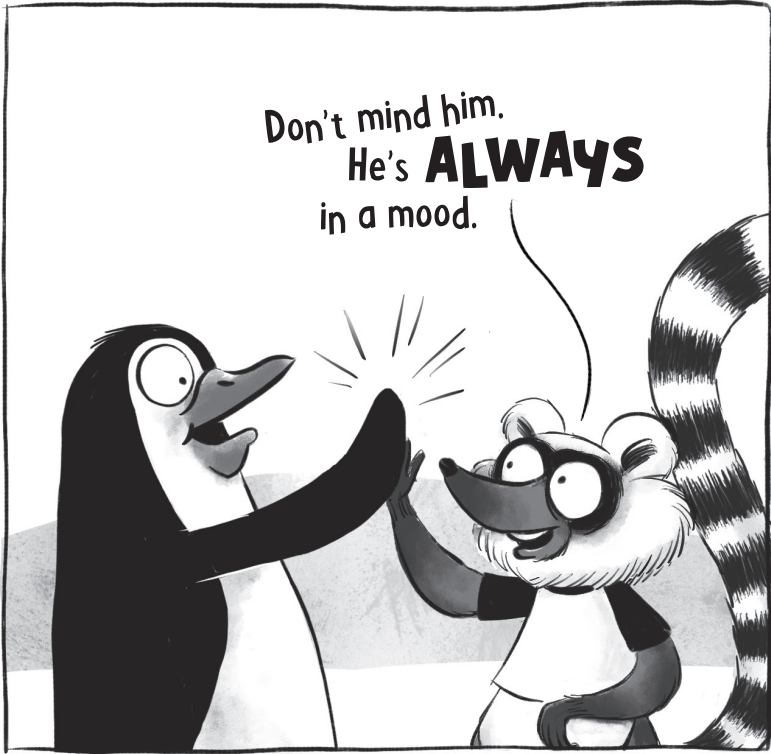
In fact, all they could see was the BUFFALO'S

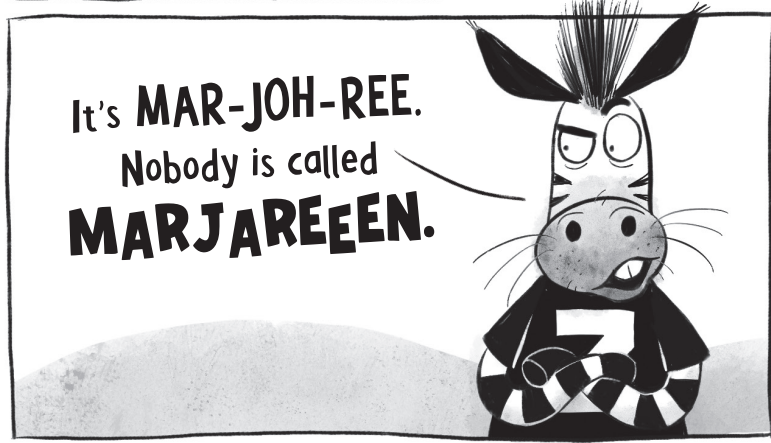
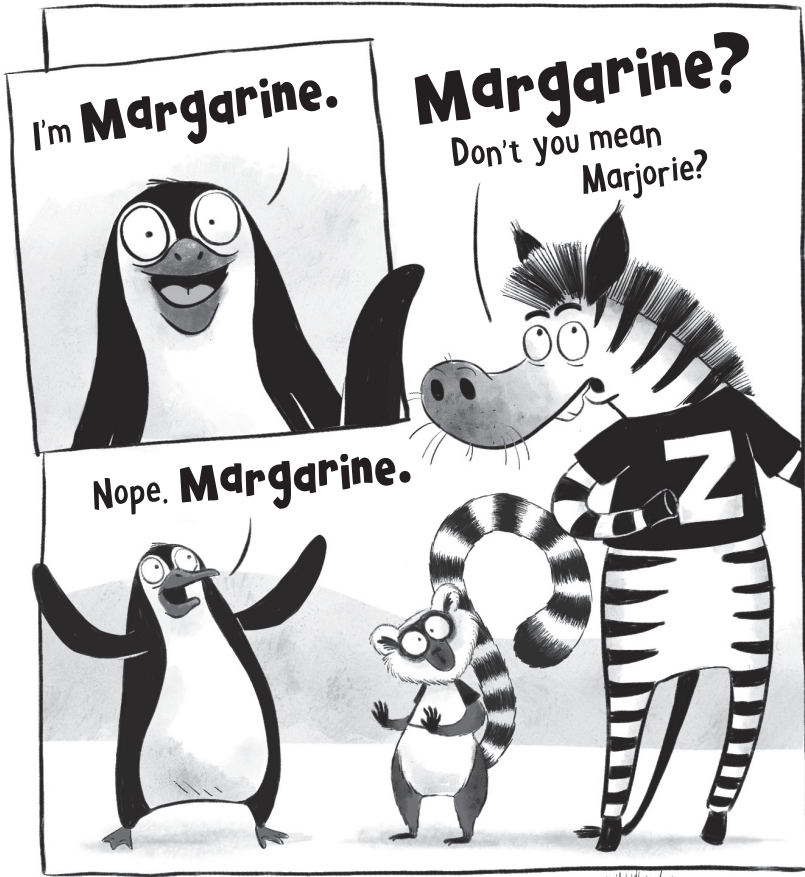
# BOTTOM

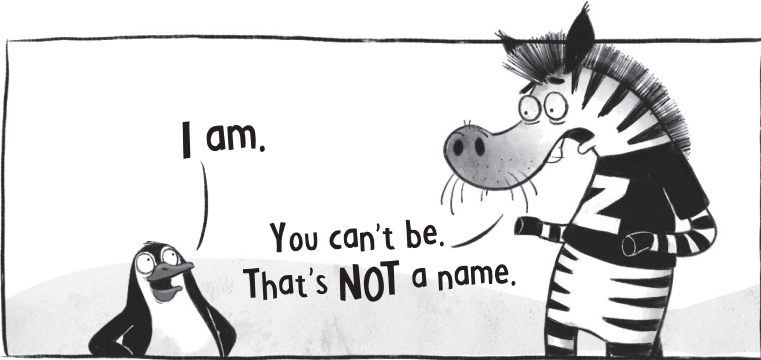
right in front of them.

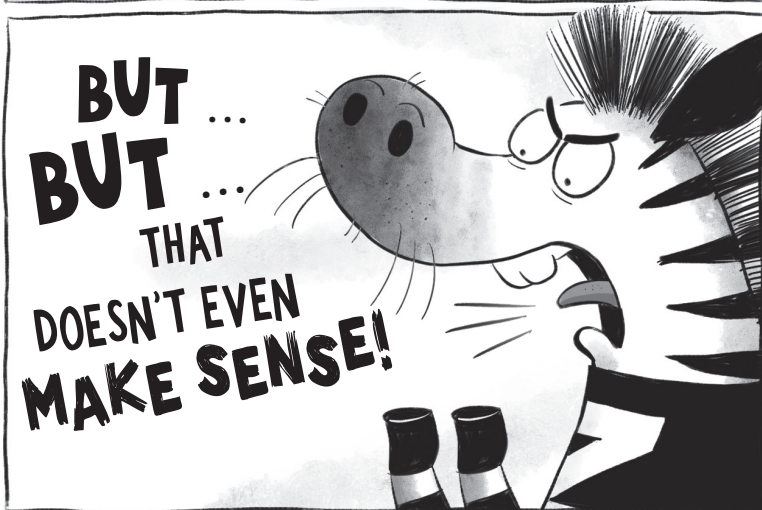


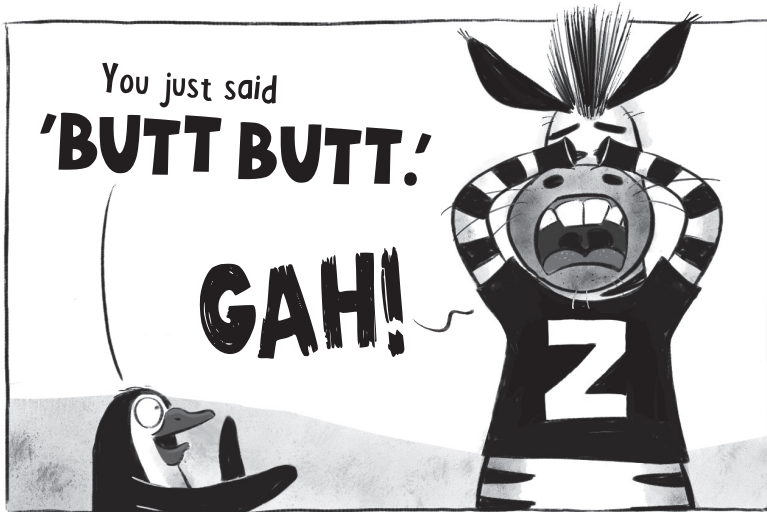


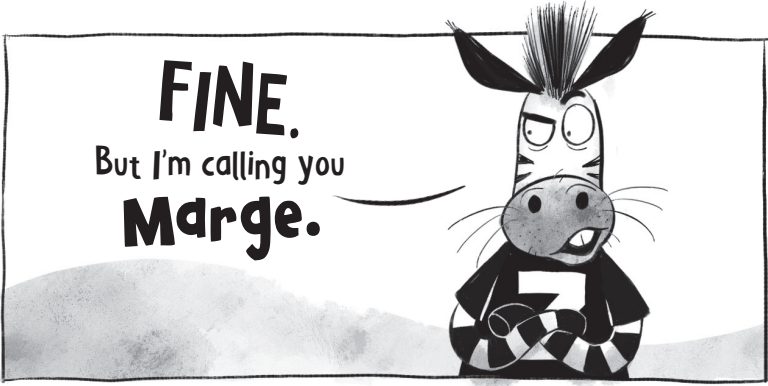




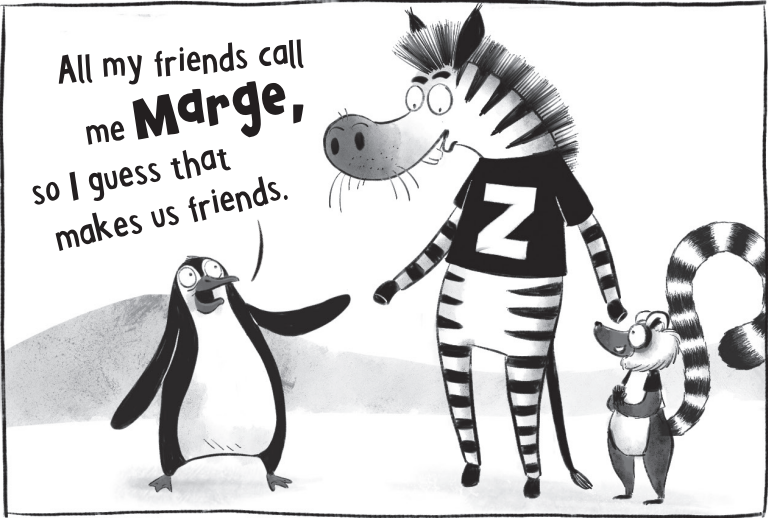




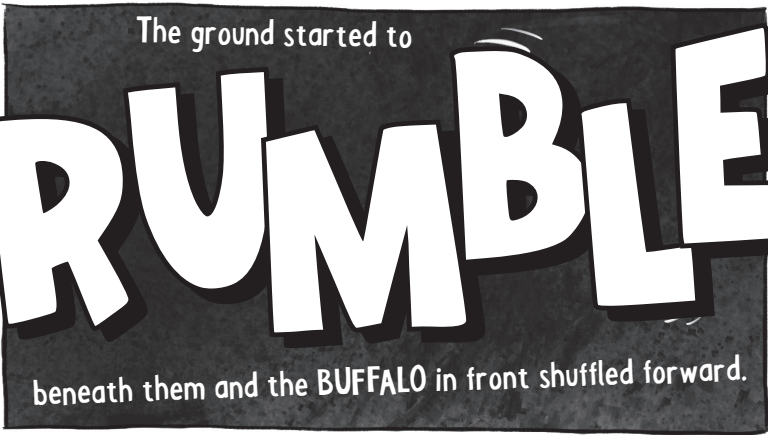




**FINE.**  
But I'm calling you  
**Marge.**



All my friends call  
me **Marge,**  
so I guess that  
makes us friends.



The ground started to

beneath them and the **BUFFALO** in front shuffled forward.

