

**THE MIGHTY MINI
DETECTIVE
AGECNY**

IN



BOOK 1

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BOAT**

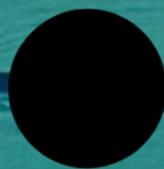
OH NO!
LOOKS LIKE BETTY &
BILLY NEED YOUR HELP!

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Start

OUR HEROES, BETTY & BILLY, OF THE MIGHTY MINI DETECTIVE AGENCY RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE MAYOR OF MINITOWN - IT APPEARS THEY ARE BEING HIRED FOR THEIR BIGGEST JOB YET!

HE EXPLAINED THAT SOMETHING HAD BEEN STEALING THE COLOUR FROM EVERYTHING IN TOWN! HE WAS WORRIED THAT IF WHOEVER, OR WHATEVER, WAS BEHIND ALL THIS, HAD MANAGED TO GET OUT OF TOWN THEN IT MIGHT GO FURTHER THEN THEIR VERY LITTLE CITY!

BUT, THEY NEED YOUR HELP!

FOLLOW THE PATTERNS, LINES AND SHAPES TO GET THEM SAFELY FROM POINT A TO POINT B AND HELP THEM SOLVE THE CASE! THERE IS NO WRONG ANSWER, SO GET CREATIVE!

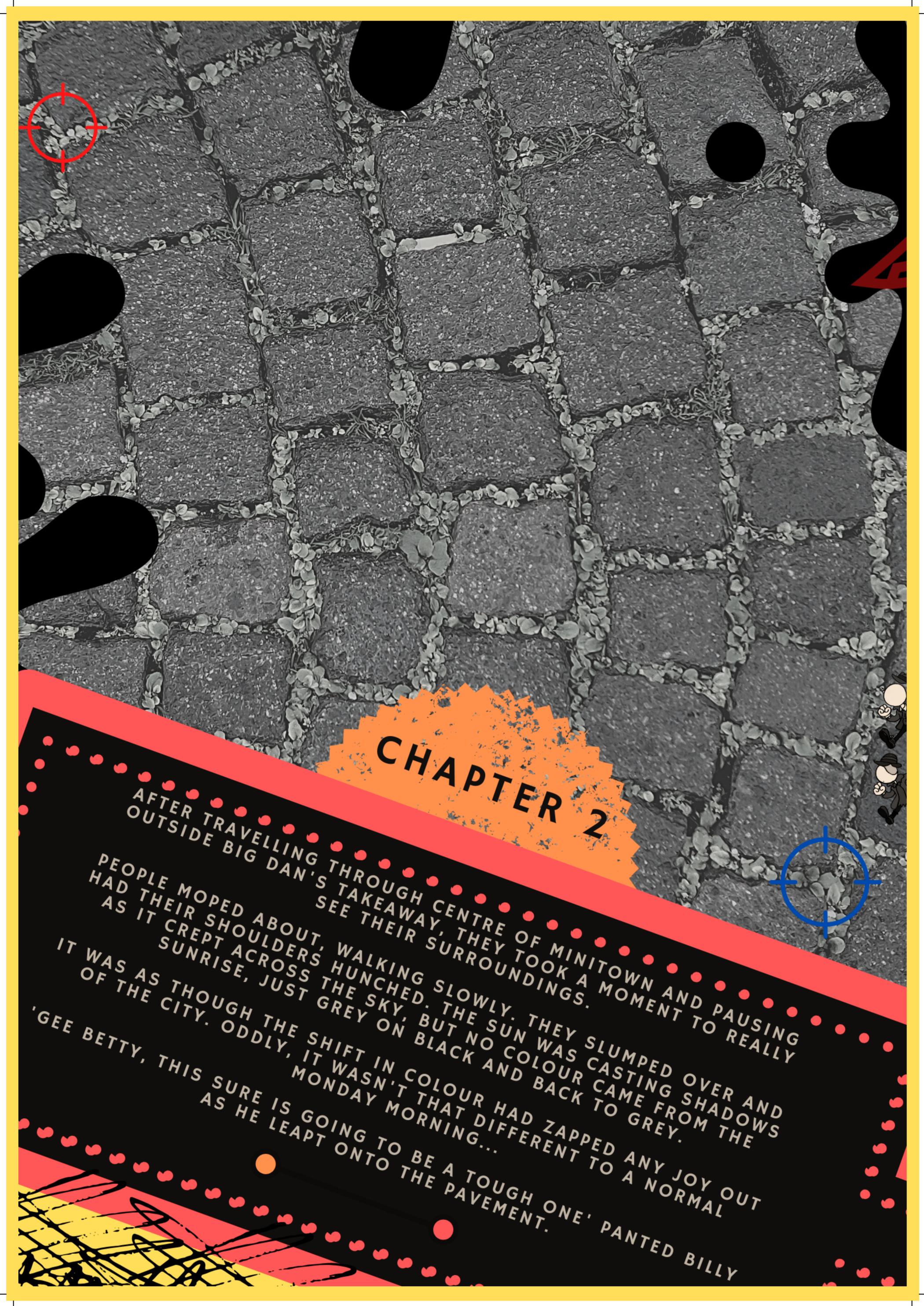
CHAPTER 1



SURE ENOUGH, OUR CRIME FIGHTING DUO NOTICED THAT THE COLOUR HAD DRAINED FROM EVERYTHING IN THEIR OFFICE, INCLUDING THEMSELVES!

NOT WAITING A MOMENT LONGER - THEY GRABBED THEIR HATS AND COATS AND RAN OUT INTO THE STREET. THE FIRST STOP - BURT BLINKEY'S OLD STOMPING GROUND. HE WAS A NOTORIOUS VILLAIN THEY HAD STOPPED PLENTY OF TIMES BEFORE.

WHILE IT MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN HIM THIS TIME, HE MIGHT HAVE SOME INFORMATION OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP THEM GET SOME ANSWERS...



CHAPTER 2

AFTER TRAVELLING THROUGH CENTRE OF MINITOWN AND PAUSING OUTSIDE BIG DAN'S TAKEAWAY, THEY TOOK A MOMENT TO REALLY SEE THEIR SURROUNDINGS.

PEOPLE MOPED ABOUT, WALKING SLOWLY. THEY SLUMPED OVER AND HAD THEIR SHOULDERS HUNCHED. THE SUN WAS CASTING SHADOWS AS IT CREPT ACROSS THE SKY, BUT NO COLOUR CAME FROM THE SUNRISE, JUST GREY ON BLACK AND BACK TO GREY.

IT WAS AS THOUGH THE SHIFT IN COLOUR HAD ZAPPED ANY JOY OUT OF THE CITY. ODDLY, IT WASN'T THAT DIFFERENT TO A NORMAL MONDAY MORNING...

'GEE BETTY, THIS SURE IS GOING TO BE A TOUGH ONE' PANTED BILLY AS HE LEAPT ONTO THE PAVEMENT.

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CHAPTER 3

MINITOWN HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT SPOT FOR COMMUNITIES HOPING TO HELP ONE ANOTHER AND MAKE A CHANGE.

UNFORTUNATELY, NOT EVERYONE IS ON THE SAME PAGE - SOME JUST WANT TO CAUSE TROUBLE.

THIS PROBLEM WAS LIKE NONE OTHER THE MIGHTY MINI DETECTIVE AGENCY HAD EVER SEEN. MINITOWN MIGHT NOT BE THE PRETTIEST SPOT IN MINILAND - BUT LOOKS AREN'T EVERYTHING.

THE TWO CARRIED ON THEIR ADVENTURE - HEADING ON TOWARDS THE EDGE OF TOWN AND WEAVING IN AND OUT OF THE SHADOWS.





IT IS A WELL KNOWN FACT THAT OUR FANTASTIC CRIME FIGHTING PAIR HAVE CERTAINLY SAVED MINITOWN, AND IN TURN- MINILAND, PLENTY OF TIMES BEFORE.

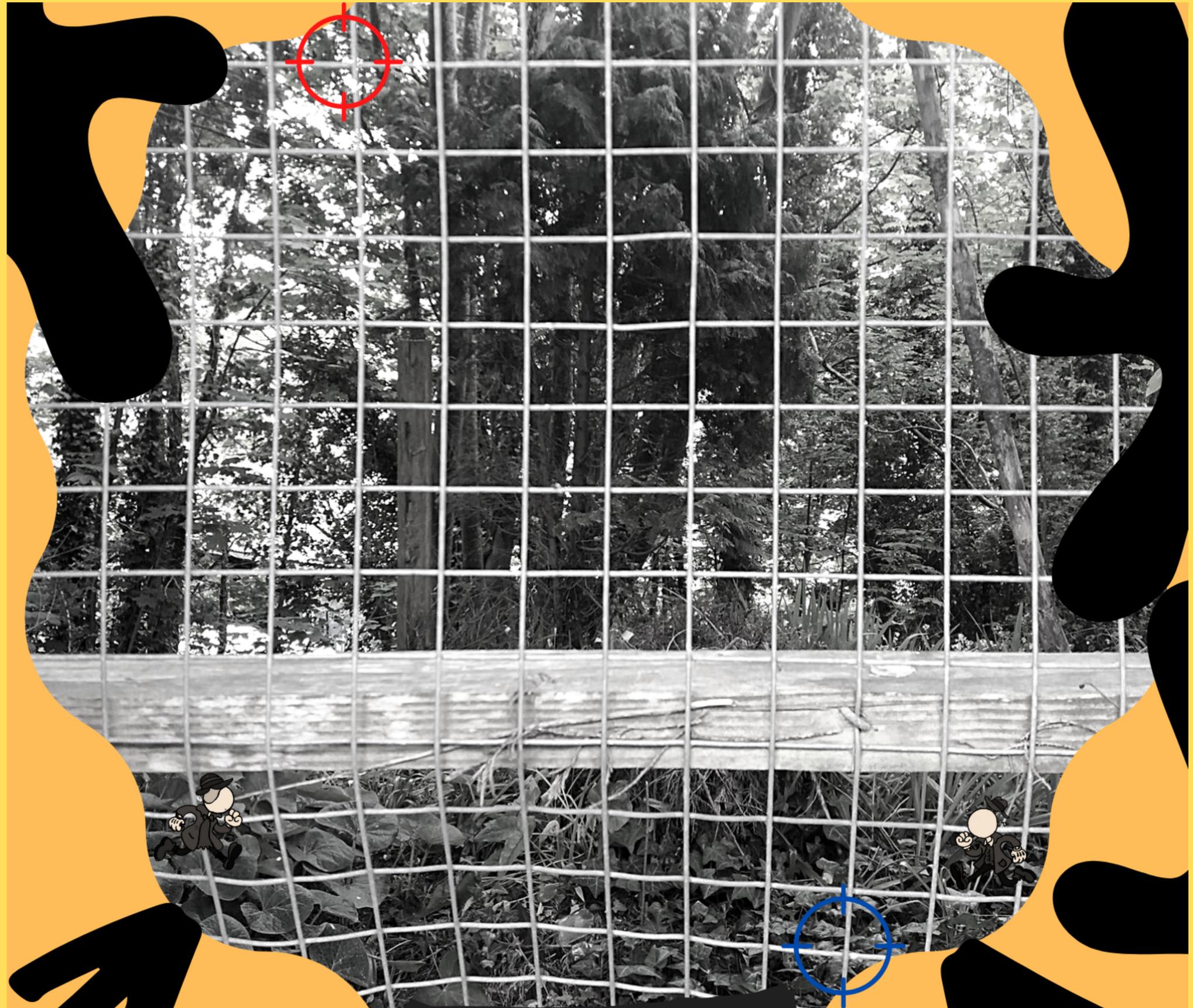
FROM DR DINK'S DANGEROUS FOREST OF DOOM, TO FIONA FLOUNDER'S FEARSOME FELINE ESCAPE!

FROM THE WATERS OF OLD WELL, RIGHT ACROSS TO THE HIGH PEAKS OF FENCEPOST HEIGHTS, THIS DUO HAVE DONE THEIR BIT TO KEEP CRIME AT BAY.

BUT THIS WAS DIFFERENT, THIS, THEY COULD SEE, WAS A MUCH WIDER PROBLEM - THAT SEEMED TO BE TRYING TO TELL THEM SOMETHING...



CHAPTER 4



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AS THE PAIR CONTINUED OUT, NOW PAST THE BUSY HUSSLE AND BUSSLE OF MINITOWN - THEY REALLY BEGAN TO NOTICE THE EFFECT THAT THE COLOUR, OR LACK OF, HAD ON THEIR SURROUNDINGS... AND ON HOW THEY FELT THEMSELVES.

"GEE BETTY, I SURE HOPE WE CAN GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS"

"WE WILL, COME ON, FROM MEMORY IT'S NOT MUCH FURTHER TO BILL'S LAIR.

THEY CROSSED OVER THE GRIDDED AREA AND DROPPED TO THE OTHER SIDE.



CHAPTER

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BETTY AND BILLY'S EYES FELL ON THE OLD, VINE COVERED MACHINE THAT LAID IN FRONT OF THEM. FROM WITHIN IT, THEY COULD HEAR NOISES - MURMURING.

"I THINK WE SHOULD GO" WHISPERED BILLY

"BUT WHAT IF SOMEONE NEEDS OUR HELP? COME ON BILLY, WHERE'S YOUR SENSE OF ADVENTURE? BESIDES, WHAT DO YOU THINK THE BIG WORLD USED THIS FOR?" BETTY REPLIED, ALREADY POKING HER HEAD INTO A SMALL OPENING AND MOVING SOME LEAVES.

THE PAIR GAZED INTO THE MACHINE - NOT BEING ABLE TO SEE A THING, THE BLACK AND WHITE ALL BLENDING INTO ONE.

AND THEN THERE WAS THE SMILE.

A TOOTHY GRIN! THEY JUMPED BACK AND RAN FURTHER UP THE RELIC.

CHAPTER 7

OUR HEROES NEEDED A BETTER VIEW OF WHERE THEY WERE, SO USED THE GROOVES AND NOOKS OF THE LARGEST TREE TO BEGIN THEIR CLIMB.

UP AND UP THEY WENT, AVOIDING LARGE SPLINTERS AND BUGS.

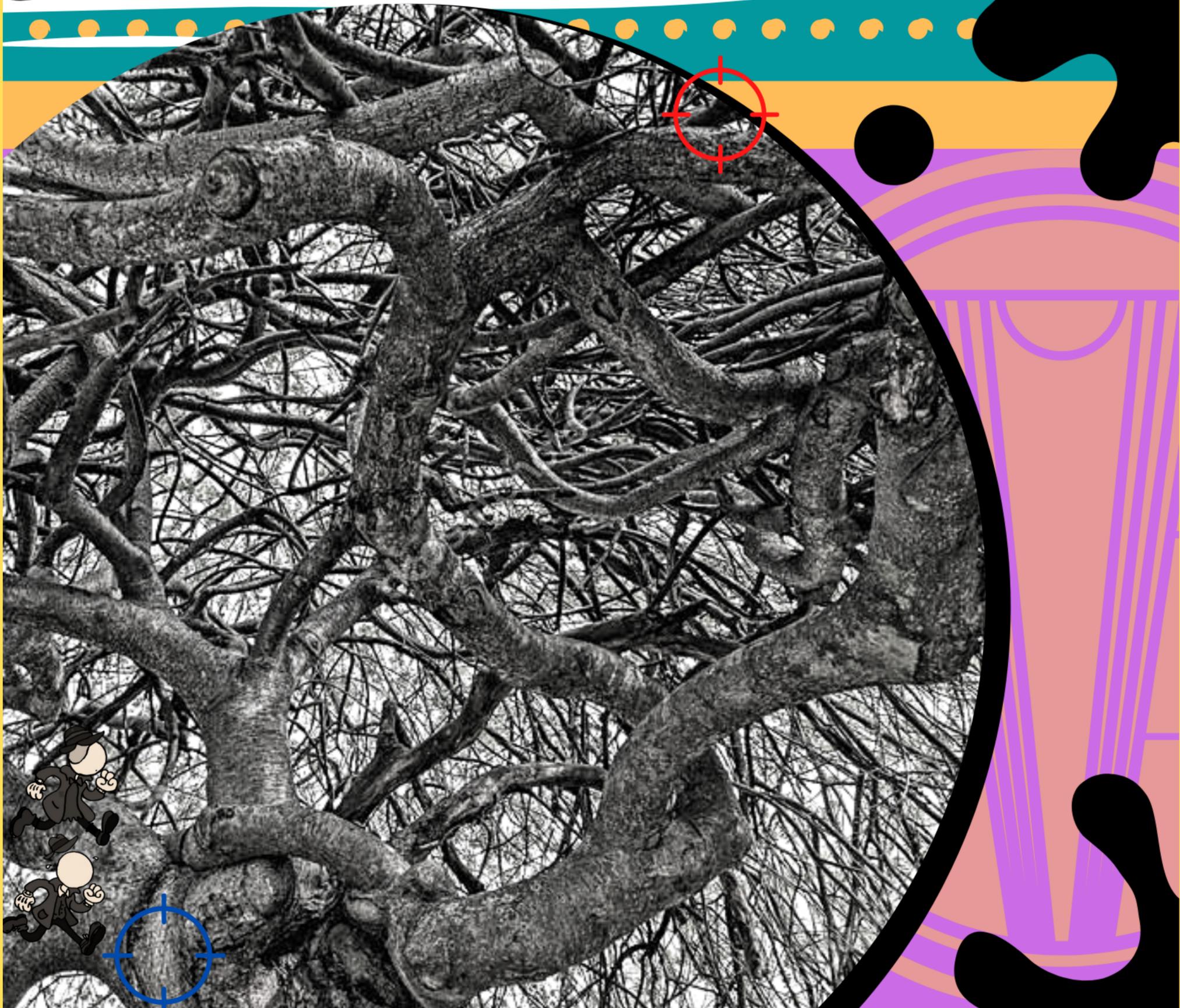
'I MISS IT BETTY...' SIGHED BILLY

BETTY DIDN'T NEED TO SAY ANYTHING.

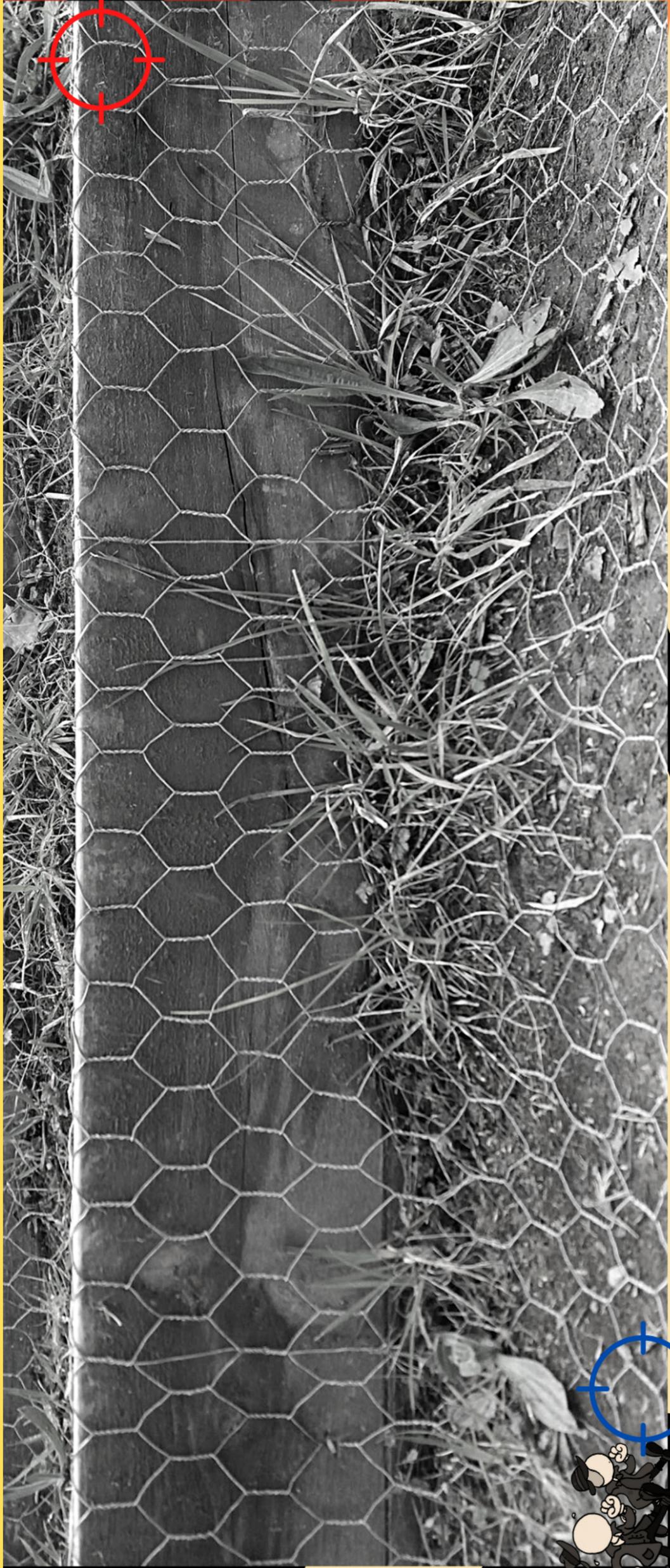
SHE KNEW THAT HE MEANT THE COLOUR IN THE WORLD. SHE MISSED IT TOO.

BUT THE PAIR WERE DETERMINED TO GET THE JOB DONE.

THEY REACHED THE TOP OF THE TREE AND SPOTTED EXACTLY WHERE THEY NEEDED TO GO.



CHAPTER 8



THEY FINALLY MADE IT TO BURT'S LAIR! IT WAS AS DARK AND DULL AS THEY REMEMBERED - MAYBE MORE SO NOW AS IT HAD NO COLOUR WHATSOEVER.

AFTER A SCUFFLE, THE PAIR TRIPPED HIM UP AND STARTED TO ASK THEIR QUESTIONS.

BURT JUST STARED AT THEM, SHAKING HIS HEAD.

"YOU DON'T GET IT DO YOU?"

"GET WHAT?" THE DETECTIVES REPLIED.

"THIS IS MUCH BIGGER THAN ANY OF US, YOU TWO CLOWNS ALWAYS JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS. NO IT WASN'T ME - BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHO WAS PROBABLY BEHIND THIS DIABOLICAL PLOT! THE CRIMSON CRUSADER! SHE IS ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT HER BIG SCORE!"

"AND WHAT BIGGER SCORE THAN KEEPING THE COLOUR OF THE MINI WORLD HOSTAGE!" PONDERED BETTY

BILLY NOTICED A LARGE MACHINE IN THE CORNER OF THE ROOM.

"SAY WHAT'S THIS?" HE SAID, FIDDLING WITH SOME BUTTONS.

"HEY! STOP TOUCHING THAT, IT'S NOTHING, LEAVE IT ALONE!" CRIED BURT.

WITH THAT, A BRIGHT FLASH OF LIGHT, AND BILLY WAS GONE!



CHAPTER 9

BETTY BLINKED. BURT BLINKED. BILLY DID NOT.
"IT WORKED!" EXCLAIMED BURT.
"WHERE DID HE GO?" REPLIED BETTY - WATCHING THE MACHINE.
"WHY DON'T YOU GO SEE?" BURT SMIRKED

AFTER PUTTING A CALL INTO THE POLICE - SHE HANDCUFFED BURT TO HIS DESK AND STURNLY TOLD
SHE WALKED UP TO THE MACHINE AND EXAMINED IT, TAKING NOTE OF ANYTHING THAT MIGHT GIVE HER
ANY CLUES. THE ONLY THING THAT SHE COULD MAKE OUT WAS SOME BLACK LIQUID LEAKING FROM THE
SIDE.

"SO YOU THINK SHE IS BEHIND THIS?" ASKED BETTY
"DON'T ROCK THE BOAT DETECTIVE. I WILL NEVER LEARN MY LESSON, YOU REALLY SHOULD STOP
MEDDLING IN THINGS YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND." BURT REPLIED.
WITH THAT, BETTY PRESSED THE BUTTON AND IN A FLASH, WAS GONE.
BURT LOOKED OVER TO THE ENTRANCE OF HIS LAIR AND HE HAD A VISITOR - BUT IT WASN'T THE
POLICE.

NOT A MOMENT LATER

CHAPTER 10

BETTY OPENED HER EYES AND WAS GREETED BY BILLY, SMILING.

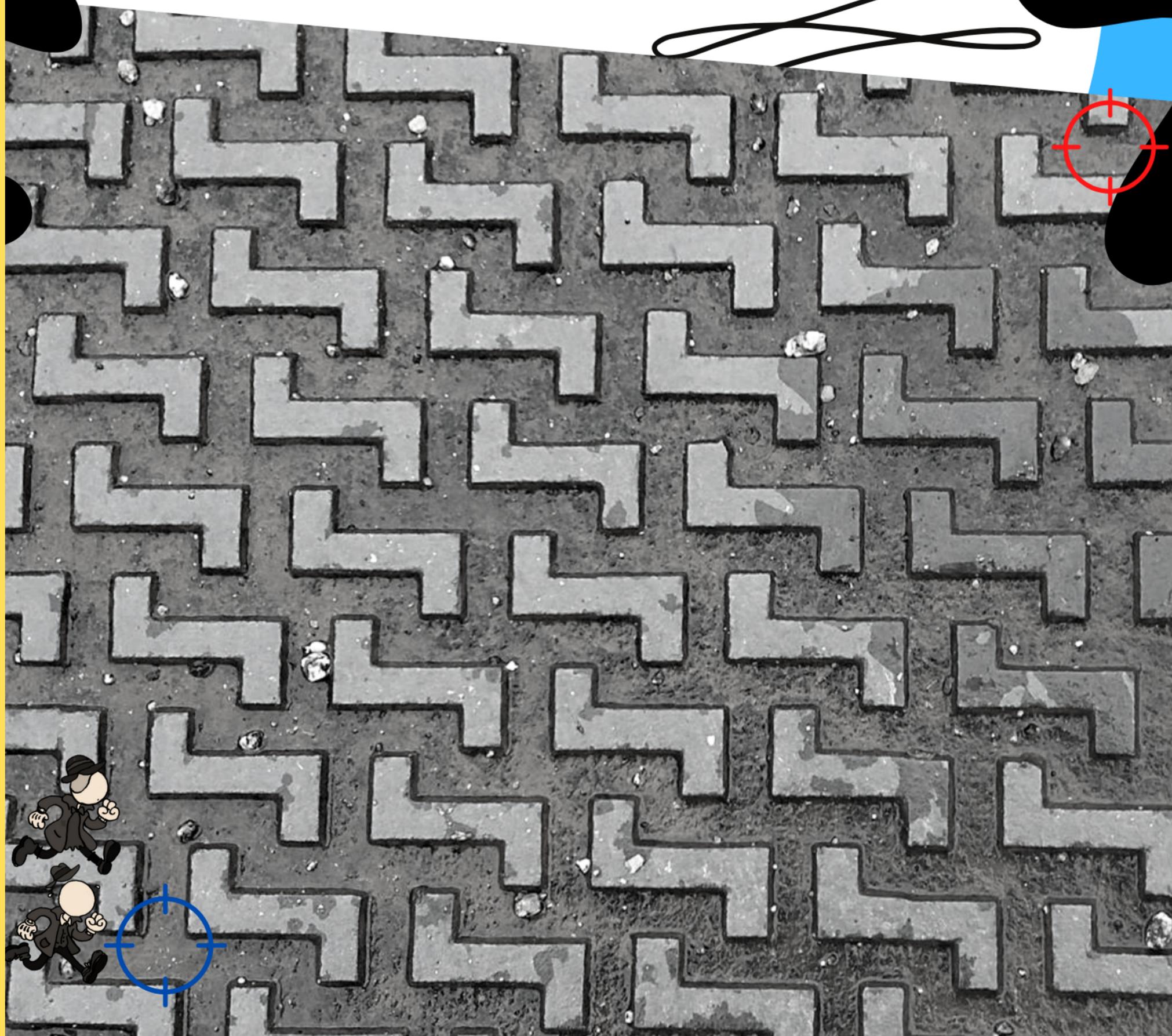
"YOU IDIOT! WHY DID YOU DO THAT!" SHOUTED BETTY.

"LOOK AROUND BETTY" HE REPLIED "THIS PLACE HAS HAD ALL THE COLOUR DRAINED TOO!"

"SO WE AREN'T ANY CLOSER THAN WE WERE!"

"YOU WOULD THINK THAT, BUT THIS IS THE LAIR OF THE CRIMSON CRUSADER - AND SHE IS STILL DRESSED IN RED!"

CRIMSON SPUN AROUND TO SEE THE PAIR STOOD TOGETHER AND AS SHE WENT TO SPEAK - A FLASH CAME FROM SOMETHING THE PAIR HAD SEEN BEFORE.





CHAPTER II

IT WAS THE SAME MACHINE FROM BURT'S LAIR!

"WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING HERE!" CRIMSON CRIED

"WE KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO!" SHOUTED BILLY

"WELL, IT SEEMS YOU HAVE JUMPED TO SOME BIG CONCLUSIONS DETECTIVES. I AM ASSUMING BURT THINKS I AM TO BLAME FOR THE COLOUR LEAVING OUR WORLD, BUT I TAKE MY HAT OFF TO WHOEVER HAS PLANNED THIS."

SHE TOOK OFF HER BIG HAT AND HER HAIR FLOATED DOWN TO HER SHOULDERS.

"WHAT ARE YOU TWO UP TOO? WHY DO YOU BOTH HAVE THESE MACHINES?" ASKED BETTY.

"THAT IS THE WRONG QUESTION DETECTIVE. THE REAL QUESTION IS WHO SENT THEM... YOU SEE, THIS THING JUST APPEARED IN MY LAIR ONE DAY."

WITH THAT, THE LIGHTS IN THE ROOM WENT OUT AND CRIMSON SCREAMED.

SEEMS LIKE THE BRIGHT FLASH THAT CAME FROM THE MACHINE, AFTER BETTY AND BILLY USED IT TO TRAVEL FROM BURT'S LAIR, MEANT THAT SOMEONE, OR SOMETHING, FOLLOWED THEM THROUGH SHORTLY AFTER!

OUR DYNAMIC DUO COULD FEEL SOMETHING WET AND SQUELCHY UNDER THEIR FEET. THE LIGHTS SWITCHED BACK ON WITH A HUM.

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM, CRIMSON WAS SAT - BUT SHE WAS NO LONGER THE DEEP, RICH RED SHE ONCE WAS.

SHE HAD BLENDED WITH THE COLOURS AROUND THEM AND WAS NOW VARIOUS SHADES OF GREY.

"YOU SEE DETECTIVES, WE WERE SET UP. YOU'RE SO QUICK TO JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS." SHE SIGHED.

THEY ALL LOOKED DOWN AND NOTICED A THICK, BLACK, INK LIKE LIQUID ON THE FLOOR.

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROOM, SOMETHING MOVED QUICKLY AND LEFT THROUGH THE SIDE DOOR.

"WELL? GO SAVE THE DAY DETECTIVES! BUT DON'T BE SO QUICK TO JUDGE NEXT TIME!" CRIMSON BELLOWED AS OUR HEROES STARTED THE CHASE!

CHAPTER 12



CHAPTER 13

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BETTY & BILLY DIDN'T WAIT A MOMENT LONGER - THEY SET OFF OUT THROUGH THE DOORS AND IGNORED CRIMSON - THEY HAD EVERY REASON TO SUSPECT HER AND BURT OF THINGS, BUT THIS TIME THEY WERE CLEARLY SET UP!

AS THEY CAME OUT INTO THE GREY LIGHT OF DAY - THEY WERE FACED WITH A BARE, OPEN SPACE THAT SEEMED TO BE AN ABANDONED GARDEN.

WITHIN THE LONG GRASS THEY COULD SEE A BLACK BLOB OF SORTS THAT LOOKED LIKE THE LIQUID FROM INSIDE CRIMSON'S LAIR. 20, MAYBE 30 BLADES OF GRASS AWAY FROM THAT, ANOTHER BLOB.

OUR HEROES FOLLOWED THE TRAIL OF BLOBS INTO A SMALL OPENING IN A WALL. THEY COULD SEE THE SAME SMILE THEY SAW IN BURT'S LAIR FROM WITHIN THE DARK SPACE.

BETTY AND BILLY HAD COME THIS FAR THOUGH, AND THEY WERE DETERMINED TO SOLVE THE CASE SO THEY SLIPPED THROUGH THE OPENING INTO THE SPACE BEYOND.

BEFORE THEY COULD DO ANYTHING MORE - THE SMILE BECAME A SHAPE AND IT STARTED TO SHAMBLE ITS WAY TOWARDS THEM - A BLACK INK-LIKE BLOB! IT WIGGLED ITS WAY TOWARDS THEM AS ITS SMILE GOT WIDER AND WIDER.

"WHO ARE YOU?" BETTY ASKED.



CHAPTER 14



THE BEING THAT OWNED THE SMILE MUMBLED AND SHAMBLED ABOUT THE CAVE-LIKE SPACE. THE PAIR NOTICED, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THAT THE CAVE WAS NOT DARK AS IT HAD APPEARED FROM OUTSIDE. IT WAS IN-FACT A HEAVING MASS OF COLOUR AND LIGHT! IT WAS TOO MUCH TO TAKE IN ALL AT ONCE AND NONE OF THE COLOURS MADE SENSE! THEY WERE ALL SO MUDDLED!

"I AM NOBODY, BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT? IT TAKES A NOBODY TO REALISE YOU DON'T NOTICE THE LITTLE THINGS."

"WHAT DO YOU MEAN?" ASKED BILLY

"THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MATTER MOST? THE COLOUR IN THE WORLD? THE SMELL OF FRESHLY CUT GRASS? I BET YOU DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE THE SECOND HAD ALSO BEEN STOLEN?" THE BLOB SNEERED

"BUT, WHY? WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?" BILLY ASKED, STANDING HIS GROUND.

"BECAUSE A TRULY 'GOOD' THIEF, ONLY STEALS WHAT YOU DON'T NOTICE" IT LAUGHED.

BETTY AND BILLY TOOK A MOMENT TO THINK, THEY CAME UP WITH AN IDEA.

"YOU'RE NOT WRONG" BETTY EXPLAINED

"WE CAN ALSO TELL YOU AREN'T BAD - YOU JUST WANTED TO TEACH US ALL A LESSON" BILLY SAID - THINKING ABOUT THE BREEZE THROUGH HIS FINGERS.

THE THING - WHATEVER IT WAS, HADN'T THOUGHT THAT ANYBODY WOULD COME TO THE RESCUE OF THE STOLEN PARTS OF OUR WORLD WE HAD TAKEN FOR GRANTED.

BETTY & BILLY ASSURED HIM THAT THESE WERE THINGS THAT, THOUGH WE MAY TAKE THEM FOR GRANTED, ARE IMPORTANT TO OUR EVERYDAY LIVES.

SO THEY PROPOSED A DEAL TO THE BEING.

"A DEAL FOR THE LITTLE THINGS. HOW INTERESTING." IT REPLIED

"WE PROMISE, ON BEHALF OF ALL THOSE IN MINITOWN, MINILAND AND INDEED THE PEOPLE OF BIG WORLD, THAT WE WILL, EACH DAY, TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO APPRECIATE WHAT WAS TAKEN FROM US" OUR HEROES PLEDGED.

"AND I WILL PROTECT YOU FROM THE BIGGER DISTRACTIONS, TO ALLOW THIS BARGAIN TO TAKE PLACE. YOU MUST TAKE TIME" REPLIED THE BEING.

AND SO THE AGREEMENT WAS MADE - THE BEING RETURNED THE COLOUR TO OUR WORLD - PROVIDING THAT EACH DAY - IT SEES US APPRECIATE THE SMALL THINGS IN LIFE.

SO MAYBE, NEXT TIME YOU HAVE A MINUTE TO YOURSELF - LOOK OUT INTO THE WORLD AND THINK OF THIS ARRANGEMENT. DO YOUR PART AND THINK ABOUT SOMETHING YOU APPRECIATE EACH DAY - NO MATTER HOW SMALL.

OUR HEROES LEFT THE BEING'S LAIR AND HEADED BACK TO MINITOWN TO TELL THE MAYOR ABOUT THE SOLVED CASE - JUST AS THE SUN WAS RISING TO GREET A NEW DAY.

"LET'S HEAD HOME, NEVER A DULL MOMENT AT THE OFFICE" SAID BILLY.

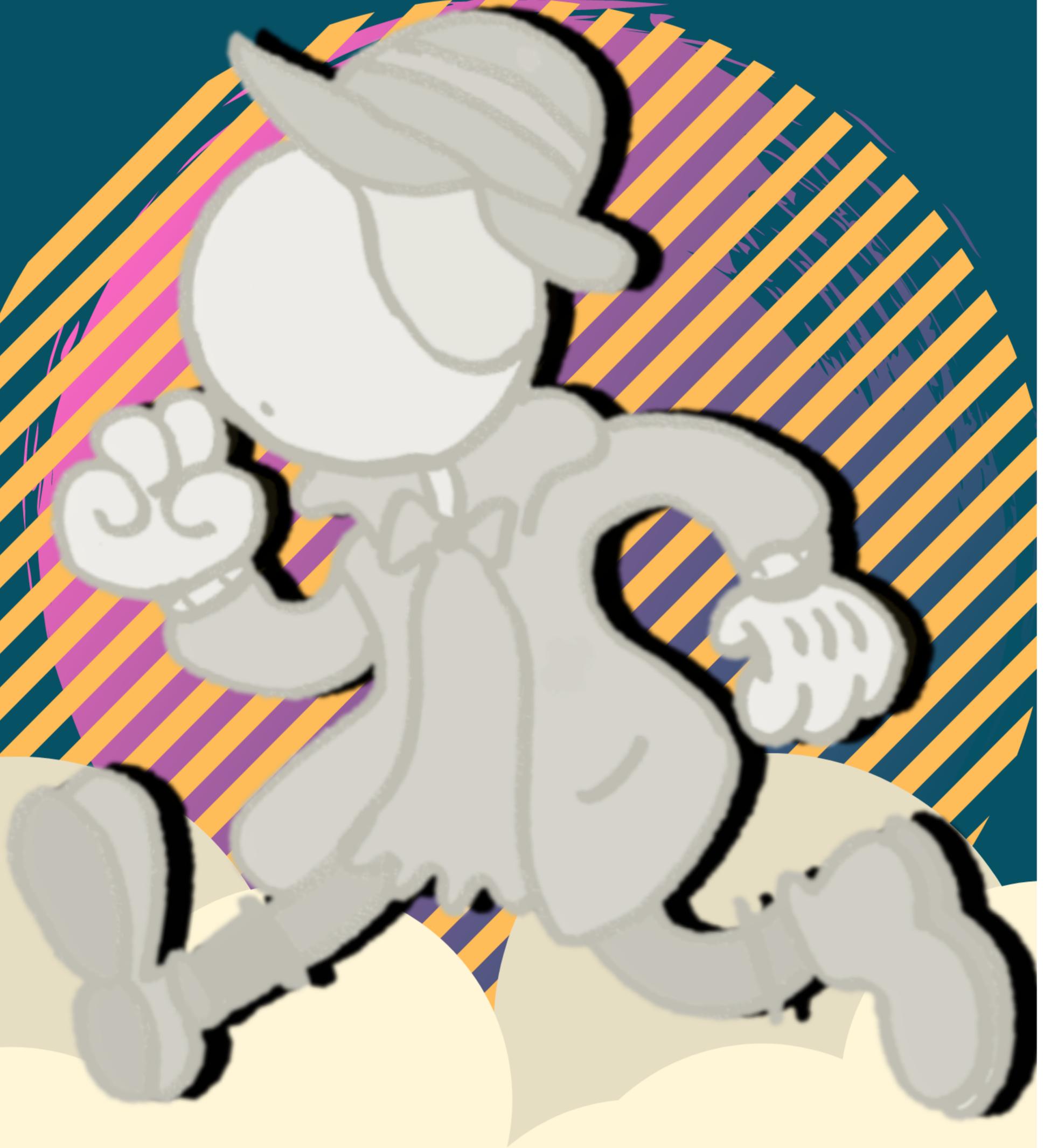
"AIN'T THAT THE TRUTH! MIND YOU, LETS TAKE A MOMENT TO WATCH SOME CLOUDS ON THIS LEDGE FIRST HUH?" REPLIED BETTY WITH A SMILE.



CHAPTER 15

BETTY

THE BOLD



COLOUR BETTY

BILLY

THE BRAVE



COLOUR BILLY



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