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# A Meerkat Adventure

Prepare to embark on an adventure that will take you all around the globe. You're about to meet a family of mischievous meerkats who are going on the trip of a lifetime, and have invited you along for the ride.

## Your Challenge ...

All you have to do is spot ten meerkats in each picture. Sounds simple, right? Be warned, these meerkats are experts at blending in with a crowd,

so you'll need your sharpest searching skills. If you get stuck, the solutions can be found at the back of the book.

Really eagle-eyed searchers can use the special "Finder's Checklists" at the back of the book, where there's more fun stuff to find in every picture and check off.

Bon voyage and happy searching ...

## Meet The Family

Now it's time to meet the meerkats and find out more about the crazy critters in this fantastic family.



**Back row (left to right):** Miranda, Florian, Albert, Raoul, Sofia, Matthew  
**Front row (left to right):** Frankie, Maxwell, Samson, Hannah.

### Lives in:

Sandy Warren, Africa

### Likes:

Travel, adventure, mischief, fancy clothes

### Favorite Music:

The Beatles, Meerkaty Perry

### Favorite Films:

*An American Meerkat in Paris*,  
*Meerkat On A Hot Tin Roof*

### Favorite Books:

*Termites And Men* by John Steinbeck,  
*The Burrowers* by Mary Norton

### Favorite quotations:

"You must be the change you want to see in the world"—Meerkatma Gandhi.

# Individual Profiles

Read on to discover more vital information about each member of the family.



## Miranda:

As the maternal figure of the group, Miranda is practical, sensible, and never without a kind smile. She also knows the lyrics to every James Bond theme by heart.



## Florian:

This happy guy makes a mean banana milkshake, and has recently started learning folk dancing. He also has an unrivalled stash of mongoose-themed jokes.



## Albert:

Albert is mostly known as “Grumpy” to the others in the group. He’s a dignified and sprightly old gent with a vast collection of vintage baseball cards.



## Raoul:

Raoul dreams of being a rock star. He plays the bassoon (badly), but has written an epic rock ballad, which he hopes will get airtime on *Scorpion FM*.



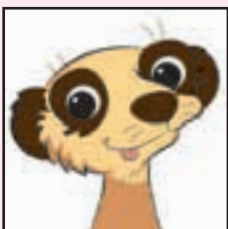
## Sofia:

The highlight of Sofia’s life has been her nomination for “Miss Meerkat”—a prestigious beauty pageant. She point-blank refuses to travel anywhere without her fur straighteners.



## Matthew:

Here comes trouble. Matthew can usually be found exactly where he shouldn’t be. His special skills include being able to stuff six cookies in his mouth at one time.



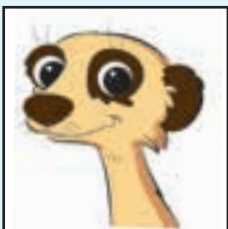
## Frankie:

Frankie’s the baby of the bunch. She’s also a feisty tomboy, who particularly enjoys infuriating Sofia by hiding her beauty products up trees and in holes.



## Maxwell:

Always full of bright ideas, Maxwell has almost perfected his designs for the “Meerkat-O-Matic”—a device that’s part predator alarm, part jet pack.



## Samson:

Samson is a bit of a dark horse. He may be a bookworm with an interest in botany, but he’s also a karate black belt with a spectacular roundhouse kick.



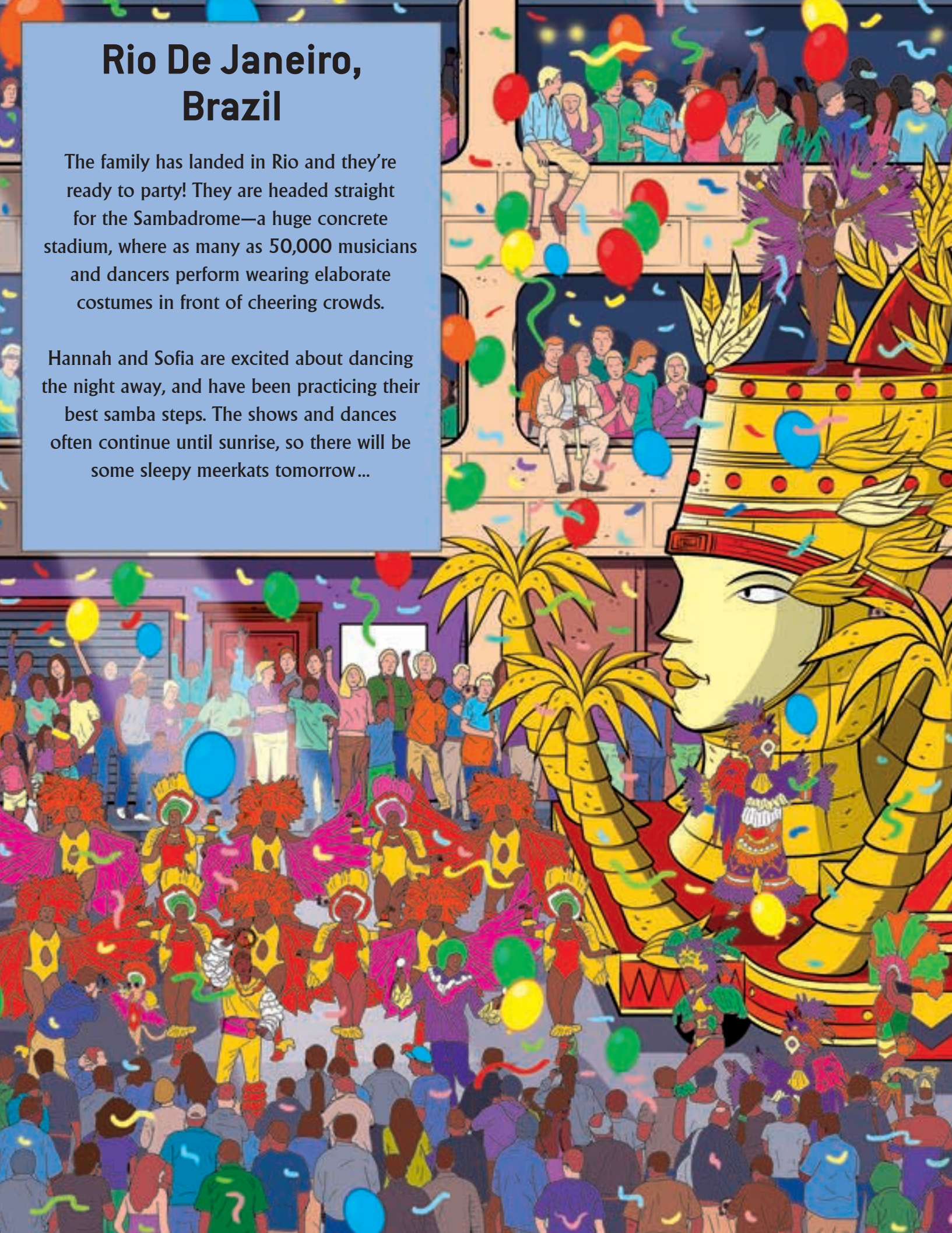
## Hannah:

Hannah is a true artist. She’s always painting and sculpting, but her recent series of “cubist family portraits” has not been greeted with tremendous enthusiasm by her siblings.

# Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

The family has landed in Rio and they're ready to party! They are headed straight for the Sambadrome—a huge concrete stadium, where as many as 50,000 musicians and dancers perform wearing elaborate costumes in front of cheering crowds.

Hannah and Sofia are excited about dancing the night away, and have been practicing their best samba steps. The shows and dances often continue until sunrise, so there will be some sleepy meerkats tomorrow...





# New York, USA

While the adults in the family want to see the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty, Frankie and Raoul are all about Times Square. They're amazed by all the bright neon signs and crowds of people.

Over one million people pass through Times Square every day, so it's easy to get lost. But Frankie and Raoul have promised that they'll meet the others at the toy store. With a giant, moving T-Rex, a Ferris wheel, and a two-story dollhouse, it's the place they're most excited about going on this whole trip.





HAYBELINE  
NEW YORK

T.G.I.  
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STARBUCKS  
COFFEE

MUMMA  
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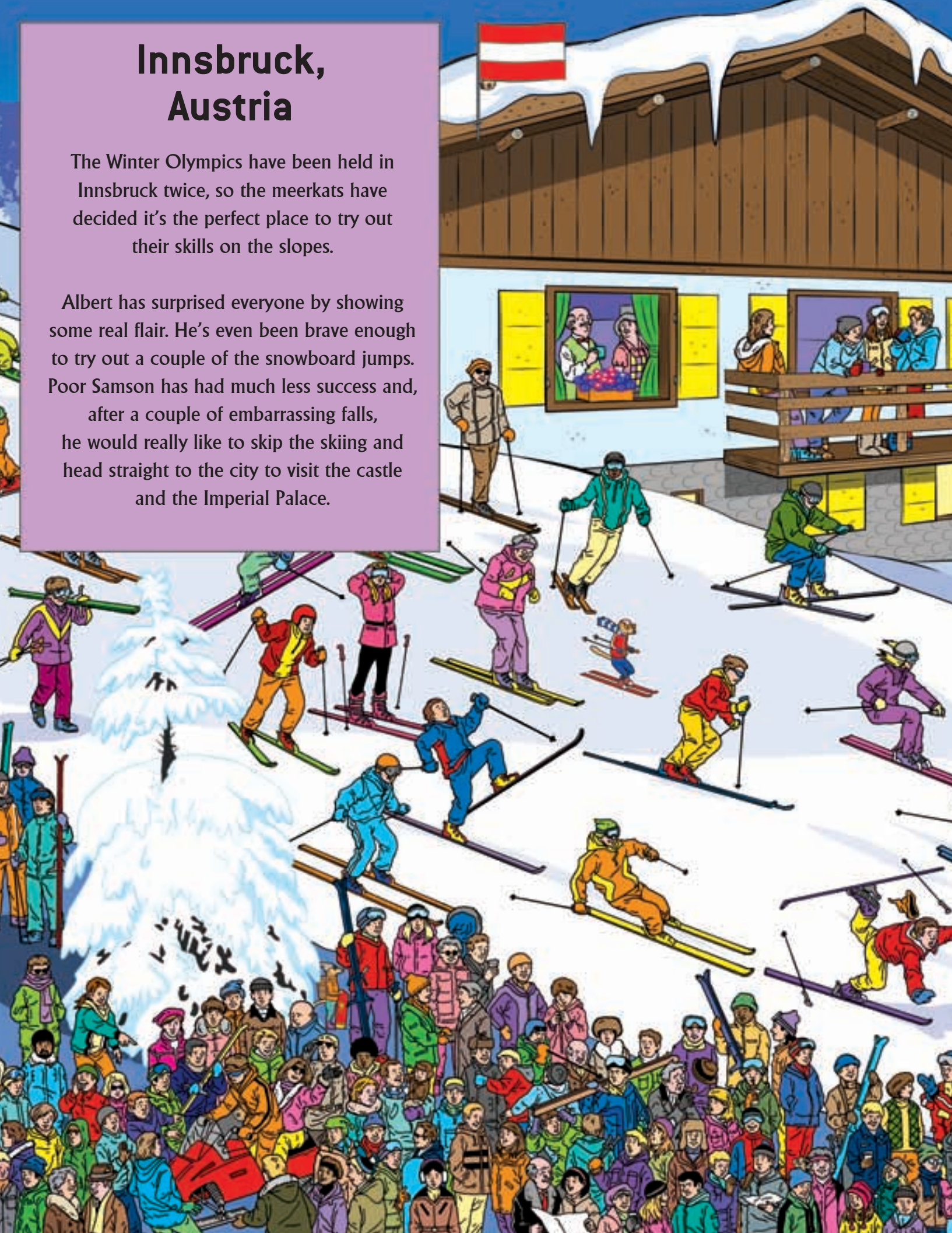
SOBWA



# Innsbruck, Austria

The Winter Olympics have been held in Innsbruck twice, so the meerkats have decided it's the perfect place to try out their skills on the slopes.

Albert has surprised everyone by showing some real flair. He's even been brave enough to try out a couple of the snowboard jumps. Poor Samson has had much less success and, after a couple of embarrassing falls, he would really like to skip the skiing and head straight to the city to visit the castle and the Imperial Palace.







*Café de Paris*




# Paris, France

Ever since she was a pup, Sofia has dreamed of visiting Paris. She has been driving everyone crazy with her constant talk about the shopping, the fashion, the shopping, the romance, the shopping, the pastries, the shopping, and ... the shopping.

In addition to hitting the chic boutiques along the Champs-Élysées, she plans to climb the Eiffel Tower at night, all 1,063 feet (324 m) of it, including the antennae on top—ouch! She wants to see why Paris is known as “The City of Lights.” Ooh la la!





# Moscow, Russia

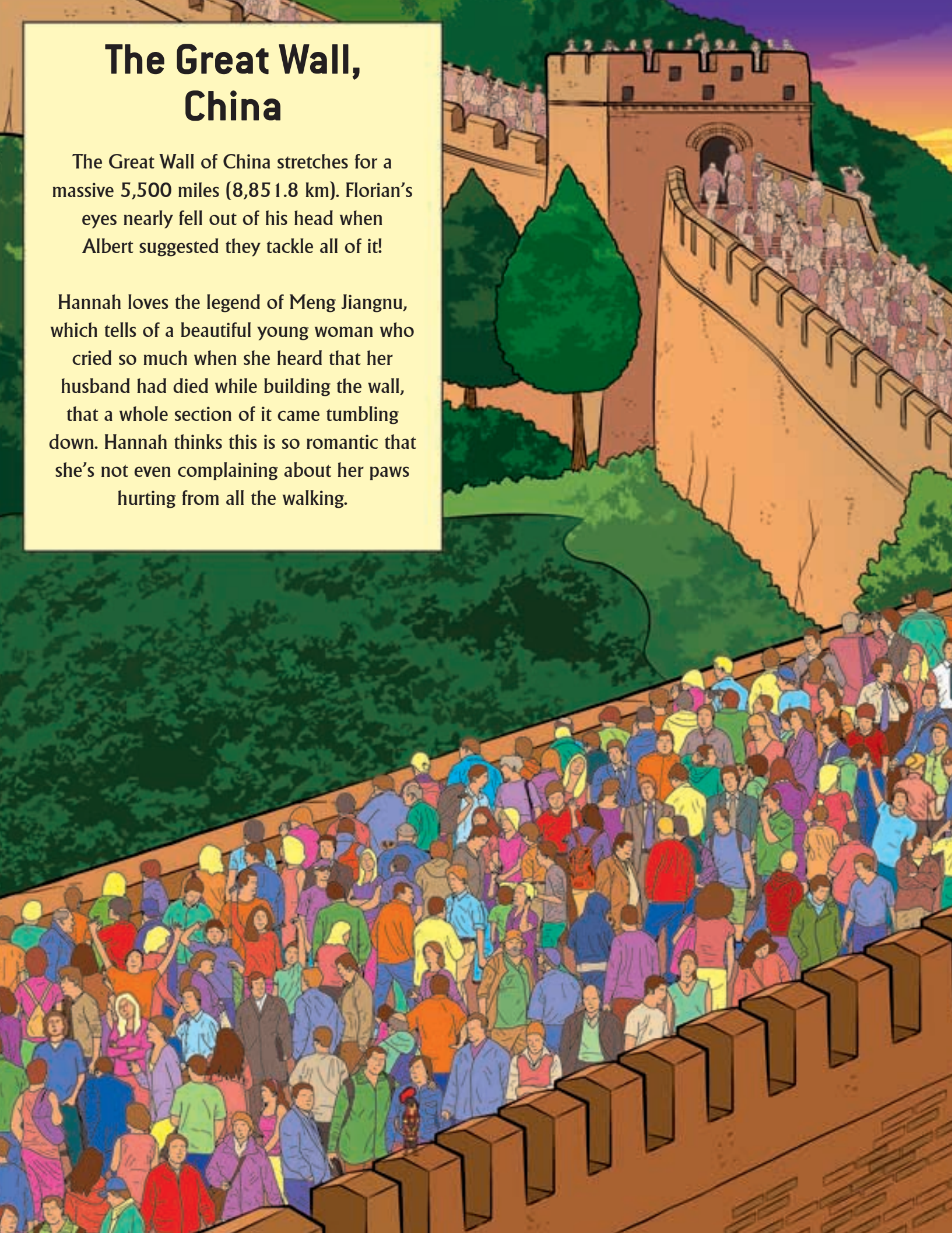
As the snow begins to fall, a crowd gathers in Moscow's famous Red Square for the start of the military music festival. Miranda can't wait to show off her voice and join in with the singing and the parades.

Even though Albert is cold and rather crotchety, he's amazed by how beautiful St. Basil's Cathedral looks at night. With its nine separate chapels, and brightly colored "onion domes," it looks like something straight out of the pages of a fairy tale.

# The Great Wall, China

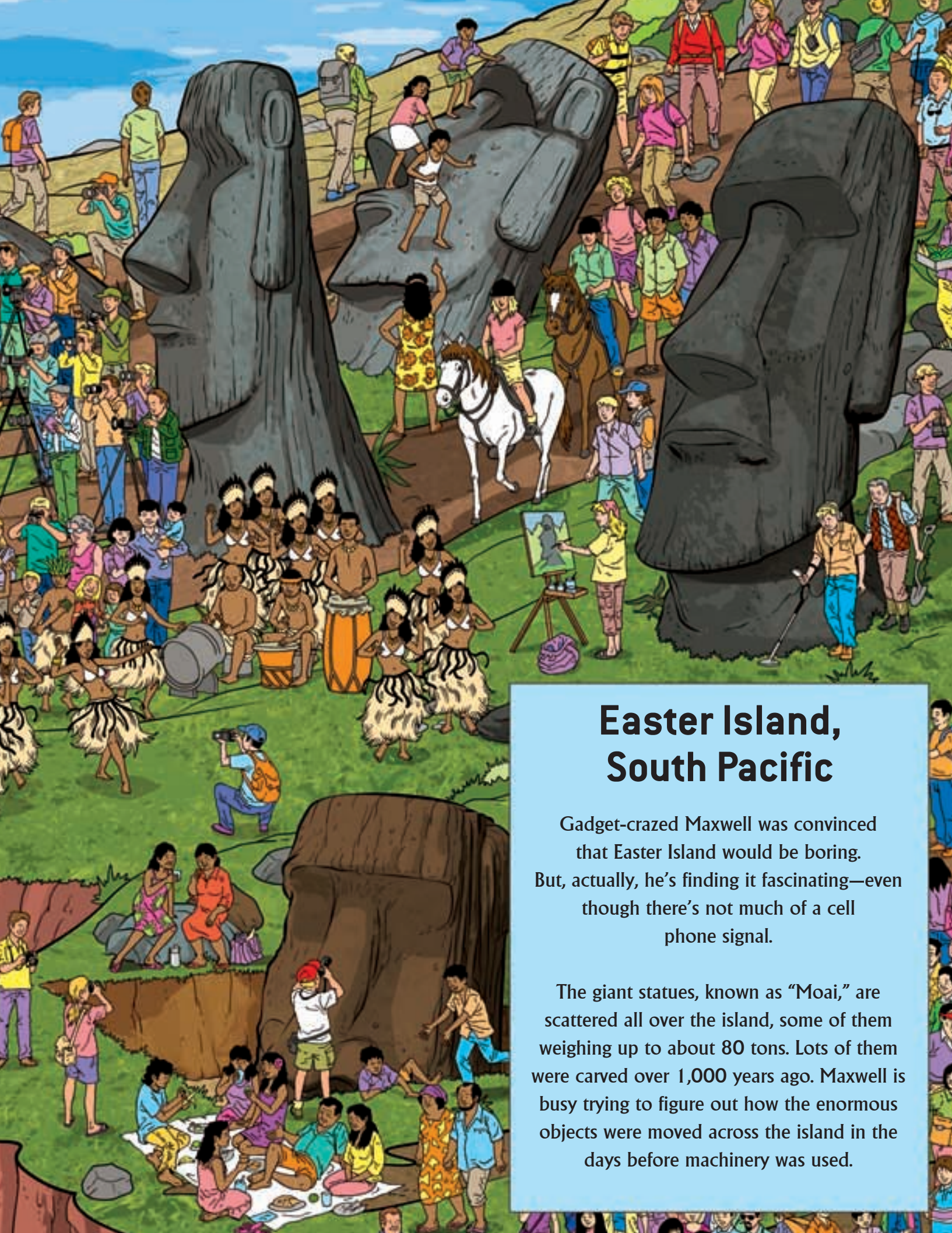
The Great Wall of China stretches for a massive 5,500 miles (8,851.8 km). Florian's eyes nearly fell out of his head when Albert suggested they tackle all of it!

Hannah loves the legend of Meng Jiangnu, which tells of a beautiful young woman who cried so much when she heard that her husband had died while building the wall, that a whole section of it came tumbling down. Hannah thinks this is so romantic that she's not even complaining about her paws hurting from all the walking.









## Easter Island, South Pacific

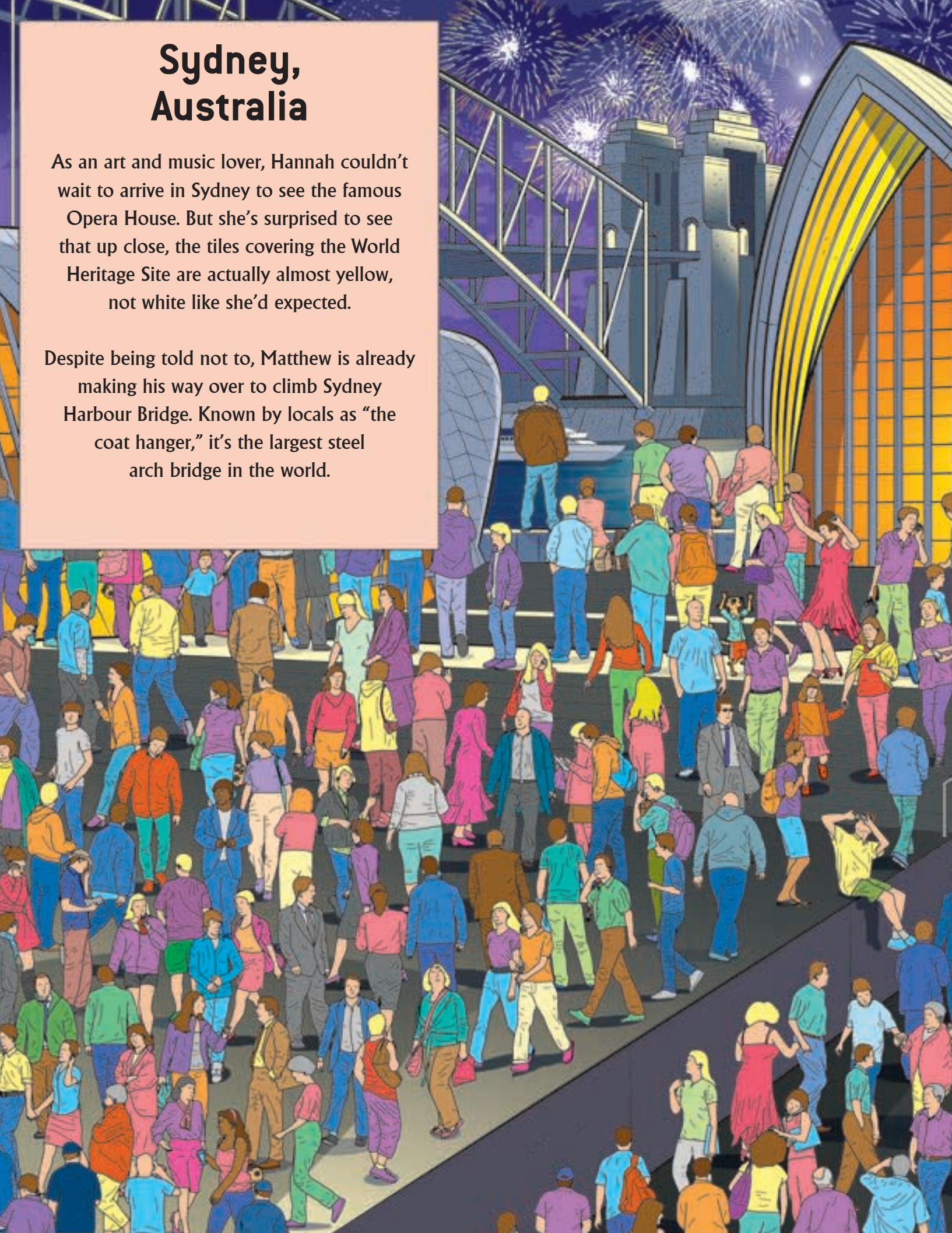
Gadget-crazed Maxwell was convinced that Easter Island would be boring. But, actually, he's finding it fascinating—even though there's not much of a cell phone signal.

The giant statues, known as "Moai," are scattered all over the island, some of them weighing up to about 80 tons. Lots of them were carved over 1,000 years ago. Maxwell is busy trying to figure out how the enormous objects were moved across the island in the days before machinery was used.

# Sydney, Australia

As an art and music lover, Hannah couldn't wait to arrive in Sydney to see the famous Opera House. But she's surprised to see that up close, the tiles covering the World Heritage Site are actually almost yellow, not white like she'd expected.

Despite being told not to, Matthew is already making his way over to climb Sydney Harbour Bridge. Known by locals as "the coat hanger," it's the largest steel arch bridge in the world.

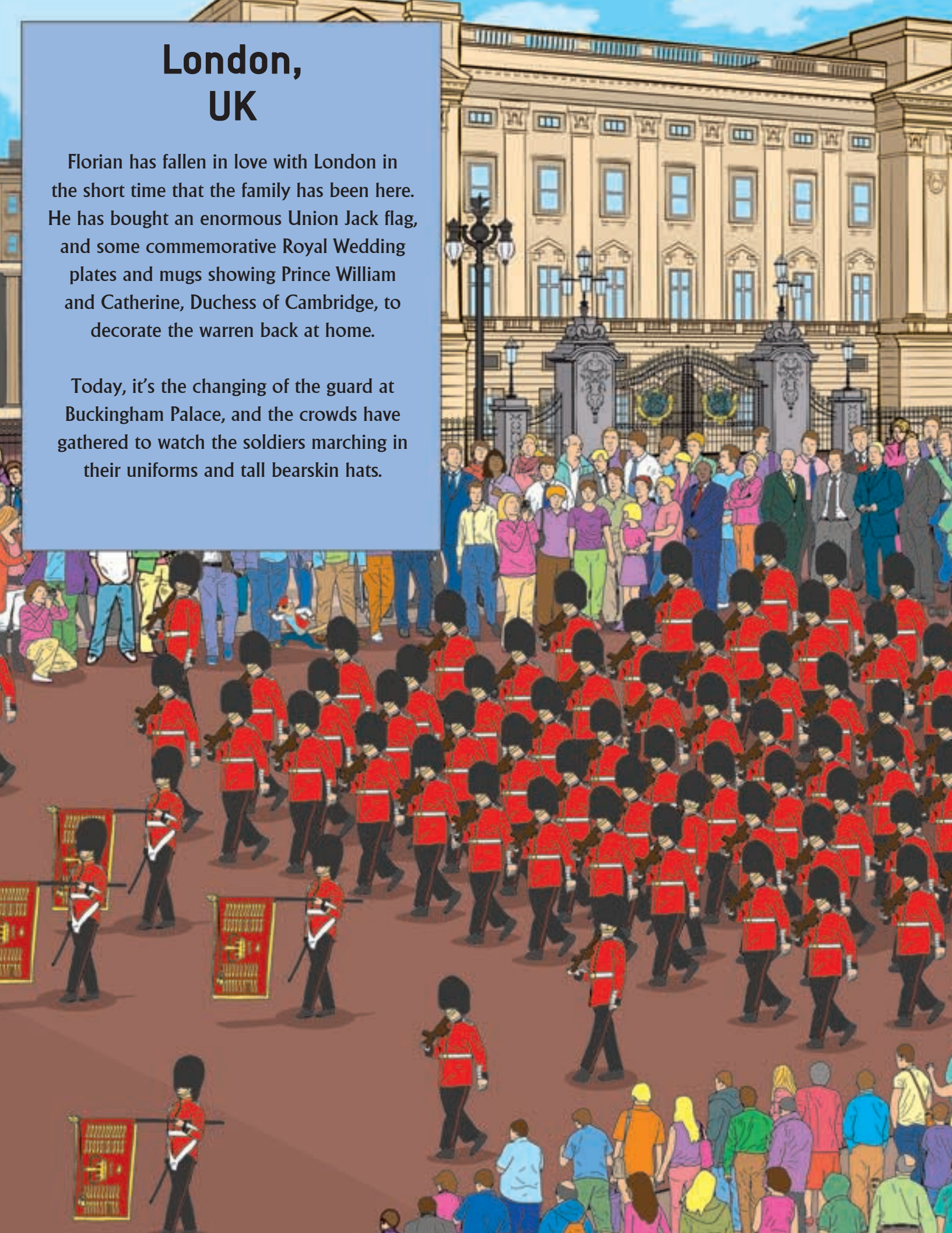




# London, UK

Florian has fallen in love with London in the short time that the family has been here. He has bought an enormous Union Jack flag, and some commemorative Royal Wedding plates and mugs showing Prince William and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, to decorate the warren back at home.

Today, it's the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, and the crowds have gathered to watch the soldiers marching in their uniforms and tall bearskin hats.

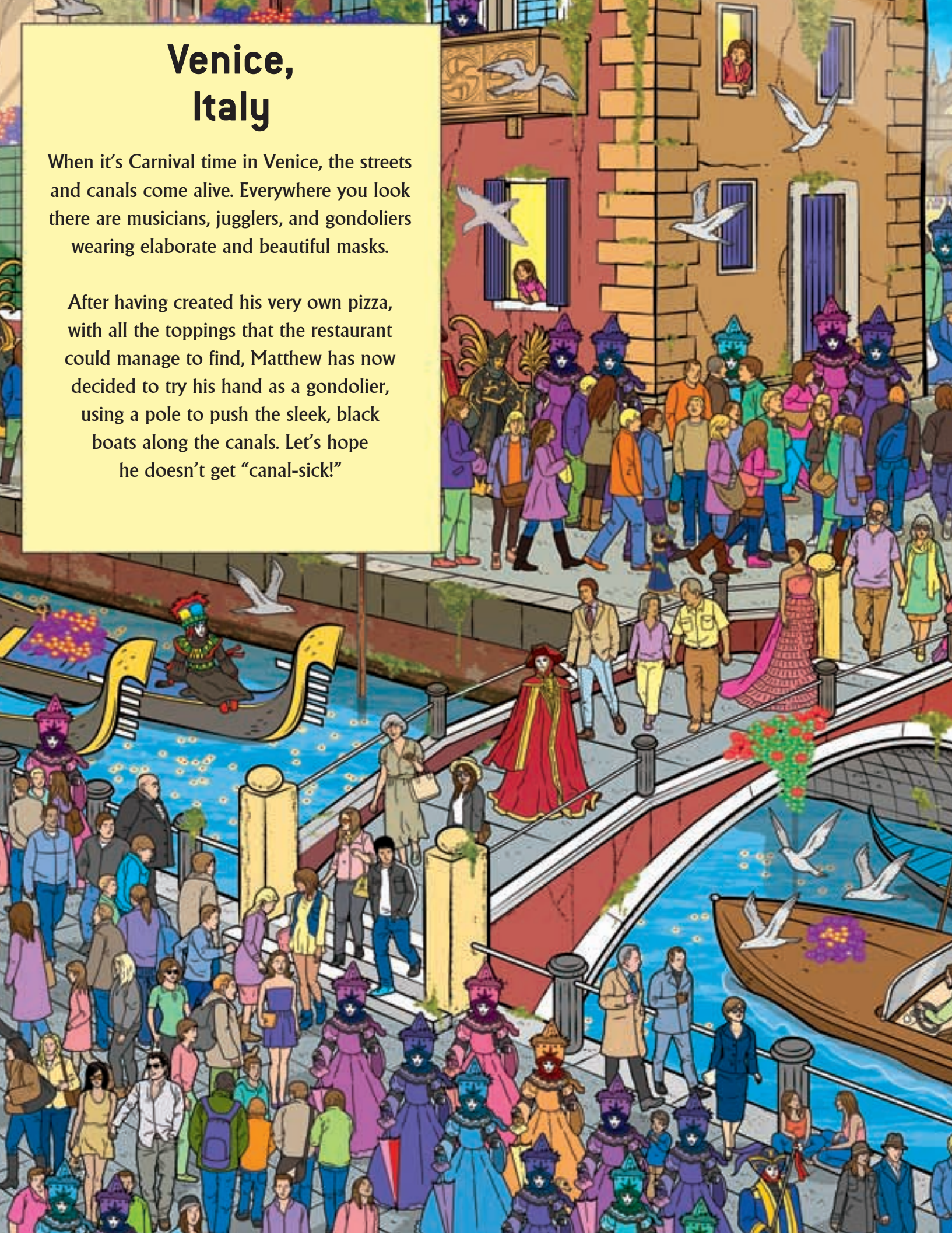




# Venice, Italy

When it's Carnival time in Venice, the streets and canals come alive. Everywhere you look there are musicians, jugglers, and gondoliers wearing elaborate and beautiful masks.

After having created his very own pizza, with all the toppings that the restaurant could manage to find, Matthew has now decided to try his hand as a gondolier, using a pole to push the sleek, black boats along the canals. Let's hope he doesn't get "canal-sick!"

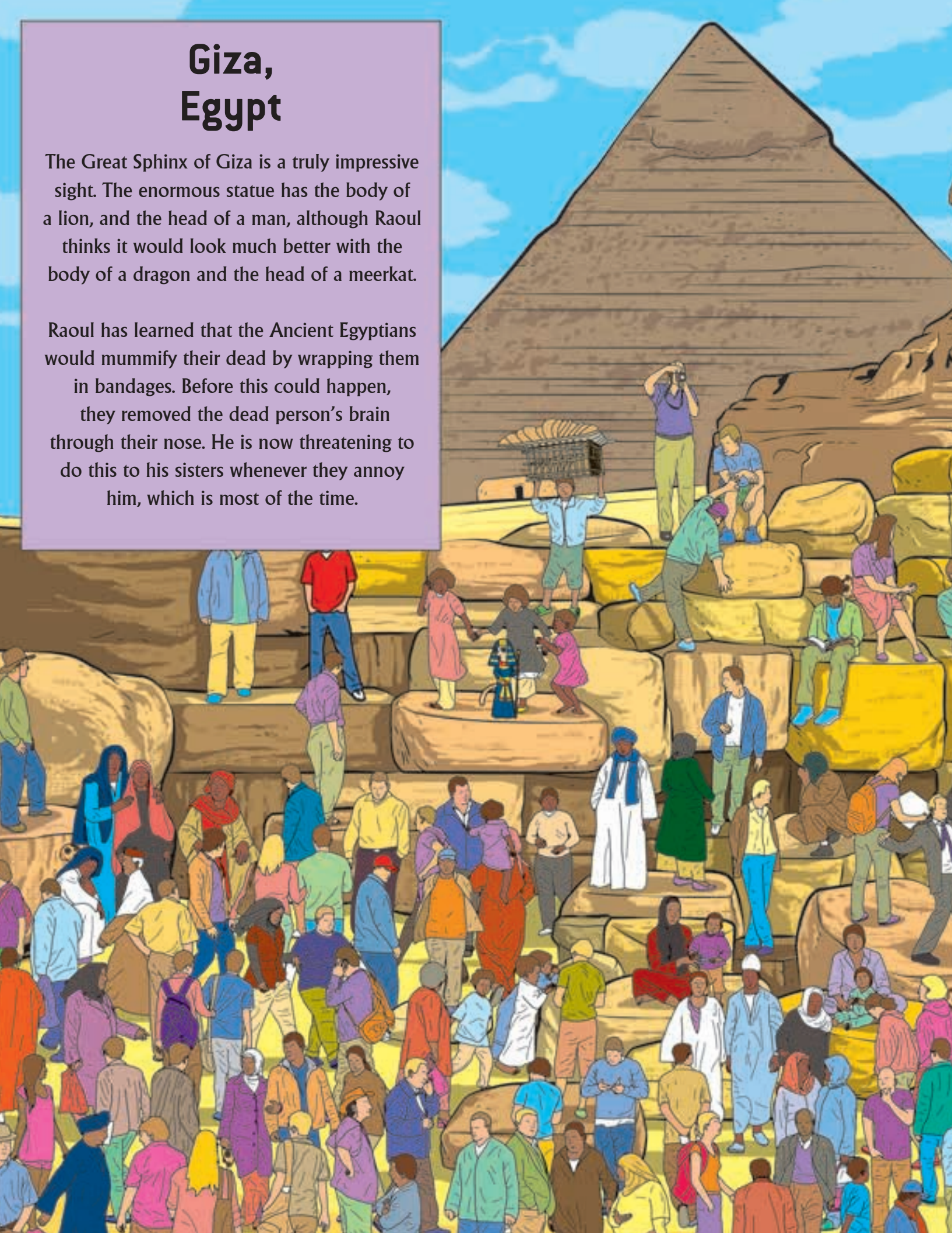




# Giza, Egypt

The Great Sphinx of Giza is a truly impressive sight. The enormous statue has the body of a lion, and the head of a man, although Raoul thinks it would look much better with the body of a dragon and the head of a meerkat.

Raoul has learned that the Ancient Egyptians would mummify their dead by wrapping them in bandages. Before this could happen, they removed the dead person's brain through their nose. He is now threatening to do this to his sisters whenever they annoy him, which is most of the time.







## Bangkok, Thailand

The floating markets near Bangkok are a feast of smells, colors, and sounds. After a long journey, Frankie is starving, and she's excited about the mounds of tropical fruit, vegetables, meat, and hot, local delicacies for sale from the boats.

The sellers paddle their boats along the canal—called a “klong”—shouting to customers and selling their wares. By the end of their visit, Frankie is feeling so stuffed that she can't possibly eat another thing.

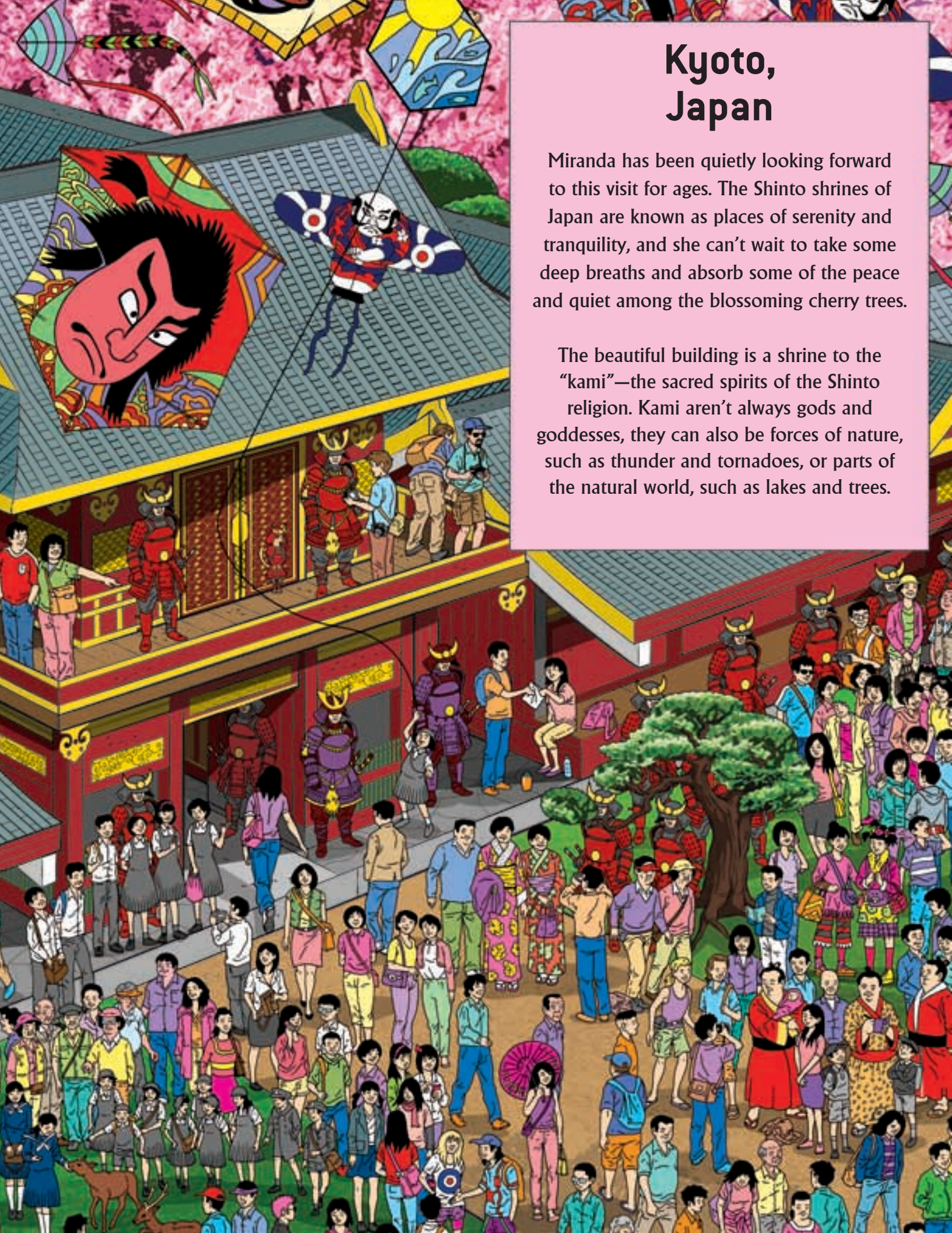




# Kyoto, Japan

Miranda has been quietly looking forward to this visit for ages. The Shinto shrines of Japan are known as places of serenity and tranquility, and she can't wait to take some deep breaths and absorb some of the peace and quiet among the blossoming cherry trees.

The beautiful building is a shrine to the "kami"—the sacred spirits of the Shinto religion. Kami aren't always gods and goddesses, they can also be forces of nature, such as thunder and tornadoes, or parts of the natural world, such as lakes and trees.



# Santa Cruz, USA

The meerkats have decided to relax for a while on the beach at Santa Cruz in the warm California sun. While Sofia struts her stuff on the boardwalk, Raoul is attempting to surf, with hilariously mixed results.

Later, the family plan to go to the amusement park. Hannah and Samson can't wait to go on the Giant Dipper, the iconic wooden roller coaster that opened in 1924, but Albert has decided he's getting too old for this sort of thing. He'll sit back and watch the youngsters while digging into some sugary funnel cake—a boardwalk specialty.

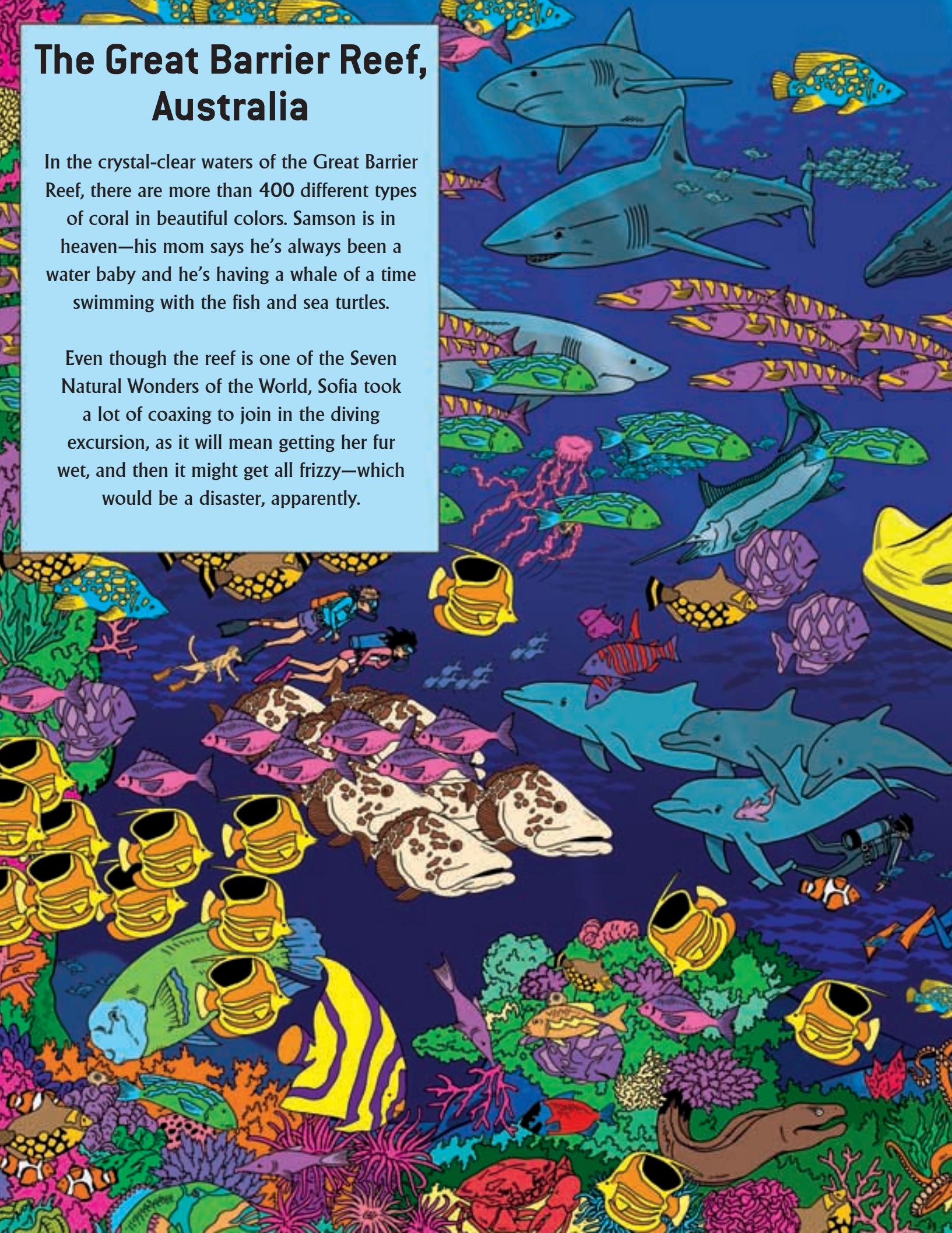


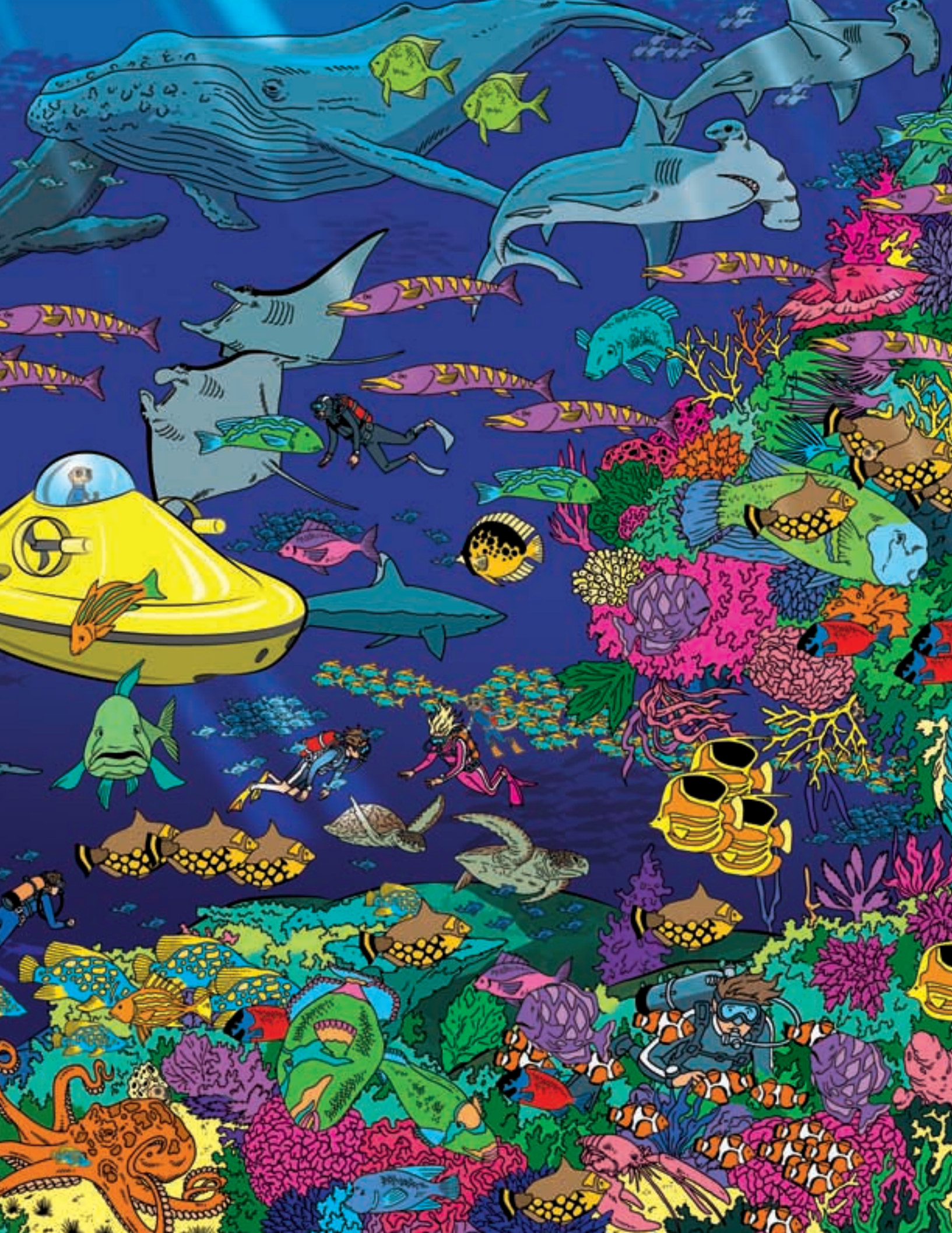


# The Great Barrier Reef, Australia

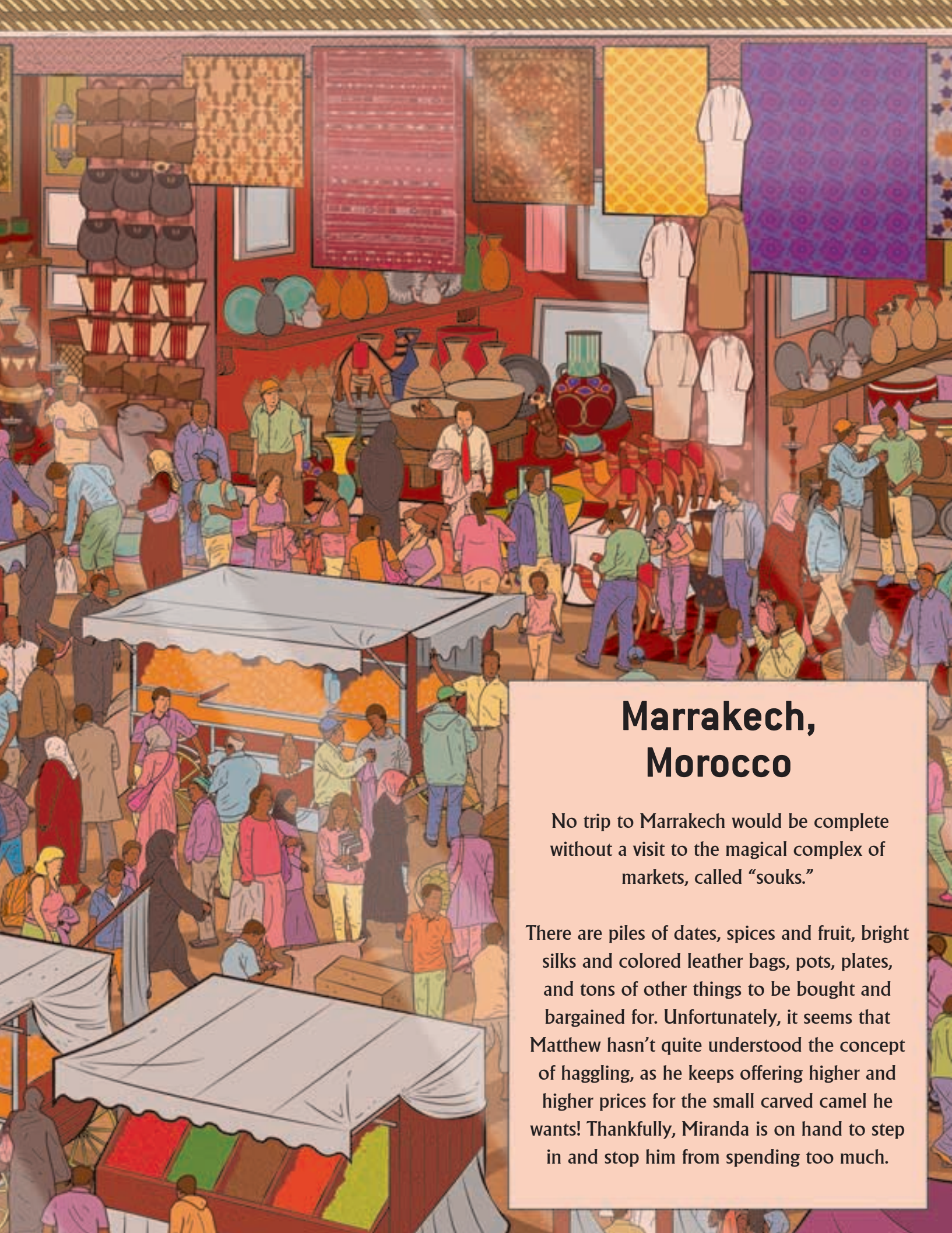
In the crystal-clear waters of the Great Barrier Reef, there are more than 400 different types of coral in beautiful colors. Samson is in heaven—his mom says he's always been a water baby and he's having a whale of a time swimming with the fish and sea turtles.

Even though the reef is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, Sofia took a lot of coaxing to join in the diving excursion, as it will mean getting her fur wet, and then it might get all frizzy—which would be a disaster, apparently.









## Marrakech, Morocco

No trip to Marrakech would be complete without a visit to the magical complex of markets, called “souks.”

There are piles of dates, spices and fruit, bright silks and colored leather bags, pots, plates, and tons of other things to be bought and bargained for. Unfortunately, it seems that Matthew hasn't quite understood the concept of haggling, as he keeps offering higher and higher prices for the small carved camel he wants! Thankfully, Miranda is on hand to step in and stop him from spending too much.

# Kruger National Park, South Africa

There's time for one more stop before the family heads back to their warren.

They've decided to go on a safari, where they can see the bigger animals (who normally scare them all quite a lot) from the safety of the jeeps.

After a drive through the park, the guides set up camp, and soon it's time for dinner under the stars. Hannah loves watching the flickering flames of the campfire, but she can't help jumping every time a lion roars in the distance.



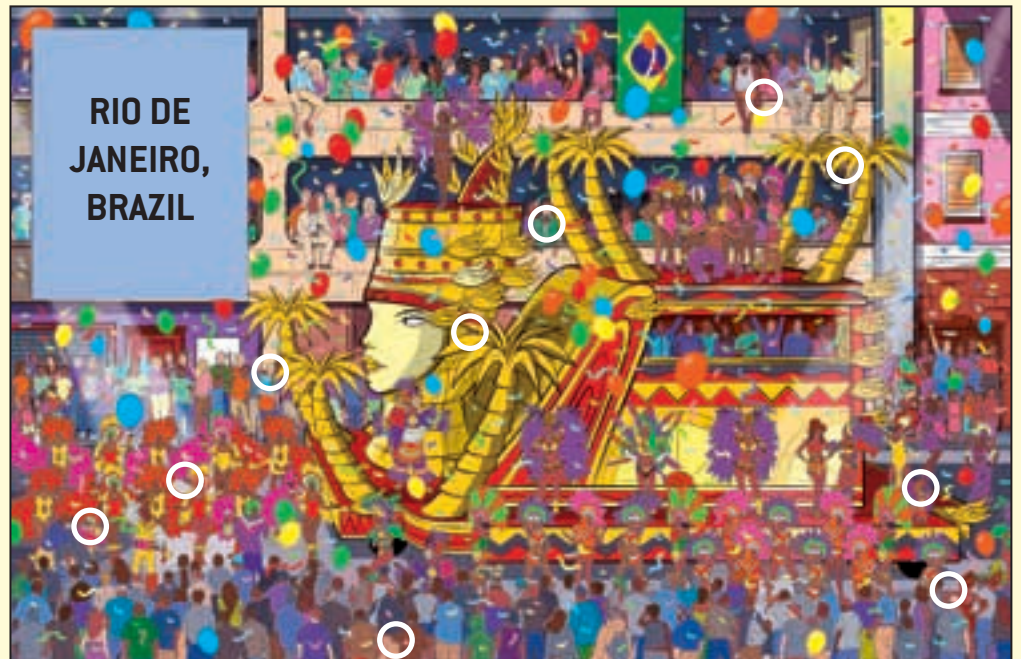




# Answers

## Finder's Checklist

- A man in a green wig
- Sixteen blue balloons
- A tambourine
- A drummer
- A purple baseball cap
- Some tasselled trousers
- A polka dot bikini
- White elbow gloves
- An orange bag
- A dancer with mismatched shoes



**RIO DE  
JANEIRO,  
BRAZIL**

**NEW YORK,  
USA**



## Finder's Checklist

- Four taxis
- A clock
- A woman jogging
- A boy reading a map
- A man taking a photo
- A brown baseball cap
- A red sports car
- A police officer
- Some dropped litter
- A girl in an orange winter hat



**INNSBRUCK,  
AUSTRIA**

### Finder's Checklist

- Cups of coffee being spilt
- A man eating a bag of doughnuts
- Two alpine rescue doctors
- A red and yellow snowboard
- A man with a red bow tie
- Someone relaxing on the ski lift
- Some dangerous driving
- A child learning to ski
- A snowboarder with a goatee
- A man getting his hat knocked off

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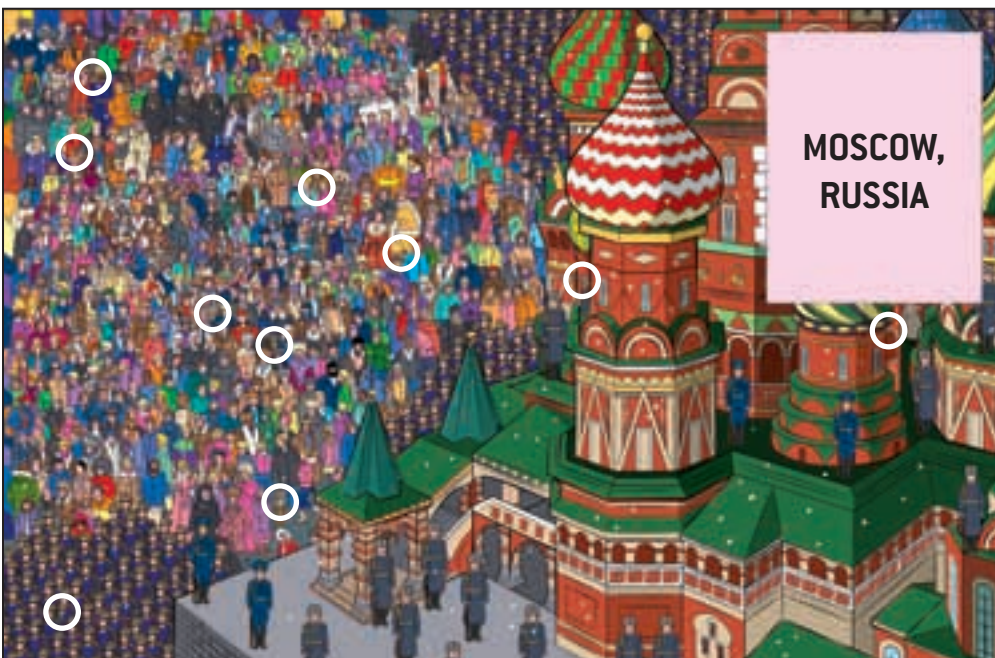
- A birthday cake
- A cat among the pigeons
- A man with a walking stick
- A man on a laptop
- A saxophone player
- A woman eating chips
- A man with a purple briefcase
- A lost boy with a map
- An umbrella
- A man sweeping



**PARIS,  
FRANCE**

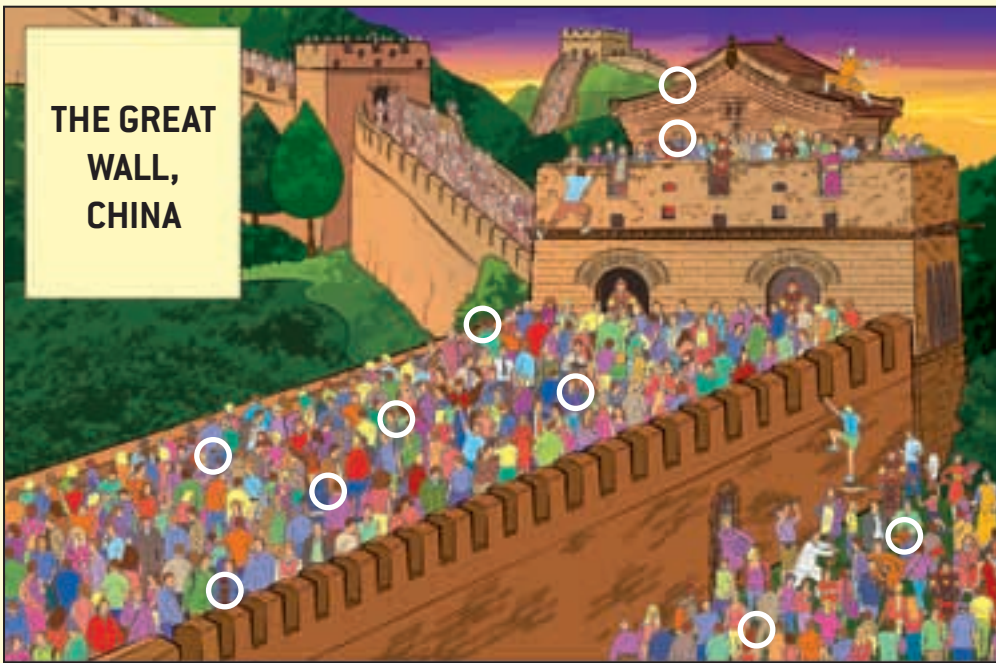
### Finder's Checklist

- A man wearing an orange backpack
- A man reading the paper
- A group of priests
- A purse thief
- A man in a bow tie
- A woman with pink hair
- A man waving
- A man on his cell phone
- A man holding a child
- A man in ski goggles



**MOSCOW,  
RUSSIA**

## THE GREAT WALL, CHINA



## Finder's Checklist

- Three men photographing the sunset
- A young skateboarder
- A man with a beard and moustache
- Two girls with fans
- A guard in pale gray
- A performance of sword Tai Chi
- Friends linking arms
- Someone wearing a purple beret
- A water bottle
- A man scratching his ear

## Finder's Checklist

- A romantic picnic for two
- An angry mother
- A stingray
- A pair of treasure hunters
- A game of cards
- A boy sucking his thumb
- An artist
- Men discussing the size of fish
- Someone who fell in a hole
- A man reading



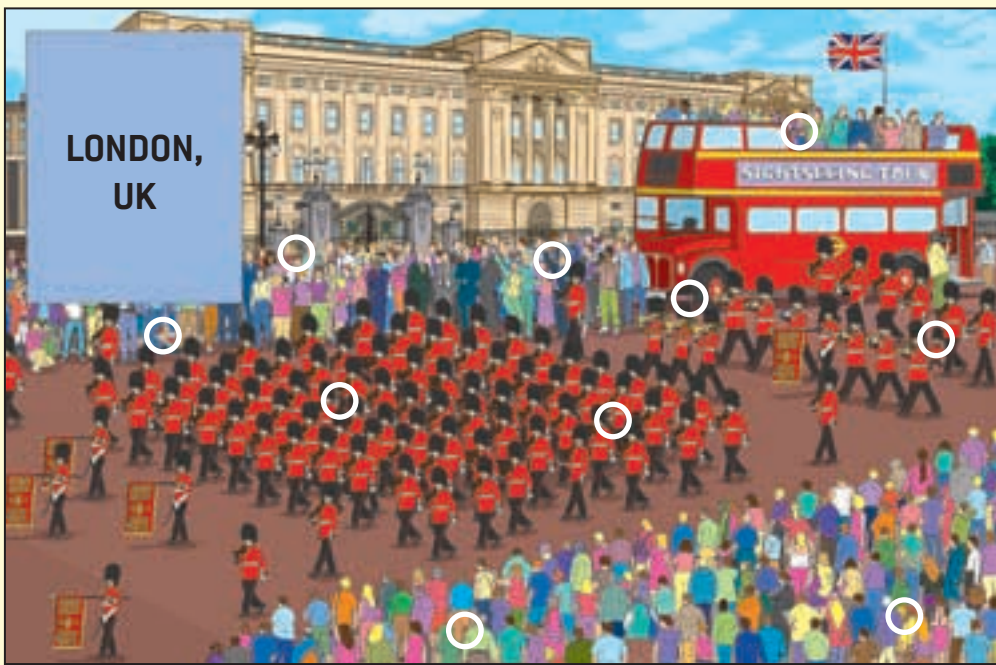
## EASTER ISLAND, SOUTH PACIFIC

## SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



## Finder's Checklist

- A baby in a sling
- A woman drinking from a red cup
- A bowler hat
- A red umbrella
- Two didgeridoos
- A barefoot person
- A man wearing shades at night
- Two ladies wearing the same dress
- A break dancer
- A pink headscarf

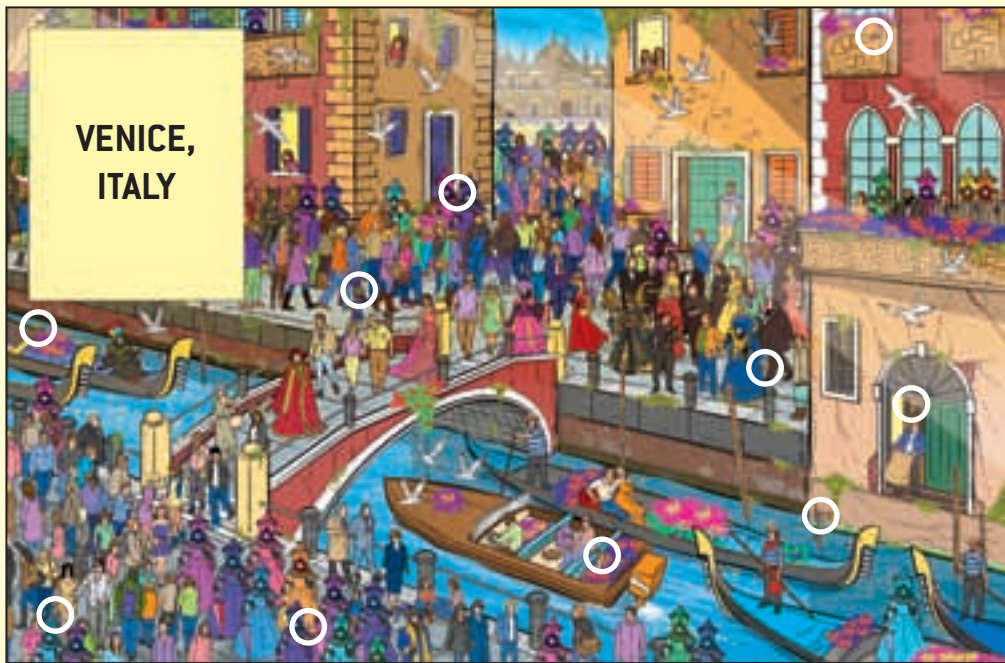


### Finder's Checklist

- A news reporter
- A blue trumpet
- A lost camera
- A guard in the wrong pants
- A man hugging his daughter
- A girl sucking her thumb
- Three Union Jack flags
- A sunburnt man
- Stripy pants
- A broken lamppost

### Finder's Checklist

- A monk
- A man with mismatched shoes
- A pink and red umbrella
- A violinist
- A polka dot tie
- One yellow sleeve
- Four couples holding hands
- Two gold masks
- A girl in purple waiting for her date
- A waitress on her way home



### Finder's Checklist

- A boy with a finger trap
- A modern-day pharaoh
- A man falling backward
- A boy with a tray of cakes
- A man on his cell phone
- A girl putting her hair up
- A man with a large cardboard box
- A tiny mummy
- A child on her mother's shoulders
- A man in an orange cowboy hat





**BANGKOK,  
THAILAND**

### Finder's Checklist

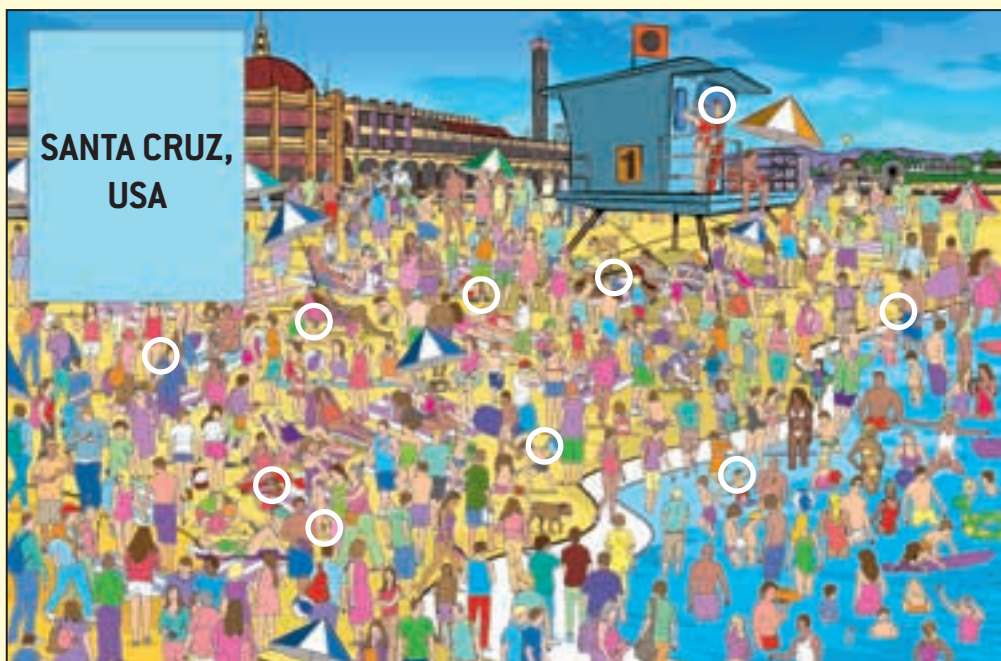
- A pink hat
- A boat in trouble
- A woman with a red backpack
- A man in a tie
- A seller wearing glasses
- A basket of fish
- A pink parasol
- Two Thai flags
- Bongo drums
- A man in midair

### Finder's Checklist

- A teddy bear
- A sumo wrestler signing autographs
- A man with green hair
- A buck (male deer)
- A man with a video camera
- A couple checking their photos
- Schoolchildren with a samurai
- A woman searching in her bag
- A girl with a touch-screen phone
- A T-shirt with a target symbol on it



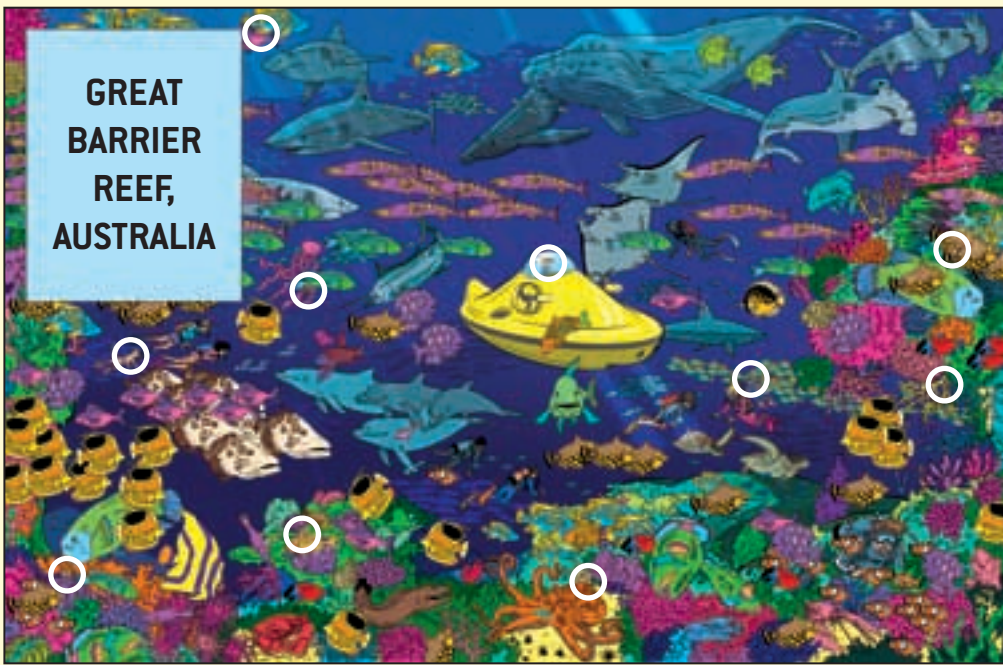
**KYOTO,  
JAPAN**



**SANTA CRUZ,  
USA**

### Finder's Checklist

- A yellow kite
- A bodybuilder
- A human pyramid
- A stray dog
- A man with a Frisbee
- A boy with turtle armbands
- A football
- Someone who can't swim
- A guitar jamming session
- A man carrying green shoes



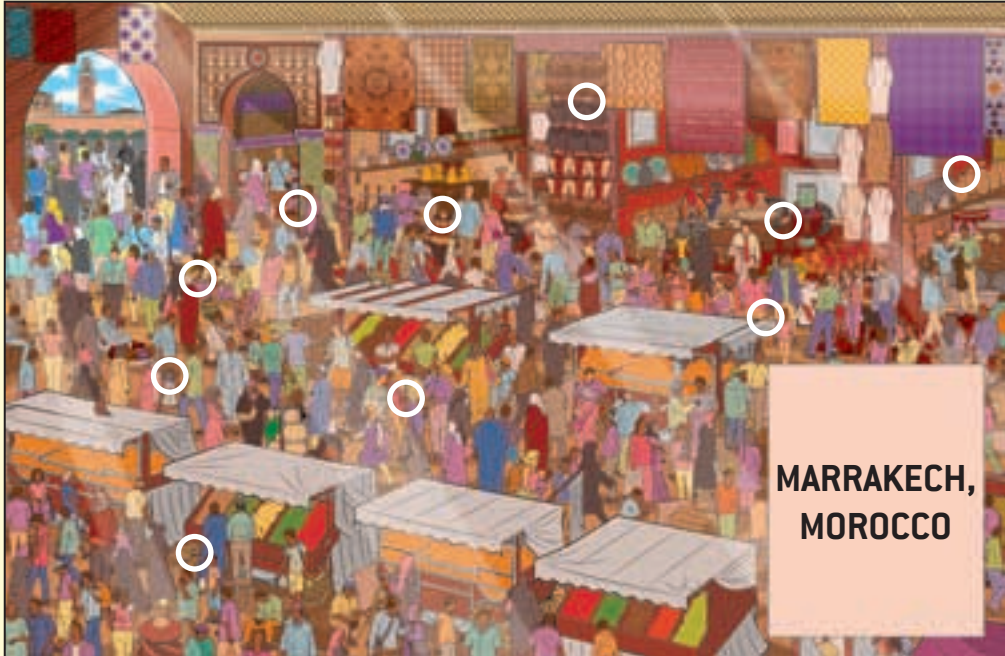
**GREAT BARRIER REEF, AUSTRALIA**

### Finder's Checklist

- A pink lobster
- Two fish with big pink lips
- An ugly eel
- A jellyfish
- A swordfish
- A dawdling clown fish
- A red crab
- Seven fish with a diamond pattern
- A diver with a knife
- A pair of yellow flippers

### Finder's Checklist

- A girl on a pogo stick
- A woman with a blue suitcase
- A green flag
- A large, gray camel
- A couple arguing about a plate
- A girl stealing an orange
- A bookworm
- A snake charmer
- A pair of yellow slippers
- A man picking his nose



**MARRAKECH, MOROCCO**



**KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, SOUTH AFRICA**

### Finder's Checklist

- A baby elephant
- A shy buffalo
- A monkey tempted by sandwiches
- A leopard-print hat
- A lion terrifying tourists
- A woman in a striped top
- Three warthogs
- A chimpanzee relaxing
- A flamingo with a white tail
- A thirsty cheetah

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