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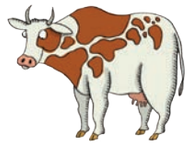
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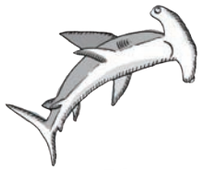
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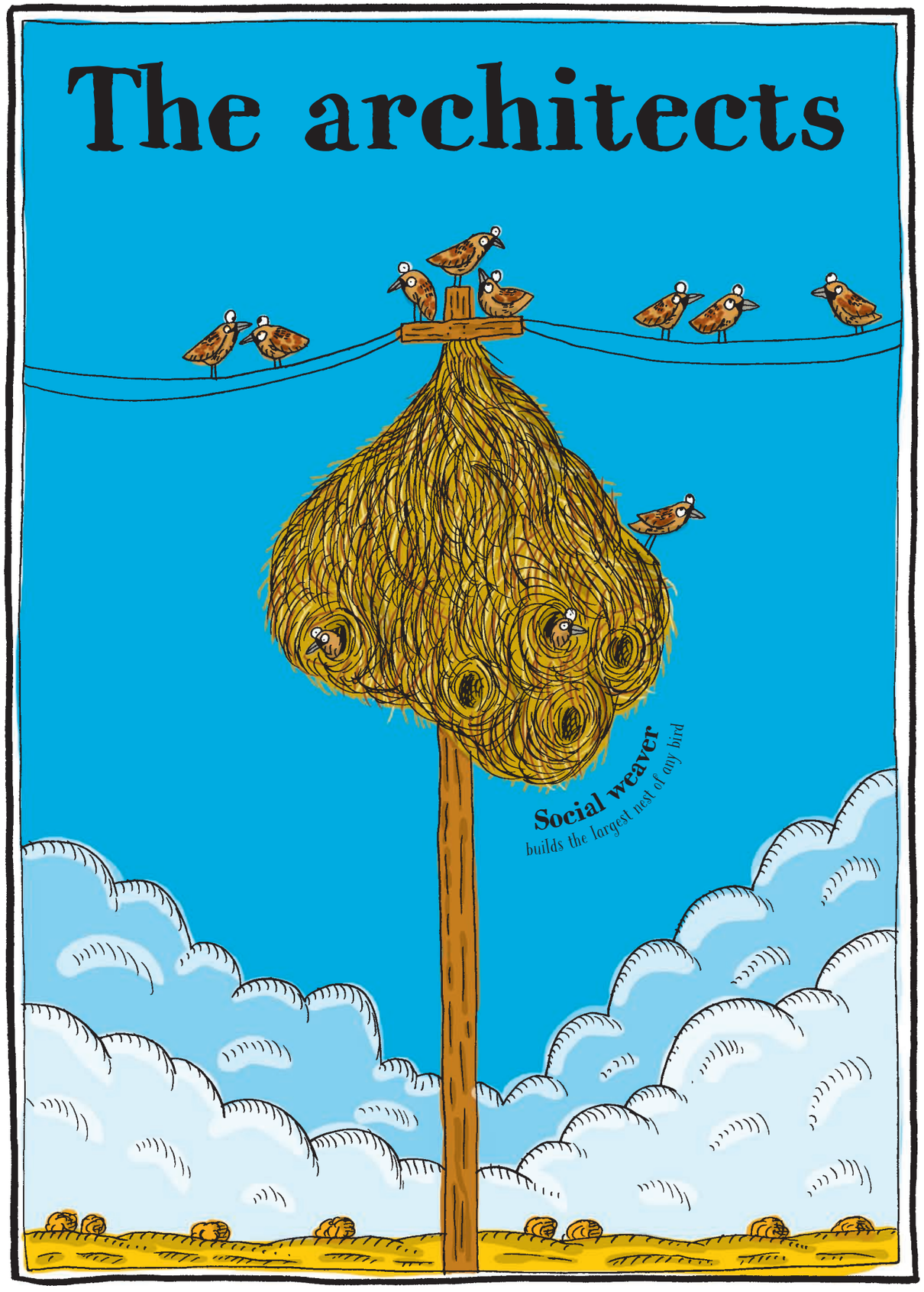
Turn the page to see the greatest show on Earth and discover who is the biggest, the brainiest, and the most beautiful of them all.

The architects



Social weaver
builds the largest nest of any bird

Beaver
builds a dam from logs, mud and stones to keep predators away
Weaver ant
works with others to weave leaves together to make a nest
Prairie dog
burrow has sleeping chambers, nursery chambers and chambers for hiding from hunters

Taveta weaver
nest: female chooses mate based on quality of nest
male weaver builds
Spider
spins a strong web
Mason wasp
female builds a tiny mud nest, stocked with food, for each of her eggs

Red ovenbird
builds a mud nest that looks like a wood-fired oven
Sand martin
burrows a nest in a sandy cliff face
Termite
works with others to build enormous mounds