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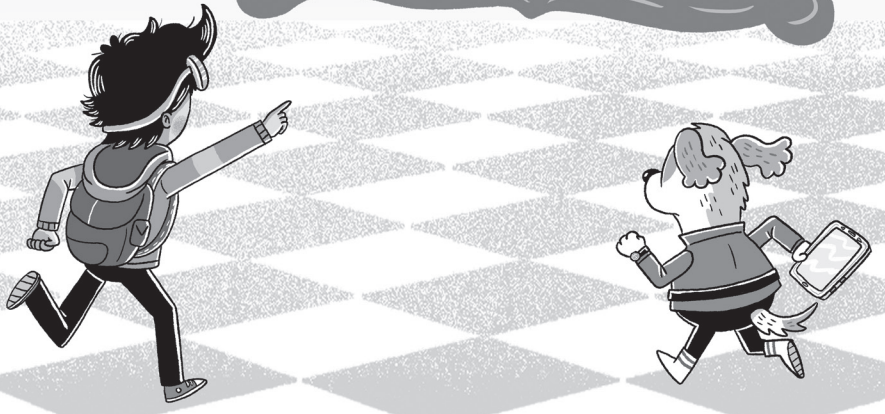
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INTRODUCTION:
MEET KNUTZ AND BOLTZ







CHAPTER ONE: EMERGENCY!

I knew that something had gone horribly wrong as soon as the show started. I was watching the Sorcerer of Science's live channel, just as I do every Saturday morning.

I looked over at Boltz. She was testing out her new invention, which was a stick that could fetch itself. She'd been working on it all week, and thought it would make an ideal gift for lazy dogs.

"You need to see this!" I said. "Something **weird** is going on."

"Nearly done, Knutz," she said.

Boltz threw the stick. It spun around the room and whacked her on the back of the head.

"Hmm," she said, rubbing her neck. "Still needs work."

The Sorcerer is our favourite scientist, and we never miss her weekly livestream, but it was very different today.

The Sorcerer's room was the same as ever, with her desk at the front and her award shelf in the background, but the Sorcerer and her cat Phoenix were **missing**.

Instead, there was a man with a moustache and a green helmet with a blue visor.

"I'm afraid there's been a change to the regular programming," he said in a deep, **booming** voice. "I'll be taking over today, because the Sorcerer of Science can't make it."

He leant forward and grinned. "In fact, she can't make it anywhere ever again, because she's now **my prisoner**!"

The screen cut to a dark figure who was tied to a chair, and had a gag fixed around her mouth. I could tell from her long red hair and white lab coat that it was the Sorcerer.

My heart was racing. I looked over at Boltz.

"This is awful!" I said. "Someone needs to stop this!"

Boltz shrugged.

"Don't fall for it," she said. "This is all part of the show. She'll break free in a moment."



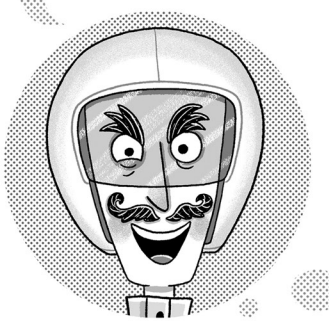
I gazed at the Sorcerer. Her eyes were wide, and she was struggling against her ropes.

"I'm not so sure," I said. "She looks genuinely frightened. I think this is real."

The Sorcerer fell still. She looked into the camera and tapped her fingers against the side of the chair.

The screen cut back to the man with the helmet and moustache.

"You are no longer watching the Sorcerer of Science channel."



"You are now watching MY channel – the **Dr Chaos channel**. I'll be carrying out experiments, too. And they will be more dangerous than anything the world has seen before."

The feed cut back to the Sorcerer, who was still frantically tapping her fingers and gazing at the camera.


We need to rescue the Sorcerer! Hurry!
But we can't do anything until we work out where she lives. She's always kept it a secret, so fans don't turn up and ask for help with their science homework.
Ugh! If only she'd given us a clue ...
Wait ... I think I spotted something. Let's play that footage of the Sorcerer again.
REPLAY
TAP TAP
Look ... She's tapping out numbers. There's a 1, then a 2, then a gap, then a 1, then a 7. So that's 12 and 17.


I pulled a book from the shelf ...
SECRET CODES
Maybe it's a secret code. But how can we crack it? By the time we've gone through every code in this book, it could be too late.
I think the answer is right behind you - look at that map!

I think that the Sorcerer was giving us the top-secret co-ordinates to her house!

Co-ordinates are pairs of numbers that help you locate something on a grid. Based on a starting point of zero, they tell you how far right something is, and then how far up it is. So, we use the first number to find out where the point is on the horizontal axis (or x-axis), and the second to find out where it is on the vertical axis (or y-axis). Co-ordinates are usually written in brackets, with a comma in the middle, like this (1,5).

Can you use the two numbers the Sorcerer gave us to work out where she is on the map? Then, find the co-ordinates for the following landmarks we'll need to pass on our way there.

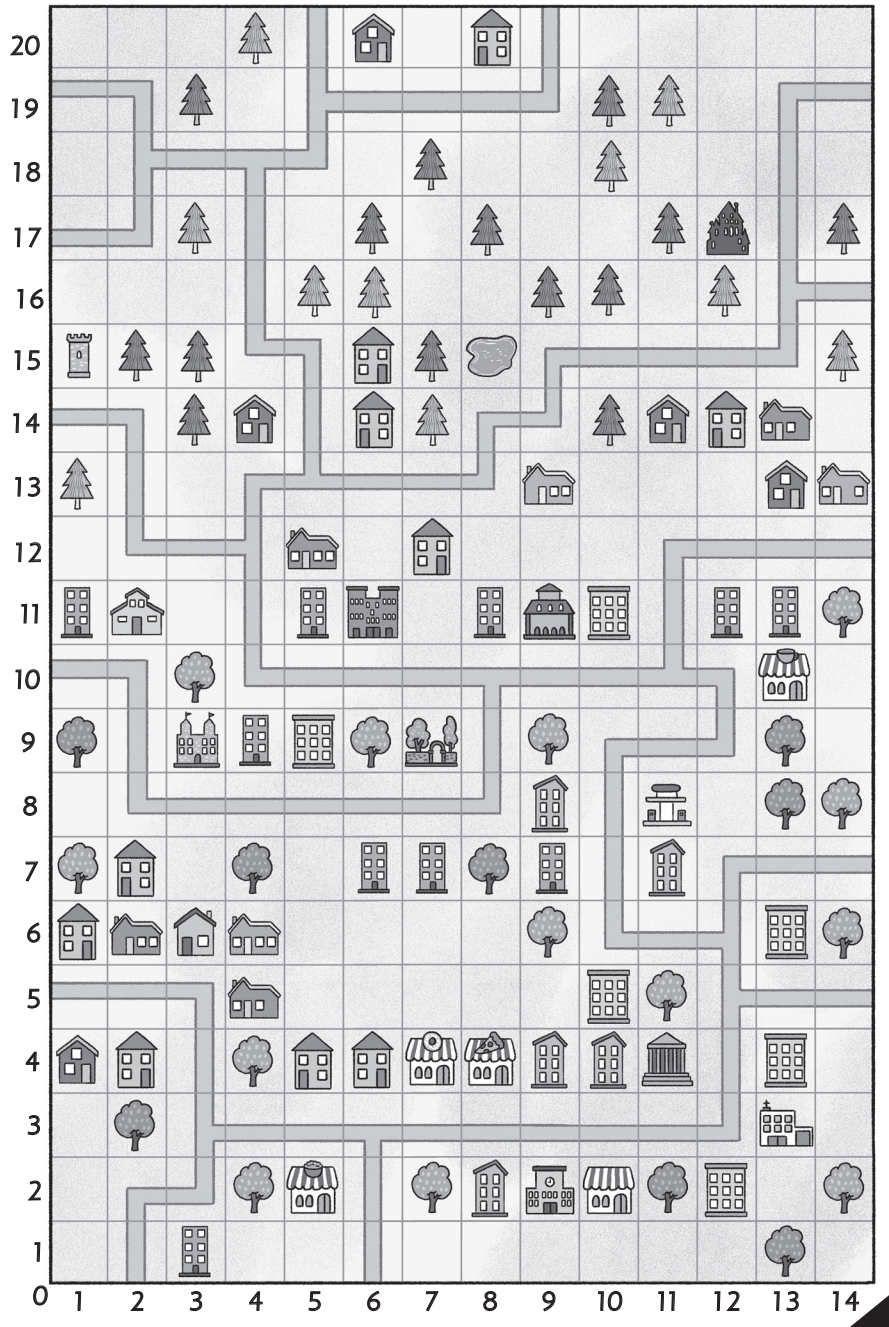
OUR HOUSE

COFFEE SHOP

SCHOOL

LAKE





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