

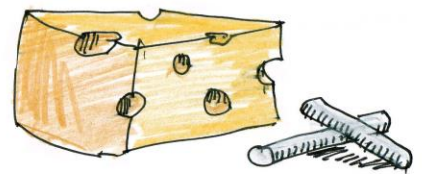
# Let's write a Story

1 IF YOU'VE ENJOYED READING THIS STORY, WHY NOT WRITE ONE LIKE IT YOURSELF, A QUEST-AN ADVENTURE TO FIND SOMETHING.



2 WHO ARE YOUR ADVENTURERS? IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO BASE THEM ON REAL PEOPLE - BUT DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES.

3 THEY CAN BE LIKE CHALK AND CHEESE. THEY MIGHT DISAGREE ABOUT EVERYTHING BUT THEY'LL NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO SUCCEED



4 WHAT KICKS OFF THE STORY? WHY DO THEY HAVE TO GO? WHAT ARE THEY LOOKING FOR? WHY IS IT URGENT AND IMPORTANT?



5 A QUEST OFTEN STARTS IN AN ORDINARY PLACE THEN GOES SOMEWHERE EXTRAORDINARY. IS IT A PLACE THEY'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO GO?

~~John~~  
Jake

6 WHAT DANGERS DO THEY FACE? THE MORE EXTRAORDINARY THE STORY THE MORE YOU'LL NEED TO MAKE IT FEEL REAL



## COMEDY

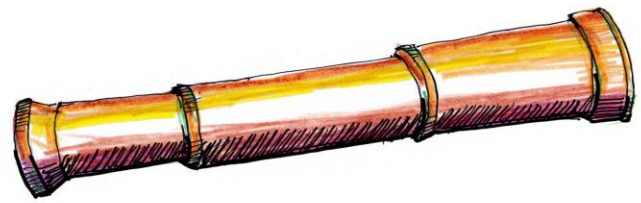
7 BE CAREFUL WITH COMEDY. LET IT COME NATURALLY FROM YOUR CHARACTERS AND SITUATIONS. MAKE IT TOO SILLY AND WE'LL STOP BELIEVING.

8 USE DIALOGUE - LET'S HEAR THE ADVENTURERS DISCUSS THINGS, ARGUE AND SHARE THEIR FEELINGS, AS THEY FACE THEIR CHALLENGES.

9 CAN YOU WRITE IN SLOW MOTION? TAKE TIME TO DESCRIBE THE DETAIL OF WHAT THEY ARE SEEING AND DOING AND THINKING.

10 WHAT SURPRISES DO THEY FACE ALONG THE WAY? DOES WHAT THEY FIND TURN OUT TO BE WHAT THEY IMAGINED?

11 WHAT DO THEY COME BACK WITH? HAS THEIR QUEST BEEN SUCCESSFUL? WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? HAS IT CHANGED THEM?



Huge machines  
with teeth.

Cavaliers and Roundheads  
battling.

A Viking longship rowing  
alongside

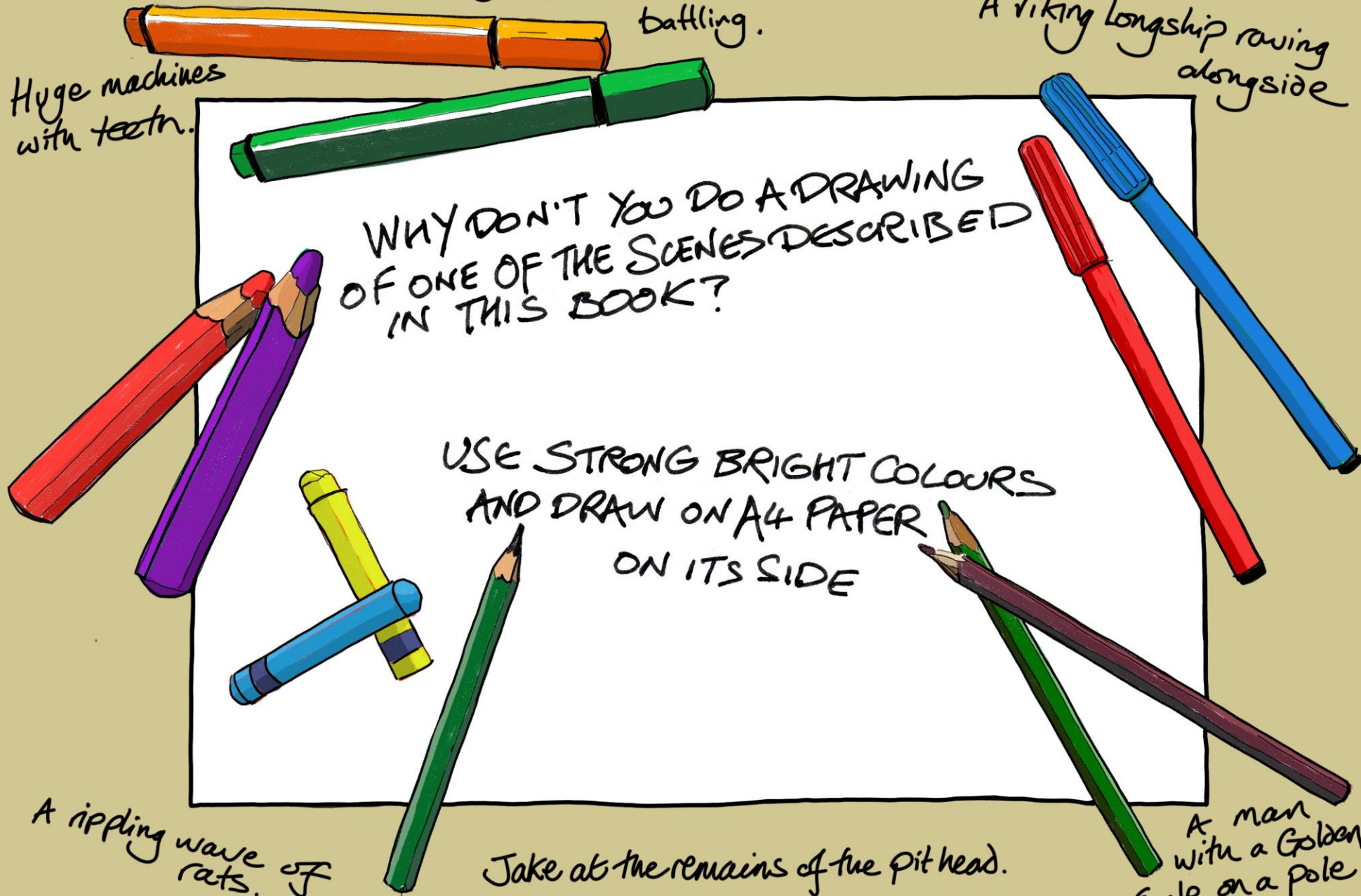
WHY DON'T YOU DO A DRAWING  
OF ONE OF THE SCENES DESCRIBED  
IN THIS BOOK?

USE STRONG BRIGHT COLOURS  
AND DRAW ON A4 PAPER  
ON ITS SIDE

A rippling wave of  
rats...

Jake at the remains of the pit head.

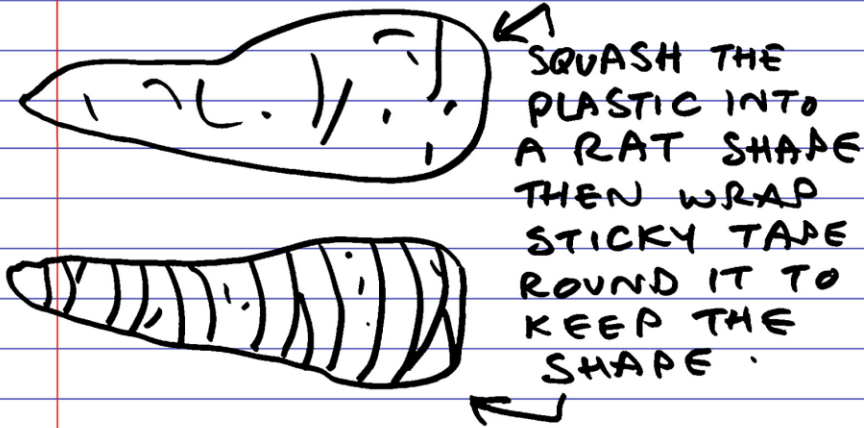
A man  
with a Golden  
Eagle on a pole



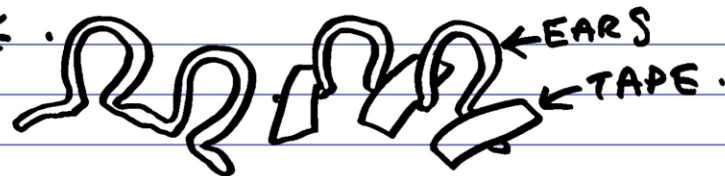


# HOW TO MAKE A RAT

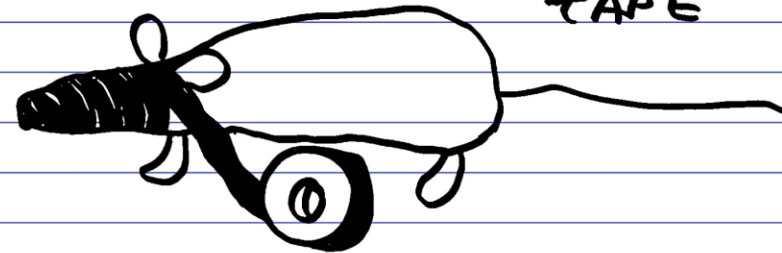
YOU'LL NEED SQUASHY PLASTIC PACKAGING, STICKY TAPE, WIRE, ELECTRICAL TAPE, SCISSORS AND PLIERS.



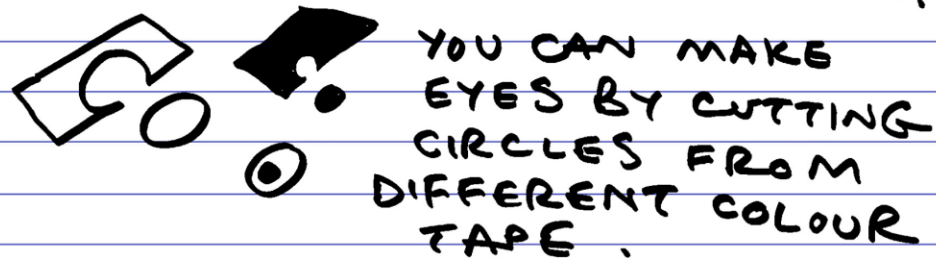
NEXT, BEND THE WIRE INTO SOME EAR, FEET AND TAIL SHAPES. LEAVE A TAB AT THE END SO YOU CAN ATTACH IT TO THE BODY WITH TAPE.



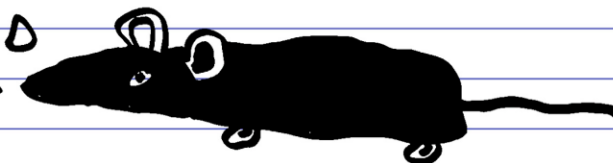
NEXT WRAP YOUR RAT IN COLOURED ELECTRICAL TAPE



YOU'LL NEED TO BEND THE EARS AND LEGS CAREFULLY OUT OF THE WAY AS YOU DO IT.



YOUR FINISHED RAT →



You could sing along with some of the songs in the show,  
[Click this link](https://www.the-big-reveal.com/music-cd-all-tracks) or copy and paste it the below into your browser to hear the songs.  
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## Please Granddad, Please

Can't get to sleep, We tried coun-ting sheep. Please, grand-dad, please,\_\_\_ Tell us a tale. It works with-out fail. Please, grand-dad, please!\_\_\_ A stor-y that's true Like you used to do... We'll sleep so sound!\_\_\_ Good times and bad, The life you once had Down un-der ground.\_\_\_

*mf*  
 Tell us a- bout\_ those tricks and games You would play down the mine.  
 You and your mates with craz - y names, When you worked down the coal mine.

Can't get to sleep. We tried coun-ting sheep. Please grand-dad please,\_\_\_ Tell us a tale\_ it works with-out fail. Please, grand-dad, please!\_\_\_

## Megan's Song

*mf*  
 Lit-tle Jake and me, may not al-ways be App-les of your eye,\_\_\_  
 but we love you so. Don't lose faith in us. Please don't say good- bye.\_\_\_\_\_  
 Now we un-der-stand more what lies be-hind All those tales you tell.\_\_\_\_\_  
 Mates that stood by you, strength to bat-tle through Times when it was hell.\_\_\_\_\_  
 We act cle-ver but we don't know it all: So much yet to learn.\_\_\_\_\_  
 With some help from you we can make it change When we get our turn.\_\_\_\_\_  
 Where there's life there's hope. Take some heart from us. We have so much pride\_\_\_\_\_  
 In all you have done Grand-dad we need you Stand-ing by our side,\_\_\_\_\_  
 our side.

**C** *poco meno mosso*

### **Please Granddad, Please.**

Can't get to sleep.  
We tried counting sheep.  
Please, granddad, please.  
Tell us a tale.  
It works without fail.  
Please, granddad, please!

A story that's true,  
Like you used to do ...  
We'll sleep so sound!  
Good times and bad,  
The life you once had  
Down underground.

Tell us about those tricks and games  
You would play down the mine,  
You and your mates with crazy names,  
When you worked down the coal mine.

Can't get to sleep.  
We tried counting sheep.  
Please, granddad, please.  
Tell us a tale.  
It works without fail.  
Please, granddad, please!

### **Megan's Song**

Little Jake and me, may not always be  
Apples of your eye,  
But we love you so. Don't lose faith in us.  
Please don't say goodbye.

Now we understand more what lies behind  
All those tales you tell,  
Mates that stood by you, strength to battle through,  
Times when it was hell.

We act clever but we don't know it all,  
So much yet to learn.  
With some help from you we can make a change  
When we get our turn.

Little Jake and me have a story that  
No one will believe,  
But we swear its true, every single word  
As we live and breathe.

You're the only one, that we trust to tell  
All our secrets to.  
So, where would we be, Little Jake and me,  
Granddad, without you.

Where there's life there's hope. Take some heart from us.  
We have so much pride  
In all you have done. Granddad, we need you  
Standing by our side.

To find out more information, listen to  
some songs, look at some of the  
drawings that didn't make it into the  
book or watch the performance, visit  
the **Big Reveal** website and click on  
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