

For
Larry, Joan,
Norman, Nancy
and Jojo.
Rosie Tinker is all of you.

DUNGZILLA

JAMES FOLEY

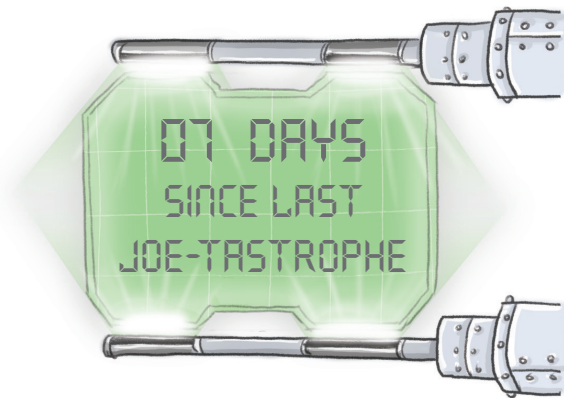
James Foley makes children's books for children who read books. If you're a child and you're eating his books, you're doing it wrong. You might know his picture book *Stellarphant* or his graphic novel series *Secret Agent Mole*. He lives in Perth with his wife Renae, their two kids, and a labrador called Frankie. He's an ambassador for Books In Homes and Room To Read; a massive Marvel movie nerd; and comes from a long line of queuing enthusiasts. Legend says James can grow a beard in an afternoon.

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Greetings!
I'm Sally Tinker,
the world's foremost inventor
under the age of
twelve.





And this strange specimen is my baby brother, Joe.



pick pick pick



Today, I'd like to reveal my latest and greatest invention.

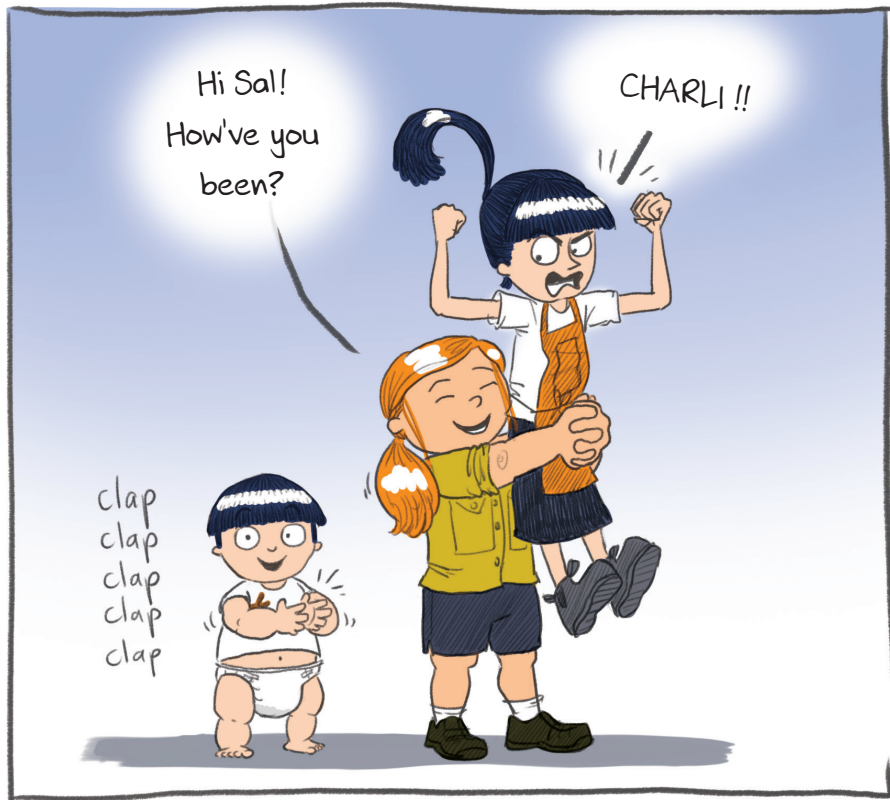


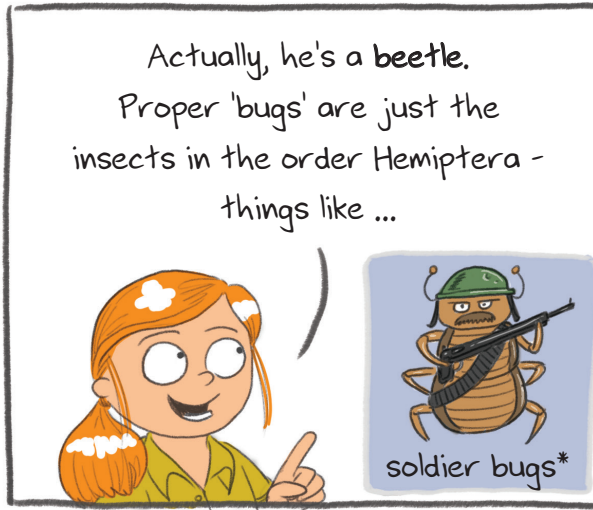
The incredible ...



... the phenomenal, theEEARGH!!







*NB: artist impression only



This guy here is a very special kind of beetle. He's a *Scarabaeus sacer* - a sacred scarab - also known as ...



SCARABAEUS SACER

(Linnaeus, 1758)

- AKA sacred scarab / Egyptian dung beetle
- Eats dung
- Rolls dung
- Just really, really loves dung
- Able to fly

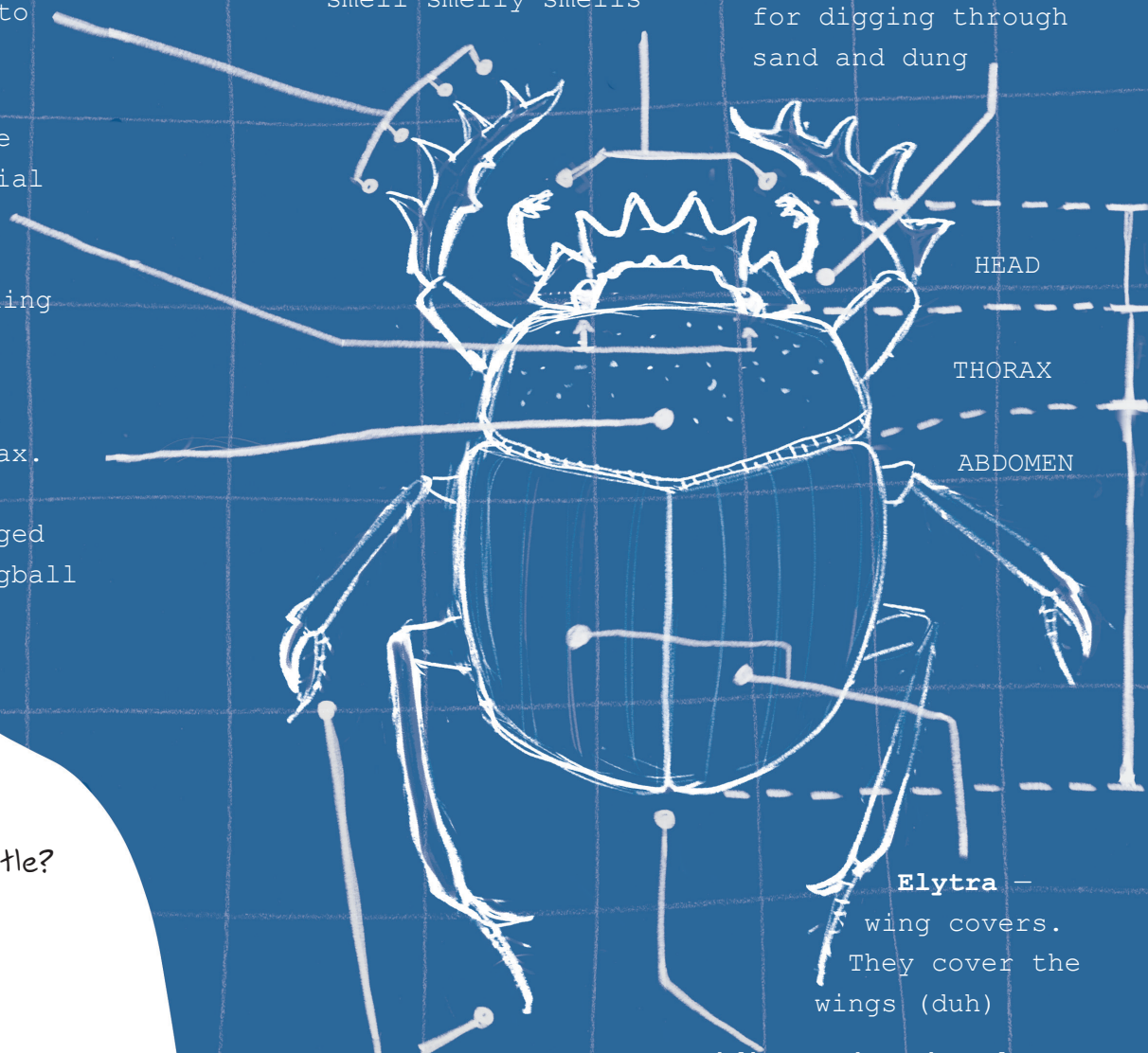
Tibial 'teeth' – used to dig tunnels and also to shape dung into balls

Eyes – dung beetles use the position of celestial objects to navigate. It's like a built-in GPS (Global Poo-sitioning System)

Pronotum – hard shell that protects the thorax. Think of it as armour worn by a tiny six-legged knight who rides a dungball instead of a horse

Antennae – these can smell smelly smells

Shovel-shaped head – for digging through sand and dung



HEAD

THORAX

ABDOMEN

Elytra – wing covers. They cover the wings (duh)

Tarsi – these grip the dungball while rolling

Pygidium – dung beetle bottom, i.e. where dung beetle dung comes from

... the Egyptian dung beetle.

Uh, 'dung' beetle?



DID YOU KNOW?

The ancient Egyptians worshipped a god called Khepri, who they believed had a dung beetle for a head.