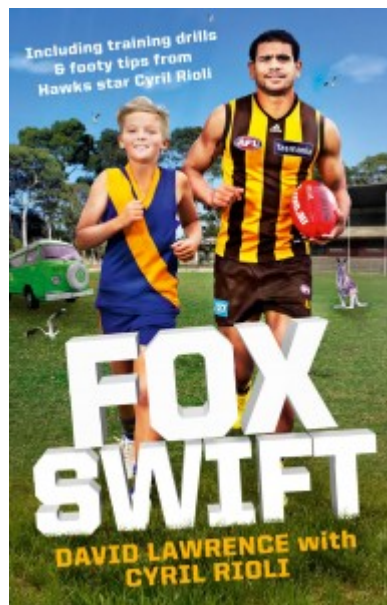


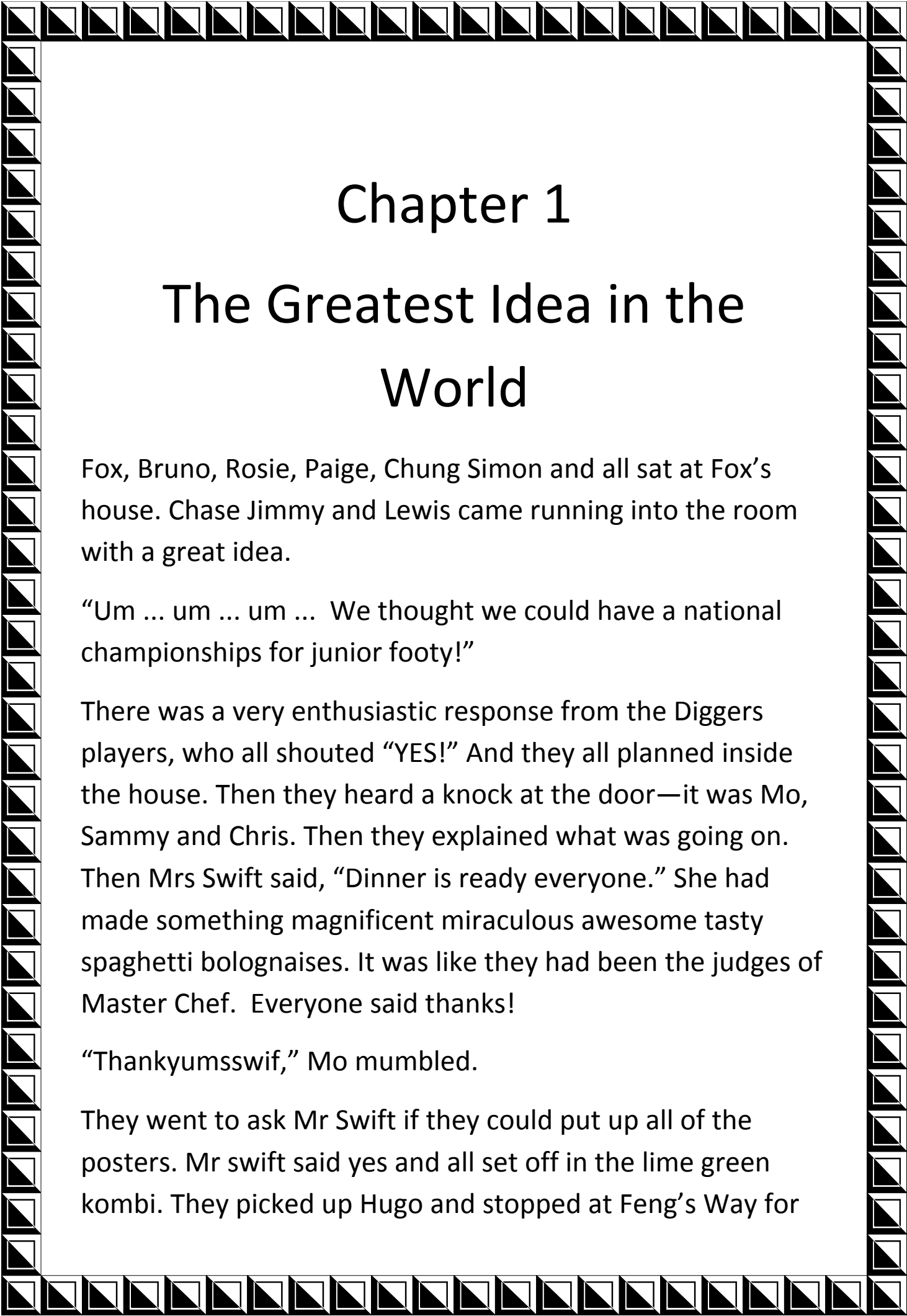
# Fox Swift and the championships



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# Chapter 1

## The Greatest Idea in the World

Fox, Bruno, Rosie, Paige, Chung Simon and all sat at Fox's house. Chase Jimmy and Lewis came running into the room with a great idea.

"Um ... um ... um ... We thought we could have a national championships for junior footy!"

There was a very enthusiastic response from the Diggers players, who all shouted "YES!" And they all planned inside the house. Then they heard a knock at the door—it was Mo, Sammy and Chris. Then they explained what was going on. Then Mrs Swift said, "Dinner is ready everyone." She had made something magnificent miraculous awesome tasty spaghetti bolognaises. It was like they had been the judges of Master Chef. Everyone said thanks!

"Thankyumsswif," Mo mumbled.

They went to ask Mr Swift if they could put up all of the posters. Mr swift said yes and all set off in the lime green kombi. They picked up Hugo and stopped at Feng's Way for

dinner the next day. Hugo said that they needed 1000 per state, so they all set off all around Australia.

On Monday they were at Hastings Point, NSW, on Tuesday they were in the Northern Territory. On Wednesday they were in Perth, on Friday they were in Tassie. On Saturday they were in South Australia and on Sunday they were HOME! IT ONLY TOOK A WEEK.

## Chapter 2

### Emails

They got 200,000 emails from all around Australia in only two months. That was every single team in the country, including the mighty Davinal Diggers.

At school on Monday, while everyone was waiting for Mr Grinter to arrive, Lewis got up to tell the class a joke. Lewis was already laughing his head off before he had even told the joke.

“Knock, knock.”

Everyone replied lamely, “Who’s there?”

“Dragons!”

Everyone replied, “Dragons who?”



Lewis then said, "Dragons are stupid."

Every one burst out with laughter. Mace and Vince were furious. They wanted to have payback on the Diggers in the championships that started on Sunday and they were playing the Diggers.

# Chapter 3

## Paying back

It wasn't that big of a game because it was only a qualifying final. In the first quarter Mace hit Chung in the head. It was good to see Mr Bigg umpiring. Mace touched Mr Bigg and got sent off and reported. He couldn't play for the rest of the championships. That meant Vince had to payback on Fox.

At quarter-time the scores were:

Diggers 5.11 (41) lead the dragons 5.0 (30)

In the second quarter they put Fox on Vince. Vince went for a spoil but he hit Fox in the head and he went off on a stretcher. He woke up and he was all right and he came back on.

# Chapter 4

## Holy wacamoly

"Wow! Fooks you did great out there mun. How did you reecofer from your concussion?" Lewis said in a Scottish accent.

Lewis looked at the scoreboard, “We are winning by 54 points.” Lewis was right because the scores were:

Diggers 15.14 (104) to the Dragons 5.20 (50). The Dragons did not score in the second half so at three-quarter time the scores were:

Diggers 20.14 (134)

Dragons 5.20 (50)

The last quarter was really tough but Mo kept the game upright with no scoring for the Dragons in the last quarter. So the Diggers won by 100 points.



# Chapter 5

## Naughty Mace

All the Diggers were talking about the game. Mace came over and said, “What are you talking about?”

“The game.”

“What? How dare you be mean to the Dragons? Why do you have to talk about when you flog the Dragons?” Then he punched Fox as Mr Renton and Mr Grinter walked into the room.

“MACE! Go to detention for the rest of the year!” Mr Grinter said. “I never want to see you again, you horrible little beast.”

“I’m not little and I am not a beast, Mr Grinter.”

## Chapter 6

# FANTASTIC!

Chase came to see if there was a fox was dead on the road and there was. He saw Mace and Mr Winter with guns. Chase told his dad to go tell them to go away to another state or country, so Mr Swift did but Mr Winter did not listen. Then he went to give the letter to Judge Trudy to take Mr Winter to the courthouse. Lewis had the device that he brought to court last time. Miles went to say, "I did not say that," but Lewis touched the device and out came a big fart noise and everyone burst out laughing except for Miles and Mace. Then Judge Trudy announced Miles was to go to jail at once. Sergeant Hunt agreed with Judge Trudy that Miles must go in his car right at that moment. Mace said, "Silly Dad, he's done too many silly things."



# Chapter 7

## Just footy

The Diggers had to take the week off school because they had to play in the championships and then it was the preliminary final. Before the game Fox went for a walk to see Lewis and he saw a bird with Diggers colours all over it. Also it was for free. Fox asked the old women if he could have it. He sent an email to Cyril, Simon, Chung, Paige, Mo, Mr Scott and Aslam, and the email read:

Dear my Diggers friend,

I got a new bird to run out with us Diggers. It has Diggers colours all over it. I hope you like it when we see it on Sunday.

From Fox

Then it was Sunday and Fox was at the ground early because he wanted his Diggers friends to be able to see his feathery friend. They were versing the state team. Fox remembers what happened last time but the league team were a lot better so the Diggers real challenge in today's game was to stay focused and run straight to the ball. Chase and Jimmy's

team were on the bench even though they were very good.

At half-time the scores were:

Diggers 9.0 (54) state 2.1 (13)

The Diggers were way ahead and needed to win so they could make the Grand Final. Then there was 10 seconds to go, Fox was 60 metres from goal and the Diggers were down by one point, so Fox booted the ball to make it reach the goal before the siren went and KABOOM!

The ball sailed straight through the goal as the siren sounded.

The scores were:

Diggers 18.0 (108) state 17.1 (103)

# Chapter 8

## Grand Final Day

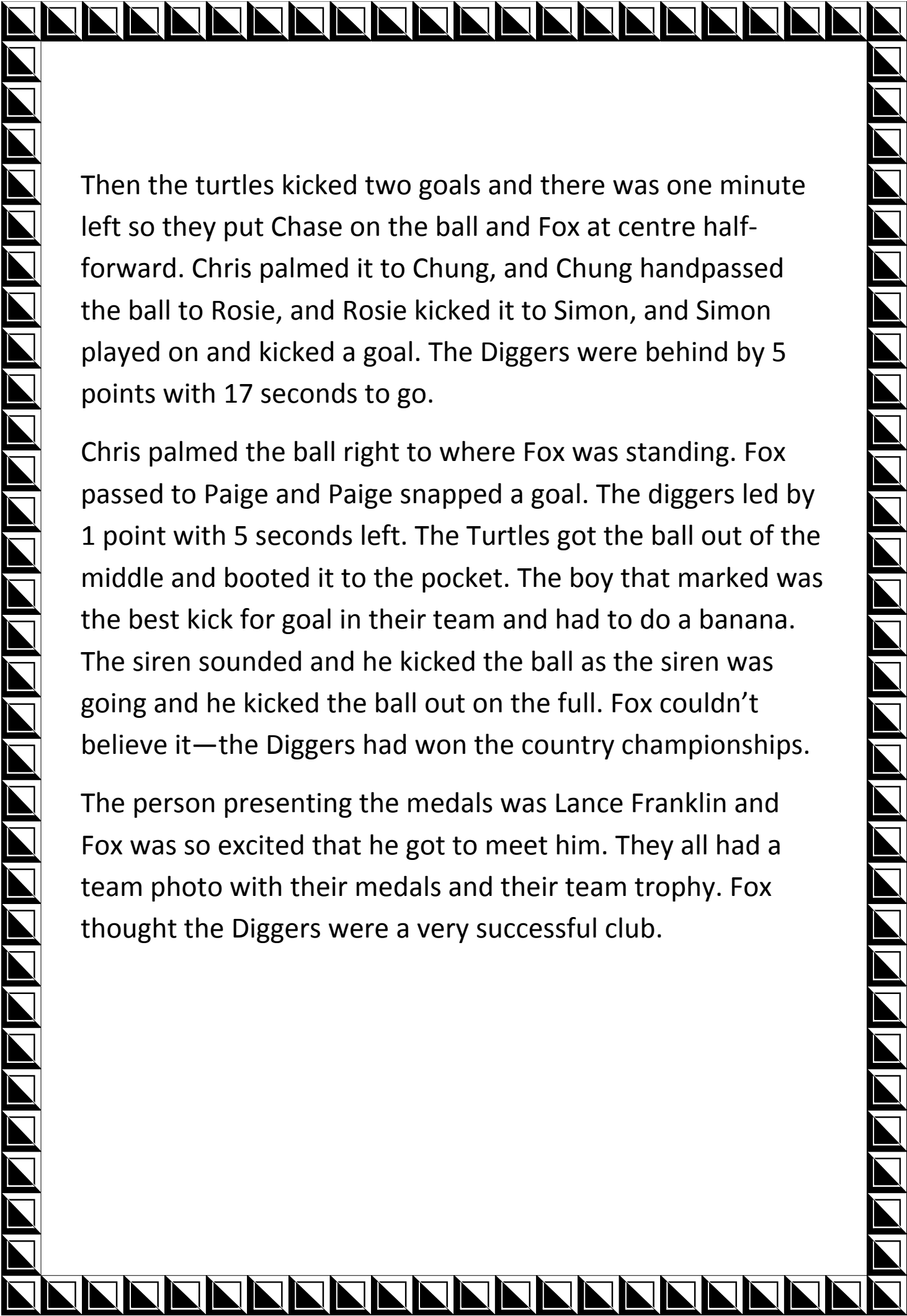
Fox woke up on Grand Final day very excited. The prime minister said it was a public holiday so everyone could come watch the Diggers vs Fremantle Turtles. Fox had heard about the Fremantle Turtles on the news and Hugo found a book in the local library about them. He said in their league they had won every Grand Final. So Fox was very scared. Mr Scott put everyone in their preferred positions. At half-time the scores were:

Diggers 5.1 (31) Turtles 5.2 (32)

Mr Scott said it was okay but the Turtles fans were booing the Diggers fans. Then he heard the Turtles best player saying, "Ouch!" and the doctors of the Turtles said that he could not go on playing, so the worst Turtles player came on.

And the diggers were down by five points at three-quarter time and Lewis came and gave everyone snakes.

Then it was the last quarter and both teams were cheering wildly and suddenly Aslam had the ball on the wing. He took a couple of bounces and when he was 45 metres out he kicked a goal and the Diggers were winning by one point.



Then the turtles kicked two goals and there was one minute left so they put Chase on the ball and Fox at centre half-forward. Chris palmed it to Chung, and Chung handpassed the ball to Rosie, and Rosie kicked it to Simon, and Simon played on and kicked a goal. The Diggers were behind by 5 points with 17 seconds to go.

Chris palmed the ball right to where Fox was standing. Fox passed to Paige and Paige snapped a goal. The diggers led by 1 point with 5 seconds left. The Turtles got the ball out of the middle and booted it to the pocket. The boy that marked was the best kick for goal in their team and had to do a banana. The siren sounded and he kicked the ball as the siren was going and he kicked the ball out on the full. Fox couldn't believe it—the Diggers had won the country championships.

The person presenting the medals was Lance Franklin and Fox was so excited that he got to meet him. They all had a team photo with their medals and their team trophy. Fox thought the Diggers were a very successful club.