

MONTE AND THE WORLD



OF POSSIBILITIES

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Monte woke up feeling extra curious about the world around him. He wanted to know who, what, where, why and how he could be part of it all. With every answer he received, Monte saw a new world of possibilities and all he had to do was start dreaming.

The world holds so many possibilities. Isn't it exciting? And like Monte, the more questions you ask, the more likely you are to achieve your dreams. One of the best ways to find answers to your questions is by reading. That's why I'm so proud to be a part of Read Today, KSL's reading program. Our mission is to help every child learn to read which in turn leads to a better chance of success in school and following your dreams—whatever they may be.

Nadine Wimmer

KSL-TV, Anchor Reporter

Read Today, CEO

Are you ready for college? It may seem years away, but did you know the earlier you start dreaming about what you want to be when you grow up, the better prepared you'll be to realize those dreams? It's true. Higher education is the key to your future success. Your parents and teachers can help you along the way as you choose an education pathway that will help you reach your dreams. So enjoy reading, learning, and dreaming about your future.

Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert



**ne Tuesday morning, Monte
woke up feeling extra curious.**





Everywhere
he looked he
wanted to
know what,
where, why,
who, and how.



HOW DO YOU
FREEZE TIME?



WHAT
DO YOU
BROADCAST?



HOW DID
YOU BECOME
NUMBER ONE?



ARE ALIENS REAL?



WHAT MAKES YOU TICK?



HOW DID YOU GET SO SMART?

WHERE DOES ELECTRICITY
COME FROM?



HOW HIGH
CAN YOU
OLLIE?



HOW TALL ARE THOSE MOUNTAINS??



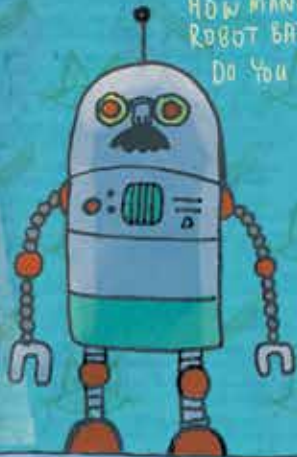
WHERE DO YOUR STRIPES COME FROM?



X-RAY

HOW MANY BONES ARE IN MY ARM?

HOW MANY ROBOT BATTERIES DO YOU USE?



HOW MANY PLANETS ARE THERE?

WHY ARE YOU COLD BLOODED?





He set out to find some answers.



FOOD

STUFF
THINGS

SALE
2+3

MARKET

ICE

TRUCK

D-LIVER
TRUCK CO



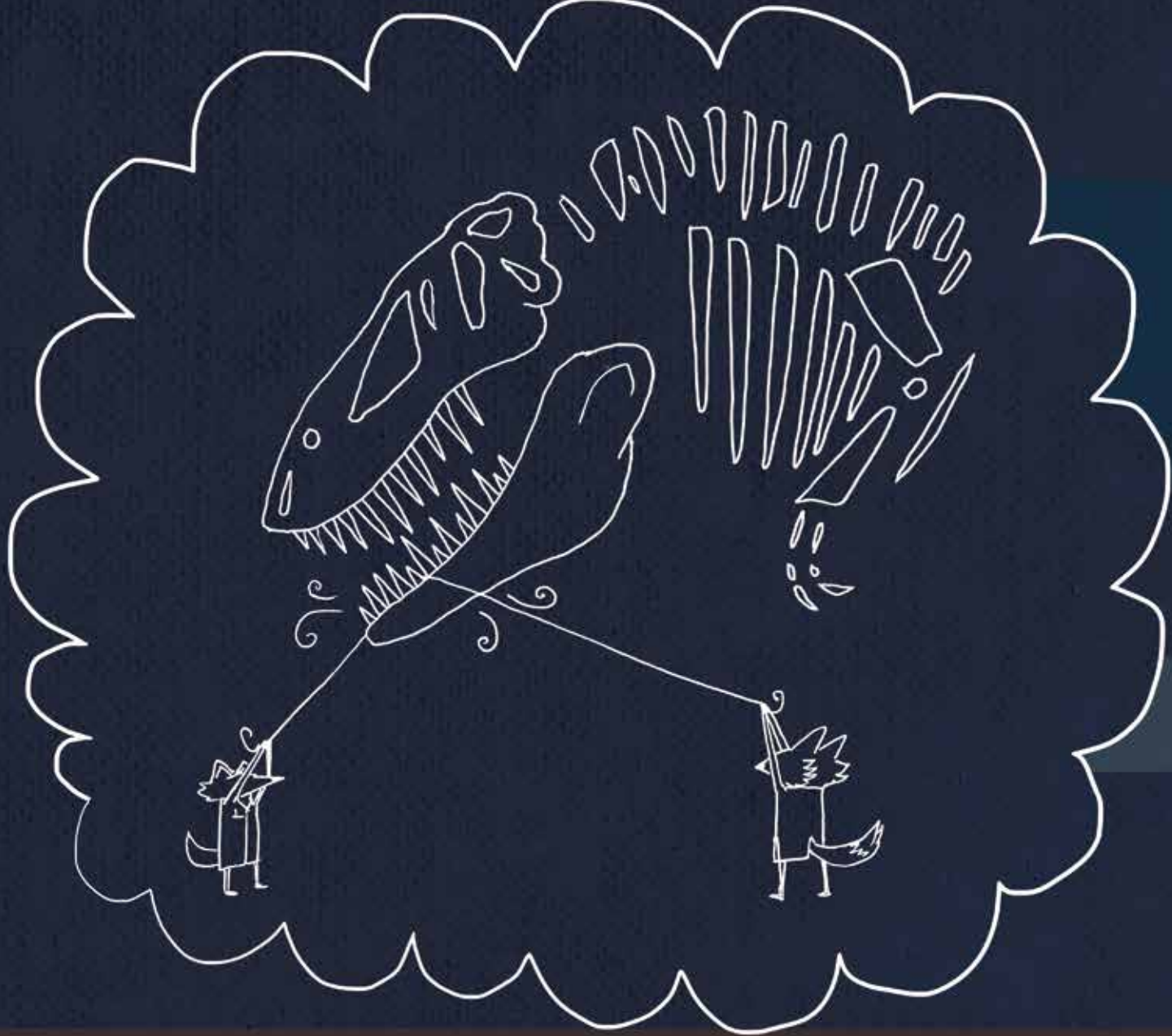
Dinosaur, how did you get such a good smile?

A paleontologist dug me out of the ground and put me back together so I can show off my choppers at the museum.

How much dental floss do you use a week?

Not much. Just a mile or two.





Car, what makes you drive so smoothly when you are old?

You are only as old as you feel. An automobile mechanic repaired me and keeps my engine and systems running well.

Are you faster than a White throated Needle tail?

I have never raced one before, but if you meet one, send it my way.





VOILA!



Orange
Juice

3 for \$5



Numbers, how did you get up there?

We have names by the way. I'm 5 and he's 3. A sign painter put us up here, but before that the head of the finance team used math to find the best price per can.



$1+1+1=3$
 $5\div 3=$
\$1.66 Per Can

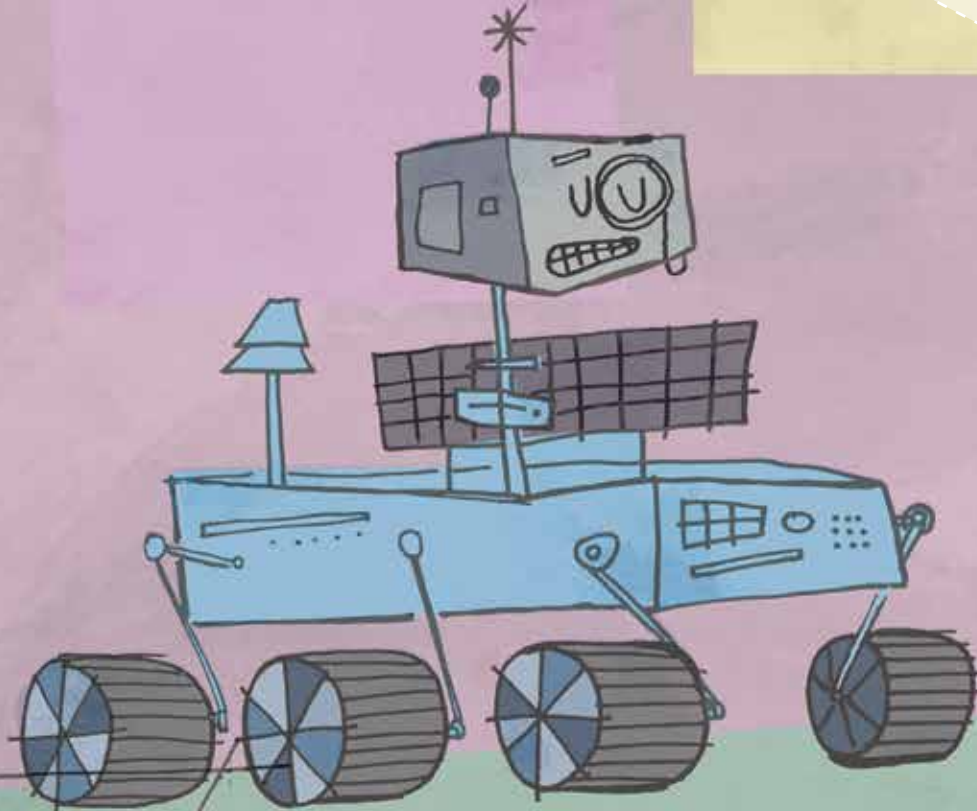
Does it hurt when
you are divided?

Actually, it kind of tickles.



Robot, who made you so smart?

That is a stereotype, but in this case it is true. A computer programmer created software for me so I can be launched into space with astronauts and help them explore and learn about places like Mars.





Do Martians
play basketball?

**Yes, but the hoop is
much higher.**

Book, where did you find so many words?

There is no short answer, but I'll do my best. All books begin with an author. An author is someone who takes words and turns them into stories. These stories can take your mind just about anywhere you could ever dream of going.

What are you about?

Me? World travel. In fact, I'm about to go to Paris right now. You can join me by flipping through my pages.





A stylized illustration of a city with a bridge and a question mark tower. The scene is set against a light blue sky. On the left, a tall, pinkish-brown tower with a grid pattern and a question mark in a circle on top stands on a green hill. In the foreground, a small orange fox with a white belly and tail tip sits on the grass. To the right, a yellow bridge with a white railing spans across a blue body of water. A white truck with a pink box on its back is driving across the bridge. The background features a cityscape with various blue and grey buildings.

Bridge, how did you get so strong?

Thank you for noticing. A civil engineer thought I should start with a foundation, then a framework of steel and these stable supports.

How many elephants carrying gold bars could you hold up?

Roughly three thousand carrying one hundred gold bars each.





Storm Cloud, when will your lightning strike?

Well that's my secret, but if you ask the meteorologist, she might know. Meteorologists study and help predict the weather.




Can lightning strike the same place twice?

Yes, but I try to keep it original.







Building, why are so many people coming in and out of your doors?

I'm not just any building. I'm a college. Students come here to learn everything they need to follow their dreams. In fact, right now there are students learning how to become business people, artists, nurses, scientists, pilots, and more—all inside my doors.

Can I go inside a college someday?

Yes, and who knows what you'll be when you come out?



ATHLETE

PHOTOGRAPHER

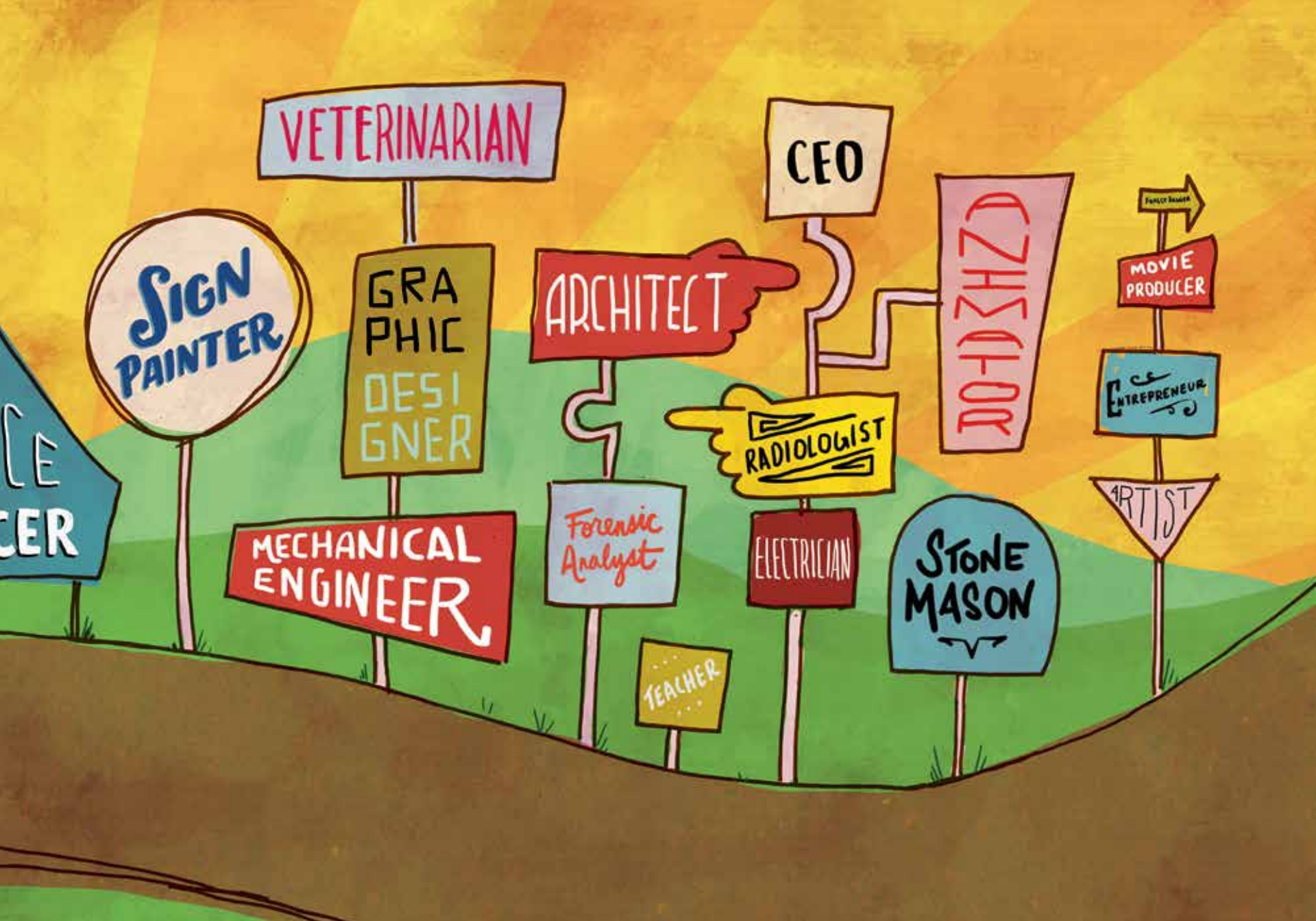
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DENTIST

WRITER

SOFTWARE
Engineer

POLICE
OFFICER



VETERINARIAN

SIGN PAINTER

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

ARCHITECT

CEO

RADIOLOGIST

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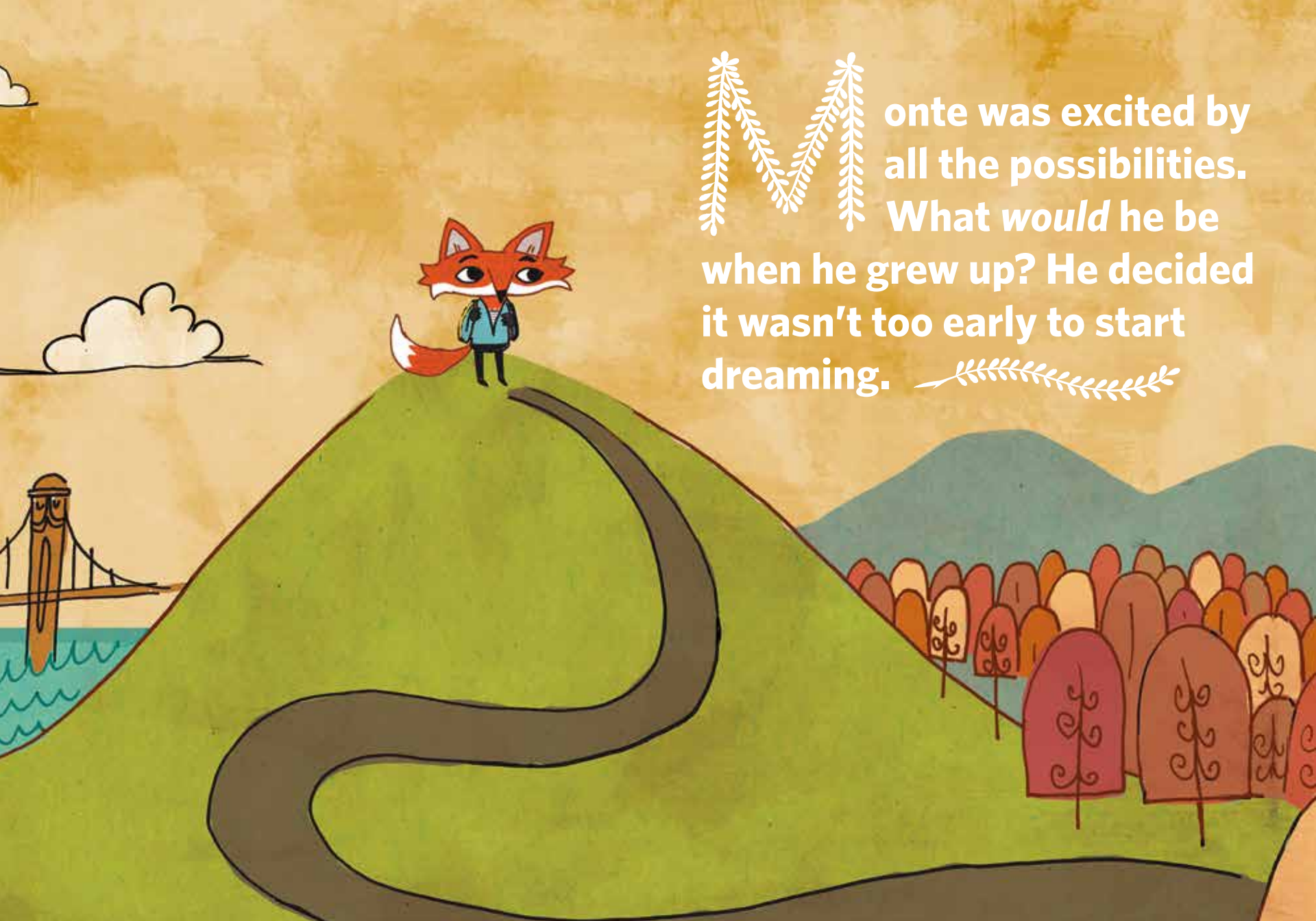
Fence Painter →
MOVIE PRODUCER
ENTREPRENEUR
ARTIST

TEACHER

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onte was excited by
all the possibilities.
What *would* he be
when he grew up? He decided
it wasn't too early to start
dreaming.









ABOUT THE ARTIST

COLT BOWDEN has always loved to draw as soon as he was big enough to hold a crayon. Born and raised in Magna, Utah, he spent his childhood climbing in trees, building snow forts, and exploring the world around him. An avid doodler, painter, skateboarder, and children's book collector, Colt is always looking for new ways to be creative. Colt attended BYU and graduated in 2012 with a Bachelor of Fine Art degree, majoring in Illustration. Colt loves taking walks in the park with his his wife Abigayl and their son in sunny Southern California.



