

THE STORY OF THE MAGNIFICENT HERORATS



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When he woke up on his six week birthday, Reggie the African giant pouched rat had no idea his life was about to change.





Reggie ate a filling birthday breakfast of bananas before he and his best friend Joseph went out into the fields to play.

Distracted by their games, they went further and further away from the house.

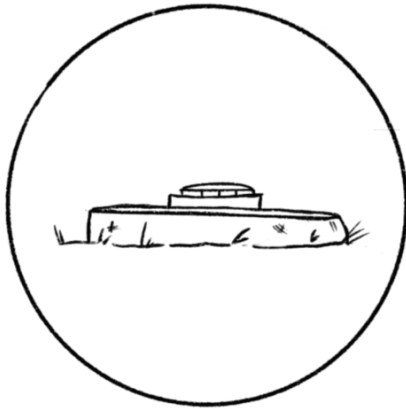


They forgot about the danger nearby that Joseph's parents had warned them about.

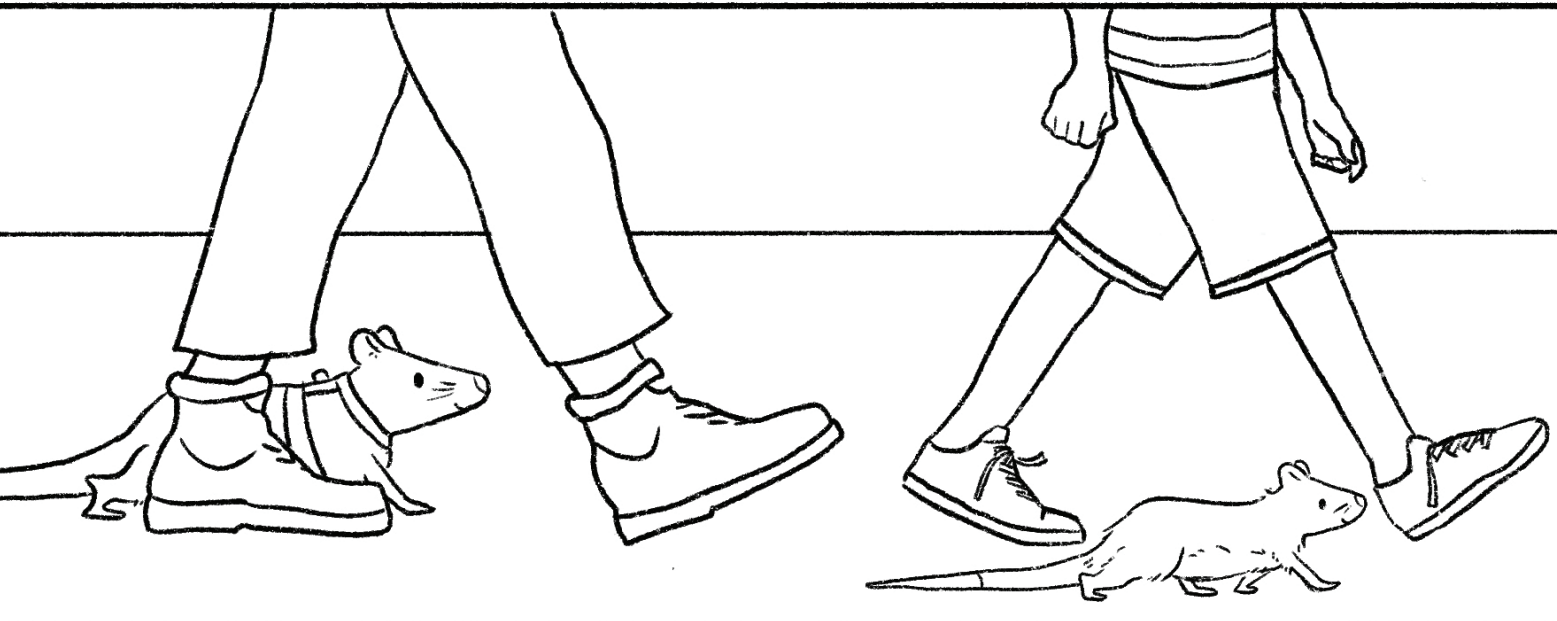


Suddenly, Reggie runs over something metal buried in the ground. It is a bomb called a landmine. If Reggie was any heavier, it would have exploded.

If anyone else stepped on one, they could get very hurt!

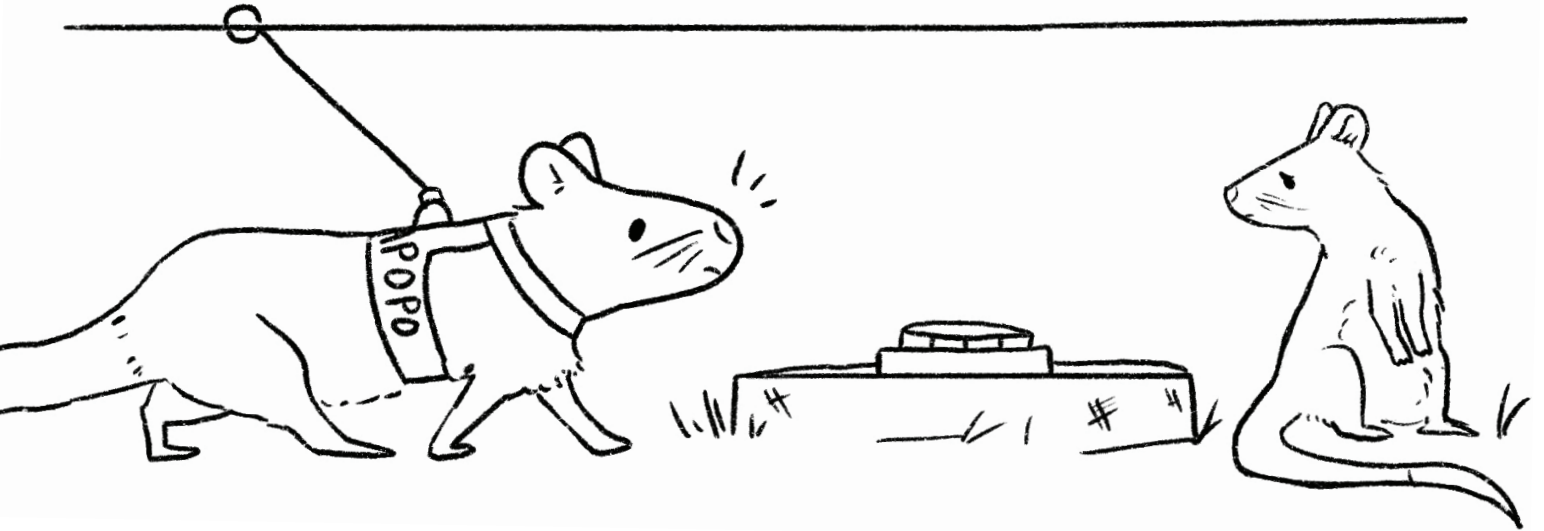


Luckily, Joseph and Reggie know about an organization called "APOPO" who work to help keep everyone safe from all kinds of danger.

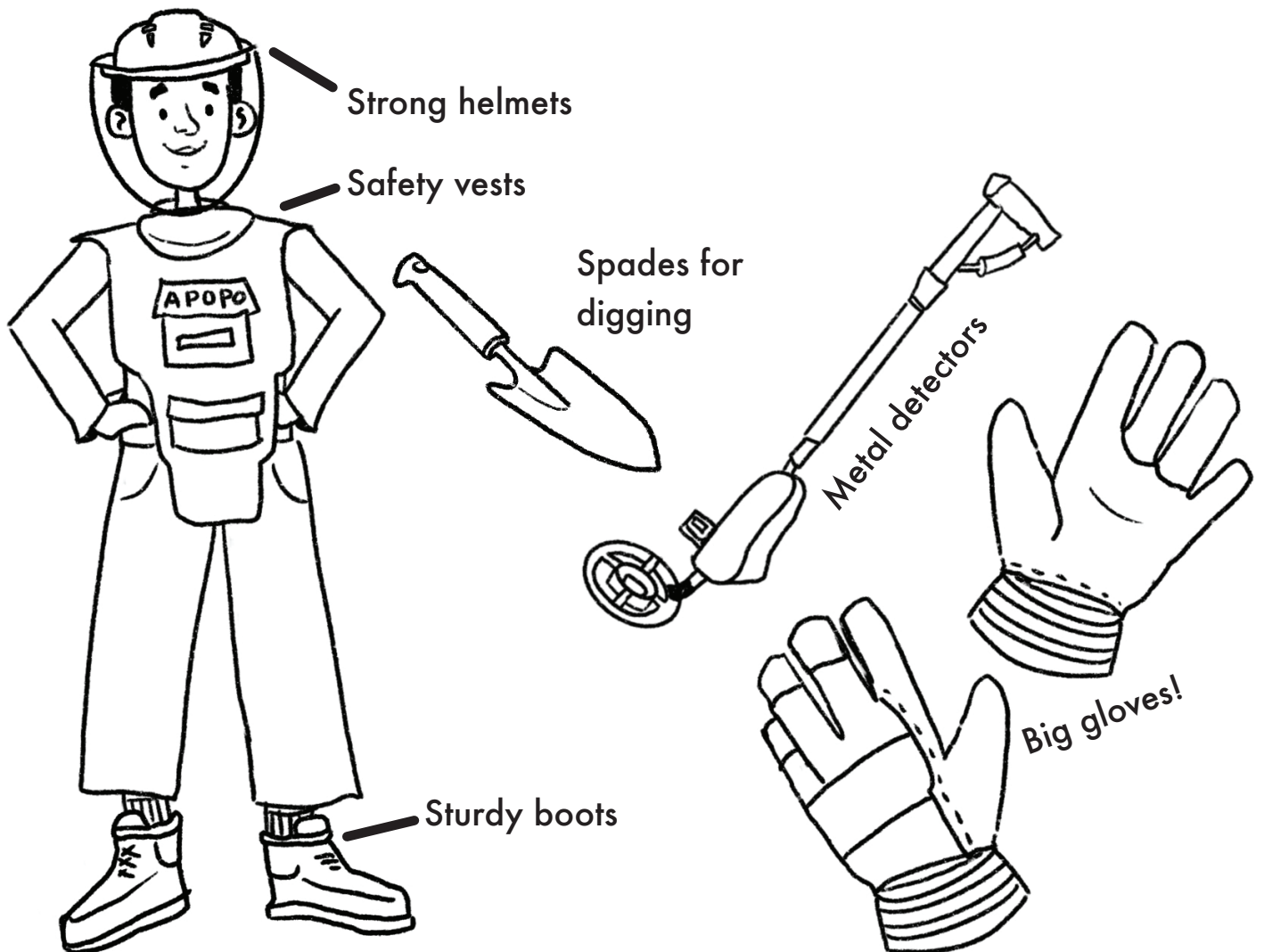


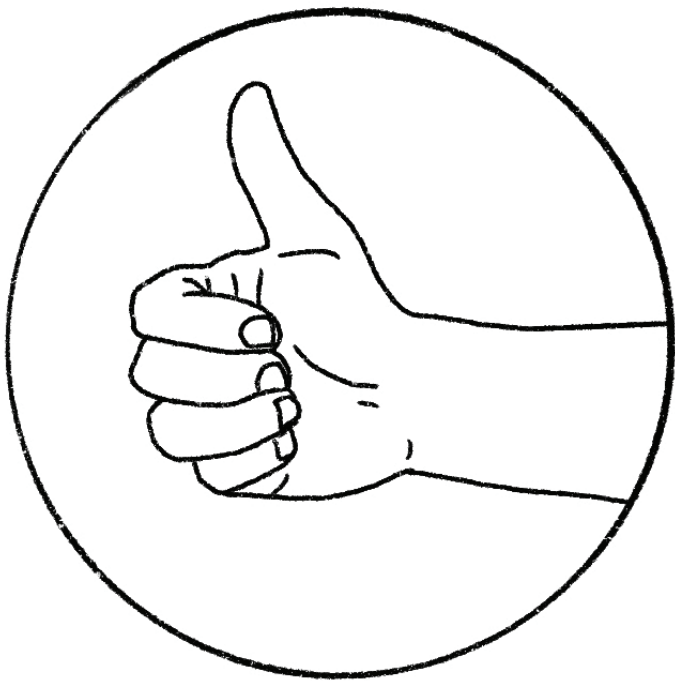
Joseph and Reggie show the APOPO team where they had seen the landmine so they can make it safe to play again.

Because of their strong noses, African giant pouched rats can find all the danger before alerting their APOPO teammates.



With their special safety gear, the APOPO team can safely remove the landmines!

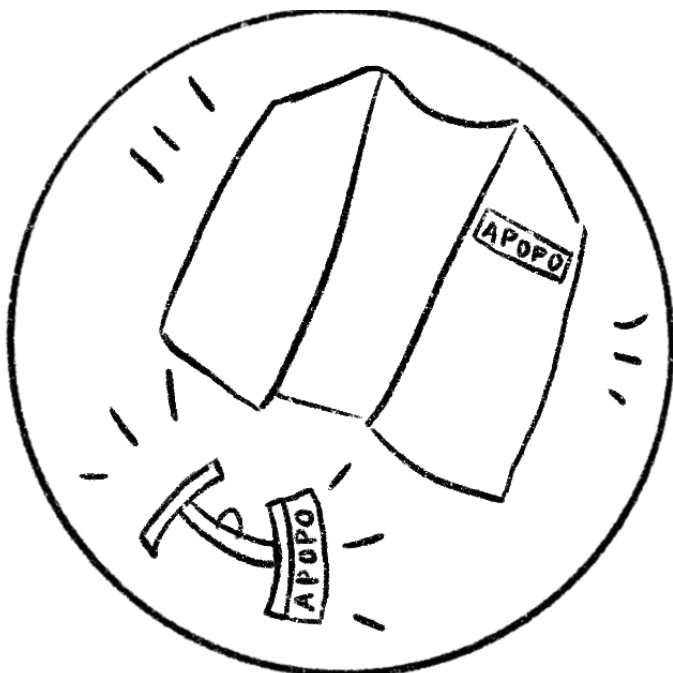




Once APOPO and the HeroRATs make sure the area is safe, they say "All clear!"



Reggie and Joseph helped to keep everyone safe!



APOPO gives Reggie and Joseph their own APOPO gear to thank them for their hard work!



Reggie and Joseph can't wait to help more people when they grow up! Being a hero is awesome!

Draw yourself with your own HeroRAT!



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