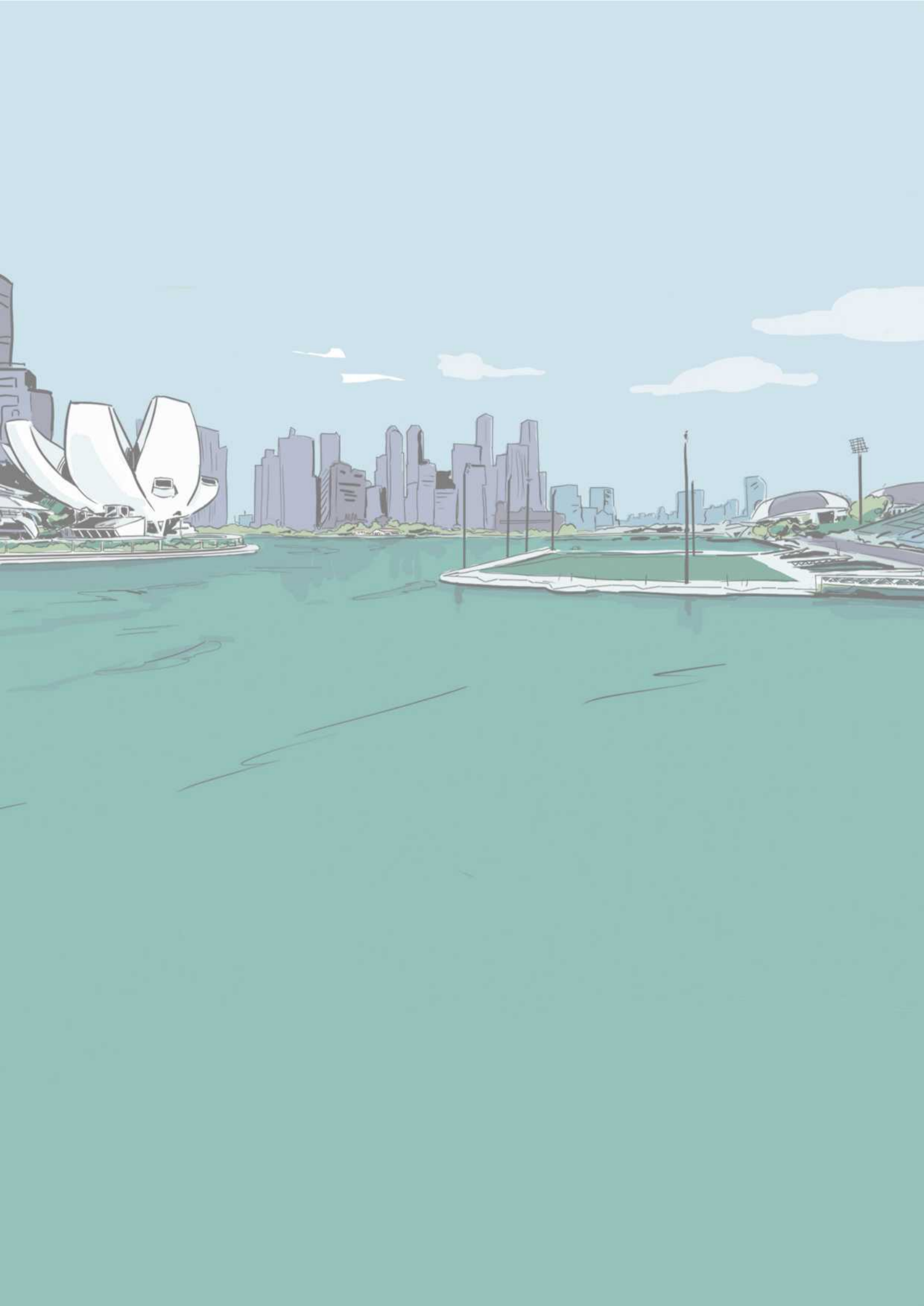


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Dream Big

**TOGETHER,
OUR SINGAPORE SPIRIT**





Introduction



This year, we celebrate Singapore's 56th birthday. The nation overcame many challenges in the past, and will continue to do so, as we progress into the new normal with courage and strength, and build our shared future together, as one united people.

Every Singaporean matters, including our youngest in the preschools. We hope to involve them in our celebrations this year, through the eyes of our mascots, August and Kevin, who will share what the Singapore Spirit entails. The children will be able to pick up simple acts that embody positive values such as kindness, care and respect. In fact, they might have already done so through their preschool's Start Small Dream Big projects!

How to use this book!

The Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) and the National Day Parade 2021 Executive Committee have put together this commemorative book for preschool teachers and parents to share about our Singapore values with the little ones. While going through the story of August and Kevin as they imagine a futuristic Singapore, your children can also fill in the colours on pages 6, 7 and 12, to make their story more colourful.

At the end of the story, let your children reflect on what they love about Singapore, draw it out on page 13 and describe it to everyone. Reiterate the core values of our nation by explaining to your children what those values look like in action when they complete the tracing of the missing letters on page 14. You will find those values familiar, as they are featured in our Singapore Pledge! Are there other values that you think are important to being a Singaporean (e.g. kindness, empathy, volunteerism, inclusiveness)? Share those with your children and how they can exhibit those values too, in their little ways, every day.

Finally, using recycled materials that you can gather from home, follow the instructions on the last page to make your own shakers before joining in our nation's birthday celebration on 9 August!

Happy 56th Birthday, Singapore!



Meet Our Mascots!

Hi! My name is **KEVIN**, which stands for **K**indness, **E**mpathy, **V**olunteerism, **I**nclusiveness, and the 'Start Small Dream Big' tagline: **"No one can do everything, but everyone can do something!"**

You and I may be small, but together, we can contribute to the community and make a difference! Through the Start Small Dream Big movement, every child will have the opportunity to do our part and give back to society in our own small yet meaningful ways.

Join me in the Start Small Dream Big movement!

Find out more from:



<https://www.startsmalldreambig.sg>



<https://go.gov.sg/ssdb-videos>



Hi there! My name is August, this year's NDP mascot. I am actually a merlion, a mix of a lion and fish, and I love Singapore with all my heart. Not only do I enjoy exploring Singapore's neighbourhoods, parks and museums, I am also a huge fan of the Young Lions and am an excellent swimmer!



I enjoy listening to lo-fi hip hop beats in my free time and also when I'm studying, and love munching on traditional goodies and snacks.

My all-time favourite is iced gem biscuits! Recently, I've been busy keeping my friends up to date on NDP21 on the NDPeeps social media platforms. Be sure to follow my adventures and journey with me towards NDP2021!



Hello, August!



Hello, Kevin!

I can't wait to watch this year's National Day Parade on TV with my family!



Me too!



Kevin, do you know what this year's NDP theme is?

That's right!

It's "Together, Our Singapore Spirit."

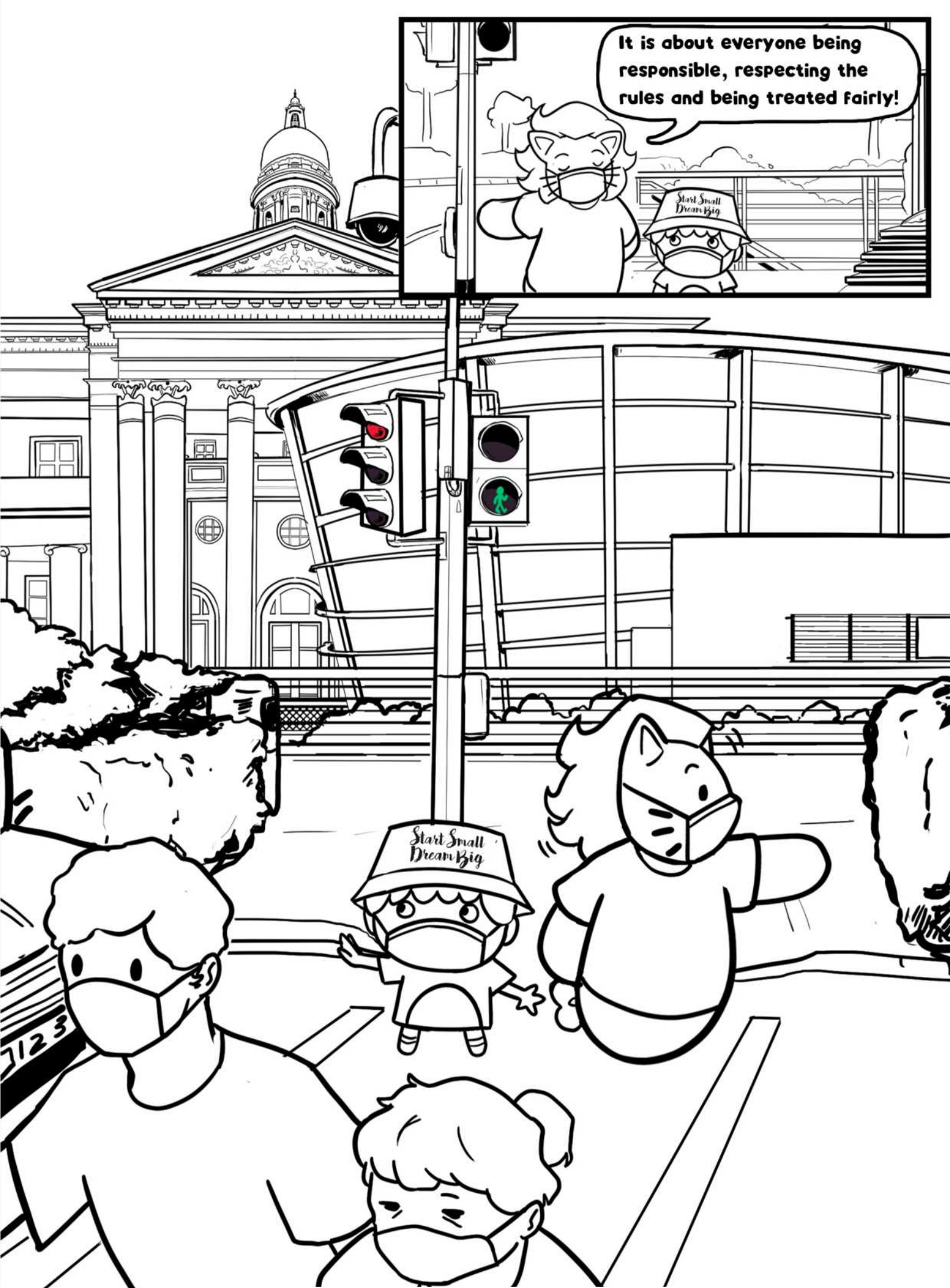
But what is the Singapore Spirit?



well..

It is about being proud of who we are and being able to play and live in harmony together!







It is about everyone having equal opportunities to succeed!



It is about achieving our dreams and also helping others who may need our help!



It is about celebrating
as One Singapore...

and sharing our
hopes for a
bright future!





Can you feel the
Singapore Spirit?



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YES, I can!



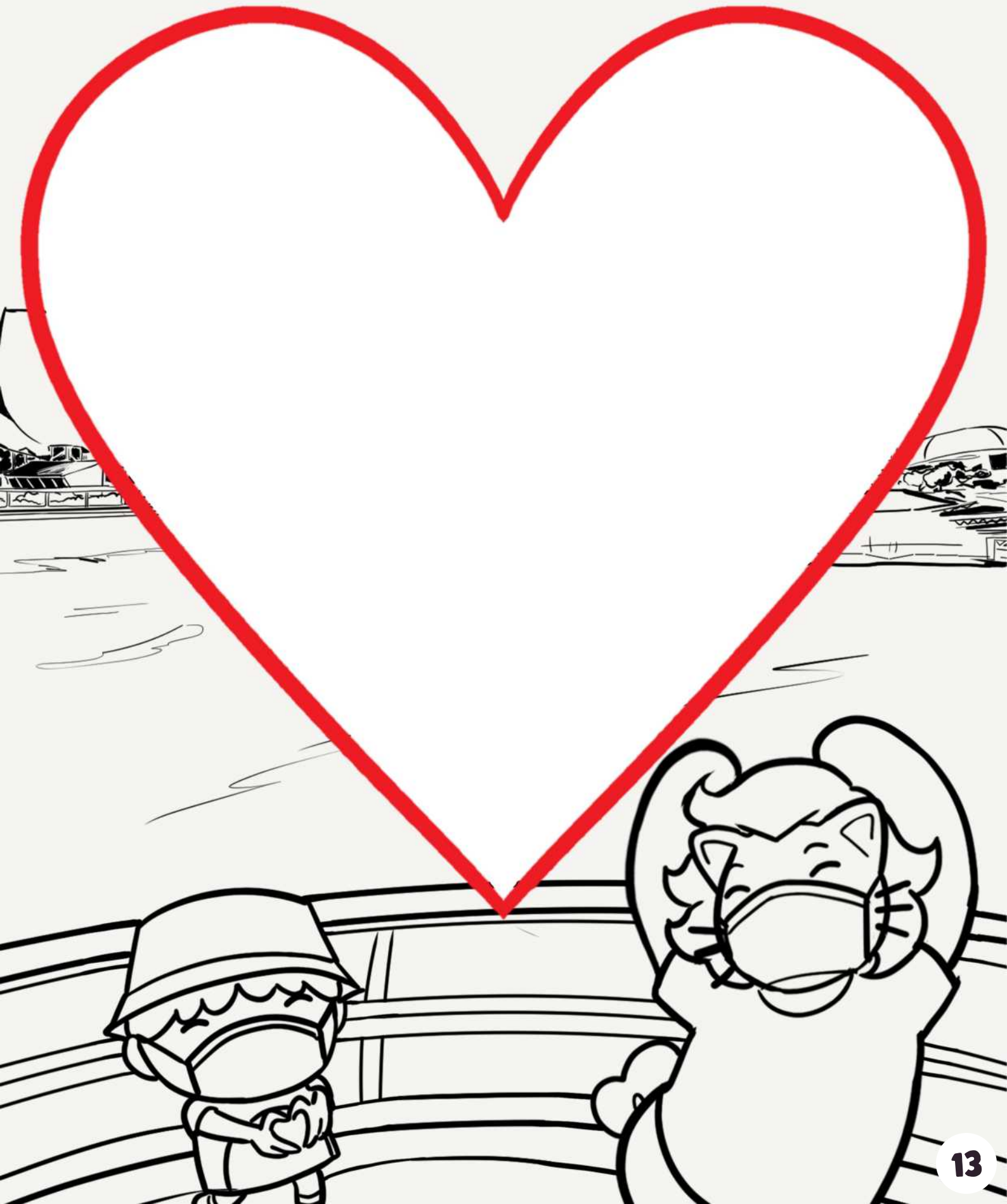
**Tune in on 9th August for the
screening of the National Day Parade
and celebrations!**

Happy 56th Birthday, Singapore!

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Dream Big*

**Stay safe and healthy!
Remember to wear your mask and
wash your hands frequently!**

**Draw what you love about Singapore
in the heart below and share it with your
family and friends!**



**Trace the missing letters
below to uncover our Singapore values!**

DEMOCRATIC

JUSTICE

EQUALITY

HAPPINESS

PROSPERITY

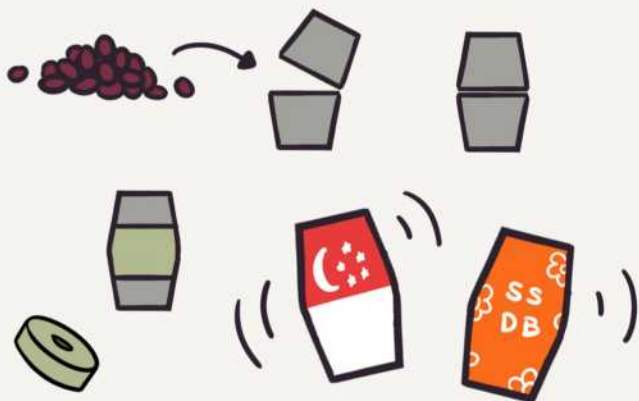
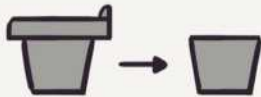
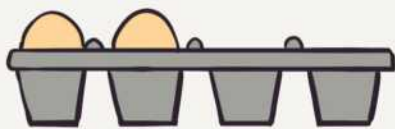
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DIY Shakers

Use recycled materials to make and decorate your own shakers to cheer for the National Day Parade on 9th August!



WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

Cardboard rolls, egg cartons, tissue boxes, cardboard boxes, colour paper, decorative tapes, masking tape, double-sided tape, gluestick, scissors, pens and markers, rice, beans

SHAKER 1

1. Cut the egg carton into its individual units, trim off the edges, leaving only the cup.
2. Pour the rice or beans into one cup, seal it by attaching another cup on top.
3. Decorate with NDP colours!

SHAKER 2

1. Cut the coloured paper according to the length and circumference of the cardboard roll. It should cover the whole cardboard roll.

2. Next, cut out 2 more similar rectangles but with $\frac{1}{4}$ length, in different colours.

3. Stick them onto the cardboard roll as seen.

4. Trace the top and bottom roll and cut out the shapes.

5. Use the masking tape to attach the shapes, add rice or beans into the shaker before sealing it.

6. Decorate with NDP colours!



Share and Win!

Teachers and Parents, share a picture or video of how you celebrate Singapore's 56th birthday with the little ones and stand to win prizes for your children and/or your preschool centre!

Simply post the picture or video, and tag both **Beanstalk Singapore** and **NDPeeps** on Facebook or Instagram by **10 August 2021 (Tuesday)**. **Beanstalk Singapore** will contact the winners by **13 August 2021 (Friday)** via Facebook or Instagram.

Here are some ideas of what you can do with your children.

Complete the activities in this book!

Share their love and aspirations for the nation!

Watch the National Day Parade on 9 August!

Tag us on Beanstalk and stand a chance to win!



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Keep up with NDP on our socials!

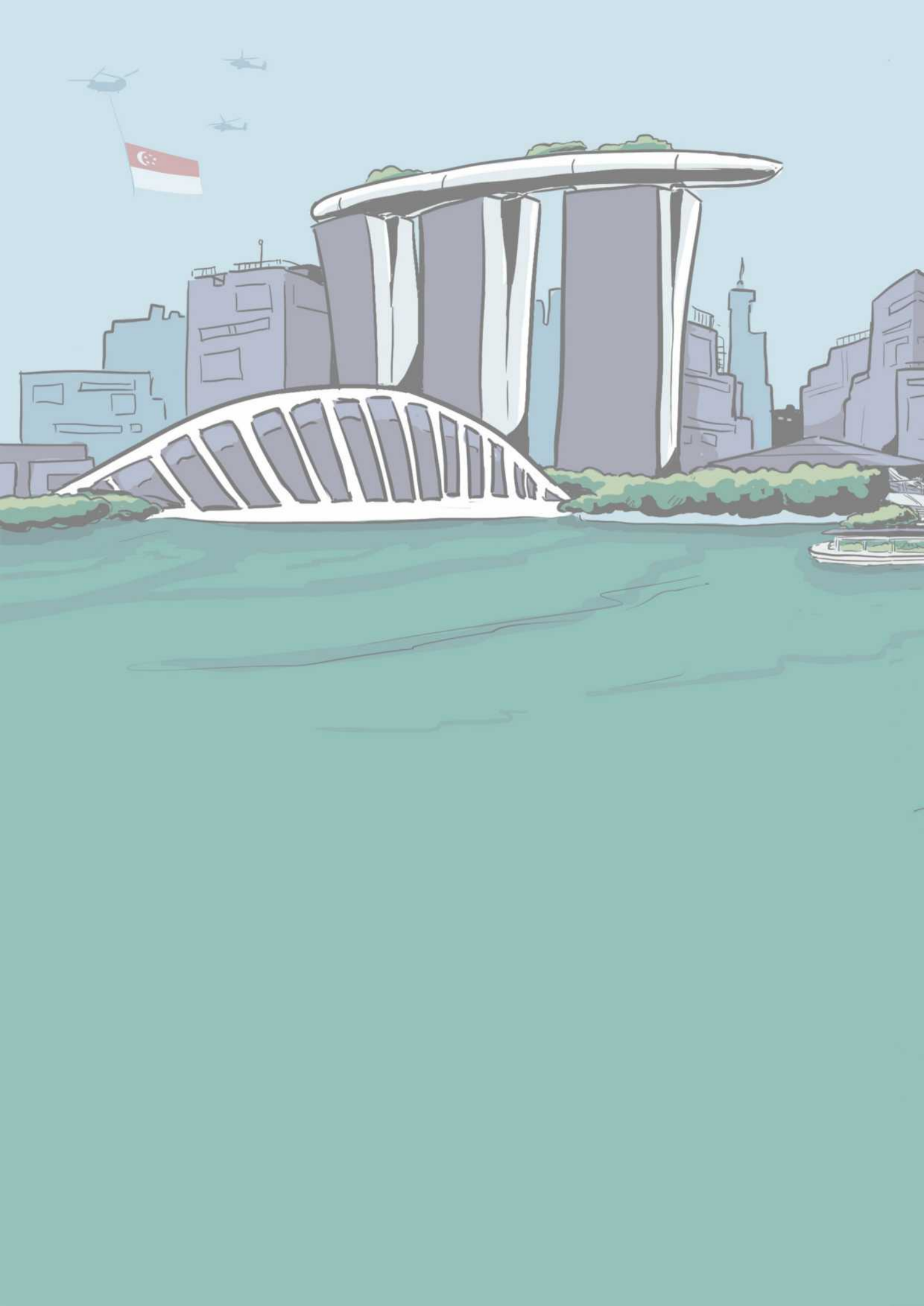


Head over to Instagram to join August on his adventures!



Beanstalk 







Join August and Kevin to explore the Singapore Spirit as we celebrate Singapore's 56th Birthday!



Scan to keep up with NDP on our website and Tiktok!

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