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Mudley the bear belongs to a little girl called Sophie who lives in Europe. She would love to travel the world but she has to go to school. And so, each time Dad has to travel overseas for work, Sophie packs Mudley into his suitcase and tells him, "Daddy, please take Mudley along to see the world".

Join Mudley as he travels to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Mudley has a secret ambition to be an artist and these world travels are great to inspire his art. In this book, he visits Masjid Jamek, the Majestic Hotel, the KL City Gallery, Batu Caves, the Butterfly Farm, tin mines and more.

Packed with fun facts, beautiful illustrations and photos of Mudley shot on location, this book is an ideal gift or travel souvenir for readers of all ages.

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Have I got everything ready?
So much to think about in this
furry head of mine.

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Hello friend(s)!

Welcome to the secret world of Mudley.

Sophie thinks she is sending me on her personal mission but I have far more important things to do than be someone's messenger. I have a secret ambition to be an artist and these world travels are perfect opportunities for me to be inspired and achieve my lifelong dream of exhibiting in an art gallery!

Don't forget:

- Paper
- Paints
- Brushes
- Pens and pencils
- Note books
- Suitcase
- Passport.
- Passport!?

I belong to a little girl called Sophie. She lives in a small town in Europe. She would love to travel the world but she has to attend school and do her homework. And so, each time her dad has to leave for work at faraway places, she packs me into his suitcase and tells him, "Daddy, please take Mudley along to see the world".



Let me show you Kuala Lumpur (or KL) which means muddy area where two rivers meet in Malay, an inspired city that grew from 'tin'. These pages are my paw prints from a fantastic journey seen through my eyes and that taught me so much about beautiful Kuala Lumpur.

For Review only Dataran Merdeka



In 1926, one of the worst floods hit KL. Water seeped in and drenched all the money in the vaults of the Standard Chartered Bank. The employees were asked to take all the bank notes out on to the Padang. They say that millions of dollars were spread out to dry across the whole field. Can you imagine seeing people's faces as they walked by millions of dollars on the ground? The police officers must have been very nervous that day.

It would have been funny to see them struggling with all that money. :)



Look! I went to a show and got on stage with the actors.

Run over to the textile museum on the Padang and look for the fabric made from pineapples. Fantastic!!!! Or go and see a show at the Panggung Bandaraya. They really have great shows and the actors are so much fun.



Let me show you the heart of Mud Town. It is also the most important part of KL's history. Merdeka means 'independence' and in 1957 this is where Malaysia became an independent country. It is a spectacular square with the most wonderful buildings of all types. And the Padang (field) used to be a cricket pitch. One building that stands out is the Bangunan Sultan Abdul Samad; this palace-like construction has a really tall clock tower, dubbed 'Big Ben'... but that is in London. I think they should have called it 'Big Basuki', meaning 'to prosper'. But hey, come on. Let us go and see what's behind those buildings.

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And this is where Mud Town started.
Right where the two Mud-ley rivers meet.



Masjid Jamek

I have just jumped through swaying coconut trees and find myself here — the amazing and beautiful Masjid Jamek. This is the site where the first settlers landed in Kuala Lumpur, where the Gombak and Klang rivers come together. In 1909, a mosque was built here.

It was based on an Indian Muslim design. This brick and marble building is one of the oldest mosques in the city. Interestingly, the mosque was designed by an English soldier, A. B. Hubbock. So, there you go. And so are we ...



Just look at all the people! If you come here on a Friday the crowds are so big that they flow out on to the street and far beyond. It is crazy! There are so many people that they spread all the way to the nearby LRT train station. No wonder they now call it the Masjid Jamek Station.



HELLO!
I am the BFG (Big Furry
Giant)... hehehe!



You have to see this model of the city which shows exactly how it looks. This amazing model was created using satellites from space. Not only that, they have photographed and recorded every single building so the models are perfect replicas. When building the models, they use different materials to represent them: wood for the old buildings, coloured Plexiglas for the new ones and solid white for future projects. It is art in 3D. AWESOME!

Kuala Lumpur City Gallery



Spot me, bet you can't?

I jumped over the wall from the Padang and WOW! found the Kuala Lumpur City Gallery (KLCG). You have to come here to understand the whole (hi)story of KL, from finding the tin mines to British rule and finally the Independence of Malaysia. Even though I love this building on the outside, the inside is even better. I think it has the biggest model city in the world, and includes a mural of KL's skyline. That's okay until you realise it is made out of 30 different types of wood from the region. The best thing is that you can leave, artistically, your memories of KL inside the Event Space. That alone has got to be worth the visit.

Went to get a drink and look what I found!
This is where the guys work on the models.
Anyone for a game of cricket?



The Old Train Station

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Look! Another cake. This beautiful train station has some really weird architecture. It is a mix of Islamic, Persian and Indian design. Amazing that it looks so nice. It was built after the old train station, which had a grass roof, was demolished. That must have been quite a contrast, changing from a grass roof to a funky one like this. Do you know, an elephant once charged at an oncoming train and derailed it because she was cross that another train had hurt her son. Can you imagine jumping on a train with elephants walking around?



If you nip across the road, you will find a building called KTM Headquarters. Although it was designed by the same person who also designed the train station, there is a difference. It has Jharoka balcony windows. These are special architectural windows so, if you are allowed to go up, you can see everyone from the inside but they cannot see you. It is like being invisible, just like a magician in a castle.





It is amazing what springs up
walking through the city.
A jewel!



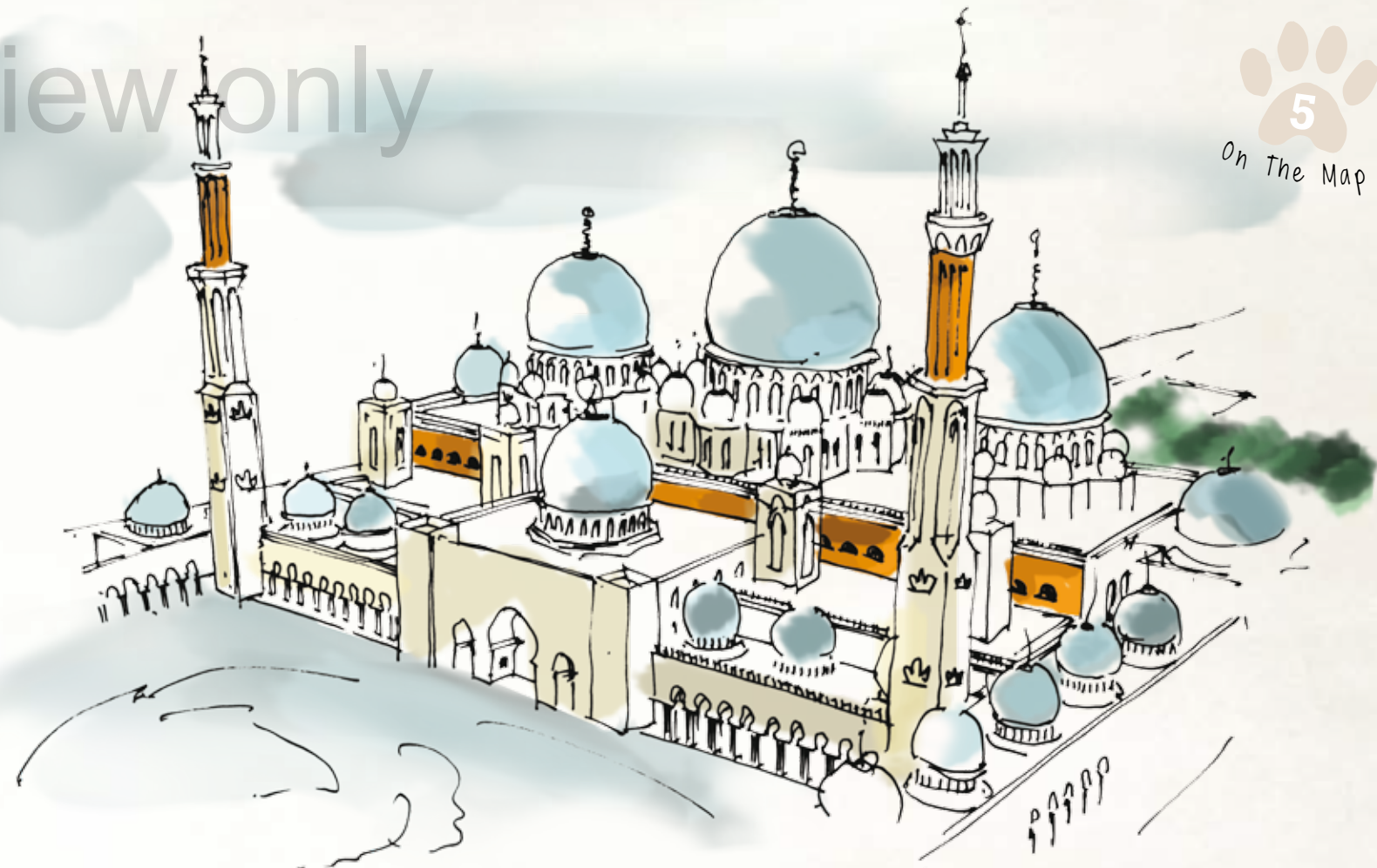
Islamic Arts Museum of Malaysia

Stepping out of the forest I found the IAMM (Islamic Arts Museum of Malaysia). I know that you normally wear jewellery round your neck but the IAMM is a jewel you can stand in. I saw decorated pistols, swords and daggers. There was also a book that looked like a painting, and fabric of such beauty I wanted to wrap myself up like a present. You can stir up your imagination here. If you are like me and you love Lego, this place will blow your mind. It has the most amazing collection of model buildings I have ever seen.

All so perfect. But do not miss the children's library. They may not have plastic building blocks but they do have fun workshops and tell the most amazing stories on the weekends.

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Welcome to Legoland IAMM version.
Inside the museum they have loads of
brilliant and beautiful models of mosques
from all around the world.

Do you know what I am trying to do? I am attempting a
dual dome. A dome that goes over and under. You have
to use a mirror to do this (and it would be better if you
are made of rubber as well). But the inverted dome that
you see on the opposite page is really incredible.



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So, after looking outside I ventured in and would you believe it....? A collection of butterflies from all over the world.

I found the word butterfly really interesting so I looked it up. And this is what I found. An old Dutch (Holland) word called them 'botervlieg' which means like butter. So, no mention of their beauty or colours??



Ohhh no!
I was just about to pick up that pebble.
Silly botervlieg.

Butterfly Park

Just around the corner is another surprise — the Butterfly Park KL. This is a massive building that houses over 5,000 incredible butterflies. Think of a colour... it is there on its wings. Go down and sit in the gazebo and look around for an amazing experience of nature. As the Discovery Channel says, "Of all the butterfly parks in the world, none can compare with this one".

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