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IS THE **MOON**

MADE OF

CHEESE?

15

THINGS

PEOPLE SAY

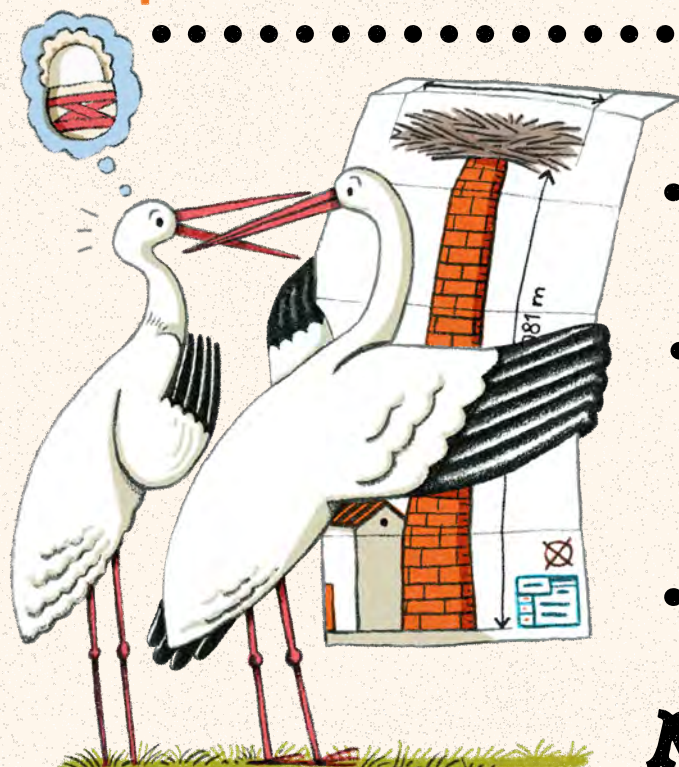
WHAT'S

ACTUALLY

TRUE?

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DO CATS REALLY HAVE

9 LIVES?

PURRR!
PURRR!

YOWL!

MEOW!

THEY DON'T.

Every living creature only gets one life. So why do people say cats have nine?

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CAT SUPER-POWERS

Cats are the daredevils of the animal world, pulling off one risky stunt after another with playful confidence. And honestly, if they really had nine lives, we'd probably discover at least one new superpower with each one.

GUESS WHAT?
DO YOU KNOW THEM ALL?

1 HEARING
Three times better than humans.

2 AGILE TAIL
It helps cats maintain their balance while walking and running.

3 A FREELY FLOATING COLLARBONE
A cat can squeeze through any opening its head can fit through.

4 RETRACTABLE CLAWS

5 SUPER-SENSITIVE WHISKERS

6 SIGHT
In the dark, cats can see six times better than people.

7 JUMP HEIGHT
Can jump up to six times its own height.

8 ROUGH TONGUE

9 RIGHT-PAWED & LEFT-PAWED

10 KITTENS
A cat can have three, six, or even twelve kittens in one litter.

11 95.6% TIGER
That's how much of its genome it shares with a tiger.

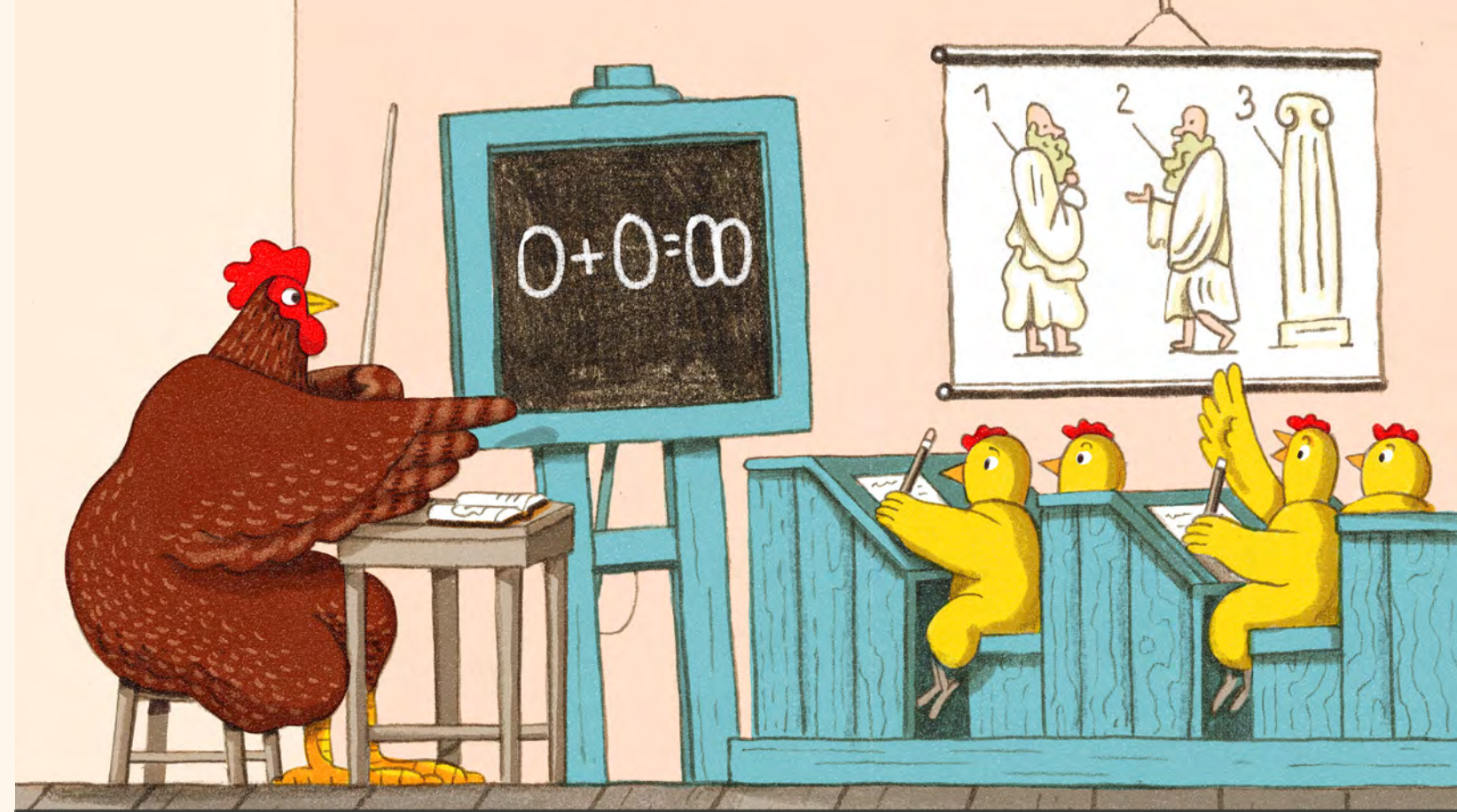
12 GAME
Plays with its prey: it may look like play, but cats are actually practicing their hunting skills.

13 CAT YEARS AREN'T THE SAME AS HUMAN YEARS!
Unlike people, cats are fully grown by about 18 months of age. Use the picture to find out how old your cat is in human years.

WHO KNOWS.

An egg hatches into a chicken, and chickens

lay eggs. It's a never-ending cycle of life. That's why the question is such a tricky one. Take a close look at the picture! Can you figure out which came first?



WHAT
DID **PEOPLE**
THINK?

The question of which came first has puzzled people for more than two thousand years. Ancient Greek philosophers wrestled with it. Even Aristotle and Plutarch couldn't solve it. Christians later offered a different answer: they believed God created all living things, including the first chicken, which laid the first egg. So the chicken came first!



WHAT DOES
MODERN
SCIENCE SAY?

According to science, it's actually the other way around. Over millions of years, living things gradually evolved from earlier species. That means the first chicken must have had an ancestor that laid an egg containing the very first true chicken. And that ancestor's ancestor? It might even have been... a dinosaur!



WILL I

.....
GO BLIND

IF I STARE AT

.....
MY PHONE

.....
 ALL DAY?



WILL MY
FACE FREEZE
LIKE THIS?

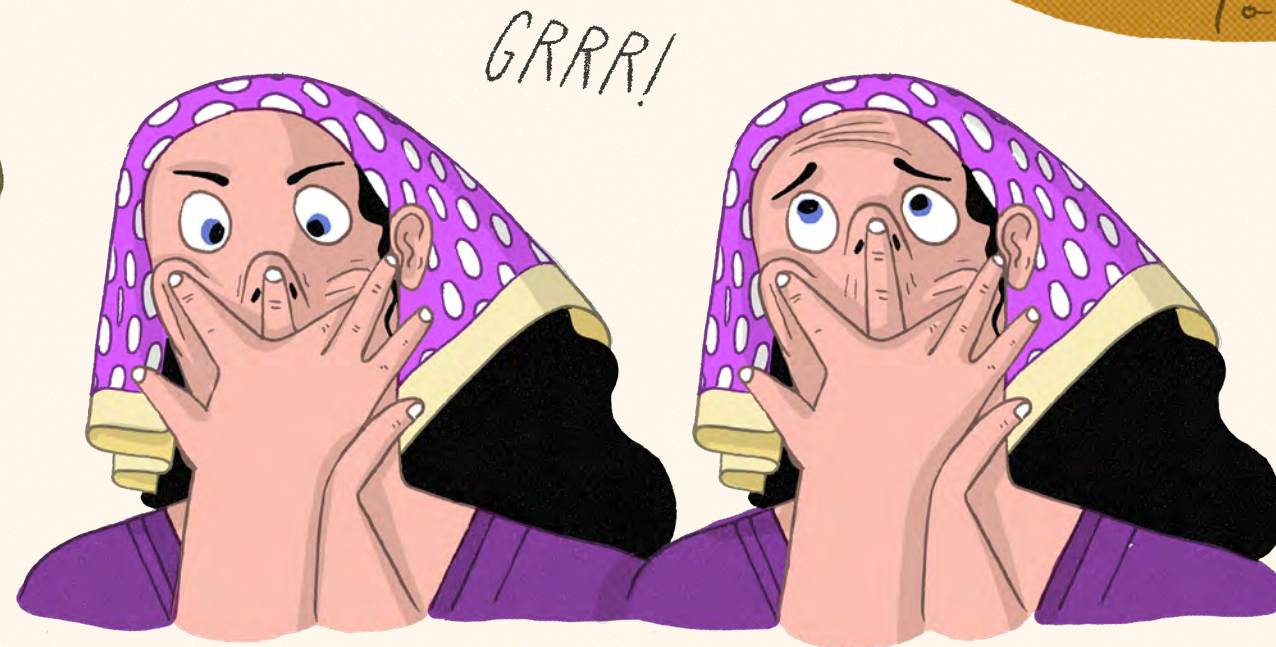


IT WON'T.

People usually say this to kids because making silly faces at others is considered rude. But sometimes it's all in good fun. Try challenging your friends to a contest to see who can make the funniest face!



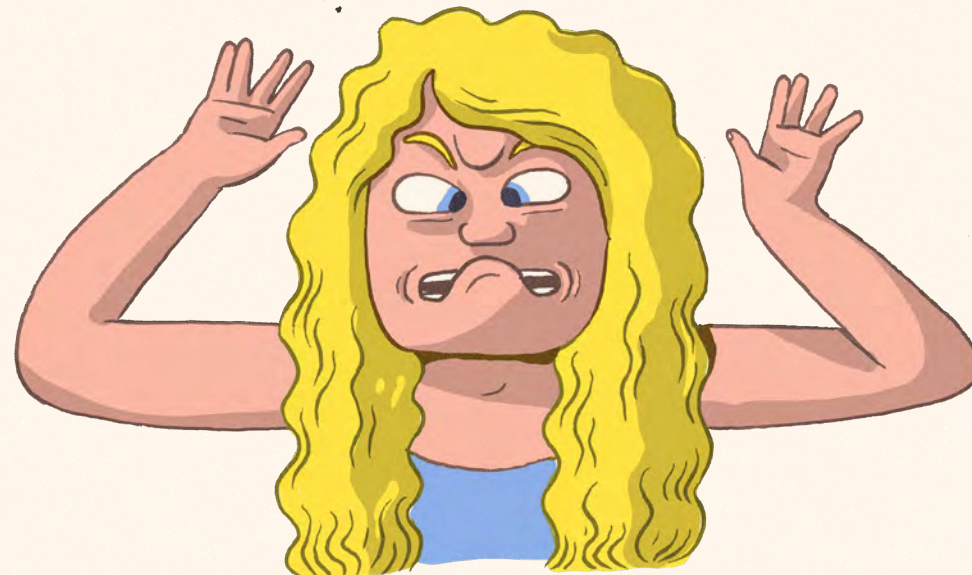
HERE'S SOME
INSPIRATION
FOR YOU!



THE ONLY
THING
THAT
MIGHT
STAY FROM
MAKING
SILLY
FACES IS
WRINKLES.



AAAA!



BEAUTY WRINKLES

But everyone gets those eventually, so there's no need to worry about them. In fact, scientists have found that people with smile lines around their mouths and eyes are often seen as warmer and friendlier.



...SO DON'T JUST
MAKE **SILLY FACES.**
LAUGH A LOT, TOO!

Fig. 2.



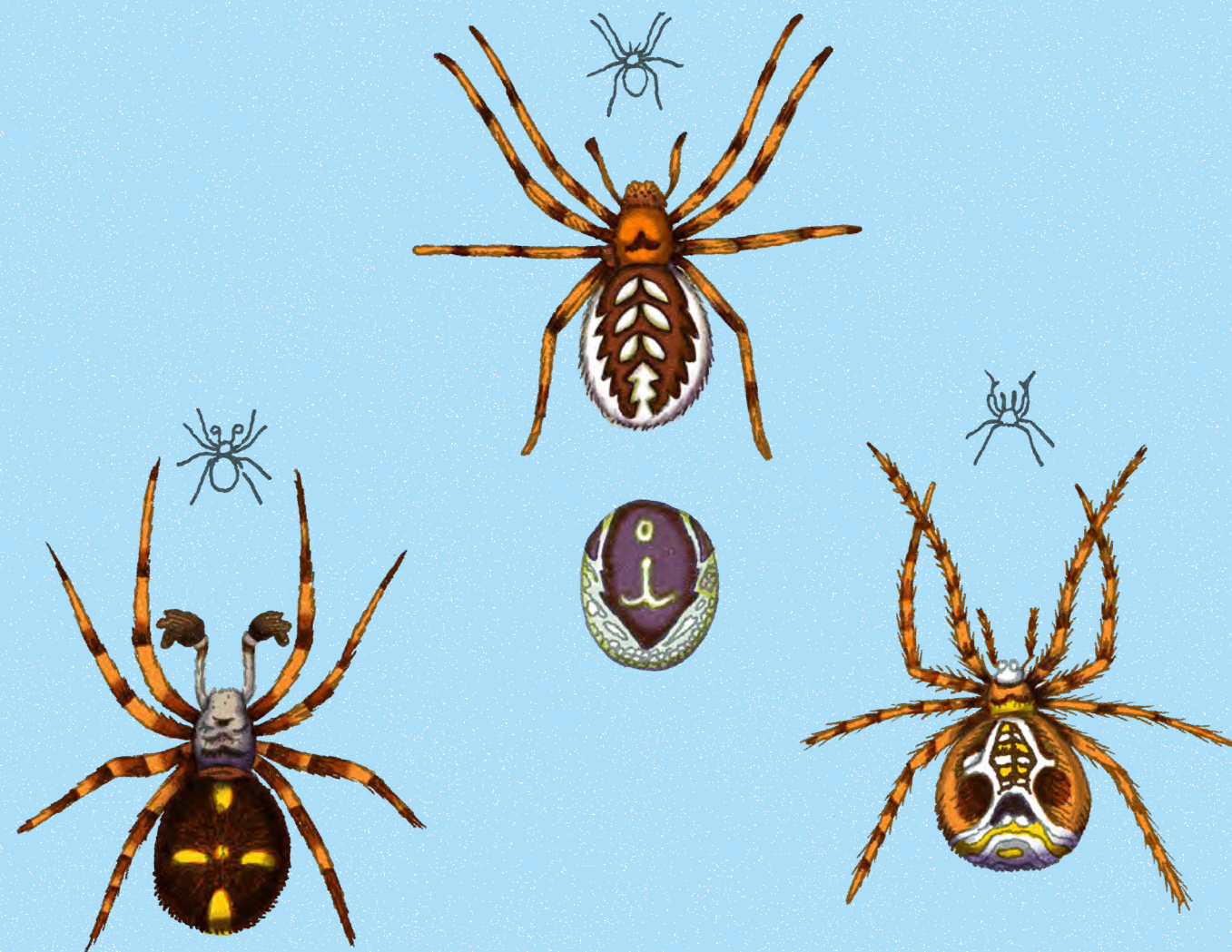
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DO WE SWALLOW

8 SPIDERS

A YEAR WHILE

WE SLEEP?



NO WAY!

Not that it would be impossible. Spiders simply have no interest in crawling into our mouths. So swallowing even one over your entire lifetime would actually be quite a feat.

..... The claim that people swallow eight spiders a year while they sleep was reportedly made up in 1993 by Lisa Holst to see whether people would believe anything they read on the internet. Since this myth is still being shared today, it seems people can be a little too trusting.



SO TRUST, BUT VERIFY... AND DON'T BE AFRAID OF SPIDERS!

HOW MANY SPIDERS CAN YOU SPOT?

