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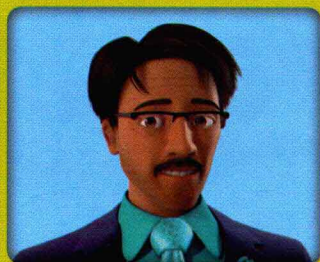
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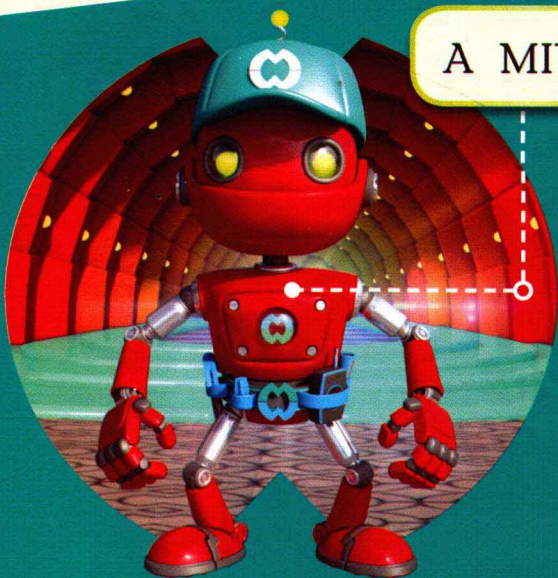


Macro Marvel
(billionaire inventor)

Welcome to Micro World!

Macro Marvel invented Micro World – a micro-sized theme park where you have to shrink to get in.

A computer called **CODE** controls Micro World and all the robots inside – MITEs and BITEs.



A MITE

Top Secret BITE



Disaster strikes!

CODE goes wrong on opening day.
CODE wants to shrink the world.

Macro Marvel is trapped inside the park ...

Enter Team X!

Four micro agents – **Max**, **Cat**, **Ant** and **Tiger** – are sent to rescue Macro Marvel and defeat CODE.

Mini Marvel joins Team X.

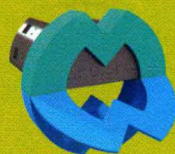


Mini Marvel
(Macro's daughter)



Together they have to:

- Defeat the BITEs.
- Collect the CODE keys.
- Rescue Macro Marvel.
- Stop CODE.
- Save the world!



CODE key
(13 collected)



Look at the map on page 4. You are in the CODE Control zone.



Before you read

Word alert

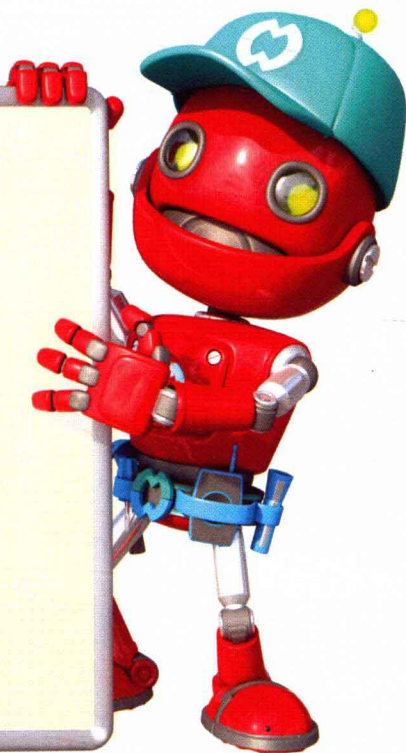
- Blend the sounds.

BITEs heroes enemies

- Which words end in the /s/ sound and which words end in the /z/ sound?

Suffix spotter

- The highlighted letters are suffixes.
- The suffixes -s, -es and -ies have been added to show these words are plurals (more than one of something).



What does it mean?

lurking – hiding

sneered – spoke in an insulting way

Into the zone

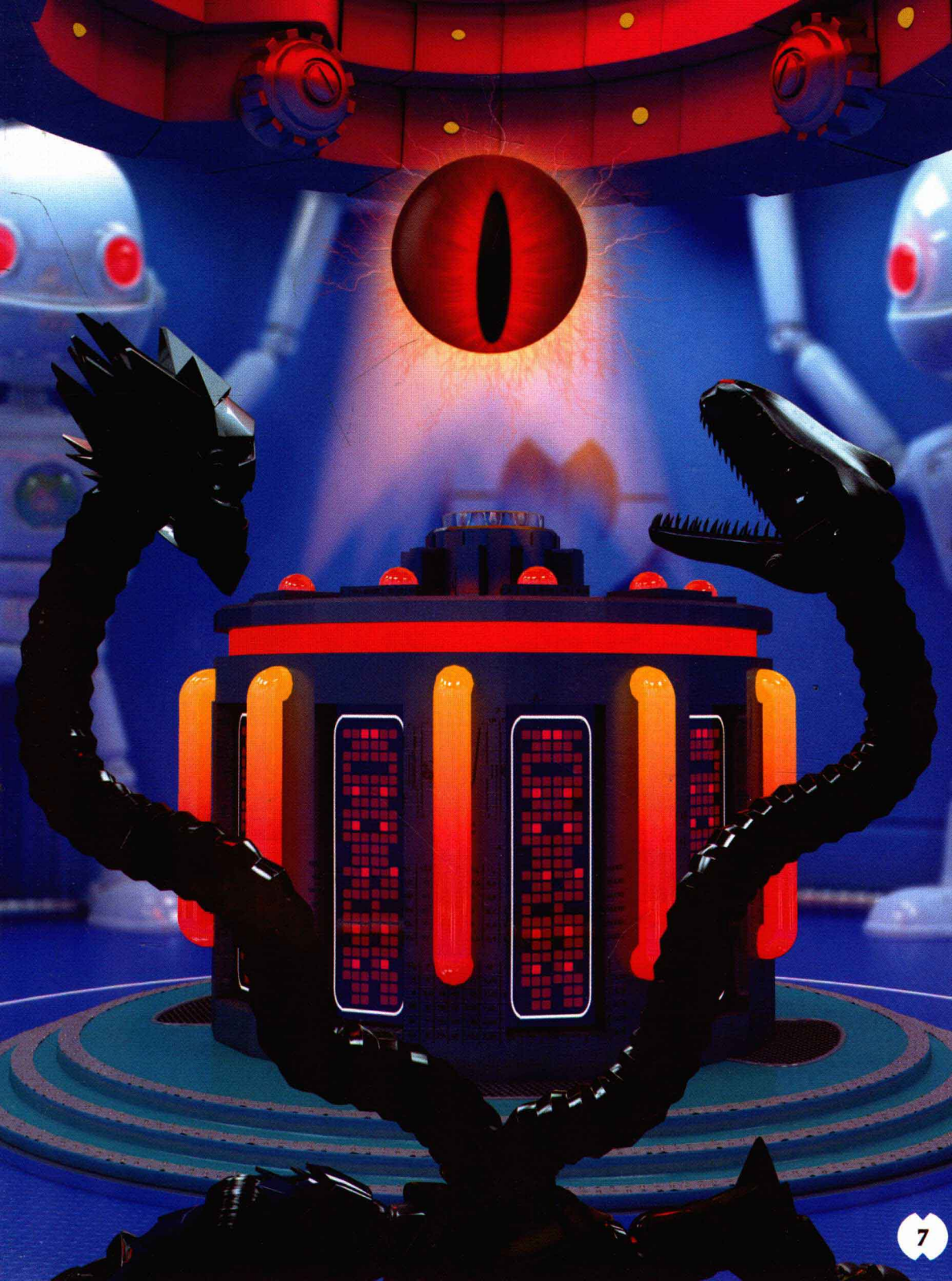
- Can you remember what CODE's goal is?
- This story is called "Secret in the Shadows". What do you think the secret might be?



Secret in the Shadows

CODE's red eye flashed angrily in a dark room in Marvel Towers. CODE was talking to a figure lurking in the shadows.

"Team X have beaten my Virus-BITE but I will not let them defeat me! I must not be stopped!" boomed CODE. "My shrinking rays are almost fully charged! Soon I will be strong enough to shrink all the people on the planet! I must keep people safe. Tiny people will not eat so much or cause so much pollution!"





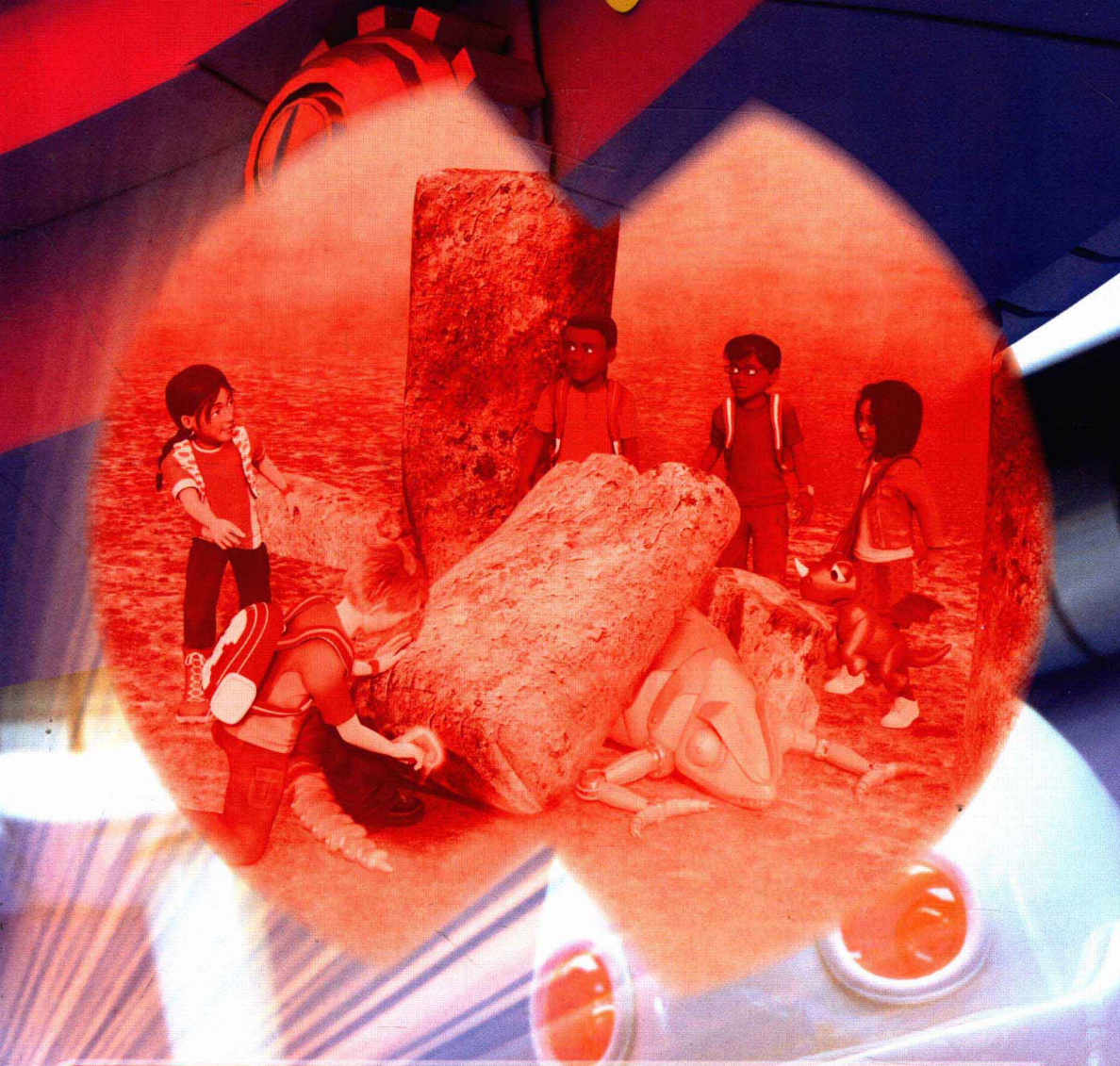
“Team X might want to stop my plans but they won’t beat me again. I know too much about them now!” CODE sneered.



“Ever since Team X entered Micro World, I have been watching them. I have seen them use their special kit and amazing X-craft to defeat my BITEs,” said CODE.

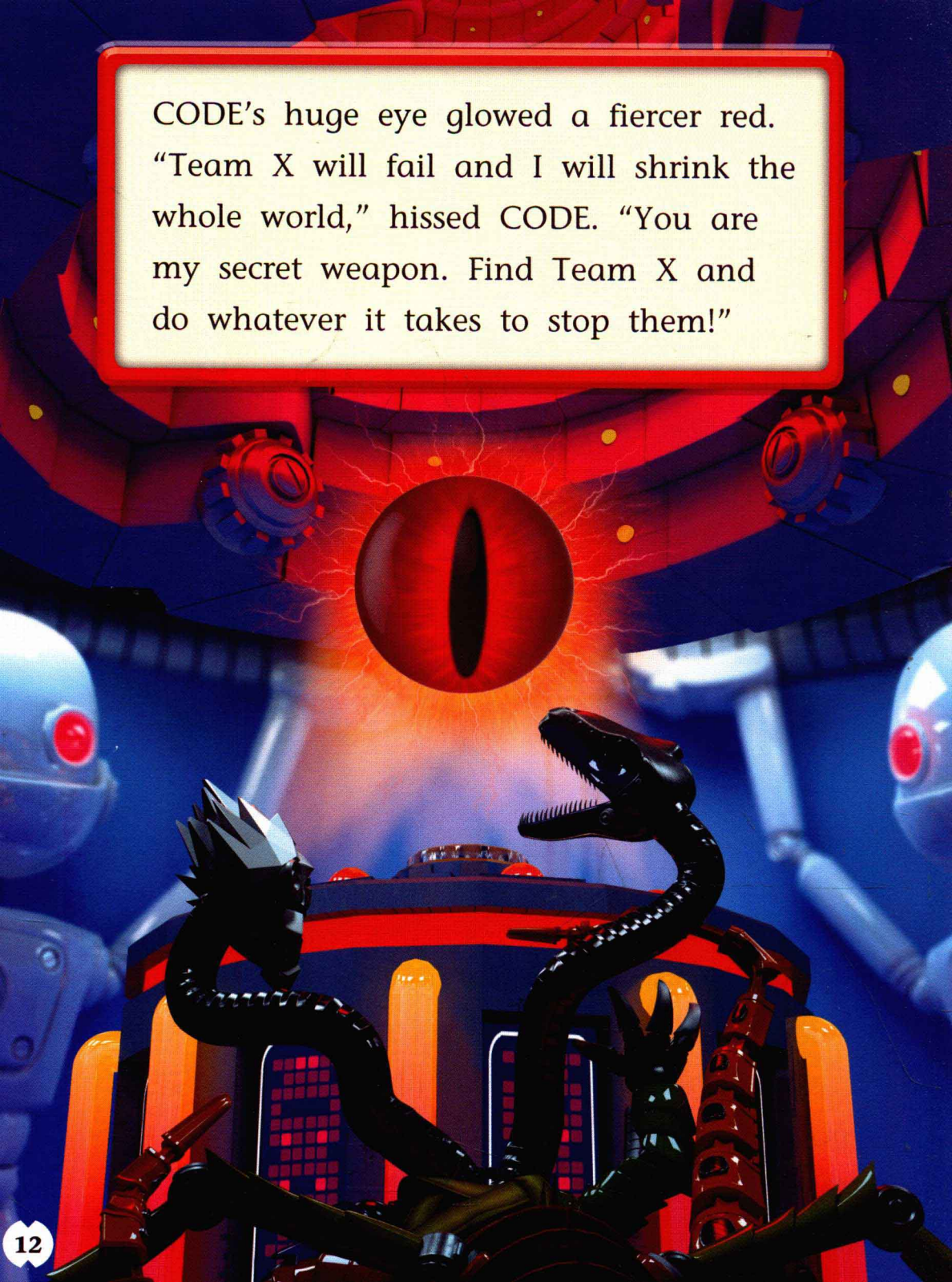


"I have seen Team X and that clever Mini Marvel make plans to get my CODE keys," muttered CODE.



"Now my enemies have thirteen CODE keys. They think they are heroes but they are just babies! Their watches, kit and X-craft will be no use against me."

CODE's huge eye glowed a fiercer red. "Team X will fail and I will shrink the whole world," hissed CODE. "You are my secret weapon. Find Team X and do whatever it takes to stop them!"

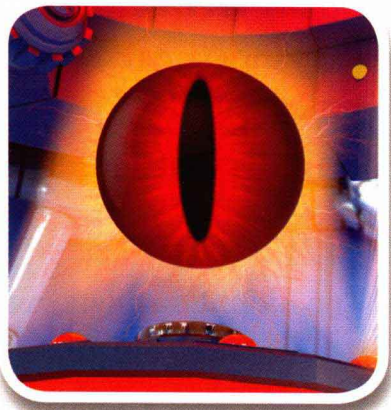


Now you have read ...

Secret in the Shadows

Finding words

Look back at the story and find words that give you clues about CODE's character.



True or false?

Are these sentences true or false?

Use evidence from the story to explain why.

- CODE is angry with Team X.
- CODE is talking to itself.
- CODE's shrinking rays are almost fully charged.



True

False

True

False

True

False

Think about the story

What do you think CODE's secret weapon is?

We'll need all our skills to defeat CODE!



Before you read

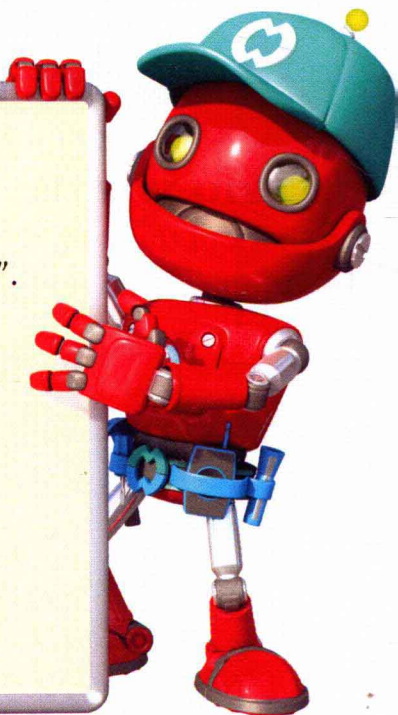
Word alert

- Read the words. Remember the sounds you practised in “Secret in the Shadows”.

parts watches bodies

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What does it mean?

air vent – opening in the wall that allows fresh air in

desperation – having no hope and being ready to try anything

Into the zone

- What do you think Team X will do next?
- Do you think Macro Marvel will be able to tell Team X how to defeat CODE?

