

TOM and The TUPELO SPIRIT





“TOM AND THE TUPELO SPIRIT”
is dedicated in loving memory of
TOM THE POM



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Be a part of Tom's story!
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coloring pages with us!

Simply snap a photo and upload it to Tom's gallery
of coloring pages by scanning the QR code below.



This Book Belongs To



This is the story of a dog, his human, a community,
and the special spirit that brings them all together.

There's an old saying: *when one door closes, another one opens*. Well, in this case, it was a backyard gate, and it looked like the perfect opportunity to Tom the Pom, a feisty little pup with a big heart and an even bigger sense of adventure.

On a beautiful March day, Tom took his first steps on a journey that would capture a whole town's imagination and spark the spirit of its citizens.

While Tom might have set off on the adventure of a lifetime, Tom the Pom's Mom, Allie, was thrown into a full-blown panic when she discovered that her precious Pomeranian was missing. She quickly came up with a plan and turned to Tupelo's greatest strength: its people.

Allie asked the community for help, posting on social media, putting up flyers, and urging anyone who spotted Tom to call her right away. The response was absolutely amazing! People shared her posts, joined search parties, offered kind words, and showed incredible determination to bring Tom home safe, warm, and happy.

The **Tupelo Spirit** is what makes this city so special—neighbors helping neighbors, lifting each other up, and showing love not just to people, but to pets, too.

We invite you to **Catch the Spirit!** - wherever you live -
and visit www.tupelo.net/celebratetupelo2025
to learn more about the iconic people and places
that make Tupelo one of a kind.

Enjoy Tom the Pom's story from his point of view!



Hi there!

I'm Tom the Pom, and this is the story of a day I'll never forget.



It all started when I was playing in my backyard and noticed something unusual ... the gate was open. Now, I've always wanted to explore my beautiful hometown of **Tupelo, Mississippi**, so I figured, why not today?



First, I wandered through my own neighborhood, **Joyner**. I love the cozy homes, the shady streets, and the happy sounds of kids playing outside. Everything felt familiar and friendly.



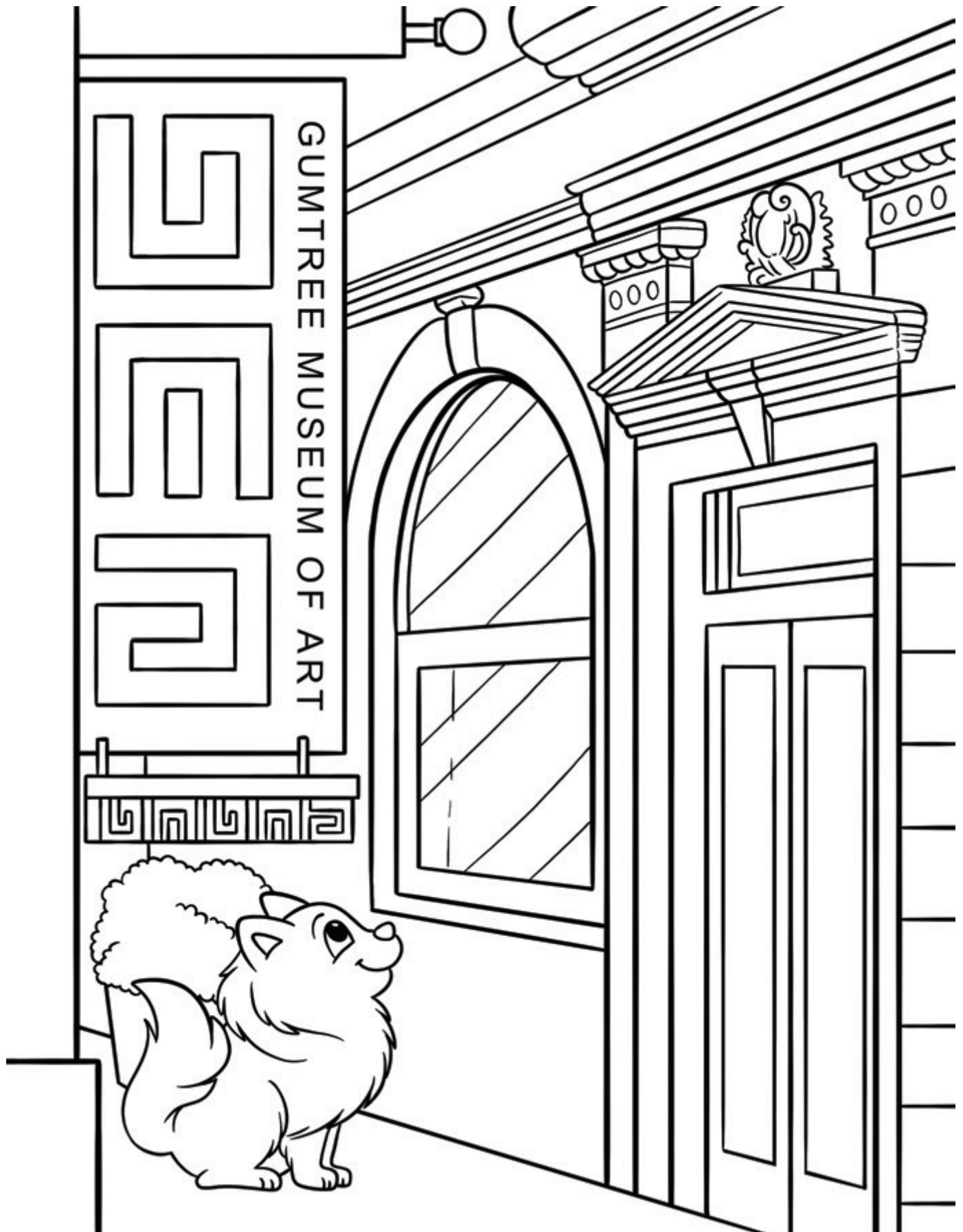
My next stop was **Downtown Tupelo**. Wow – what a lively place! There were colorful murals, tree-lined streets, and lots of shops to sniff around.



My first visit was to **Reed's**, a family-owned department store that's been around since 1905. The people were so kind – they even tied a bandana around my neck.



Across the street at **MLM Clothiers**, more friendly faces called out my name. How did they know me? Hmm ... interesting!



I trotted through a cheerful alley painted with flowers and circus animals and found myself at the **GumTree Museum of Art**. What a creative bunch! Their exhibits were pawsitively delightful.



All that walking made me hungry. The downtown smells were incredible, and I finally followed my nose to **Vanelli's**. The pupperoni pizza gave me just the boost I needed!



Look at the marquee on this historic theatre. That sounds like a great mystery!



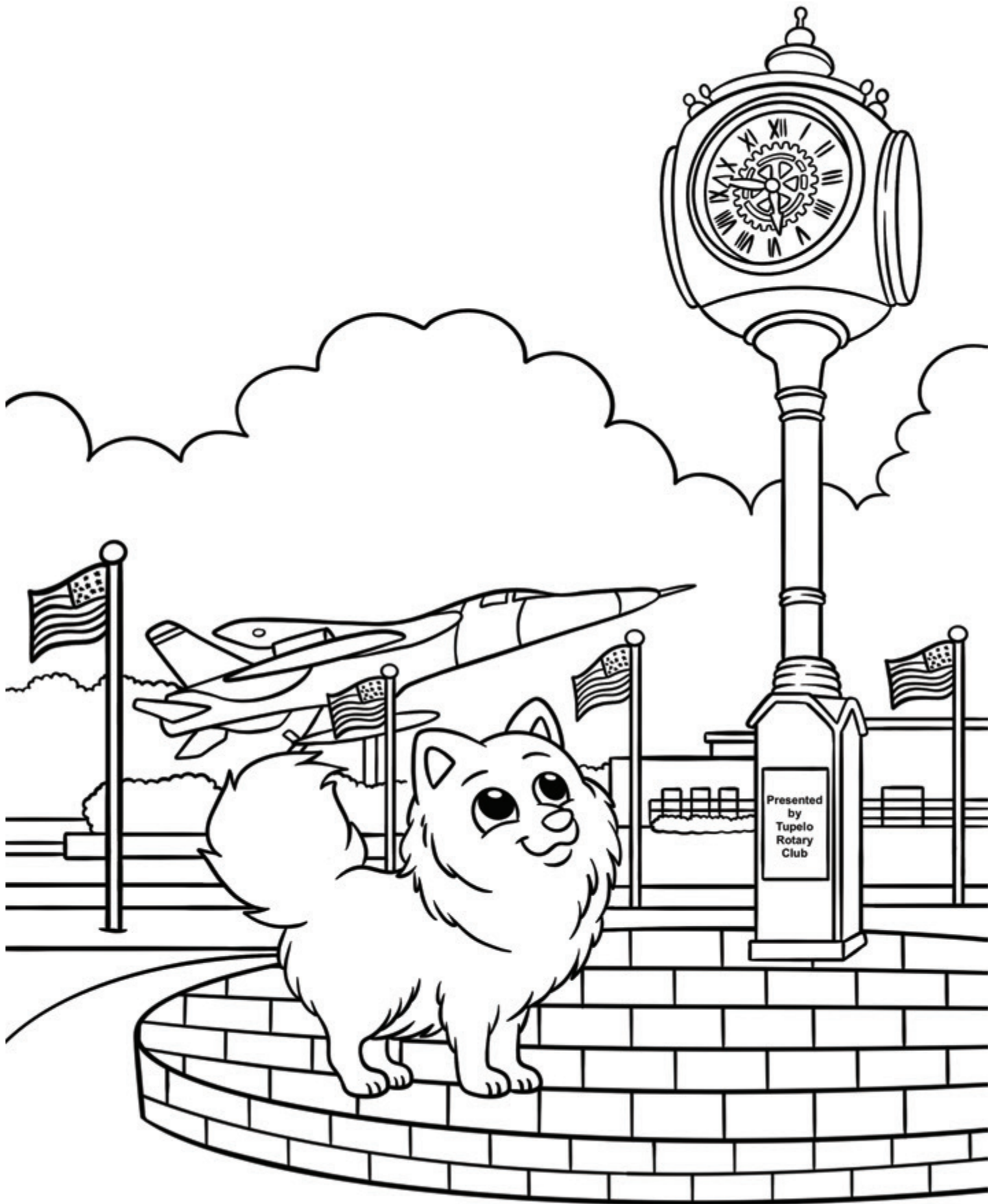
Who is this guy? He is everywhere. They even have a statue of him in Fairpark.



Next, I stopped by the **Tupelo Visitors Center**, where I learned all about the city's history and found out that famous guy is Elvis. That gave me a few ideas for the rest of my day.



So, off I went to the **Elvis Presley Birthplace and Museum**. I took a moment to sit on the front porch, wag my tail, and dream some big dreams of my own. I think I'd make a pretty cool cat for a dog.



Right next door was **Veterans Memorial Park** with the **Tupelo Aquatic Center** and lots of exhibits honoring American heroes.



After that, I visited **Johnnie's Drive-In**, Elvis' favorite restaurant.
But wait, was that a picture of me on the wall?



Feeling curious (and still a little hungry),
I headed to **Dairy Kream**, Tupelo's second-oldest restaurant, for a sweet treat.



I made my way back downtown, where I met a lovely couple at **Papa V's**. They said everyone had been searching for me and promised to help me get home.



It took a day or two, but guess what? I finally saw my mom again –
and oh, what a tail-wagging reunion it was!



We celebrated that night at one of Downtown's great events, where everyone who had helped look for me stopped by to say hello. I felt like the guest of honor, and I guess I was!

TUPEL



SPIRIT



I'm so glad I live in Tupelo, where the **Tupelo Spirit** shines bright, where kindness is everywhere, and where even a little dog who didn't know he was lost, can be found.



FUN FACTS

Tupelo, Mississippi, has a national park.

A TRAIL THROUGH HISTORY

The **Natchez Trace Parkway** is 444 miles long and follows an ancient path used by First Americans and early settlers.

HEADQUARTERS IN TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

The Parkway's visitor center is in Tupelo! Kids can explore exhibits and earn a Junior Ranger badge. Dogs can even become Bark Rangers!

MADE BY ANIMALS

Long ago, animals like bison created trails through the forest and people later followed their paths.

NATURE ALL AROUND

Along the Parkway you'll find swamps, rivers, wildflowers, and even waterfalls!

ANCIENT EARTH MOUNDS

Near Tupelo, you can see the Bynum Mounds built over 2,000 years ago by First Americans!



Help Tom Find The Words

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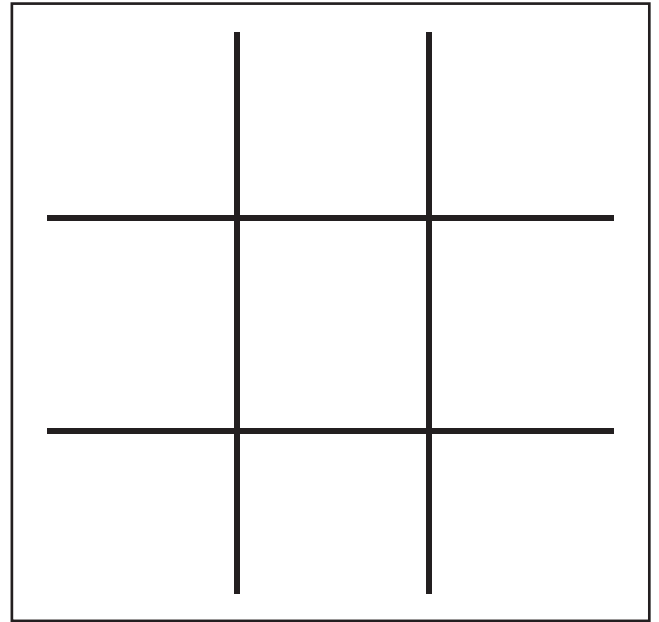
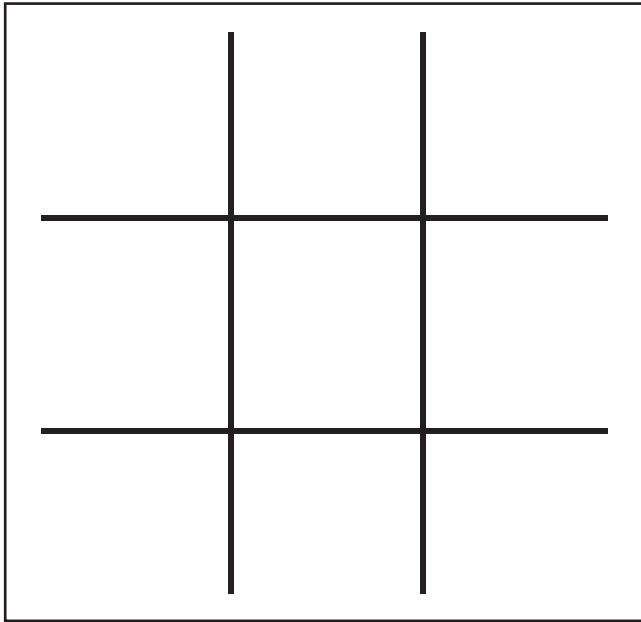
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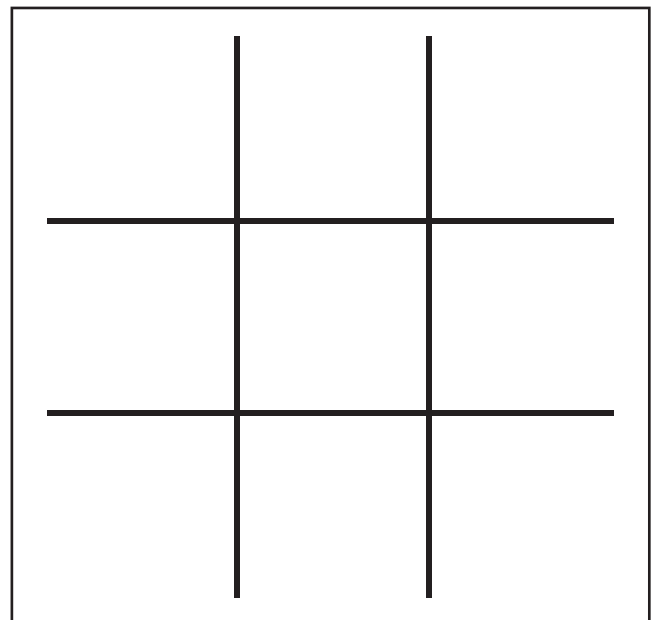
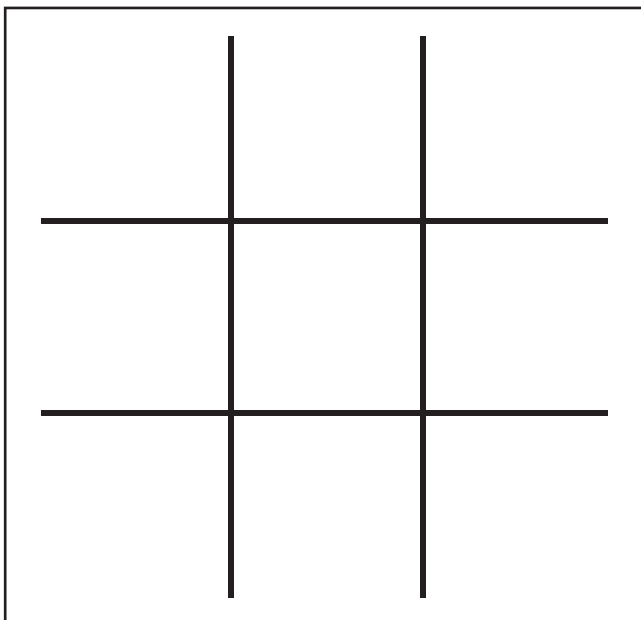
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WITH TOM –
The Cat Never Wins.**

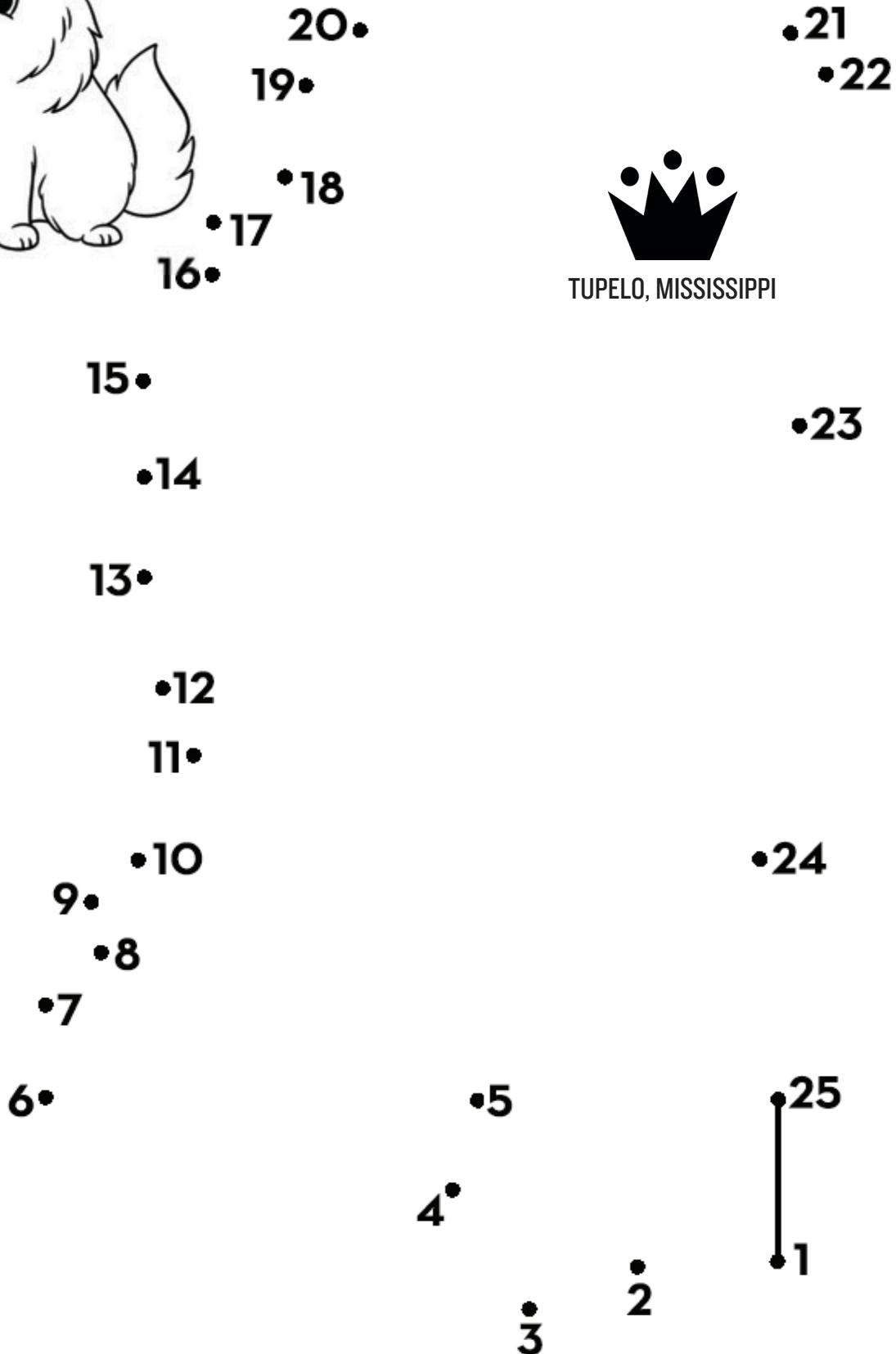


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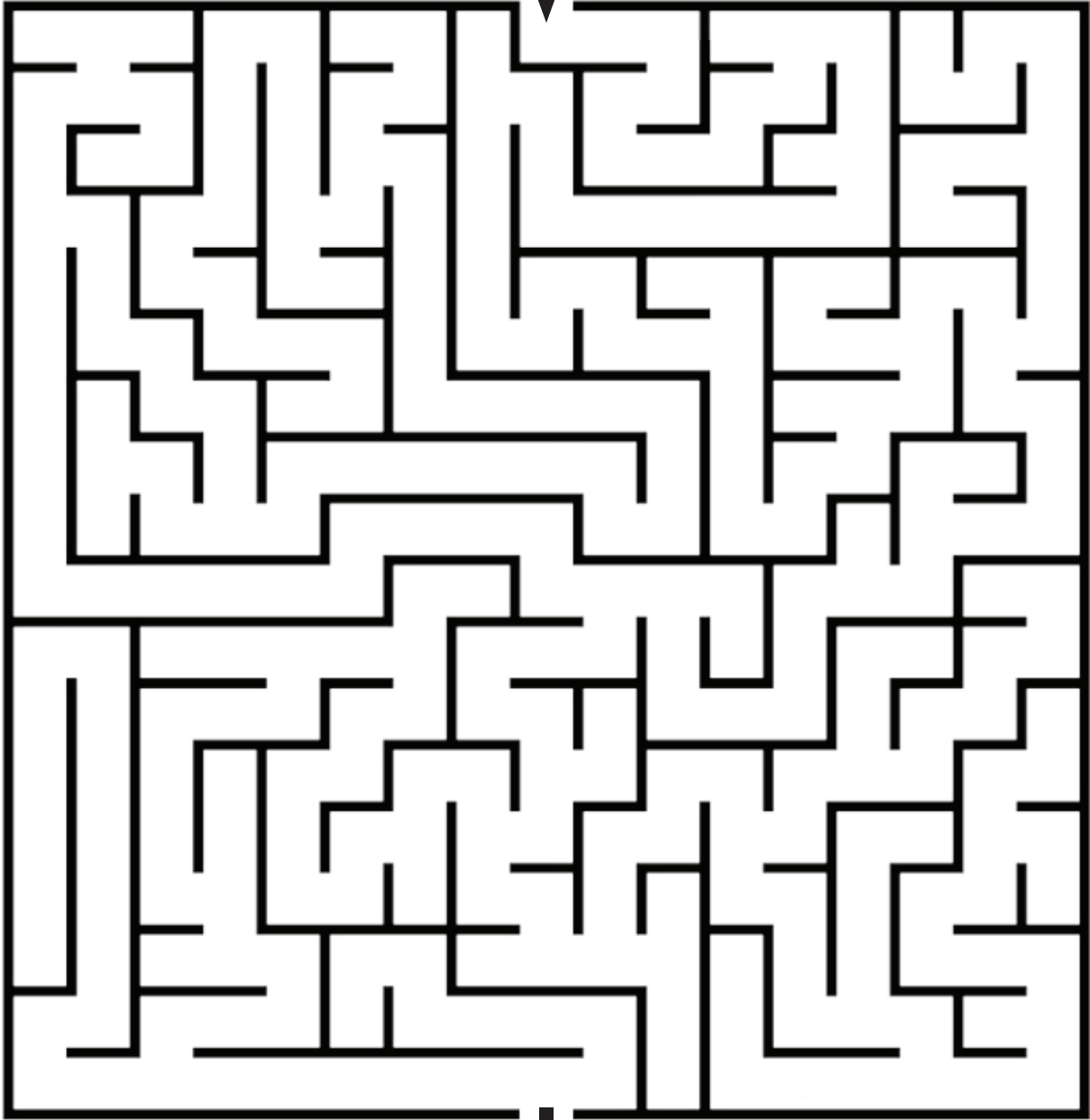
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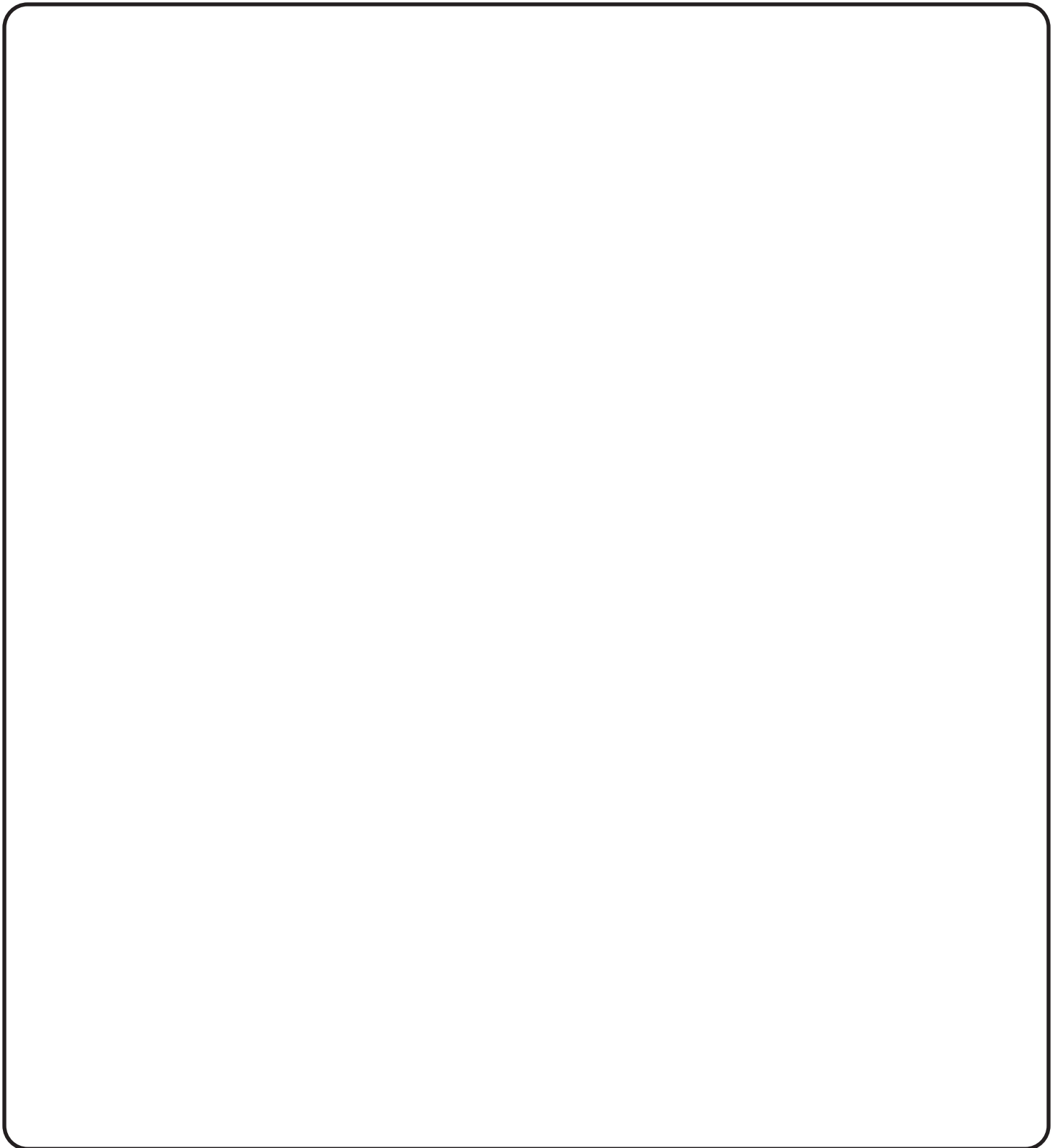
TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI



**HELP TOM
FIND HIS WAY HOME**



**Thank you for coloring Tom the Pom's journey!
Draw your favorite place in Tupelo.**



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Don't forget to share your favorite coloring pages with us!

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You could be one of five lucky winners to receive a special prize and have your artwork on display at GumTree Museum of Art.



Imagine what you can do here!
#MyTupelo



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