

# Chef Possum's Woodland Cafe

An early reader  
graphic novel proposal  
by Chelsea Carr



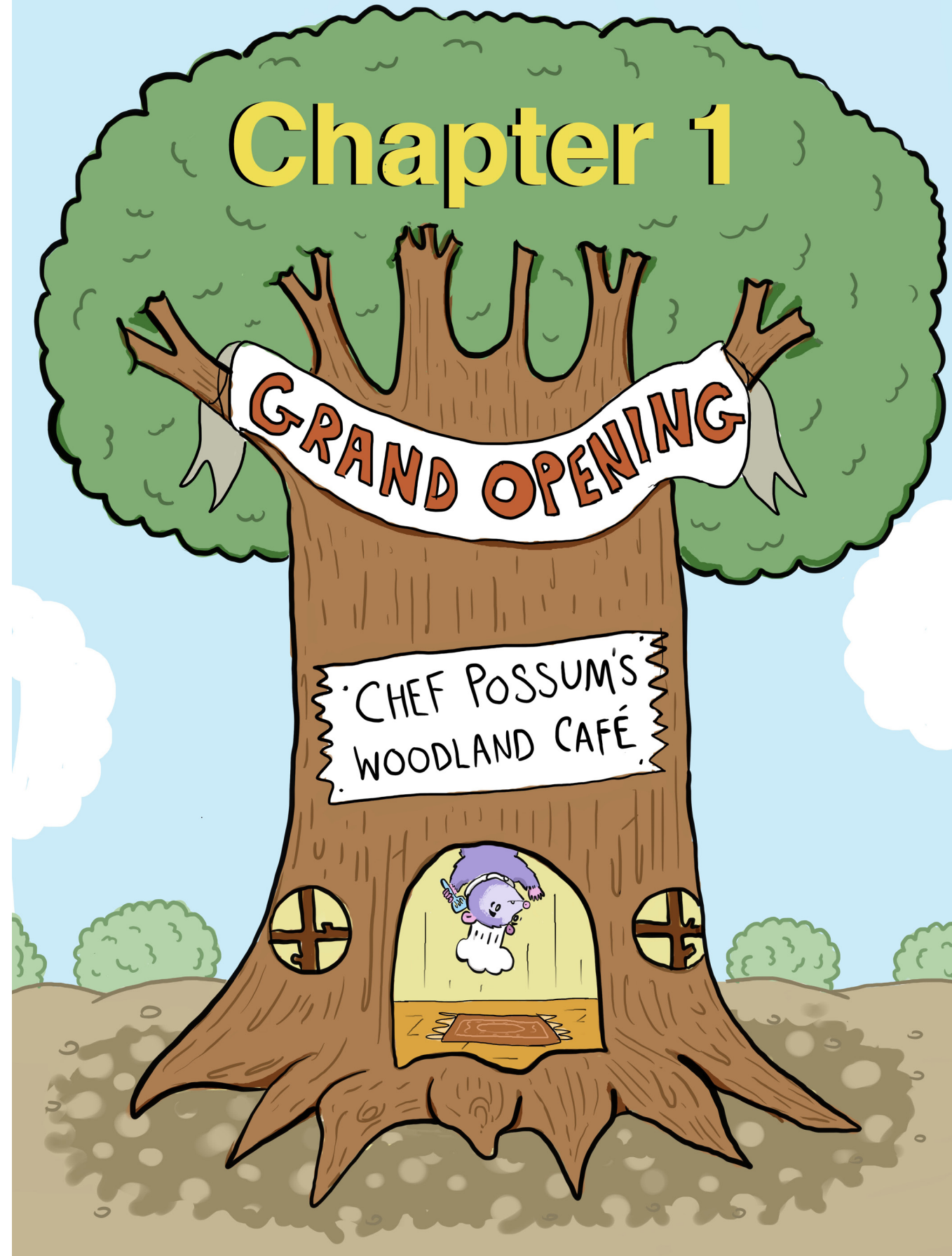
## Synopsis

Chef Possum just opened his first restaurant, and he wants everyone to like it! Unfortunately, he soon finds out that he can't please all of his customers. Through a series of missteps and misfortunes, Chef learns that it's impossible to make food all the creatures of the forest will enjoy. When he stays true to his vision and makes food he and his closest friends can eat, he becomes happier and his restaurant becomes more successful.

I was inspired to write this book because animals who forage for food, and often, garbage, are easily misunderstood. When I was a kid, my mom was involved with wild animal rehabilitation and we briefly had baby possums in our home. As an adult, I've allowed local animal rescuers to use my yard to relocated rehabbed raccoons. In both instances, I treasure my memories of these creatures who some may find disgusting, but they truly are sweet once you get to know them.



Sample art





Welcome to  
*Chef Possum's*  
*Woodland Café!*



In this restaurant  
your favorite food is  
**always** on the menu.



Can I help you?



Chef?  
There is  
a problem.

What is  
wrong?



Pssst

Pssst

Pssst



Upside-down?

Me?!

That

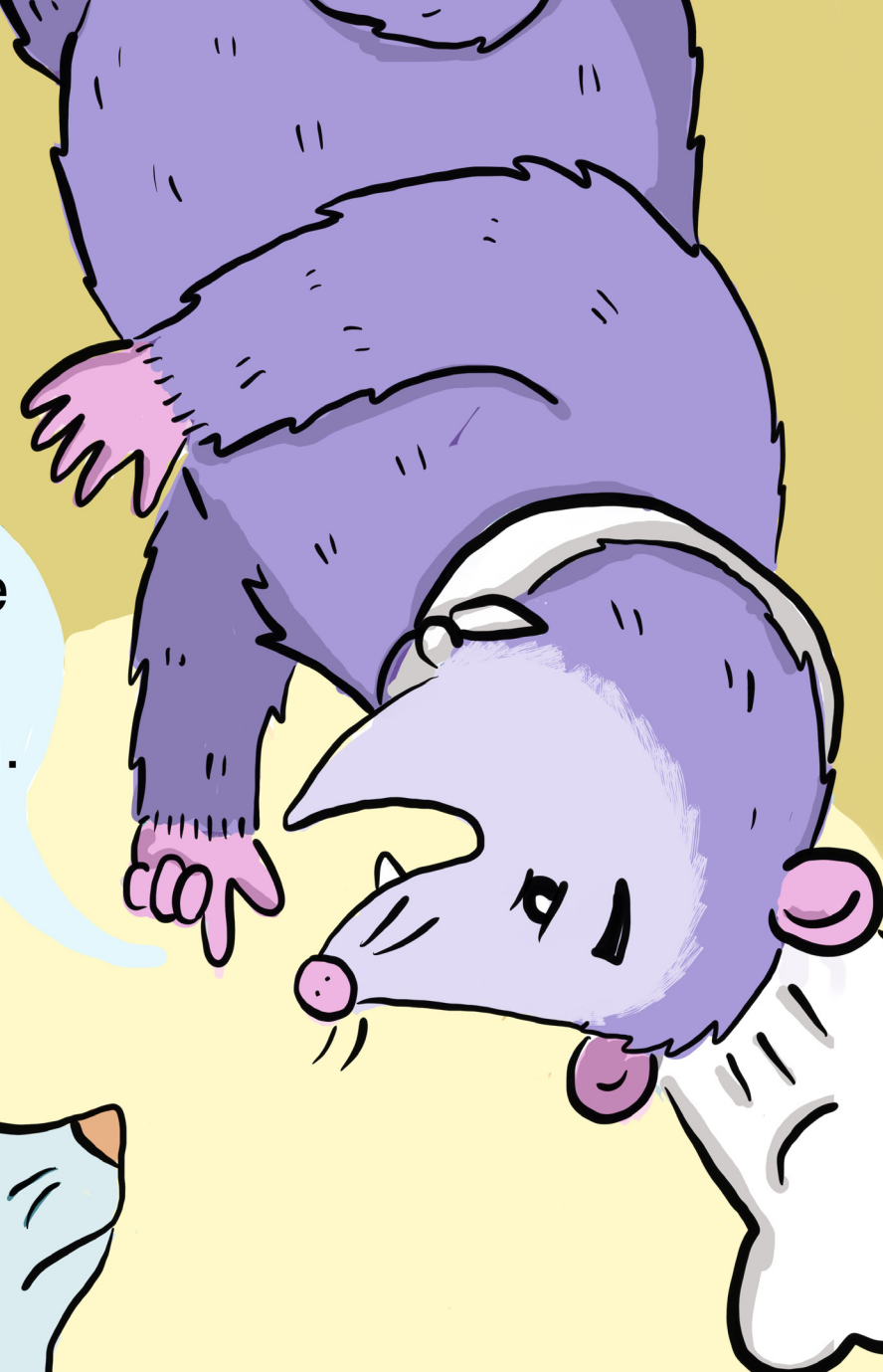
is

**SILLY!**


Ha!

Ha!


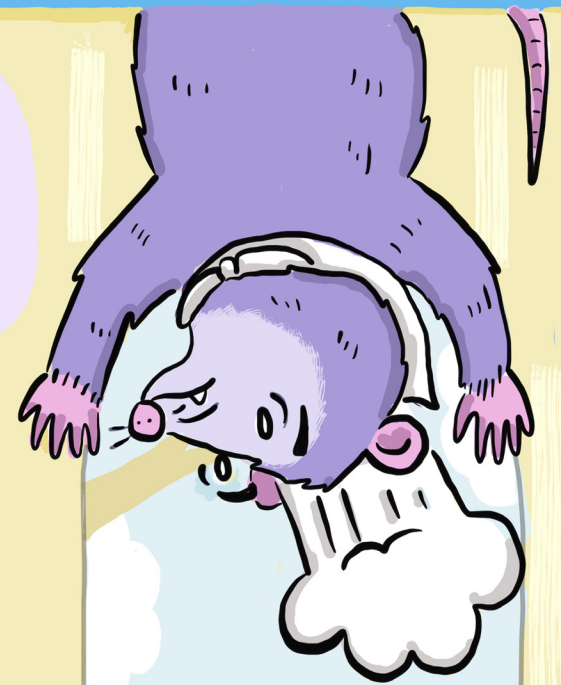
**HA!**



**YOU** are the one who is upside-down.




I cannot go upside-down, Chef.




Oh, OK. The customer is always right.





Is this better?

Yes.



Well now that we have fixed that, why don't you have a seat?

Uh, Chef?



Oh.

Sometimes I forget not everyone can hang upside-down.



There is another  
problem.

## About the Author

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## Marketing Points

*Chef Possum's Woodland Cafe* will appeal to early readers ages 4-8. Readers of *Chef Possum's Woodland Cafe* will love other books featuring animal antics, such as:

- Narwhal and Jelly
- Hello Hedgehog!
- Unicorn and Yeti
- BunBun & BonBon



**Thank you!**

