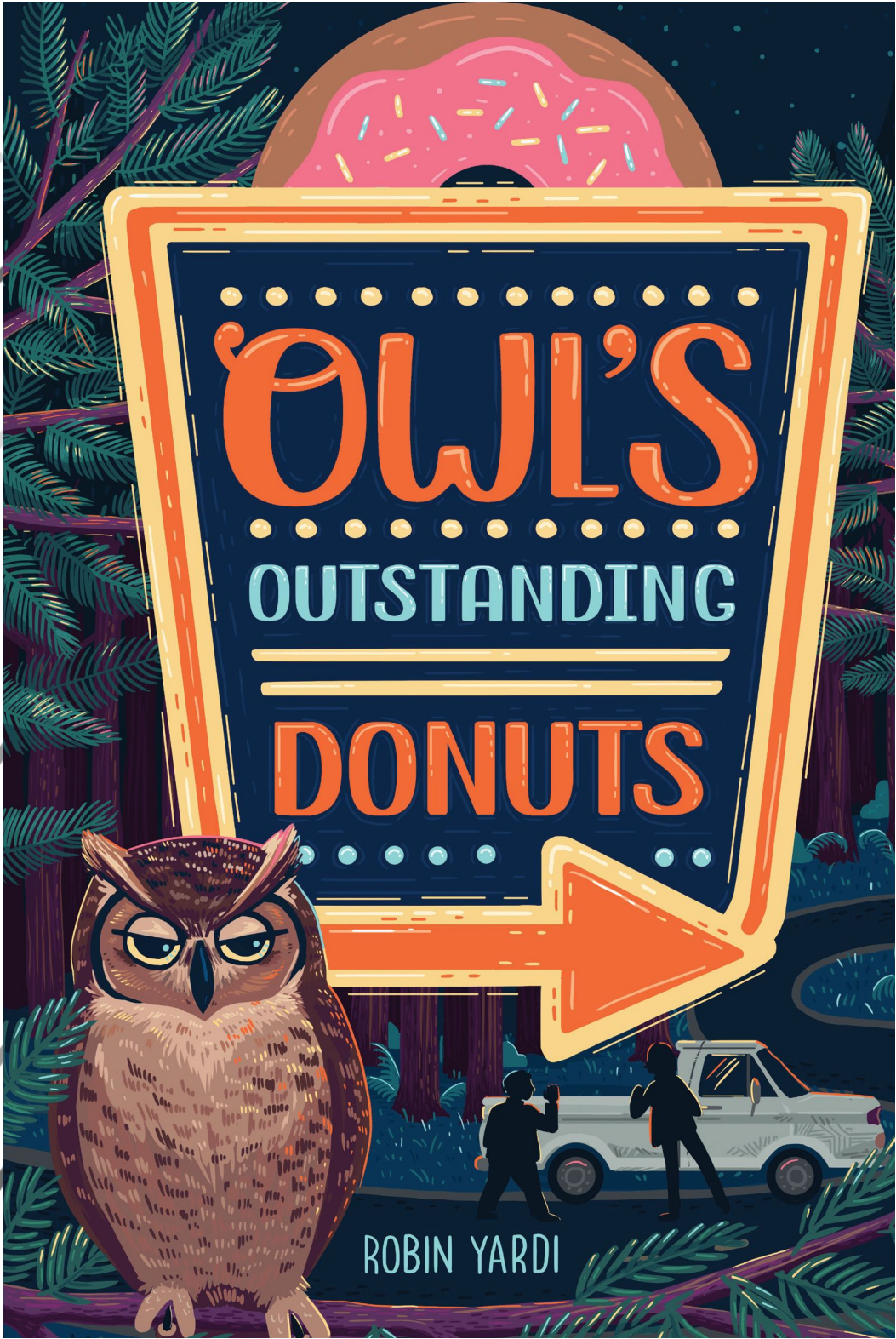


1. **Read the secret scene from Owl's Outstanding Donuts.**
2. **Brainstorm your own scene that happens before or after the GLOOP mystery!**
3. **Name your chapter after a donut, one of your own creation or one from the book.**

4. **Now create the secret scene using new or familiar characters:**





THE STRAWBERRY ICED CLASSIC

A SOUR CREAM CAKE DONUT WITH STRAWBERRY-INFUSED
PINK ICING & SPRINKLES

To be perfectly forthright the first time that Alfred ate a Strawberry Iced Classic it was on accident. A very industrious mouse had liberated the donut that was to become Alfred's favored flavor from the dumpster behind *Owl's Outstanding Donuts*. The mouse had only just begun to enjoy its first nibble when Alfred swooped down with talons stretched wide. He'd intended to snatch the mouse. But he missed. Flapping his wings to regain altitude he clacked his beak in annoyance. The mouse scurried into the shadows beneath the battered blue dumpster and Alfred was sure it was still watching him. Laughing. He couldn't drop the pink donut now. He had to pretend that he'd wanted it

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all along. And the donut, oh it felt odd clutched in his talons. Soft. Crumbly. Strange... but not unpleasant. And the aroma! It wafted upwards on a salty breeze from below the bluff. It might even smell better than a mouse, Alfred mused. Alfred landed on his favorite dining perch awkwardly, trying not to crush the crumbly sweet. He set it on the redwood branch, shivering his feathers into place, and leaned forward over the pink confection. It had sprinkles. They looked like tiny pink bones. But other than that—Alfred had to admit—it looked delicious. Alfred nipped at the edge. A smudge of something soft encrusted his beak. He licked at it. The pink icing tasted like summer. Like the mice he'd hunted in the strawberry fields of Monterey in his youth. Very outstanding! Alfred decided in that moment, that nothing would ever be interesting enough to interrupt his new nightly ritual. And when he was finished, he hunted that impudent mouse for dessert.