

# INTESTINES

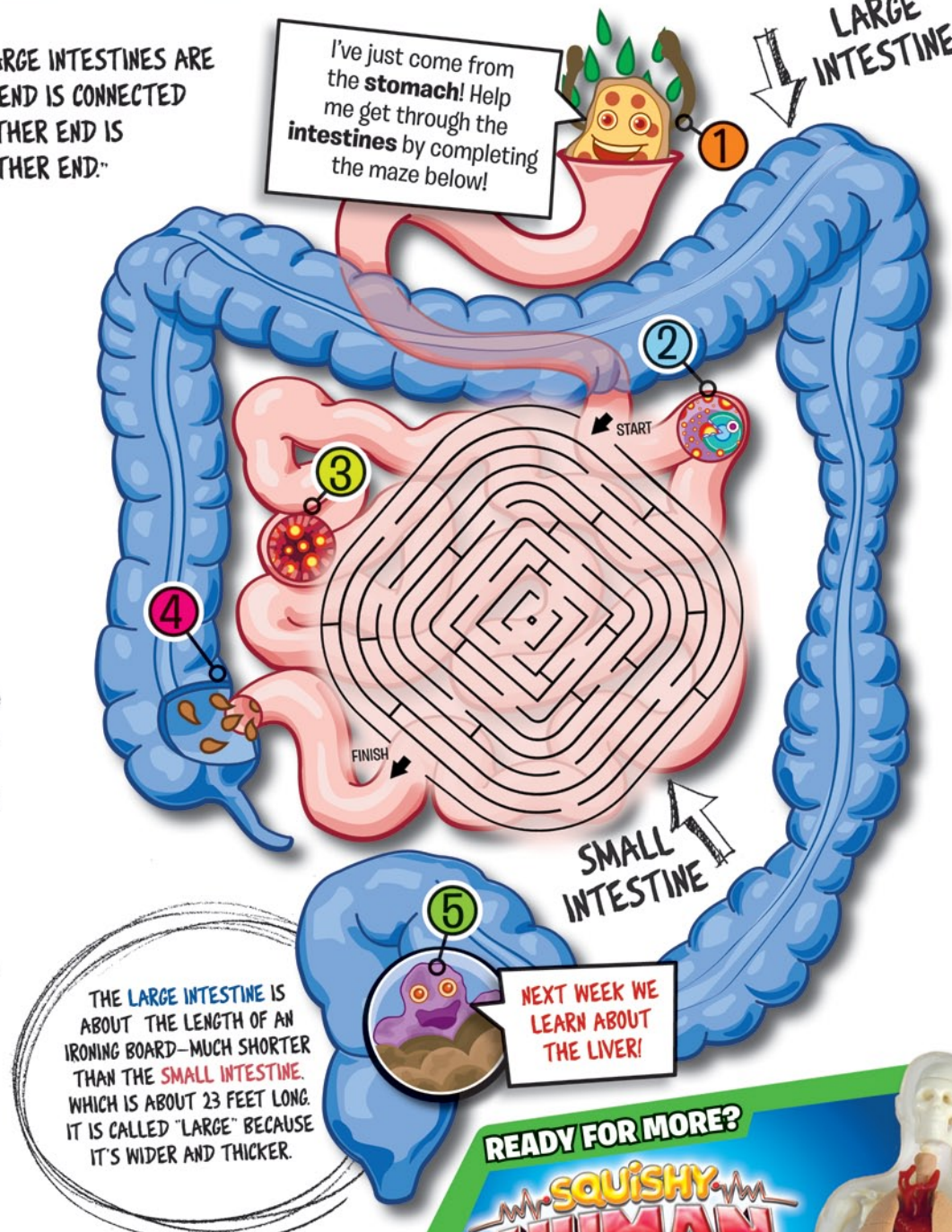
**T**OGETHER, YOUR SMALL AND LARGE INTESTINES ARE ONE LONG, SQUISHY TUBE. ONE END IS CONNECTED TO THE STOMACH, AND THE OTHER END IS CONNECTED TO, WELL, YOUR "OTHER END."

I've just come from the **stomach!** Help me get through the **intestines** by completing the maze below!

LARGE INTESTINE

## THE VITALS

- 1 The small intestine adds substances to the stomach acid. This makes it harmless to the delicate lining of the small intestine.
- 2 Enzymes from the small intestine breaks down all the nutrients into the tiniest molecules.
- 3 Fuzzy hair-like cells along the inside of the small intestine, called villi (VIL-eye), absorb the nutrients and pass them along into your blood.
- 4 Things like the tough fiber from the pizza's tomatoes gets squirted into your large intestine. It absorbs much of the leftover water, leaving thick, brown POOP!
- 5 Bacteria in your large intestine feast on your poop.



THE LARGE INTESTINE IS ABOUT THE LENGTH OF AN IRONING BOARD—MUCH SHORTER THAN THE SMALL INTESTINE, WHICH IS ABOUT 23 FEET LONG. IT IS CALLED "LARGE" BECAUSE IT'S WIDER AND THICKER.

READY FOR MORE?

**SQUISHY HUMAN BODY**

