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CHAPTER 1



HELLO, PAUL!

POGBA!
POGBA!

Let's meet football superstar **Paul Pogba**.

Manchester United's

MAGIC
MIDFIELDER

shot to fame as a teenager and has gone on to win titles including **Serie A**, the **Coppa Italia**, the **Europa League** and the ultimate football prize, the **WORLD CUP**.



He's one of the
WORLD'S TOP PLAYERS
and this book is all about him!

SO, WHAT MAKES **POGBA** SUCH A GOOD PLAYER?

Power

Super strong, he dominates the midfield.

Energy

Capable of sudden bursts of speed and powerful movement.

Height

He towers over his opponents and is dangerous in the air.

Passing

Delivers pinpoint passes that can change the course of a game.

Dead ball king

Master of spectacular free kicks and penalties.



POGBA IN NUMBERS

LET'S LOOK AT THE NUMBERS
THAT MAKE POGBA SO SPECIAL.

4 ... SERIE A wins

1 ... WORLD CUP win

1 ... EUROPA LEAGUE win

1 ... LEAGUE CUP win



1 ... GOLDEN BOY award

77 CAPS and

10 GOALS for France

Massive **£89** MILLION

transfer from Juventus to Manchester United

Over **43** MILLION

followers on Instagram!



POGBA I.D.



NAME: *Paul Labile Pogba*

NICKNAME: *Pogboom, Il Polpo Paul (Paul the Octopus), La Pioche (The Joker)*

DATE OF BIRTH: *15 March 1993*

PLACE OF BIRTH: *Lagny-sur-Marne, France*

HEIGHT: *1.91 m*

POSITION: *Midfielder*

CLUBS: *Manchester United (2009-12), Juventus, Manchester United (2016-)*

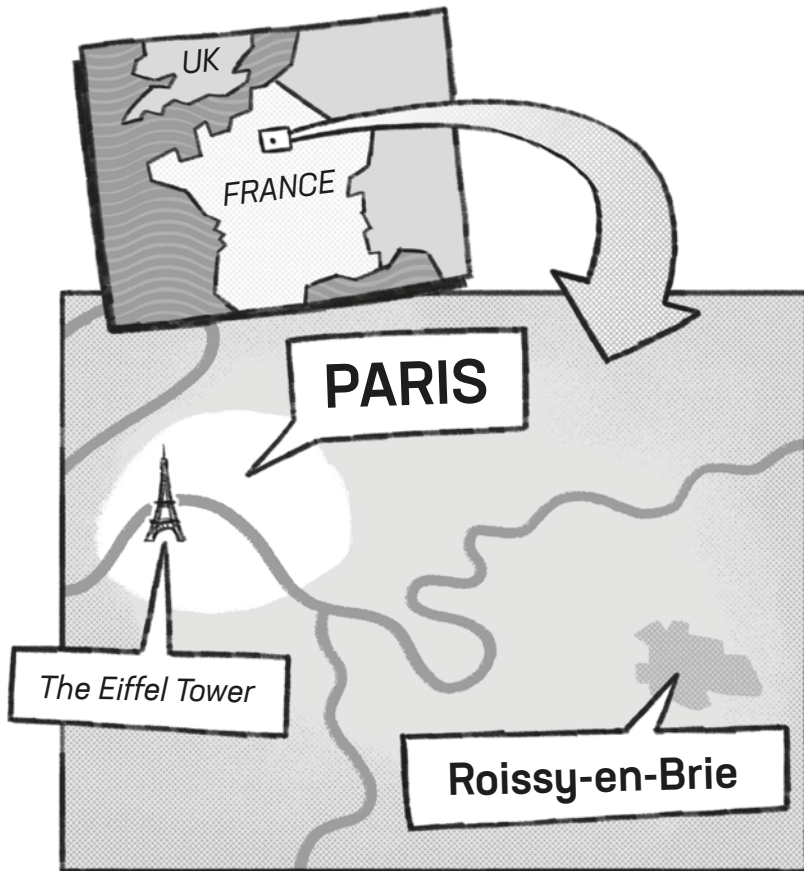
NATIONAL TEAM: *France*

LEFT OR RIGHT-FOOTED: *Both*

CHAPTER 2

FOOTBALL FAMILY

Paul Pogba was born in 1993 in **Lagny-sur-Marne**, a town just to the east of Paris in France. He grew up in the nearby suburb of **Roissy-en-Brie**.



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Paul lived with his mum, Yeo, and his older **twin brothers**, Mathias and Florentin.



Paul's dad, *Antoine*, lived nearby, too.

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The Pogba family lived on an estate called **Renardière**. It could be a **tough place** to grow up, but they had lots of friends and were very **happy there**.

From the age of about three, Paul played football with his brothers on the estate's pitch.

Little Paul

**HEY BOYS –
DINNER'S READY!**

(Mum's voice)

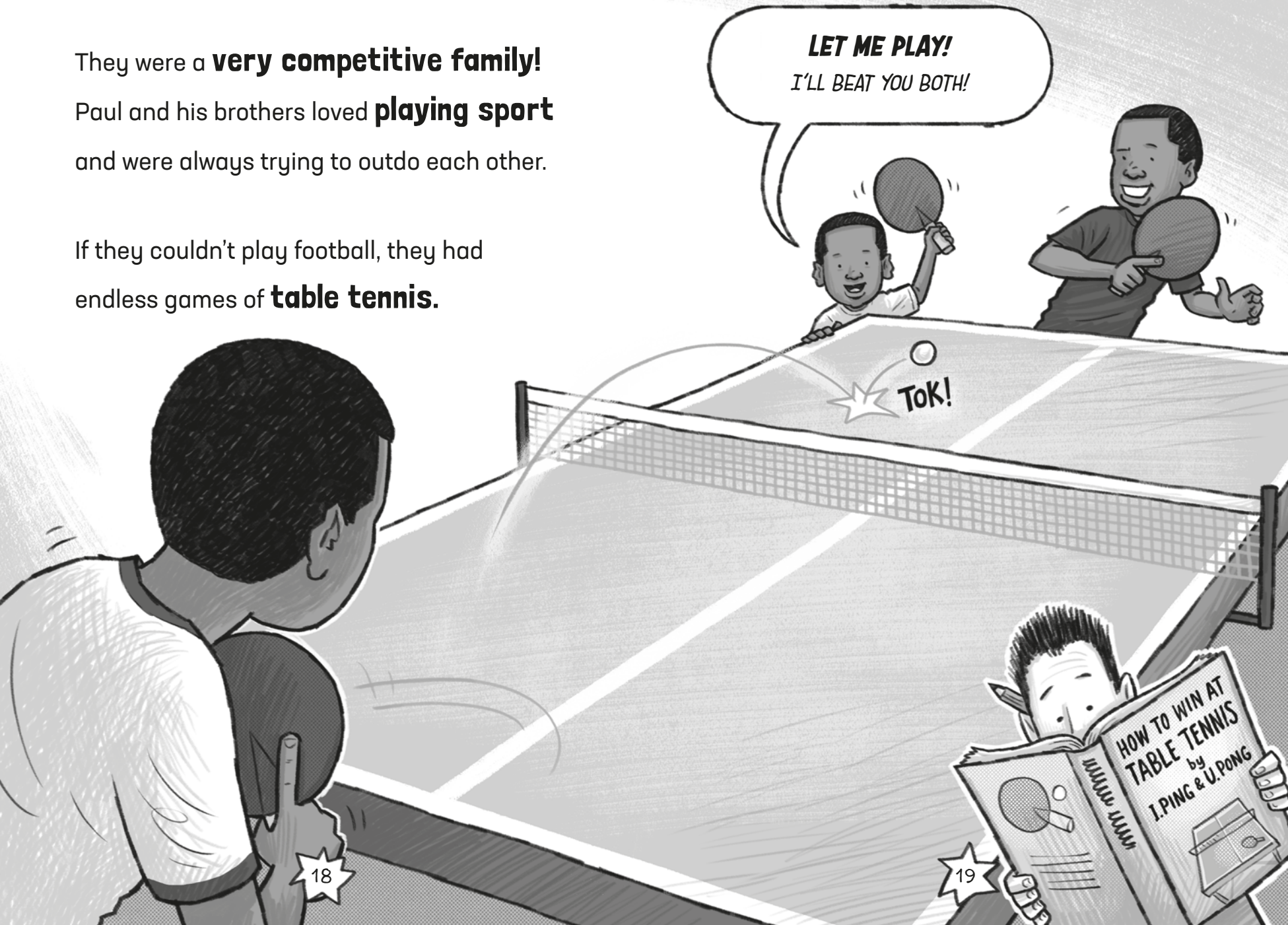
Bop!

Paul's mum **ALWAYS** knew where to find them . . .



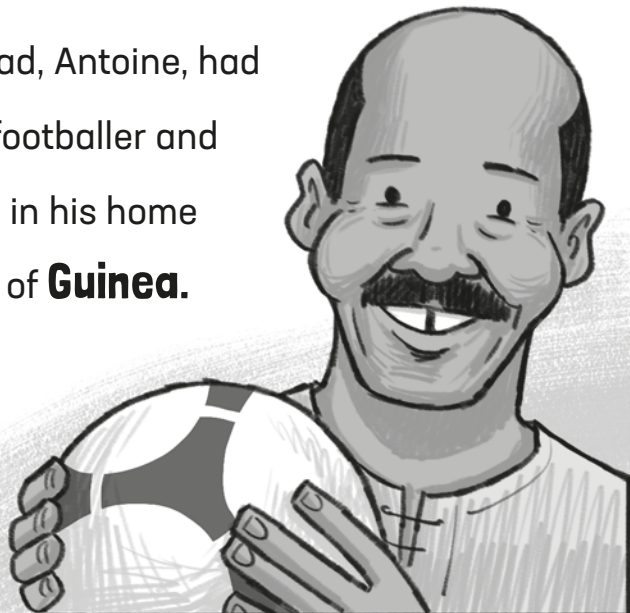
They were a **very competitive family!**
Paul and his brothers loved **playing sport**
and were always trying to outdo each other.

If they couldn't play football, they had
endless games of **table tennis.**



TEAM POGBA

Paul's dad, Antoine, had been a footballer and a coach in his home country of **Guinea**.



He trained Paul and his brothers when they played football in Renardière.

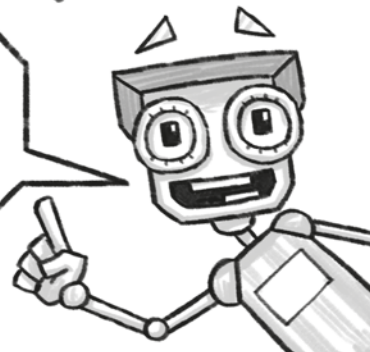
Mathias and Florentin grew up to be professional footballers, too.

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Mathias and Florentin were born in **Guinea** and played for the national side.

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In **1998**, when Paul was just five, France hosted the **World Cup**. Not only that, they beat **Brazil** in the final to become

WORLD CHAMPIONS!

Paul thought all of the French team were **AWESOME**, especially the midfielders, like:

Youri Djorkaeff



Didier Deschamps

And most of all . . .

Zinedine Zidane



Paul dreamed that one day he might win the World Cup with France, just like his heroes.

