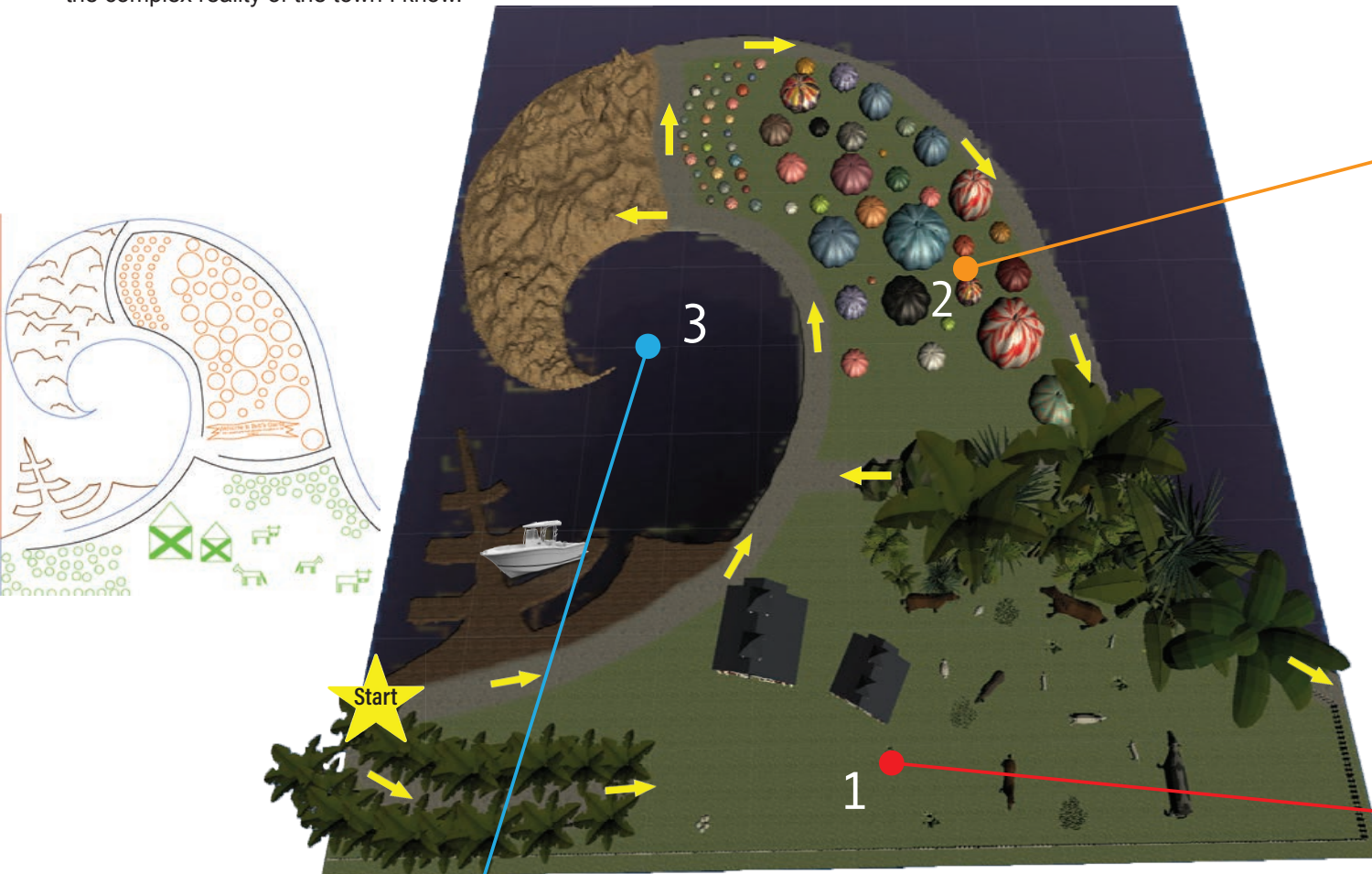


Tropics of Half Moon Bay

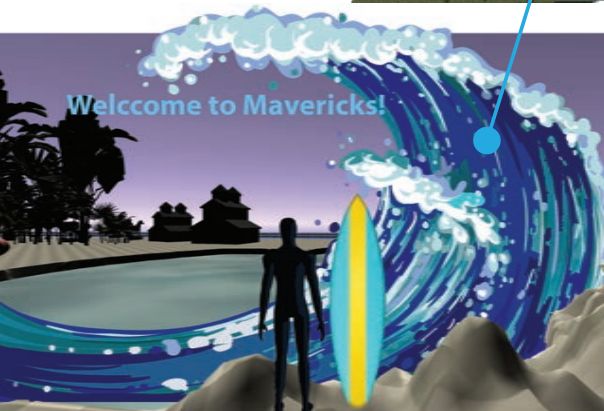
Imagination is more magical when it is built on familiarity. What makes Tropics of Half Moon Bay special is that the weather and scale are nothing like reality, yet the fundamentals of this town are the same as Half Moon Bay, California, where I grew up. When I look at the Tropics of Half Moon Bay you see both the imagination and the complex reality of the town I know.



Back on the road, you are intrigued by another farm called Bob's Giants. What kind of giants?! PUMPKINS, but they aren't the typical ones you'd see at the farmers market. Bob's Giants stand so tall! It's as if you're walking through a city, and instead of skyscrapers, there are pumpkins! All different colors. Some look like peppermints while others are blue, green, silver, and you name it! So exciting to see.



Entering Tropics of Half Moon Bay, you turn at your first right. Your brand new customized pumpkin mobile brings you through a tropical grove. Coconuts galore! Once you get to the top of the driveway, you have arrived at Tunitas Creek Farm. One step out of your Pumpkin and you SHRINK! You walk past the ginormous red barns and into the paddock with the animals. Apples in hand, you feed these massive horses, cows, and goats. They gladly eat the apples you've brought.



One last stop. You drive your Pumpkin to the peninsula and get out to walk along the ocean. You watch the waves crash onto the shore, and the surfers who ride them then fall into the rough waters. Heads pop back up with excitement, and they're ready for another giant to surf. The waves are so massive that you have to crank your neck back to see the peak. You climb around on the rocks, finding tad pools full of sea life. So many sea anemones and hermit crabs! A surfer headed for the waves hollers at their buddies. You wish you knew how to surf, but Mavericks is not for beginners.