Tarragona is a beautiful city by the Mediterranean Sea in Catalonia, Spain. The city of Tarragona is capital of the province of the same name. In Tarragona, as well in all of Catalonia and Spain, there are lots of fiestas to enjoy. These are colourful, fun festivals that celebrate special traditions and religious occasions. They are a very important part of the culture.

The colouring page shows a big group of characters during one of these fiestas. You can see how colourful it all is. The big ones that are at the front are called Capgrossos. When translated into English this means Big Heads.

What are Capgrossos?

Capgrossos were created in the year 1865 officially, although they may have been seen even earlier. They combine giants with dwarves. A giant is an imaginary or mythical being of human form but superhuman size. A dwarf is a member of a mythical race of short, stocky human-like creatures. But there are also dwarves in real life, who have been born shorter than other people.

The people of Tarragona (Tarraco-nes) are very proud of their Capgrossos. They take a great deal of time to design and make them, with lots of creativity and colours. The clothes of the Capgrossos are designed to be in tune with the personality of each character that is represented.

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