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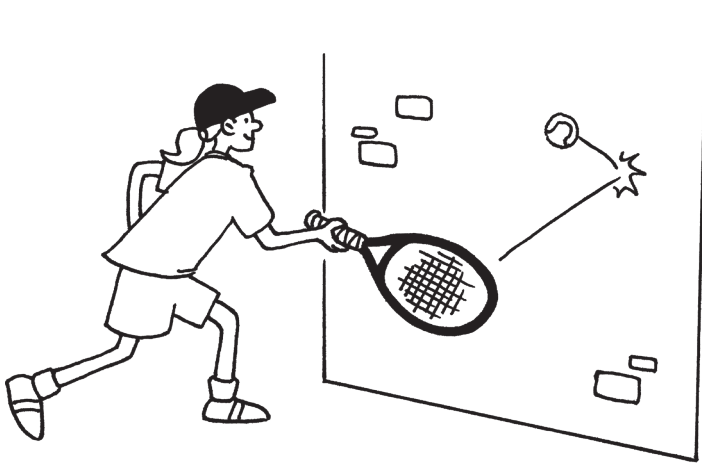
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CHAPTER ONE

IT'S YOUR PARTY

Imagine what it would feel like to be one of the world's greatest tennis players...

It's Saturday, January 29th 2022. It's a mild evening in Melbourne. On the grassy banks of the Yarra River families are making the most of the fading light. A frisbee flies high, cutting the air that is layered with the smell of barbeques. Nearby, a runner surges along the track, while a tram ring-dings its farewell from a stop on St Kilda Road.

What a beautiful evening!

But it is also one filled with nerves...

Just imagine that you, yes **YOU**, are the world's number one ranked women's tennis player, entering Rod Laver Arena at Melbourne Park, for the Women's Singles Final at the Australian Open.

A crowd of about 12,000 people tower in tiers above you, and the arena's lights sparkle like diamonds. Beyond them, the stars will soon come out.

But YOU are the star that everyone has come to see!

The crowd cheers at every step you take!
Banners and flags are waved!

And let's not forget the record-breaking **3.5 million other people** (give or take a few 100,000!) who are watching on televisions around Australia.

WOW!