METAPUZZLE SOLUTION - HE CAUGHT A TIGER BY HIS TALE / A CHARLOTTE RUSE

To begin, Anansi's Web must be properly filled with words. Ten shaded spaces have unique lengths, and those correspond to the animals' puzzle answers. Each of those entries has a particular crossing entry which is high-lighted. Those "secondary" entries can be filled by treating the puzzle answers as crossword clues or synonyms. But what about all the rest of the words?

The text mentions "Anansi's greatest dream", which the Intro describes as having dominion over all of the other animals' stories, and it refers to Anansi's "novel" approach to web design. Each of the secondary answers is the name of an animal of the appropriate type that appears as a character in a famous novel; the novel titles comprise the fill for the rest of the grid (shown on the final page).

ANIMAL	PUZZLE ANSWER	SECONDARY/NAME	NOVEL
Ape	CHANGE GEARS	SHIFT	THE LAST BATTLE (*Narnia* series)
Cat	WYRM	DRAGON	MRS FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH
Cobra	BADGER	NAG	THE JUNGLE BOOK (which holds *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi*)
Dog	SMACKER	BUCK	THE CALL OF THE WILD
Gull	ARROWSMITH	FLETCHER	JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL
Horse	SIR HENRY PERCY	HOTSPUR	BLACK BEAUTY
Owl	SAND RECKONER	ARCHIMEDES	THE ONCE AND FUTURE KING
Pig	ESCALATE	SNOWBALL	ANIMAL FARM
Rabbit	FIN	FIVER	WATERSHIP DOWN
Raven	CLASP	GRIP	BARNABY RUDGE

There are two other types of significant letters in the grid: those with numbers in them (used in Meta 1) and those with triple circles (Meta 2). Any letter in the completed grid might be "assigned" to a given animal if it's part of the entry for that animal's answer, name or title (ambiguous words like THE and OF are not used in the metas).

Graphics earned by solving individual puzzles identify the animals associated with a given grid letter. In sum:

META 1

(GULL) (DOG) (COBRA) (RABBIT) (OWL) (RAVEN) (CAT) (APE) (PIG) (HORSE)

META 2

E. (RABBIT) (HORSE) (OWL) (GULL) (RAVEN)   A. (RAVEN) (APE) (CAT) (APE) (GULL)

B. (APE) (RAVEN) (PIG) (COBRA) (HORSE)   A. (CAT) (APE) (GULL) (APE) (RAVEN)

R. (OWL) (GULL) (HORSE) (RABBIT) (PIG)   O. (COBRA) (RABBIT) (GULL) (HORSE) (OWL)

E. (RABBIT) (HORSE) (OWL) (GULL) (RAVEN)   E. (OWL) (HORSE) (APE) (GULL) (RABBIT)

E. (OWL) (HORSE) (APE) (GULL) (RABBIT)   N. (RAVEN) (CAT) (OWL) (GULL) (PIG)

R. (OWL) (HORSE) (GULL) (PIG) (GULL)   N. (PIG) (RAVEN) (GULL) (OWL) (CAT)

B. (DOG) (RAVEN) (COBRA) (HORSE) (APE)   O. (COBRA) (RABBIT) (GULL) (HORSE) (OWL)
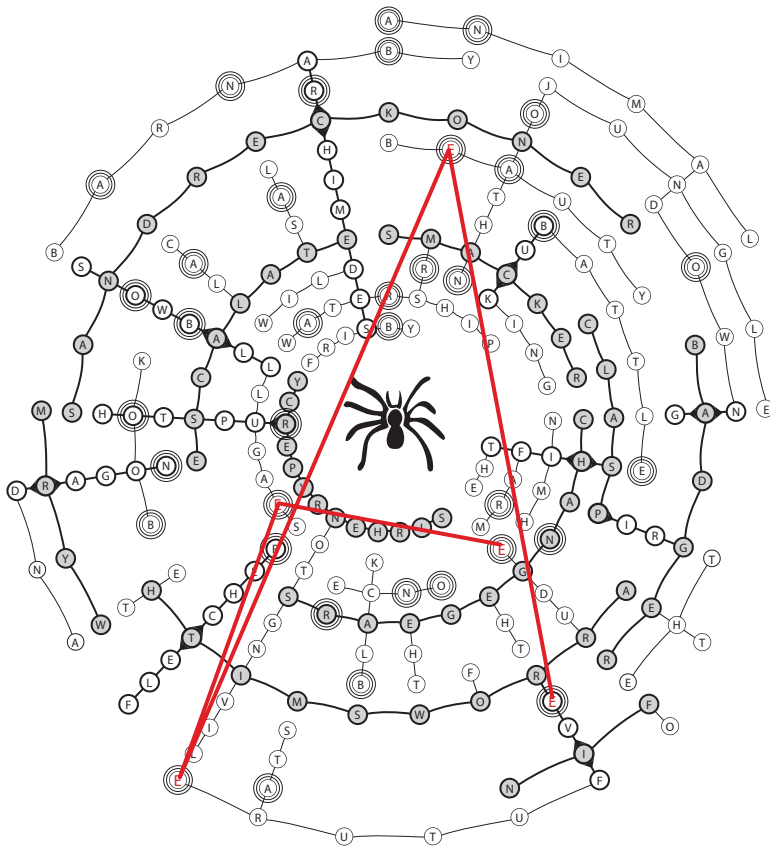
META 1

Identify the letters corresponding to 1,2 and 3 (not always inclusive) belonging to a particular animal, and arrange them in the animal order given by the bonus graphics:

Gull	HE
Dog	CA
Cobra	UG
Rabbit	HTA
Owl	TIG
Raven	ERB
Cat	YHI
Ape	ST
Pig	AL
Horse	E

META 2

Each of the triply-circled letters falls into the set ABENOR. There is at most one of each of these letters assigned to any given animal; thus, e.g. the E/RABBIT is a unique space. Treating each given string as a five-point dot-to-dot, as suggested by the graphics, draws a letterform in the web. E/Rabbit -> E/Horse -> E/Owl -> E/Gull -> E/Raven is shown below, with the rest left as an exercise for the reader.

Letters drawn out spell A CHARLOTTE RUSE, recalling both the spider's web-writing ploy from *Charlotte's Web* and "Charlotte Russe", which was a tasty treat long before it was an annoyingly omnipresent online clothing company.

A Charlotte Russe
http://www.telegraph.co.uk/food-and-drink/recipes/the-great-british-bake-off-how-to-make-a-charlotte-russe/