



THE GREAT

UNTIED SHOELACE

CATASTROPHE

Kinkajou's Zoo

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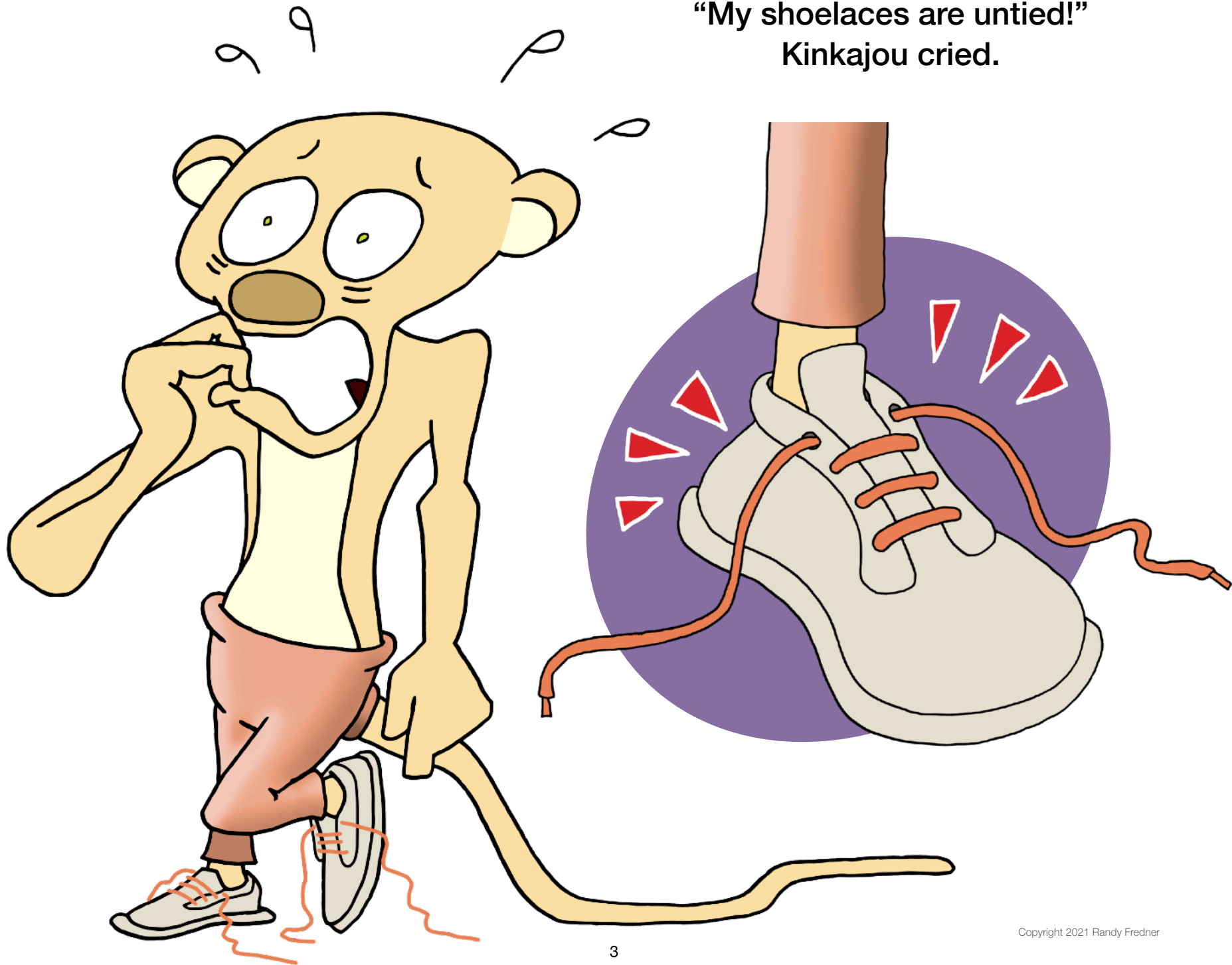
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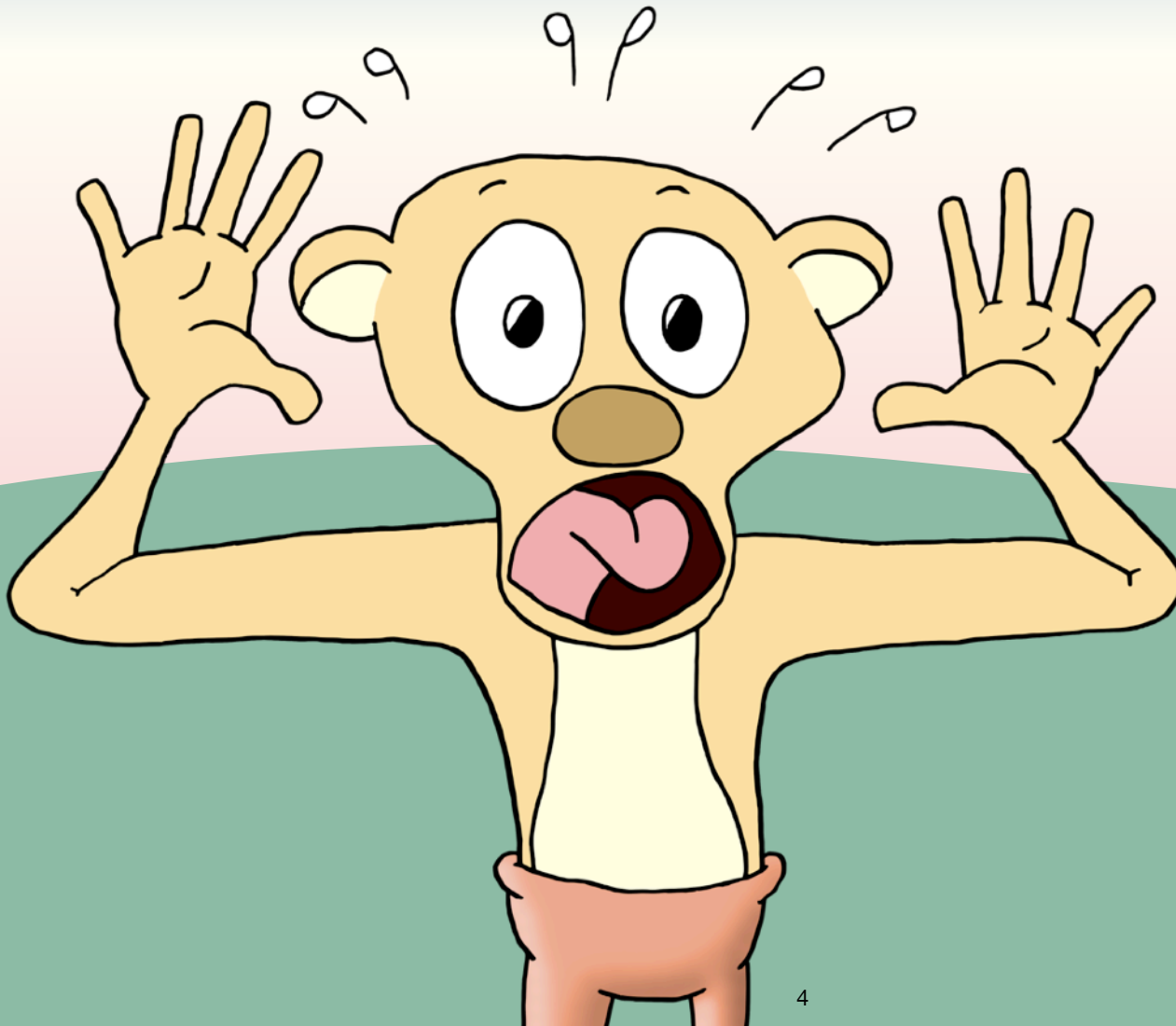
Original concept:
Lindsey Bass

“My shoelaces are untied!”
Kinkajou cried.



**“What am I gonna do?
I don’t know how to tie a shoe!**

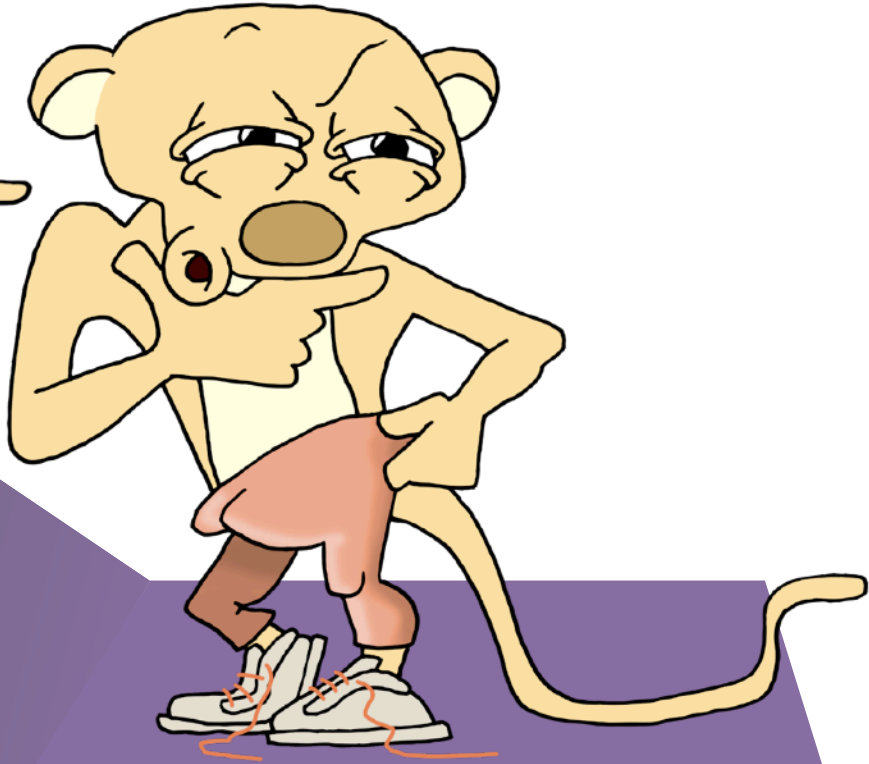
**This just has to be
the world’s worst catastrophe!”**





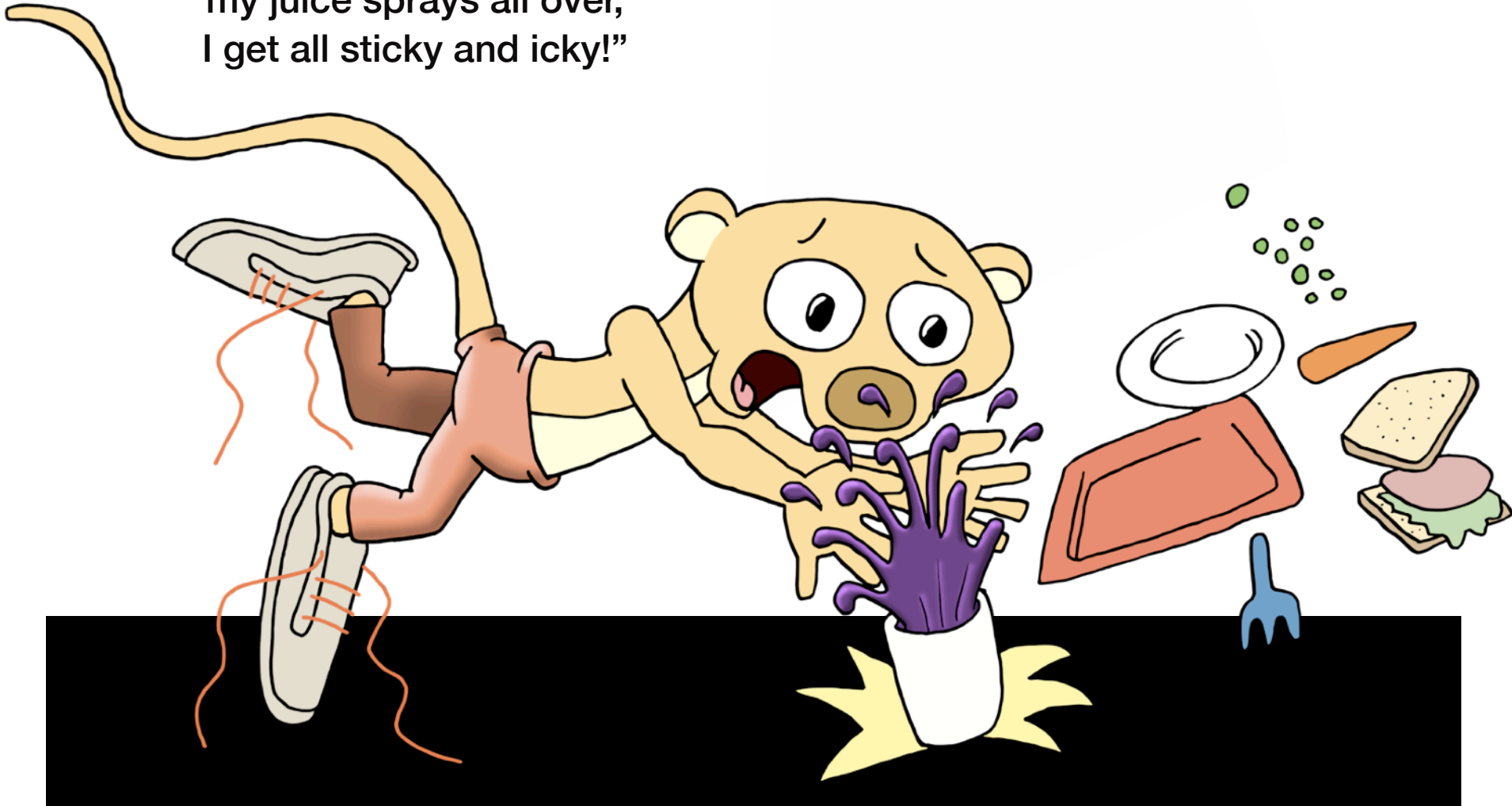
“Well, maybe it’s no big deal...”

or maybe my concerns are real!”



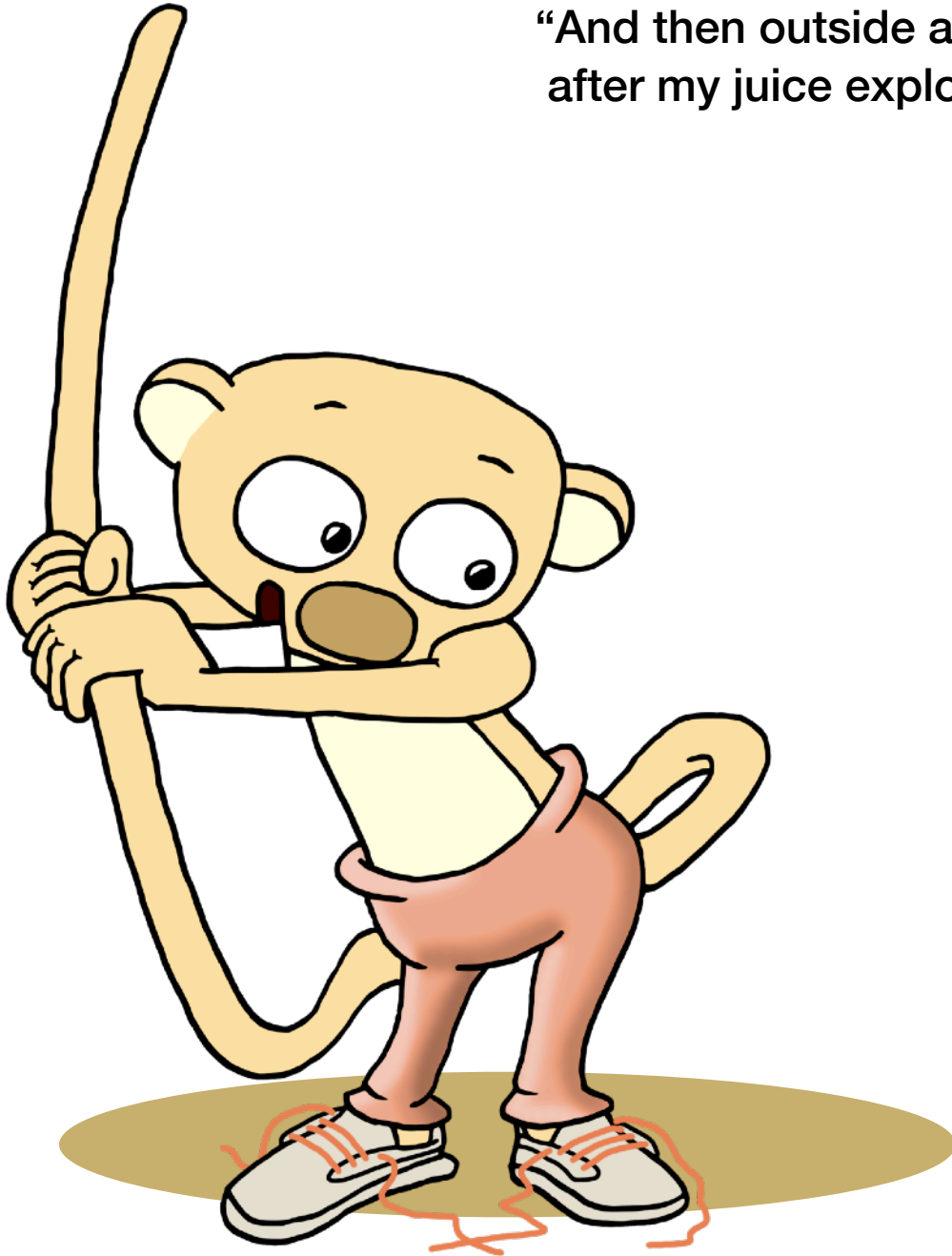
“I could trip in the lunchroom
‘cause walking’s kinda tricky

my juice sprays all over,
I get all sticky and icky!”

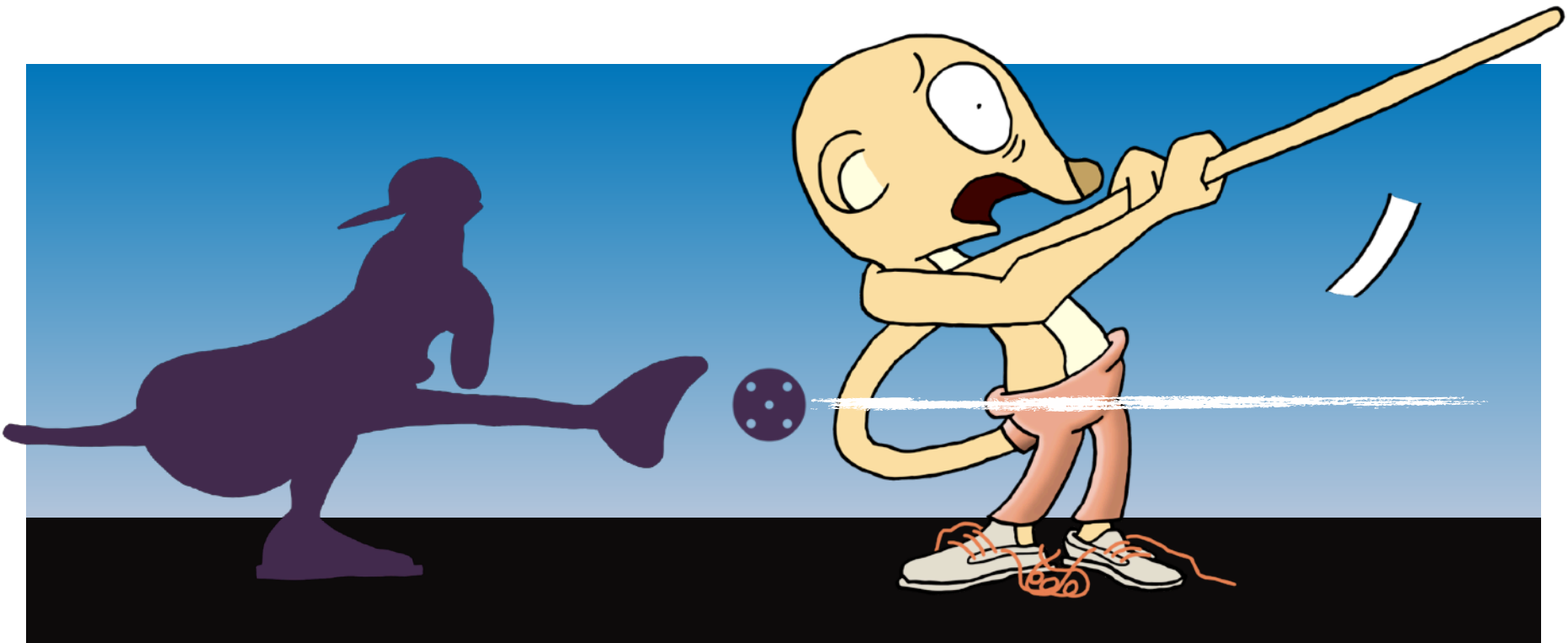


“*THAT* just has to be
the world’s worst catastrophe!”

“And then outside at recess
after my juice exploded...”

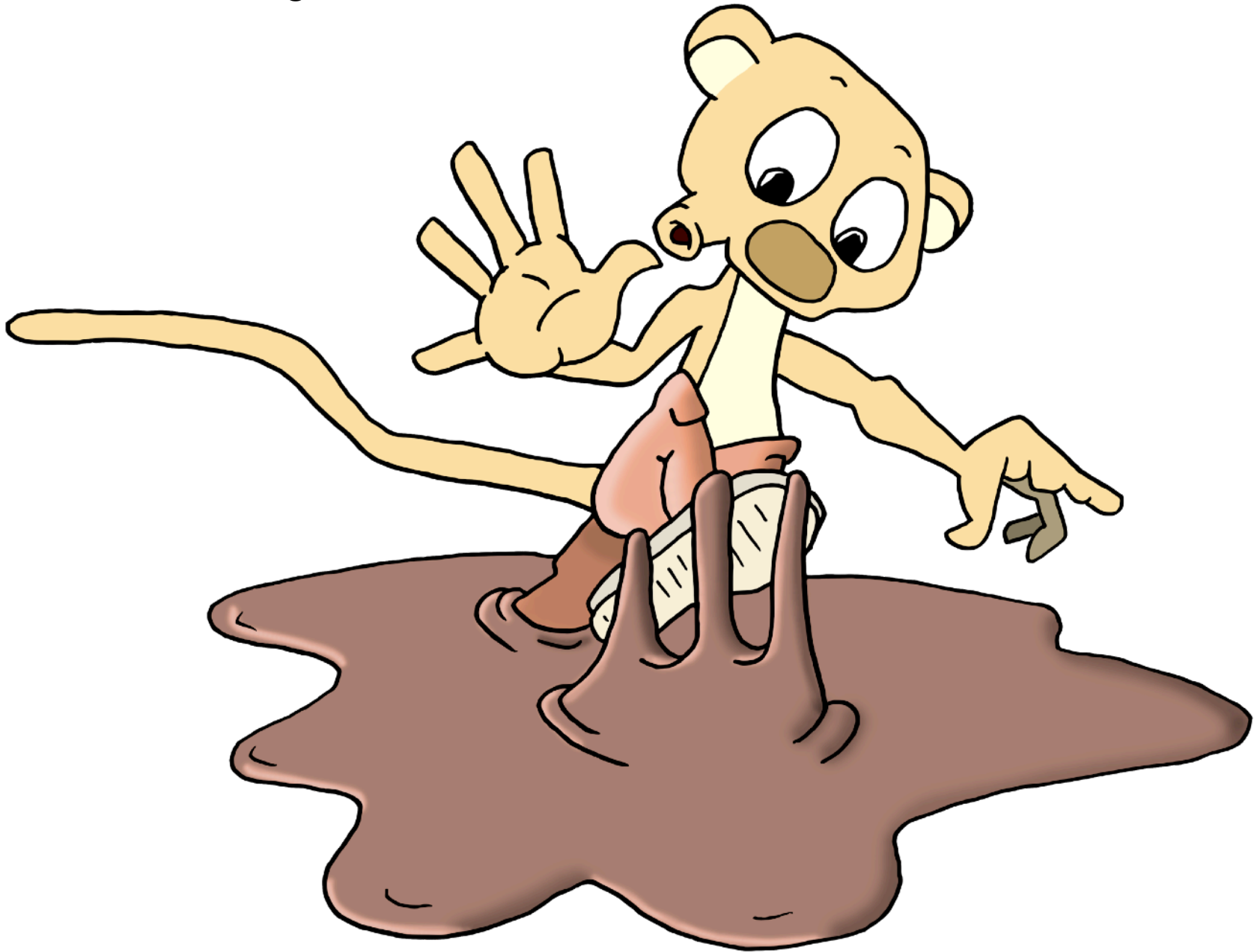


“...my shoes get tangled and then
I strike out with bases loaded!”



“*THAT* just has to be
the world’s worst catastrophe!”

“And then I could get stuck in mud...”



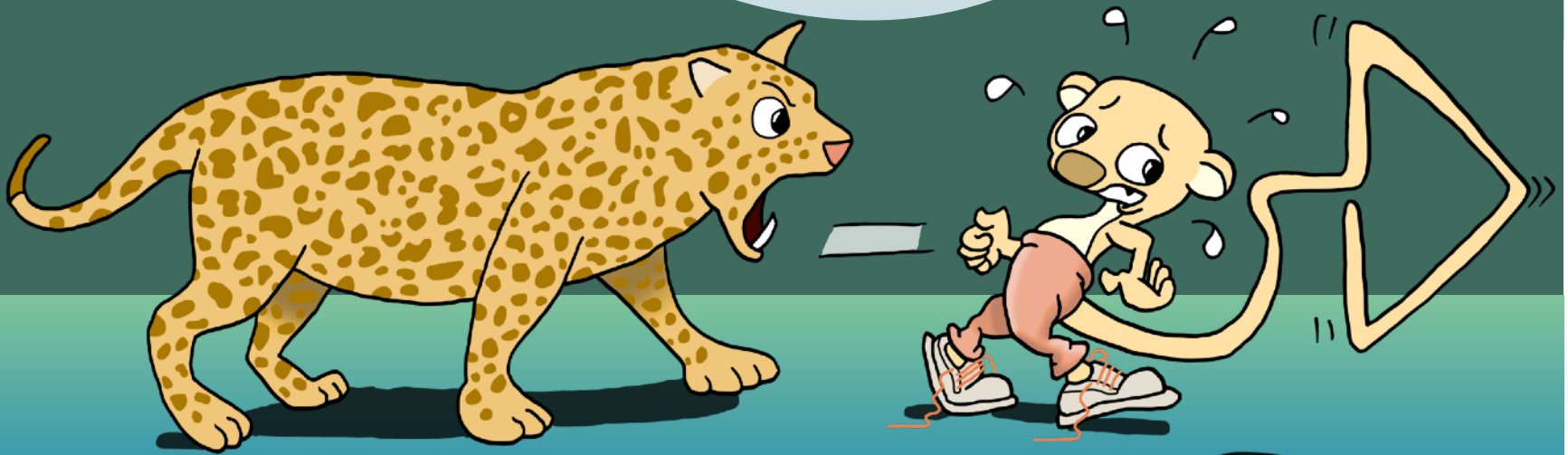
“...and fall on my face with a thud!

And then just wait, you’ll see!
Covered in mud I’ll be!”

THAT just has to be
the world’s worst catastrophe!”

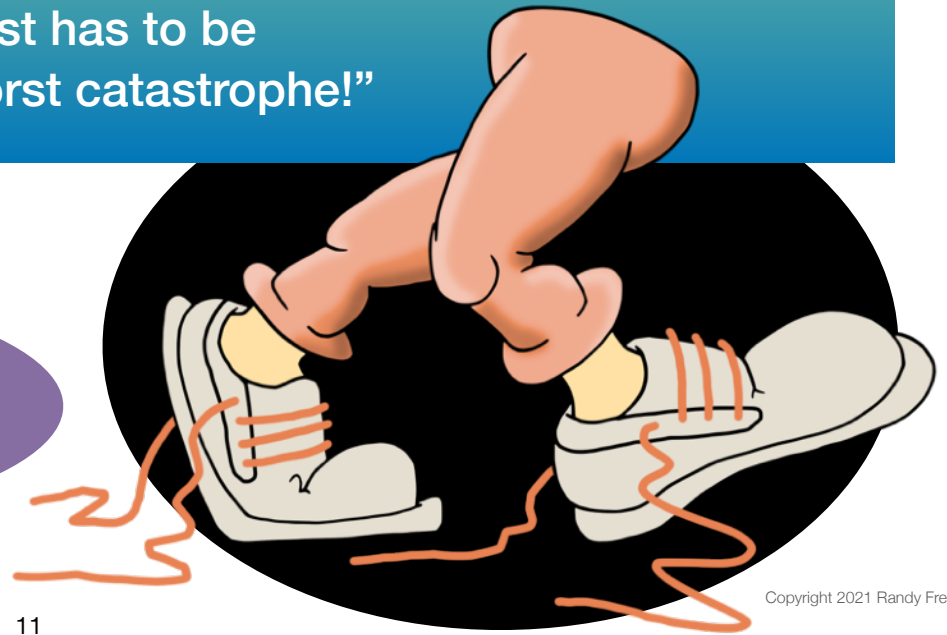


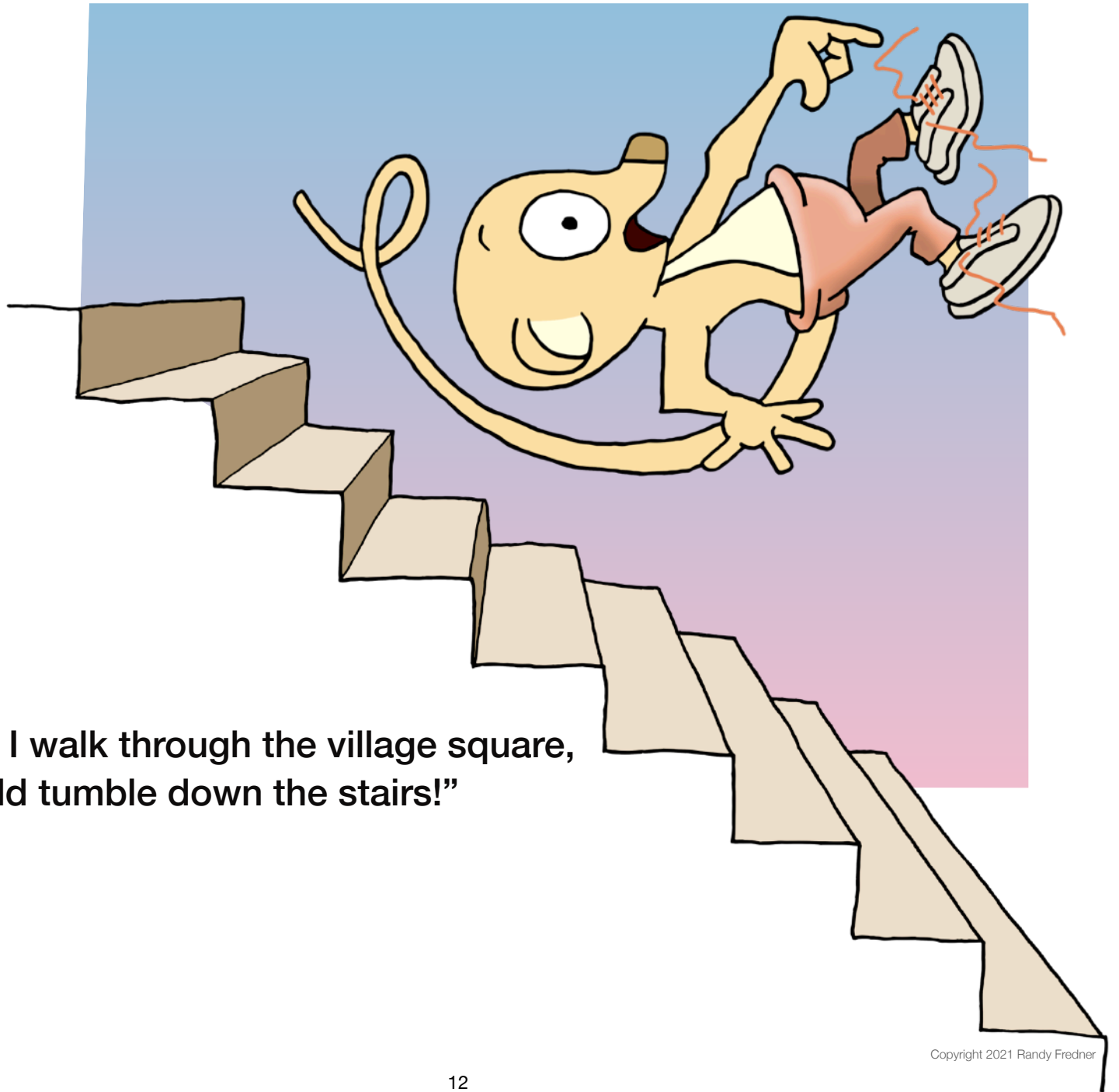
“And then I just might trip
while giving a jaguar the slip!”



“*THAT* just has to be
the world’s worst catastrophe!”

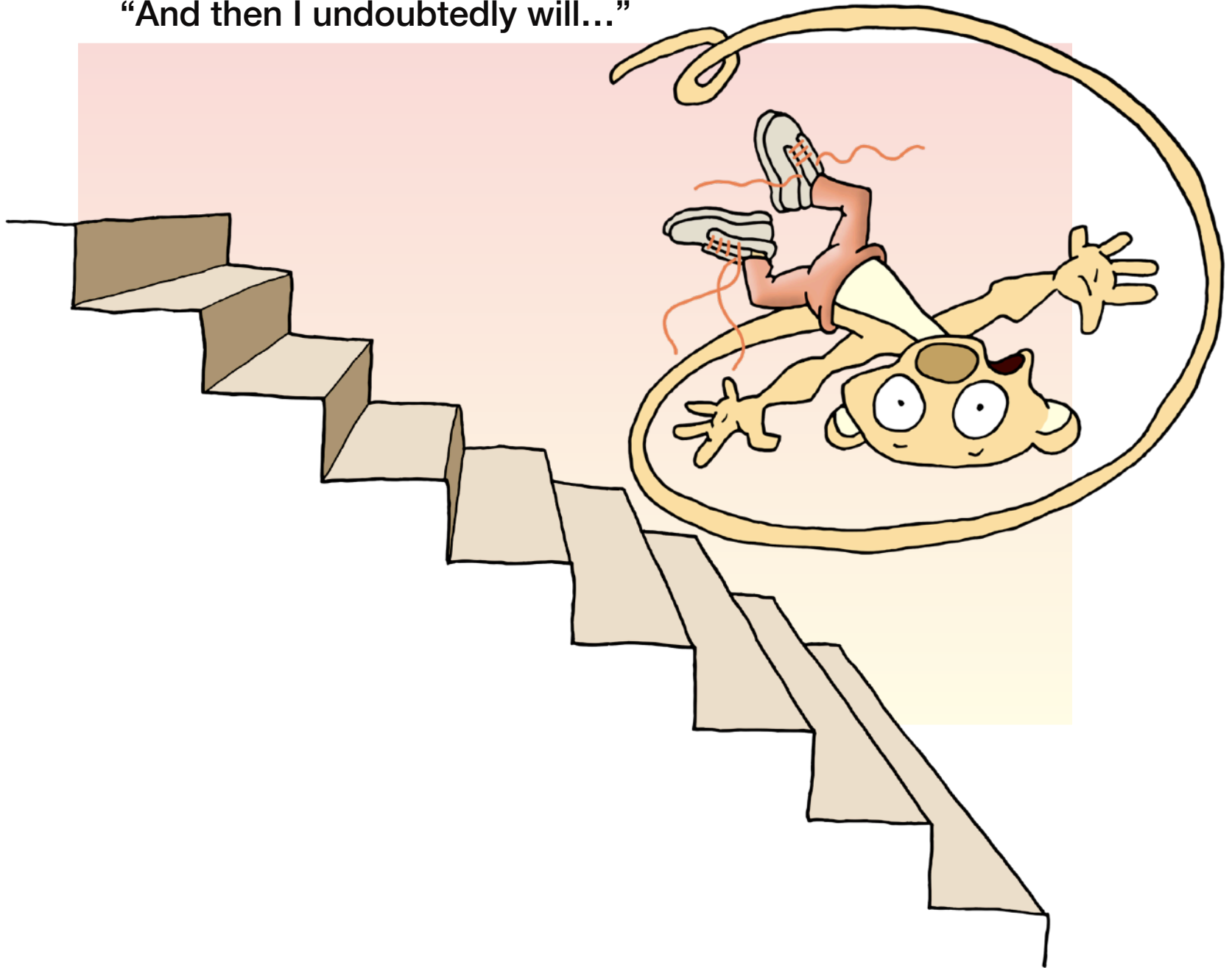
*Real kinkajous can turn
their feet around
to help escape danger!*

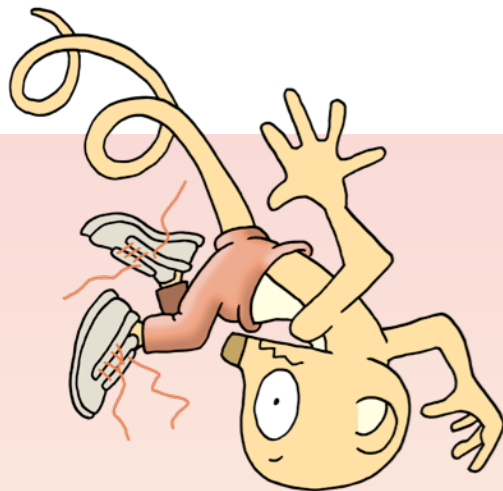




**“And then if I walk through the village square,
I could tumble down the stairs!”**

“And then I undoubtedly will...”

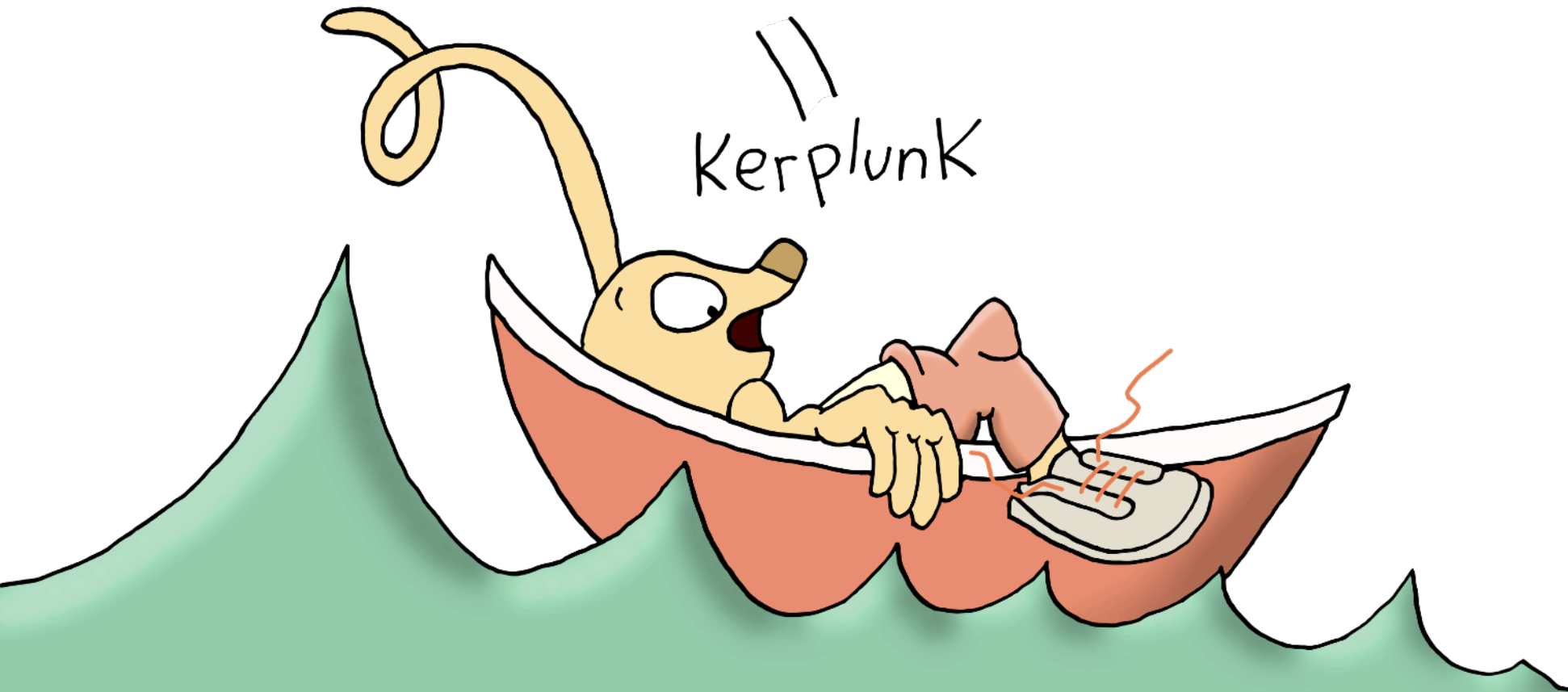




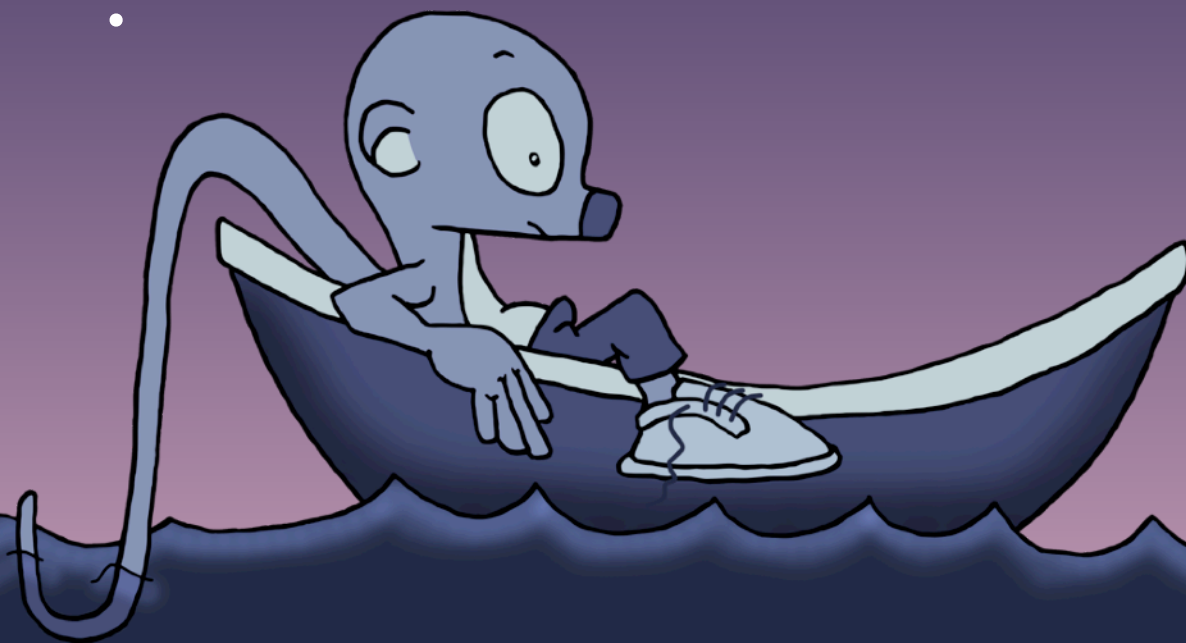
“...roll down a giant hill,
and then land in a boat...”



“...and then off to sea I’ll float!”



“And then, without a soul beside me,
I’ll use the stars to guide me!”

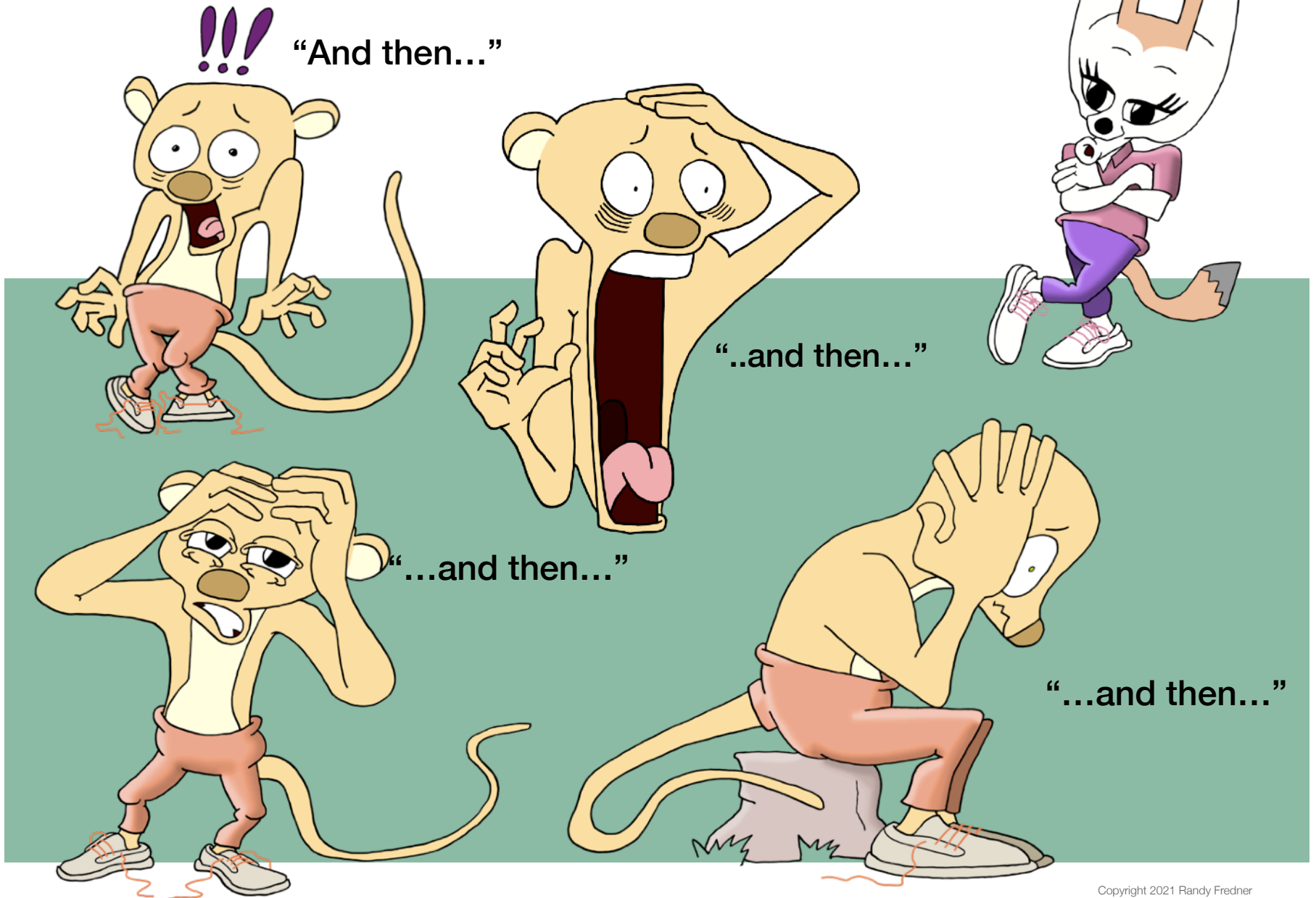


“And then you’ll have to dry your tears,
‘cause I just might be gone for years!”



“*THAT* just has to be
the world’s worst catastrophe!”

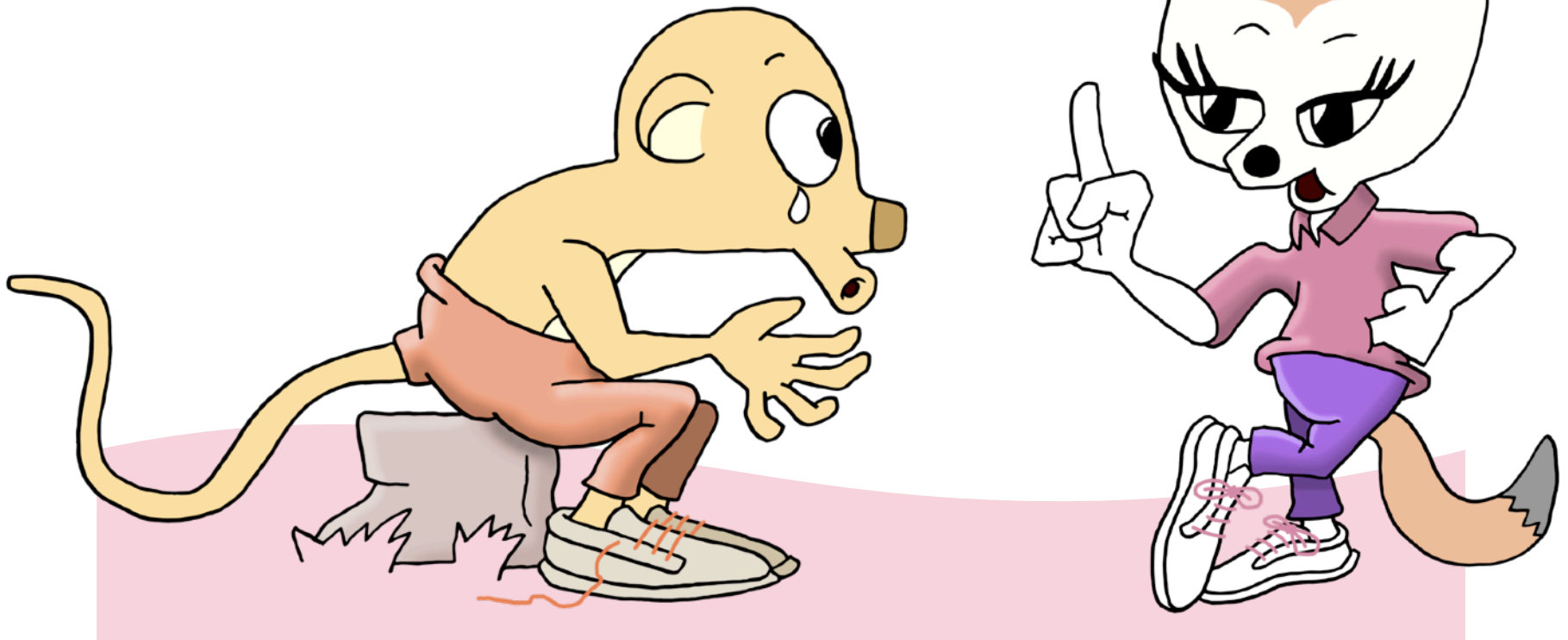
Fennec came along
and sensed there was something wrong.



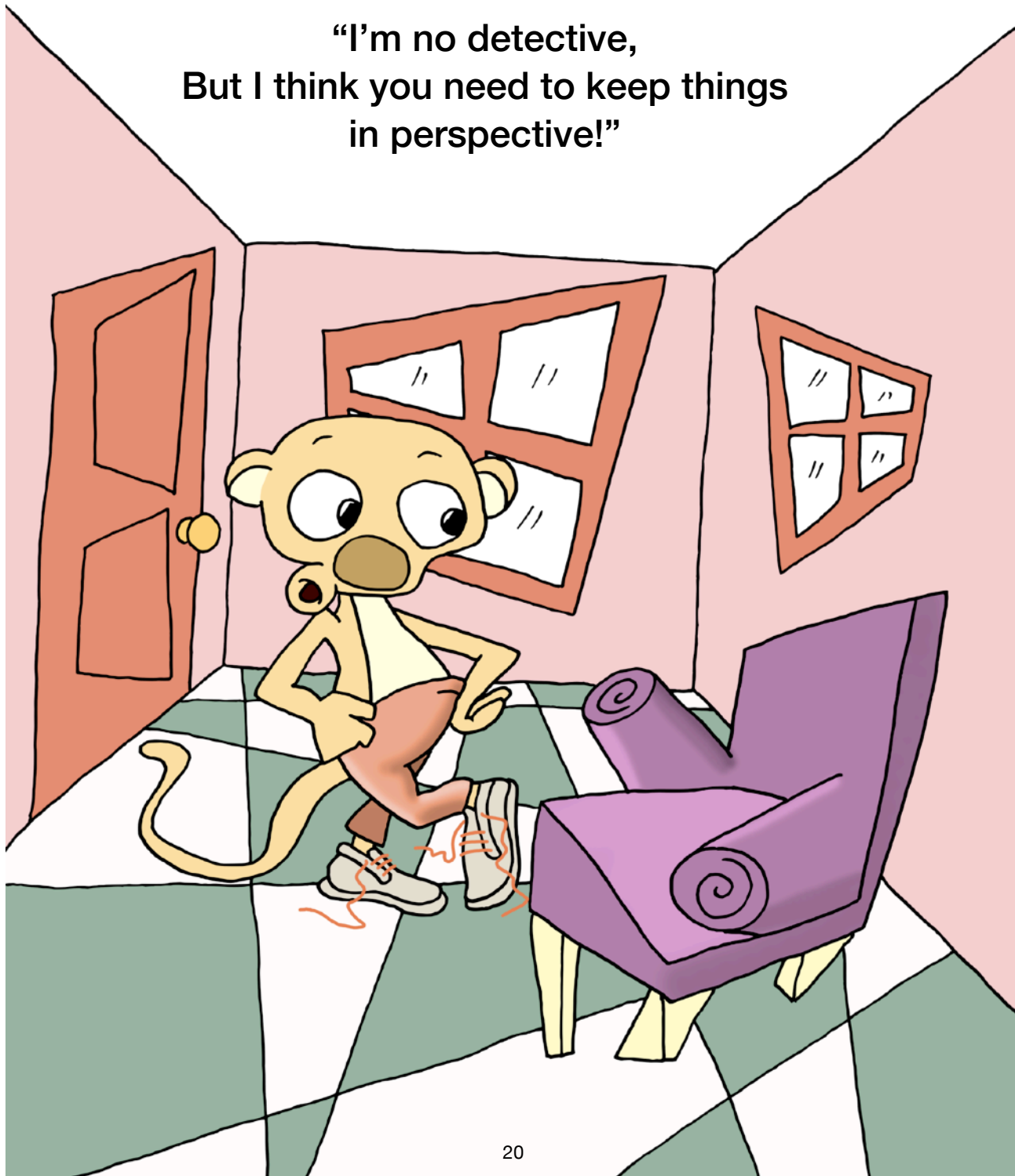
Fennec said:

“And then, and then, and then...
every problem
under the sun!

Did any come true?
Not a single one!”



**“I’m no detective,
But I think you need to keep things
in perspective!”**



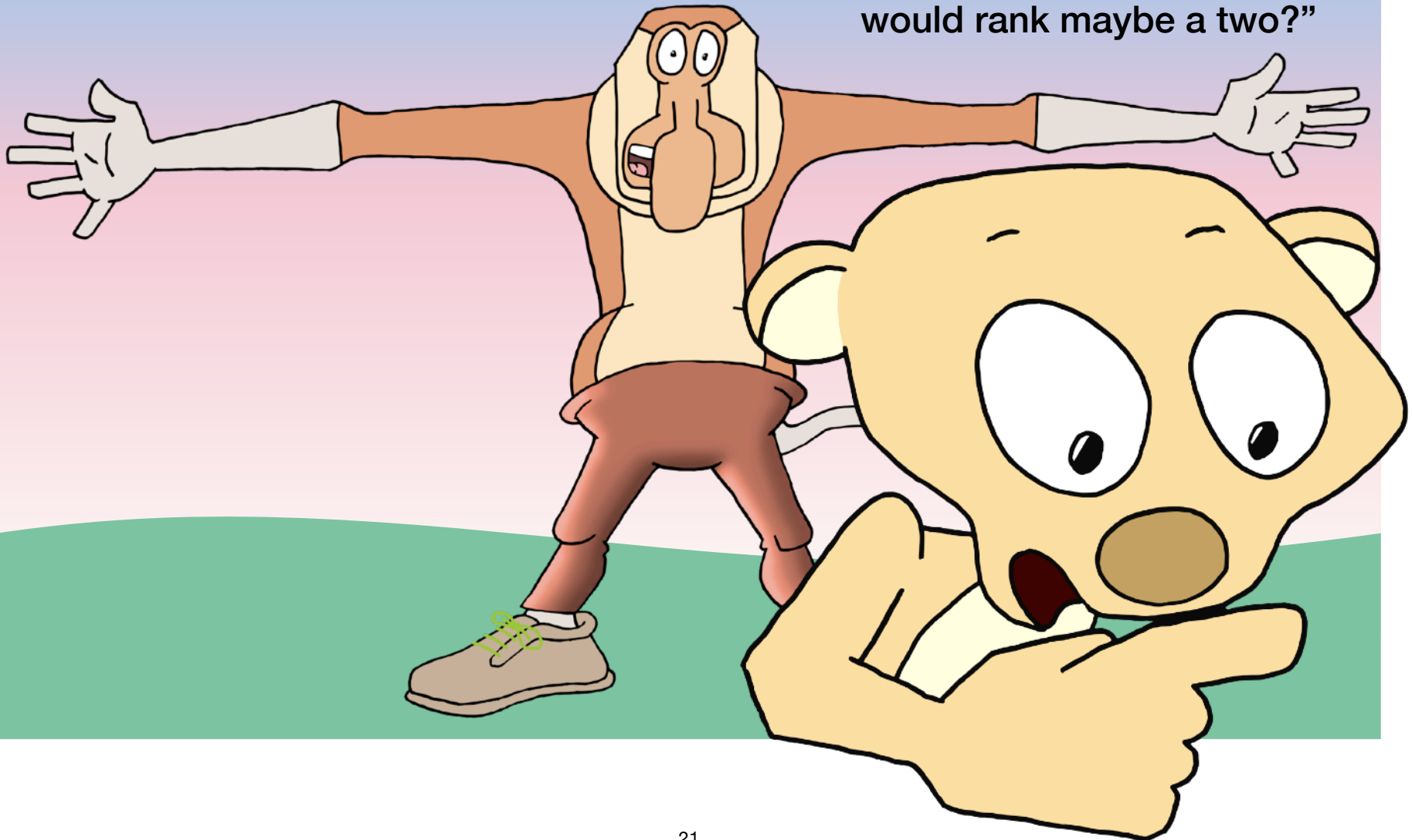
**“An untied shoe? Not a catastrophe,
that’s a distortion!**

**You are blowing things waaaay
out of proportion!”**

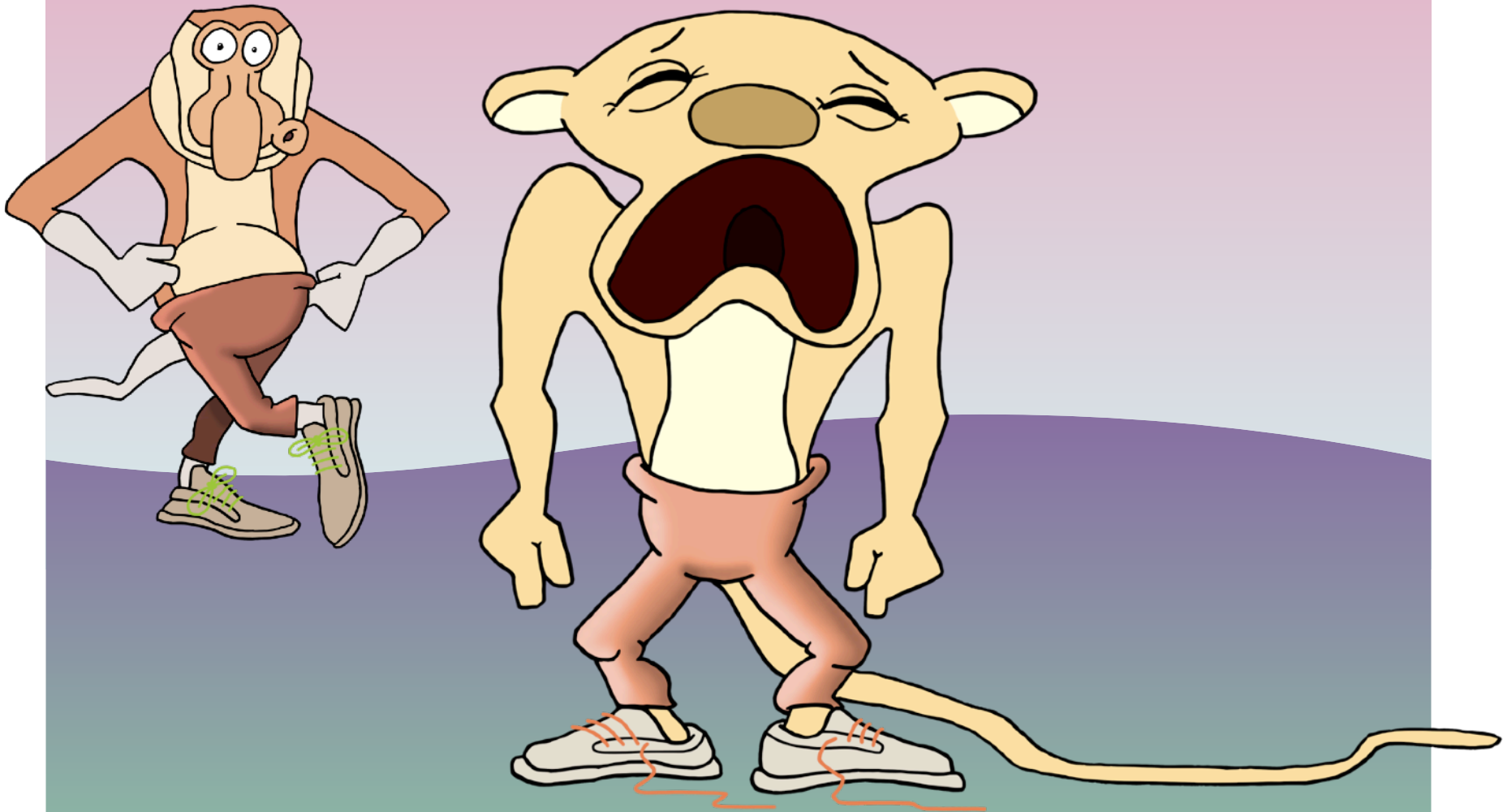
**“So let me think,”
Kinkajou wondered**

**“on a scale
of one to a hundred**

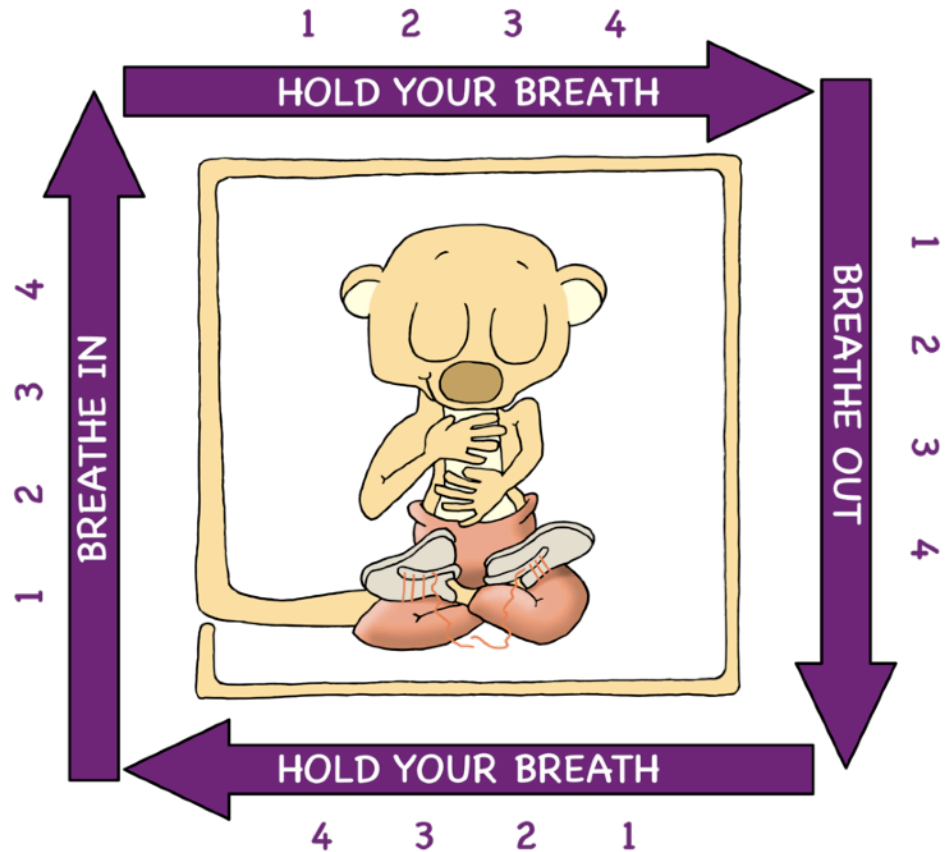
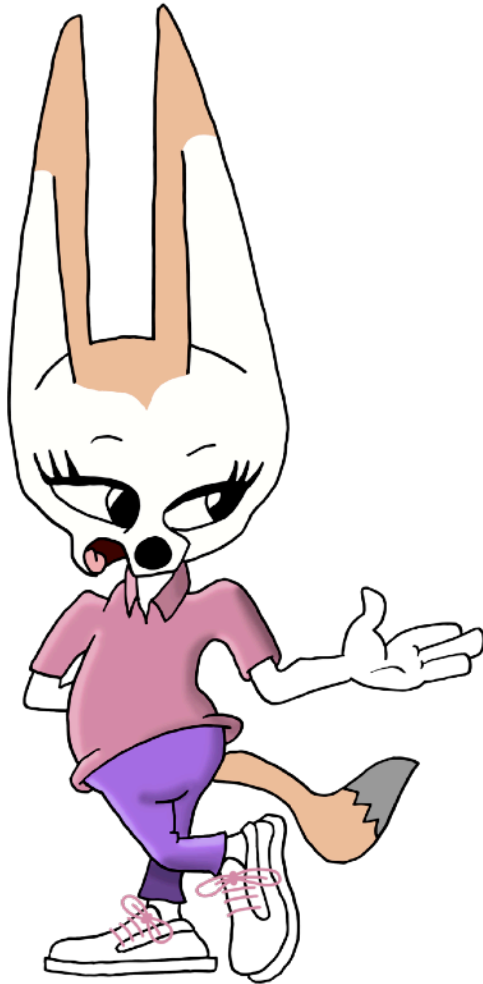
**a simple untied shoe
would rank maybe a two?”**



**“But my shoelaces still need tying!
I don’t know how to do it,
that’s why I’m crying!”**



“Kinkajou...
this calming secret I can share:
try breathing in a square!”



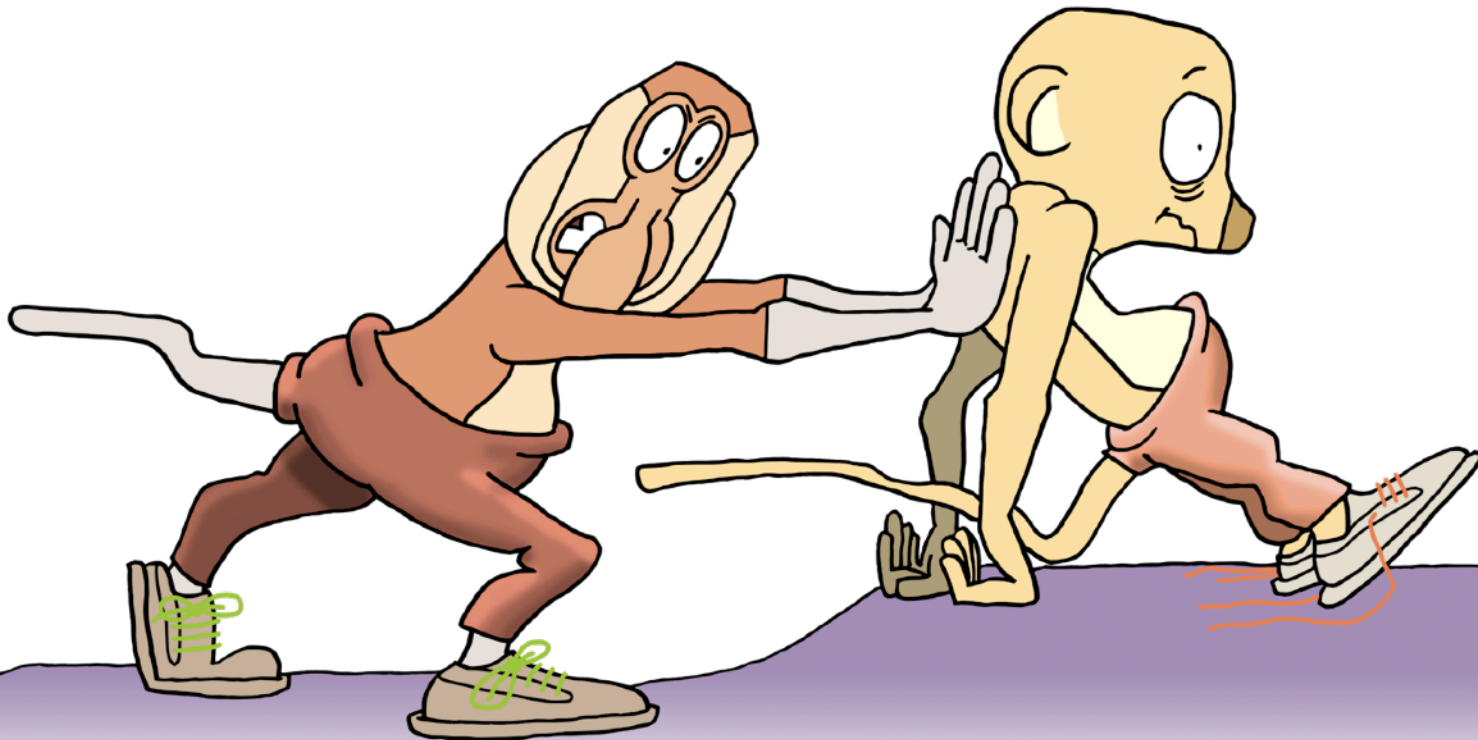
“Breathe in while counting to four,
hold your breath
and count once more!

Breathe out and count to four,
hold your breath
and count like before!”

Proboscis said:

**“No more need to worry
about unlikely things and places!**

**Now it’s time to learn
how to tie your shoelaces!”**



**“You don’t know how
to tie a shoe?**

**I’ll show you now,
Kinkajou!”**



And right there on the spot,
she showed him how to
make a bow knot.



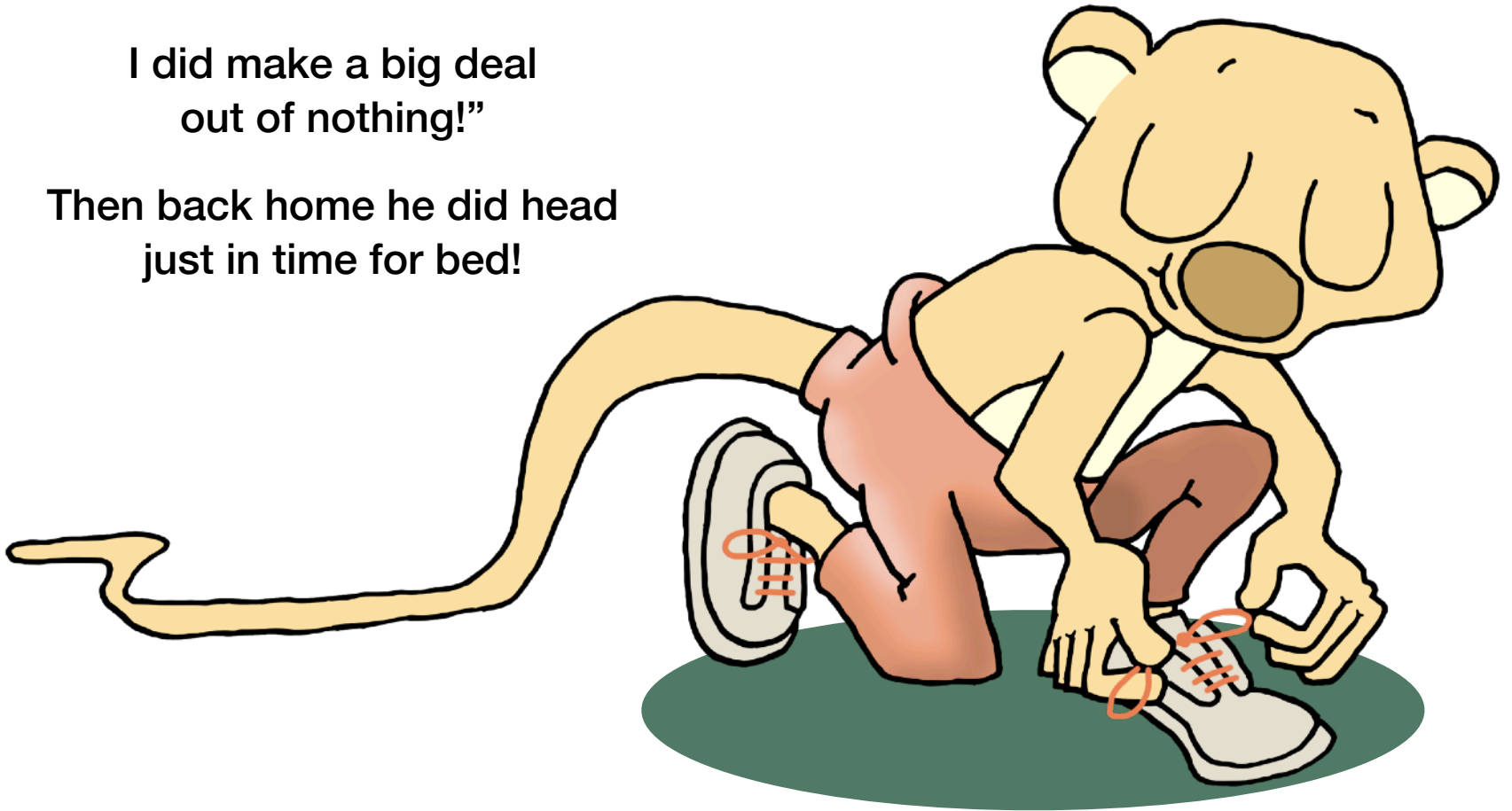
“Thank you,” said Kinkajou.
“You taught me how to tie my shoes!

Now that I know how to do it,
I see there’s not much to it!

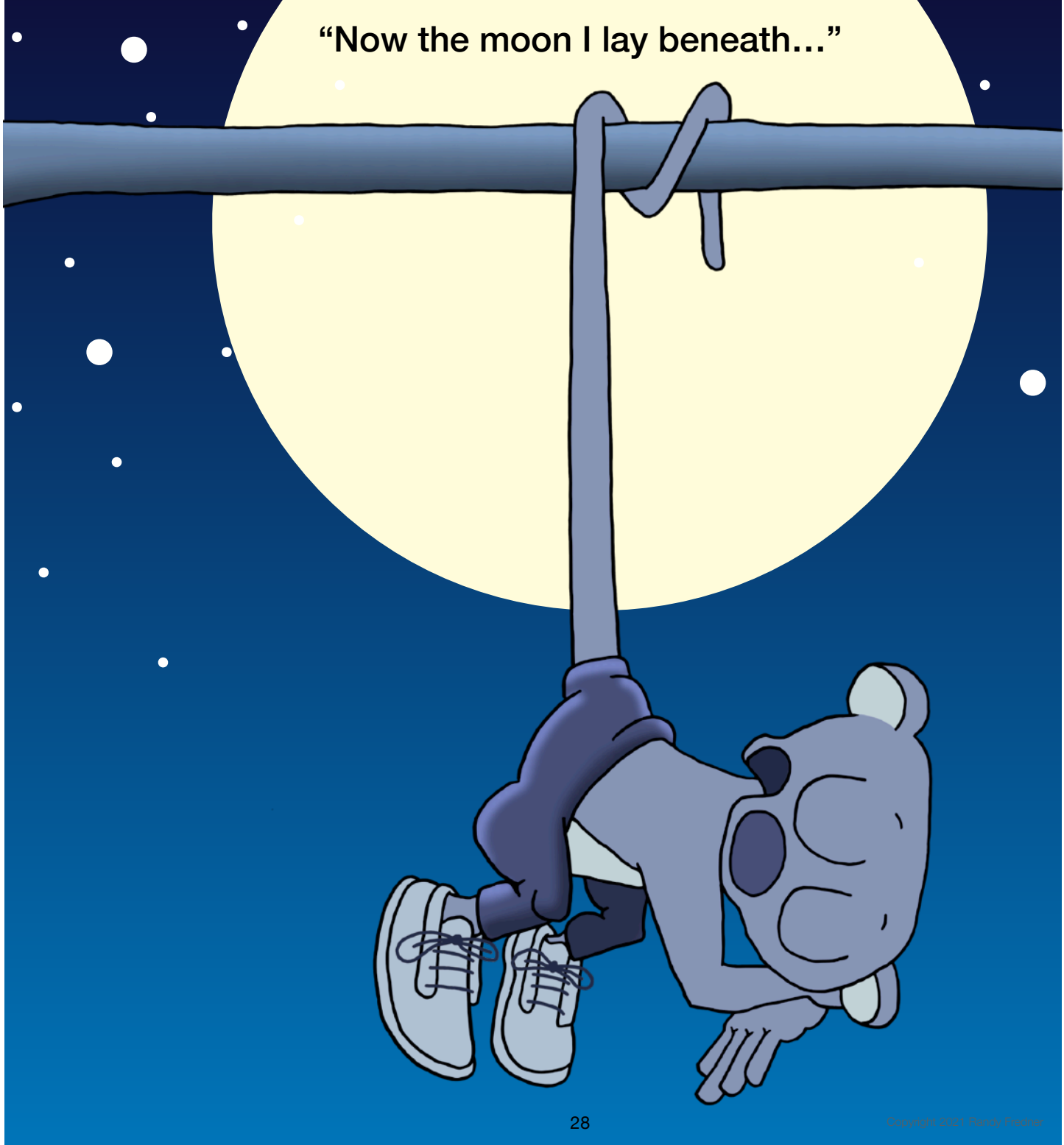
I guess with all my
huffing and puffing

I did make a big deal
out of nothing!”

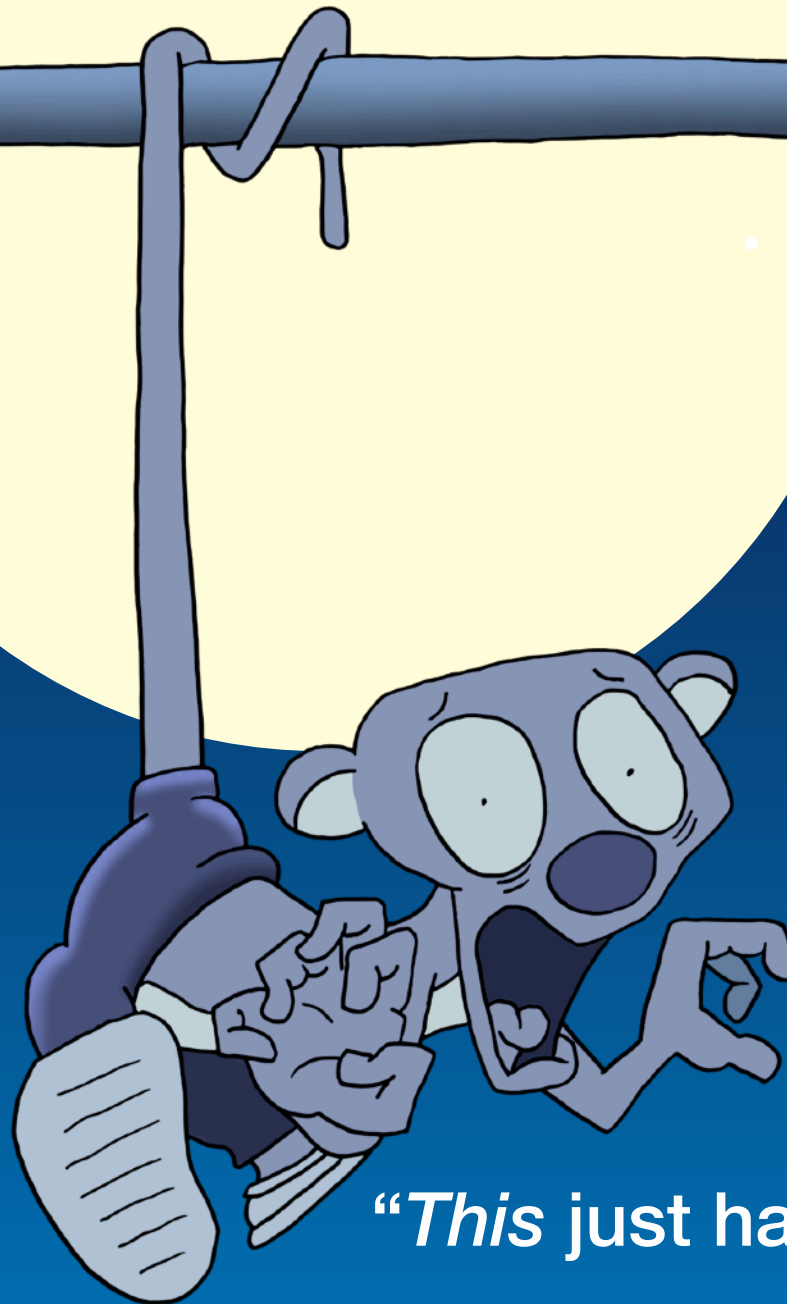
Then back home he did head
just in time for bed!



“Now the moon I lay beneath...”

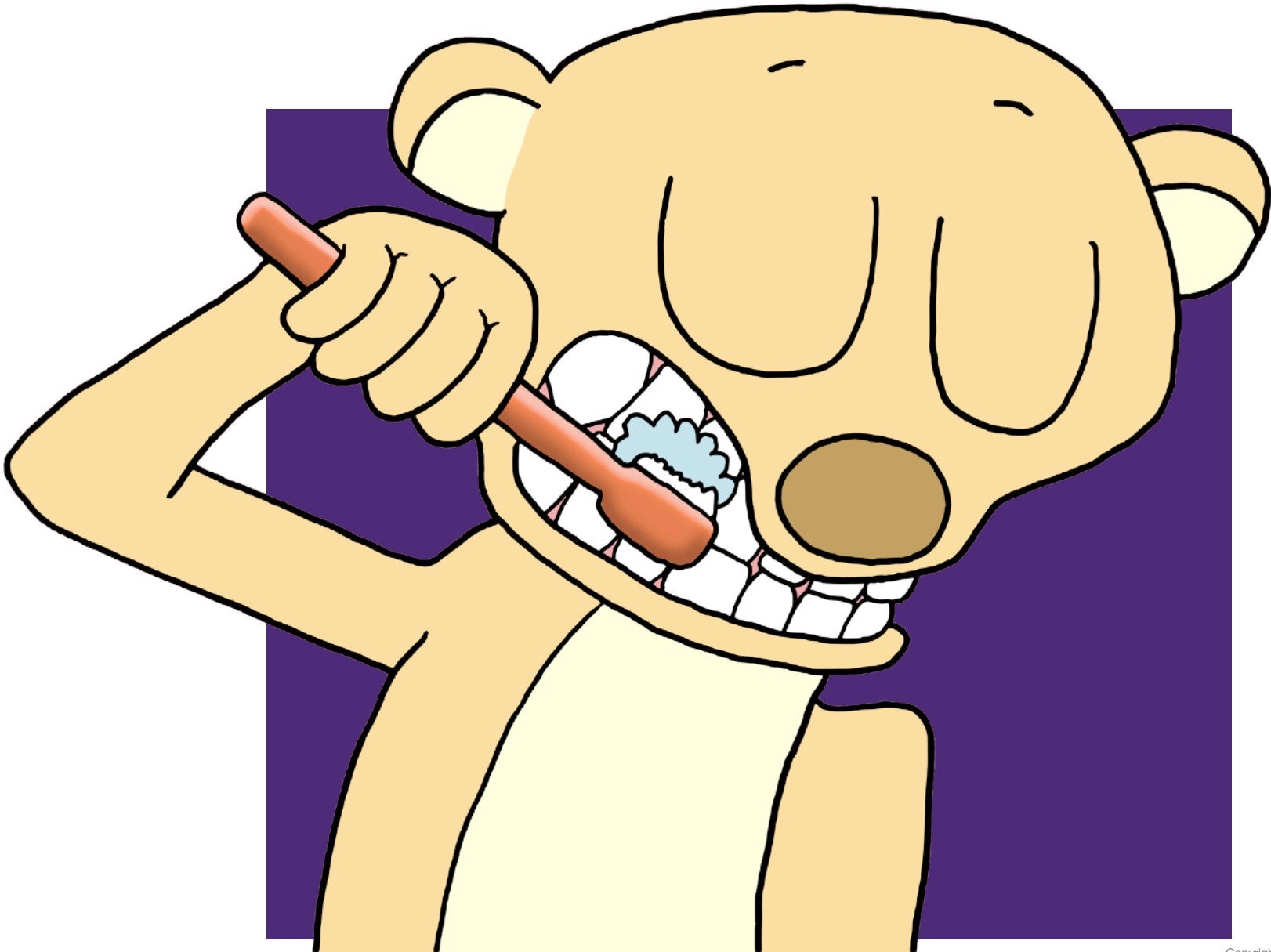


“AND I FORGOT TO BRUSH MY TEETH!!!!”

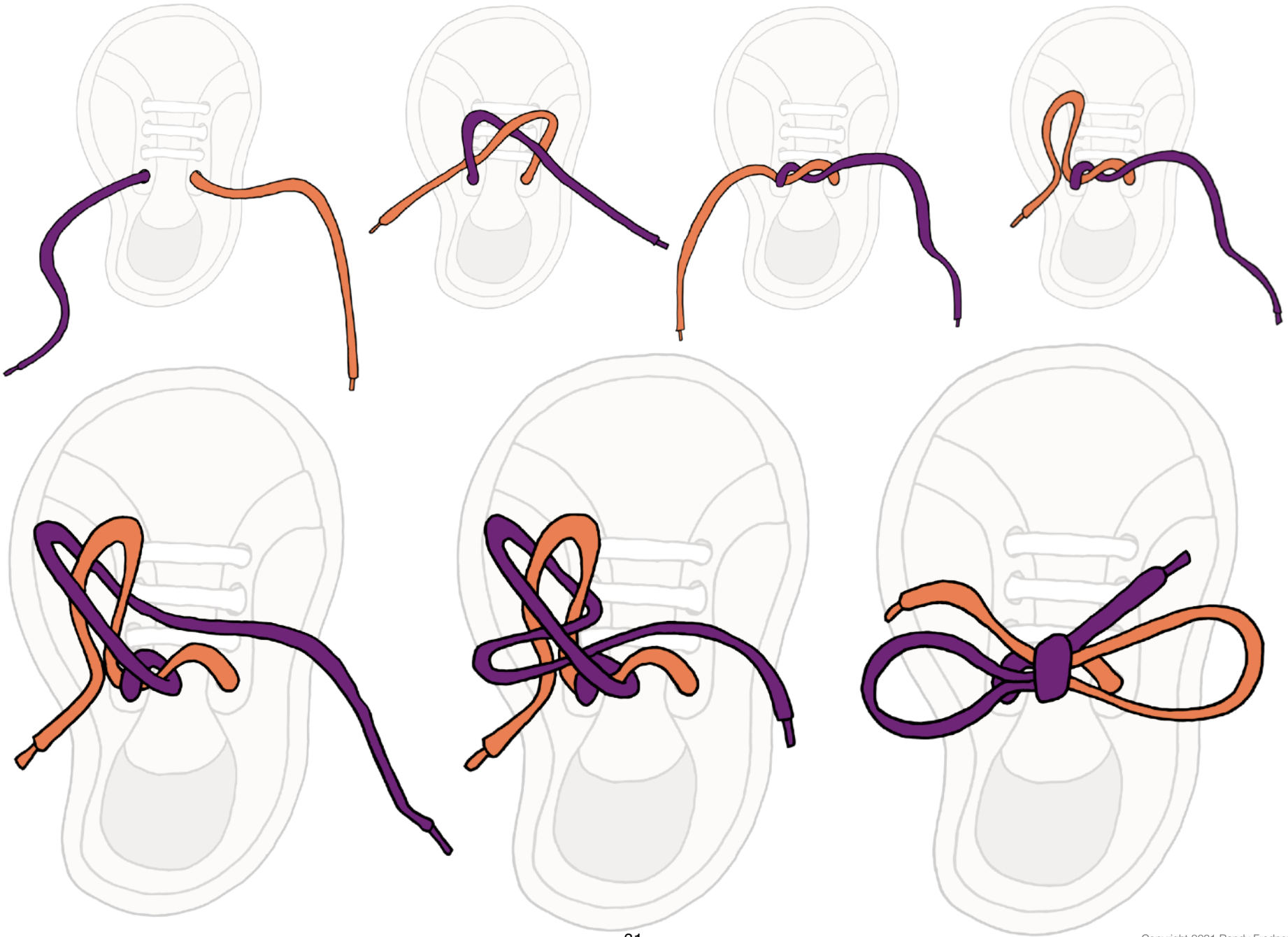


“This just has to be...”

“an easy fix,
NOT a catastrophe!”



How to tie a shoe:



Kinkajou's shoes are untied! He envisions all sorts of "catastrophes" occurring until his friends Fennec Fox and Proboscis Monkey come along and help him calm down and learn to tie his shoes.

He also learns to keep things in perspective by not blowing things out of proportion.

