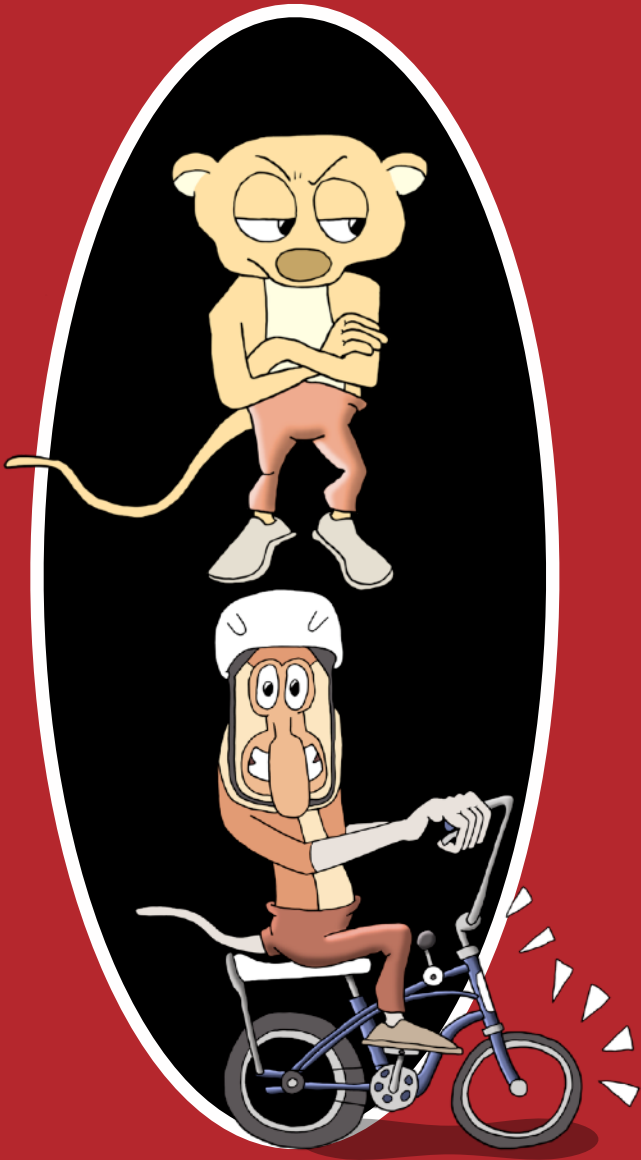


THE GREAT

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Kinkajou's Zoo

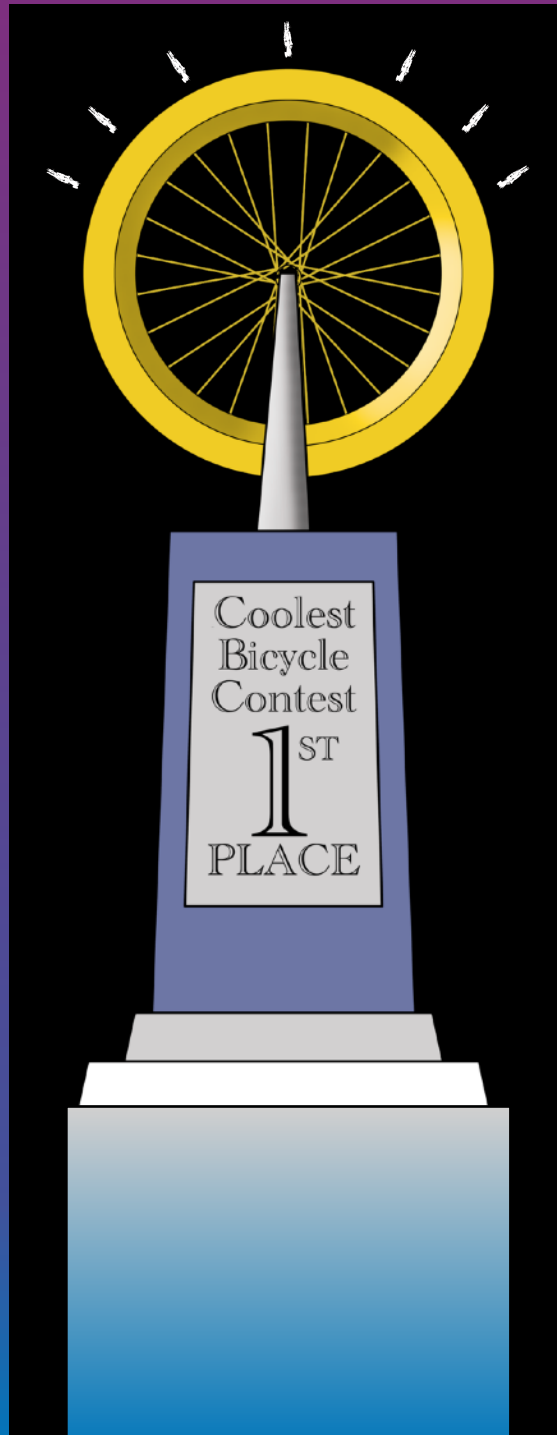
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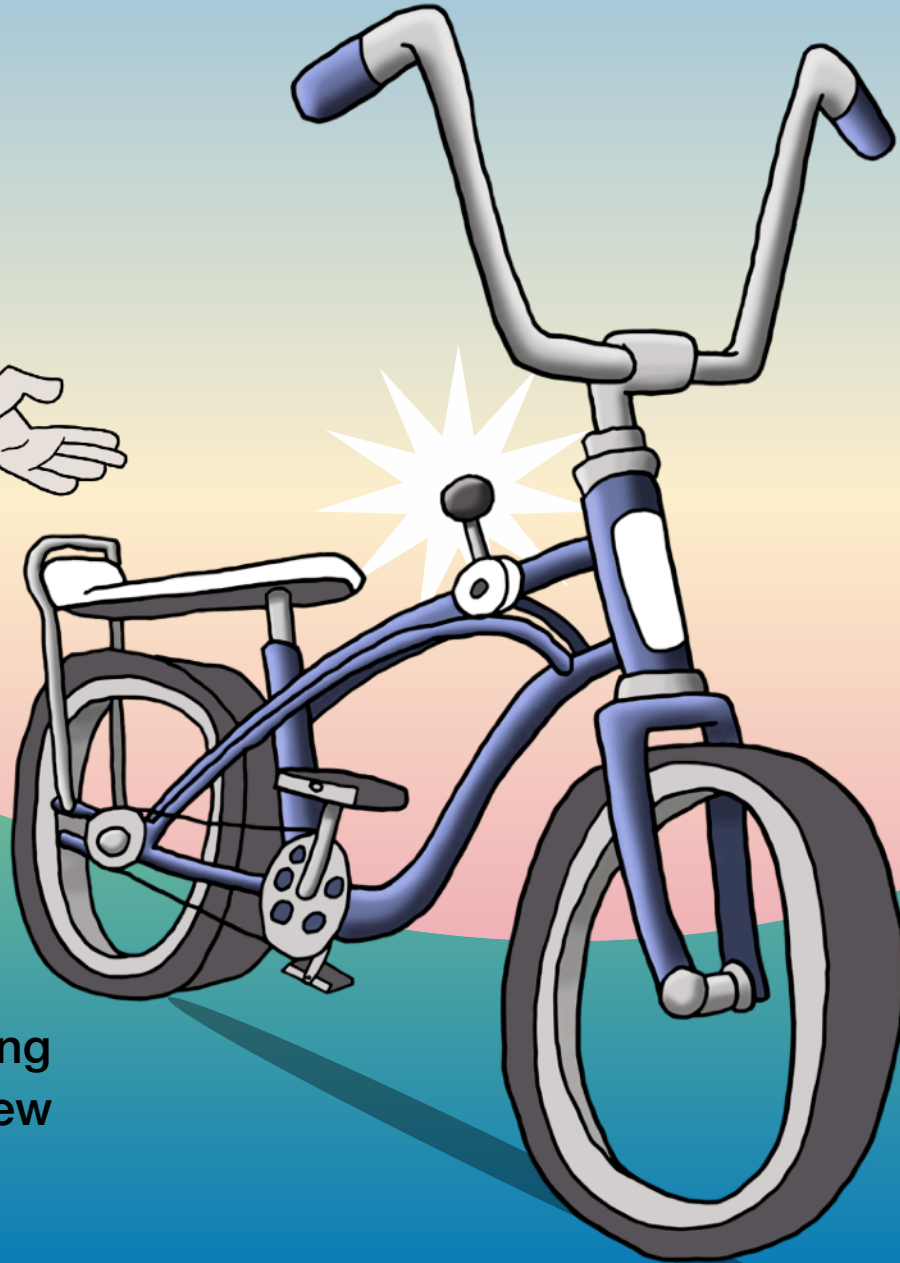
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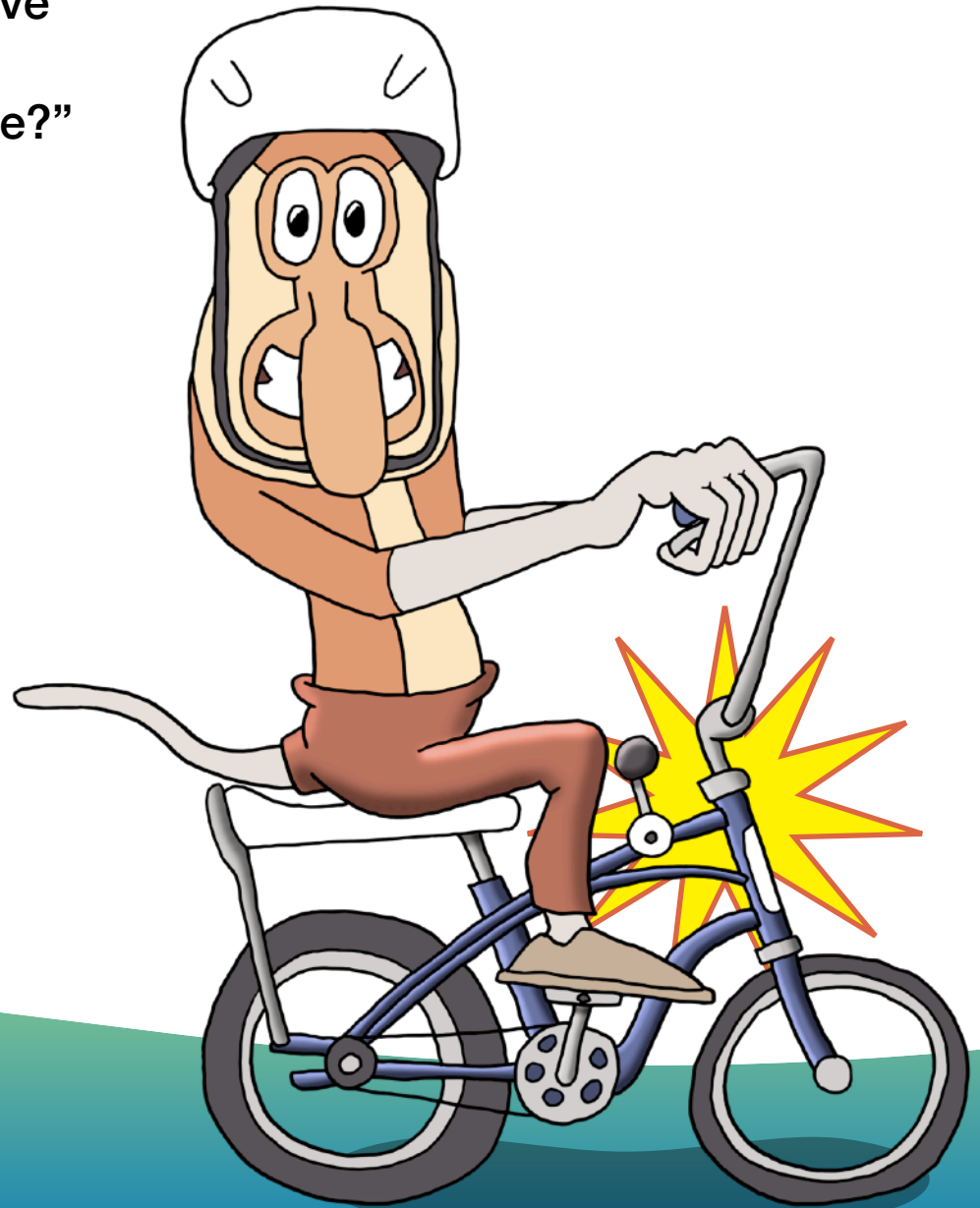
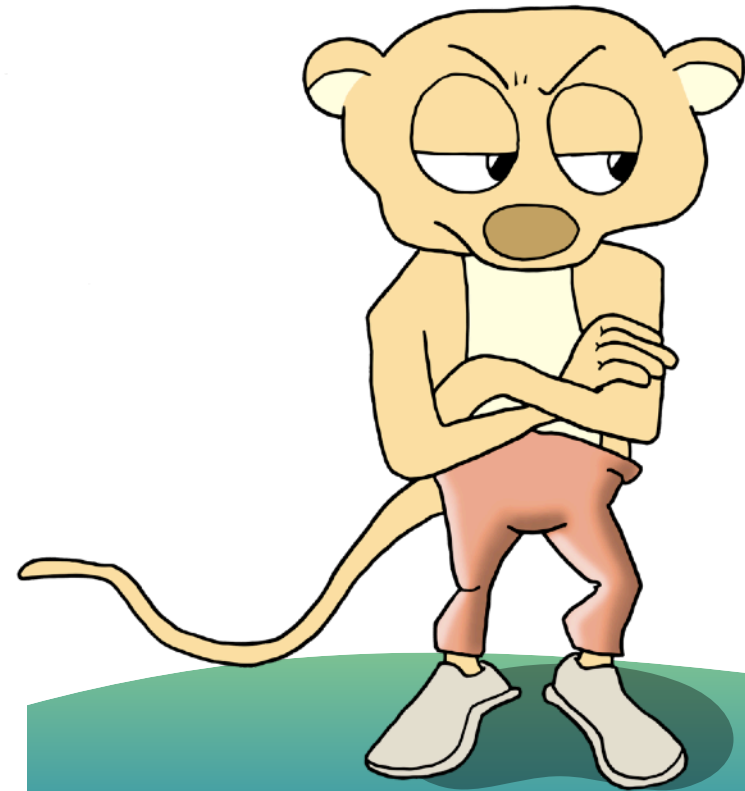
All the kids
had their eye on
The Bike Shop's
Coolest Bicycle
Contest
Trophy!





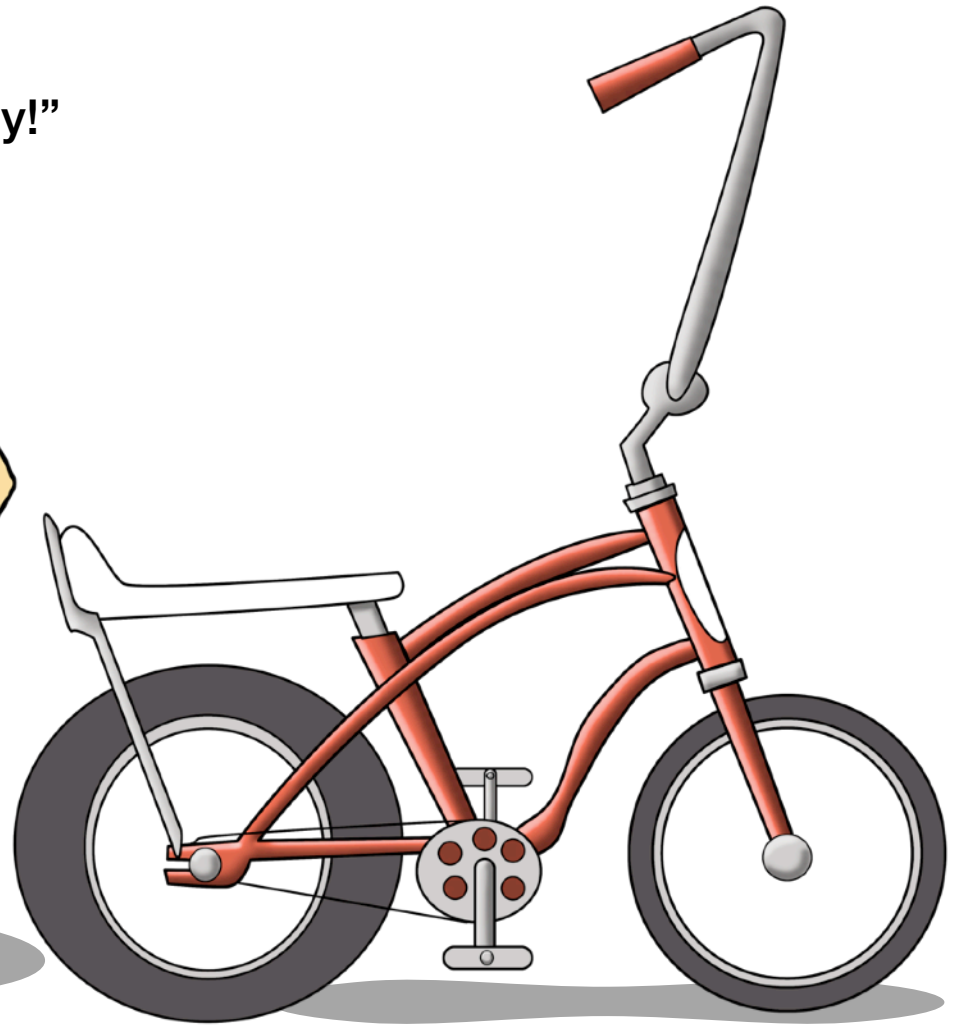
Proboscis planned on entering the contest with his brand new three speed bike!

Kinkajou was not impressed.
Proboscis always seemed to have
the best and latest thing.
“Why can’t I have the coolest bike?”
Thought Kinkajou.
He was jealous.



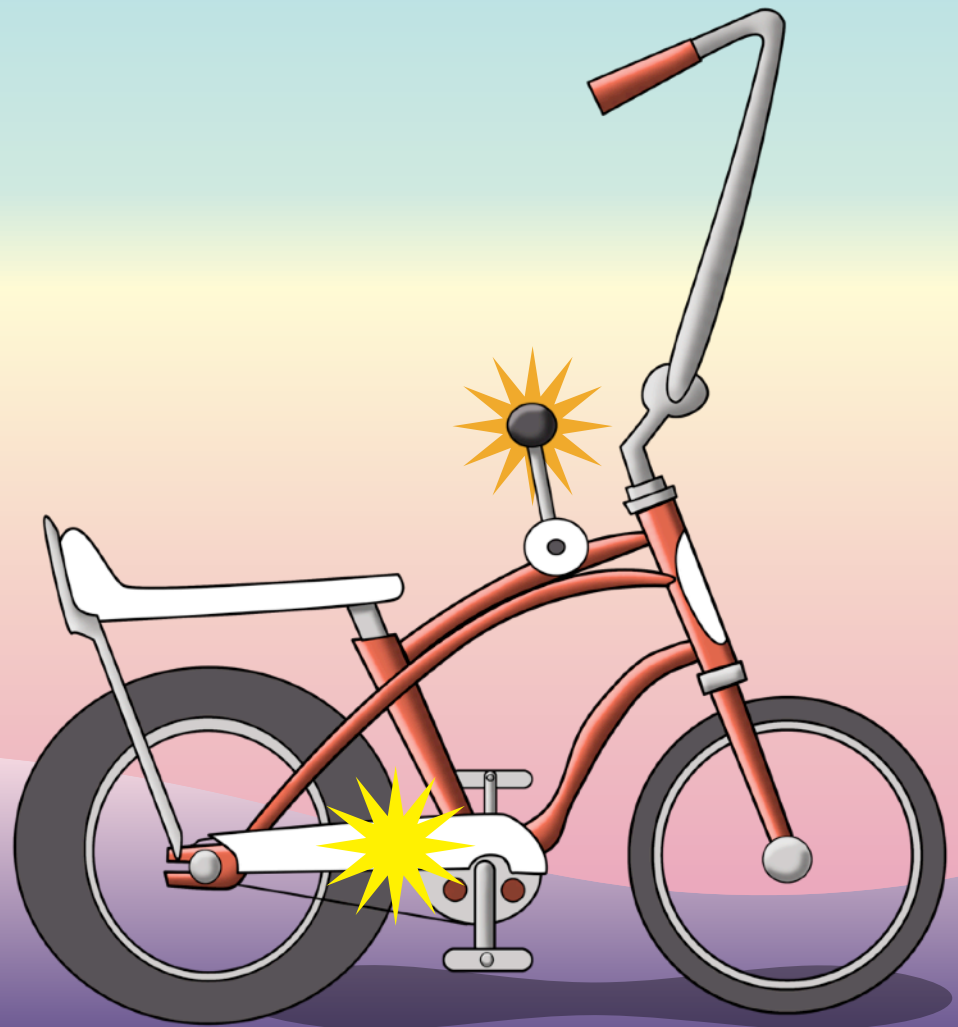
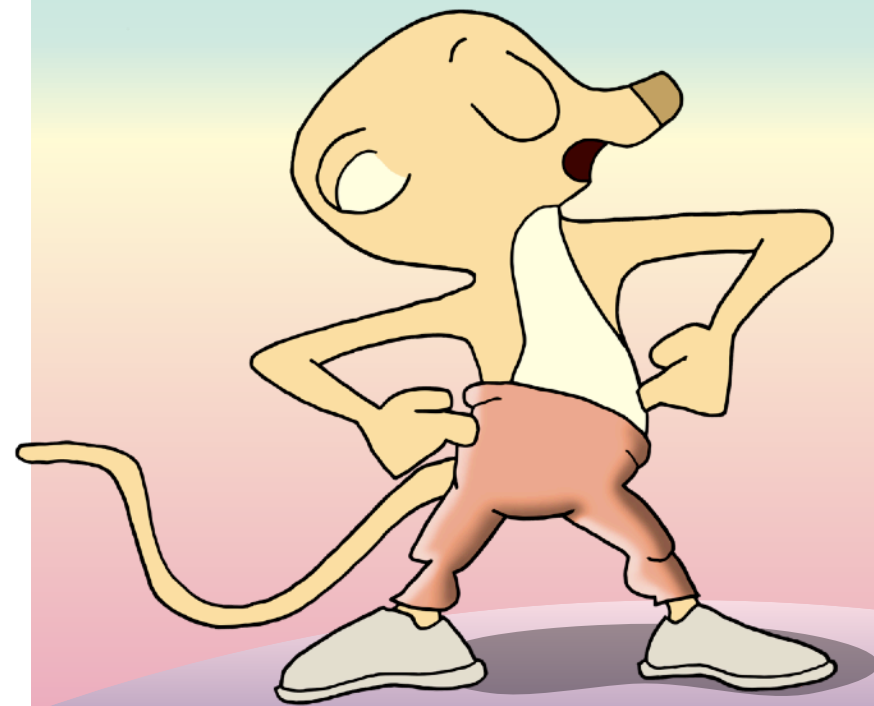
**“My bike has only one speed,”
said Kinkajou,
“but I have a plan to make
my bike cooler than Proboscis’ bike!”**

**Then I’ll win the
Coolest Bicycle Contest Trophy!”**



And the next day, after taking his old bike to the bike shop for some upgrades,
Kinkajou proudly announced:

“You have three speeds,
Now I’ve got five!
And I added a chain guard!”

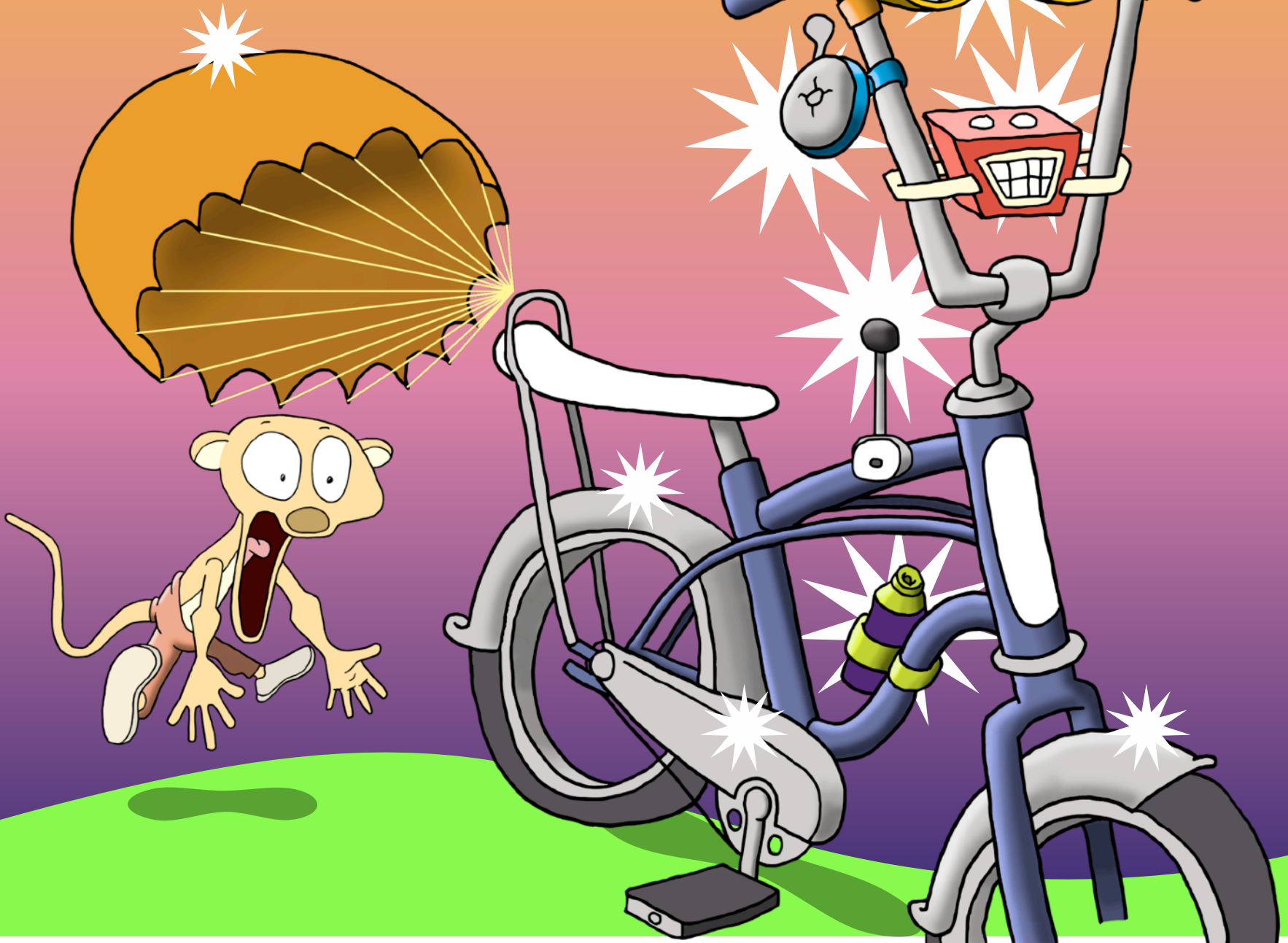


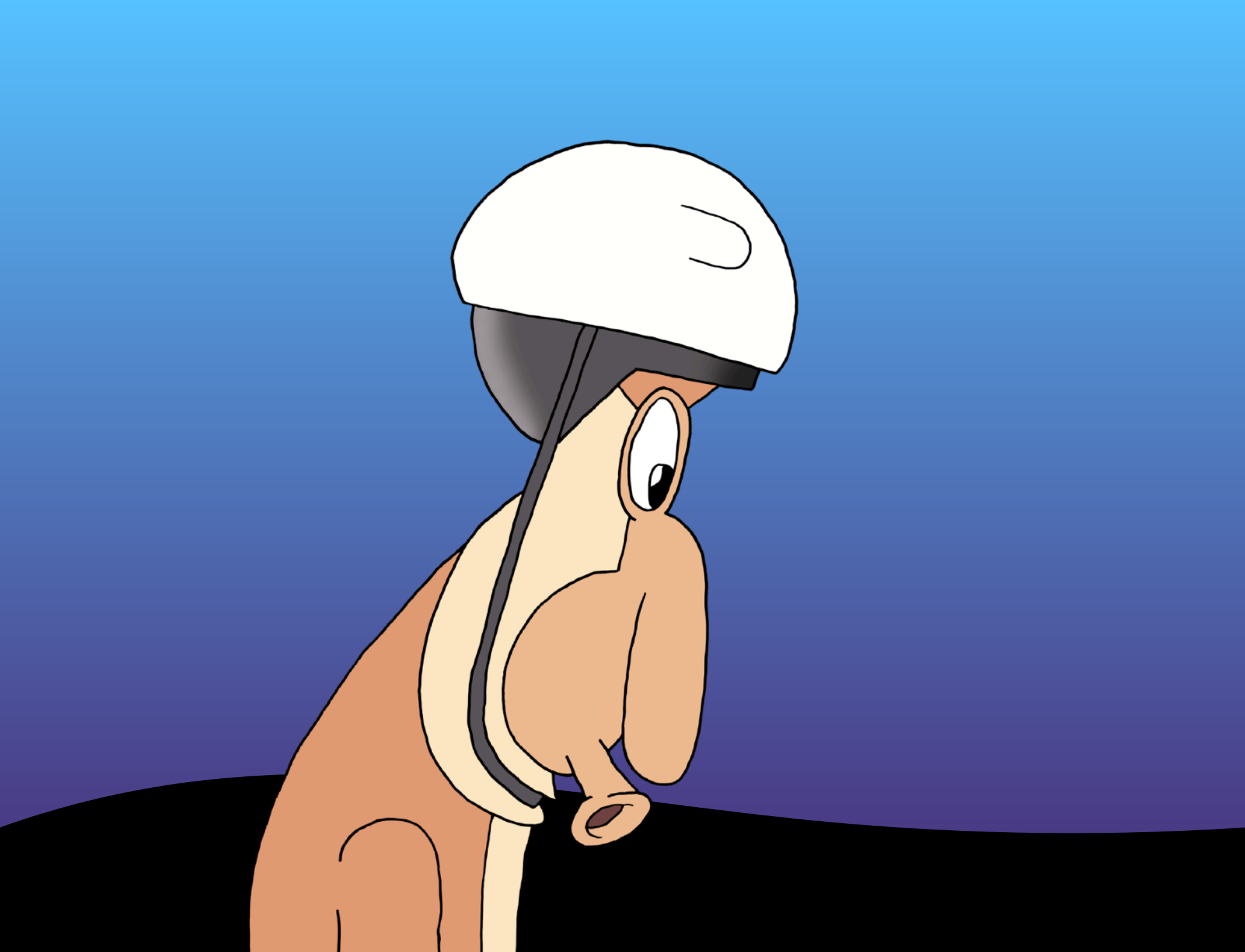


Not to be outdone,
the following day
Proboscis proclaimed:

“Oh, yeah?
Well, now I have *seven* speeds,
a *chrome* chain guard,
chrome fenders,
dual headlights,
a bell,
a sound system that also makes
a simulated jet engine roar,
a hydration flask,
and a parachute!!!”

Yikes! Kinkajou was surprised,
but the next day...





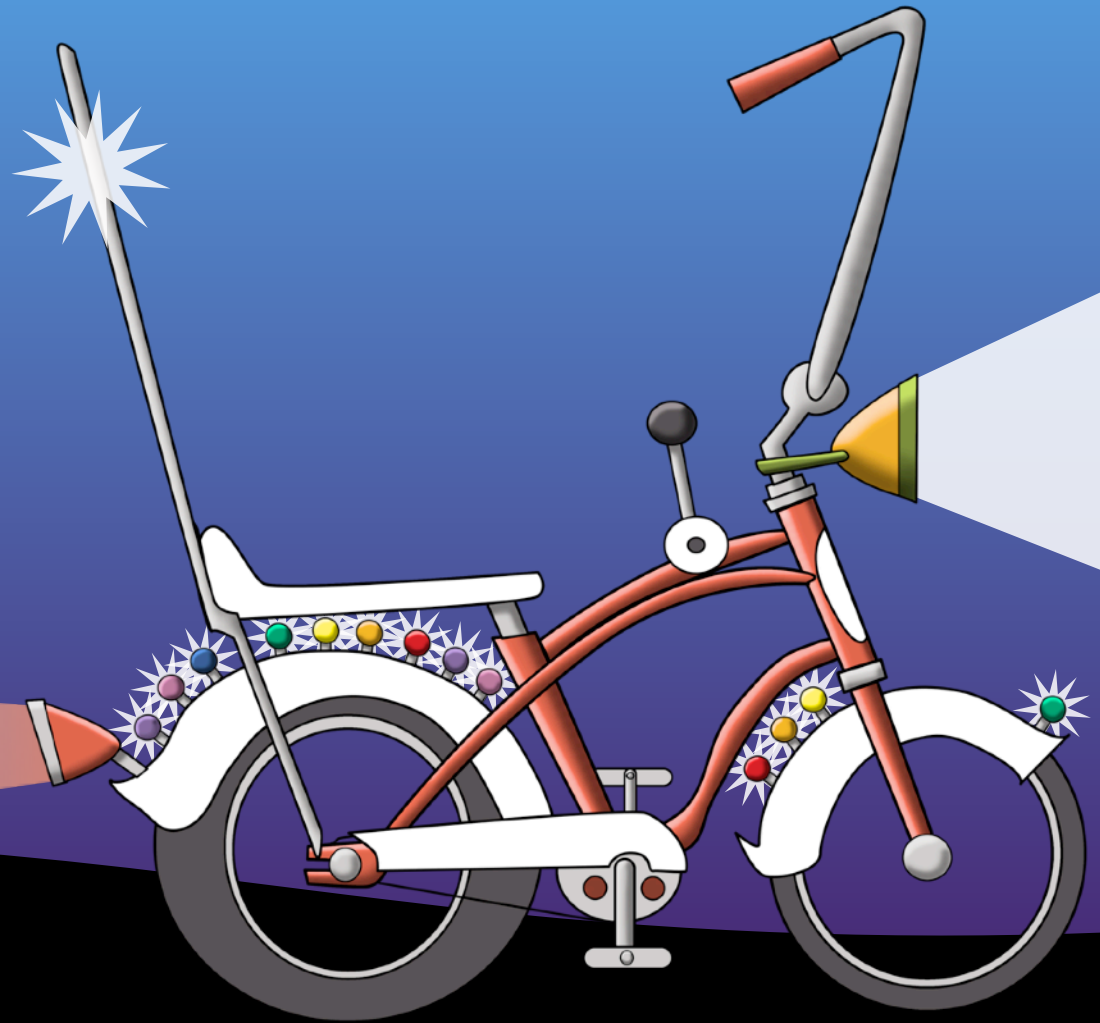
“Oh, yeah?” Said Kinkajou.

“ You’ve got fenders,
but I’ve got fenders with lights!

Dual spotlights?
I’ve got a headlight

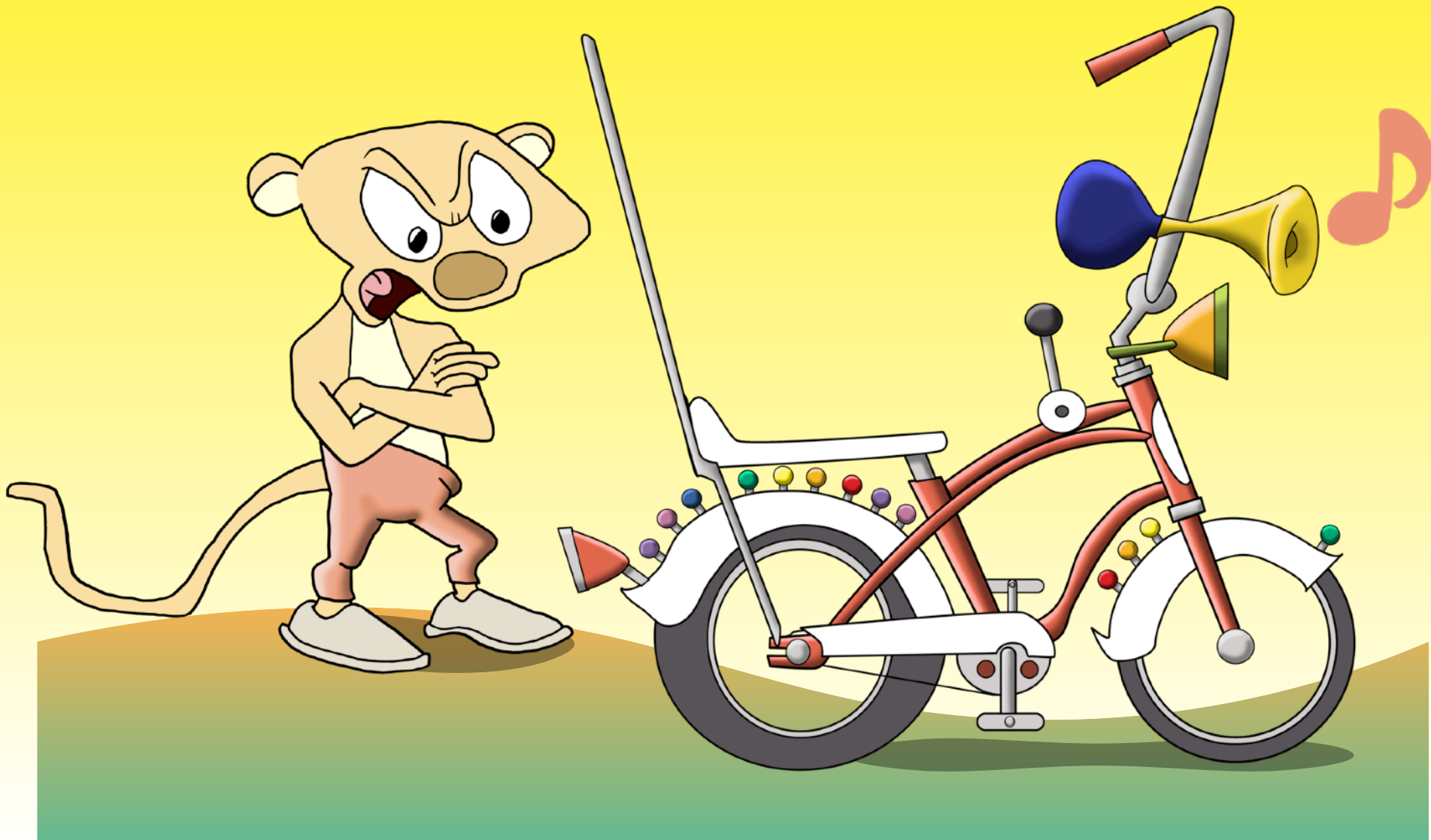
and a taillight!

And, check out my
new backrest!”

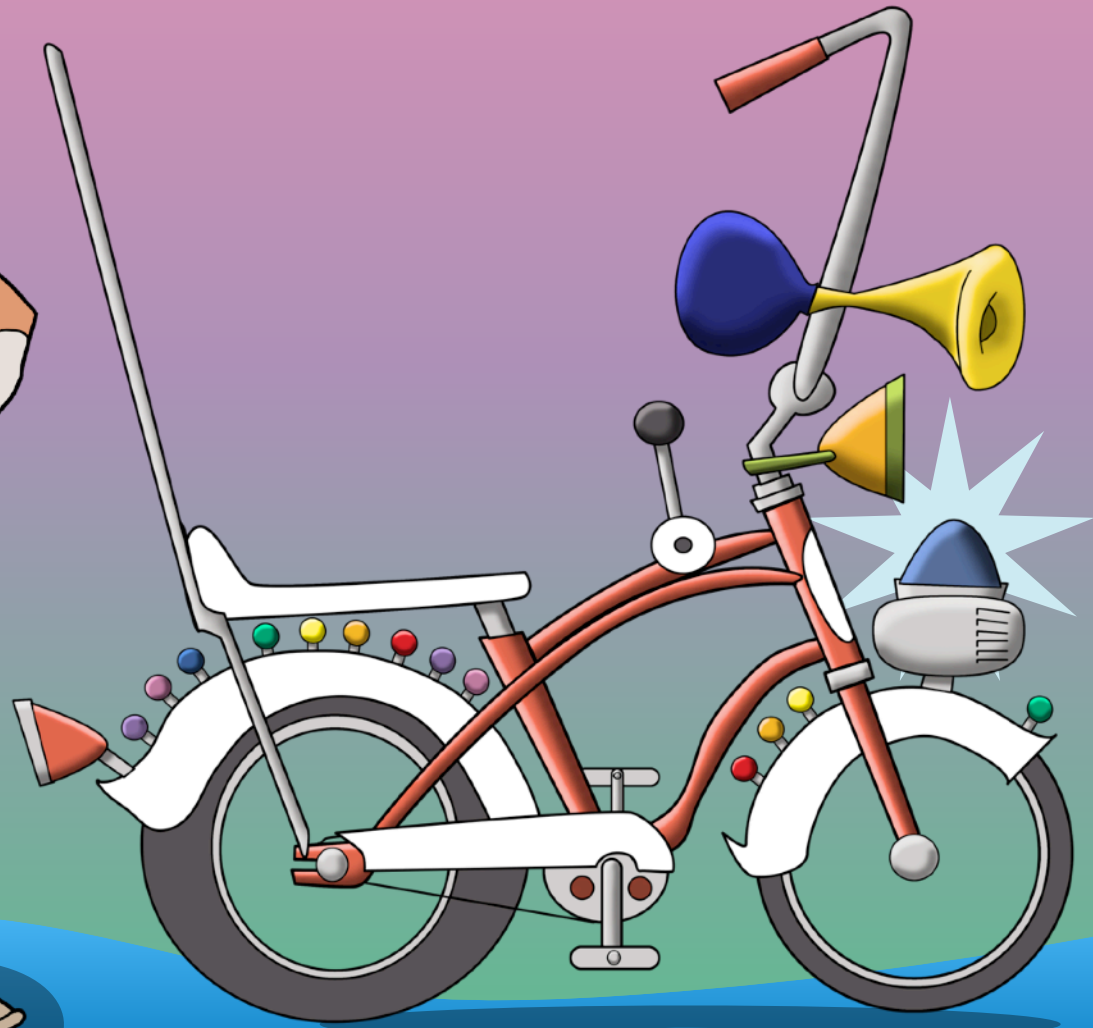
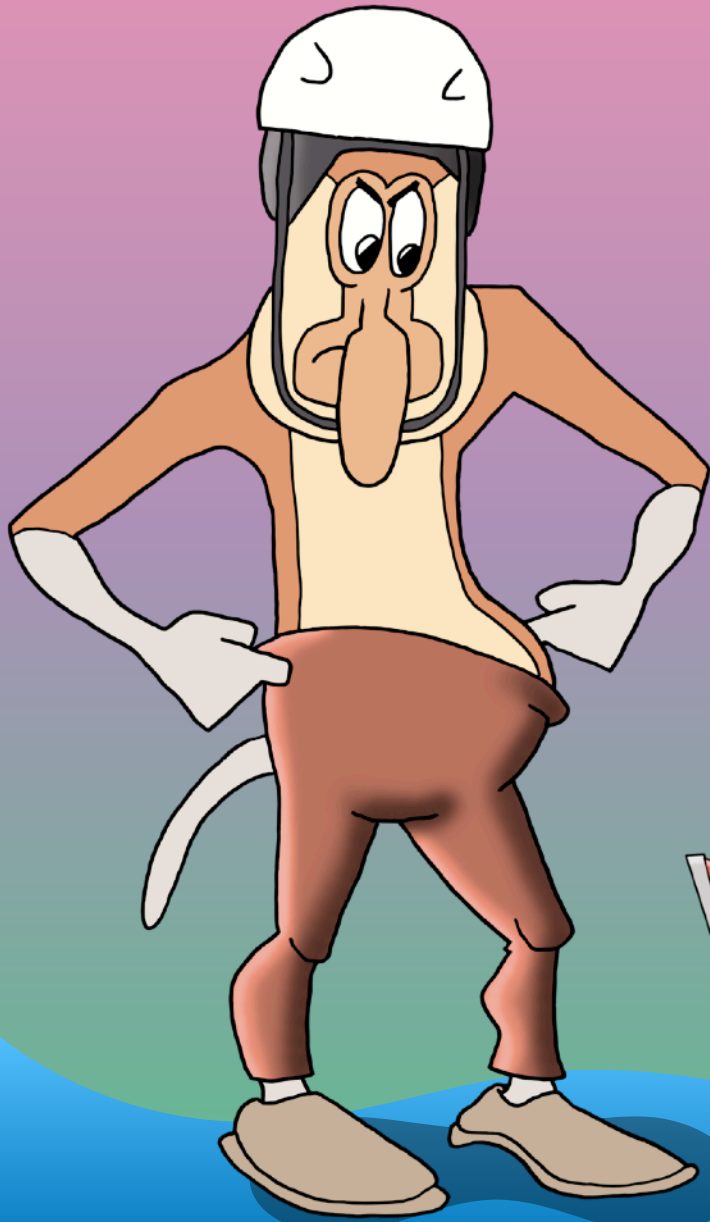


On and on it went,
day after day!

“...You might have a bell,
but I’ve got a horn!”



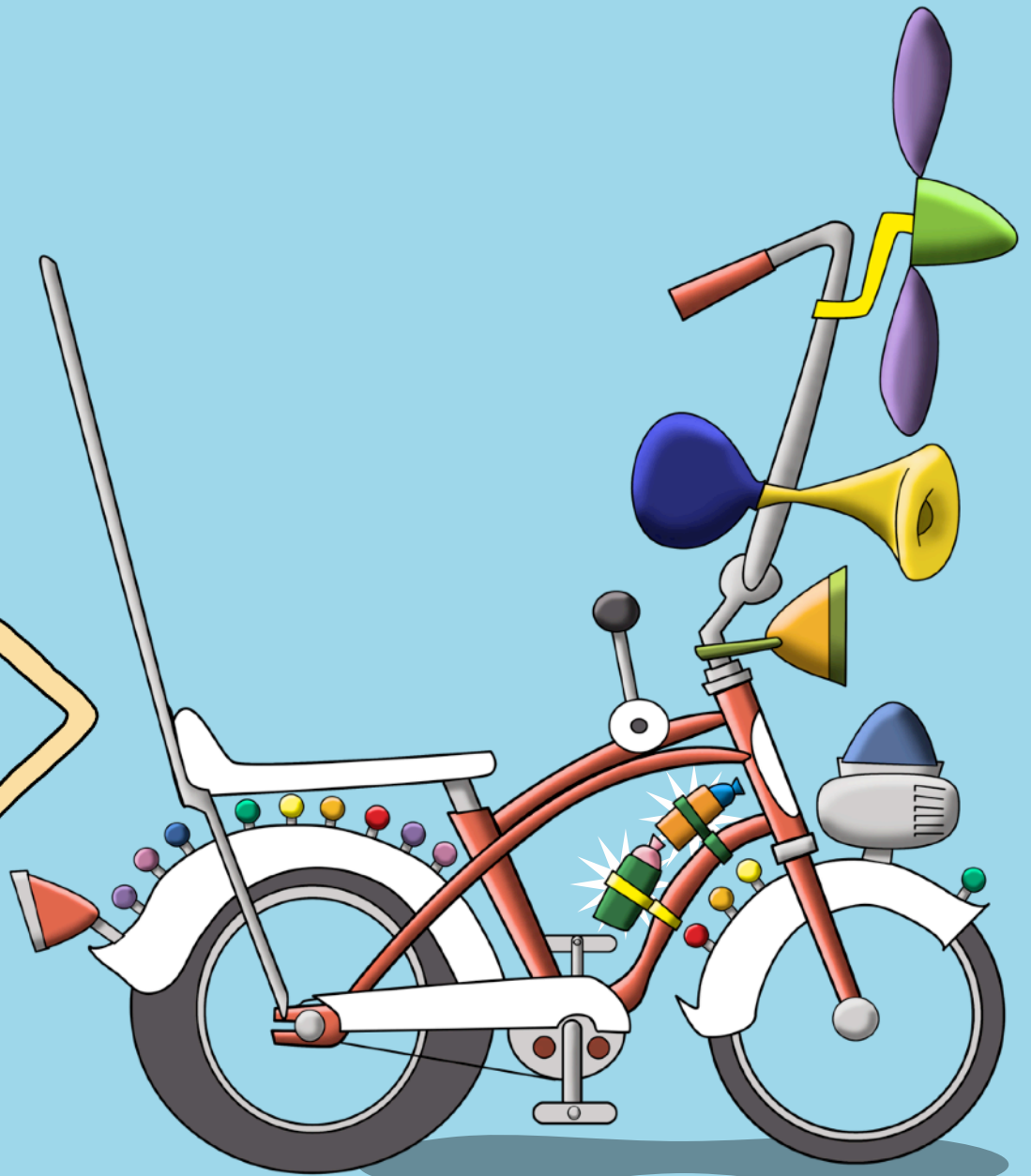
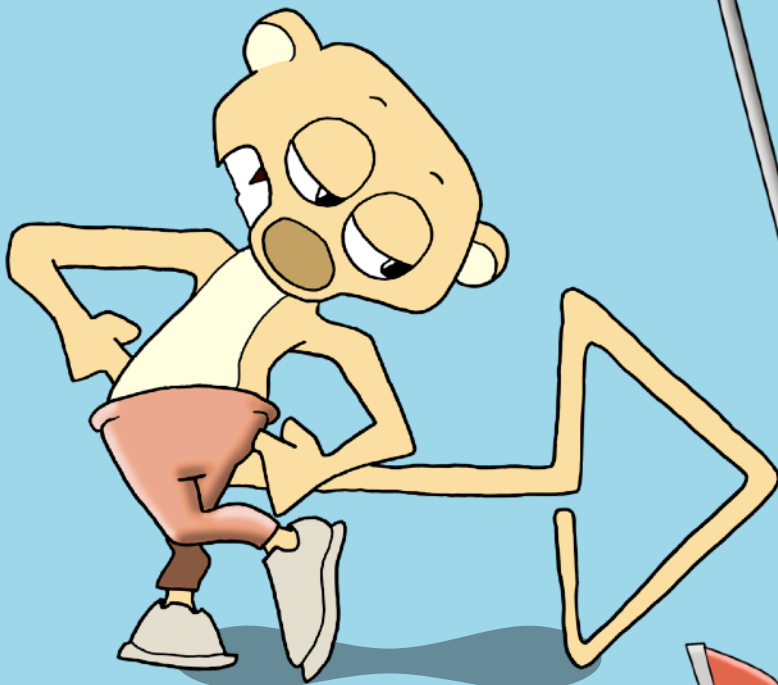
**“Oh, and about your sound system,”
added Kinkajou,
“I’ll drown it out
with my police siren!”**



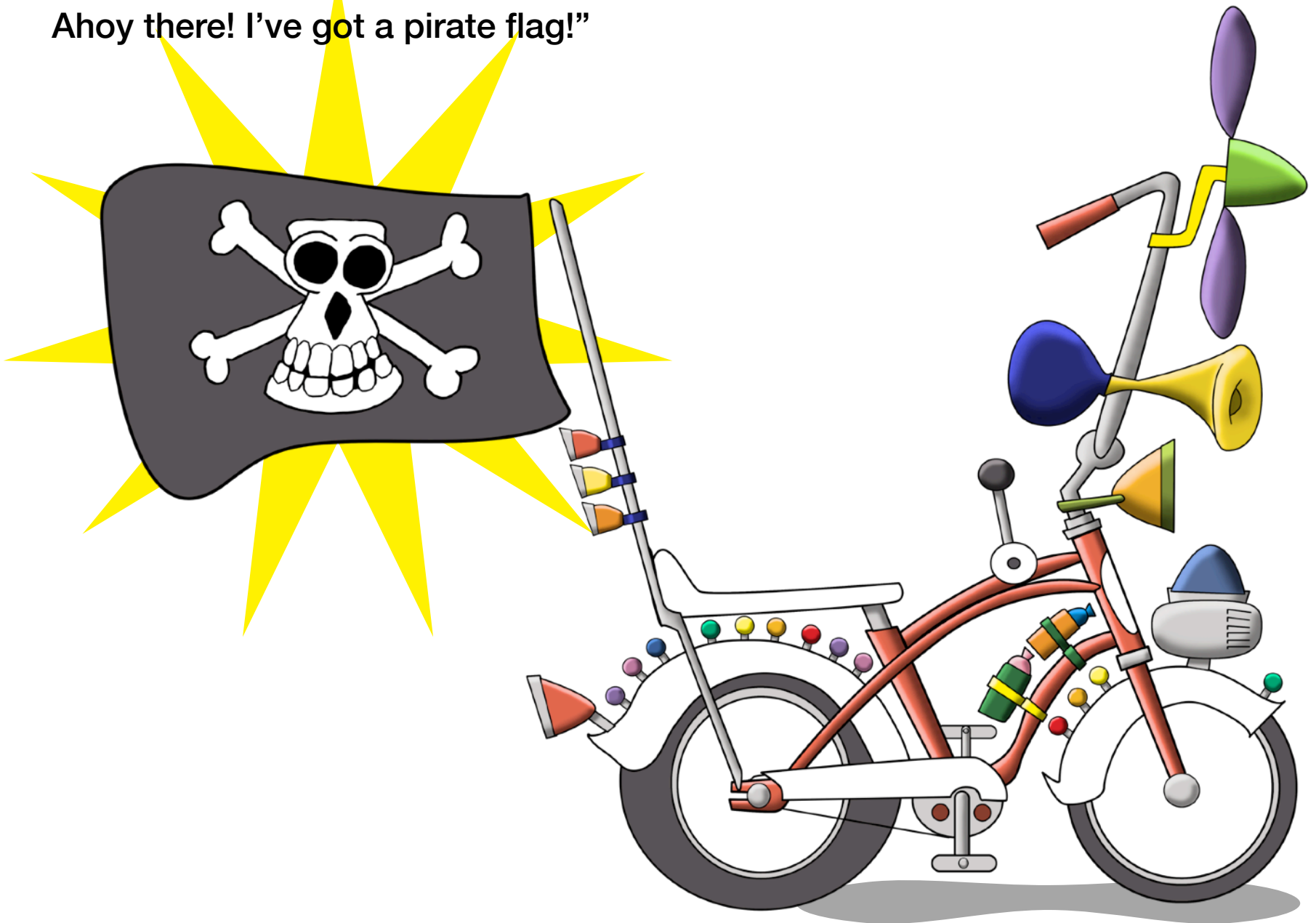
**“And that simulated jet engine?
Meet my non-simulated,
real deal propellor!”**



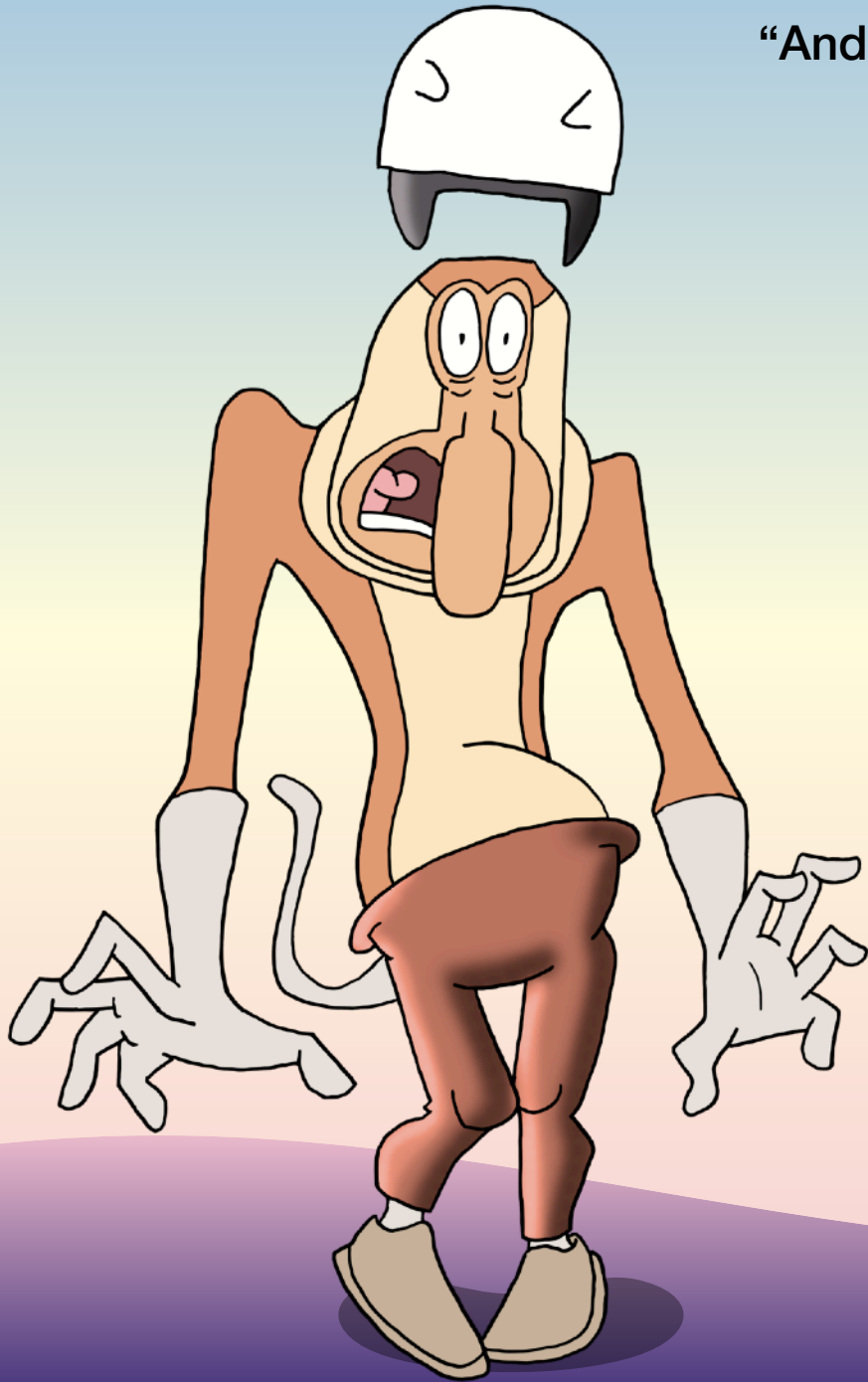
“One hydration flask?
Count ‘em...two!”



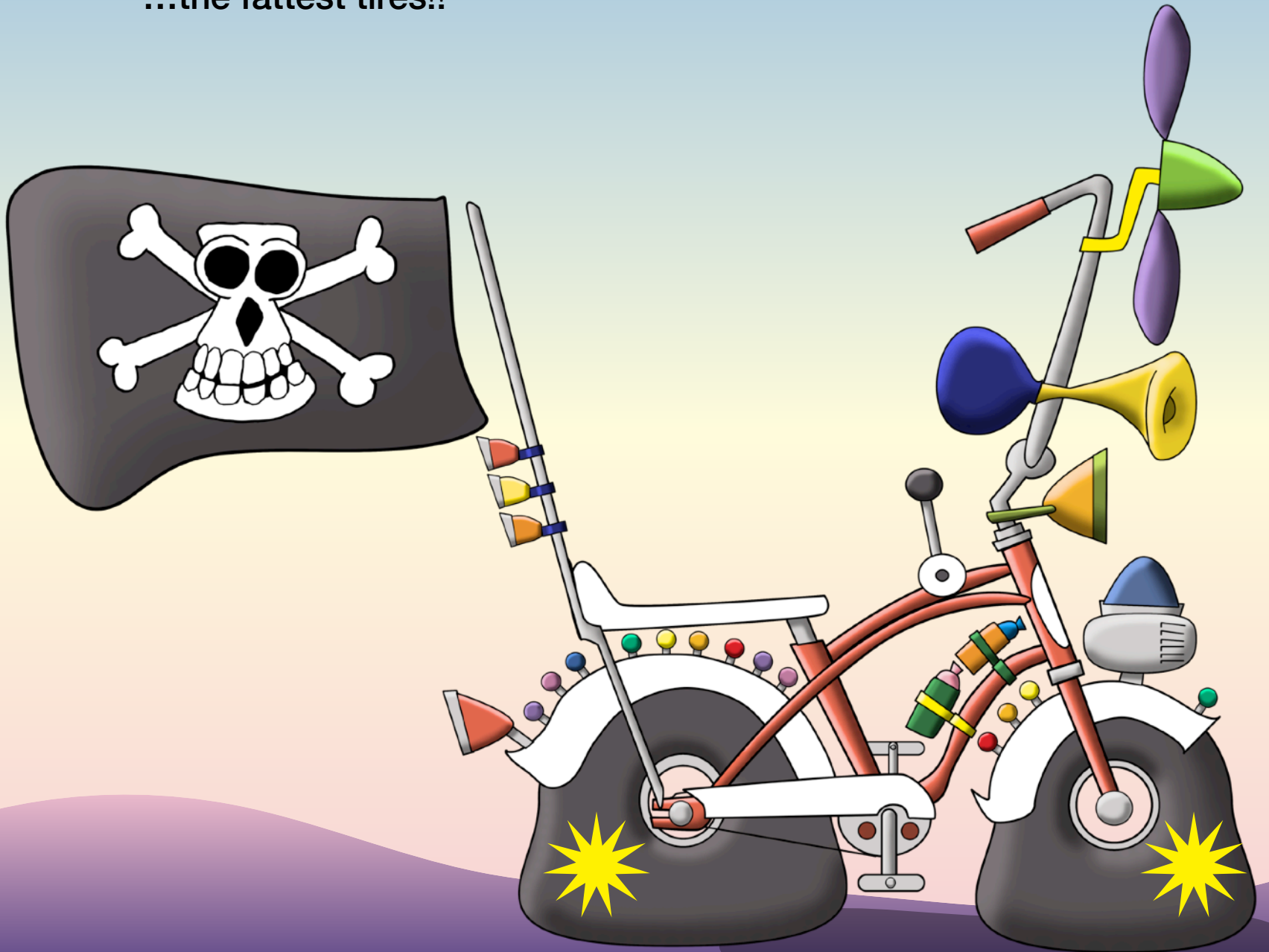
“And as to your parachute,
Ahoy there! I’ve got a pirate flag!”



“And in case you get fat tires,”
continued Kinkajou,
“I’ve got...”



“...the fattest tires!!”



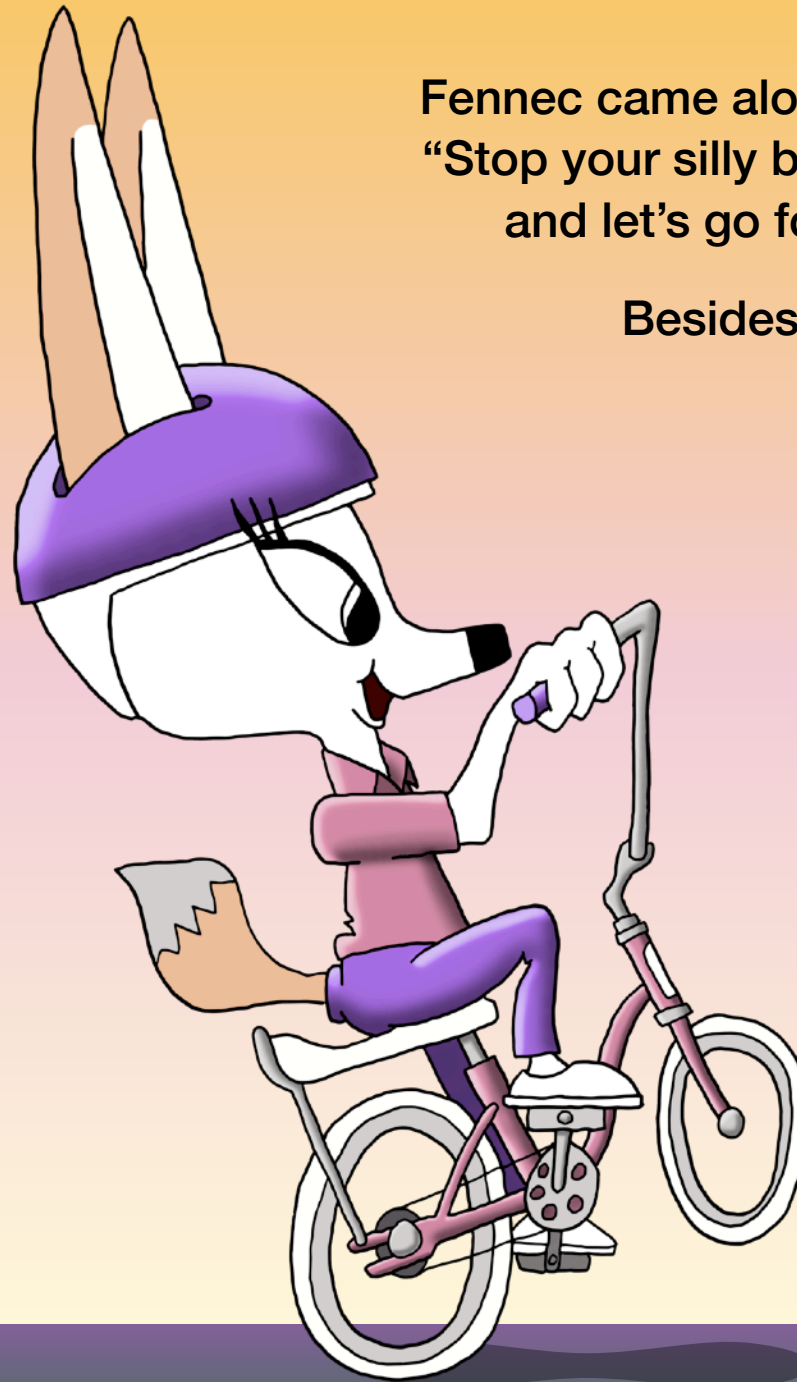
Finally, they each got
biking outfits to
match their bikes.

At this point, they weren't even
speaking to each other!



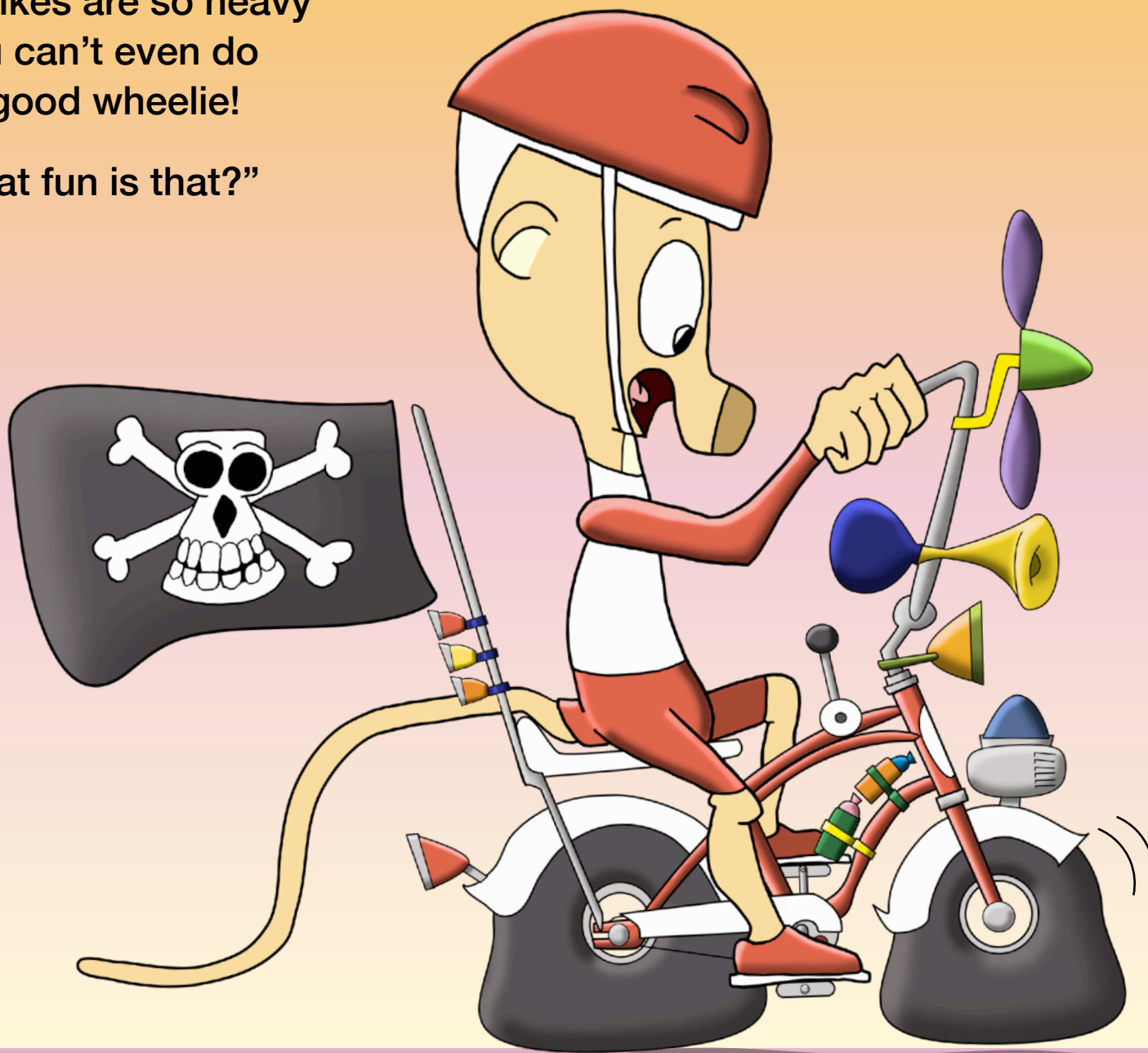
Fennec came along and said:
“Stop your silly bicycle battle
and let’s go for a ride!

Besides...”



“...with all those doodads
your bikes are so heavy
you can't even do
a good wheelie!

What fun is that?”



“Fennec’s right!” Said Kinkajou.
“I’m sorry I was jealous of your new bike!
It’s really cool! Let’s get rid of all this stuff
and have some fun!”

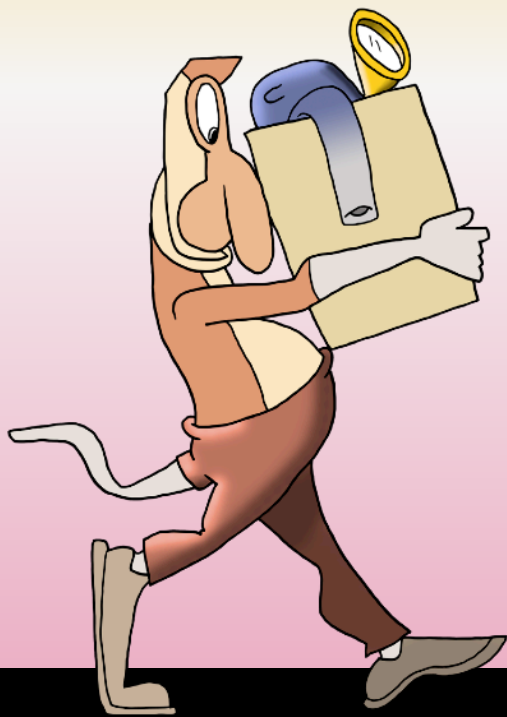


And Kinkajou got rid of
the outfit,
the fattest tires,
the pirate flag,
the blinkers,
the propellor,
the police siren,
the horn,
the headlight,
the taillight,
the backrest,
the fenders with lights,
the five speed shifter,
the chain guard....

...everything except for the two
“hydration flasks”, which are
a good thing to have!



And Proboscis
returned
all of his stuff.



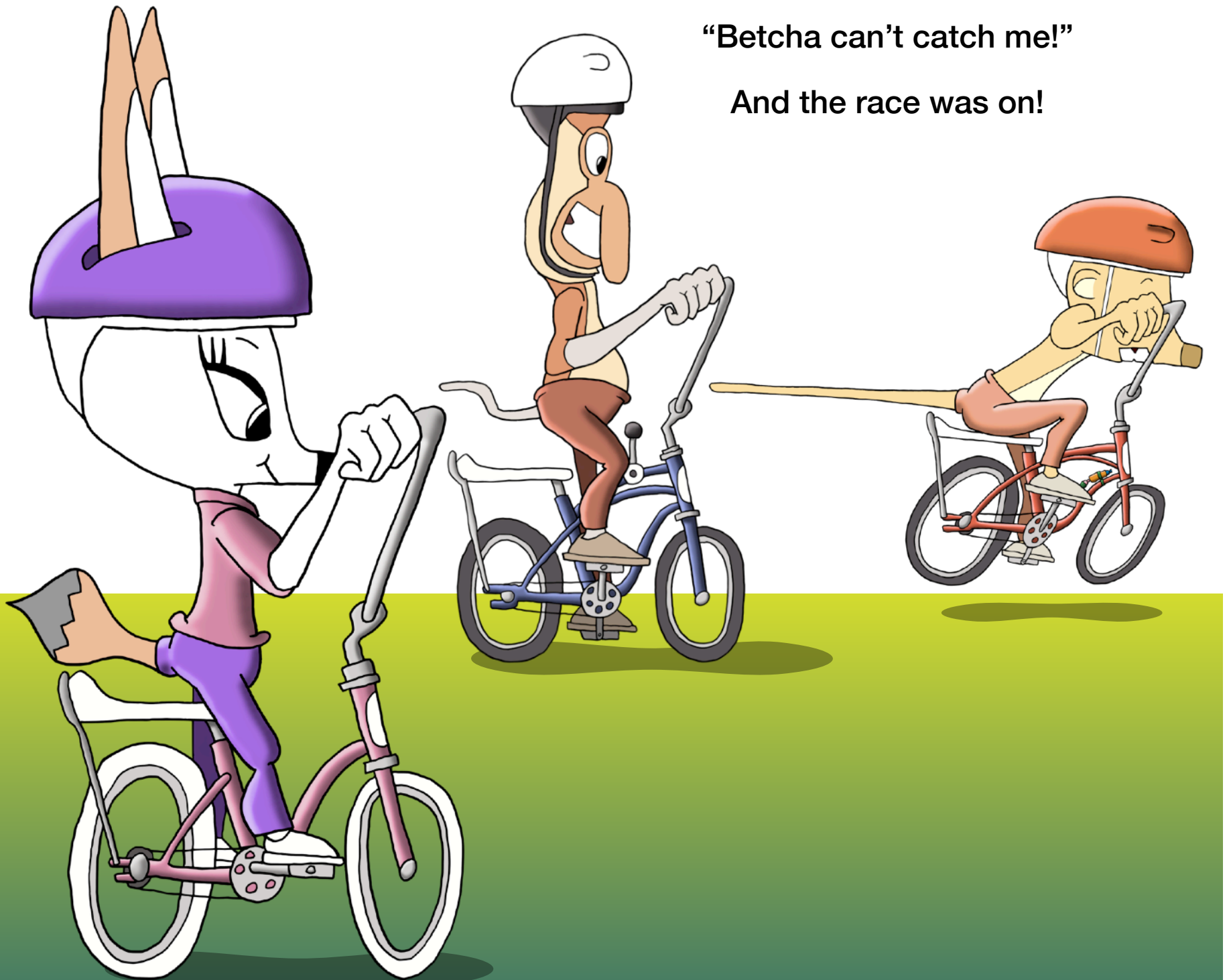


Yes, Kinkajou decided that
his bike was plenty cool
just the way it was.

Then he shouted:

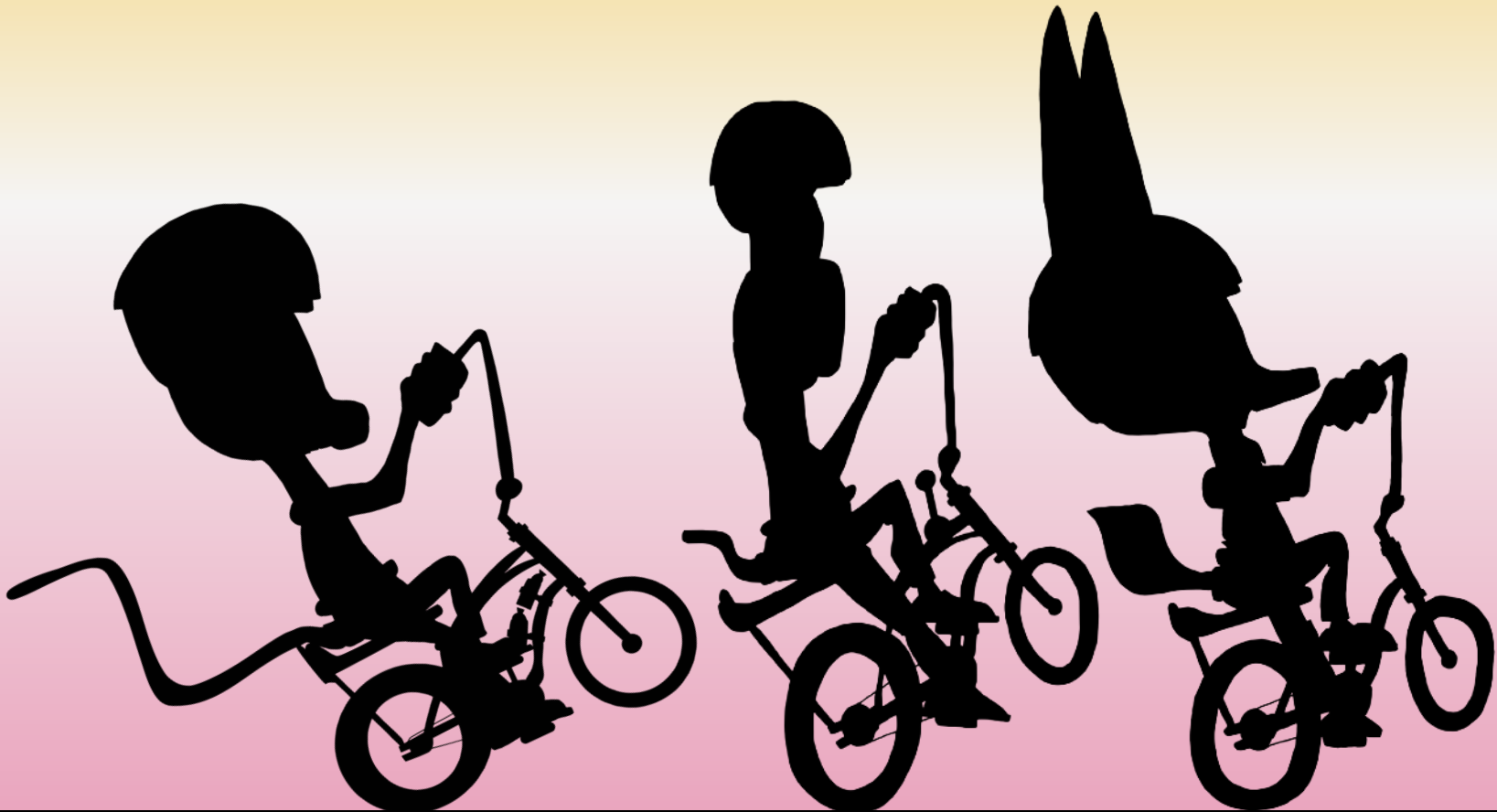
“Betcha can’t catch me!”

And the race was on!

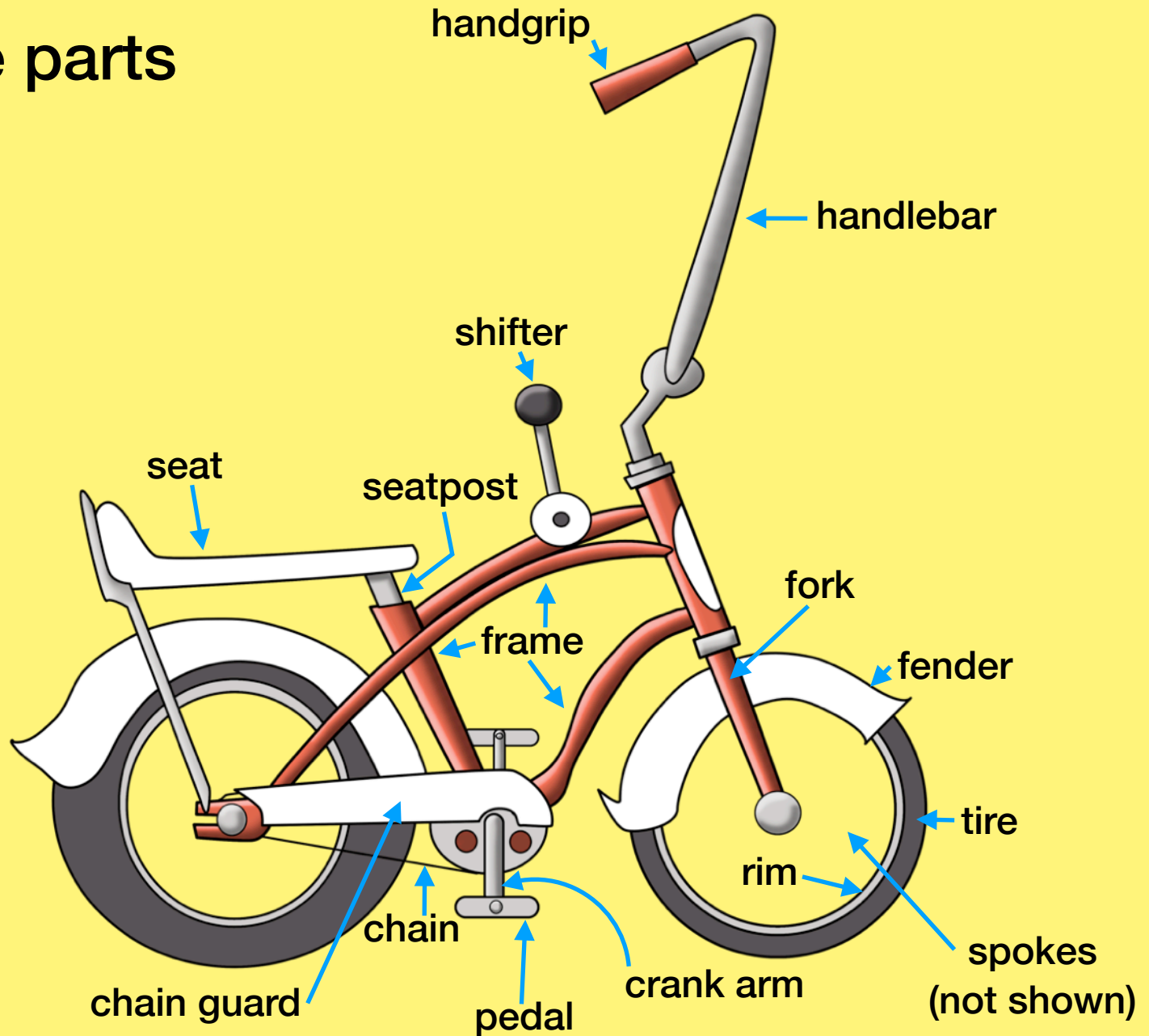


They rode and had
so much fun they forgot all about
the Coolest Bike Competition,

and it ended up being
a “wheelie” good day!

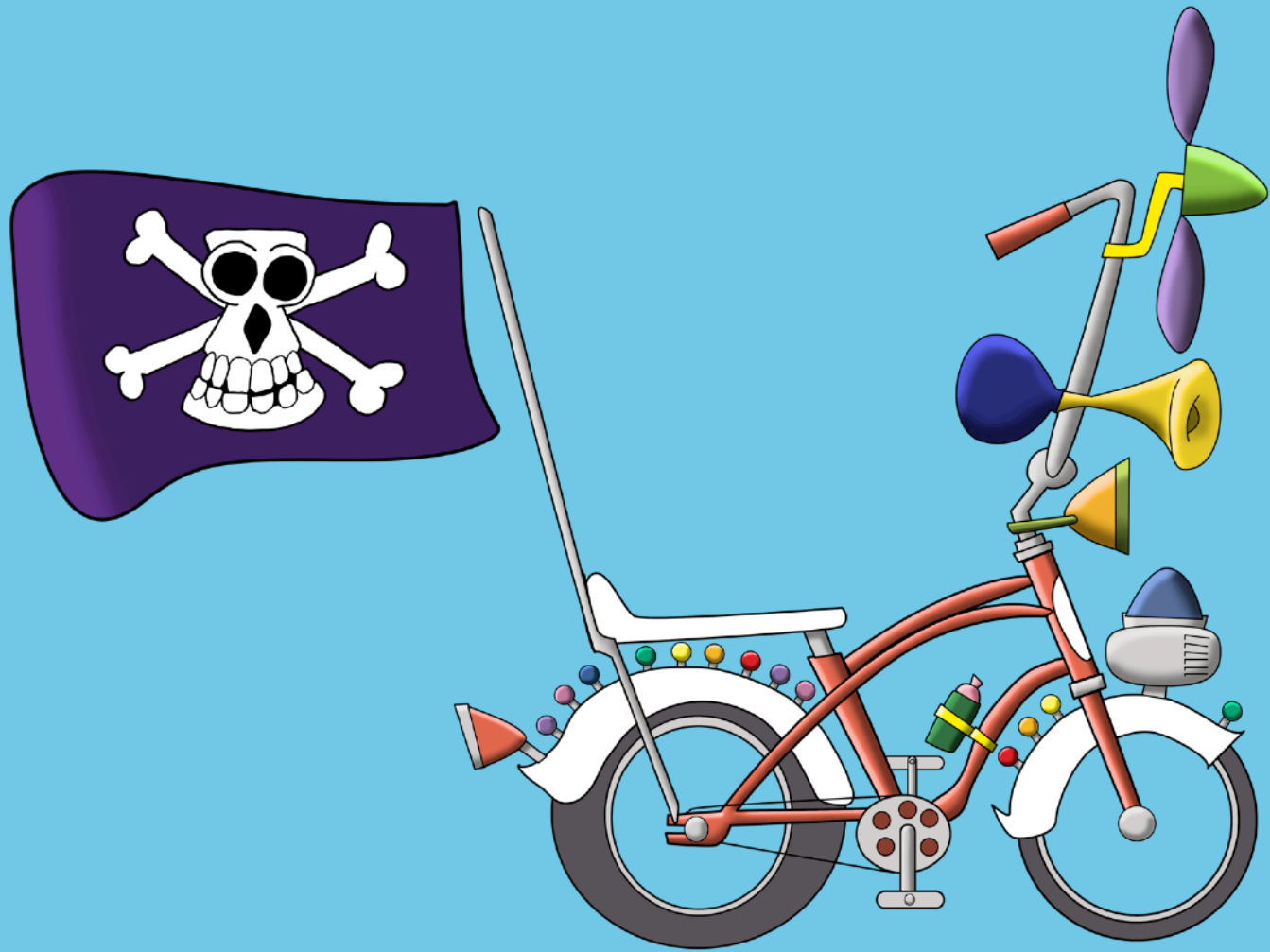


Bicycle parts





See if you can spot six differences in the two bicycles!



flag color, blinkers, water bottle, chain guard, tires

Proboscis wants to win the
Coolest Bicycle Contest Trophy
with his brand new bike, but
Kinkajou gets jealous and starts
The Great Big Bicycle Battle!

