

The Talent Show



Kinkajou's Zoo

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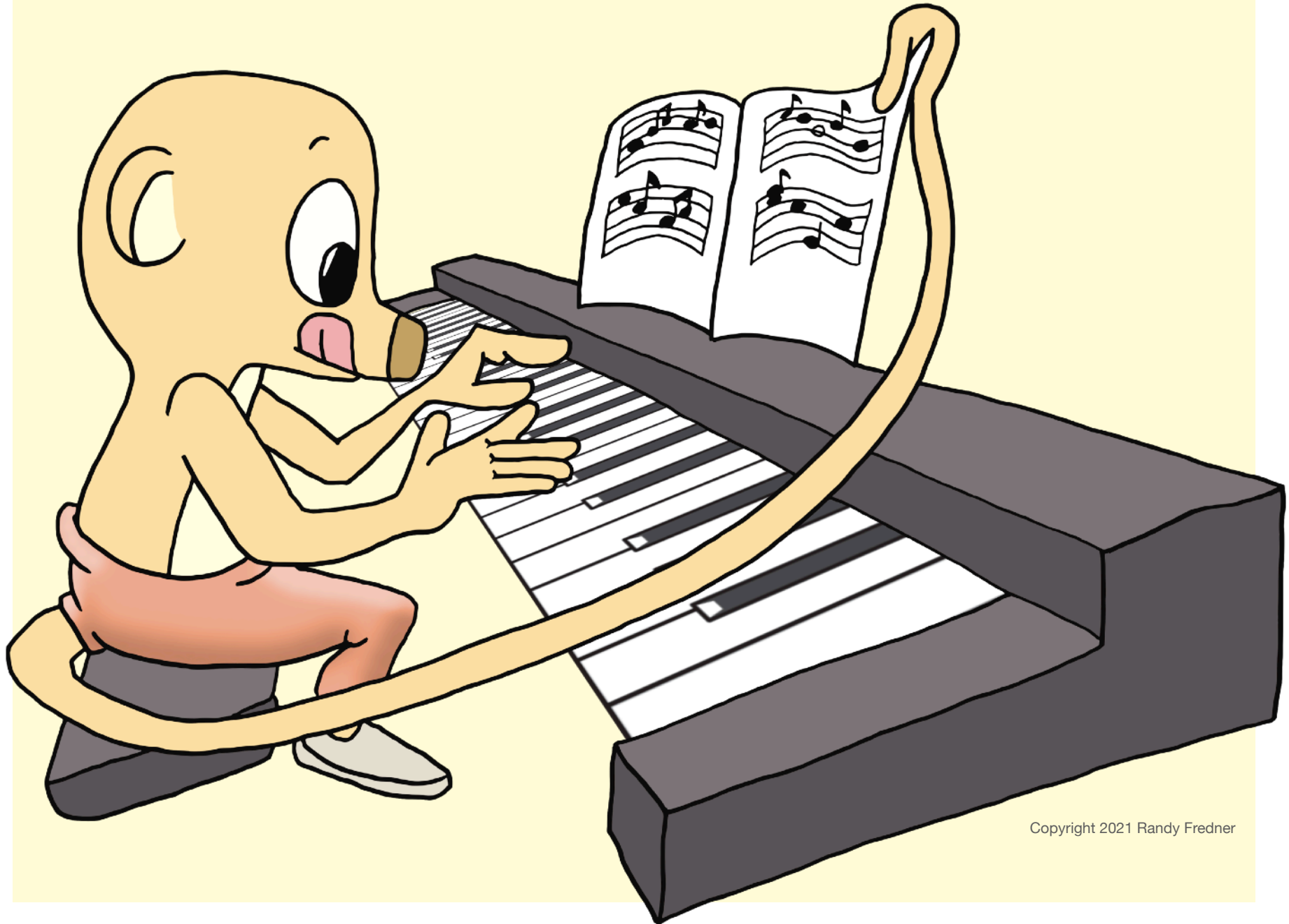
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Kinkajou was practicing for
the school talent show.

When along came Proboscis,
Don'tcha know!



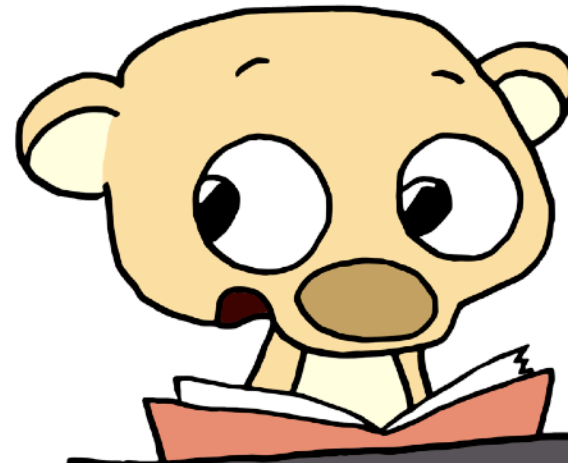
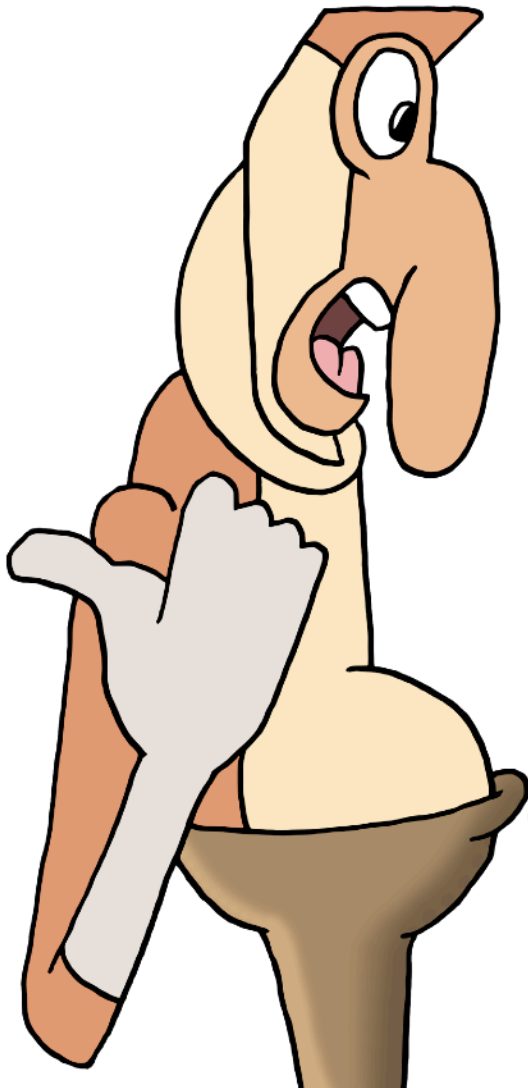
“Hey Kinkajou,
Whaddya say?

Let’s go out and play!”

Kinkajou replied:

“The only playing I’m doing
Is on the piano!”

Aren’t you practicing
For the show?”



“The simple fact is,
I don’t need to practice!”

Said Proboscis.

“When it comes to performing
I know how to bring it...

For my routine
I’m just gonna wing it!”

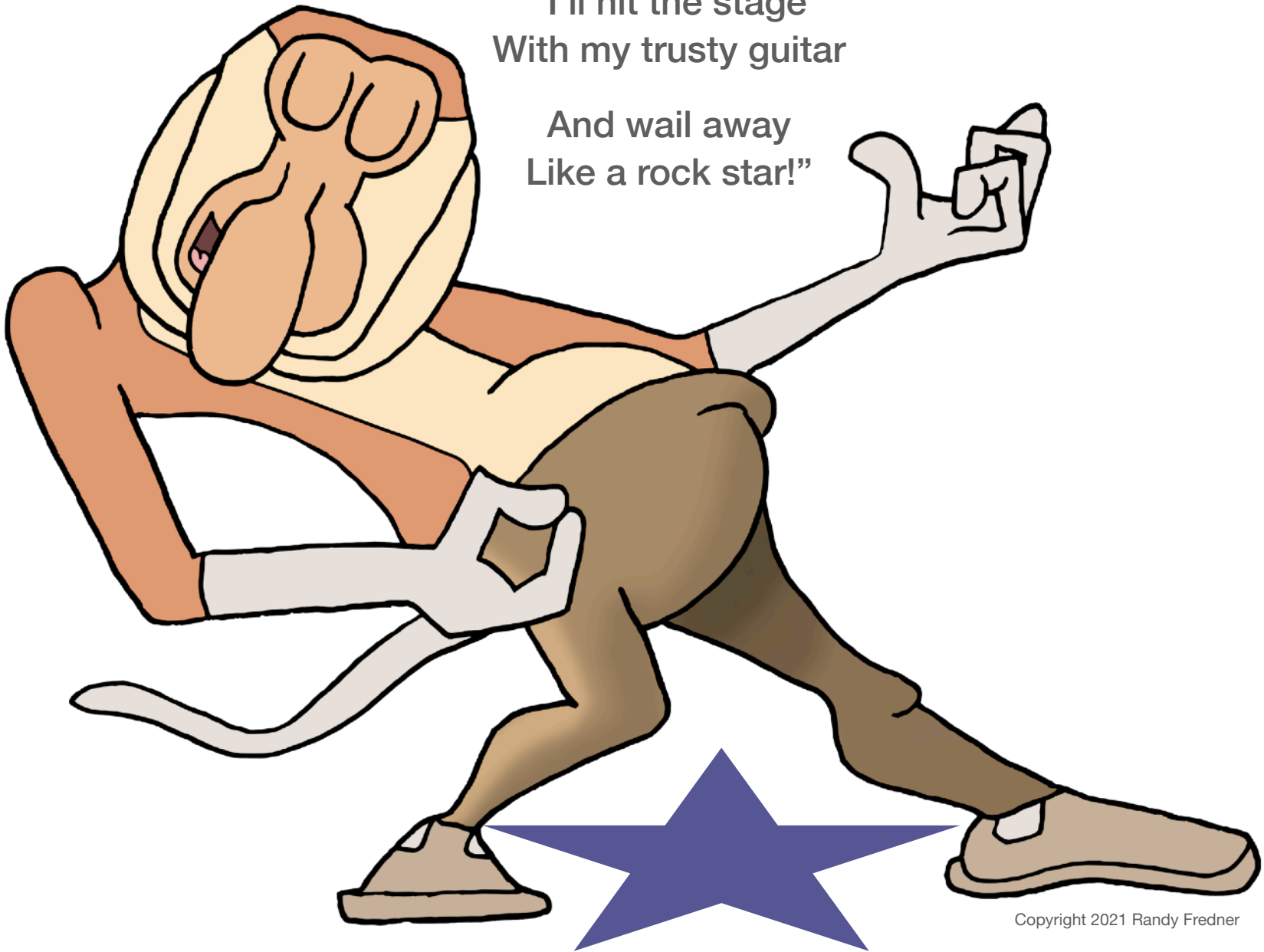


Kinkajou didn’t think
That sounded like a good idea.

Proboscis continued:

“I’ll hit the stage
With my trusty guitar

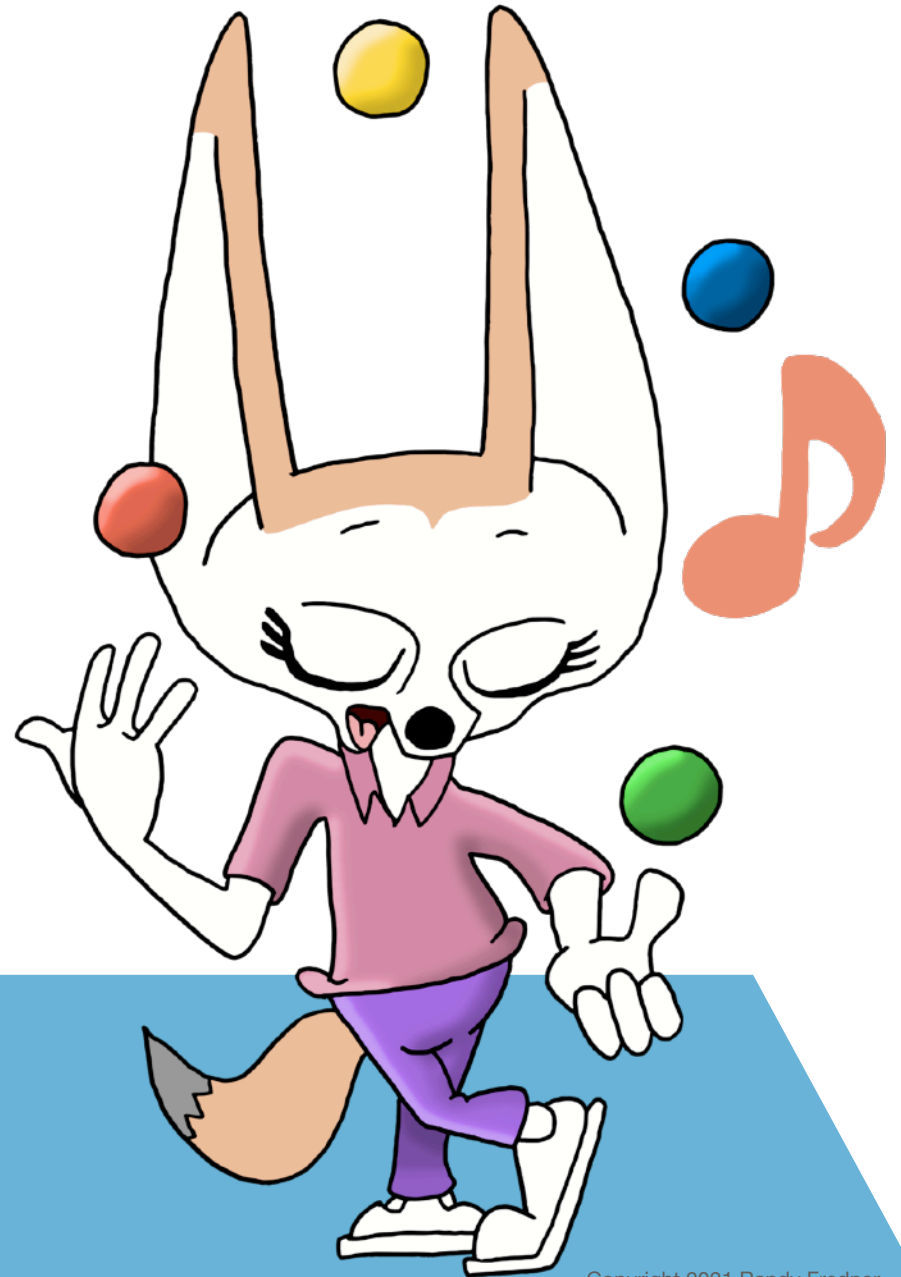
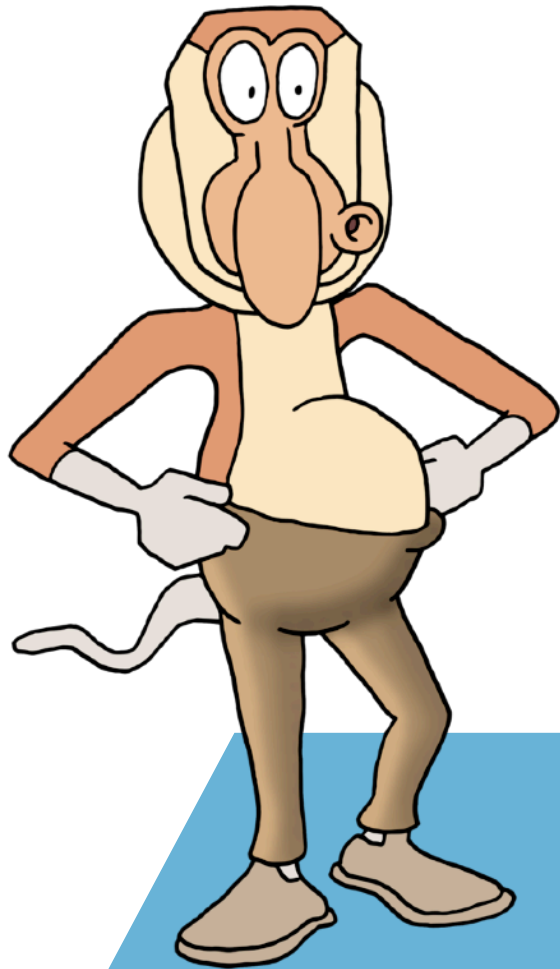
And wail away
Like a rock star!”



Just then Fennec arrived.

“I have so many talents,
Choosing one will be a struggle!”

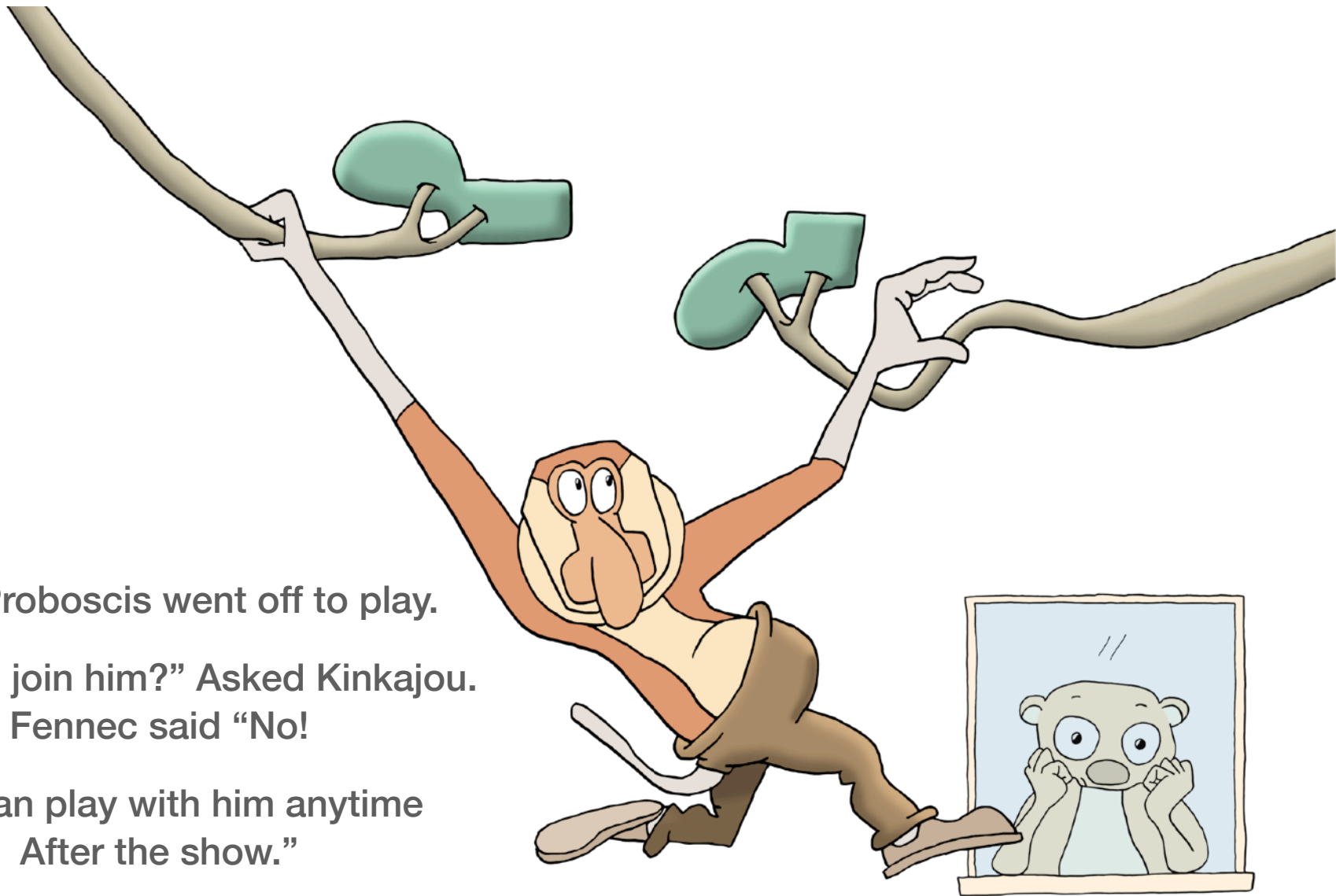
She said with a sigh
As she began to sing and juggle.



“I don’t like to brag,
Well, maybe a little!

I could toot my flute
Or play the fiddle!”





Then Proboscis went off to play.

“Should I join him?” Asked Kinkajou.
Fennec said “No!

You can play with him anytime
After the show.”

So Kinkajou watched Proboscis
Swing in the trees,

And then continued to
practice the keys.

The night of the school talent show arrived.

First up was Olivia
Whose specialty was trivia!



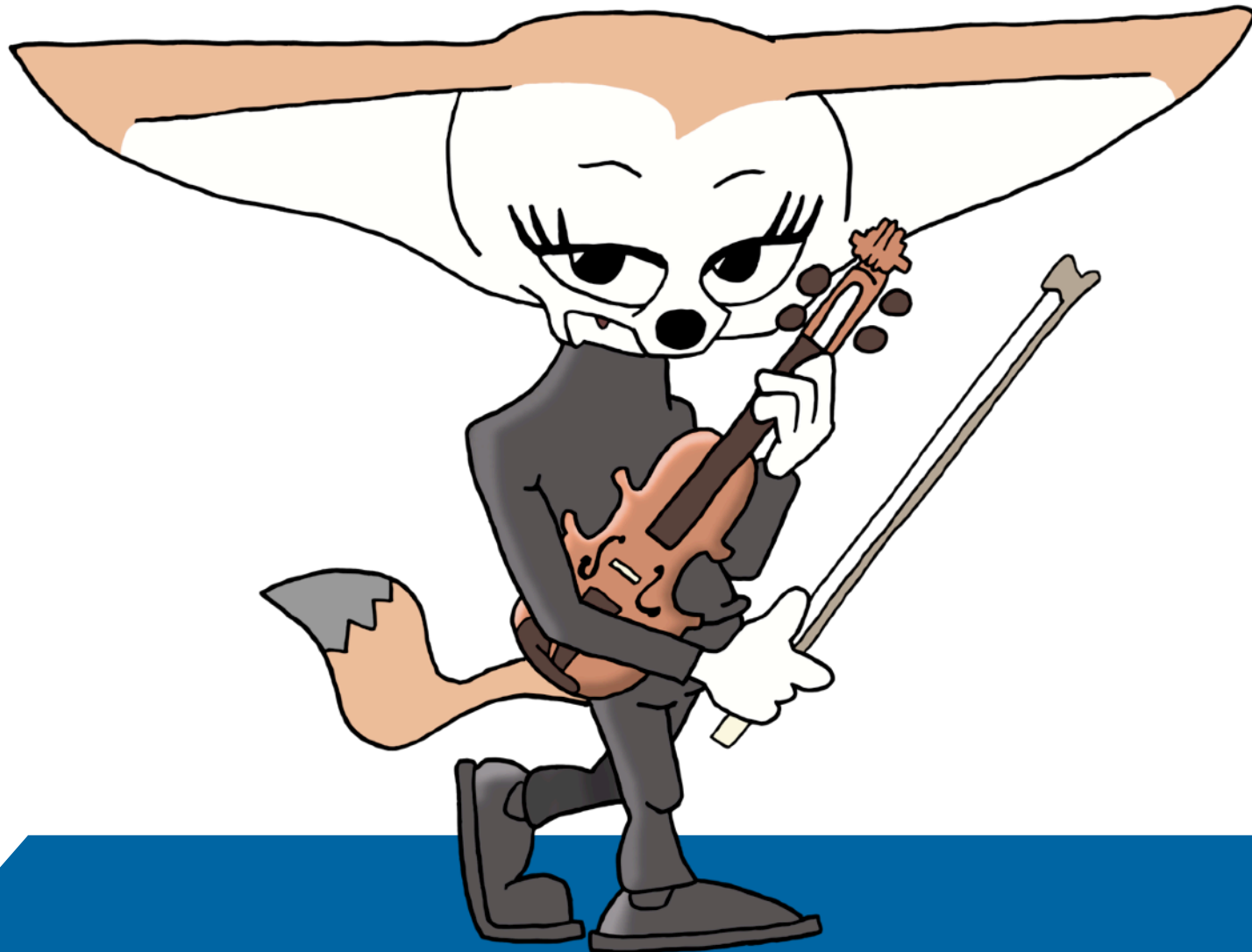
“An earthquake brought down
The Colossus of Rhodes,

The Cane or Marine
Is the biggest of toads!

The blue whale is
The largest animal ever

It’s thanks to my teachers
That I’m so clever!”

“My turn!”
Said Fennec with a grin
As she walked on stage
With her violin



She put on a good show,
for sure

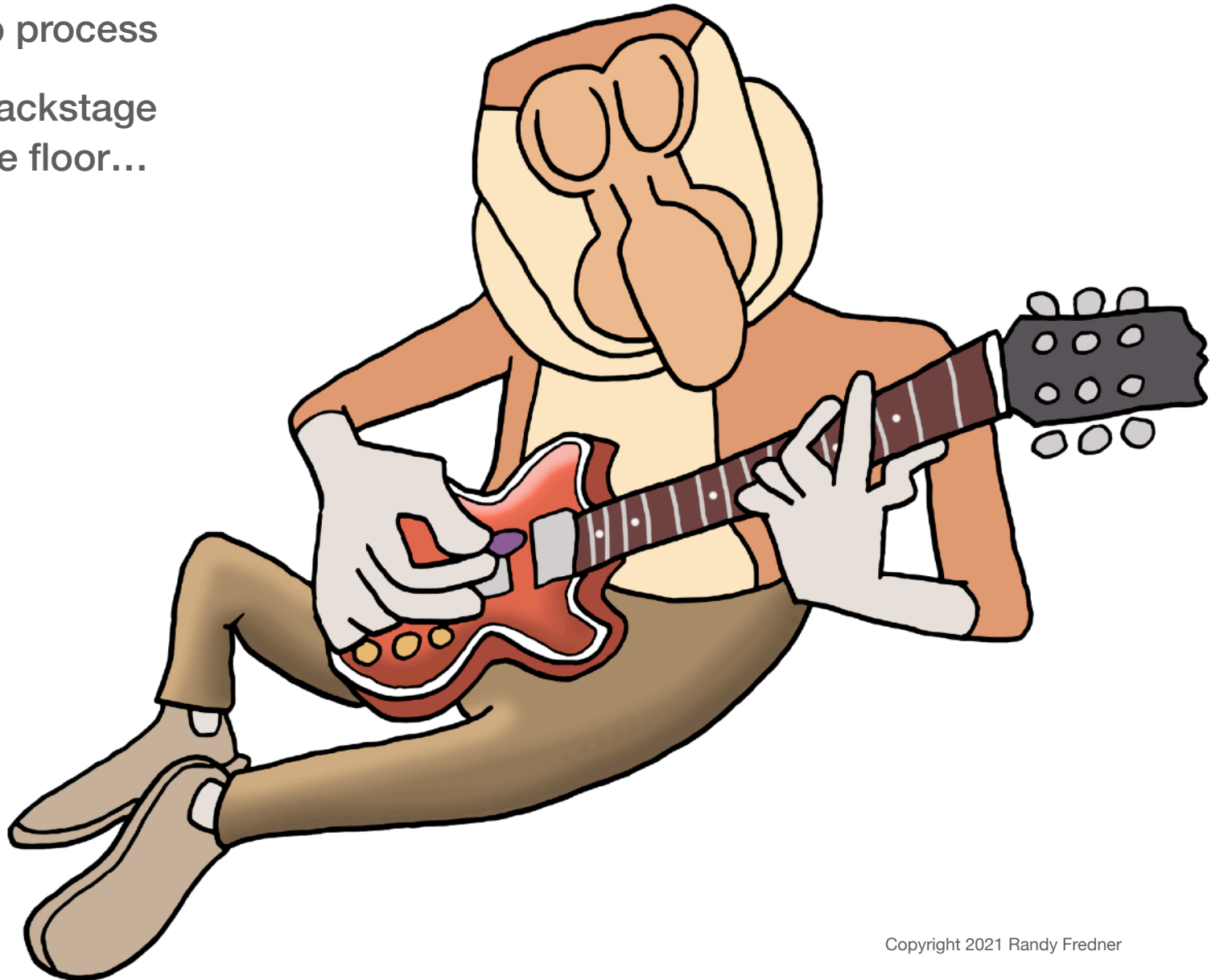
Playing 'The William Tell
Overture'.



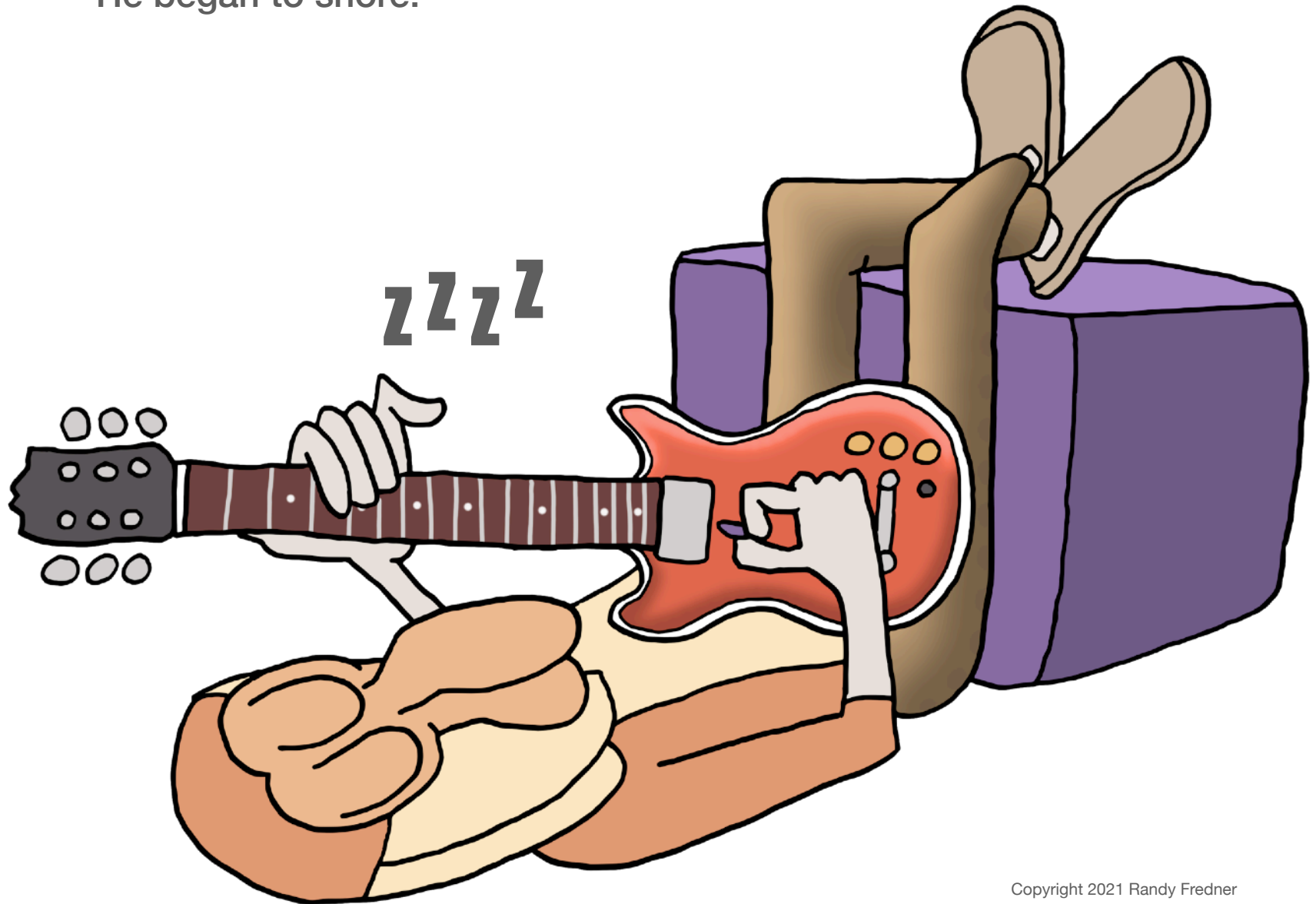
Next in line
Was Proboscis

Who had his own
Warm up process

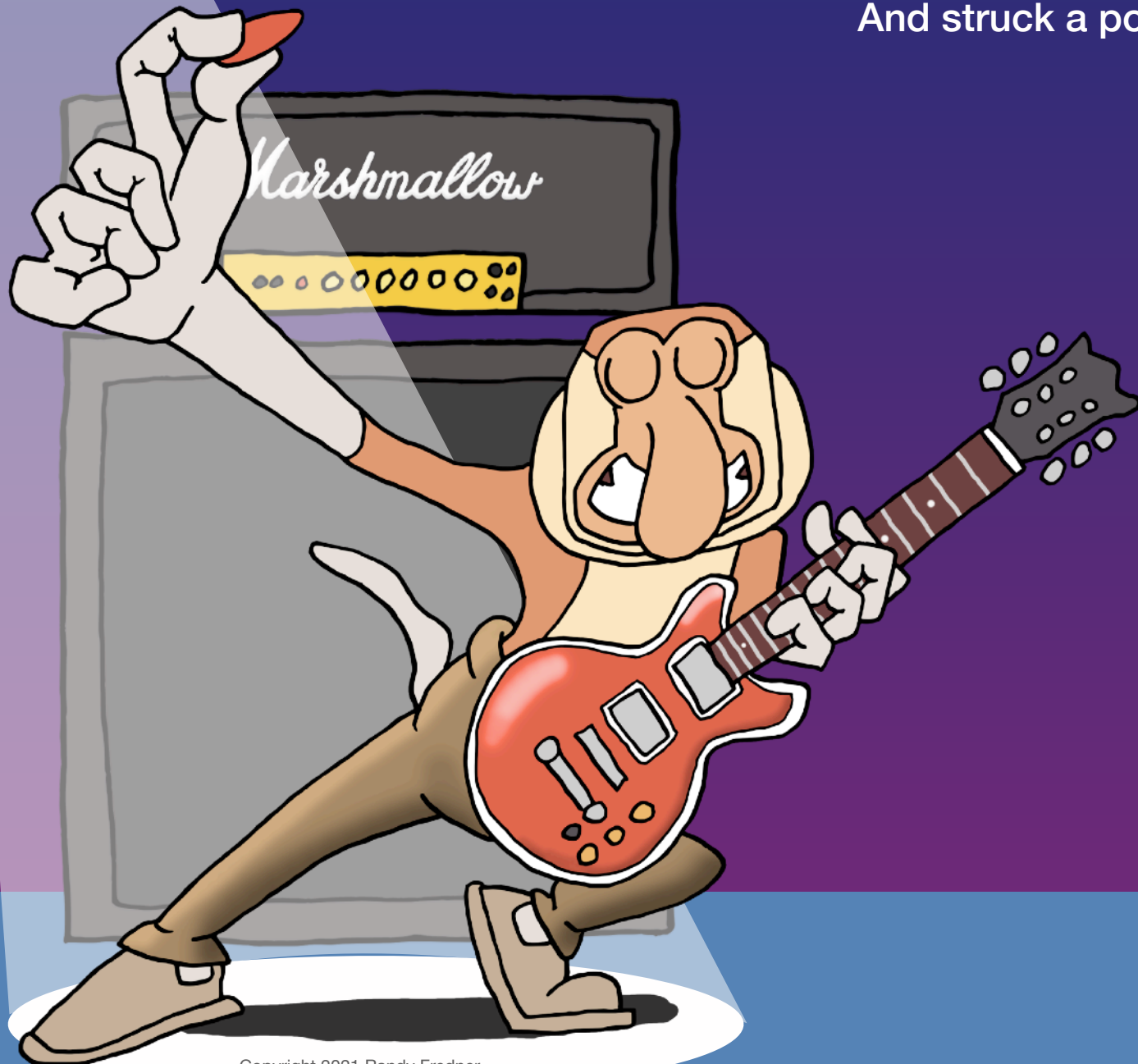
He sat backstage
Upon the floor...



And before too long
He began to snore!

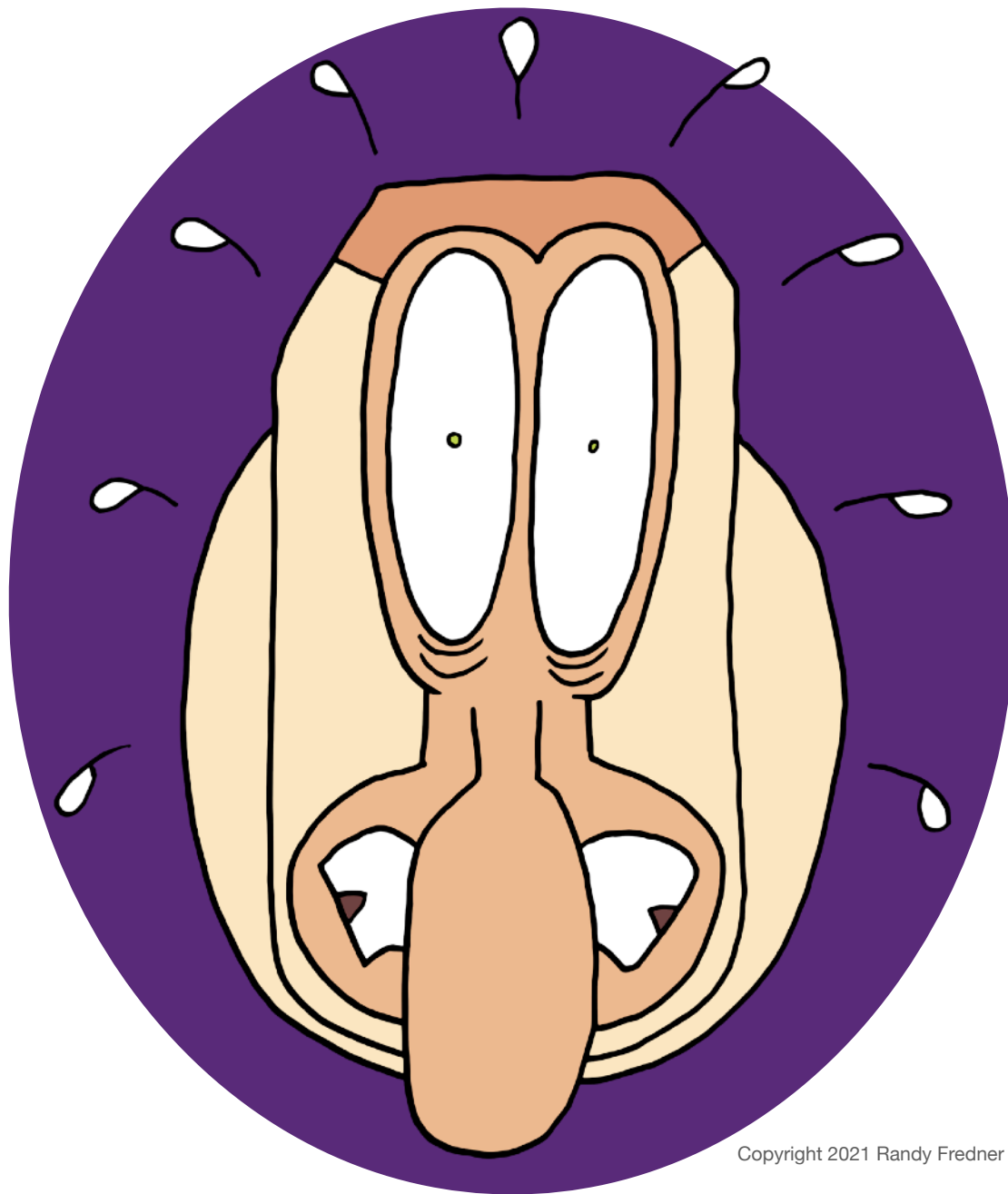


Then he hit the stage
And struck a pose...



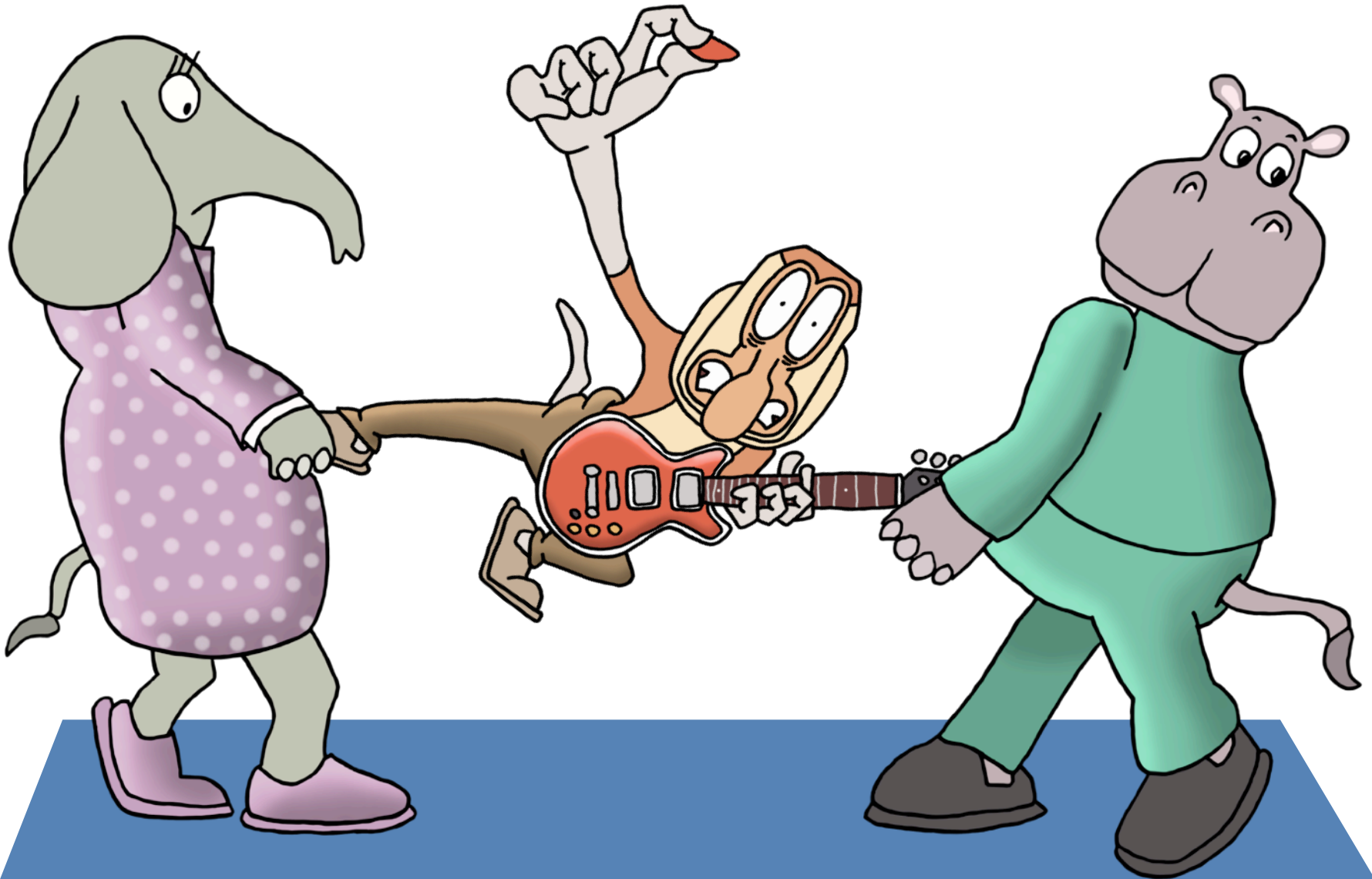
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And the next thing you knew,
he totally froze!



He stood there trembling,
He forgot every chord

So they carried him offstage
As stiff as a board!



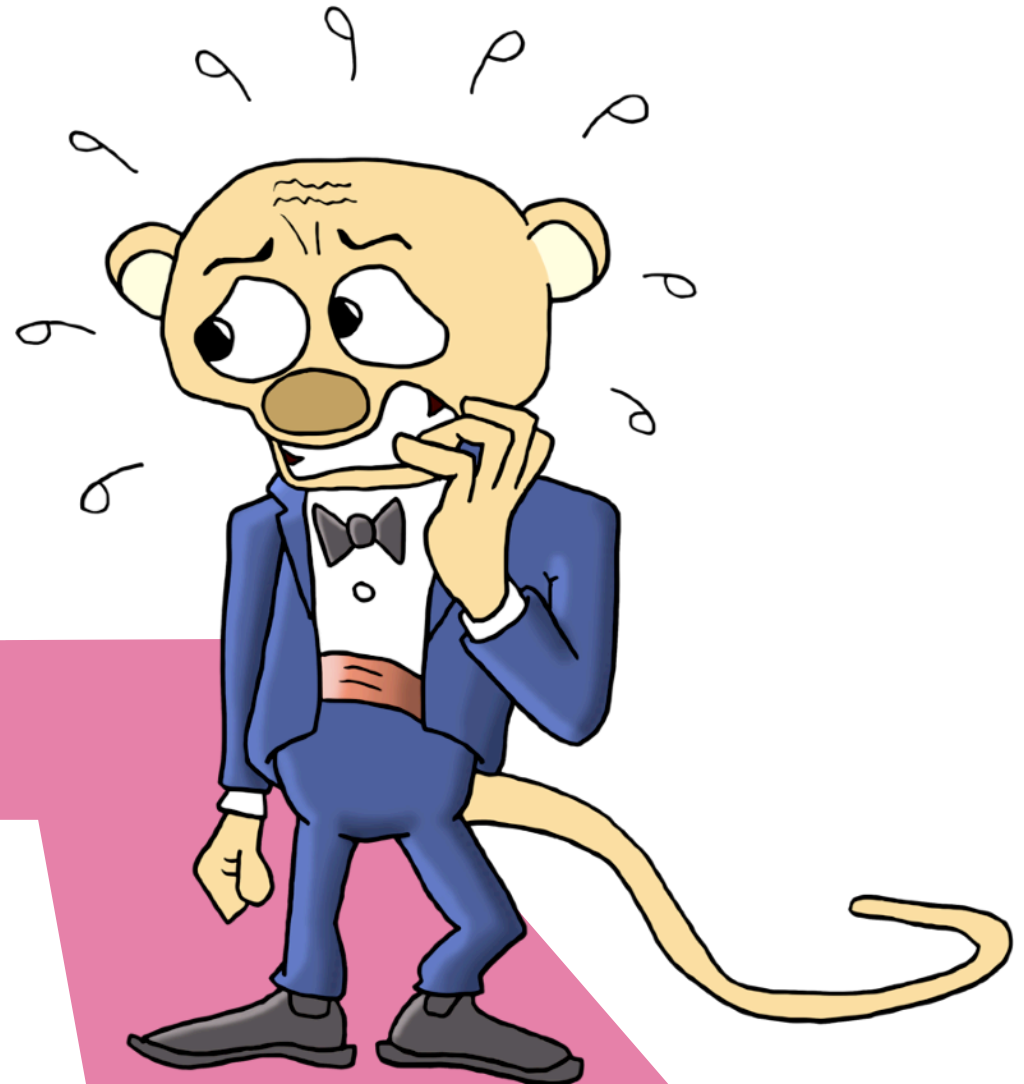
He planned to go out
And really rock

But Proboscis was in
A state of shock!



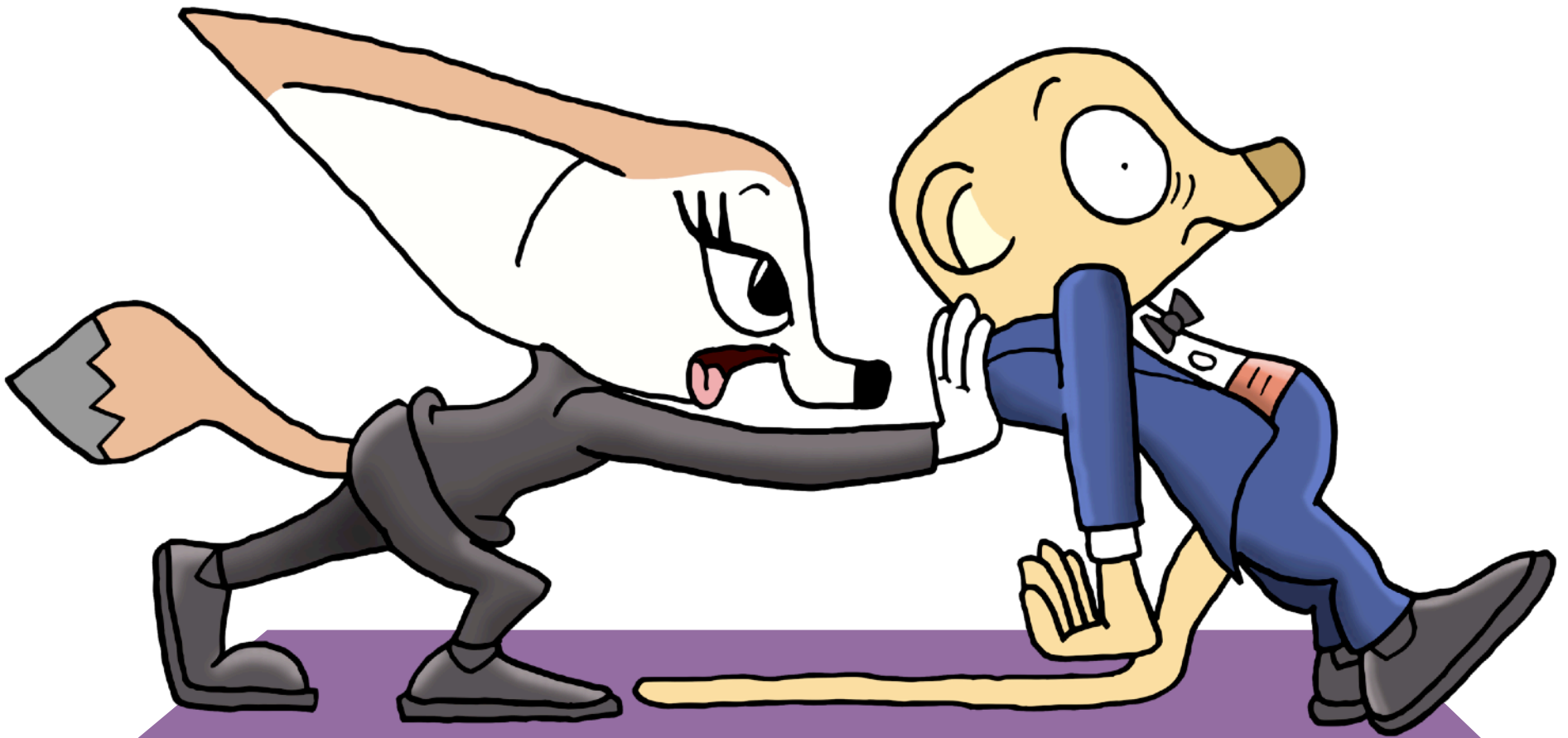
Now playing in front of
all of those critters

Was giving Kinkajou
A case of the jitters!



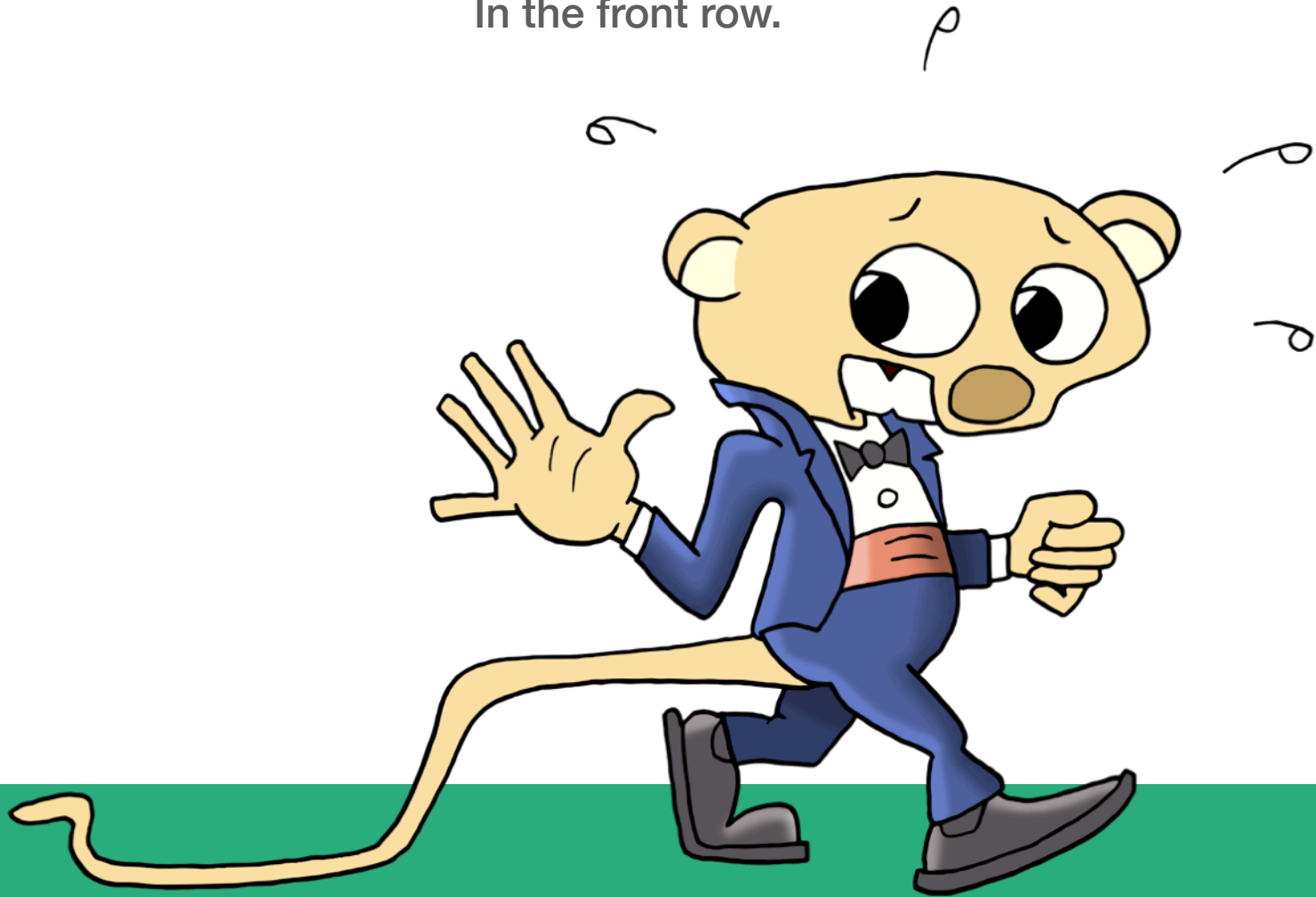
“You’re up Kinkajou,
You’ll do just fine!

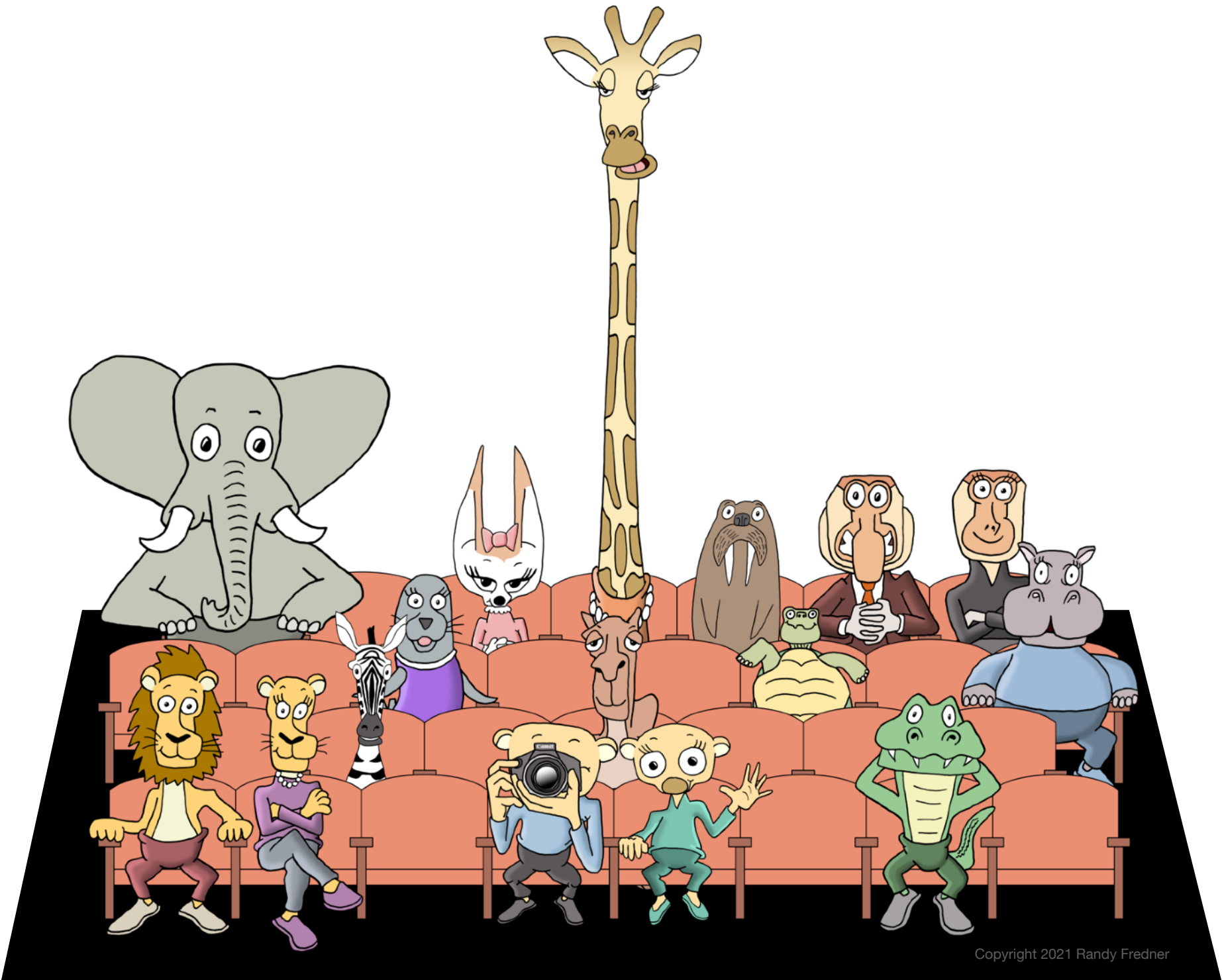
You’ve practiced your routine
A thousand times!”



Still a little nervous,
On the stage he did go,

Waving to his parents
In the front row.



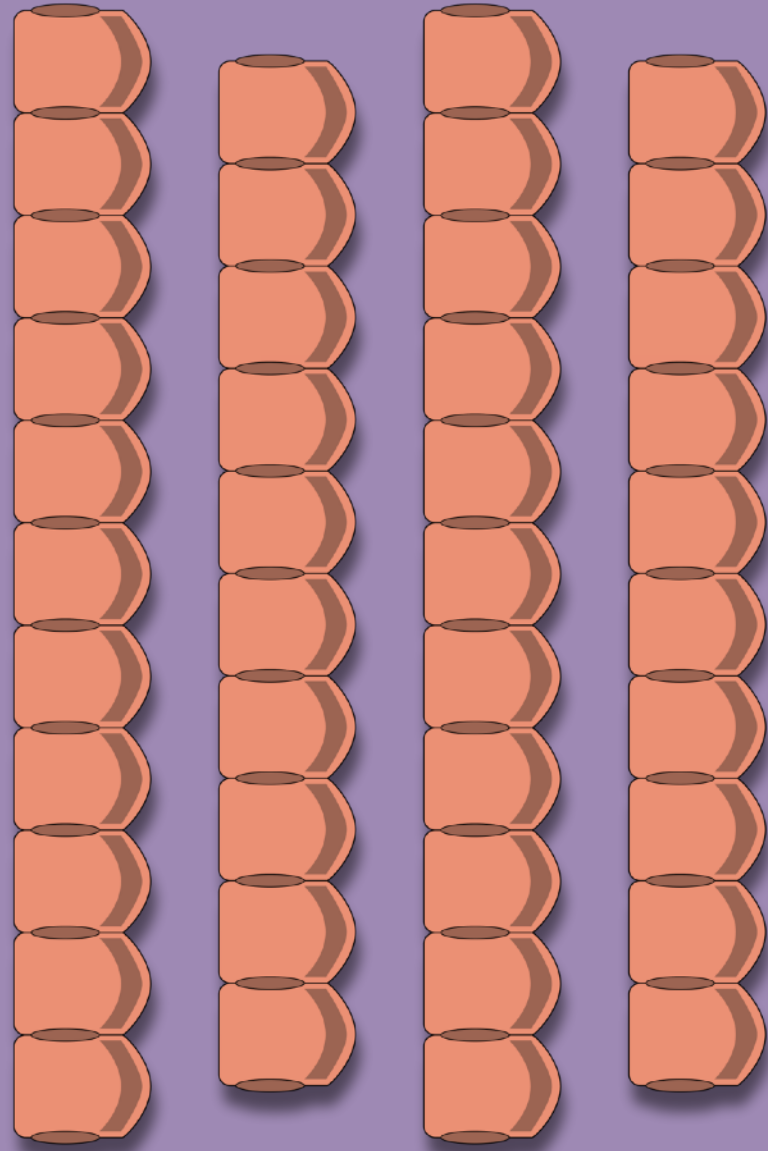


He opened with a joke
That was sure to please:

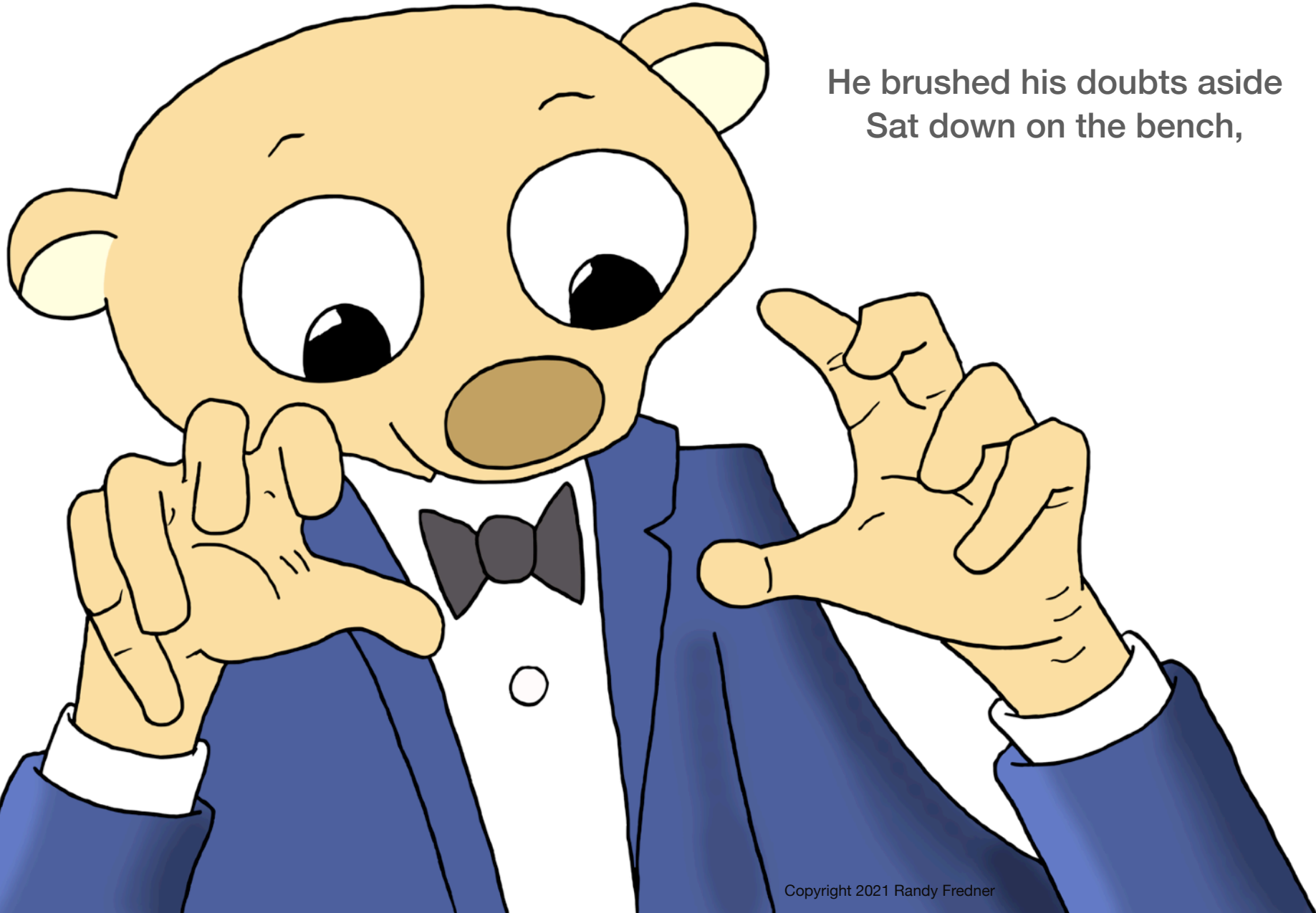
“Where the heck
Did I put those keys?”



Kinkajou had practiced
His number plenty,
So he just pretended
The seats were all empty!



He brushed his doubts aside
Sat down on the bench,



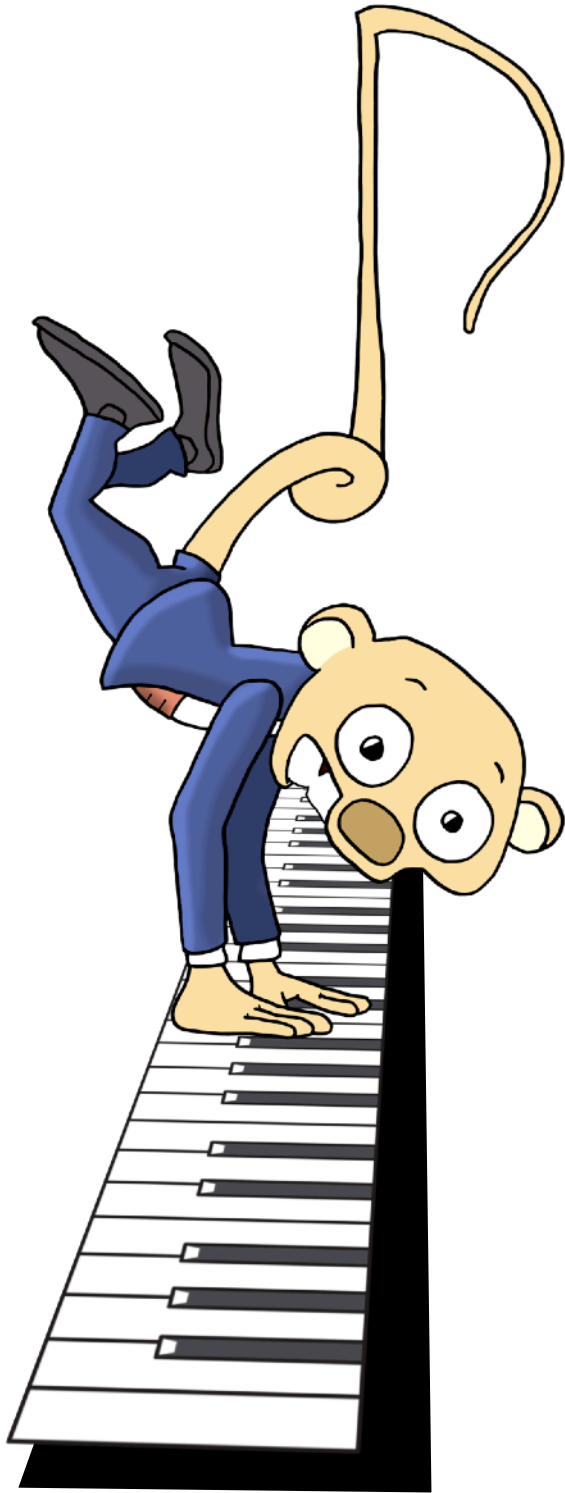
And played his tail off,
If you'll pardon my French!



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The performance went as well
As it could go

And Kinkajou put on
Quite the show!



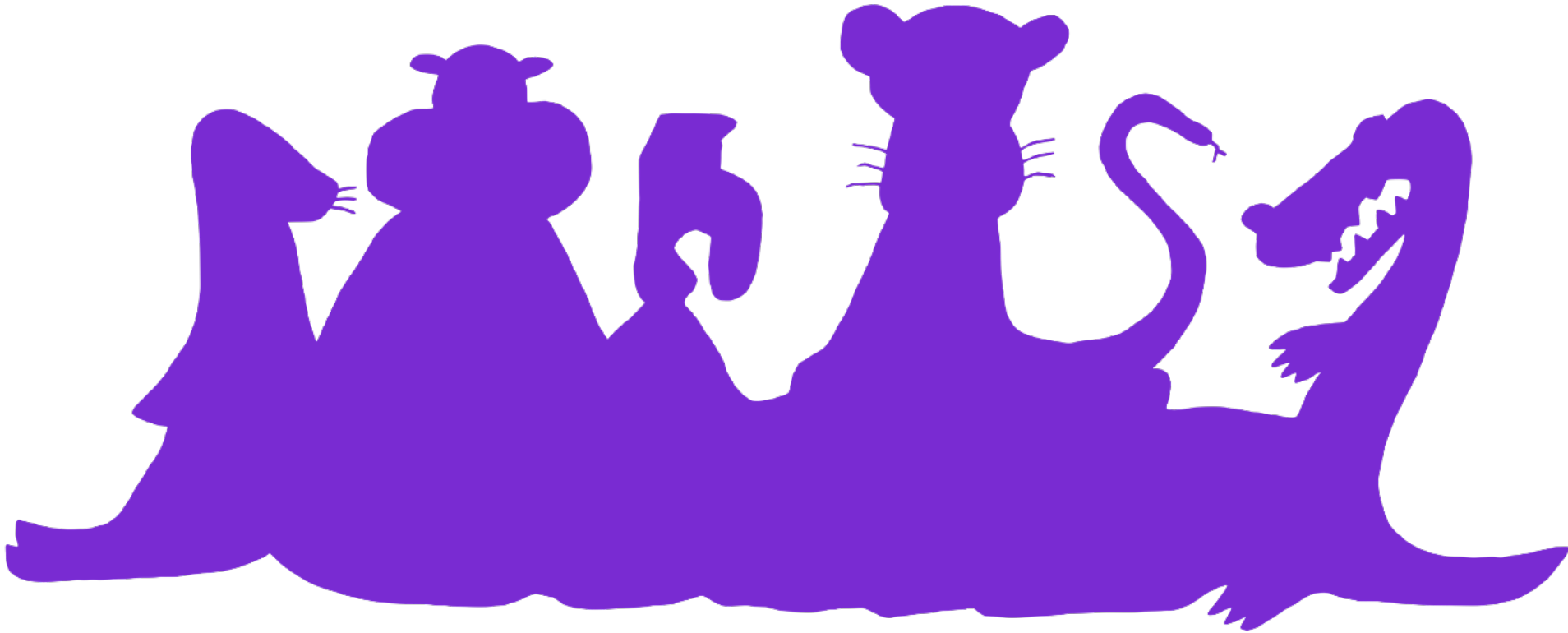
Kinkajou nailed it,
He nailed it, and how!

Then it was time
To take a bow!



Then parents, uncles, aunts,
Sisters, and brothers

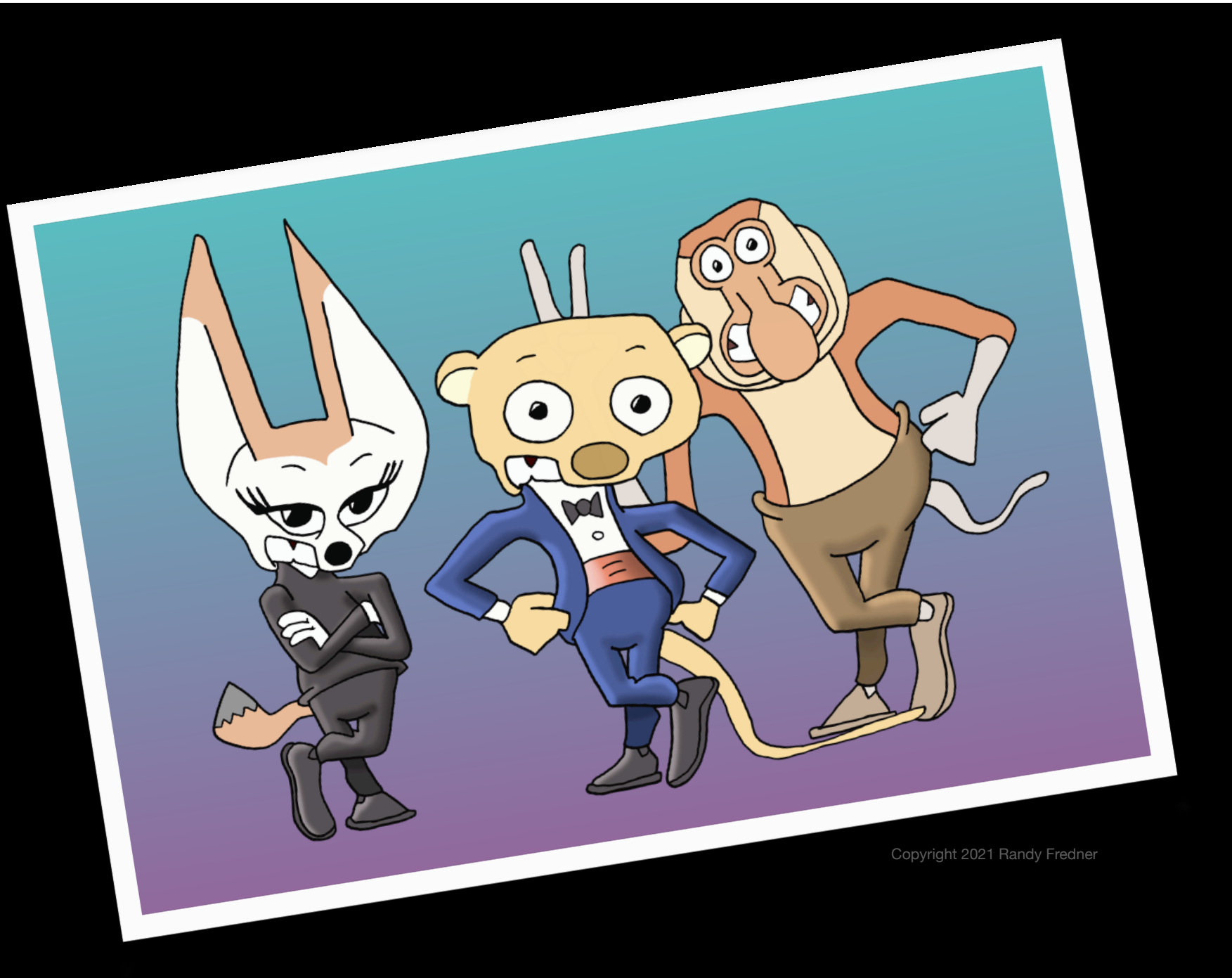
Gathered backstage
To congratulate each other.



“Oh, well” said Proboscis
“The simple fact is:

I’ve learned my lesson...
I shoulda practiced!”





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