

Grandpa's Stories:

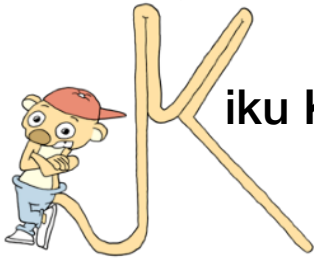
"The Deluxe Edition
Get Everyone Up in the Tree
Competition!"



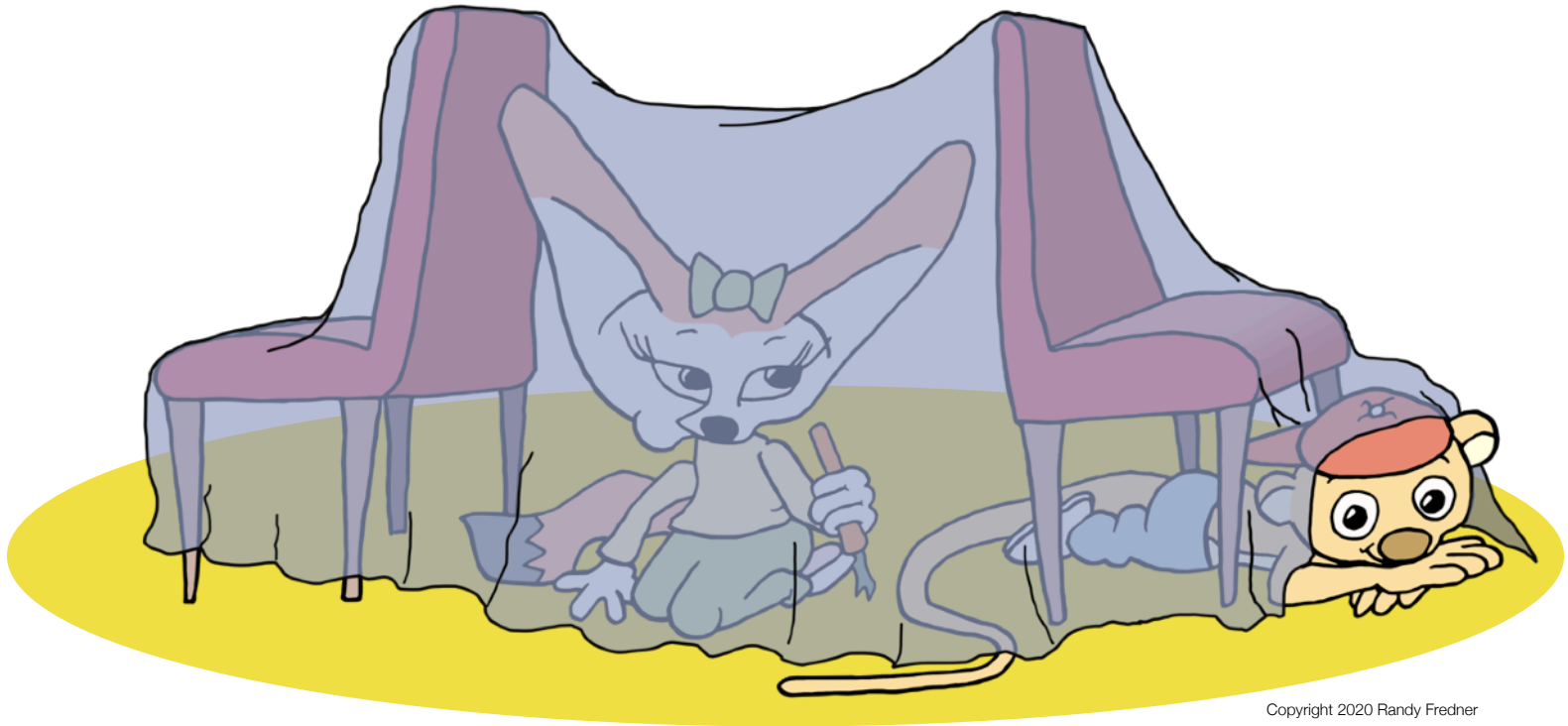
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Kinkajou's Zoo

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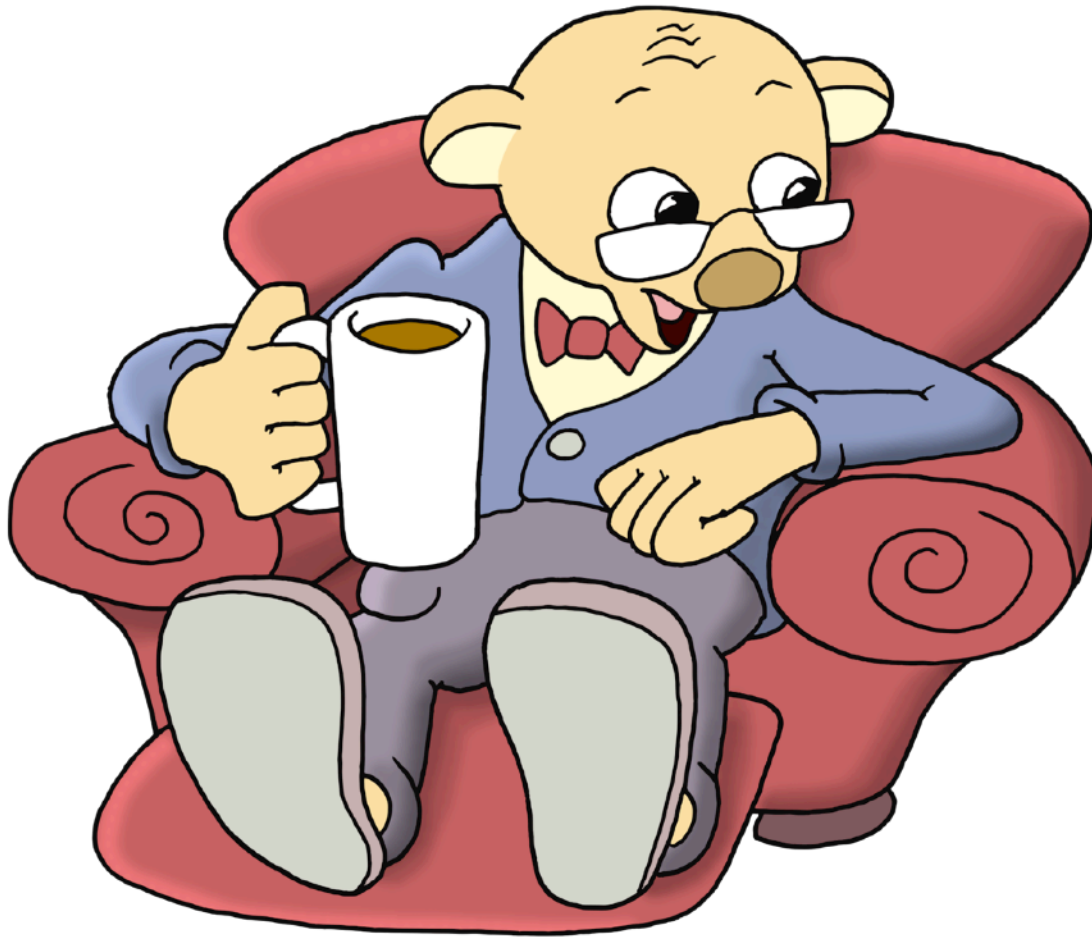
Kiku Kinkajou and his friend Fifi Fennec Fox
were at Kiku's Grandpa's house.



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They made a super secret tent.

No one else was allowed in!



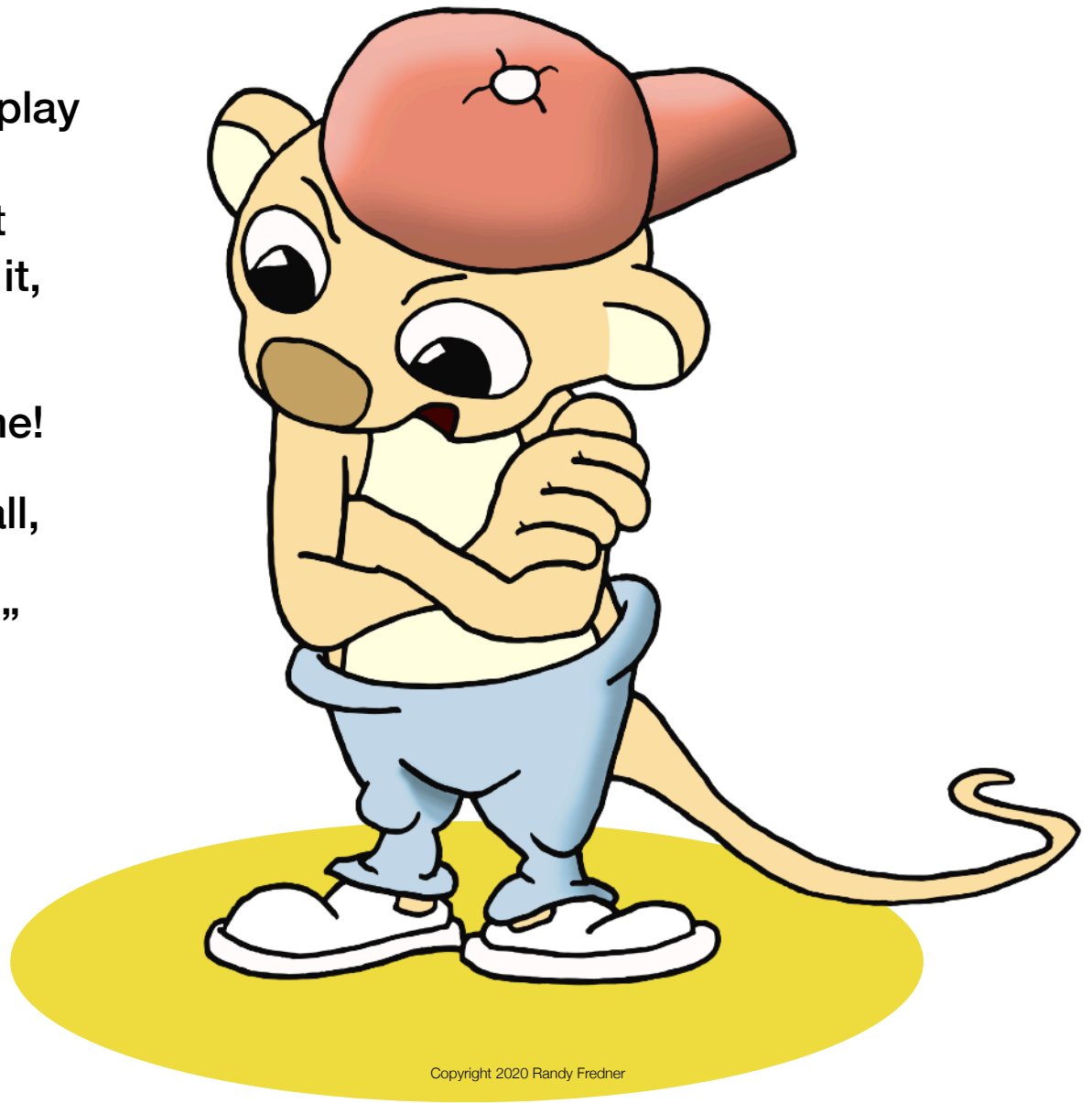
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After a while, Kiku went to see his Grandpa.
“What’s wrong, Kiku?” Said Grandpa.
“You look a little sad!”

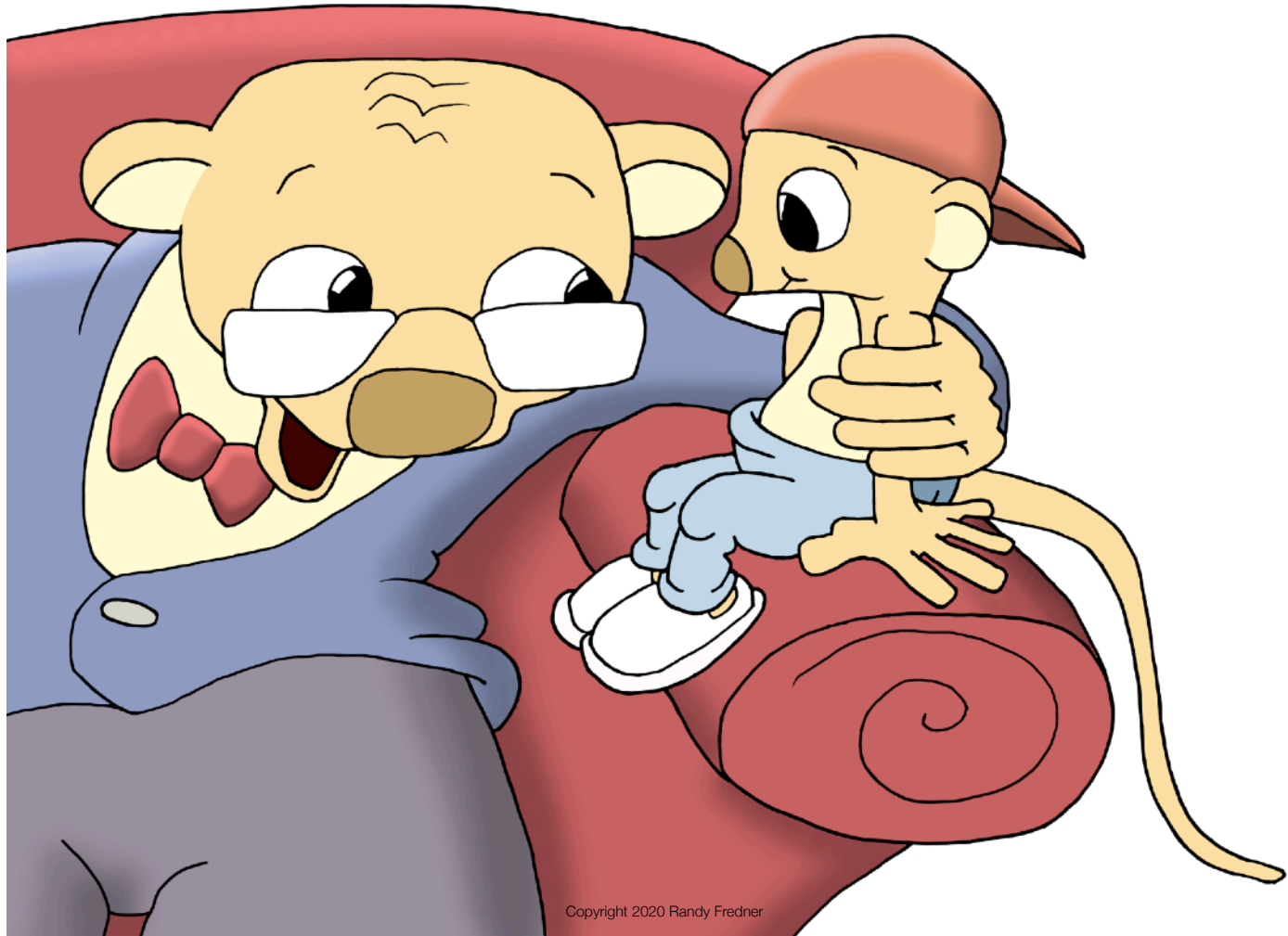
“Some other kids want to play
in our tent,
but I said they couldn’t
because Fifi and I made it,
so only we can use it!

Now they’re all mad at me!

Besides, Giraffe is too tall,
Hippo is too wide...
it’s just not big enough!”



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**“Oh!”, said Grandpa,
“That reminds me of a story from when I was about your age!”**

“Did I ever tell you about our ‘Secret Club’?”

“No!”, said Kiku.

Just then, along came Fifi from the other room.

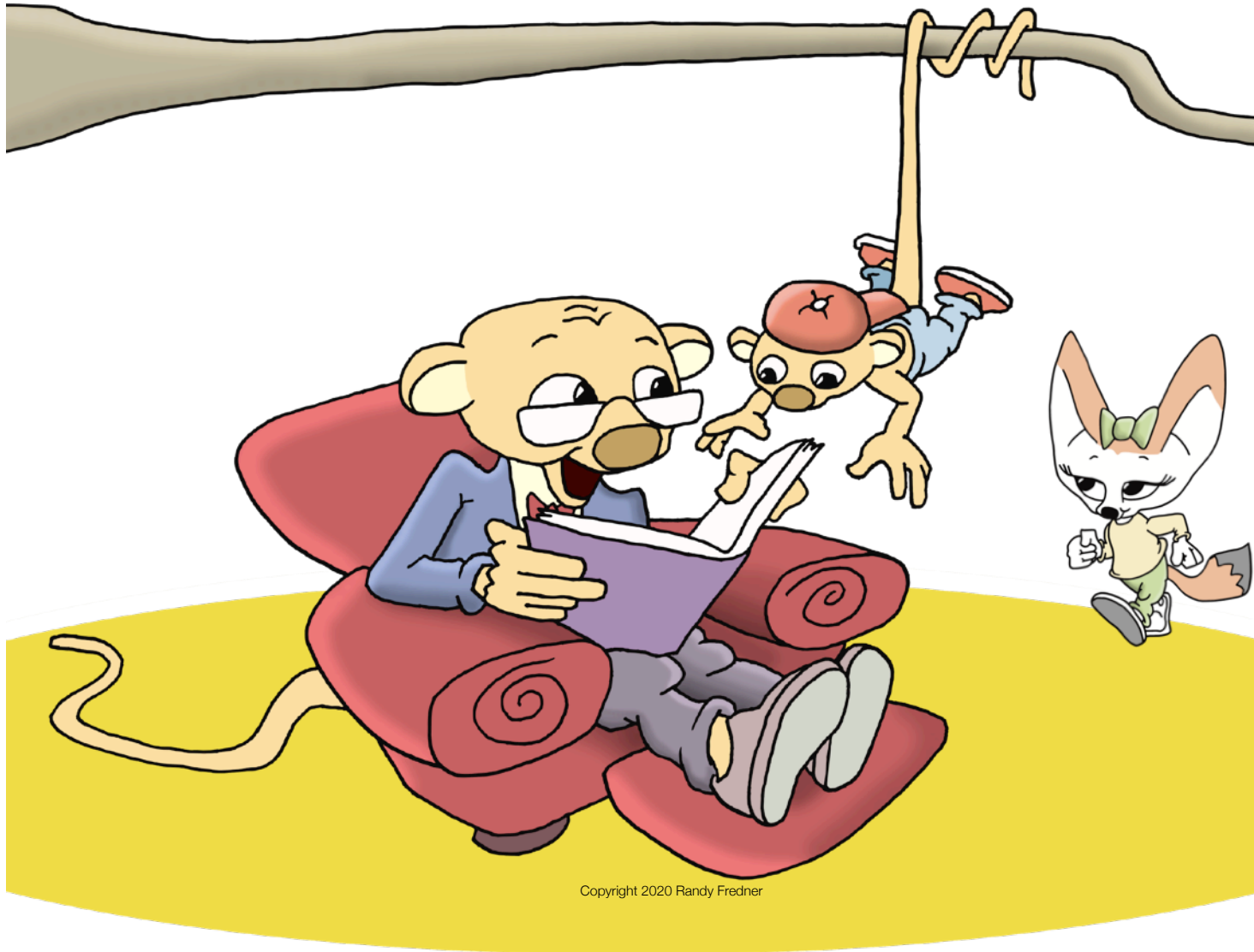
“Hi, Fifi, ready for a story?” Asked Grandpa.

“Sure!” Said Fifi.

Grandpa began:

“At that time,
everything you said
had to rhyme!

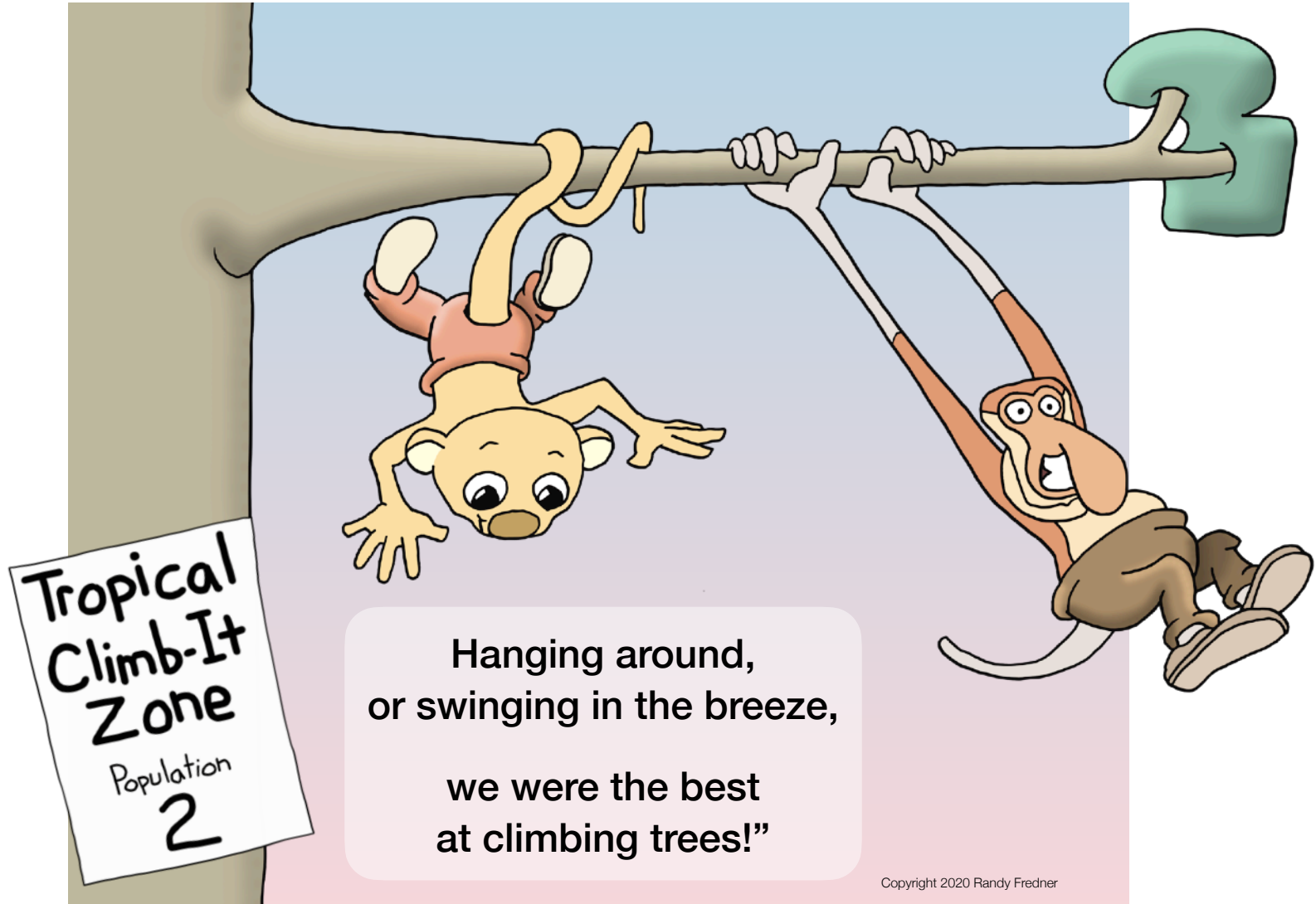
Now let’s have a look
in my scrapbook!”



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“We had a ‘Secret Club’ that was all about fun...

***’THE TIP-TOP TREETOP TREE-O (Minus One!’*”**



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“One day, Peacock came along and said:

‘Looks like fun,
Kinkajou!

Whaddya say,
can I play, too?’

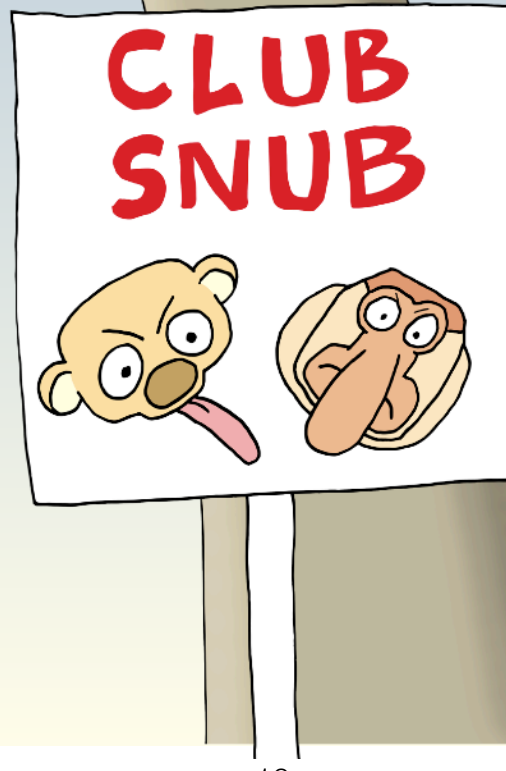
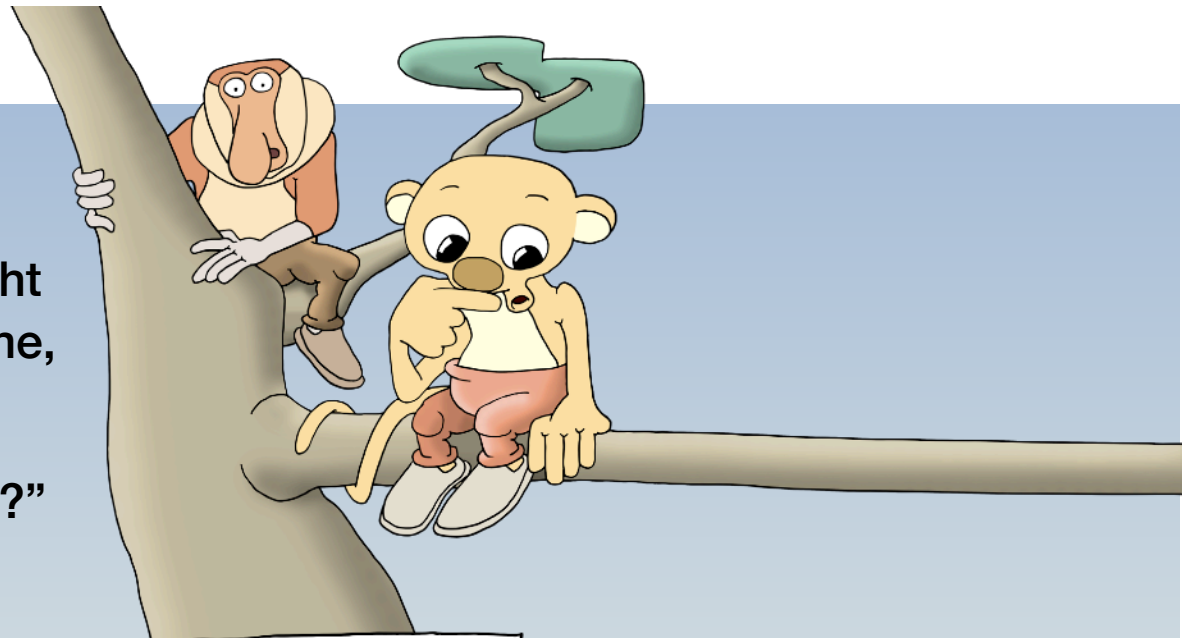
I pointed to the sign
and as Peacock looked,

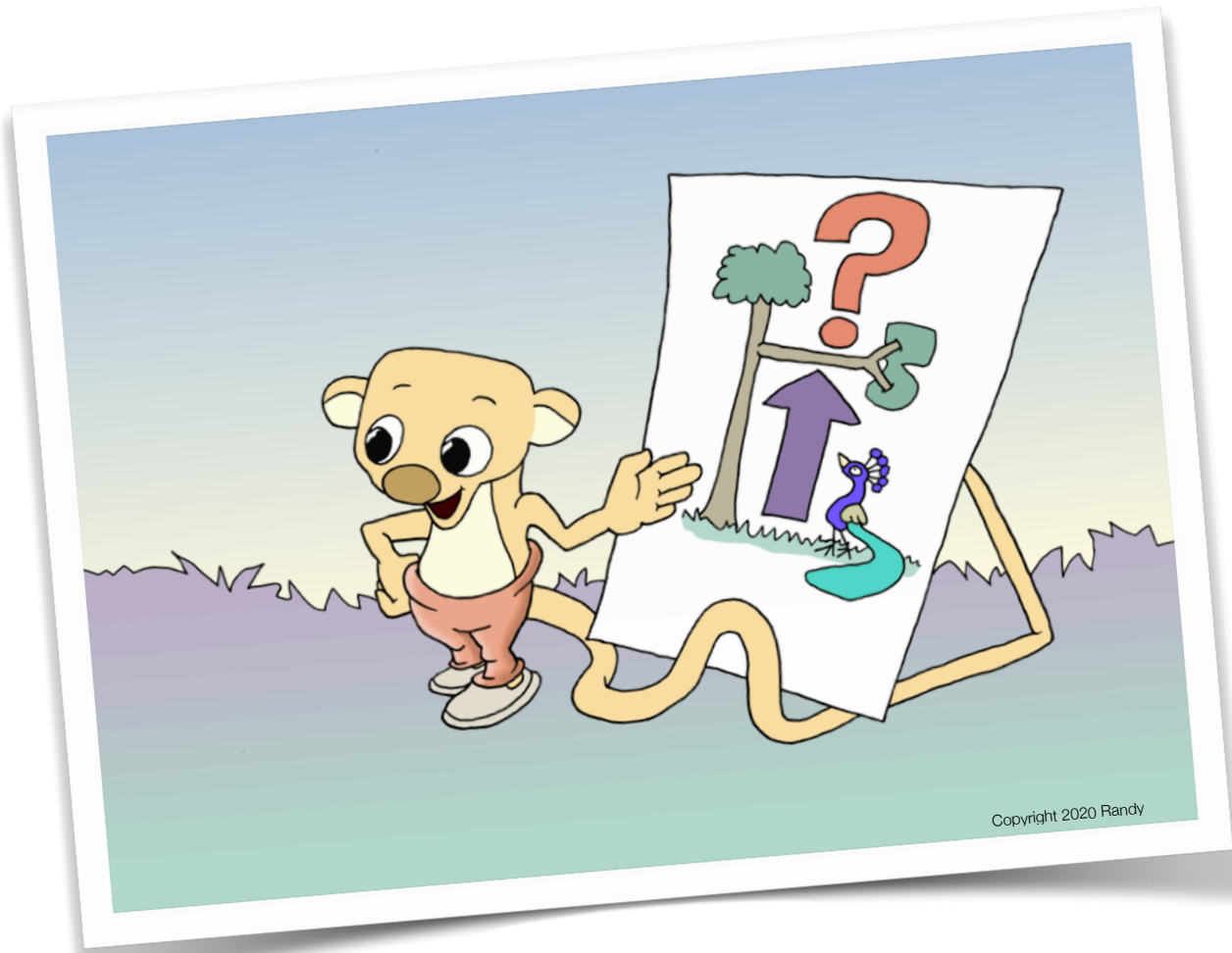
I said ‘As you can see,
we’re fully booked!’

‘Oh,’ said Peacock,
‘now I see...

I’m not welcome
in your tree!’”

“Now we had never thought of others not being welcome, but they couldn’t climb, so how could we help ‘em?”





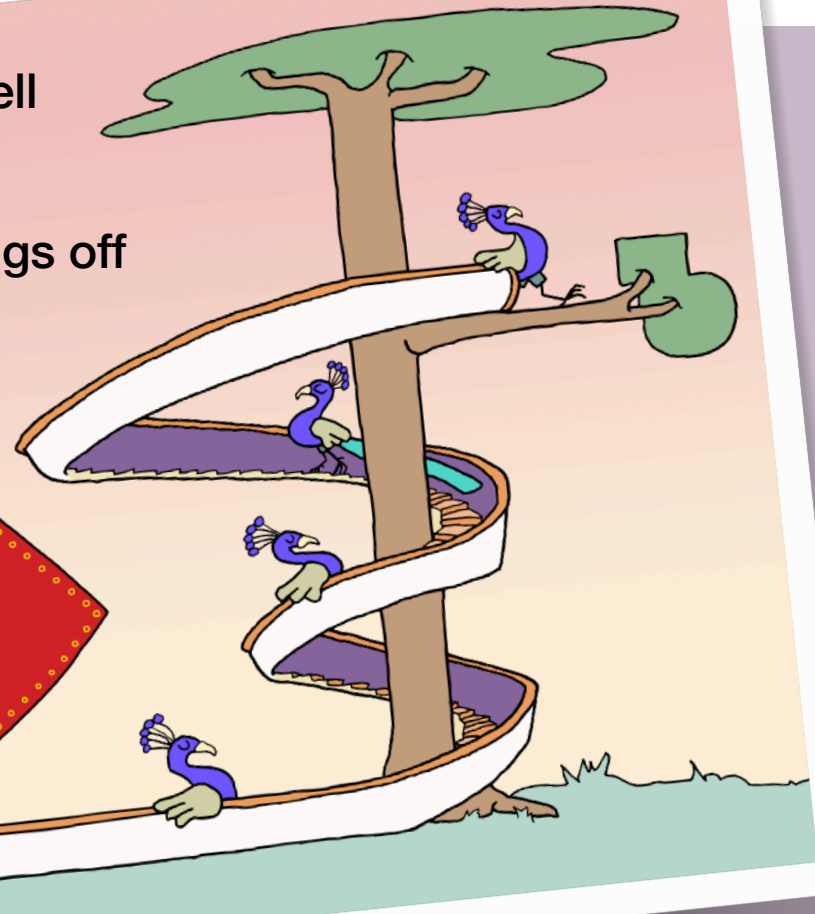
**“Then we decided to have a contest
in order to see,**

**how anyone who wanted
could get up in the tree!**

***‘The Deluxe Edition,
Get Everyone Up In the Tree
Competition!’”***

“The contest bell
then rang!

Fennec started things off
with a bang!



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She said: ‘Here ya go,
what could be greater,

than a moving
sidewalk/escalator?’”

“Next came Proboscis:

‘All you’d say is
‘second floor, please!’

Then off you go with a
zillion and four fleas!”



“‘That,’ said Peacock
with a sigh,

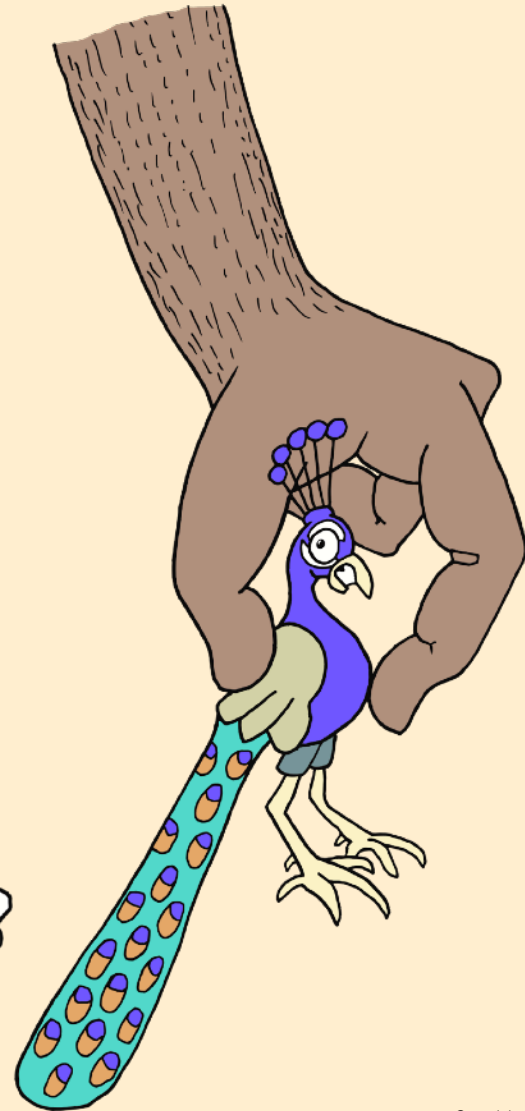
‘is not really something
I’m *itching* to try!’”



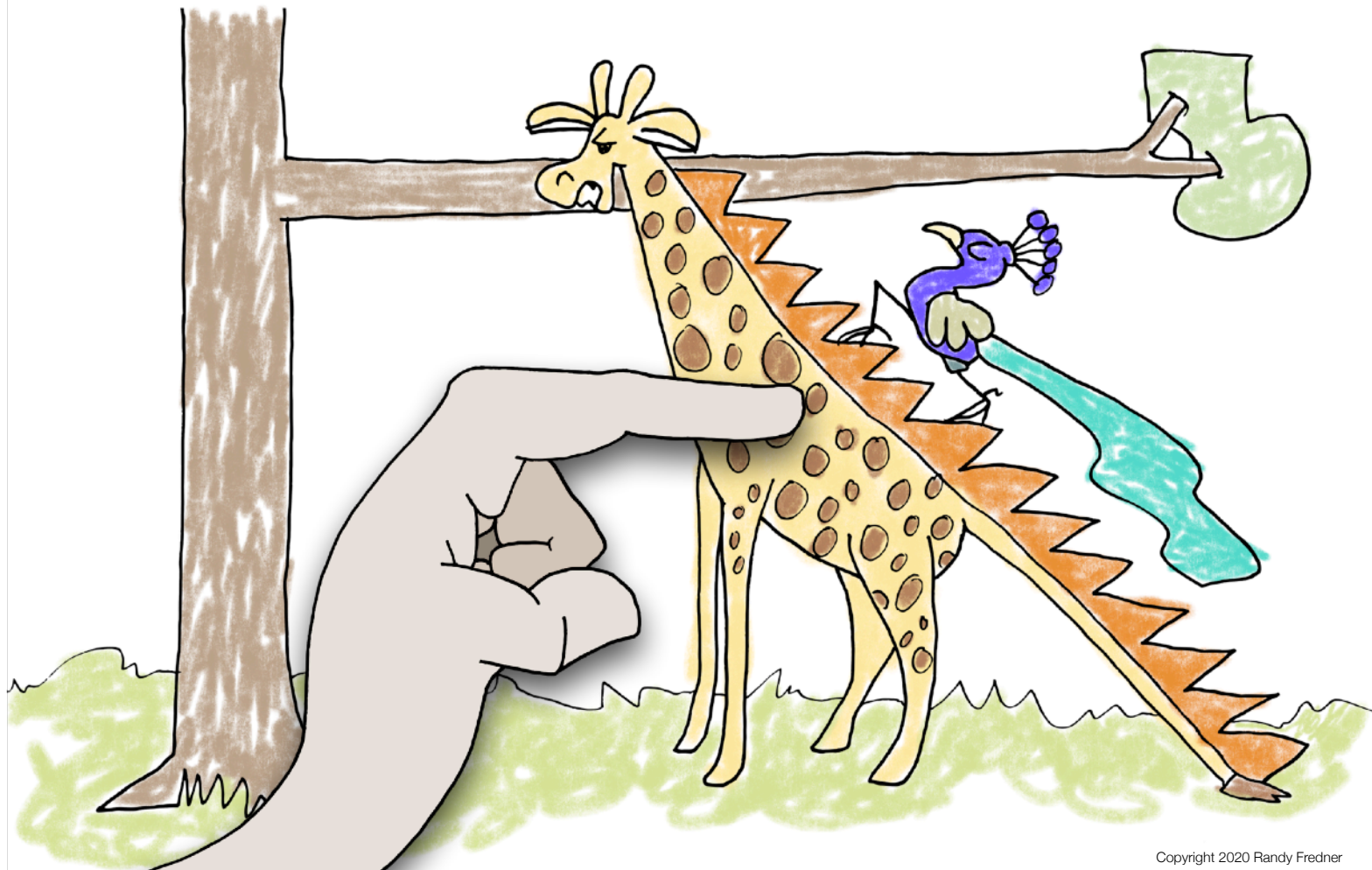
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“On they went:

‘Use a helping hand
from a king-sized gorilla!’”

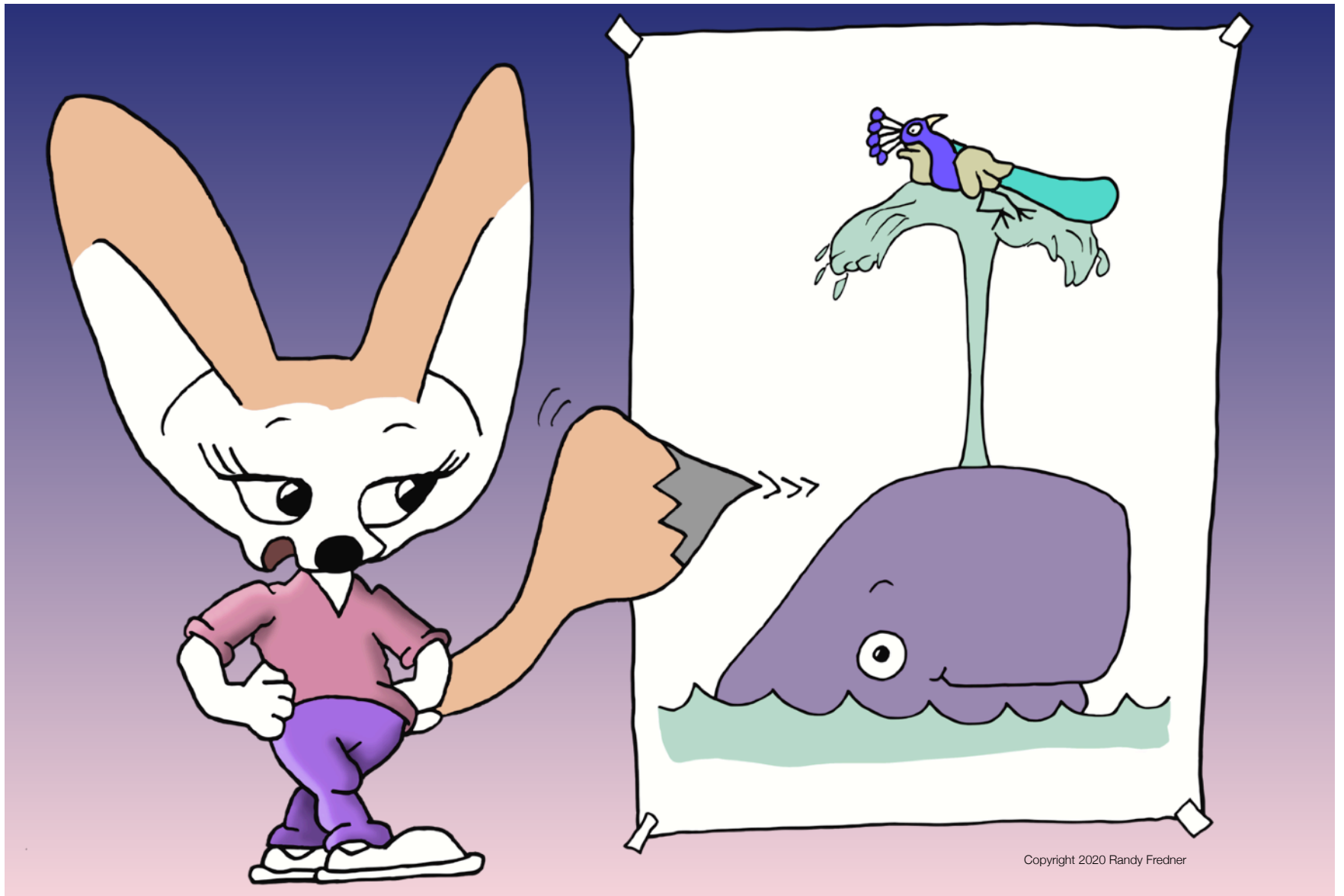


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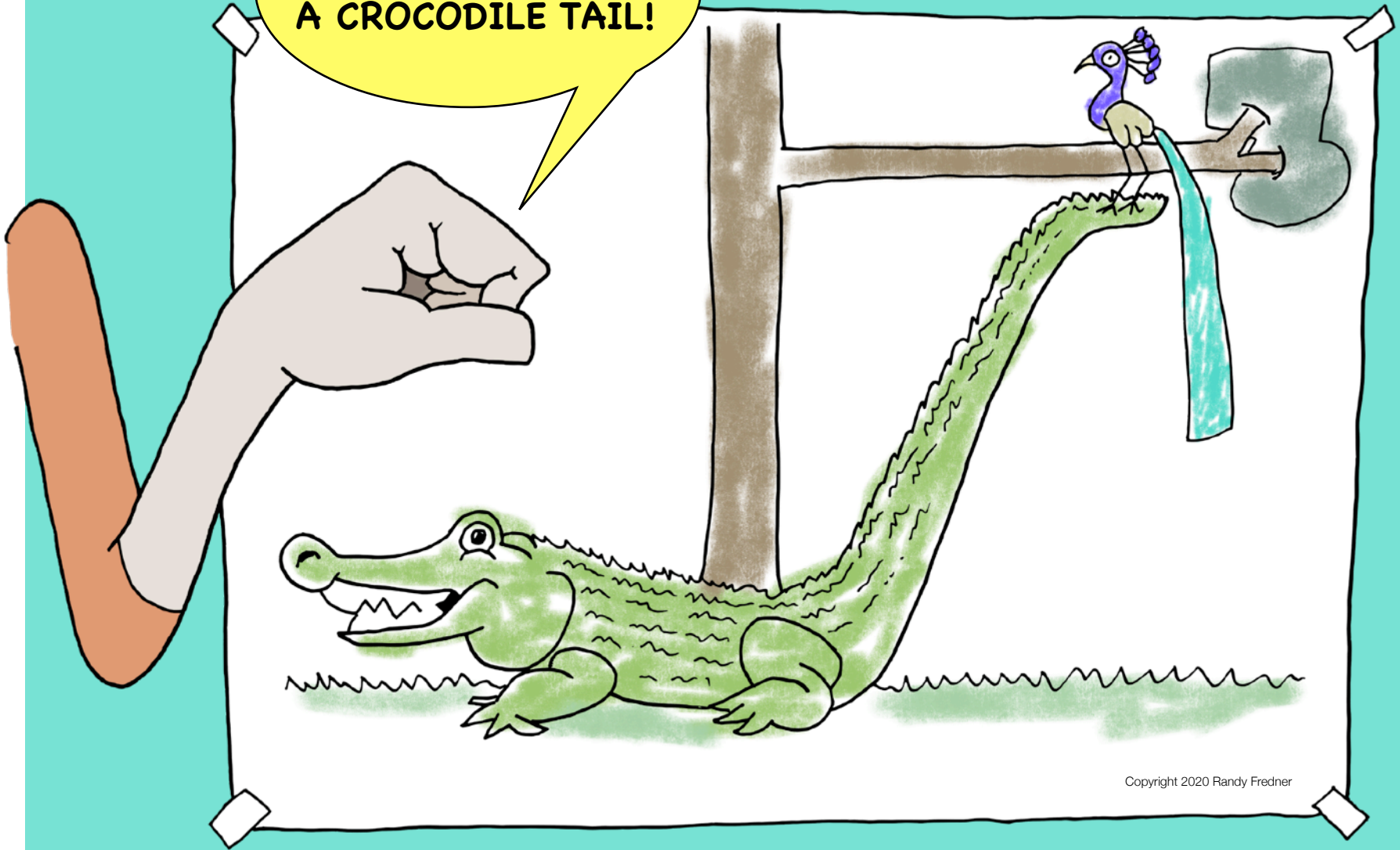
“Or walk up the back
of a Giraffazilla !”



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**“Rise to the occasion
on the spout of a whale!”**

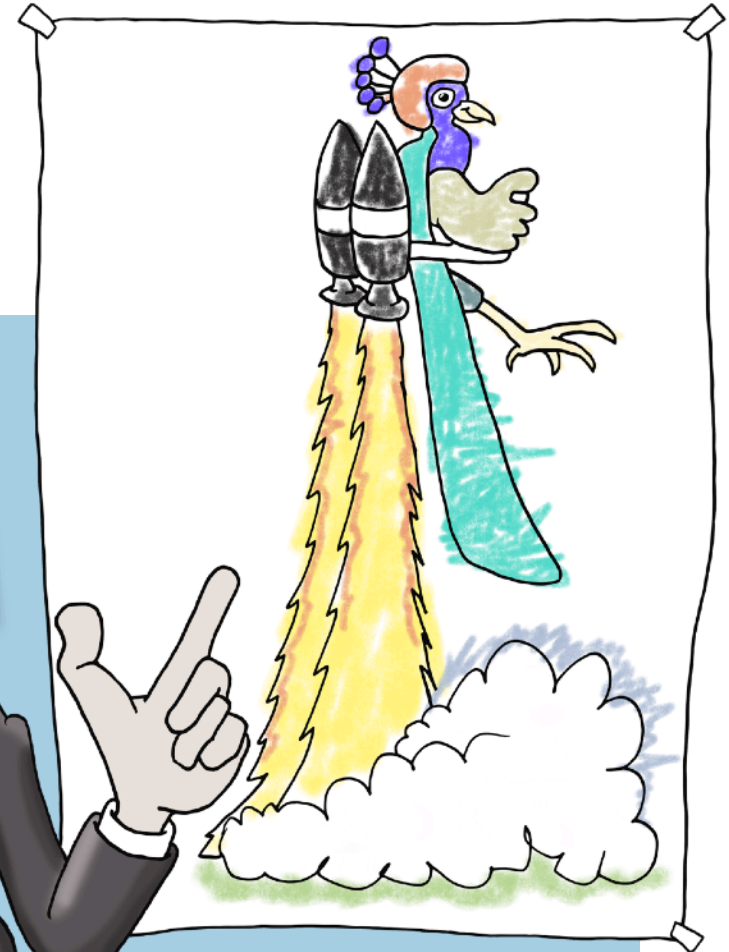
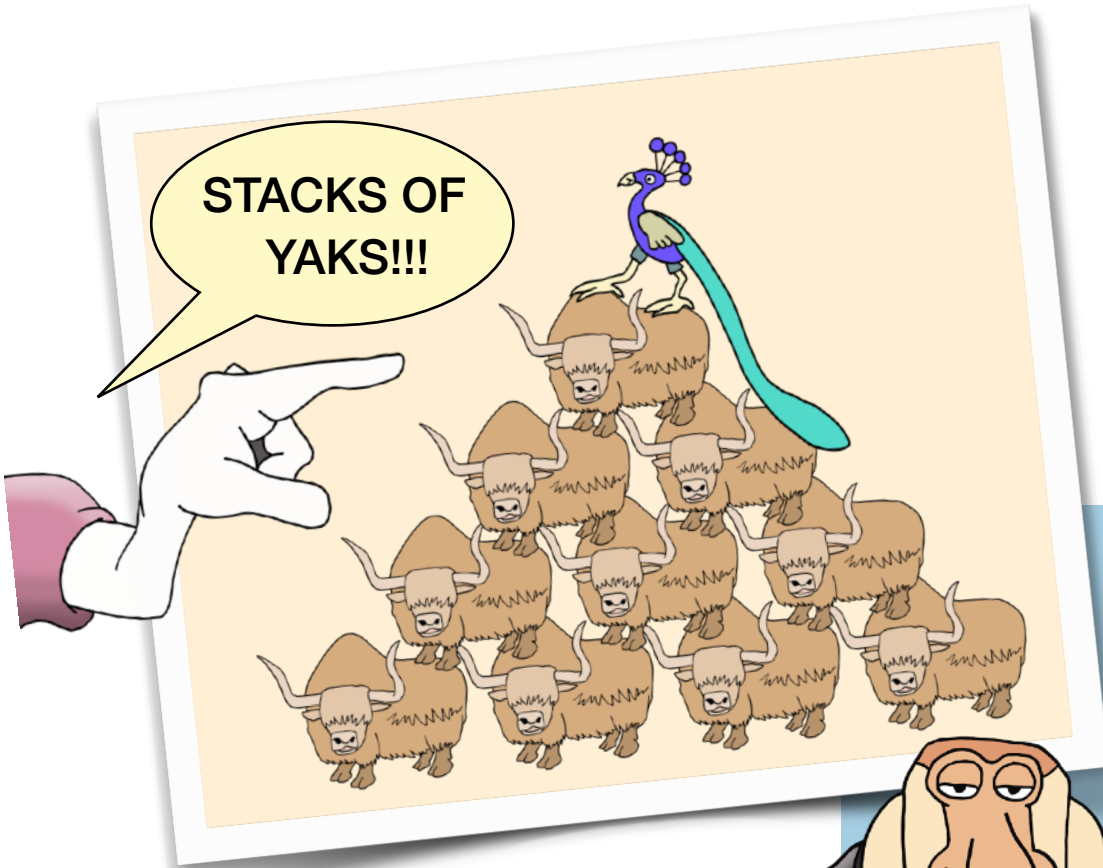
OR CLIMB RIGHT UP
A CROCODILE TAIL!



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“Up to that point
in the process

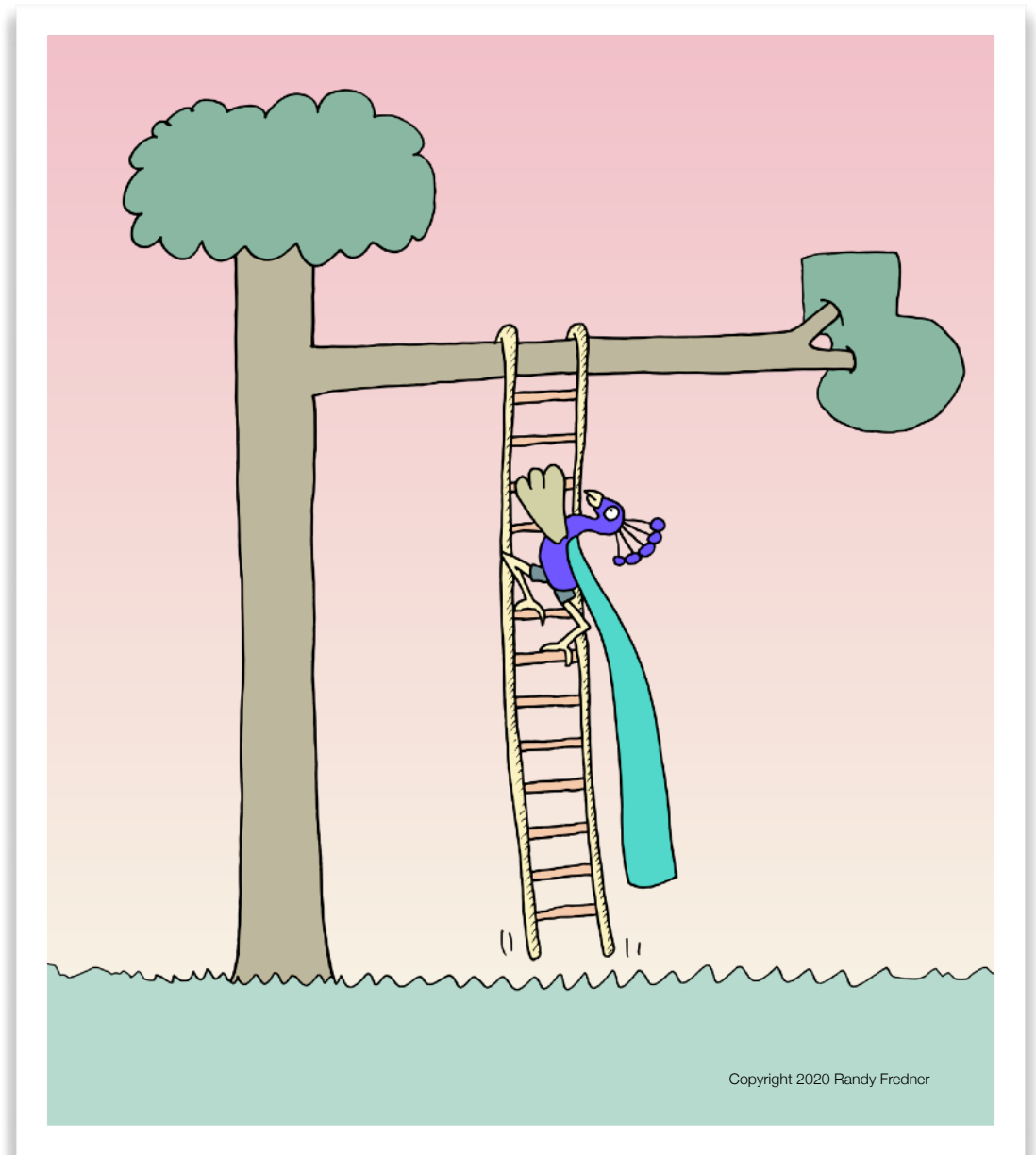
it was entirely a battle
between Fennec and Proboscis!



“But then, ‘We’re out of ideas!’
They said with a shrug.

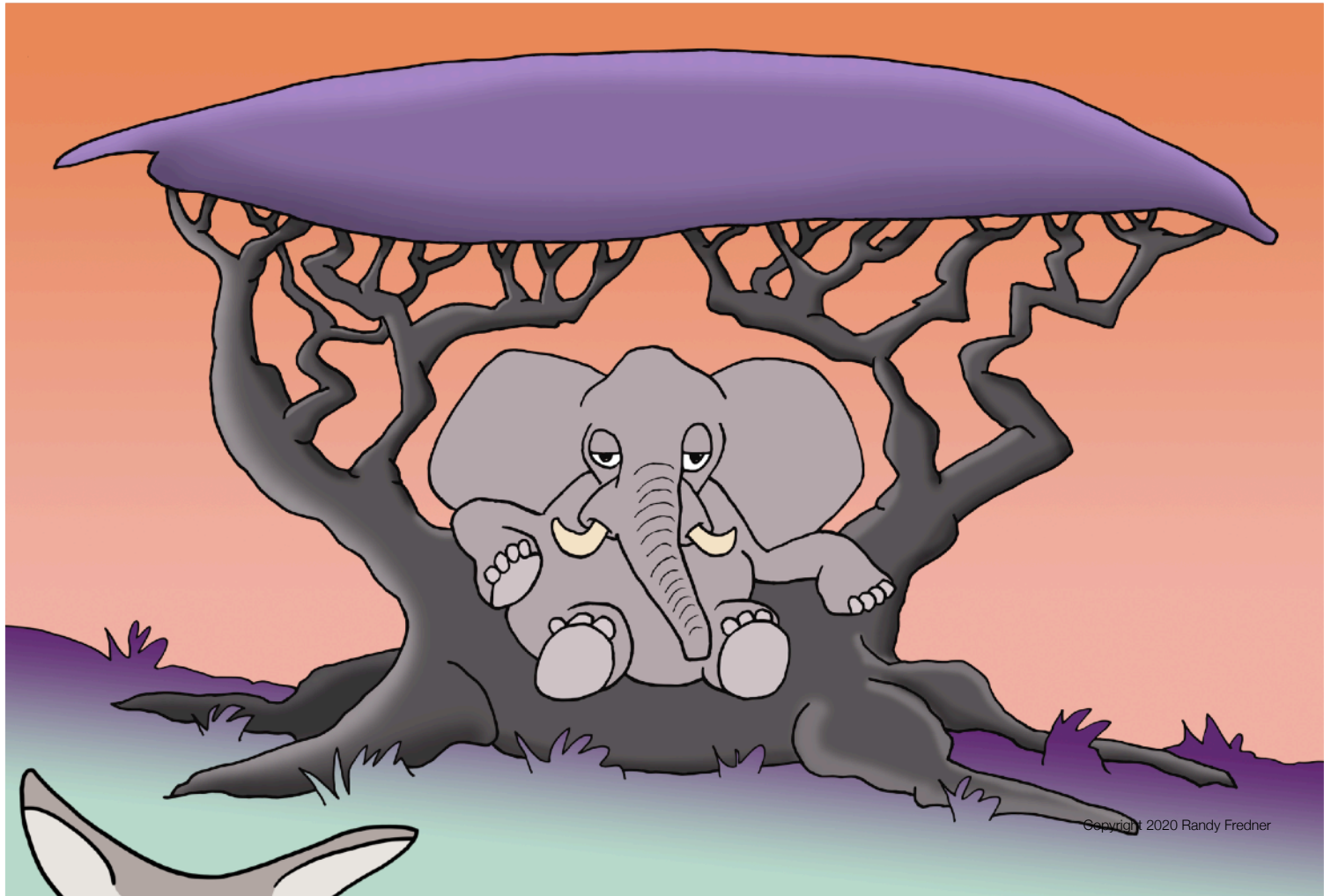
Then along came
a little ladybug.

She said:
‘To keep things simple,
what’s the matter,
with climbing the tree
up a ladder?’”





**“Next came a plan from Peter Otter...
an elephant powered teeter totter!”**



**“Then Bush Baby emerged
from behind a flower,
jibber-jabbering away at
a million miles an hour!**

**‘Am I talking too fast?
I’ll go a little slower...
why not pick a tree
that’s just a little lower?’”**

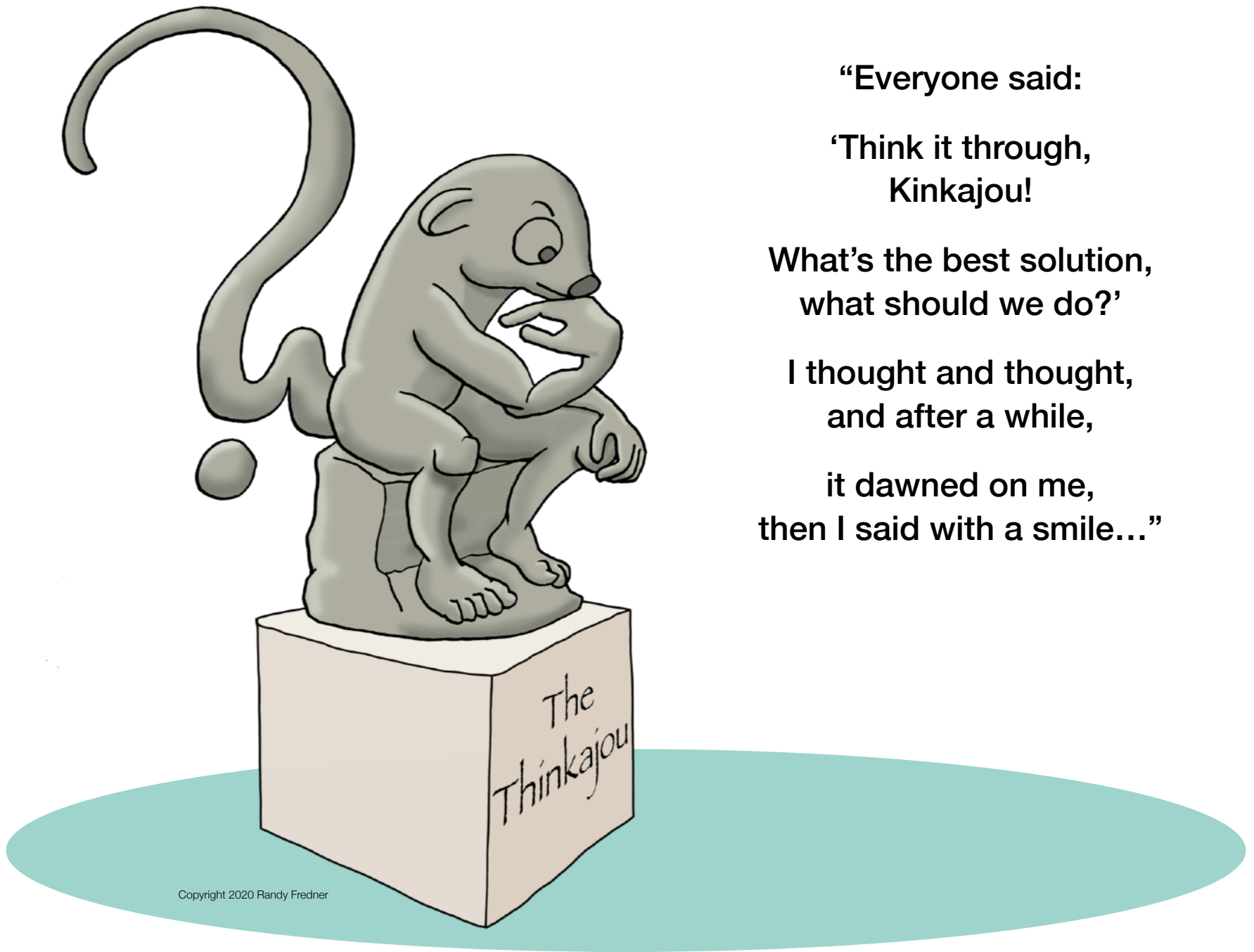
**“That was the last one
then it was up to me**

**to decide the best way
to get up in the tree!**



**There were so many plans,
my memory was kinda hazy,**

**all those ideas
were driving me crazy!”**



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“Everyone said:

‘Think it through,
Kinkajou!

What’s the best solution,
what should we do?’

I thought and thought,
and after a while,

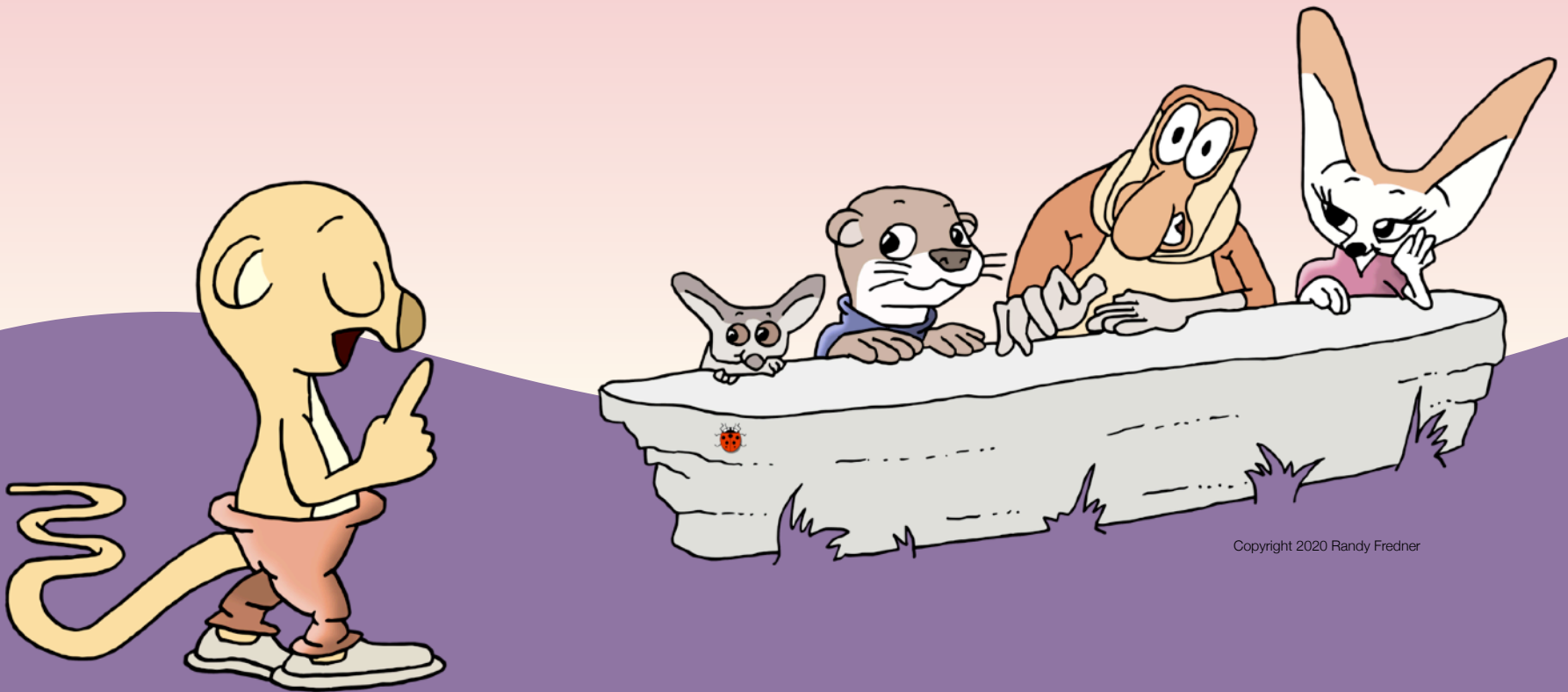
it dawned on me,
then I said with a smile...”

“Your ideas were all great,
rendered with precision,

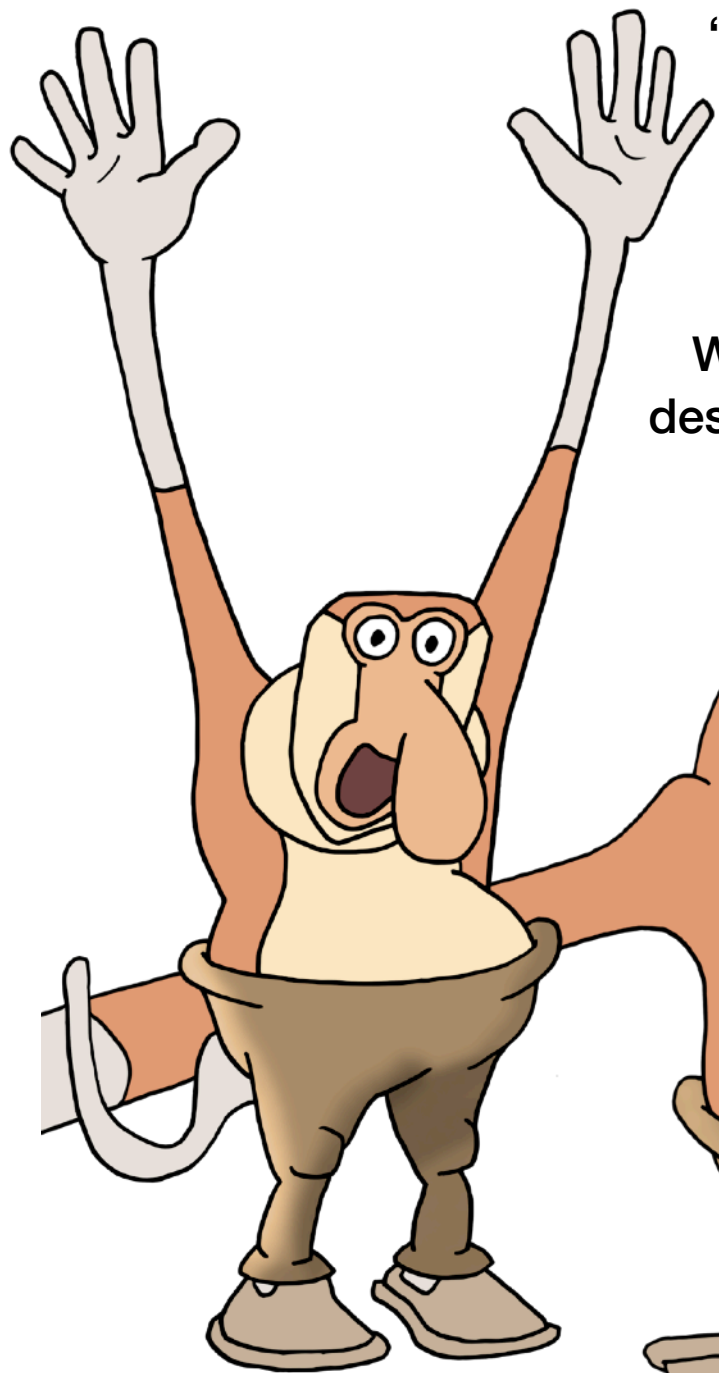
and now I have come
to a decision!”

I said ‘Proboscis...’
and he assumed he’d won!

His eyes lit up
as bright as the sun!”



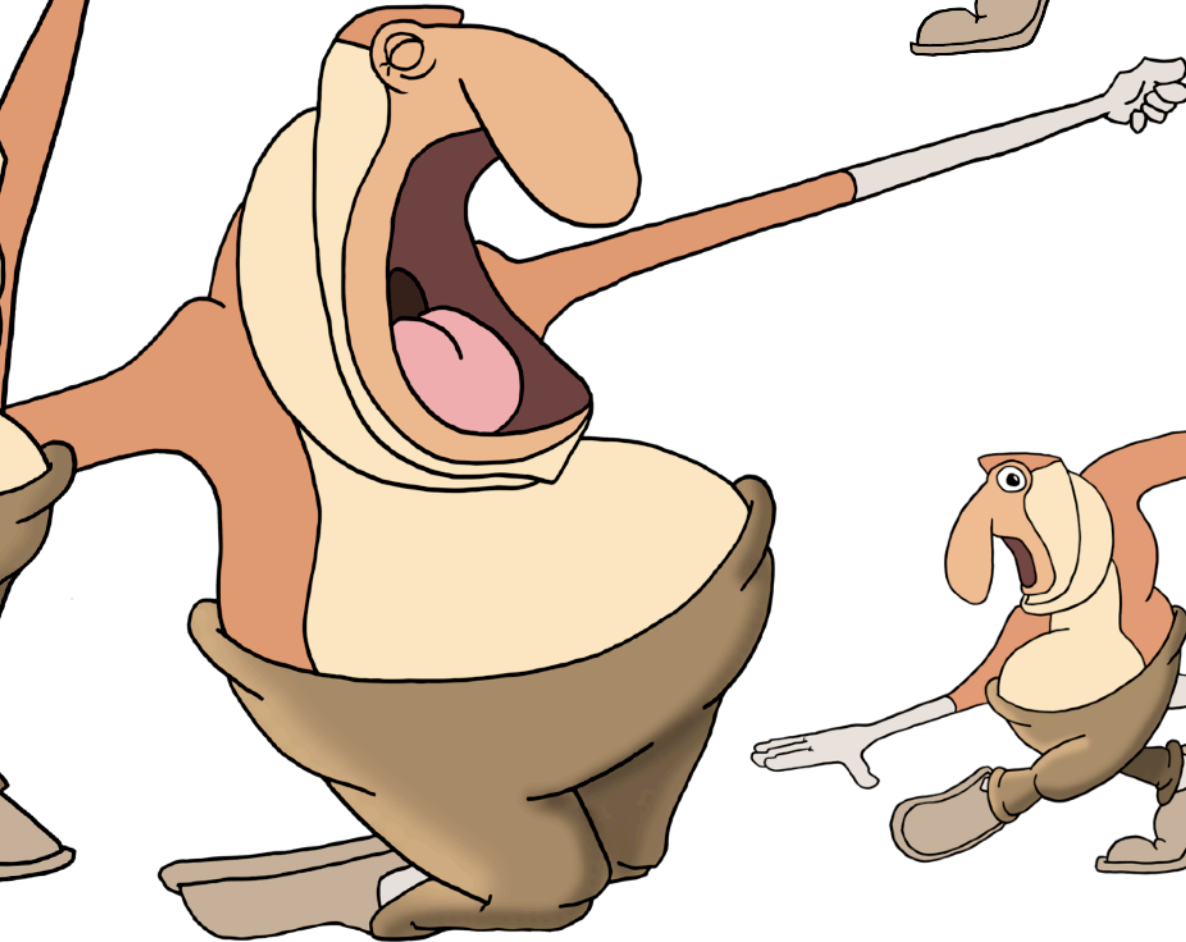
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“I knew I would win!”
He said with a grin.

‘How could I
possibly lose?’

Which of my awesome
designs did you choose?’”



“I said ‘Uh, none of your designs!’

And as I did speak,

he wore a sheepish grin
and the reddest of cheeks!



‘To finish my statement
I didn’t have a chance,

before you started
your victory dance!

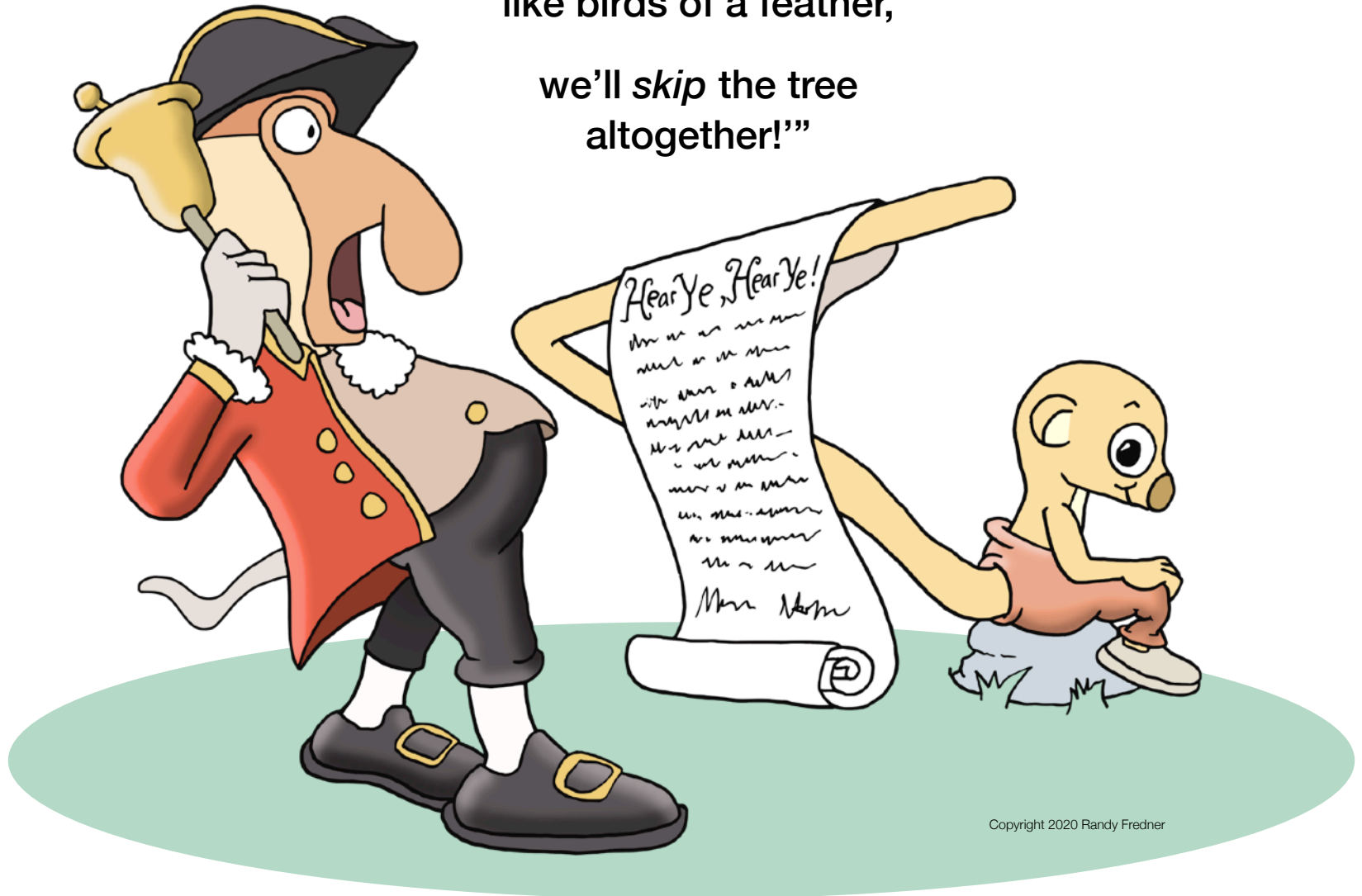
What I had
intended to say,

was ‘would you please announce
the decision today?’”

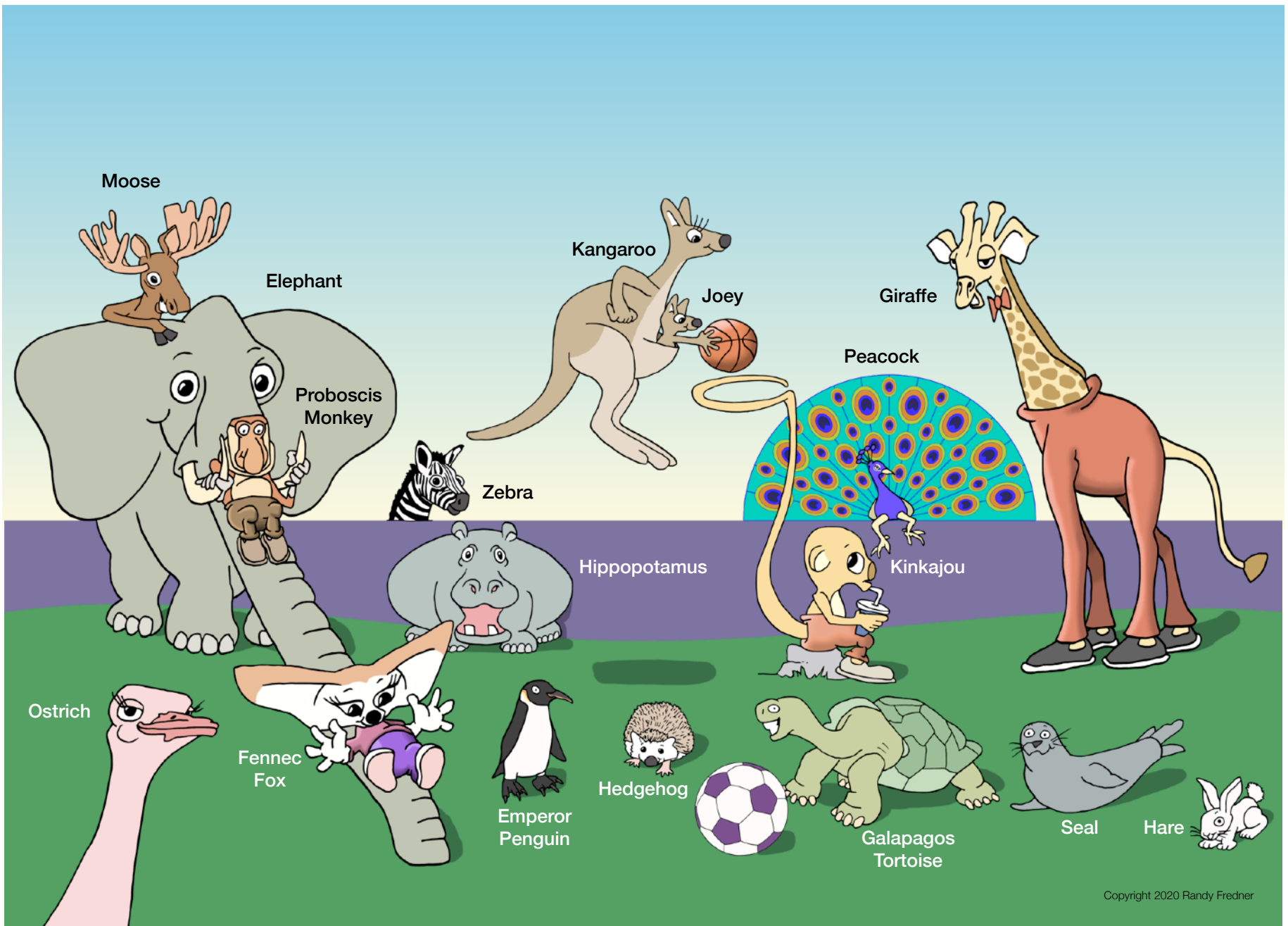
“We printed the decision
on a flier,
and Proboscis yelled it out
like a Town Crier!

‘Hear ye, hear ye!
Here’s the word
on the Secret Club Tree!:
To play as one,
like birds of a feather,
we’ll *skip* the tree
altogether!’”

“The simplest solution
we have found,
is to move the ‘Club’
to the ground!



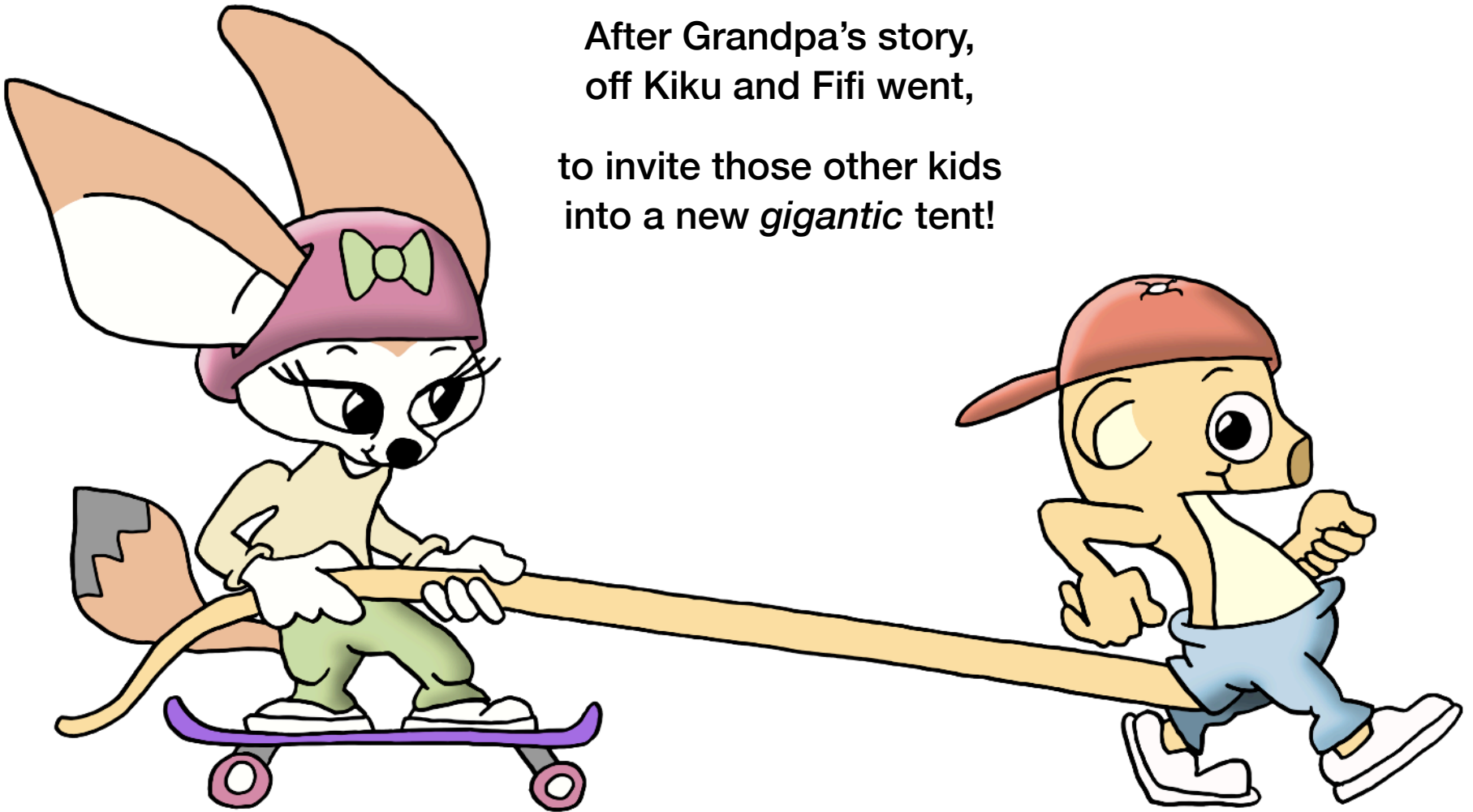
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“Then the new ‘Secret Club’ members gathered by the wall.
Do you think you can name them all?”

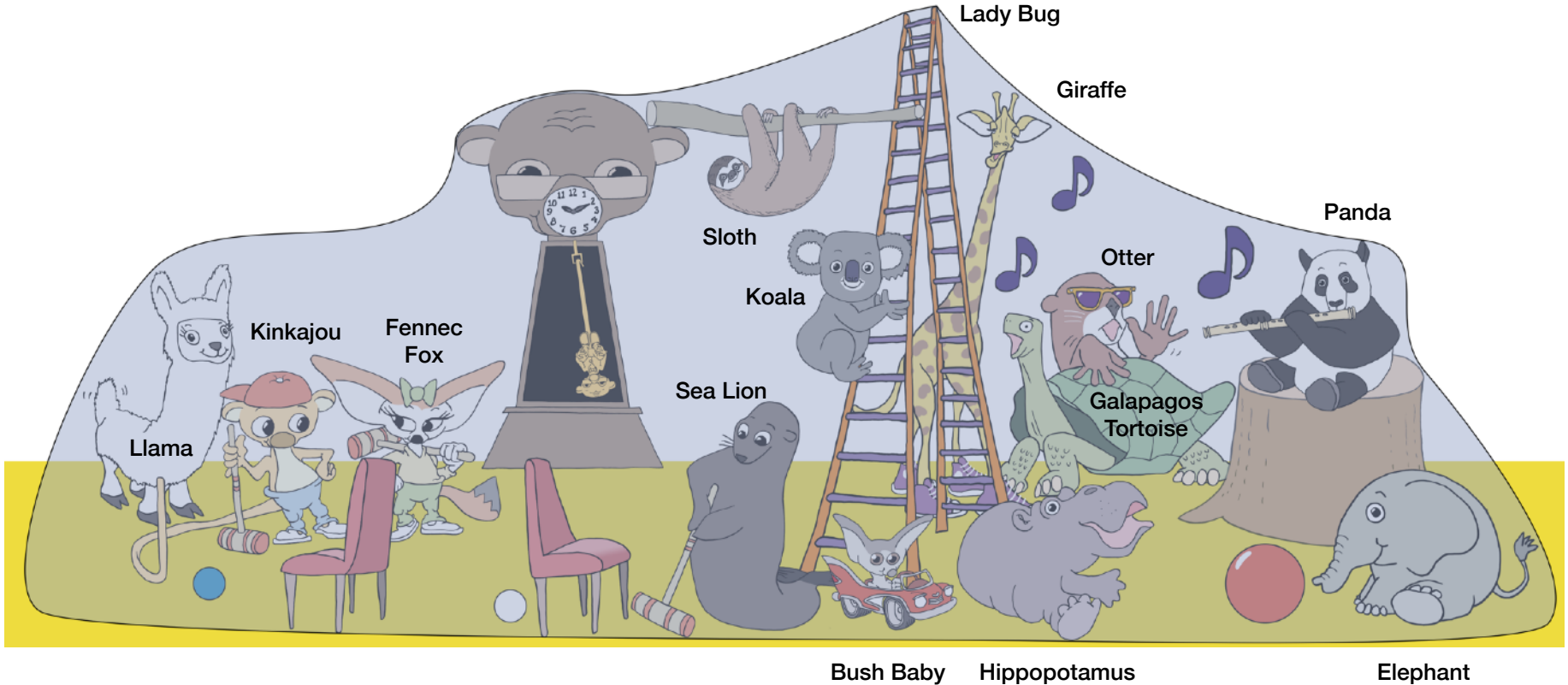
After Grandpa's story,
off Kiku and Fifi went,
to invite those other kids
into a new *gigantic* tent!



And, in the end,
here's what they concluded:

it's much more fun....

...when everyone's included!



The friends had fun
singing songs and playing games.

Can you guess
all the animals' names?

Grandpa and a friend had a 'Secret Club' that met in a tree.

What happens when other animals who can't climb want to join?

