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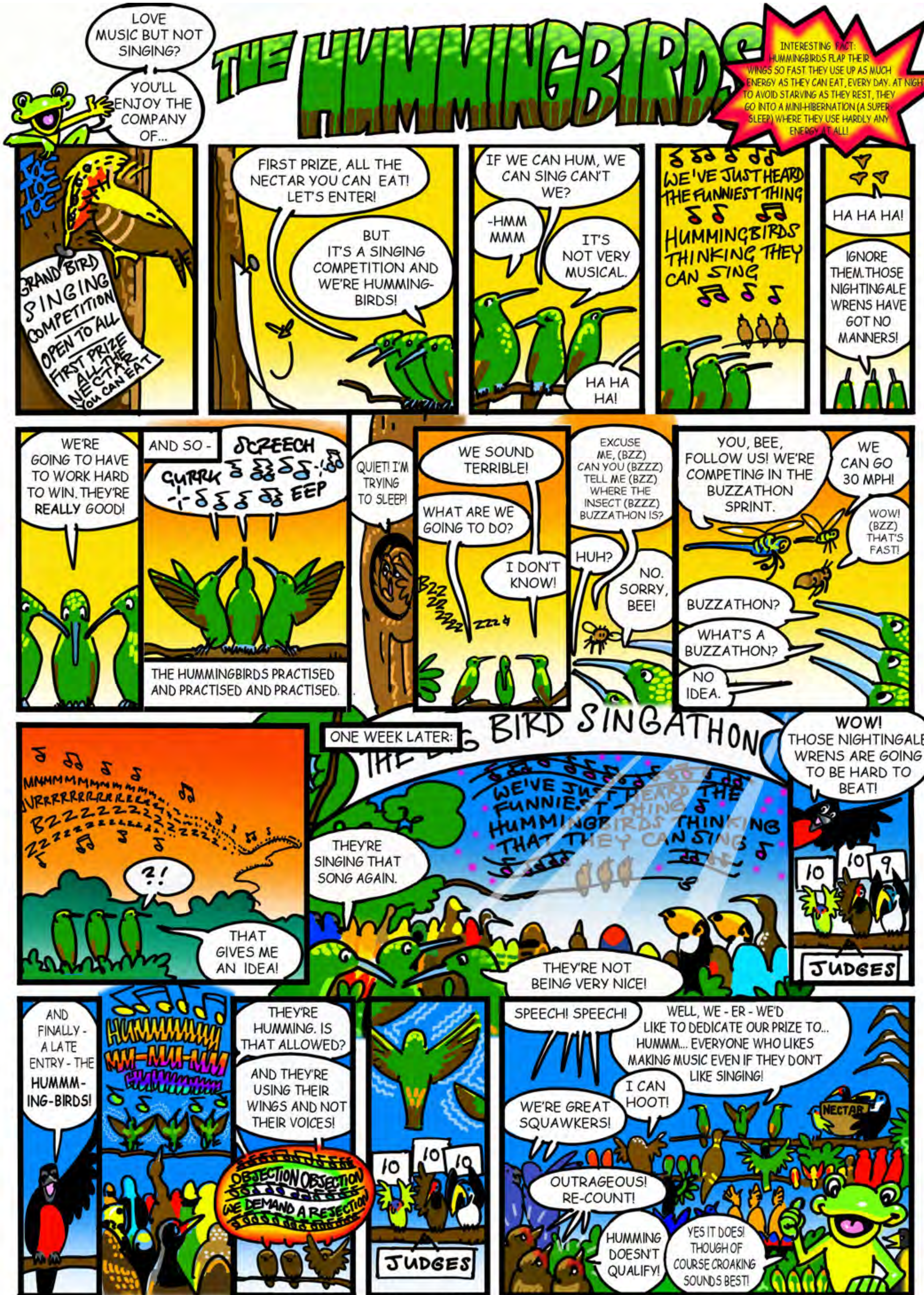
MEET OUR NEW CHARACTER PEPÉ AND DISCOVER THE CUTEST ANIMAL IN THE RAINFOREST!



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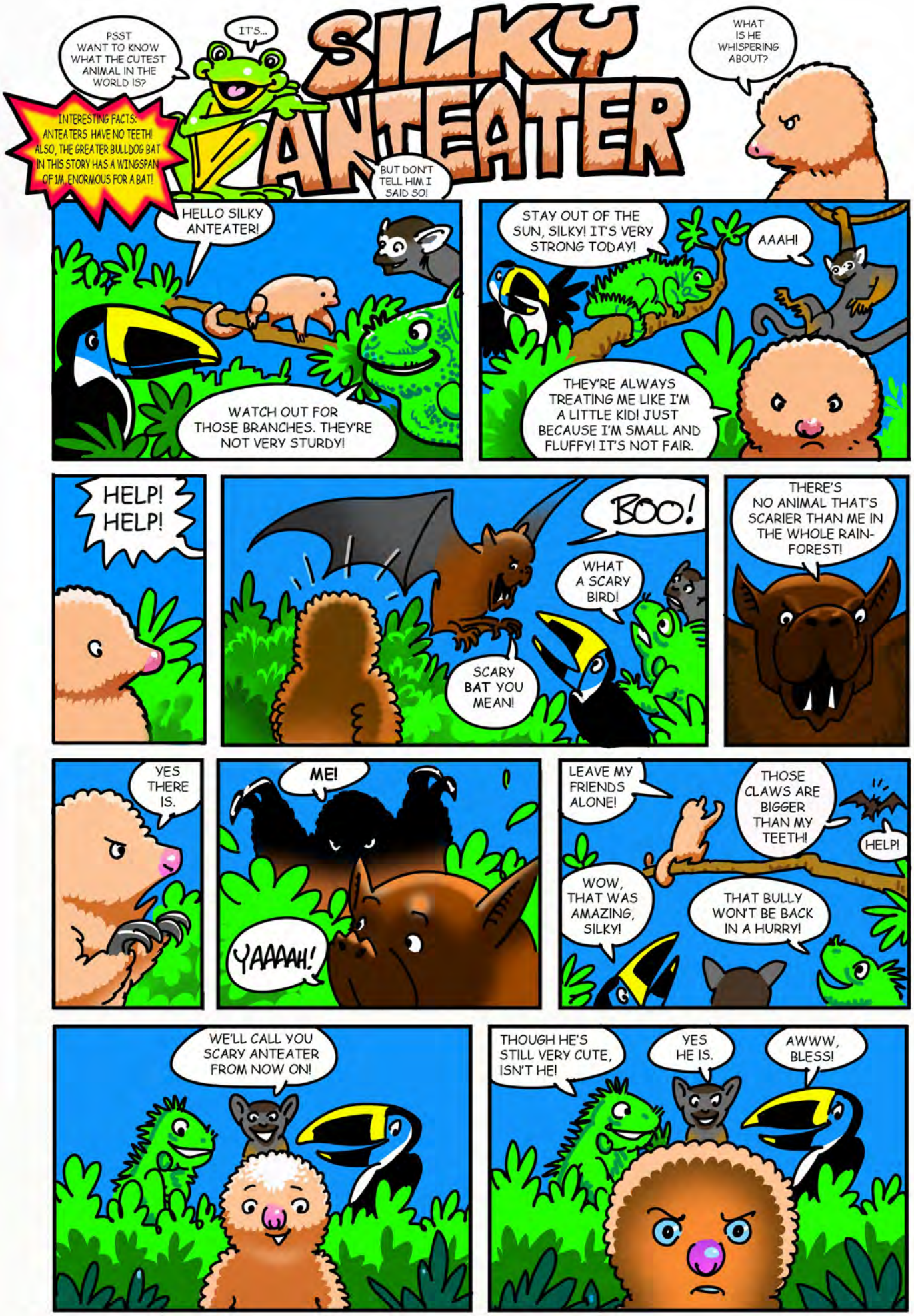
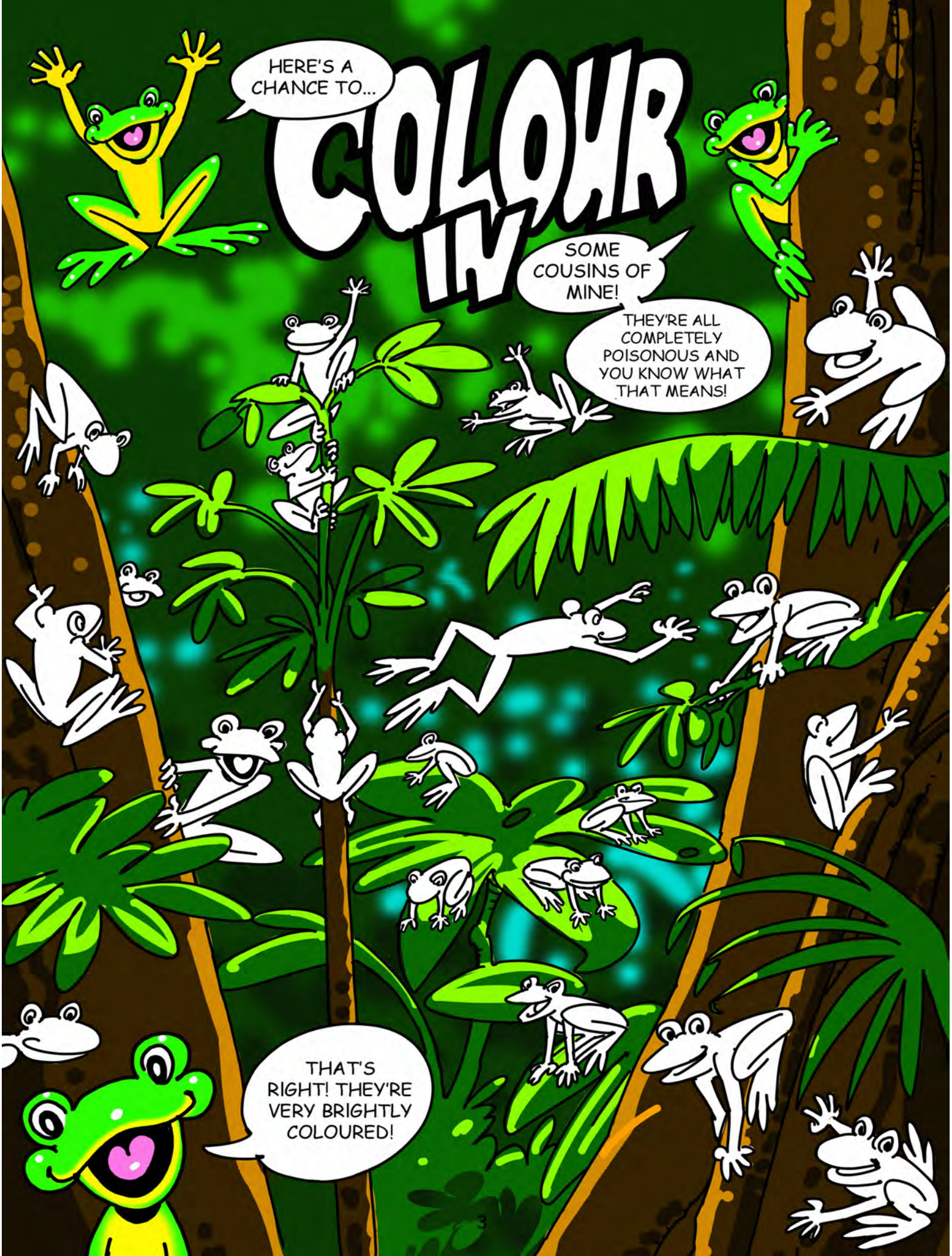
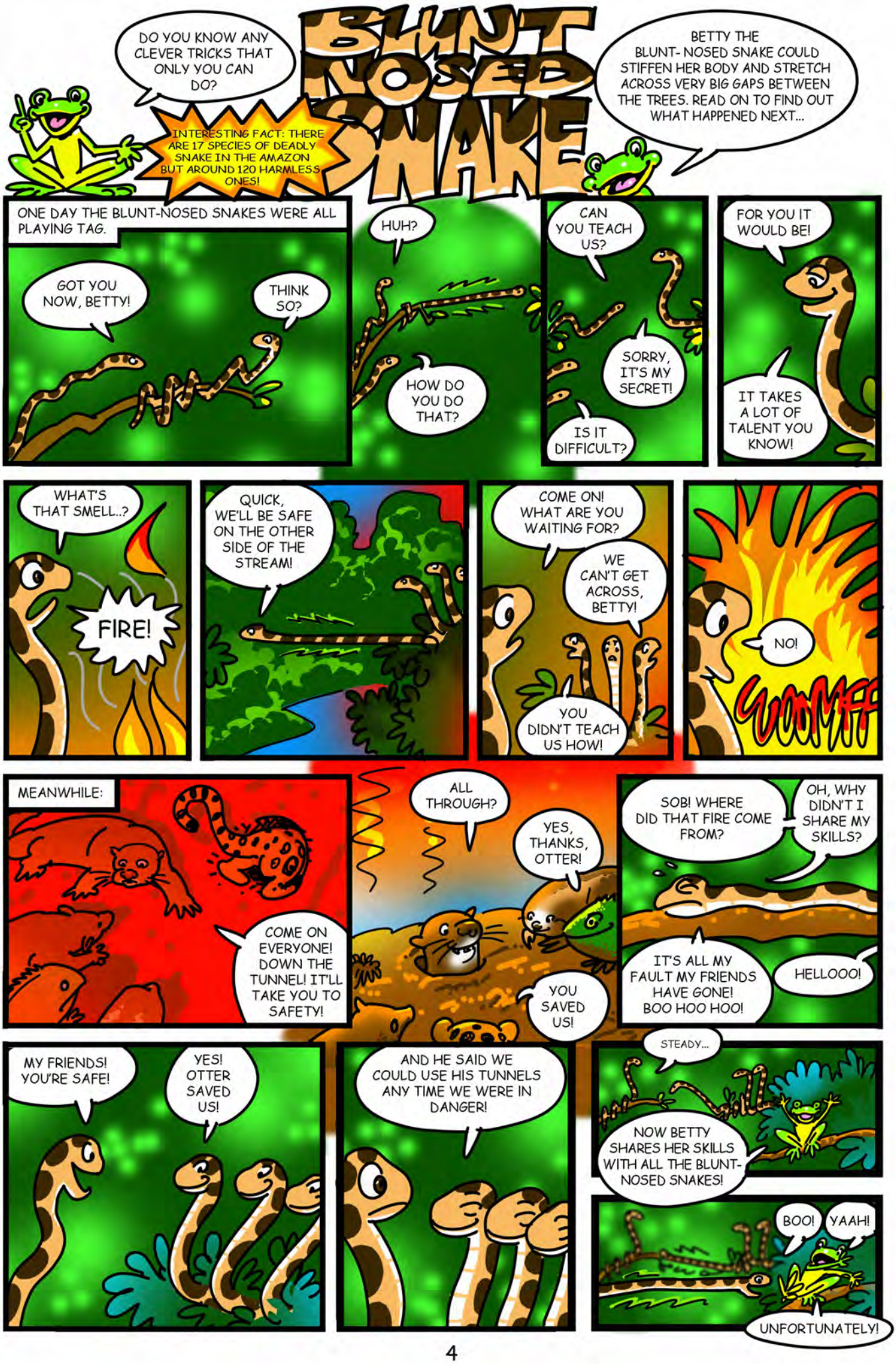

SILKY ANTEATER
PSST WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE CUTEST ANIMAL IN THE WORLD IS?
IT'S...
BUT DON'T TELL HIM I SAID SO!
WHAT IS HE WHISPERING ABOUT?
INTERESTING FACTS: ANTEATERS HAVE NO TEETH! ALSO, THE GREATER BULLDOG BAT IN THIS STORY HAS A WINGSPAN OF 1M, ENORMOUS FOR A BAT!
HELLO SILKY ANTEATER!
WATCH OUT FOR THOSE BRANCHES. THEY'RE NOT VERY STURDY!
STAY OUT OF THE SUN, SILKY! IT'S VERY STRONG TODAY!
AAAH!
THEY'RE ALWAYS TREATING ME LIKE I'M A LITTLE KID! JUST BECAUSE I'M SMALL AND FLUFFY! IT'S NOT FAIR.
HELP! HELP!
BOO!
WHAT A SCARY BIRD!
SCARY BAT YOU MEAN!
THERE'S NO ANIMAL THAT'S SCARIER THAN ME IN THE WHOLE RAIN-FOREST!
YES THERE IS.
ME!
YAAAAH!
LEAVE MY FRIENDS ALONE!
THOSE CLAWS ARE BIGGER THAN MY TEETH!
HELP!
WOW, THAT WAS AMAZING, SILKY!
THAT BULLY WON'T BE BACK IN A HURRY!
WE'LL CALL YOU SCARY ANTEATER FROM NOW ON!
THOUGH HE'S STILL VERY CUTE, ISN'T HE!
YES HE IS.
AWWW, BLESS!


COLOUR IN
HERE'S A CHANCE TO...
SOME COUSINS OF MINE!
THEY'RE ALL COMPLETELY POISONOUS AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!
THAT'S RIGHT! THEY'RE VERY BRIGHTLY COLOURED!


BLUNT NOSED SNAKE
DO YOU KNOW ANY CLEVER TRICKS THAT ONLY YOU CAN DO?
INTERESTING FACT: THERE ARE 17 SPECIES OF DEADLY SNAKE IN THE AMAZON BUT AROUND 120 HARMLESS ONES!
BETTY THE BLUNT- NOSED SNAKE COULD STIFFEN HER BODY AND STRETCH ACROSS VERY BIG GAPS BETWEEN THE TREES. READ ON TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED NEXT...
ONE DAY THE BLUNT-NOSED SNAKES WERE ALL PLAYING TAG.
GOT YOU NOW, BETTY!
THINK SO?
HUH?
HOW DO YOU DO THAT?
CAN YOU TEACH US?
SORRY, IT'S MY SECRET!
IS IT DIFFICULT?
FOR YOU IT WOULD BE!
IT TAKES A LOT OF TALENT YOU KNOW!
WHAT'S THAT SMELL..?
FIRE!
QUICK, WE'LL BE SAFE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STREAM!
COME ON! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
WE CAN'T GET ACROSS, BETTY!
YOU DIDN'T TEACH US HOW!
NO!
WOOMFF
MEANWHILE:
COME ON EVERYONE! DOWN THE TUNNEL! IT'LL TAKE YOU TO SAFETY!
ALL THROUGH?
YES, THANKS, OTTER!
YOU SAVED US!
SOB! WHERE DID THAT FIRE COME FROM?
OH, WHY DIDN'T I SHARE MY SKILLS?
IT'S ALL MY FAULT MY FRIENDS HAVE GONE! BOO HOO HOO!
HELLOOO!
MY FRIENDS! YOU'RE SAFE!
YES! OTTER SAVED US!
AND HE SAID WE COULD USE HIS TUNNELS ANY TIME WE WERE IN DANGER!
STEADY...
NOW BETTY SHARES HER SKILLS WITH ALL THE BLUNT-NOSED SNAKES!
BOO!
YAAH!
UNFORTUNATELY!

HOW ABOUT TRYING THE AMAZONAS COMICS

WORDSEARCH?

THERE ARE 15 WORDS HIDDEN BELOW!

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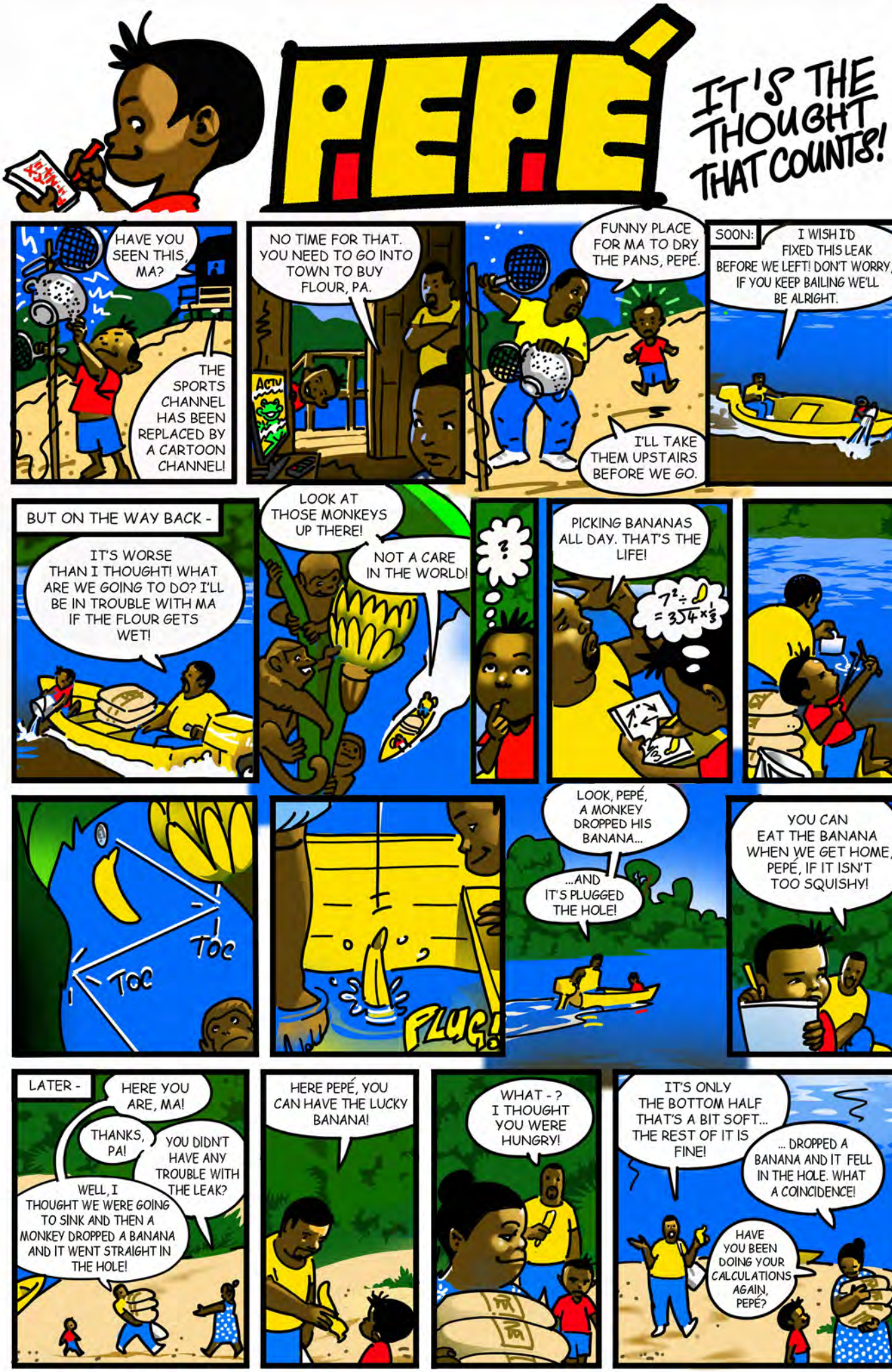
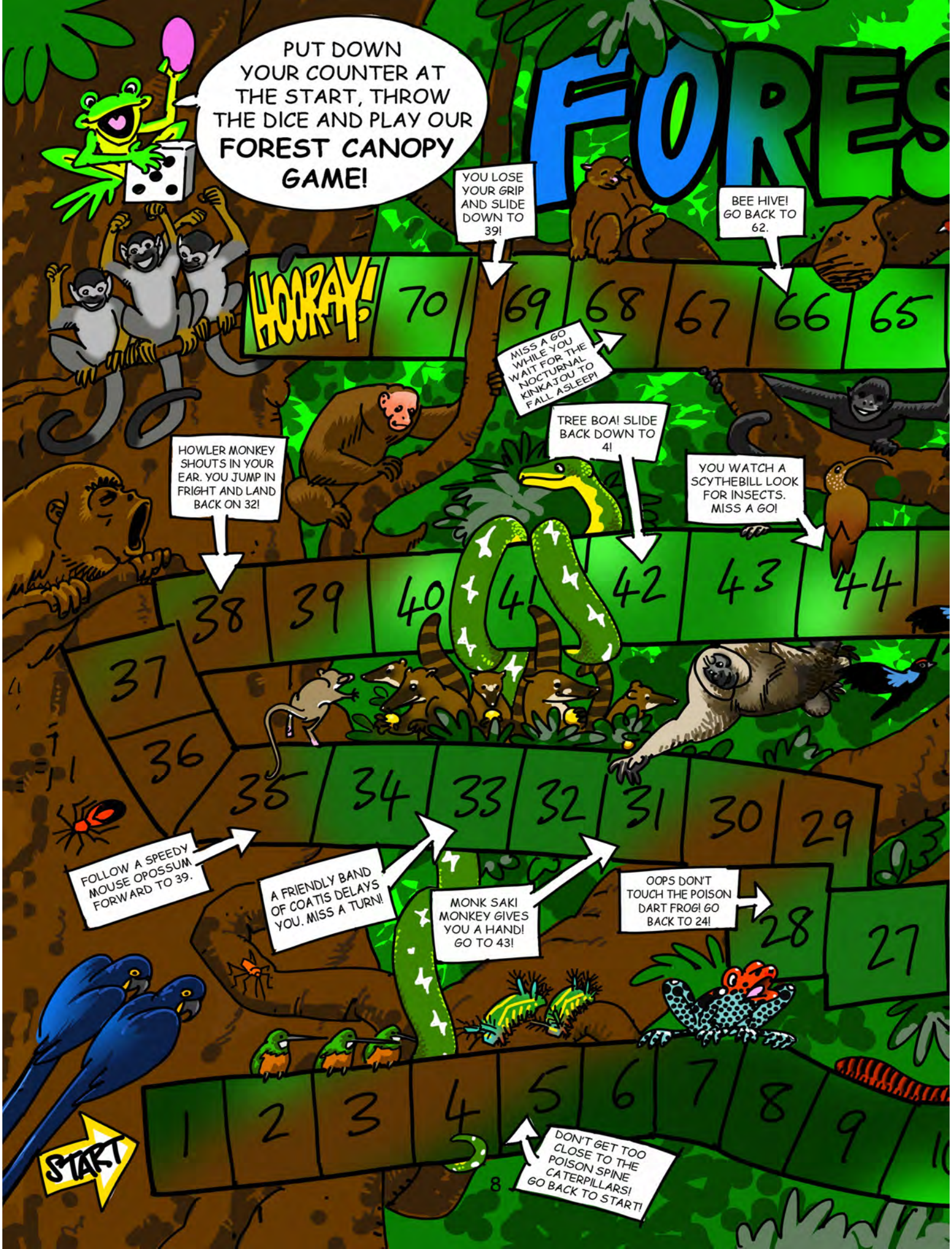
INTERESTING FACT: UNLIKE DOMESTIC CATS, MARGAYS HAVE ANKLES WHICH CAN REVERSE TO HELP THEM CLIMB DOWN TREES!


PEPÉ
IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS!
HAVE YOU SEEN THIS, MA?
THE SPORTS CHANNEL HAS BEEN REPLACED BY A CARTOON CHANNEL!
NO TIME FOR THAT. YOU NEED TO GO INTO TOWN TO BUY FLOUR, PA.
FUNNY PLACE FOR MA TO DRY THE PANS, PEPÉ.
I'LL TAKE THEM UPSTAIRS BEFORE WE GO.
SOON:
I WISH I'D FIXED THIS LEAK BEFORE WE LEFT! DON'T WORRY, IF YOU KEEP BAILING WE'LL BE ALRIGHT.
BUT ON THE WAY BACK -
IT'S WORSE THAN I THOUGHT! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? I'LL BE IN TROUBLE WITH MA IF THE FLOUR GETS WET!
LOOK AT THOSE MONKEYS UP THERE!
NOT A CARE IN THE WORLD!
?
PICKING BANANAS ALL DAY. THAT'S THE LIFE!
TOC
TOC
PLUG!
LOOK, PEPÉ, A MONKEY DROPPED HIS BANANA...
...AND IT'S PLUGGED THE HOLE!
YOU CAN EAT THE BANANA WHEN WE GET HOME, PEPÉ, IF IT ISN'T TOO SQUISHY!
LATER -
HERE YOU ARE, MA!
THANKS, PA!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE WITH THE LEAK?
WELL, I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO SINK AND THEN A MONKEY DROPPED A BANANA AND IT WENT STRAIGHT IN THE HOLE!
HERE PEPÉ, YOU CAN HAVE THE LUCKY BANANA!
WHAT - ? I THOUGHT YOU WERE HUNGRY!
IT'S ONLY THE BOTTOM HALF THAT'S A BIT SOFT... THE REST OF IT IS FINE!
... DROPPED A BANANA AND IT FELL IN THE HOLE. WHAT A COINCIDENCE!
HAVE YOU BEEN DOING YOUR CALCULATIONS AGAIN, PEPÉ?


PUT DOWN YOUR COUNTER AT THE START, THROW THE DICE AND PLAY OUR FOREST CANOPY GAME!
FORES
YOU LOSE YOUR GRIP AND SLIDE DOWN TO 39!
BEE HIVE! GO BACK TO 62.
HOORAY!
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MISS A GO WHILE YOU WAIT FOR THE NOCTURNAL KINKAJOU TO FALL ASLEEP!
TREE BOA! SLIDE BACK DOWN TO 4!
HOWLER MONKEY SHOUTS IN YOUR EAR. YOU JUMP IN FRIGHT AND LAND BACK ON 32!
YOU WATCH A SCYTHEBILL LOOK FOR INSECTS. MISS A GO!
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FOLLOW A SPEEDY MOUSE OPOSSUM FORWARD TO 39.
A FRIENDLY BAND OF COATIS DELAYS YOU. MISS A TURN!
MONK SAKI MONKEY GIVES YOU A HAND! GO TO 43!
OOPS DON'T TOUCH THE POISON DART FROG! GO BACK TO 24!
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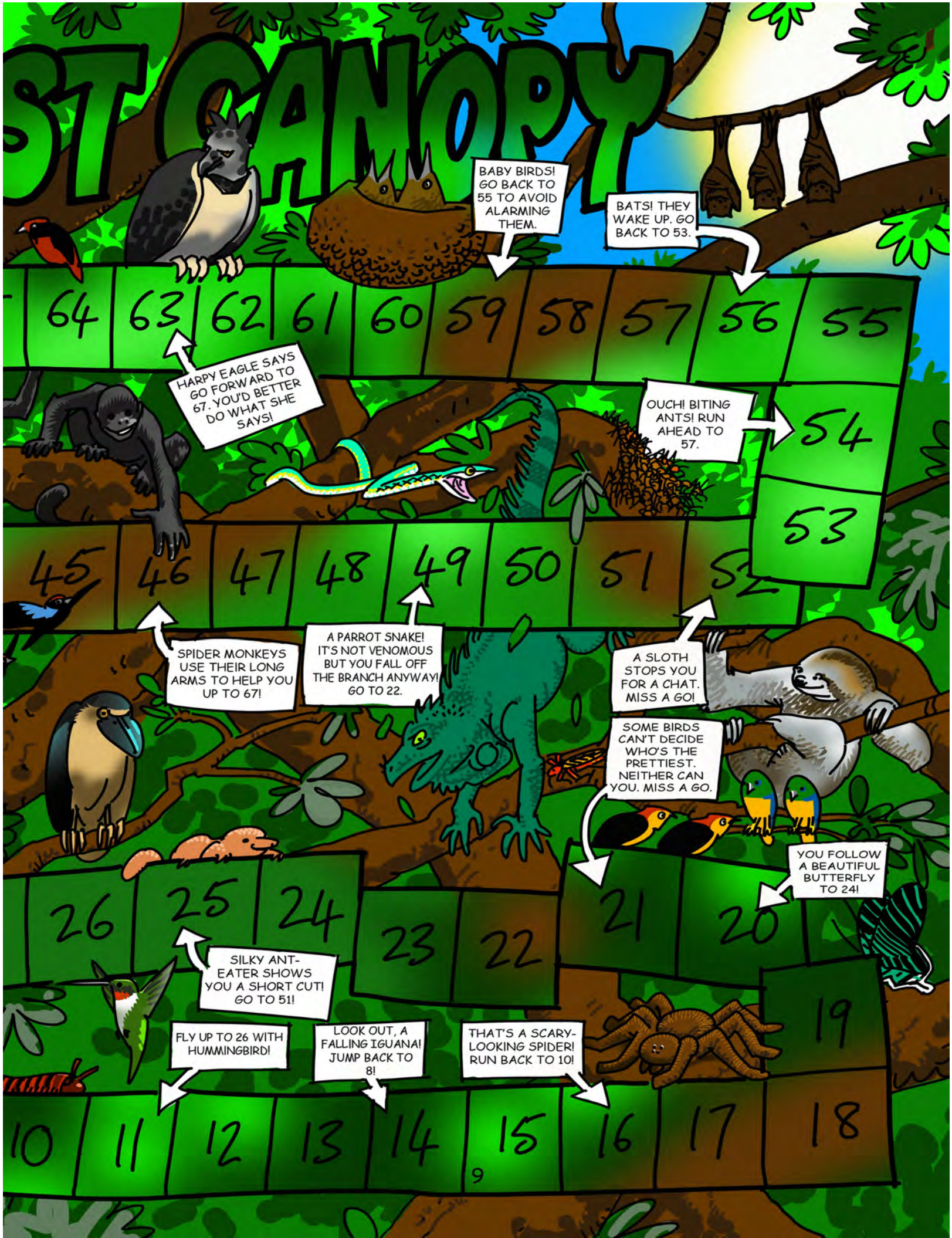
DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO THE POISON SPINE CATERPILLARS! GO BACK TO START!


ST CANOPY
BABY BIRDS! GO BACK TO 55 TO AVOID ALARMING THEM.
BATS! THEY WAKE UP. GO BACK TO 53.
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HARPY EAGLE SAYS GO FORWARD TO 67. YOU'D BETTER DO WHAT SHE SAYS!
OUCH! BITING ANTS! RUN AHEAD TO 57.
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SPIDER MONKEYS USE THEIR LONG ARMS TO HELP YOU UP TO 67!
A PARROT SNAKE! IT'S NOT VENOMOUS BUT YOU FALL OFF THE BRANCH ANYWAY! GO TO 22.
A SLOTH STOPS YOU FOR A CHAT. MISS A GO!
SOME BIRDS CAN'T DECIDE WHO'S THE PRETTIEST. NEITHER CAN YOU. MISS A GO.
YOU FOLLOW A BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLY TO 24!
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SILKY ANT-EATER SHOWS YOU A SHORT CUT! GO TO 51!
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FLY UP TO 26 WITH HUMMINGBIRD!
LOOK OUT, A FALLING IGUANA! JUMP BACK TO 8!
THAT'S A SCARY-LOOKING SPIDER! RUN BACK TO 10!
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AMAZING QUESTIONS

1 **WHAT TYPE OF BIRD IS THE AMAZON TURKEY VULTURE'S CLOSEST RELATIVE?**

(A) THE AFRICAN LAPPET-FACED VULTURE?

(B) THE TURKEY?

(C) THE HERON?

2 **WHY DO KING VULTURES LIKE TO FOLLOW OTHER VULTURES (LIKE TURKEY VULTURES)?**

(A) THEY'RE WATCHING OUT FOR THEIR 'SUBJECTS' LIKE REAL KINGS ARE SUPPOSED TO!

(B) THEY CAN'T **SEE** VERY WELL SO THEY NEED HELP TO FIND FOOD?

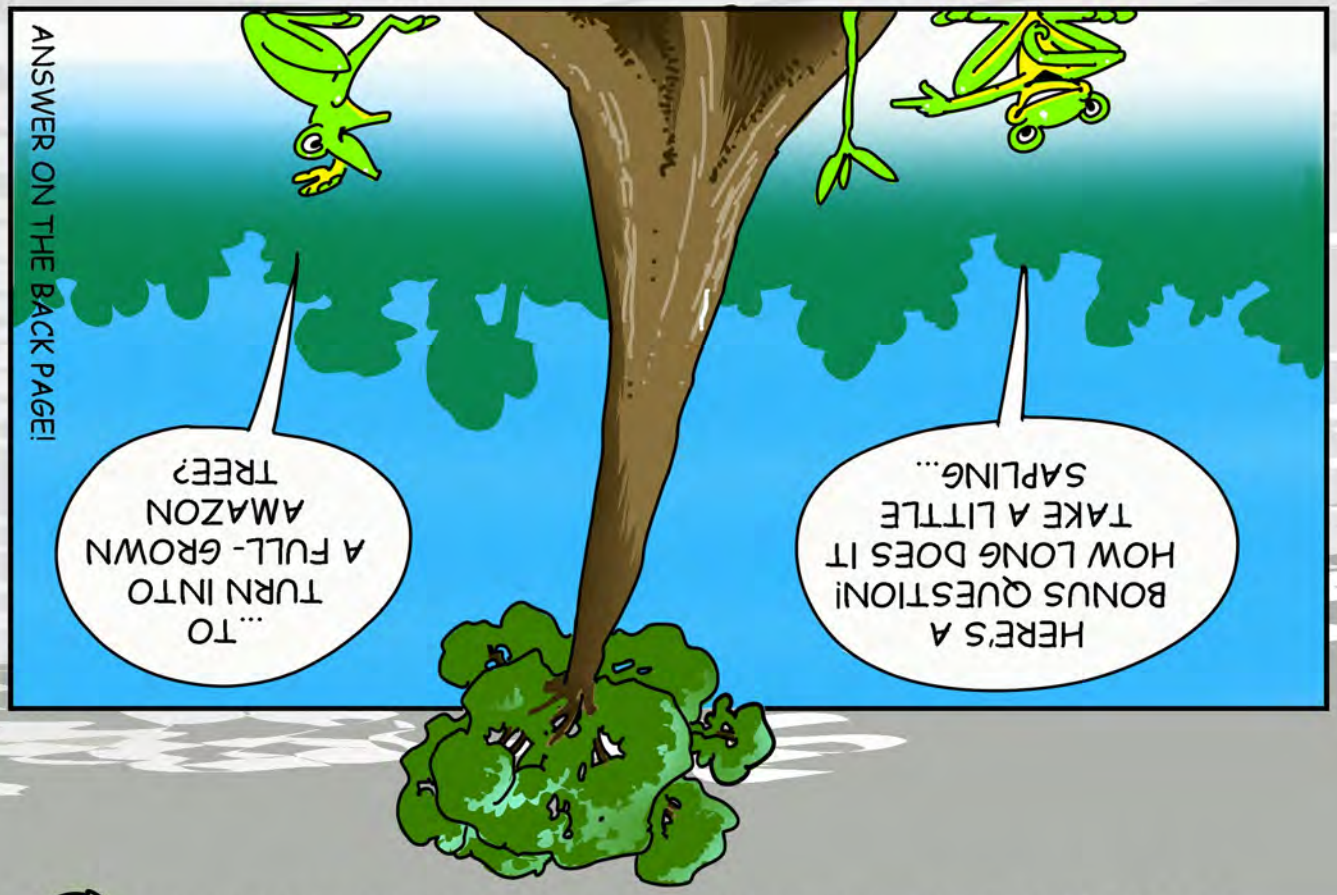
(C) THEY CAN'T **SMELL** VERY WELL SO THEY NEED HELP TO FIND FOOD?

3 **WHAT DO WILD PIGS SOMETIMES DO TO PROTECT THEIR YOUNG FROM PREDATORS?**

(A) ONE OF THEM DISTRACTS THE PREDATOR (DANGEROUS!) WHILE THE HERD ESCAPES?

(C) MAKE LOUD SCARY NOISES TO FRIGHTEN THE PREDATOR AWAY?

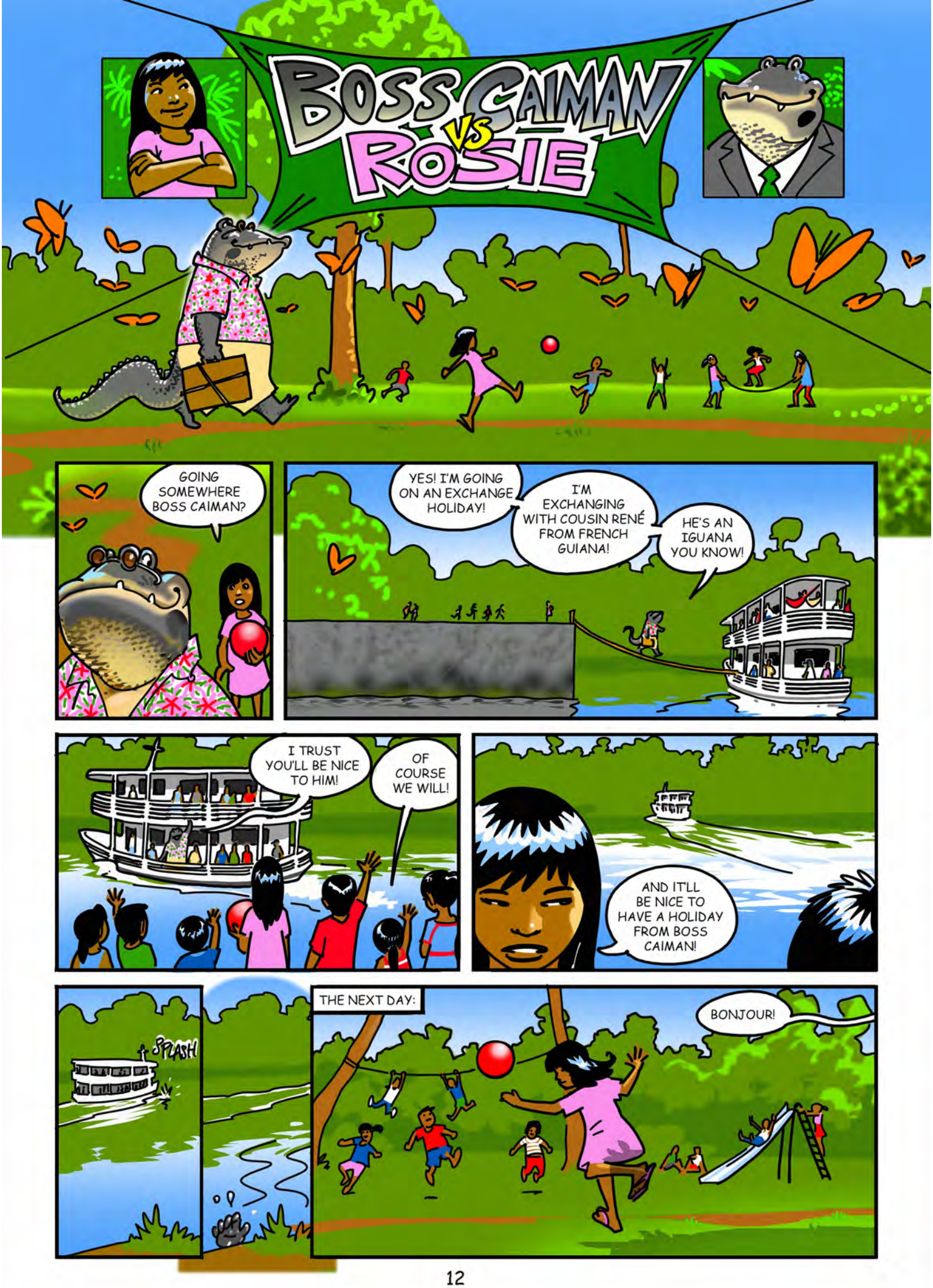
(B) GANG UP TOGETHER TO CHASE THE PREDATOR AWAY?

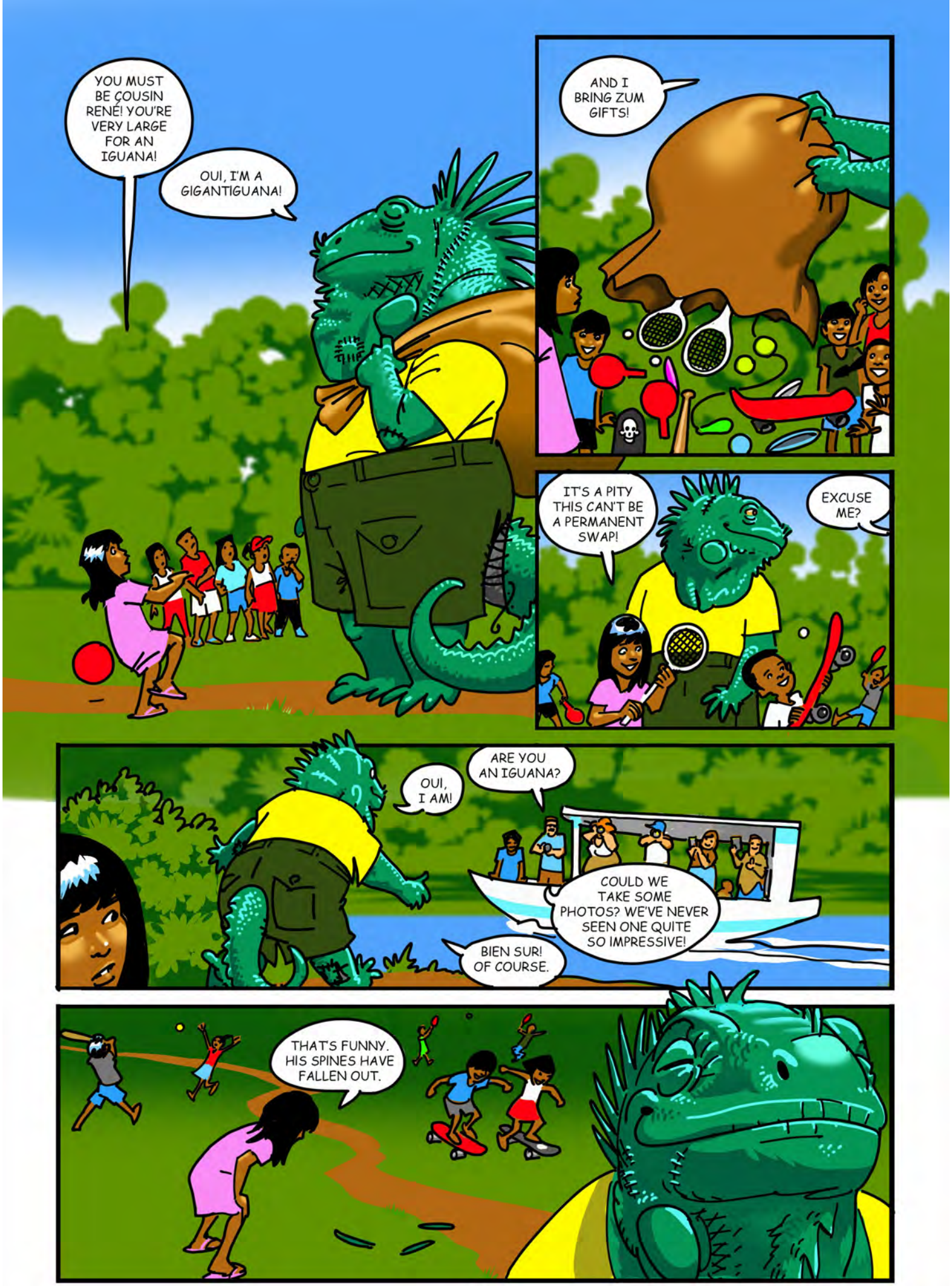


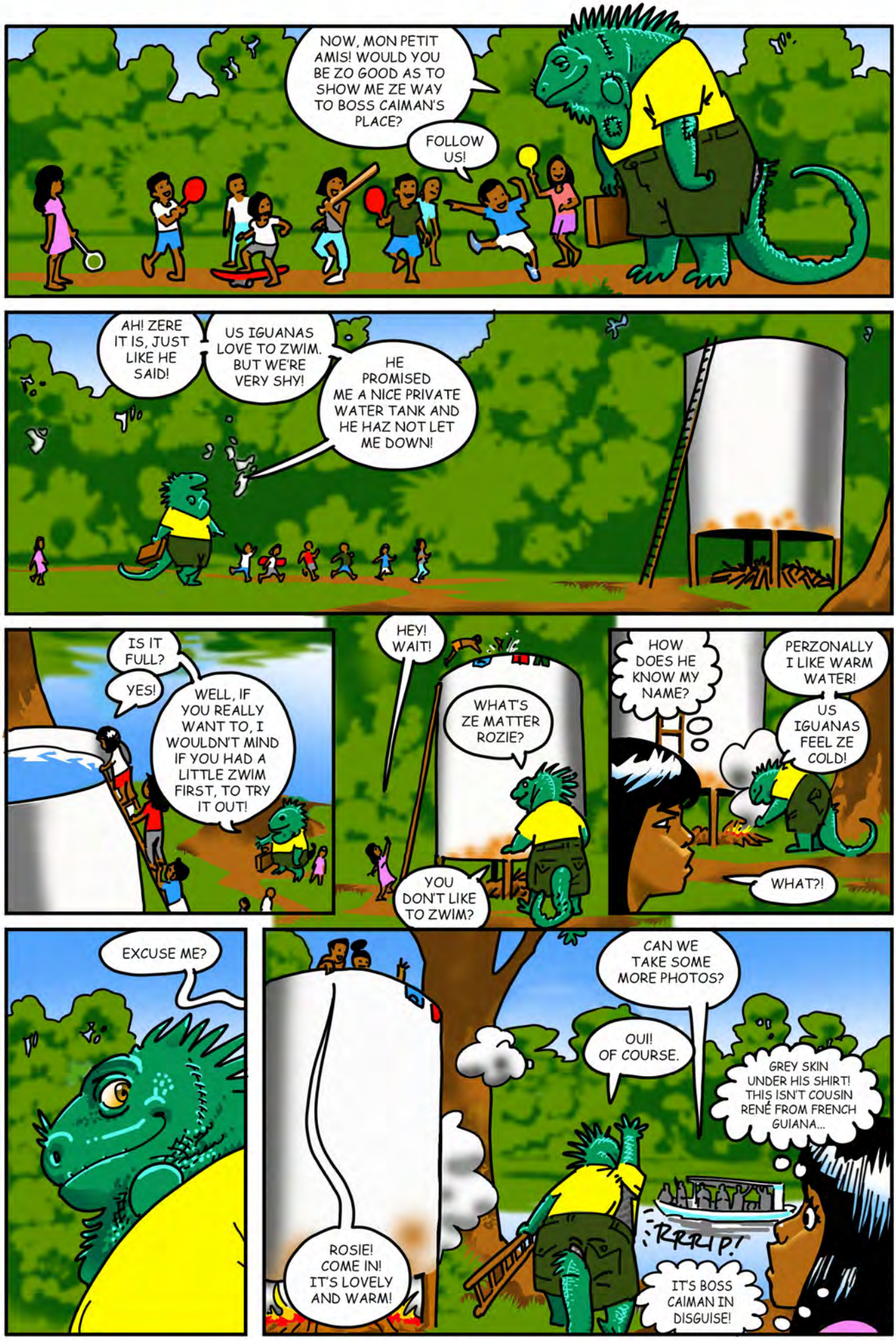
1 (C) THE HERON! DESPITE THE NAME 'VULTURE', AFRICAN VULTURES AREN'T RELATED TO AMAZON VULTURES AT ALL.

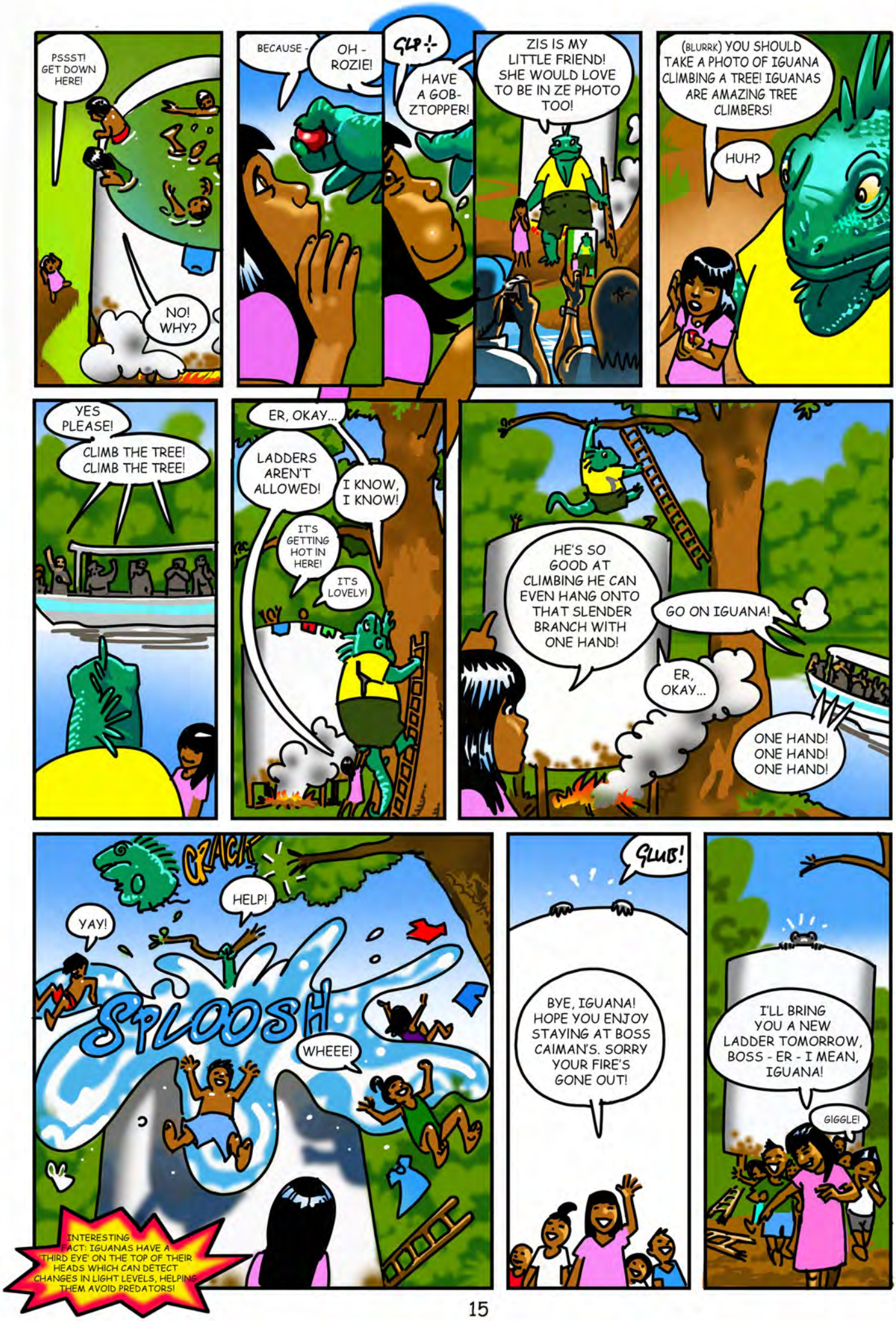
2 (C) KING VULTURES HAVE VERY STRONG BEAKS TO CRACK BONES WITH - BUT WITHOUT A SENSE OF SMELL THEY HAVE TO RELY ON OTHER VULTURES TO FIND THE FOOD IN THE FIRST PLACE!

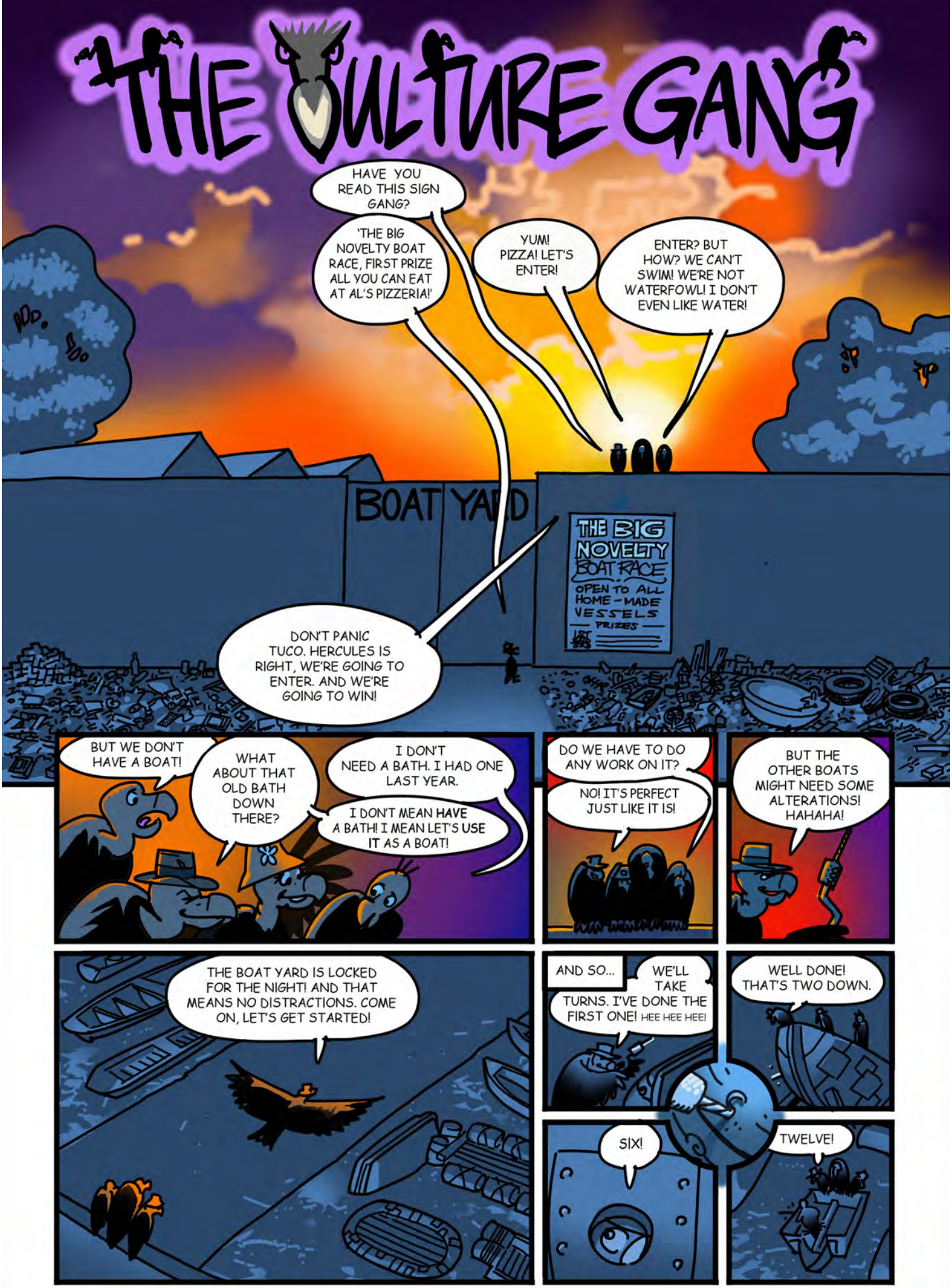
3 (A) WILD PIGS REALLY HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO SACRIFICE THEMSELVES TO SAVE THE REST OF THE HERD. THEY MUST BE THE MOST HEROIC ANIMALS IN THE FOREST!

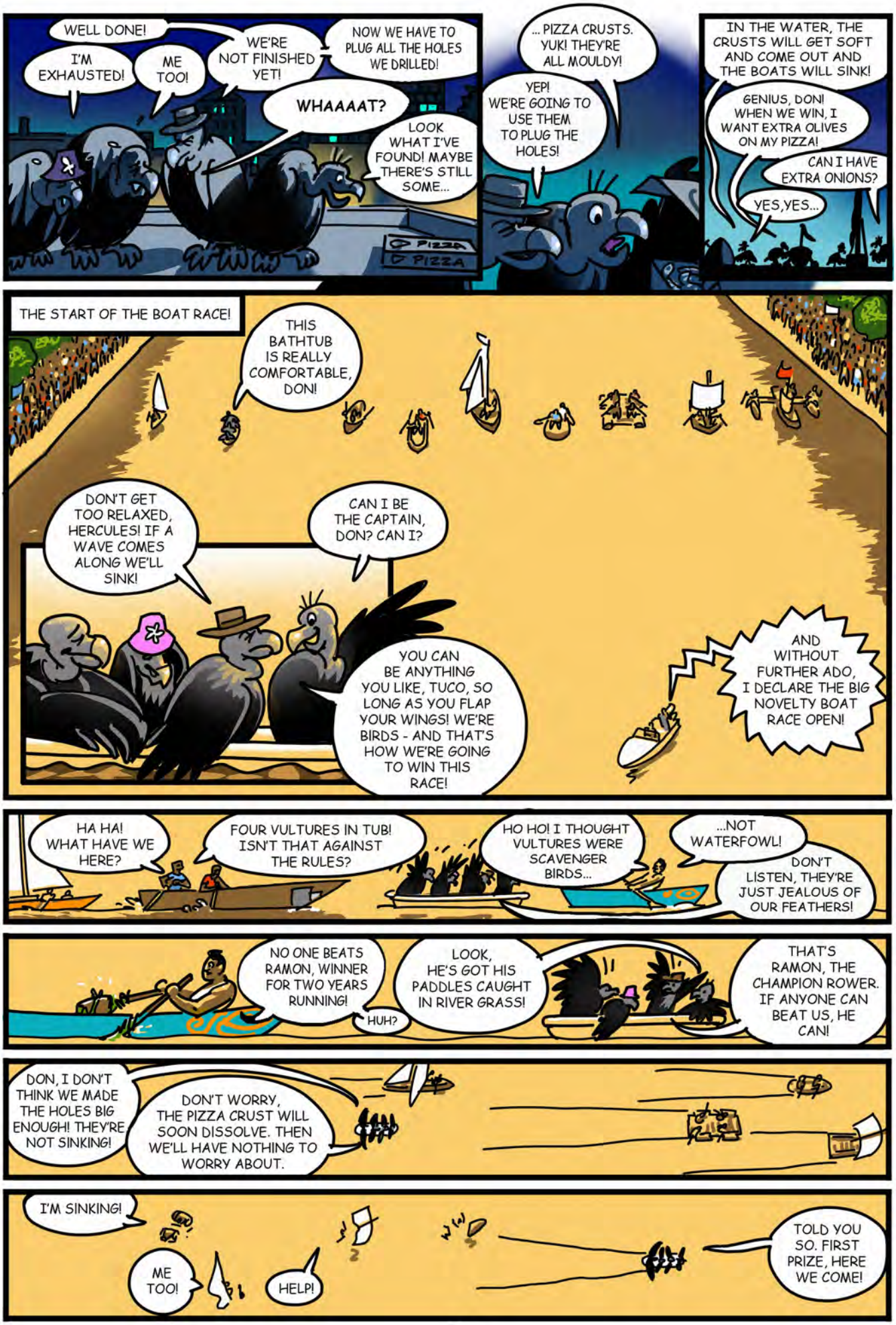

BOSS CAIMAN VS ROSIE
GOING SOMEWHERE BOSS CAIMAN?
YES! I'M GOING ON AN EXCHANGE HOLIDAY!
I'M EXCHANGING WITH COUSIN RENÉ FROM FRENCH GUIANA!
HE'S AN IGUANA YOU KNOW!
I TRUST YOU'LL BE NICE TO HIM!
OF COURSE WE WILL!
AND IT'LL BE NICE TO HAVE A HOLIDAY FROM BOSS CAIMAN!
SPLASH
THE NEXT DAY:
BONJOUR!

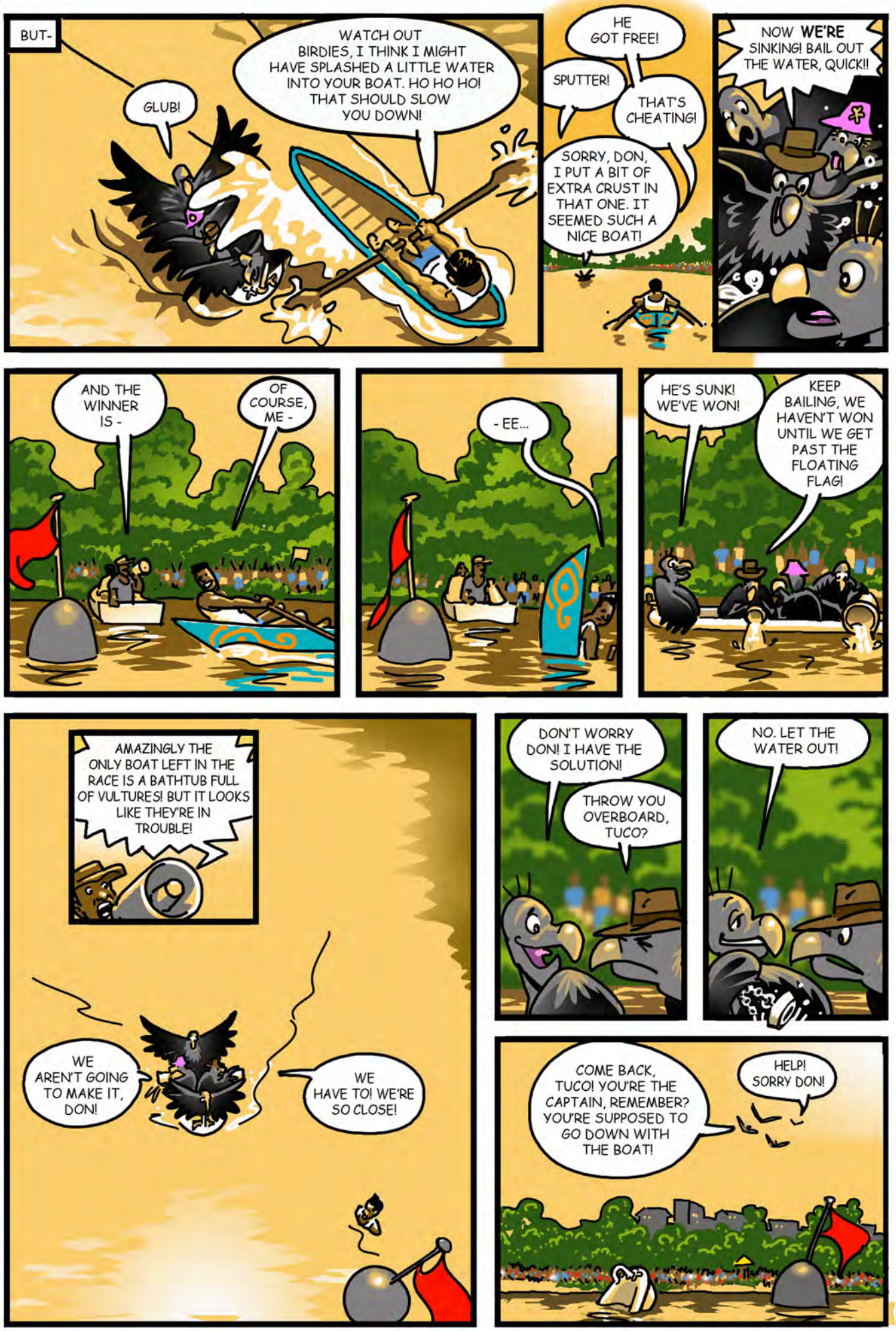

YOU MUST BE COUSIN RENÉ! YOU'RE VERY LARGE FOR AN IGUANA!
OUI, I'M A GIGANTIGUANA!
AND I BRING ZUM GIFTS!
IT'S A PITY THIS CAN'T BE A PERMANENT SWAP!
EXCUSE ME?
ARE YOU AN IGUANA?
OUI, I AM!
COULD WE TAKE SOME PHOTOS? WE'VE NEVER SEEN ONE QUITE SO IMPRESSIVE!
BIEN SUR! OF COURSE.
THAT'S FUNNY. HIS SPINES HAVE FALLEN OUT.


NOW, MON PETIT AMIS! WOULD YOU BE ZO GOOD AS TO SHOW ME ZE WAY TO BOSS CAIMAN'S PLACE?
FOLLOW US!
AH! ZERE IT IS, JUST LIKE HE SAID!
US IGUANAS LOVE TO ZWIM. BUT WE'RE VERY SHY!
HE PROMISED ME A NICE PRIVATE WATER TANK AND HE HAZ NOT LET ME DOWN!
IS IT FULL?
YES!
WELL, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO, I WOULDN'T MIND IF YOU HAD A LITTLE ZWIM FIRST, TO TRY IT OUT!
HEY! WAIT!
WHAT'S ZE MATTER ROZIE?
YOU DON'T LIKE TO ZWIM?
HOW DOES HE KNOW MY NAME?
PERZONALLY I LIKE WARM WATER!
US IGUANAS FEEL ZE COLD!
WHAT?!
EXCUSE ME?
CAN WE TAKE SOME MORE PHOTOS?
OUI! OF COURSE.
GREY SKIN UNDER HIS SHIRT! THIS ISN'T COUSIN RENÉ FROM FRENCH GUIANA...
RRRRIP!
IT'S BOSS CAIMAN IN DISGUISE!
ROSIE! COME IN! IT'S LOVELY AND WARM!


PSSST! GET DOWN HERE!
NO! WHY?
BECAUSE -
OH - ROZIE!
GLP
HAVE A GOB-ZTOPPER!
ZIS IS MY LITTLE FRIEND! SHE WOULD LOVE TO BE IN ZE PHOTO TOO!
(BLURRK) YOU SHOULD TAKE A PHOTO OF IGUANA CLIMBING A TREE! IGUANAS ARE AMAZING TREE CLIMBERS!
HUH?
YES PLEASE!
CLIMB THE TREE! CLIMB THE TREE!
ER, OKAY...
LADDERS AREN'T ALLOWED!
I KNOW, I KNOW!
IT'S GETTING HOT IN HERE!
IT'S LOVELY!
HE'S SO GOOD AT CLIMBING HE CAN EVEN HANG ONTO THAT SLENDER BRANCH WITH ONE HAND!
GO ON IGUANA!
ER, OKAY...
ONE HAND! ONE HAND! ONE HAND!
CRACK
YAY!
HELP!
SPLOOSH
WHEEE!
INTERESTING FACT: IGUANAS HAVE A 'THIRD EYE' ON THE TOP OF THEIR HEADS WHICH CAN DETECT CHANGES IN LIGHT LEVELS, HELPING THEM AVOID PREDATORS!
GLUB!
BYE, IGUANA! HOPE YOU ENJOY STAYING AT BOSS CAIMAN'S. SORRY YOUR FIRE'S GONE OUT!
I'LL BRING YOU A NEW LADDER TOMORROW, BOSS - ER - I MEAN, IGUANA!
GIGGLE!


THE VULTURE GANG
HAVE YOU READ THIS SIGN GANG?
'THE BIG NOVELTY BOAT RACE, FIRST PRIZE ALL YOU CAN EAT AT AL'S PIZZERIA!'
YUM! PIZZA! LET'S ENTER!
ENTER? BUT HOW? WE CAN'T SWIM! WE'RE NOT WATERFOWL! I DON'T EVEN LIKE WATER!
BOAT YARD
THE BIG NOVELTY BOAT RACE
OPEN TO ALL HOME-MADE VESSELS
PRIZES
DON'T PANIC TUCO. HERCULES IS RIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO ENTER. AND WE'RE GOING TO WIN!
BUT WE DON'T HAVE A BOAT!
WHAT ABOUT THAT OLD BATH DOWN THERE?
I DON'T NEED A BATH. I HAD ONE LAST YEAR.
I DON'T MEAN HAVE A BATH! I MEAN LET'S USE IT AS A BOAT!
DO WE HAVE TO DO ANY WORK ON IT?
NO! IT'S PERFECT JUST LIKE IT IS!
BUT THE OTHER BOATS MIGHT NEED SOME ALTERATIONS! HAHAHA!
THE BOAT YARD IS LOCKED FOR THE NIGHT! AND THAT MEANS NO DISTRACTIONS. COME ON, LET'S GET STARTED!
AND SO...
WE'LL TAKE TURNS. I'VE DONE THE FIRST ONE! HEE HEE HEE!
WELL DONE! THAT'S TWO DOWN.
SIX!
TWELVE!

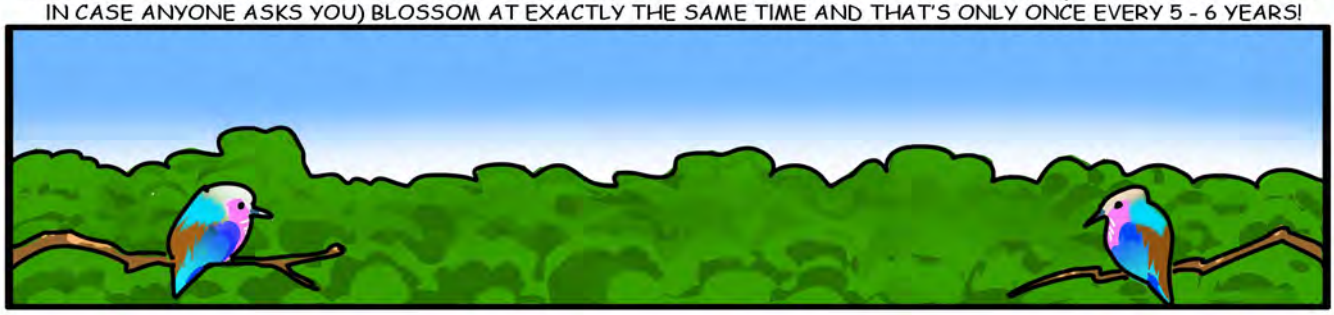

WELL DONE!
I'M EXHAUSTED!
ME TOO!
WE'RE NOT FINISHED YET!
NOW WE HAVE TO PLUG ALL THE HOLES WE DRILLED!
WHAAAAT?
LOOK WHAT I'VE FOUND! MAYBE THERE'S STILL SOME...
PIZZA
PIZZA
... PIZZA CRUSTS. YUK! THEY'RE ALL MOULDY!
YEP! WE'RE GOING TO USE THEM TO PLUG THE HOLES!
IN THE WATER, THE CRUSTS WILL GET SOFT AND COME OUT AND THE BOATS WILL SINK!
GENIUS, DON! WHEN WE WIN, I WANT EXTRA OLIVES ON MY PIZZA!
CAN I HAVE EXTRA ONIONS?
YES,YES...
THE START OF THE BOAT RACE!
THIS BATHTUB IS REALLY COMFORTABLE, DON!
DON'T GET TOO RELAXED, HERCULES! IF A WAVE COMES ALONG WE'LL SINK!
CAN I BE THE CAPTAIN, DON? CAN I?
YOU CAN BE ANYTHING YOU LIKE, TUCO, SO LONG AS YOU FLAP YOUR WINGS! WE'RE BIRDS - AND THAT'S HOW WE'RE GOING TO WIN THIS RACE!
AND WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, I DECLARE THE BIG NOVELTY BOAT RACE OPEN!
HA HA! WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
FOUR VULTURES IN TUB! ISN'T THAT AGAINST THE RULES?
HO HO! I THOUGHT VULTURES WERE SCAVENGER BIRDS...
...NOT WATERFOWL!
DON'T LISTEN, THEY'RE JUST JEALOUS OF OUR FEATHERS!
NO ONE BEATS RAMON, WINNER FOR TWO YEARS RUNNING!
HUH?
LOOK, HE'S GOT HIS PADDLES CAUGHT IN RIVER GRASS!
THAT'S RAMON, THE CHAMPION ROWER. IF ANYONE CAN BEAT US, HE CAN!
DON, I DON'T THINK WE MADE THE HOLES BIG ENOUGH! THEY'RE NOT SINKING!
DON'T WORRY, THE PIZZA CRUST WILL SOON DISSOLVE. THEN WE'LL HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
I'M SINKING!
ME TOO!
HELP!
TOLD YOU SO. FIRST PRIZE, HERE WE COME!


BUT-
GLUB!
WATCH OUT BIRDIES, I THINK I MIGHT HAVE SPLASHED A LITTLE WATER INTO YOUR BOAT. HO HO HO! THAT SHOULD SLOW YOU DOWN!
HE GOT FREE!
SPUTTER!
THAT'S CHEATING!
SORRY, DON, I PUT A BIT OF EXTRA CRUST IN THAT ONE. IT SEEMED SUCH A NICE BOAT!
NOW WE'RE SINKING! BAIL OUT THE WATER, QUICK!!
AND THE WINNER IS -
OF COURSE, ME -
- EE...
HE'S SUNK! WE'VE WON!
KEEP BAILING, WE HAVEN'T WON UNTIL WE GET PAST THE FLOATING FLAG!
AMAZINGLY THE ONLY BOAT LEFT IN THE RACE IS A BATHTUB FULL OF VULTURES! BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE IN TROUBLE!
WE AREN'T GOING TO MAKE IT, DON!
WE HAVE TO! WE'RE SO CLOSE!
DON'T WORRY DON! I HAVE THE SOLUTION!
THROW YOU OVERBOARD, TUCO?
NO. LET THE WATER OUT!
COME BACK, TUCO! YOU'RE THE CAPTAIN, REMEMBER? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO GO DOWN WITH THE BOAT!
HELP! SORRY DON!

OTHER RAINFORESTS!

INDONESIAN ORANGOUTANS ARE KNOWN TO PULL DOWN DEAD TREES AS A WAY OF ATTRACTING AN AUDIENCE!

IN THE RAINFORESTS OF MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA, ALL THE TREES OF A PARTICULAR TYPE (GENUS DIPTEROCARPS IN CASE ANYONE ASKS YOU) BLOSSOM AT EXACTLY THE SAME TIME AND THAT'S ONLY ONCE EVERY 5 - 6 YEARS!



AMAZON TREES TAKE A HUNDRED YEARS TO REACH THEIR FULL HEIGHT!

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