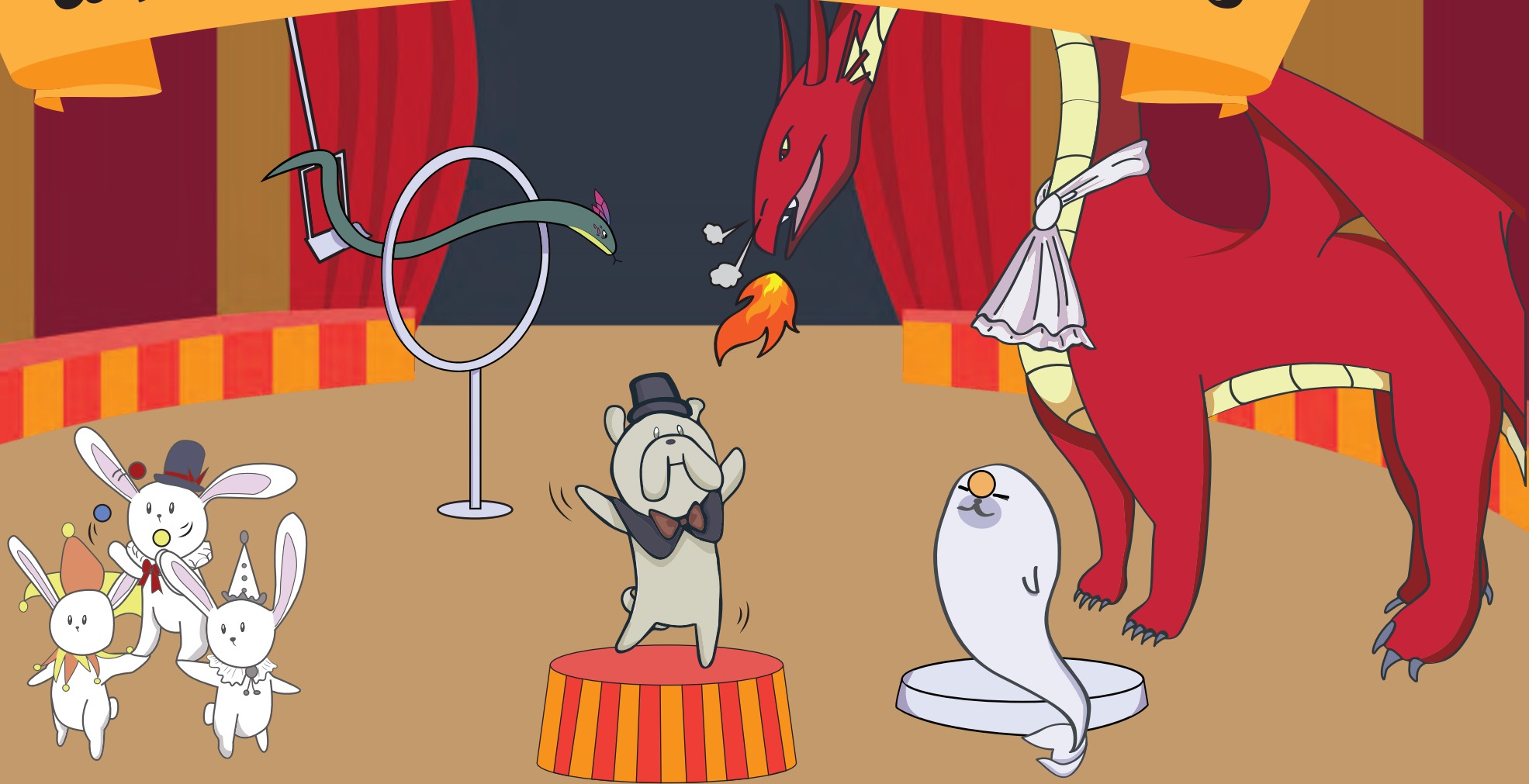


The Fantastic Finn and His Circus of Friends



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With love,
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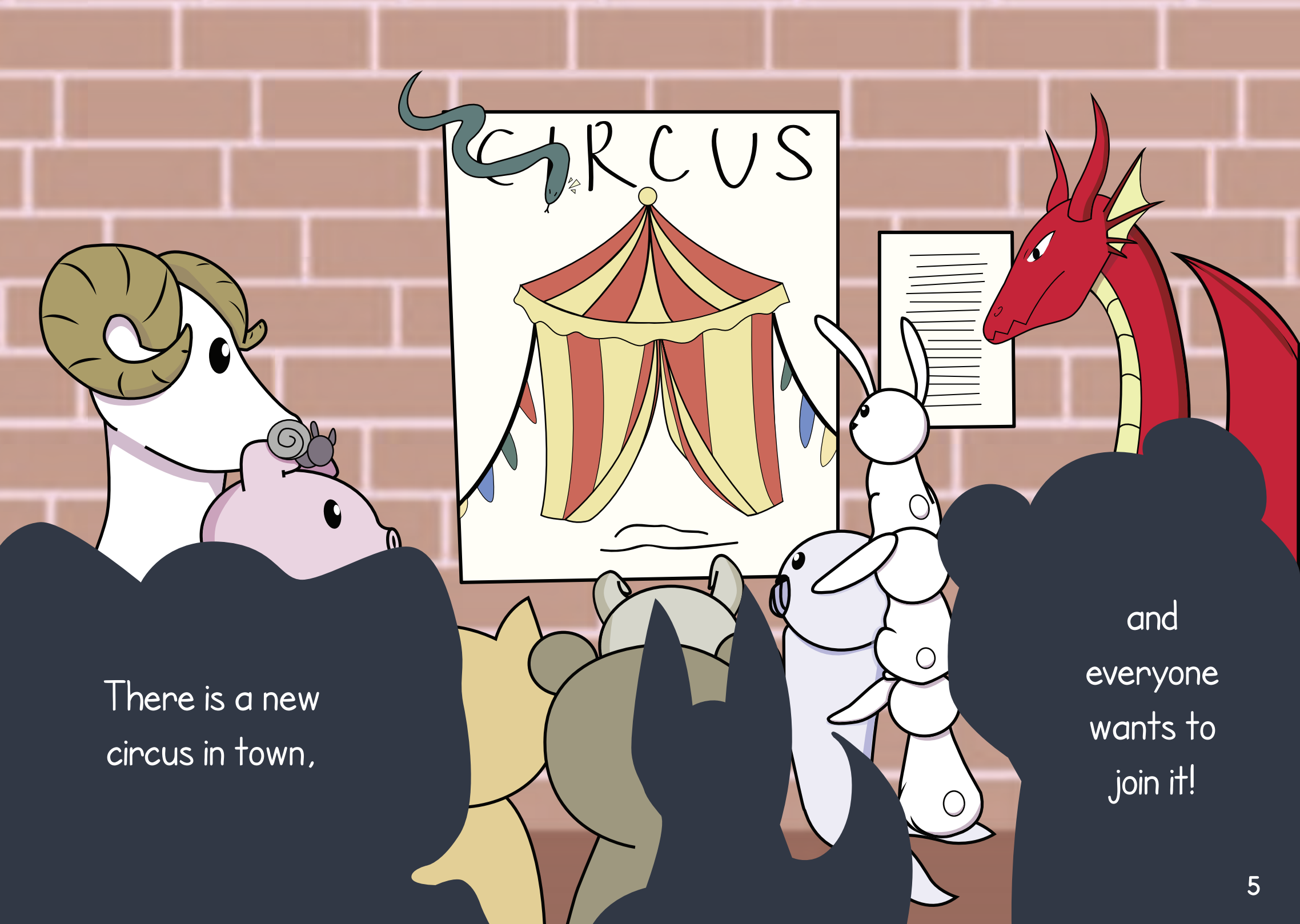
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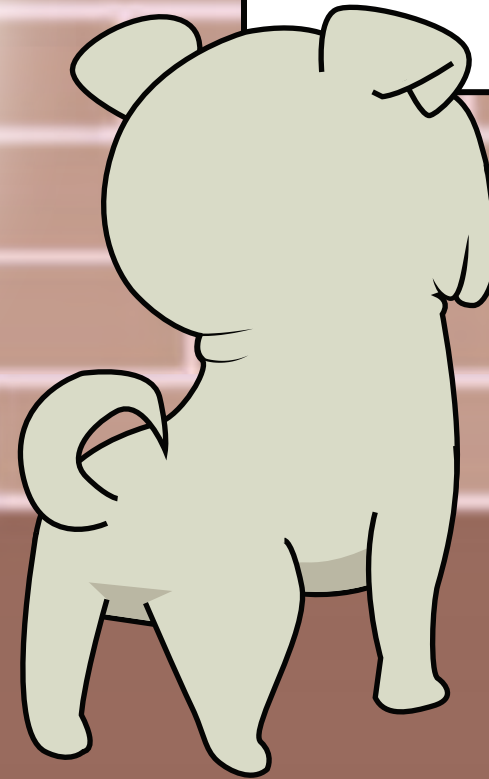
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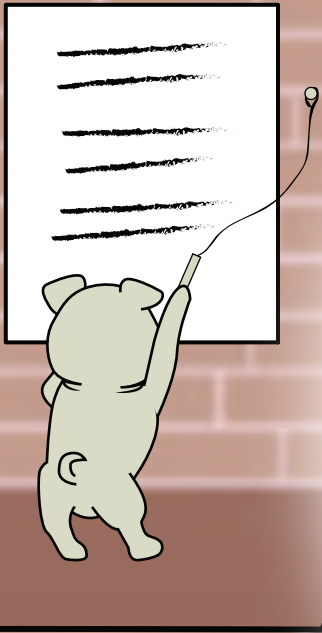


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circus in town,

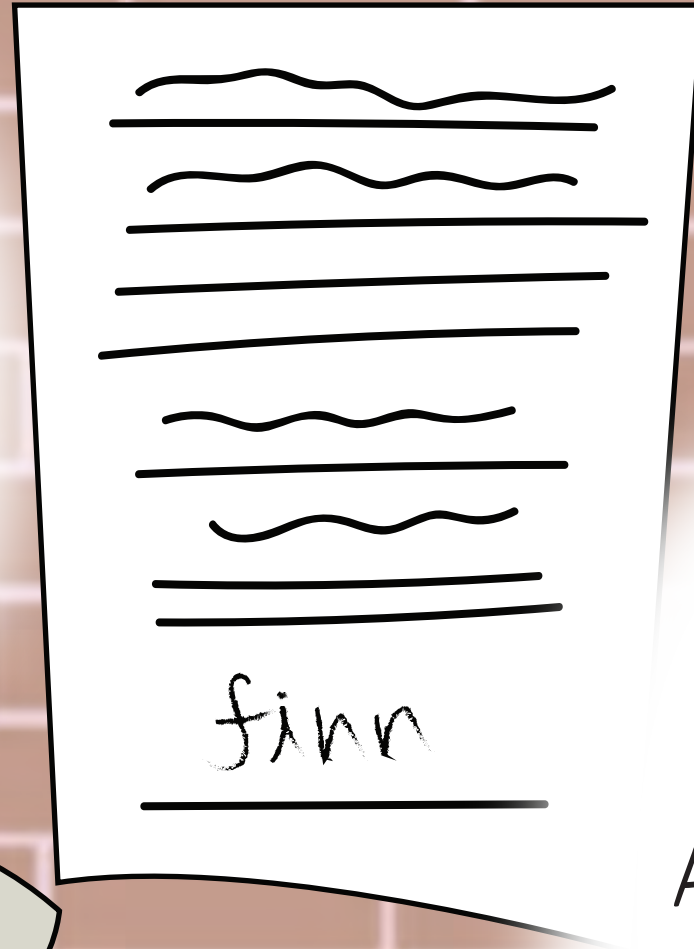
and
everyone
wants to
join it!

All the
animals have
written their
name down,
except Finn.



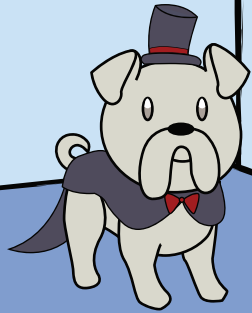


"Am I good enough to join?"

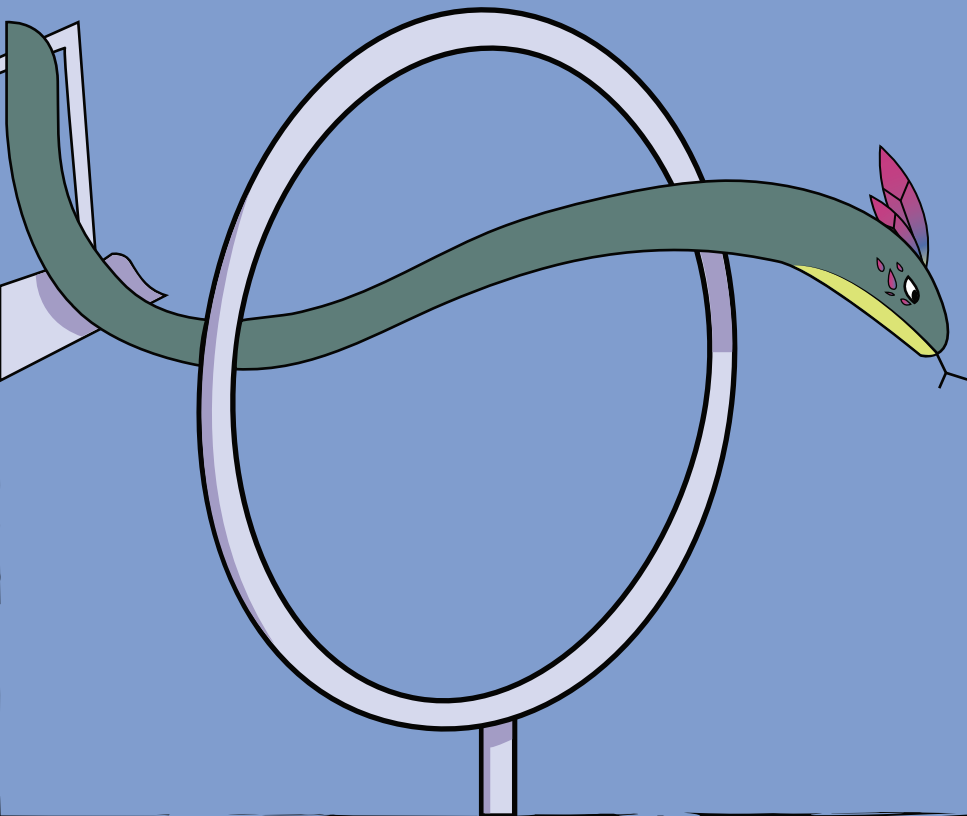
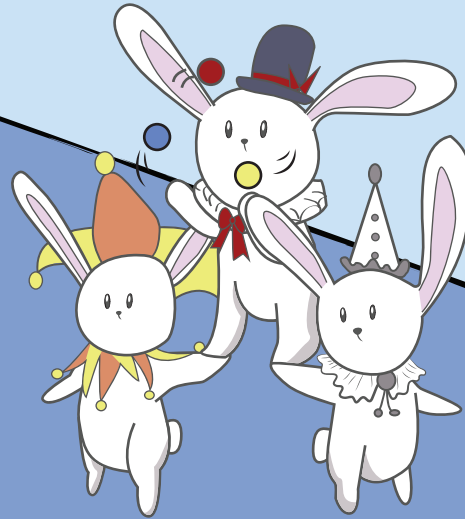


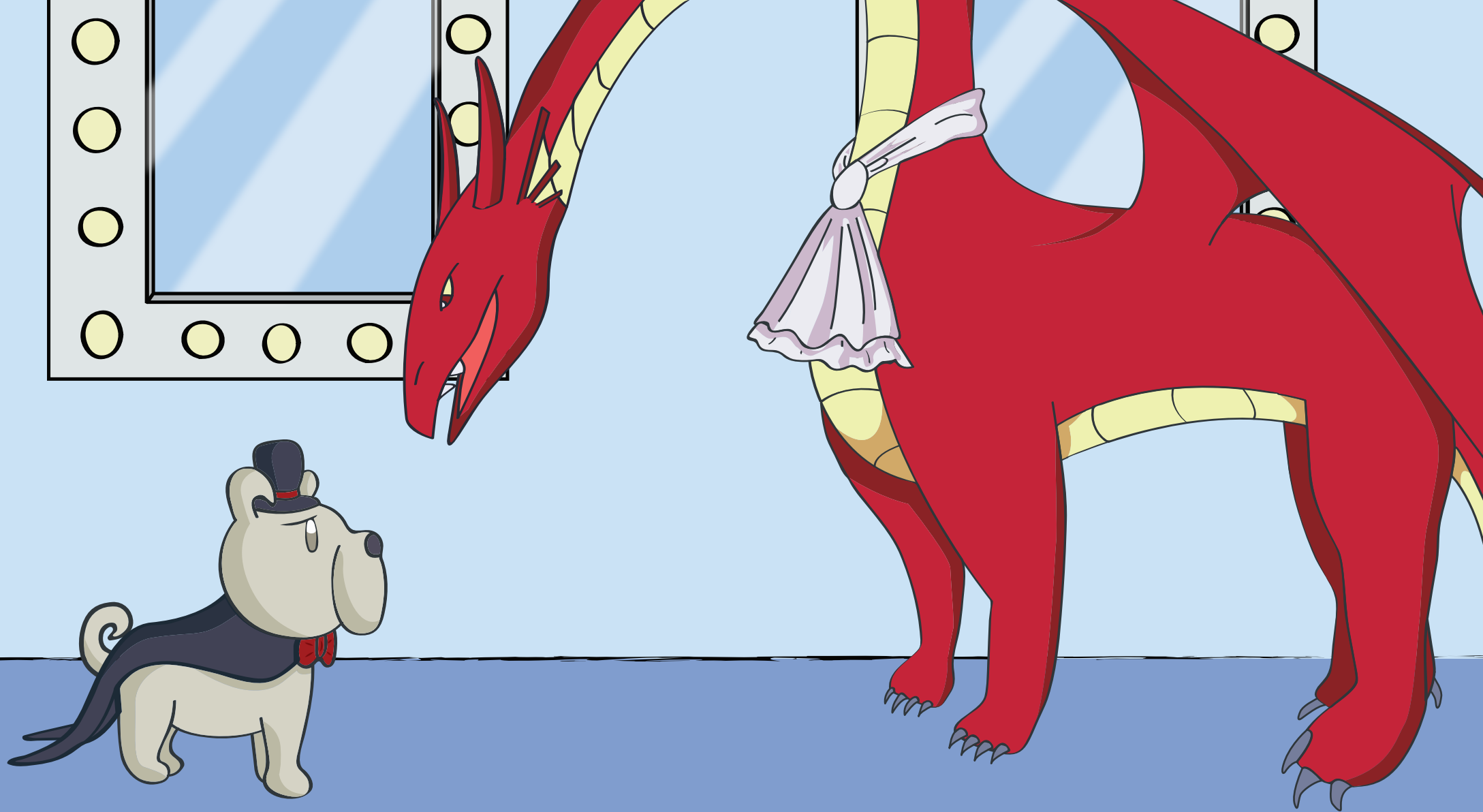
"I should at least try!"
After a while, Finn decides to write his name down.





When Finn arrives at the auditions,
everyone is practising.





Out of nowhere, a dragon named Draco goes up to Finn and says,
“What are you doing here? You will never be chosen.
No one wants to see an **UGLY, TALENTLESS** bulldog on stage!”

Maybe Draco is
right! I don't have
any talents...
Maybe I don't
belong here.



Merry, Berry and Cherry the rabbits are so cute!

Ivy the snake is so
daring!

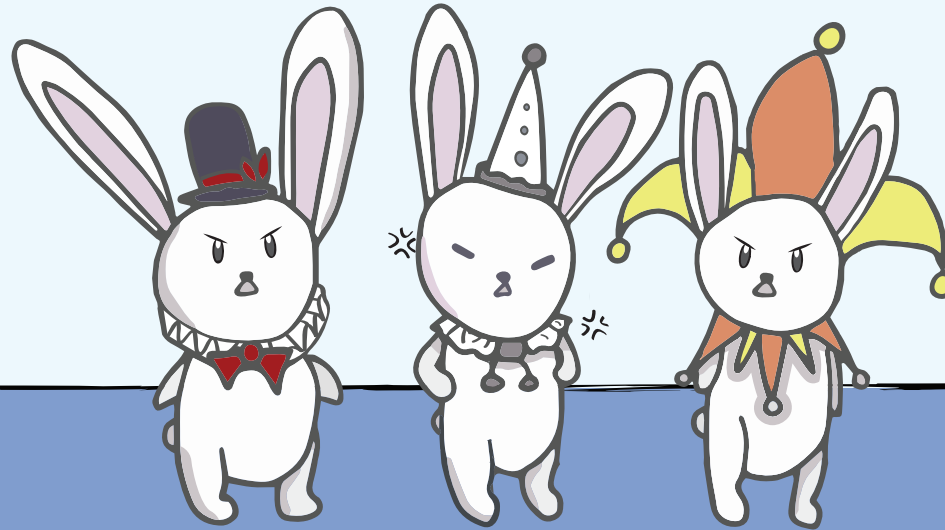
Snowy the seal is so
charming!

And look at Draco!
He can breathe fire!

I'm none of those things!
How can I compare?



"That issss sssso
mean of Draco
to ssssay,"
hisses Ivy.

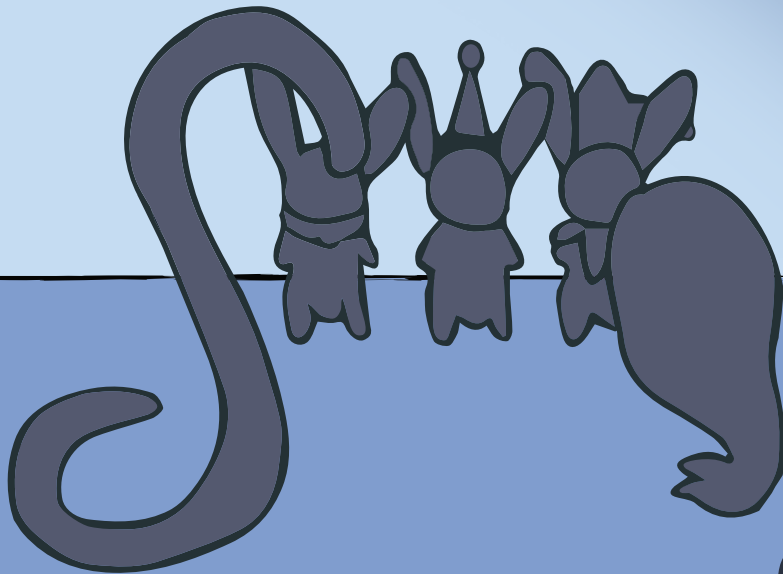


"We agree! Agree!
Agree!"
say Merry, Berry and
Cherry angrily.

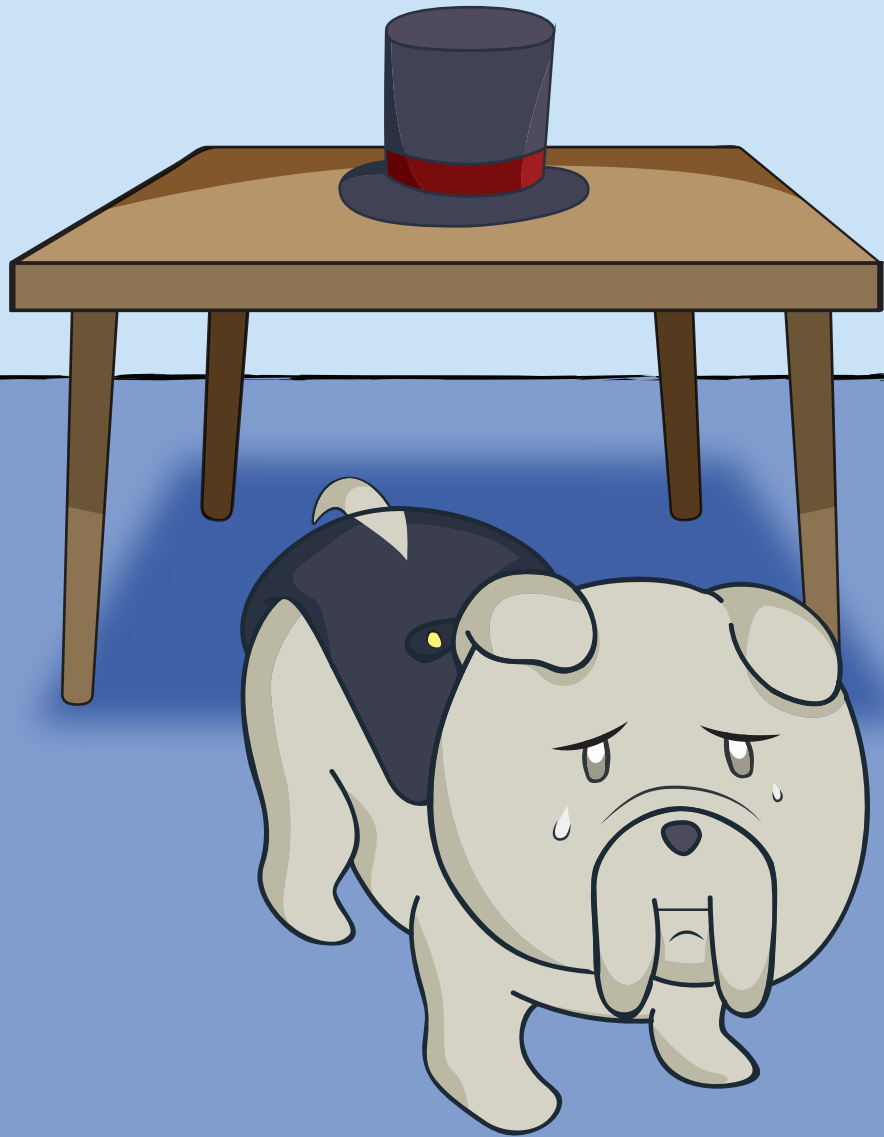


"Let's be kind to Finn!"
Snowy suggests.

Finn sees the other animals together, and thinks that they are talking about him behind his back.



"They don't like me too?"
He thinks sadly.



Discouraged, Finn decides to leave.
He will not audition anymore.

The other animals see Finn leaving.

**"Finn!
Where are you going?"**

They cry.

"I'm going home,"
Finn replies.

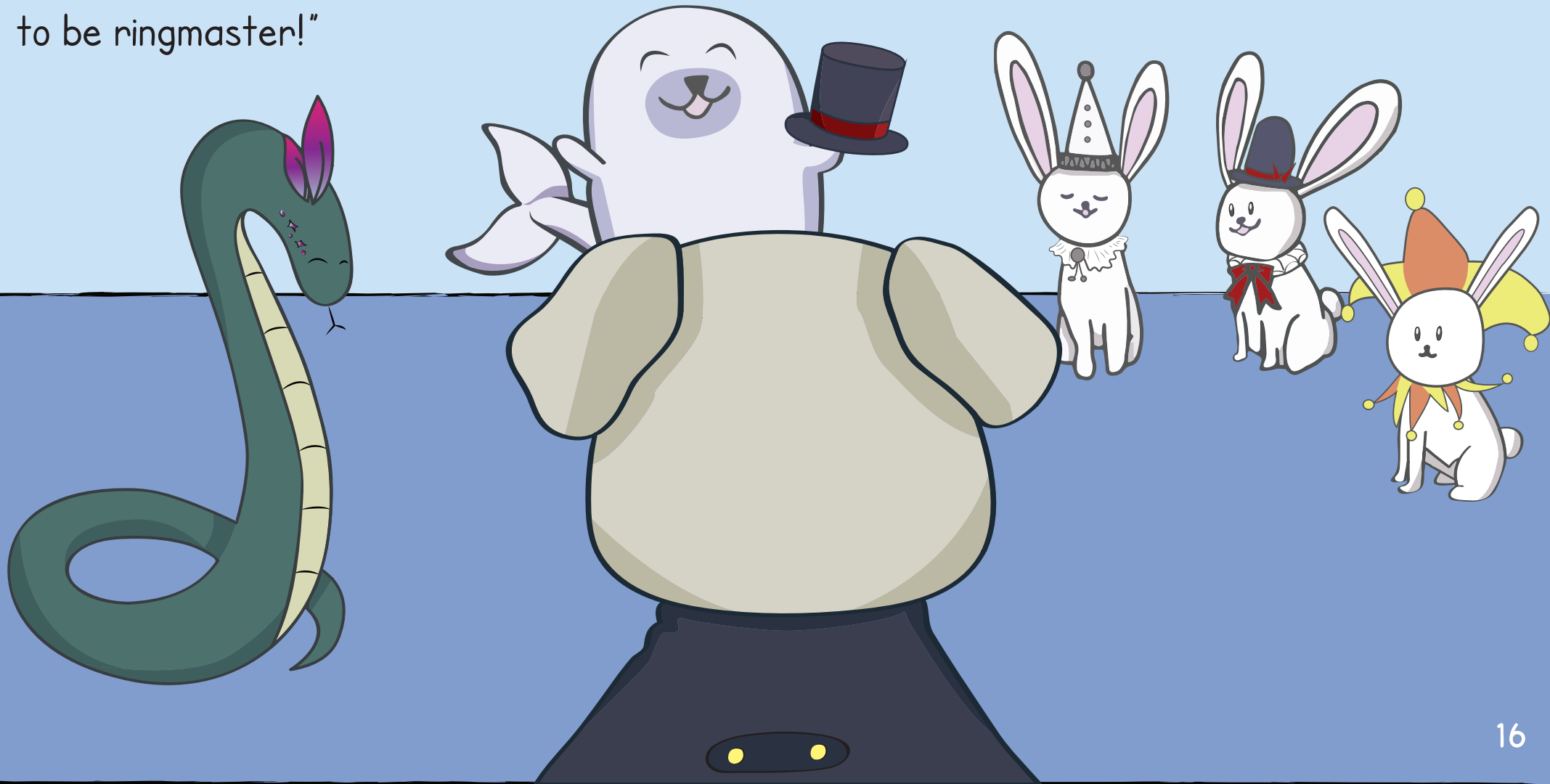
**"No, Finn!
STAY!"**

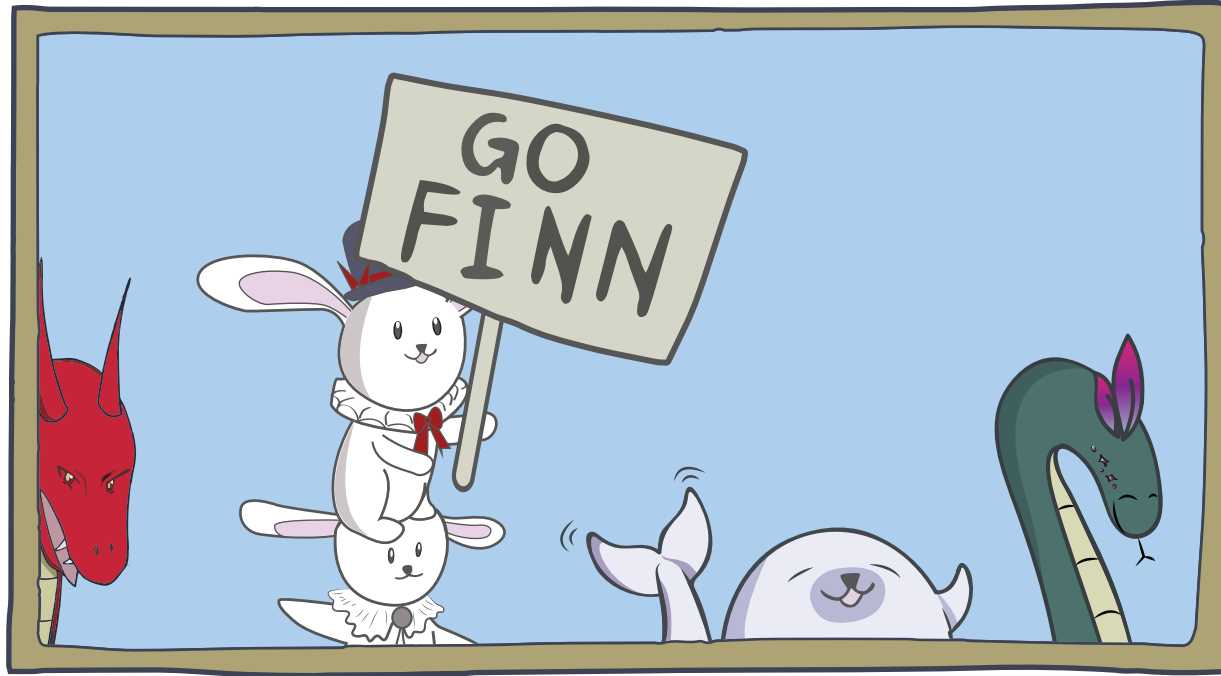
The animals gather around Finn.

"You're sssso daring!
I wouldn't dare
to be ringmaster!"

"You're really charming!
Everyone will love you!"

"And you're just so
cute! Cute! Cute!"





Finn cheers up with their words!

He walks into the
audition confidently.

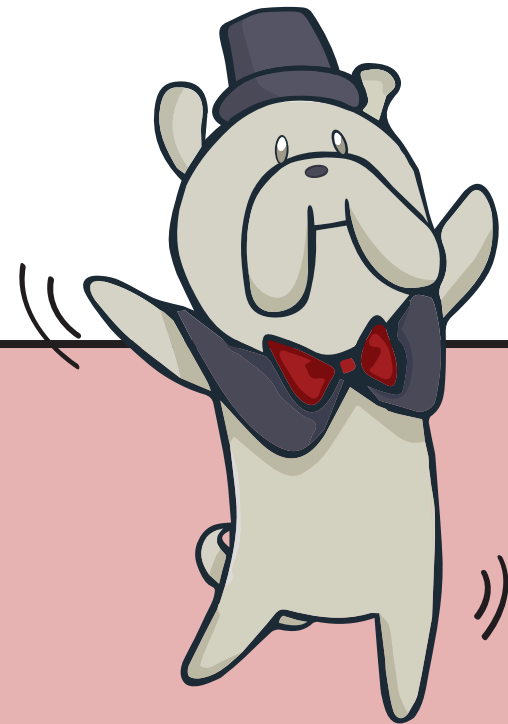


He sings!

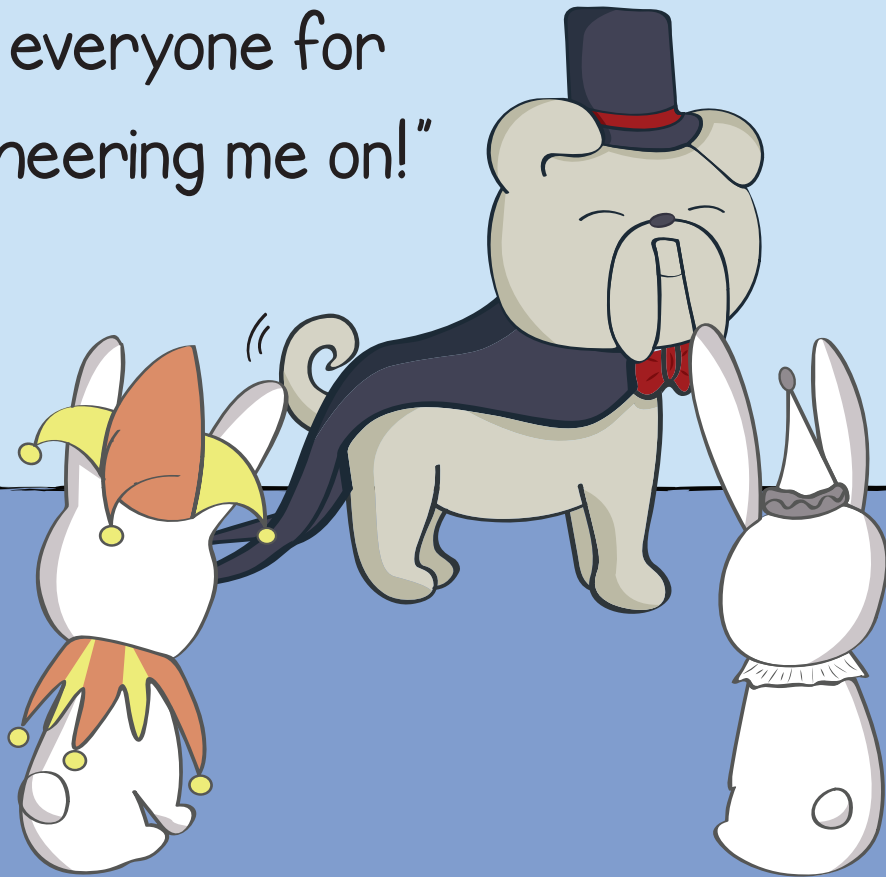
He jumps!



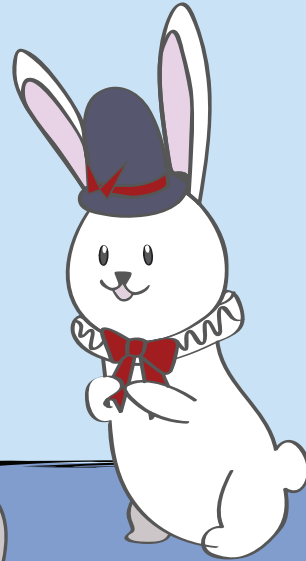
He dances!



"Thank you
everyone for
cheering me on!"



"Good job you! And you! And you!"



"Sssssplendid
performance
everyone."



"You did so well!"

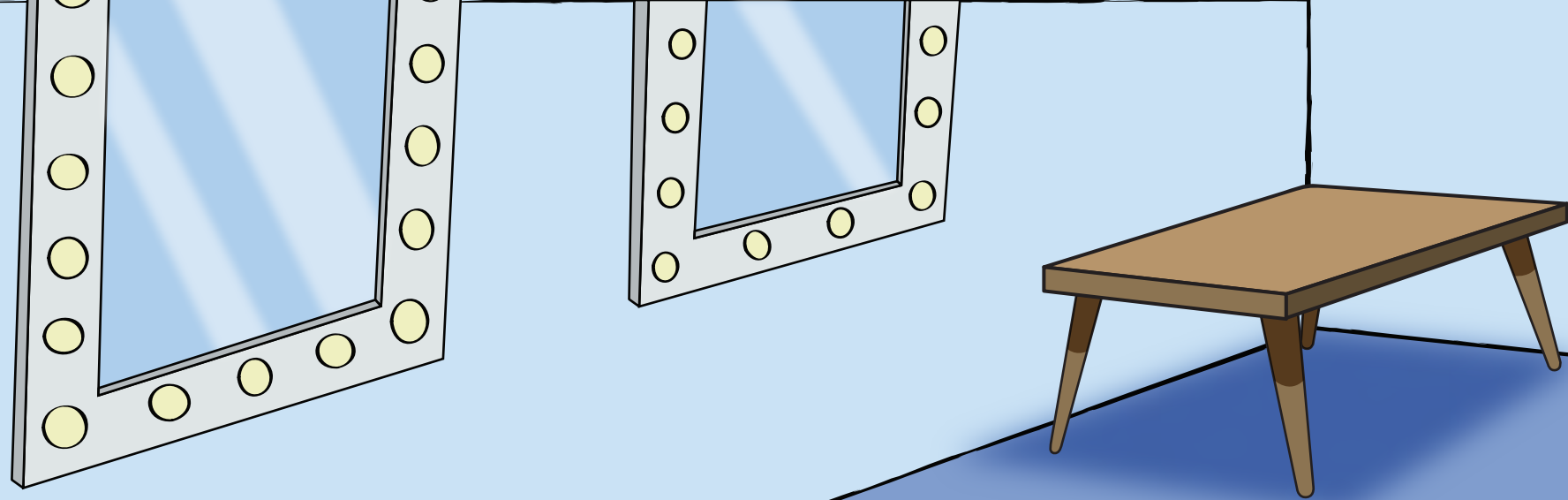
When the auditions end, Finn and
his new friends are happy.

But Draco is not.

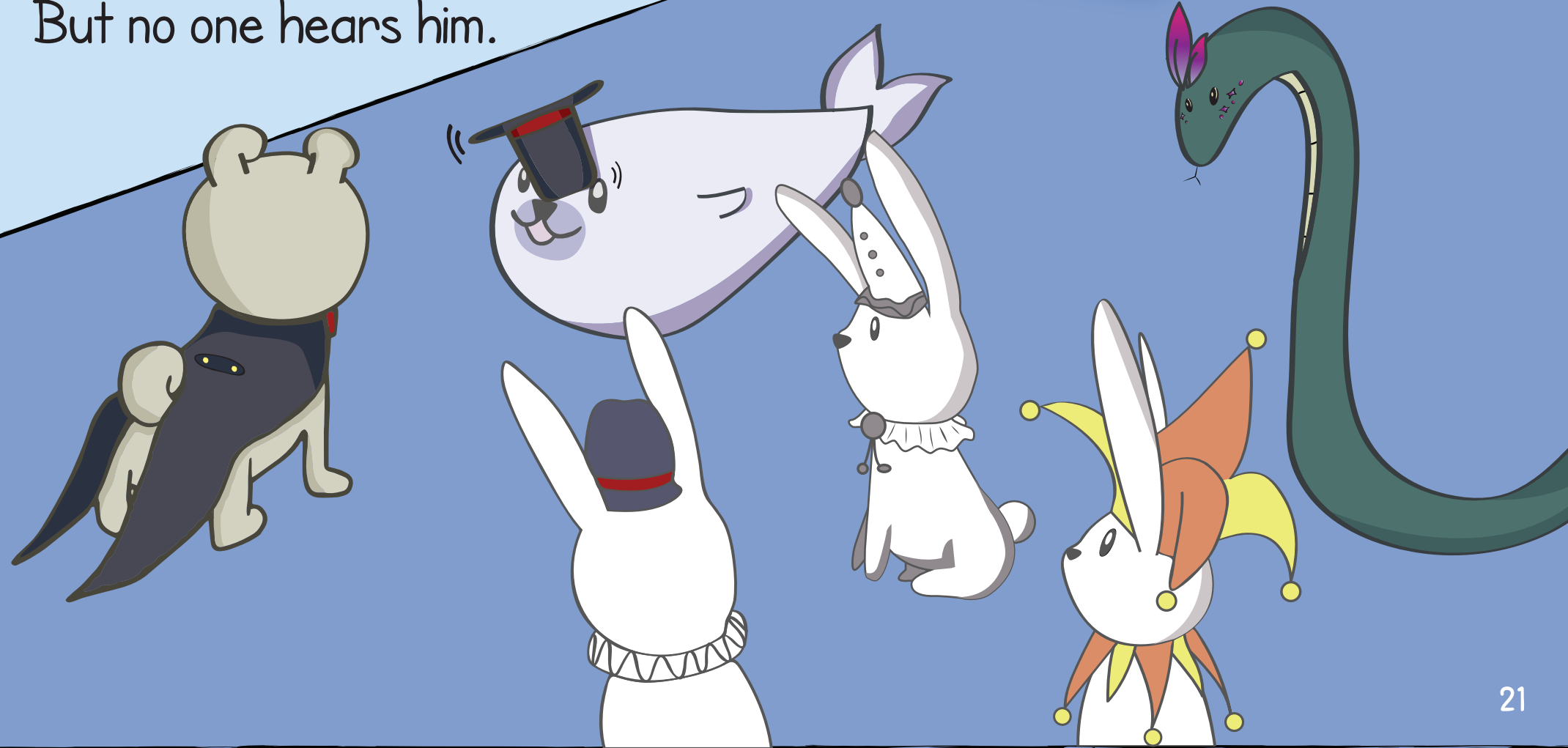


**"YOU WERE
ALL TERRIBLE!
ESPECIALLY YOU,
UGLY BULLDOG!"**

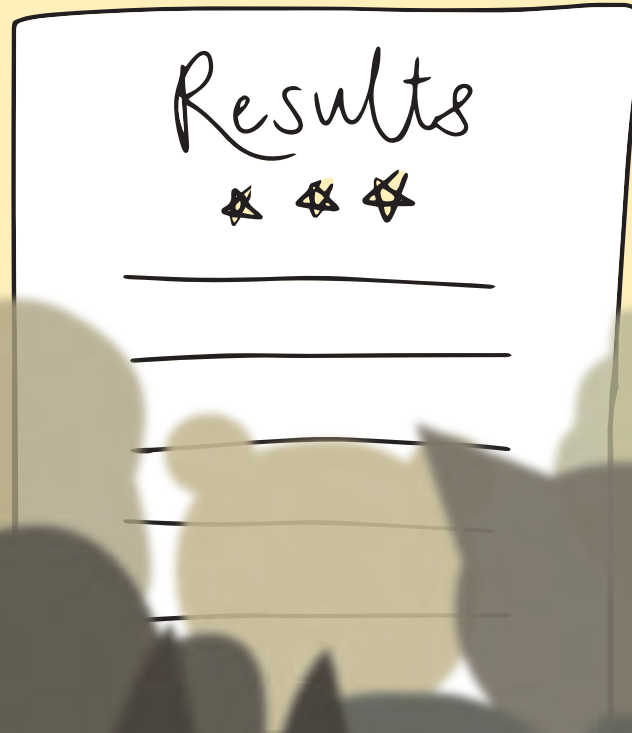
He snarls.



But no one hears him.



A few weeks later..



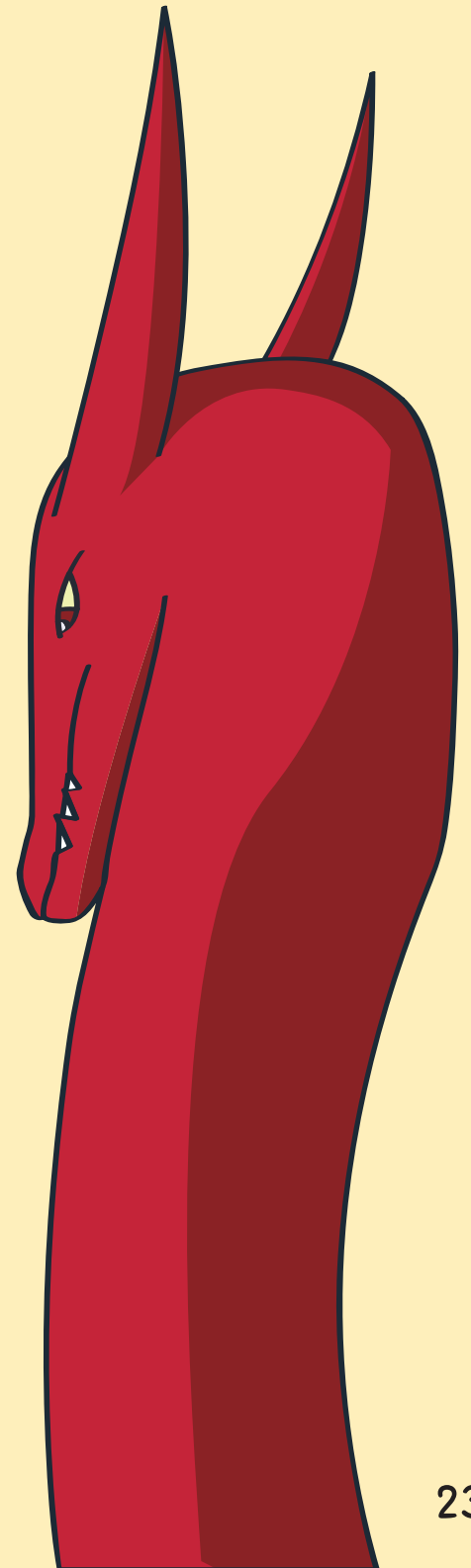
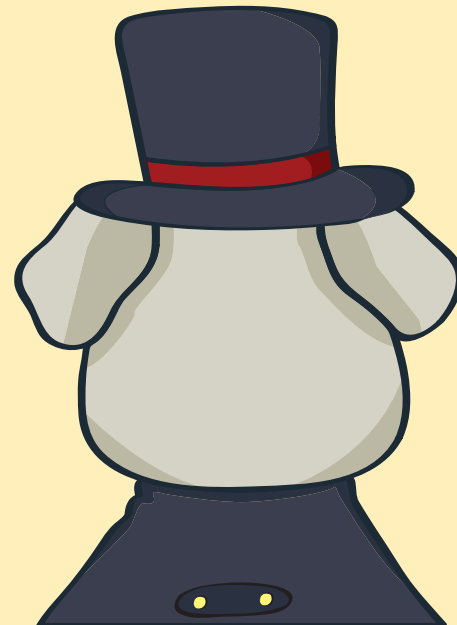
"Here comes the ringmaster!"

The crowd exclaims.



"Make way for the
ringmaster!"

The animals move aside for
Draco and Finn.

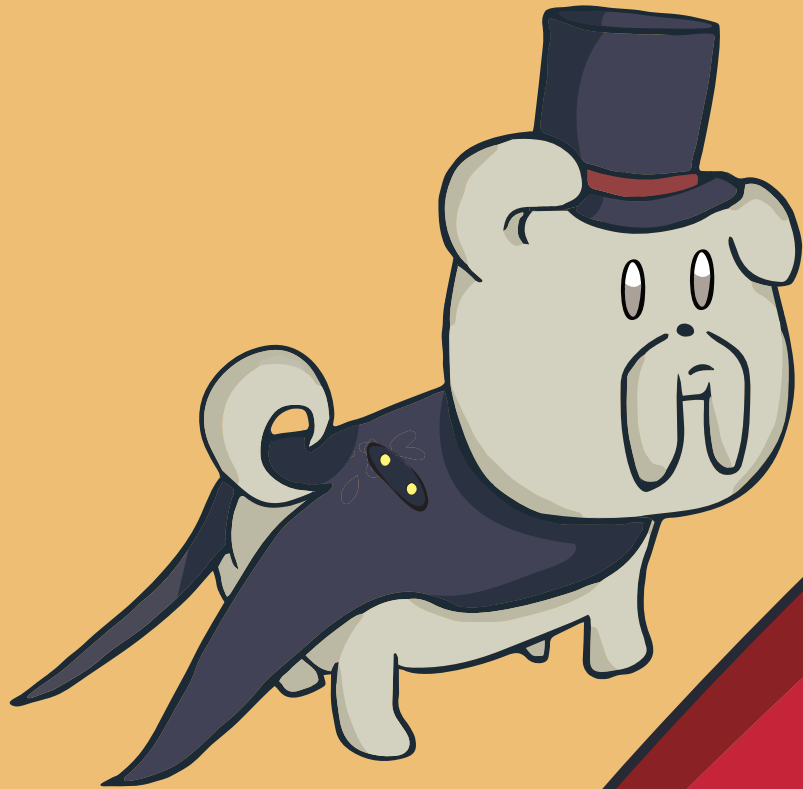


“They must be
cheering for me,”
Draco says smugly.

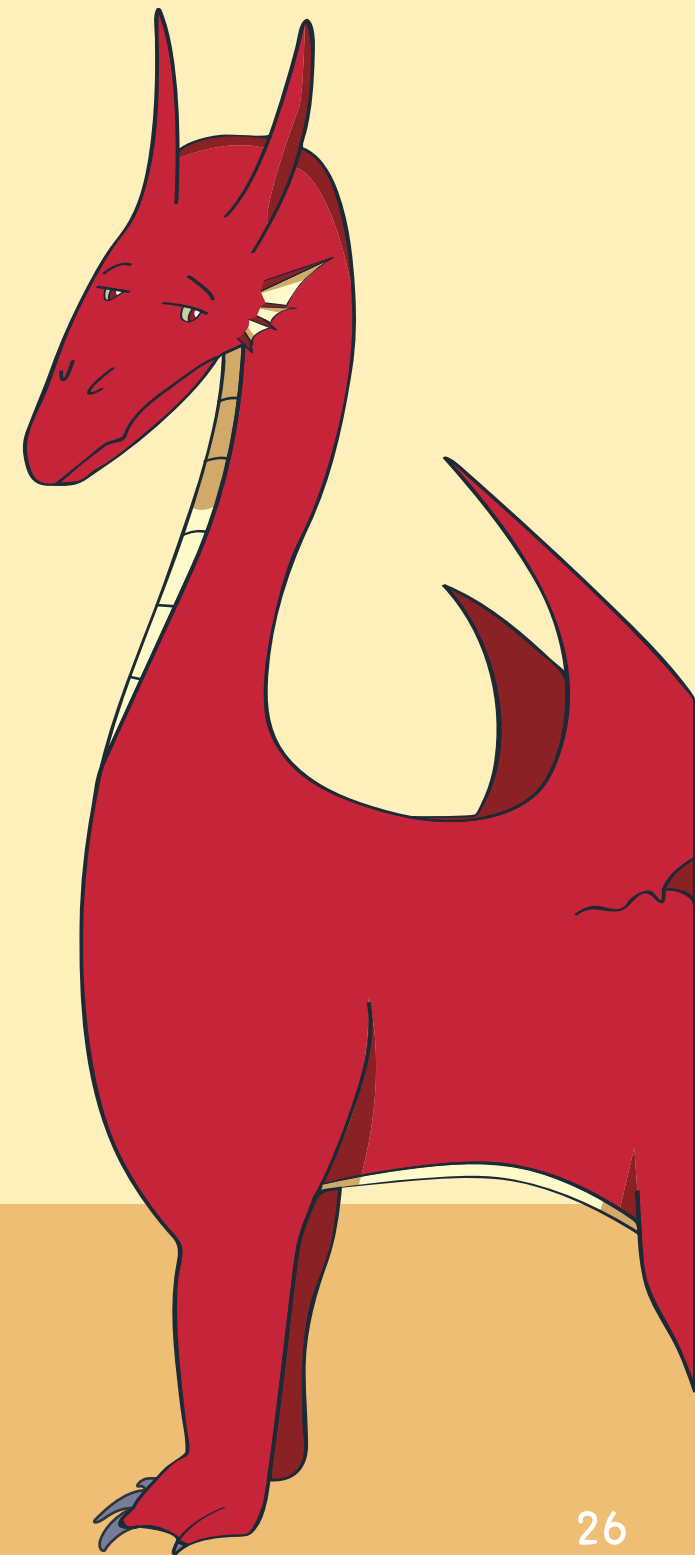
Draco looks at the list first,
trying to find his name.



Although Finn is sad, he still wants to congratulate Draco.



“There is no need, Finn. Look!”
Draco says with a frown.



He lets Finn look at
the list of names.



Ivy

Ringmaster!

Finn 

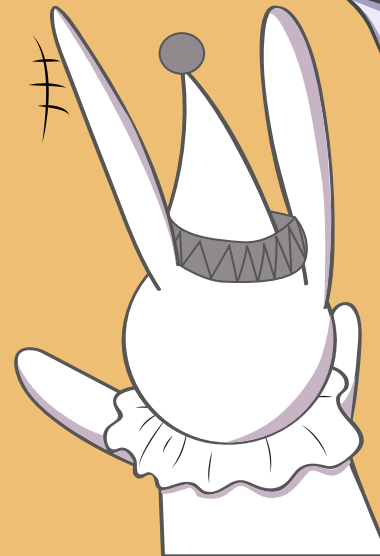
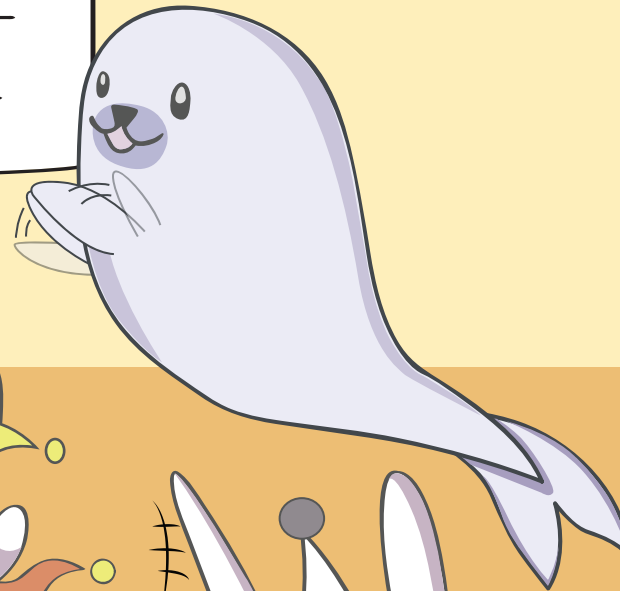
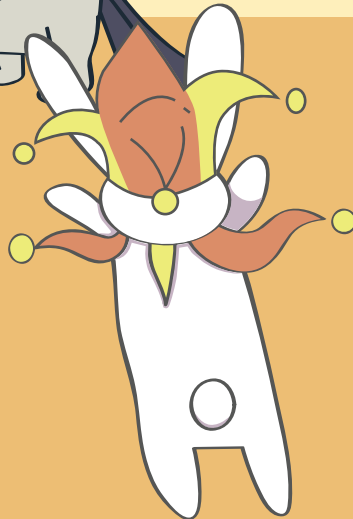
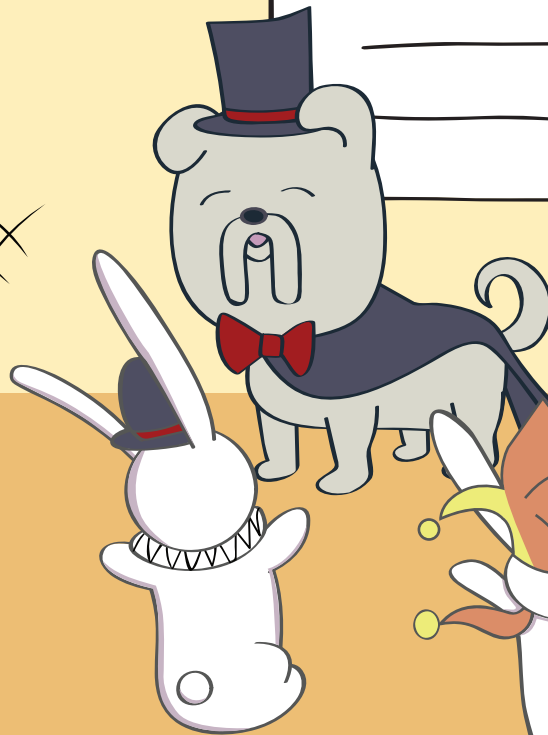
He got in!

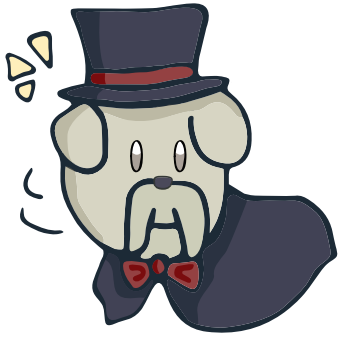
"Yay! You did it!"

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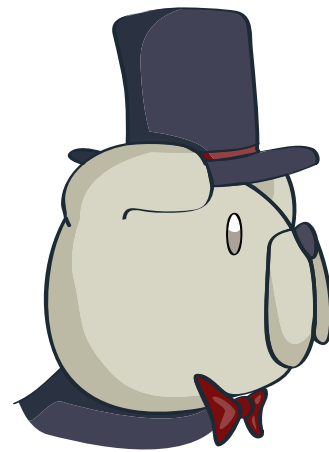
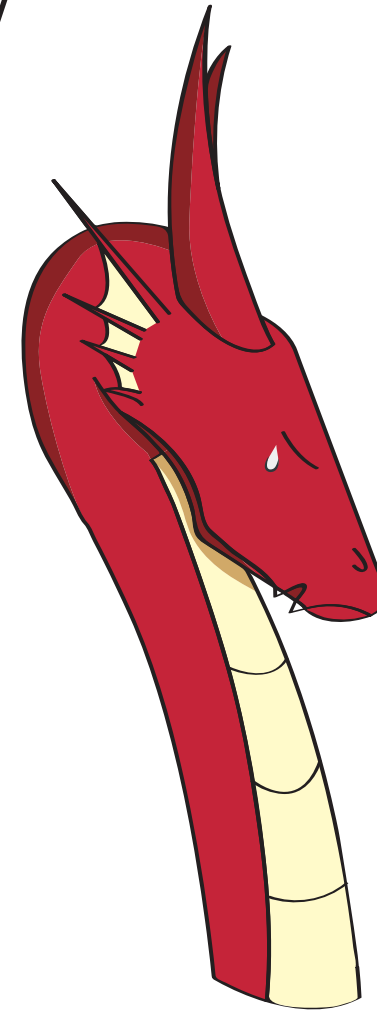
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"I could not have done it without your kind words," Finn thanks the animals.





Finn suddenly notices that Draco is disappointed and alone.



“Are you alright, Draco? I saw your audition. You were amazing!”
Finn tries to comfort Draco.

“I’m sorry for being mean to you, Finn,” Draco apologises.

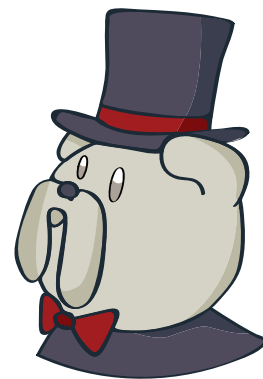
You were actually fantastic.

Really?
You want me?



Now that I'm ringmaster,
I want you in my show!

Yes, because I think...





There is a circus in town and all the animals are rushing to sign up for auditions. In the audition room, Finn the Bulldog doesn't feel like he's good enough. To make things worse, the mean Draco the Dragon is making him feel bad about himself.

With the help of other animals, Finn manages to achieve his dreams and Draco learns his lesson.

