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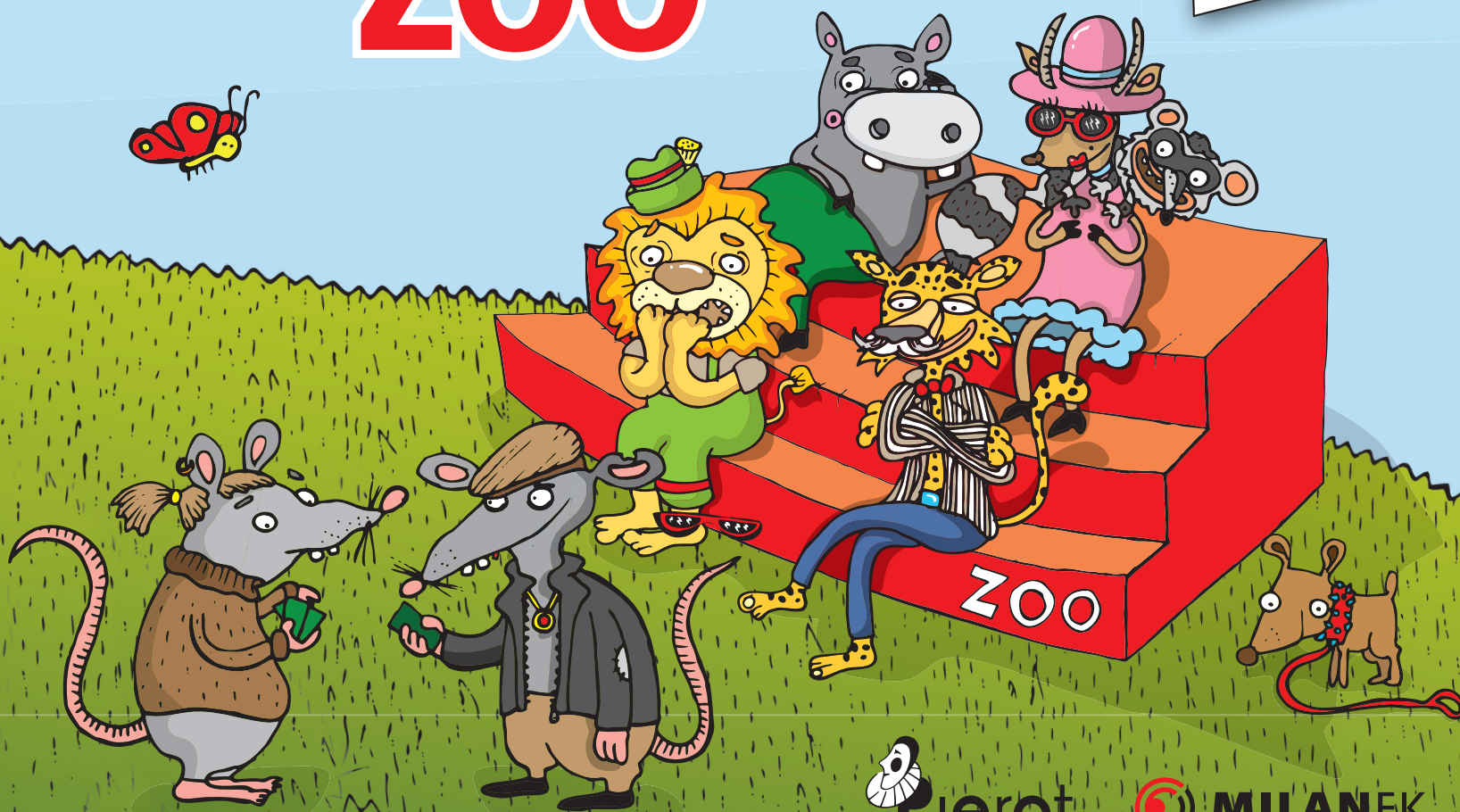
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Sports Grand Prix

It was a big holiday at the ZOO.

The warm spring sun finally came out and all the animals were in a great mood.

The ZOO was closed for the annual Sports Grand Prix. A lot of athletes had arrived. There were Kangaroo, the champion in long jump and high jump, and Sea Lion, the champion in handball, and Elephant, the world-renowned heavyweight wrestler.

The highlight on the program was the marathon. The home team had taken first place two years in a row. Their great white hope was the swift-footed Hare. Last year he won by such a margin that he had time to eat his lunch, have coffee and even take a nap before his competitors hobbled across the finish line. He wasn't to be outshone even by Zebra, whose fans were mainly monkeys, or Camel, who had fallen asleep just before the finish line and lay across the track snoring!

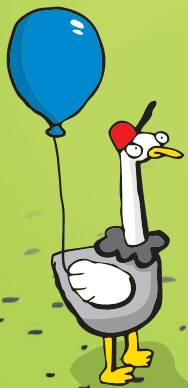
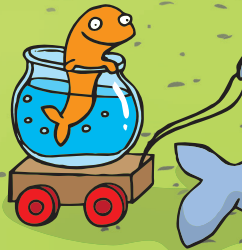


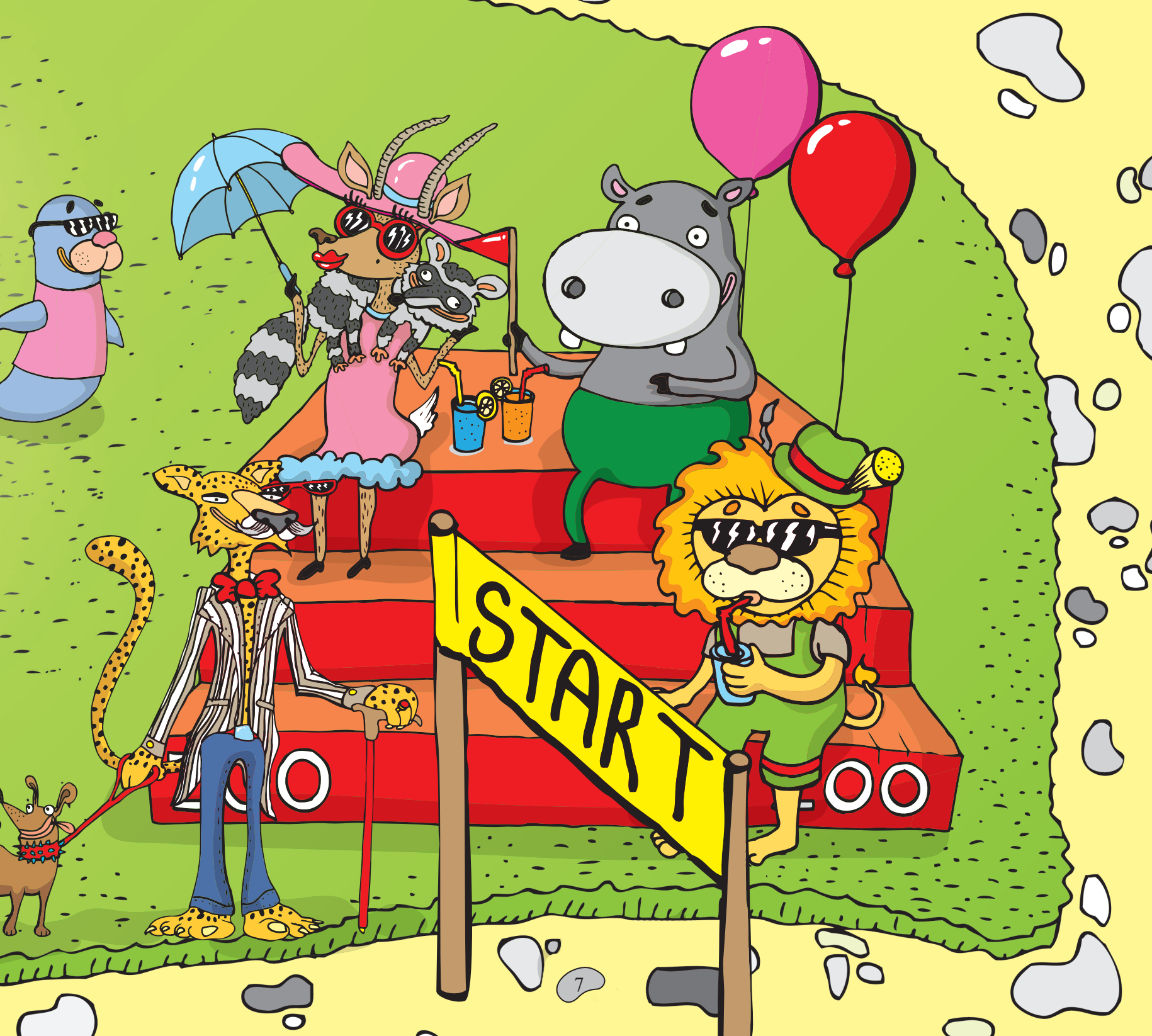
But all of that happened a year ago. This year's competition would surely be stiffer.

The local nobs took their seats in the stands at the starting line. There was Lion, showing off his rich mane with its new perm, and next to him the eccentric Jaguar, looking like a secret agent in his dark glasses. Of course, the elegant Gazelle would never miss this event. Other animals gathered behind the starting line. They were drinking raspberry lemonade and munching gingerbread cookies sold by Raven at the bakery located near the entrance to the ZOO.

Everyone knew that gingerbread cookies were Raven's specialty. He put them in paper cones sporting a picture of a raven licking his chops, then placed a raven lollipop on top as a freebie for children.

The referee for the Grand Prix was Marten. The animals crowded around so as not to miss anything.





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