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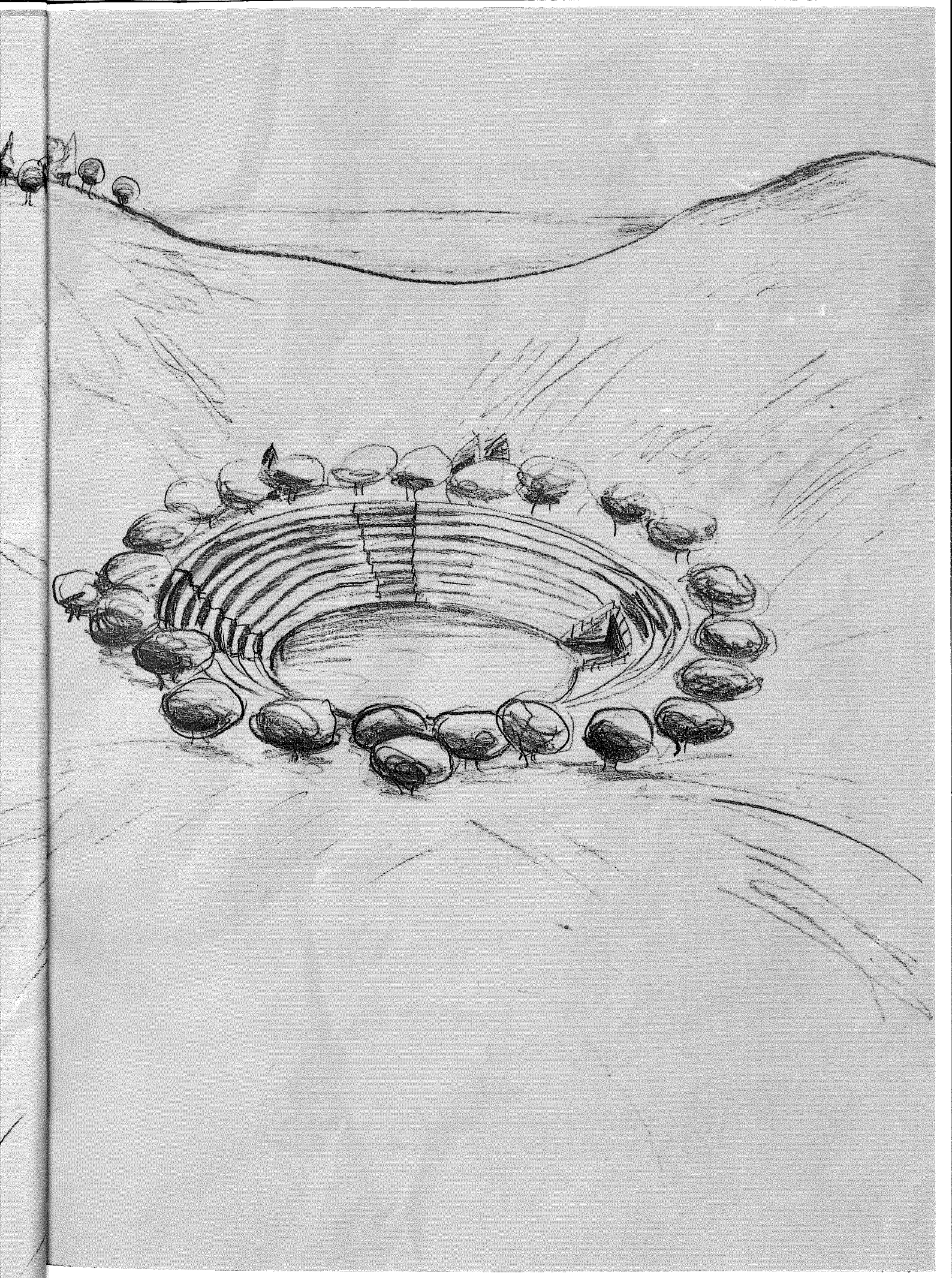

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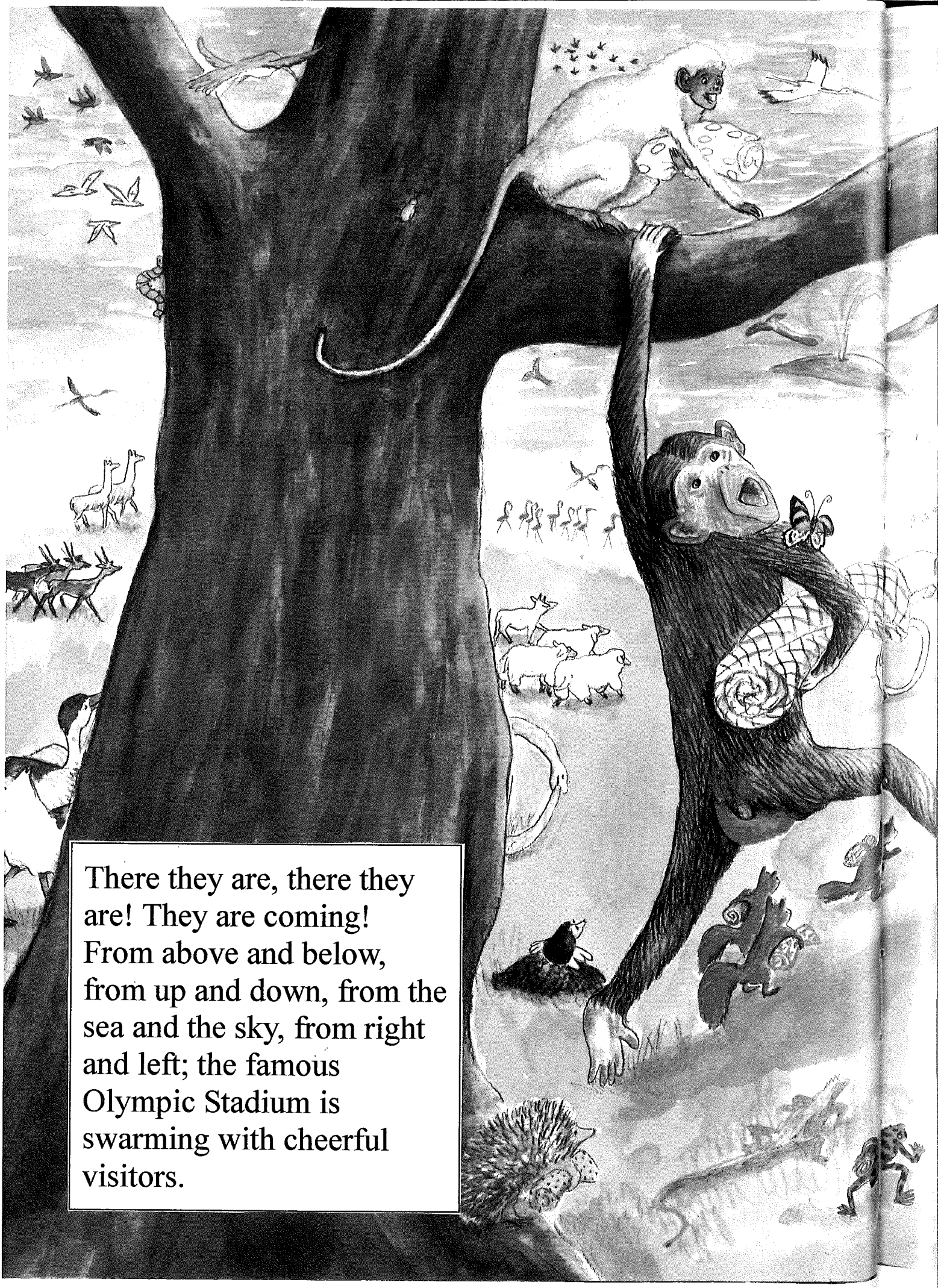
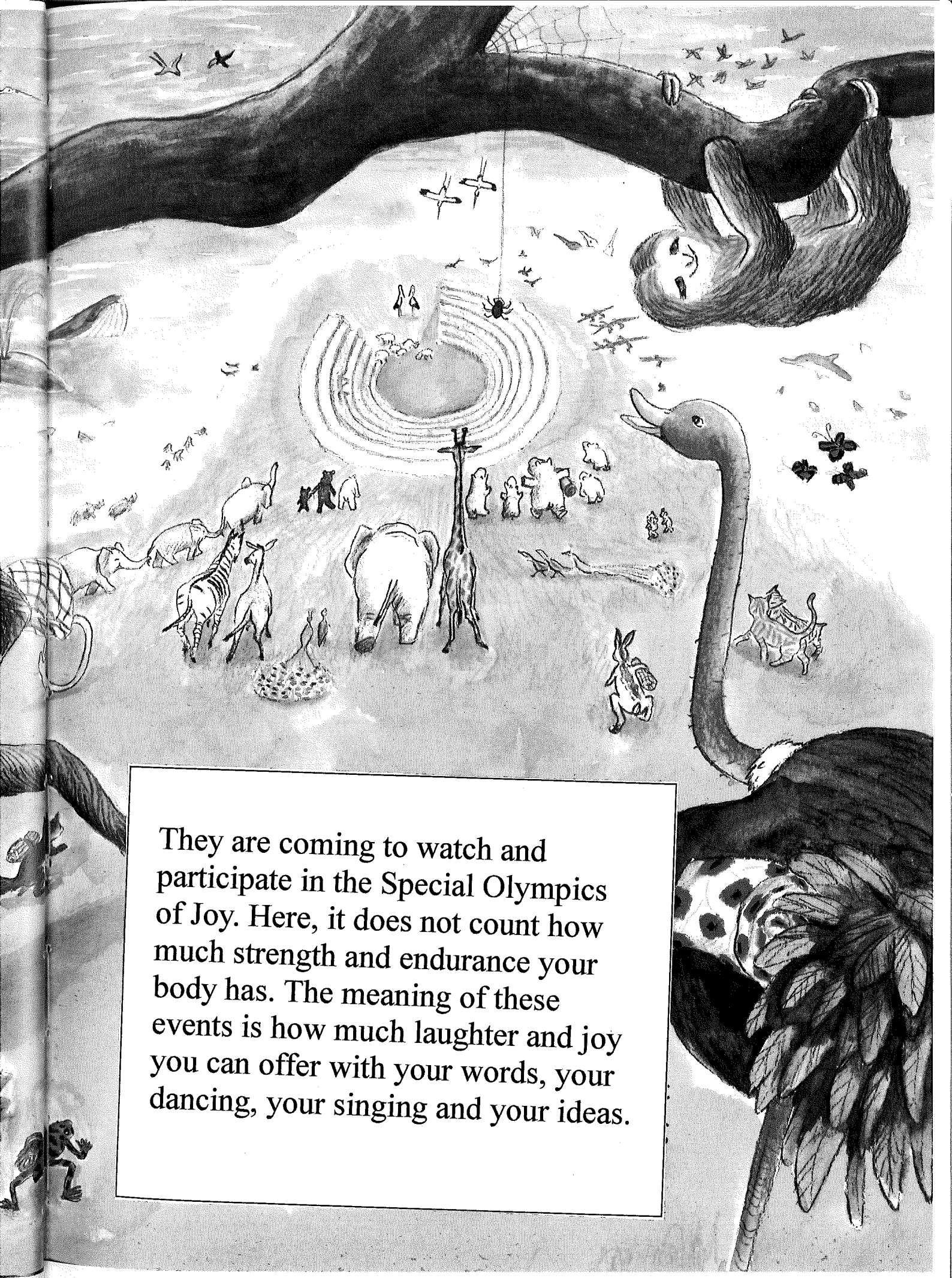
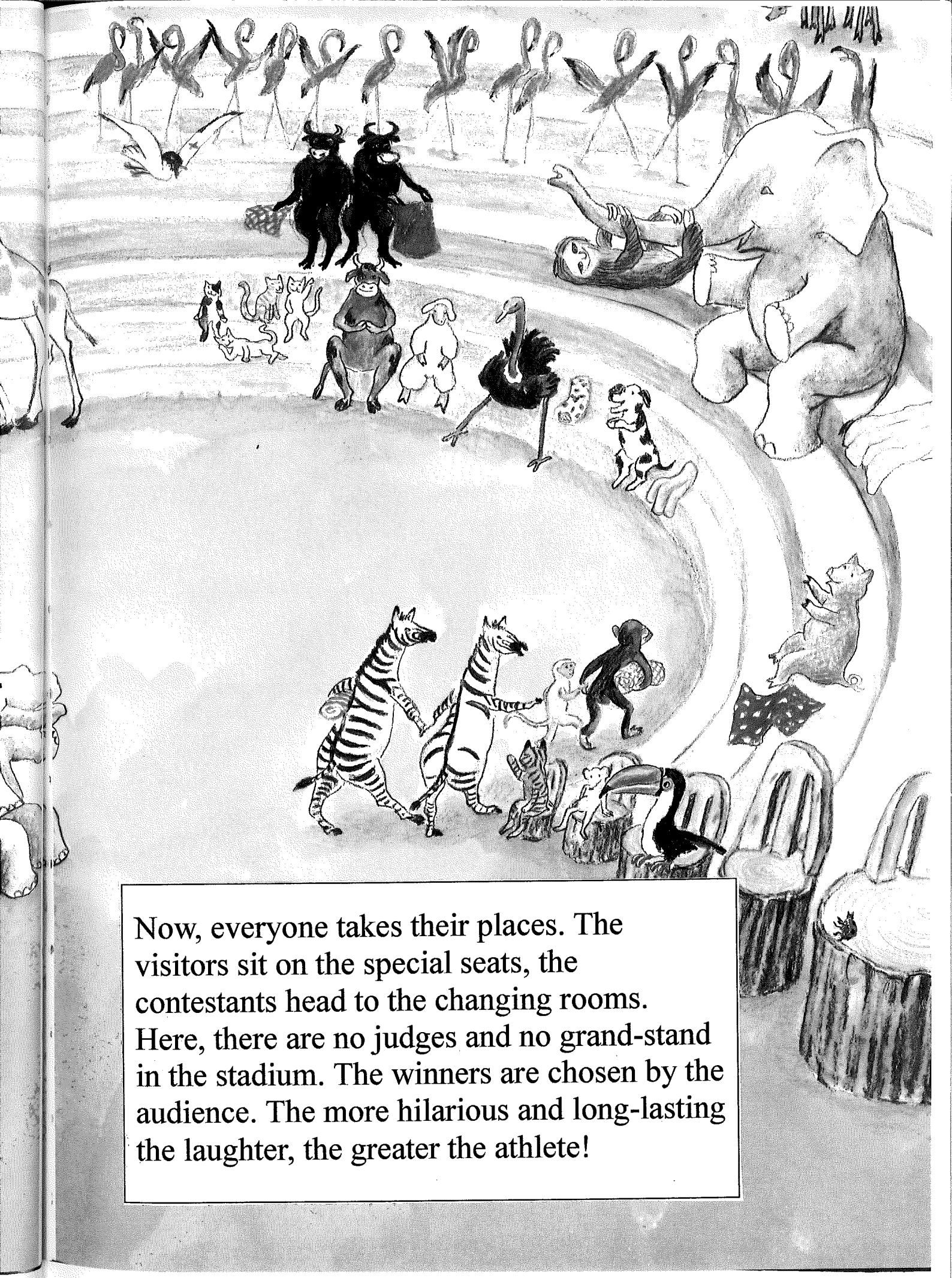


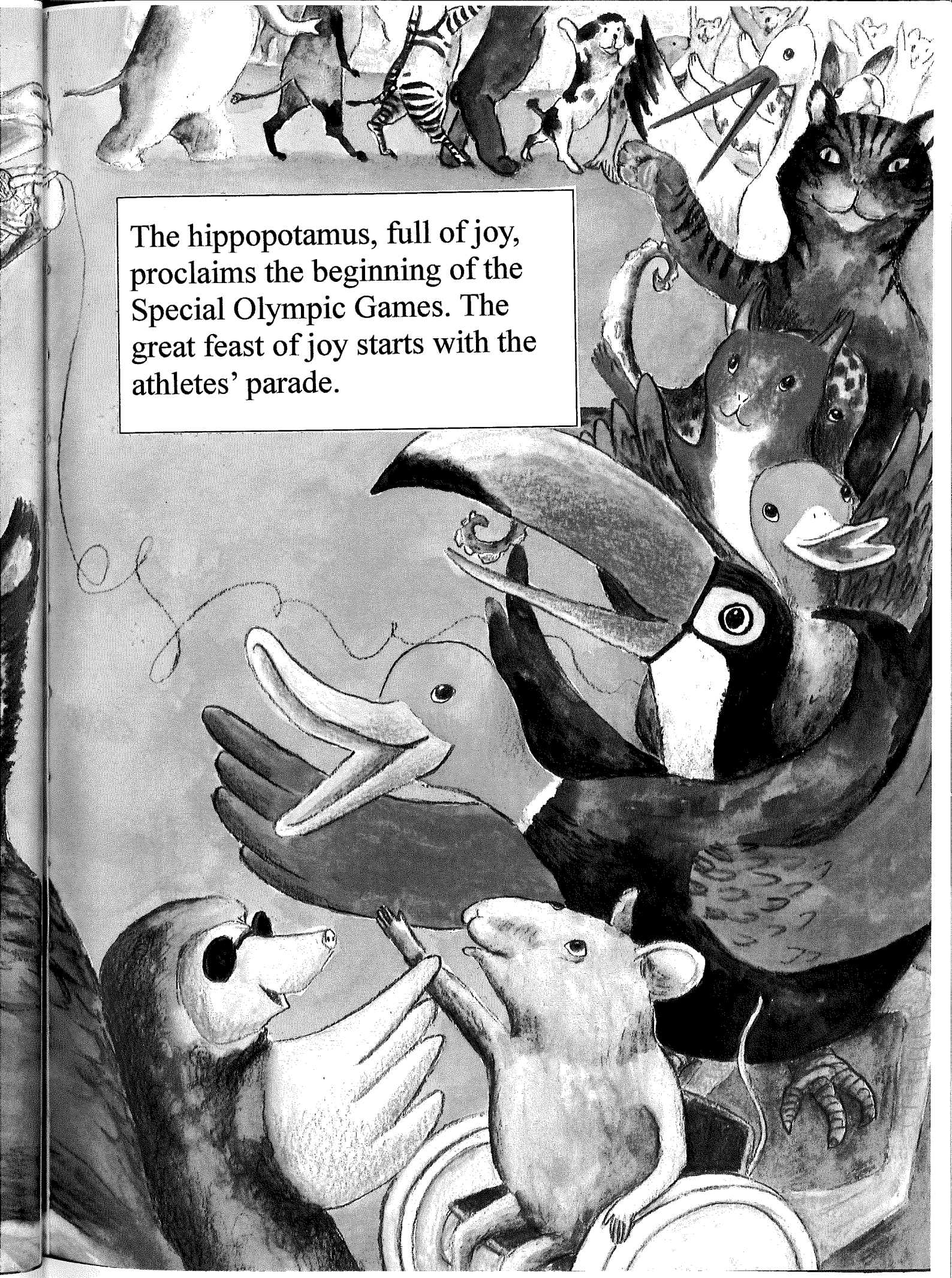
There they are, there they are! They are coming! From above and below, from up and down, from the sea and the sky, from right and left; the famous Olympic Stadium is swarming with cheerful visitors.



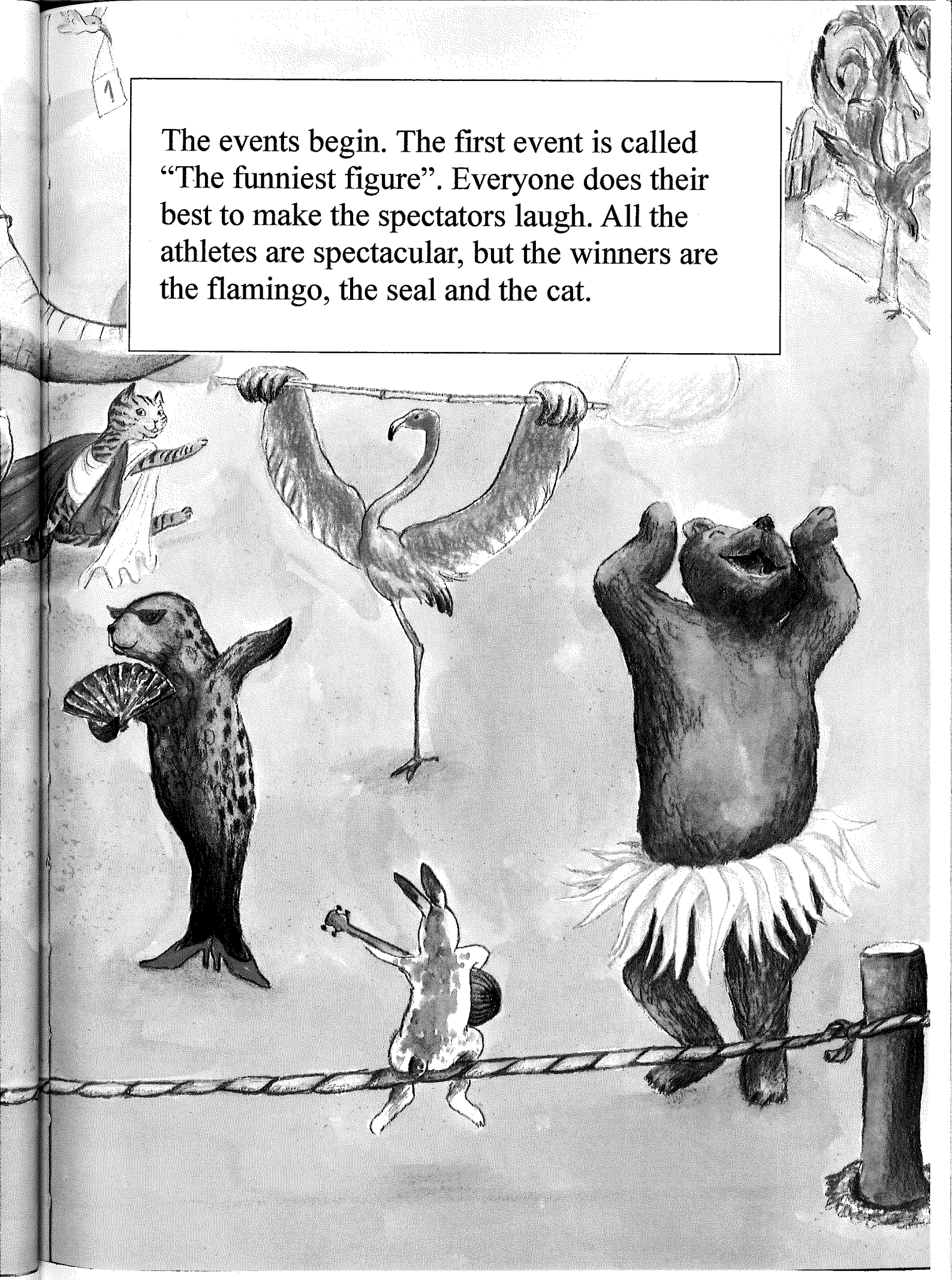
They are coming to watch and participate in the Special Olympics of Joy. Here, it does not count how much strength and endurance your body has. The meaning of these events is how much laughter and joy you can offer with your words, your dancing, your singing and your ideas.



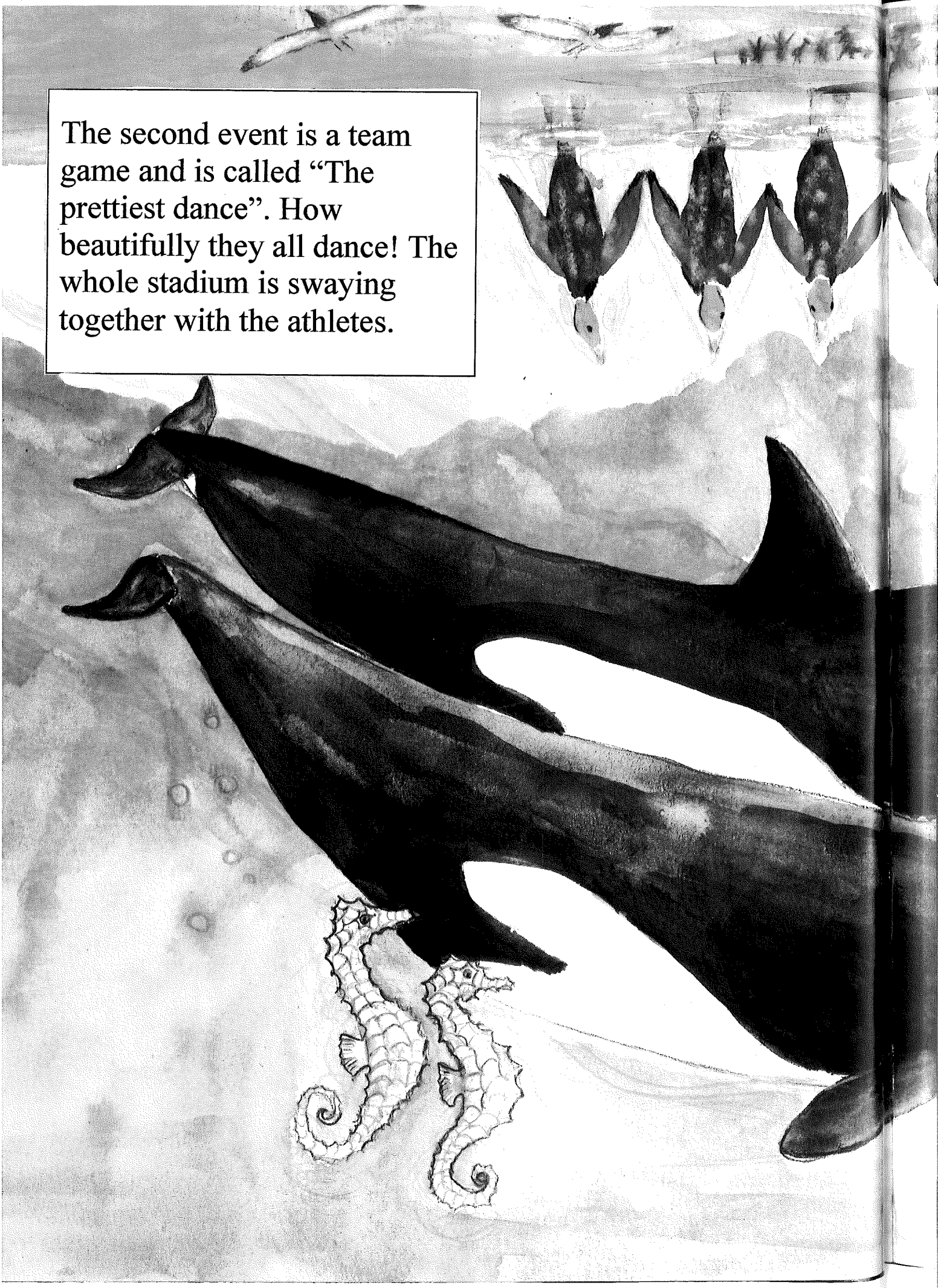
Now, everyone takes their places. The visitors sit on the special seats, the contestants head to the changing rooms. Here, there are no judges and no grand-stand in the stadium. The winners are chosen by the audience. The more hilarious and long-lasting the laughter, the greater the athlete!



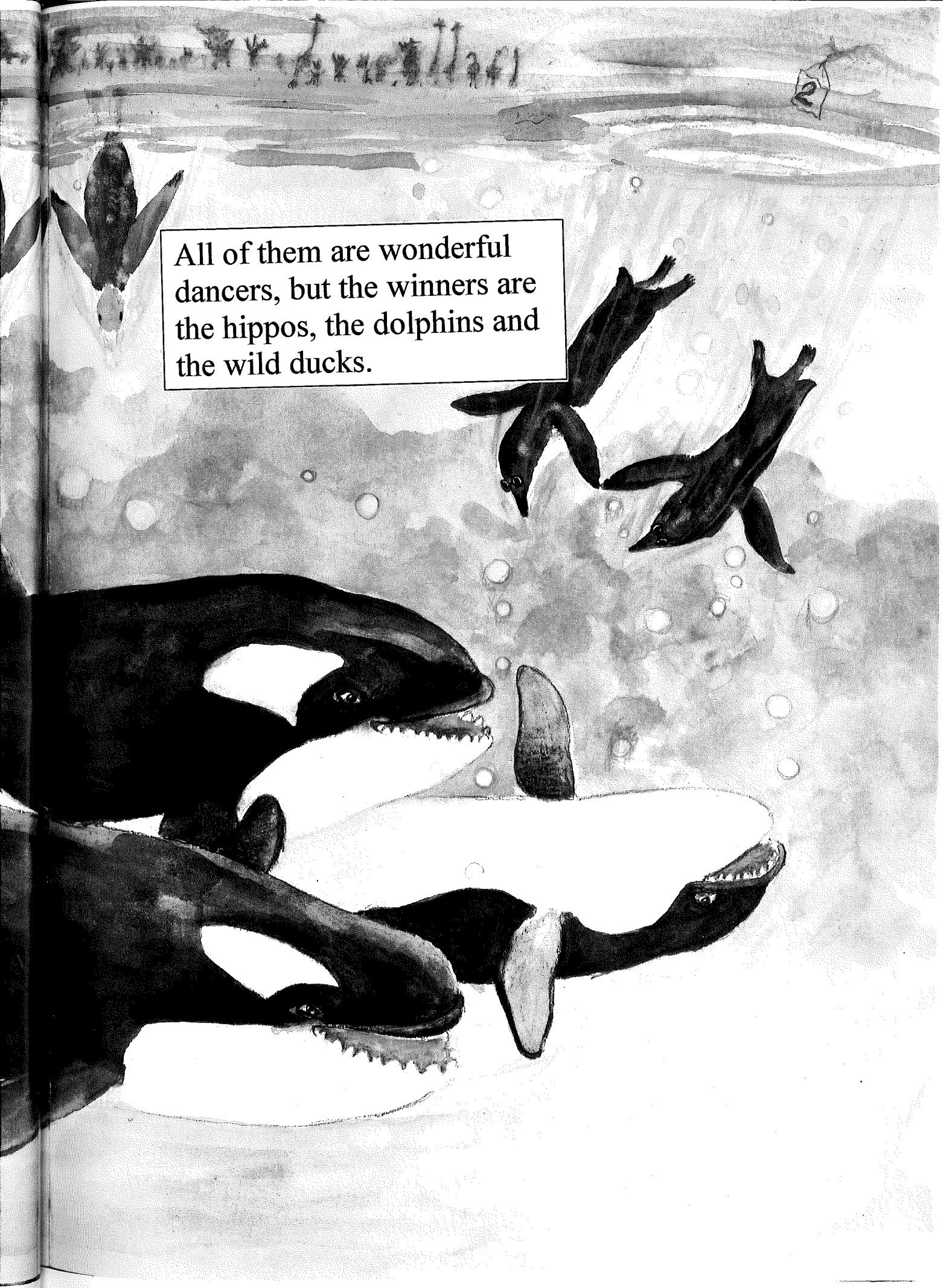
The hippopotamus, full of joy, proclaims the beginning of the Special Olympic Games. The great feast of joy starts with the athletes' parade.



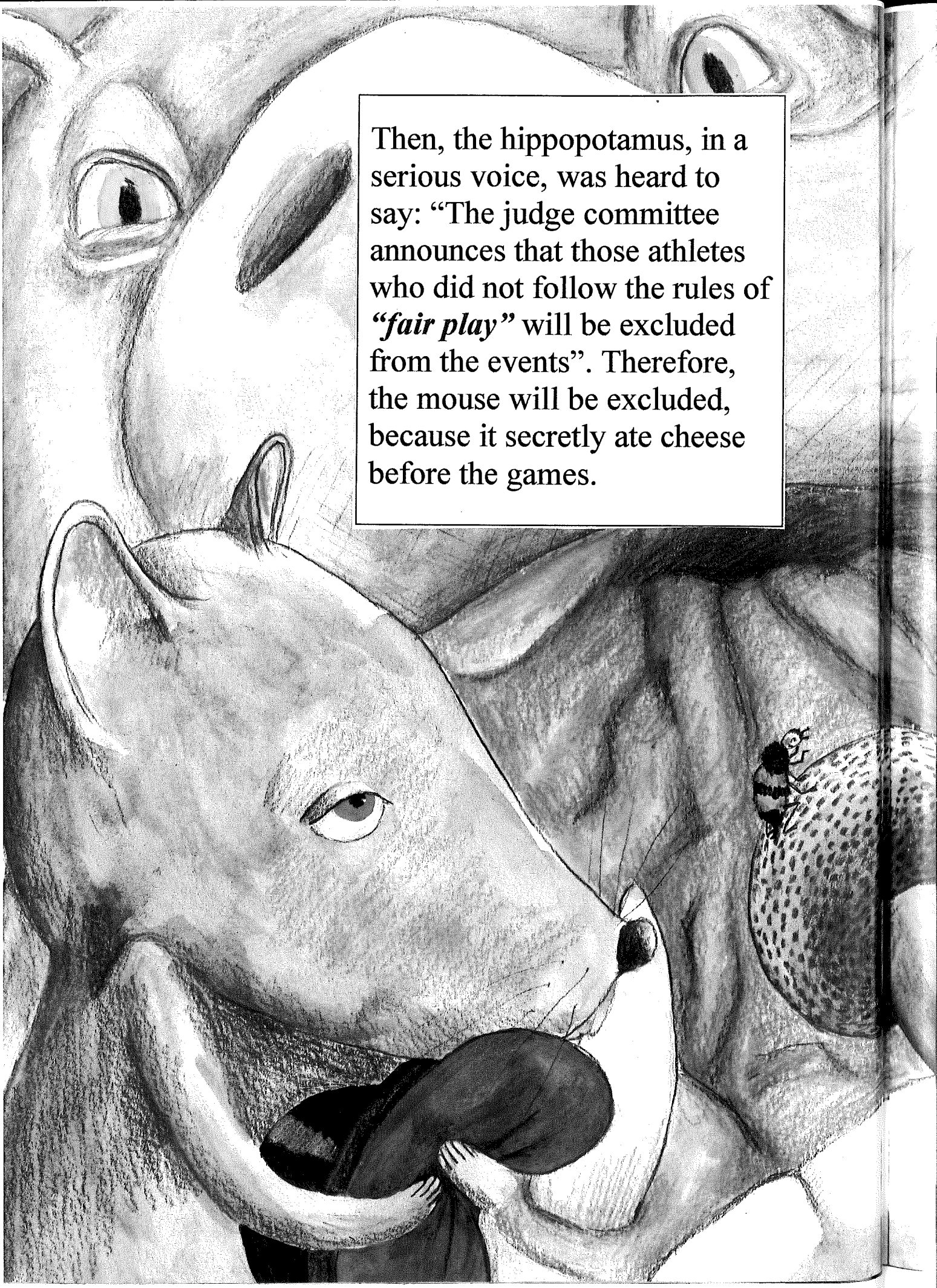
The events begin. The first event is called "The funniest figure". Everyone does their best to make the spectators laugh. All the athletes are spectacular, but the winners are the flamingo, the seal and the cat.



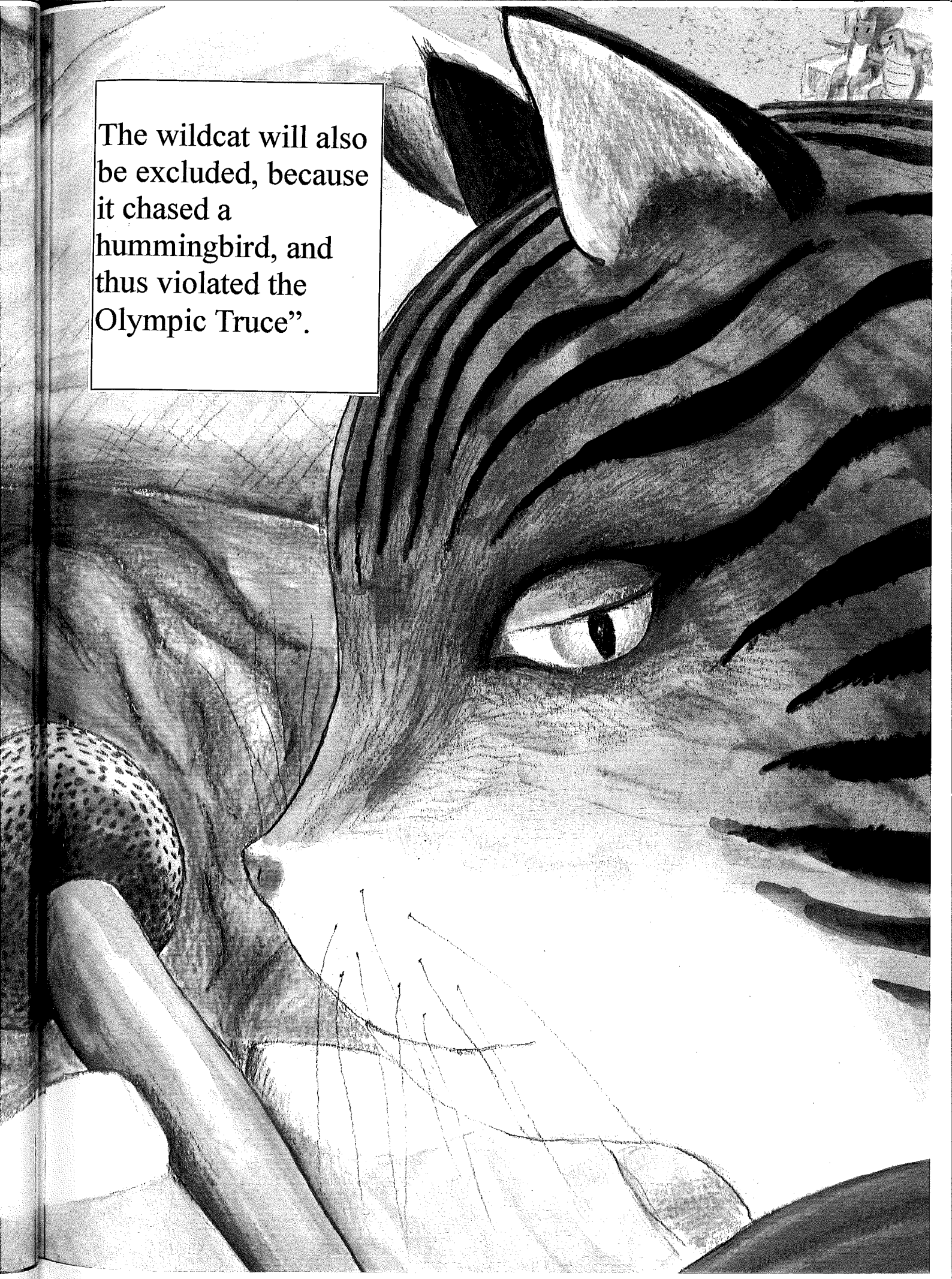
The second event is a team game and is called "The prettiest dance". How beautifully they all dance! The whole stadium is swaying together with the athletes.

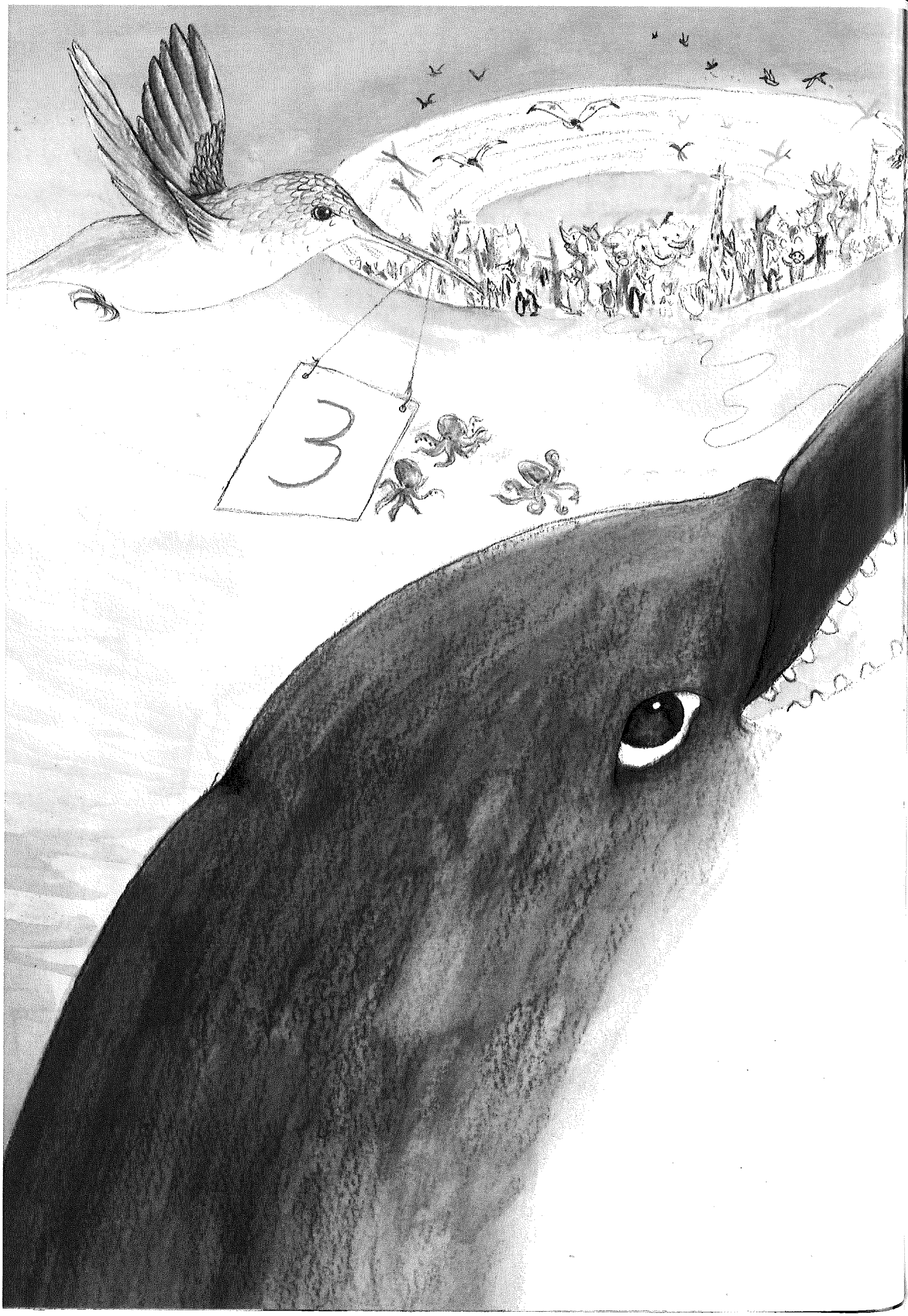


All of them are wonderful dancers, but the winners are the hippos, the dolphins and the wild ducks.



Then, the hippopotamus, in a serious voice, was heard to say: "The judge committee announces that those athletes who did not follow the rules of ***"fair play"*** will be excluded from the events". Therefore, the mouse will be excluded, because it secretly ate cheese before the games.


The wildcat will also be excluded, because it chased a hummingbird, and thus violated the Olympic Truce”.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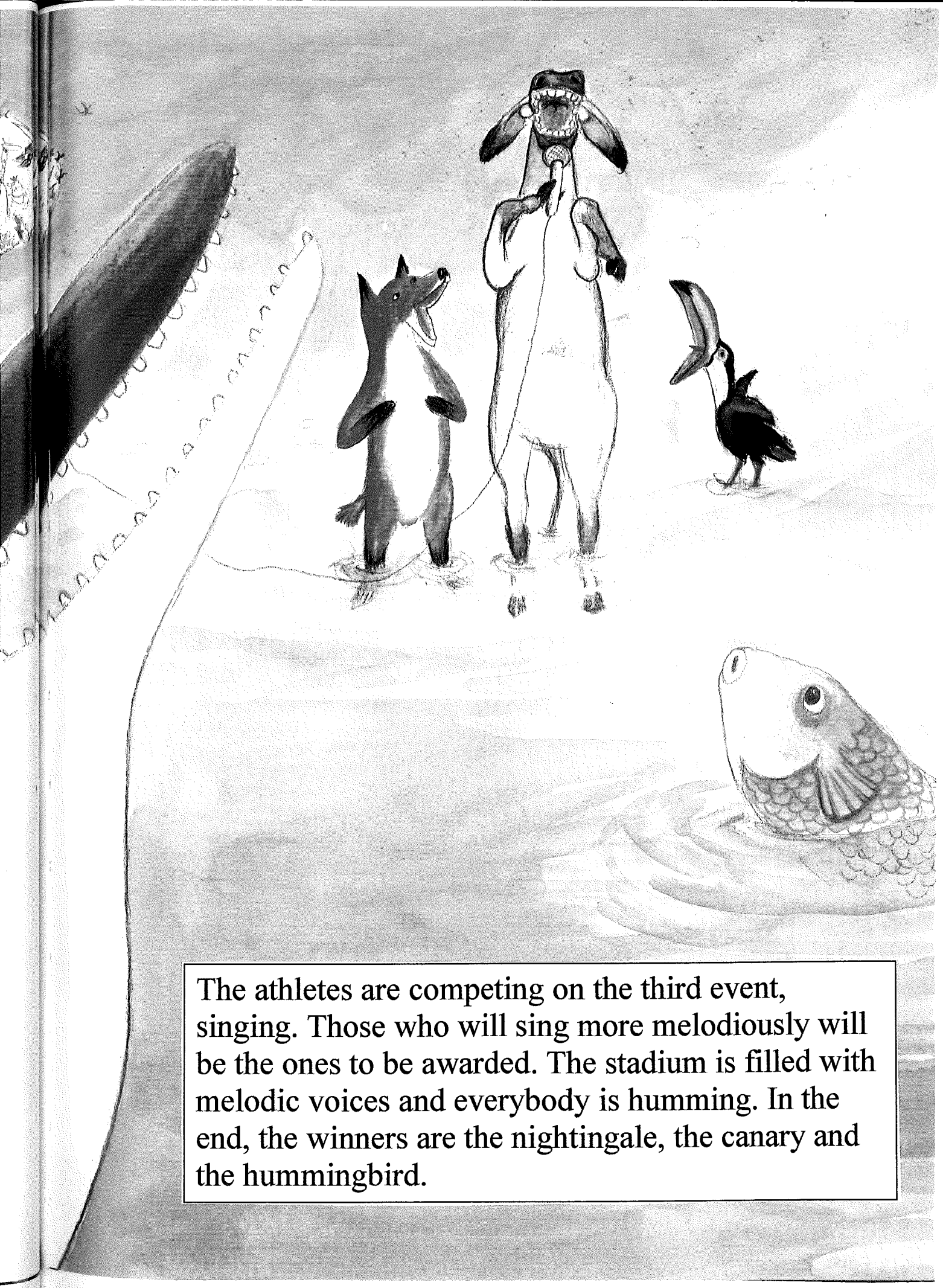
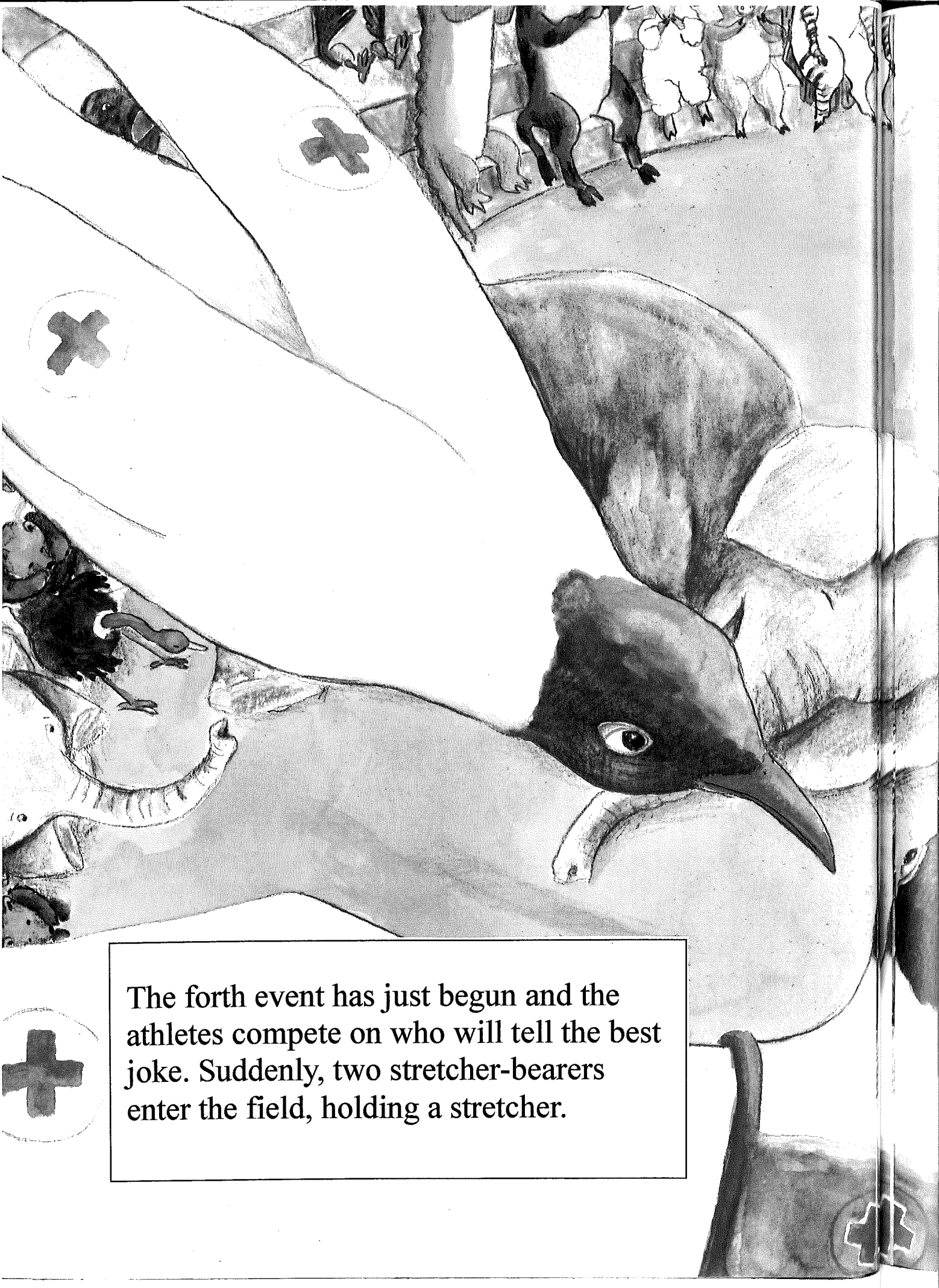
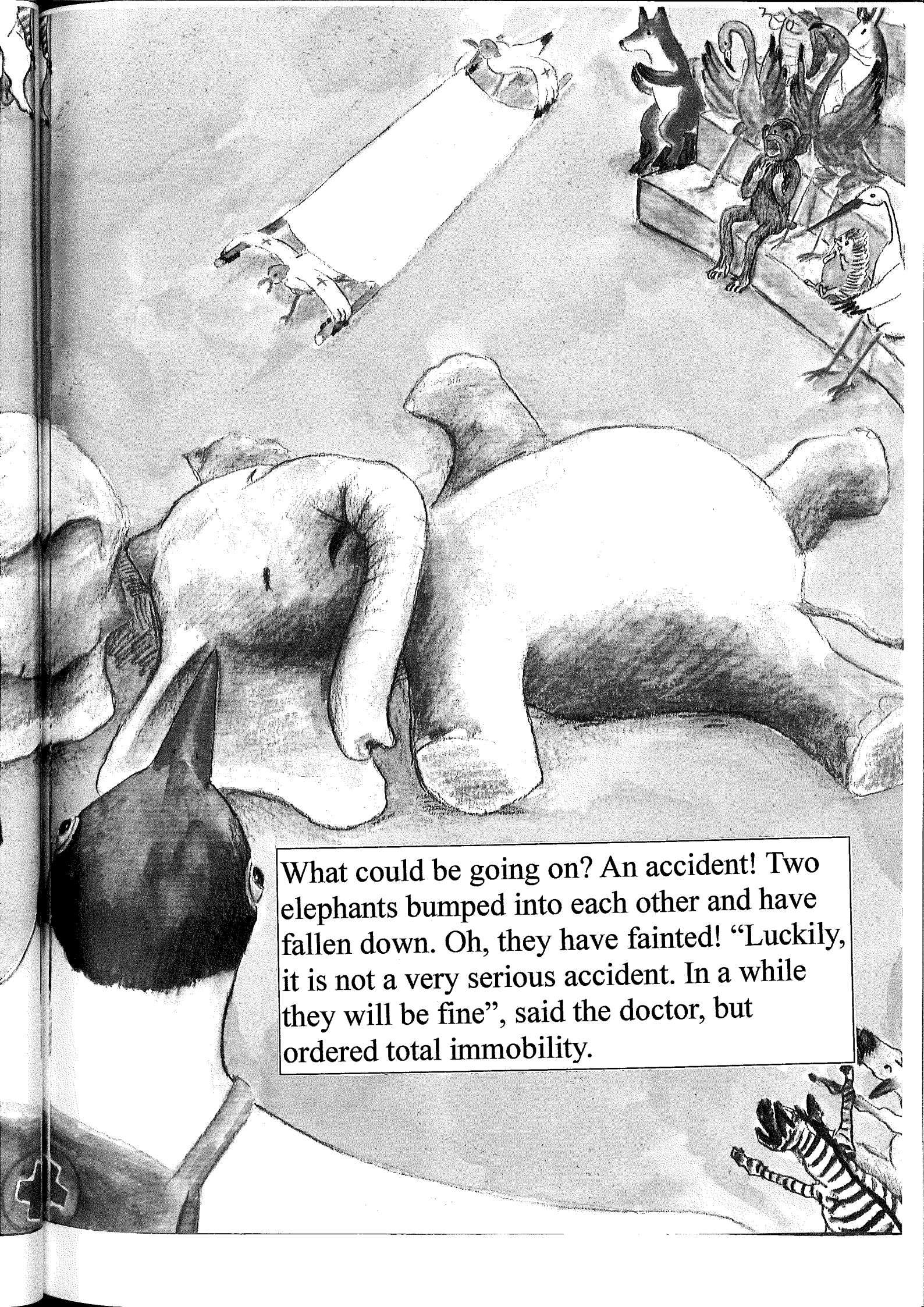


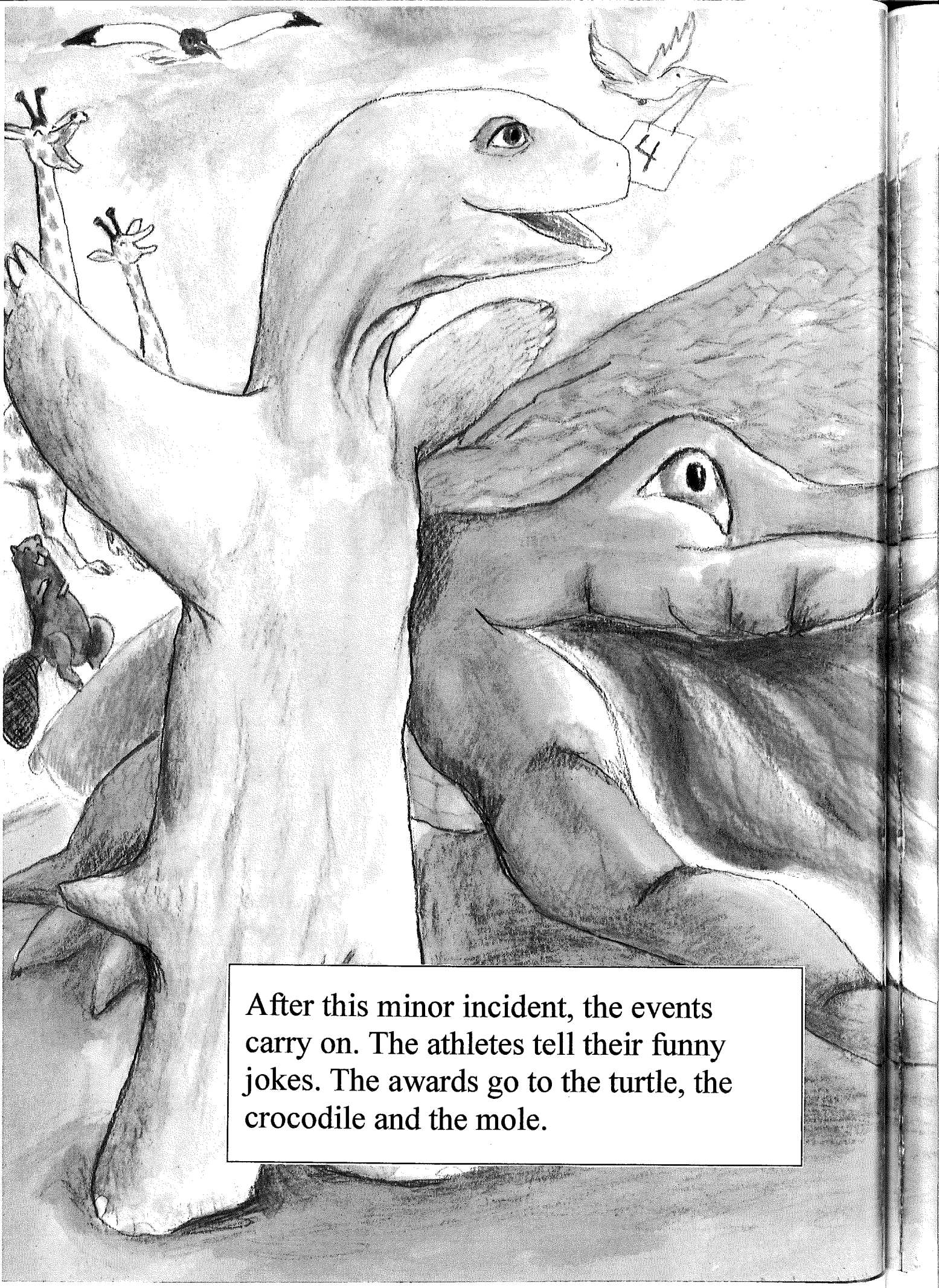
The athletes are competing on the third event, singing. Those who will sing more melodiously will be the ones to be awarded. The stadium is filled with melodic voices and everybody is humming. In the end, the winners are the nightingale, the canary and the hummingbird.



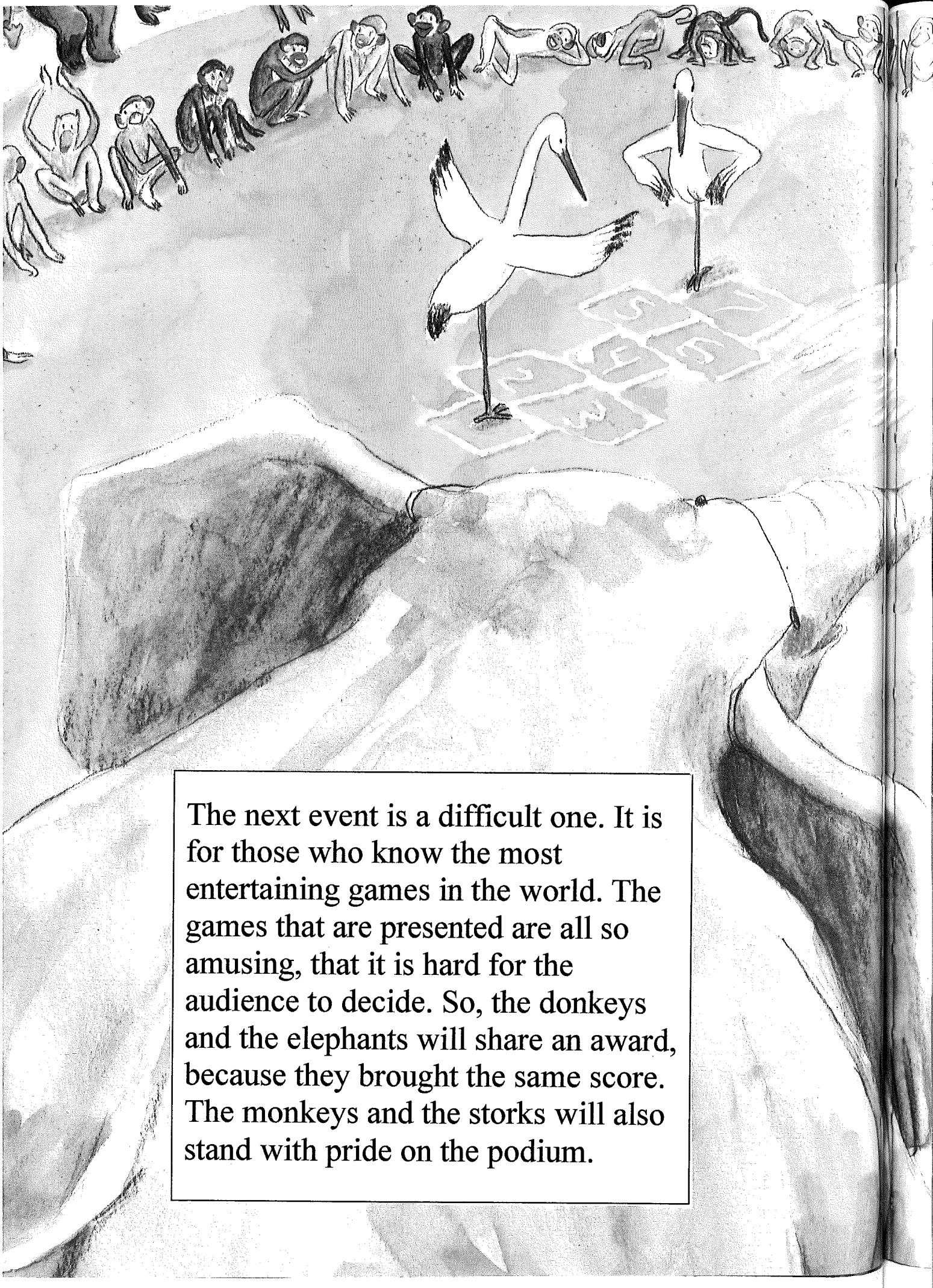
The forth event has just begun and the athletes compete on who will tell the best joke. Suddenly, two stretcher-bearers enter the field, holding a stretcher.



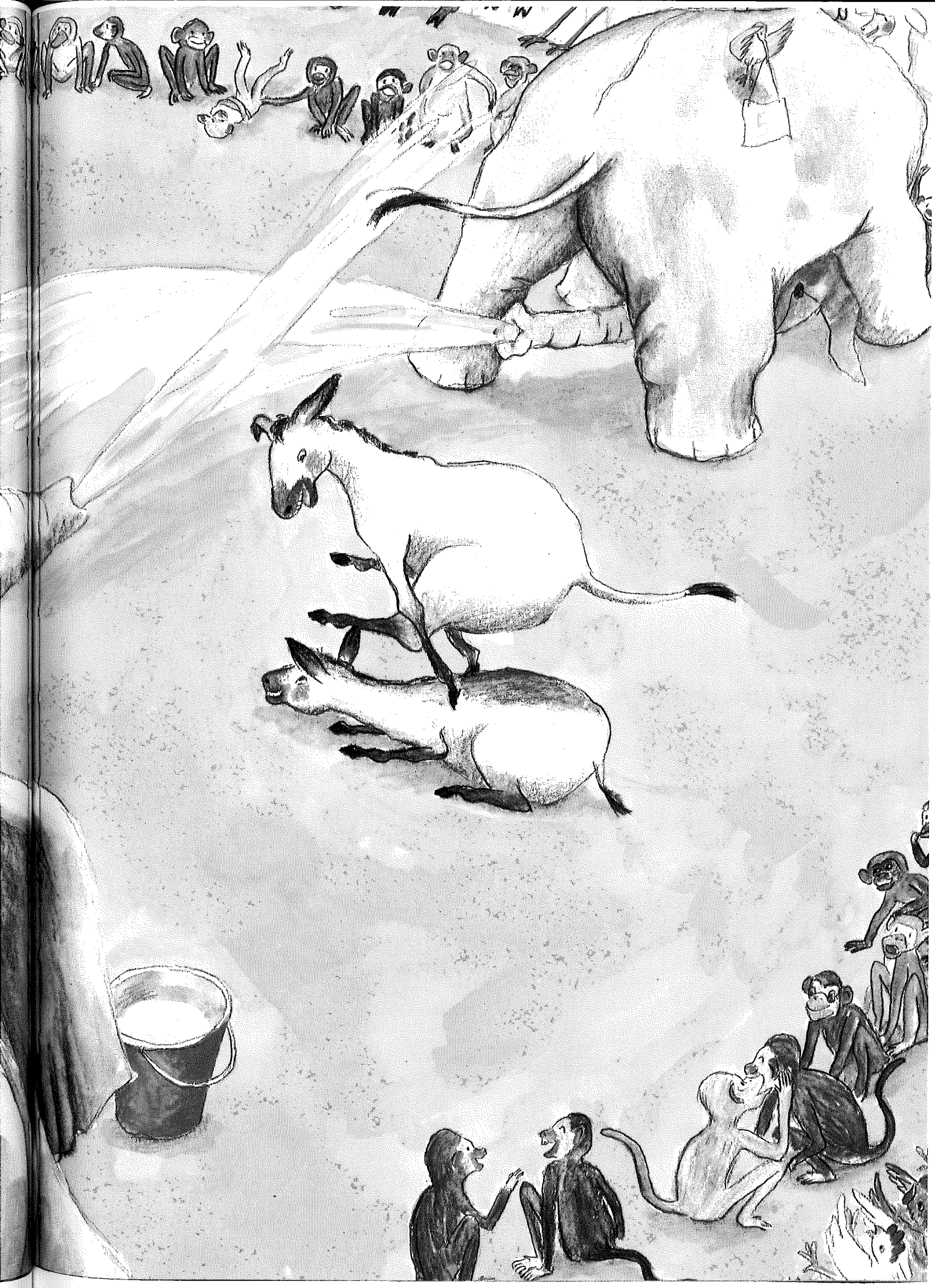
What could be going on? An accident! Two elephants bumped into each other and have fallen down. Oh, they have fainted! “Luckily, it is not a very serious accident. In a while they will be fine”, said the doctor, but ordered total immobility.

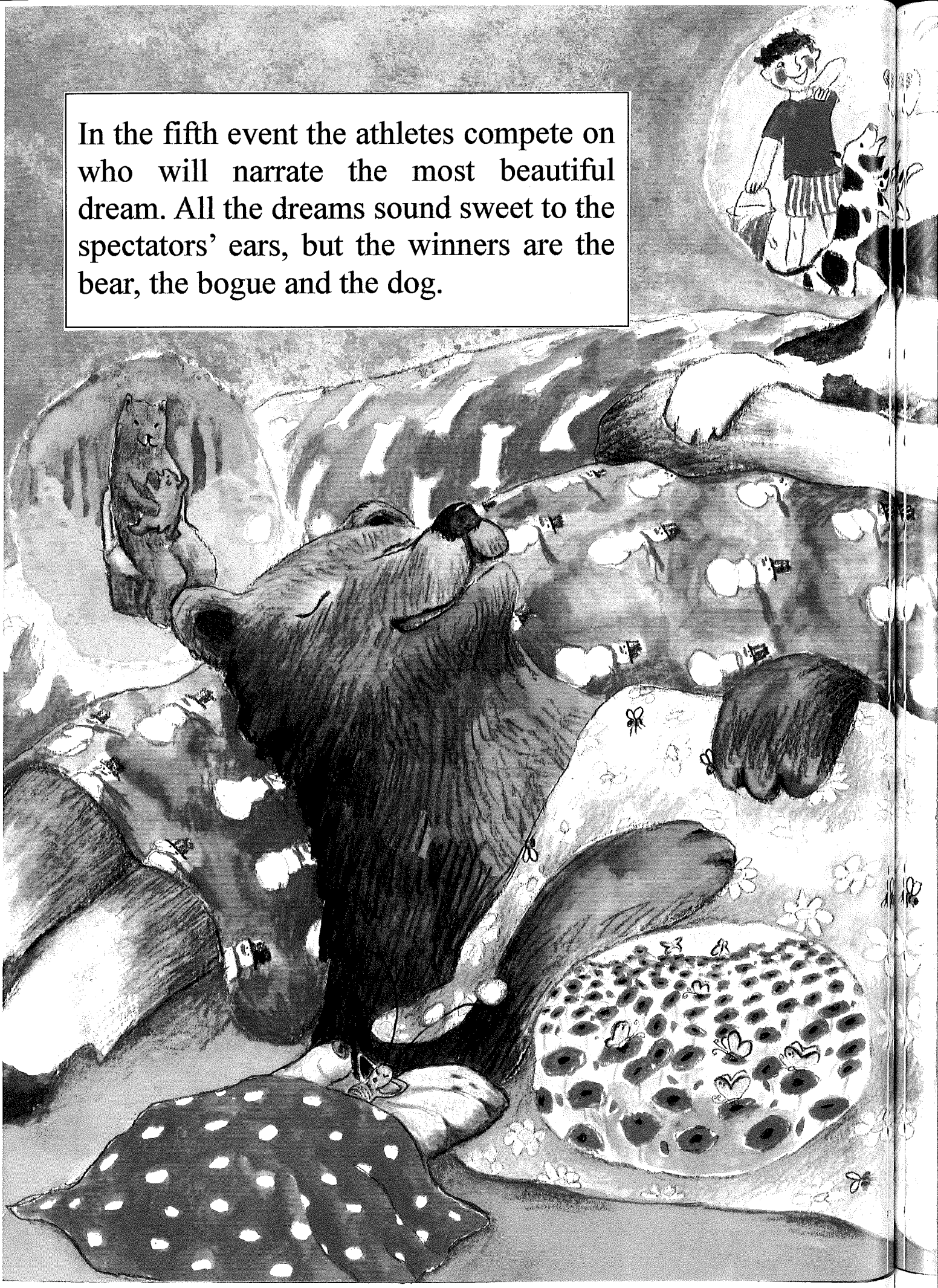


After this minor incident, the events carry on. The athletes tell their funny jokes. The awards go to the turtle, the crocodile and the mole.

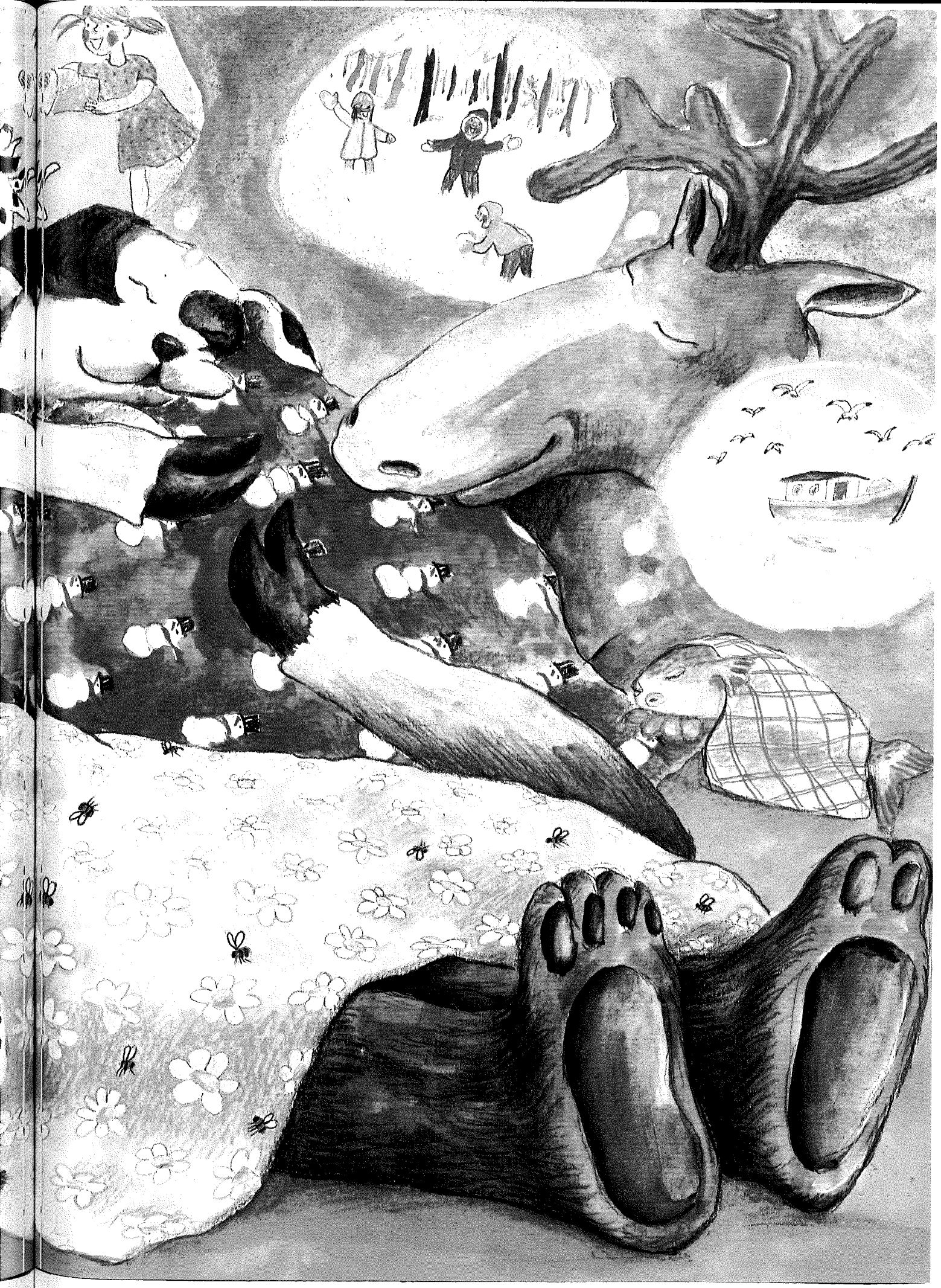


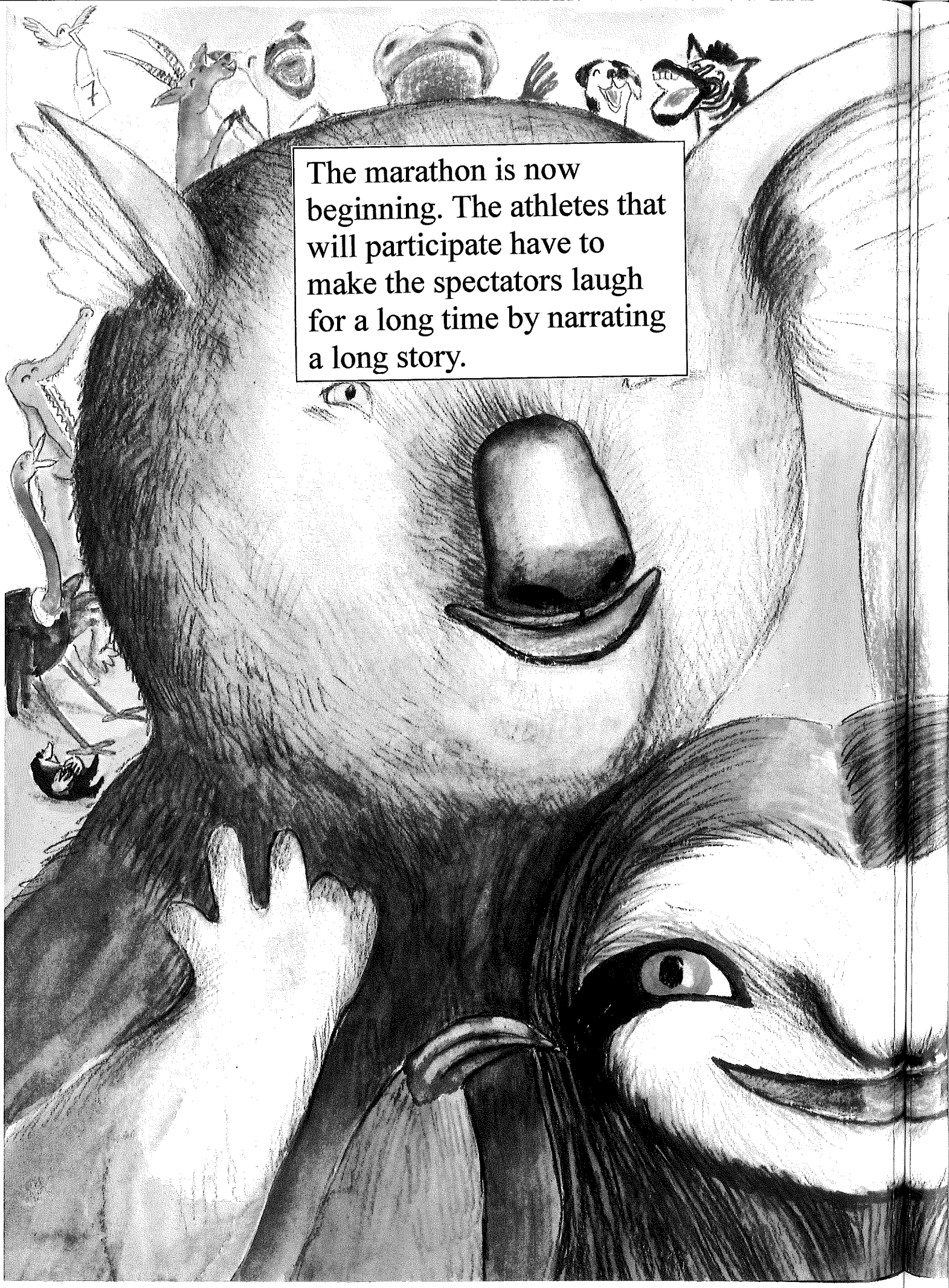
The next event is a difficult one. It is for those who know the most entertaining games in the world. The games that are presented are all so amusing, that it is hard for the audience to decide. So, the donkeys and the elephants will share an award, because they brought the same score. The monkeys and the storks will also stand with pride on the podium.



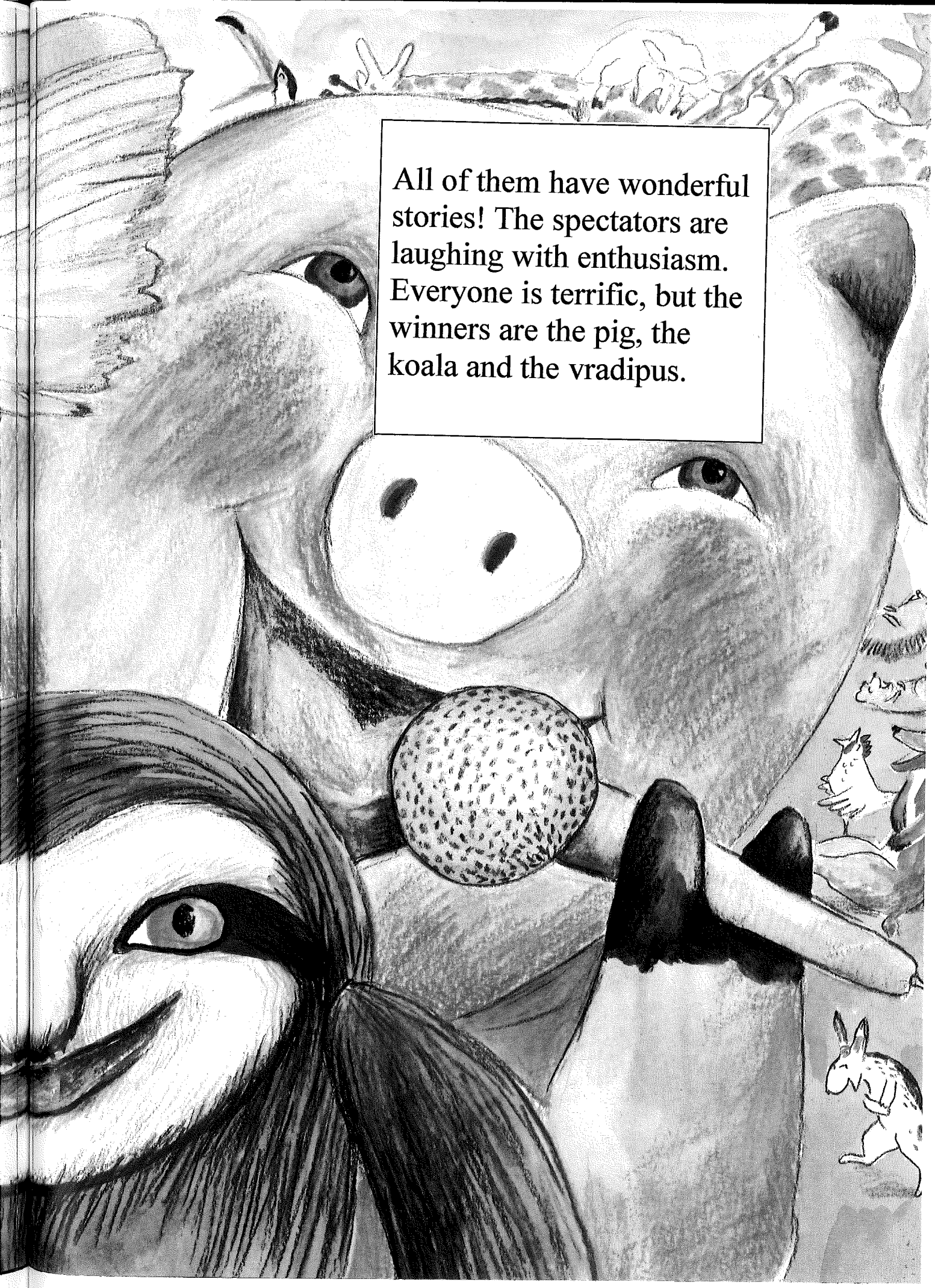


In the fifth event the athletes compete on who will narrate the most beautiful dream. All the dreams sound sweet to the spectators' ears, but the winners are the bear, the bogue and the dog.





The marathon is now beginning. The athletes that will participate have to make the spectators laugh for a long time by narrating a long story.



All of them have wonderful stories! The spectators are laughing with enthusiasm. Everyone is terrific, but the winners are the pig, the koala and the vradipus.

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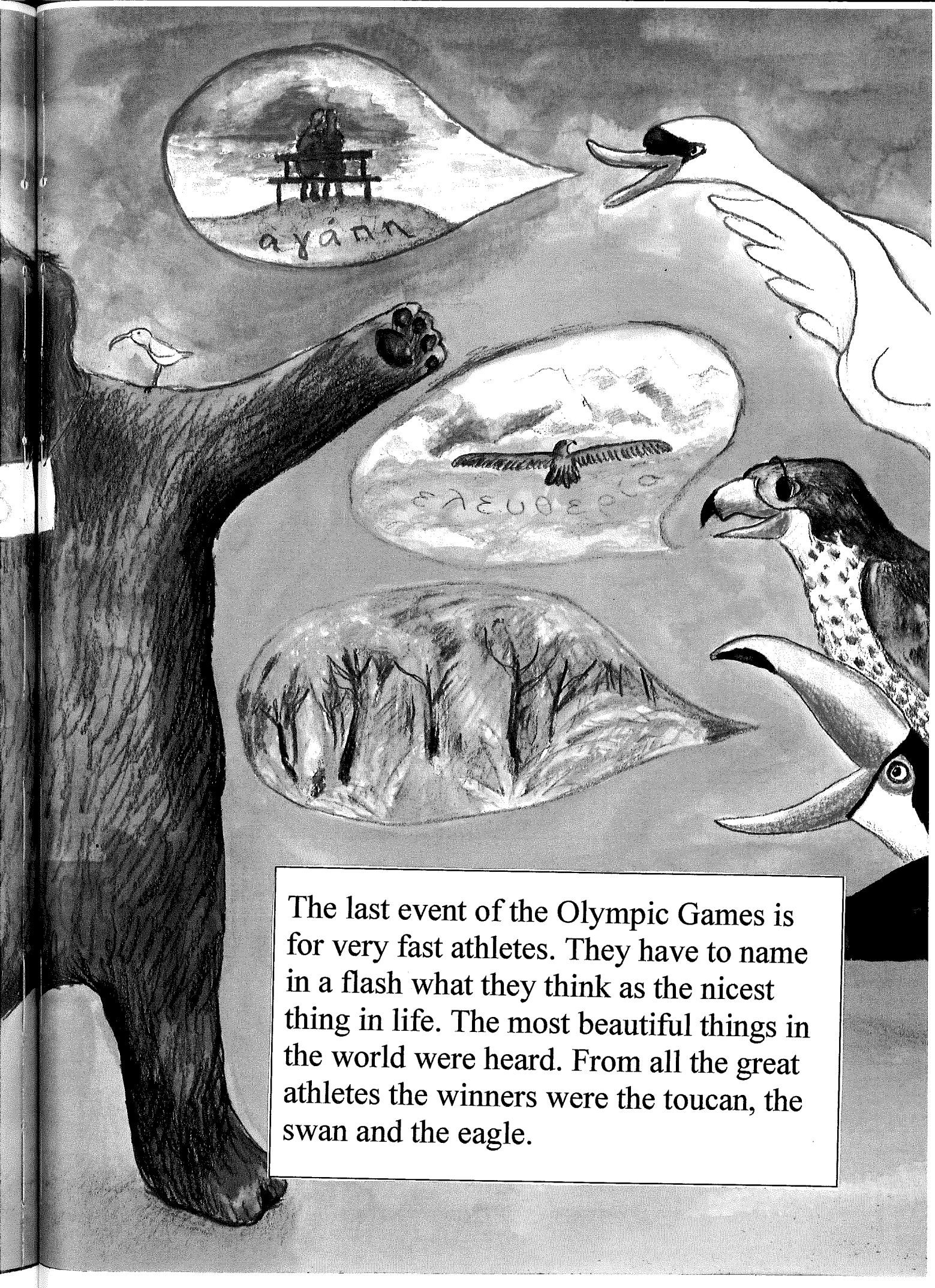
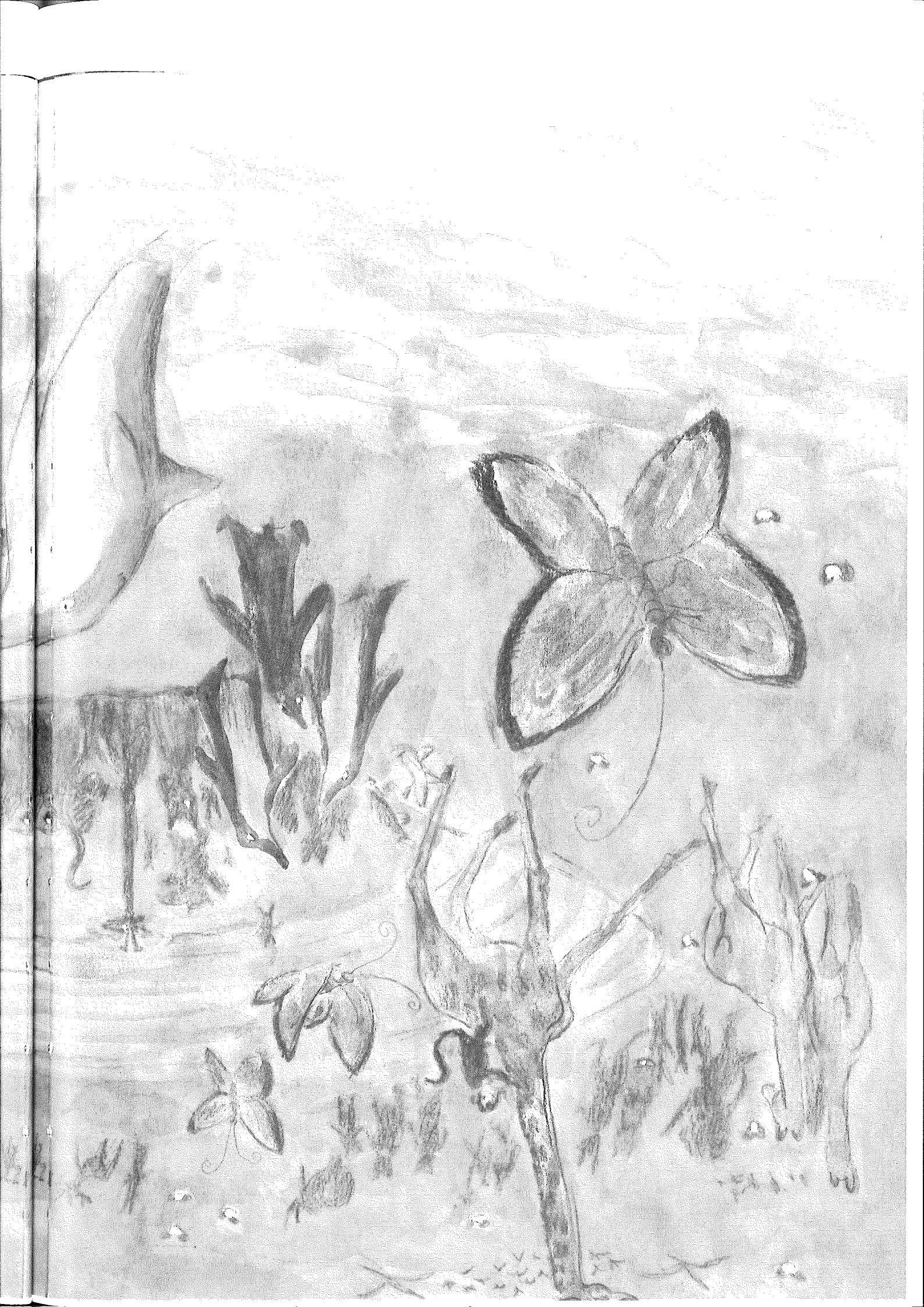
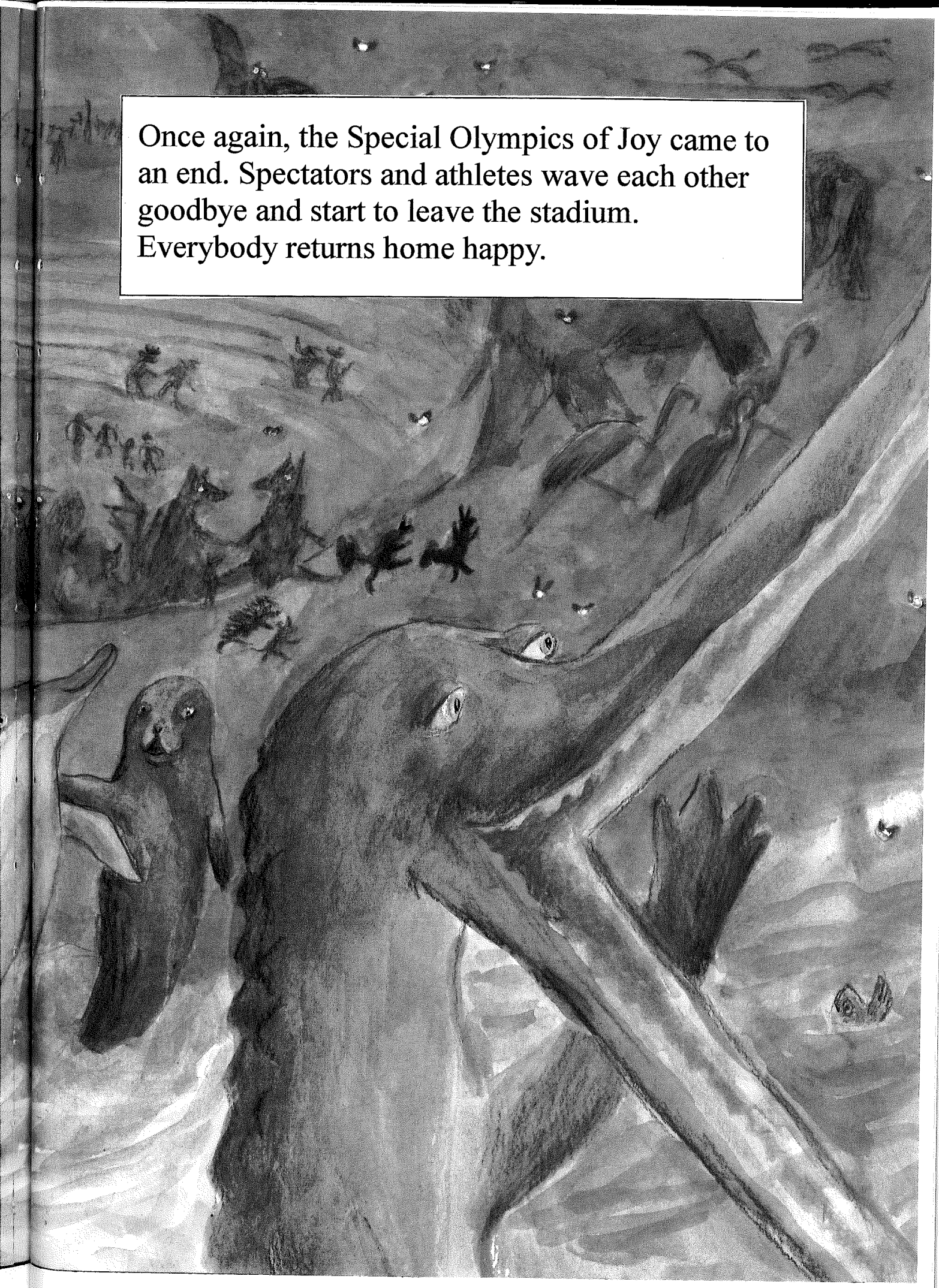


The last event of the Olympic Games is for very fast athletes. They have to name in a flash what they think as the nicest thing in life. The most beautiful things in the world were heard. From all the great athletes the winners were the toucan, the swan and the eagle.





Once again, the Special Olympics of Joy came to an end. Spectators and athletes wave each other goodbye and start to leave the stadium. Everybody returns home happy.

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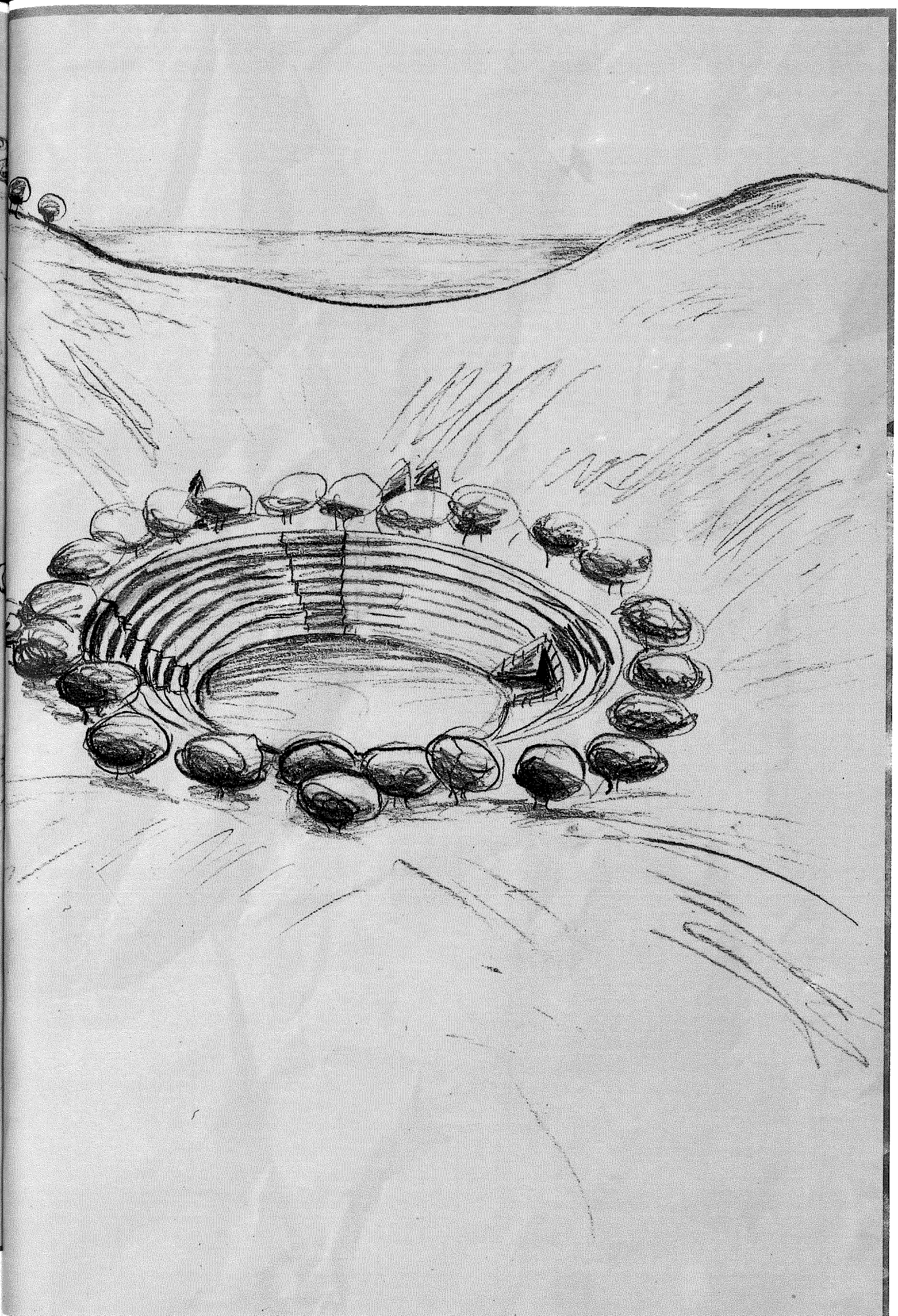

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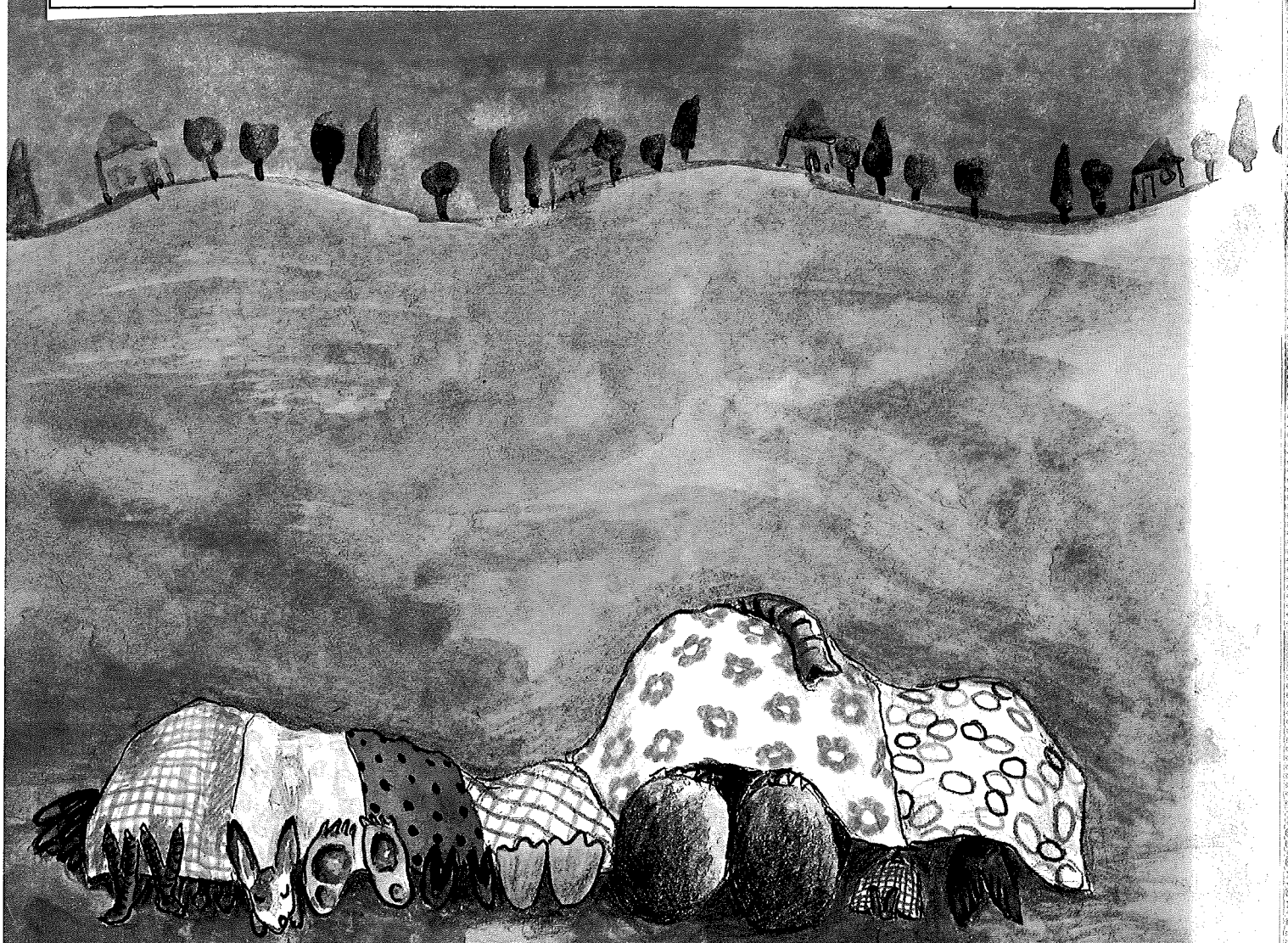

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