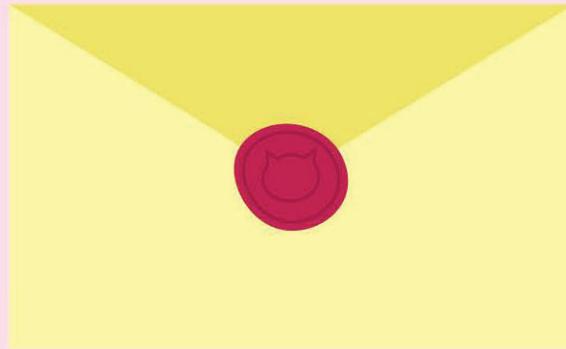
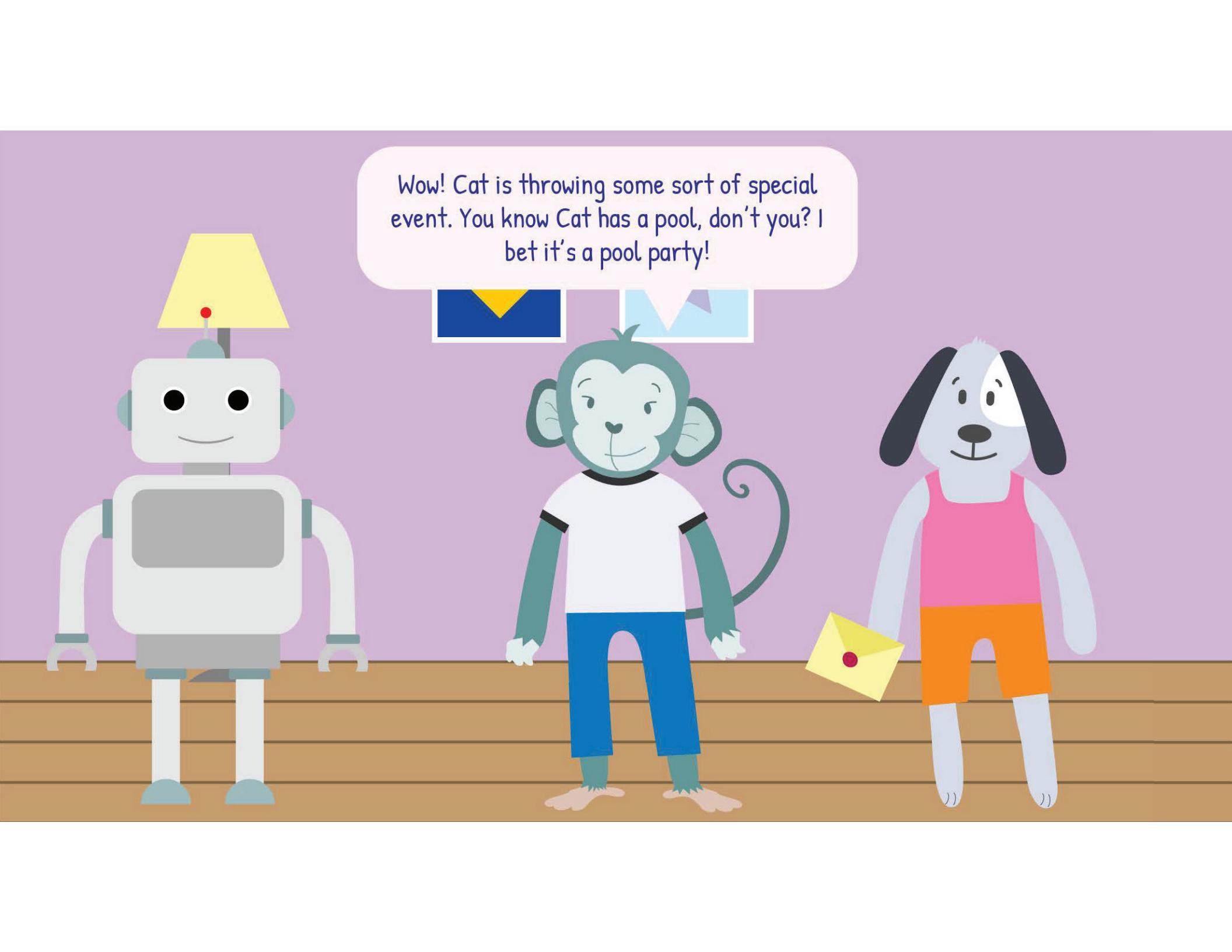


THE BIG EVENT!

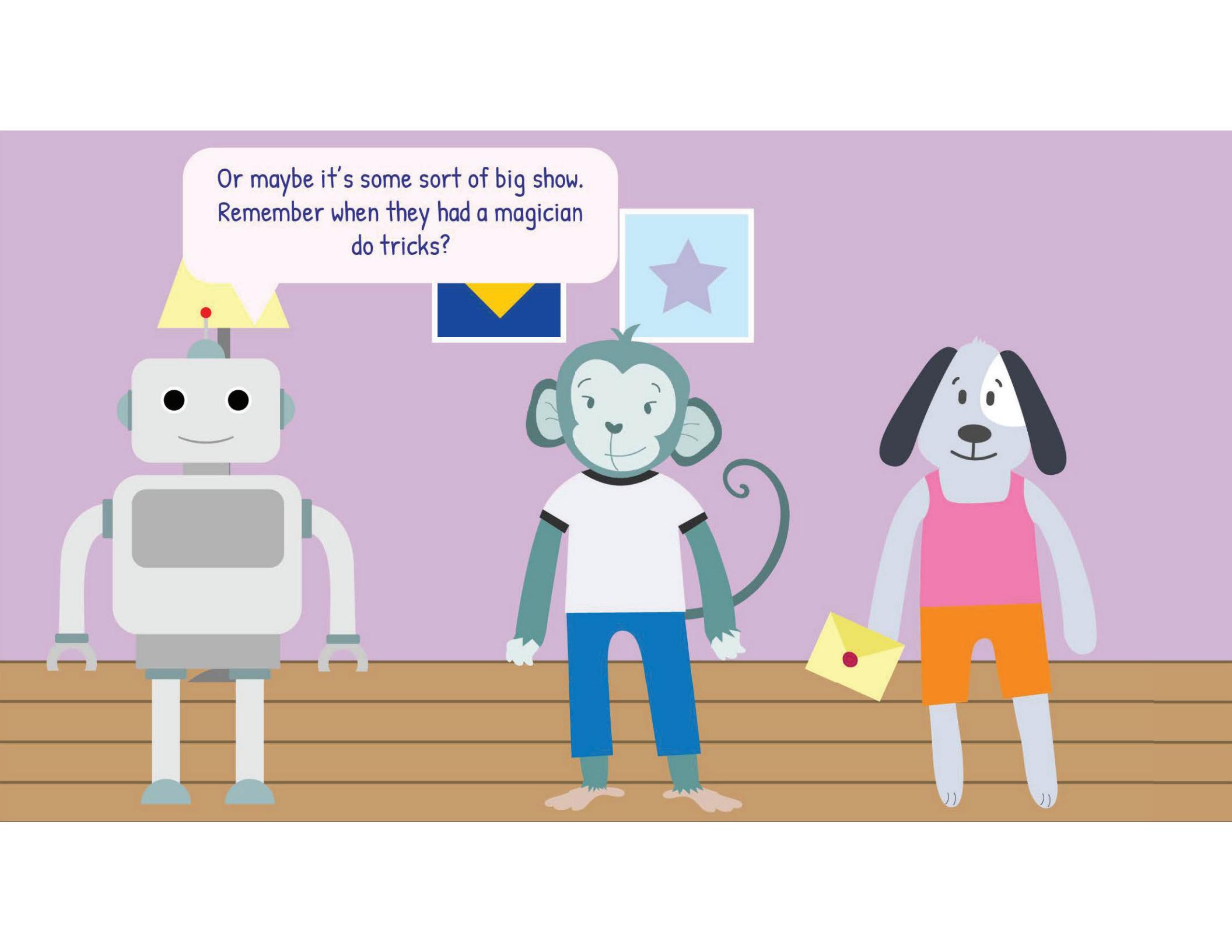




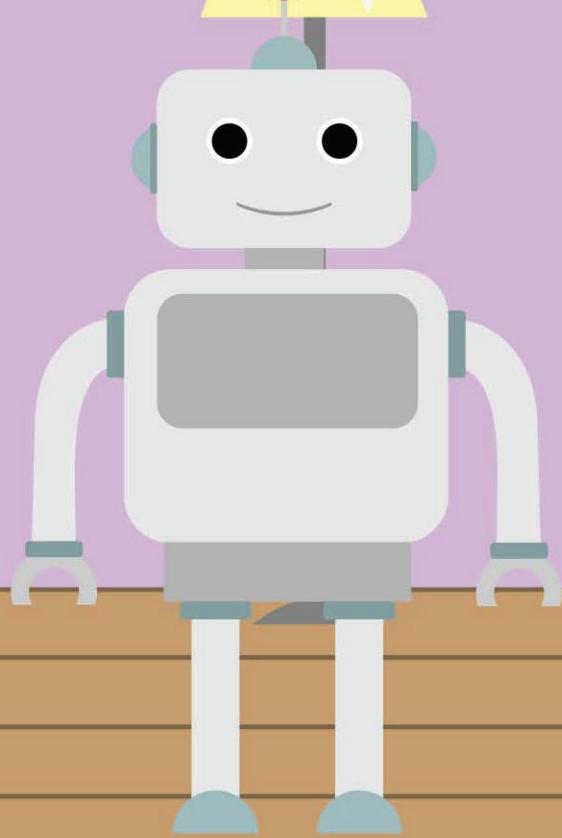


Wow! Cat is throwing some sort of special event. You know Cat has a pool, don't you? I bet it's a pool party!



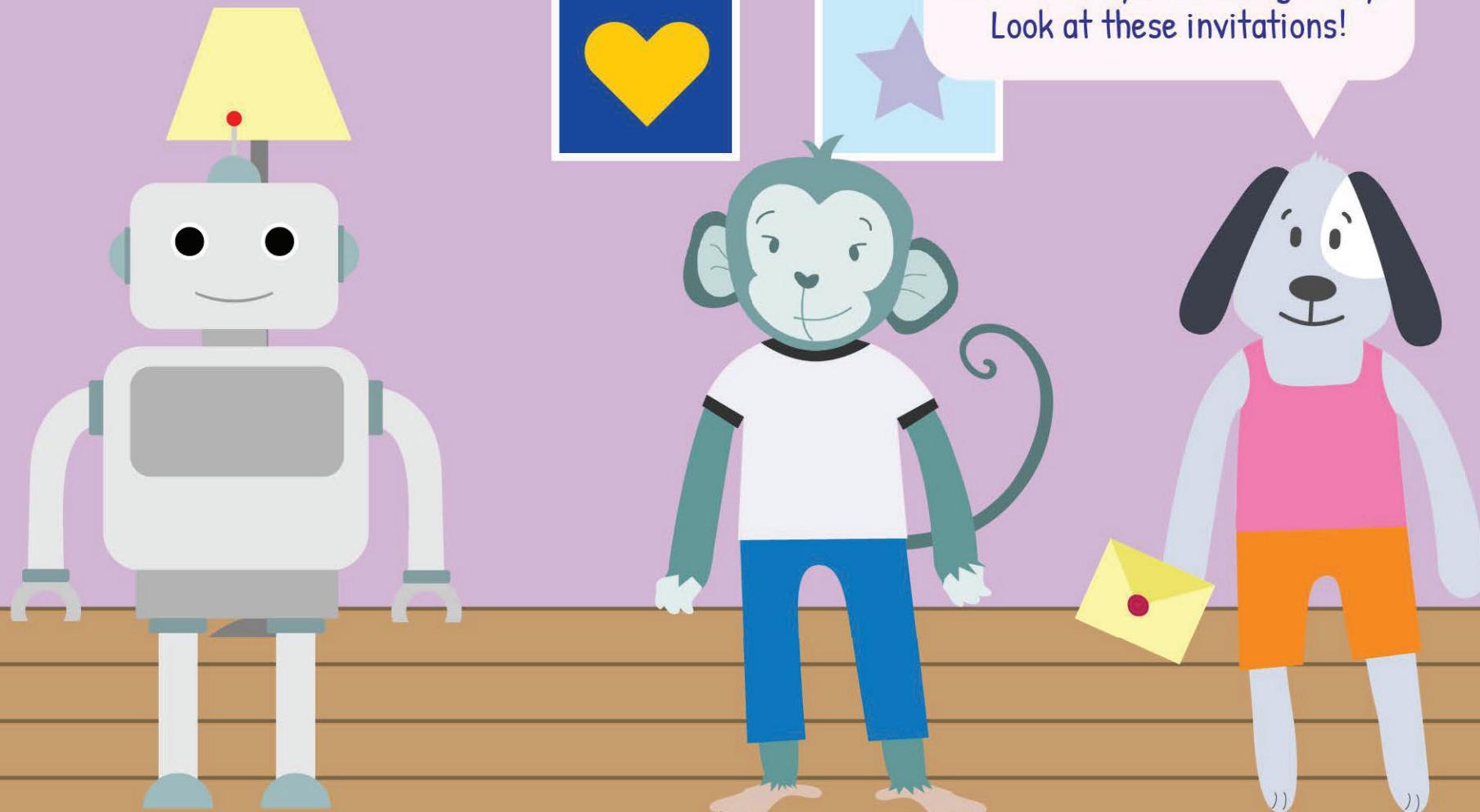


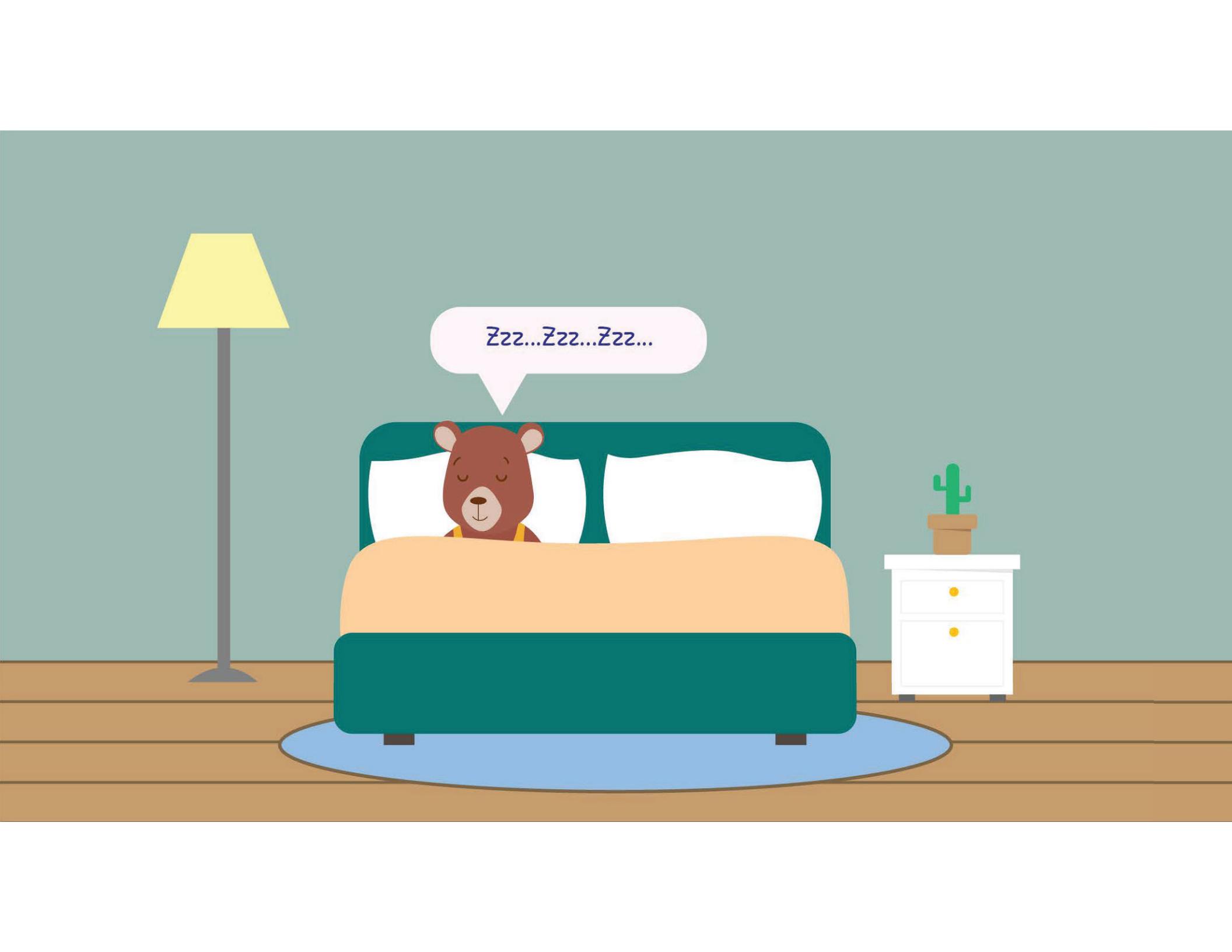
Or maybe it's some sort of big show.
Remember when they had a magician
do tricks?



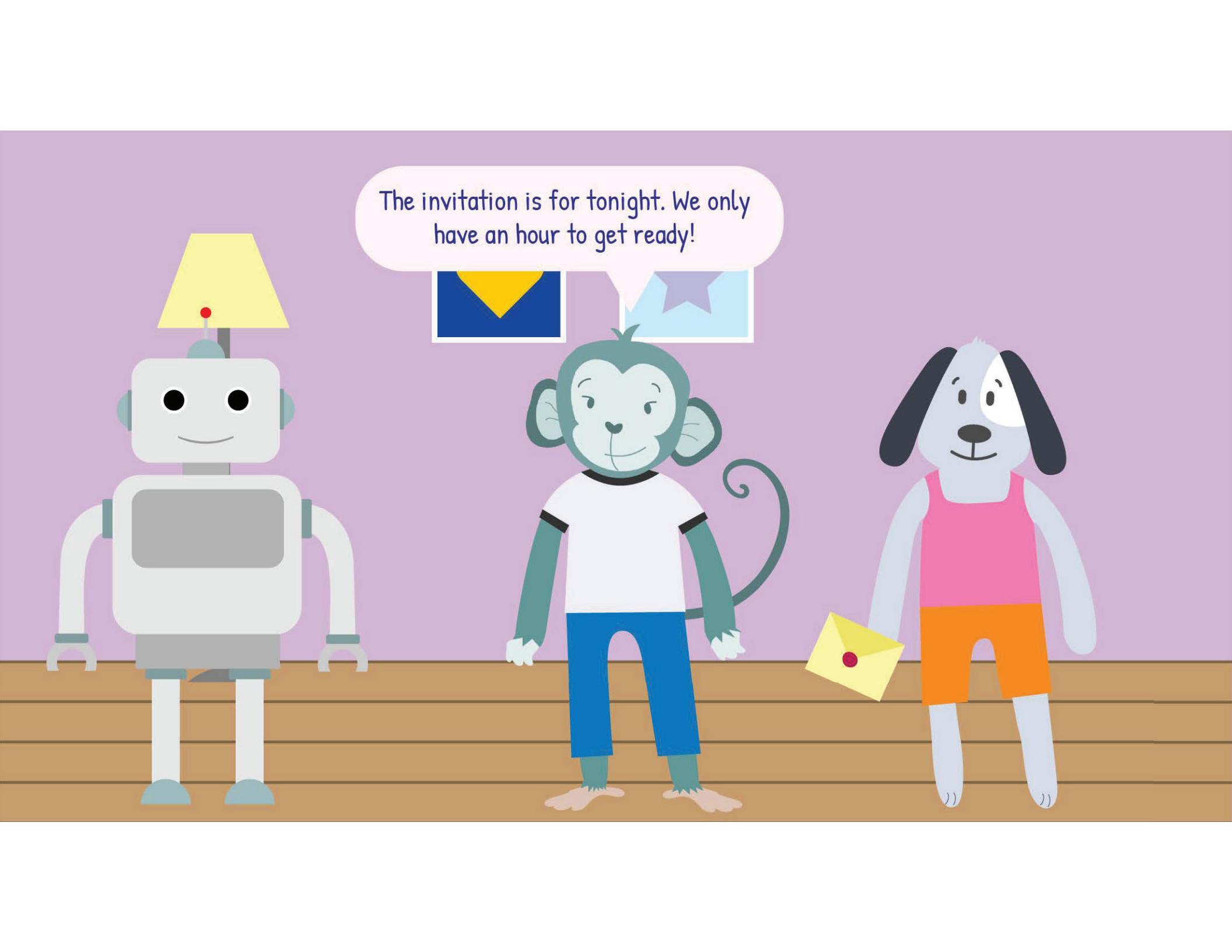


It's definitely something fancy.
Look at these invitations!



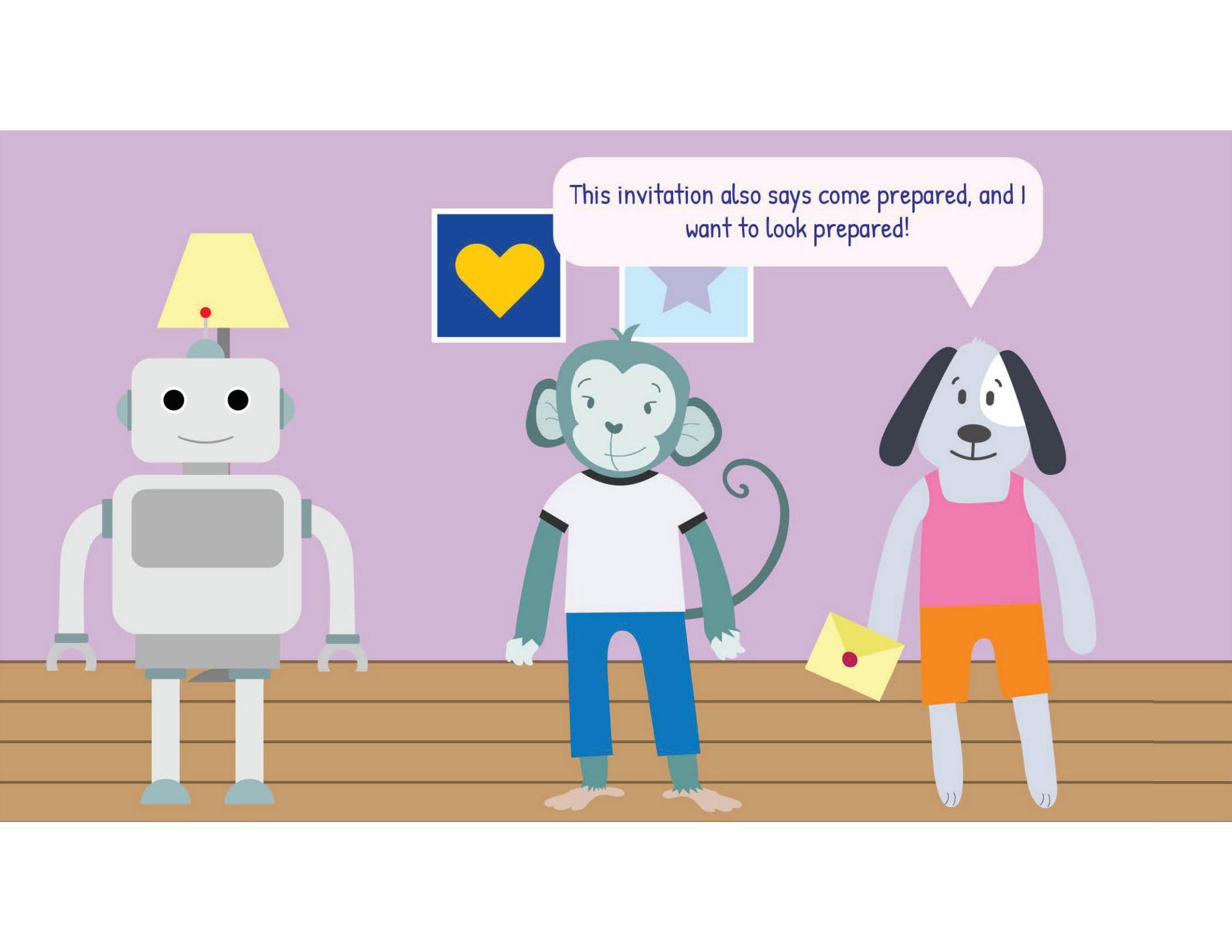


Zzz...Zzz...Zzz...



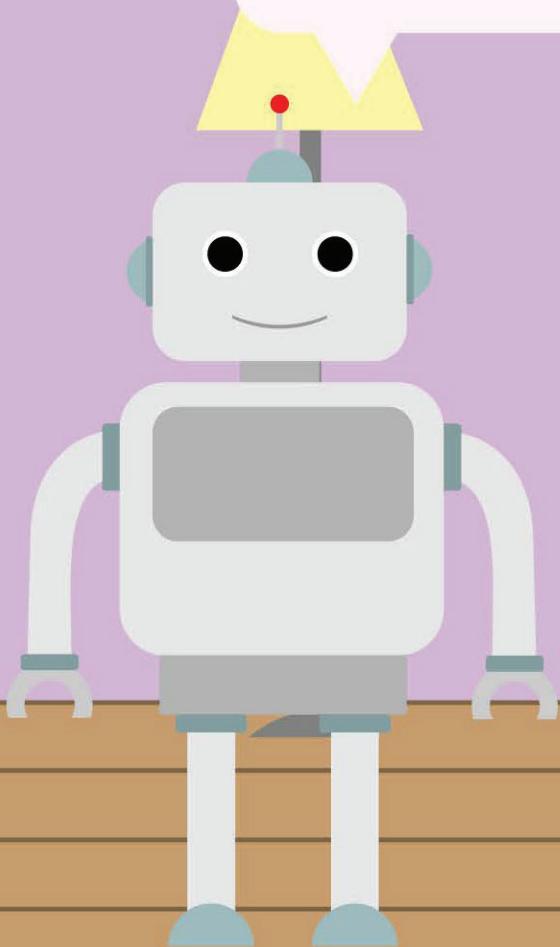
The invitation is for tonight. We only have an hour to get ready!



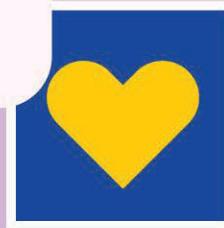


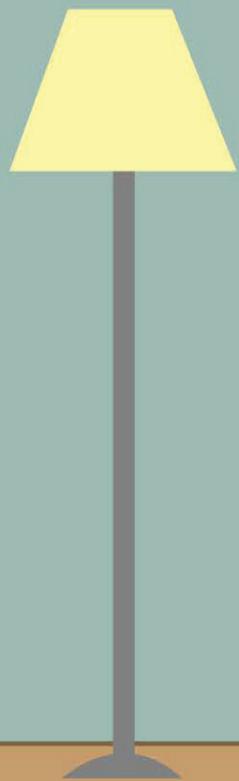
This invitation also says come prepared, and I want to look prepared!





Let's all get ready,
then!

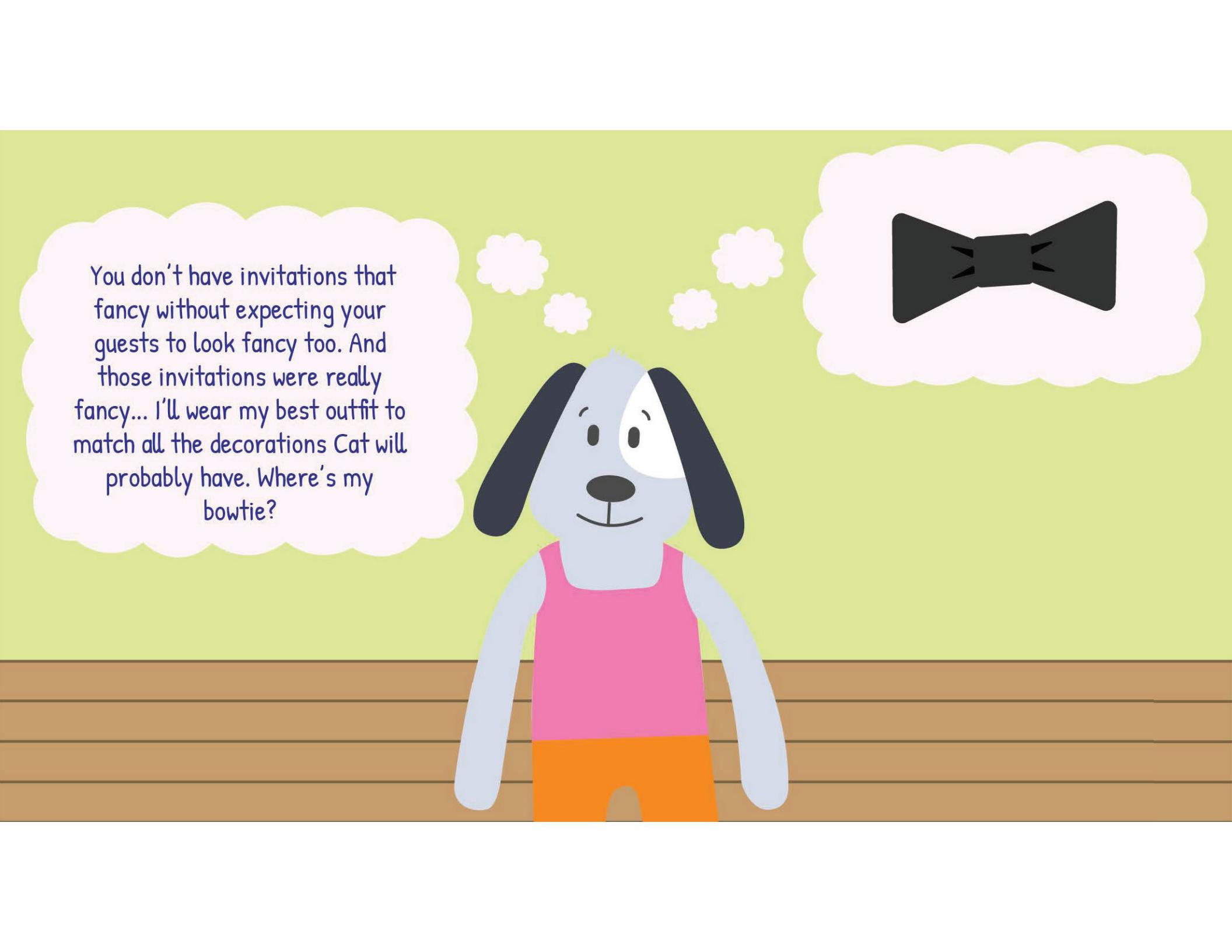




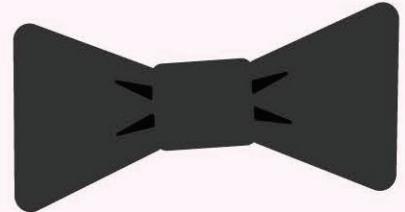


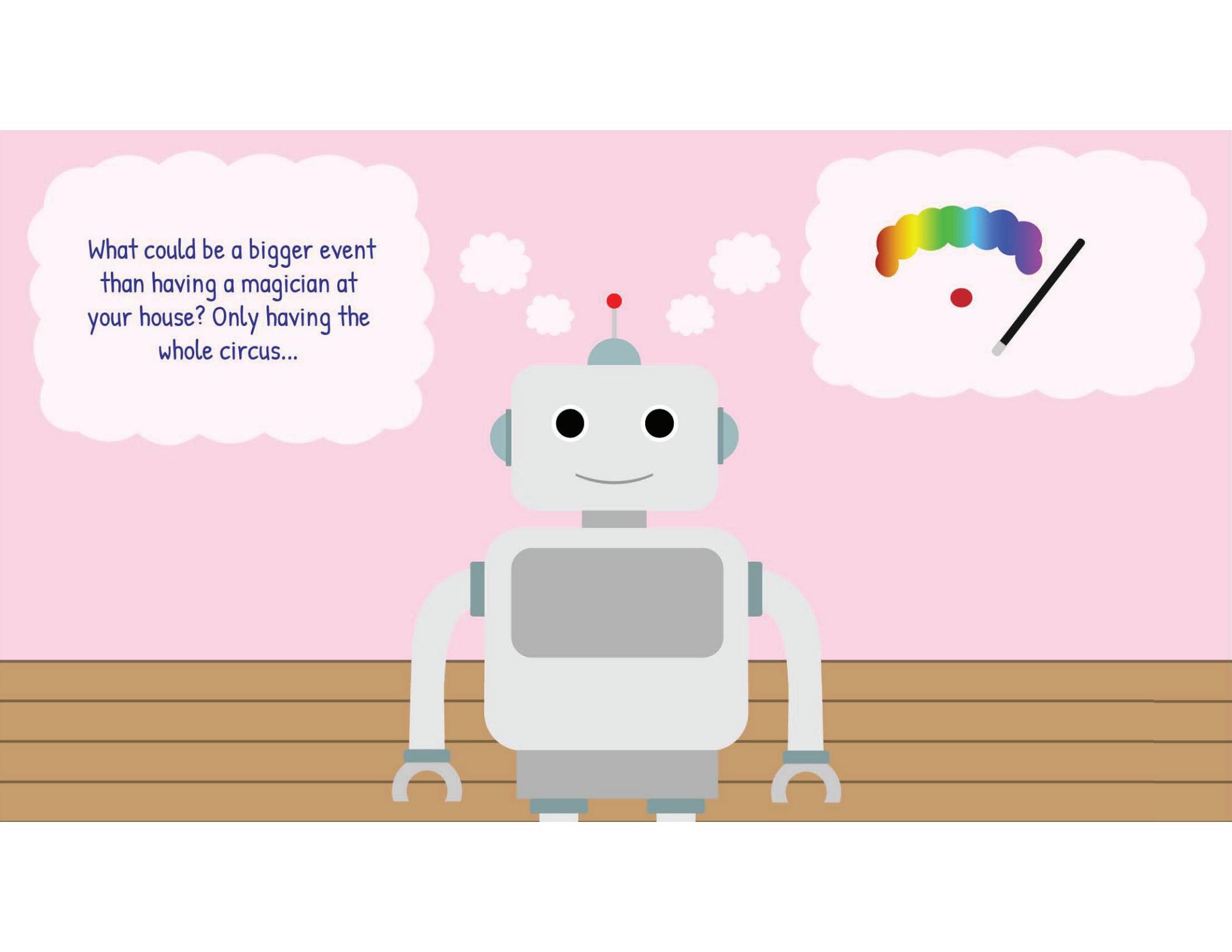
It's definitely a pool party. I
can see it now. All of us
playing Marco Polo together!
I'll get my swim trunks, my
towel, my goggles, my floaties,
and some sunscreen...



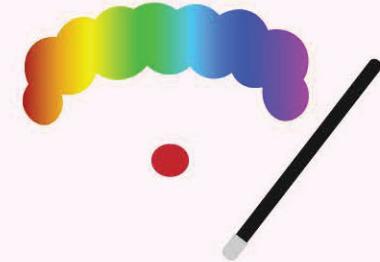


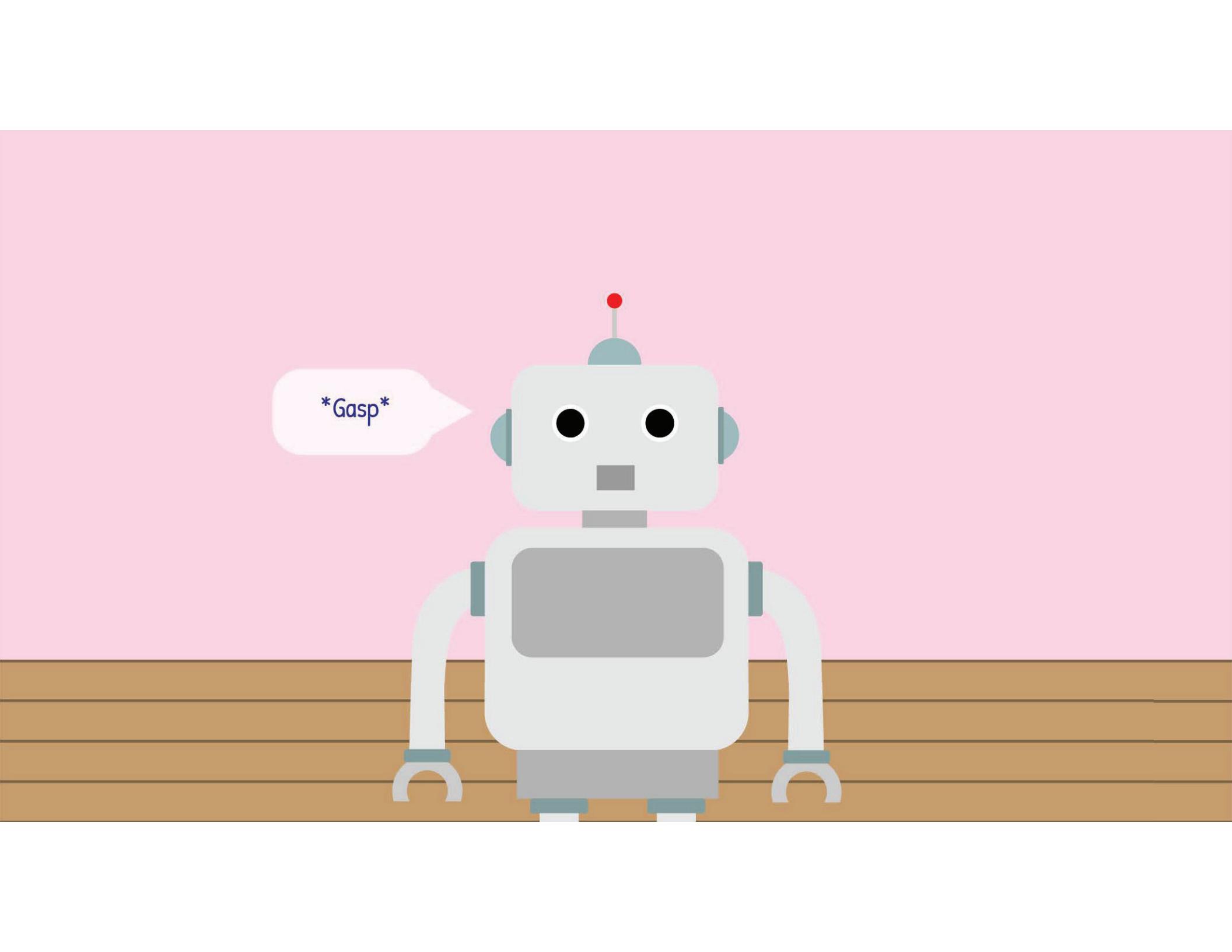
You don't have invitations that fancy without expecting your guests to look fancy too. And those invitations were really fancy... I'll wear my best outfit to match all the decorations Cat will probably have. Where's my bowtie?



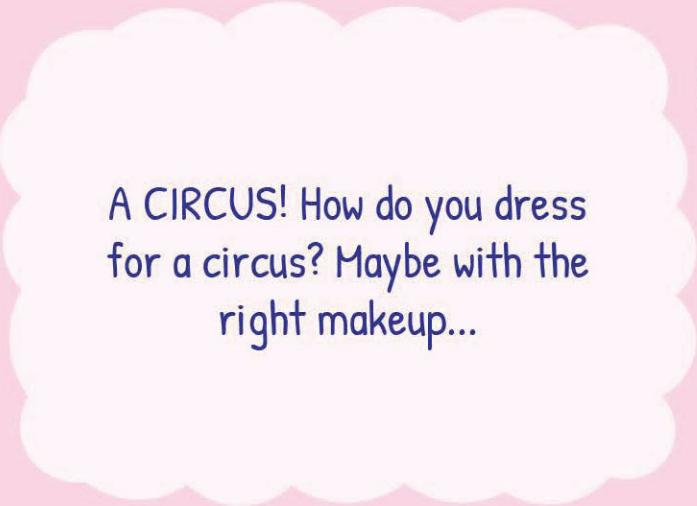


What could be a bigger event
than having a magician at
your house? Only having the
whole circus...

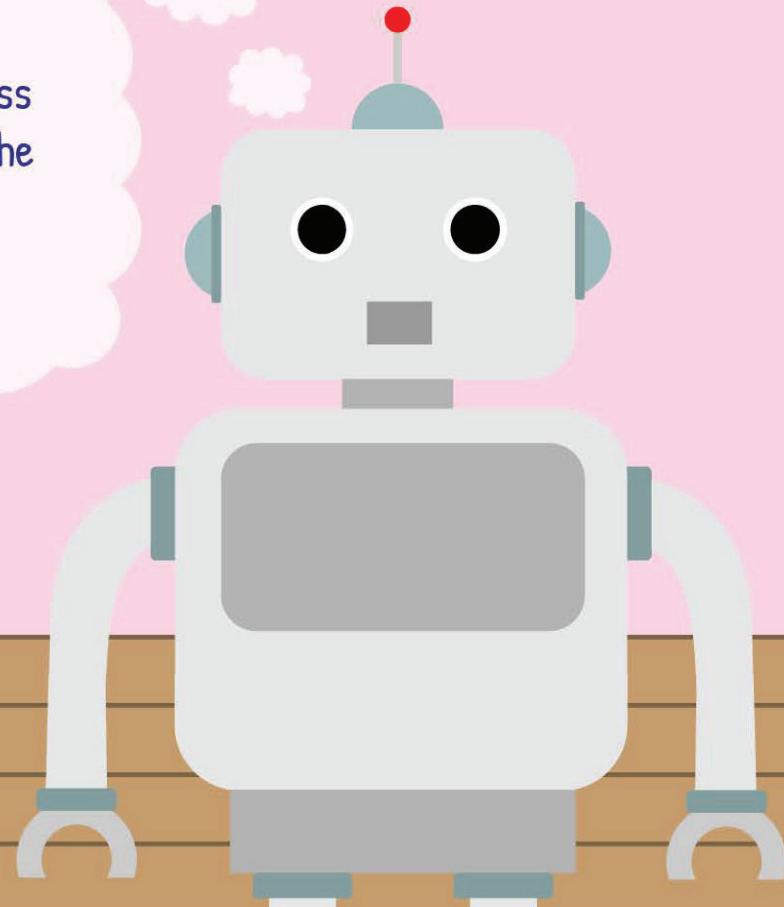


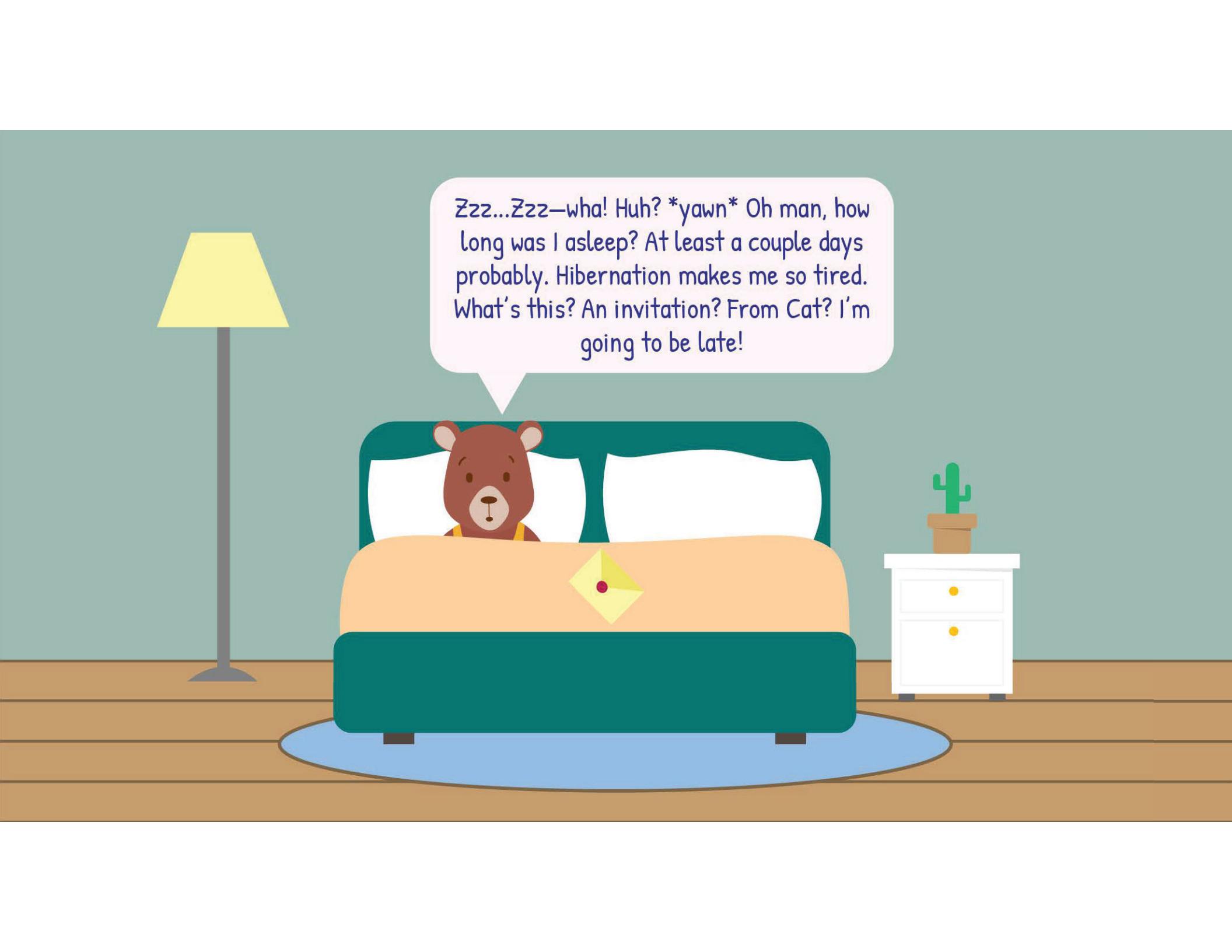


Gasp



A CIRCUS! How do you dress
for a circus? Maybe with the
right makeup...





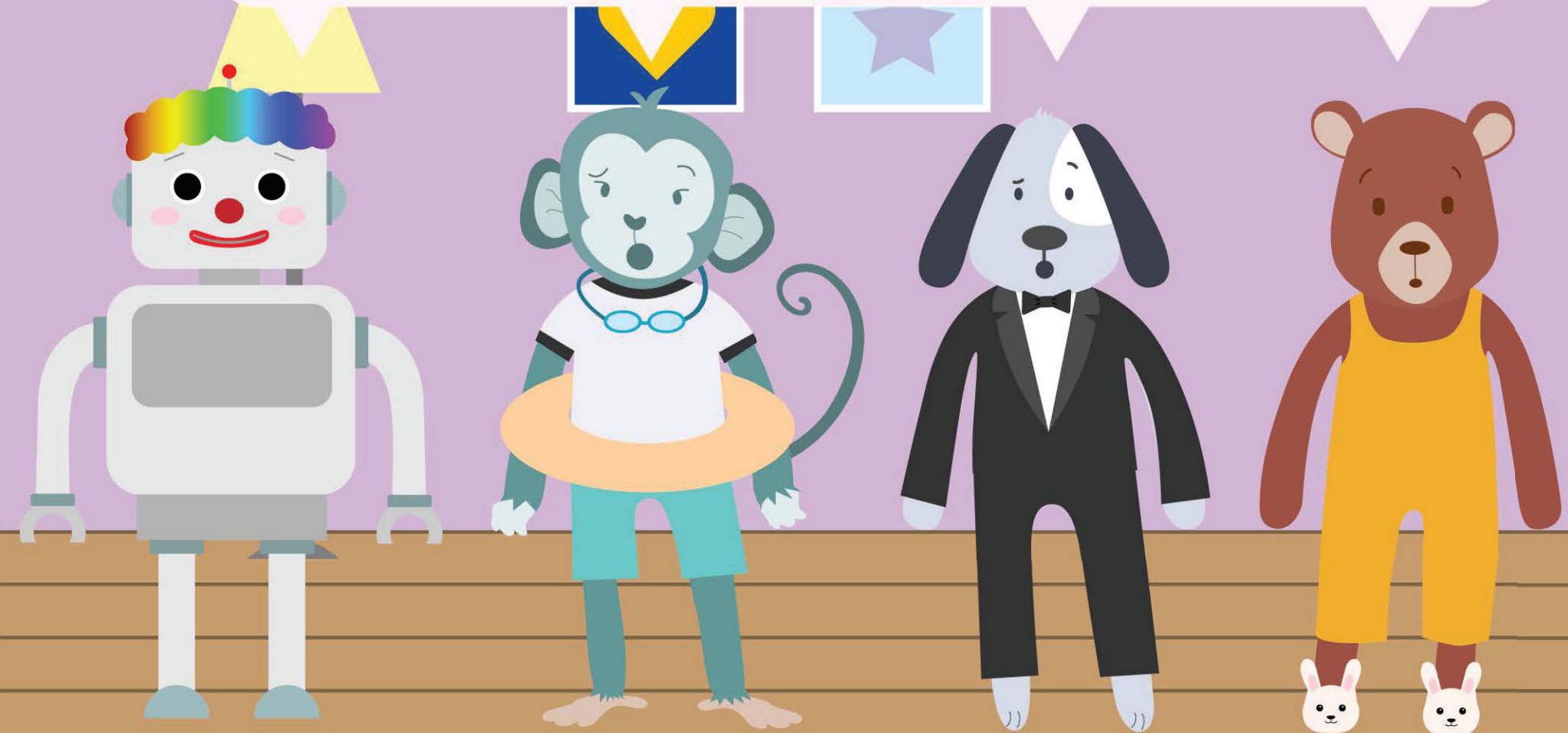
Zzz...Zzz—wha! Huh? *yawn* Oh man, how long was I asleep? At least a couple days probably. Hibernation makes me so tired. What's this? An invitation? From Cat? I'm going to be late!

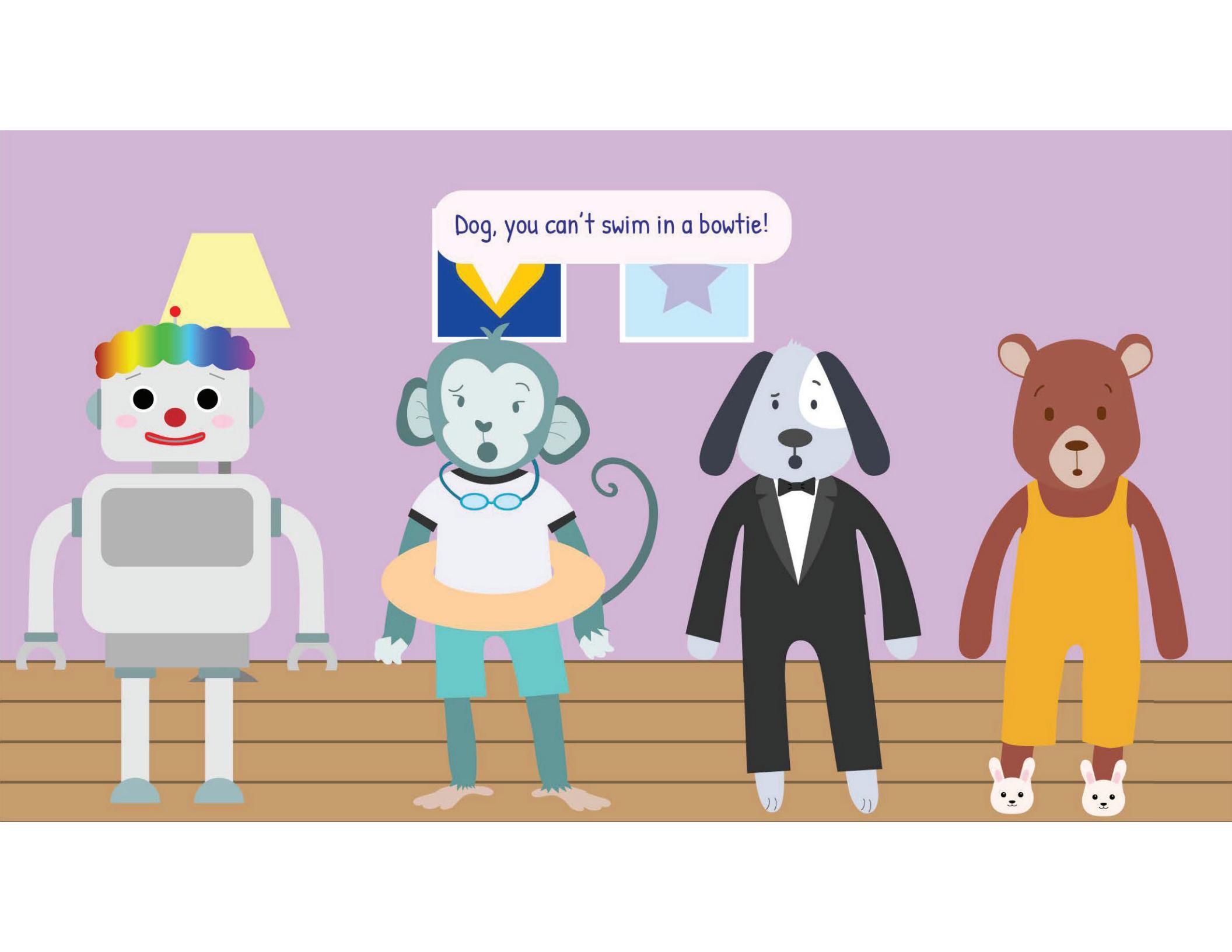


After getting ready, the friends gather.



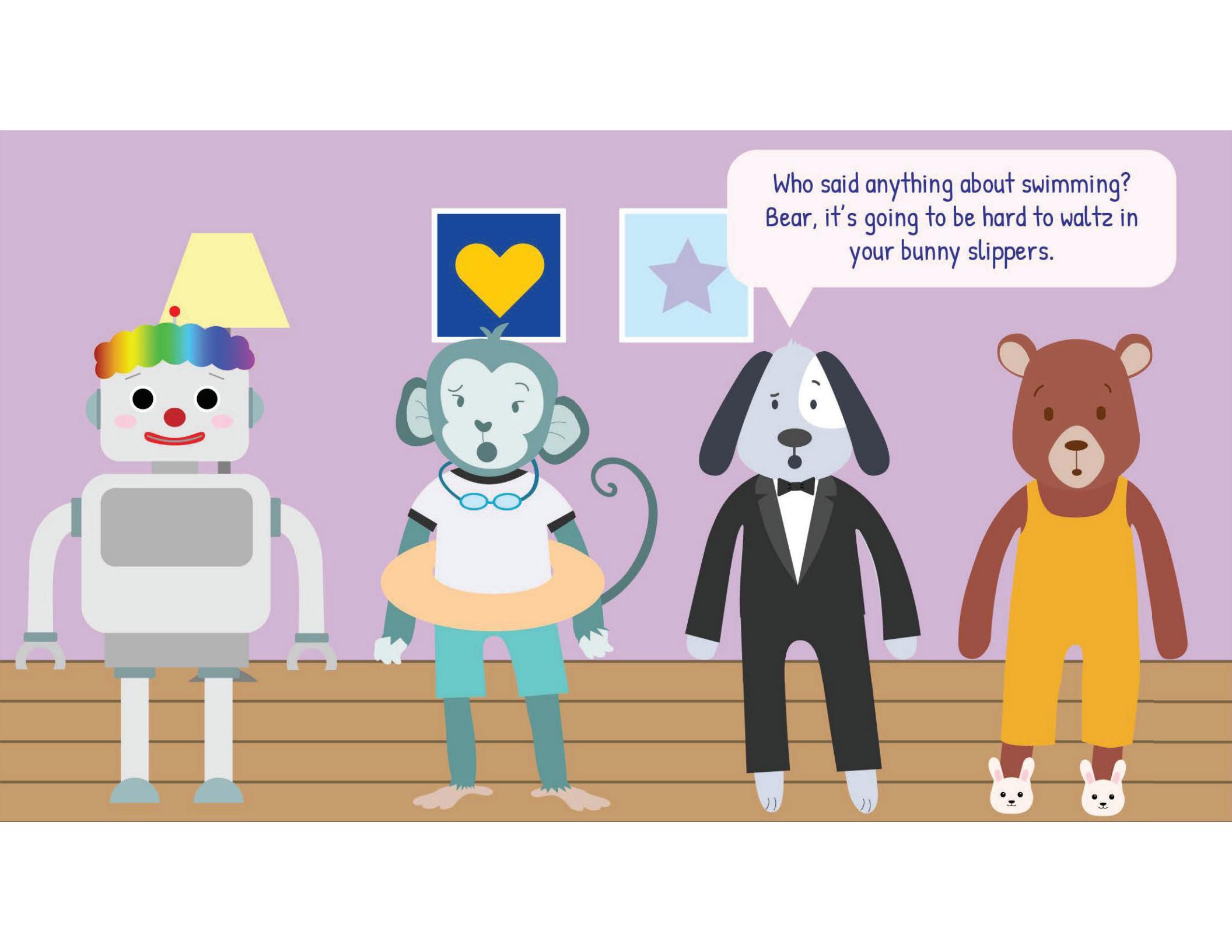
Wow! Everyone looks... different?





Dog, you can't swim in a bowtie!

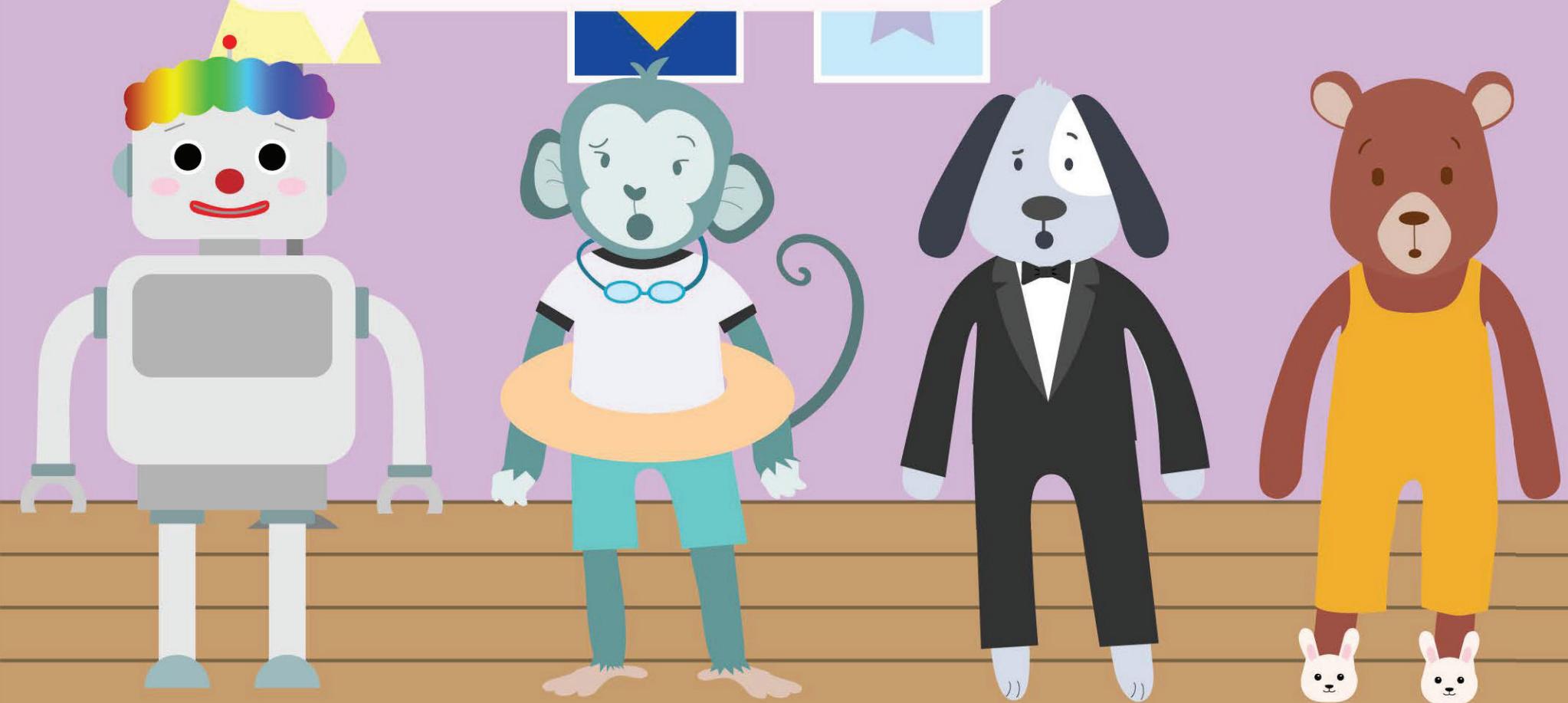




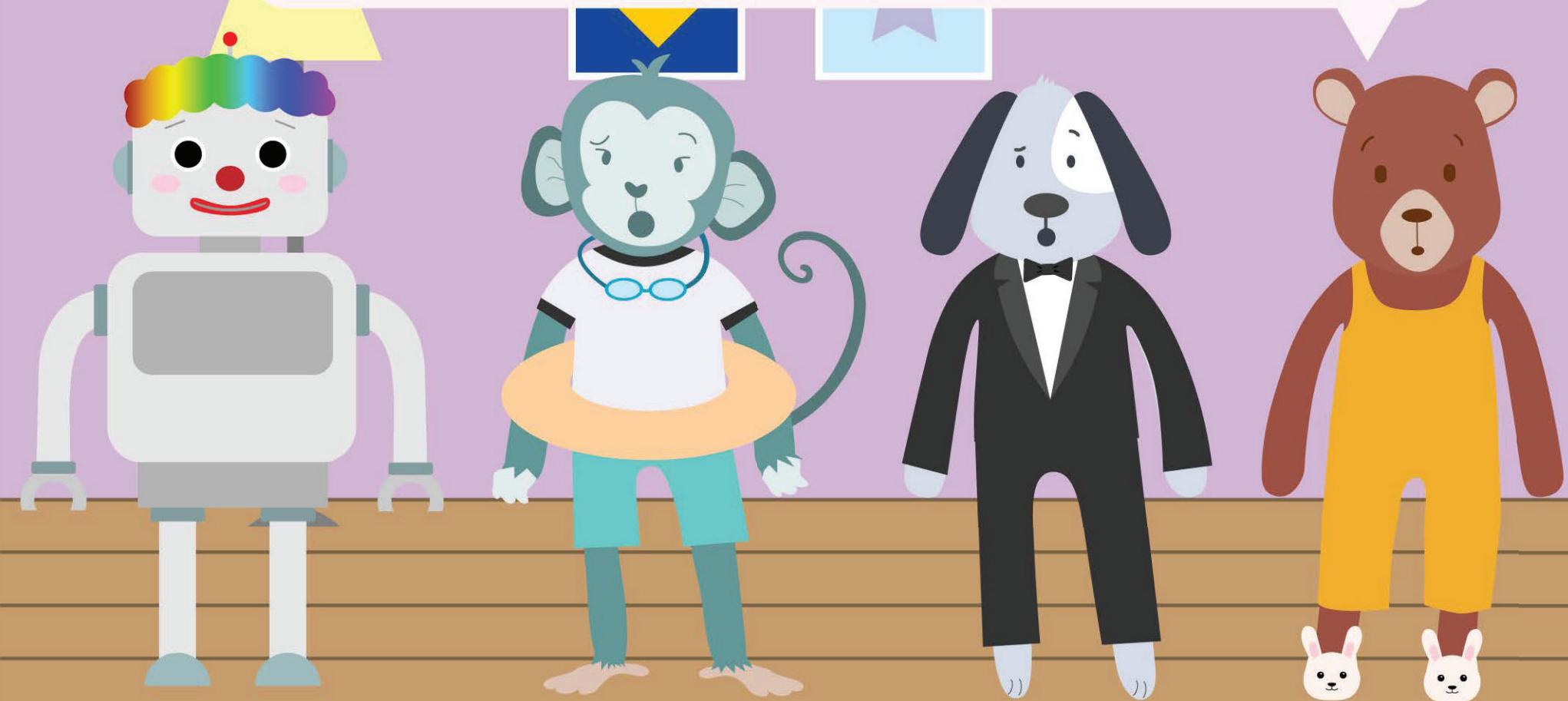
Who said anything about swimming?
Bear, it's going to be hard to waltz in
your bunny slippers.

I just woke up. Why is Robot dressed like a clown?

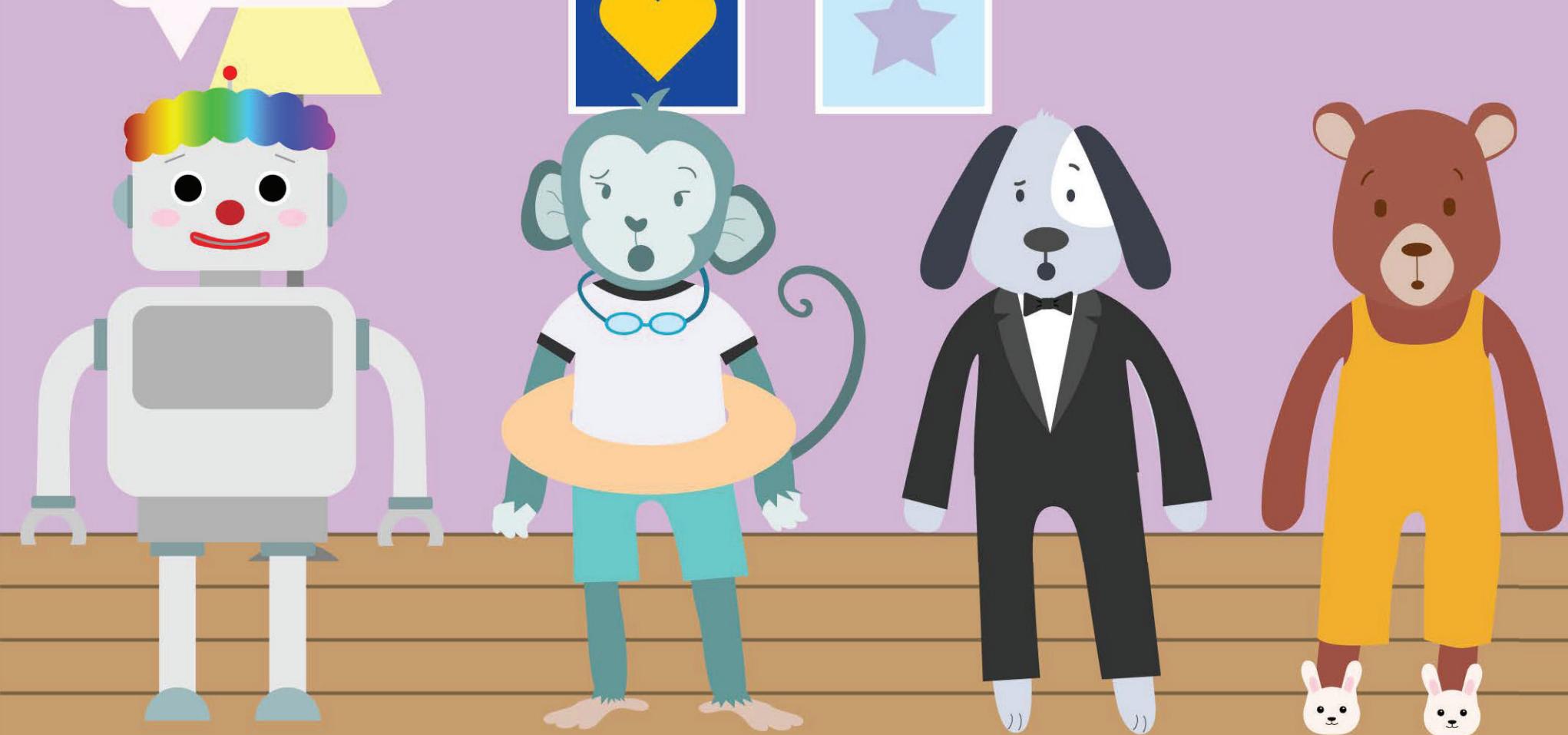
I dressed up for the event! I wanted to match the performers. Monkey, you aren't going to be able to see anyone walk the tightrope through those tiny goggles.



Wait a minute. What kind of party is this? You're all dressed so differently.



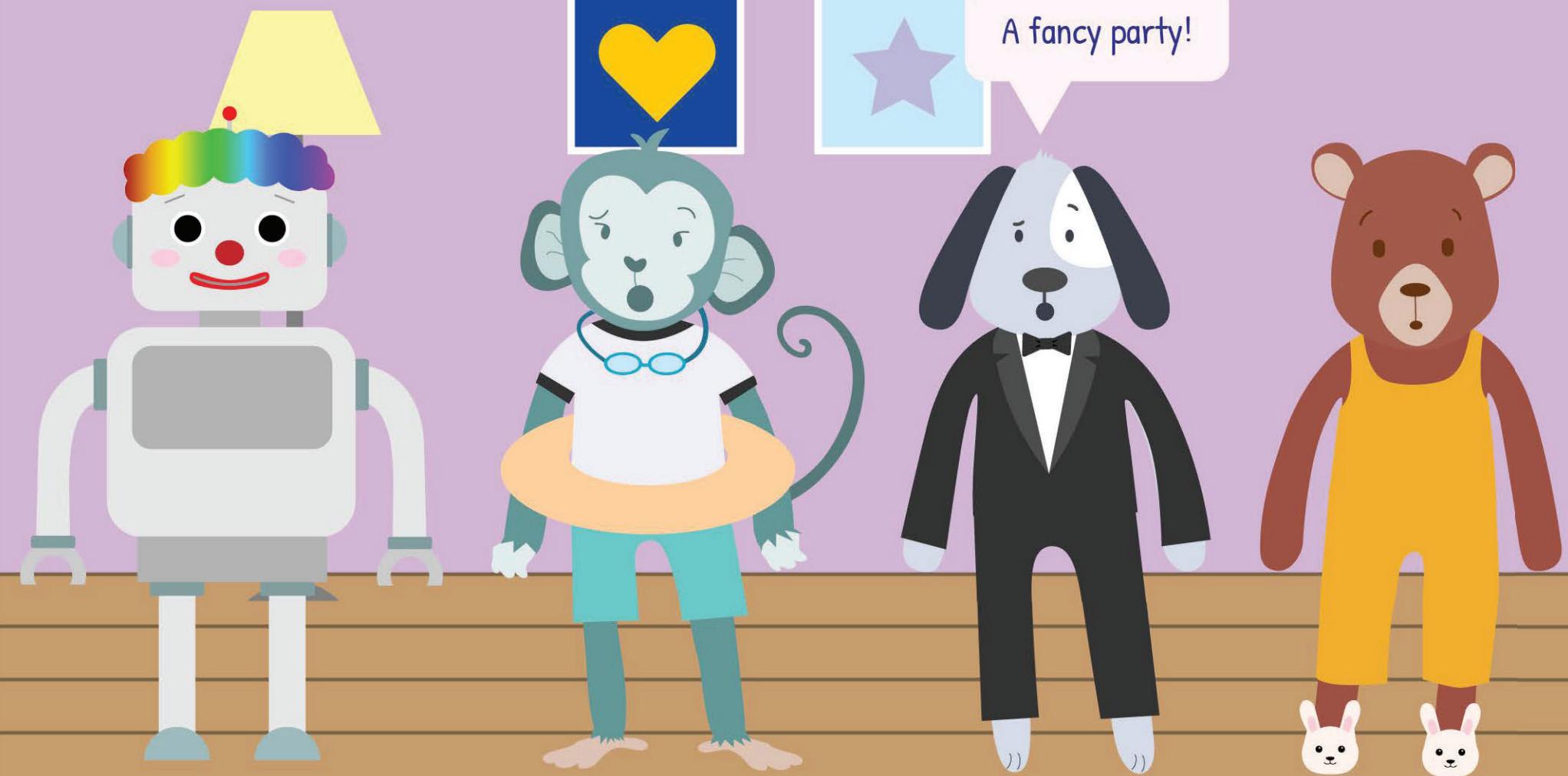
A circus party!



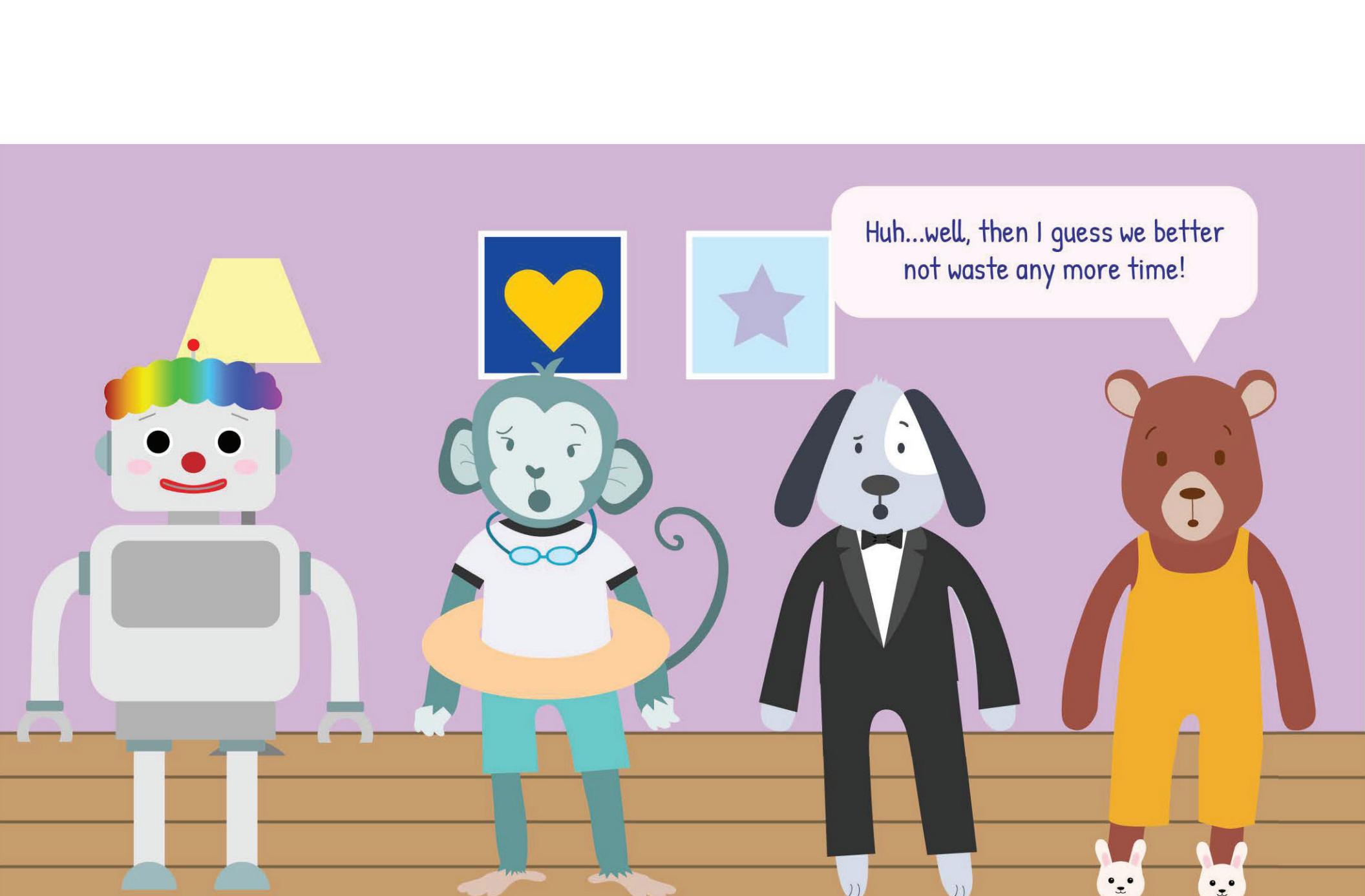


A pool party!





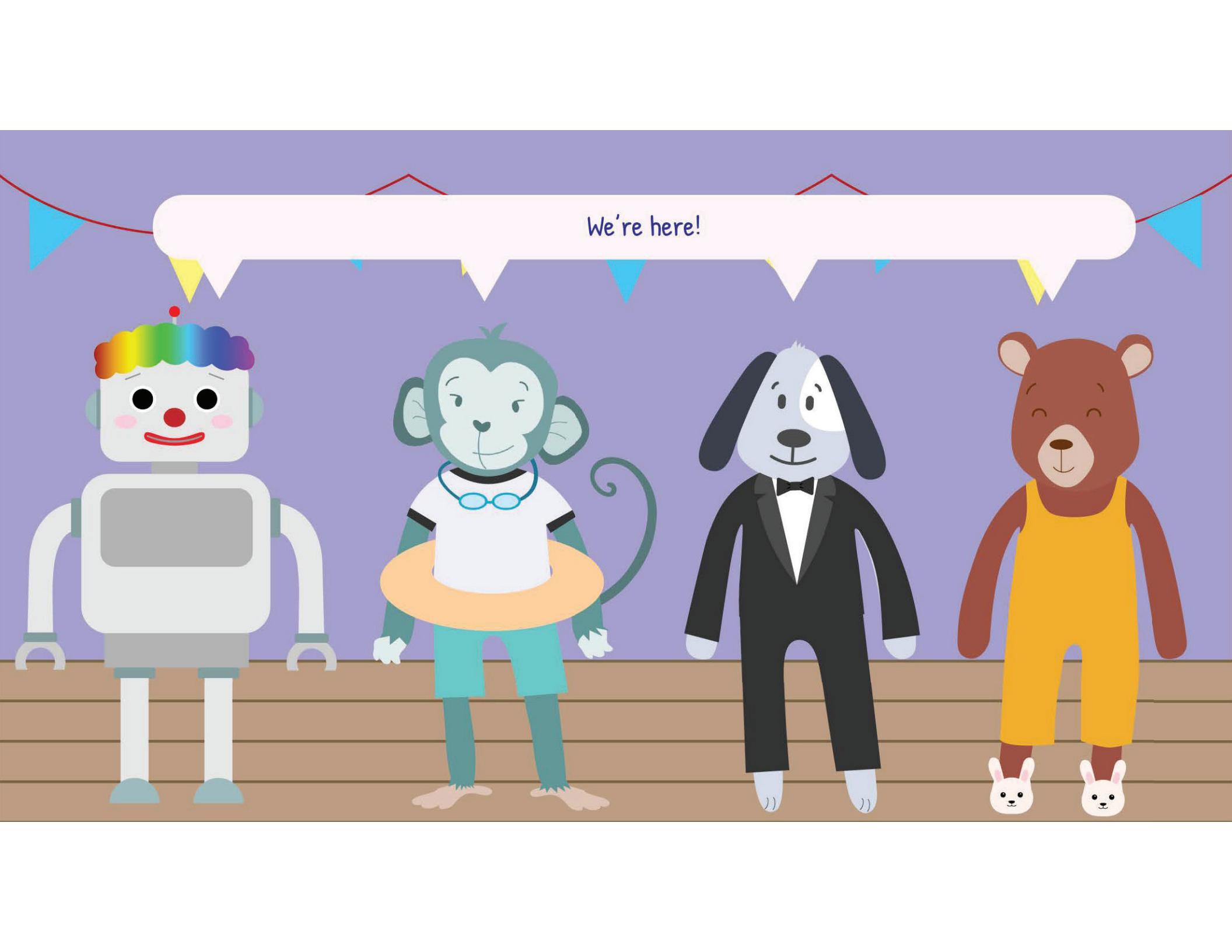
A fancy party!



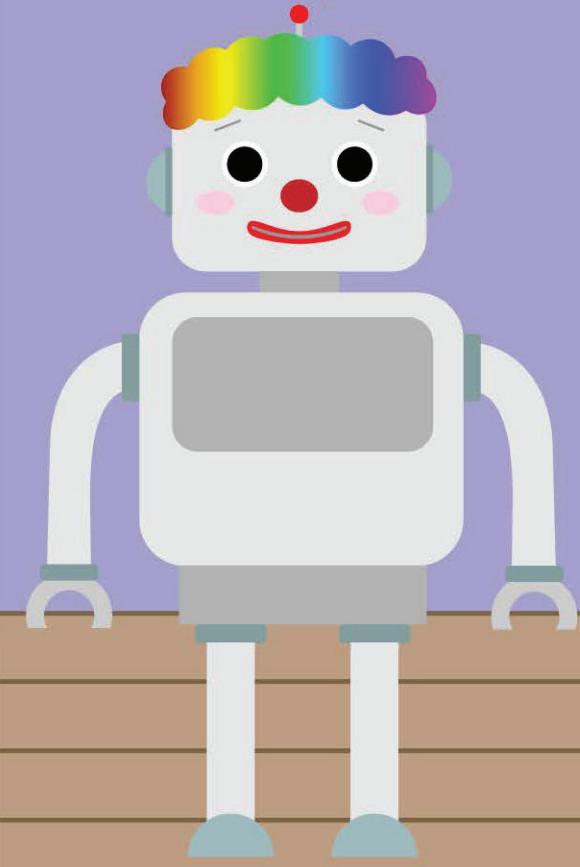
Huh...well, then I guess we better
not waste any more time!

Bear has a point. Let's go.





We're here!



Hello, everyone! I'm so glad you could make it!
What are you all wearing?





Cat's wearing a party hat...





There is a cake on the counter...

There are balloons on
the door...

Didn't Cat say their
special day was soon?





Is this a birthday party?





That's right! ... You
knew that, didn't you?



Maybe we were a little
confused by your invitation.



What kind of party did you
think it was?

The fancy pool circus kind.



Oh. Well, how about we play some games?
Like hide-and-seek?



I can't really play games in
this outfit.





We could eat cake
first!





A group of anthropomorphic animals and a robot are standing on a wooden floor against a purple wall decorated with red string and yellow and blue triangular flags. A white speech bubble originates from the monkey's head.

I can't eat cake right now. It'll
ruin my makeup!



We could watch a funny
video...

I think I'll get cold sitting for
too long in just my swimsuit.



I don't know how to have a party when everyone was expecting something different to happen.



The only other thing I can think of
is...opening presents?





Presents!



That's it! I think maybe it's time everyone changed into regular clothes. While you all do that, I'll find Cat a present!





That's a great idea!



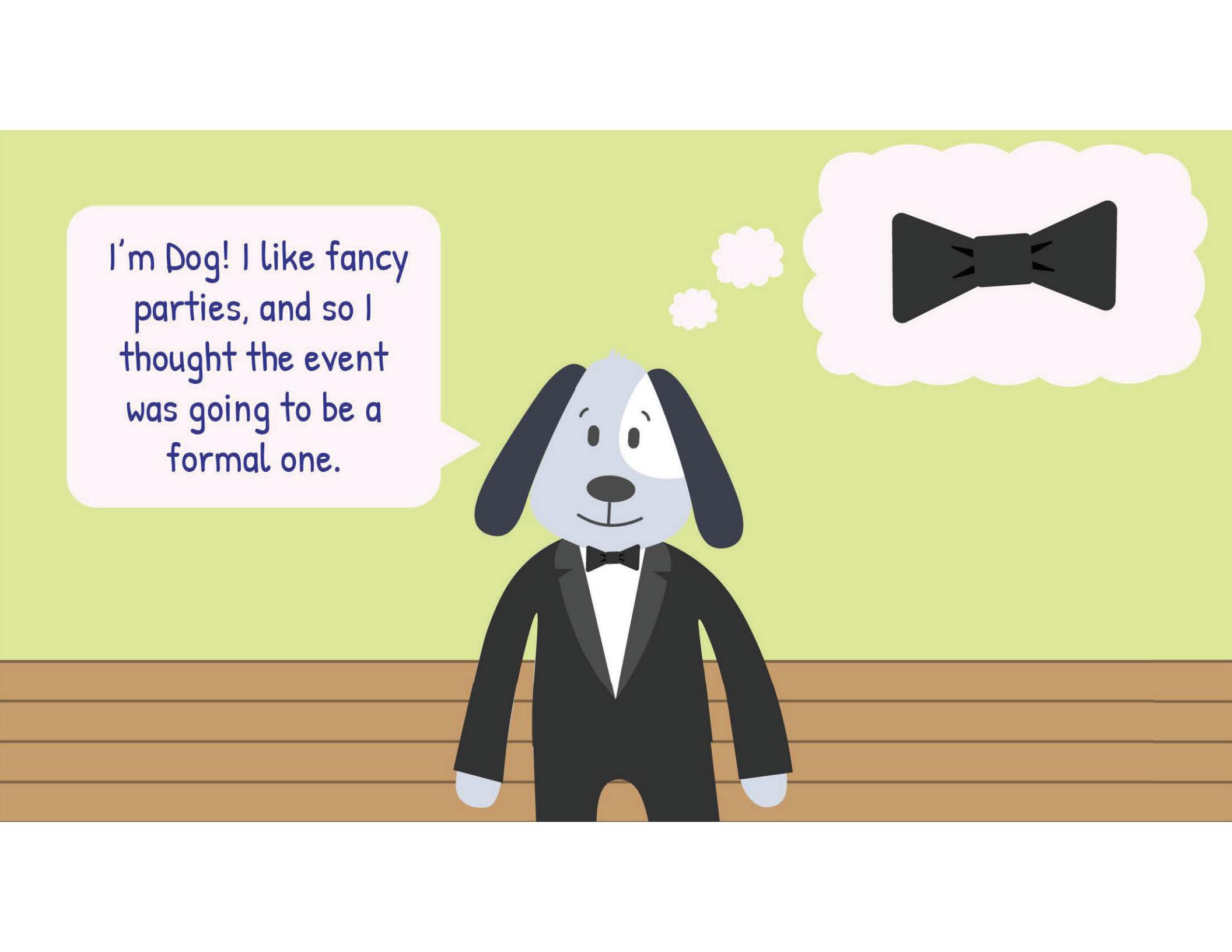
Now we're all dressed
for a birthday party!



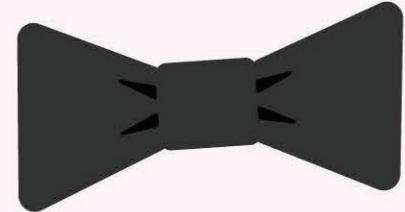
Thanks for adjusting, everyone.
Let's get this party started!

I'm Monkey! I
love swimming, so
I thought the
event was going
to be a pool
party!

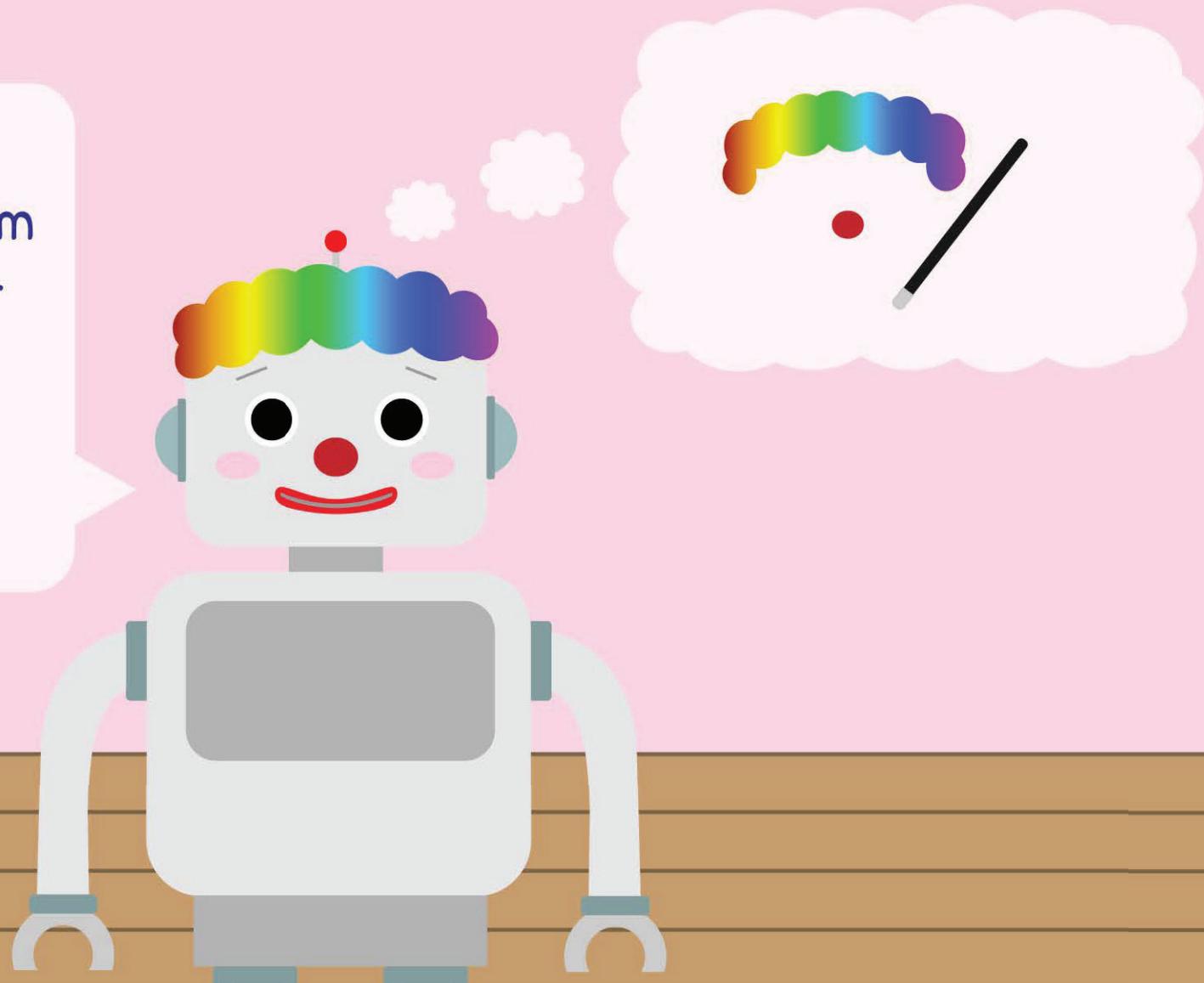




I'm Dog! I like fancy parties, and so I thought the event was going to be a formal one.



I'm Robot! I love entertaining, and I'm always looking for the main event—I thought Cat was having a circus.





I'm Bear! I
just woke up,
so I'm still in
my pajamas.