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Independence Hall Philadelphia, 1786

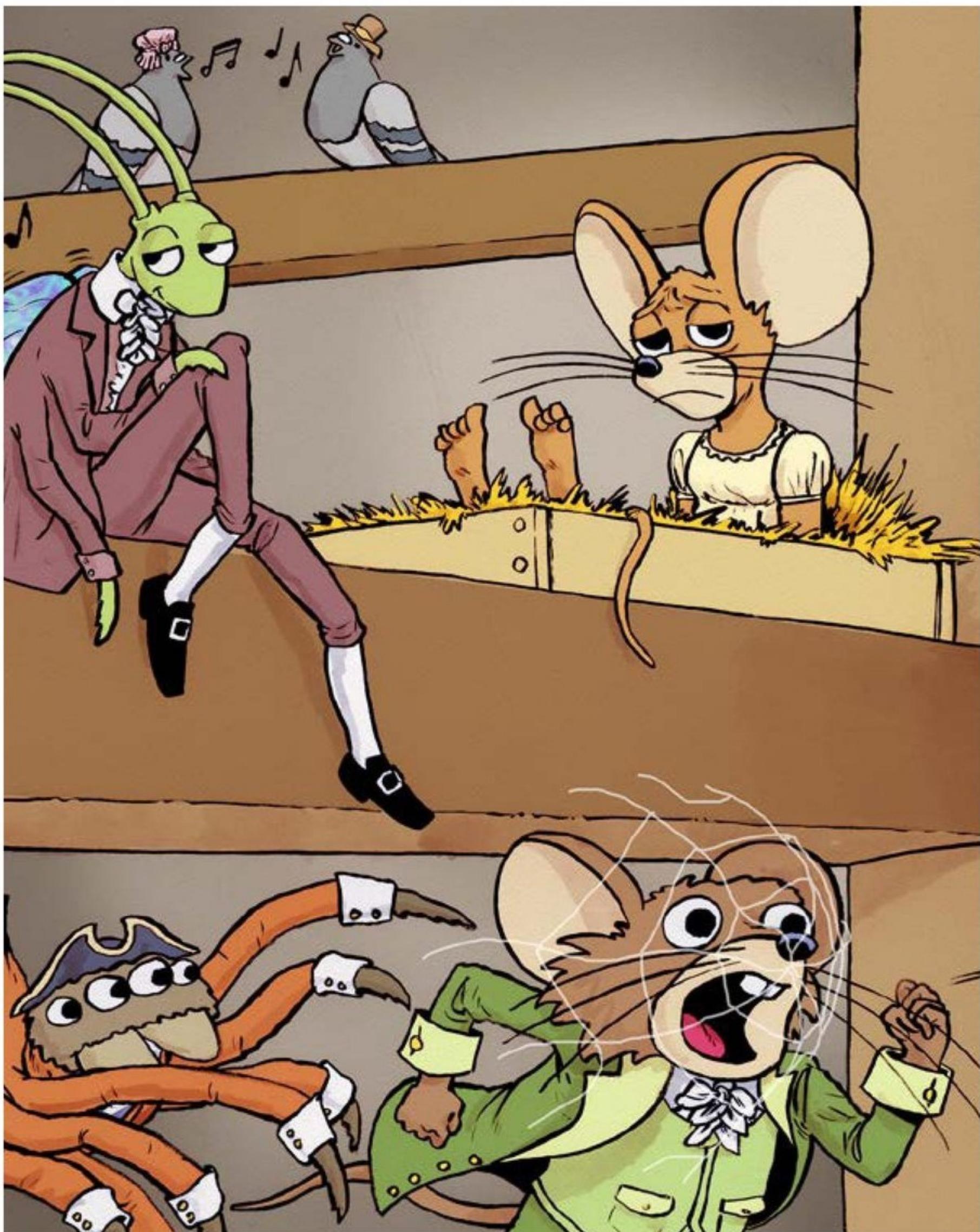
None of the creatures in the hall
were able to sleep.

Every night, the mice would run
through the spiders' webs.

Then the spiders would chase
the mice.



The crickets would chirp all night.
The pigeons in the clock tower
would start singing early in the
morning.
Everyone was tired and unhappy.



Maddy the Mouse had the biggest
ears in the hall.
She heard everything.
She worried that no one would
ever sleep.



Then the humans began meeting
in the hall.

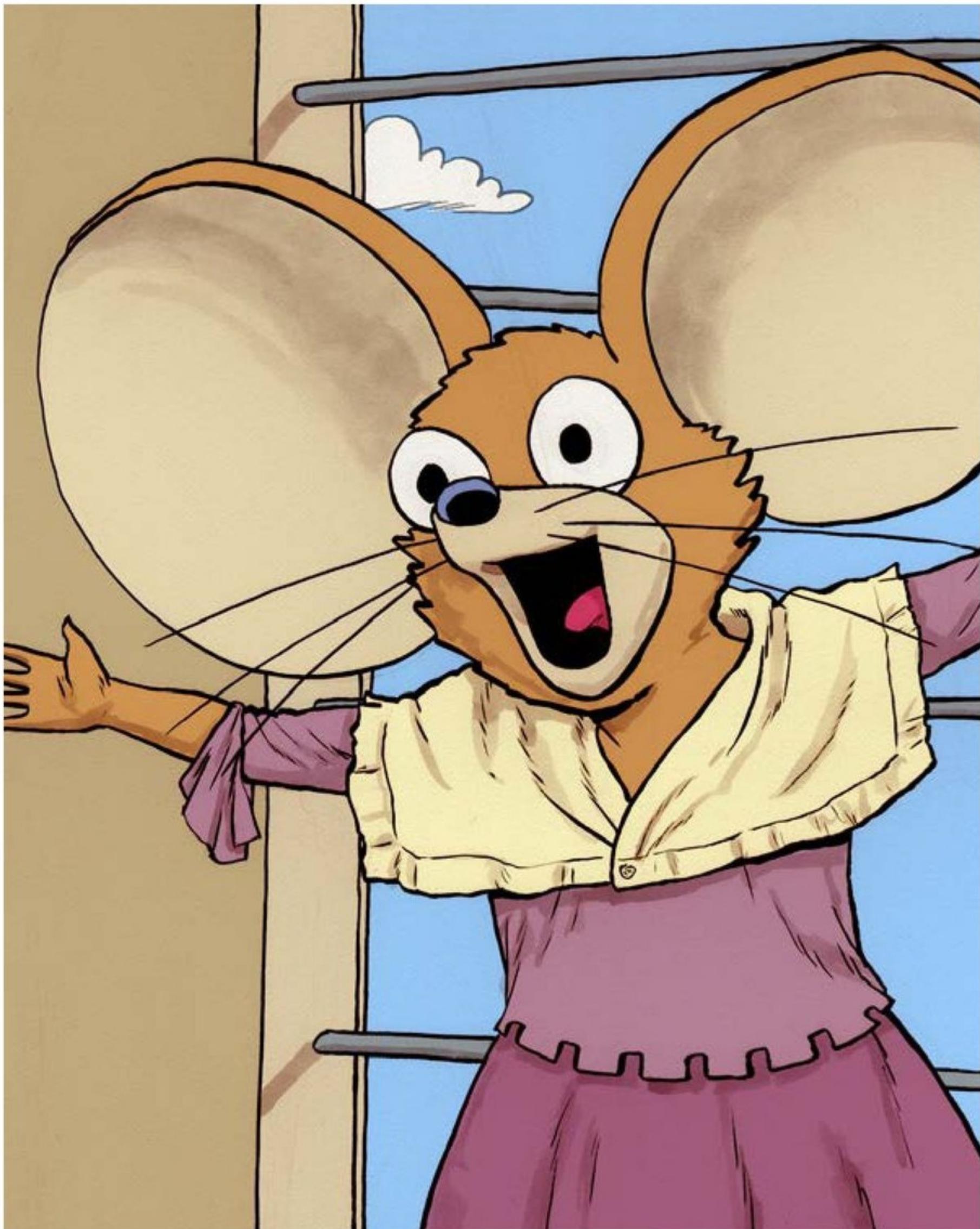
Maddy sneaked into the room and
listened as they talked.

They needed something with **rules**
that everyone would follow.

They called it a **constitution**.

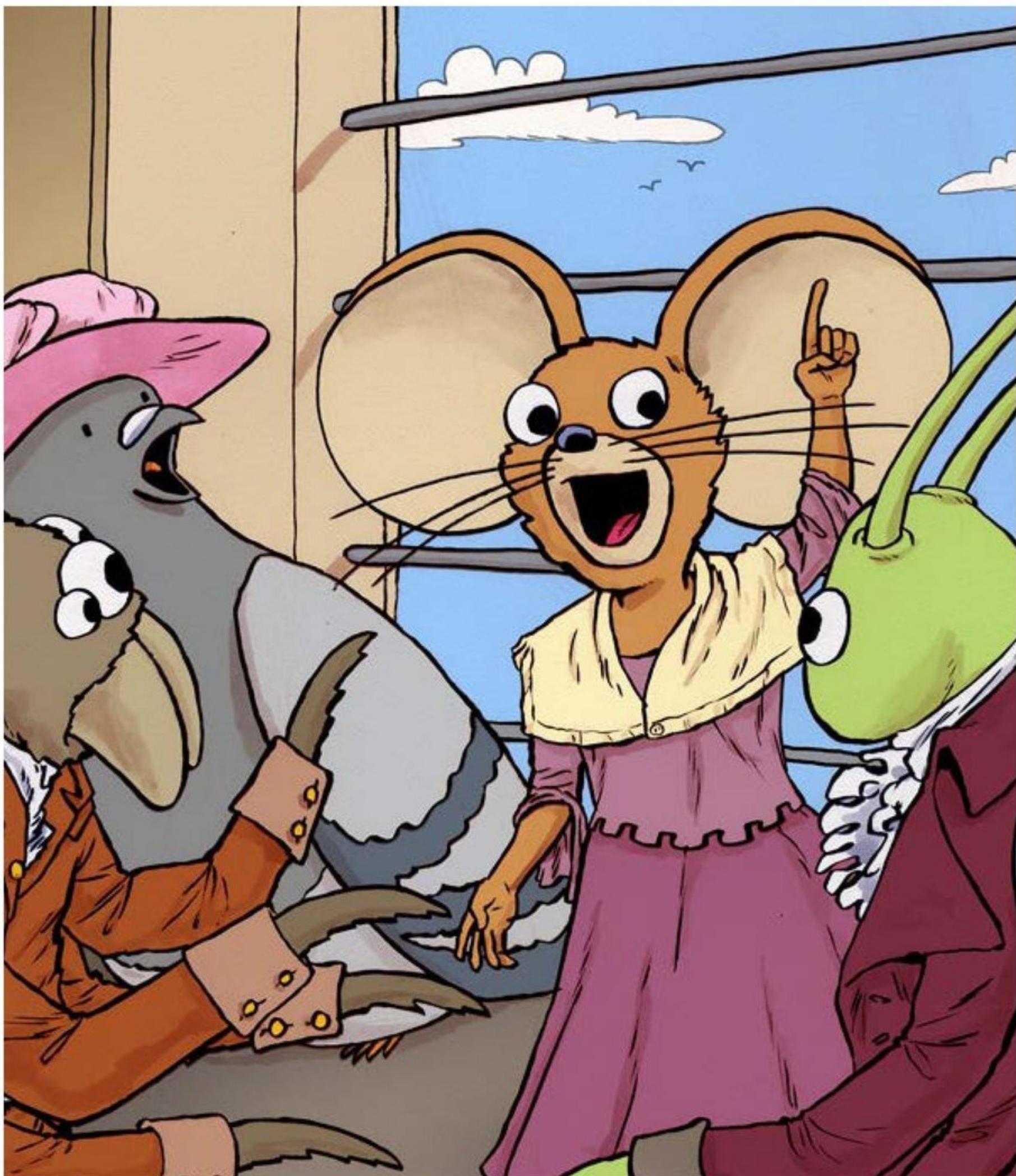


Maddy thought a constitution
was a great idea.
She called a meeting.
Every creature came.
There were so many animals
that they could barely move.



“The humans have a great idea,”
Maddy said.

“They are writing a constitution.
We should have our own
constitution.”



“What’s a constitution?” asked
a pigeon.

“It’s a list of rules for us to live by,”
Maddy said.

“We need rules so we can all sleep.”
All the creatures **agreed**.



“There are too many of us
to talk about the rules right now,”
Maddy said.
“Each group should pick five
creatures to talk for them at
a meeting tomorrow.
They will decide what the new rules
will be.”



The groups each went back
to where they lived.
They picked animals to speak
for their group.



The next day, the chosen creatures met.

Everyone listened to each other's problems.



When the groups started to **argue**,
Maddy reminded them to work
together.

Each group then shared the
rules that they thought would let
everyone sleep better.

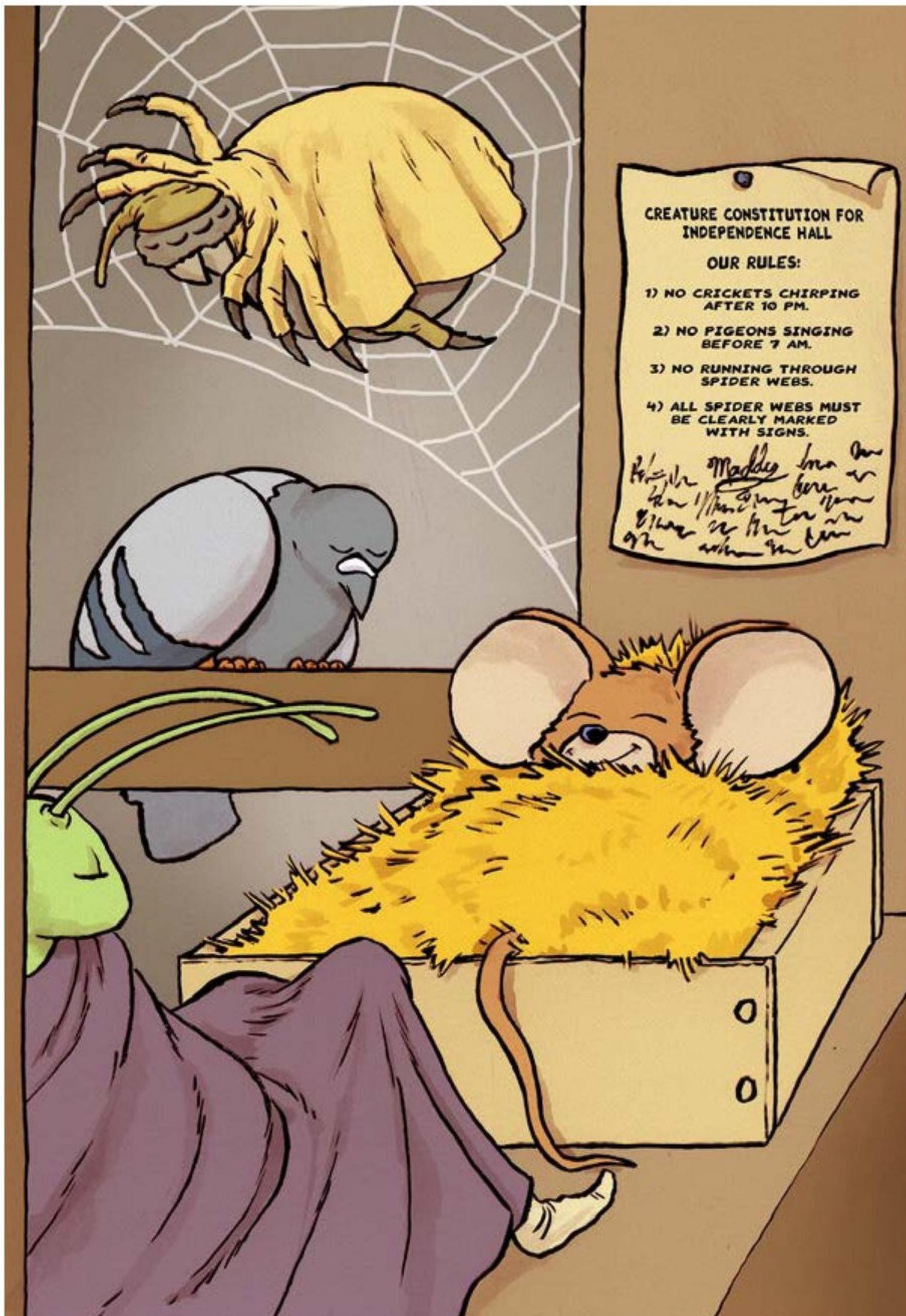
They came up with rules that
everyone could agree on.



Maddy had found a way for them to all work together.

The creatures asked Maddy to be their leader.

They would bring new problems to Maddy and the other groups.



The night they signed their constitution, the creatures in the building all had a good night's sleep.

Glossary

agreed (v.)	to have the same opinion (p. 9)
argue (v.)	to disagree; to give reasons for or against something (p. 13)
constitution (n.)	the basic laws of a state or nation that tell how the government is run (p. 6)
rules (n.)	things that tell what is or is not allowed (p. 6)
signed (v.)	wrote one's name on something (p. 15)
tired (adj.)	in need of rest or sleep (p. 4)

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