Pipi The Goat

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Pipi sits on the couch and has a snack while waiting for his mom to get home from the market. He sees his friends playing outside, but he would rather stay indoors.
When Pipi’s mother gets home, she shows him the new pair of pants she has gotten him. ‘Yay! I will wear them for the Khmer New Year!’ Pipi exclaims. ‘Would you like to join the New Year’s race this year?’ his mom asks. Pipi squeezes into the new pants. ‘No, thanks, Mom. I’m not interested in running.’
Pipi runs outside to show his dad the new pants. But on the way, rrrriiipp! 'Oh, no!' Pipi shouts. 'My new pants have torn!'
Pipi runs to change his pants. He is disappointed that they are already ruined.
Pipi asks his mother if she can patch them.

‘No,’ she replies, ‘I am busy preparing for the New Year’s celebration.’
Pipi asks his dad if he can patch them.

‘Yes,’ he replies, ‘But you need to find needle and thread for me first.’
Pipi looks everywhere for the needle and thread. He looks in the dresser, in the closet, on top of the closet, and in the sewing basket.
Exhausted, Pipi runs back to his dad. ’Did you find the needle and thread?’ Dad asks. ’No. Oh, Dad, I am so tired and my knees hurt.’ Dad explains that this is because Pipi does not move around very much.
Pipi thinks of the puppy and monkey he sees exercising in the village every morning. He doesn’t like exercise, but maybe it would help.
The next morning, Pipi decides to join his friends. He is not very fast and has a hard time keeping up with Monkey and Puppy.
Because he is tired, Pipi suddenly slips and falls. ‘Ouch!’ Monkey and Puppy help Pipi up.
The next day, Pipi does not want to run anymore because his knees and body hurt. But his dad reminds him that the more he plays outside and exercises, the sooner he can fit into his new pants! The New Year’s celebration is only a few weeks away.
Pipi starts playing with his friends outside every day. They run, play football, or play badminton. It isn’t long before his knees stop hurting and he can play for longer without getting tired!
Finally, the day of the New Year’s celebration has arrived. Pipi feels so strong and healthy he even decides to join the New Year’s race!
At the finish line, his parents bring Pipi his new pants. They fit perfectly!
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