



# First Place

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Rabbit was about to start at a new school. He was so nervous!

"How will I make new friends?" he wondered. "Maybe if I come in first place at everything, people will like me!"



On the first day of school, Rabbit woke up before the sun. He wanted to reach the school first, before anyone else.





But Bee, Cat and Owl  
are already there.

"I'll have to try to be  
first at something  
else," he thought.



A few weeks later, it was Rabbit's birthday and the whole class celebrated with cake. Rabbit was determined to eat more cake than anyone else in his class.



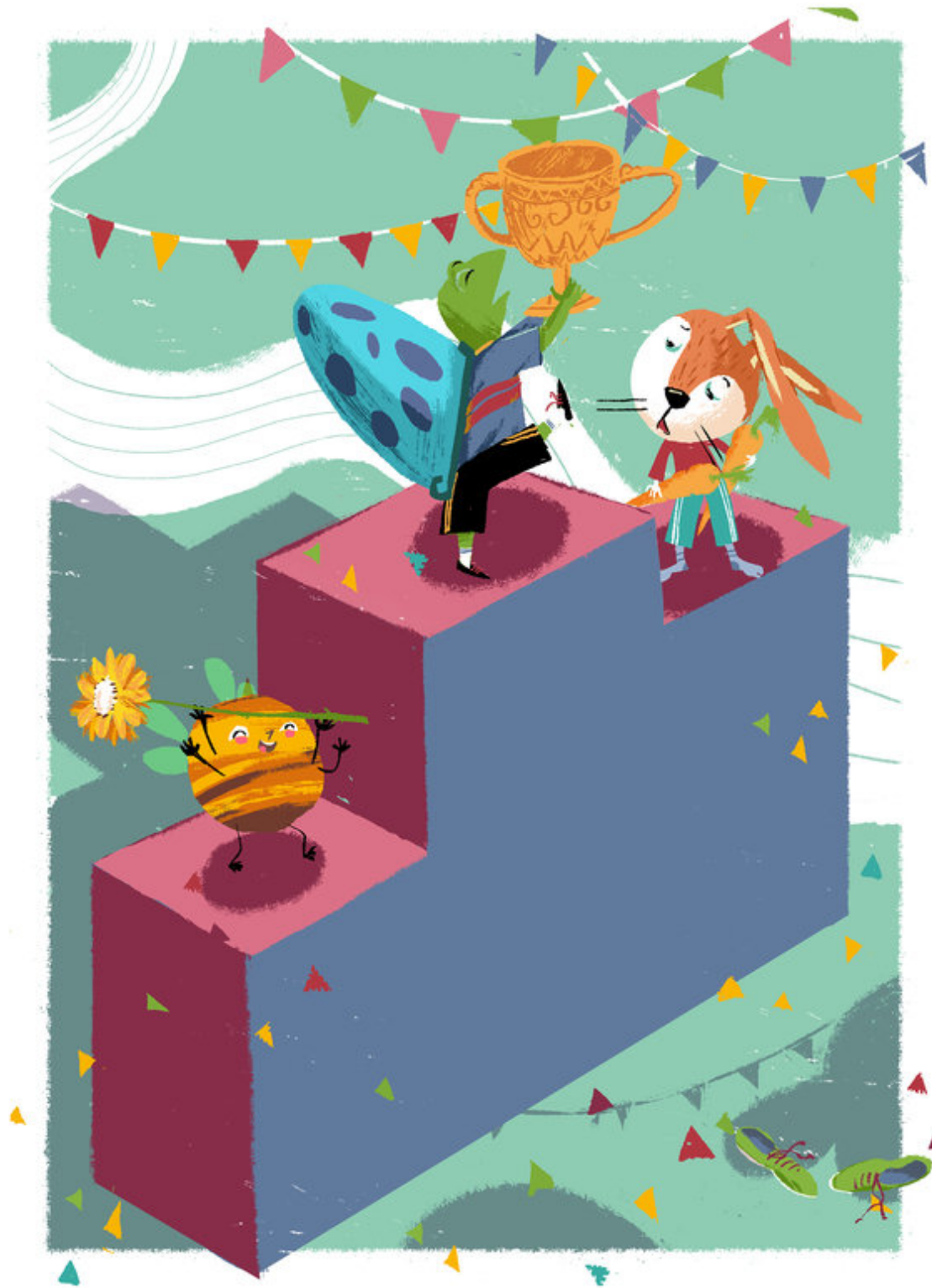
But the big-bellied Pig  
and the quick-pawed  
Dog beat him to it.





"I know!" Rabbit thought. "Sports Day is coming up! I'll practice hard and be first place in the footrace!"

He trained every day after school.



But the slow and steady Turtle won the race instead. How strange!

"Second place again," thought Rabbit sadly.





The school held an art competition, so Rabbit tried his best to draw the prettiest picture.





But the clever Dog  
drew the best one.



A few months had gone by and the class had an essay due. Rabbit was determined to write the longest essay in the whole class.



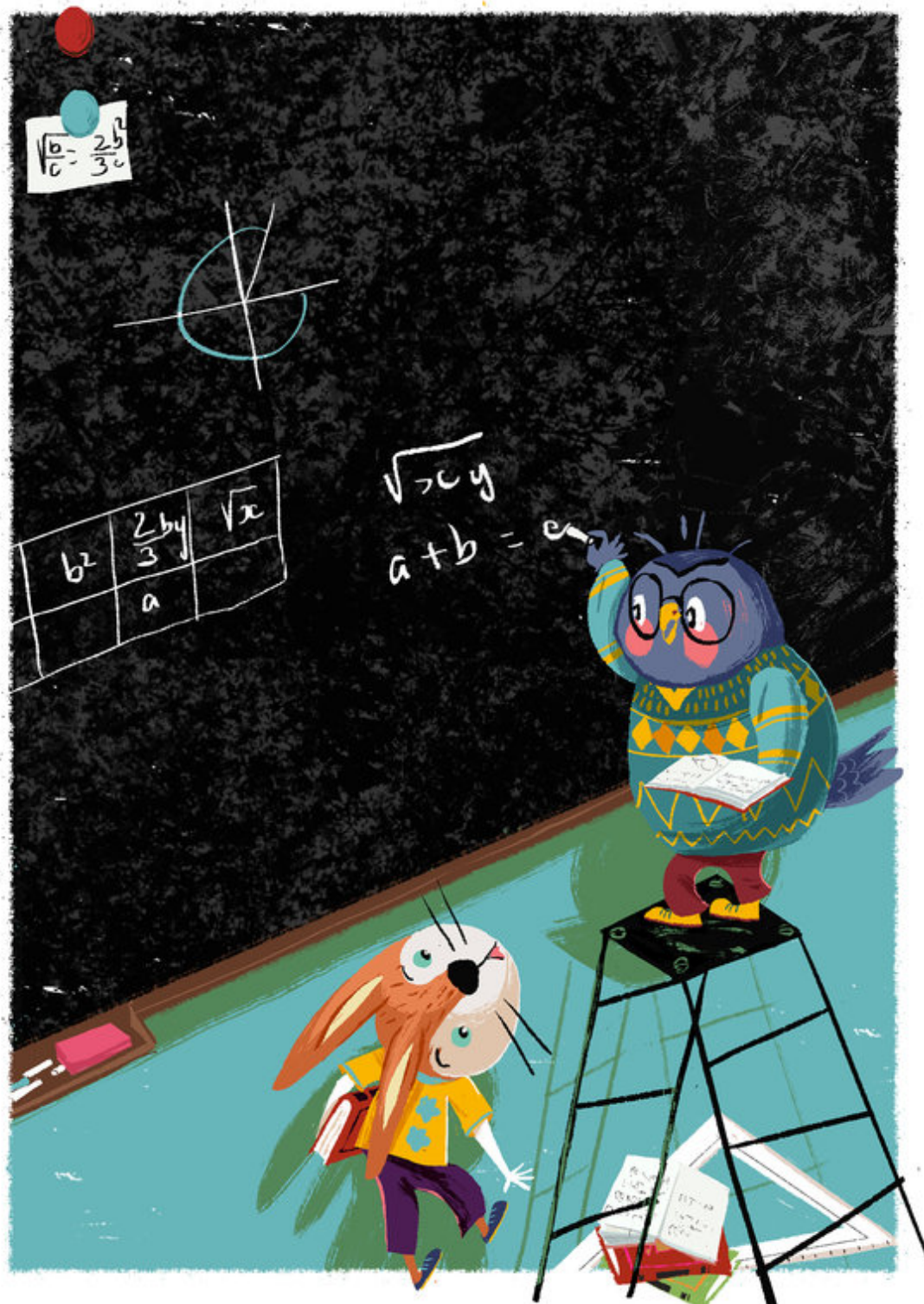


But the sentimental  
Cat wrote an even  
longer one.



Finally, during math class, Rabbit went to the board and tried to solve a math sum with the least number of steps. He felt certain that he would be the best at math!





But the wise Owl went up to the board and solved it faster. Rabbit was beaten again!





Rabbit was crushed.  
He trudged back sadly  
to his desk with his  
head hanging low.



He burst into tears.  
“I can’t win first place  
in anything! No one  
will ever want to be my  
friend!”



Bee, Turtle, Pig, Dog, Cat and Owl came over to comfort him. "You don't need to come in first place to impress us. You are already our friend - and we like you very much!"





Now, Rabbit has the most number of friends. He's friends with his whole class!

Finally, a first place for Rabbit!





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## First Place (English)

Rabbit just transferred to a new school and hopes to make new friends. He thinks that if he wins first place in everything, then everyone will like him. Do you think Rabbit's plan will work?

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