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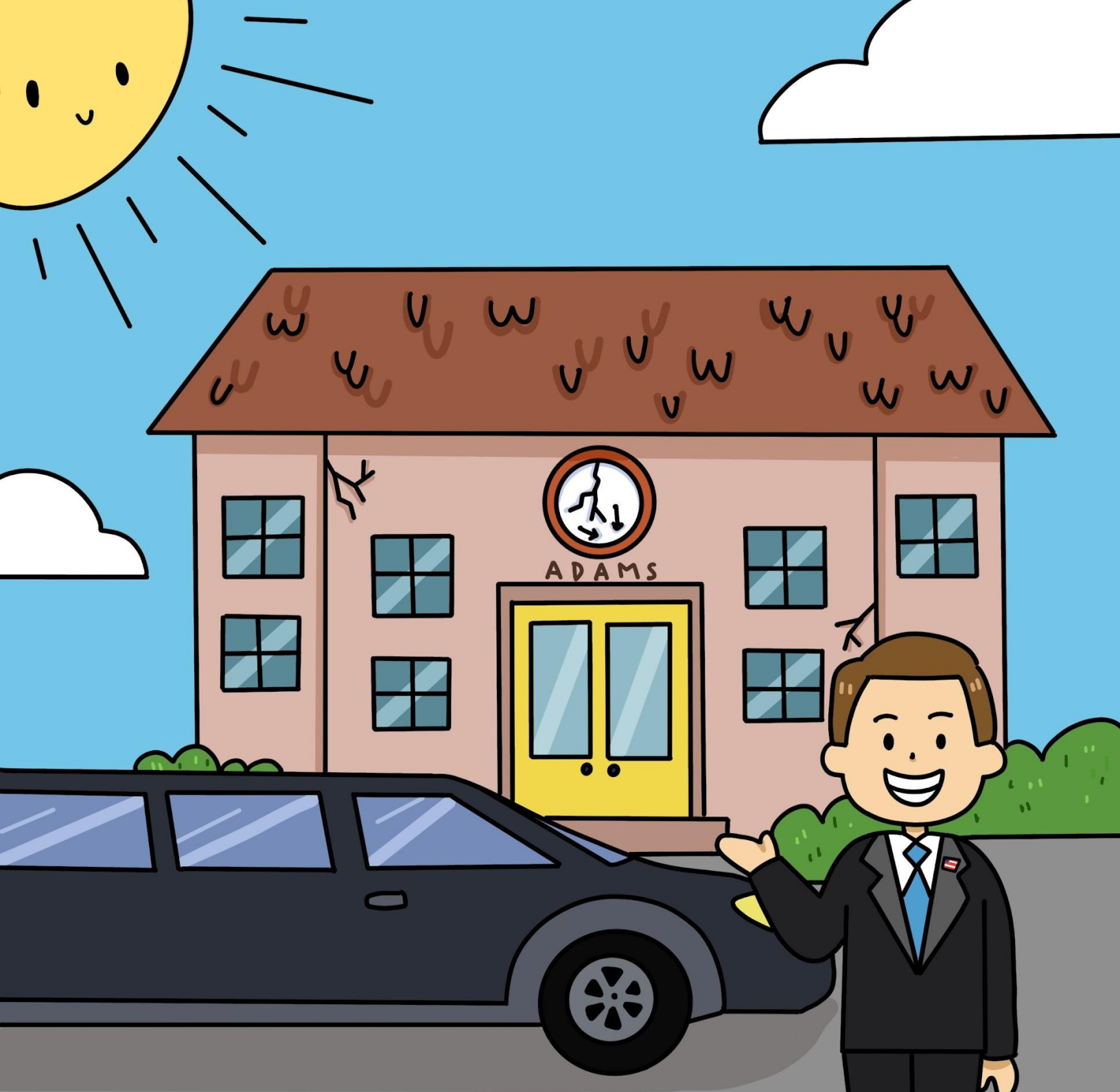
# TEAM

# X



# & THE TALENT SHOW

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The black limo pulls up to the front of Adams Elementary School. The President of the United States steps out!



After all the students gather around him, he announces that he is looking for a group of talented students to perform at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Education Hall.



To choose this special group of students, Mr. President is hosting a talent competition with the categories decided by a big spinning wheel...sports...music...and cooking!





The students chatter  
and turn to their  
friends to form teams.

Three groups emerge...

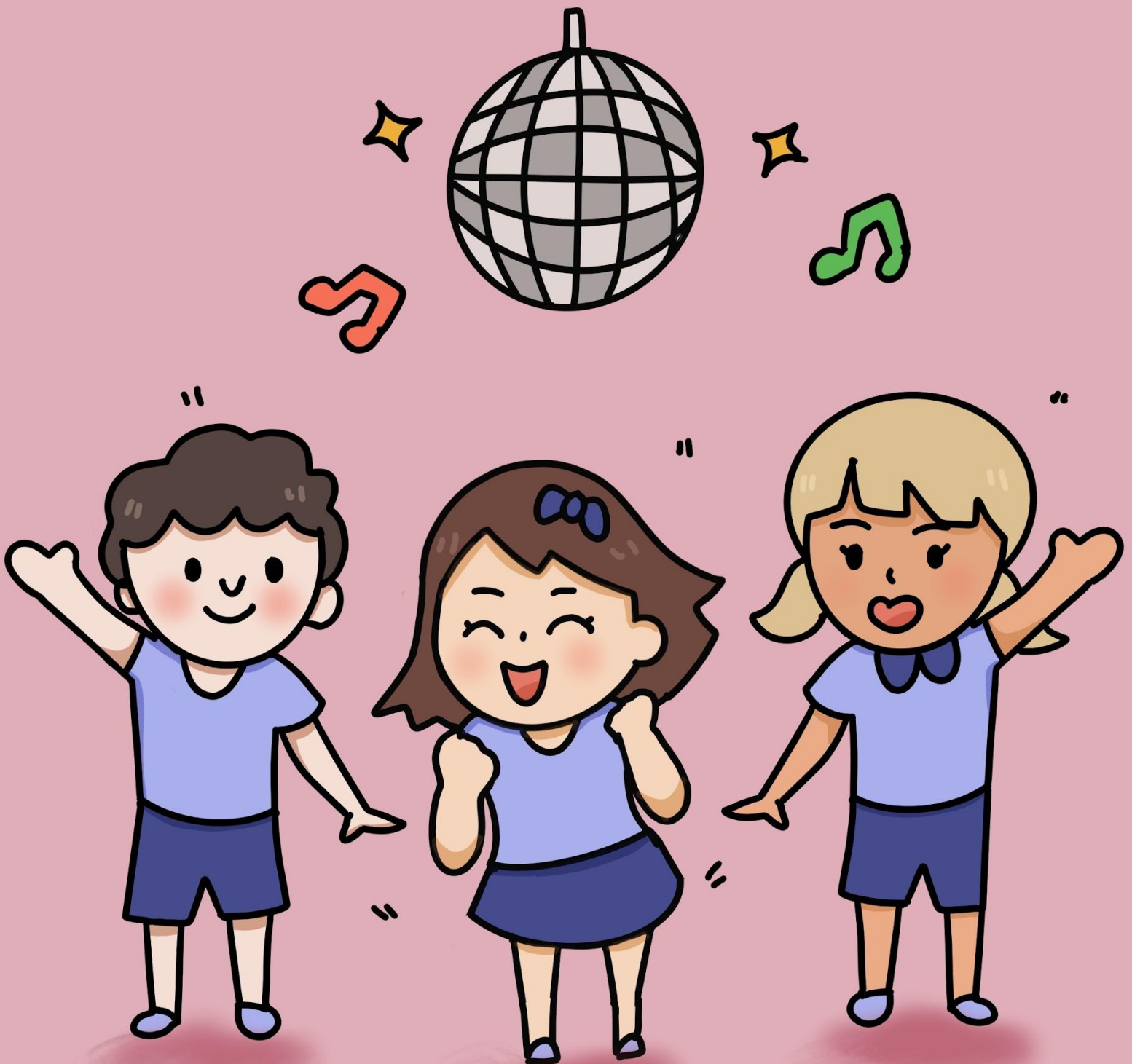




The basketball team comes together, each proudly sporting their jersey numbers and sweatbands.



The dance team giggles excitedly,  
jumping around in anticipation.



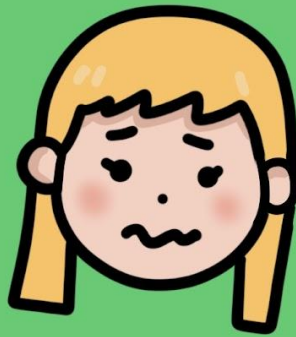
The cooking class dusts their  
hands on their aprons and forms a  
big circle.







Meanwhile, the remaining five students look at each other, and reluctantly join together.

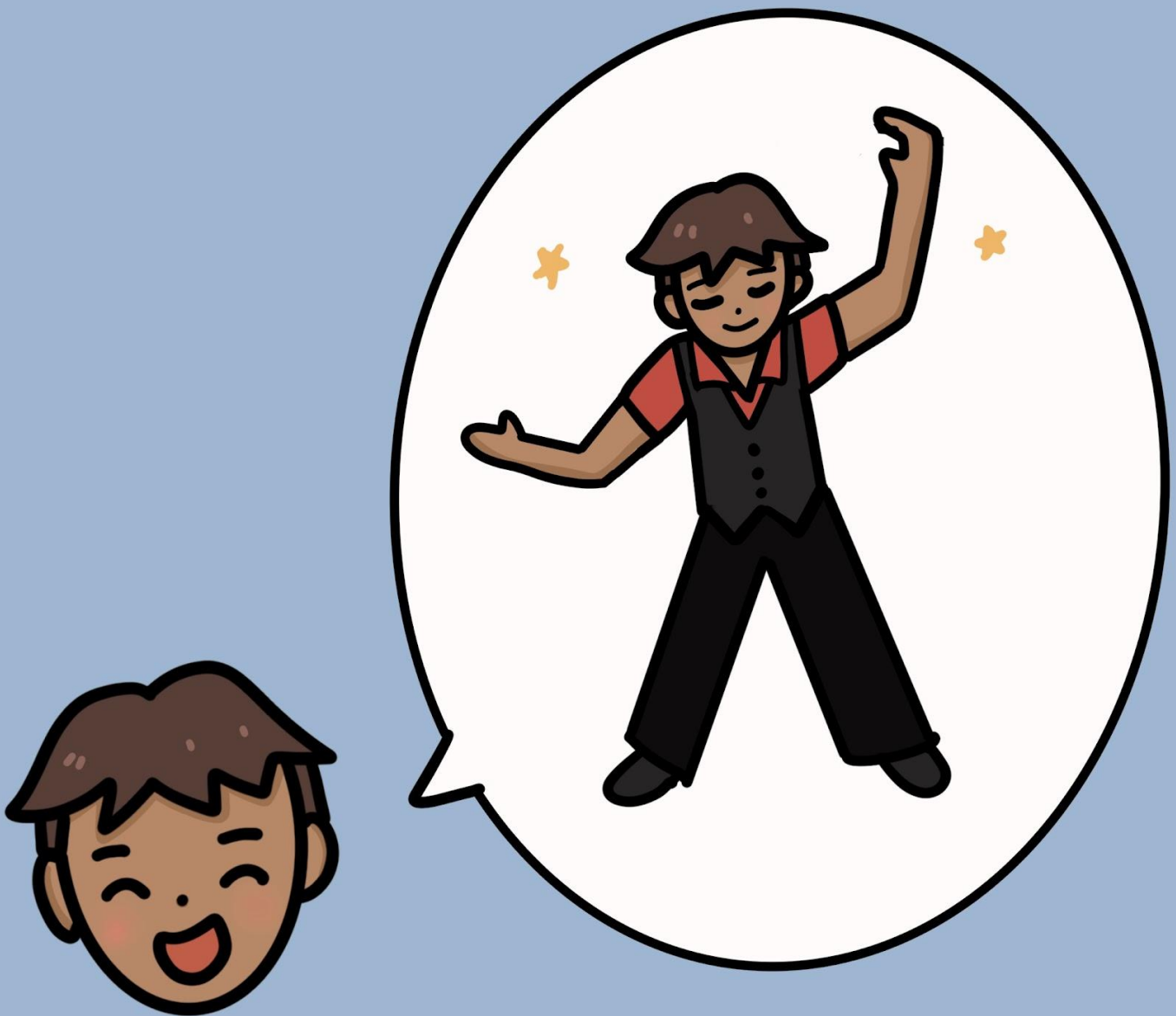


They introduce themselves, and share a skill they think they can bring to the talent show.

Priti loves to do bharatanatyam,  
which is a traditional dance in  
South Asia.



Hector is so impressed by Priti's dance skills. He shares that he also loves to dance!



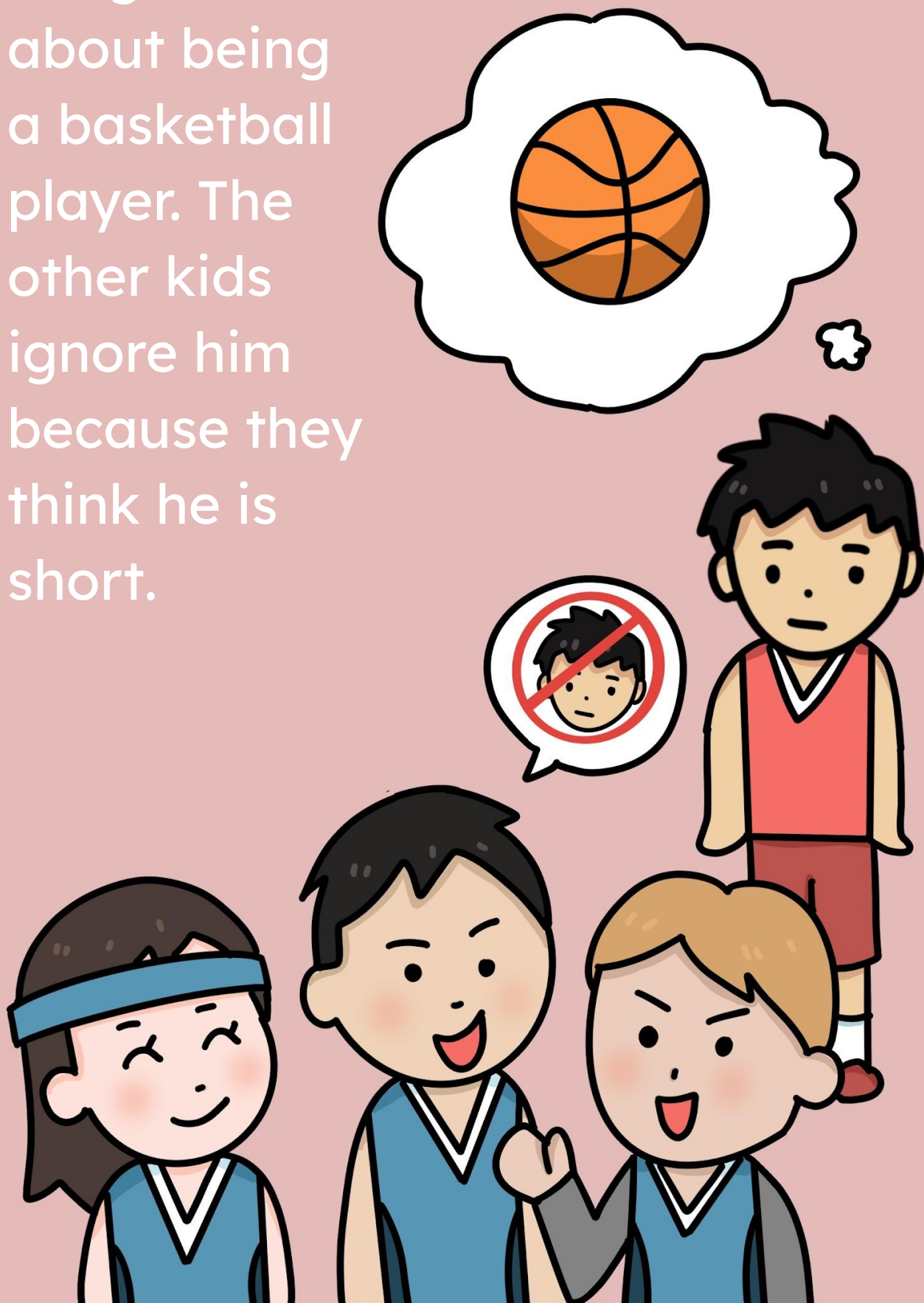
He is a pro salsa dancer.



Sara can make music out of anything! She picks up some cans and starts making a beat while Hector and Priti dance.



Lang dreams about being a basketball player. The other kids ignore him because they think he is short.



Carter pipes in that he loves playing basketball. He says that he can't move super fast on the court, but can make shots from almost anywhere. Plus, it makes his arms nice and strong!





They decide to call themselves  
Team X.



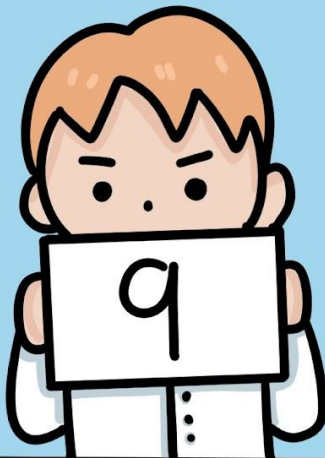
They are scared they're going to lose  
in comparison to the other  
groups...but realize that they can put  
something special together...

The day of the competition is here!  
The first challenge is sports, and  
the President and his entourage  
are all in attendance.





The basketball team  
pulls off a stunning  
performance, with  
flawless free throws and  
three-pointers earning  
them a 9 from the  
judging panel.

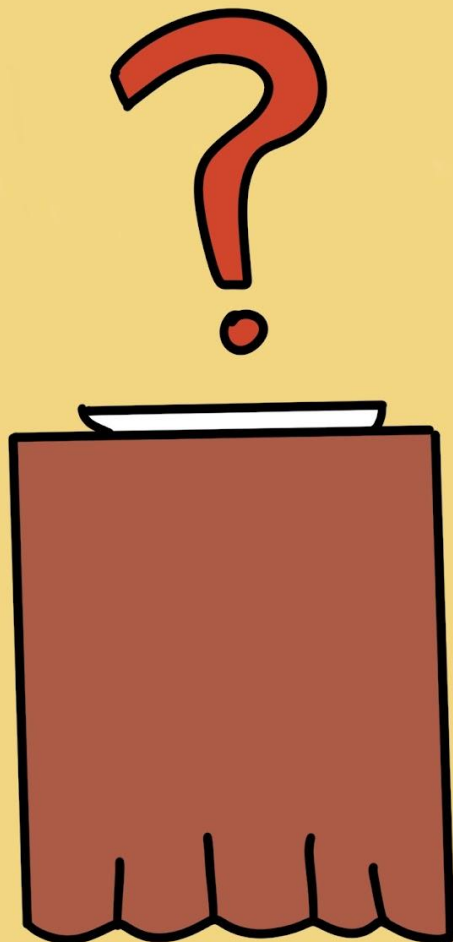




The dance team put together  
a cheer routine.



The cooking team has nothing  
to show! The judges are not  
happy.



Then, it was time for Team X:  
Carter showed off his skills  
juggling three basketballs.  
He tosses them to Lang, who  
makes three half-court shots in  
a row - the results of hard work  
to the awe of the basketball  
team.



With Priti's great balance  
from dance, it is no problem  
for her to catch the ball and  
spin in on her finger.



As they get roaring applause,  
the judging panel flashes a 10.



The President spins the wheel  
again for Round 2. Dance  
shows up.



The cooking team redeems themselves with a cultural food dance that one of them learned during their family's corn festival.





Next, everyone filed into the auditorium. The dance team's routine was very solid and steady, and earned them a 9.5.



The basketball team goes up. They aren't use to dancing and are a little clumsy, but make it through.



As Team X went up, Priti took a deep breath and kicked off her performance with bharatanatyam. Then, Hector took the stage with a boisterous salsa, smiling as he was able show off his culture!



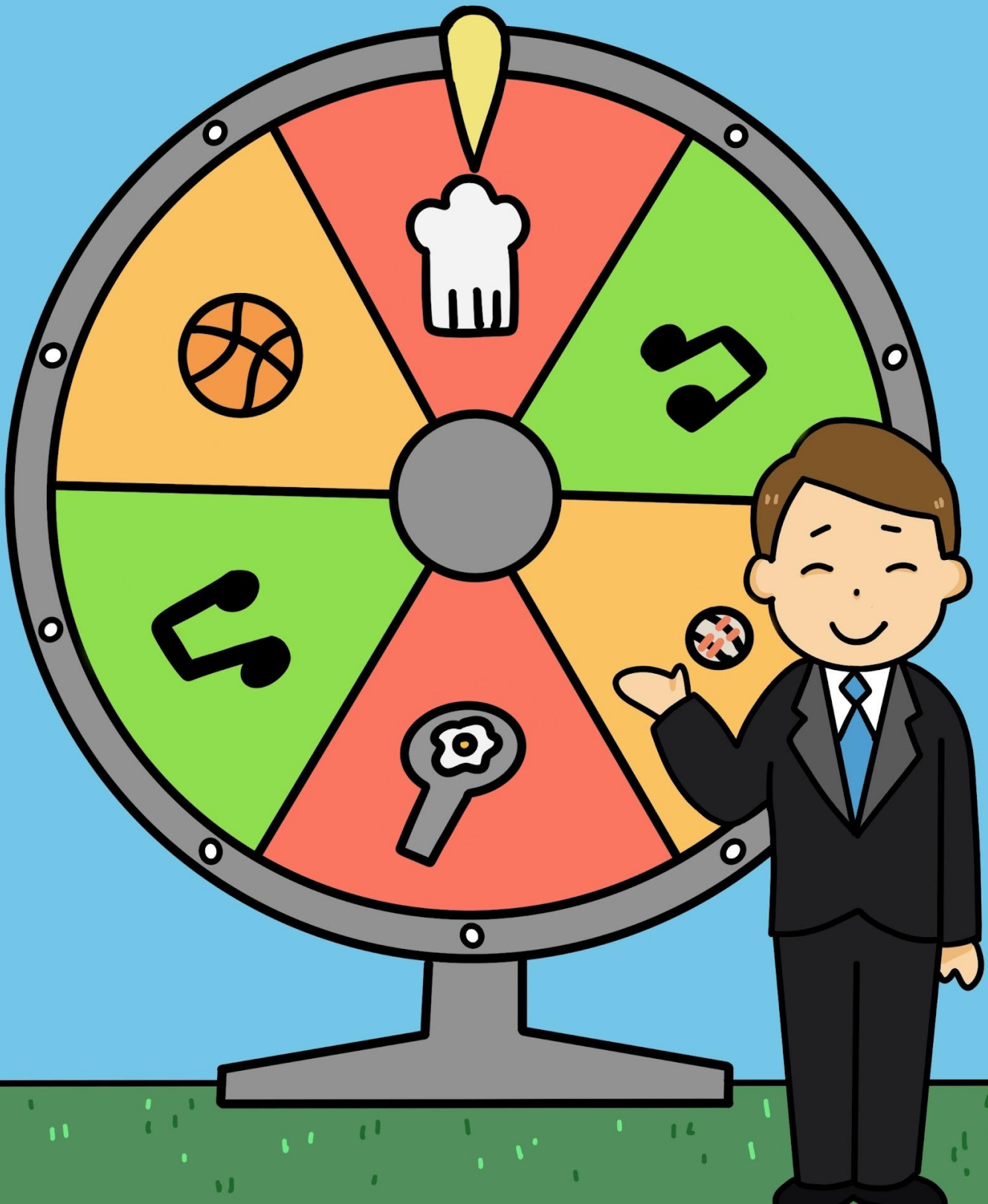
Finally, Sara played a beat that they could dance to.



The President and his international judges were so impressed, that they scored another perfect 10!



Finally, for the last challenge, the teams had to cook up a menu to impress the President!



The cooking class executes a classic menu perfectly, earning a rating of 9.9!  
They look proud as the judges clap.

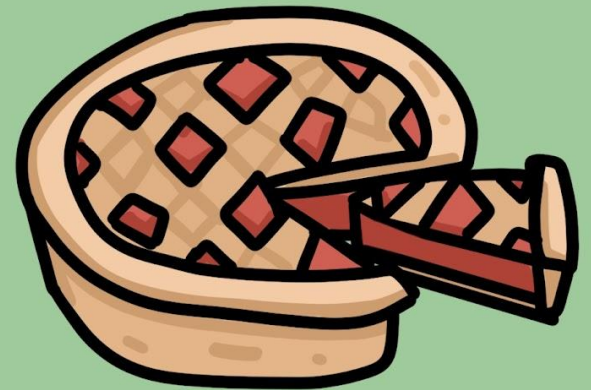






However, Hector and Priti work together to make a flavorful spice mix in a comforting tea.

Sara and Carter work together to make a beautiful apple pie from blending their recipes together.



Lang makes a perfect fried rice using day old rice for the perfect texture.

The President and his  
guests were so shocked by  
the menu, that the  
President gets up and  
shakes each of their hands  
immediately.

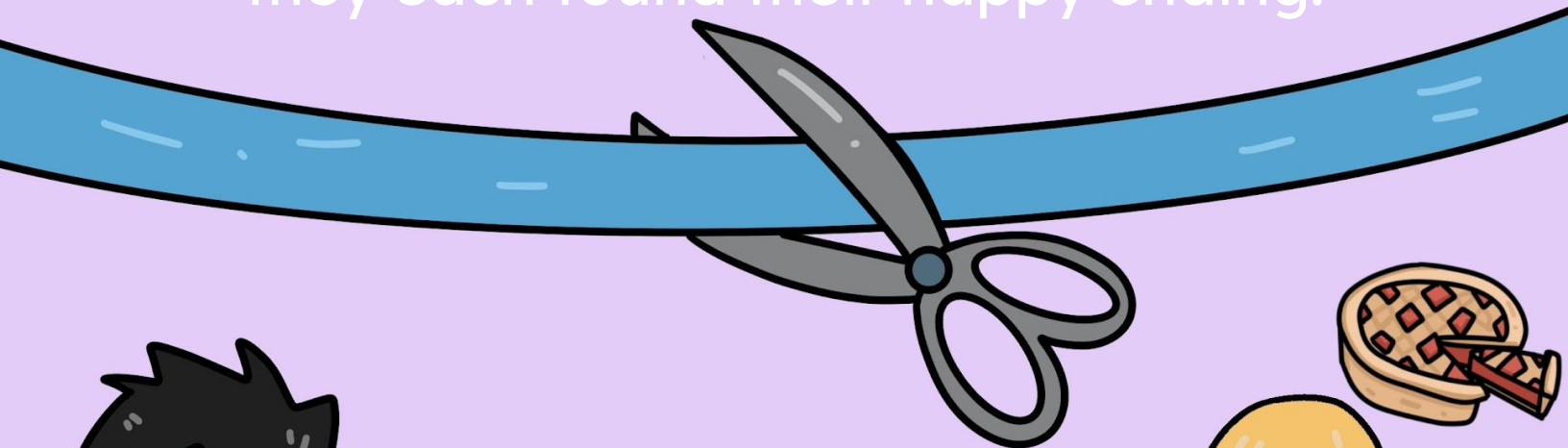


The President wants to  
learn how to make each of  
the dishes, and Team X  
teaches the crowd.

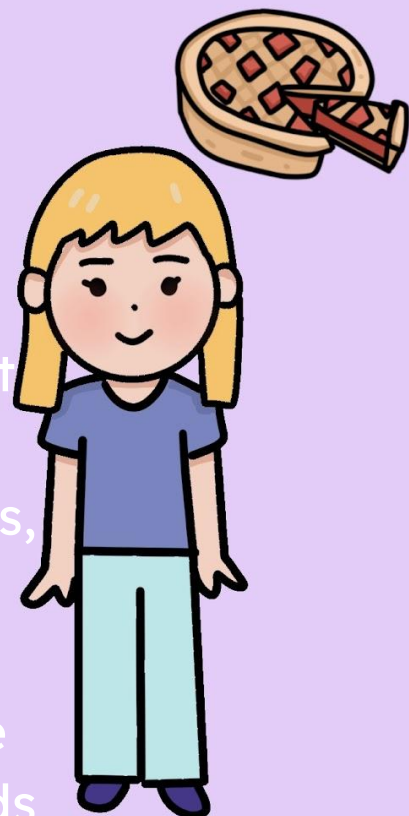




They won! And not only did they get to perform and serve at the ribbon cutting ceremony, but they each found their happy ending.



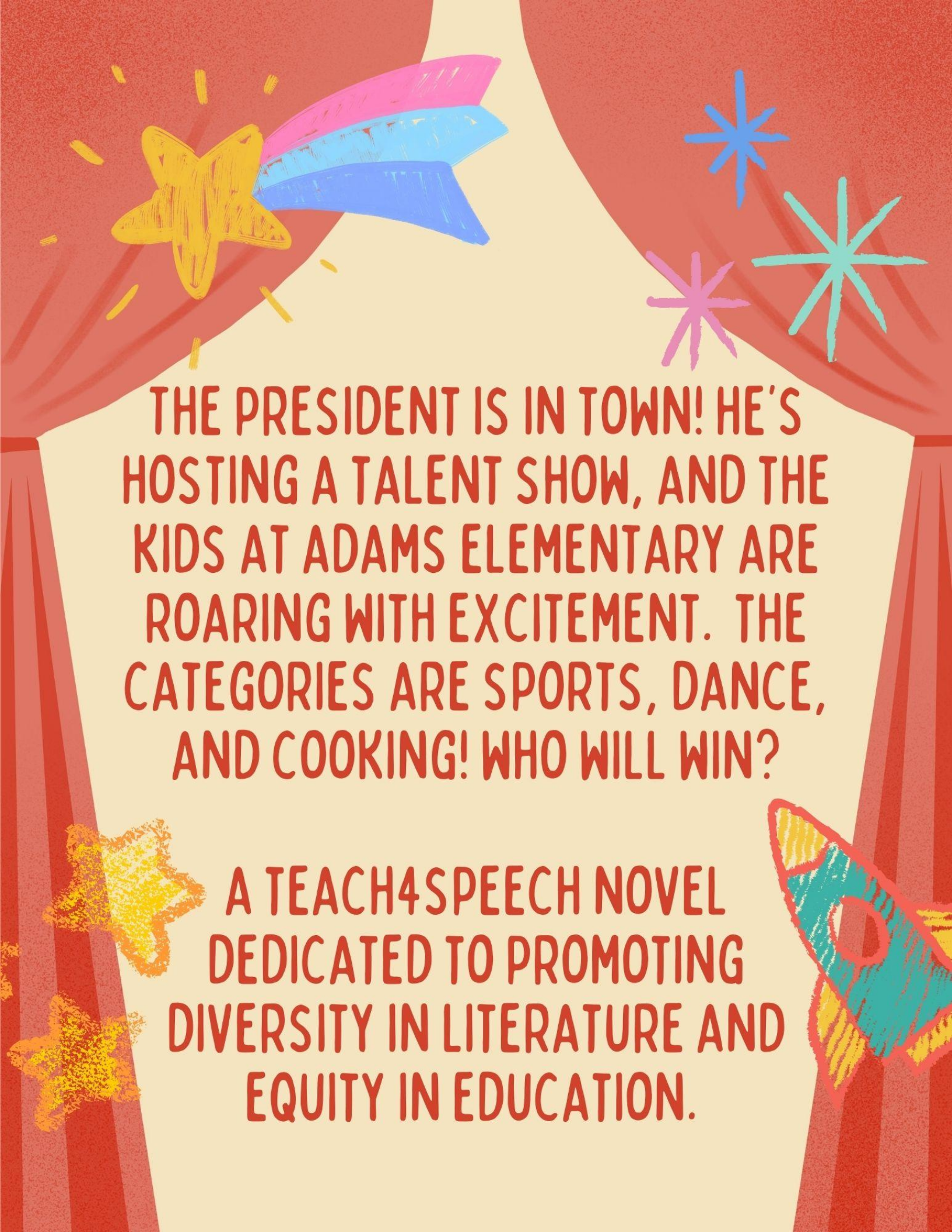
Lang was accepted onto the basketball team, where his short stature made him the team's best shooter. Priti learned to enjoy dancing with her newfound friends, and Hector is leading a popular class on how to do the salsa. Sara opened up her own mini pie shop, and Carter found new friends at the gym.





They all are looking for one  
more member to round out their  
diverse group...and that's you.  
**What will you bring to the  
table?**





THE PRESIDENT IS IN TOWN! HE'S  
HOSTING A TALENT SHOW, AND THE  
KIDS AT ADAMS ELEMENTARY ARE  
ROARING WITH EXCITEMENT. THE  
CATEGORIES ARE SPORTS, DANCE,  
AND COOKING! WHO WILL WIN?

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