



I JUST LOVE FIELD DAY! THANKS SO MUCH FOR HELPING TO SET UP THE GAMES WITH ME!

ANNUAL
FIELD DAY GAMES

YOU ARE WELCOME, SCORPY! FIELD DAY IS A TRADITION WE ALL LOVE TO HELP WITH!



TRADITION? I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A FUN DAY!!

TRADITION IS SOMETHING THAT HAS HAPPENED FOR A LONG TIME. FIELD DAY WAS HAPPENING AT YOUR SCHOOL EVEN WHEN I WAS A STUDENT HERE!



WHO THOUGHT UP THESE GAMES ANYWAY??

WELL, THESE GAMES ARE ANOTHER TRADITION. SOME OF THESE GAMES ARE BASED ON THE OLYMPIC GAMES THAT WERE STARTED IN ANCIENT GREECE MANY, MANY YEARS AGO!



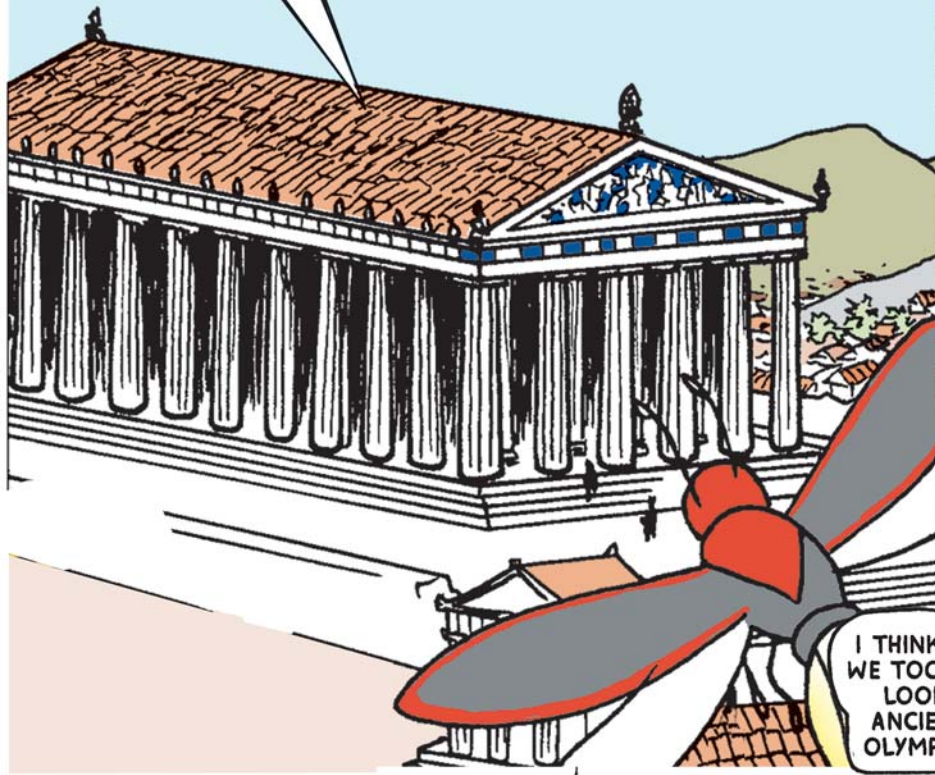
WOW! THE OLYMPIC GAMES ARE STILL HELD TODAY ... I WOULD LOVE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ANCIENT GAMES!

THAT'S JUST WHAT I WAS HOPING YOU WOULD SAY, SCORPY!

IS THAT A
LIBRARY OR
BANK DOWN
THERE?

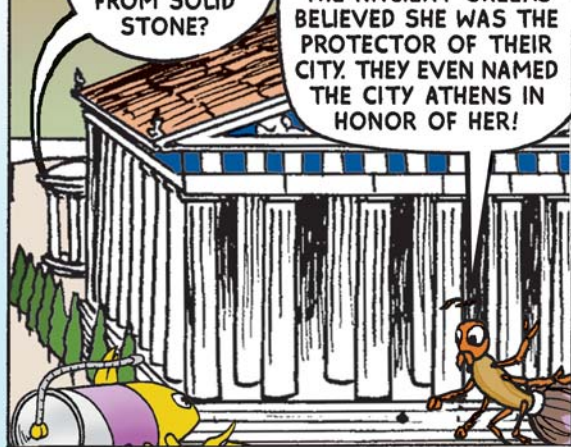


NO, SCORPY, THAT BUILDING
IS CALLED THE PARTHENON. IT
WAS BUILT BY THE ANCIENT
GREEKS. IT IS THOUSAND
OF YEARS OLD!



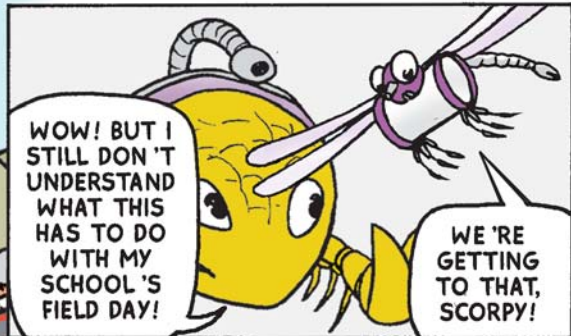
WHY DID THE
ANCIENT GREEKS
BUILD SUCH A
LARGE BUILDING
FROM SOLID
STONE?

THEY BUILT THE
PARTHENON AS A
TEMPLE TO THE
GODDESS, ATHENA.
THE ANCIENT GREEKS
BELIEVED SHE WAS THE
PROTECTOR OF THEIR
CITY. THEY EVEN NAMED
THE CITY ATHENS IN
HONOR OF HER!



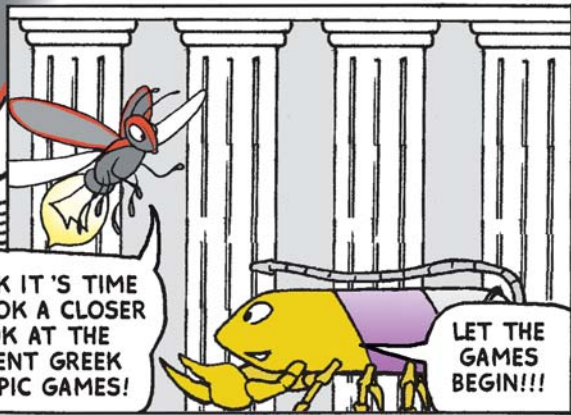
WOW! BUT I
STILL DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHAT THIS
HAS TO DO
WITH MY
SCHOOL'S
FIELD DAY!

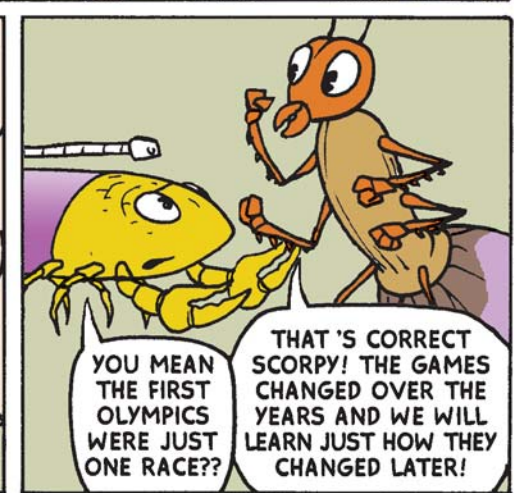
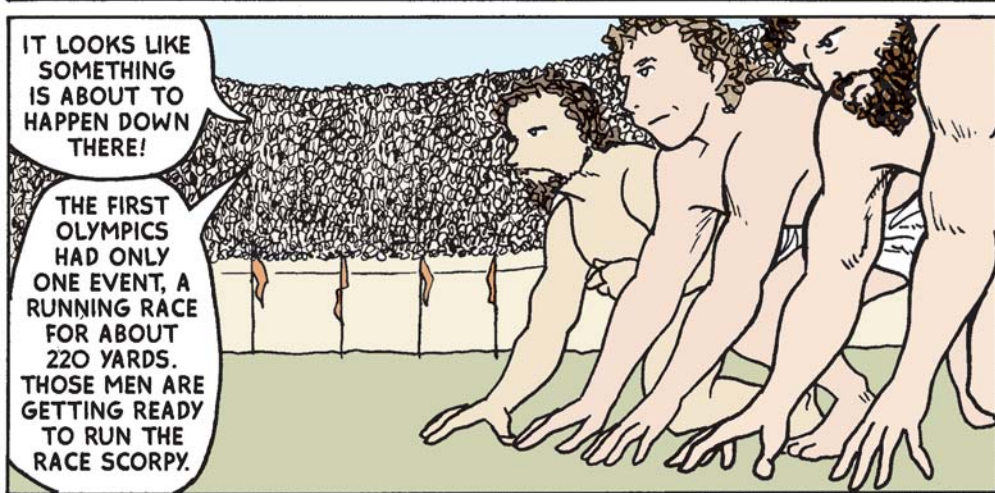
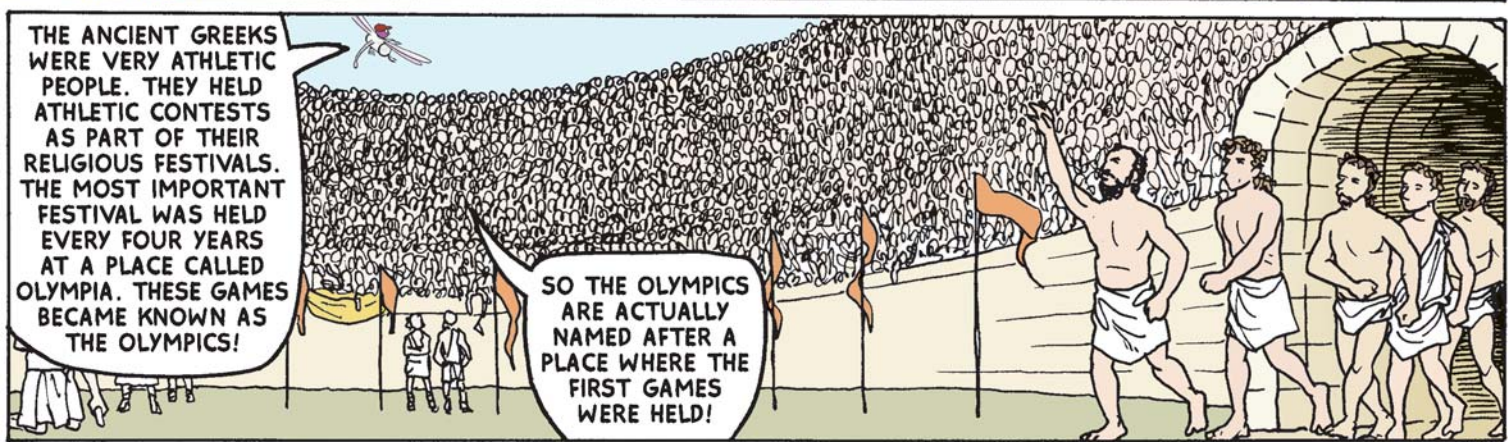
WE'RE
GETTING
TO THAT,
SCORPY!

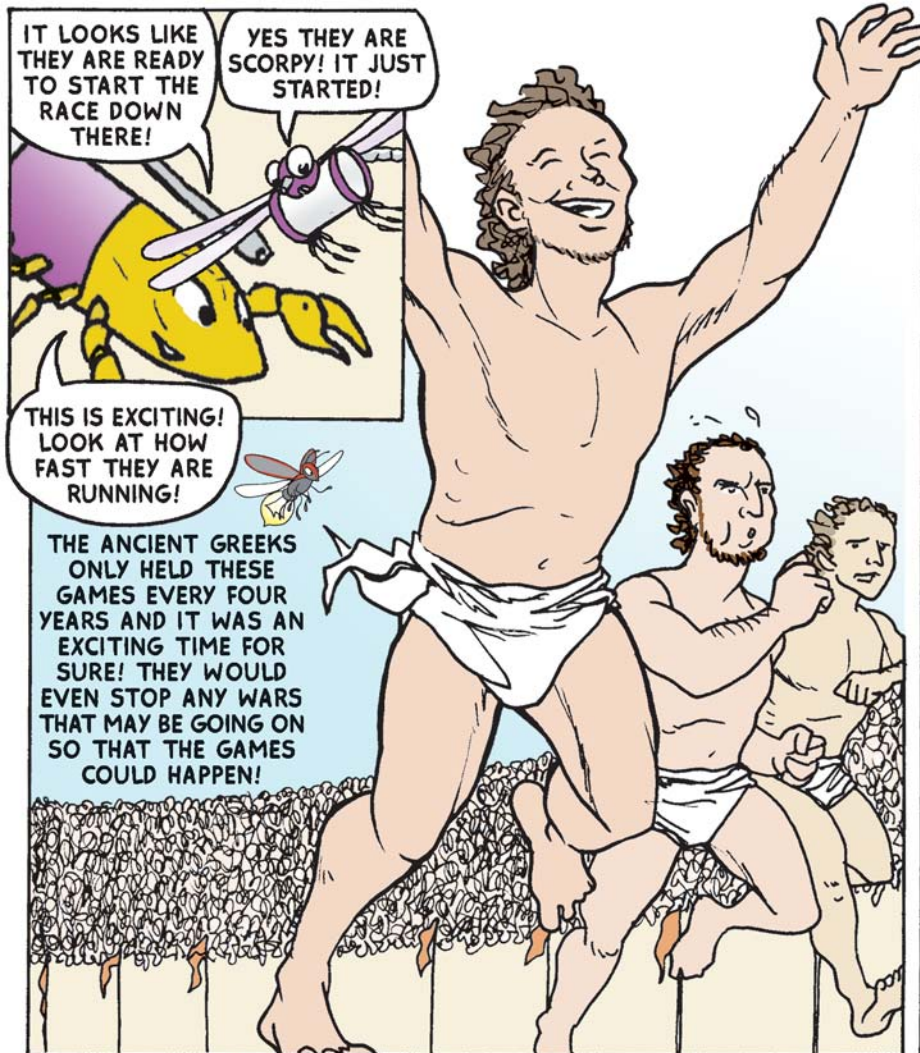


I THINK IT'S TIME
WE TOOK A CLOSER
LOOK AT THE
ANCIENT GREEK
OLYMPIC GAMES!

LET THE
GAMES
BEGIN!!!







IT LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE READY TO START THE RACE DOWN THERE!

YES THEY ARE SCORPY! IT JUST STARTED!

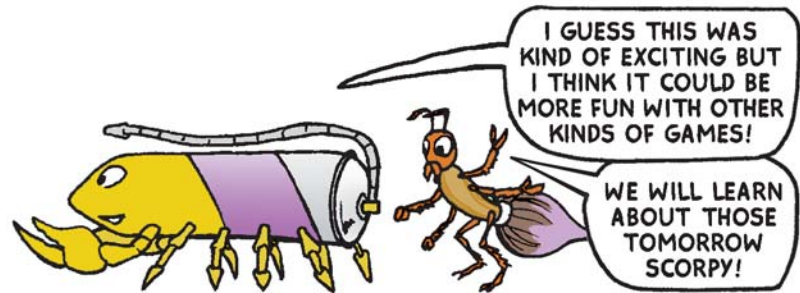
THIS IS EXCITING! LOOK AT HOW FAST THEY ARE RUNNING!

THE ANCIENT GREEKS ONLY HELD THESE GAMES EVERY FOUR YEARS AND IT WAS AN EXCITING TIME FOR SURE! THEY WOULD EVEN STOP ANY WARS THAT MAY BE GOING ON SO THAT THE GAMES COULD HAPPEN!



IS THAT ALL THE WINNER GETS?? A BUNCH OF LEAVES???

THE ONLY PRIZE GIVEN TO THE WINNER WAS A WREATH OF OLIVE LEAVES. BUT THE WINNER ALSO GOT FAME AND PRESTIGE. WINNING ATHLETE BROUGHT HONOR TO THEIR HOMETOWNS. MANY TIME STATUES WERE PUT UP TO HONOR THEM AND POEMS WERE WRITTEN ABOUT THEM!



I GUESS THIS WAS KIND OF EXCITING BUT I THINK IT COULD BE MORE FUN WITH OTHER KINDS OF GAMES!

WE WILL LEARN ABOUT THOSE TOMORROW SCORPY!



LOOK SOMEONE HAS SCRIBBLED ON THAT POSTER THERE! IT LOOKS LIKE TO GREEK TO ME!

IT IS GREEK SCORPY! THIS SIGN IS TELLING US ABOUT OTHER GAMES THAT ARE BEING HELD HERE AT THE ANCIENT OLYMPICS!



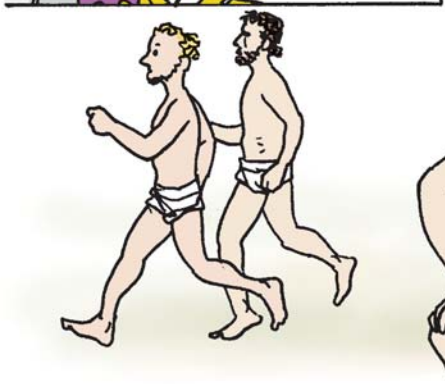
SOMEONE NEEDS TO TELL THEM THAT THEY NEED TO USE THEIR WORDS TO WORK OUT THEIR PROBLEMS INSTEAD OF THEIR FISTS!



THESE GREEKS ARE WRESTLING SCORPY! THIS WAS AN EVENT THAT WAS ADDED TO THE OLYMPICS LATER.


IF THAT GUY'S MOM SEES HIM PLAYING WITH HIS DINNER PLATE, I BET SHE IS GOING TO BE MAD!

THAT'S NOT A DINNER PLATE SCORPY. THAT IS A DISCUS AND IT'S MADE OF HEAVY BRONZE. THIS EVENT WAS ADDED TO THE OLYMPICS AND THE OBJECT WAS TO SEE HOW FAR SOMEONE COULD THROW IT.



OTHER GAMES THAT THE ANCIENT GREEKS STARTED WERE CHARIOT RACES AND THE PENTATHLON, WHICH WAS A FIVE PART CONTEST THAT INCLUDED JUMPING, RUNNING, WRESTLING, AND THROWING A DISCUS! I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA IF WE TOOK A LOOK AT OUR MODERN OLYMPIC GAMES AND SEE HOW THEY HAVE CHANGED AS WELL AS HOW MANY OF THE GAMES HAVE STAYED THE SAME!

I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT!



THIS SURE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANCIENT GREECE TO ME!

THAT'S BECAUSE WE ARE IN THE MODERN CITY OF BEIJING, CHINA SCORPY. WE ARE HERE TO LEARN ABOUT THE MODERN OLYMPIC GAMES AND THIS IS THE LOCATION FOR THE 2008 GAMES!

HOW COME THE OLYMPICS ARE NOT ALWAYS HELD IN GREECE LIKE THE ANCIENT GAMES?

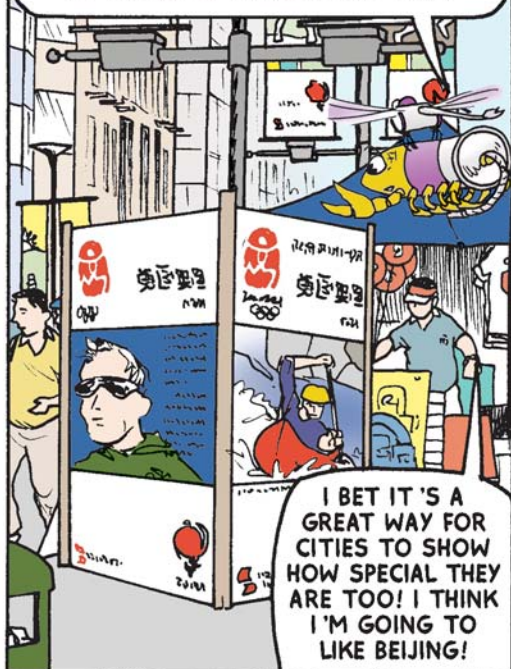
OUT OF ALL THE PLACES IN THE WHOLE WORLD, HOW DID CHINA GET CHOSEN? DID THEY HAVE THE WINNING NUMBER OR SOMETHING?

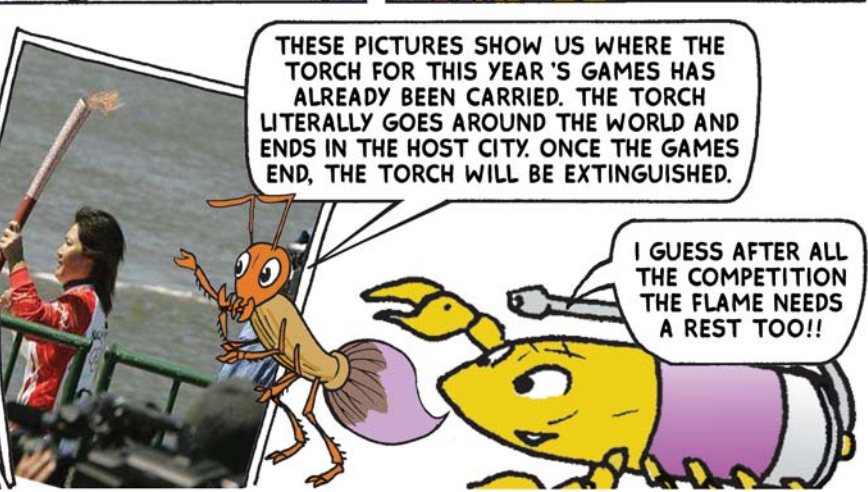
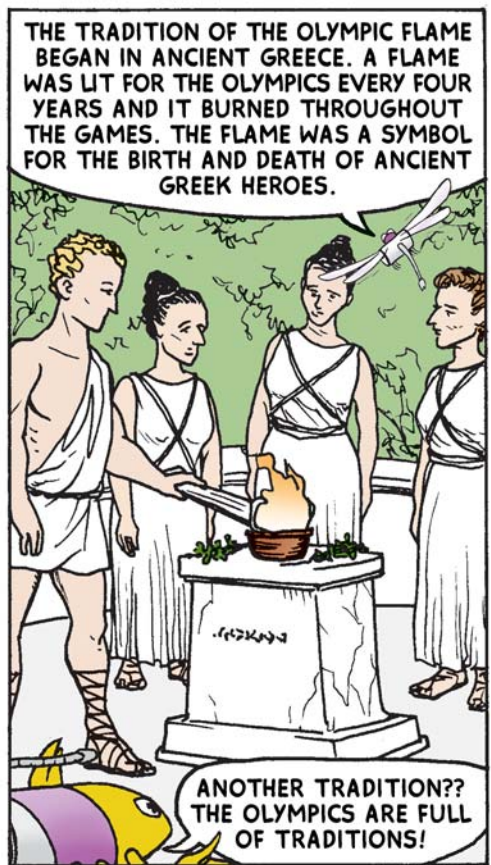
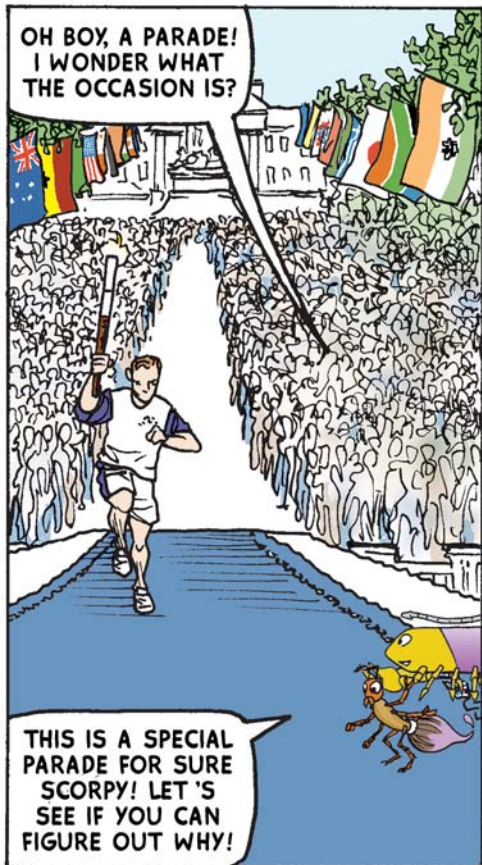


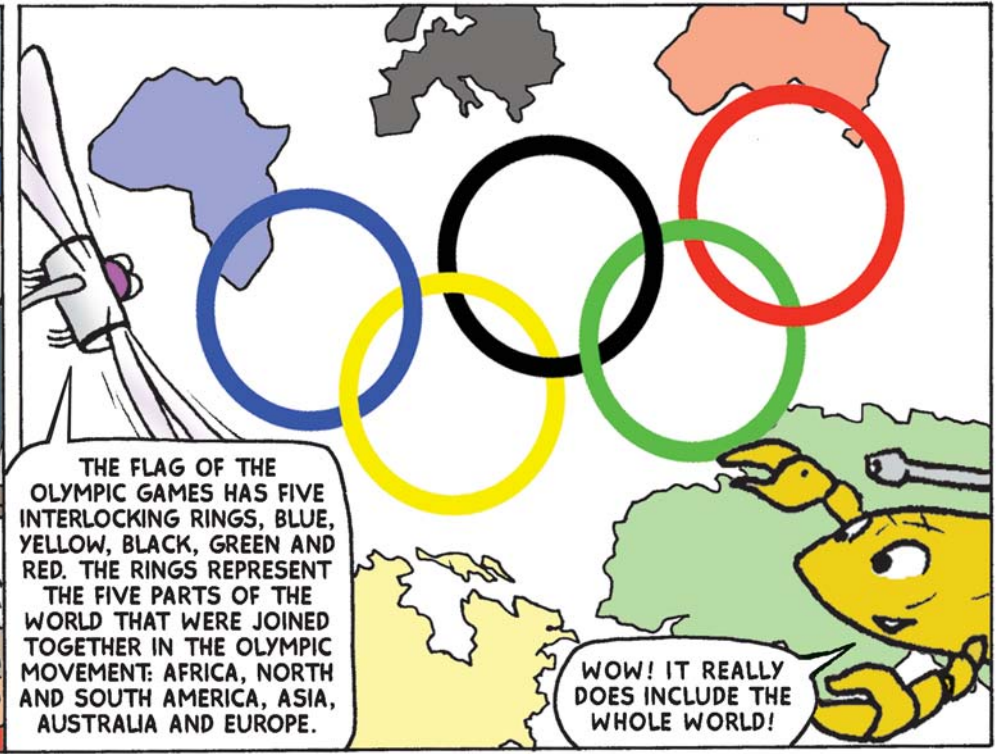
HOSTING THE OLYMPICS IS A GREAT DEAL OF WORK FOR A CITY. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WILL BE VISITING THE CITY TO SEE THE GAMES, SO THE CITY MUST MAKE SURE IT HAS ENOUGH HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OF THEIR GUESTS. BUT IT IS ALSO AN HONOR TO SERVE AS A HOST CITY TOO!

THE MODERN GAMES GIVE ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD'S ATHLETES AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE WITH THE BEST ATHLETES IN THE WORLD. ALTHOUGH THE MODERN OLYMPICS ARE BASED ON THE ANCIENT GAMES, IT IS NOT JUST FOR THE GREEKS ANYMORE!

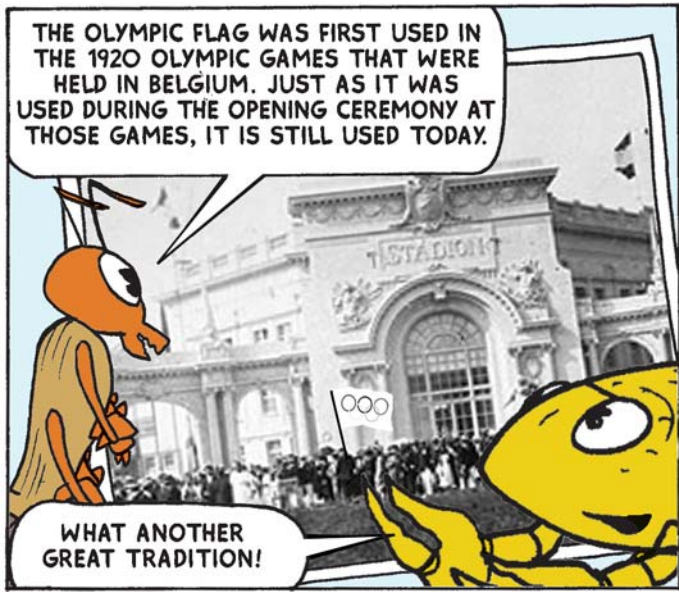
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL SCORPY. MAJOR CITIES AROUND THE WORLD COMPETE TO HAVE THE OLYMPICS HELD IN THEIR CITY. ALTHOUGH ATHENS, GREECE HAS BEEN THE SITE OF FOR SEVERAL MODERN GAMES, OTHER PLACES SUCH AS GERMANY, SWEDEN, FRANCE, ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE HOSTED THE MODERN OLYMPICS.







THE FLAG OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES HAS FIVE INTERLOCKING RINGS, BLUE, YELLOW, BLACK, GREEN AND RED. THE RINGS REPRESENT THE FIVE PARTS OF THE WORLD THAT WERE JOINED TOGETHER IN THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT: AFRICA, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA, ASIA, AUSTRALIA AND EUROPE.



THE OLYMPIC FLAG WAS FIRST USED IN THE 1920 OLYMPIC GAMES THAT WERE HELD IN BELGIUM. JUST AS IT WAS USED DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THOSE GAMES, IT IS STILL USED TODAY.




AT THE END OF THE OLYMPICS THE OFFICIAL FLAG IS PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR OF THE NEXT CITY THAT WILL BE HOSTING THE GAMES IN FOUR YEARS.

I HOPE I DON'T HAVE TO GIVE MY FLAG TO ANYONE ... I REALLY WANT TO PUT IT IN MY ROOM AT HOME!!




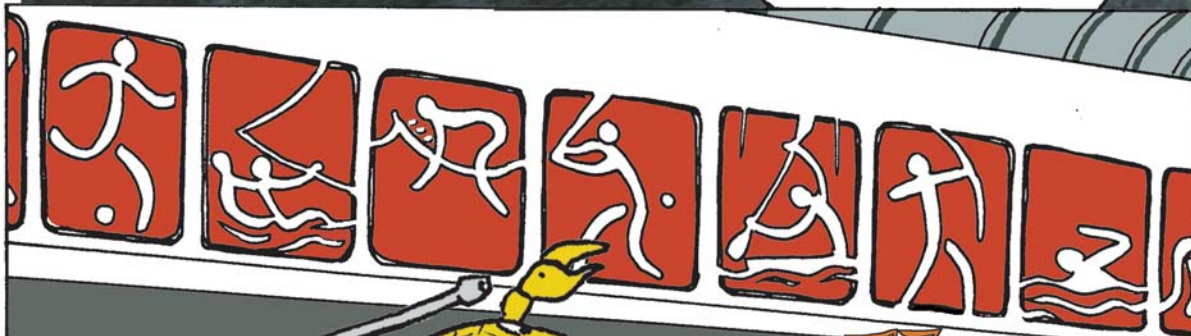
IT SOUNDS LIKE THE OLYMPICS HAVE CHANGED A LOT SINCE THE ANCIENT GREEK'S STARTED THEM!



THEY CERTAINLY HAVE SCORPY. MANY OF THE GAMES HAVE REMAINED THE SAME, BUT MANY OTHERS HAVE BEEN ADDED AS WELL!

WOW! WHO KNEW THERE WERE SO MANY DIFFERENT EVENTS!

THERE ARE LOTS OF GAMES FOR SURE SCORPY! THERE ARE STILL MANY GAMES THAT INCLUDE RUNNING, JUMPING, AND THROWING EVENTS JUST LIKE THE ANCIENT GREEKS HELD, BUT THE GAMES HAVE BEEN EXPANDED OVER THE YEARS.



THEY HAVE ADDED BASEBALL AND BASKETBALL AND SOCCER TOO! AND LOOK THEY HAVE SWIMMING, WRESTLING AND SAILING TOO!!

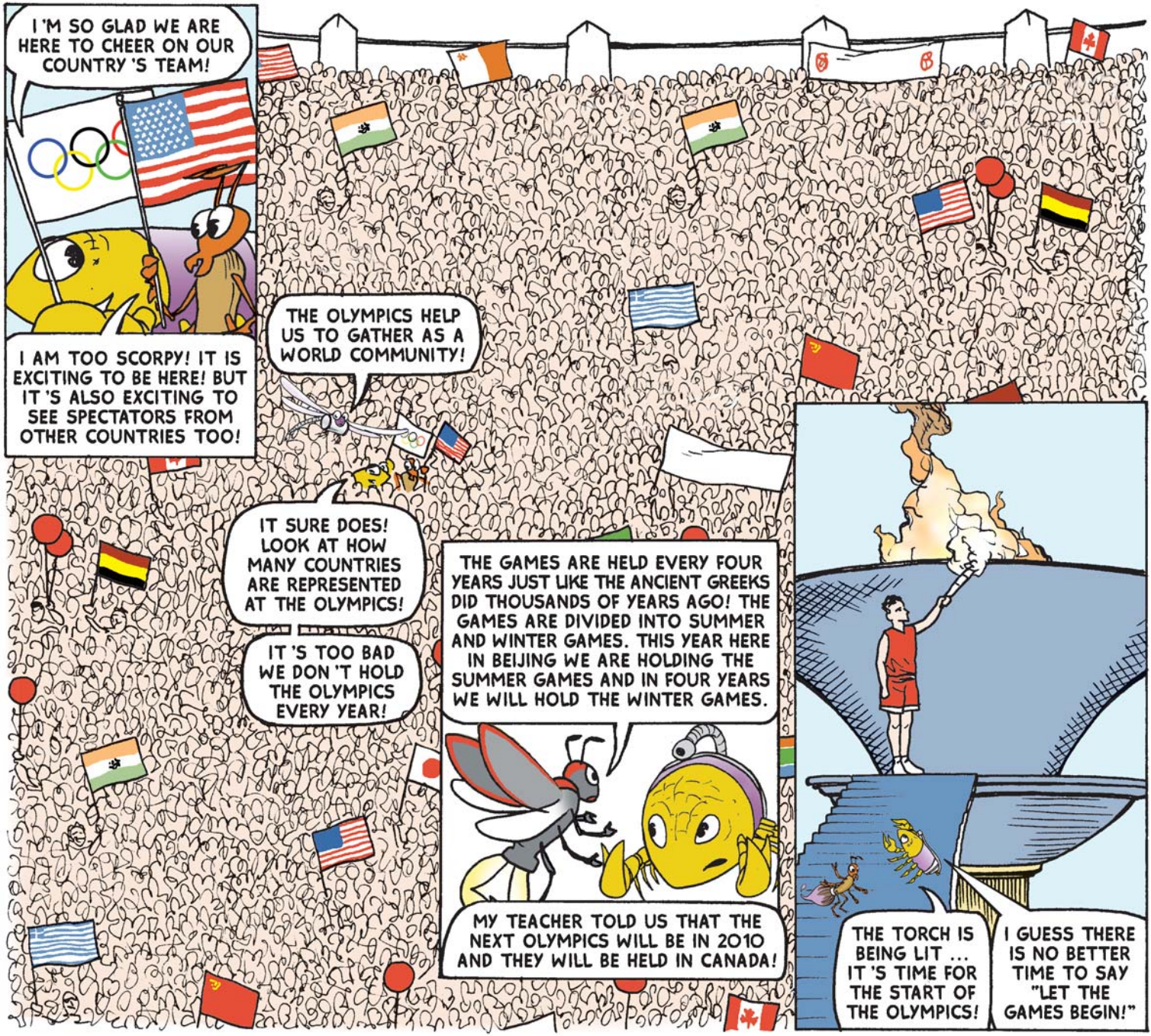


YOU CAN ALSO SEE THAT THEY HAVE WEIGHTLIFTING, HOCKEY, DIVING AND EVEN PING PONG TOO!



THE OLYMPIC GAMES HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE SCORPY!

YOU ARE RIGHT ABOUT THAT LIGHTNING! THEY EVEN HAVE LUNCH FOR ME!!!



I'M SO GLAD WE ARE
HERE TO CHEER ON OUR
COUNTRY'S TEAM!

I AM TOO SCORPY! IT IS
EXCITING TO BE HERE! BUT
IT'S ALSO EXCITING TO
SEE SPECTATORS FROM
OTHER COUNTRIES TOO!

THE OLYMPICS HELP
US TO GATHER AS A
WORLD COMMUNITY!

IT SURE DOES!
LOOK AT HOW
MANY COUNTRIES
ARE REPRESENTED
AT THE OLYMPICS!

IT'S TOO BAD
WE DON'T HOLD
THE OLYMPICS
EVERY YEAR!

THE GAMES ARE HELD EVERY FOUR
YEARS JUST LIKE THE ANCIENT GREEKS
DID THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO! THE
GAMES ARE DIVIDED INTO SUMMER
AND WINTER GAMES. THIS YEAR HERE
IN BEIJING WE ARE HOLDING THE
SUMMER GAMES AND IN FOUR YEARS
WE WILL HOLD THE WINTER GAMES.

MY TEACHER TOLD US THAT THE
NEXT OLYMPICS WILL BE IN 2010
AND THEY WILL BE HELD IN CANADA!



THE TORCH IS
BEING LIT ...
IT'S TIME FOR
THE START OF
THE OLYMPICS!

I GUESS THERE
IS NO BETTER
TIME TO SAY
"LET THE
GAMES BEGIN!"