

A Merry Marmot Christmas Adventure



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"Good evening folks and welcome to the Snowy town of Alton, England for the 21st Animal Winter Olympics...and what a special winter games we are in for! This is the first time the Marmots have ever come out of hibernation to present a team and while many arctic animals think they're foolish, others look on nervously at the newcomers. Only time will tell but we wish good luck to all of the competitors. It sure is going to be a once-in-a-lifetime event!"



Before the games began the motley crew of marmots began their training. Unfortunately, the sneaky Snow Foxes, five-time Olympic champions, didn't like the idea of new competition and were determined to sabotage the marmot's chances.

Poor Izzy had her skis replaced with sugar ones! As soon as they got wet in the snow, they melted and snapped in half leaving her in a snowy pile.



The next day Lizzy was whizzing down the track when the snow foxes poured extra-thick gravy all over it. Her bobsled instantly got goo-ed up in the gravy and she went flying!



The final straw was when the devious snow foxes released a mountain of Brussels Sprouts onto the ice rink, causing Elise to tumble over them at Super Speed.





The merry marmots were quickly becoming miserable marmots and losing hope, but their chief had a tricky idea. If the naughty snow foxes were picking on them one at a time, maybe true teamwork was the answer.

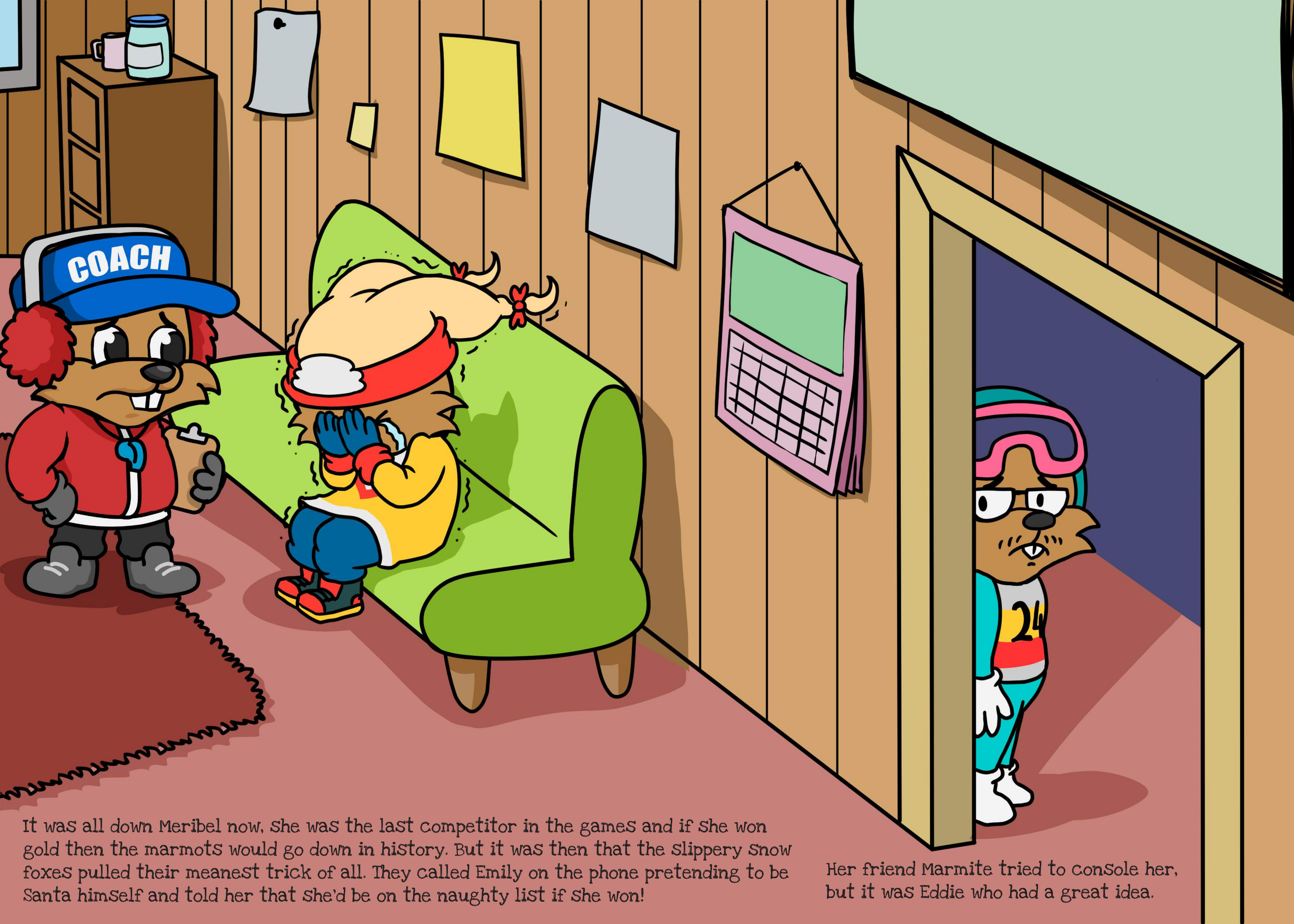
So, the next day Marmite divided up the marmot team into pairs. As one practiced, the other would watch their backs. It wasn't long before the foxes were up to their tricks again but this time the marmots were ready for it. As the frozen Christmas puddings tumbled toward Jade, Carl bashed them away with ease.



Later, as Christopher practiced his ice twirls, his buddy Jenny spotted the foxes getting ready for a prank. With her impressive snowboard skills, she slid over to them and gave them a chilly surprise!

The marmots, with their back-up buddies, were storming ahead with the medals. Gold after gold was going to them; Carl's team won the ice hockey, Lizzy sped her way to victory, even Eddie 'the magnificent marmot' jumped his way to a new world record!





It was all down Meribel now, She was the last competitor in the games and if She won gold then the marmots would go down in history. But it was then that the Slippery Snow foxes pulled their meanest trick of all. They called Emily on the phone pretending to be Santa himself and told her that she'd be on the naughty list if she won!

Her friend Marmite tried to console her, but it was Eddie who had a great idea.

Dear Meribel,

It's come to my attention that someone has told you that you'll be on the naughty list if you win the race today. That couldn't be further from the truth! There is nothing that gets you onto the good list as quickly as trying your best at something. However well you do in the competition today, if you race with all your heart, you will be a champion to me.

Good luck and a Merry Marmot Christmas,
Santa Claus

P.S. Look out and you might just see me tomorrow!

Santa Claus

The next morning Eddie made a call to a very good friend of his and asked him to write a special letter.

After reading Santa's letter, Meribel was filled with joy and ready to rock the race! Not only did she win, Sending the marmots to glory, but she even got to see a magical red figure.





The people of Alton, and in fact the whole animal kingdom, were amazed at the marmot's inspiring story of success. In honour of the courage that Meribel had shown and the kind and clever advice that Marmite had given, the rest of the team decided to have two beautiful statues of them made. Even now you can find them lighting up the pretty town of Alton, reminding everyone that with courage and practice anyone can be a hero.