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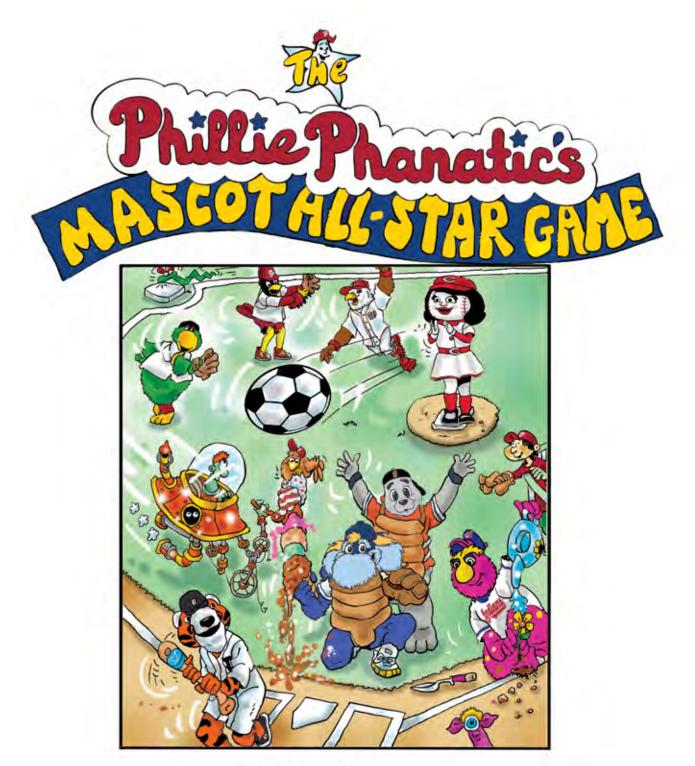
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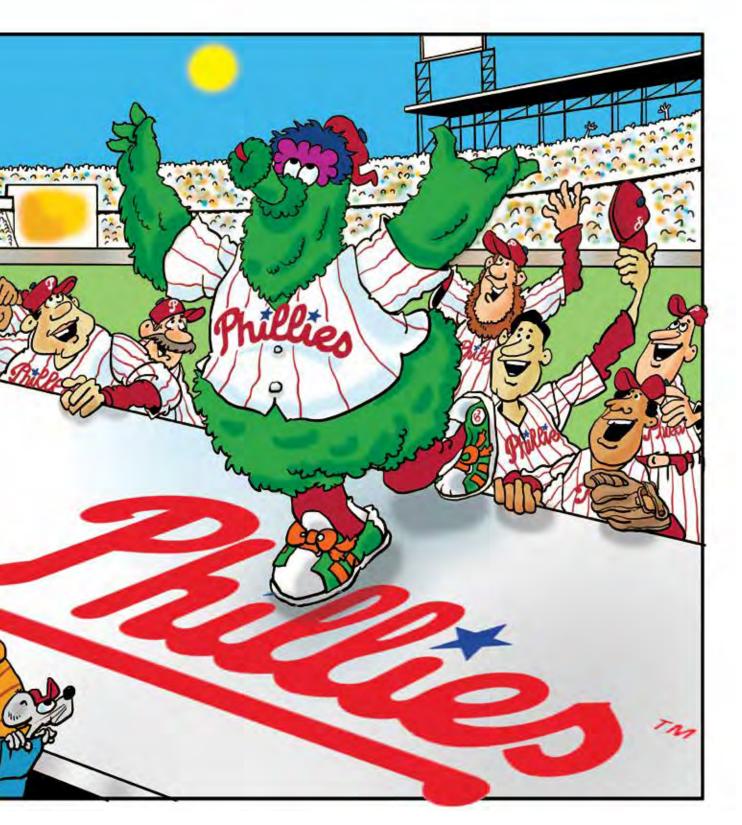




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In the middle of the Phillies game, PA announcer Dan Baker made an important announcement. "Ladies and gentlemen, baseball fans across the country have voted the Phillie Phanatic into this year's Mascot All-Star Game in Philadelphia!"



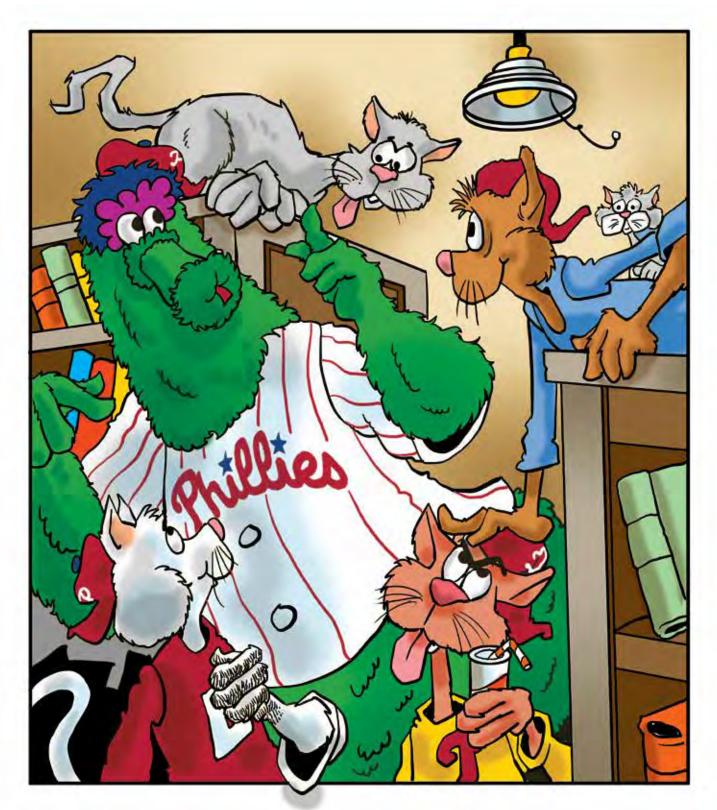
The crowd cheered as players rushed out of the dugout to congratulate the Phanatic.



That night at the dinner table, the Phanatic's mom, Phoebe, said to her son, "I'm so proud of you, Phanatic. The Mascot All-Star Game is my favorite game of the year because it makes everyone happy. That's why you are an All-Star – you make people laugh."



"That's what mascots do, Mom, we make people laugh," the Phanatic replied. "I can't believe all my friends are coming to Philadelphia for this year's game. It's going to be the best Mascot All-Star Game ever!"



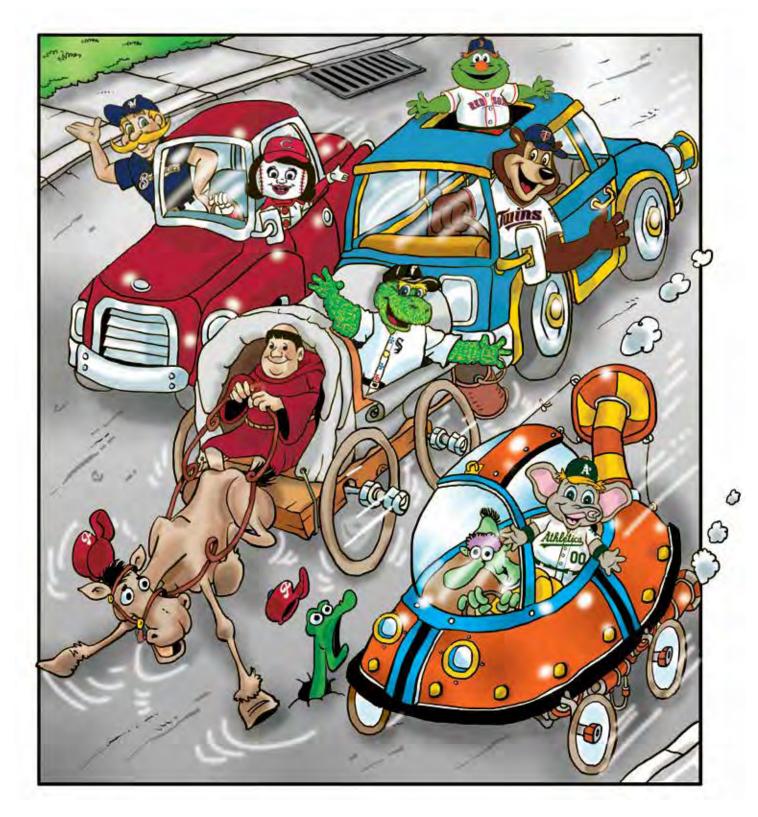
The next day, the Phillie Phanatic gathered his friends together. "The craziest mascots in baseball are coming here for the Mascot All-Star Game. I need all of your help to make the mascots feel at home," said the Phanatic.



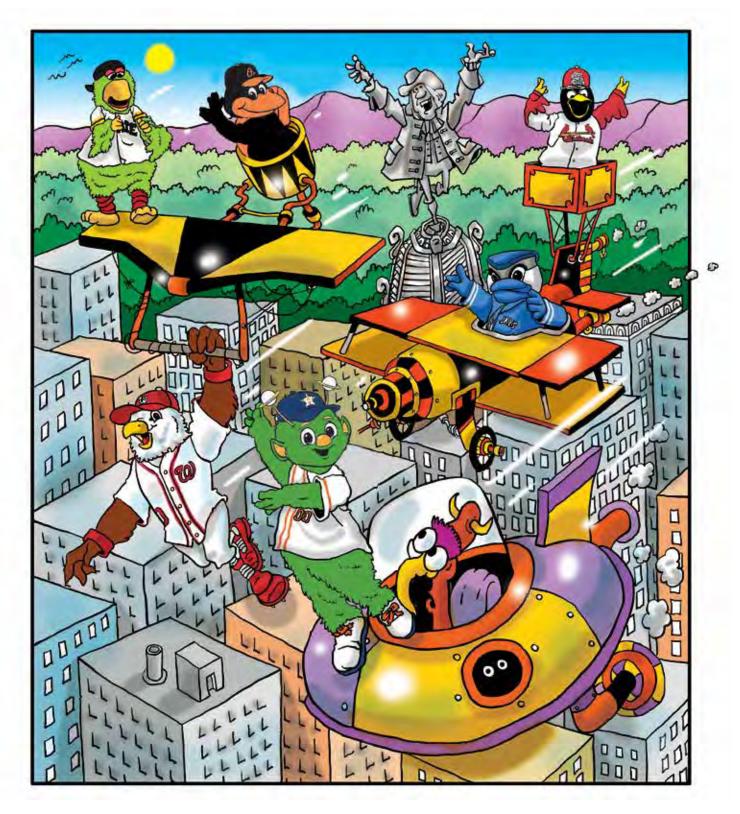
"You can count on us!" Lefty the Cat shouted.



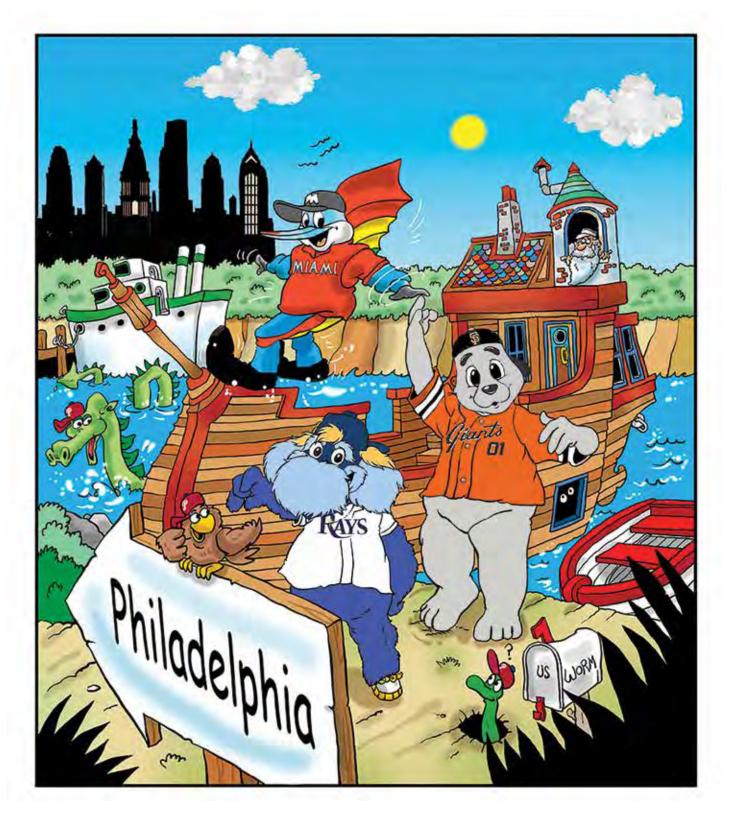
Soon, mascots from all across the country started to arrive.



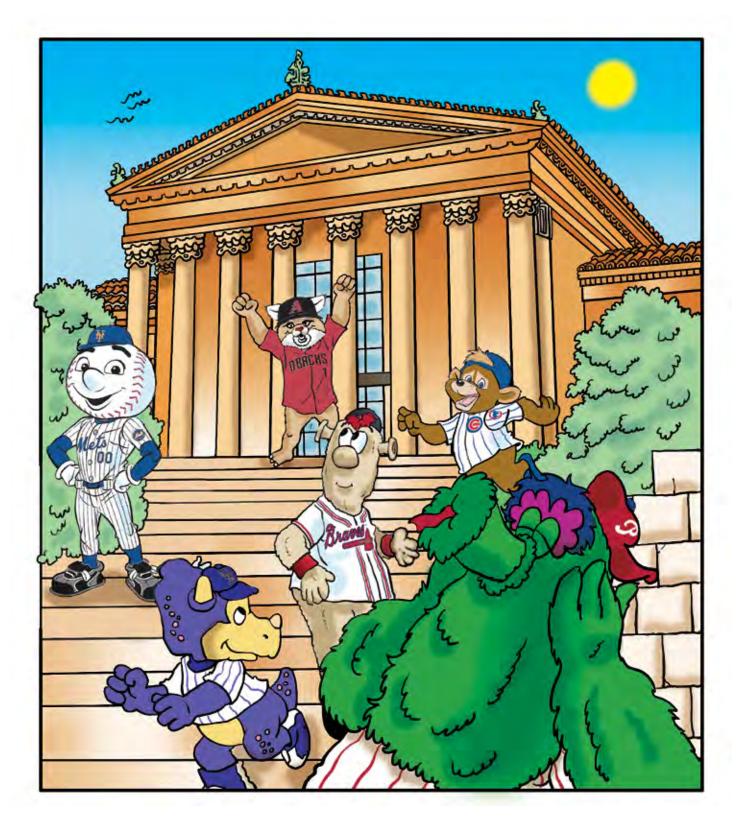
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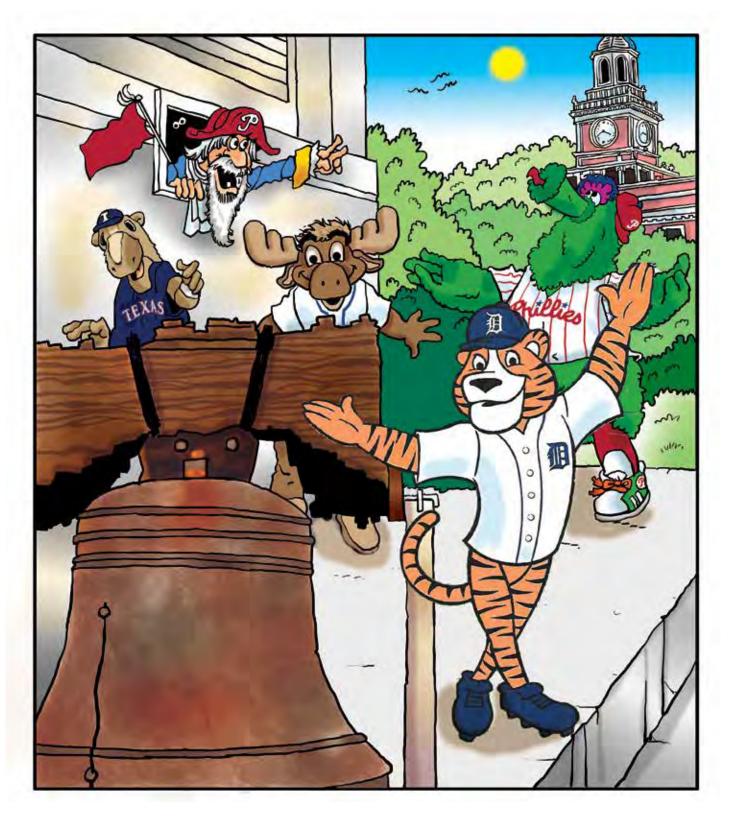
Some flew.



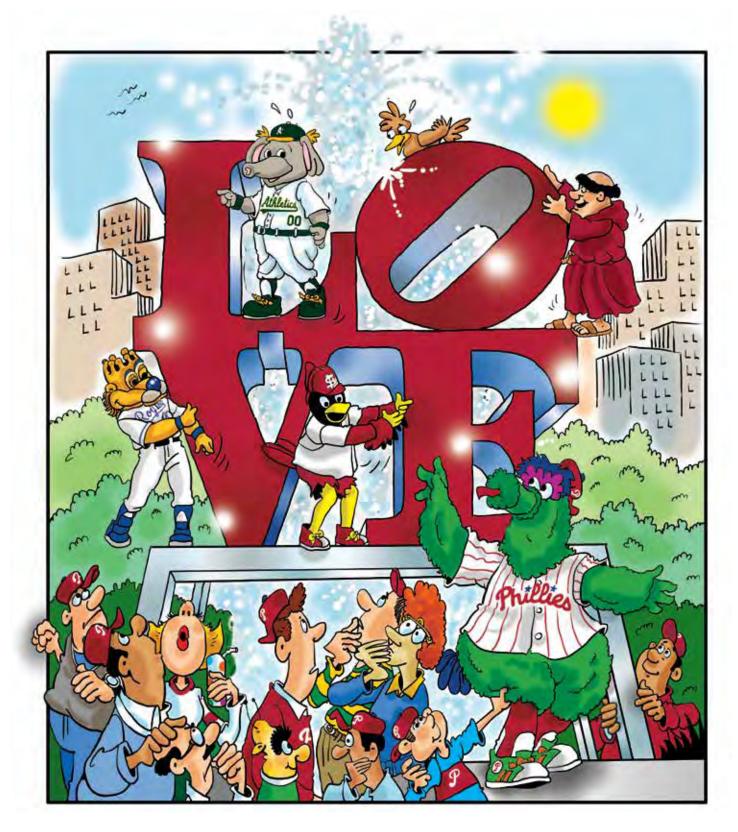
Some mascots even swam all the way to Philadelphia for the big game.



The Phanatic was eager to show all the mascots his hometown. They ran up the steps of the Art Museum.



They visited the Liberty Bell and other historic parts of the city.



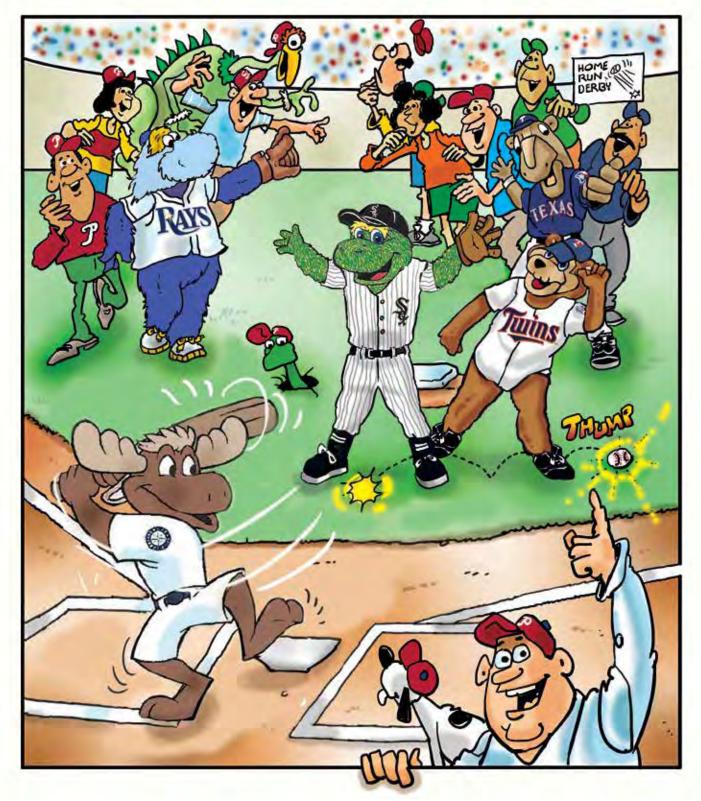
Everywhere they went, people laughed and cheered the silly mascots.



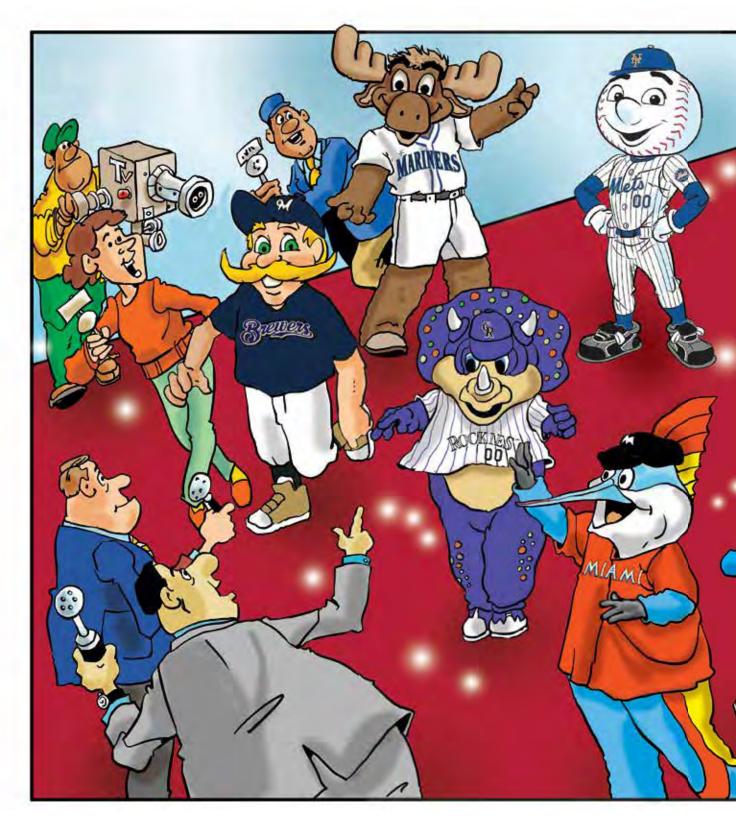
The Phanatic and his furry friends visited hospitals, too. They hugged and high-fived and put a smile on everyone's face.



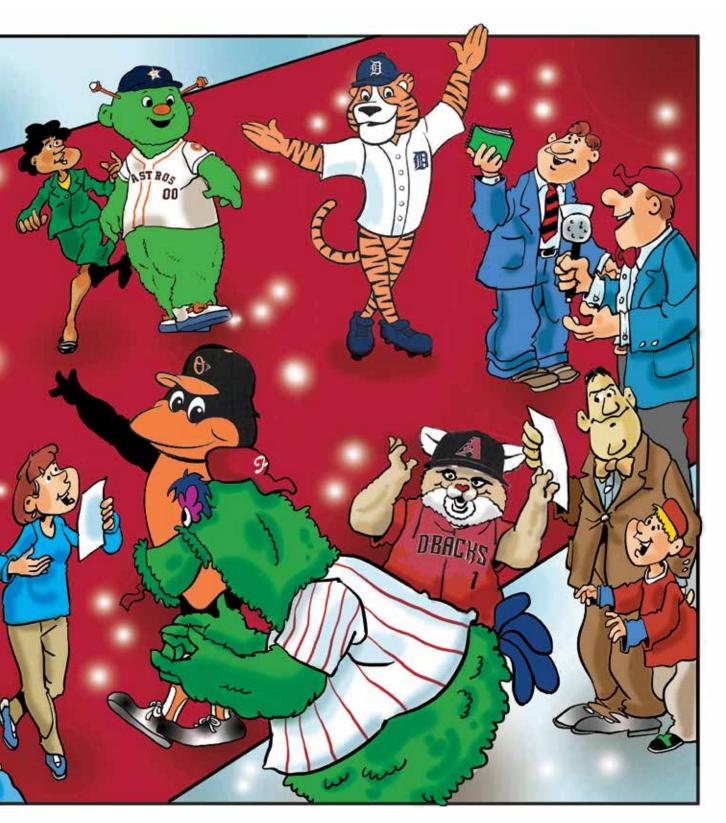
Fan Fest is a big baseball party held every year at the All-Star Game. The mascots greeted fans at Fan Fest who traveled to Philadelphia to be part of all the festivities.



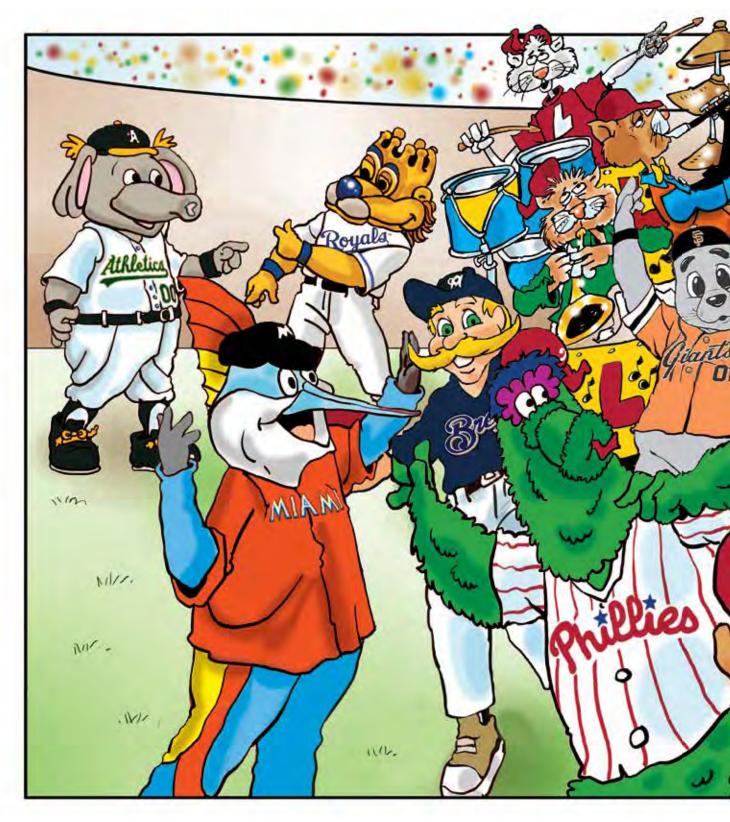
At Fan Fest, the mascots competed in a home run derby. They took turns seeing who could hit the ball the farthest.



On the day of the game, the mascots got a chance to walk the red carpet that led to the front entrance of the ballpark.



Photographers and TV cameras lined the red carpet to take pictures of the famous mascots. "I feel like a Hollywood star," the Phanatic said to his friends.



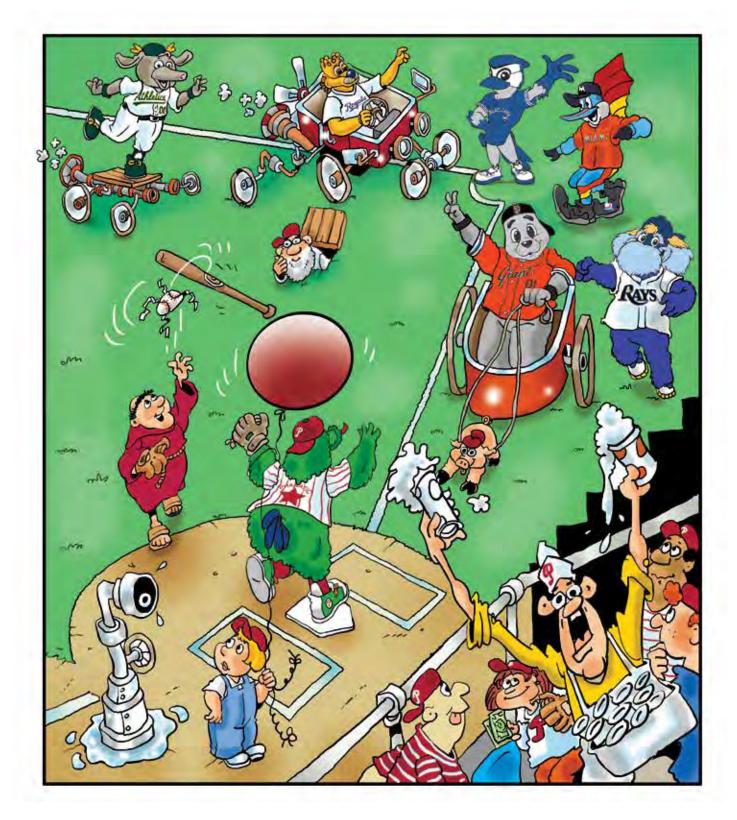
The ballpark was filled with excited fans as each mascot was introduced before the game.



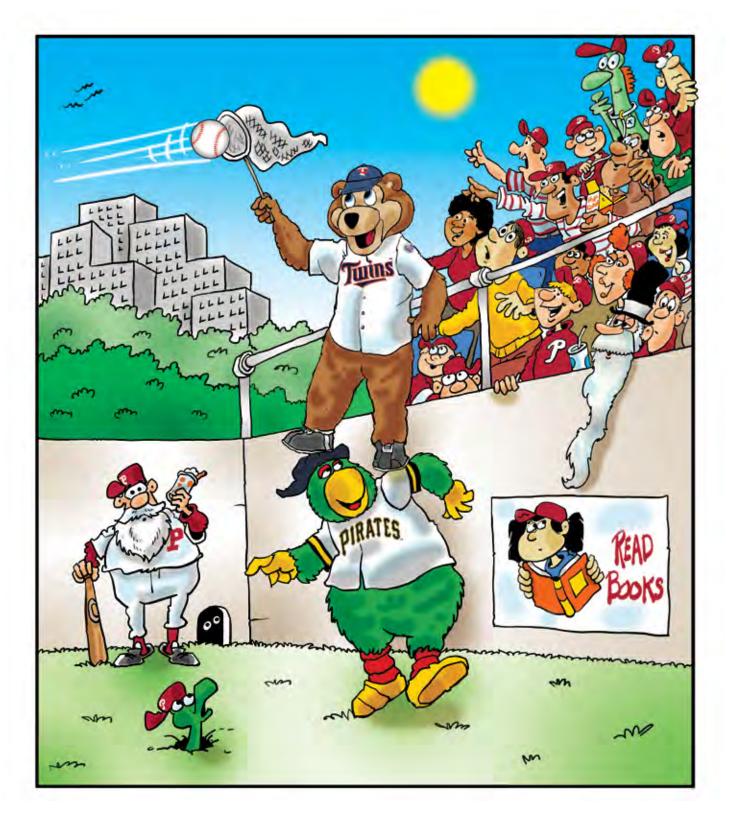
The Phanatic looked around and felt proud to be an All-Star, but he was a little nervous, too. "I hope the fans laugh and have a good time," he thought to himself.



Once the game started, the Phanatic didn't have to be nervous anymore. It was the wackiest baseball game the fans had ever seen!



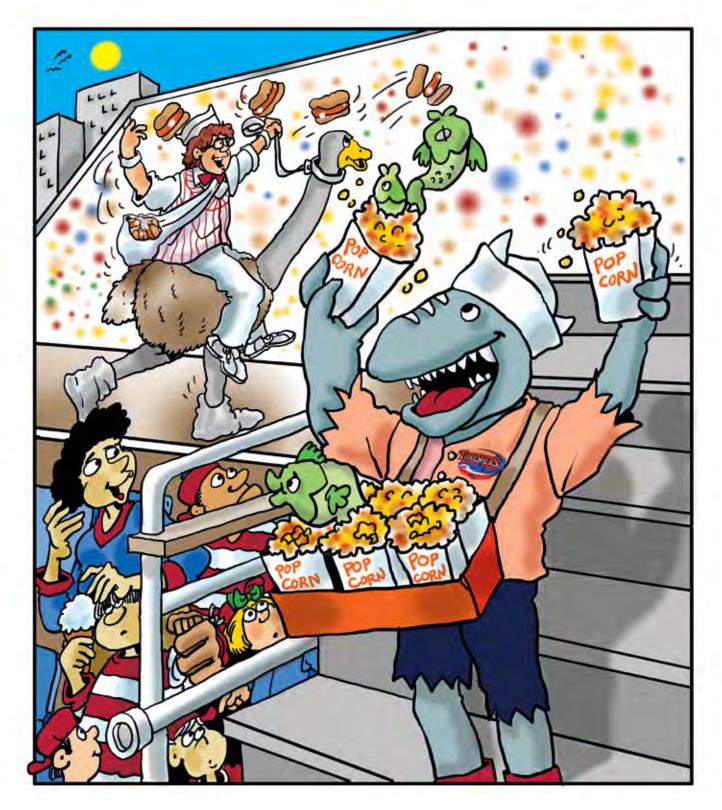
The mascots were funny when they ran around the bases.



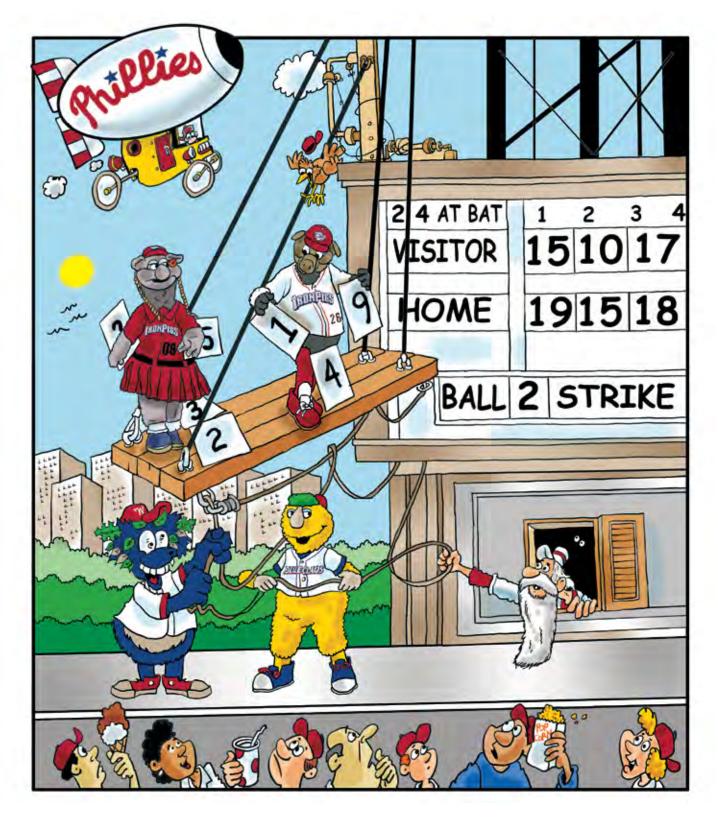
They made spectacular plays in the field.



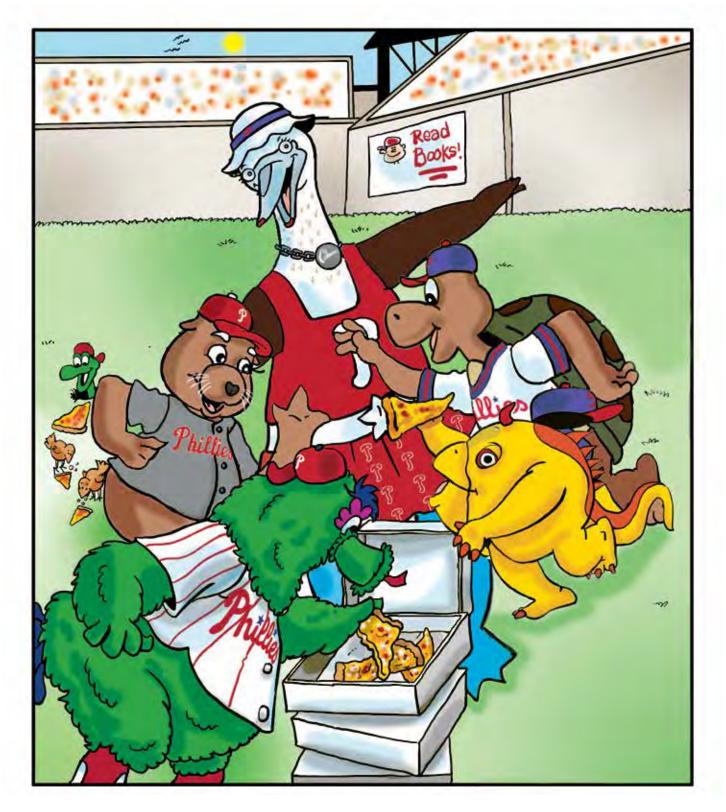
Just as the Phanatic had hoped, all of his friends were there to help. Lefty and his pals operated the TV cameras.



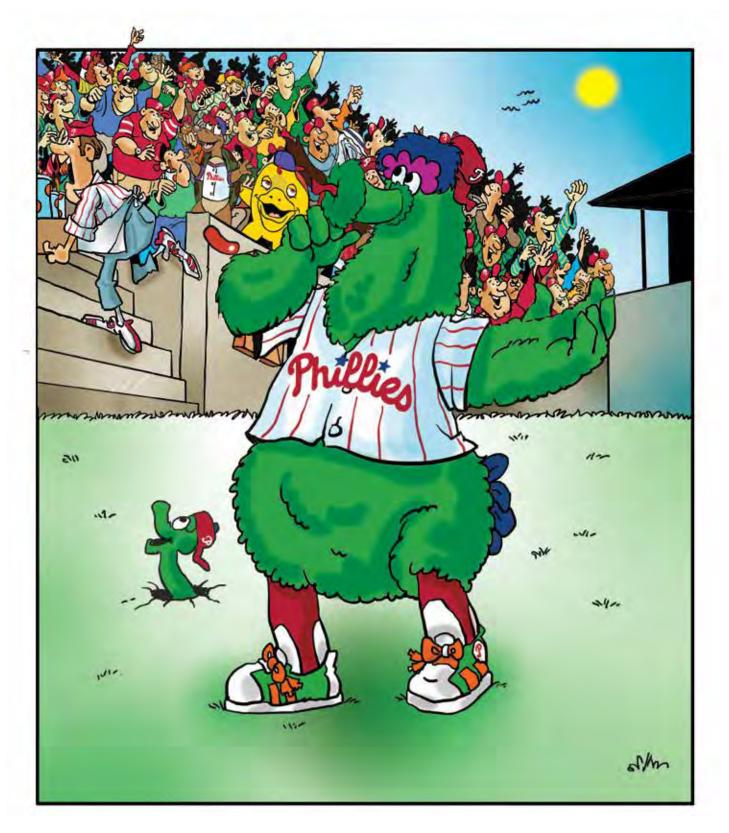
The Phanatic has mascot friends in the minor leagues and they helped by selling hot dogs and popcorn in the outfield bleachers.



The scoreboard was operated by his buddies, too.



On the field, the game got crazier and crazier. The Galapagos Gang – Sid, Bessie, Calvin and Iggy – even joined in the fun.



The Phanatic looked around at all of the happy fans in the crowd. They were laughing and smiling and having a great time at the game. The Phanatic thought to himself, "There is only one thing left to do - let's dance!"



Soon, all the mascots were dancing on the field, on the dugouts and in the stands!

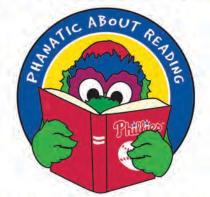


The fans danced along with their favorite mascots. It was a game that they will never forget.

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Every year, the best players in Major League Baseball play in the All-Star Game. This year, the Phillie Phanatic is invited to play in the Mascot All-Star Game and all of MLB's mascots will be there, too! The Phanatic's furry friends travel to Philadelphia for the big game. Check out what happens when baseball's silliest mascots get together to spend time in the City of Brotherly Love and play in the wackiest baseball game of the year.



