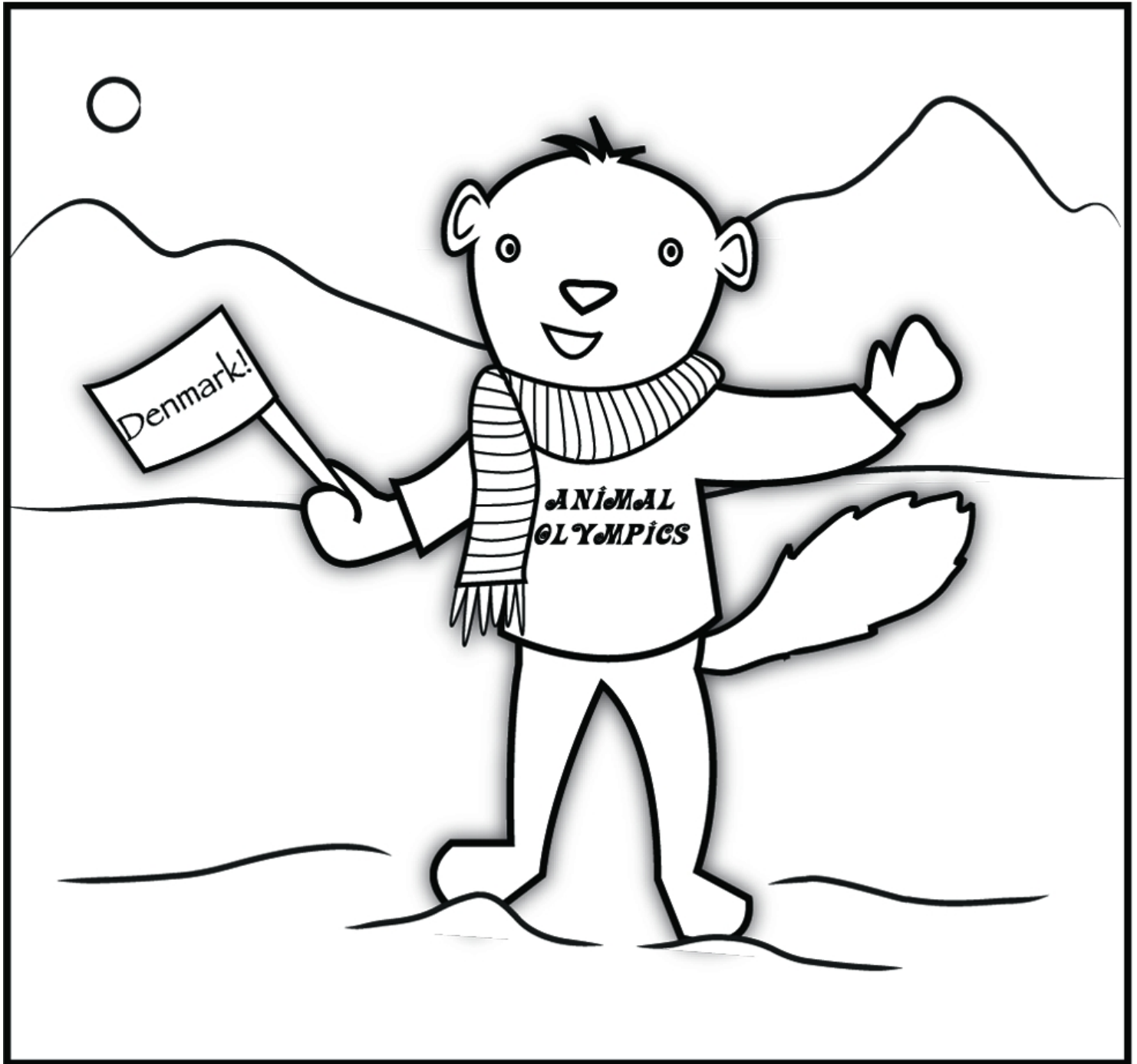
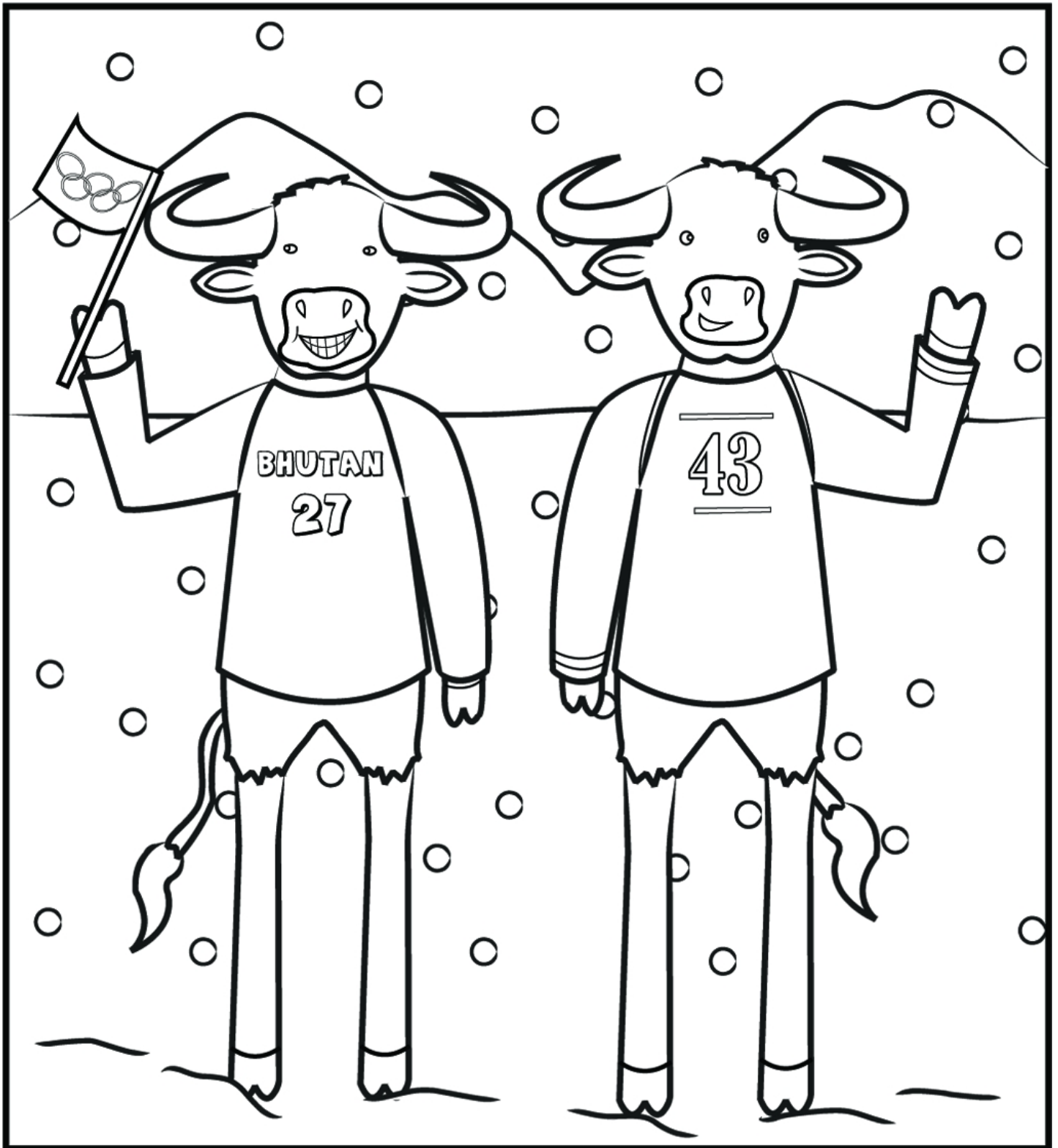


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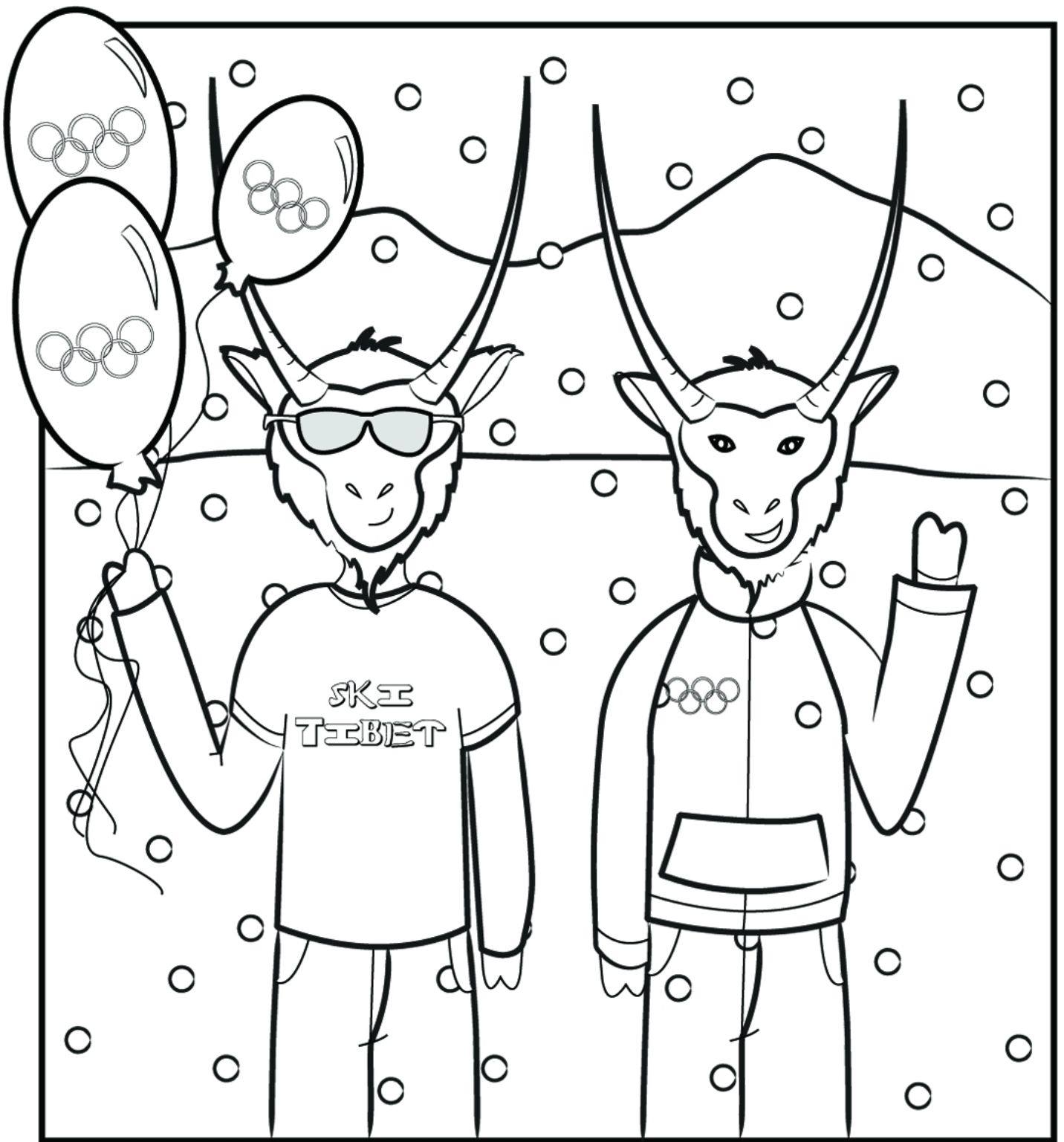




Today is the first day of the Winter Olympic Games for Animals. The snow leopards from Afghanistan are leading the parade.

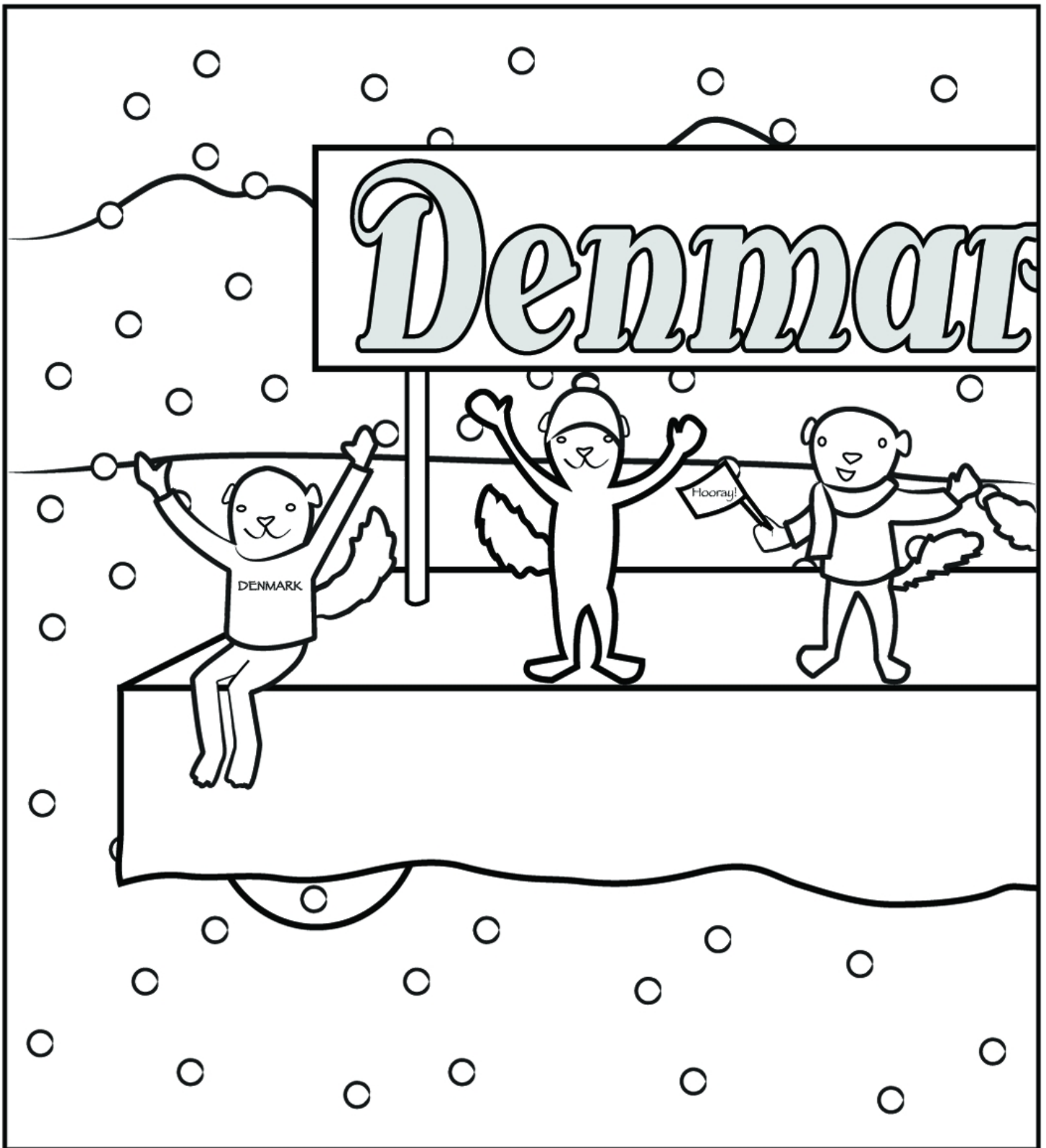


Right behind them are the Wild Asian buffaloes from Bhutan.

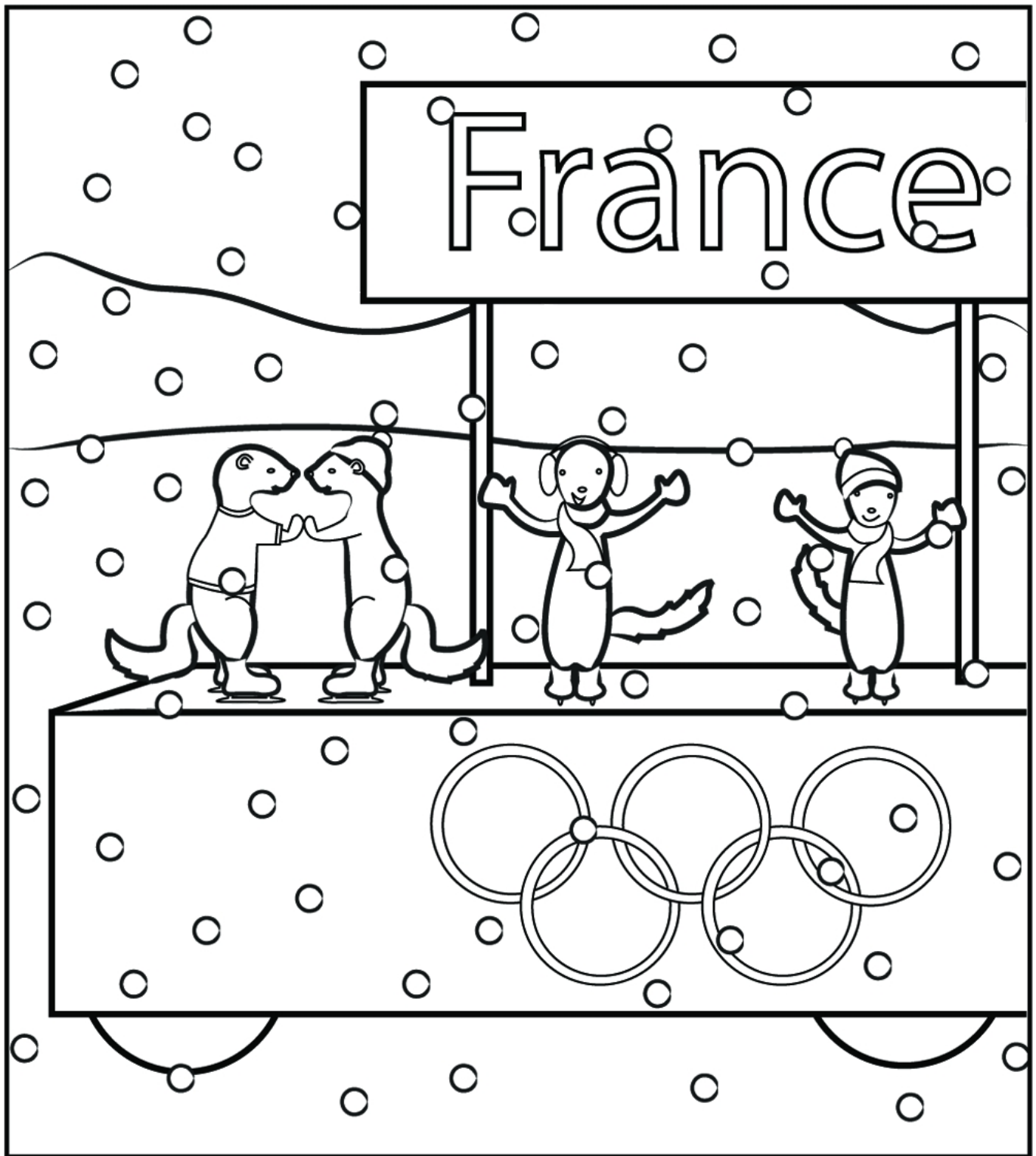


China's Tibetan antelopes are third. They will compete in the Cross Country Ski event.

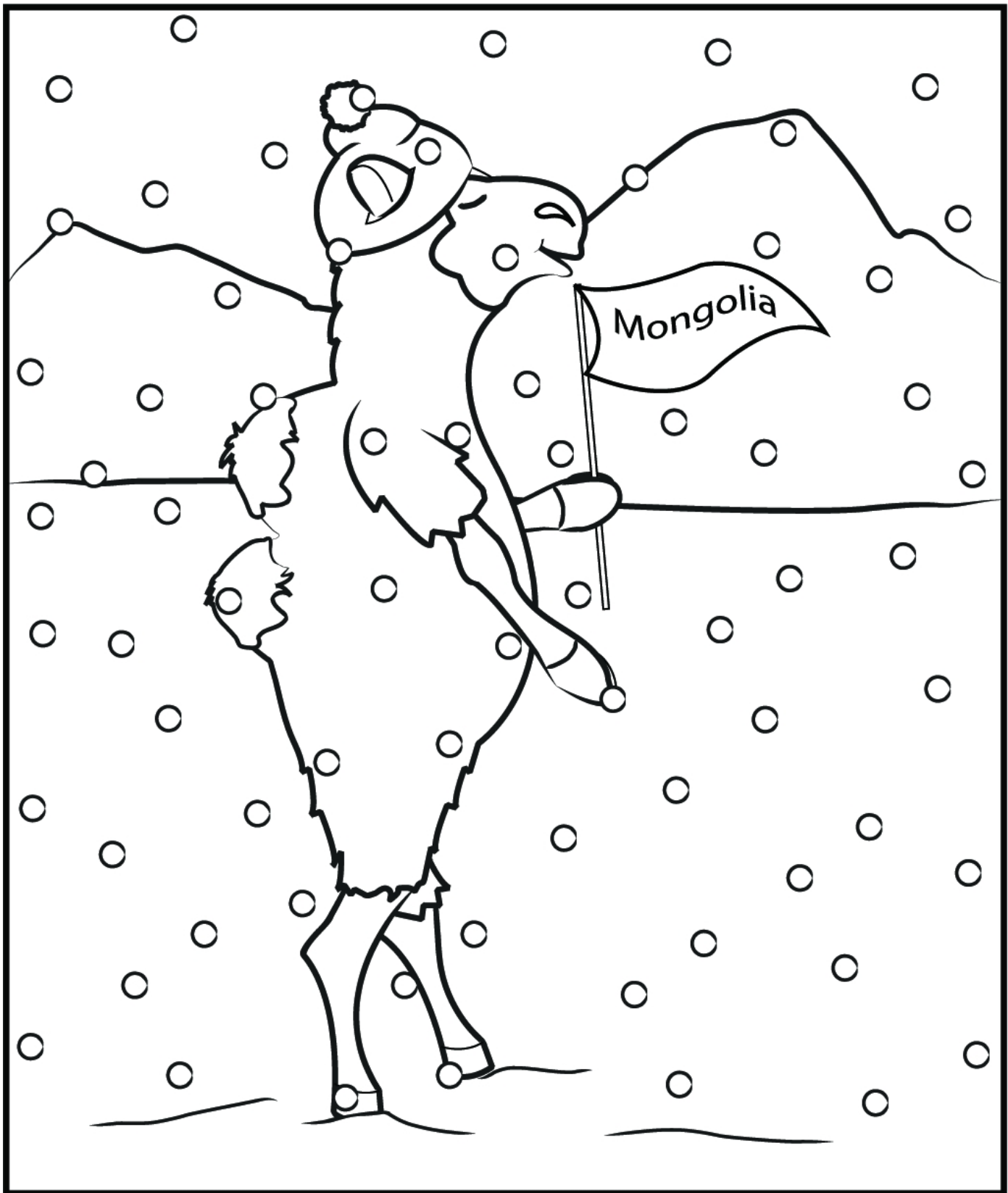




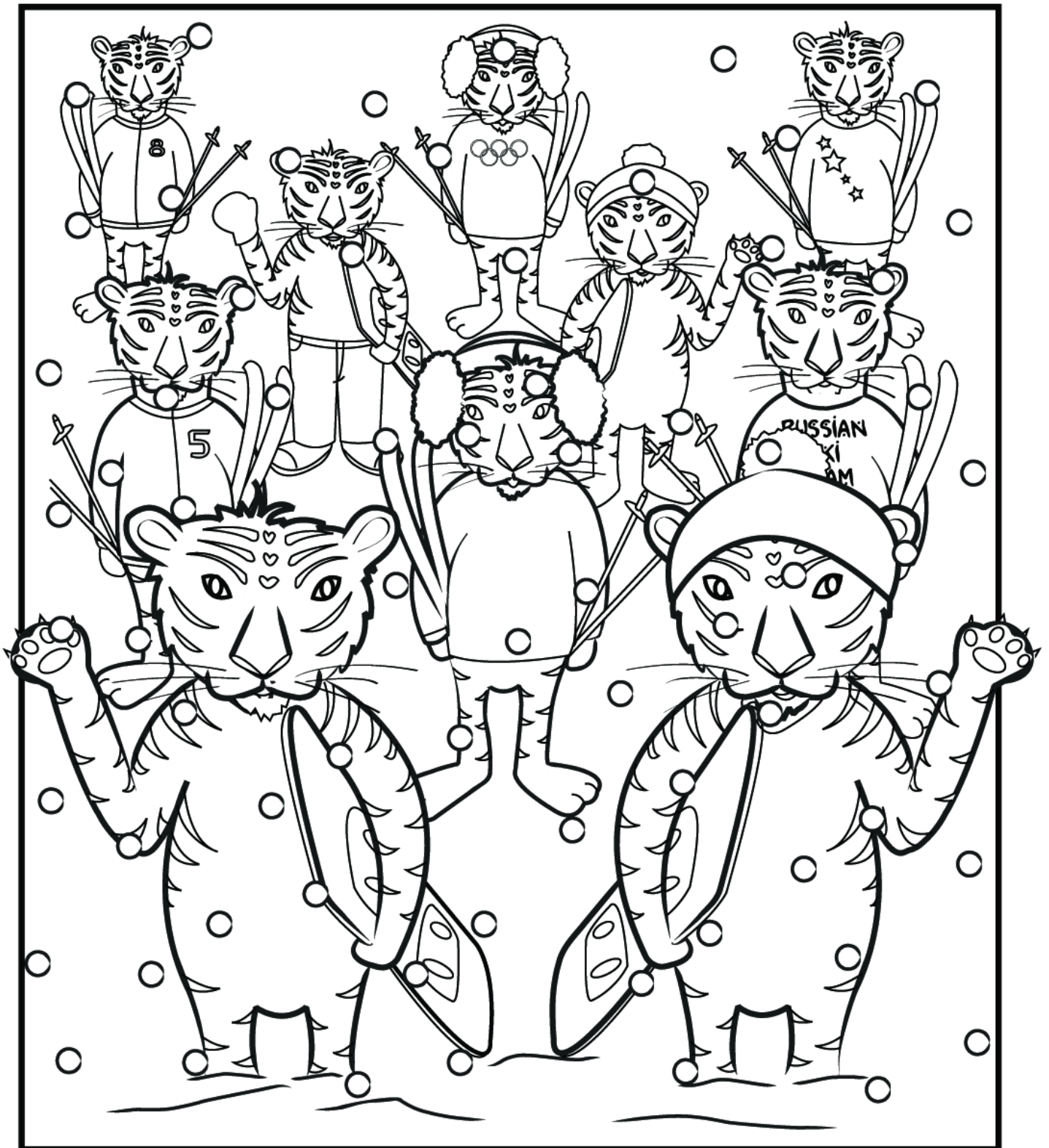
The luge team from Denmark is next. The Eurasian otters are really excited to be at the Olympics!



The tiny European minks are right behind the otters.  
They are from France. They are figure skaters.

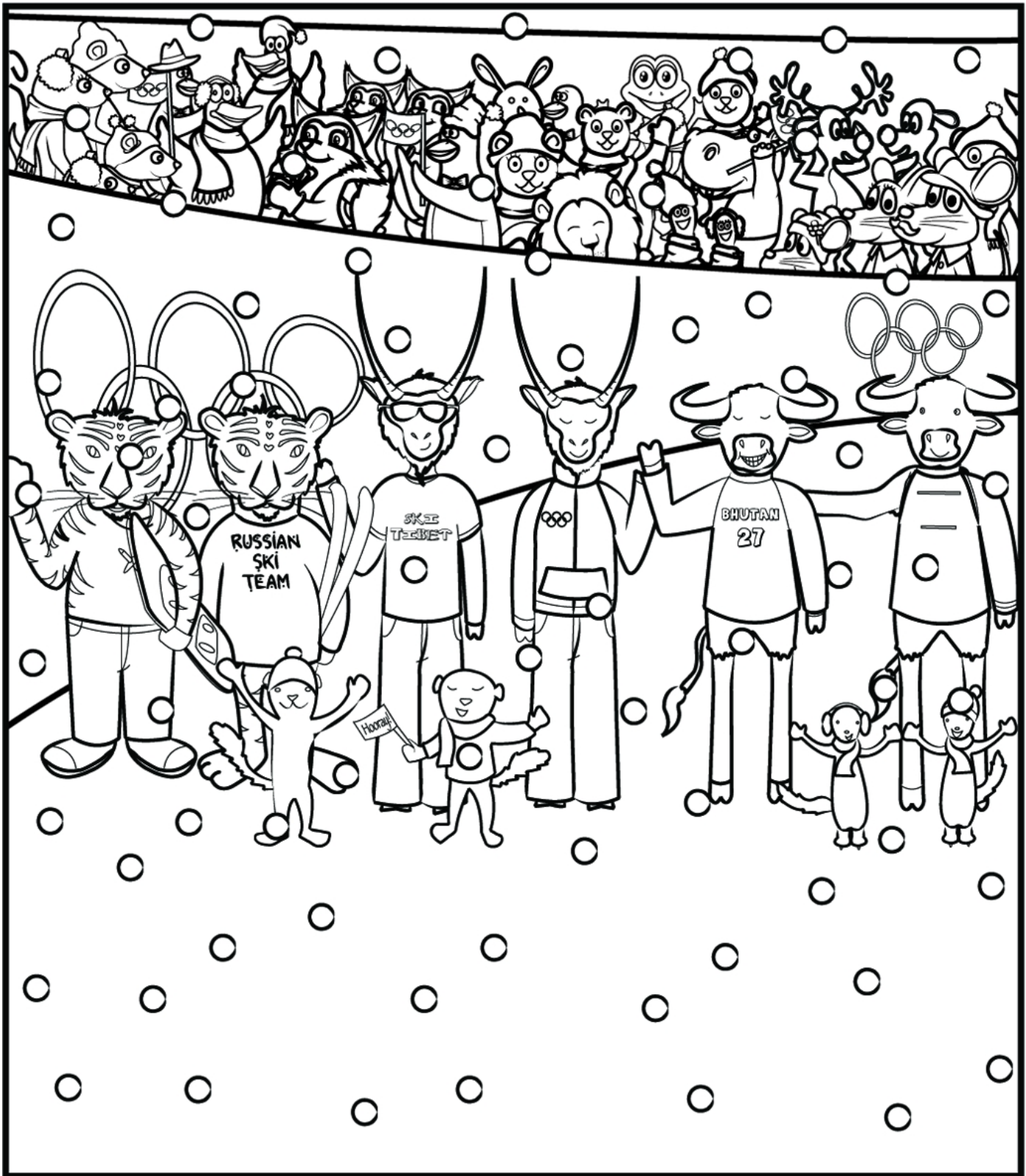


A Bactrian camel from Mongolia is next. He will be in the Skeleton.

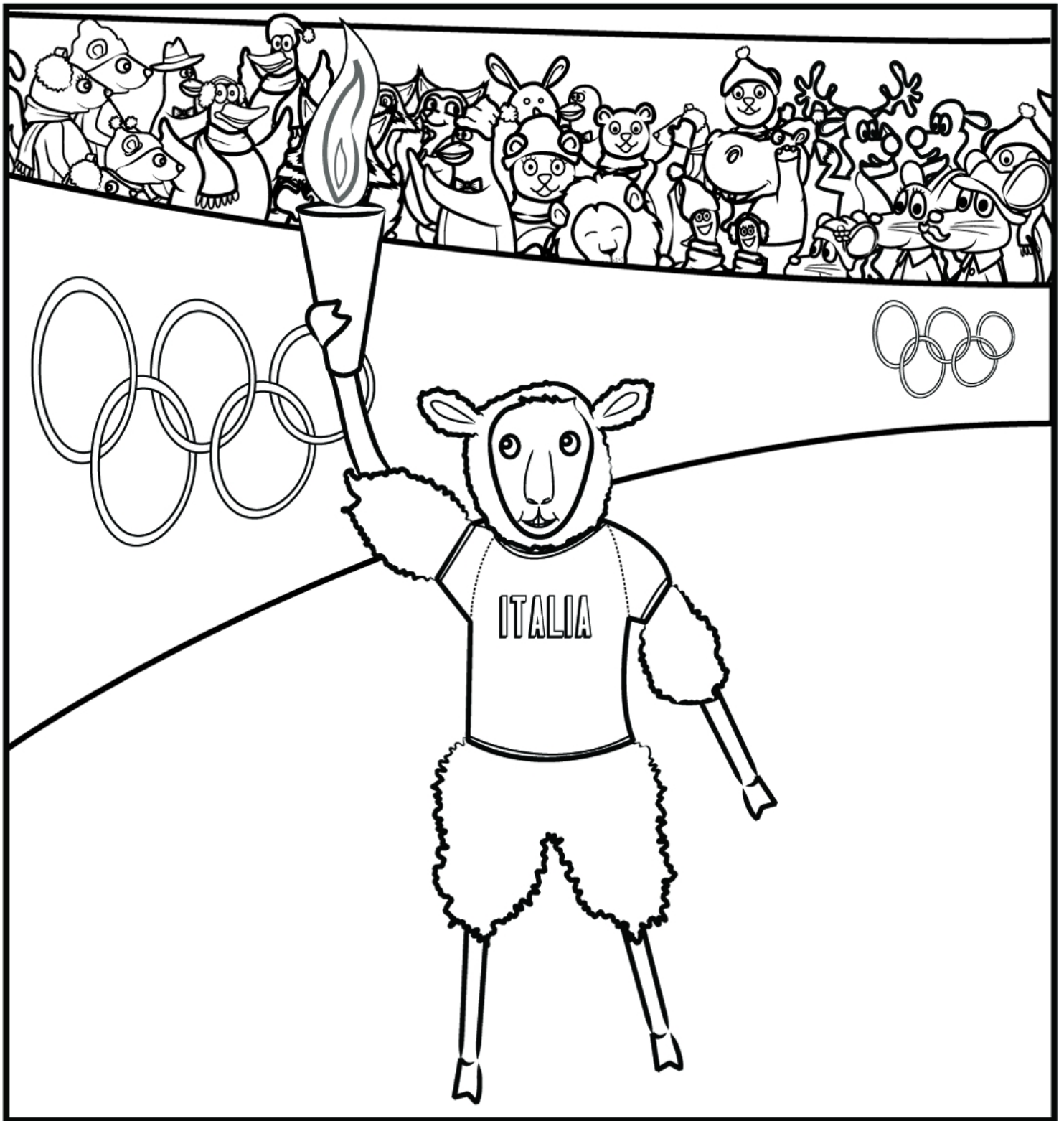


Ten Russian tigers are following the Bactrian camel.  
They will compete in snowboarding and freestyle skiing.  
More and more animals come into the stadium.

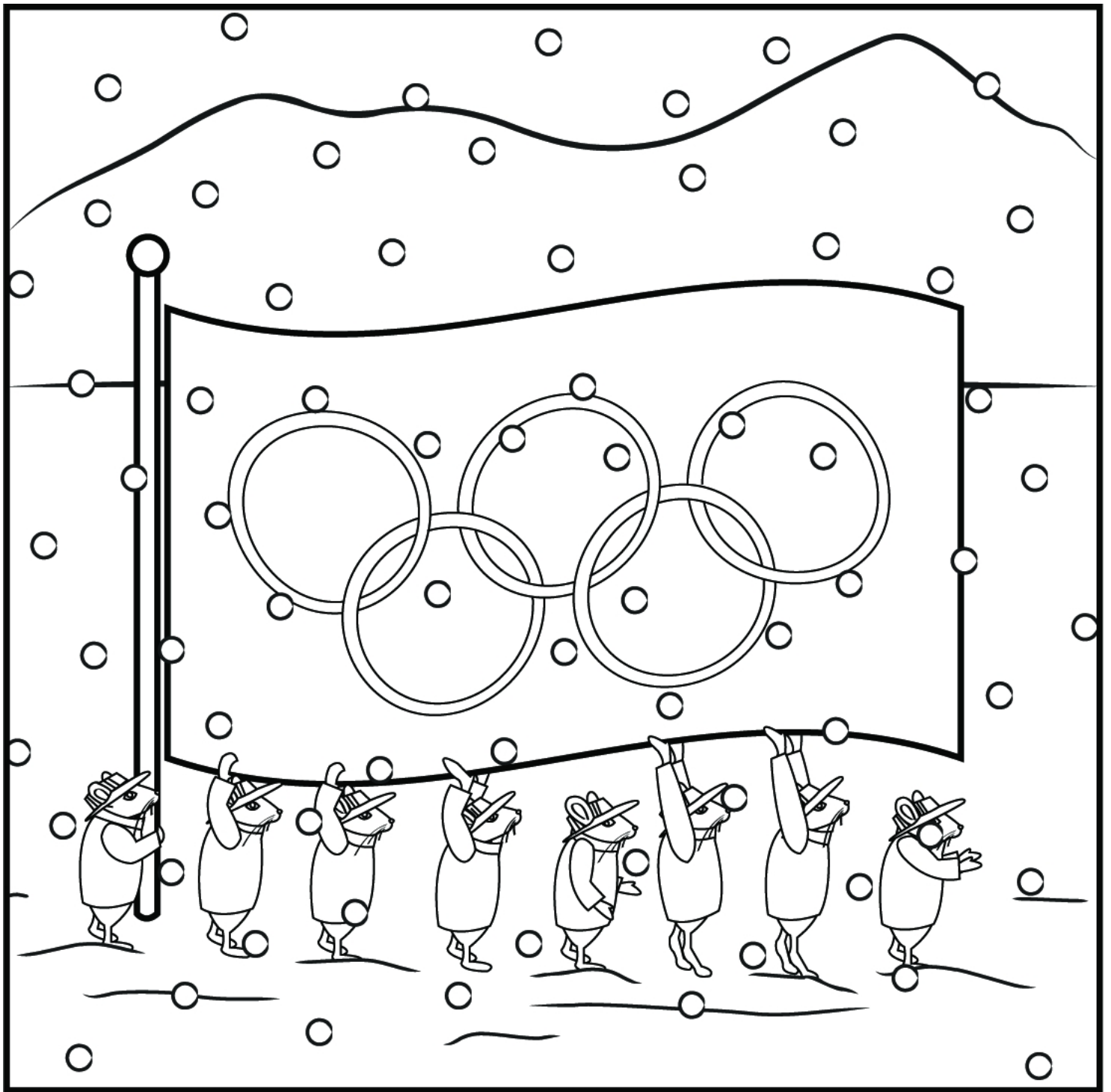




All the animals from all the countries are lined up around the stadium now. The crowd is cheering.



Here comes the Olympic torch! A Mouflon sheep from Italy is carrying it. He looks so warm in his shaggy red-brown coat.



Next is the Olympic flag. It is being carried by eight garden dormice from Italy. They are wearing brown coats and brown hats. The brown hats have black stripes around their ears.



The Mouflon sheep is lighting the big torch!  
The Winter Olympic Games for Animals have begun.