

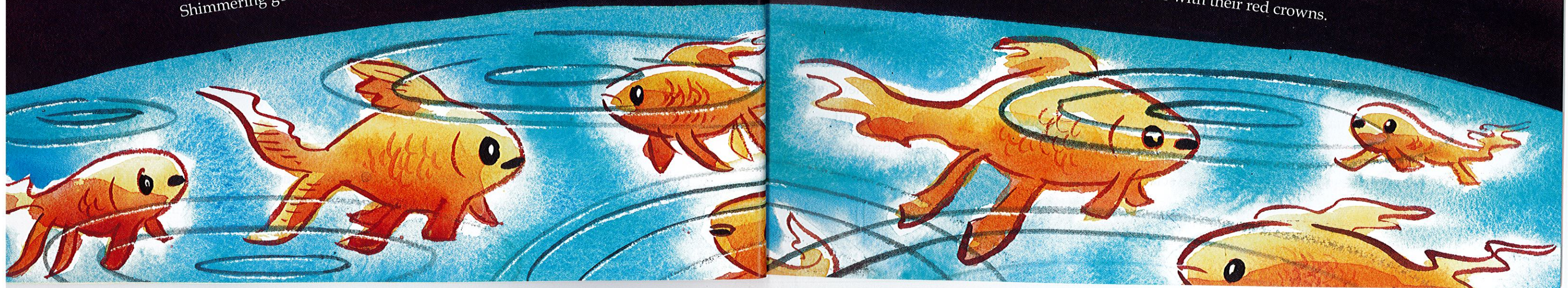


1964, TOKYO, JAPAN

Shimmering goldfish and jellyfish calm visitors to Japan's oldest zoological complex



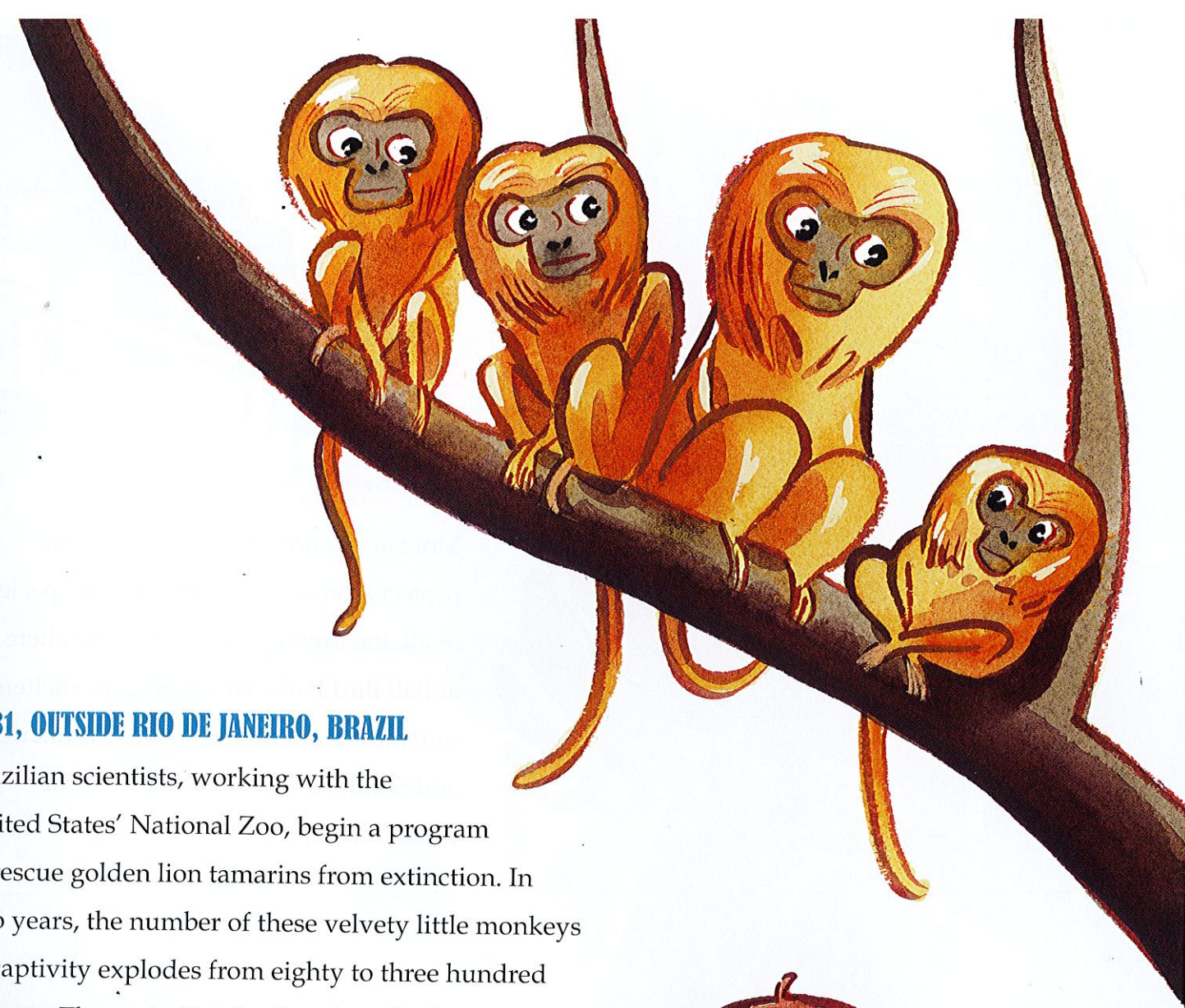
the Ueno Zoo. One thousand gorgeous cherry trees surround its wild ducks, penguins, Komodo dragons, and Japanese cranes with their red crowns.





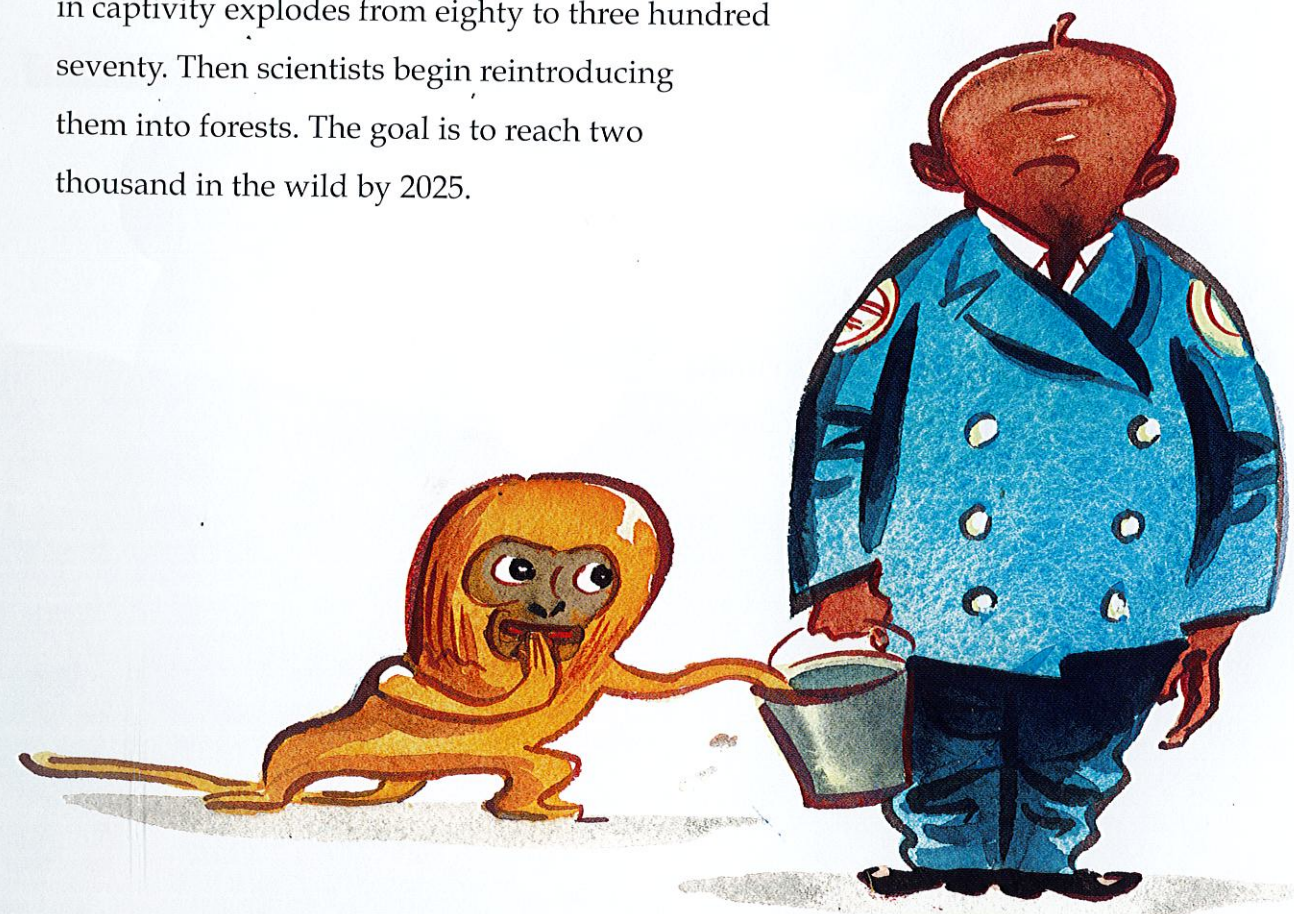
1978, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Kiki and the other gorillas at Woodland Park Zoo climb into their new home, uniquely dense with real plants and trees. Some visitors complain that the zoo is so lush they can't see the animals. But like many zoos now, this one displays animals not for show, but for scientists to learn how gorillas act in their natural habitat. These gorillas become so playful and peaceful that they give scientists new ideas about what gorillas are really like.



1981, OUTSIDE RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

Brazilian scientists, working with the United States' National Zoo, begin a program to rescue golden lion tamarins from extinction. In two years, the number of these velvety little monkeys in captivity explodes from eighty to three hundred seventy. Then scientists begin reintroducing them into forests. The goal is to reach two thousand in the wild by 2025.





1995, BALI, INDONESIA

More and more, zoos are places that protect animals. One of the rarest species of all, the tiny Bali starling, thrives here at Bali Bird Park. This sanctuary shelters rare birds from Indonesia, Latin America, and South Africa, including birds of paradise, serpent eagles, and the hyacinth macaw, the largest parrot in the world.

2009, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Yun Zi, or “Son of Cloud,” is born under cloudless skies at the San Diego Zoo — the fifth rare panda born here. He starts munching bamboo and will become a cuddly-looking giant — one of the most popular animals ever.





All throughout history, zoos have been built for so many reasons.



To make important people feel more important.



To satisfy our longing for contact with nature.



To educate, amuse, and entertain.



To make us gasp with awe.



To study and protect animals.



Whatever your reason, visit a zoo today.

Listen to the lions roar!

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