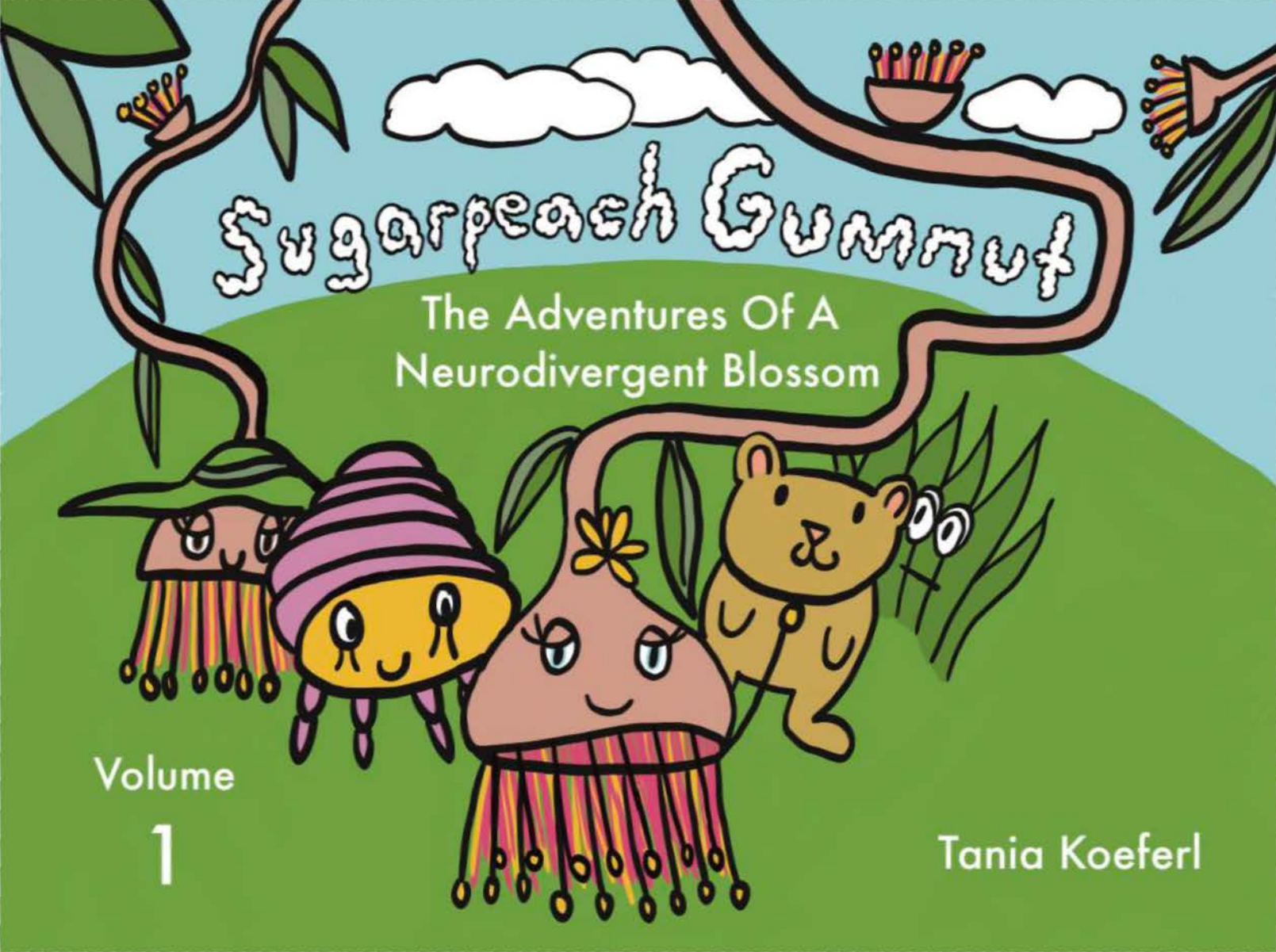
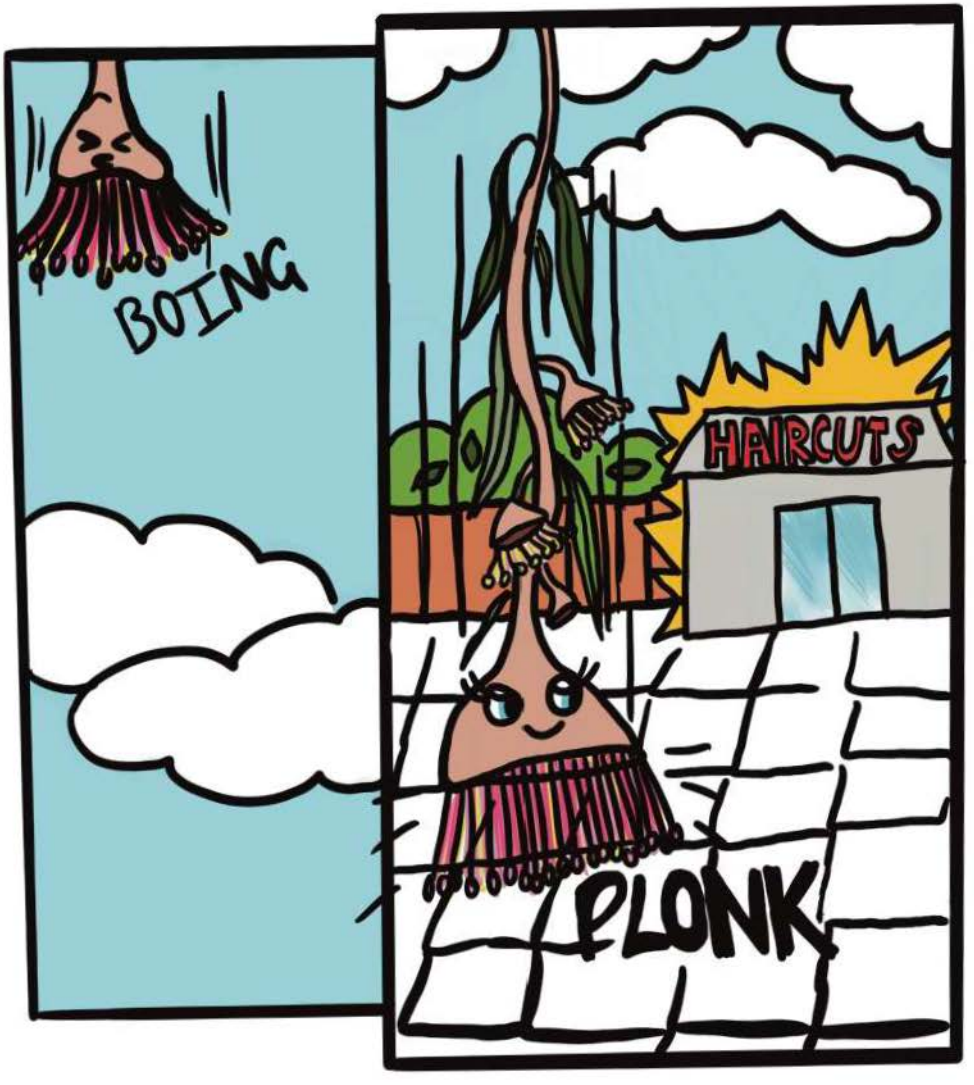

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EPISODE 1
Haircut
Hi! I'm going for a haircut today. Come with me!


BOING
HAIRCUTS
PLONK

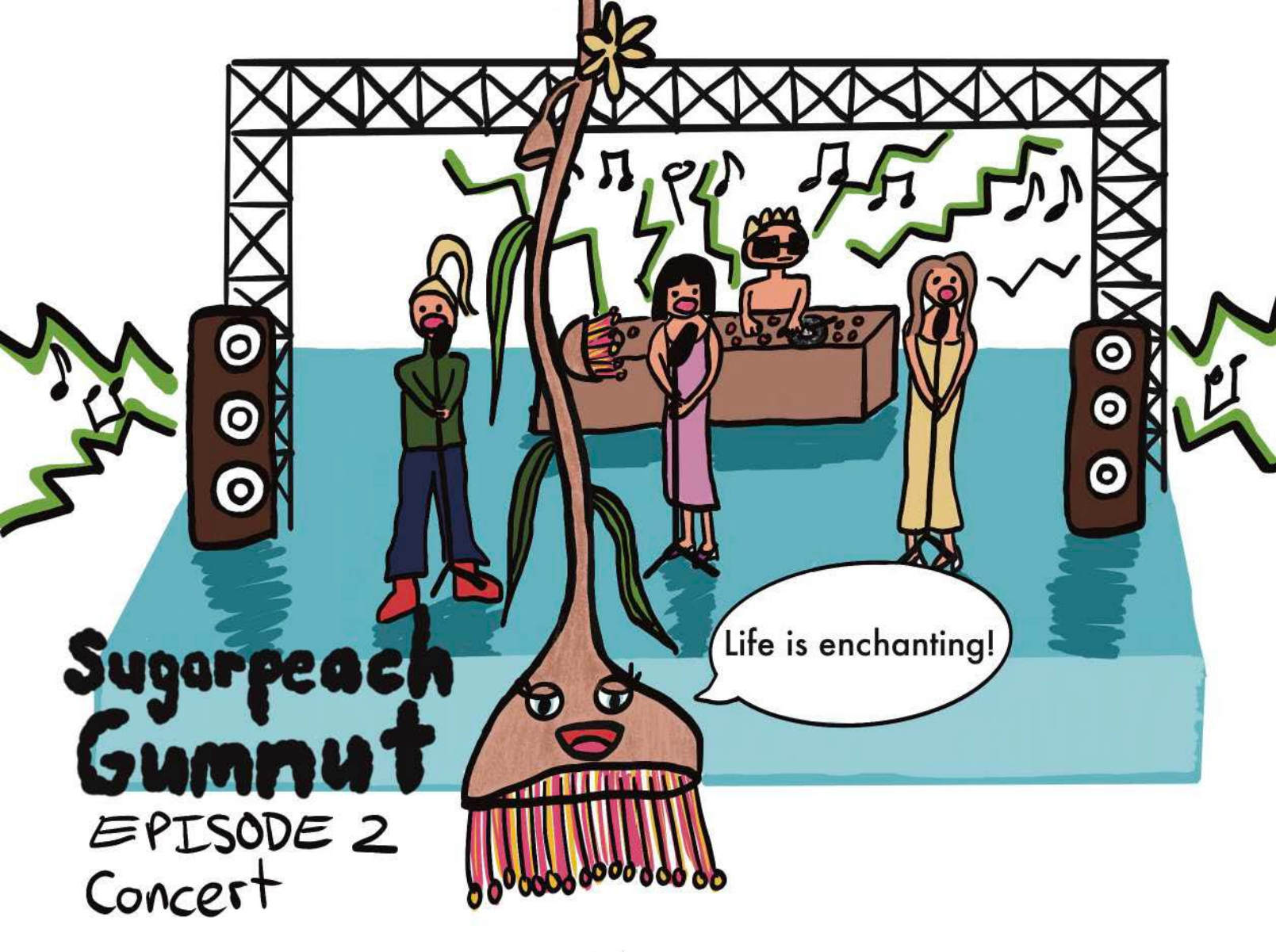

HAIRCUTS
Your hair is very thick.
Yes, it is.
Could you please thin it out with lots of layers?

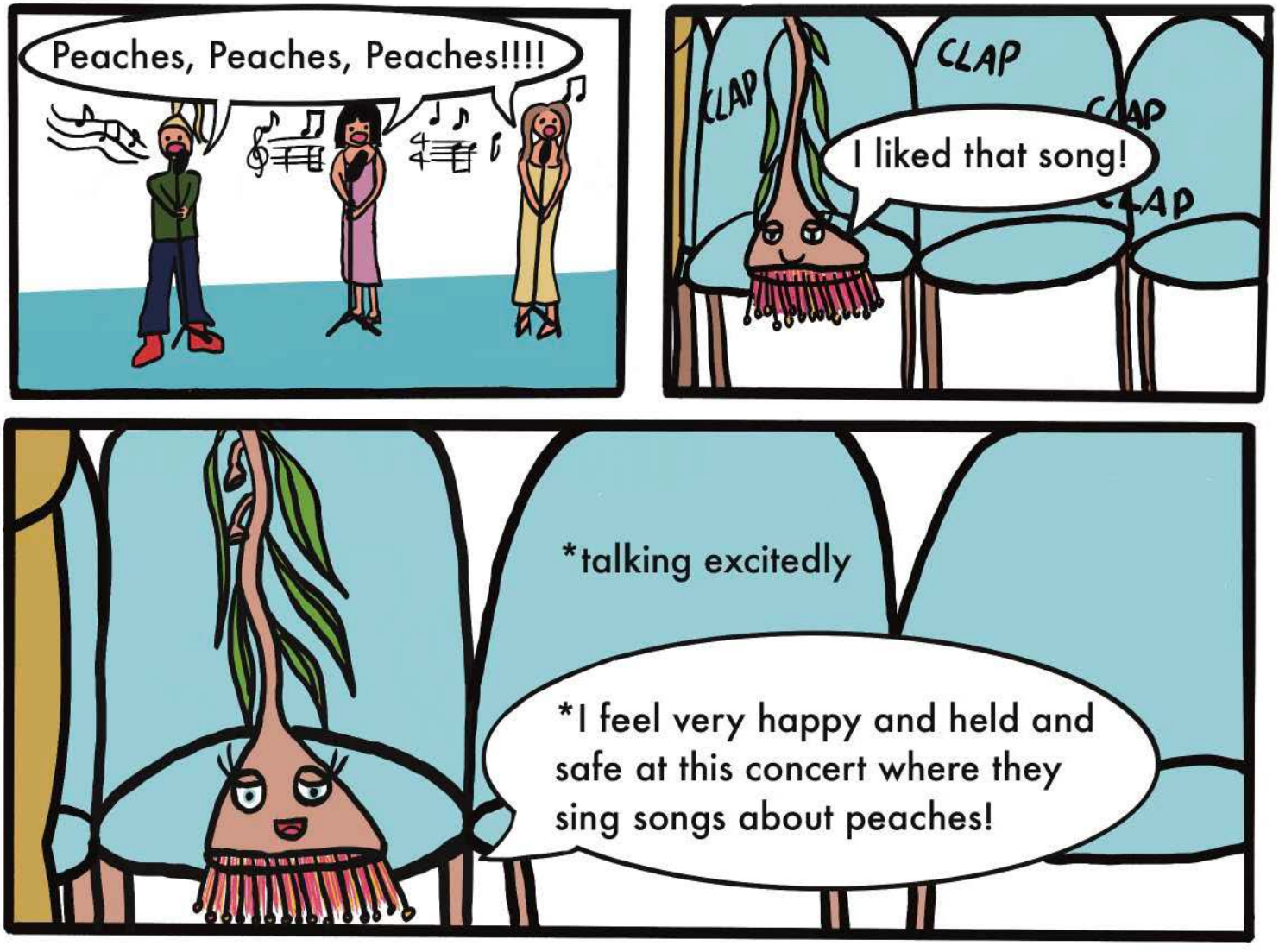

Hold still.
Hehe!
That tickles!
Hehe!!
snip!
snip!

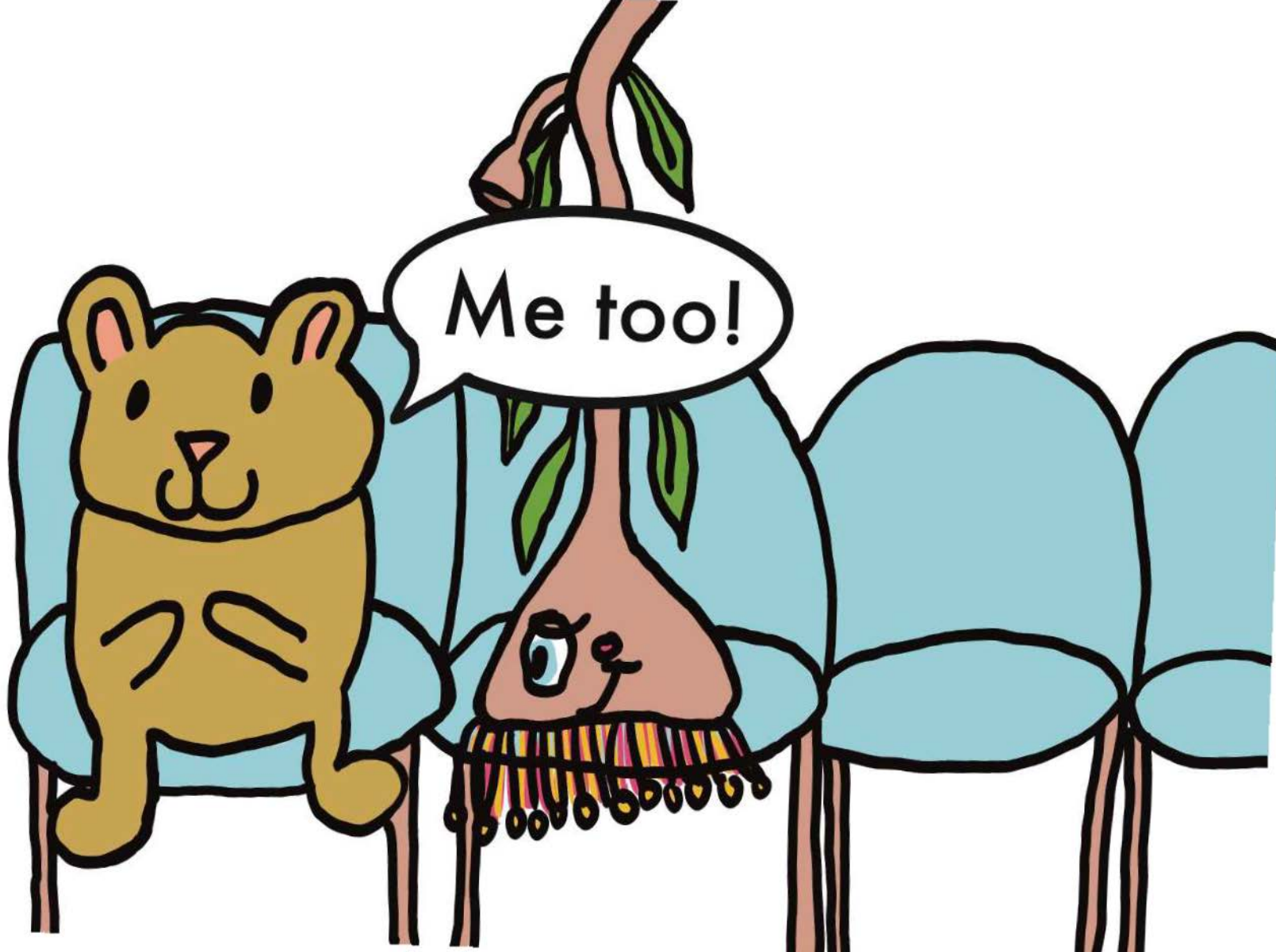

Wow, it looks so professional! This will be great for when I start my new job!
I'm glad you like it!


HAIRCUTS
Hey Bear! What do you think of my new haircut?
You had a haircut? I can't tell! Looks the same as before!
It cost $50!! It was for my new job!


plonk
zzz
plop
Nice haircut!
the boss

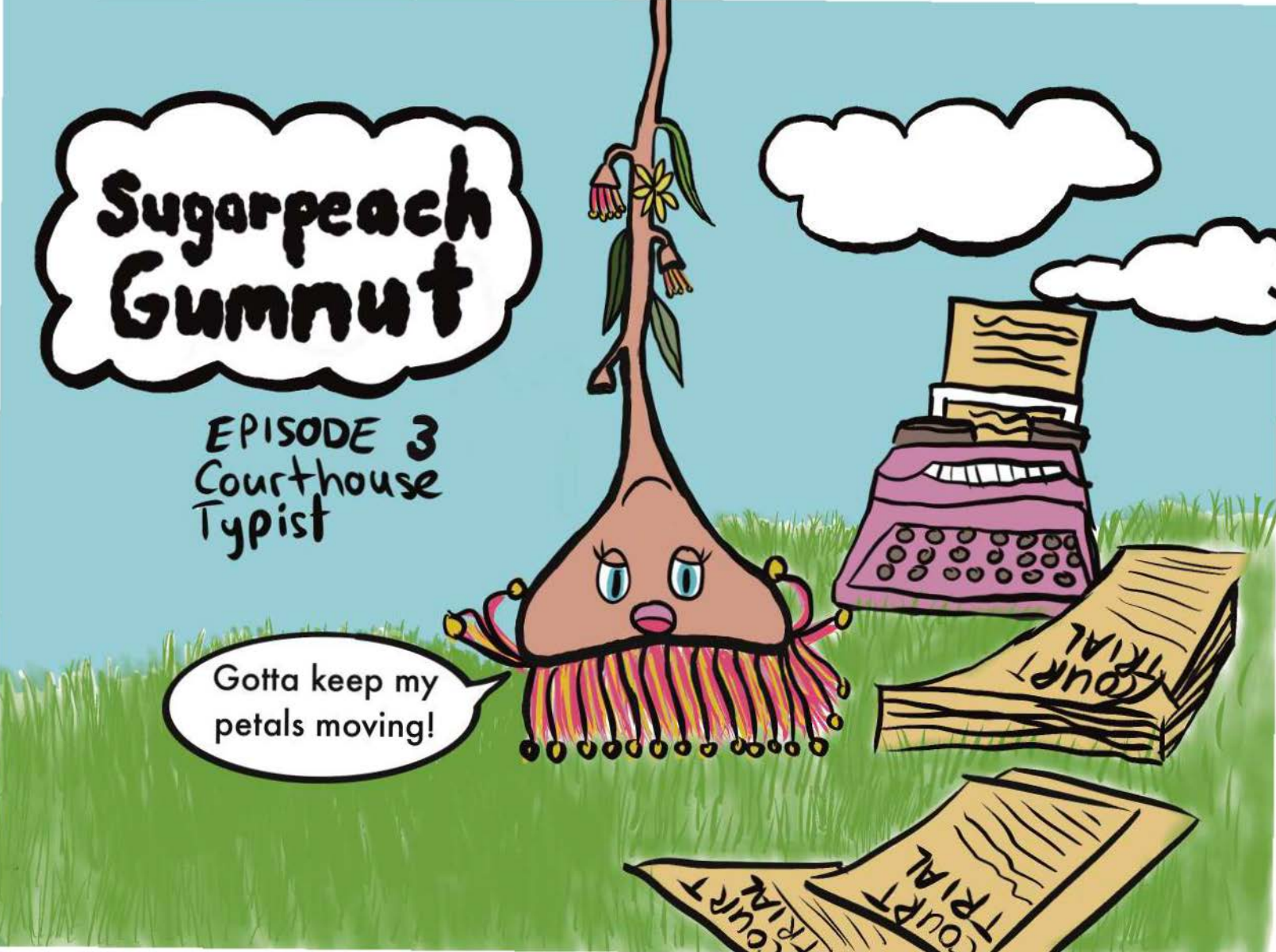

Life is enchanting!
Sugarpeach Gumnut
EPISODE 2
Concert


Peaches, Peaches, Peaches!!!!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
I liked that song!
*talking excitedly
*I feel very happy and held and safe at this concert where they sing songs about peaches!


Me too!

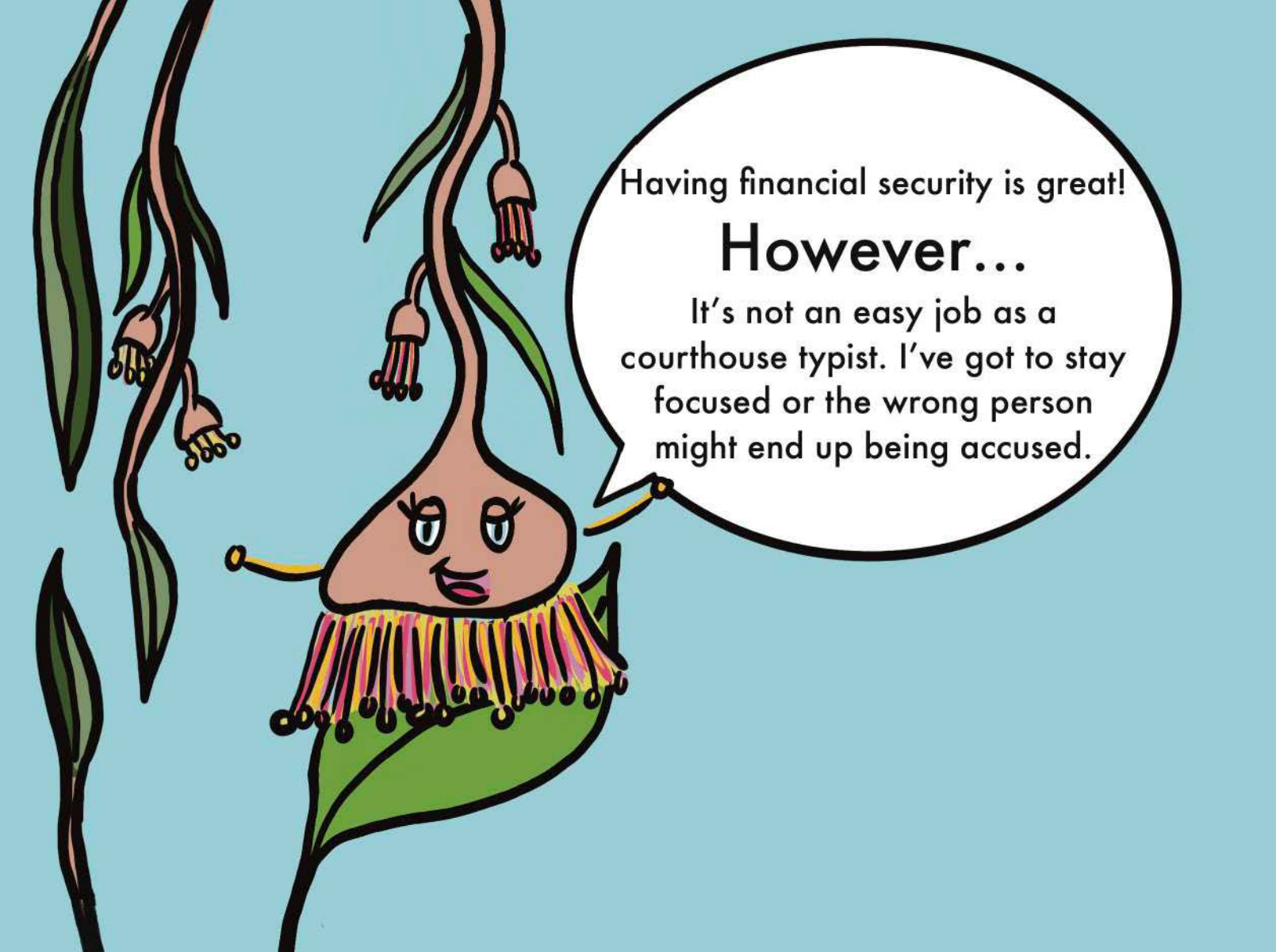

I start my new courthouse typist job tomorrow and it's an early bird morning.
Oh, fun! It's bricklaying for me tomorrow morning.


Zzzz

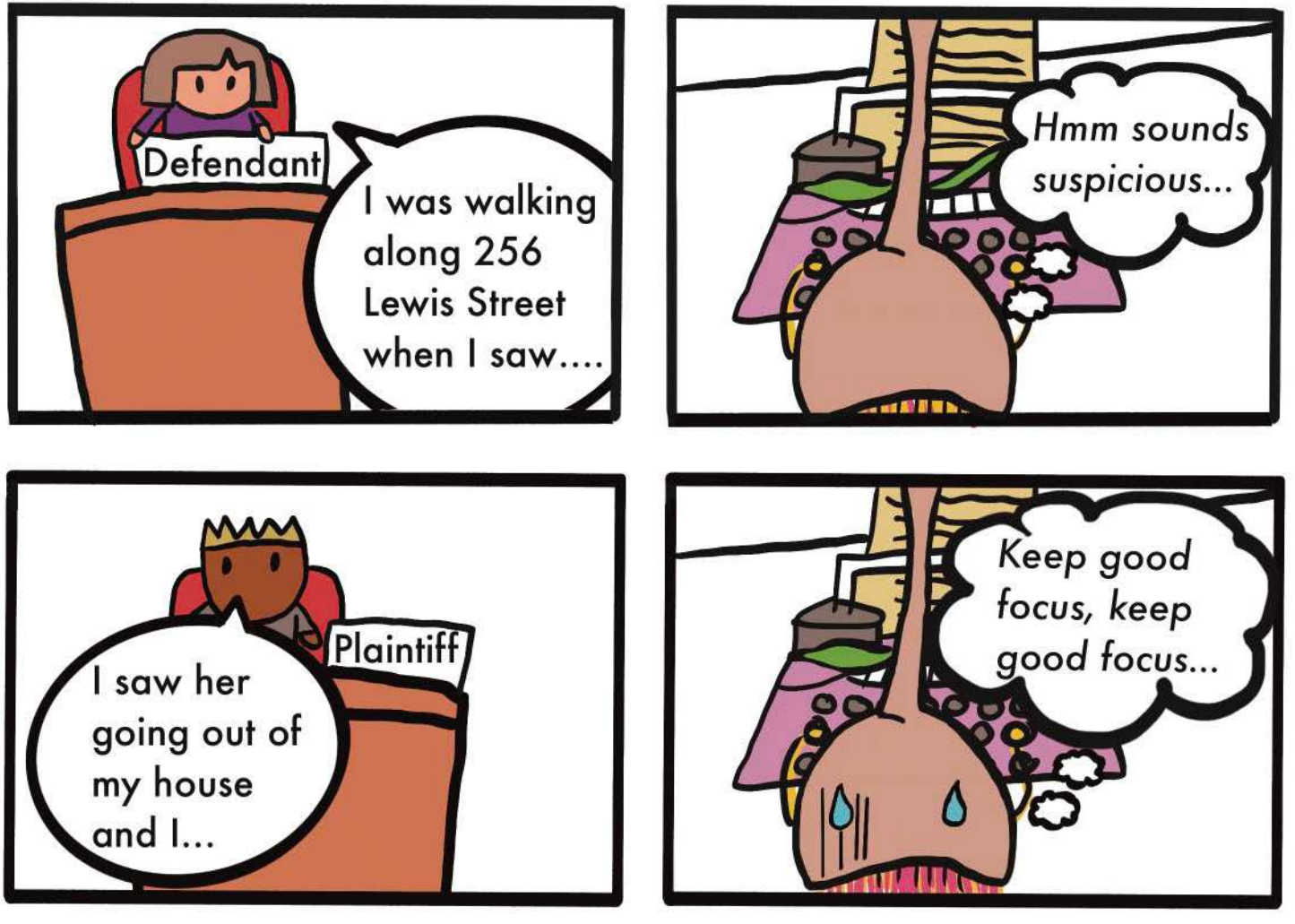

Sugarpeach Gumnut
EPISODE 3
Courthouse Typist
Gotta keep my petals moving!
COURT TRIAL
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MONDAY MORN
I am
overjoyed!
Want to know why?

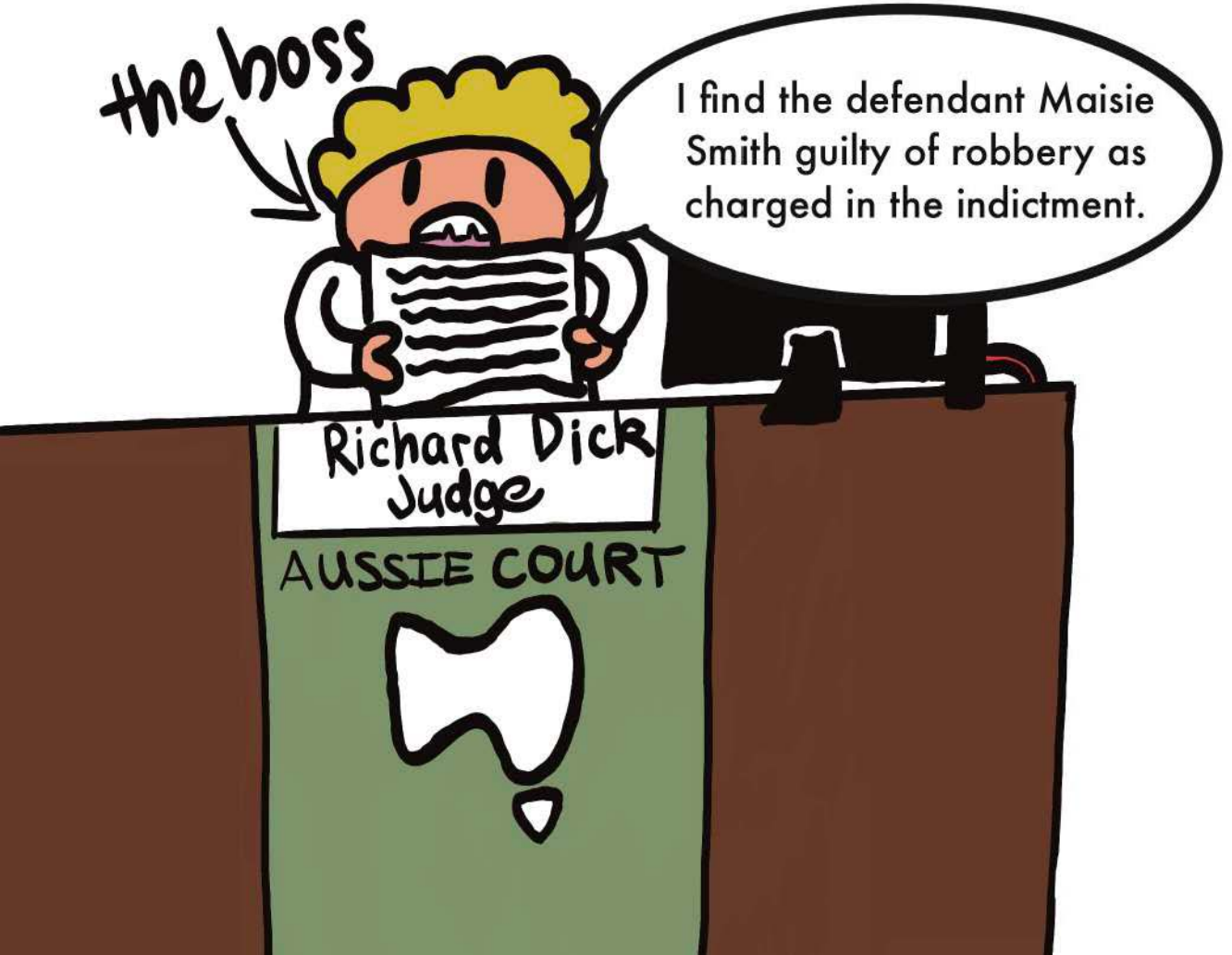

"She's hot, rich and succesful! Making bank as a courthouse typist!"
PROSPERITY

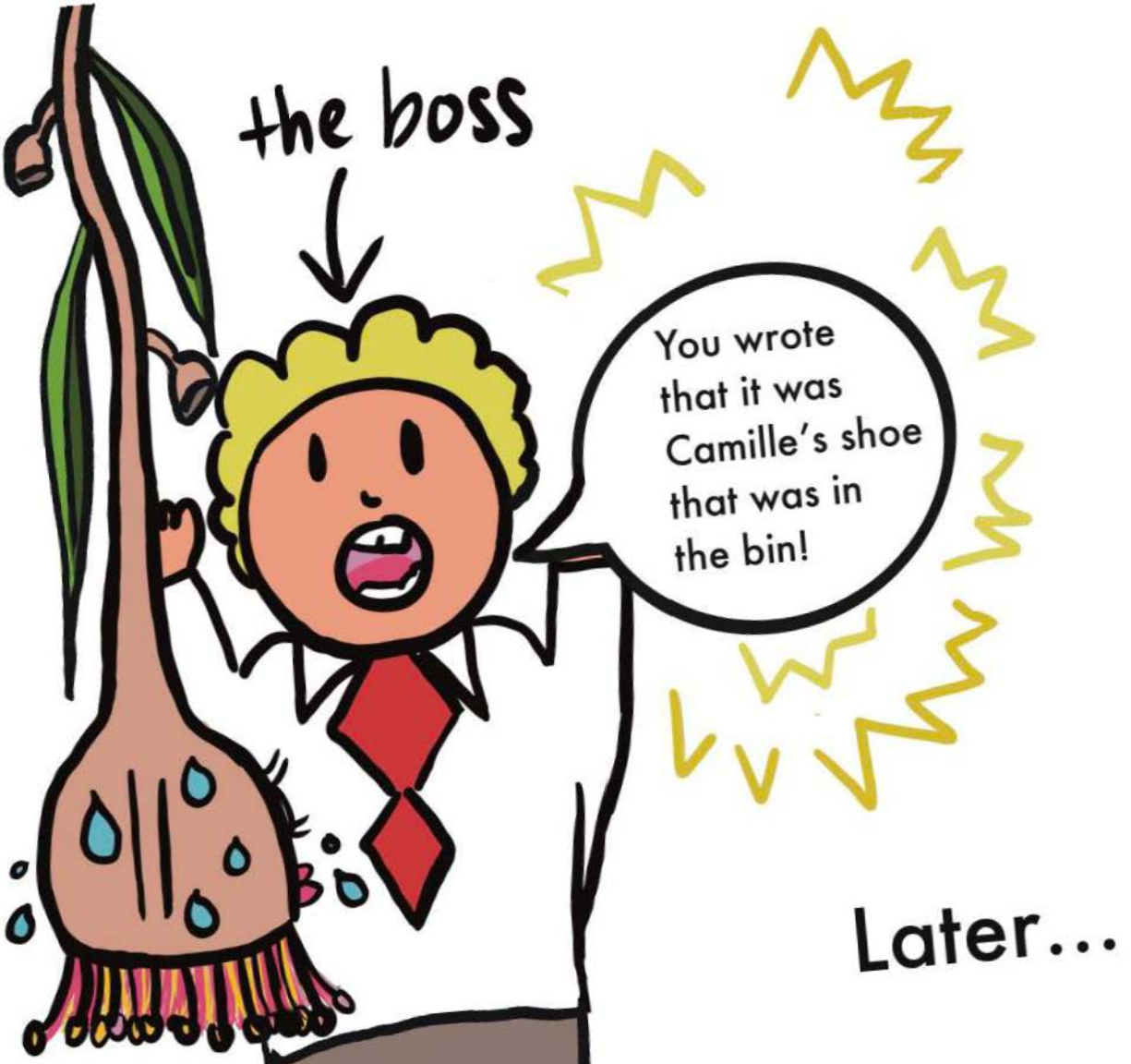

Having financial security is great!
However...
It's not an easy job as a courthouse typist. I've got to stay focused or the wrong person might end up being accused.

THE COURT CASE



THE VERDICT: GUILTY AS CHARGED




the boss
You wrote that it was Camille's shoe that was in the bin!
Later...

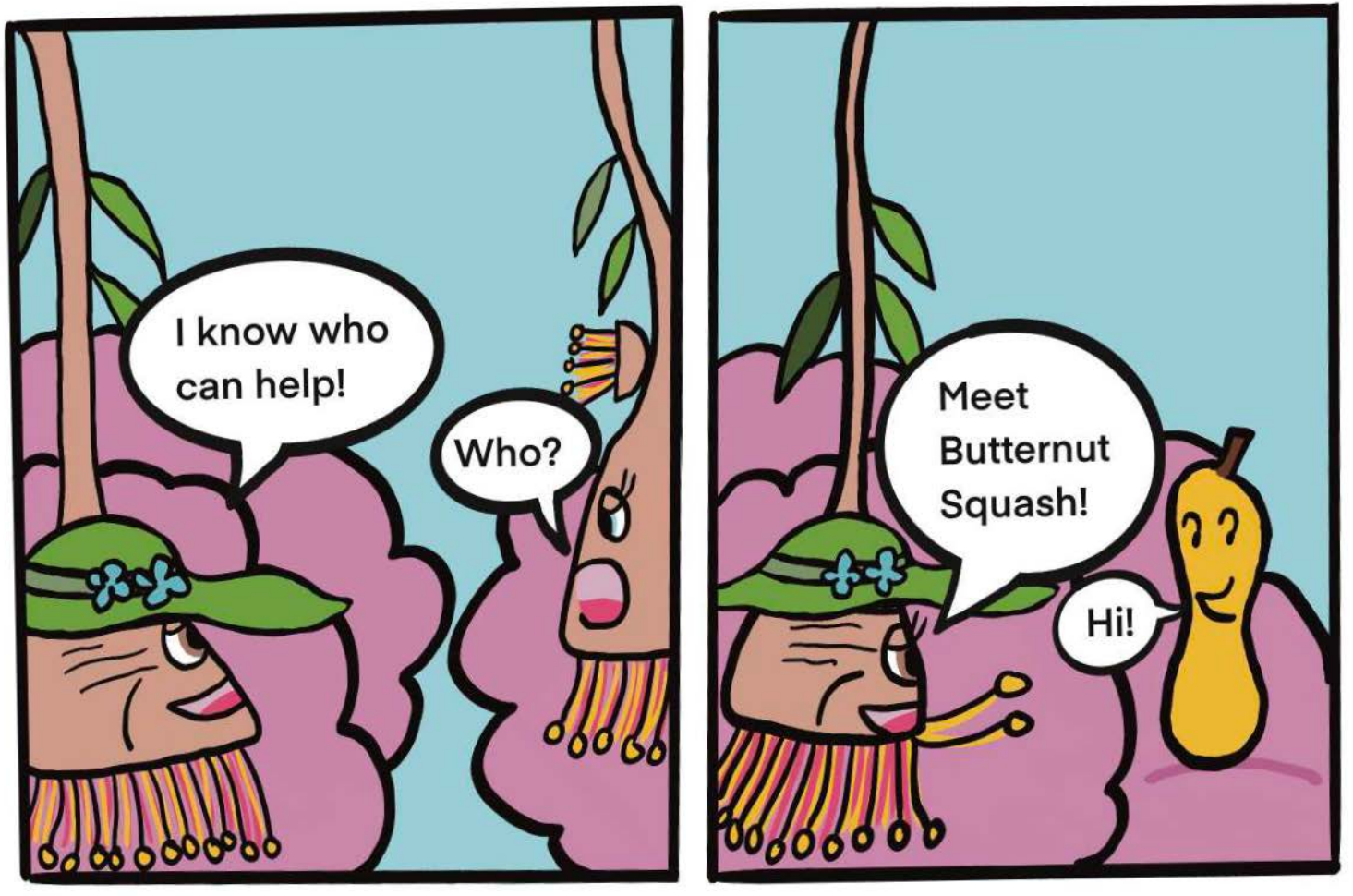

I'm sorry, it was a mistake! I was trying hard, but listening non-stop for 10 hours and typing 120 words per minute...
IT'S TOO LATE! YOU'RE FIRED!!!! !!!!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!!

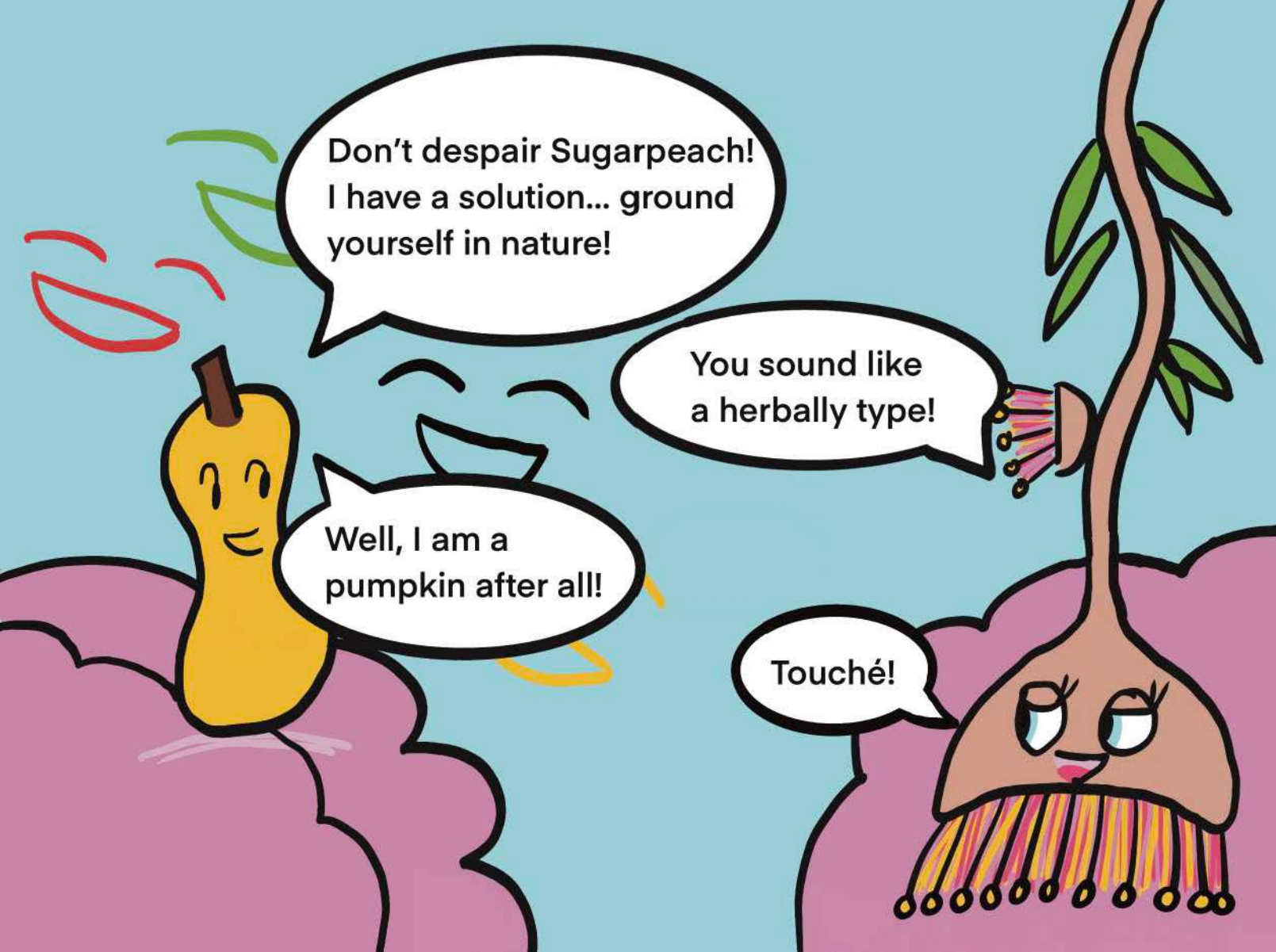

Was it REALLY my fault that I couldn't get every word of a 10 hour court case down correctly?
Yes? No?
WAH WAH WAH WAH

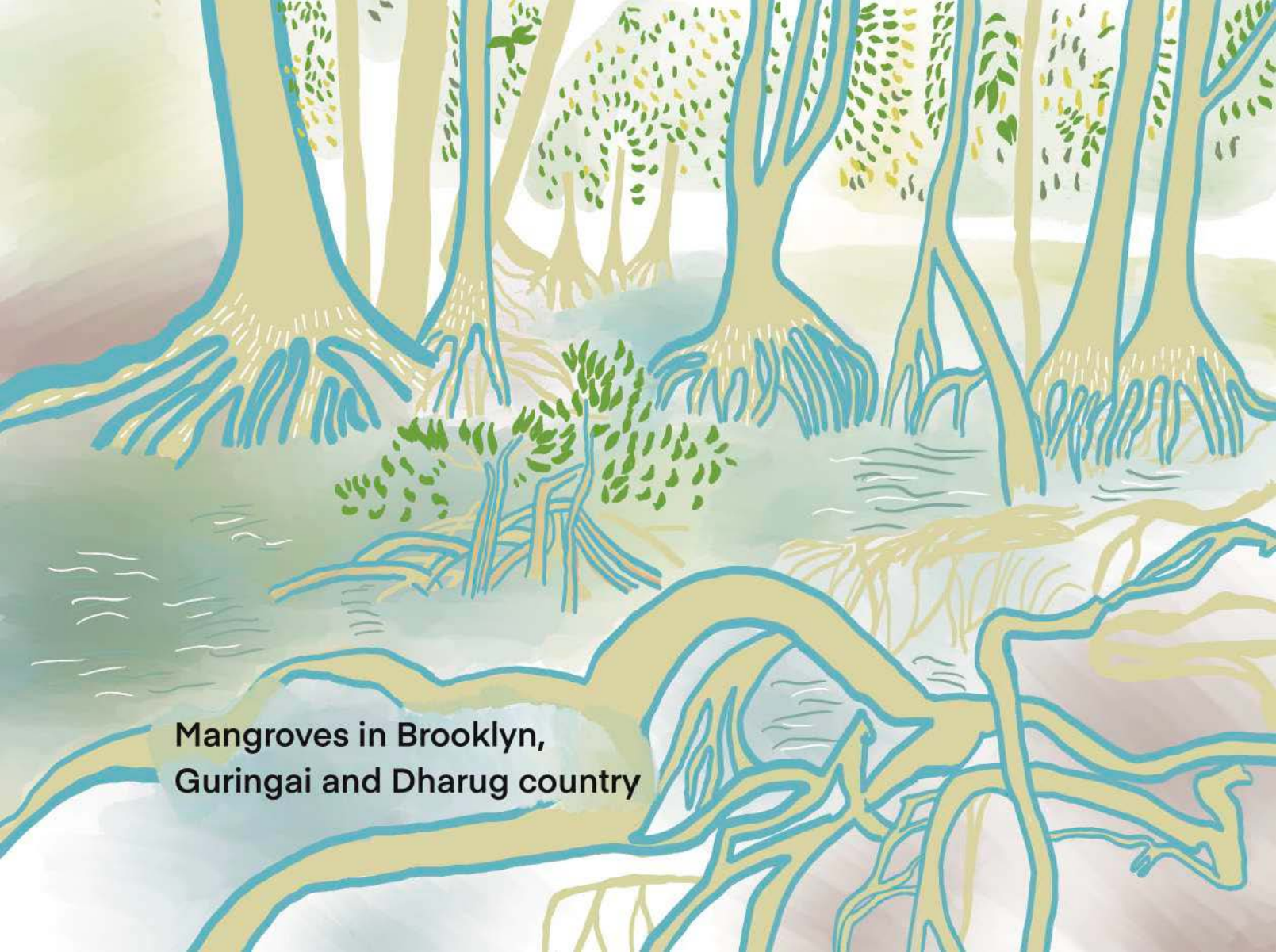

So they just fired you- despite your professional haircut! Why?
I don't know. I have a hard time listening to a billion words.
Elder Gumnut
Sugarpeach


Refreshing!
Slurp it down Sugarpeach! Better days are ahead of you

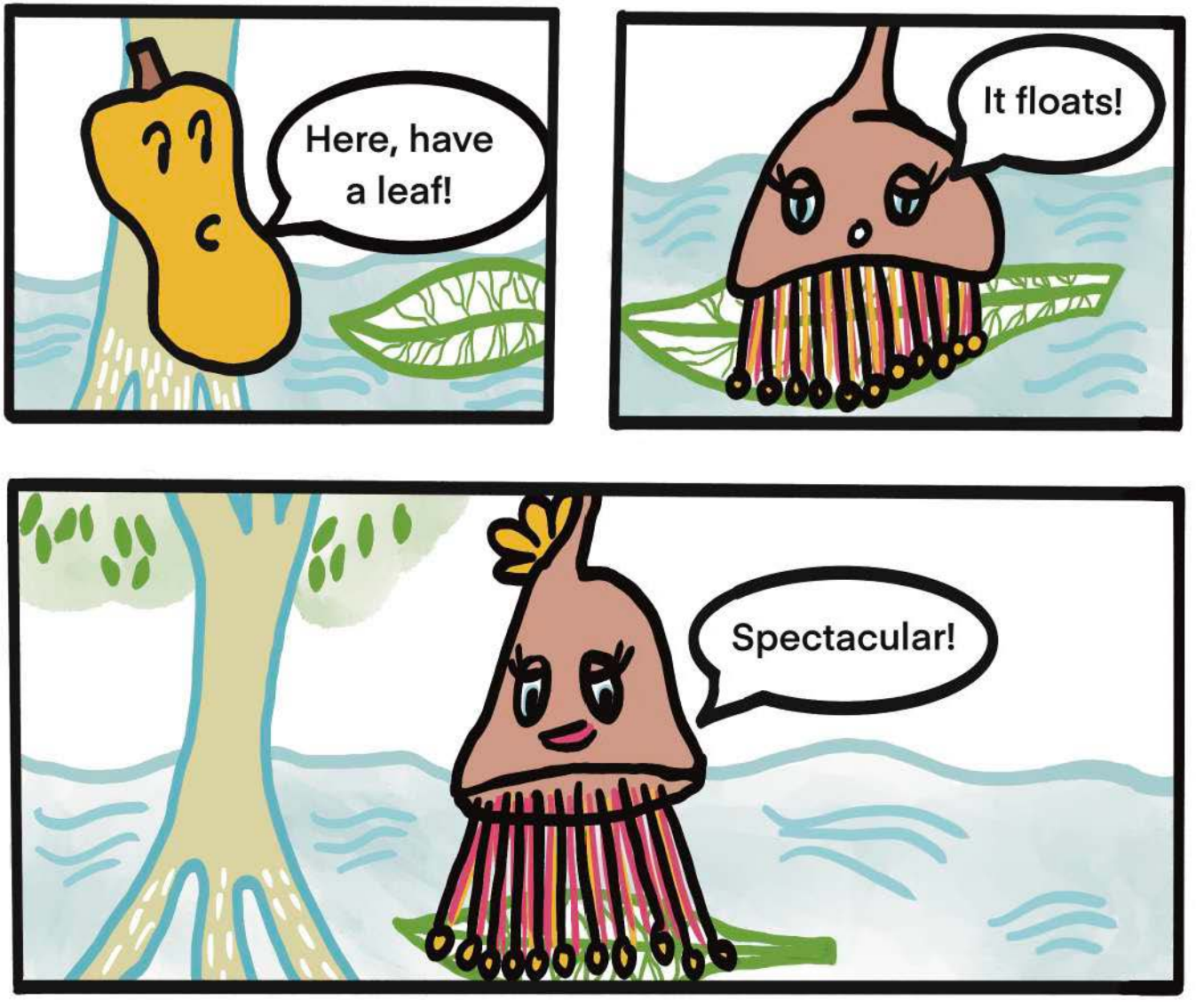

Sugarpeach Gunnut
EPISODE 4
Grounding
Man, I feel like a total failure!
Oh, my dear!

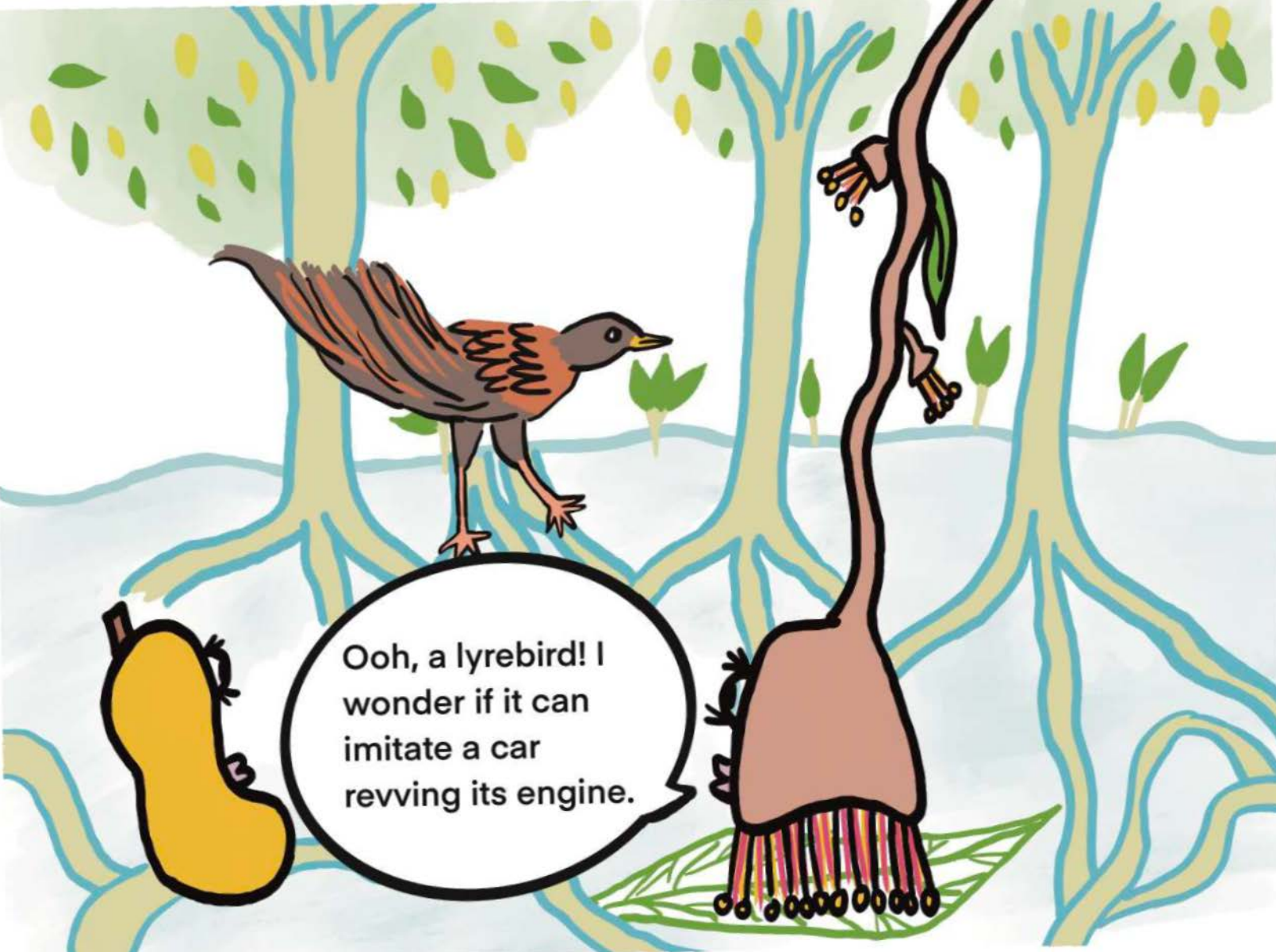

I know who can help!
Who?
Meet Butternut Squash!
Hi!

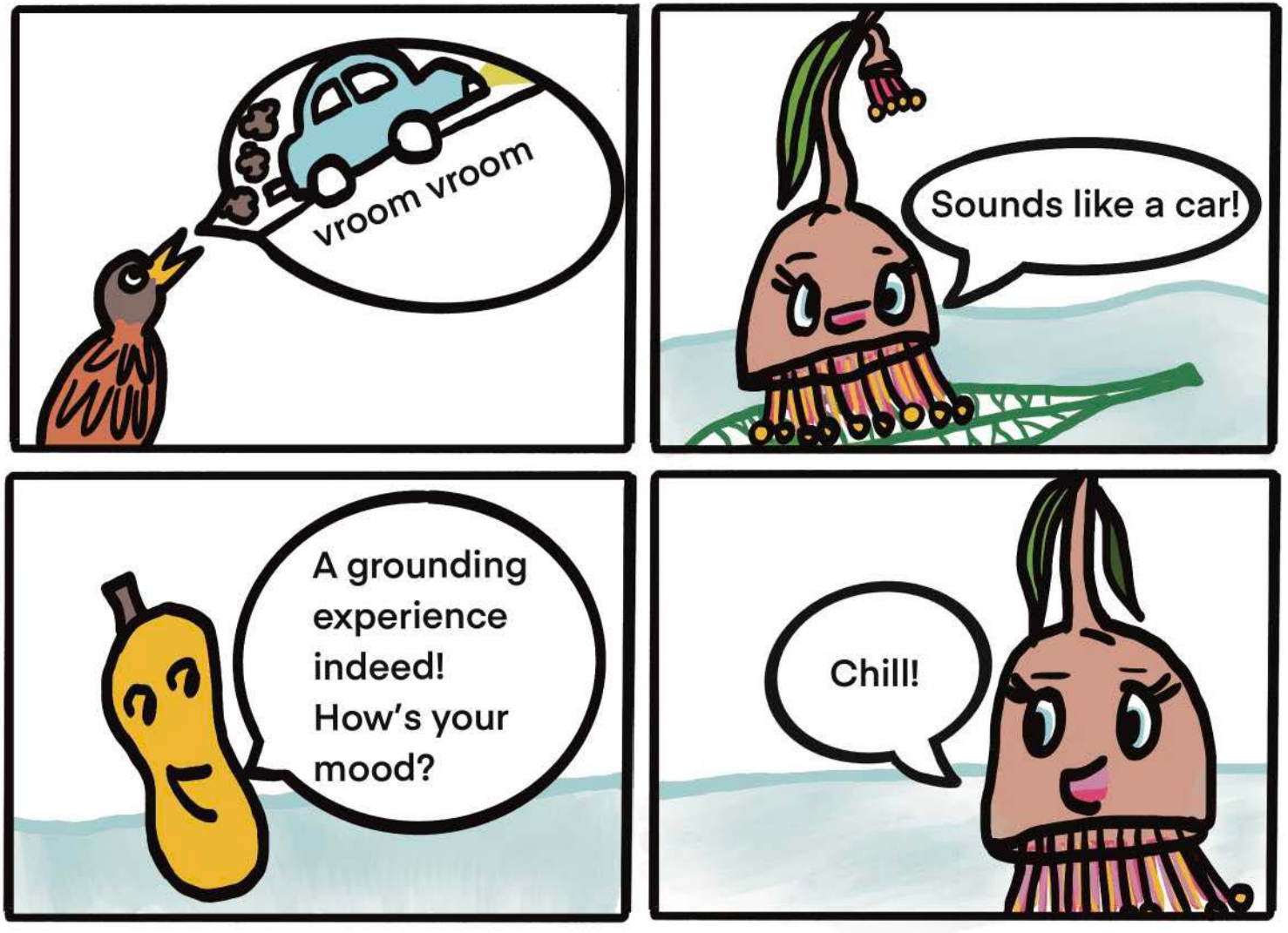

Don't despair Sugarpeach! I have a solution... ground yourself in nature!
You sound like a herbally type!
Well, I am a pumpkin after all!
Touché!


Mangroves in Brooklyn,
Guringai and Dharug country

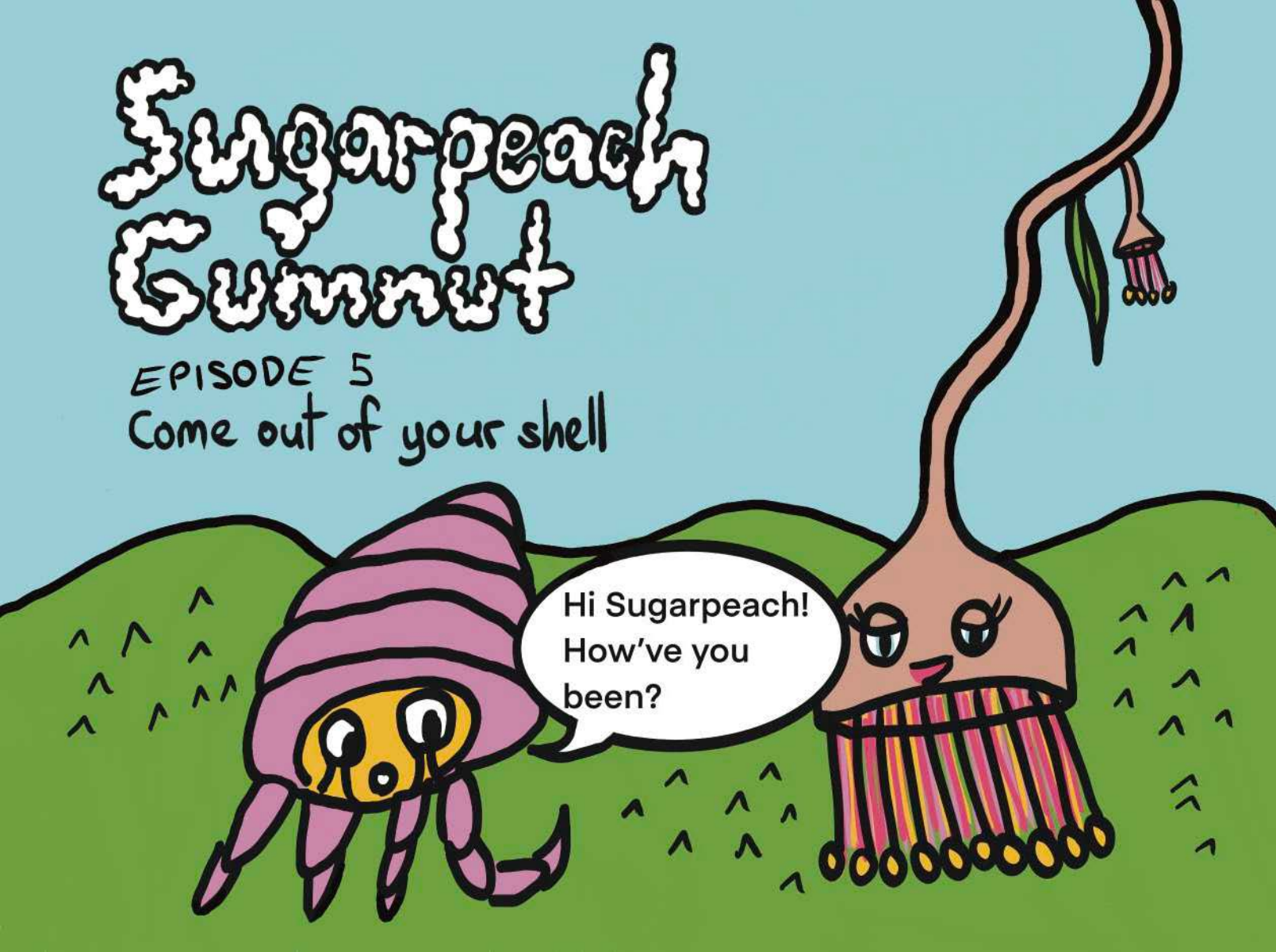

We're in the mangroves, mangrove yeah!
I'm not succeeding at this grounding thing...

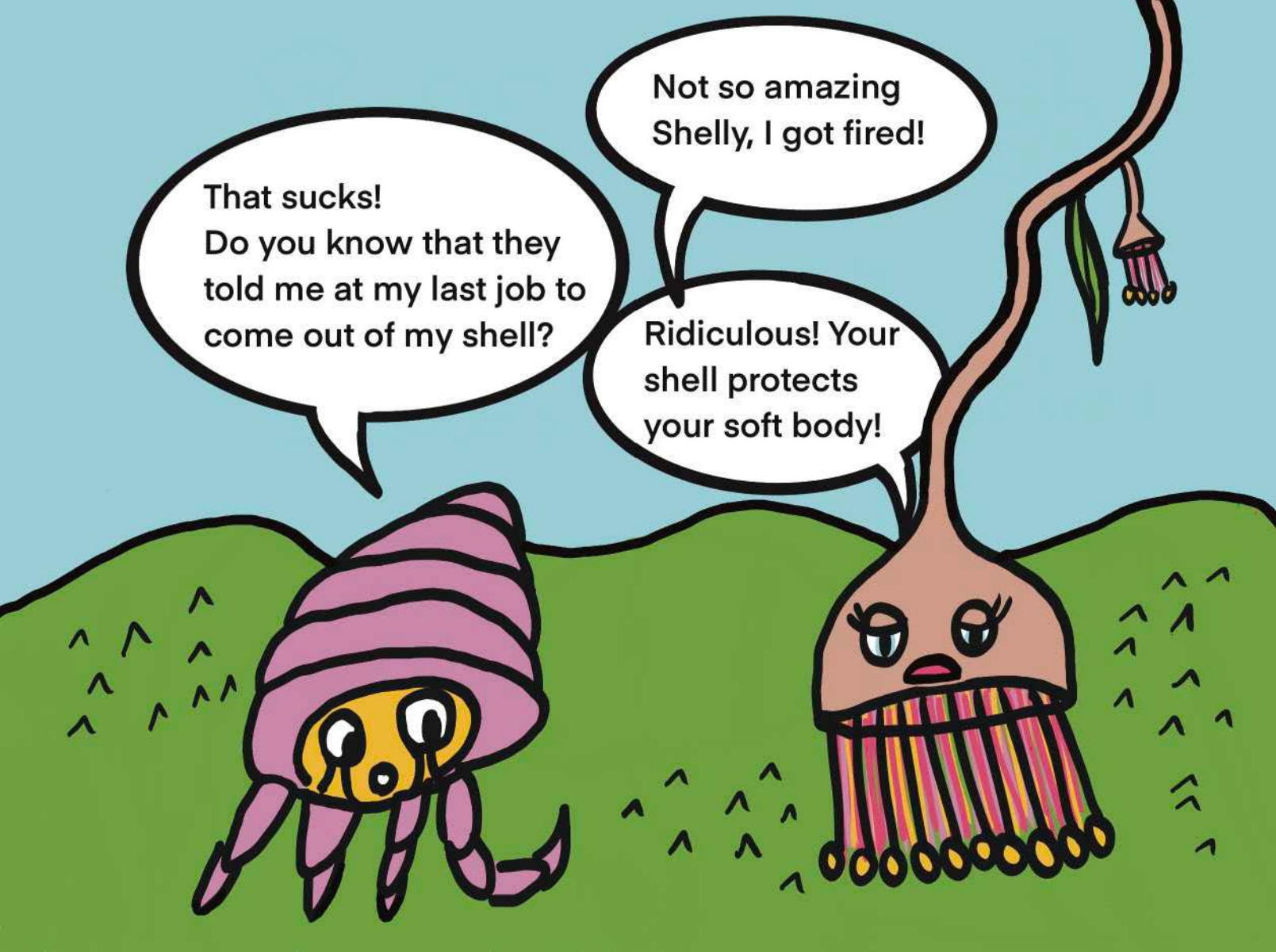

Here, have a leaf!
It floats!
Spectacular!


Ooh, a lyrebird! I wonder if it can imitate a car revving its engine.

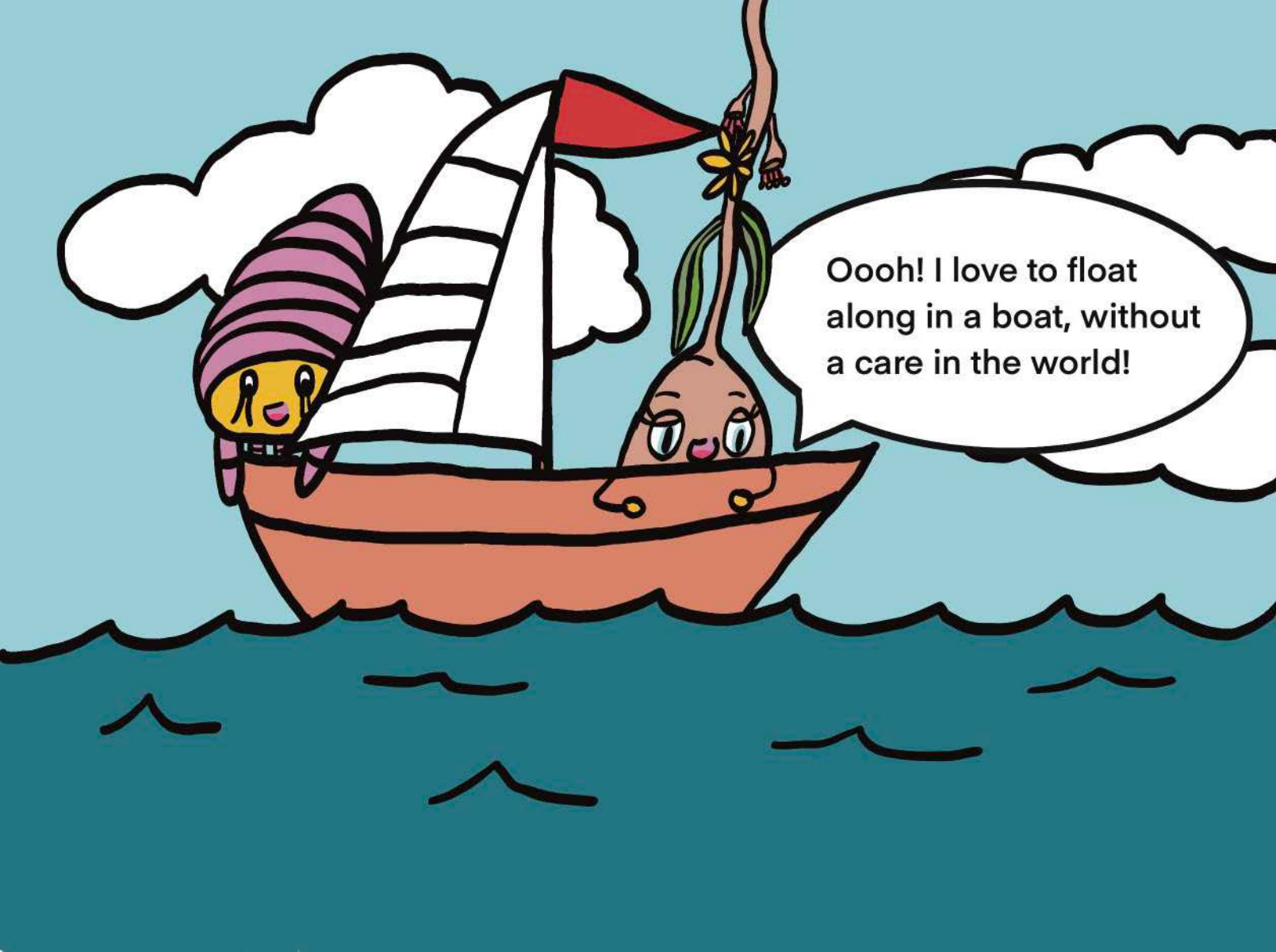

vroom vroom
Sounds like a car!
A grounding experience indeed! How's your mood?
Chill!

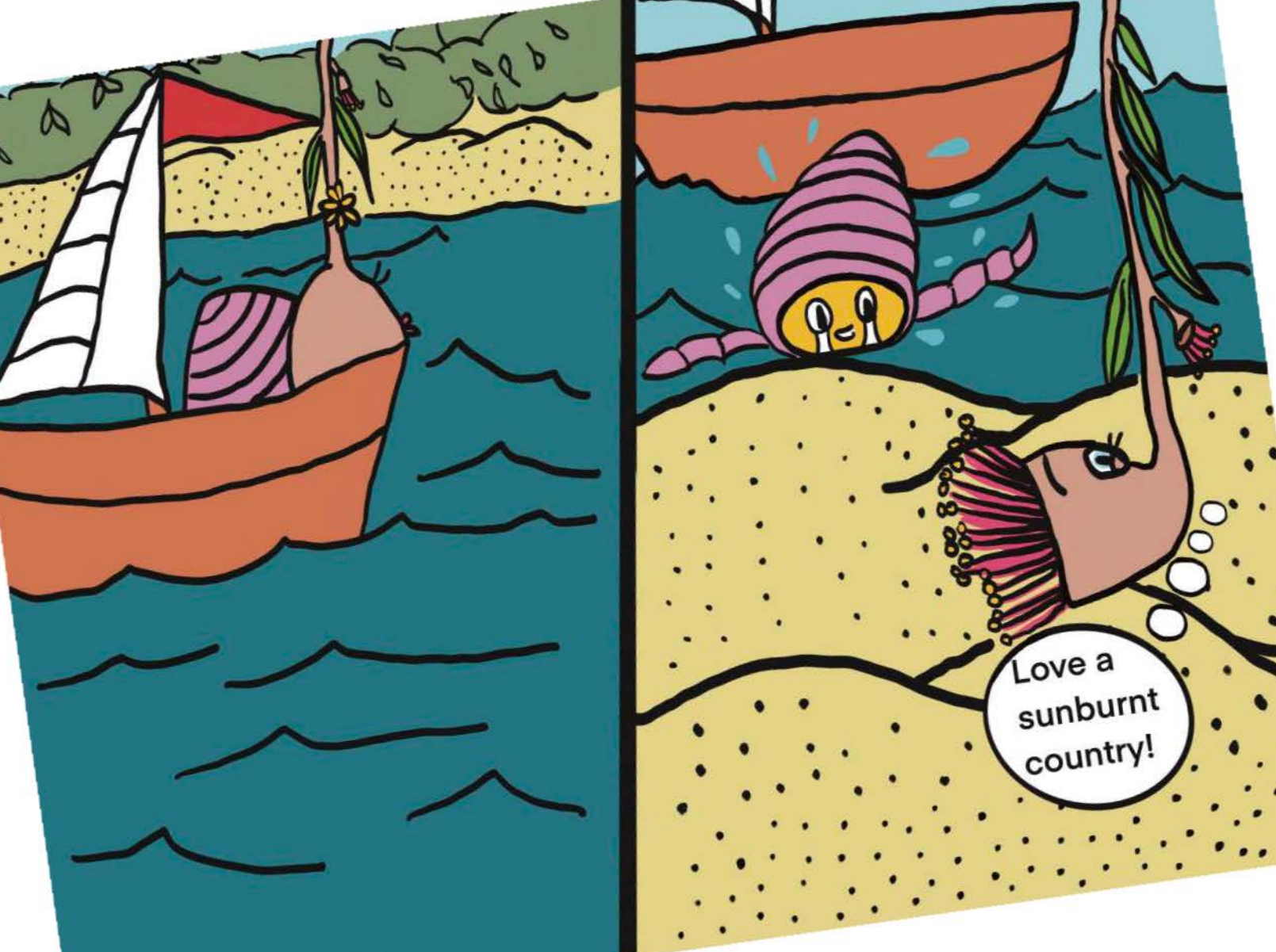

There's a pep in her step!
You look much better, Sugarpeach!


Sugarpeach Gunnut
EPISODE 5
Come out of your shell
Hi Sugarpeach! How've you been?

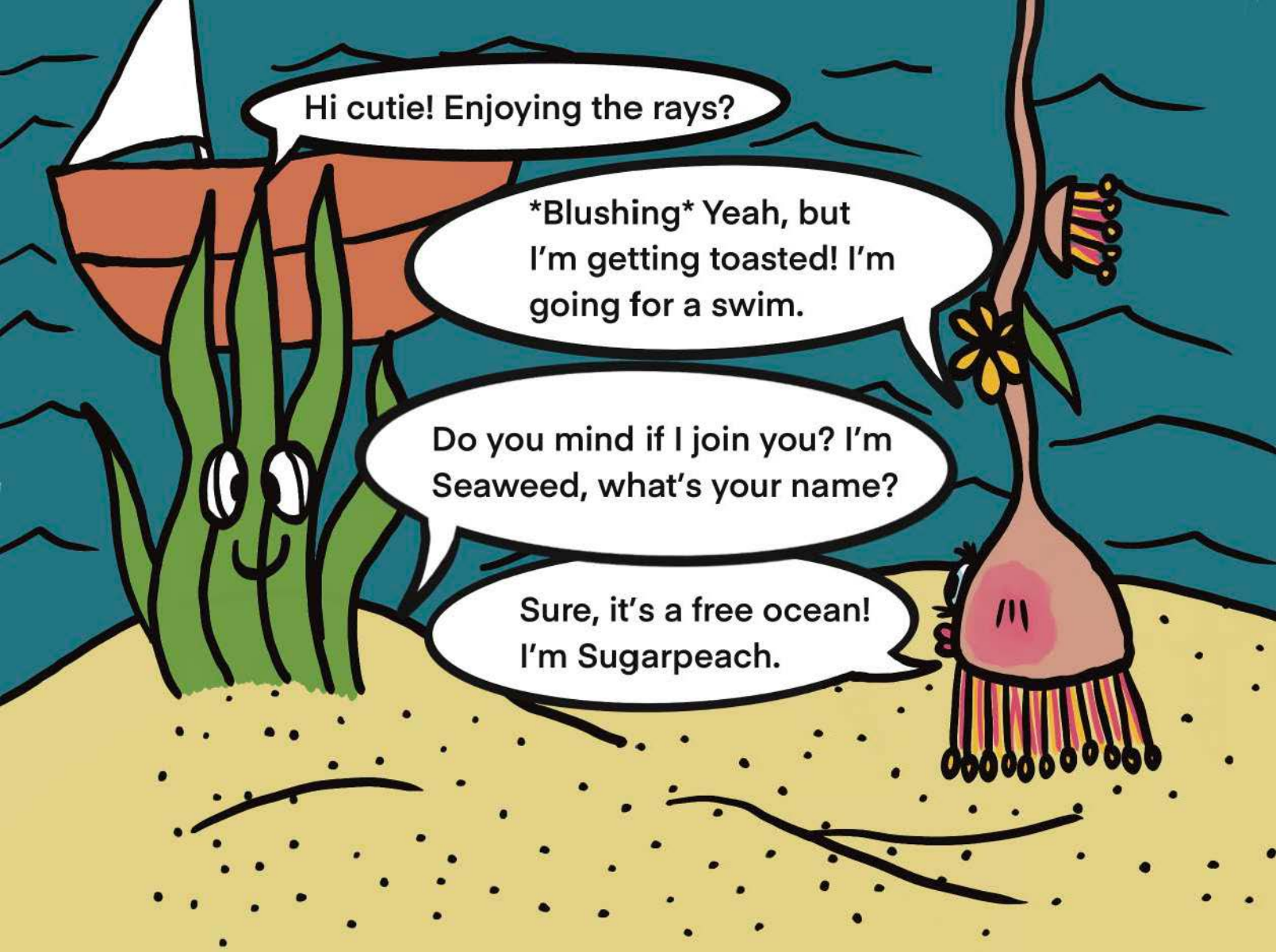

That sucks!
Do you know that they told me at my last job to come out of my shell?
Not so amazing Shelly, I got fired!
Ridiculous! Your shell protects your soft body!

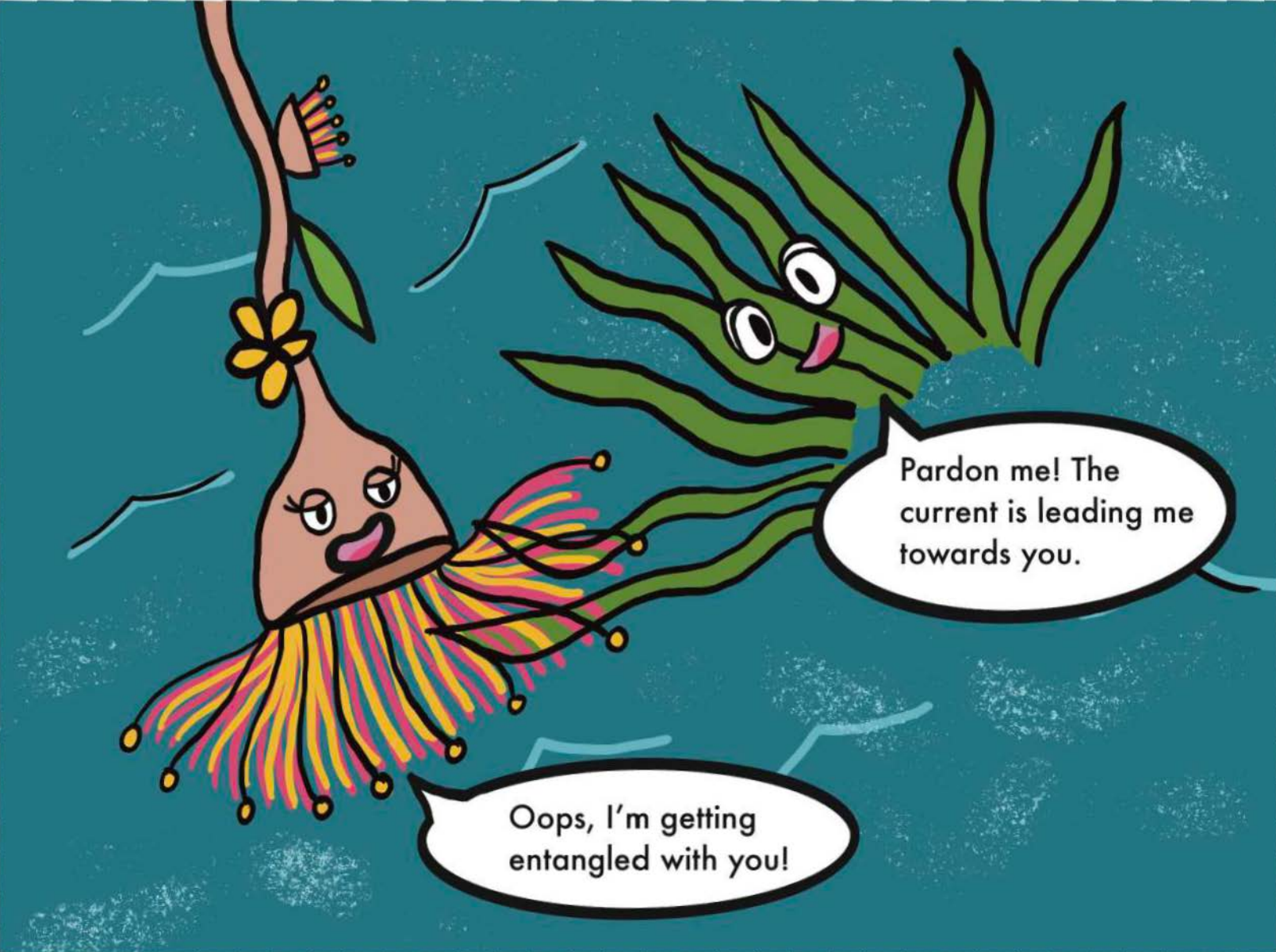

My shell is a part of me and it helps me to shine.
I have an idea! How about we sail to the beach?
Sounds splendid!
I love what you said about being yourself, Shelly!


Oooh! I love to float along in a boat, without a care in the world!

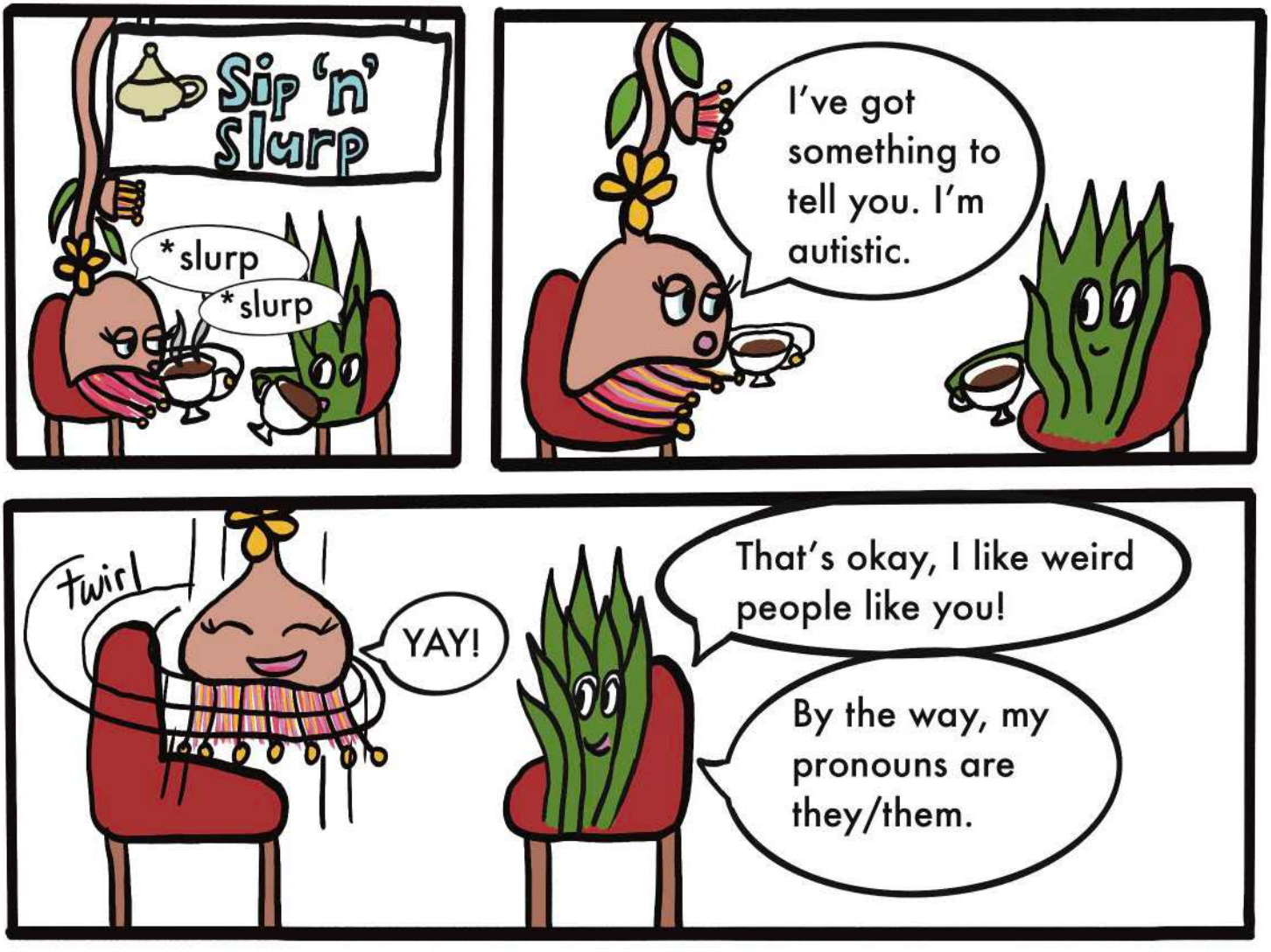

Love a sunburnt country!

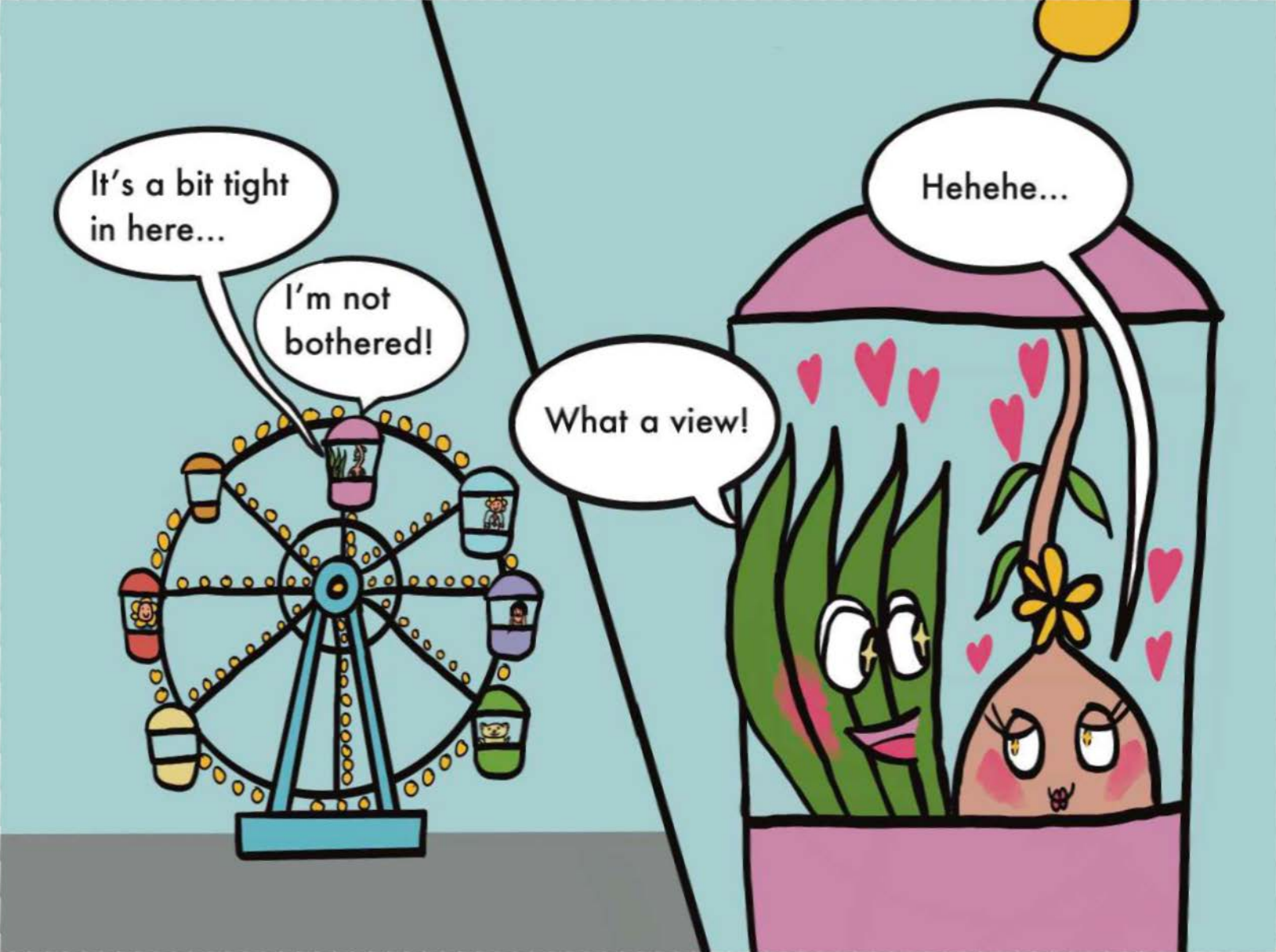

That's my tribe! I might join them.
We love our shells, glistening and gleaming in the sun!


Hi cutie! Enjoying the rays?
Blushing Yeah, but I'm getting toasted! I'm going for a swim.
Do you mind if I join you? I'm Seaweed, what's your name?
Sure, it's a free ocean! I'm Sugarpeach.

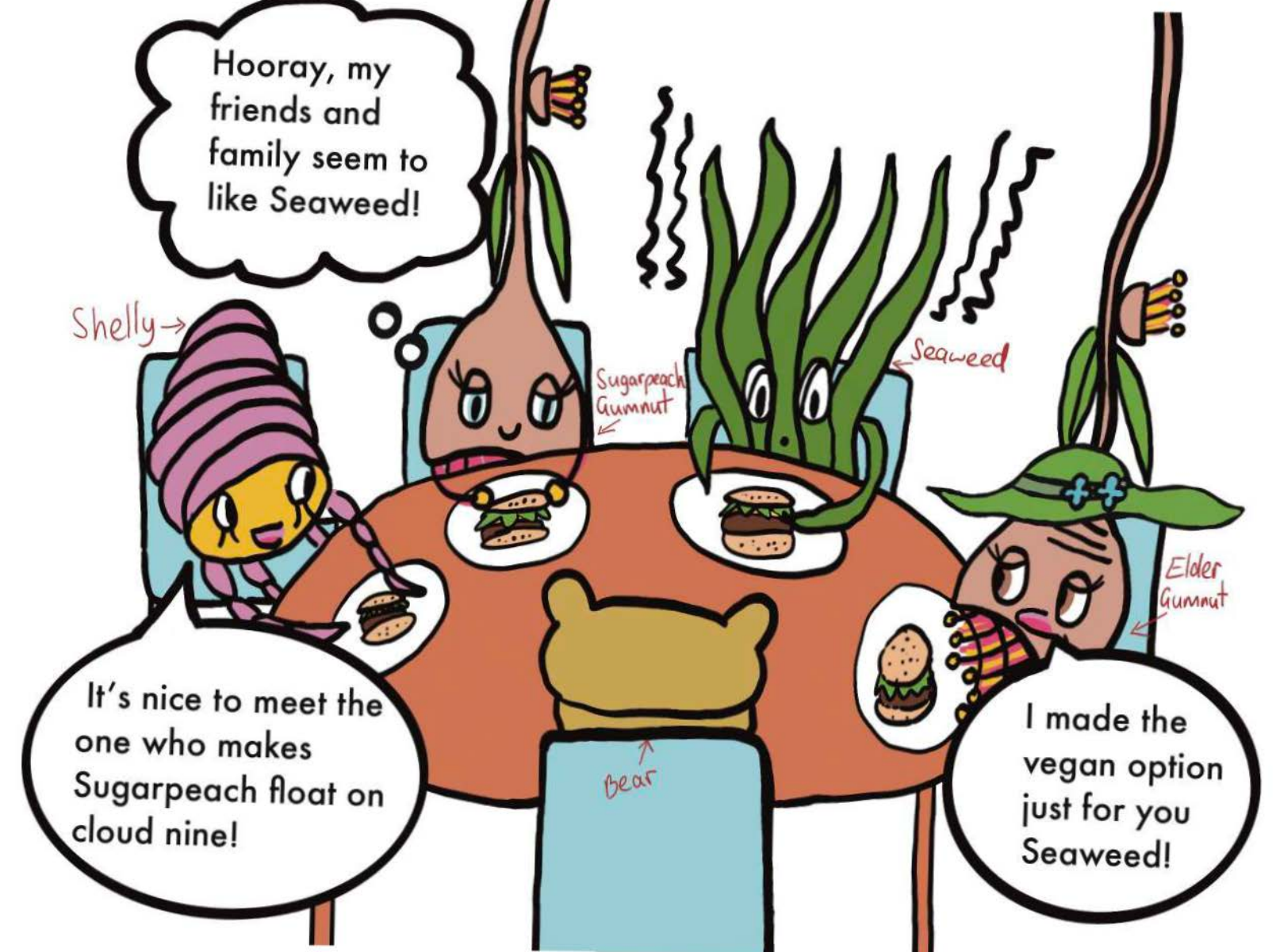

Pardon me! The current is leading me towards you.
Oops, I'm getting entangled with you!


Sugarpeach Gumnut
How about you and I go on a date?
EPISODE 6
Romance

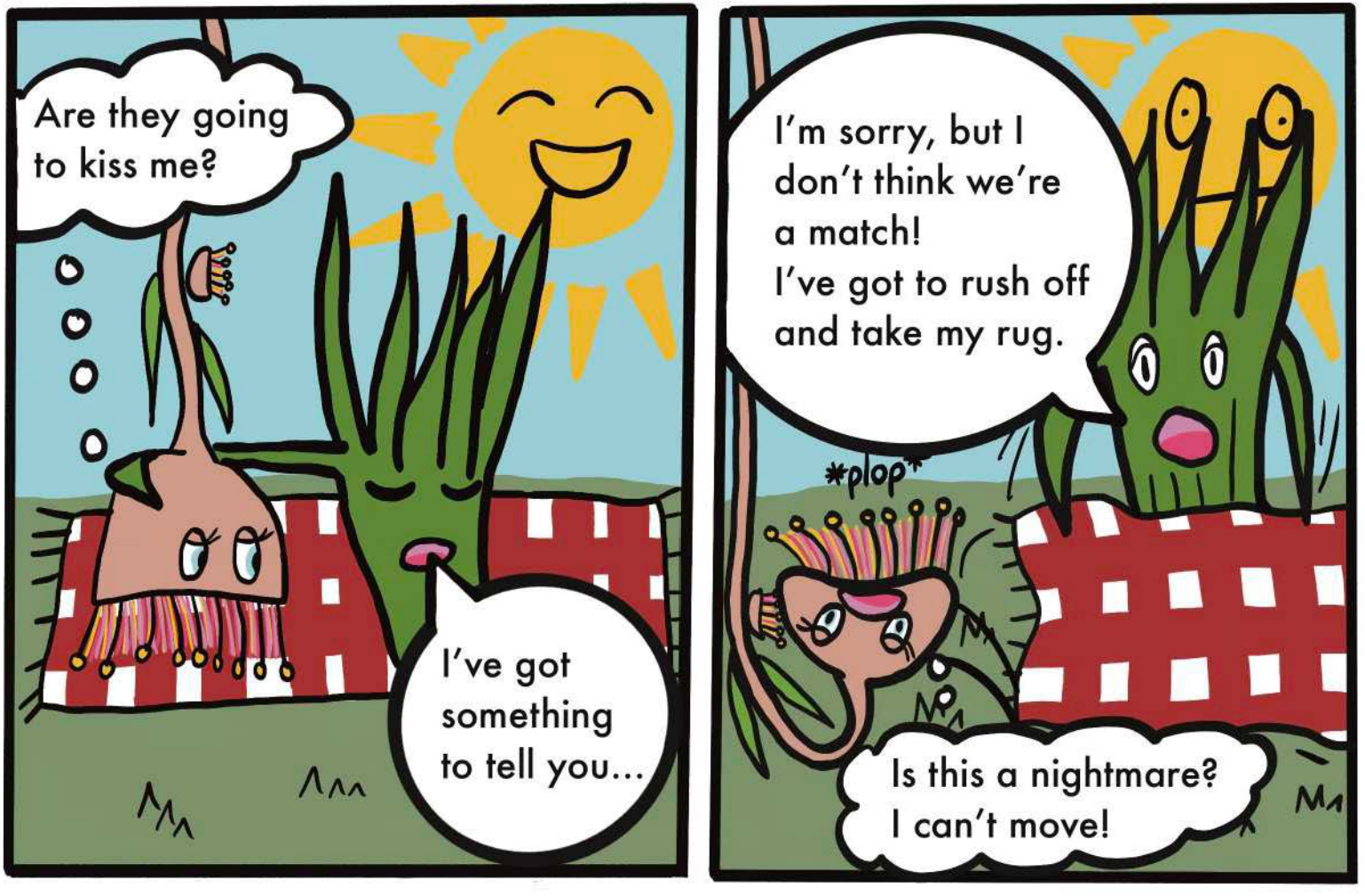

Sip 'n' Slurp
*slurp
*slurp
I've got something to tell you. I'm autistic.
That's okay, I like weird people like you!
By the way, my pronouns are they/them.
YAY!
Twirl


It's a bit tight in here...
I'm not bothered!
What a view!
Hehehe...

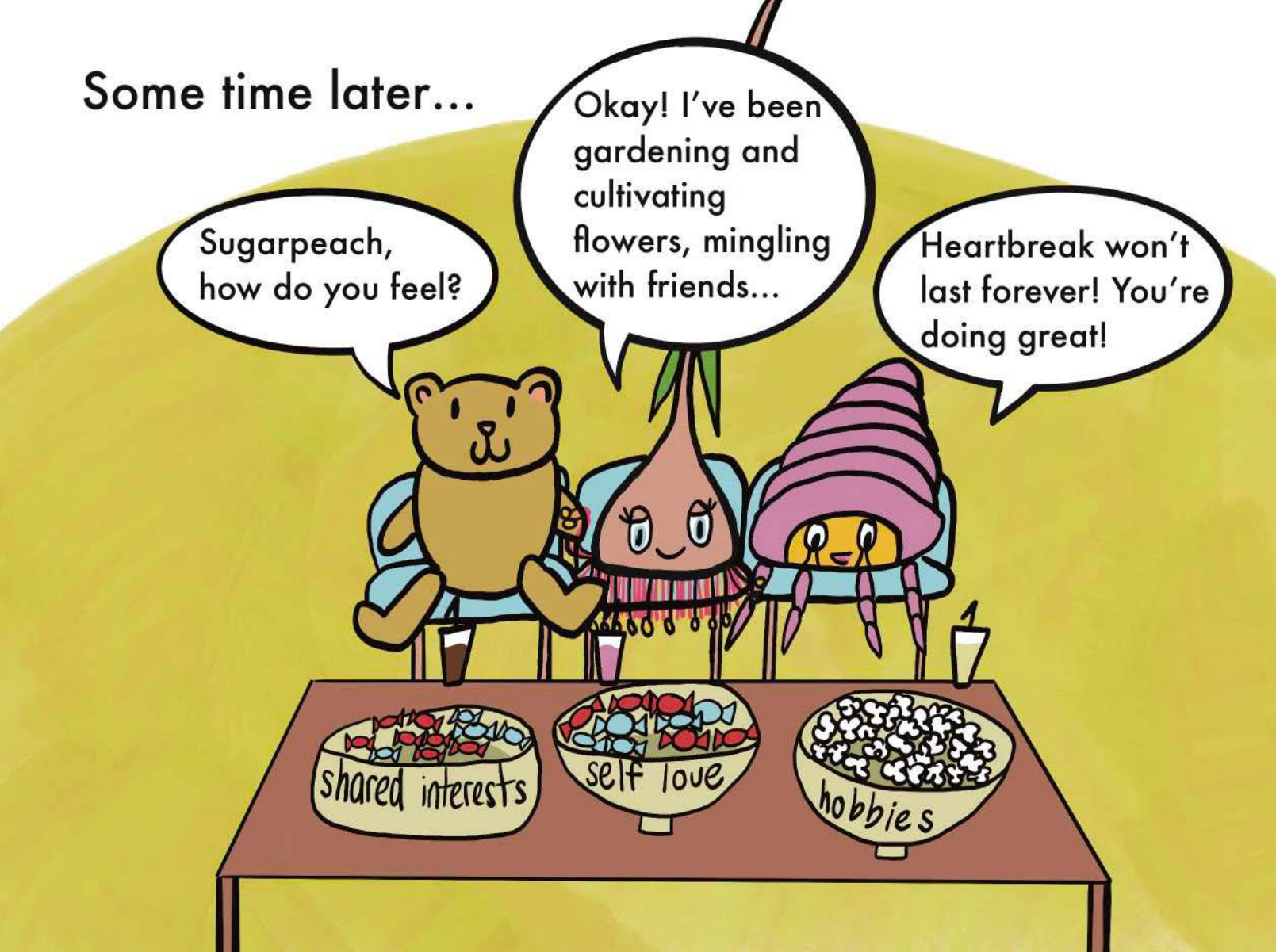



Hooray, my friends and family seem to like Seaweed!
Shelly
Sugarpeach Gumnut
Seaweed
Elder Gumnut
Bear
It's nice to meet the one who makes Sugarpeach float on cloud nine!
I made the vegan option just for you Seaweed!


Why aren't they texting me back?
Hey Seaweed, can you please text back about the picnic date I'm organising?
ding
Zoogle


Are they going to kiss me?
I've got something to tell you...
I'm sorry, but I don't think we're a match! I've got to rush off and take my rug.
plop
Is this a nightmare? I can't move!


What? I don't believe it. Why?!
WAAA SEAWEED DUMPED ME
BOOHOO WAAH WAAH
I'm sorry Sugarpeach, you were blindsided...
...the right person will want to be with you.


Some time later...
Sugarpeach, how do you feel?
Okay! I've been gardening and cultivating flowers, mingling with friends...
Heartbreak won't last forever! You're doing great!
shared interests
self love
hobbies

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