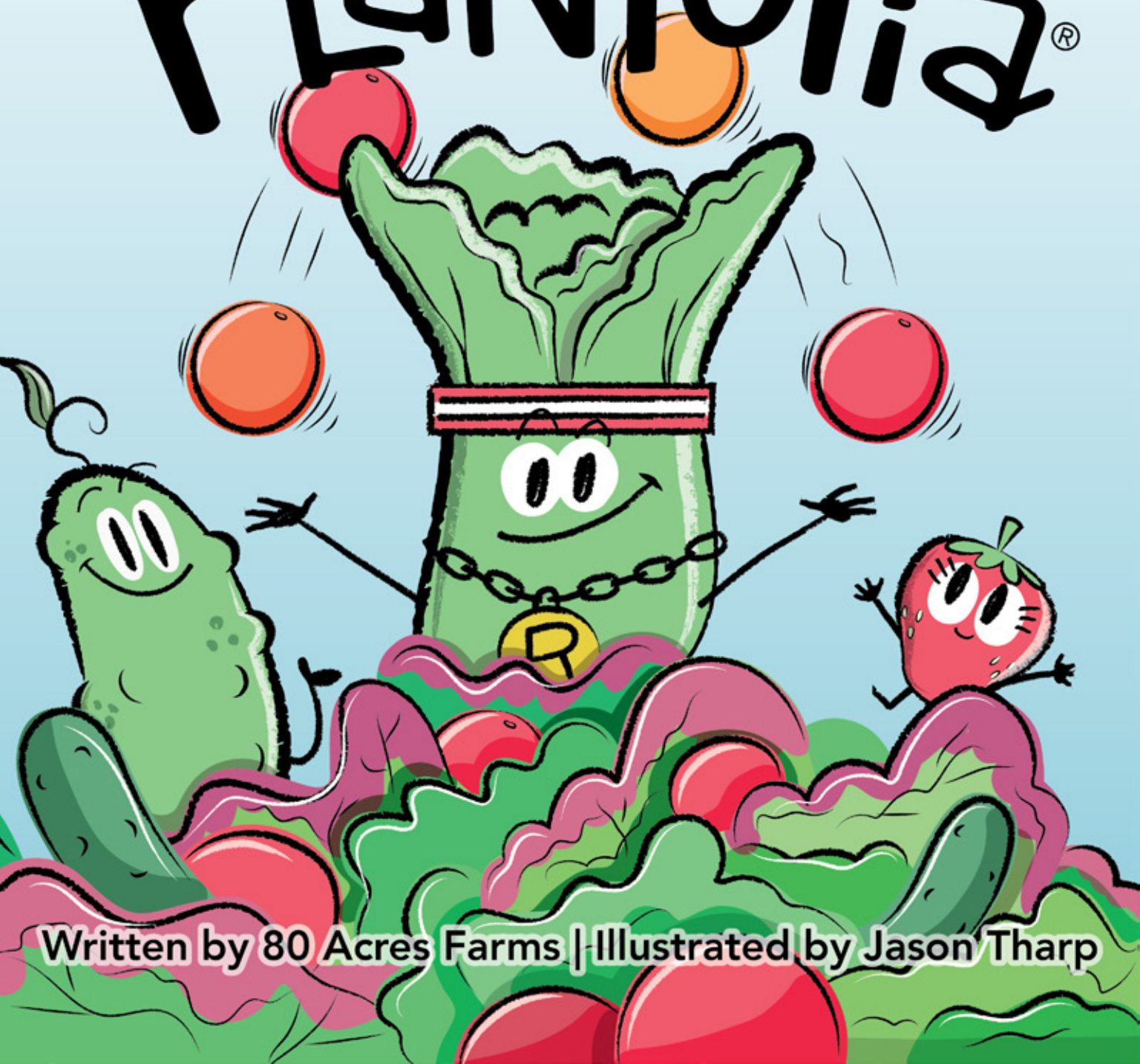


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This book is dedicated to the curious minds who dream of growing gardens in the sky and the little hands that will help feed the future—may you keep finding new ways to help the world grow.

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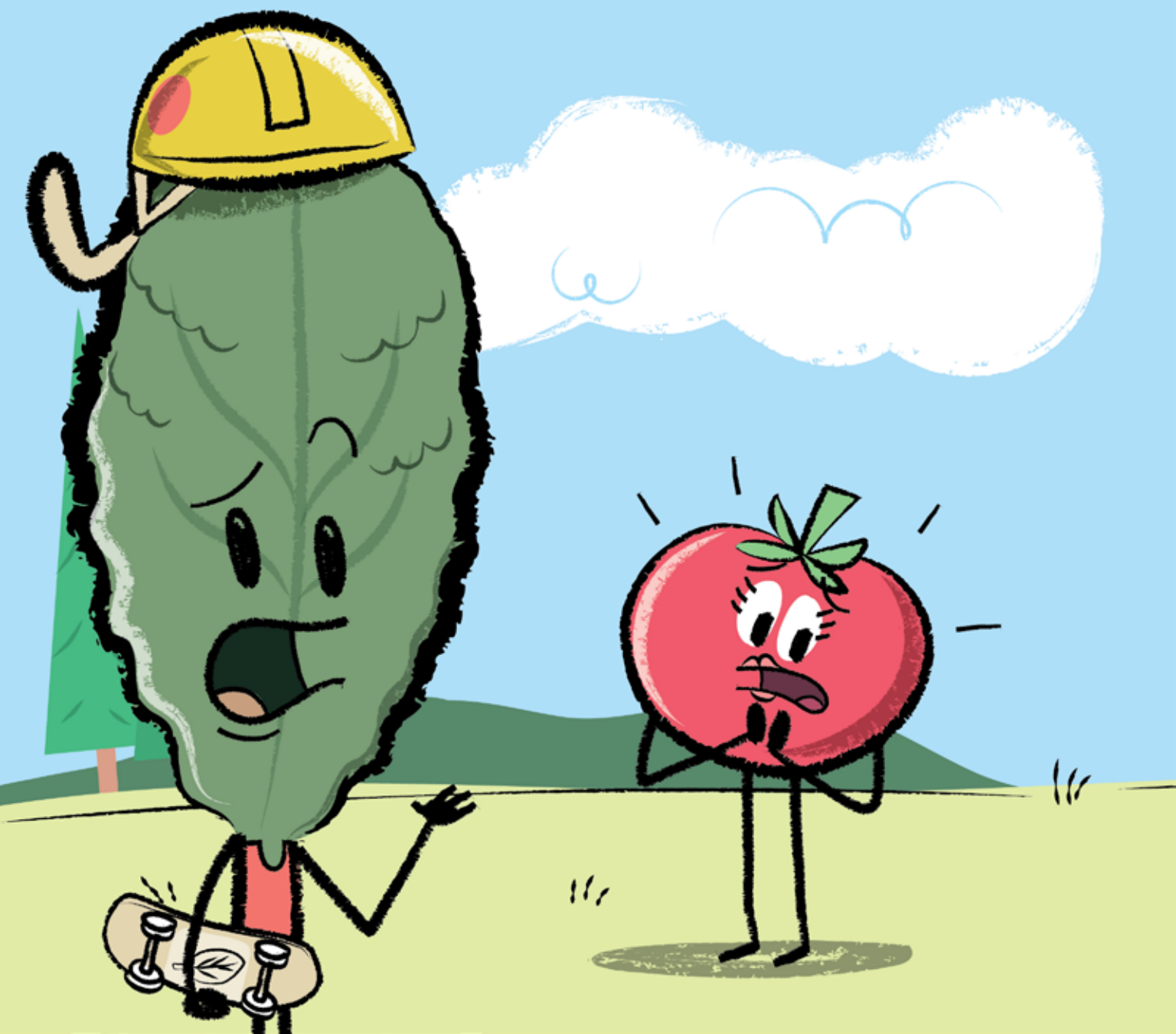
Welcome to Plantopia! Everyone you'll meet here is very friendly—especially eco-friendly! In Plantopia, we know that a happy planet equals happy people! Let's see what everyone is up to.



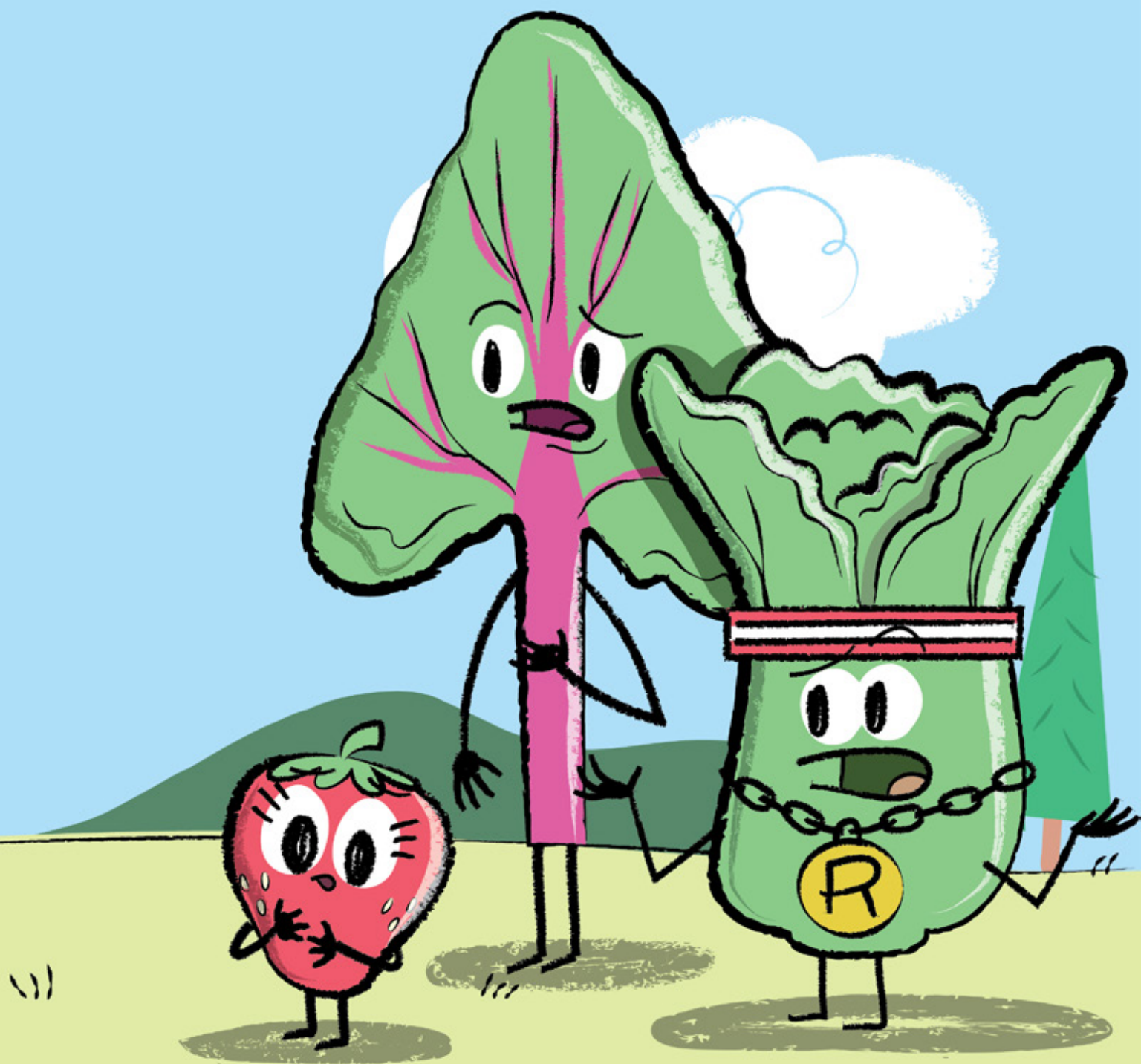
"I don't know why, but I just feel so tired today! I can hardly stay on my board!" Kaley said.

"Oh no!" Cheri cried. "My skin hasn't looked this bad since I was green!"

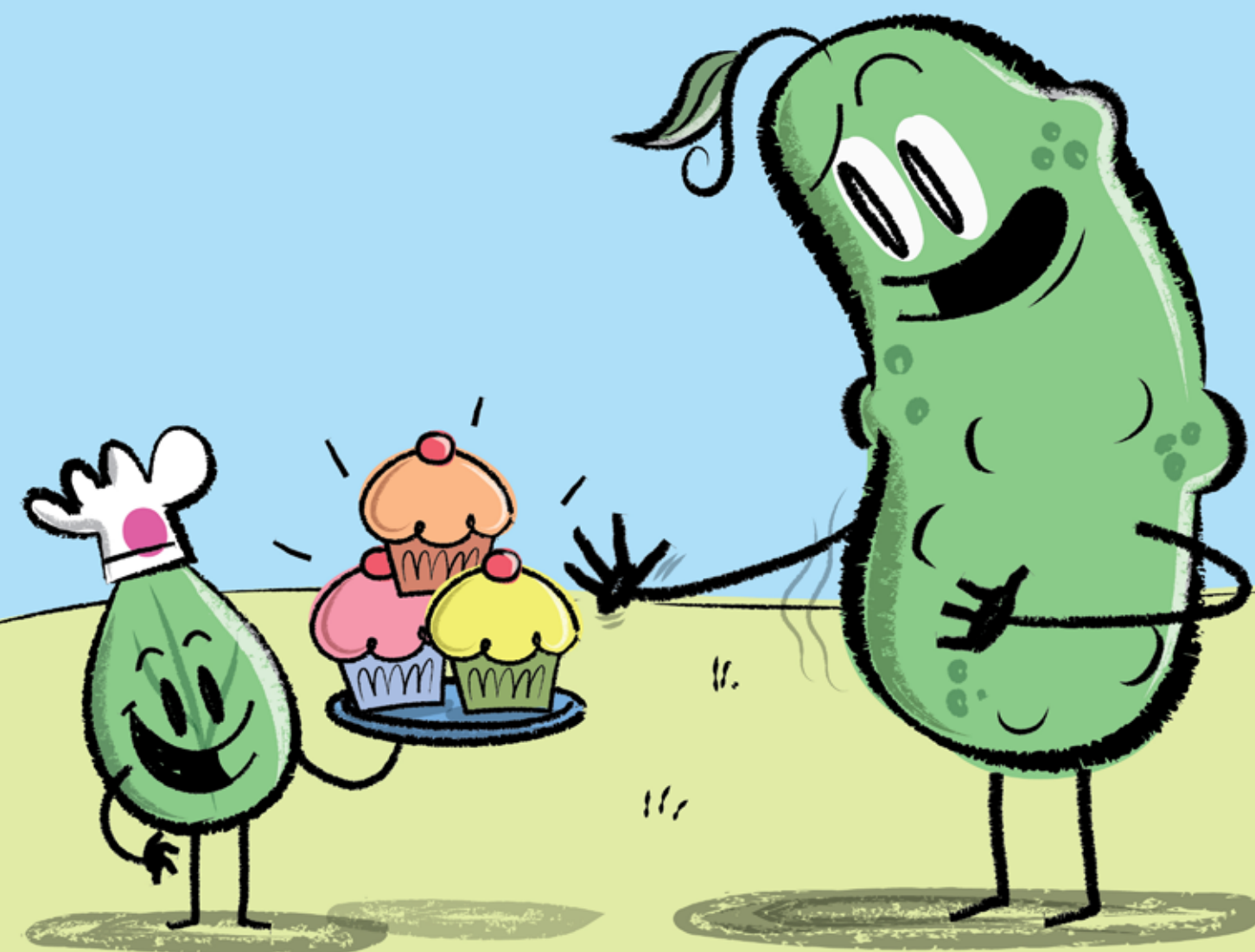
"My tummy hurts! I don't feel like playing today," Berri said.



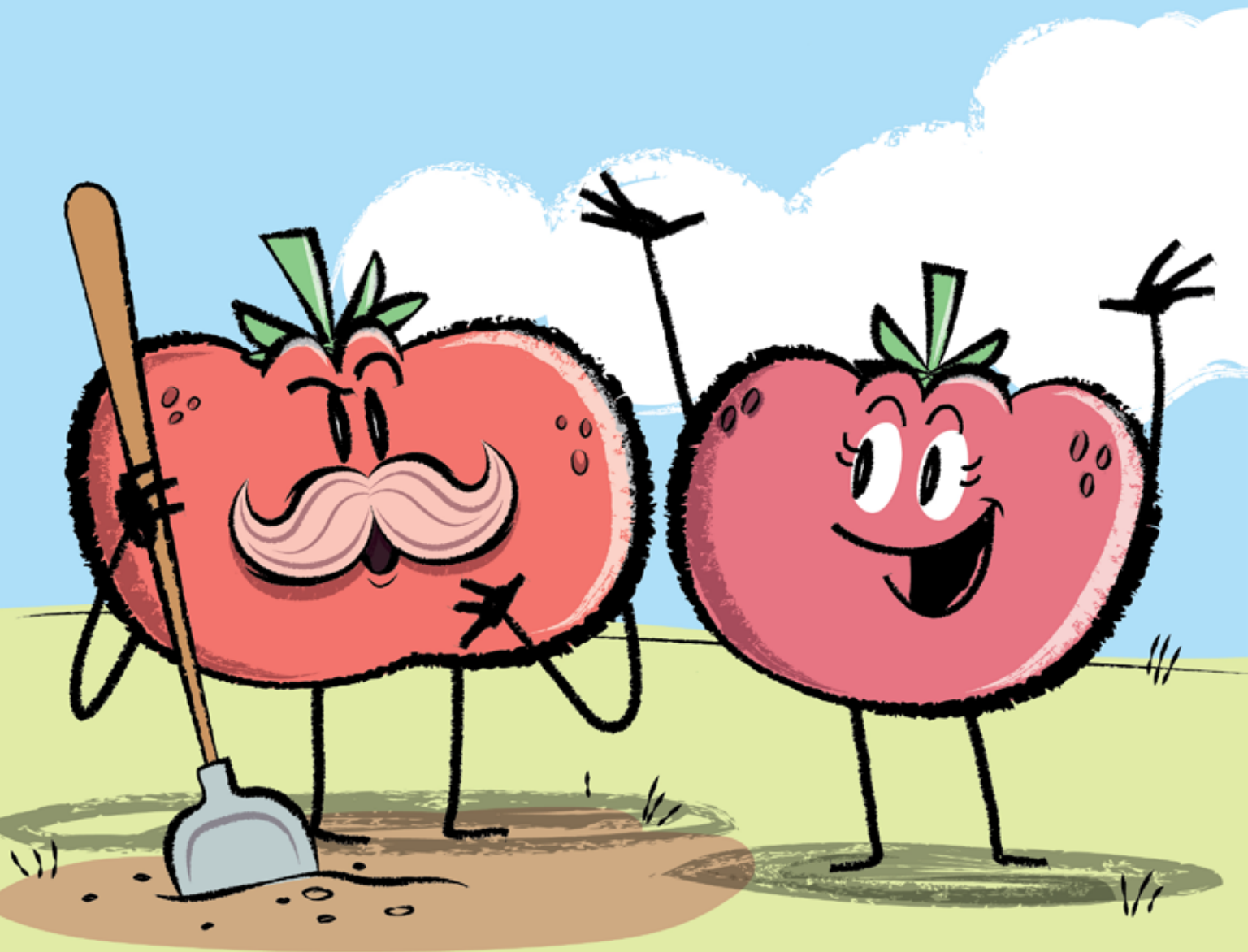
"Yo, what's up with this? Usually everyone is having a great time!" said Ro'Maine. He was right. Something was wrong.



"Anyone want some cupcakes?" Basile asked. "No way, man," said Dill. "My tummy is full of all the pancakes you made this morning!" Basile was the best chef in Plantopia, so he was always cooking up something for the Plantopians to eat.



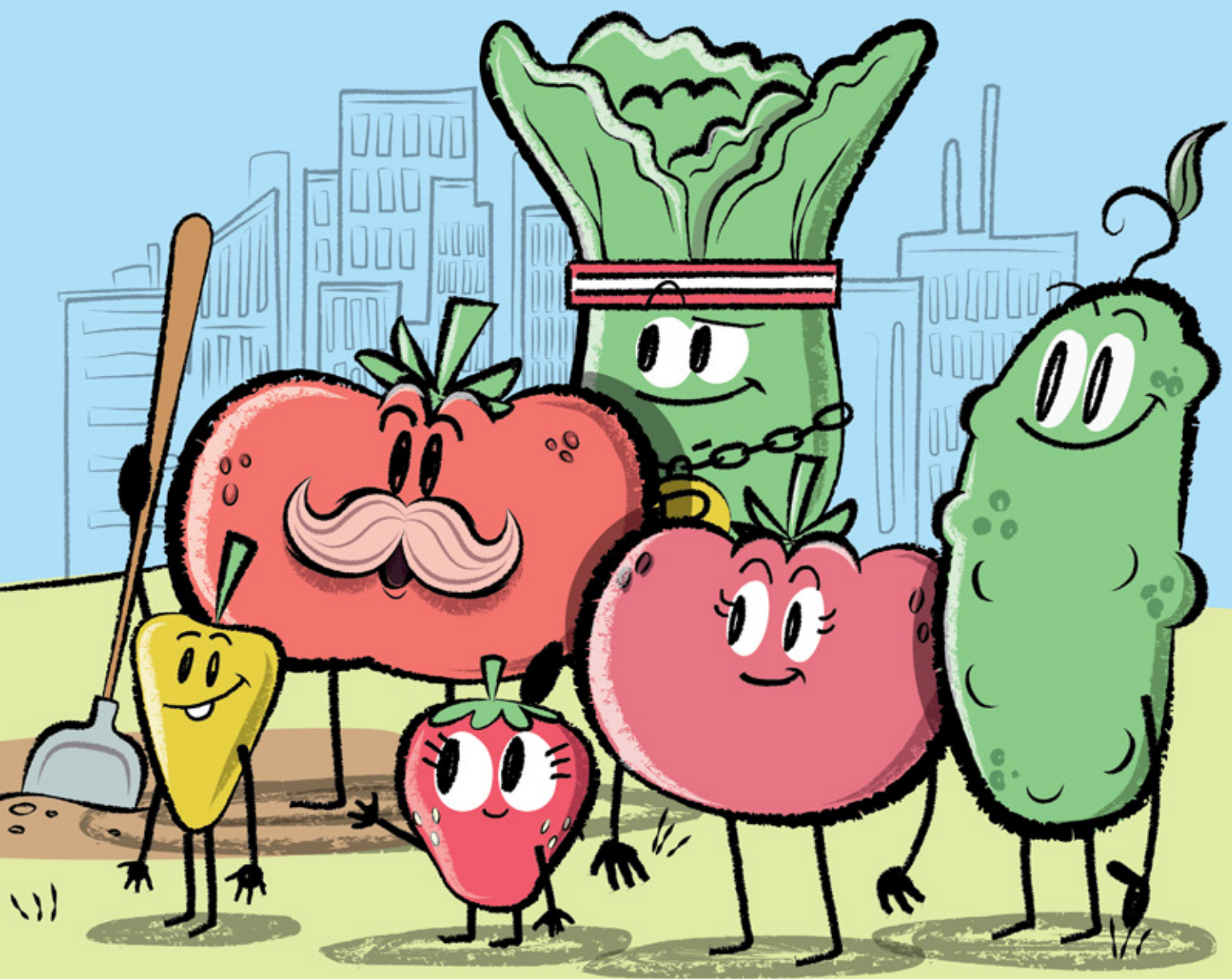
Maybe the problem had something to do with what everyone was eating! Basile's food sure was tasty, but it wasn't very healthy. "Maybe we can start a farm! We can grow lots of healthy fruits and veggies!" Ruby suggested. "Of course!" said Tom. "I'll start the digging, and we should have a farm by tomorrow!"



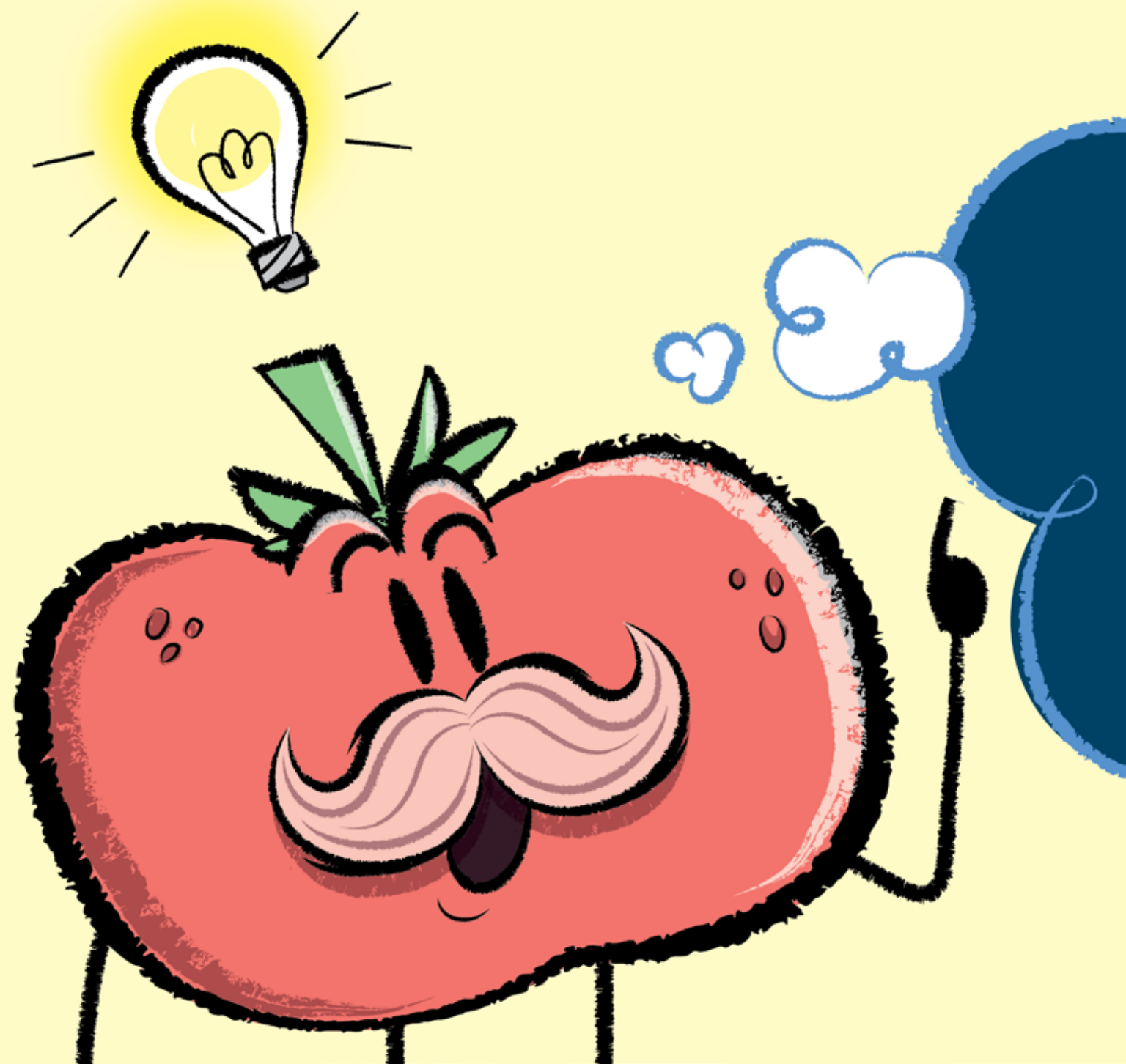
"Wait a minute. Before we start a farm, we should talk about how a farm works," Bowie suggested.



Bowie continued: "Farming can be difficult—there could be too much rain, or not enough. There are lots of critters that can contaminate the food, so we would have to spray lots of chemicals on our plants. We also don't have the space for a farm here in the city, so we would have to grow our food so many miles away!"



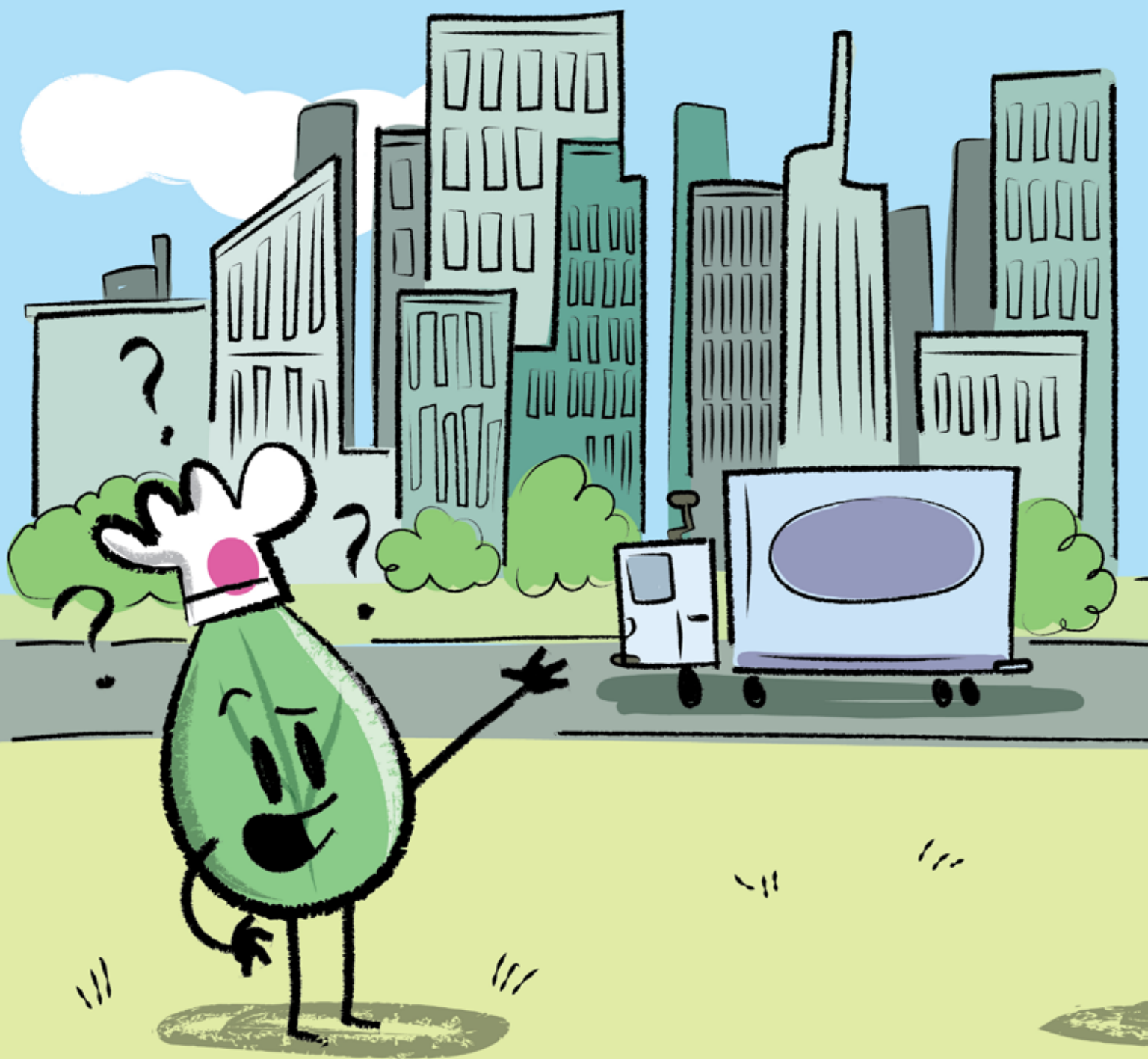
This was not sounding very good for the environment—or the farmers! And by the time the food would get to Plantopia, it wouldn't be fresh anymore. "So, what do we do?" they thought.



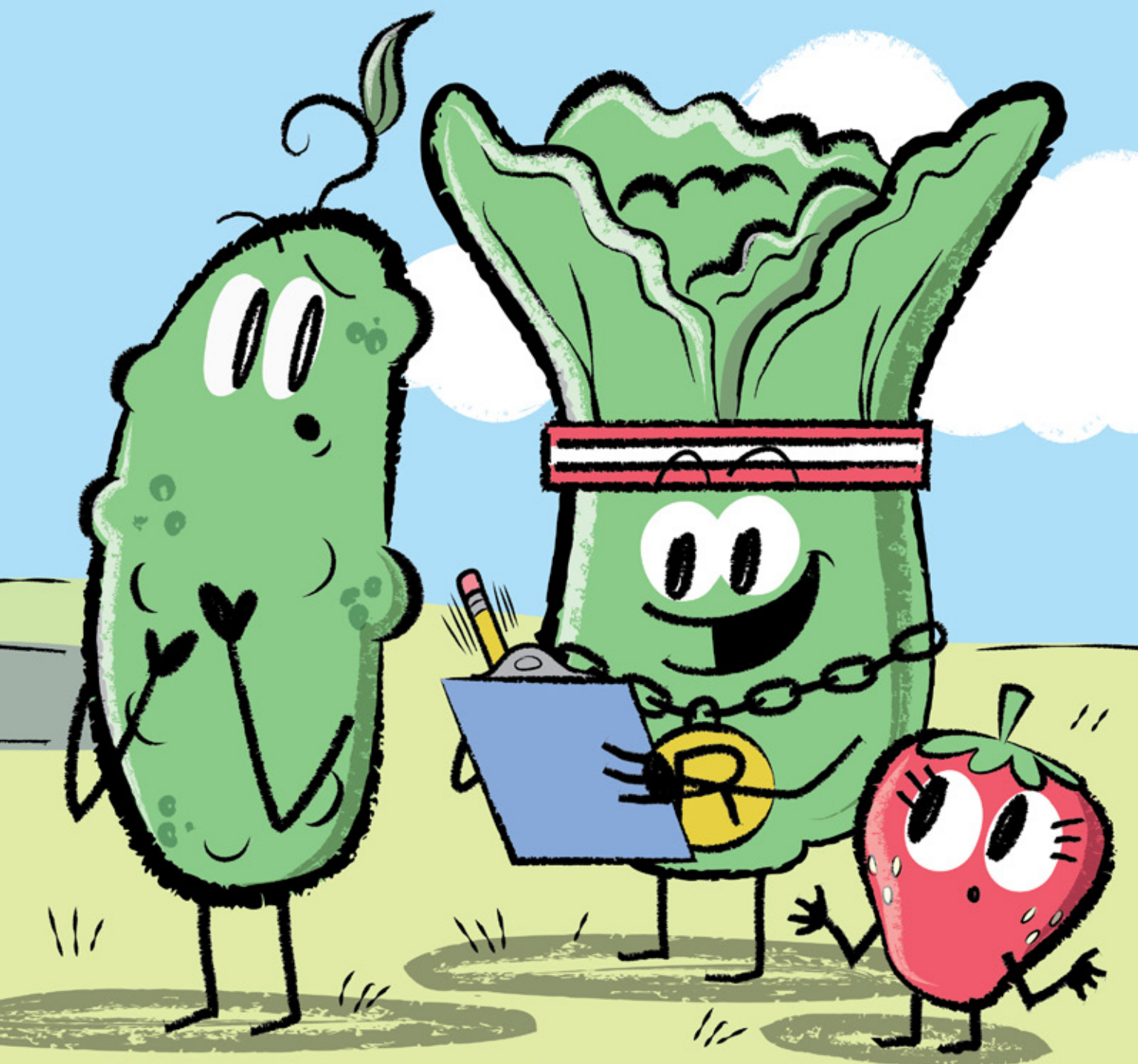
"Well, this is Plantopia!" Tom said. "Maybe we can create a new kind of farm—one that is good for us *and* the planet!"



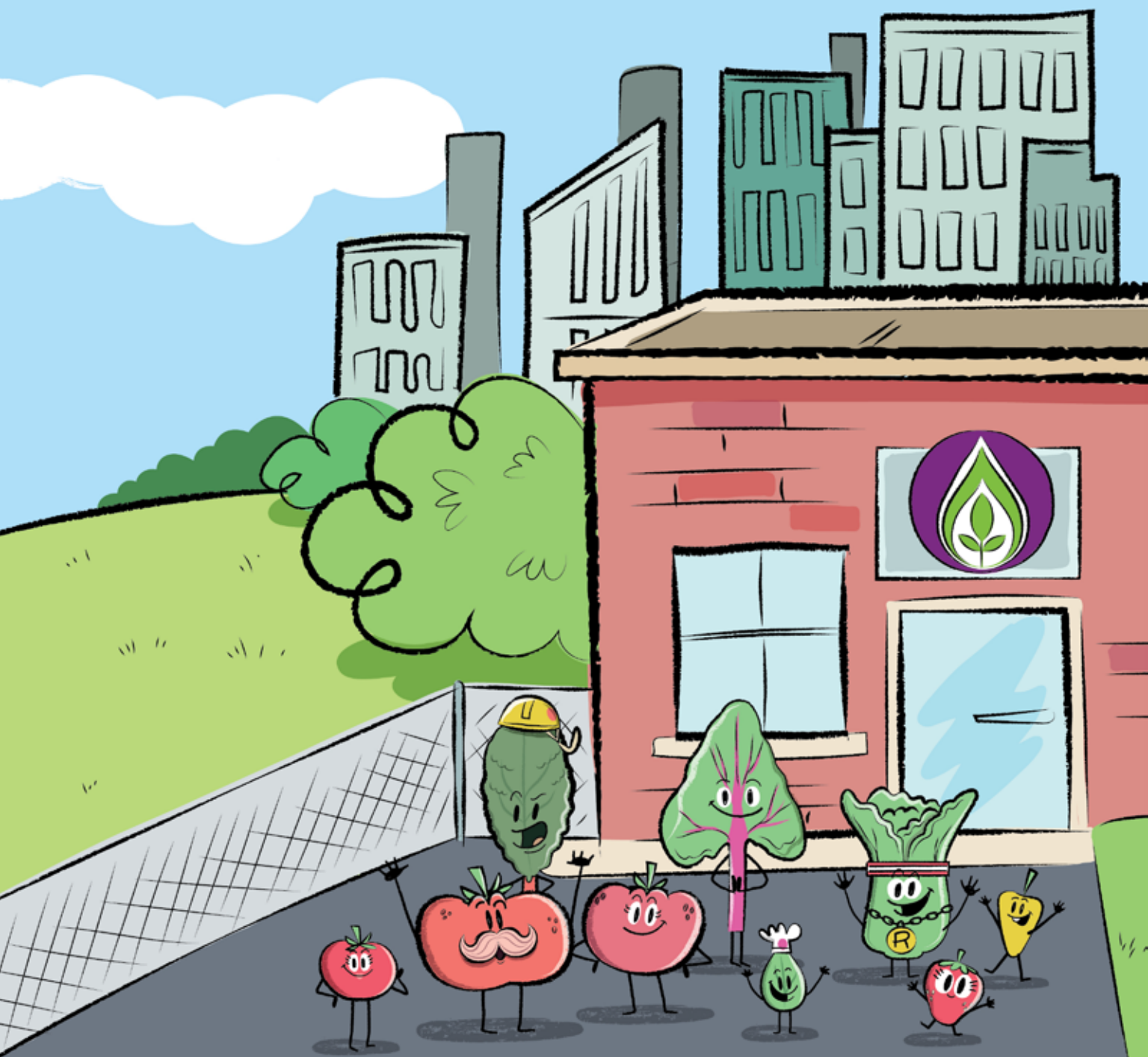
"I can only work with the freshest food!" Basile said. "If only there were a way to have a farm inside the city."



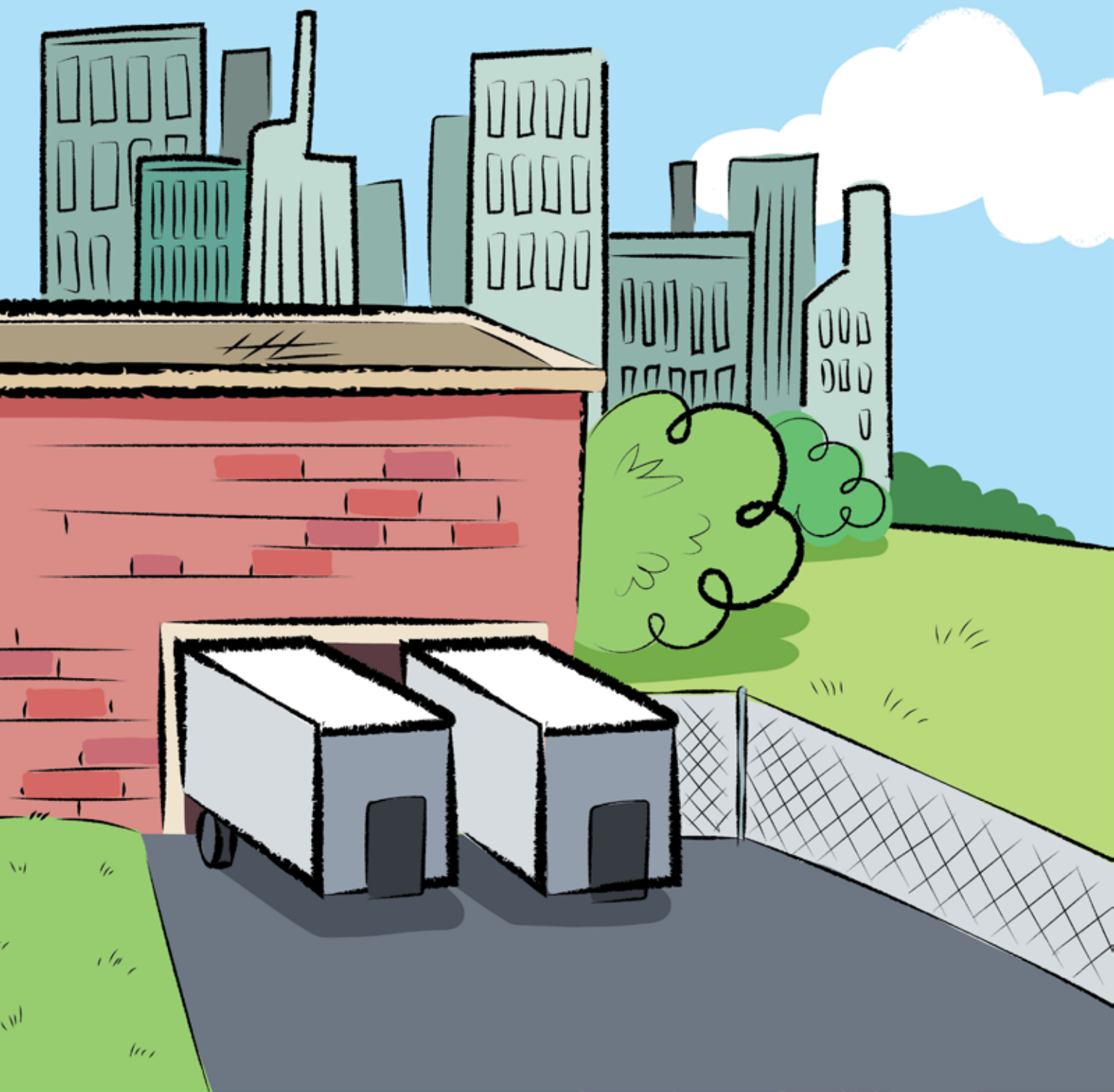
As everyone thought about what this new farm would look like, Ro'Maine came up with a genius idea: "Wouldn't it be crazy if we started our farm indoors?!"



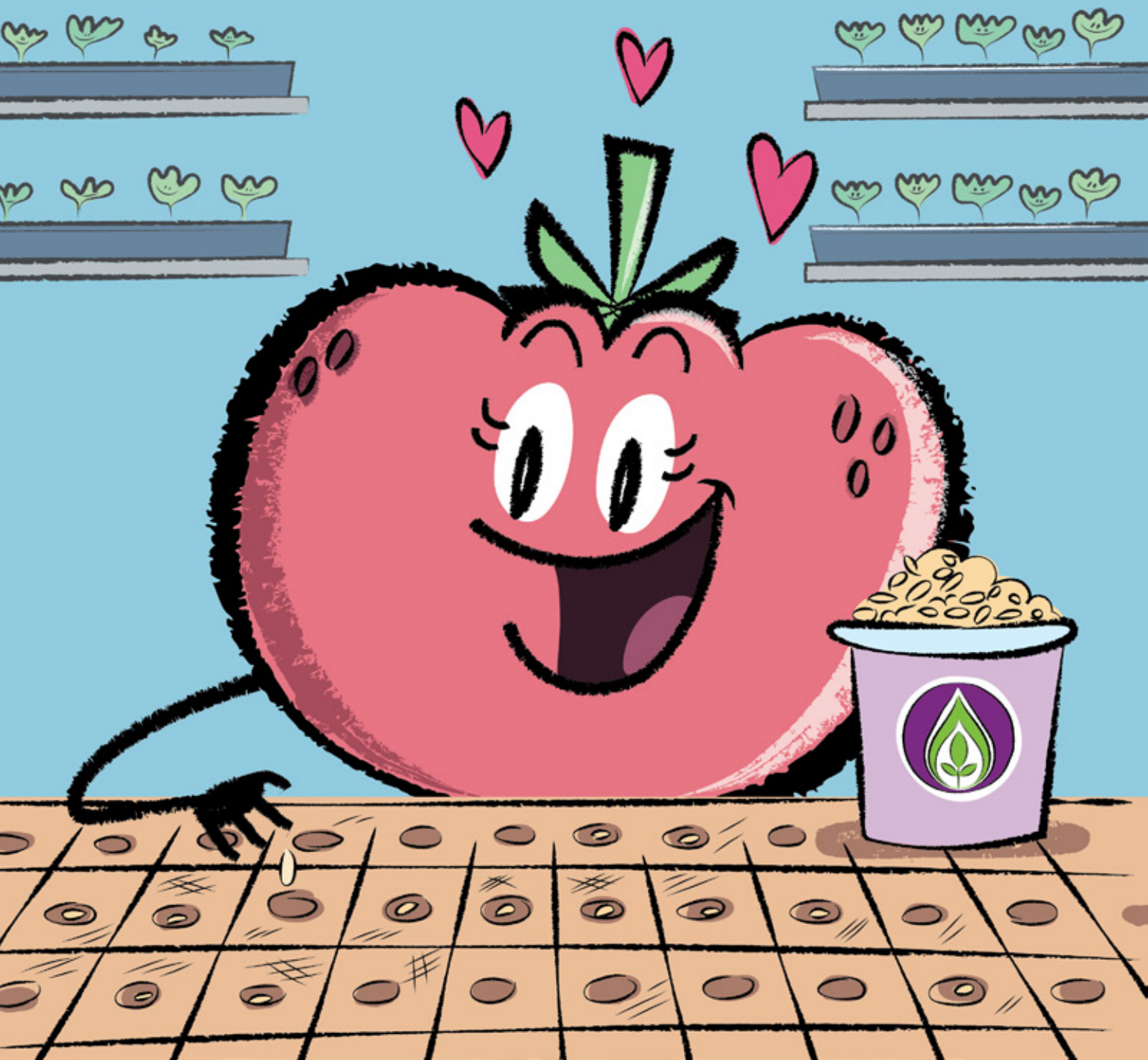
That idea was actually much less crazy than Ro'Maine thought. With an indoor farm, food could be grown in the middle of the city! Fresh fruits and veggies could be right around the corner!



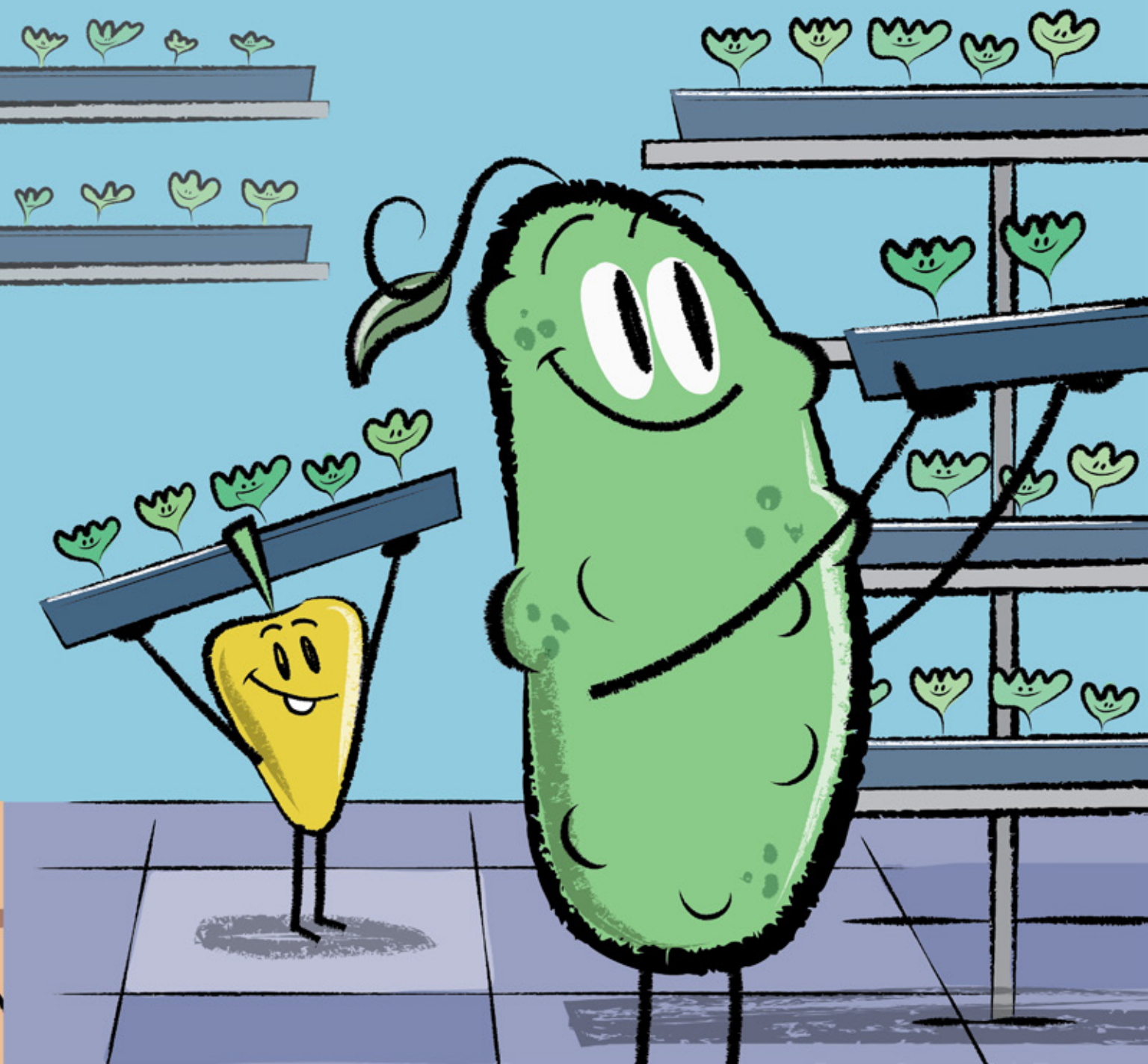
The team found an empty building right next to Basile's restaurant that they could turn into their dream farm, and they quickly got to work.



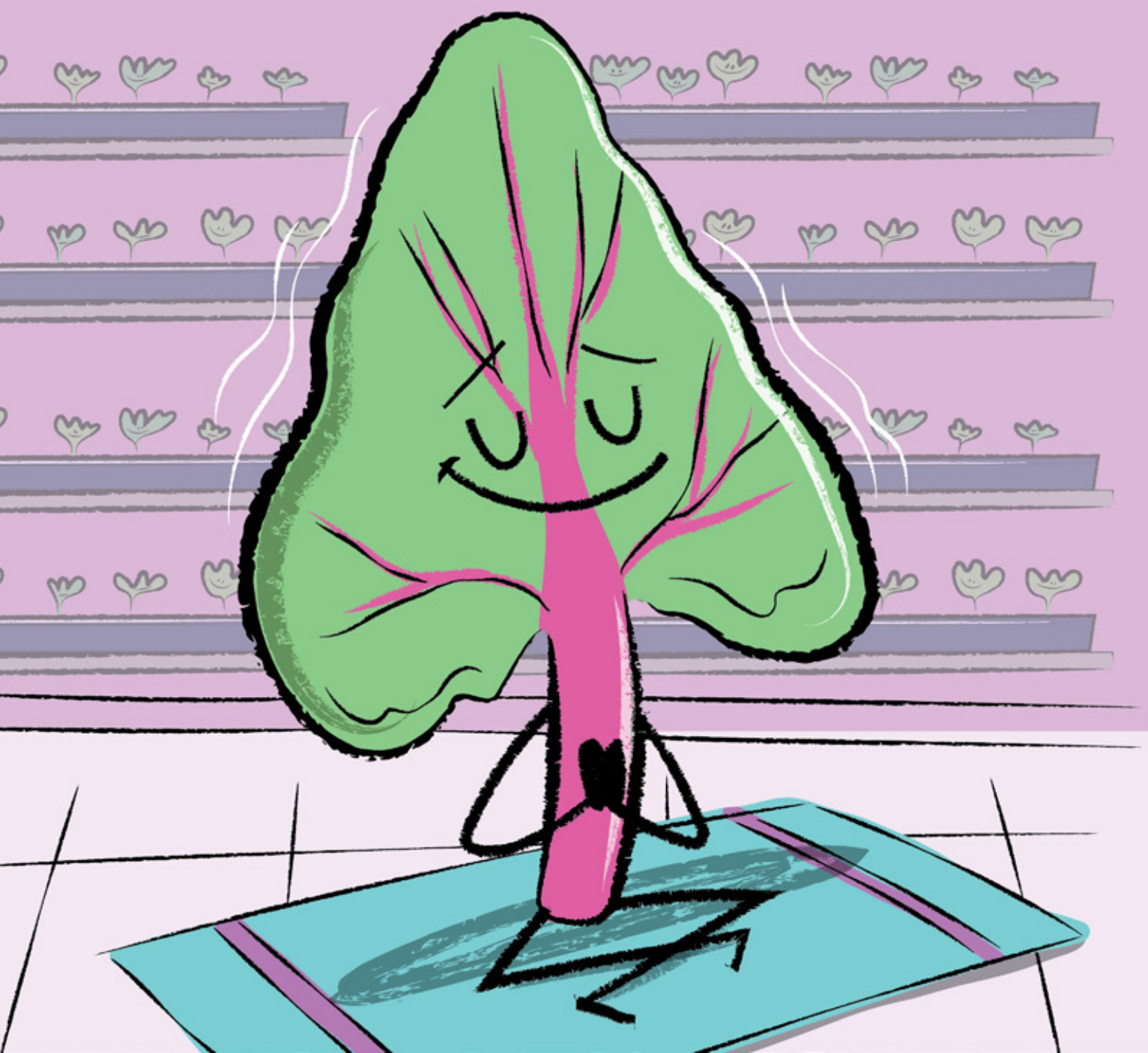
Ruby started by planting the seeds, each in their own little plot. "With this farm, I can give the plants the perfect amount of space to grow happy and healthy!"



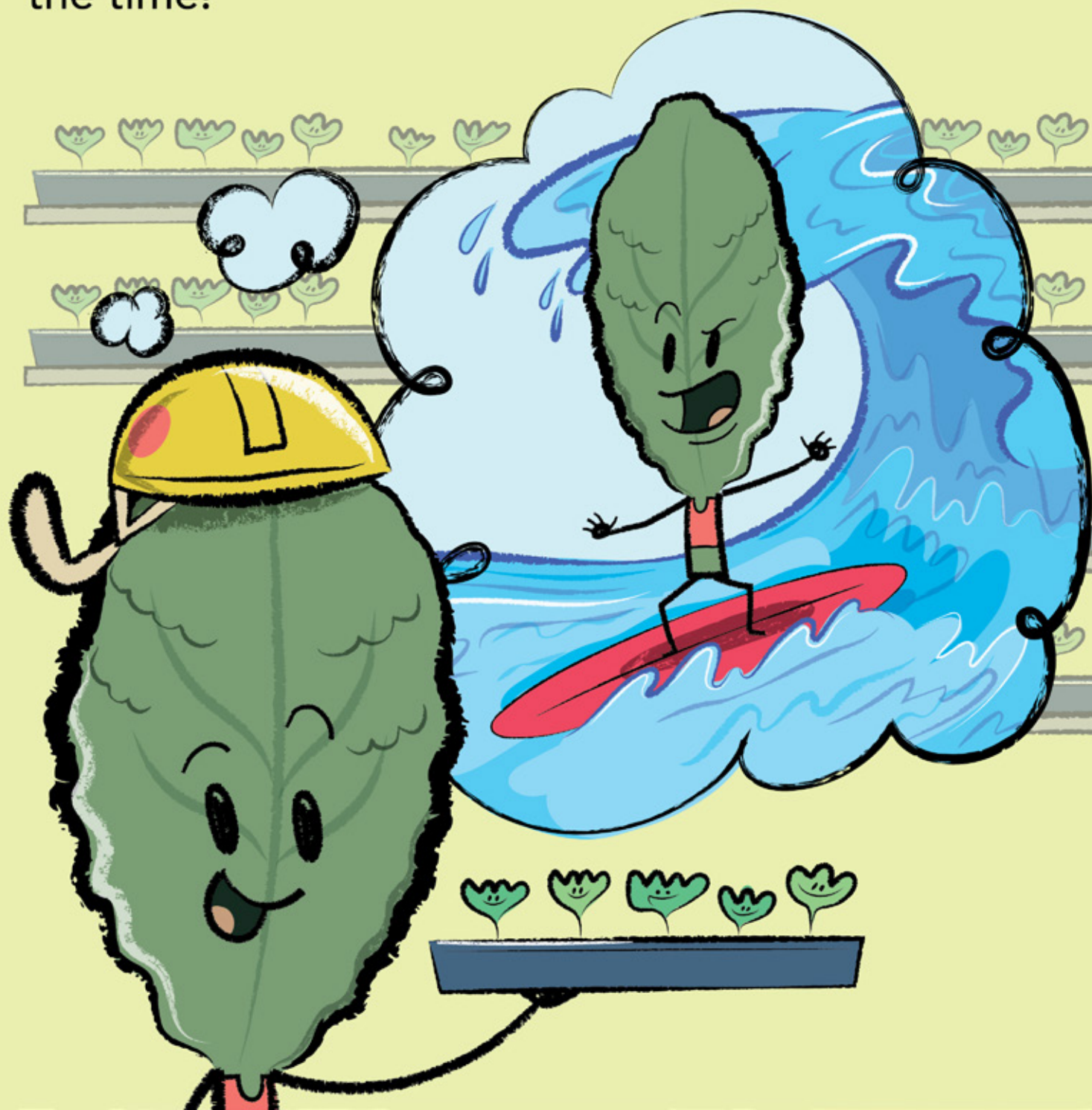
Pepé and Dill lifted trays of plants onto shelves,
"In this new farm, the sky is the limit. Actually,
it's the ceiling! We can stack the plants above
each other to make the most of the space!"



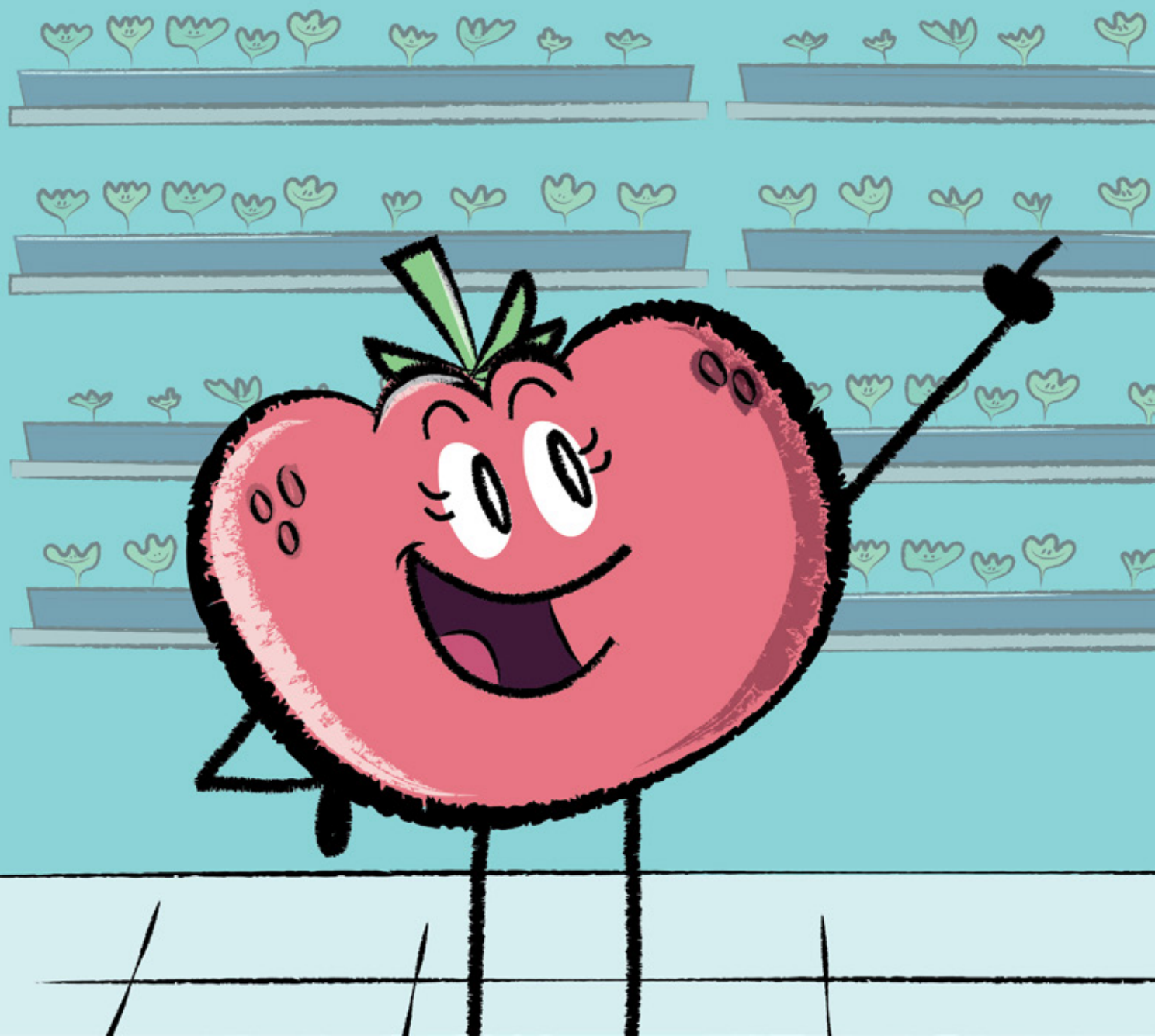
Bowie inhaled the fresh air. "I love that this farm is indoors, because there are no crawly critters trying to eat the plants! This means that we don't have to use any bad chemicals to keep them away—just fresh water and air!"

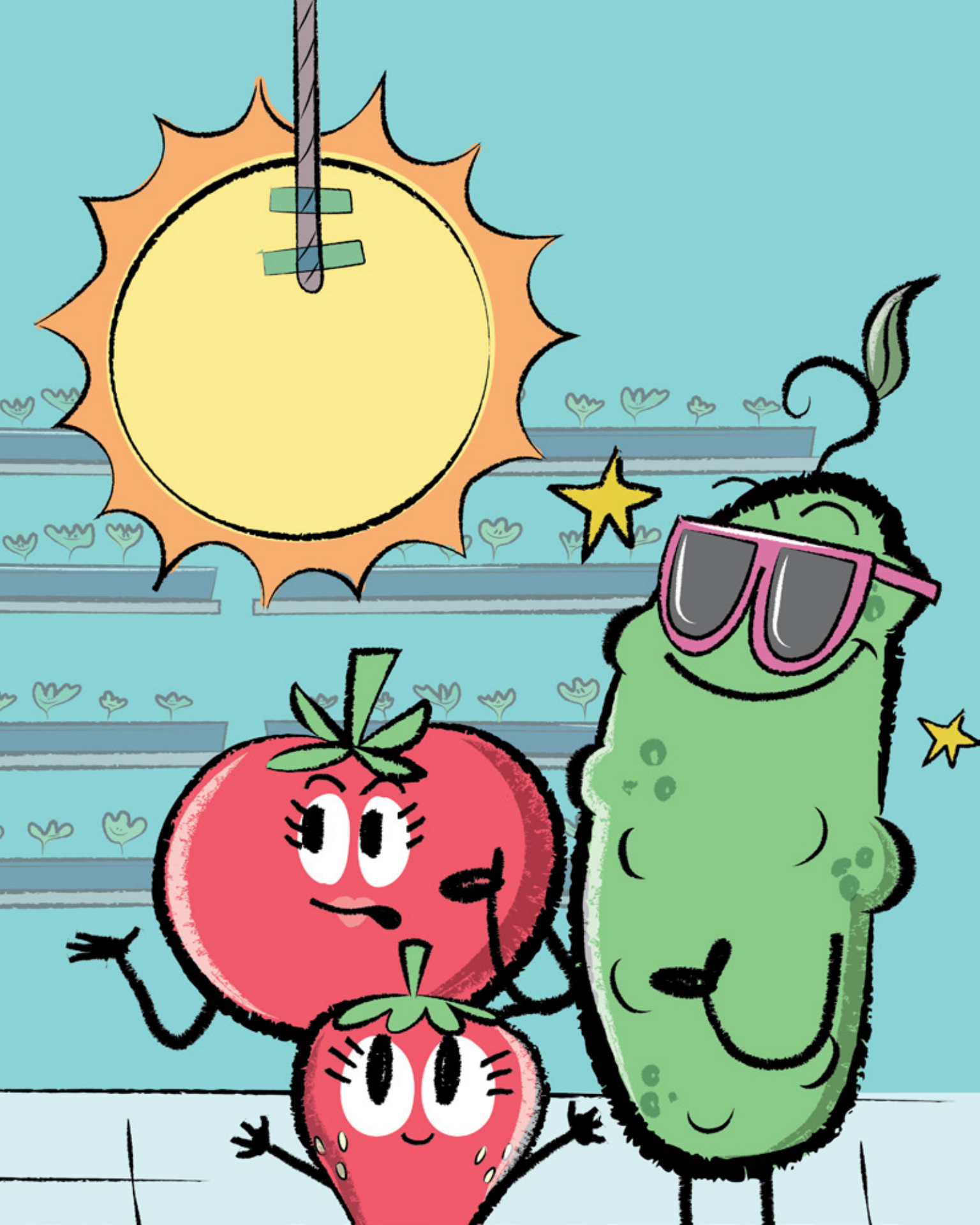


"And with this new farm, we don't have to waste any water!" Kaley said. "We only have to use the amount of water the plants need to grow, which also means perfect waves all the time!"



"Oh no!" Ruby shouted. "We forgot one of the most important parts—the sun! The plants can't grow if they don't have sunlight!" Surely sunlight couldn't get into the building! Was this dream farm still possible?

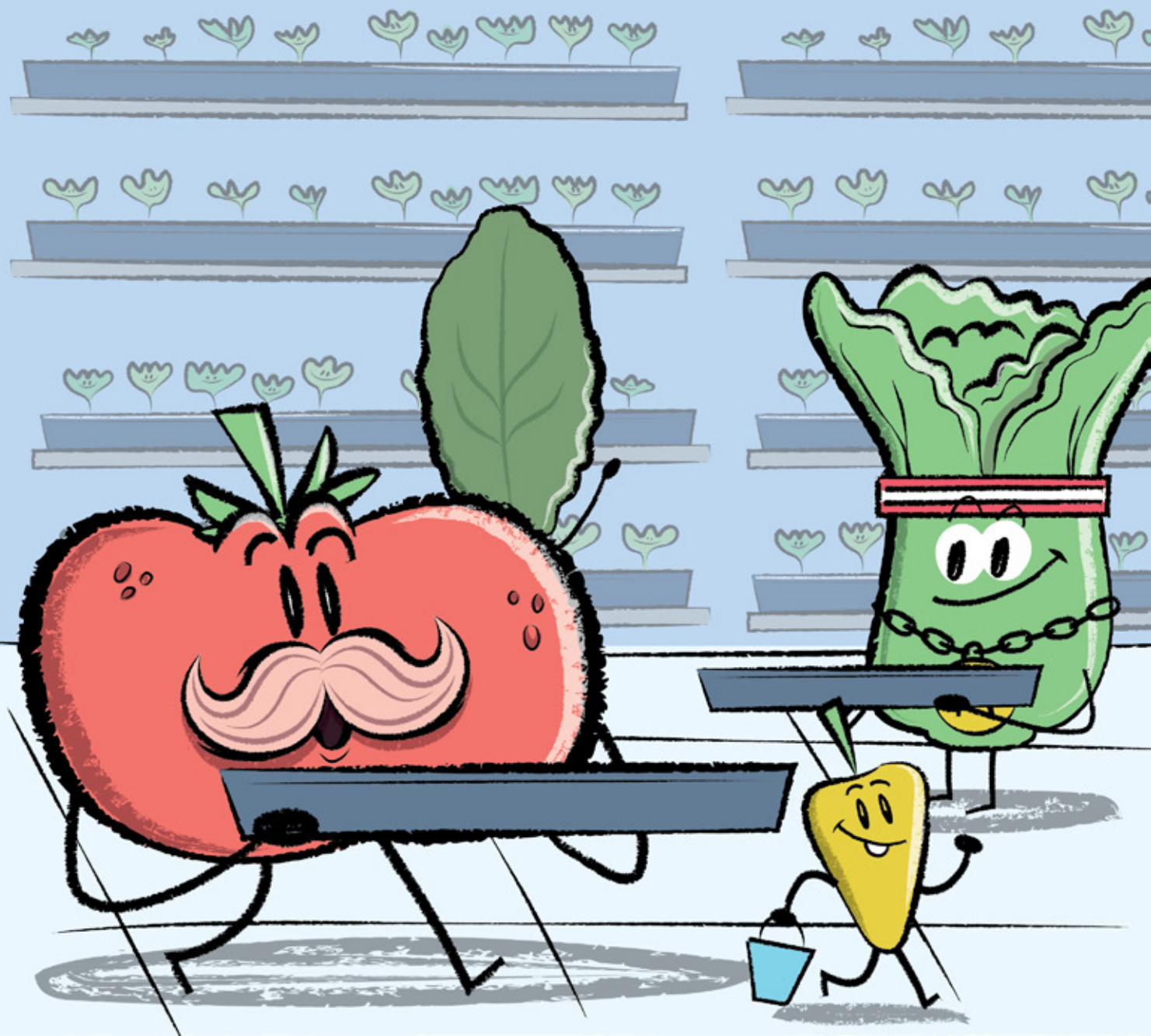




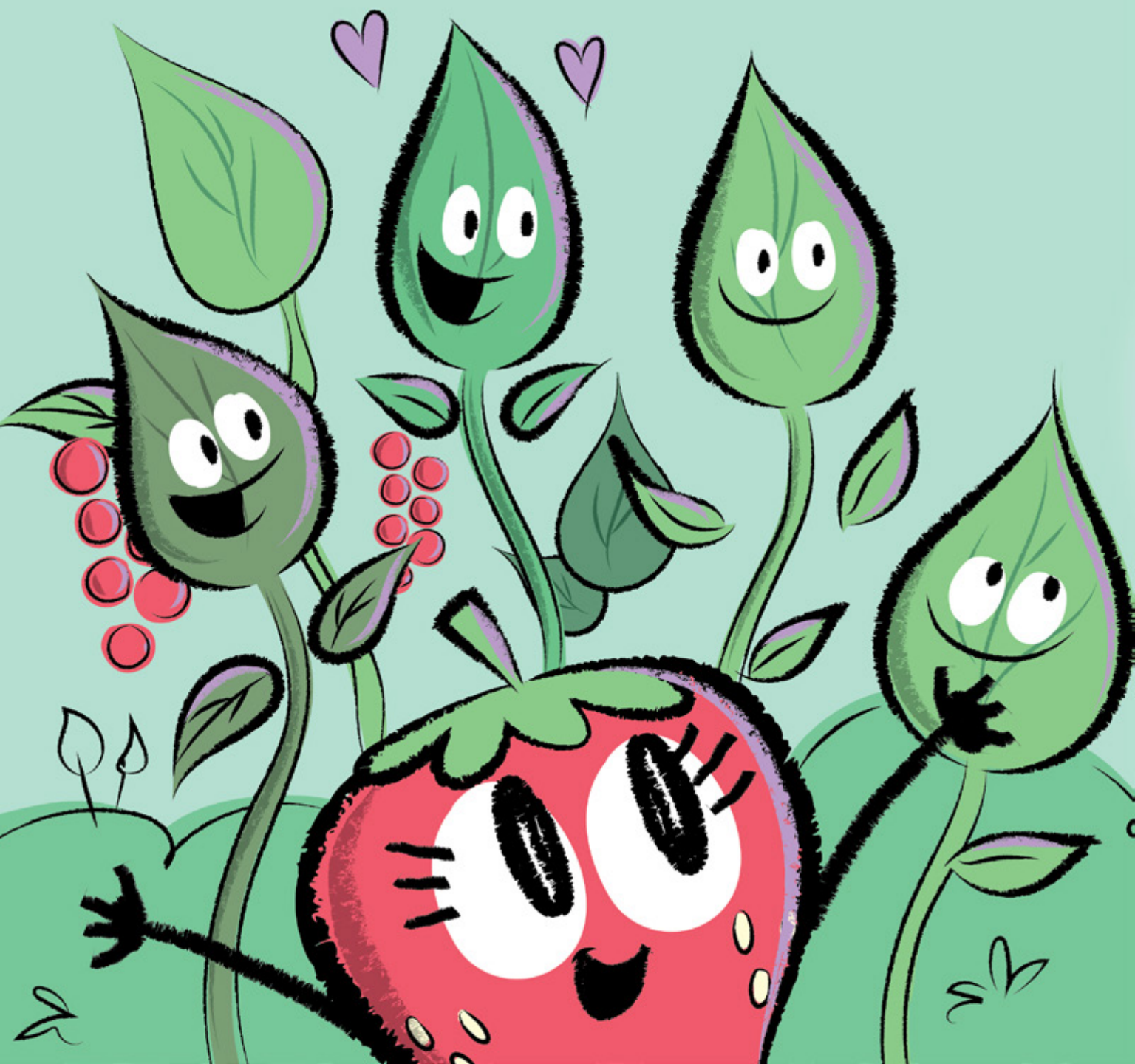
Suddenly, little Berri spoke up: "We learned in school that special purple lights can give plants the same energy they get from the sun. Maybe we could put purple lights in our farm!"



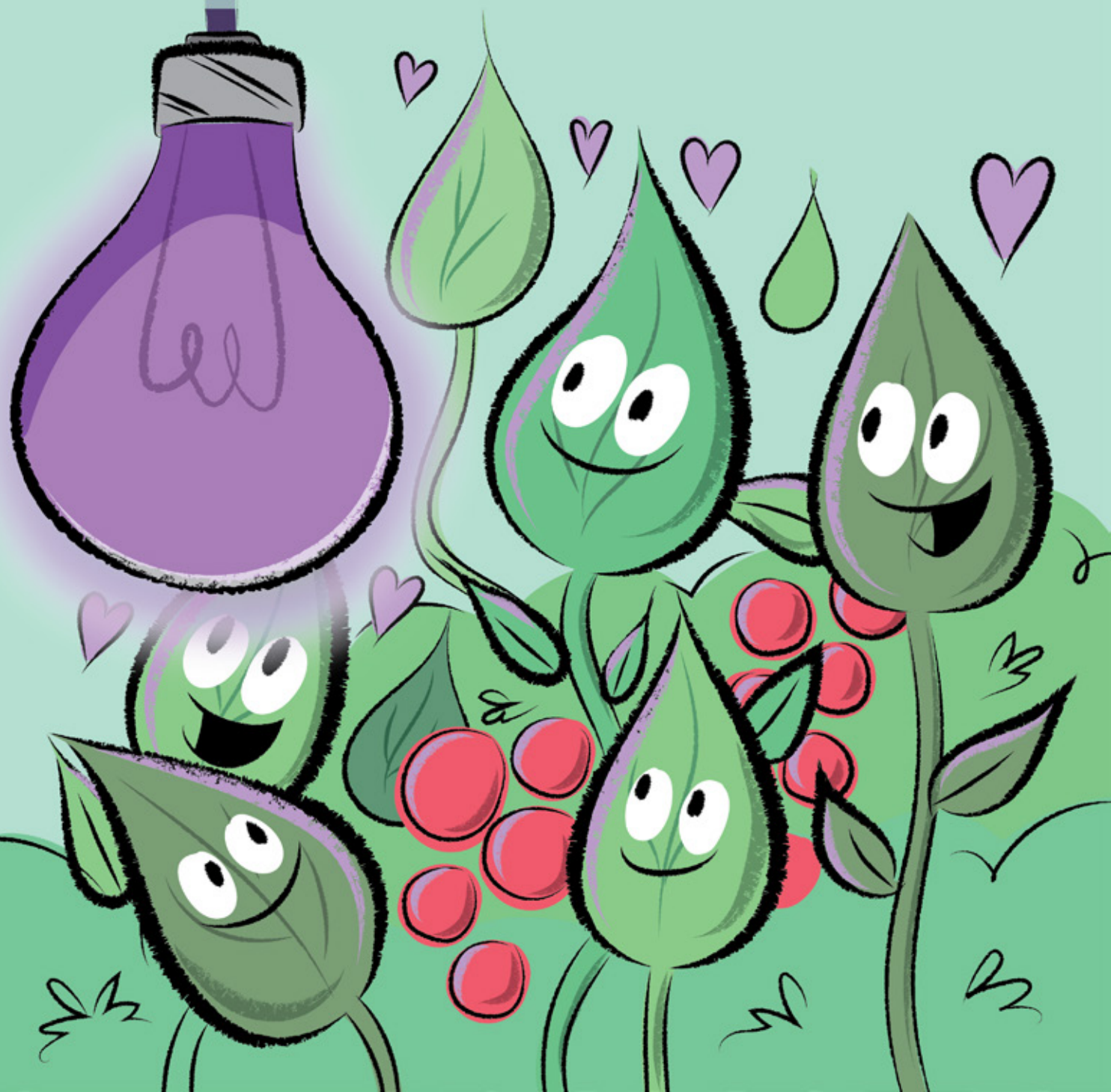
Berri was right! Purple lights could help the plants grow and stay healthy. So, the team got back to work.



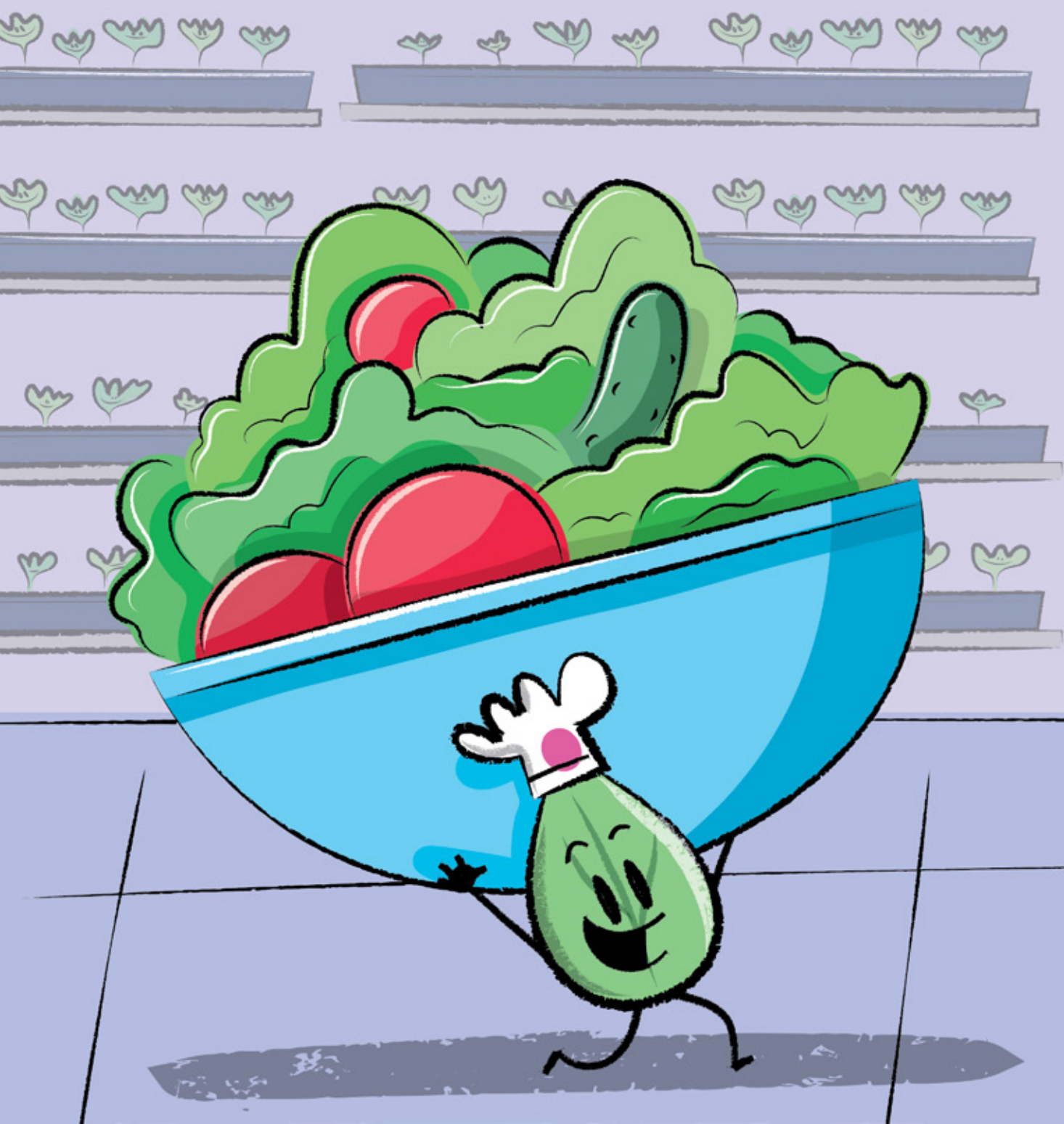
"Oh, I love this purple light." Berri said. "It's so cute, and it makes me glow!" Berri continued, "It looks like the plants love it, too. They are starting to grow!"



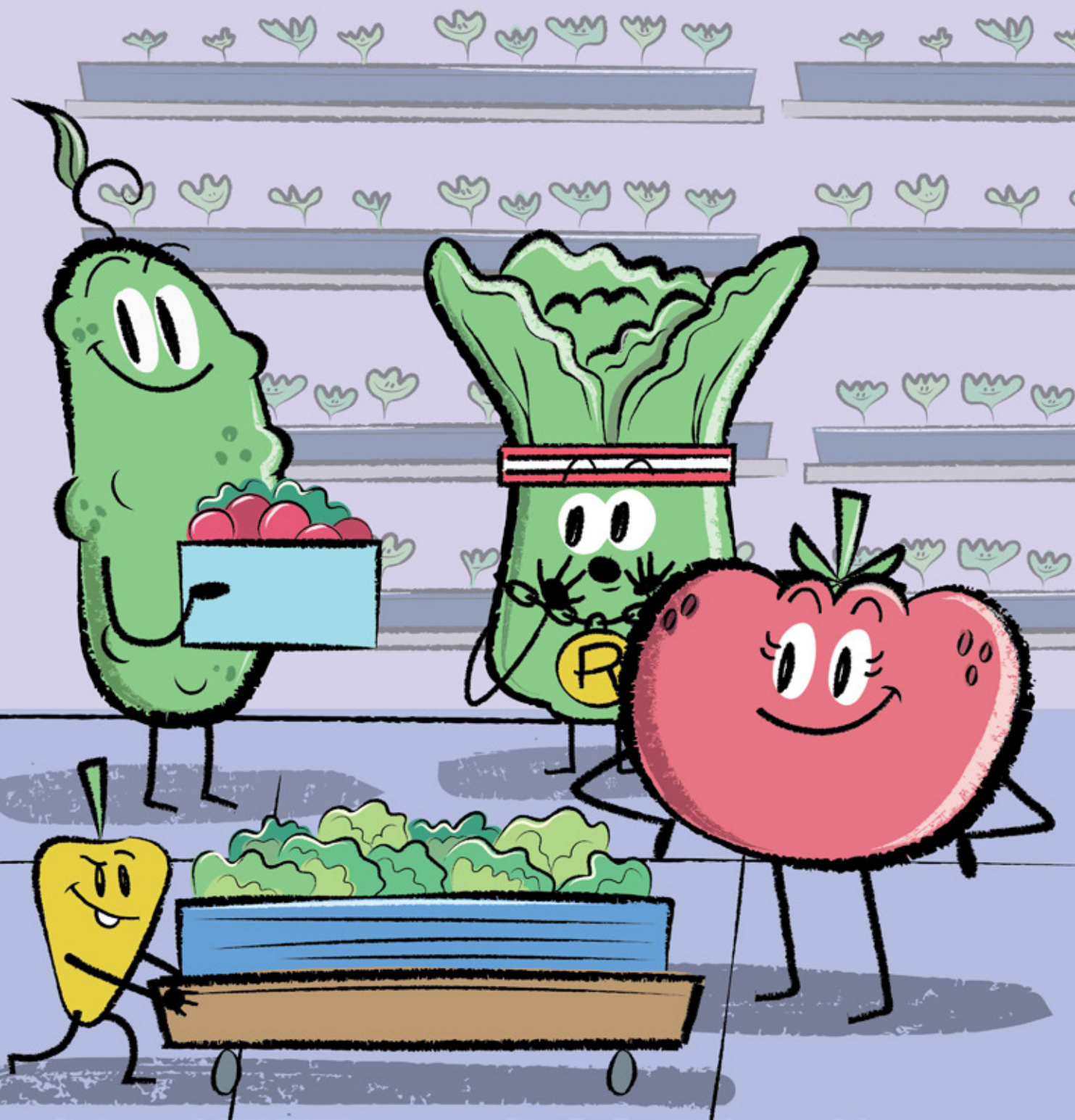
After a few weeks on the farm, the plants had grown big and strong, and it looked like it was time to harvest! Now the team would find out if this new farm really could grow delicious healthy food.



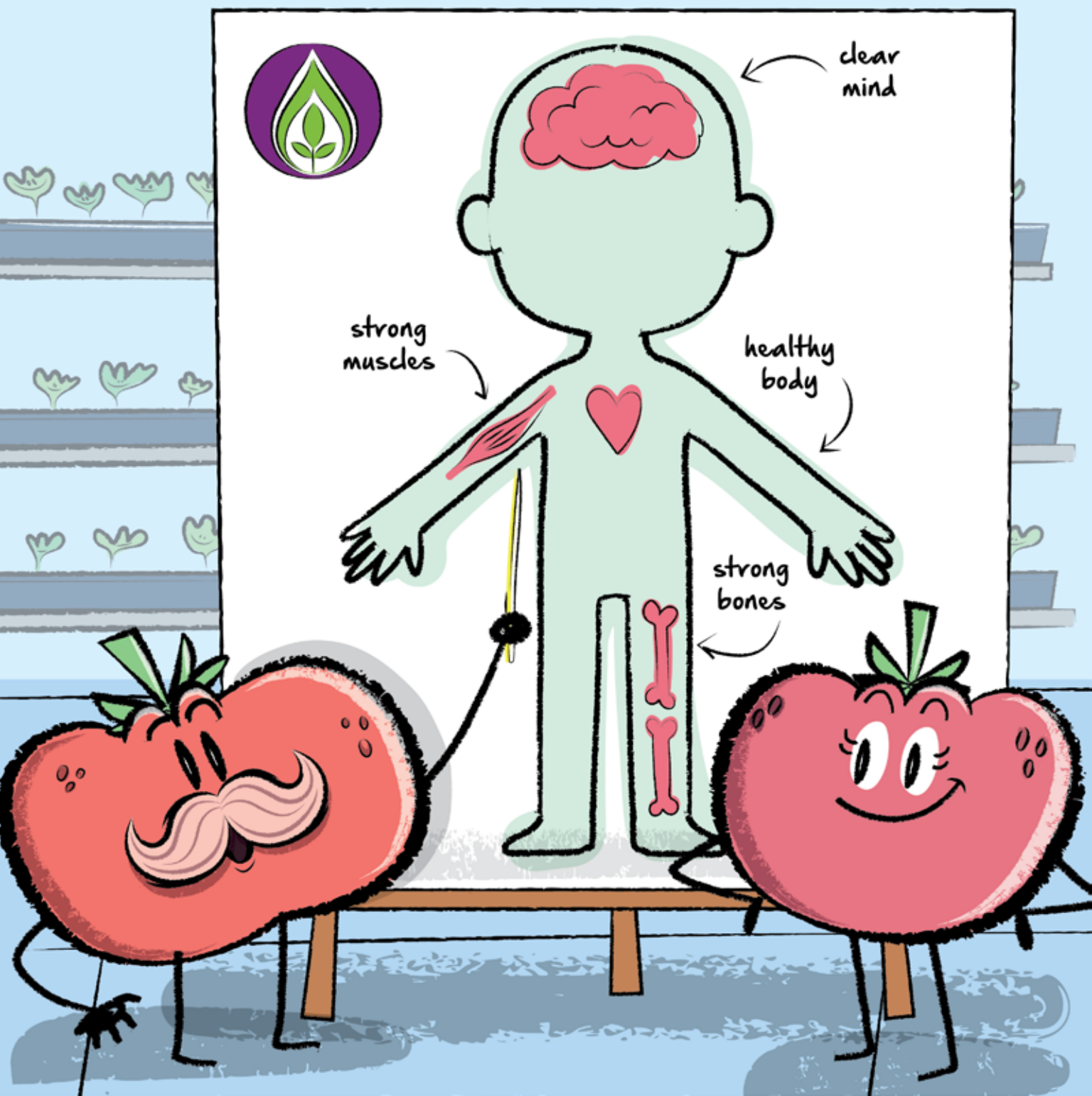
Basile picked some veggies and took them next door to make a healthy meal for everyone.



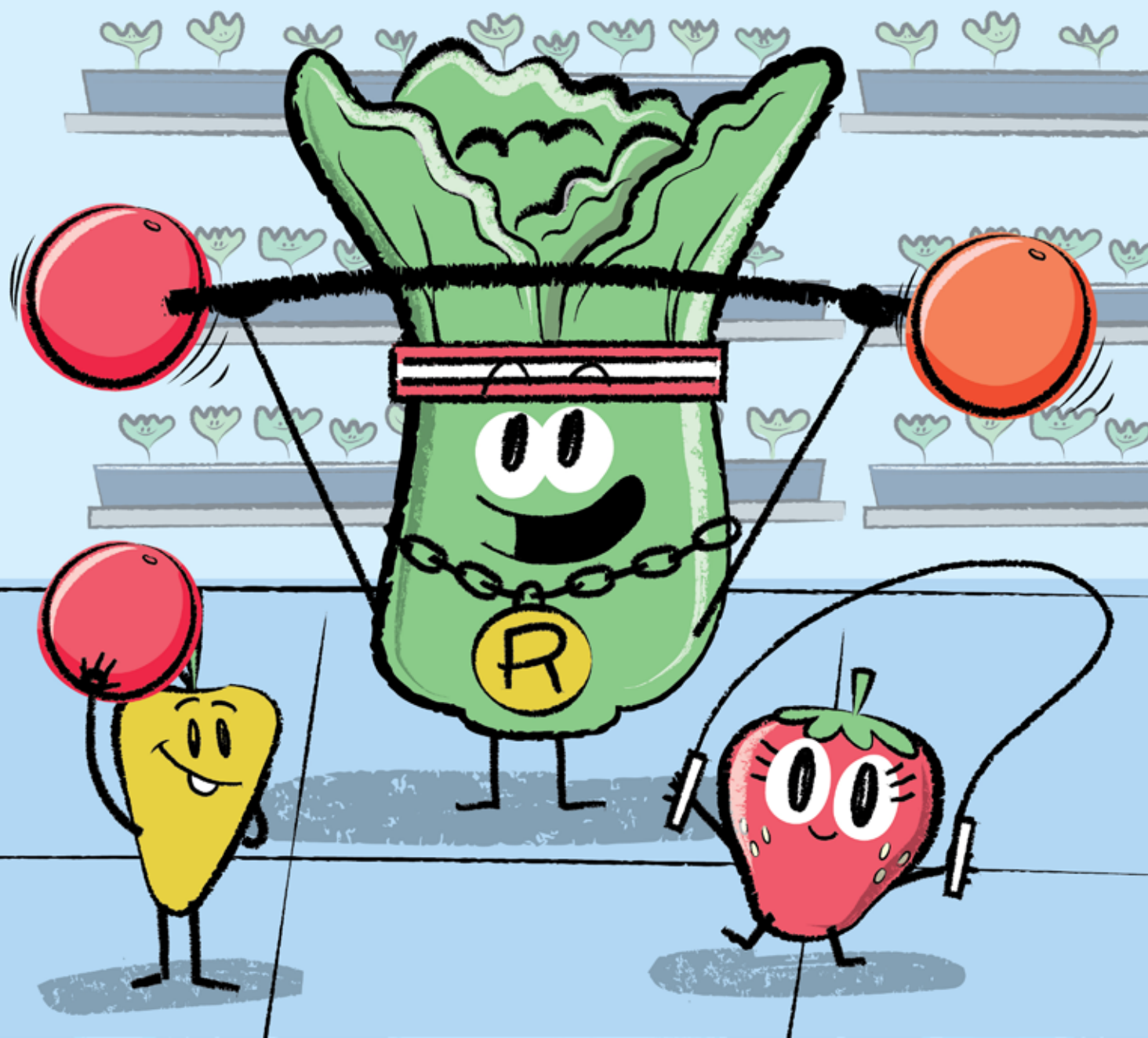
"Alright, friends! I'd like you all to try my new salad, made with the freshest ingredients from our new farm."



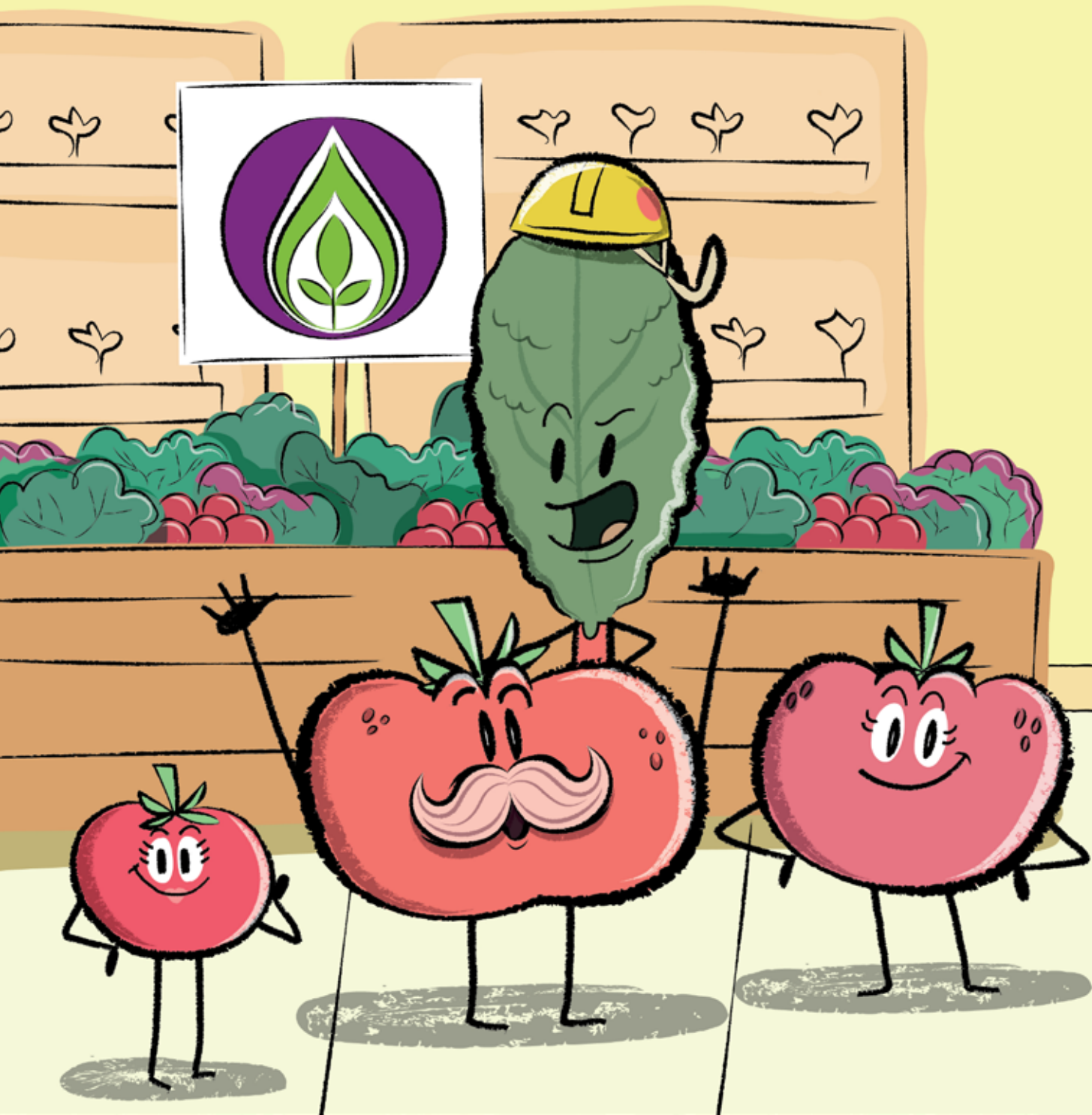
Everyone hurried to get a look at his newest creation. They loved how fresh everything was and knew it was full of healthy goodness!



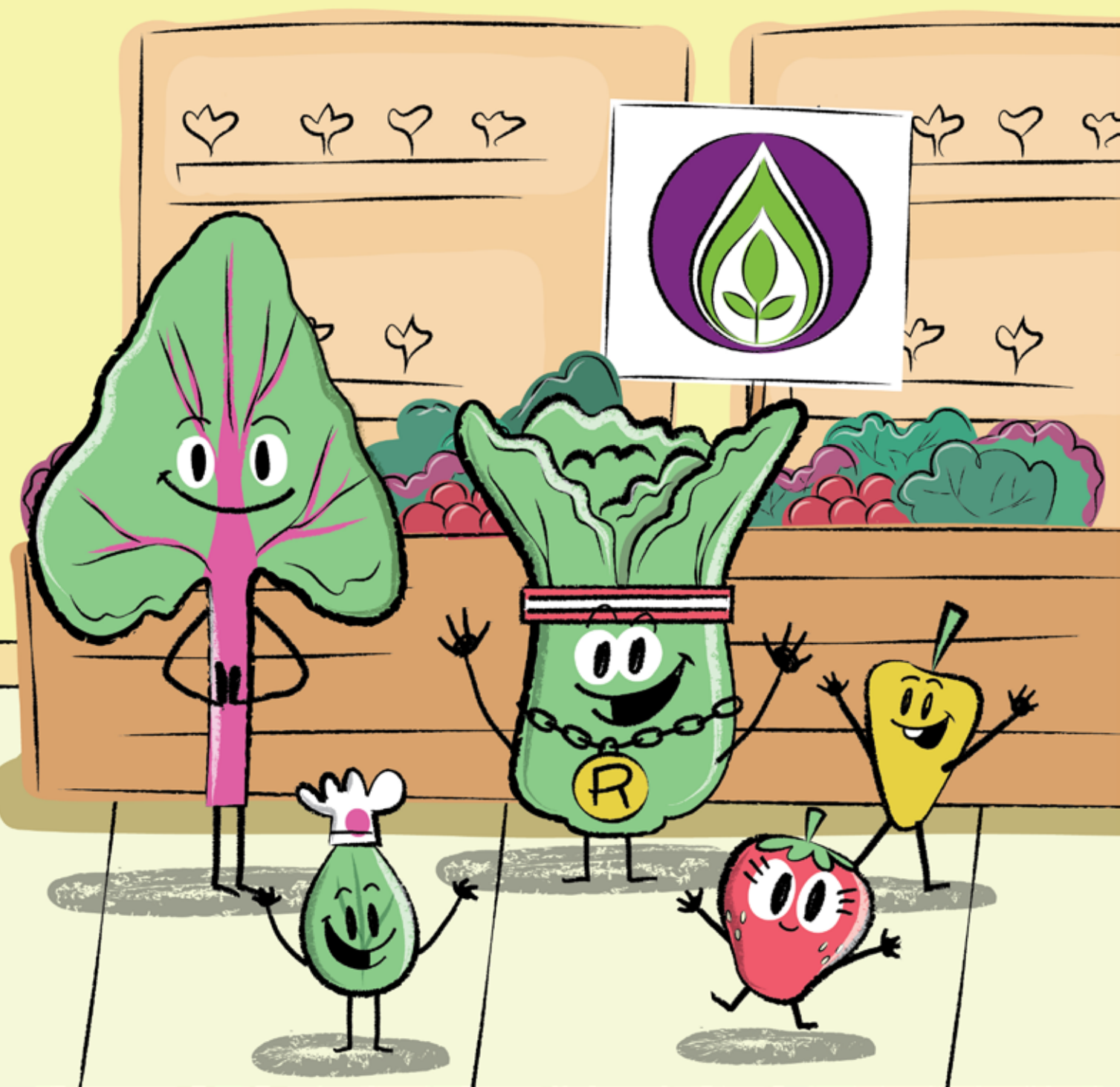
"This salad looks like a party in a bowl—yum!" Ro'Maine shouted. Tom imagined how their creation would fuel muscles and build a stronger and healthier body.



The farm was a success! Plantopia had created a new farm that was eco-friendly *and* produced food that was healthy, fresh, and grown right around the corner!

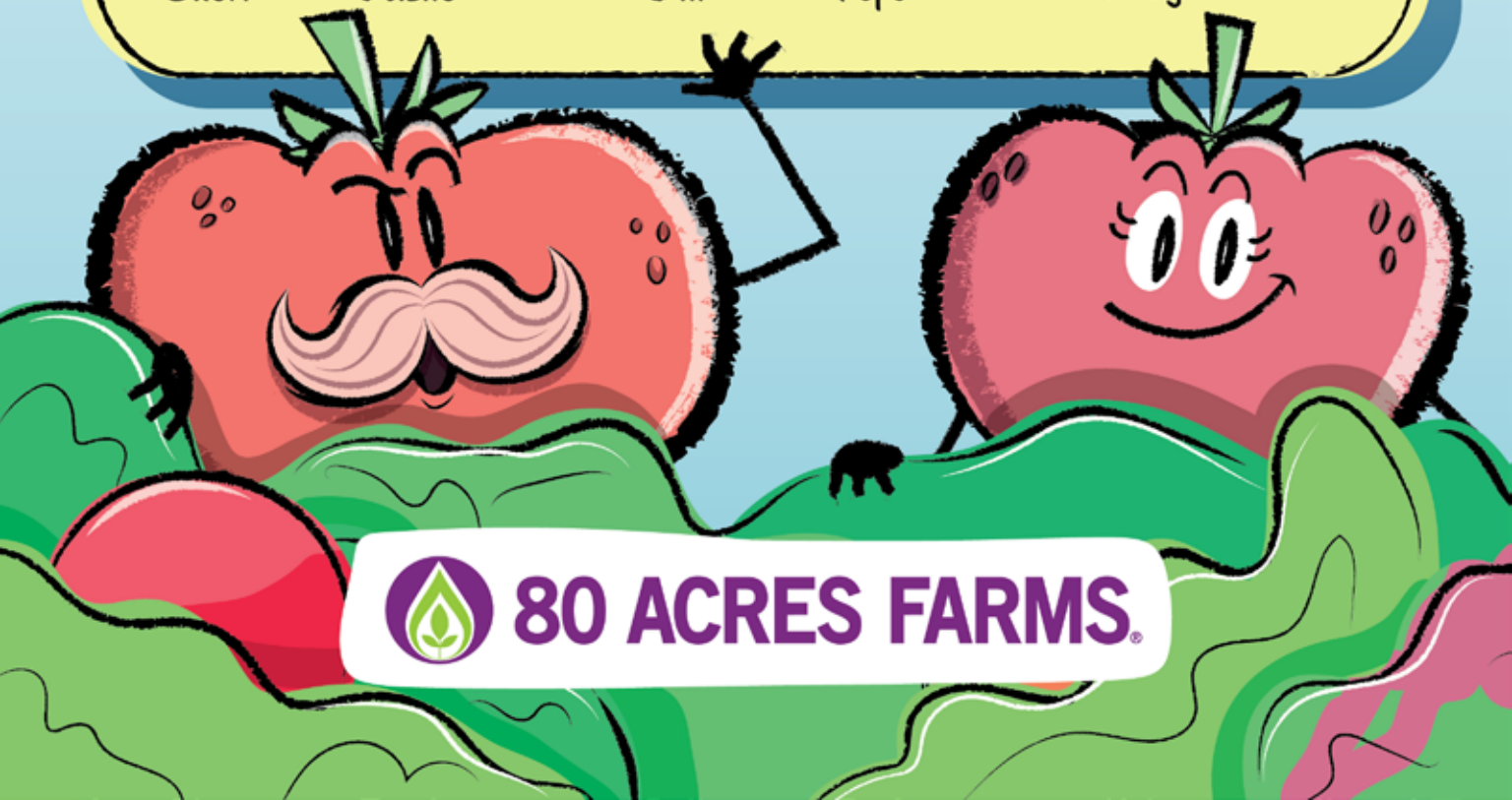
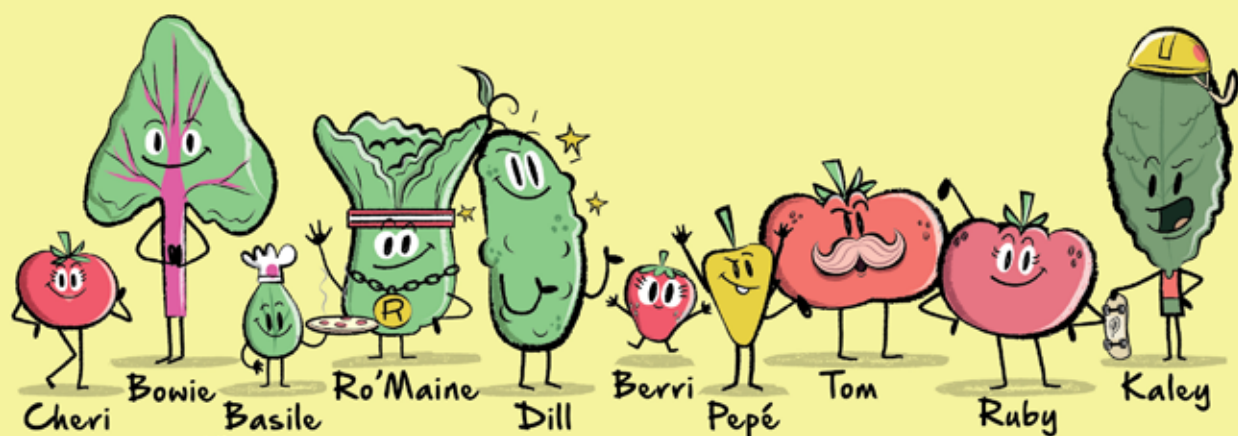


Basile continued to invent new meals with the fruits and veggies to keep the Plantopians feeling great, and everyone was glad to finally have food grown near them.



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There's trouble in Plantopia, a happy place for fruits and veggies. When a group of friends decide they need to eat better, they find out that growing fresh food isn't always easy. Can they come up with a way to grow that's better for them *and* for the planet?



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