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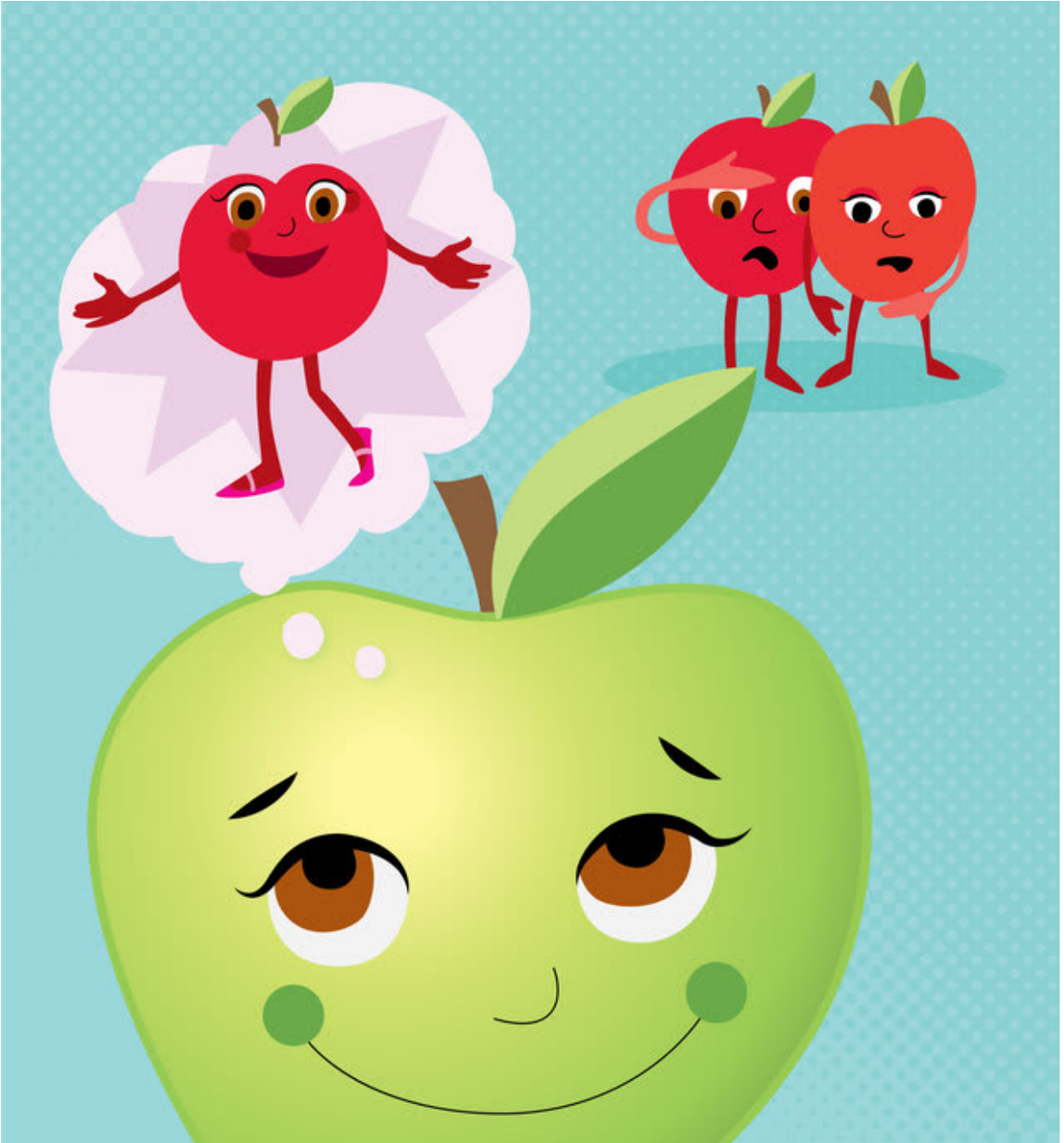
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Green Apple felt left out. All the other fruit at the market were a

beautiful red.





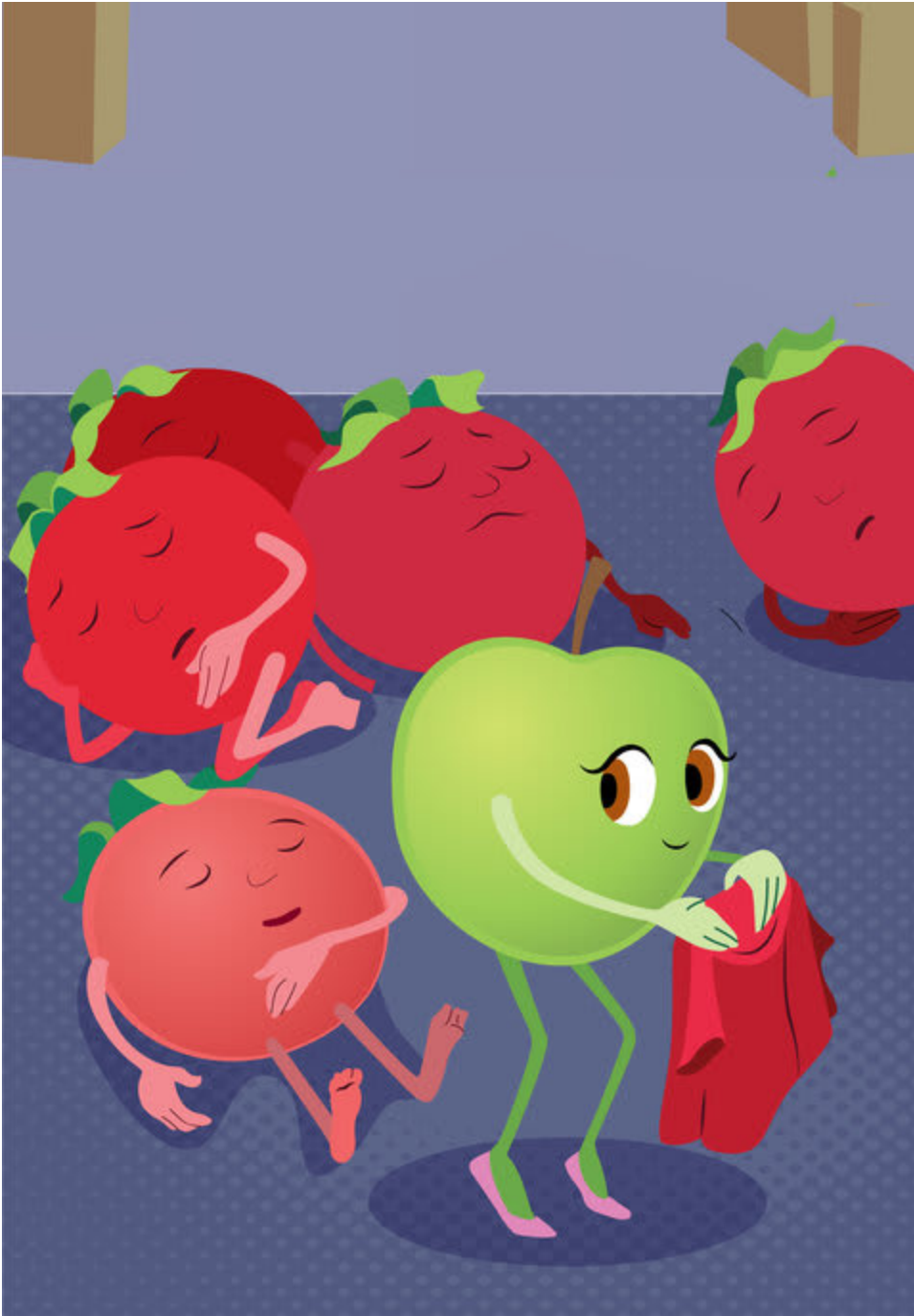
Green Apple wants to be red, too.





One night, Green Apple couldn't sleep. She tried to think of a plan.





She tiptoed up to Red Tomato. She took his jacket!



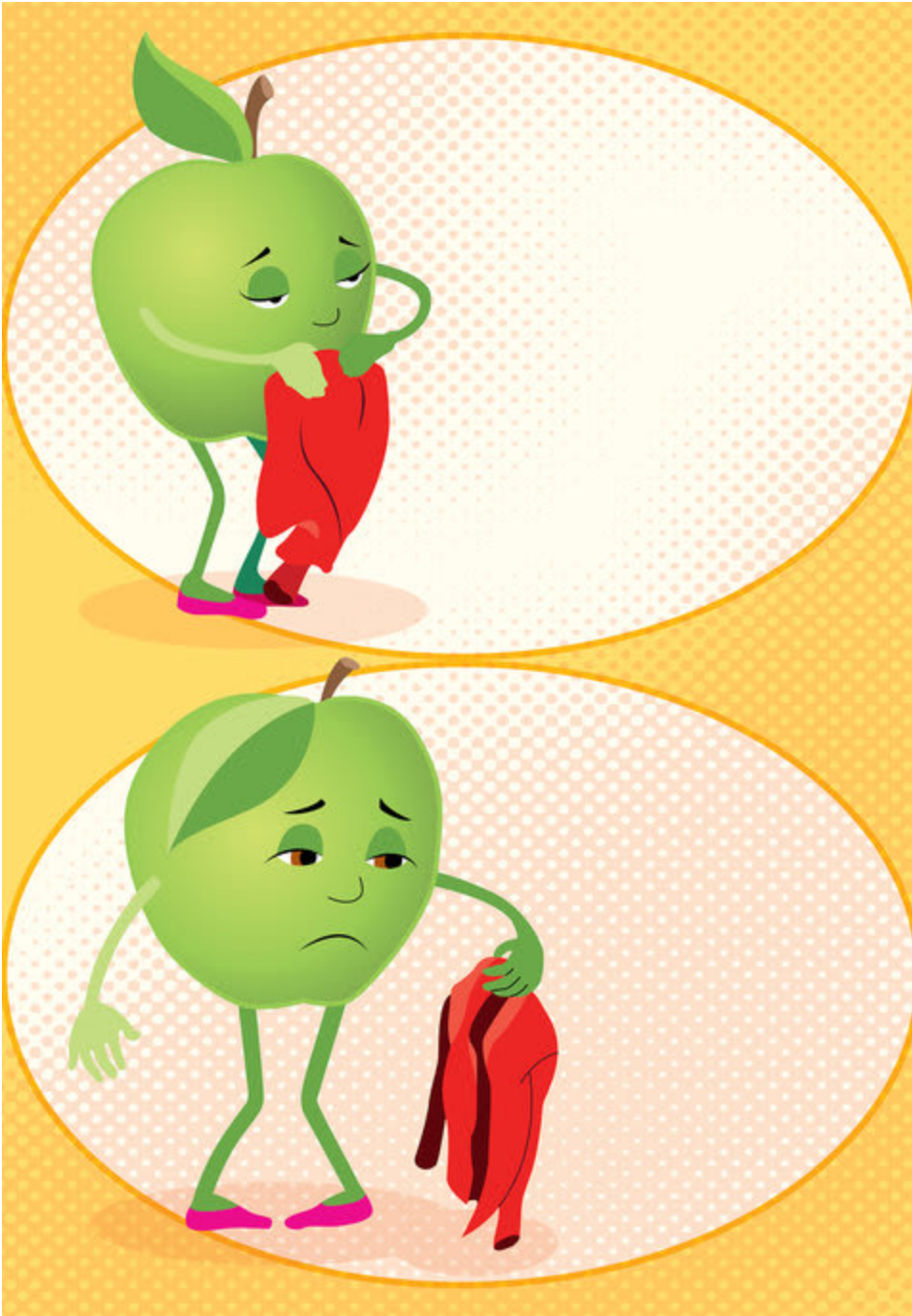
The next morning, Red Tomato was furious when he realized that his

jacket was gone.

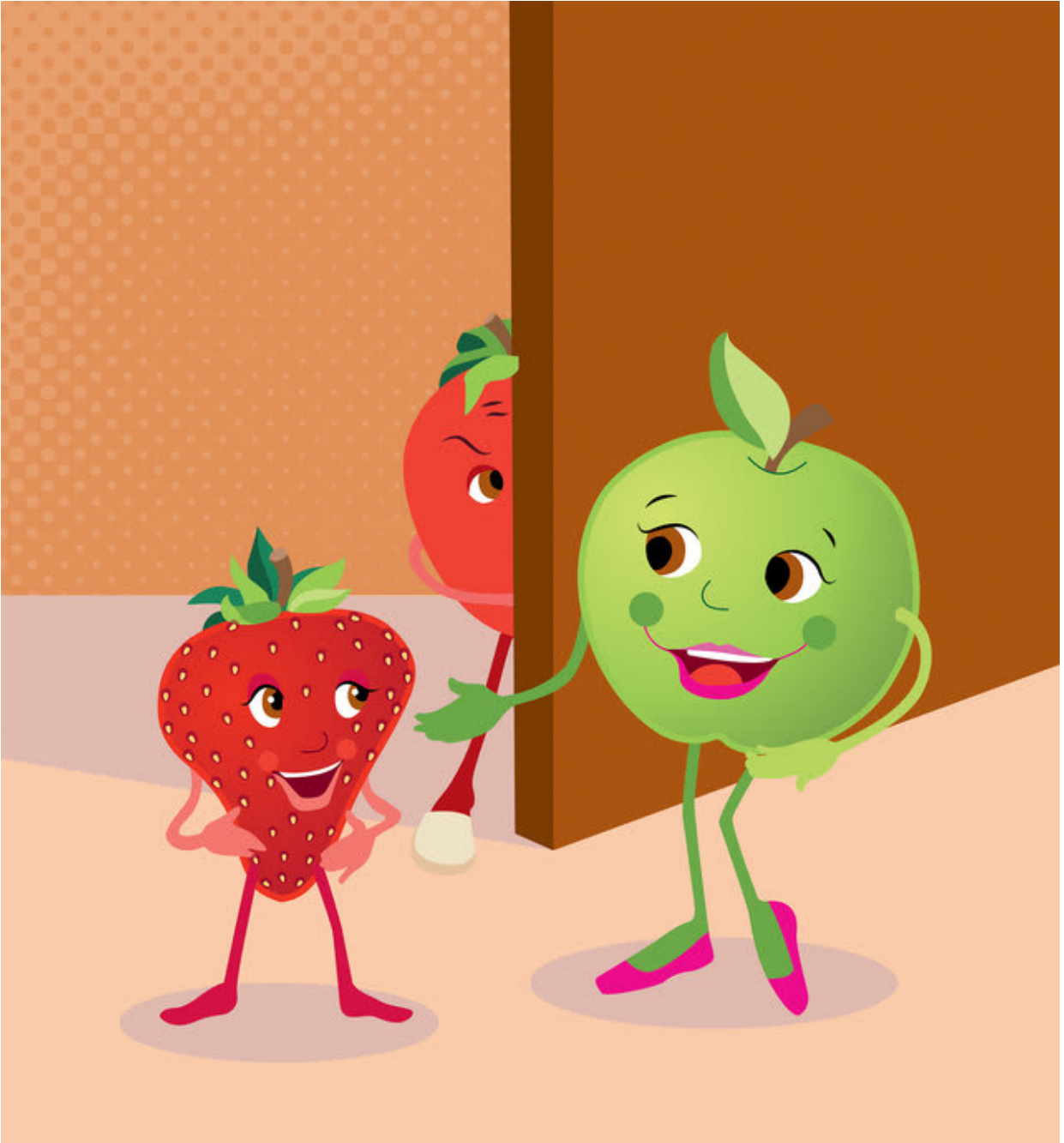


Green Apple was putting on the jacket. “Take it off!” shouted Red Tomato.





Green Apple took off the jacket. She gave it back.



But Green Apple did not give up! She befriended Strawberry.



That night, Green Apple sneaked up to Strawberry. Strawberry opened one



eye and asked, “What are you up to?”



Green Apple began to run. The tomatoes, strawberries and red peppers all chased her away!



Green Apple soon reached the forest.  
She got another idea.



She came across Chameleon. “Sir Chameleon, I know you can change

colours," Green Apple said. "Can you please make me red?"



Chameleon told her, "Go to the mountain and collect long leaves."





Chameleon ate up the leaves. He touched Green Apple with the tip of



his tail. Green Apple turned purple!  
“You gave me the wrong leaves,”  
Chameleon sighed.



Green Apple went to the mountain.  
But it was so high! She collected  
leaves from the bottom of the  
mountain instead. She took them back  
to Chameleon.



“I am sorry,” said Green Apple. “Oh, shame,” said Chameleon. “Who has

heard of a purple apple?”



Green Apple looked at her hands. "I  
liked it better when I was  
green," she thought.



"All right," Chameleon said. "Now run away from the forest, and do not look back."



Green Apple met a boy. “Apple, apple, please be my friend,” he said.



"I love your green colour." Green Apple looked at herself. She was green!



Green Apple was happy to have found a friend. She was happy to feel

like herself again.



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The Green Apple (English) Green Apple is the only green fruit at the market. She wants to be red like all the others. Join her adventure to change her colour. This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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