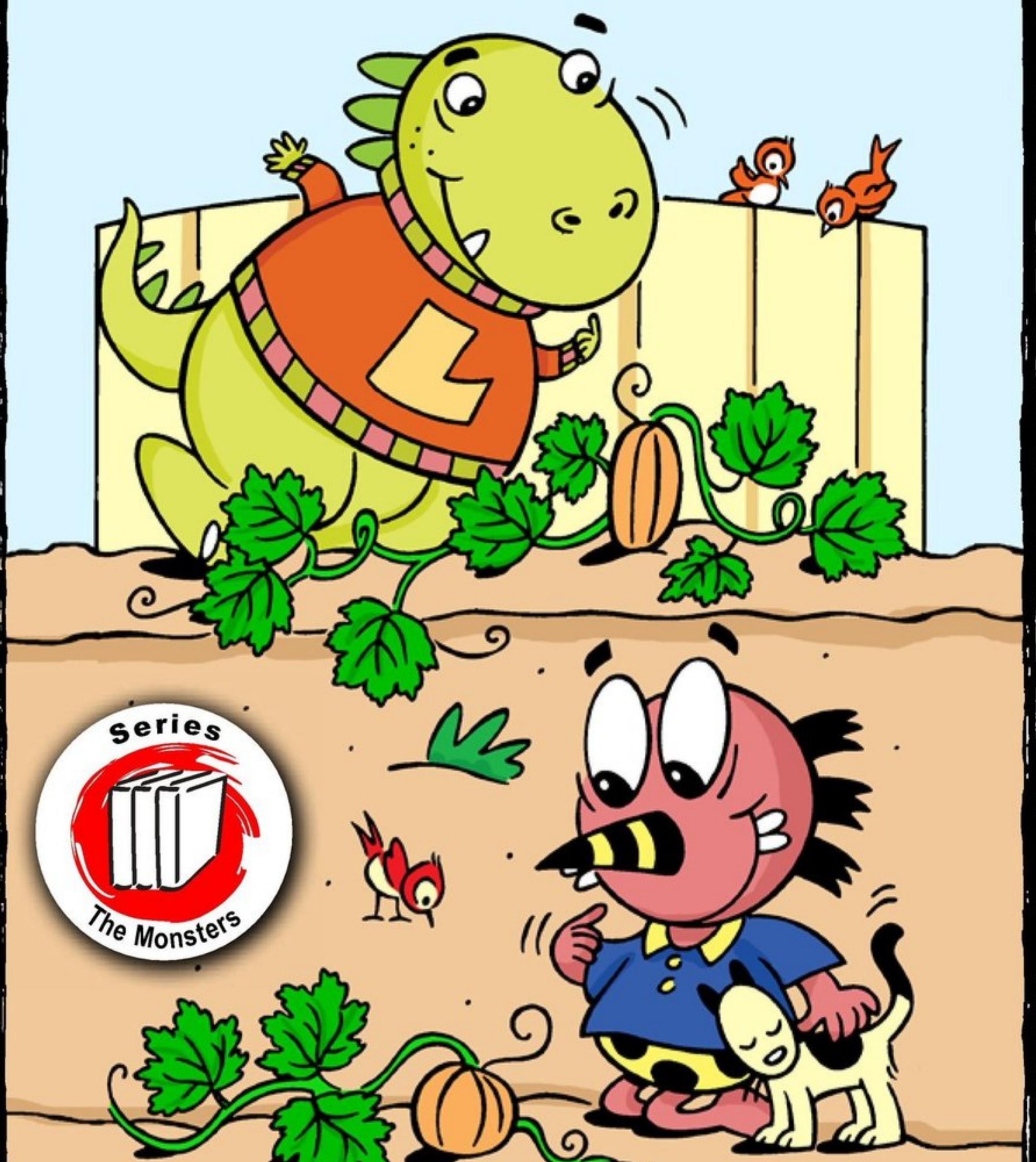


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“Let’s have a contest,”

says Bonk to Lurk.

“Grandpa gave me pumpkin seeds,”

says Bonk.

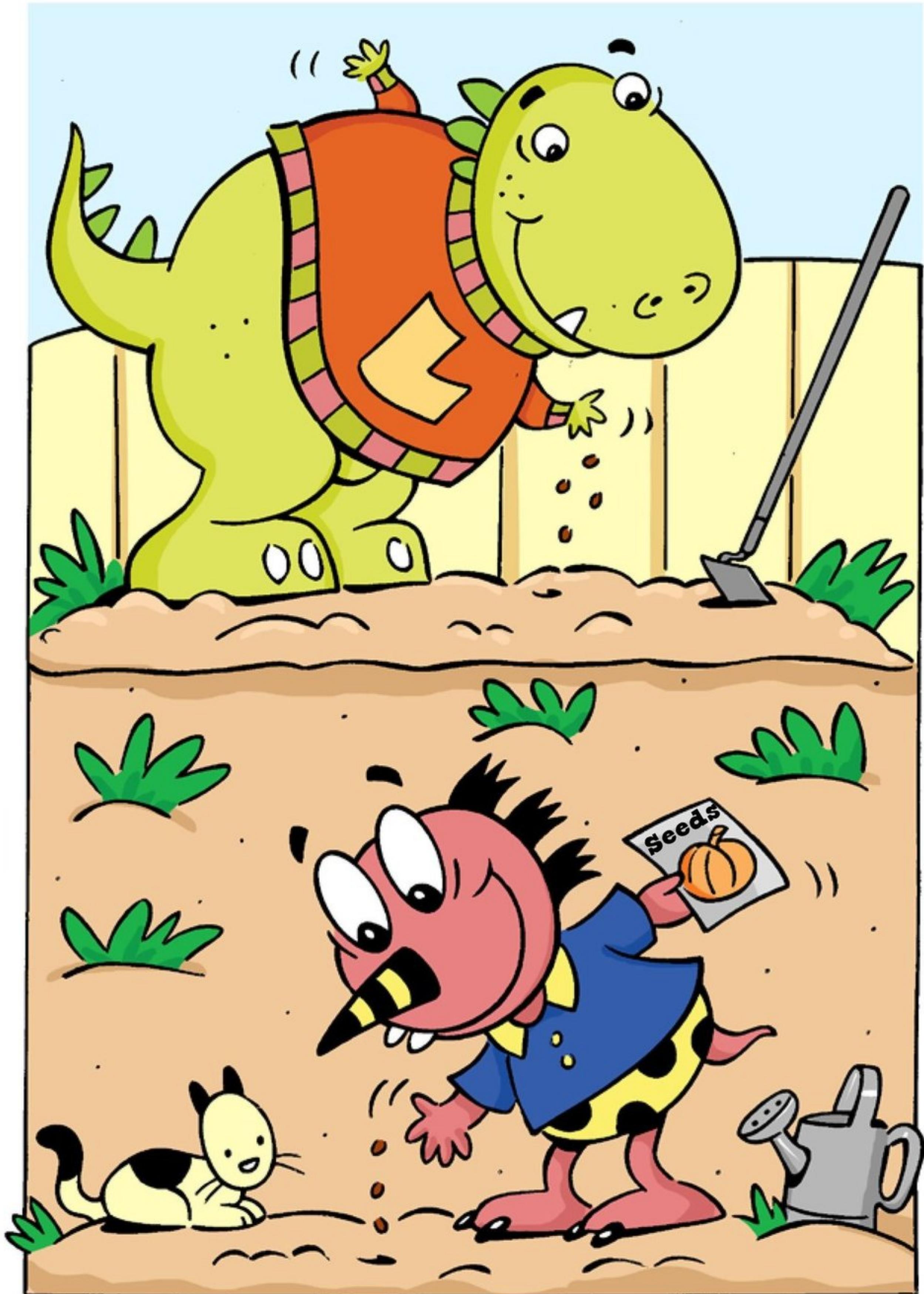
“Let’s see who can plant and grow
the biggest pumpkin.”



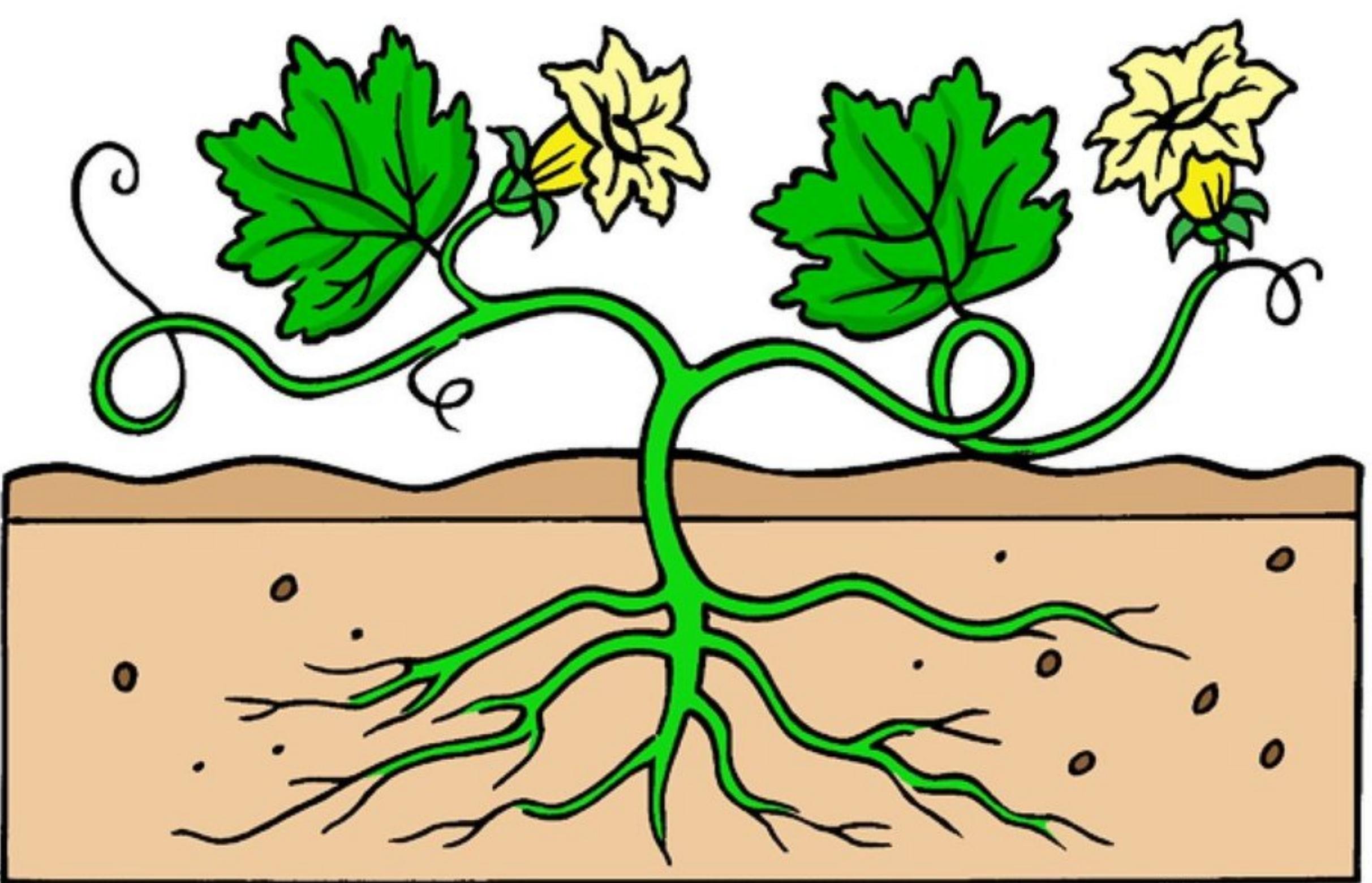
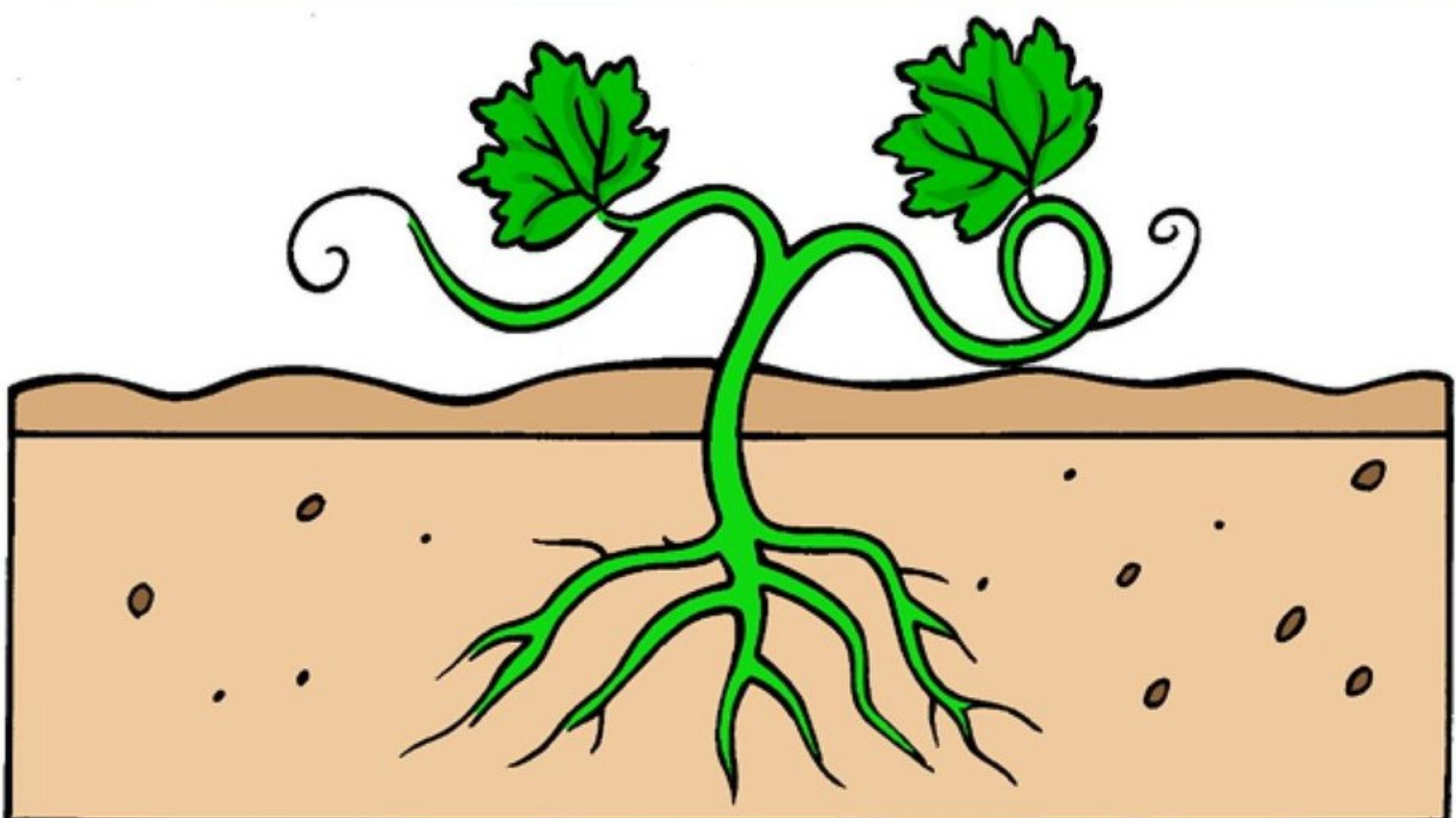
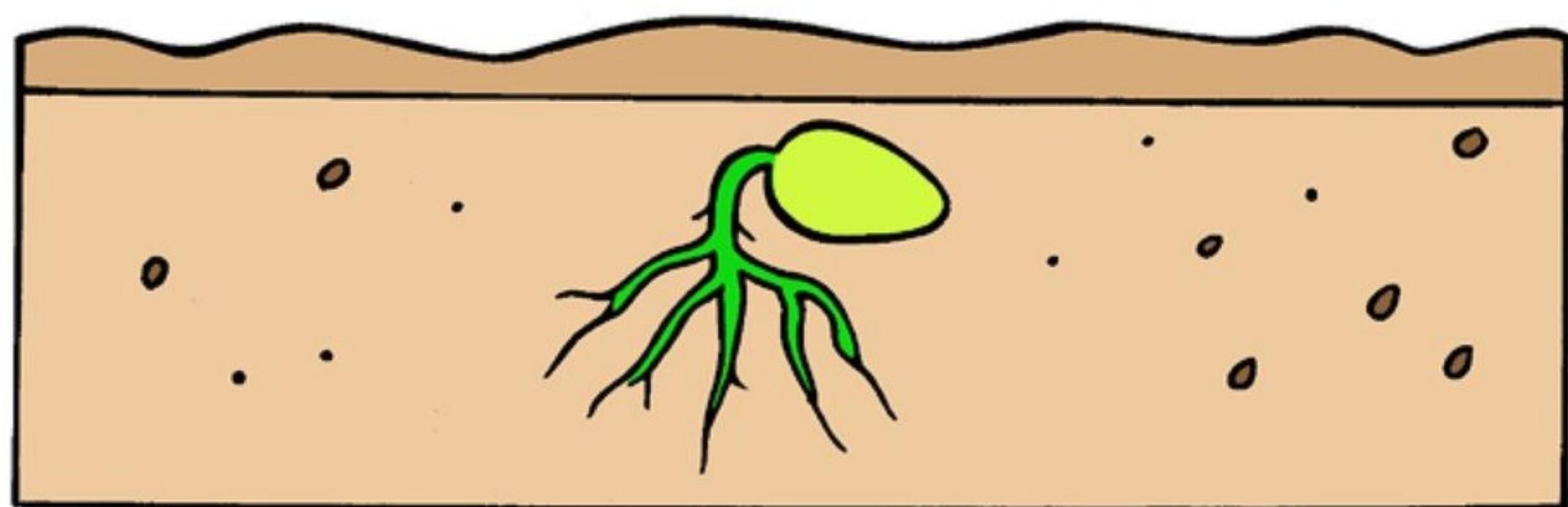
“What will the winner get?” asks Lurk.

“The loser will make the winner
a pumpkin pie,” says Bonk.

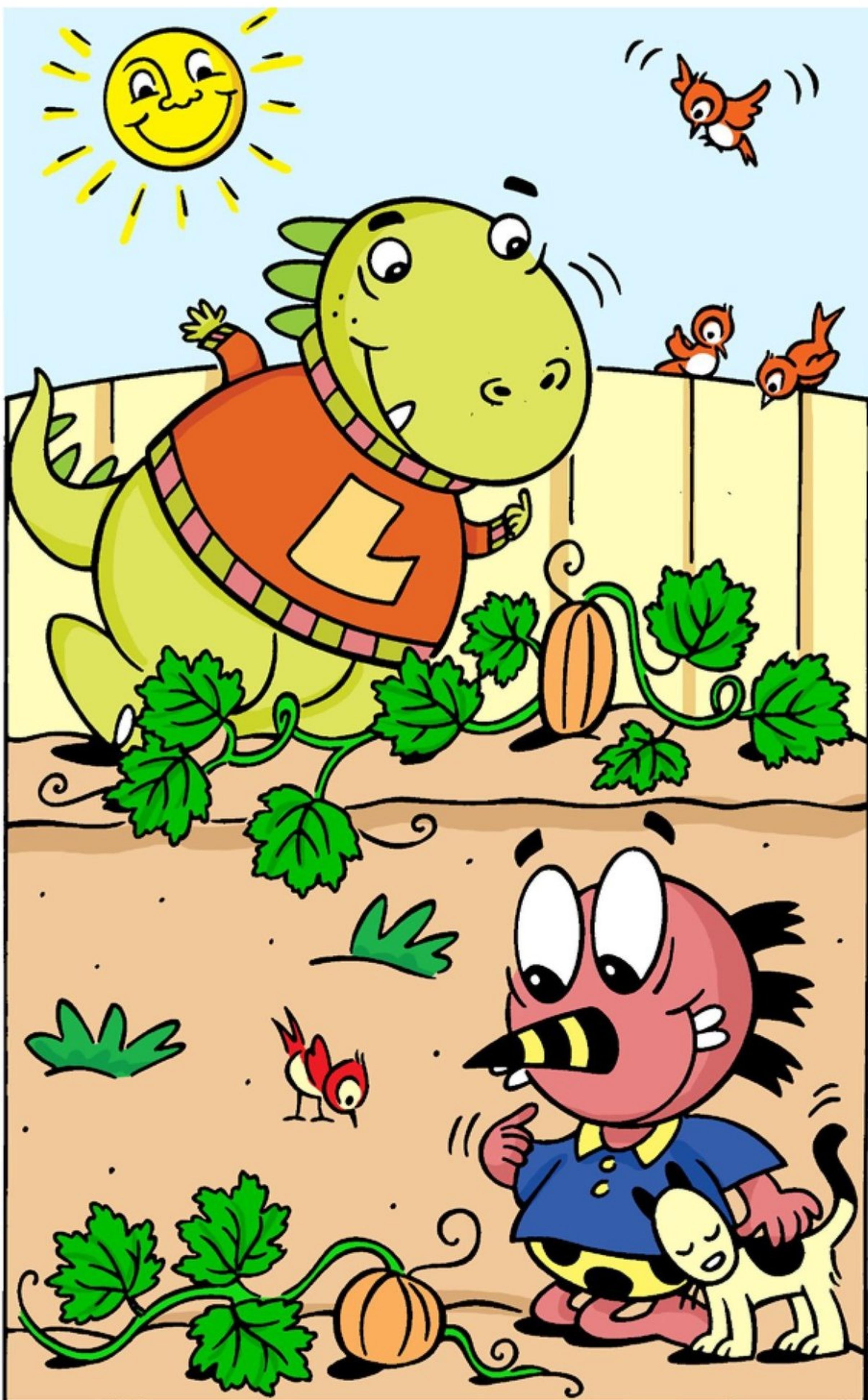
Lurk licks his monster lips. “Yum. Okay!”



Bonk and Lurk plant
their pumpkin seeds.
They water the seeds.



The seeds sprout and grow.



In the fall, there are pumpkins!



Lurk sits with his pumpkin.
He sings songs and tells stories
to his pumpkin.
He covers it with a blanket at night.



“That is silly,” says Bonk.

“My pumpkin doesn’t think so,”
says Lurk.



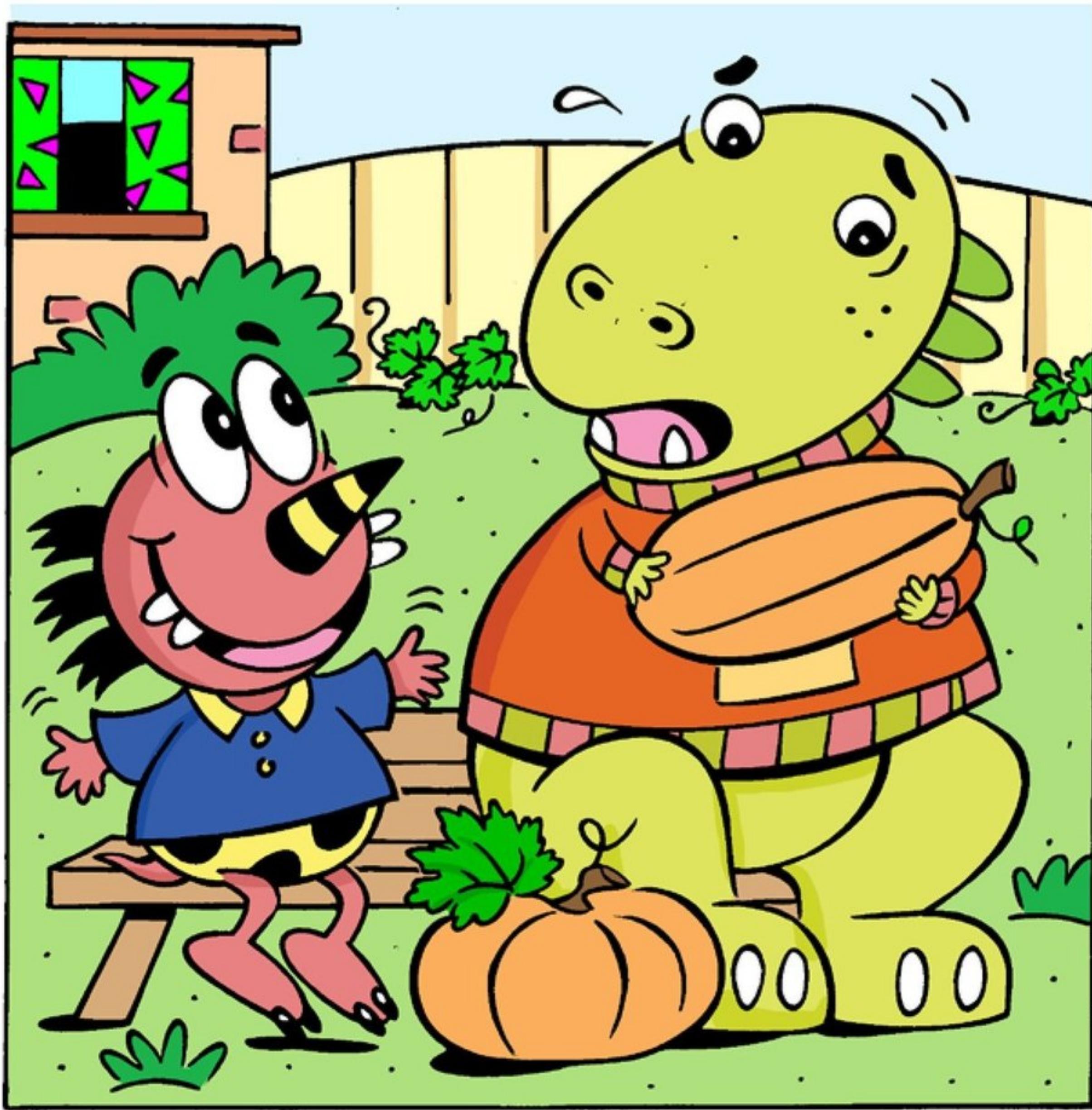
Soon, it is harvest time.
Uzzle brings a scale
to the pumpkin patch.
They weigh the pumpkins.



“They are the same weight!”

says Lurk.

“Now what do we do?”



Bonk thinks.

“We’ll cut up both pumpkins
for two pies,” says Bonk.

Lurk looks at his pumpkin.

“Cut up my pumpkin?” he asks.
“How else would you make
a pumpkin pie?” asks Bonk.



Bonk cuts up his pumpkin.

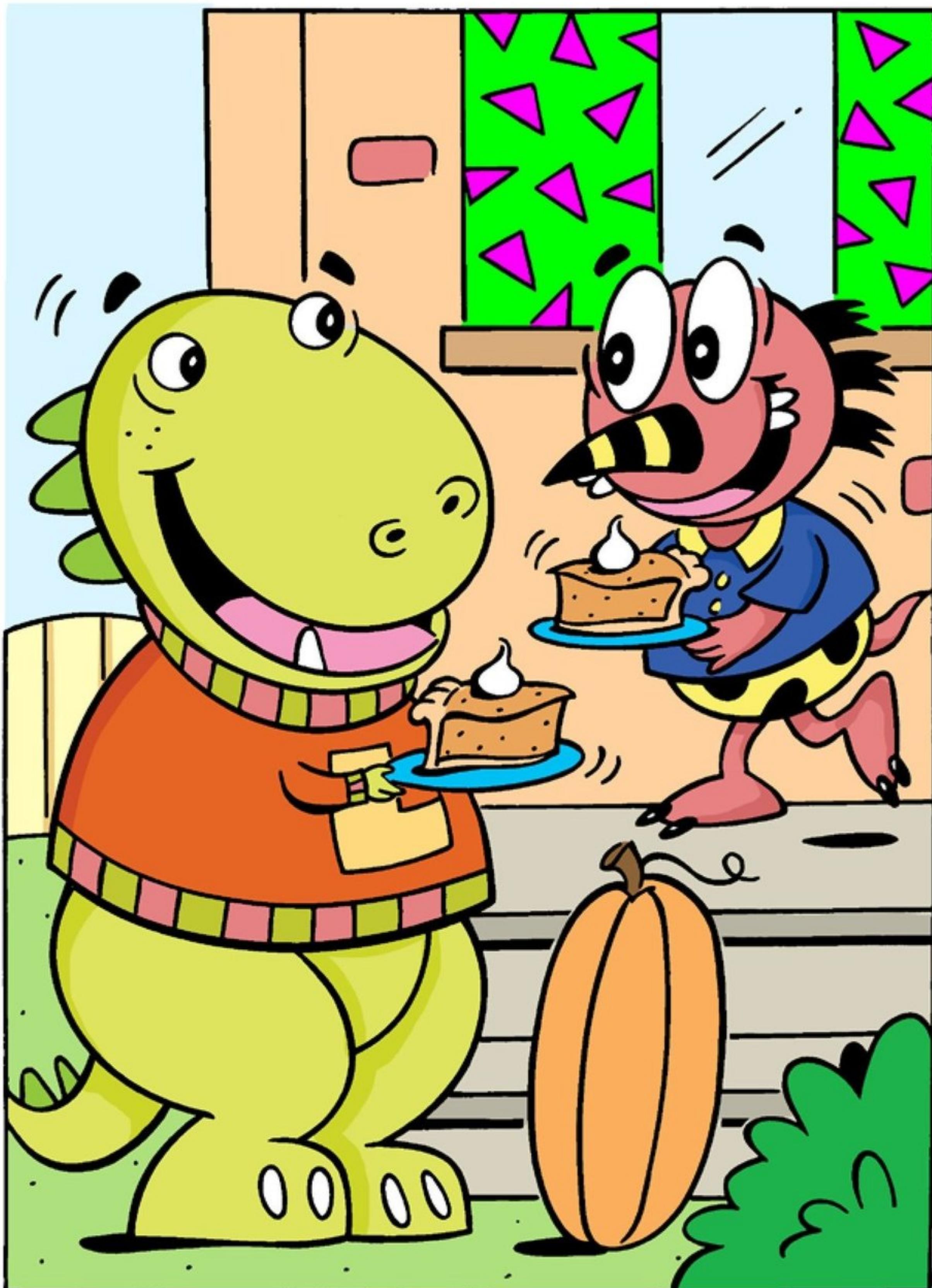
Lurk rides his bike to the grocery store.



Bonk measures, stirs, and bakes.



Lurk measures, stirs, and bakes.



“Here is your pie,” Bonk says.

“Here is yours,” says Lurk.

“Yum!” they both say.

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