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Inni



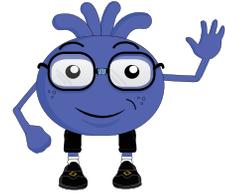
“I’m your intuition and your guide to being a real superstar! I’m always there for you!”

Love



“Hi my lovely friend! Do you love everything mushy gushy lovey dovey like me?”

Honesty



“I always tell the truth and nothing but! I am about being honest every single day.”

Kindness



“Being kind is an everyday, all the time thing! I’m a super caring friend who puts other people first. Always.”

Harmony



“I play really well with others. When people get along, it’s music to my ears.”

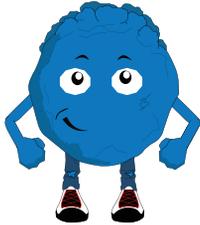
Generosity



“I love to share everything. You need a hug or a friend to hang with? I’m here!”

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Courage



“No matter what, I stand up for what’s right. Just call me and I will be there.”

Bully



“I make myself big by making you feel small. Being mean gets me what I want!”

Liar



“Who needs to tell the truth? Not me! I’ll say anything to get what I want, and I’ll even lie for it.”

Selfish

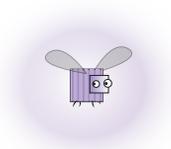


“I’m all me, me, me and I don’t care about other people’s feelings.”

Envy



“I’m NEVER happy. Everyone always has better things than me! SO unfair!”



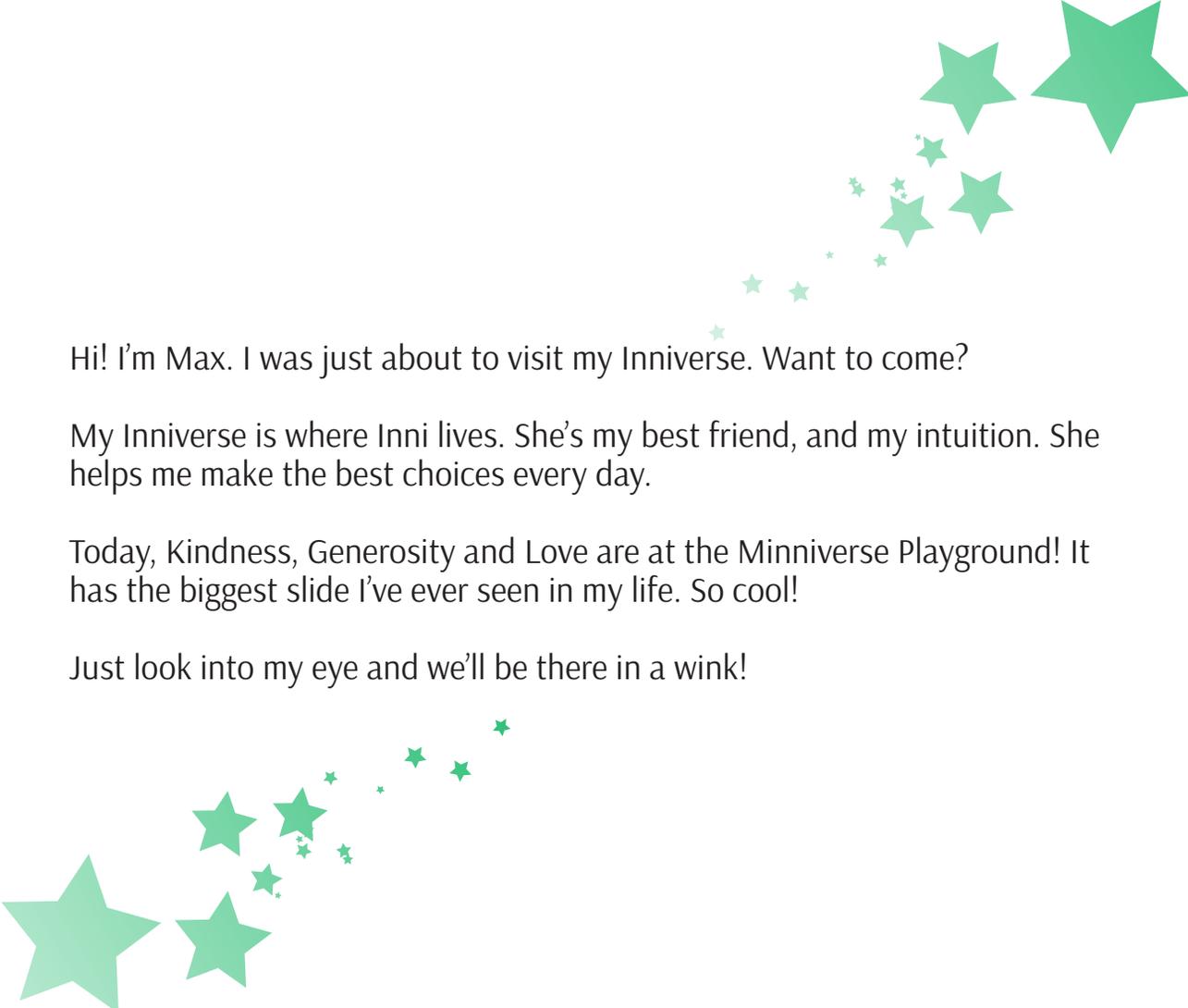
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Hi! I'm Max. I was just about to visit my Inniverse. Want to come?

My Inniverse is where Inni lives. She's my best friend, and my intuition. She helps me make the best choices every day.

Today, Kindness, Generosity and Love are at the Minniverse Playground! It has the biggest slide I've ever seen in my life. So cool!

Just look into my eye and we'll be there in a wink!

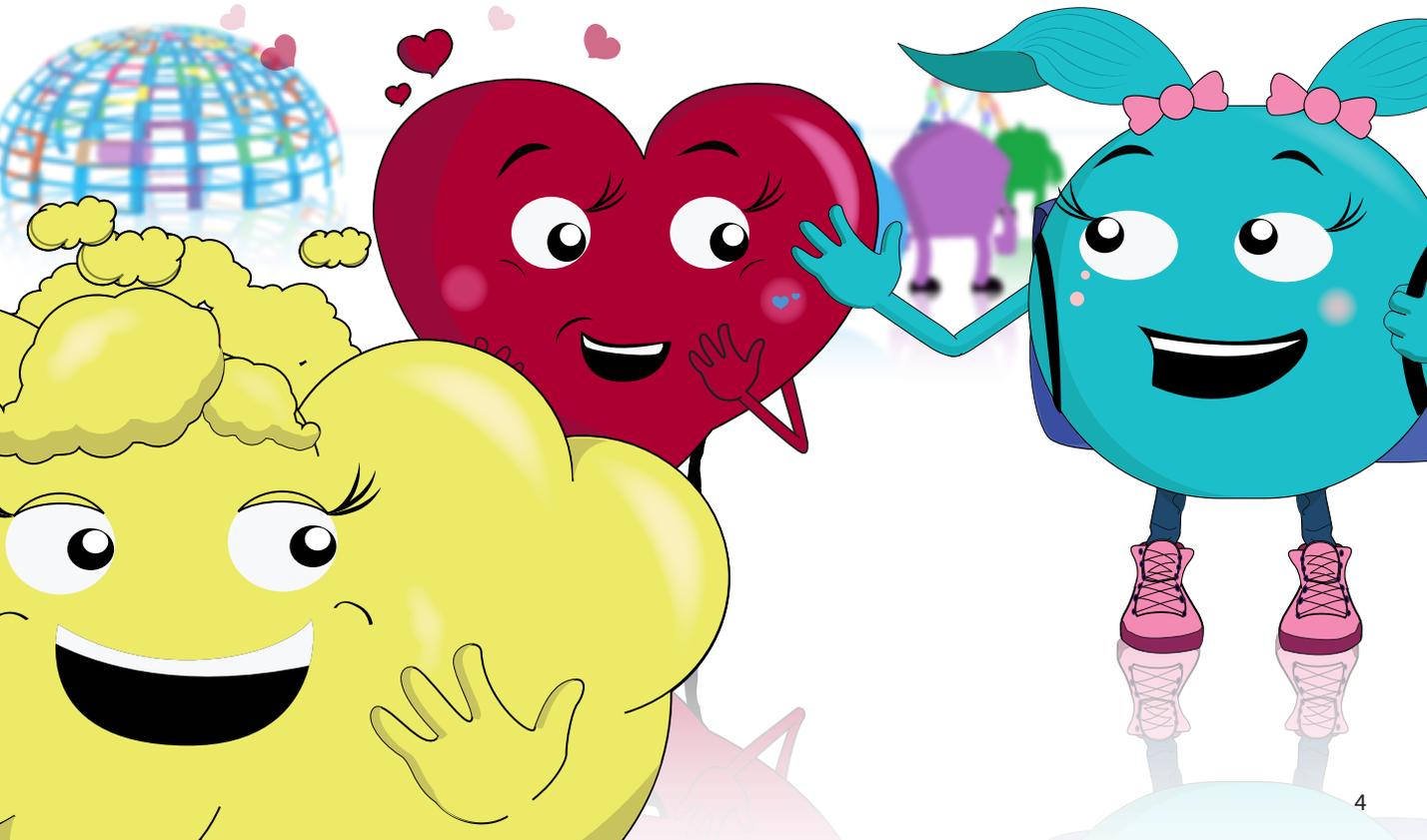
Kindness stood in line for the swings at the Minniverse Playground. It was a beautiful day, she was in one of her most favourite spots in the entire Inniverse, and she was going to play with her friends. Today would definitely be an extra-fluffy day.



“Hello, Kindness!” Love said as she fluttered over. “Isn’t it a glorious day?”

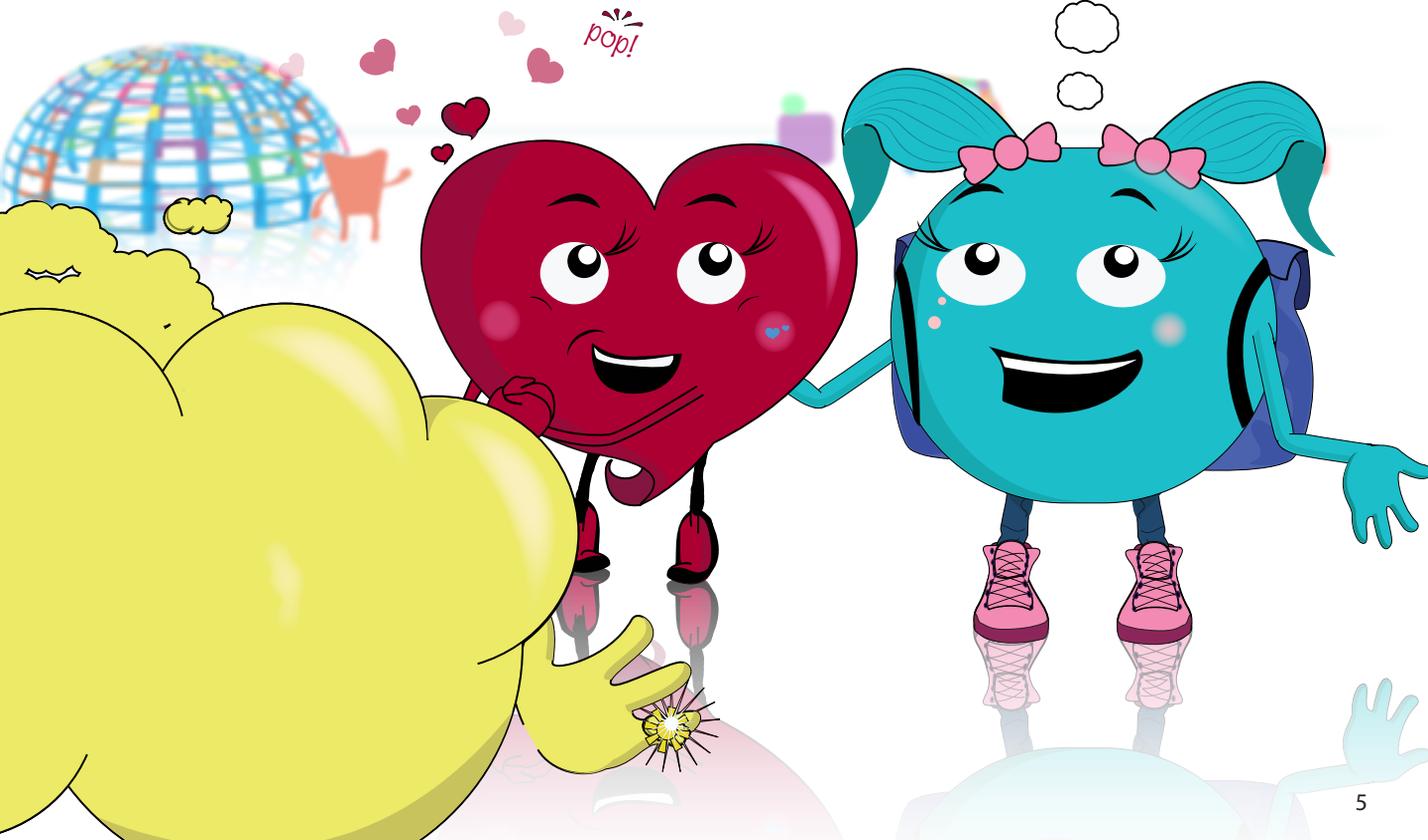
“It is!” replied Kindness. “And it’s even better now that you’re here.”

Generosity bounced up just then. “I hope I’m not late!” she exclaimed. “I was out looking for couragebugs!”



“Couragebugs?” Kindness and Love asked, “What are couragebugs?”

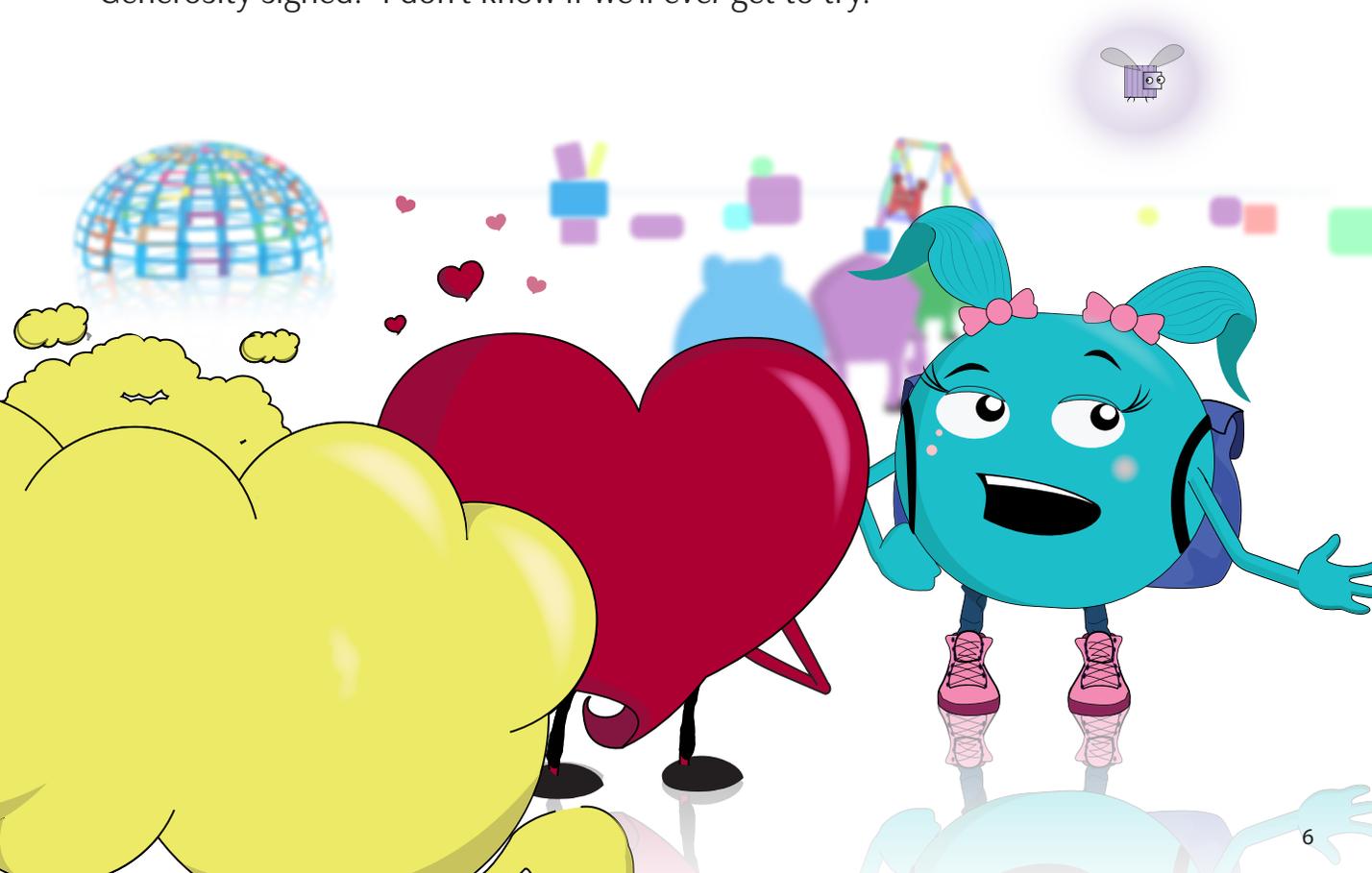
“Just the coolest bugs I’ve ever seen,” said Generosity.
“You *have* to get Courage to show them to you.
They’re amazing.”



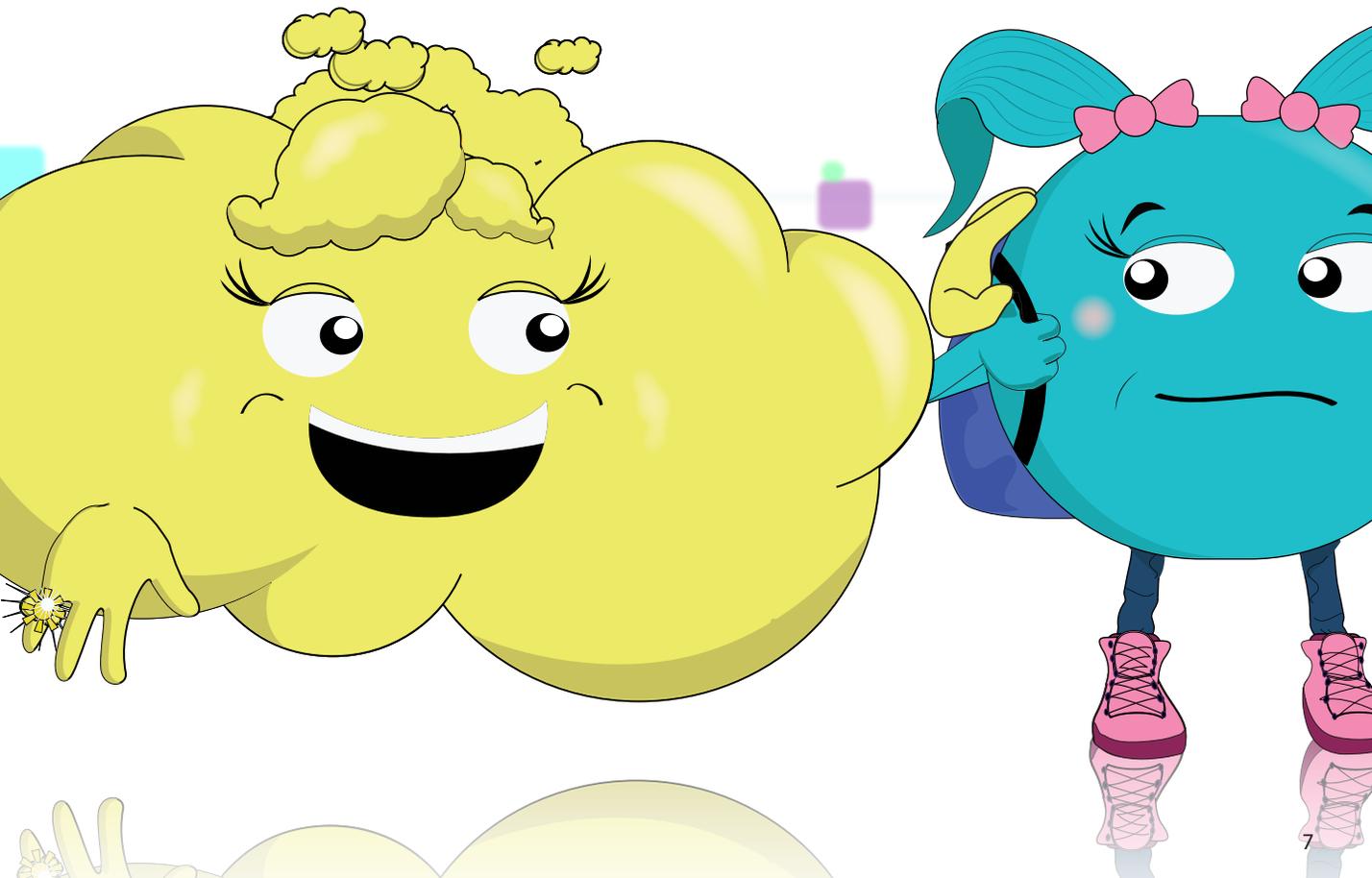
The friends had been waiting at the swings for a little while when Generosity finally said, “This line goes on forever. How long do we have to wait?”

Somebody was taking a very, very long turn on the swings.

Generosity sighed. “I don’t know if we’ll ever get to try.”



“Maybe we shouldn’t wait,” said Kindness. She hated to see Generosity so unhappy. “Do you want to try something else instead?”





“Look,” Generosity said, pointing across the playground, “there’s no line at the slide. Let’s go over there!”

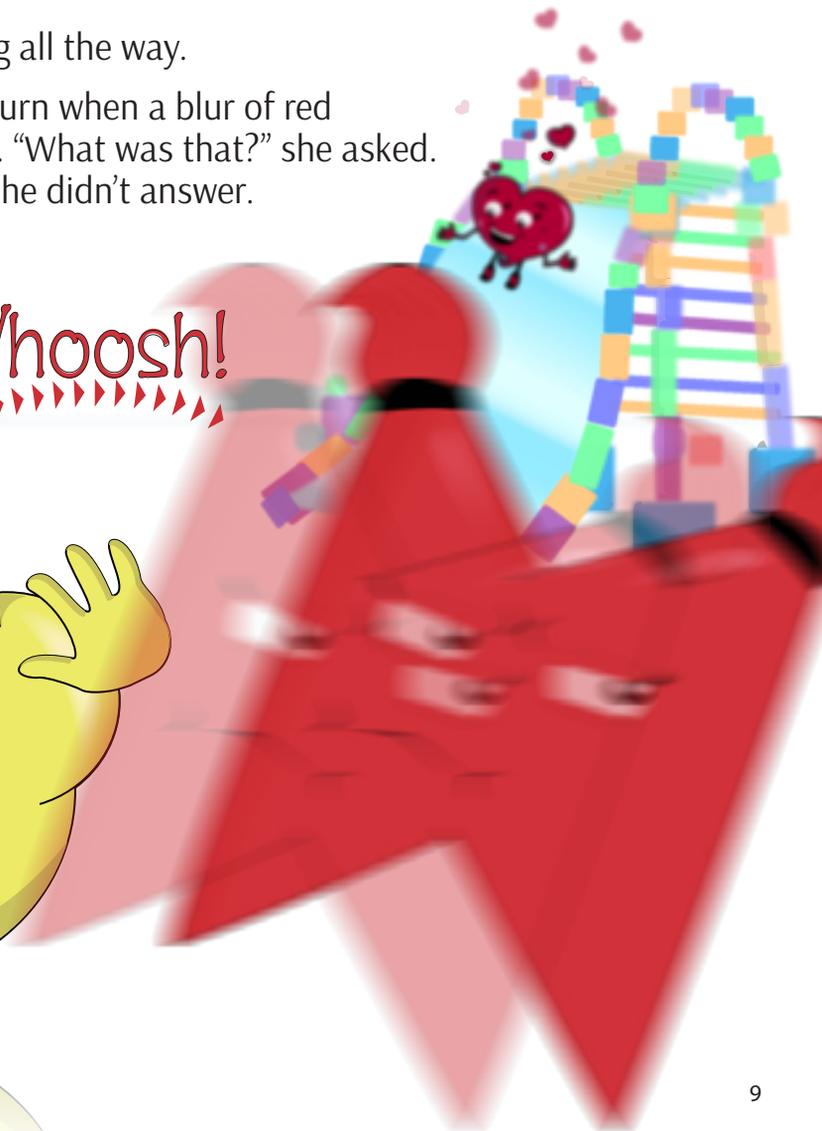


Love slid down the slide first, laughing all the way.

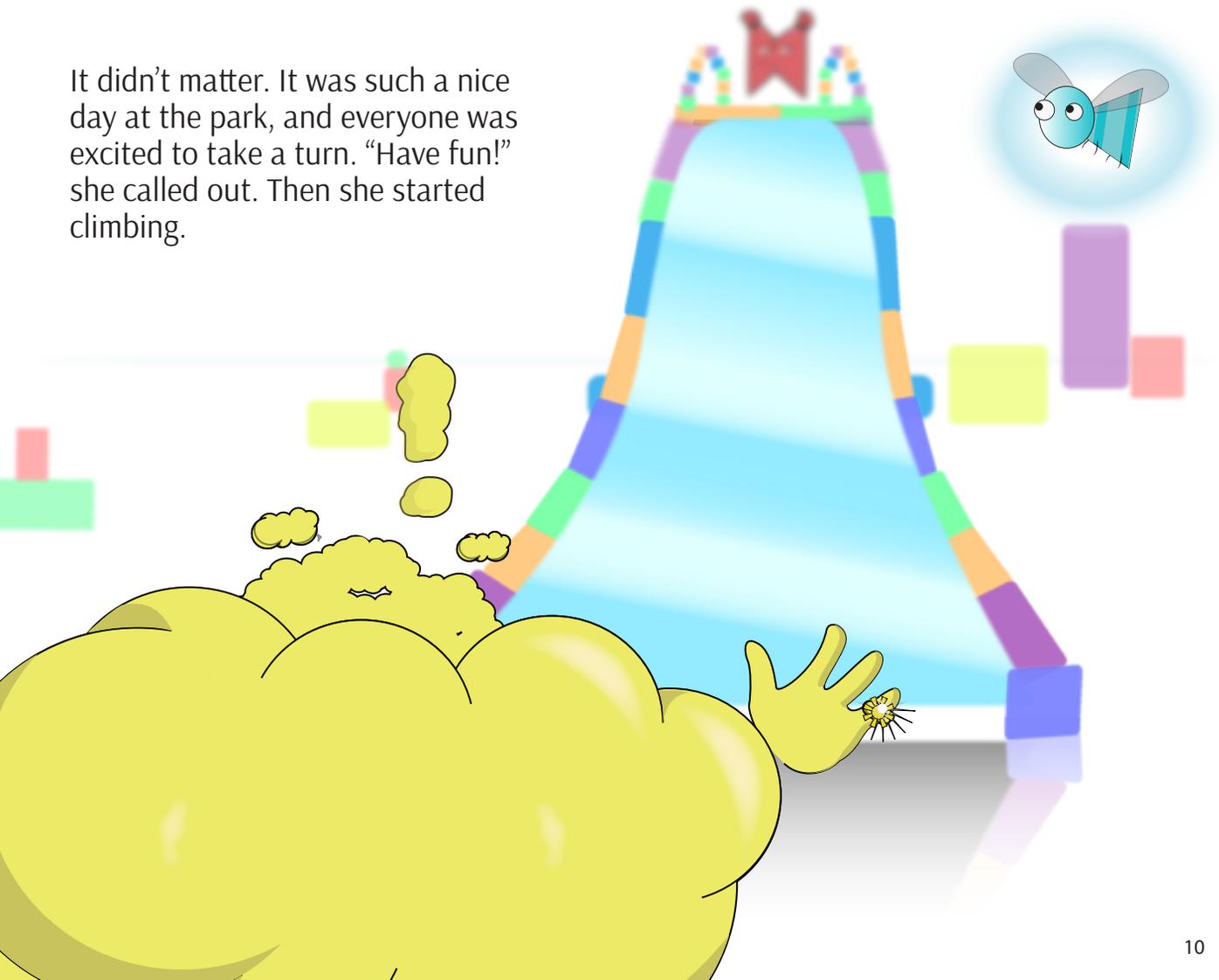
Kindness was just about to take her turn when a blur of red swooshed past her and up the ladder. “What was that?” she asked. Generosity raised her eyebrows, but she didn’t answer.

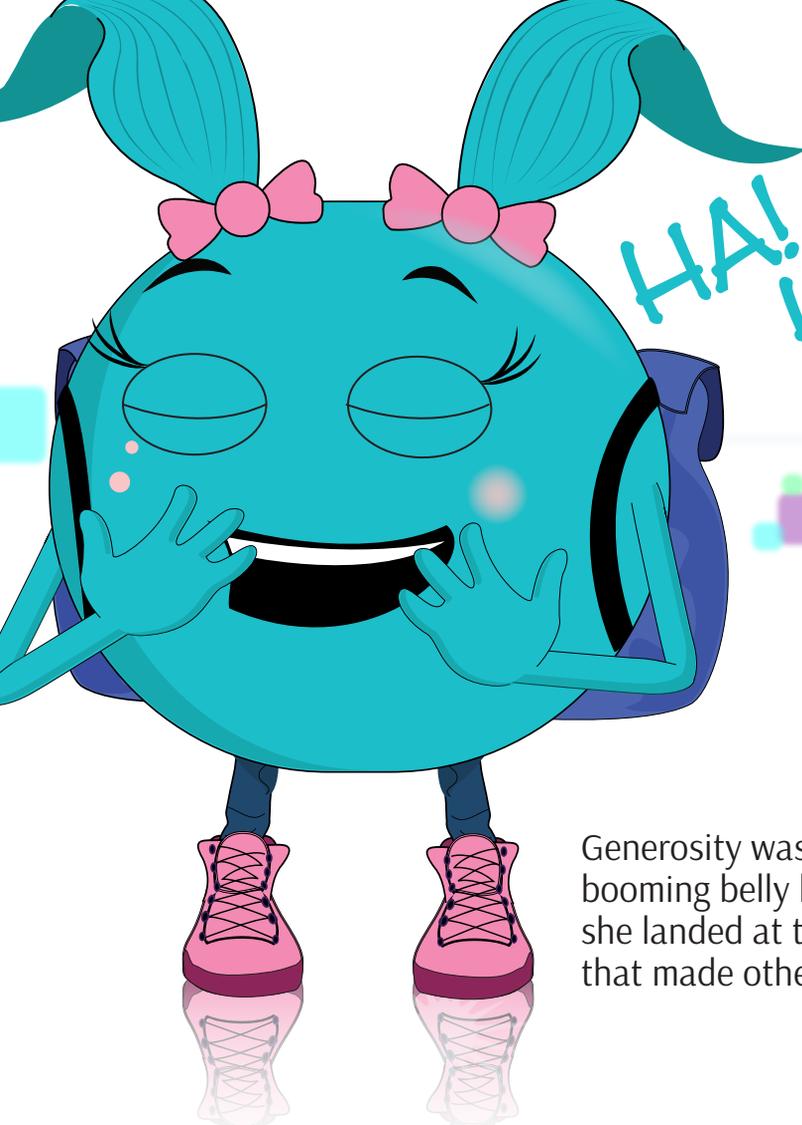


Whoosh!



It didn't matter. It was such a nice day at the park, and everyone was excited to take a turn. "Have fun!" she called out. Then she started climbing.

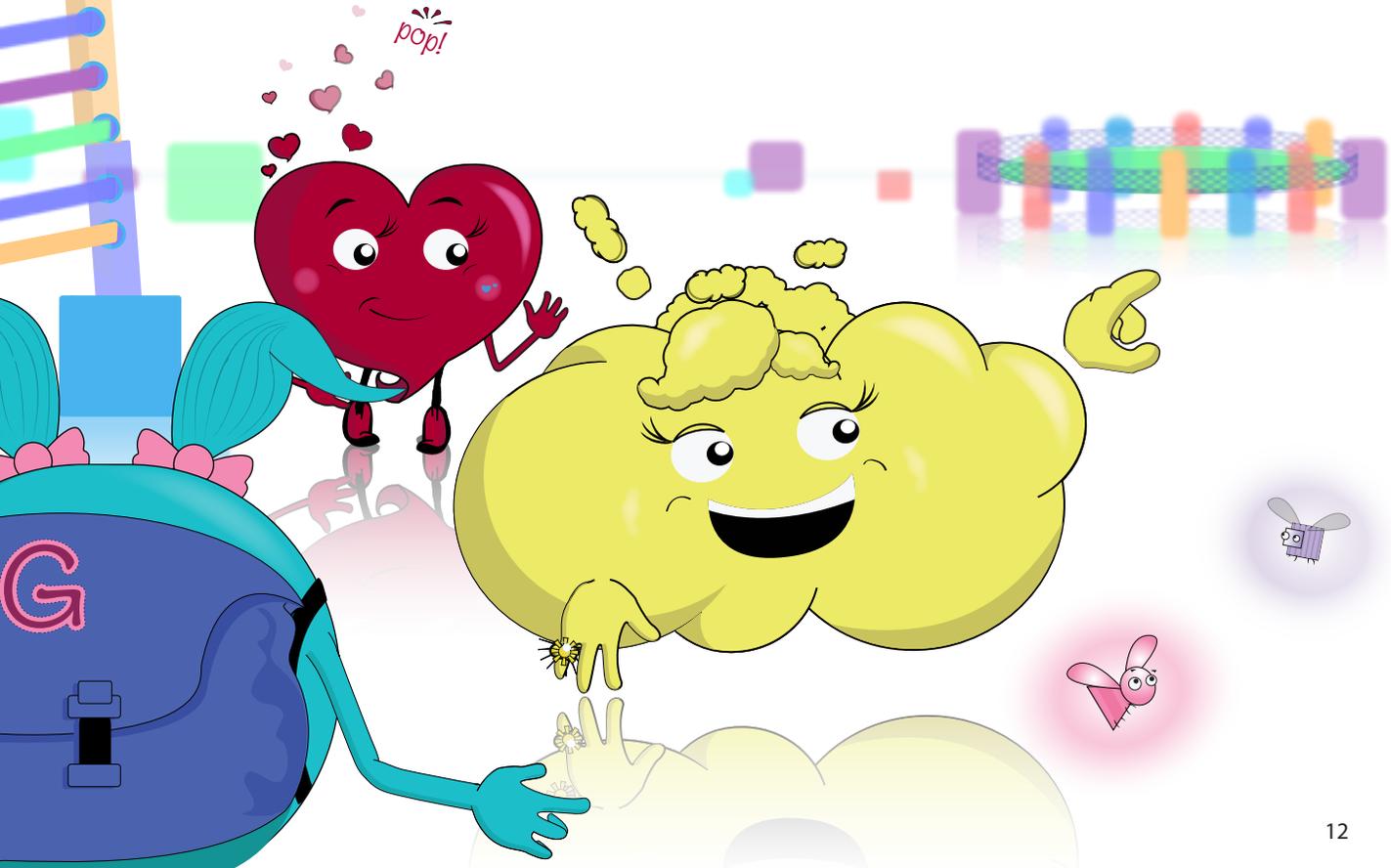


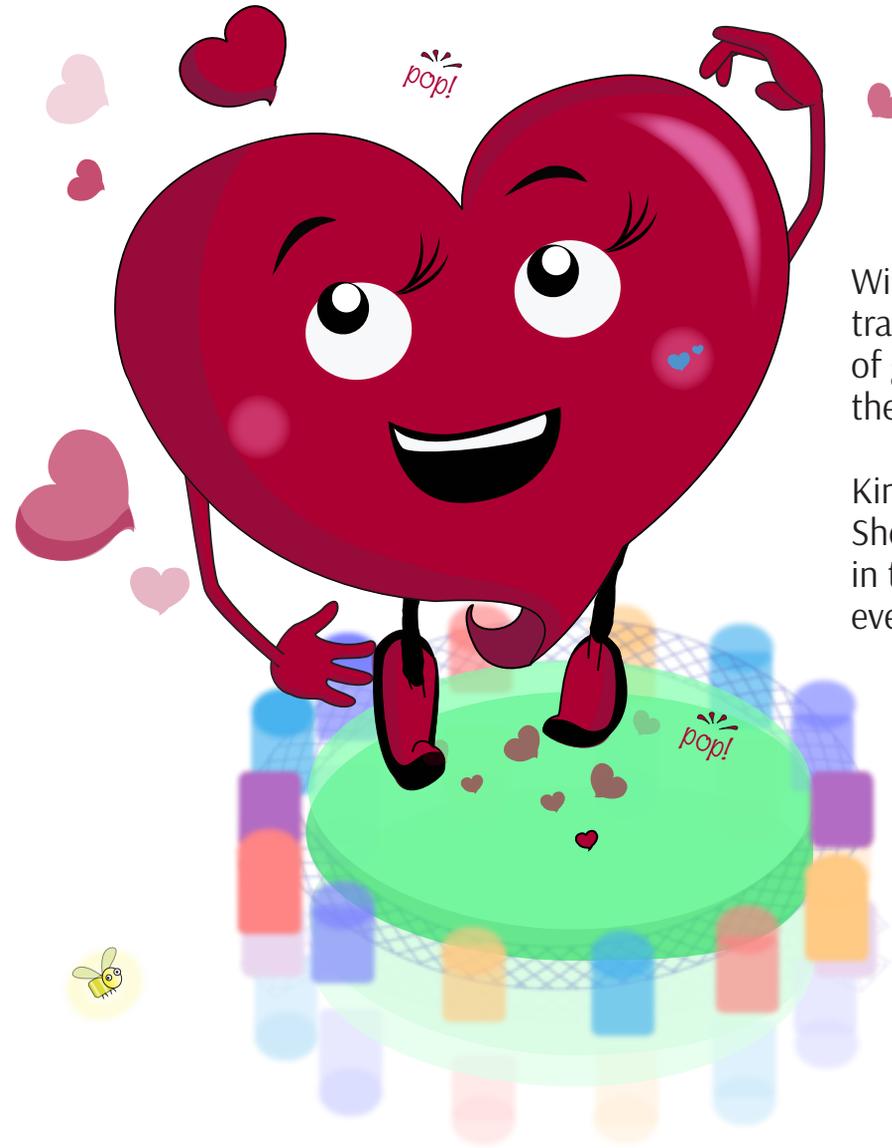


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Generosity was the last to slide down, and her big, booming belly laugh echoed across the Inniverse as she landed at the bottom. Her laugh was the kind that made other people laugh too.

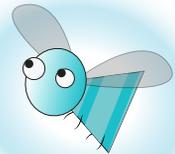
“That slide is epic!” Generosity whooped. “What should we do next?”
“Let’s go over to the trampoline,” said Kindness. “It’s my favourite!”





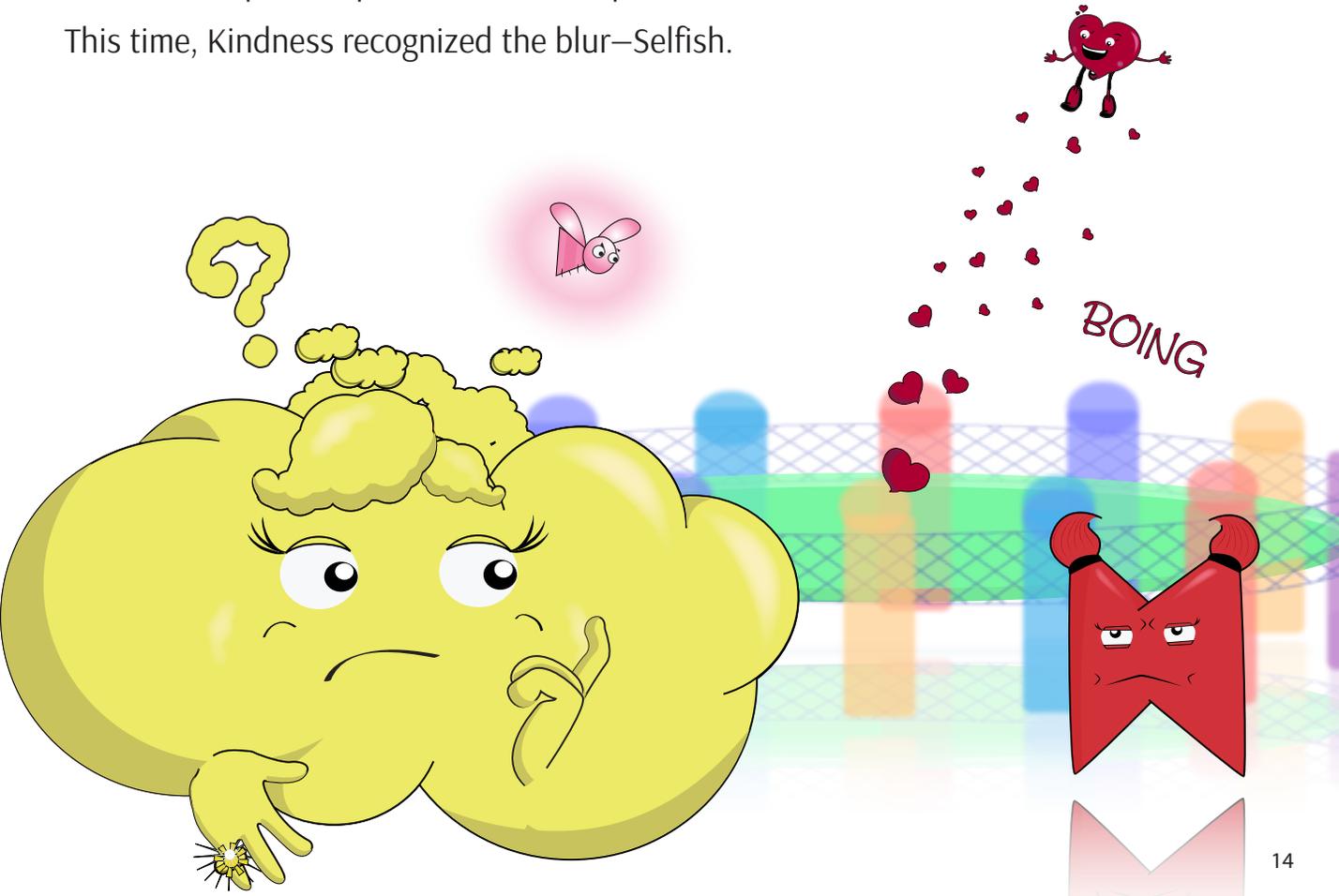
With every bounce on the trampoline Love let out a stream of giggles that bubbled out over the crowded playground.

Kindness was excited for her turn. She was one of the best jumpers in the Inniverse, and she liked how everyone loved to watch her jump.

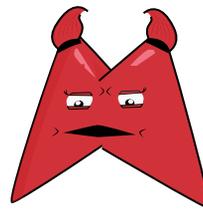


Love bounded off the trampoline, all out of breath. But as Kindness stepped forward to take her turn, something got in her way. Once again, a blur of red pushed past and took her place.

This time, Kindness recognized the blur—Selfish.

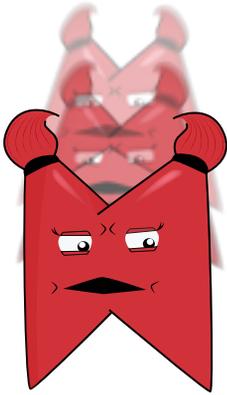


Kindness did her best to smile as the red blur started to bounce and jump. “Okay, Selfish,” she said. “If you’re *that* excited to have a turn on the trampoline, please go ahead.”



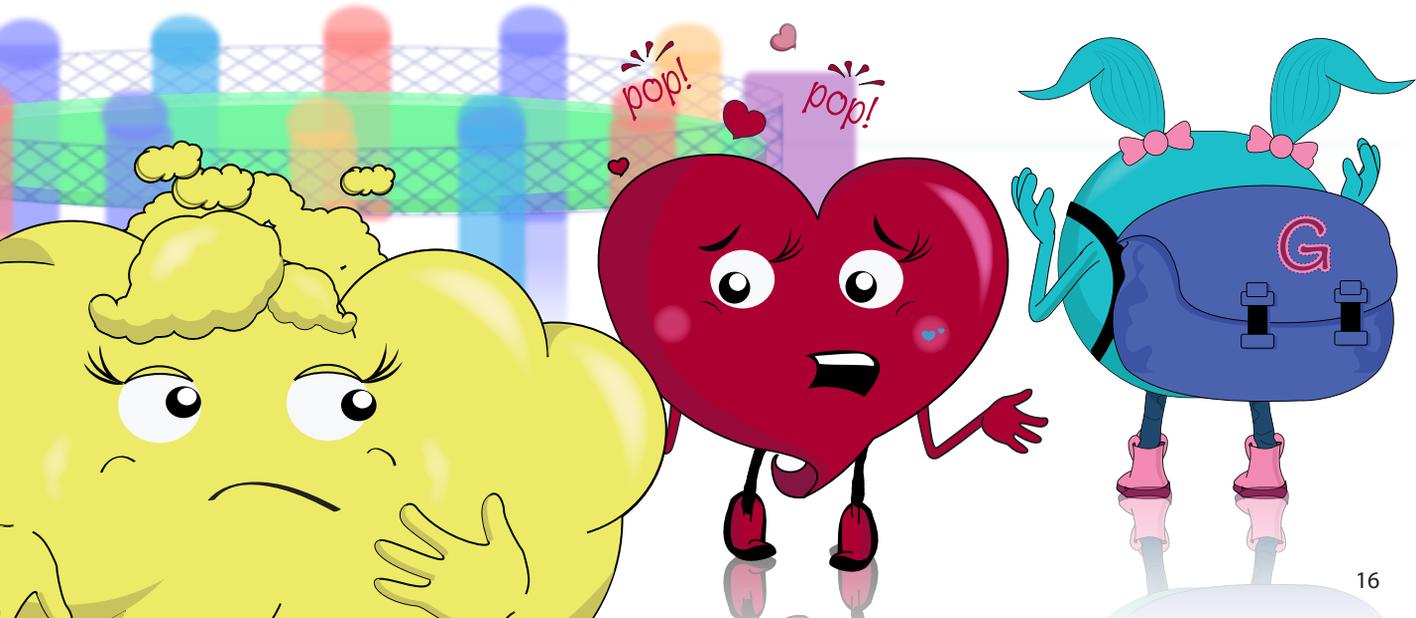
BOING BOING





“Kindness, this is *not* okay,” Love whispered. Using a much louder voice, she called out to Selfish. “Selfish, it’s Kindness’s turn. You need to wait in line like everyone else.”

Generosity piped up. “Selfish, you cut in front of Kindness on the slide, too, didn’t you?”



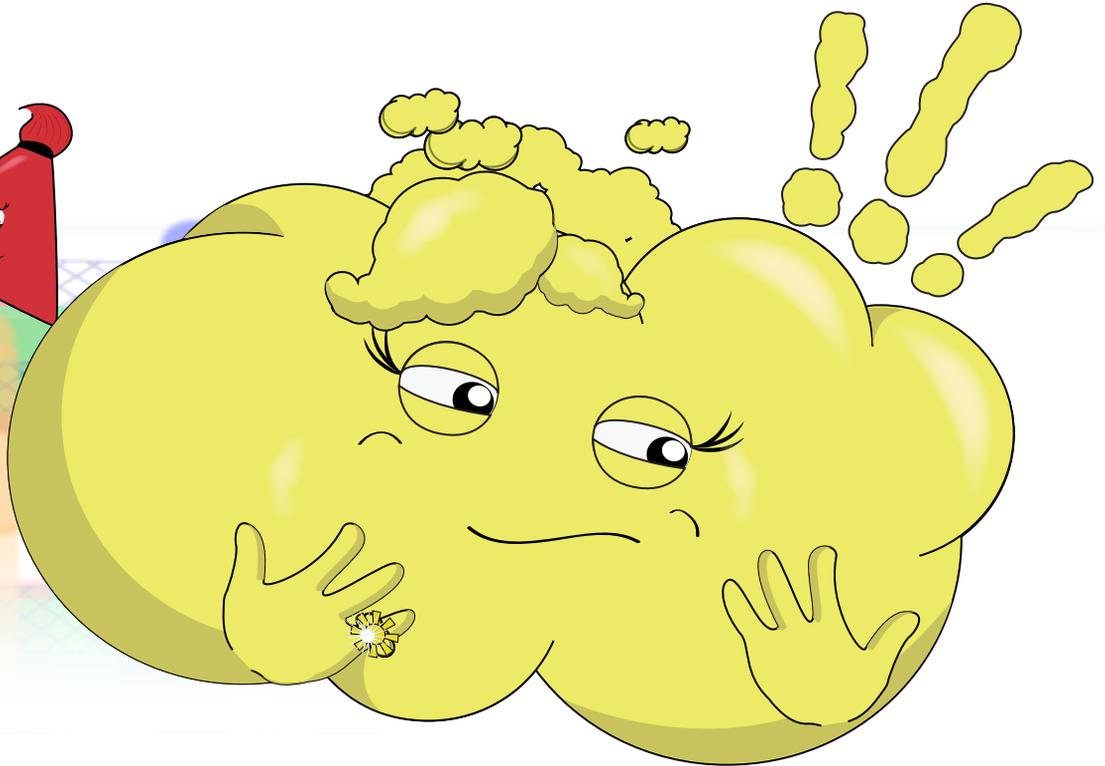
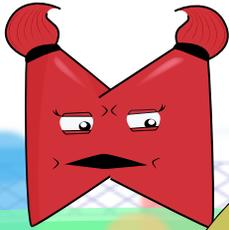
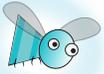


Still bouncing and jumping, Selfish said. "So what? Waiting in line isn't my rule."

Kindness didn't know what to do. She hated fighting, especially when it didn't really matter. She knew she could go on the trampoline later. And besides, she felt sorry for Selfish. She was always alone, and she always looked miserable.



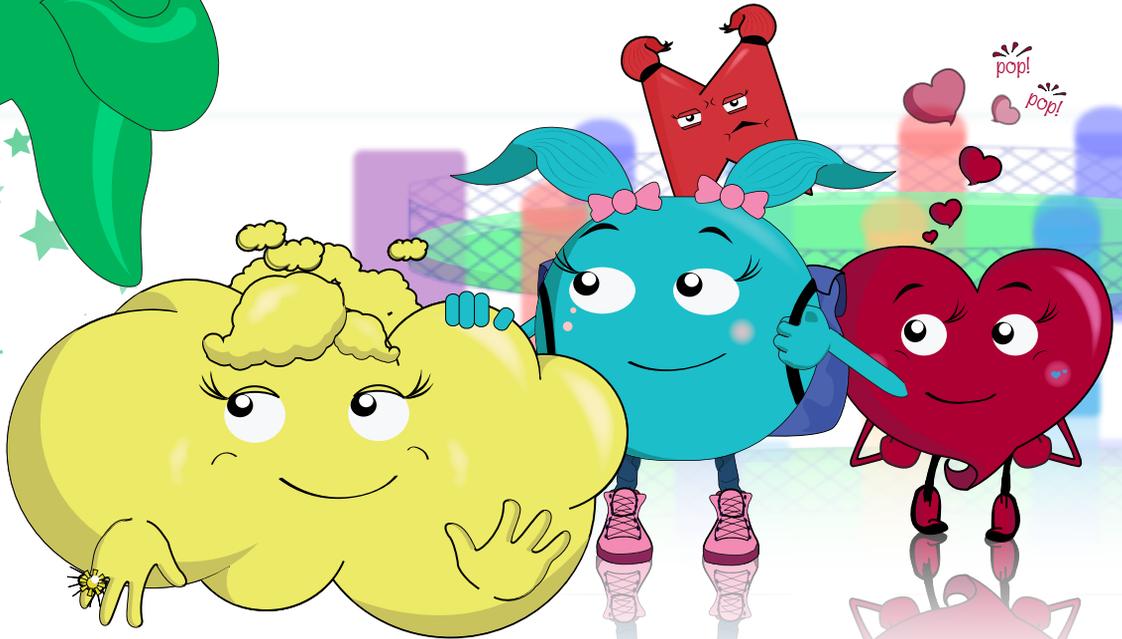
Kindness took a deep breath and forced a smile. She would let Selfish have her turn. She was just about to say so when a little flutter started right in her heart. Soon, it fluttered all the way through her puffy fluffy self.





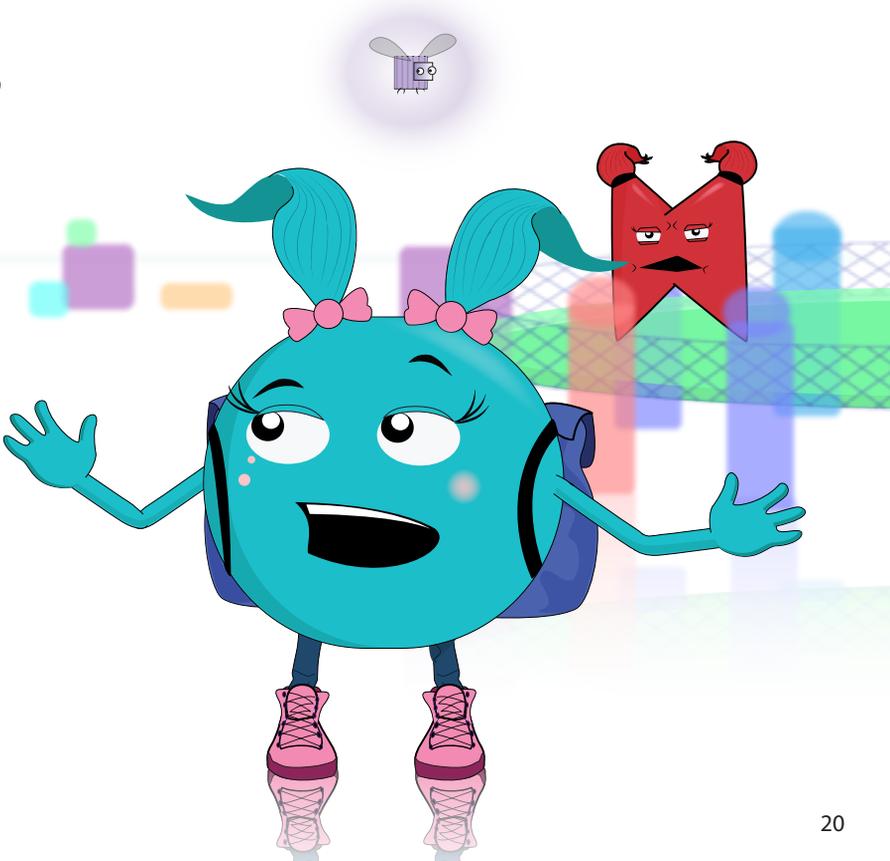
At that very moment, Kindness, Love and Generosity all looked up. Even Selfish peered between them to see.

Inni had arrived at the Minniverse Playground.



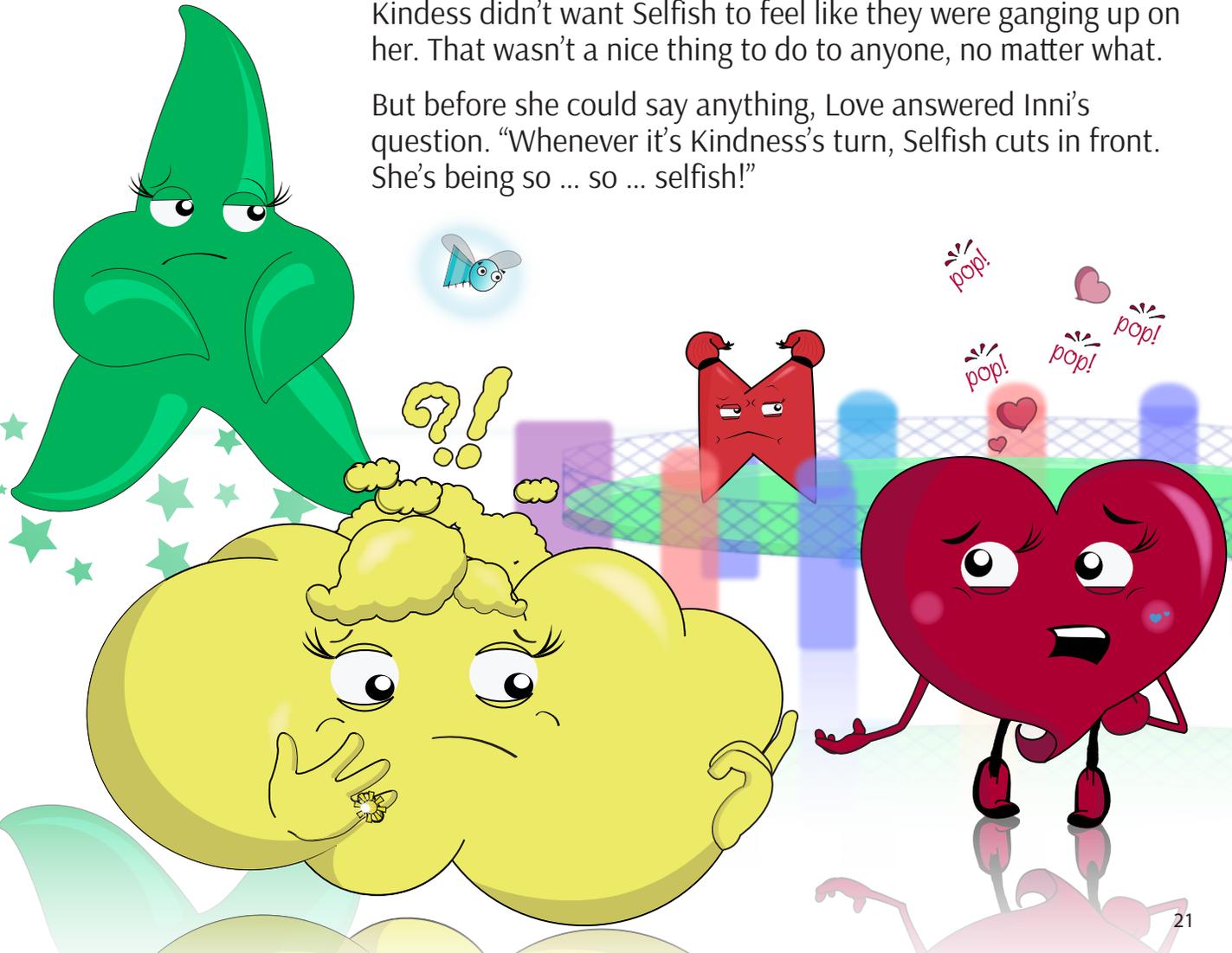
“Inni! I’m so glad you’re here.” Generosity exclaimed, “I was just about to give Selfish a piece of my mind, and explain what sharing is all about!”

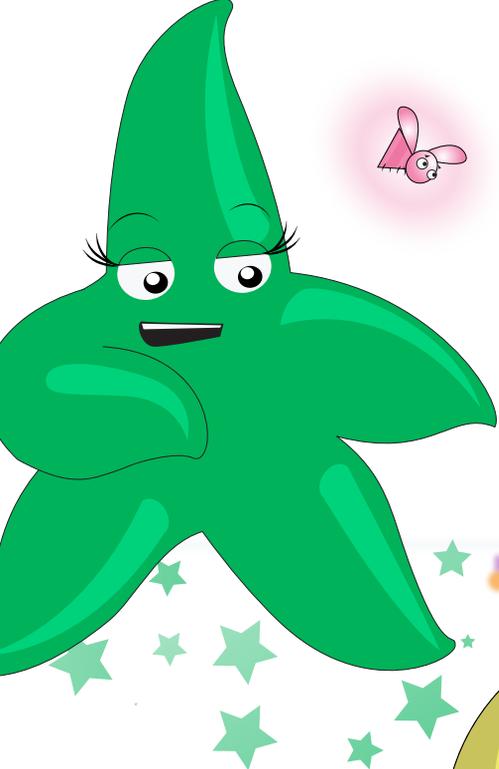
Inni looked concerned. “What have you been up to, Selfish?” she asked.



Kindess didn't want Selfish to feel like they were ganging up on her. That wasn't a nice thing to do to anyone, no matter what.

But before she could say anything, Love answered Inni's question. "Whenever it's Kindness's turn, Selfish cuts in front. She's being so ... so ... selfish!"





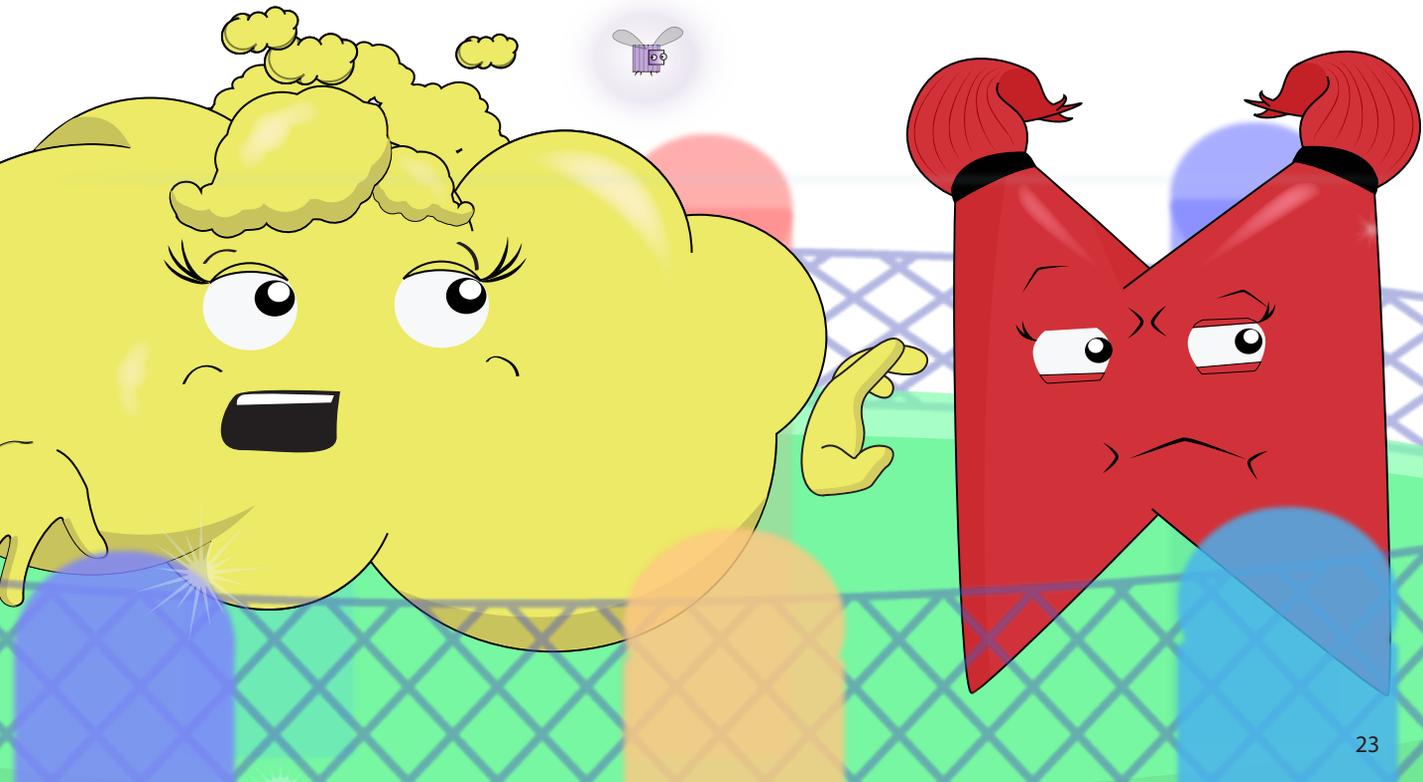
“It’s true that Selfish was being not-so-nice,” Kindness agreed, sighing a small sigh, “but it’s only because she doesn’t know any better. I’m fine. It’s okay.”

“I’m glad you’re fine, Kindness,” said Inni, “but it’s not okay. Selfish has to learn that there are rules. And you’re here to have fun, too. Your feelings are also important.”



That familiar flutter started in Kindness's heart and fluttered all the way through her puffy fluffy self. She knew what she needed to do.

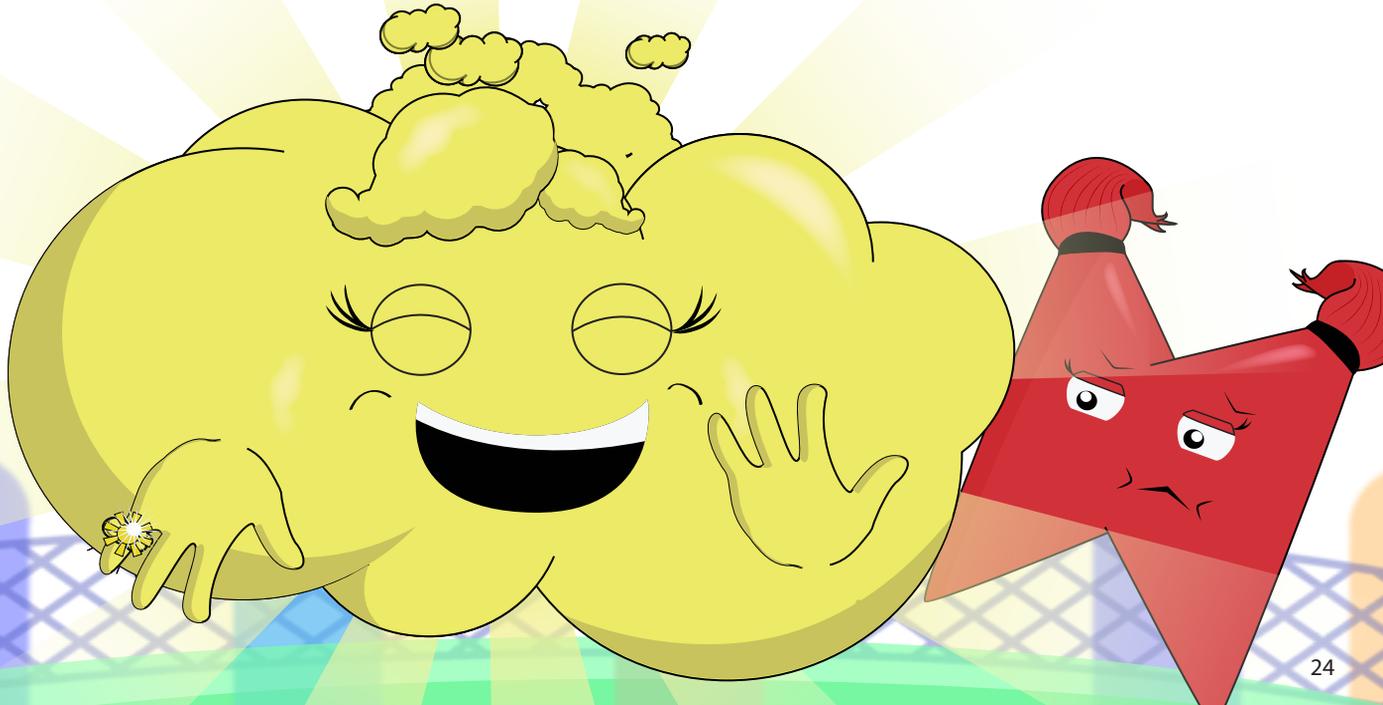
Kindness joined Selfish on the trampoline. She looked her right in the eye and said, "Selfish, I don't feel good when you cut in front of me. Please don't do that anymore. Okay?"



Suddenly, Kindness's fluffy puffiness changed. Her friends noticed it, and so did Selfish. Even Kindness herself could feel it—a different kind of puffy fluff.

All at once, Kindness knew what it was. She'd found her voice—her *true* voice. It was gentle and kind, but it was also honest and strong.

Very quietly, and pouting just a little, Selfish said, "Okay."

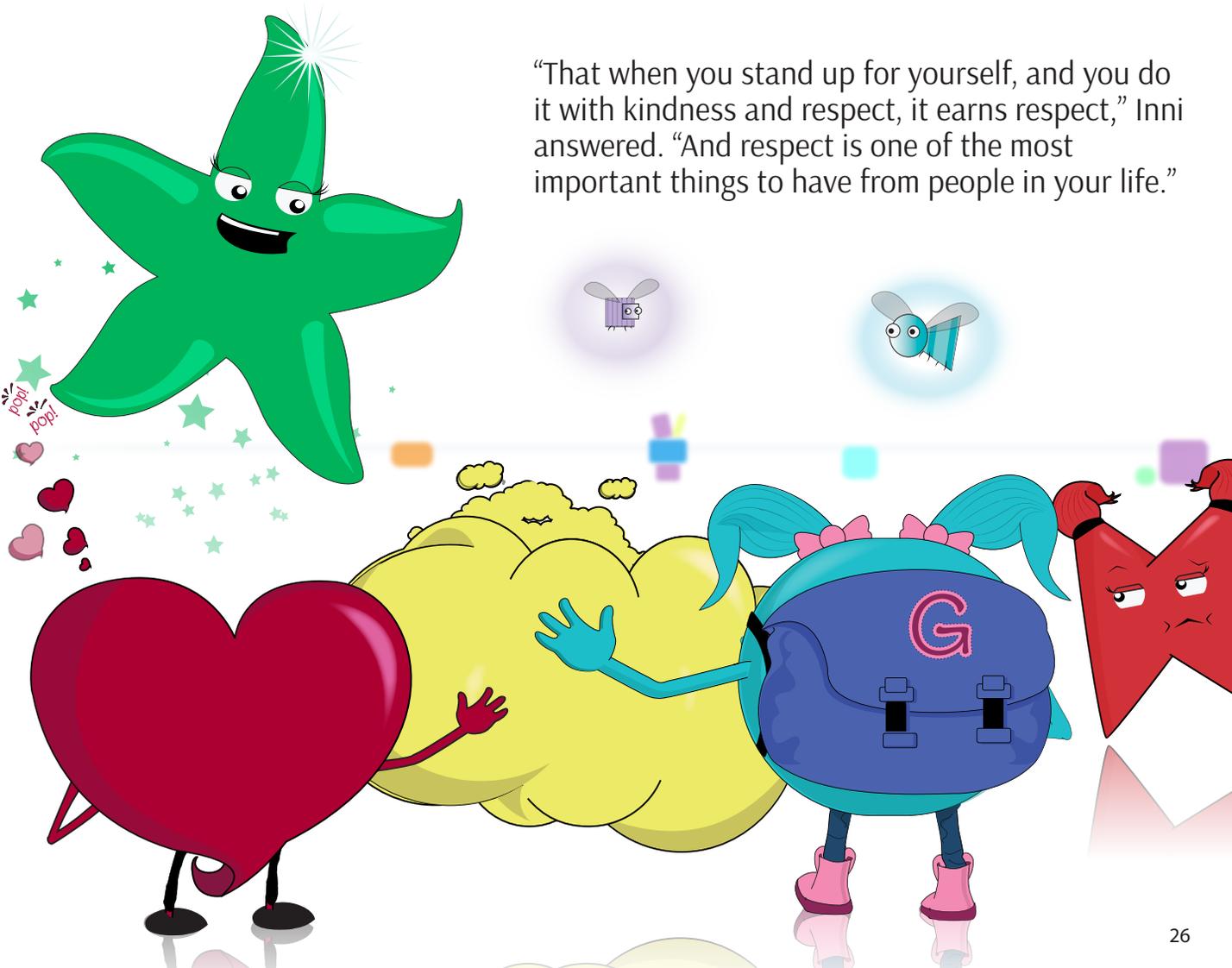


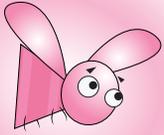
“What a wonderful and respectful way to speak up for yourself, Kindness,” Inni said. “And what a nice thing to show your friends!”

Kindness didn’t quite understand what Inni was saying. “What did I show everyone?” she asked.

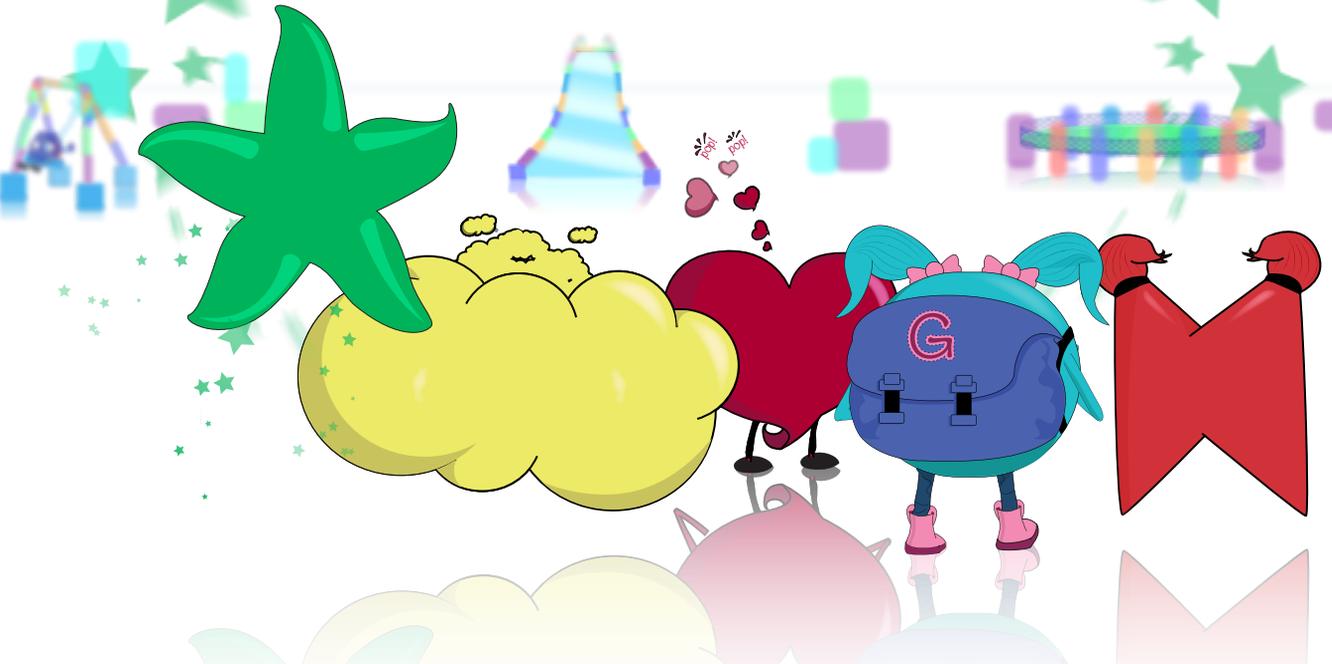


“That when you stand up for yourself, and you do it with kindness and respect, it earns respect,” Inni answered. “And respect is one of the most important things to have from people in your life.”

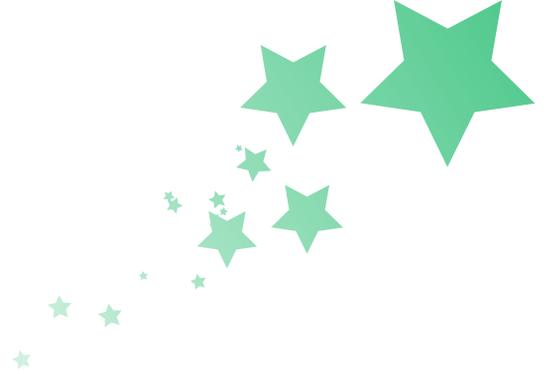




There was such a good feeling in the air. Everyone—even Selfish—felt better. And Kindness felt *wonderful*. Her extra-fluffy day had gotten even fluffier, and there was still so much more fun to be had.







We're back! What did I tell you about that slide? Amazing, right?

Kindness was pretty amazing, too. She was so strong, but still so kind.

Inni helped, of course. That's what Inni is there to do. And your Inni is the same—always there to help you figure out what to do and when to do it.







Today, Inni helped Kindness take a bad situation and turn it around. It's funny how that can happen: something that seems like it's going to ruin your day—like Kindness's run-in with Selfish—ends up making things better.

Sometimes it feels easier to just let things go, and sometimes it actually is. But learning to stand up for yourself (in the right way, of course) is just as important.





Any time you're not sure which way is best, just ask! Your Inni will always help you find your own true voice, and help guide you to be kind and respectful.

I can't wait to see you again. Maybe we can go back to the Minniverse Playground. Or maybe we can explore a whole new part of the Inniverse!

See you next time!



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