

Calling all the Wootzies!!!

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WOOTZIES...REPORT TO ROOM 204...McCARTHY
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

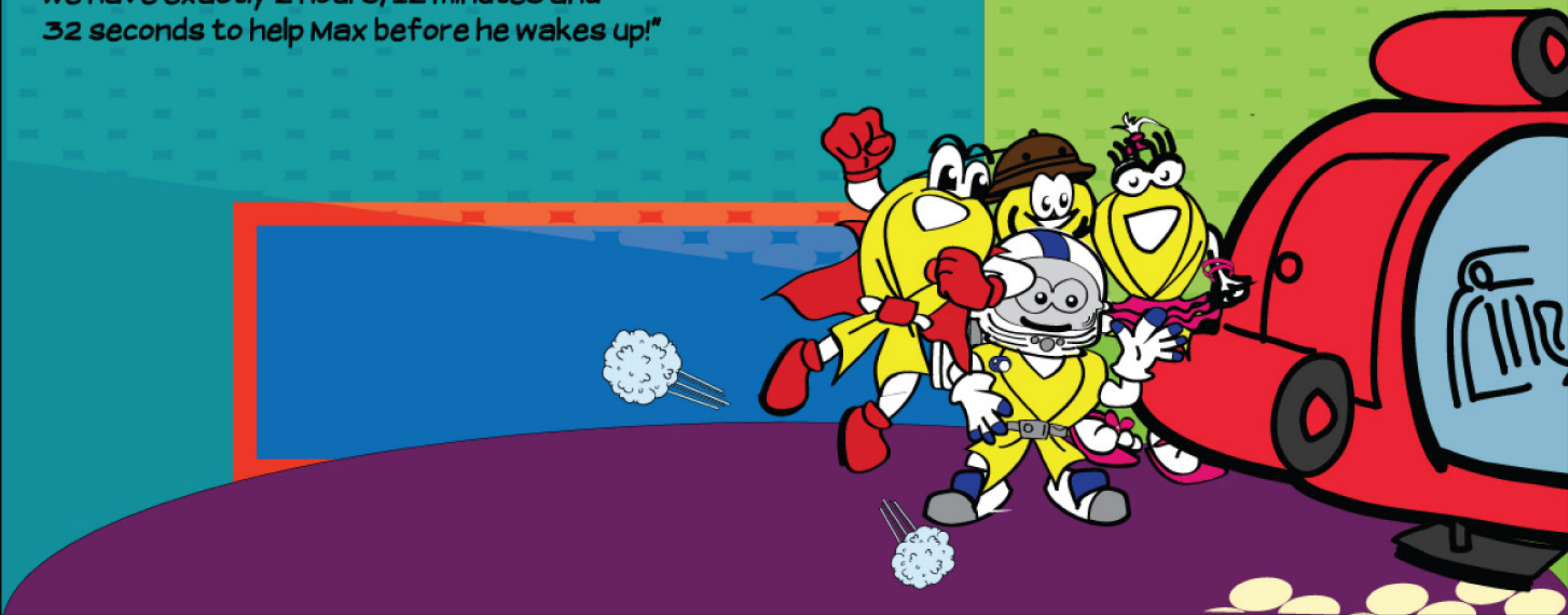
'What's going on?' asked Bella, yawning.

"We have been assigned to another special mission," Skeeter said.

"Looks like a little boy named Max is in the need of our help."

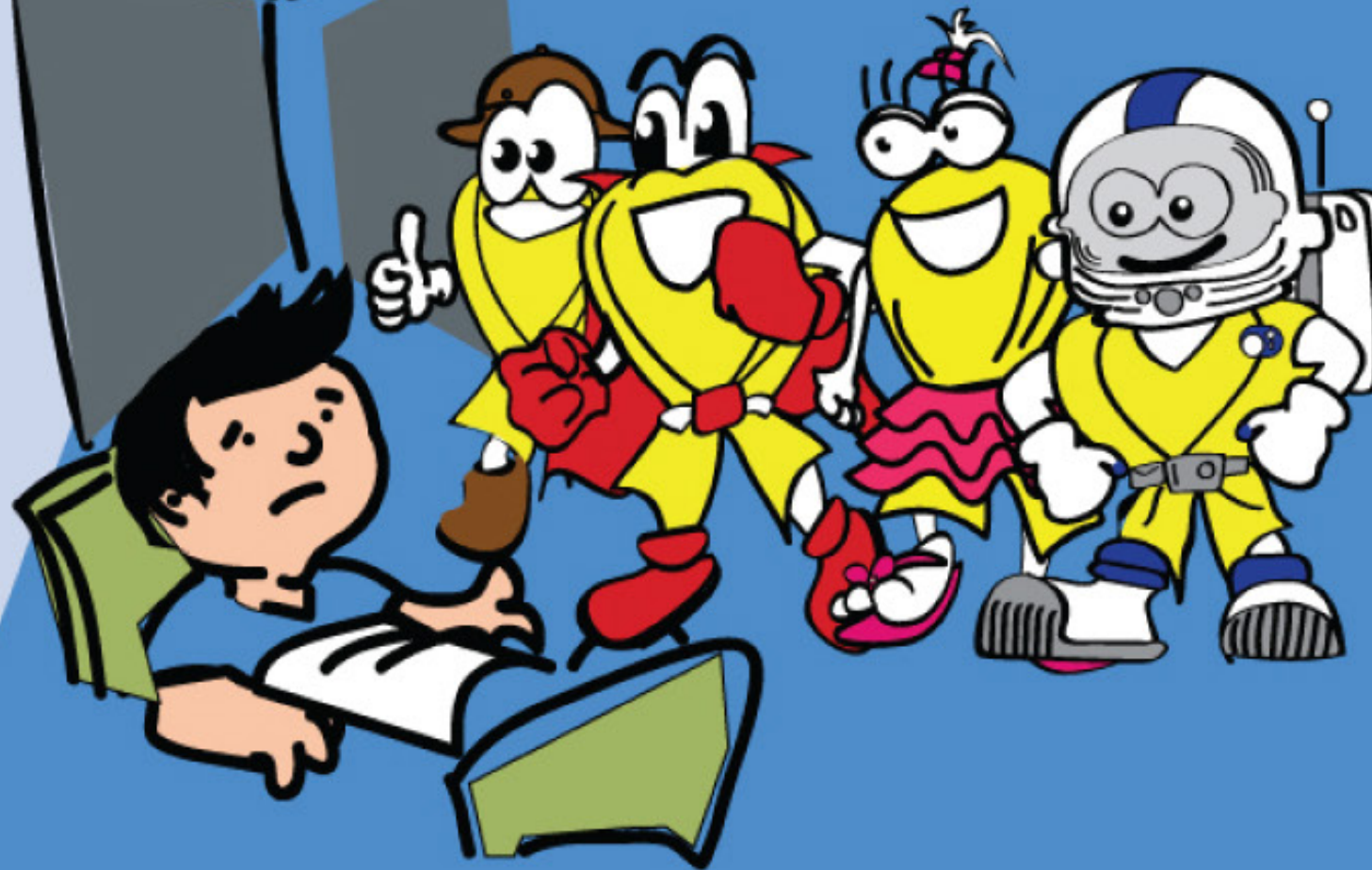


"Quick!" yelled Jett. "There's no time to lose.
Everyone into the Dream Machine!
We have exactly 2 hours, 12 minutes and
32 seconds to help Max before he wakes up!"





Look down there. There he is!



"Okay, places everyone," Jett ordered.

"Mom, Dad, is that you?" whimpered little Max

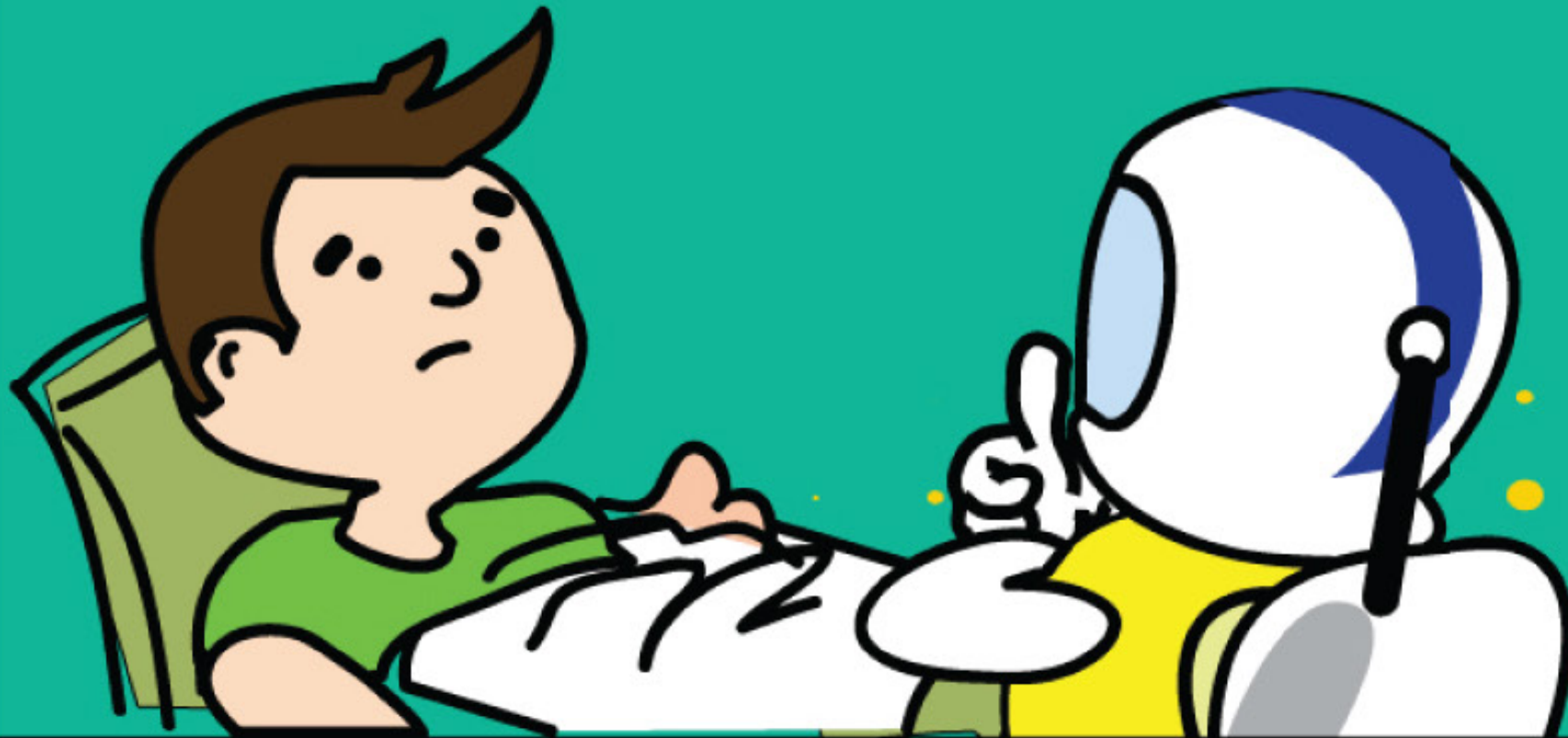
"No, Max, my name is Jett and I'm a Wootzie SUPERHERO.

My friends and I help children
like you understand why you have to stay in a hospital
and spend so much time
with different doctors and nurses.
This is Skeeter, Astro, and Bella. Friends, this is Max."

"Nice to meet you, Max,"
the Superheroes said with a nod and a smile.

"I want to go home!" Max cried out.
"My mom and dad told me I have kid cancer and that everything is going to be okay. But I don't feel very good."

"You will feel better," Astro said.
"But first you have to fight off the Invaders!"



SPLAAAAASH!

"Invaders?" asked Max.

"The Invaders are the bad guys--the ones that are making you sick. They are the cancer cells growing inside your body. You will be trying to kill them off—one Invader at a time."

"I can do that?" Max's eyes got bigger.

"Yes! With your medicines and with **SUPERPOWERS.**"



**BELEIVE IN YOURSELF
EAT LIKE A SUPERHERO
BE BRAVE**



"How can I get Superpowers?"

"First, you have to believe in yourself and know that you can be a fighter," said Jett.

"Second," Bella held up two fingers, "you must eat healthy foods, like a Superhero does. And remember, not to eat too many sweets because the Invaders LOVE sugar. That is their favorite food. It makes them very strong and dangerous.

"It does?" Max asked, wide-eyed.

"Yes," Jett explained, "But eating healthy meals and snacks will give you the extra strength you need to fight them.

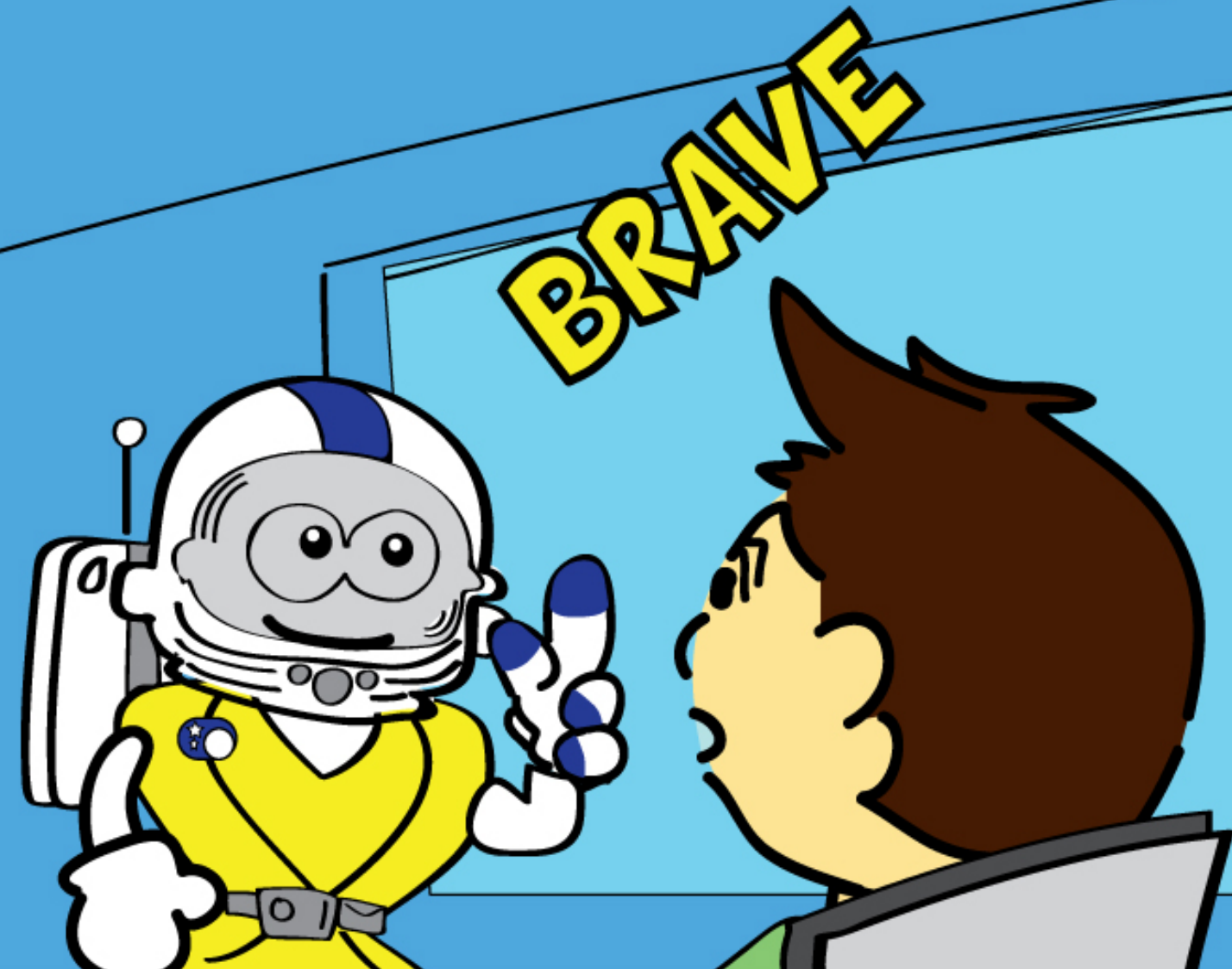
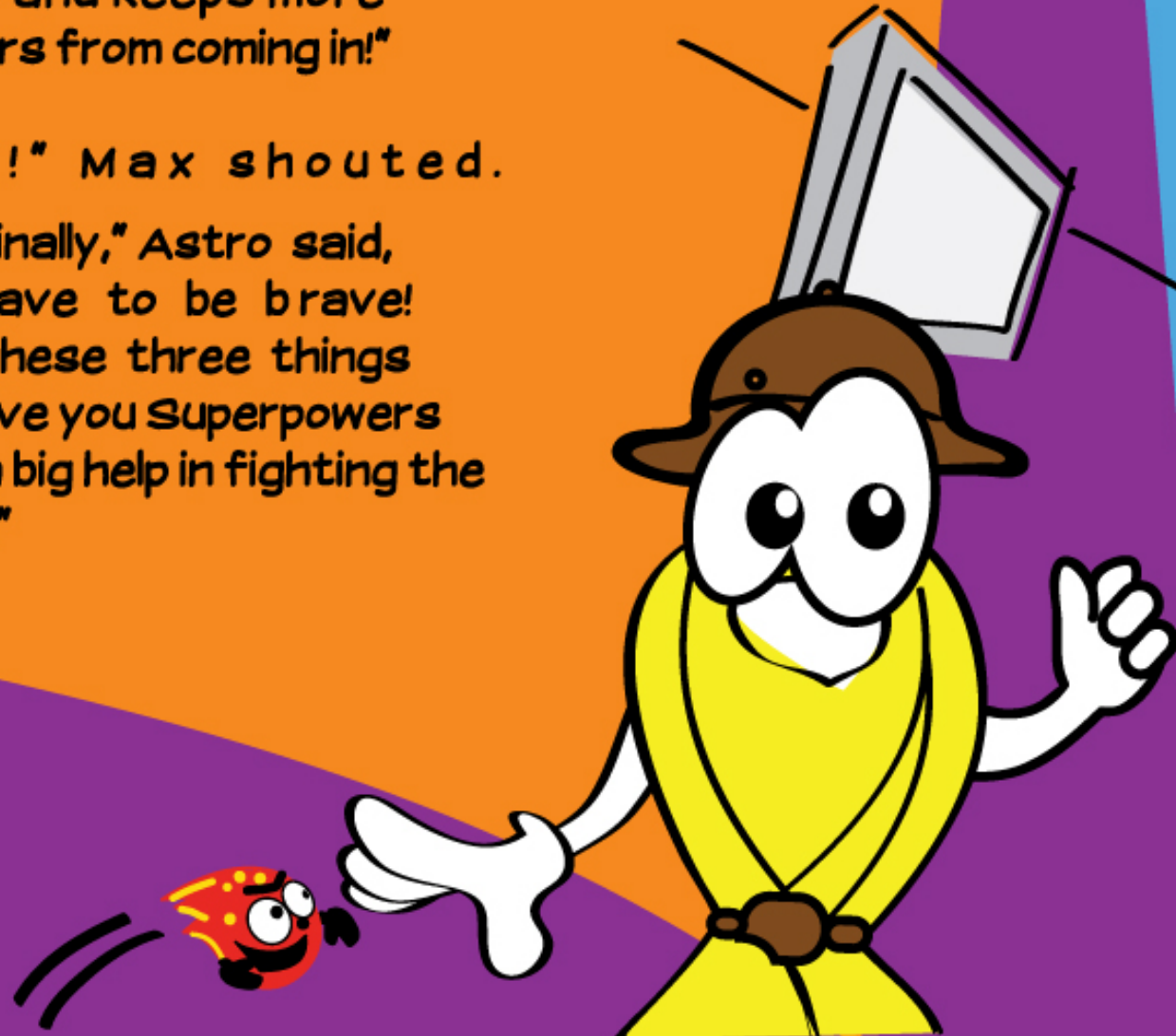
"And healthy foods build up your immune system, too!" Bella added.

"What's an immune system?" Max wrinkled up his nose.

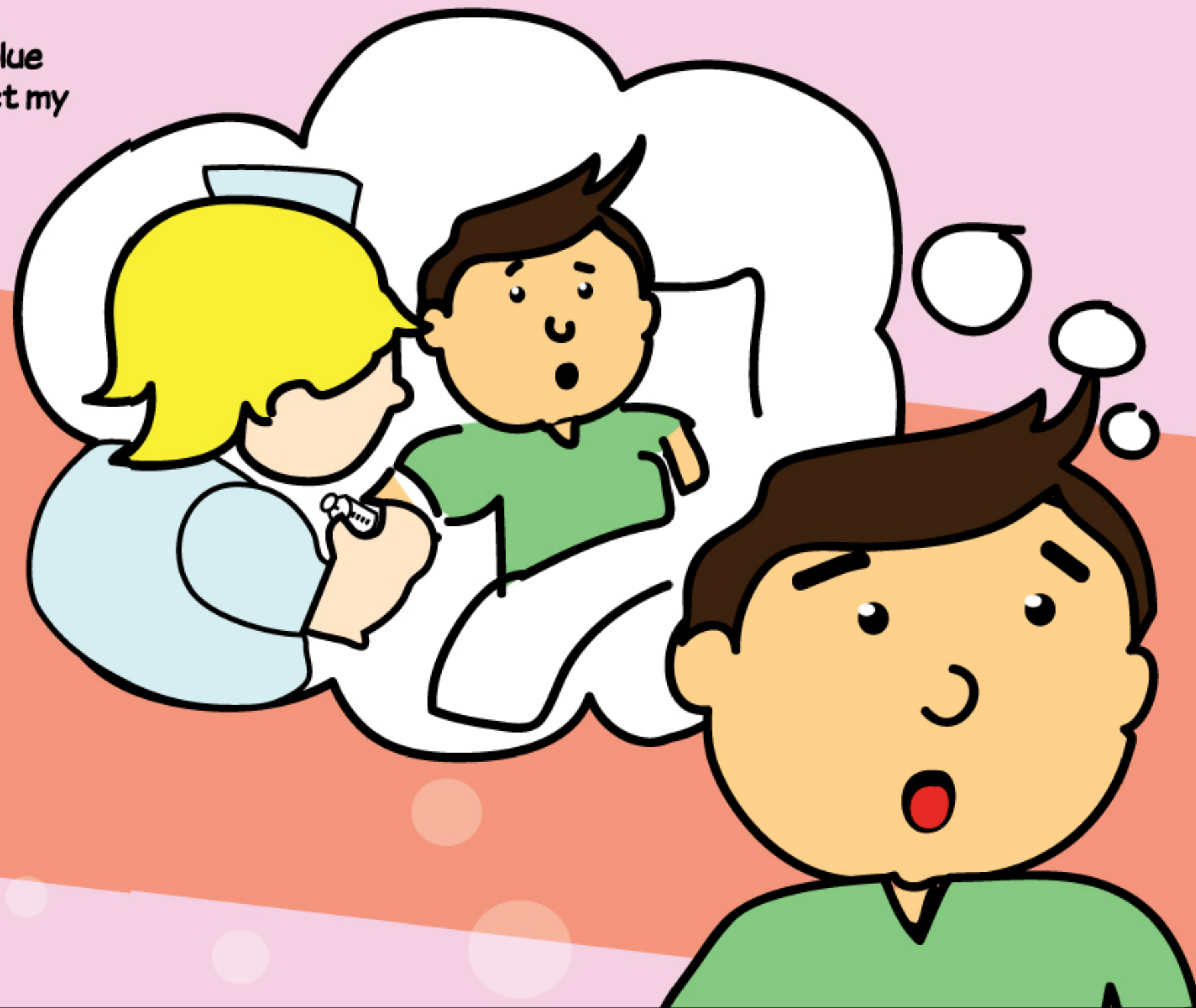
"That's the part of your body that battles germs and keeps more Invaders from coming in!"

"Cool!" Max shouted.

"And finally," Astro said, "you have to be brave! Then these three things that give you Superpowers will be a big help in fighting the enemy."



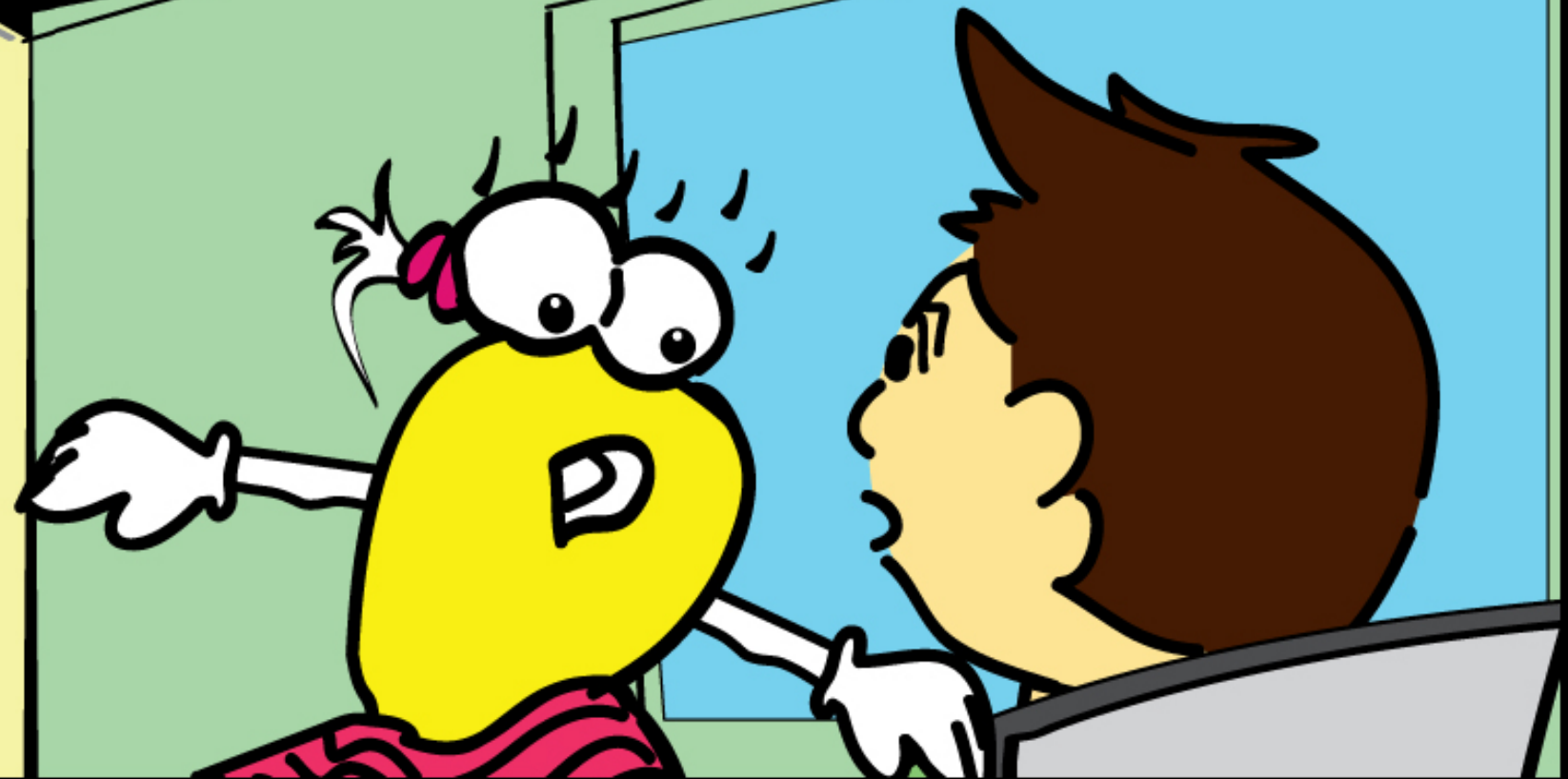
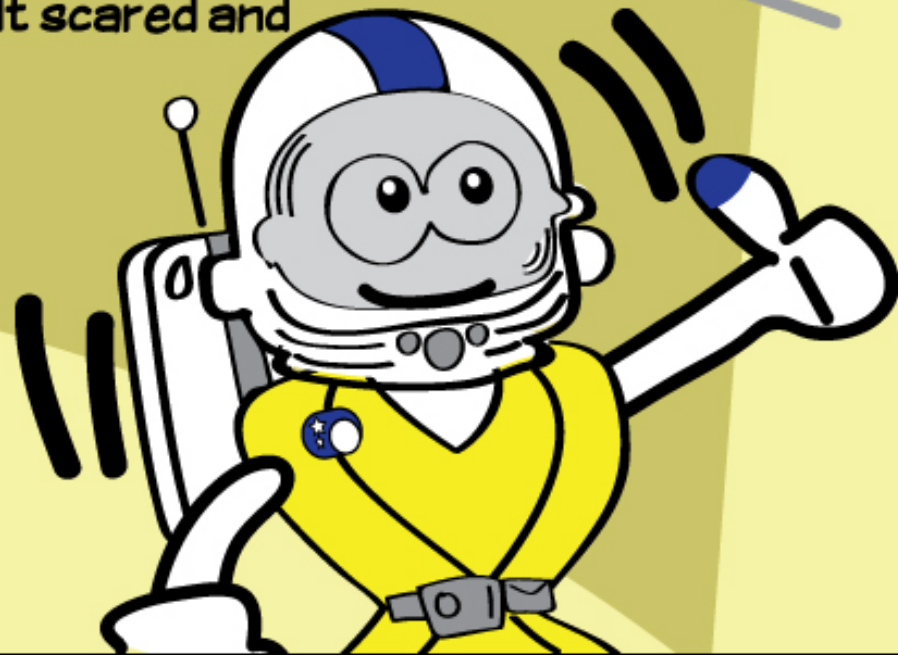
"What if I'm not so brave?" Max asked. "Today a lady in a blue coat poked me with a needle. She said she needed to collect my blood for a test. I was scared!"



Jett shook his head. "It's okay to feel scared when you don't know what's happening. Even Superheroes sometimes feel scared. But they are still brave."

"It's like when I rode my bike for the first time without training wheels," Bella said.

"Even though I was being brave by trying to ride without the wheels, I still felt scared and very nervous."



"I get it!" Max yelled out. "Kind of like when I went swimming without my floaties for the first time."

"Exactly!" Bella nodded.



"How so?" Max asked.

"By lying still like a statue and by ignoring the silly sounds the machine makes," said Bella.

The picture the machine takes can help doctors see where the Invaders are and what kind of medicine they will use to help gobble them up."

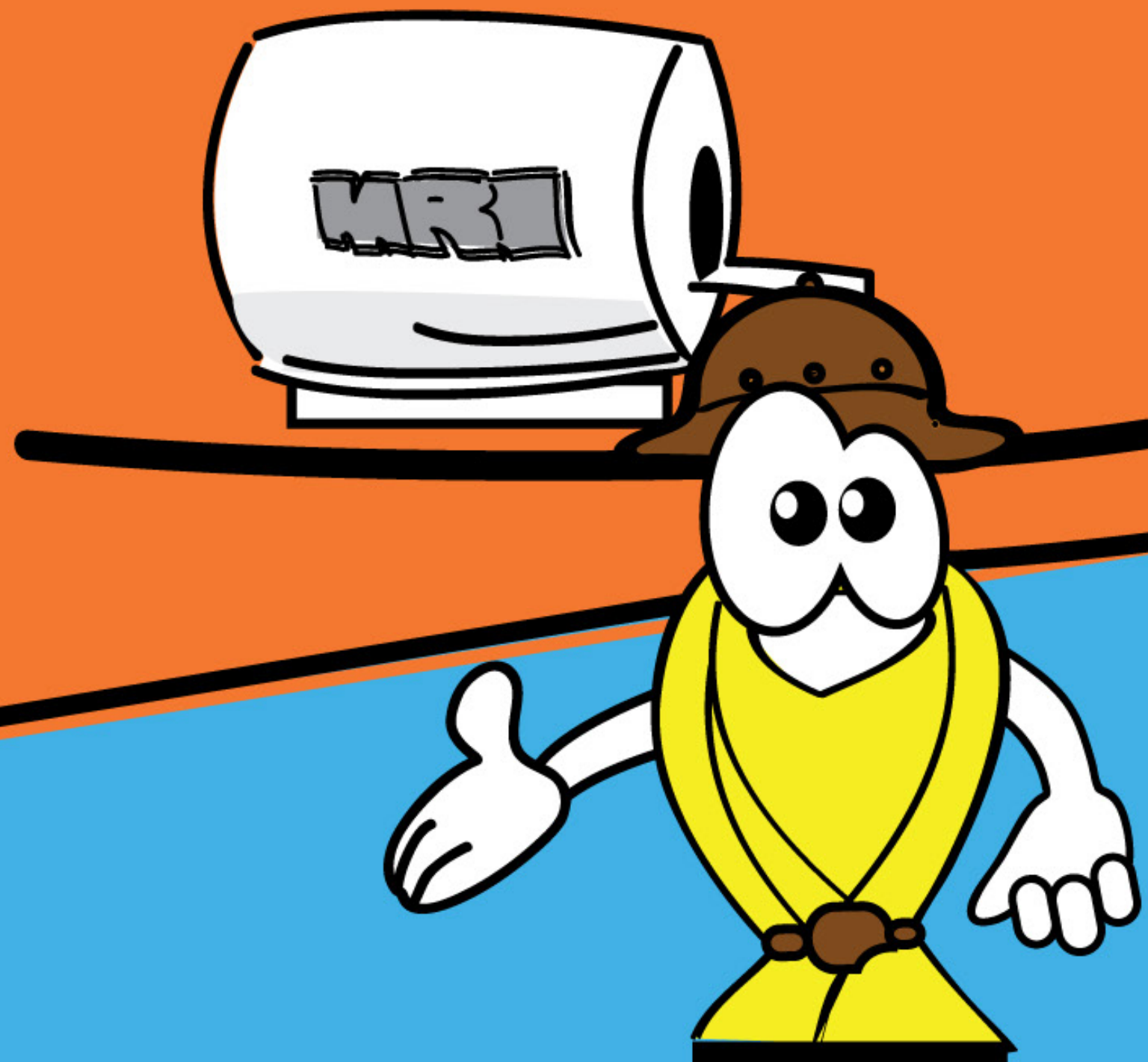


"The nurse said that tomorrow I have to go into a big machine that will take my picture." Max looked worried.

"Ahh...an MRI," Skeeter said.

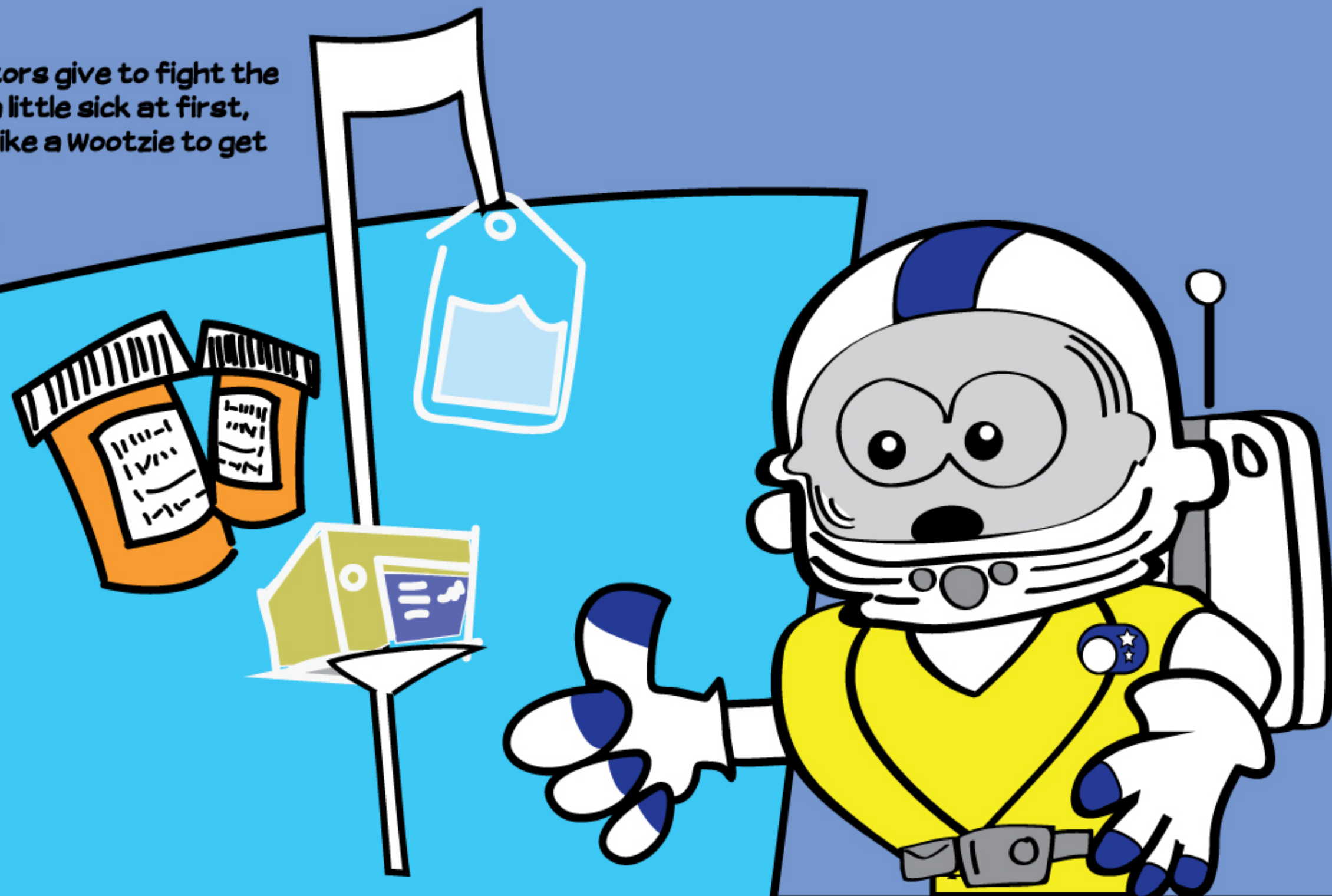
"MRI?"

"That's just a big fancy word for the pictures that the machine will take when it moves back and forth over your body. The machine is big and it makes loud, silly noises. But you can activate your Superpowers for this test!"



"Sometimes the medicines the doctors give to fight the Invaders make kids feel sleepy or a little sick at first, but that is when you have to fight like a Wootzie to get past the yucky feeling."

"Okay. I'll use my SUPERPOWERS!"





"How come the other kids in the hospital have no hair--even the girls?" Max asked.

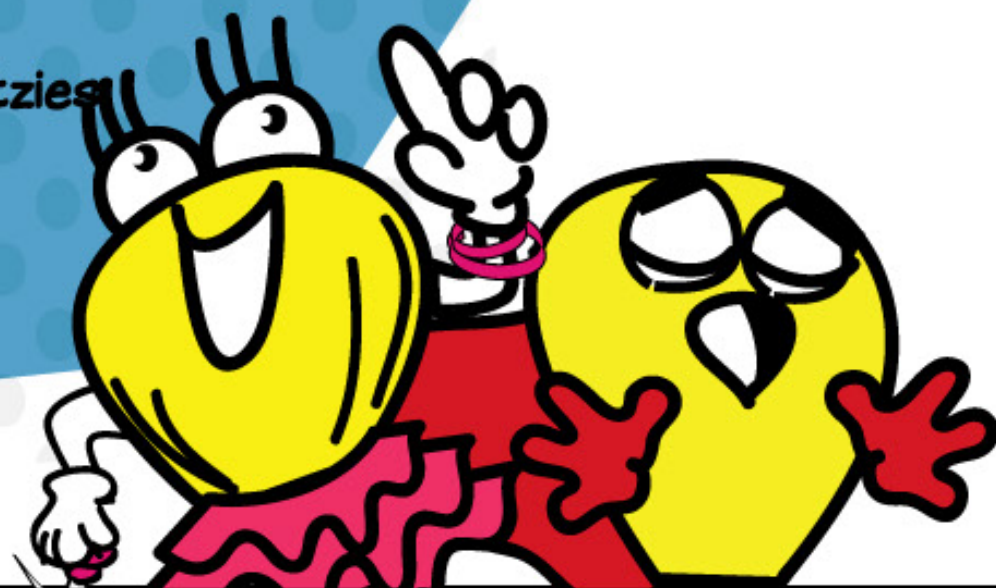
"Sometimes," Astro explained, "the medicines that you are given will make your hair fall out."

"MY HAIR IS GOING TO FALL OUT?!" Max screeched.

"It could, but don't worry. It will grow back." Astro smiled. "Plus, I'll let you in on a little secret: We superheroes don't have any hair underneath our hats and helmets. Even Bella only has a few strands."

"Really?"

"Really," said the Wootzies all together.

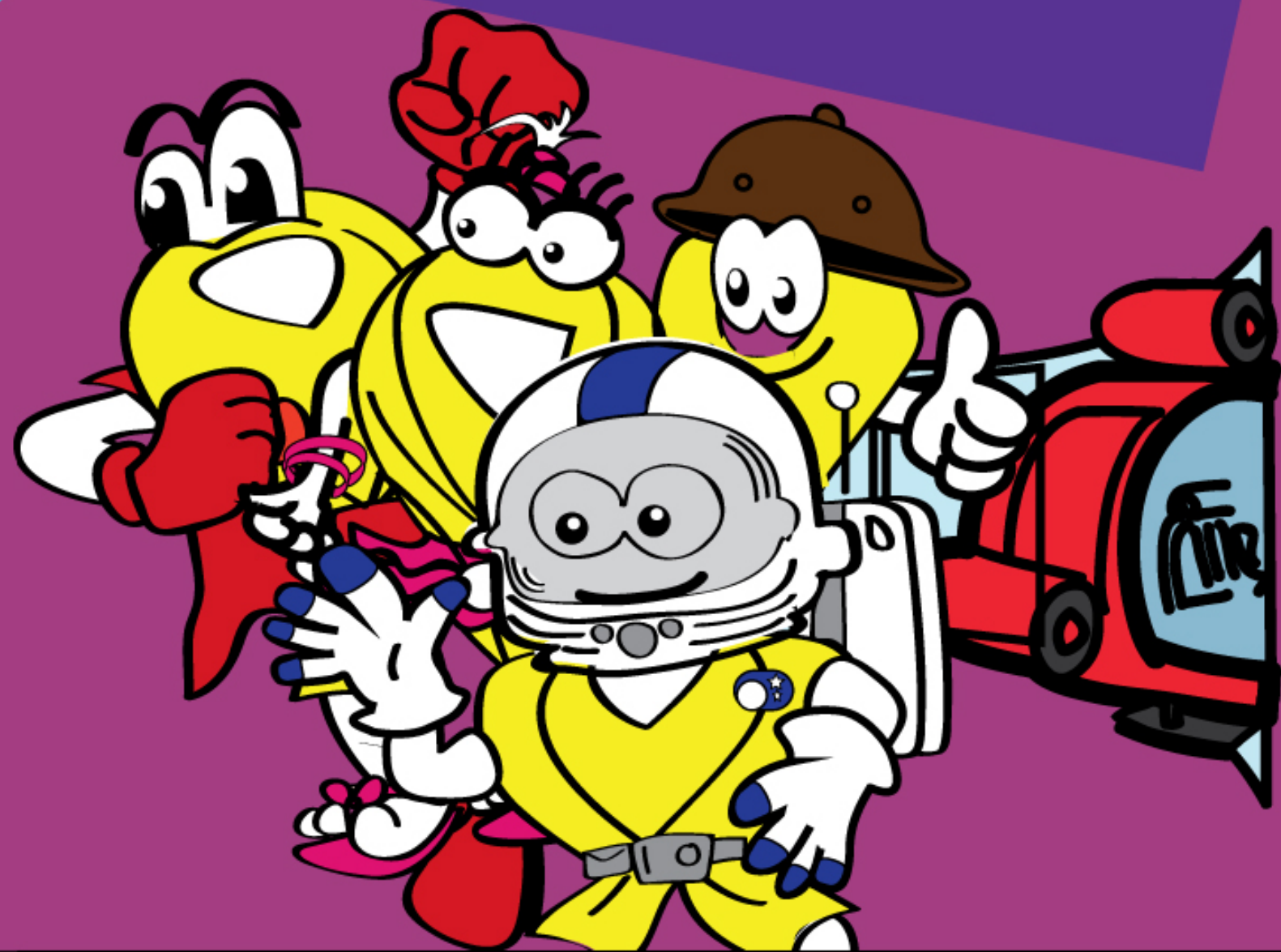
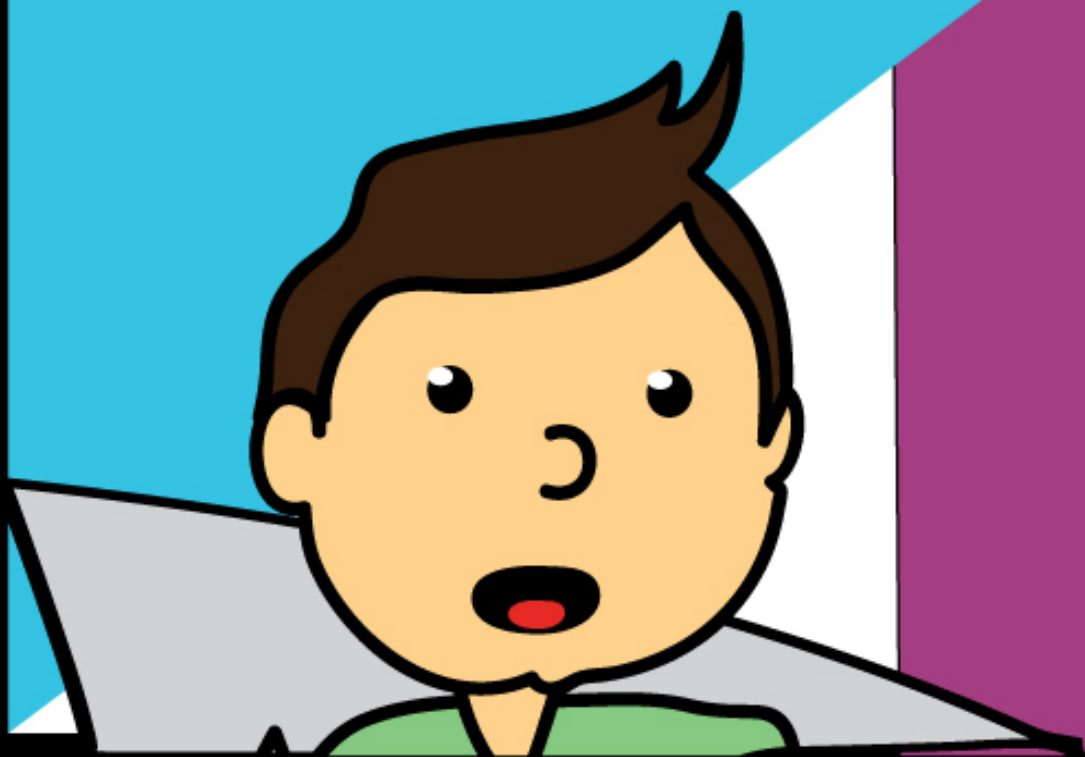


Suddenly the Wootzies alarm went off. It was time to evacuate.

"What's happening?" Max asked. "What's that beeping noise?"

"It's time for us to leave now," said Skeeter. "But remember, by activating your Superpowers when you need them and by following the three steps for being a Wootzie Superhero you can kill more Invaders and help your doctors fight this battle!"

Out of the window they went and into the Dream Machine.



That morning, when Max woke up in his hospital bed, he heard a woman's voice.

"Good morning, Max. I'm Doctor Morgan. How are you this morning?"

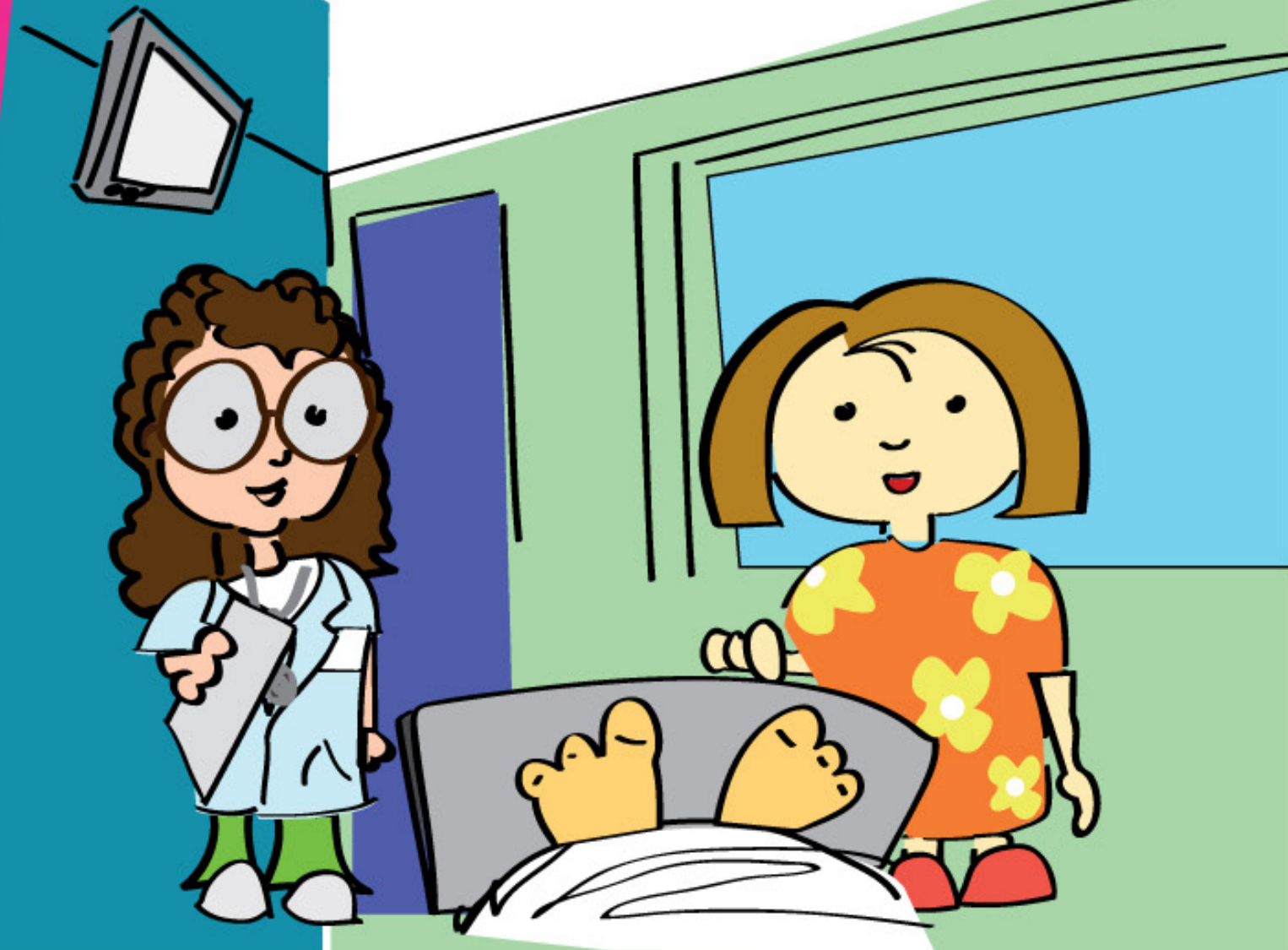
Max looked puzzled.

"Max, are you okay?" his mom asked. "The doctor is talking to you."

"They're gone!" he said.

"Who's gone?"

"The Wootzies!"



Max's mom and doctor looked at each other. "Wootzies?"

Before Max answered he looked toward the window and noticed a little piece of red cloth hanging from the hospital window. It was part of Jett's cape.

He looked up at his mom and grinned. "Never mind, Mom. I must have been dreaming. But now I'm ready to gobble up these Cancer Invaders!"

