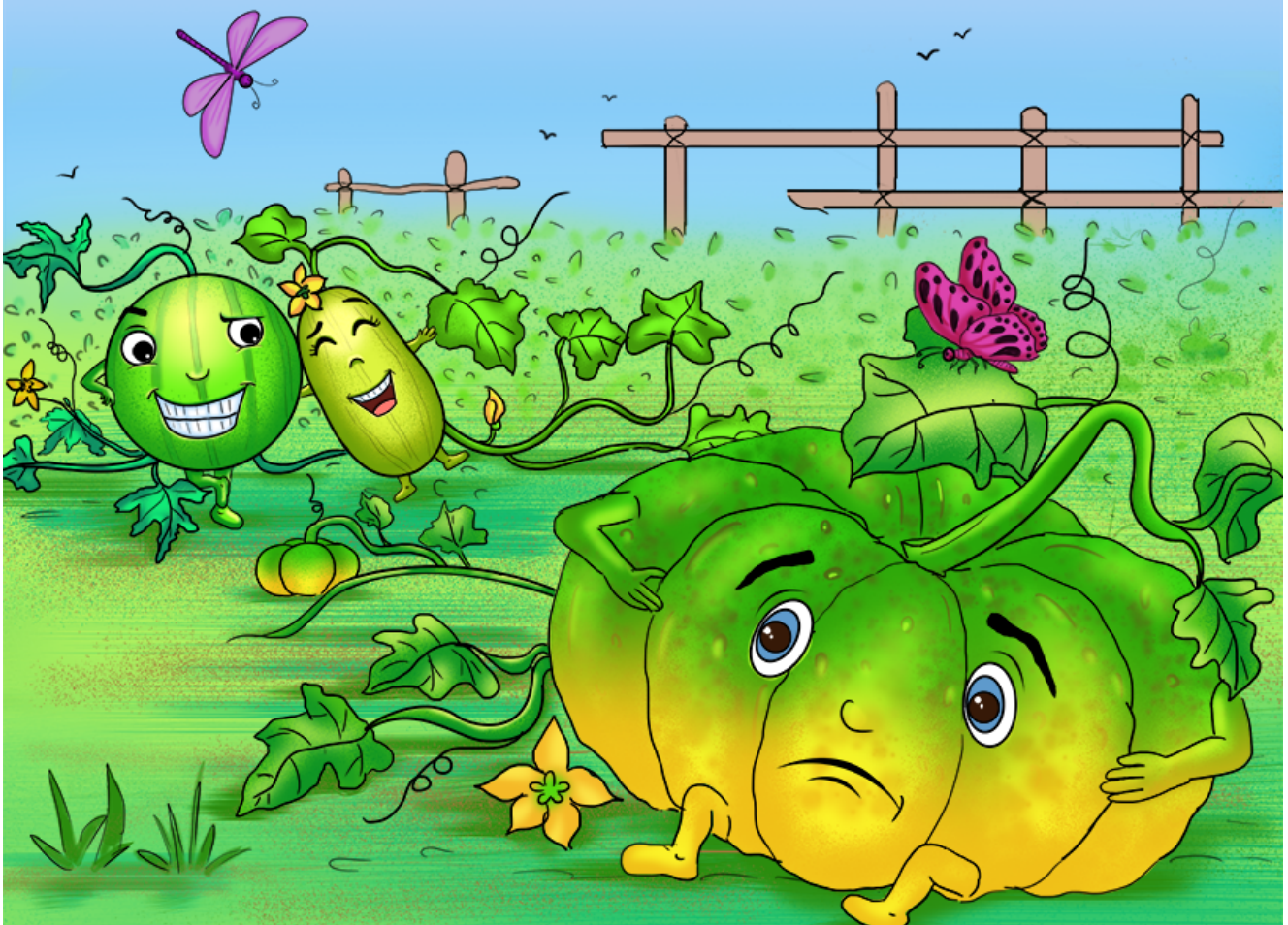


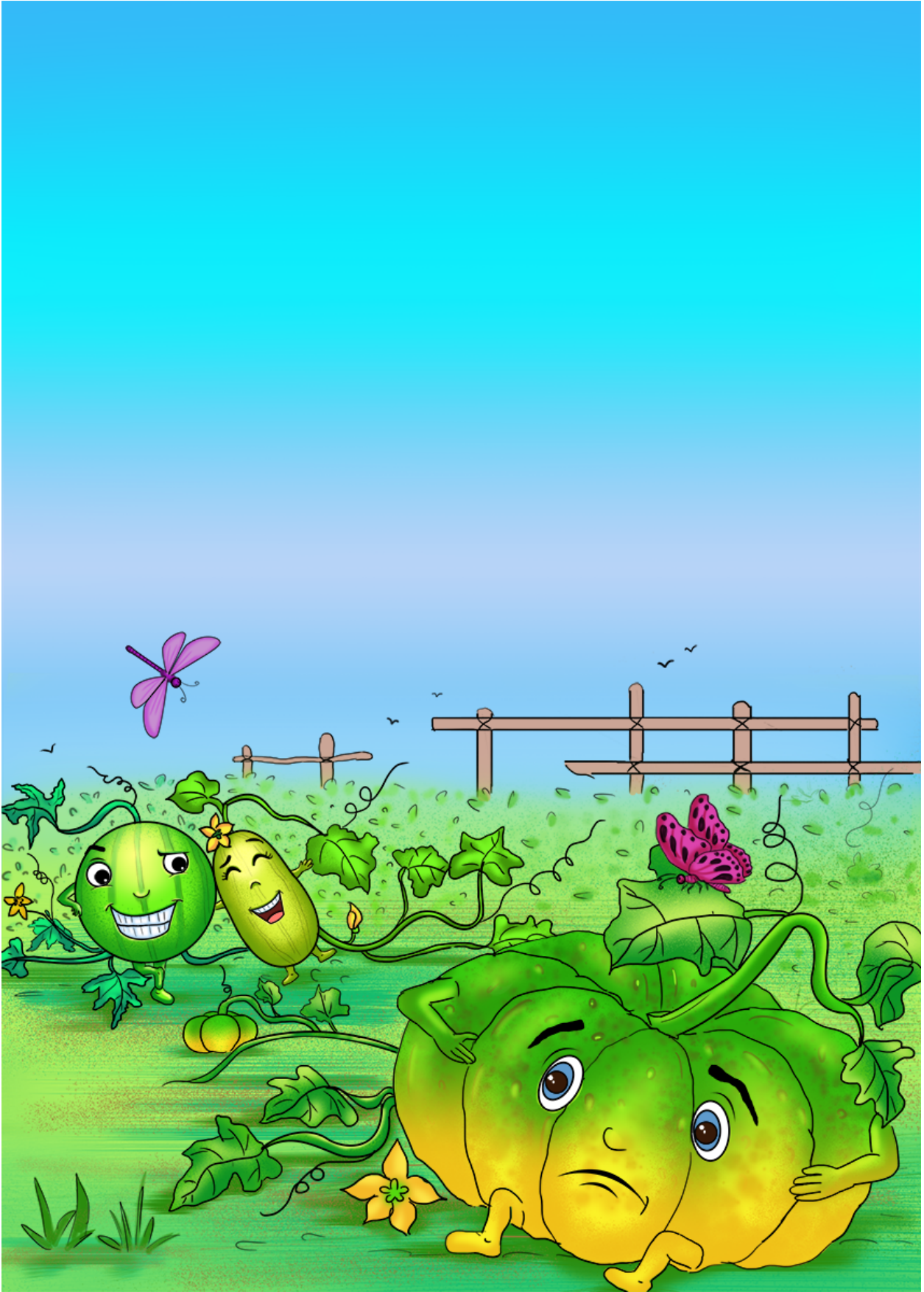


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## The Bumpy-skinned Pumpkin

Pumpkin wants to look like the other vegetables. Why doesn't he like being different? What can he do to feel like he belongs on the farm?





The Bumpy-skinned Pumpkin

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Pumpkin, Watermelon, and Melon live on the farm together.



Melon and Watermelon often make fun of Pumpkin for his rough, bumpy skin.

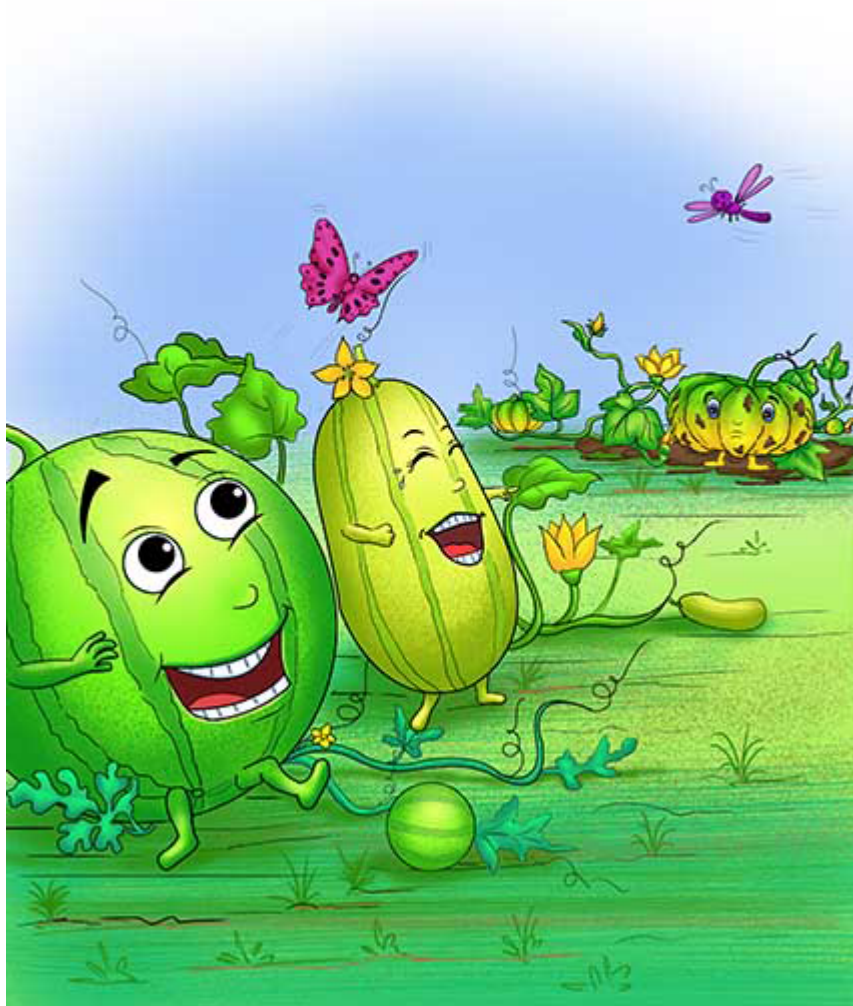


Pumpkin wishes he had smooth skin like the others.





Maybe he could smooth his skin by rolling in the soil.



But that just makes him dirty!"Look at Pumpkin!" Melon and Watermelon laugh, "Now his skin is bump and dirty!"



Pumpkin thinks of a way to clean himself.



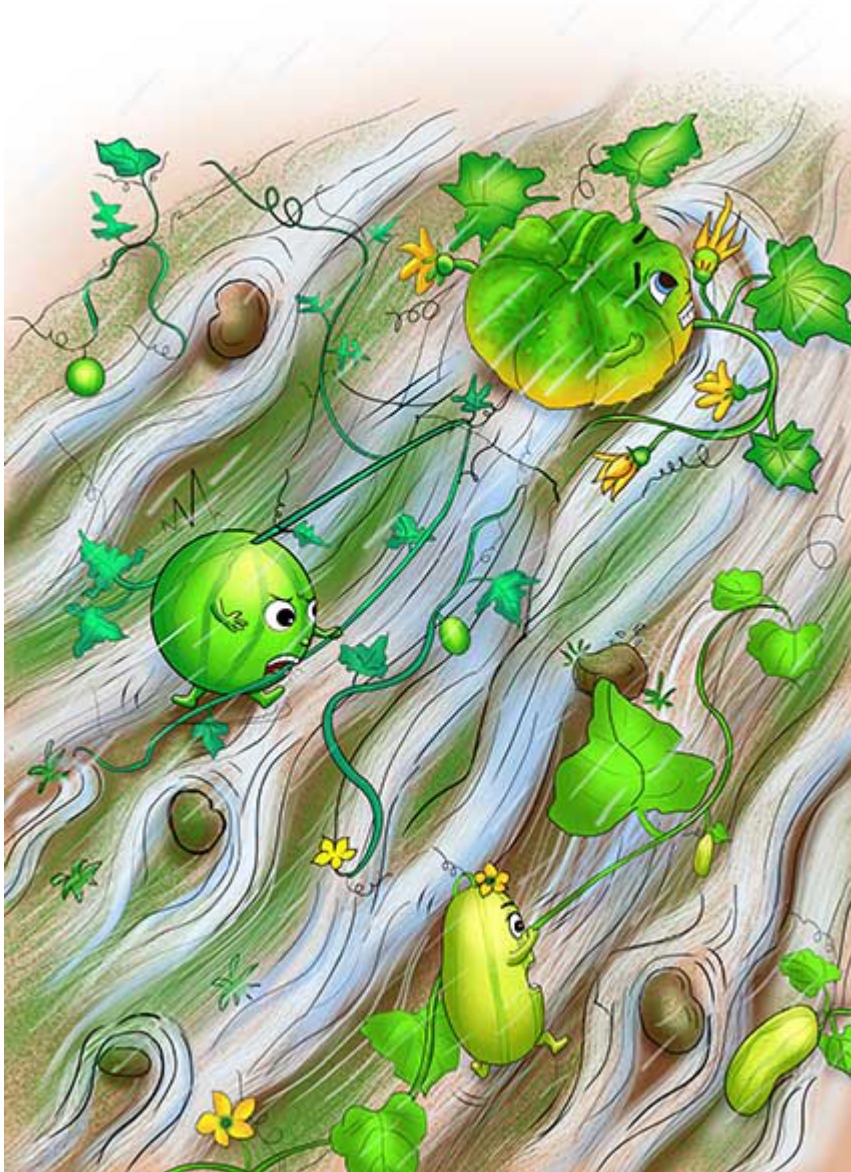
When the farmer comes to water the crops, Pumpkin takes a shower. But he's still dirty when the farmer moves on.



Later that afternoon, it rains! This time. Pumpkin is washed clean.



But the rain causes a mudslide. Pumpkin, Melon, and Watermelon roll down the hill.



Pumpkin's bumpy skin keeps him from rolling too far.



But Watermelon and Melon can't stop! Their skin is so smooth that they roll...and roll...and roll.





Pumpkin thinks fast. He gathers the other pumpkins together to help save Watermelon and Melon.



After the rain stops, Watermelon and Melon roll over to Pumpkin.  
"Thank you for helping us! We may have different shapes, but we all have our own strengths. We are sorry for making fun of you."



Pumpkin, Watermelon, and Melon are now friends. They live and grow together on the farm.



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