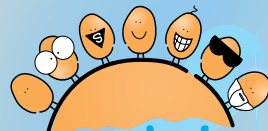
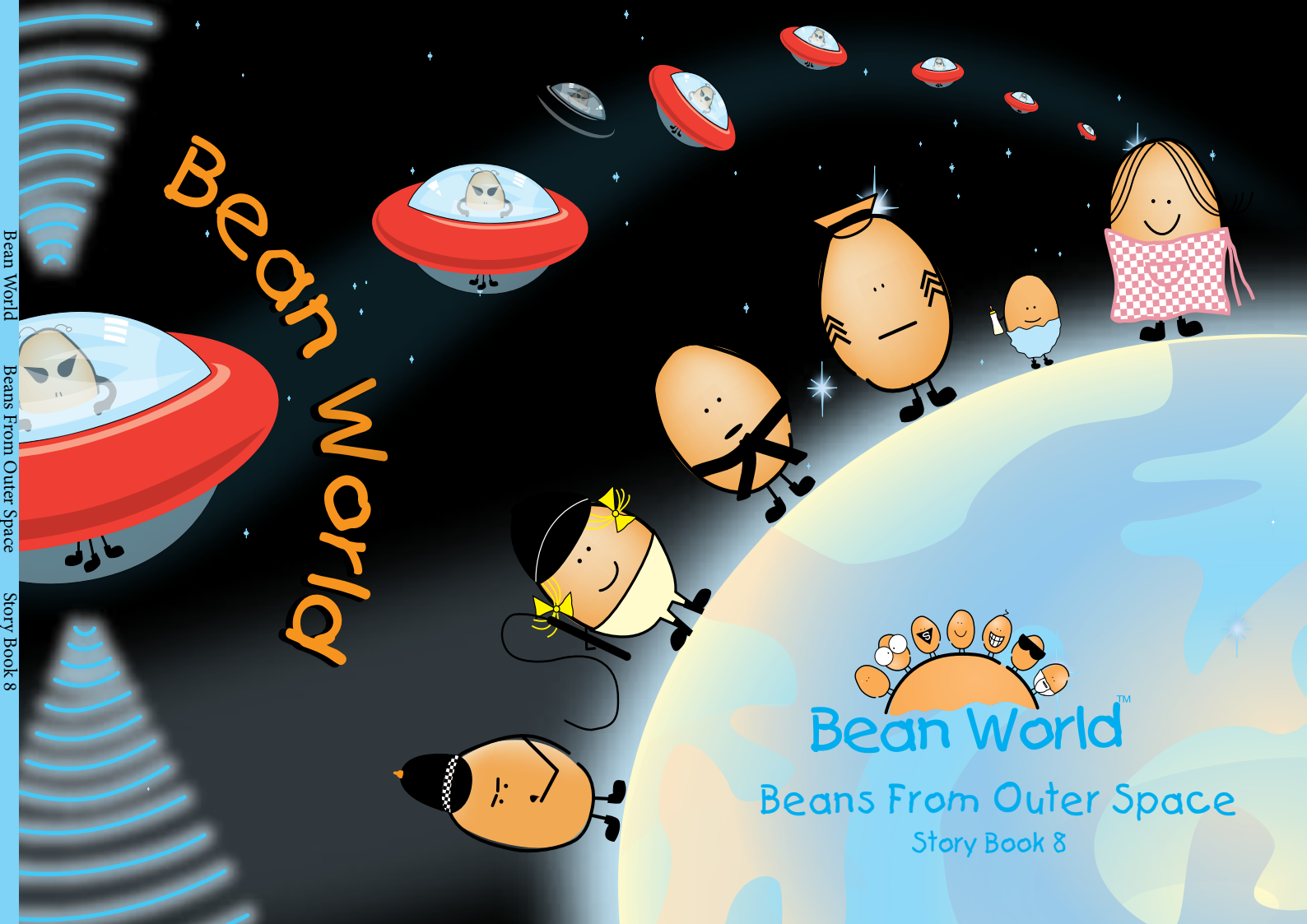


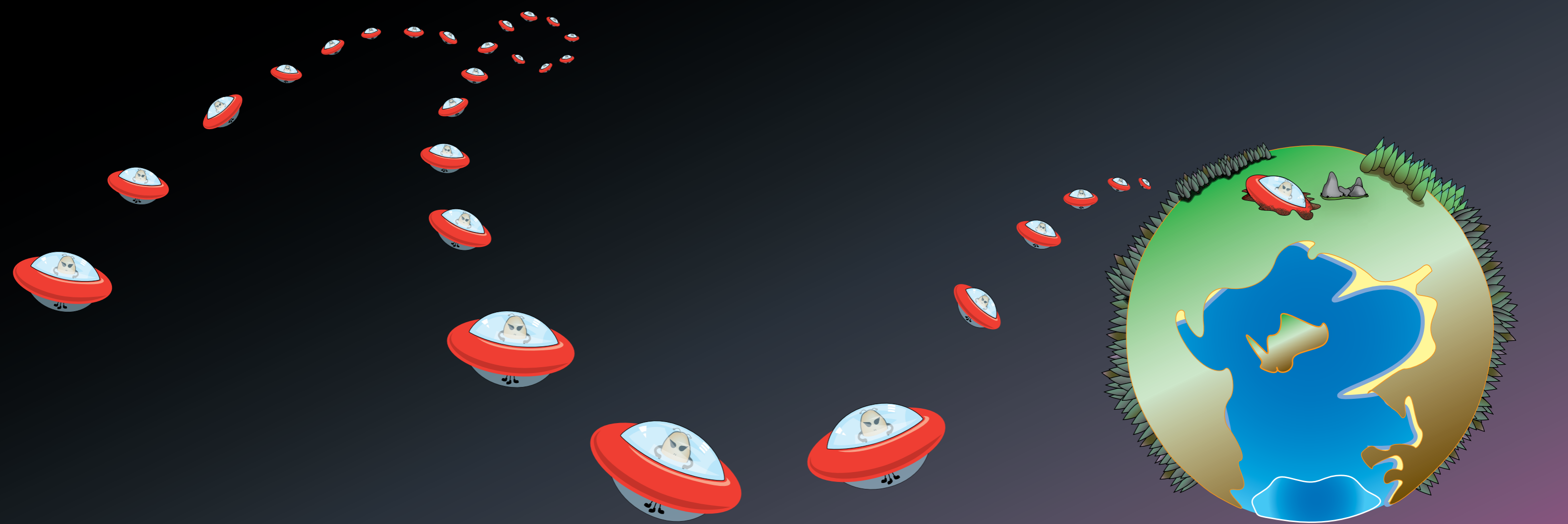
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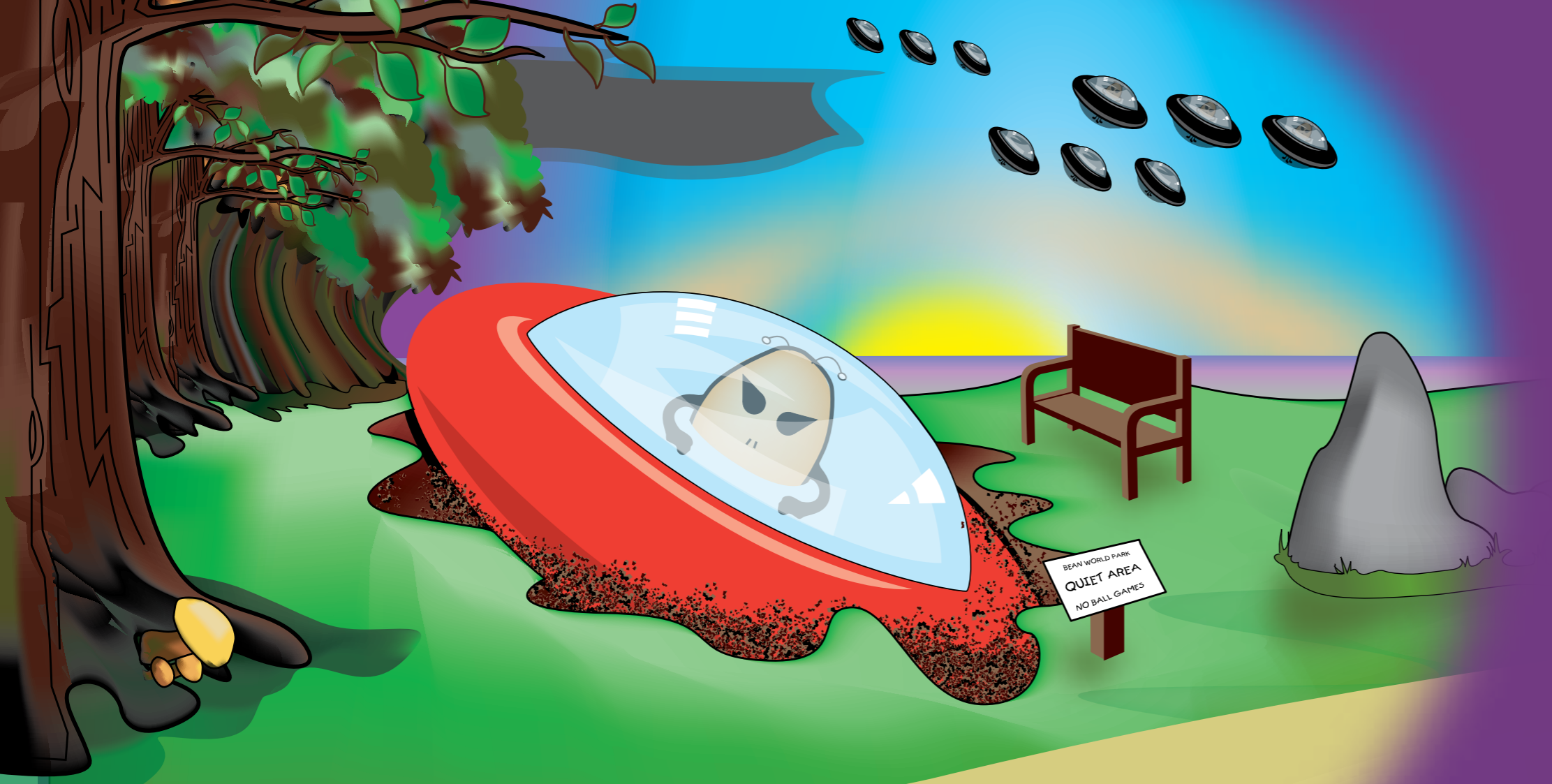


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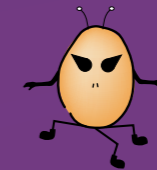




At dawn, one April morning
The sky is still quite dark;
A spaceship settles on the ground
In Bean World's Lima Park.

The other spaceships in the fleet
Continue on their trip -
Unaware that Alien Bean
Has had to land his ship.

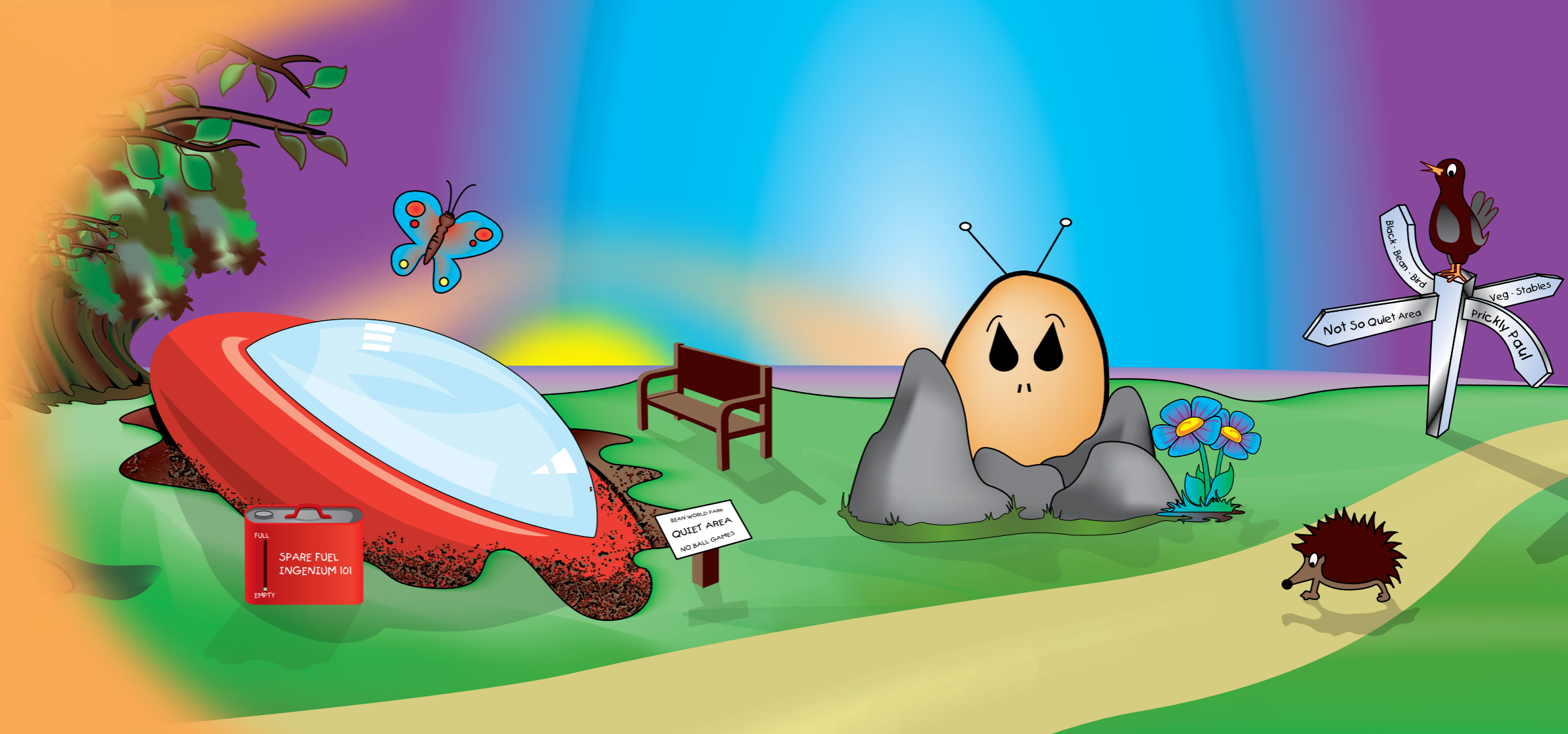
Poor Alien's done the usual thing -
His fuel got too low.
He needs some more ingenuity:
From where, he doesn't know.



Nervously, he clammers down
And has a look around,
But everything feels very strange;
Each sight, and every sound.

Flowers and rocks are new to him,
And trees are really tall.
Birds and hedgehogs seem so odd -
It's not like home at all.

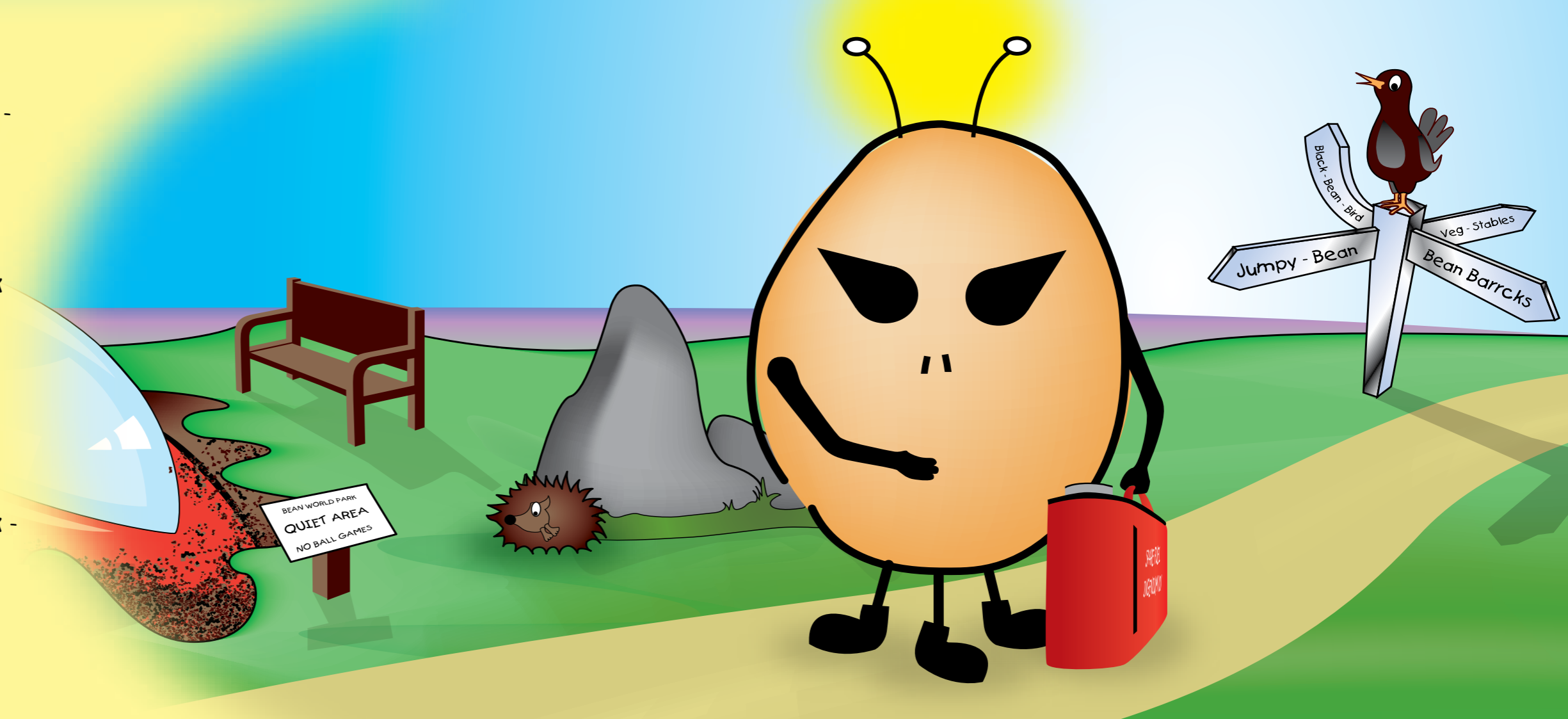
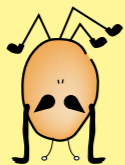
By now he's feeling pretty scared;
He's not sure where he is.
What's this planet? Where's his pals?
Poor Alien's in a tizz.



A sudden noise makes Alien jump -
Some footsteps! Coming near!
He runs to hide behind a rock,
Half paralysed with fear.

Riding Bean cuts through the park
When off to see her horse;
She's all dressed up in riding gear
And very smart, of course.

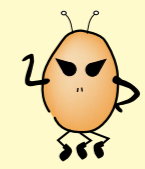
Alien thinks she looks quite kind;
He wonders, will she help?
He steps out from behind his rock -
But she lets out a yelp.





"Gazloptriq fnim!" says Alien
And tries a timid smile -
But Riding Bean is freaking out
And wants to run a mile.

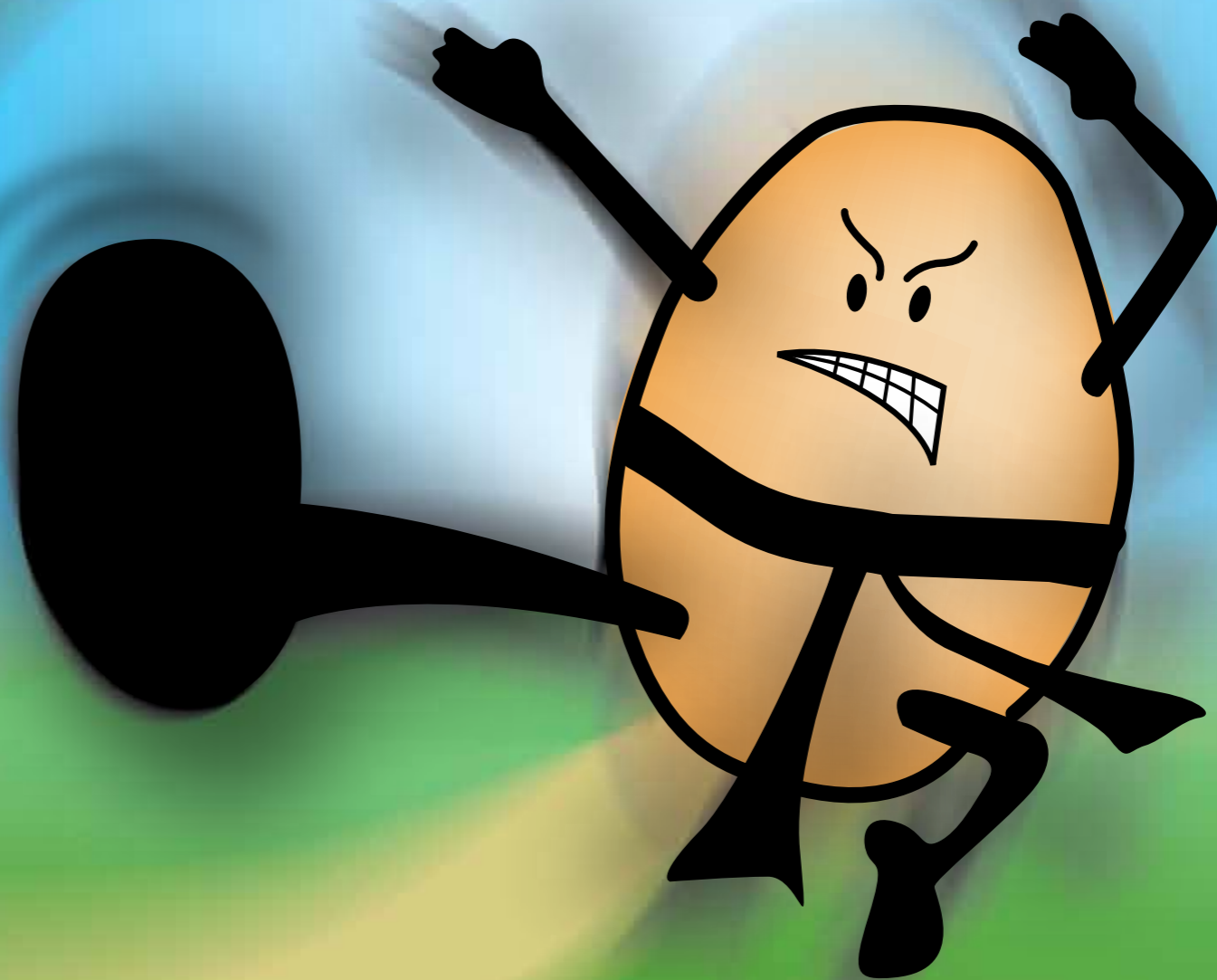
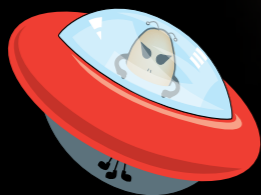
It's her turn, now, to feel afraid -
In fact, she's terrified!
Sprinting back the way she came,
She drops her plans to ride.

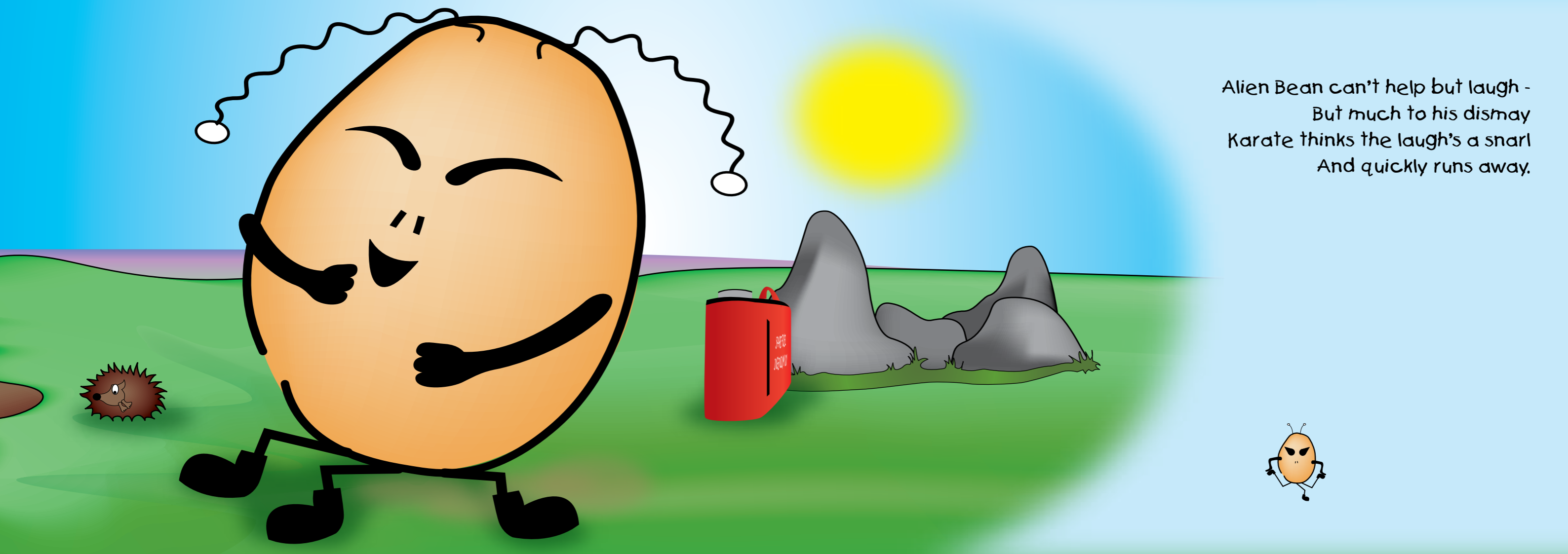


So Alien Bean's alone again -
No fuel, no cash, no mates.
Unless he comes up with a plan
He'll be in dire straits.

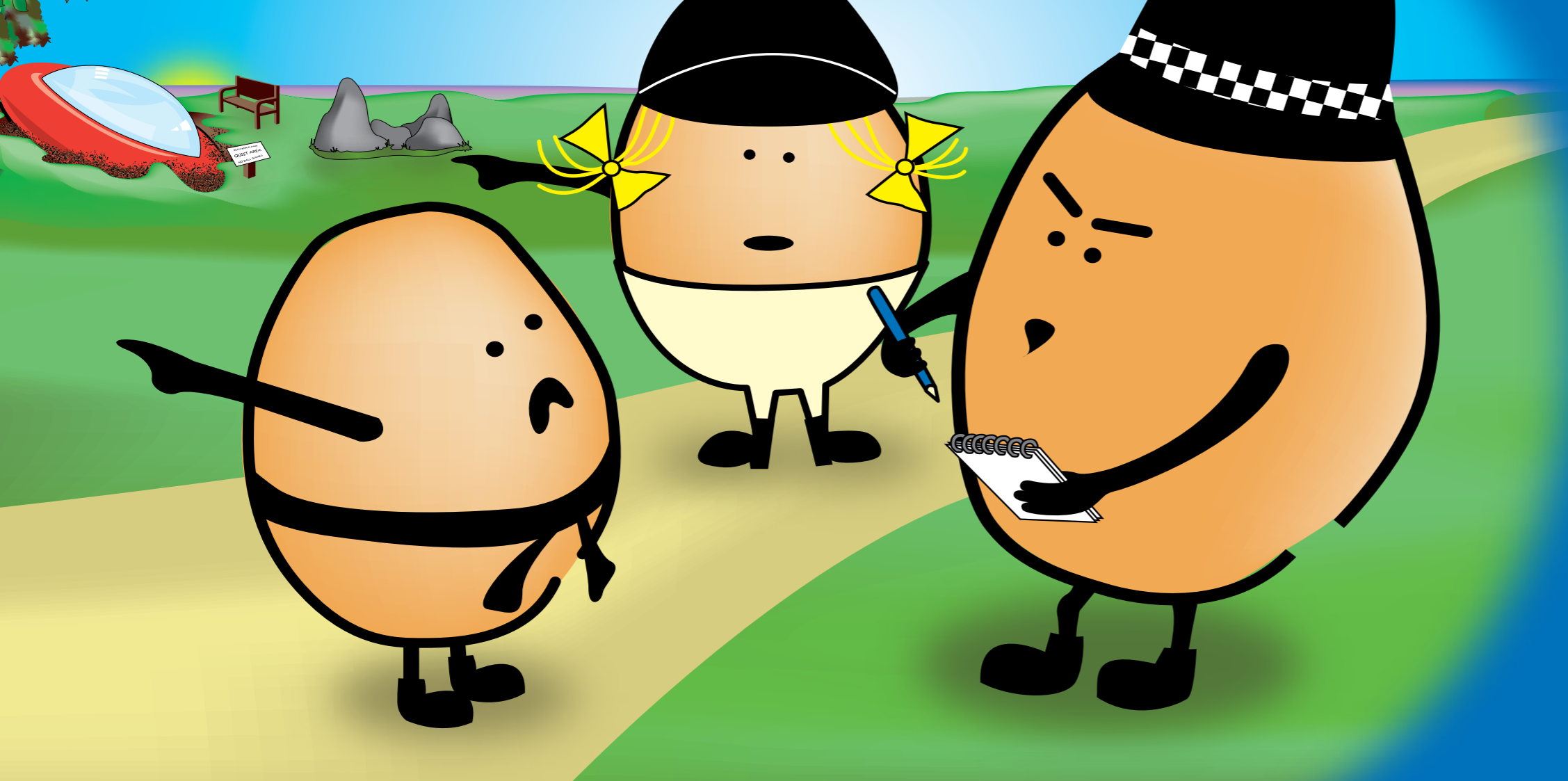
Shortly after, through the park
Comes jogging Karate Bean.
His tai-chi done, while heading home
He encounters Alien Bean.

Who's this! Surprised, his hands go up.
"Ah-ye! Wo-cho! Ah-yeah!"
Circling poor Alien Bean,
He karate-chops the air.





Alien Bean can't help but laugh -
But much to his dismay
Karate thinks the laugh's a snarl
And quickly runs away.



Now, Bobby Bean is in the park;
He's starting his patrol.
He sees the fleeing pair of beans
And interrupts his stroll.

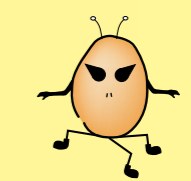
The friends explain what they have seen:
"A monster! Huge and drooling!"
(it's only Alien Bean, of course,
Who simply wants refuelling).

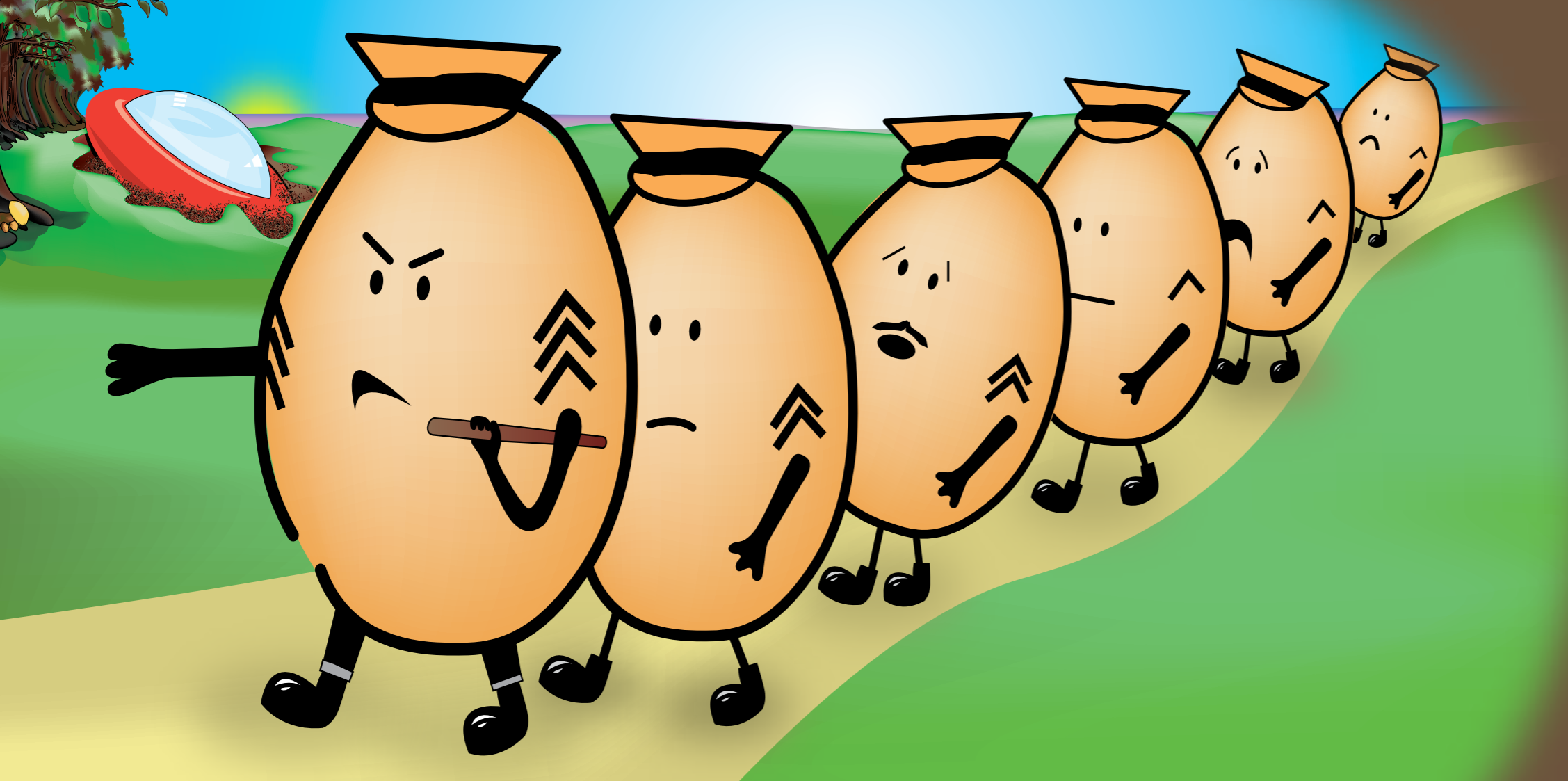




So off they go, the three of them,
To arrest the sorry bean -
When Bobby catches sight of him,
He doesn't feel so keen.

"Extra help, that's what we need!"
He calls up Military Bean.
"Military? Here's a job for you -
I need you on the scene."





Pretty soon, the troops arrive
(3rd Haricot Brigade);
But, catching sight of Alien Bean,
Each one of them's afraid.

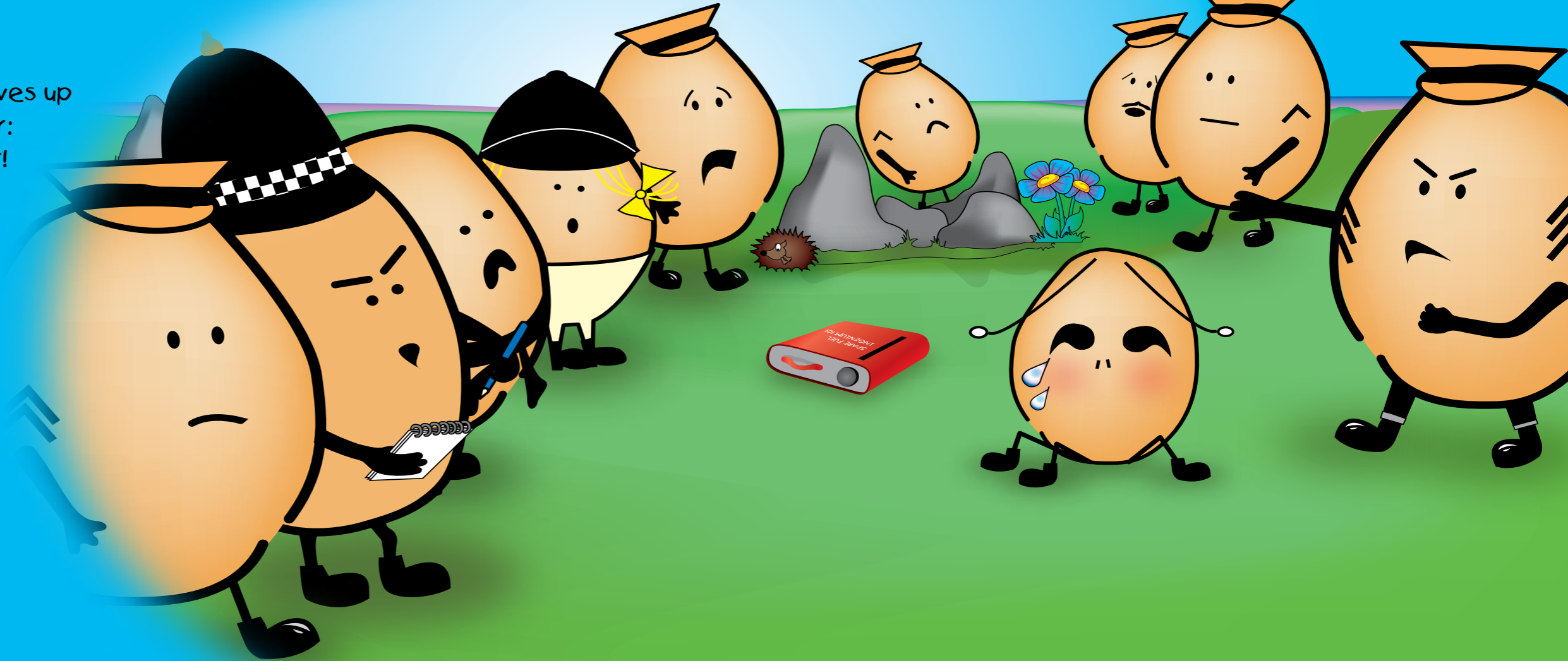
Riding Bean and Karate Bean
Are hiding at the back;
Perhaps they'll feel much braver when
The troops start to attack.

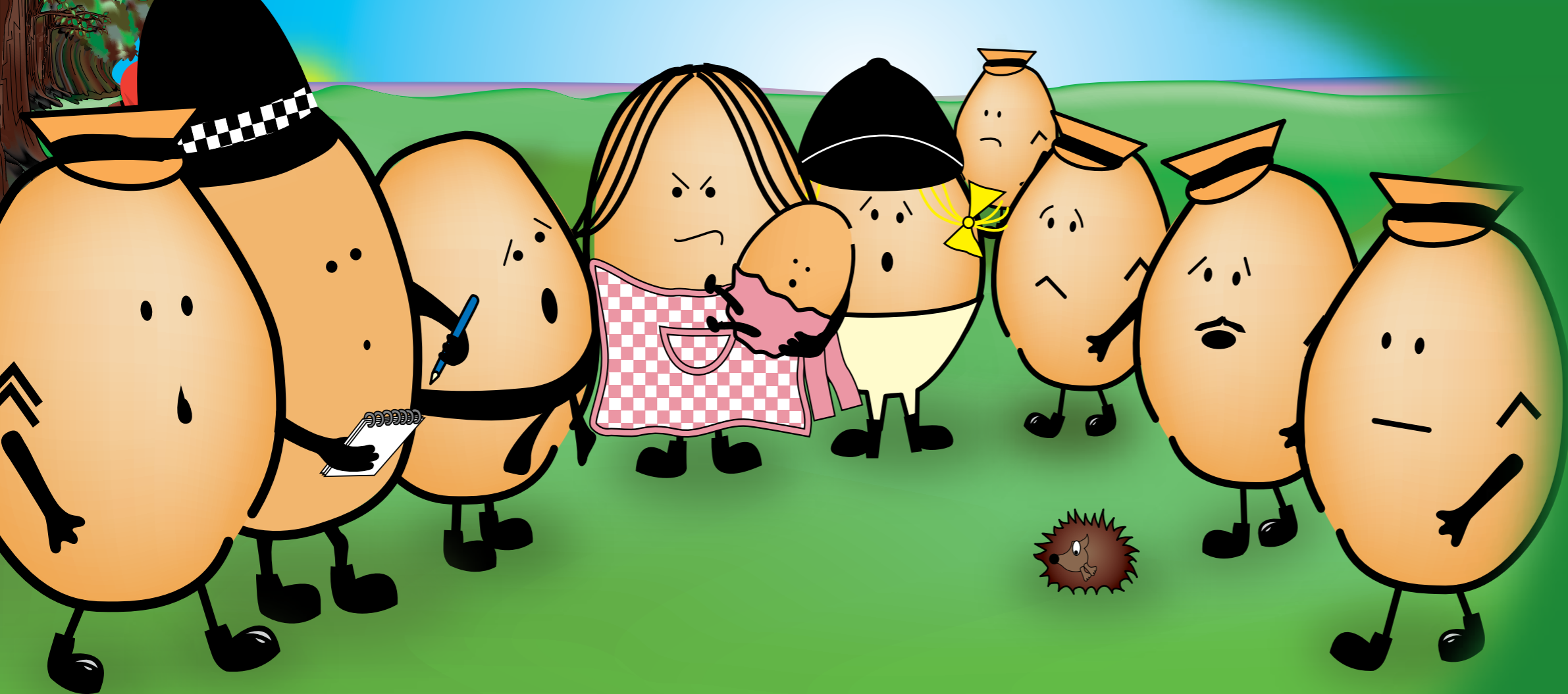


Military Bean rolls his shirt-sleeves up
And dances round the stranger:
"Put 'em up - come on and fight!
We're not afraid of danger!"

Poor Alien has had enough.
He's lost, alone and scared -
No-one seems to want to help;
If only someone cared!

Aliens may be different,
And raise all kinds of fears -
But there's nothing different
About an alien's tears.

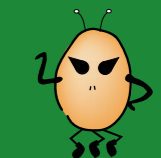




Suddenly, amidst the crowd,
Another bean appears:
It's Mummy Bean (with Baby Bean) -
She soon spots Alien's tears.

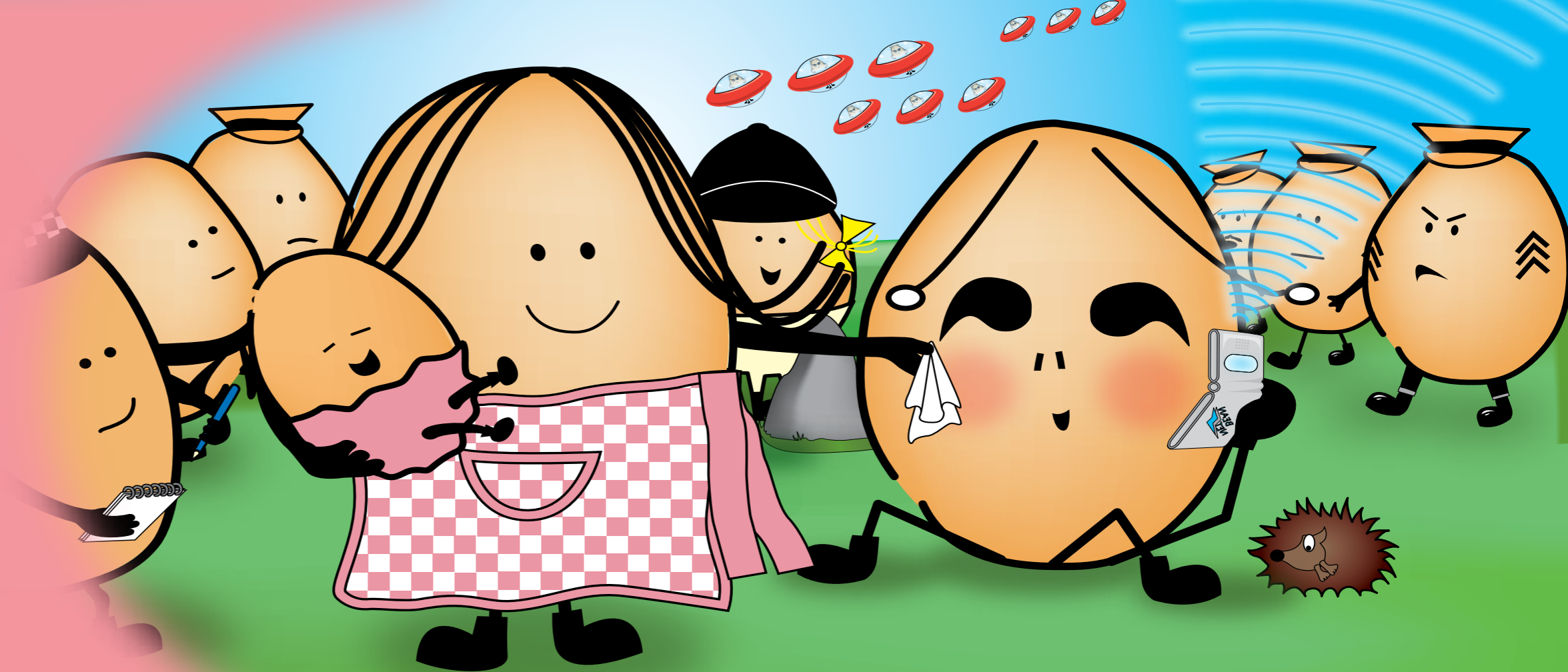
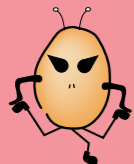
"Well, shame on you! Yes, all of you!"
She cries, "He's not a threat!
I bet the poor thing's lost his way,
That's why he's so upset."

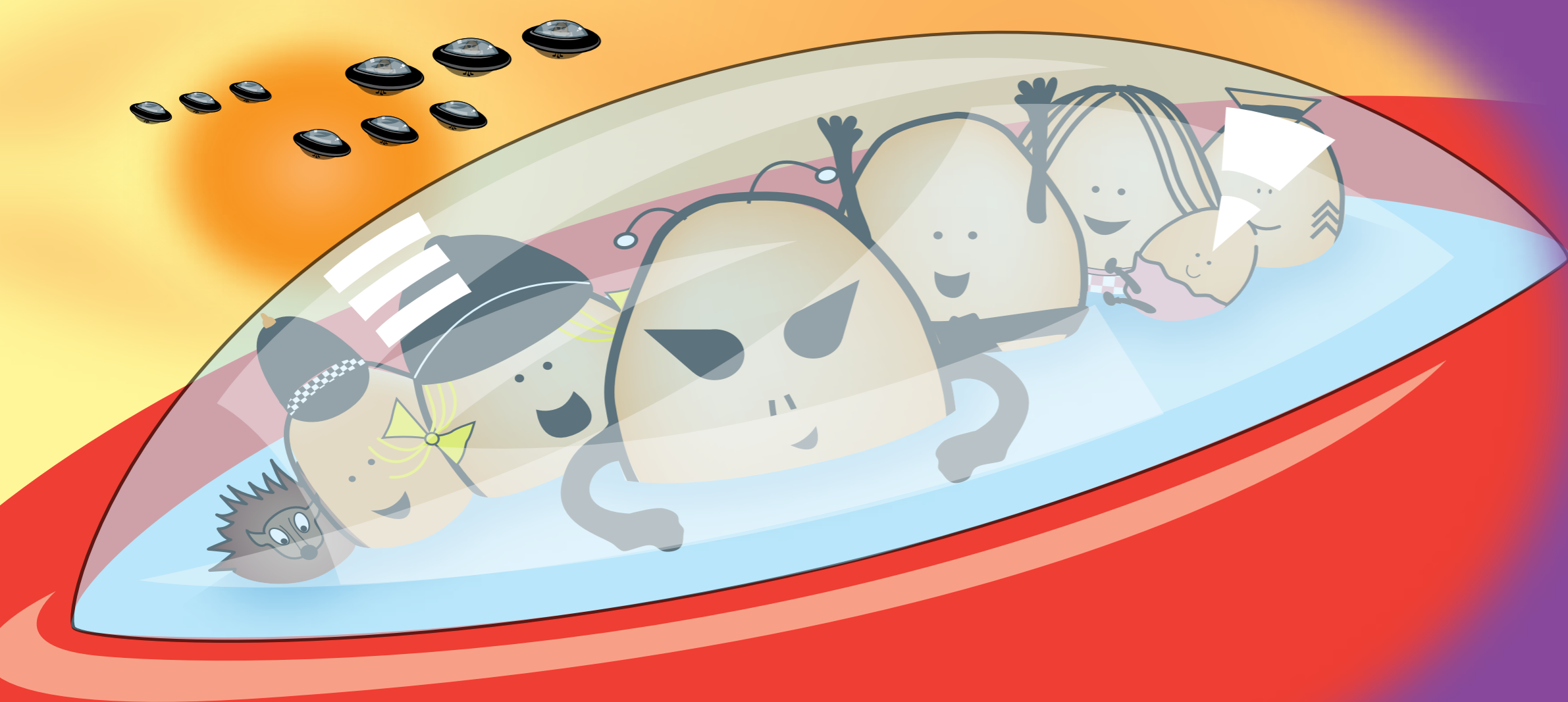
"All he needs is someone's help -
Instead, you want a fight!
Could not a single one of you
Assist him in his plight?"



Mummy Bean gets a tissue out
And gives his face a cleanse.
She passes him her mobile phone:
"Use this, and call your friends,"

Double-quick, he makes the call,
And soon the sky is filled
With all his mates, to pick him up,
And Alien Bean is thrilled.





They bring him special alien food
(ingenium, besides);
And soon the BEANS are in the sky -
On flying saucer rides!

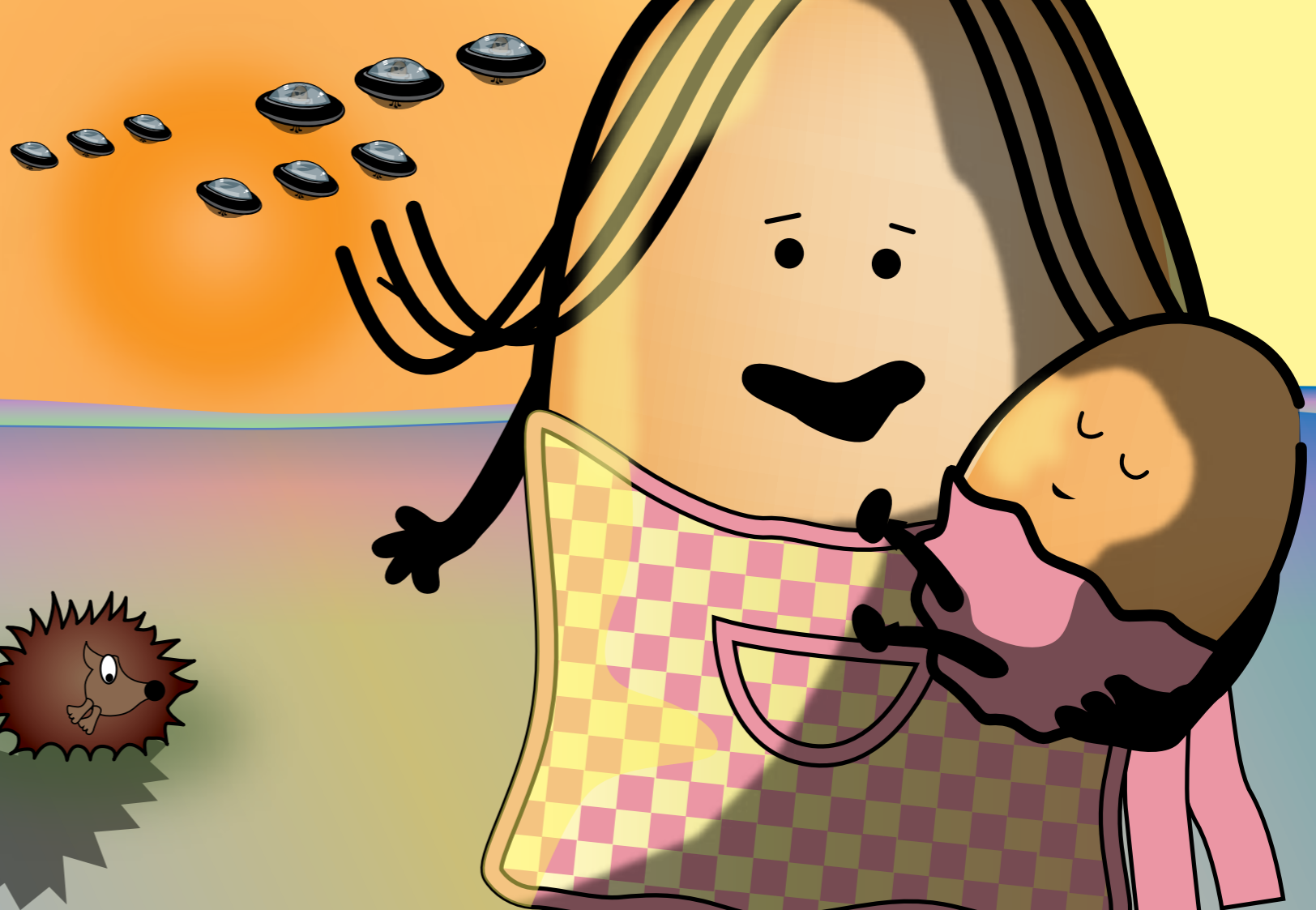
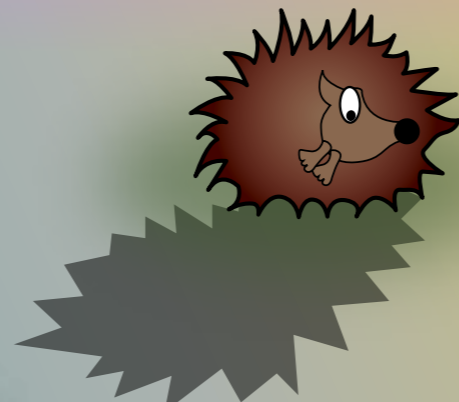
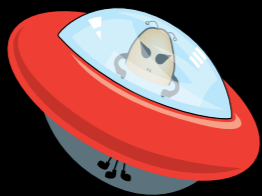
Faster than an asteroid,
Everyone's made friends;
And all the beans are wondering
Just why they'd been so dense.



Later, when the fleet has gone,
And it's all calm again -
They all agree they nearly missed
The chance of a new friend.

"When someone's a bit different,"
Says Mummy Bean, ever-wise,
"Accept them, even if they come
A-dropping out the skies!"

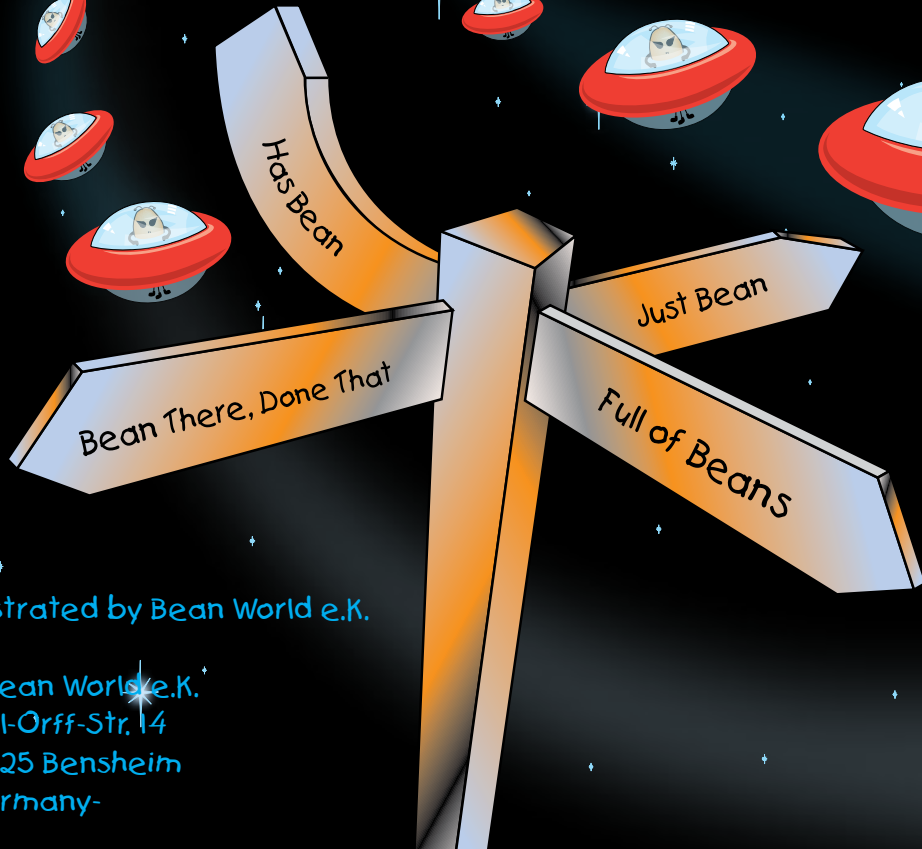
"Everyone is special," she said,
"We all deserve a chance.
It's the only certain way
That Bean World can advance."





From time to time, quite late at night,
The beans gaze at the stars;
And wonder how their new friend is,
Now back at home - on Mars.

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