

Bean World™

Green Runner Bean Comes A Cropper

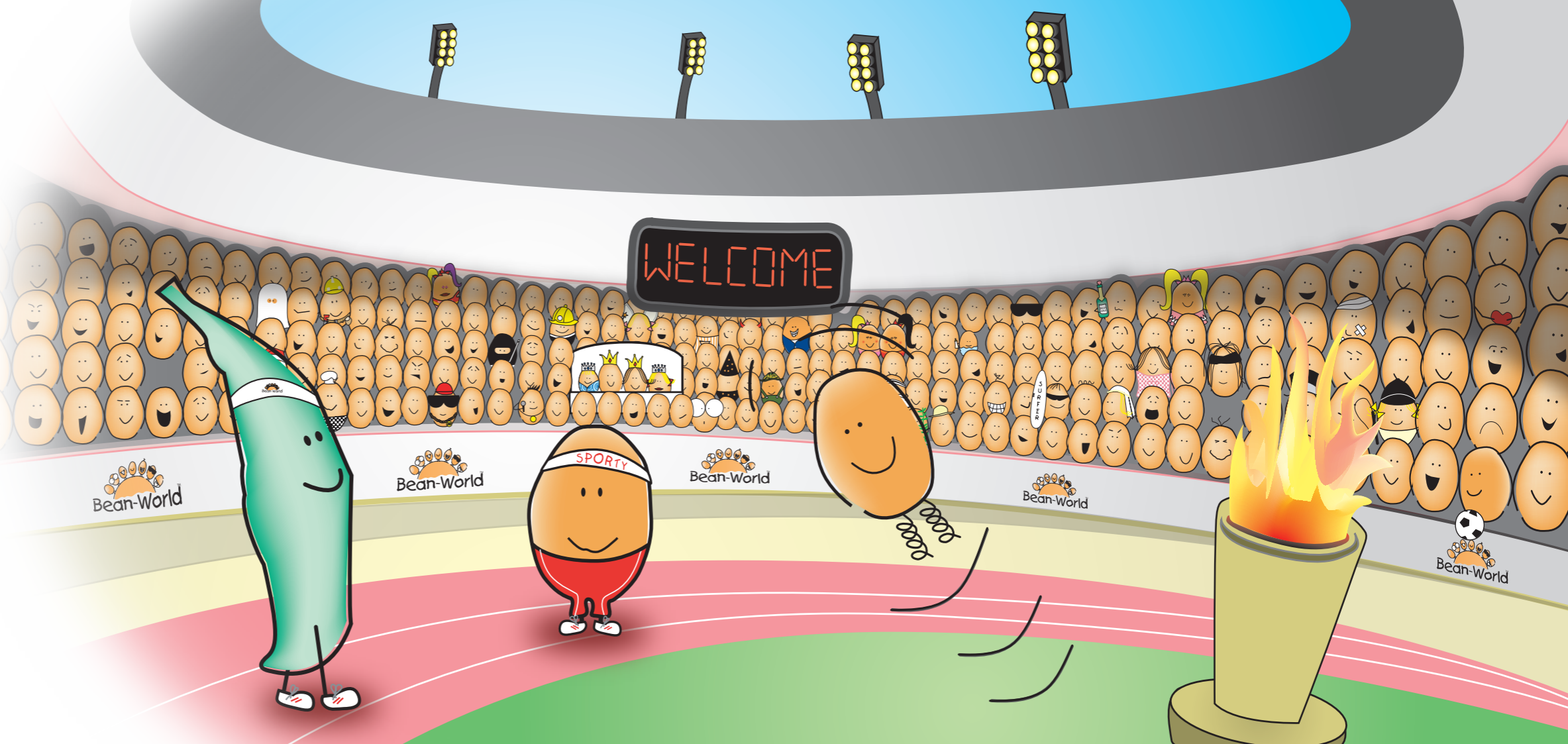
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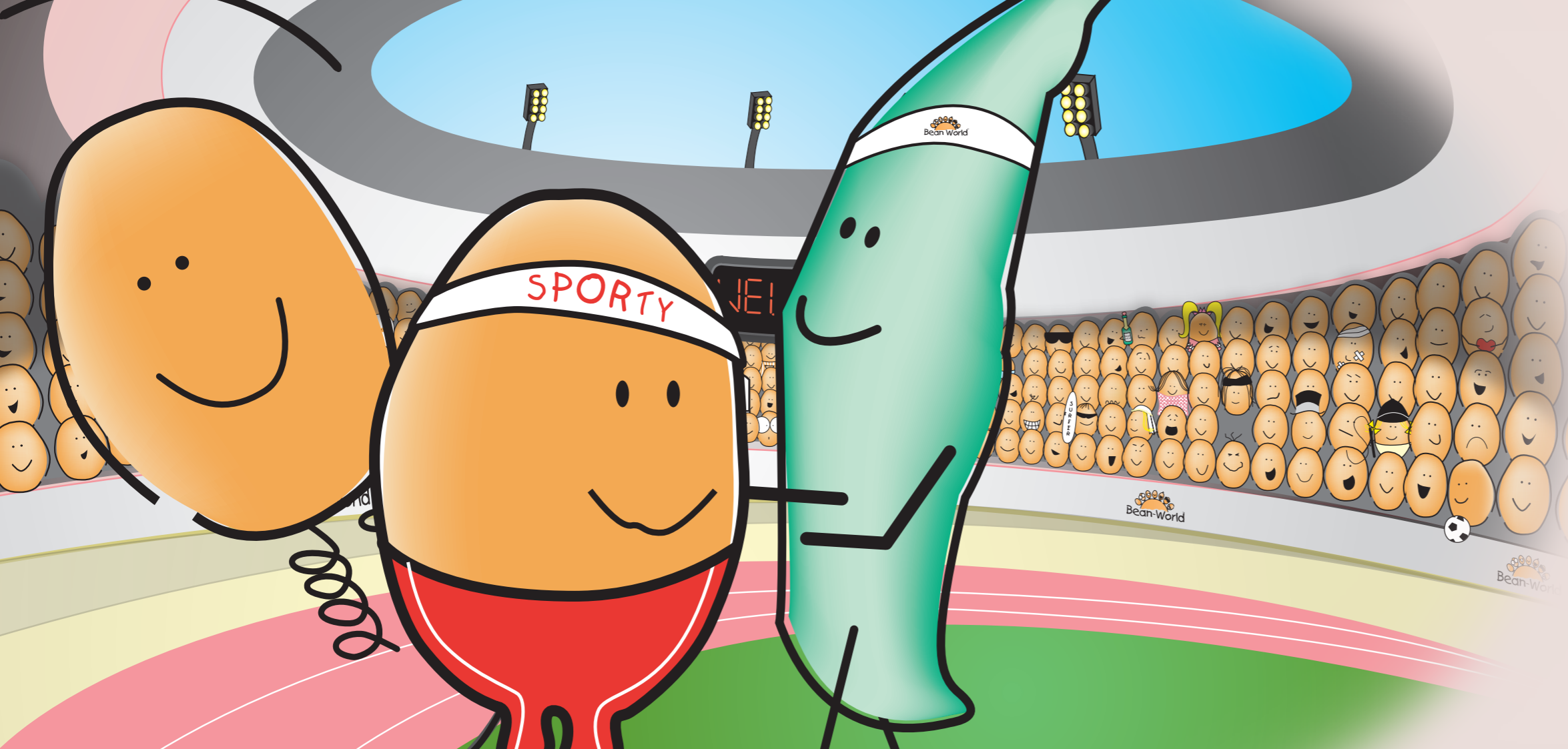


Bean World's builders' biggest job
Took longer than they thought -
But here it is, brand spanking new:
A stadium for sport.

The Bean World Games begin today
And everyone is cheering;
The sound of clapping lifts the roof
As runners start appearing.

Our sporty beans have all arrived,
They're down among the hustle.
On the track they're warming up
So they don't pull a muscle.

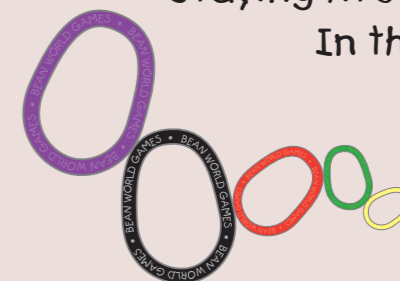




Green Runner Bean, his tracksuit on,
Is hopeful for a gold:
Though many of the racing beans
Have reputations to uphold.

Now Sporty Bean and Jumping Bean
Will also be competing -
Their running and their hurdling
Are going to take some beating.

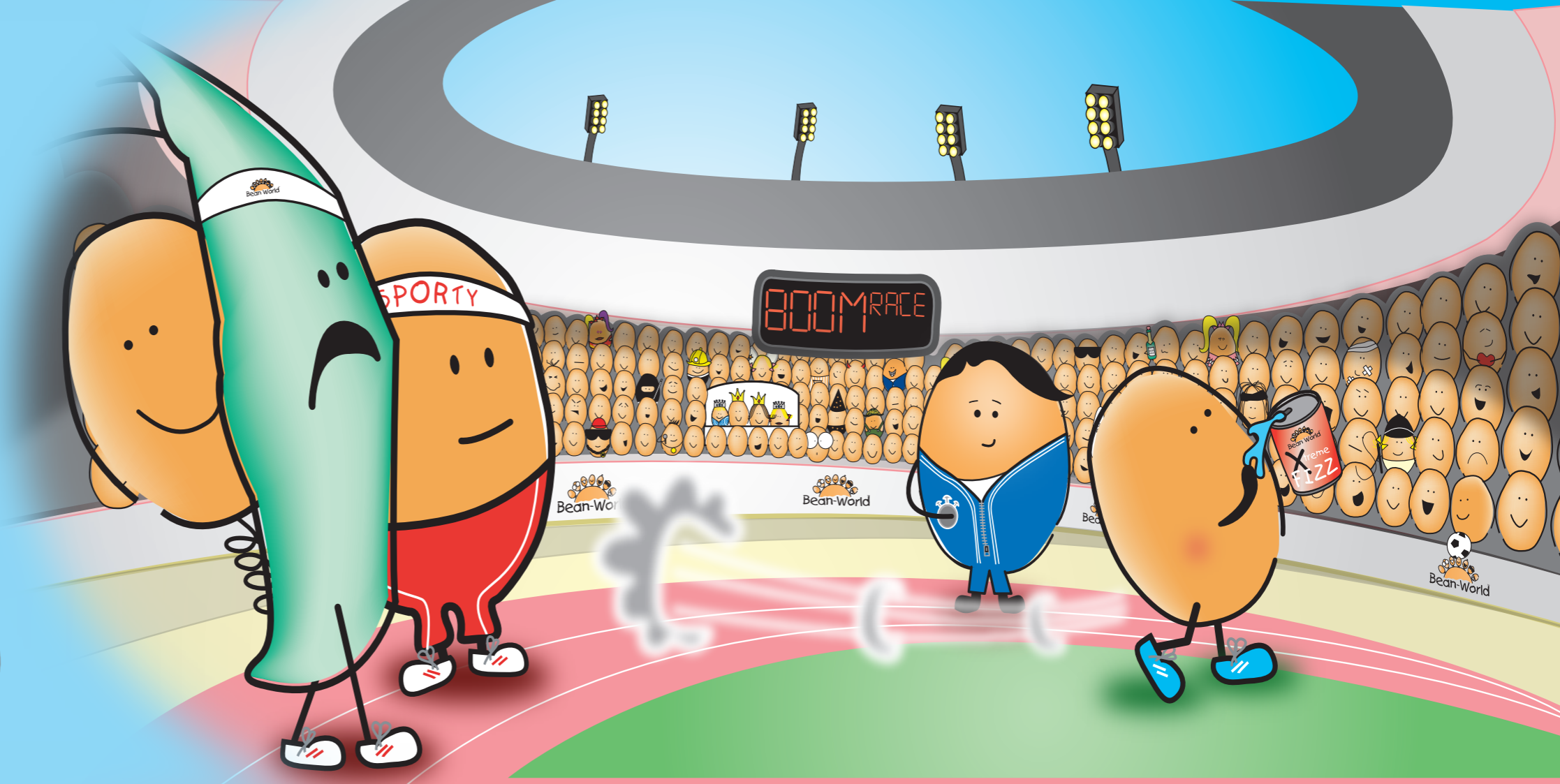
Sporty Bean trains all year round.
"I've got no time for cheaters!
Staying fit's the way to win
In the 800 metres."

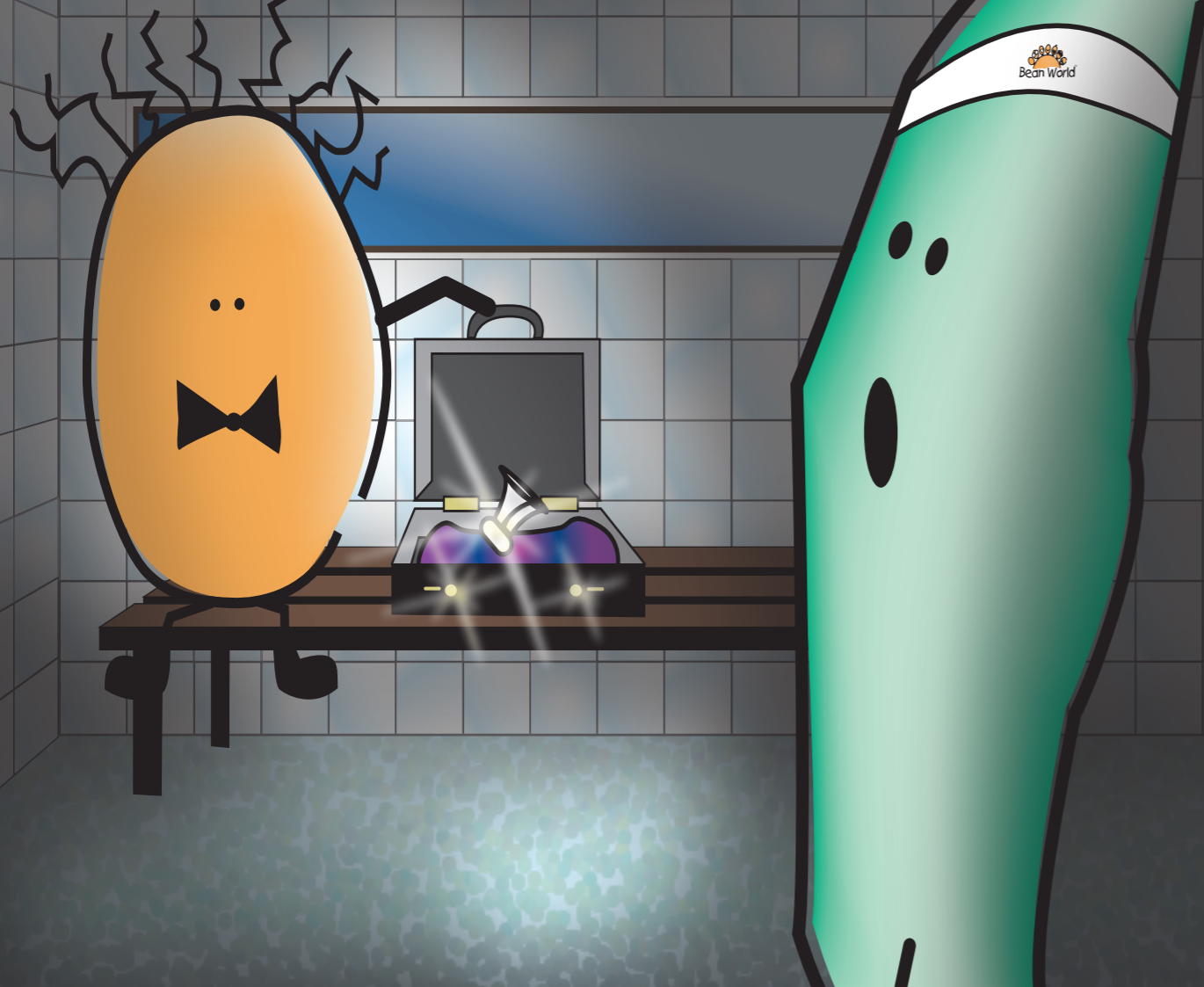


Something catches Green Runner's eye -
A frown is on his face.
"Pardon Bean has just arrived -
I think he's in the race!"

His pals all laugh, they're not concerned -
"Just look at his condition!"
But Green Runner doesn't like the thought
Of this new competition.

"Well, Pardon Bean is gas-propelled,"
He thinks, and rubs his chin.
"It could be the advantage that
He needs to help him win."



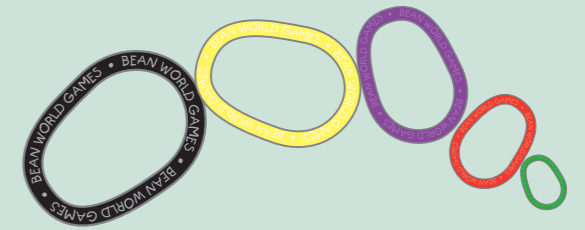
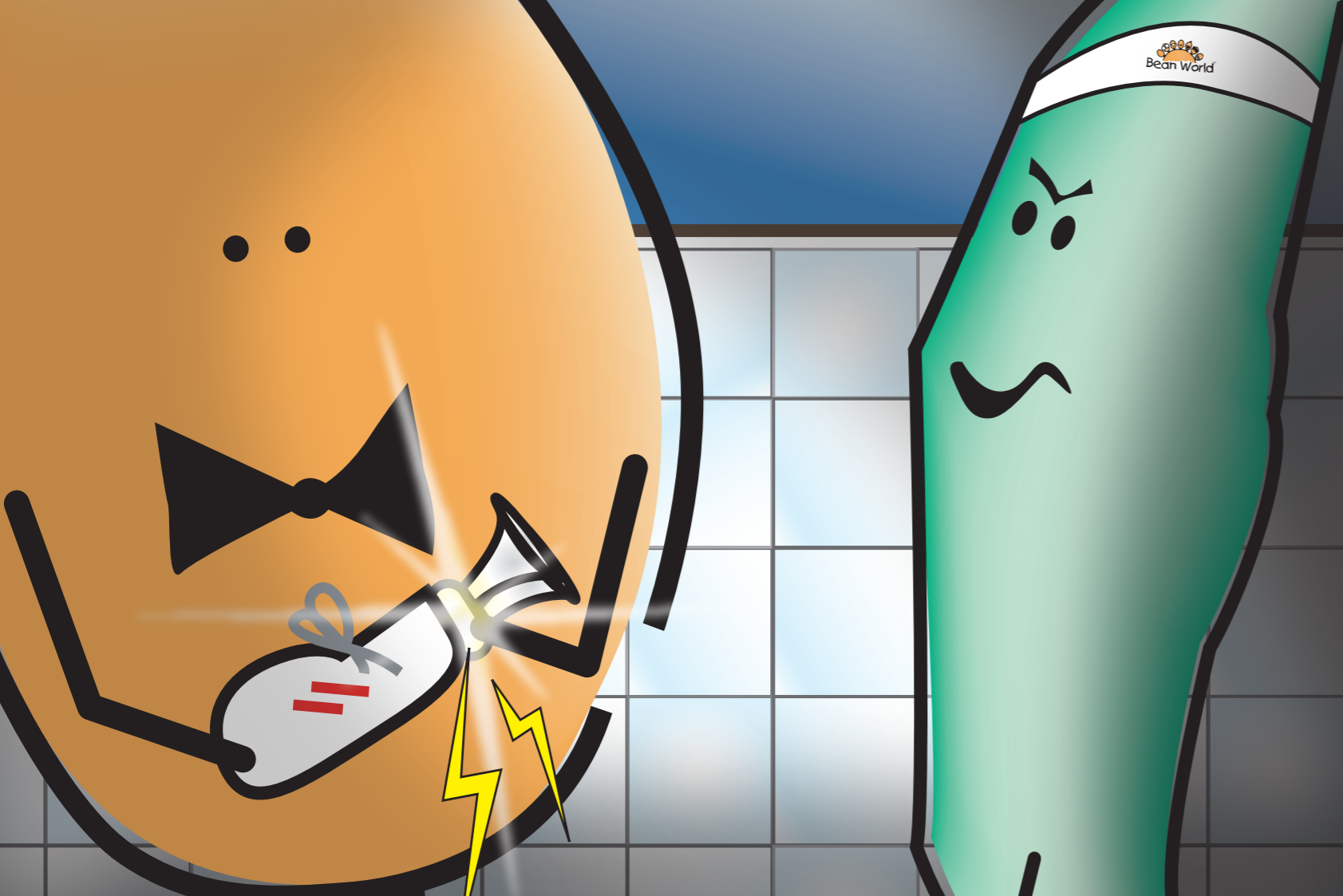


Green Runner Bean just can't dispel
His sense of doom and gloom;
He makes a call, and heads off to
The athletes' changing room.

Stealthily he creeps inside,
But what are his intentions?
Well, look who else has just arrived!
Inventor, plus inventions.

"Psssst!" says Green Runner, "Can you help?
I've got to win this race!"
Our brainy friend flicks up the locks
On his inventor's case.

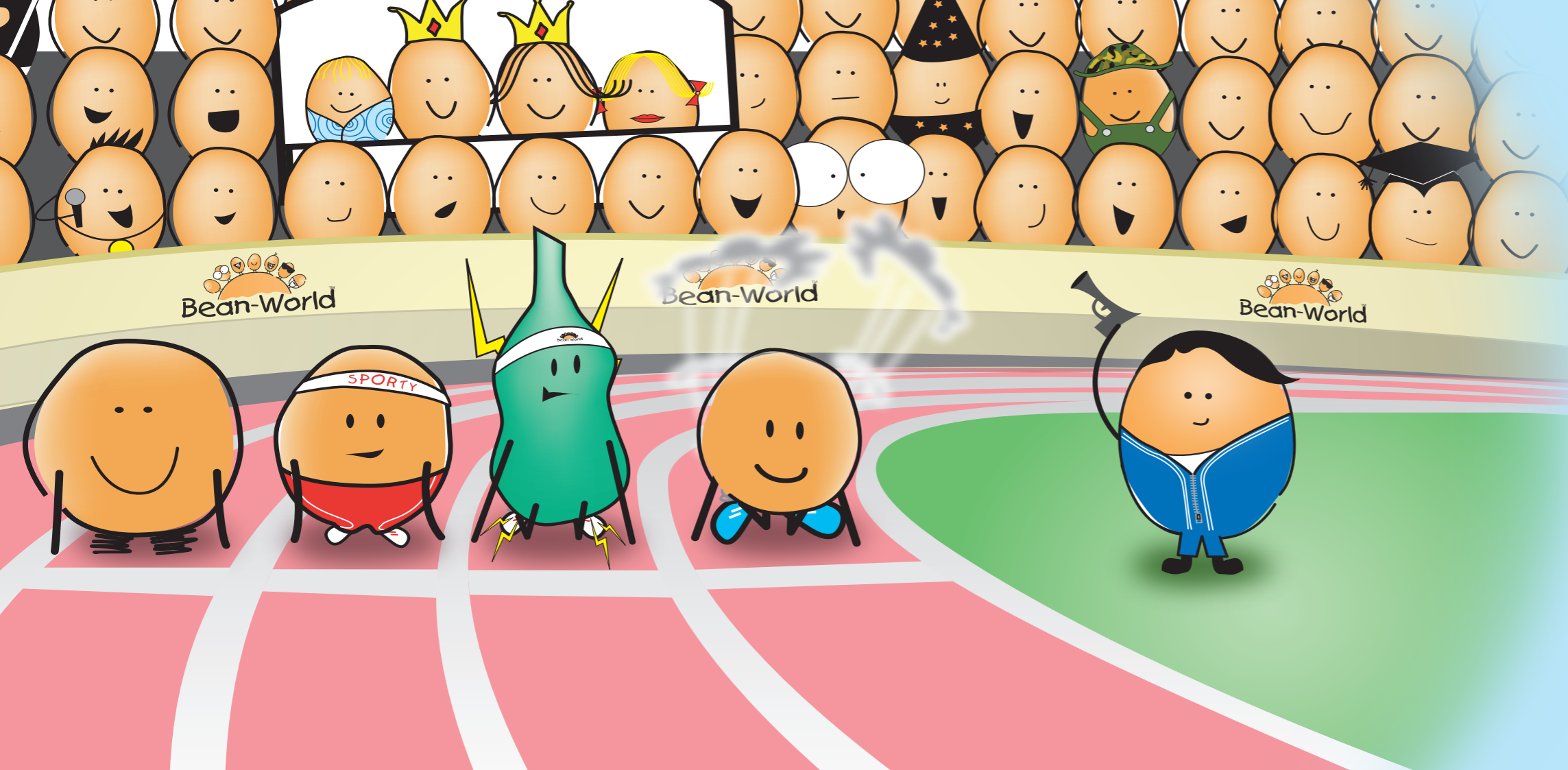




“Put your feet up, hurry now!”
He points at Green Runner’s shoes.
But Green Runner Bean is horrified:
“I’ve got no time to lose!”

“Come ON!” Inventor Bean replies,
And undoes Green Runner’s laces.
“My gadgets are just what you need
To help you win your races.”

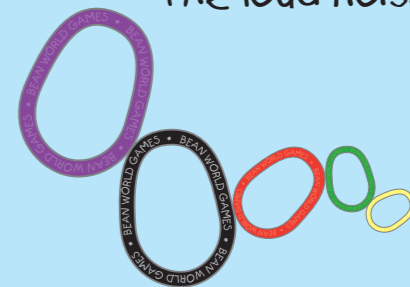
A minute later, shoes back on,
Green Runner’s fears are quelled.
The secret gadgets firmly on,
His shoes are jet-propelled!



Back on the track, excited now,
Green Runner Bean just grins.
"Pardon may be full of gas -
But we'll soon see who wins!"

The tracksuits and the caps come off,
They take up their positions.
All Green Runner Bean can think of is
Achieving his ambitions.

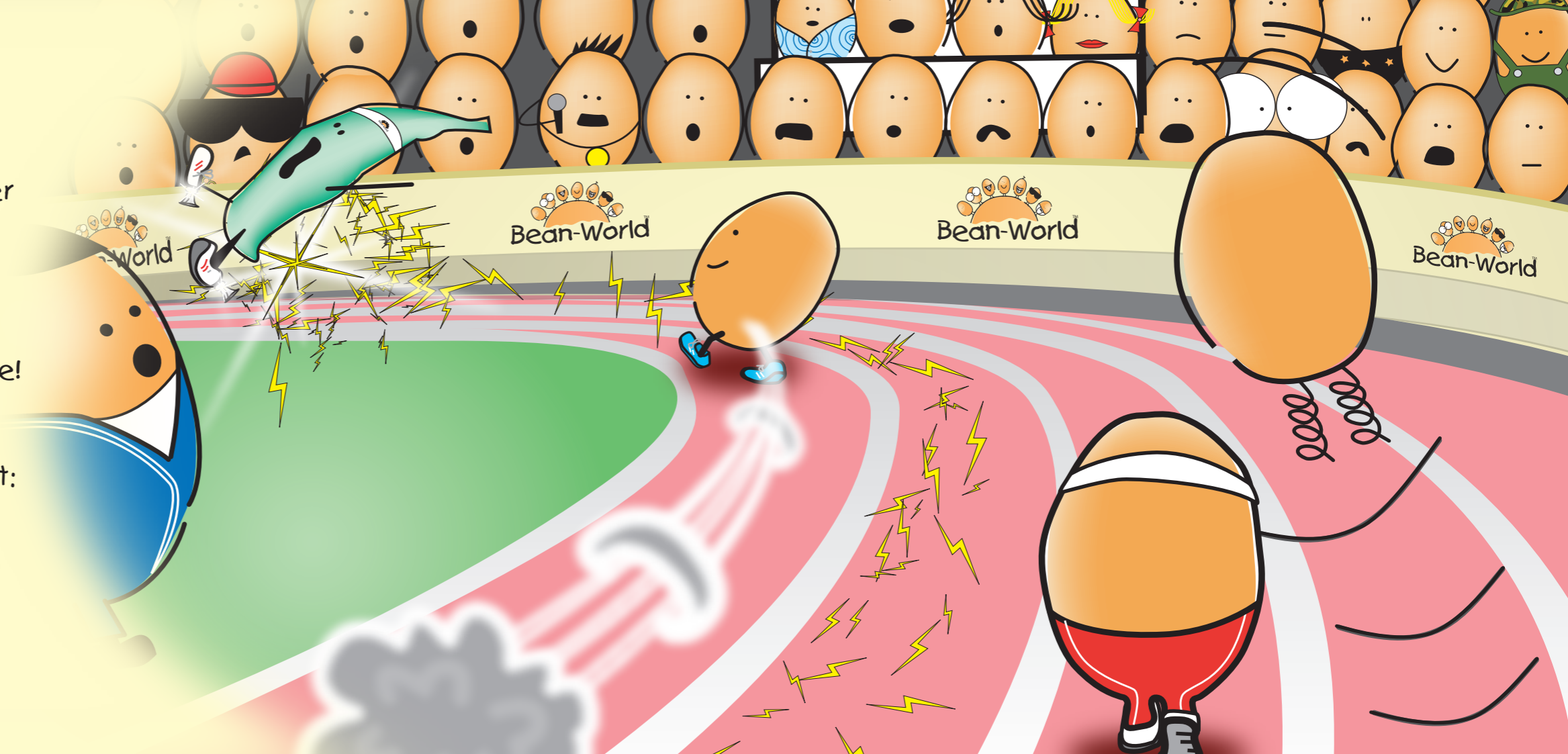
The stadium is silent now -
The athletes wait to run.
Everyone is listening for
The loud noise of the gun.



BANG! The beans are off at last -
And look at our man go!
Compared to Green Runner, all the other
Athletes seem so slow.

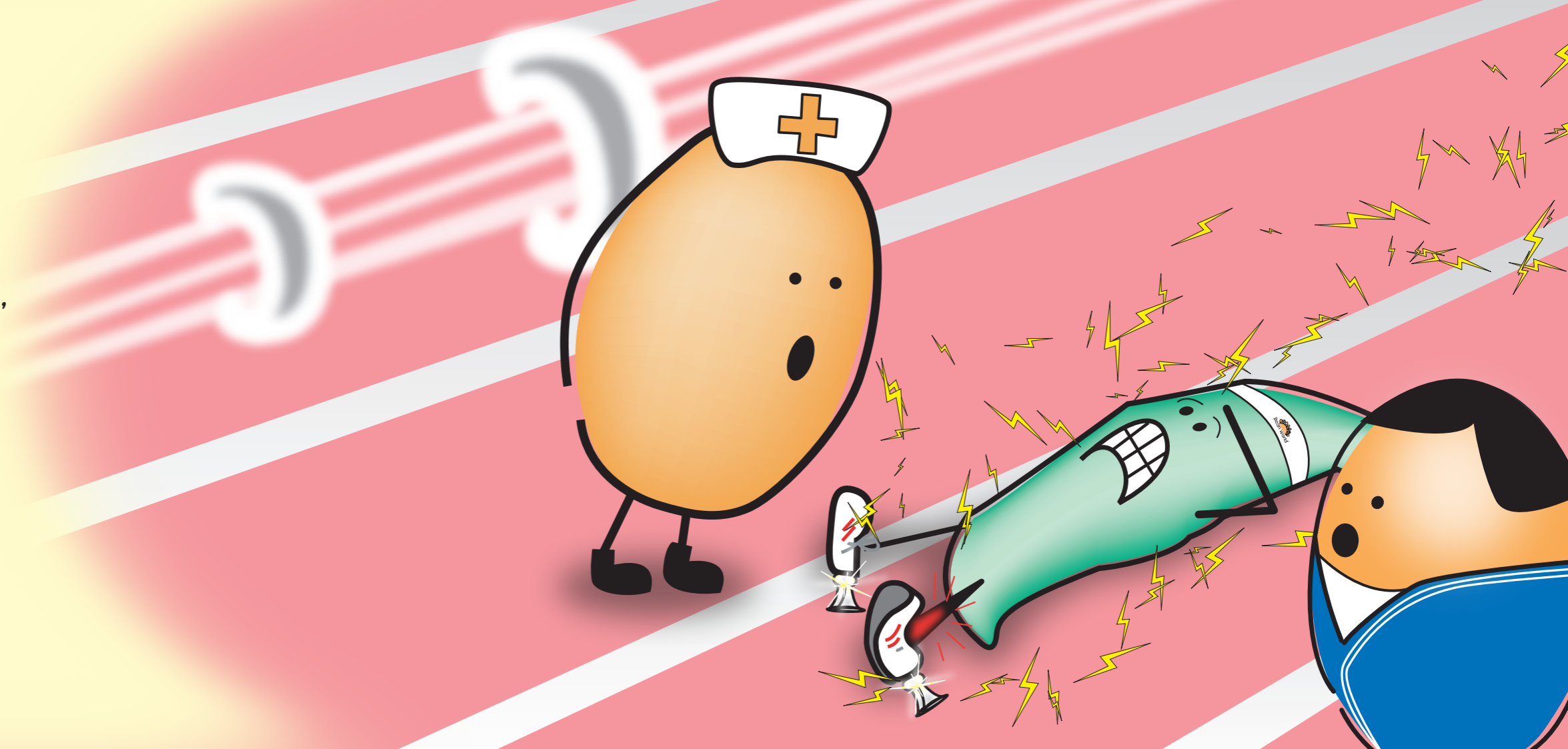
On the bend it's going well
And Green Runner just gets faster,
Till there's a flash - and look! Some smoke!
Well, this just spells disaster.

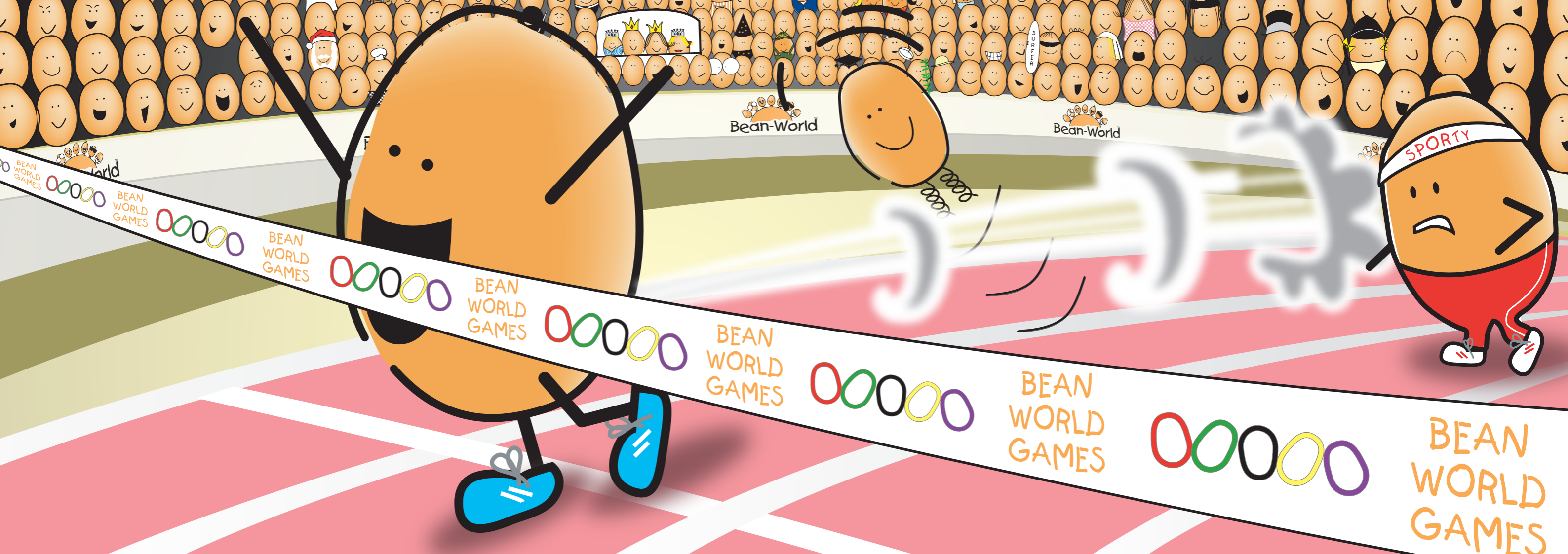
Green Runner's feet can't take the heat:
He sprawls flat on his face.
That micro-jet has just destroyed
His chances in this race.



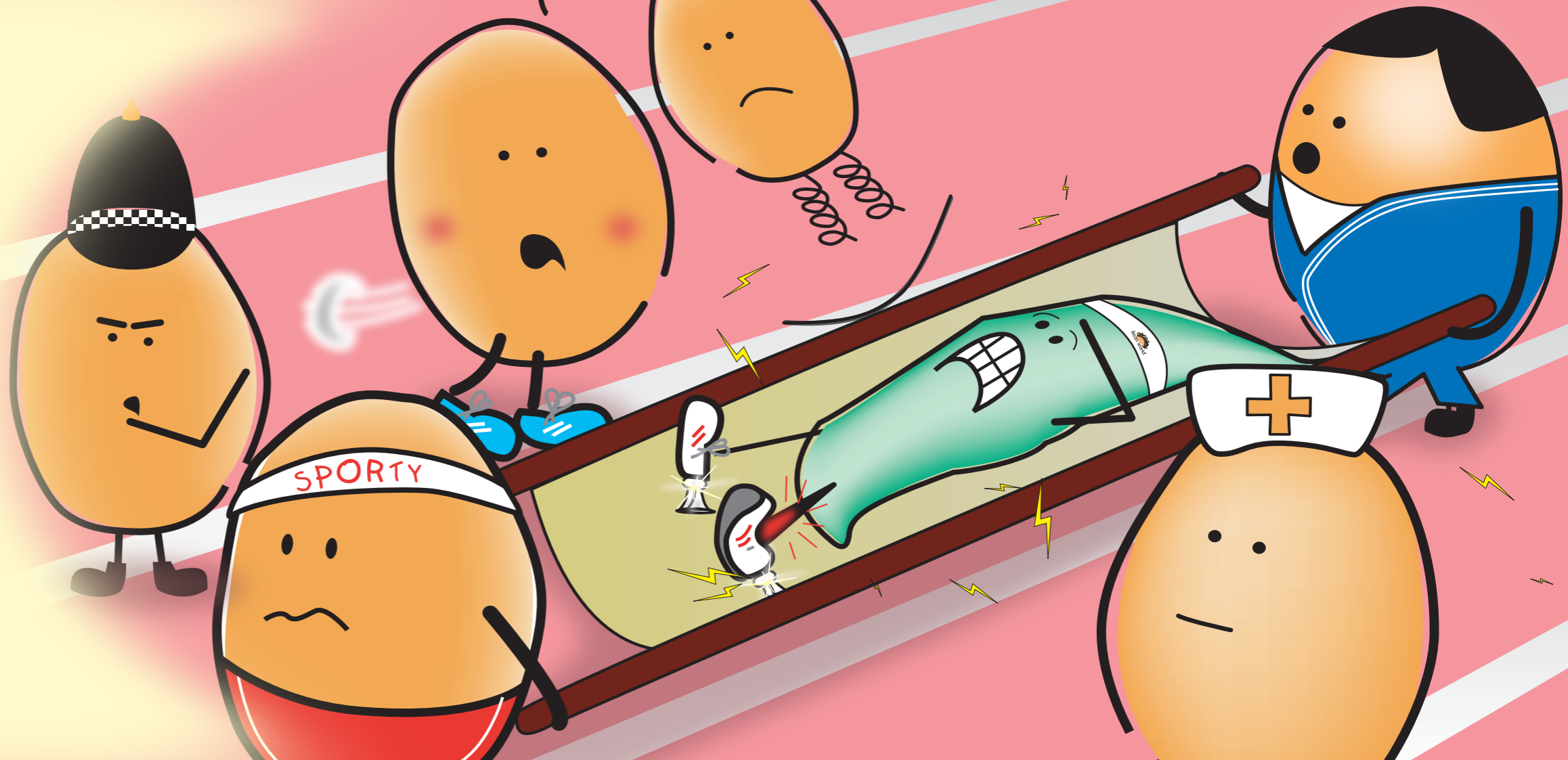
A nurse is watching from the stands:
She sprints to Green Runner's aid.
Bending down to take a look,
Nurse Bean is quite dismayed.

"A cheat!" she thinks, and stares at him,
And wonders what to do.
Green Runner Bean is mortified -
His sports career is through.





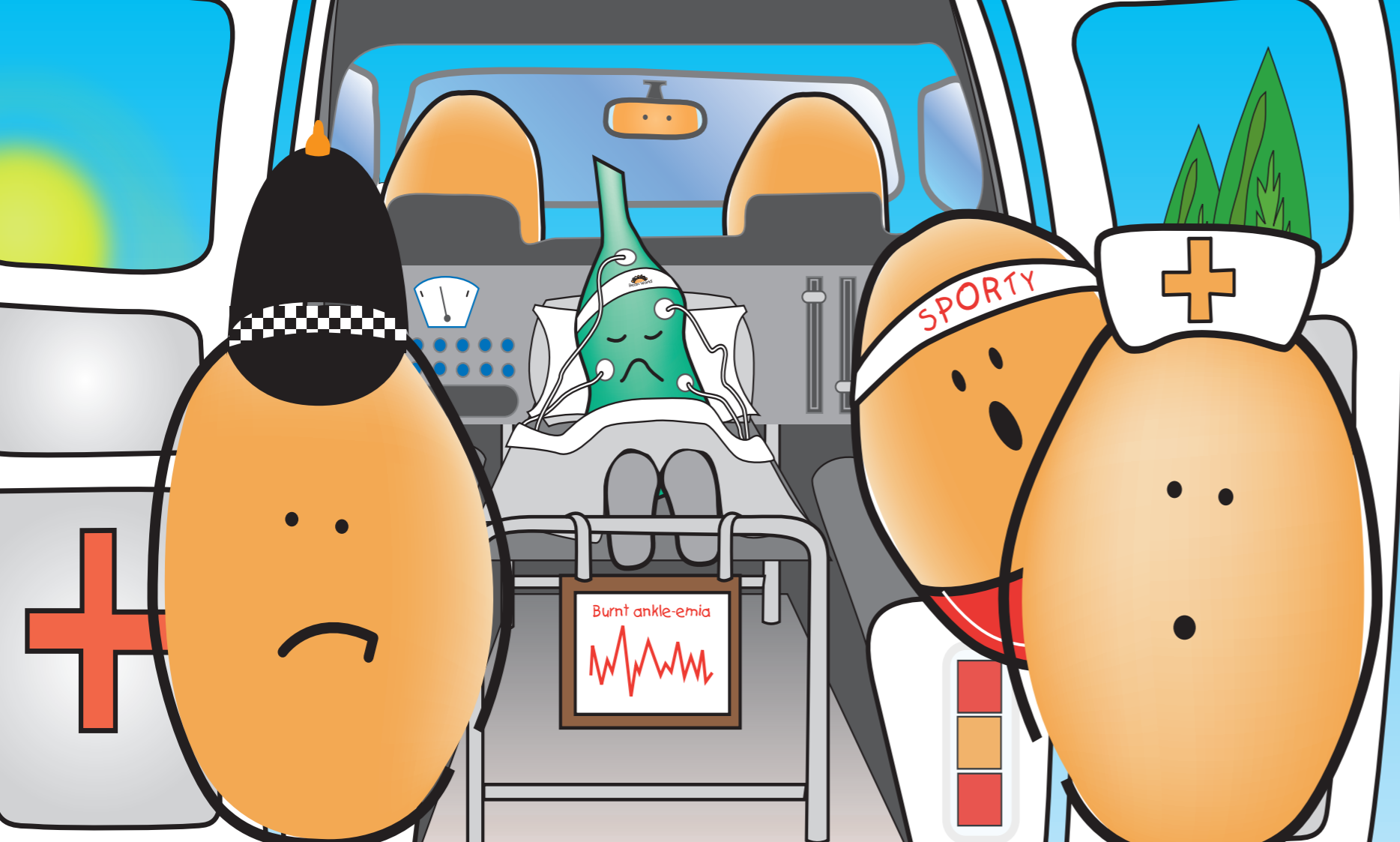
Bobby Bean, quite out of puff,
Soon bustles to the scene.
It doesn't take him long to see
What's wrong with Green Runner Bean.





“Whatever next?” our Bobby pants,
“This really takes the biscuit!
Quite a daring escapade -
Whatever made him risk it?”

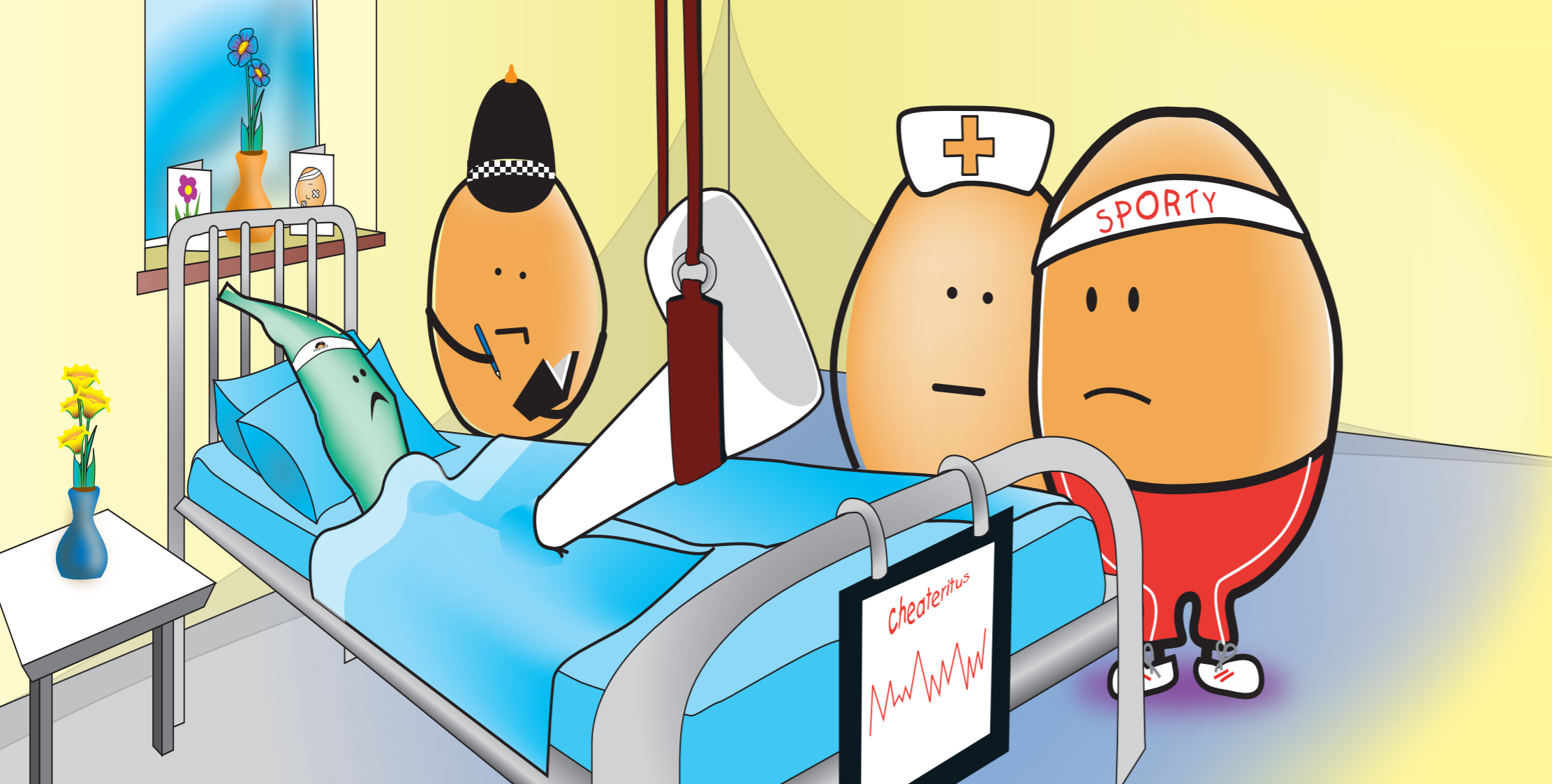




Green Runner Bean, by now in tears,
Is also in some pain.
The paramedics who arrive
Just treat him with disdain.

Green Runner's been disqualified,
For cheating's not allowed.
He's been found out - and even worse,
It's been seen by the crowd.



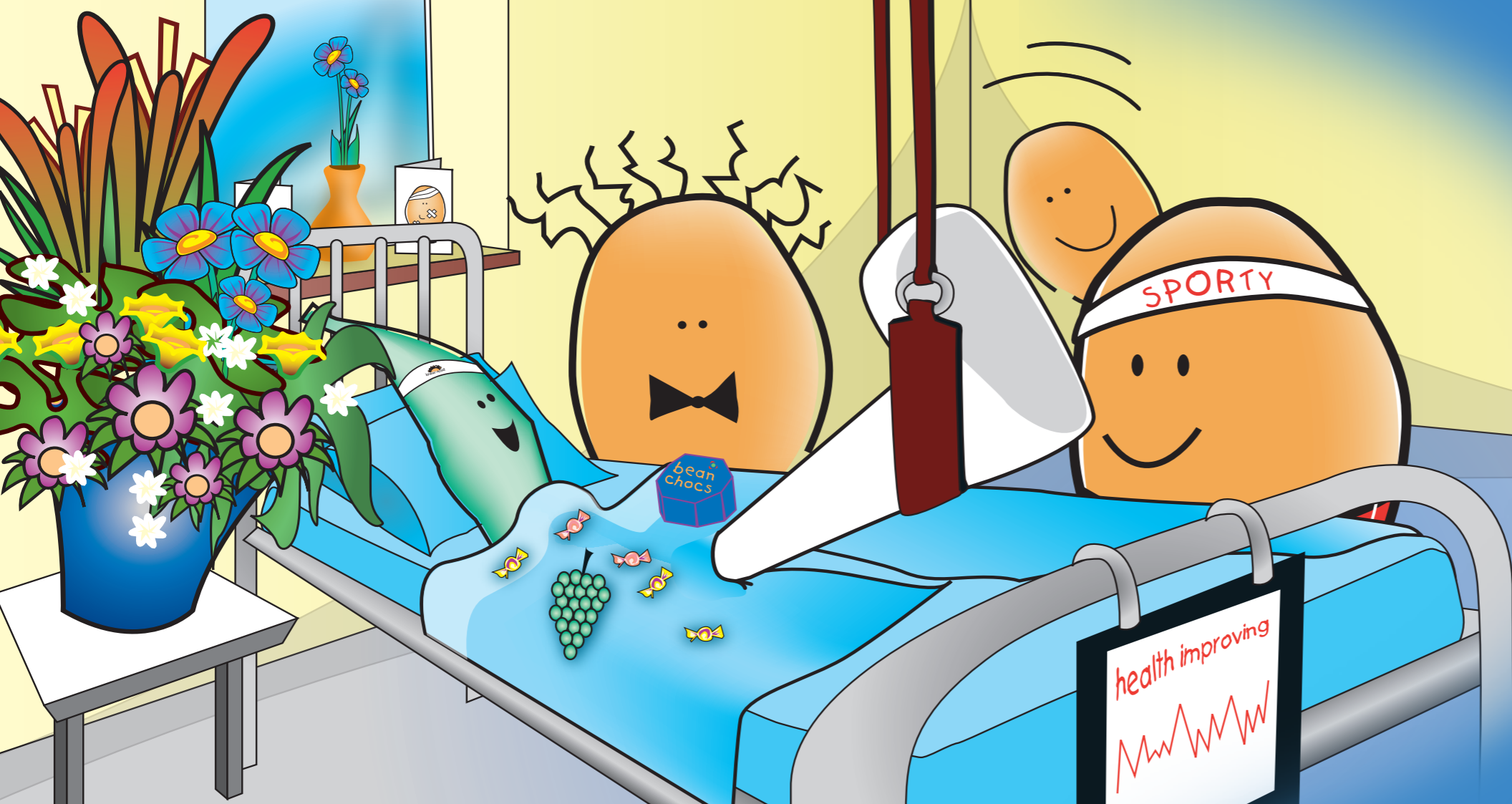


That evening, in the hospital,
Our friend is in less pain.
But Green Runner Bean feels so ashamed -
He won't do THAT again.

Sporty Bean drops by to see
How Green Runner Bean is feeling.
He tells his friend that, in his view,
Cheating's just like stealing.

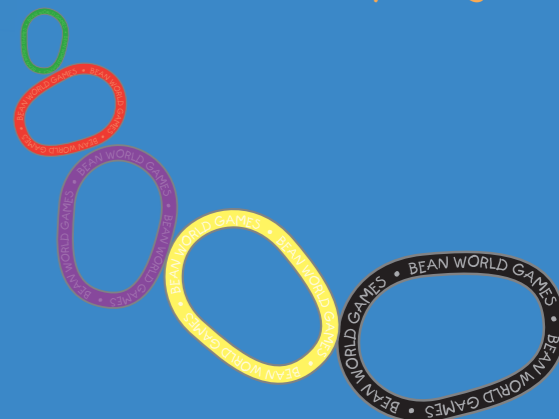
"At school, in sport, or playing games,
Cheating's never right.
I think you've learned your lesson now:
You've had a nasty fright."

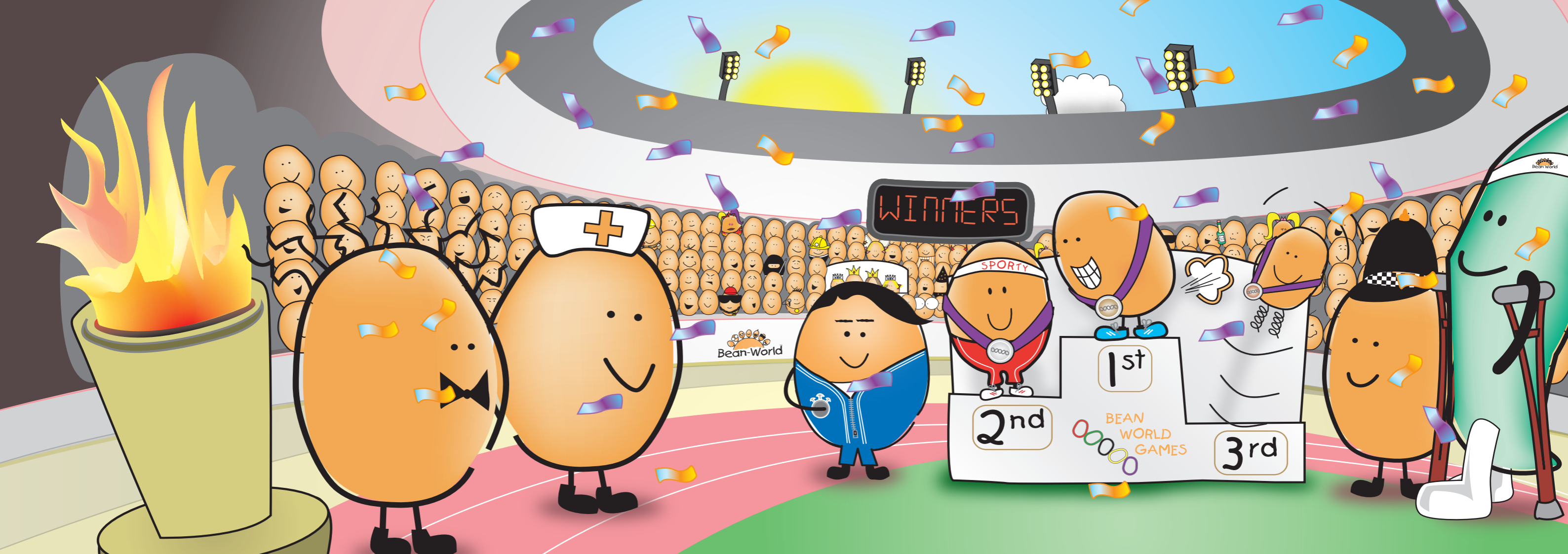




"I'm sorry," sniffles Green Runner Bean,
"I'm glad you came to visit.
Now I know that cheating's wrong -
It isn't clever, is it?"

All the beans forgive their friend;
Inventor's sorry, too.
"From now on, I'll be honest
In everything I do!"





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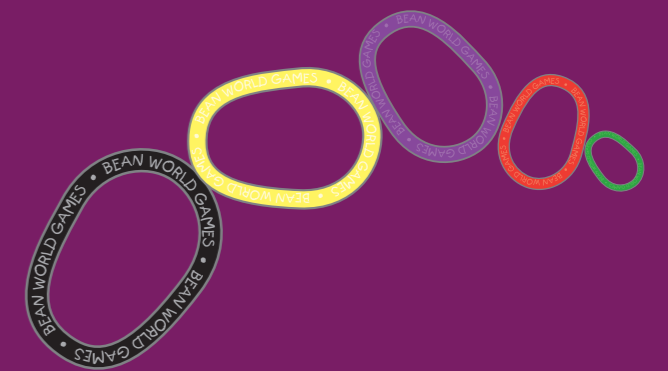
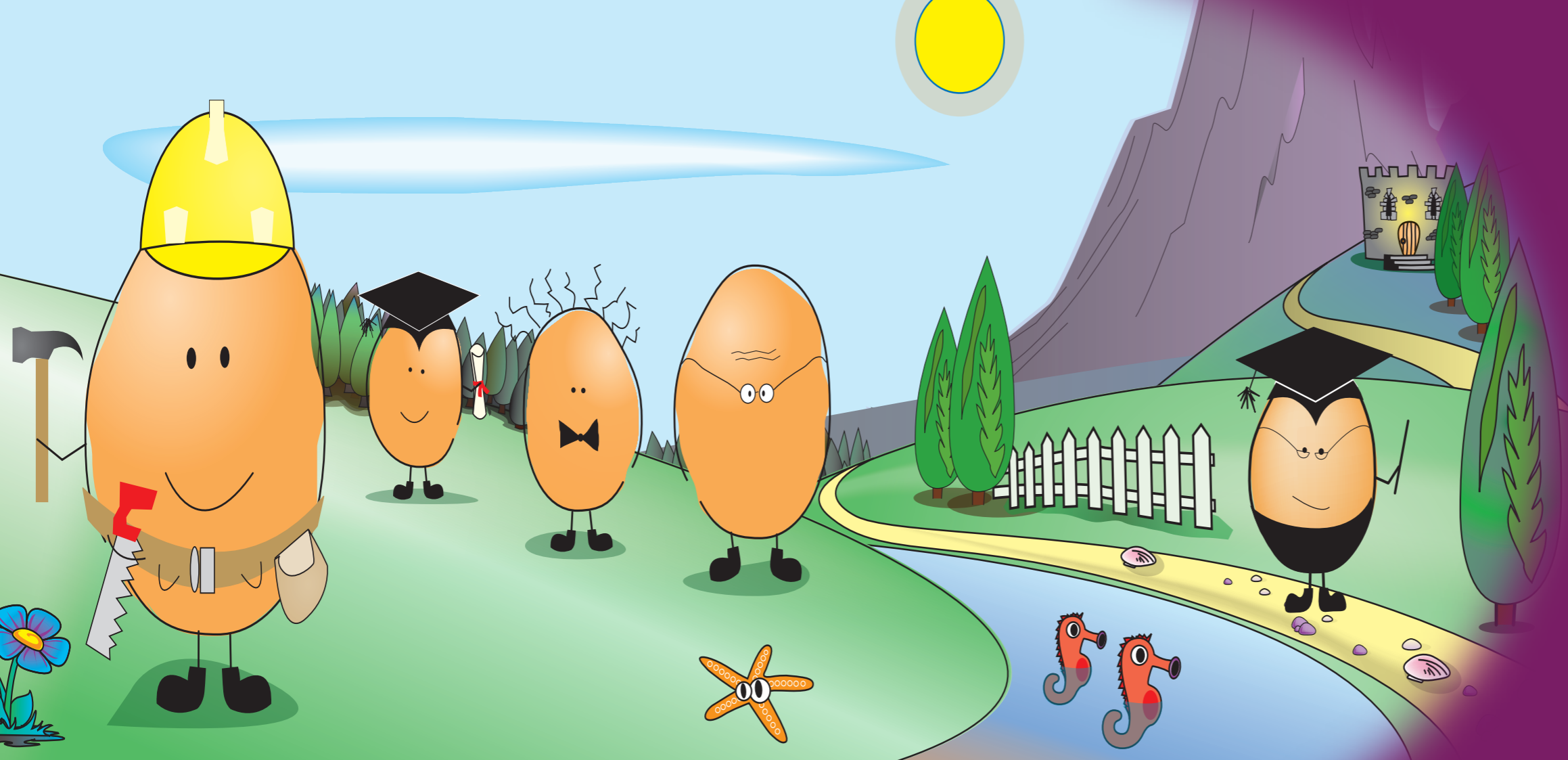
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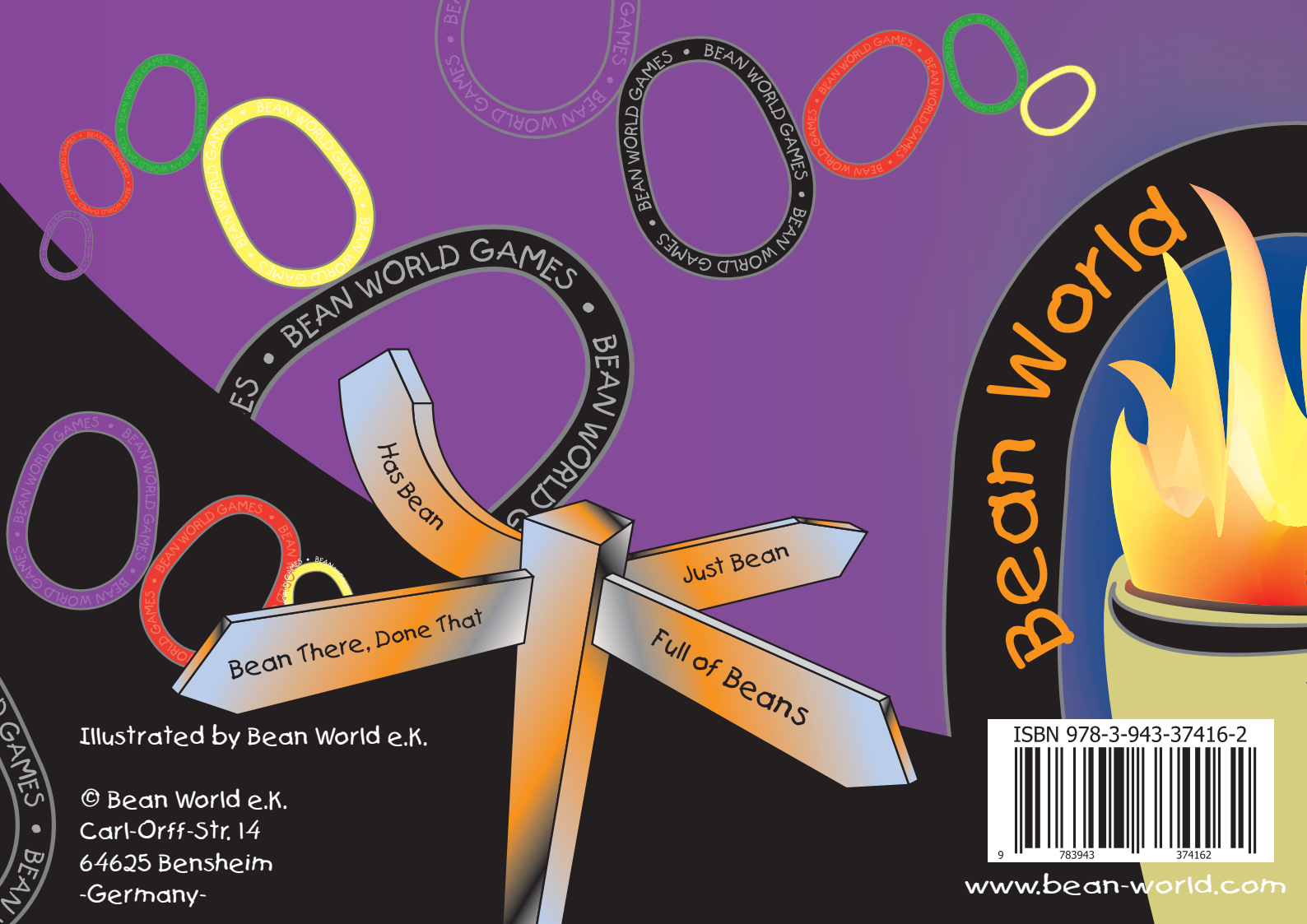
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