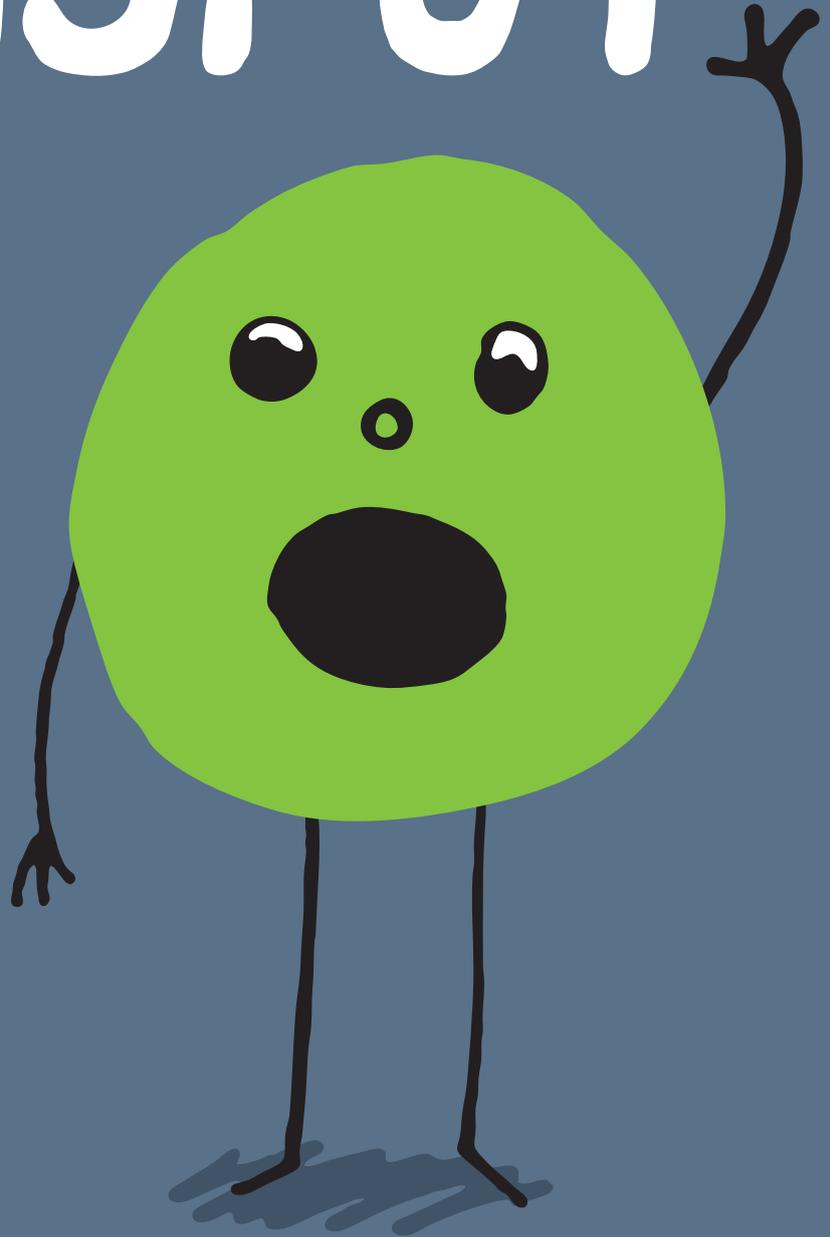


GREENSPOT

AND THE
DOTS



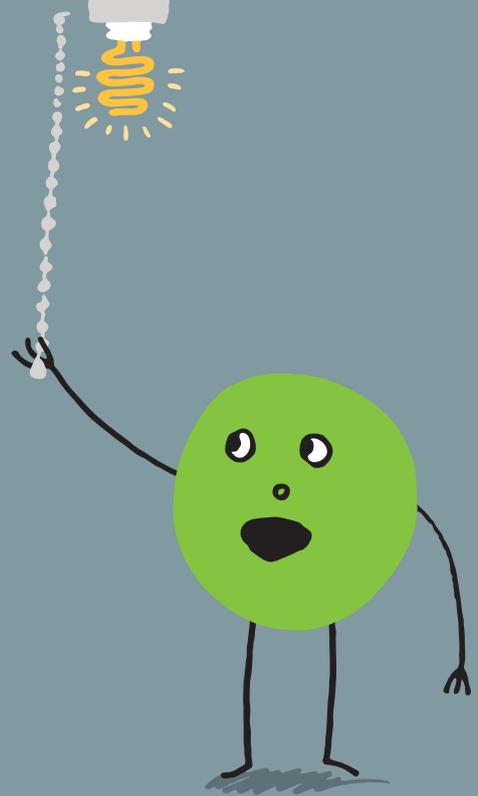
It was a day like any other day in
Columbus for GreenSpot. Well, almost.



He rolled out of bed. He showered quickly, to save water. He then turned off his bedroom light and headed outside to play.

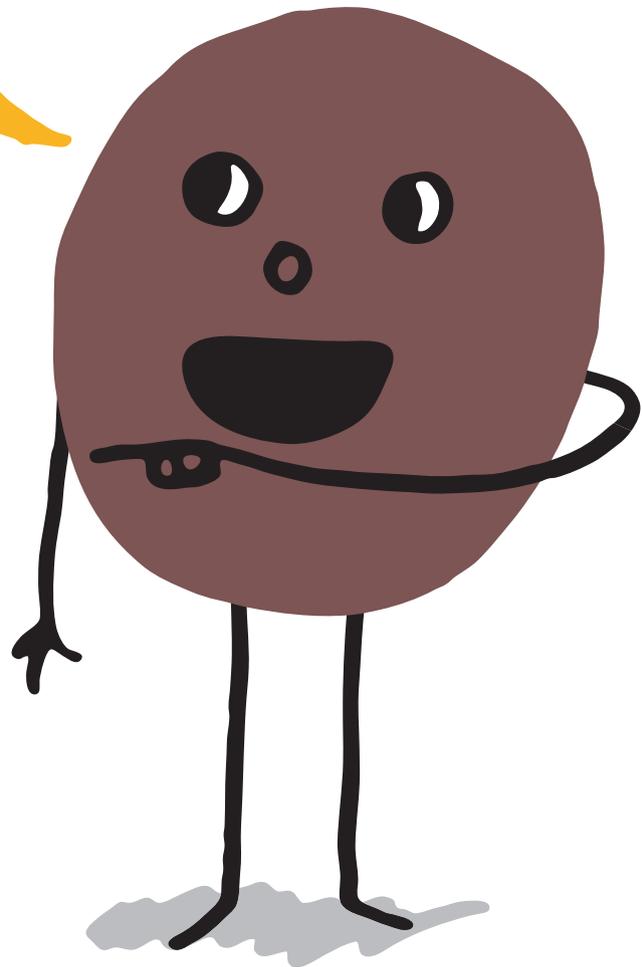
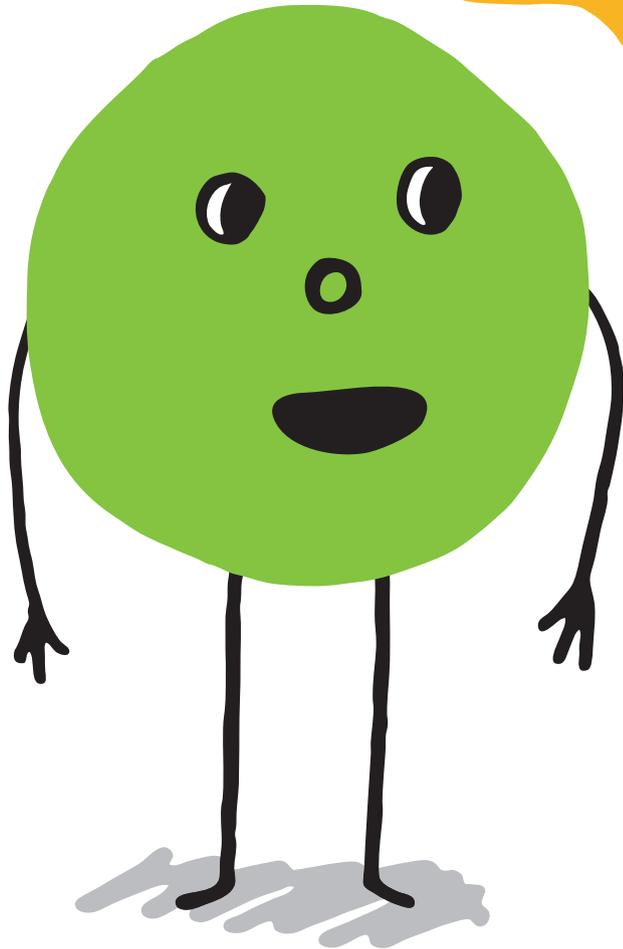


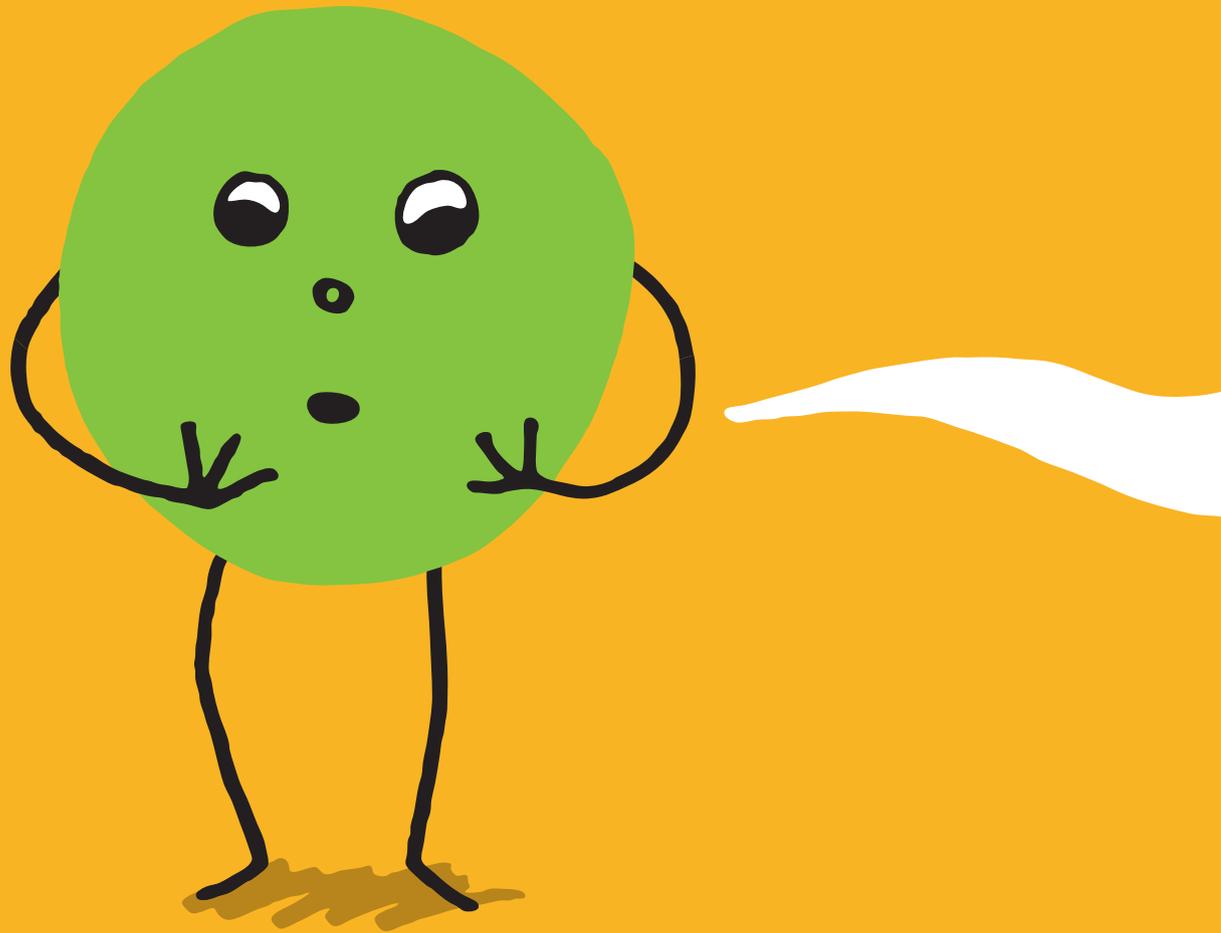
Did you know that turning off a light when you leave a room saves energy? It's as easy as flipping a switch.



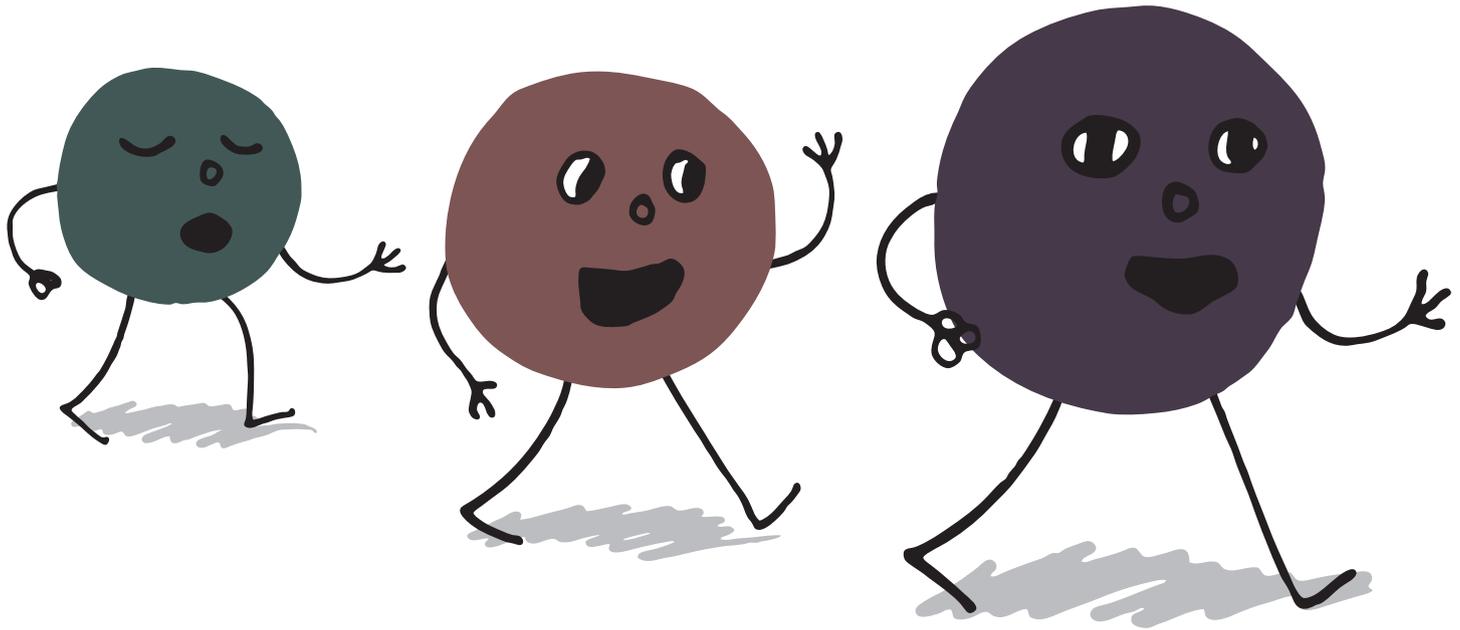
That's when GreenSpot's friend
walked up and said:

What makes you green?





I don't know.
I've never
thought
about it.

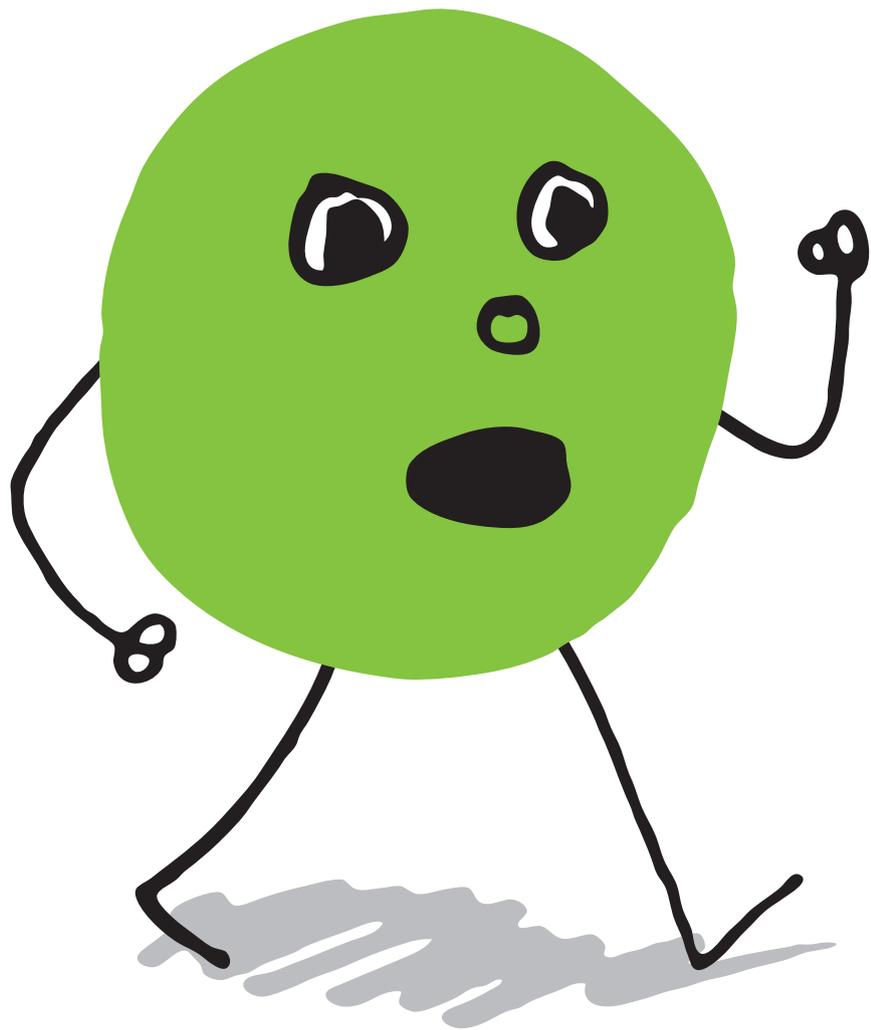
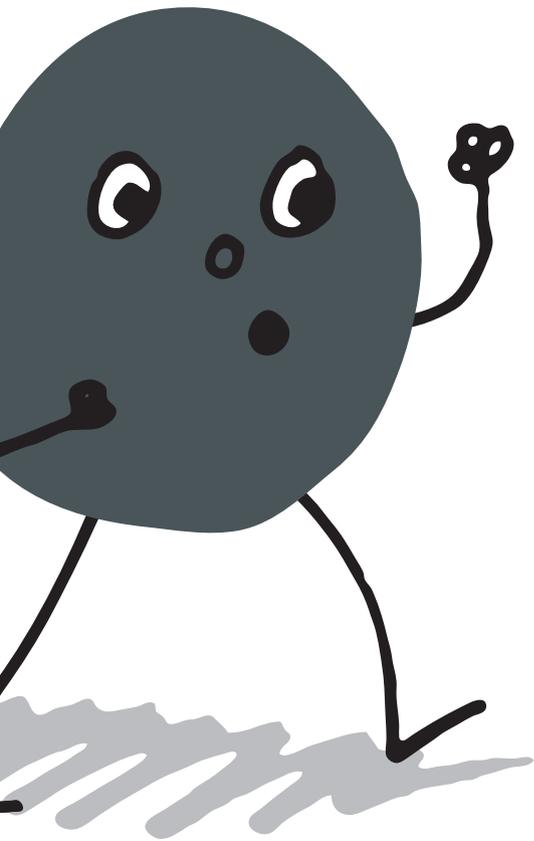


The two of them headed out to discover why some dots were green, and some dots were not.

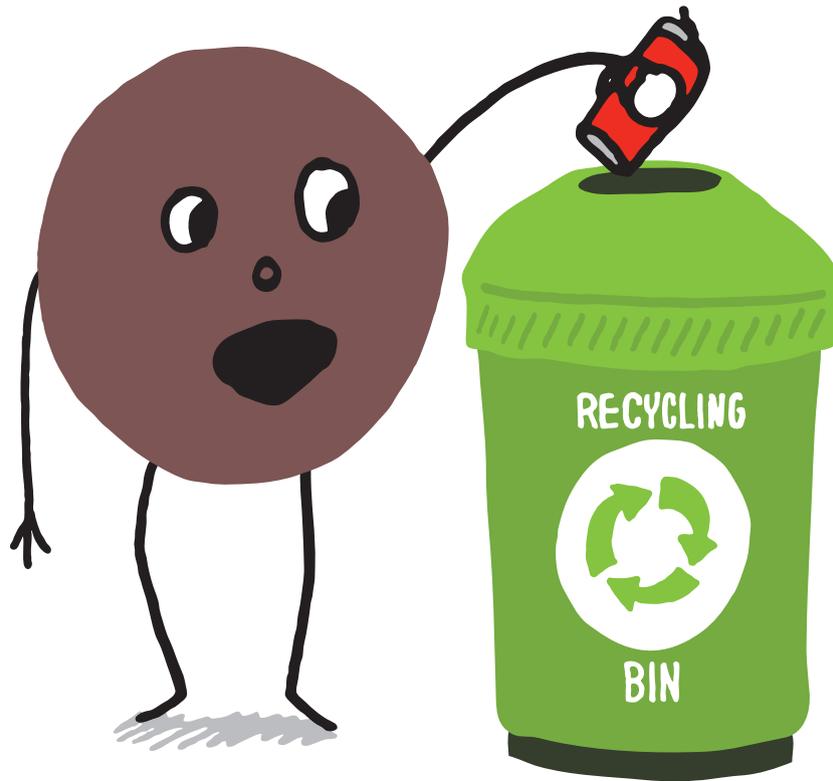


Did you know that playing outside is a fun way to explore the outdoors and get fresh air?
Plus, powering down your TV and video games saves energy.

Word spread quickly. Others joined them.

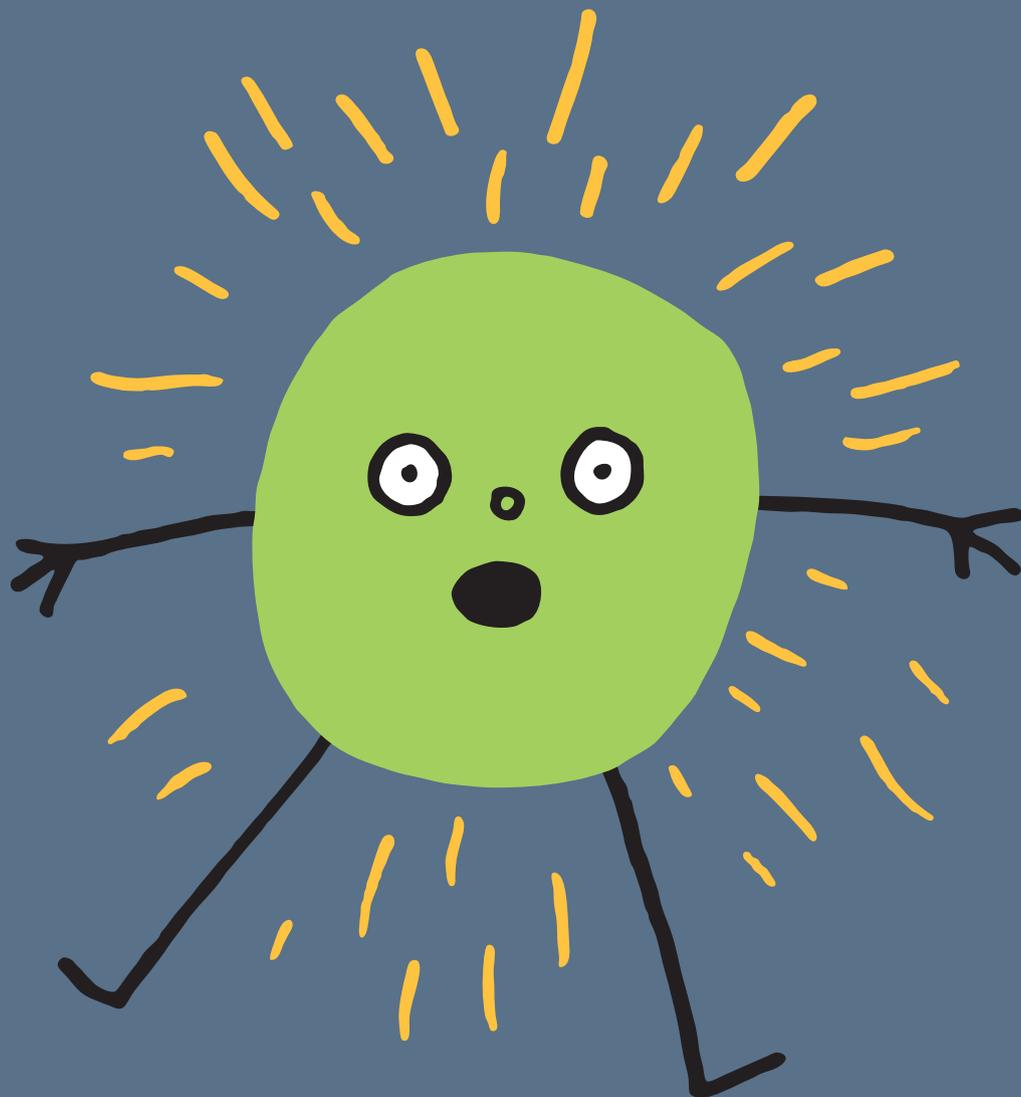


Along the way, one of the dots found a soda can on the ground and tossed it into a recycling bin.



Did you know that recycling a single aluminum can saves the same amount of energy needed to power a TV for four hours?

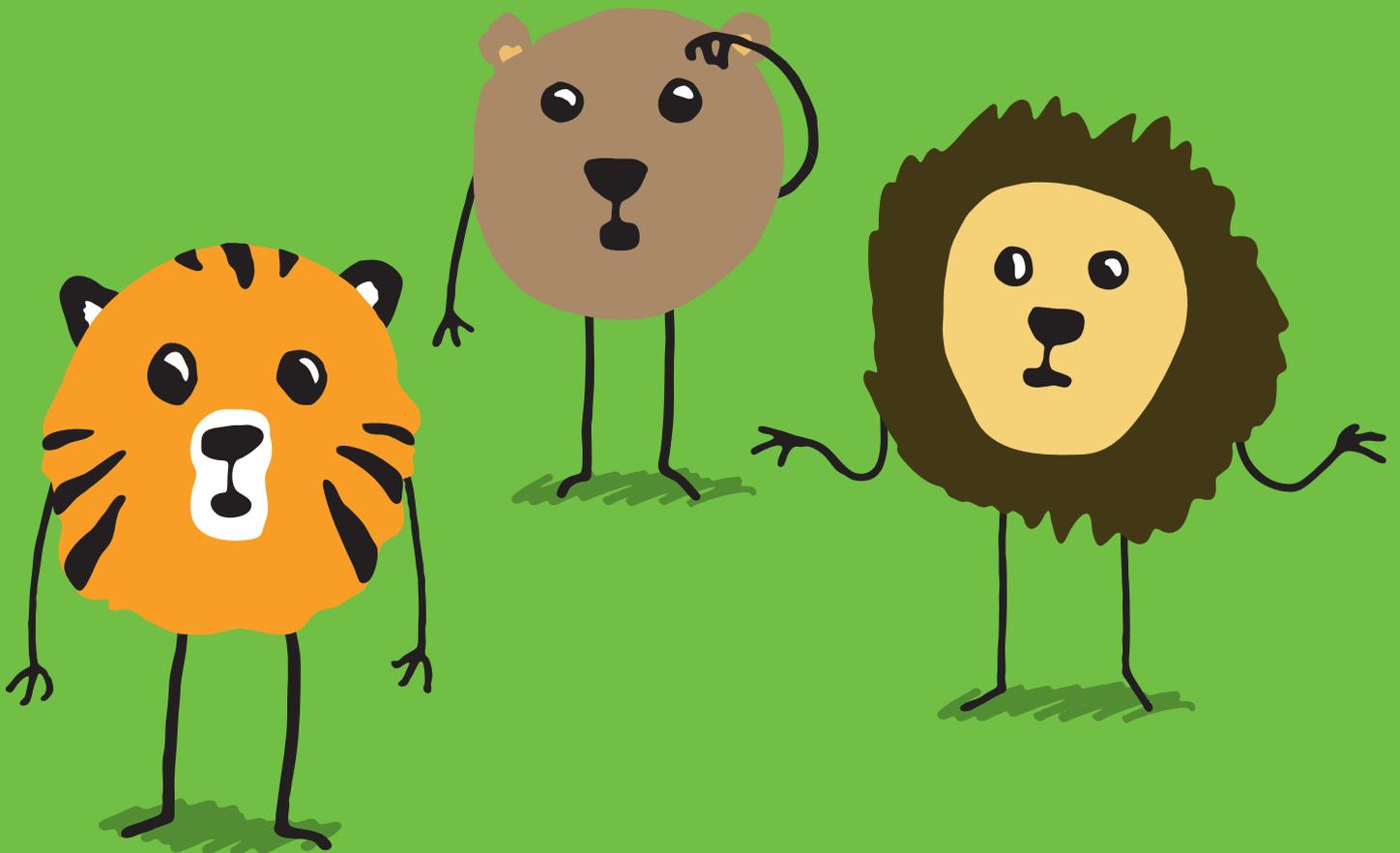
BLIP!



They continued on to one of their favorite places, the Columbus Zoo.



The dots asked the lion, tiger, and bear how all the dots could become green.



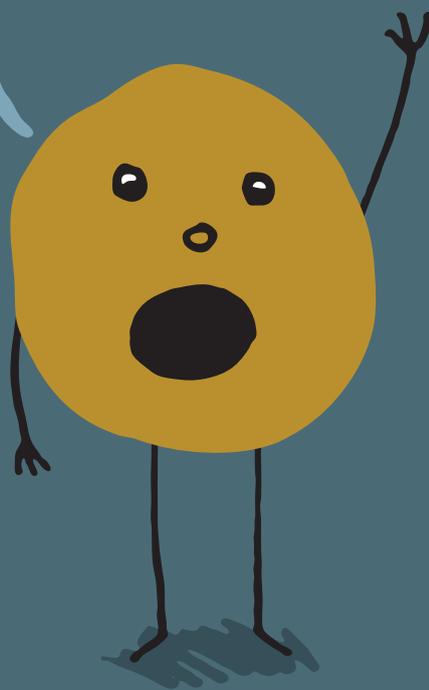
The bear said:

You're getting close to figuring it out.
Maybe you'll find your answer at the
Franklin Park Conservatory.



One dot said:

I have a great idea.
Let's take the bus!



So GreenSpot and his friends
hopped on the bus.



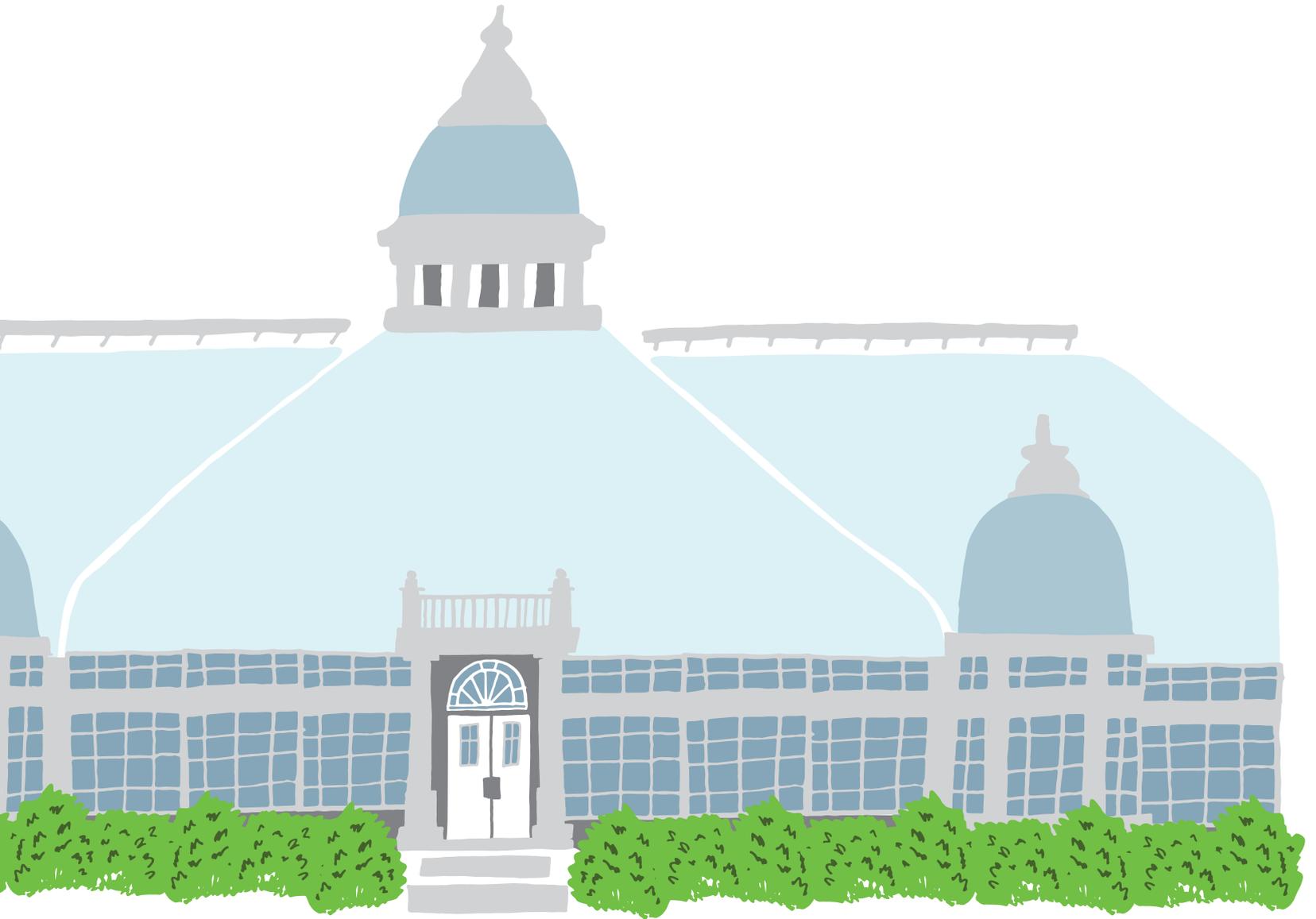
Did you know that walking, riding a bike, taking a bus, and carpooling helps reduce air pollution from cars? It also saves energy used for fuel.



At the conservatory, GreenSpot saw a gardener watering the plants. He asked the gardener:

How can we all become green?

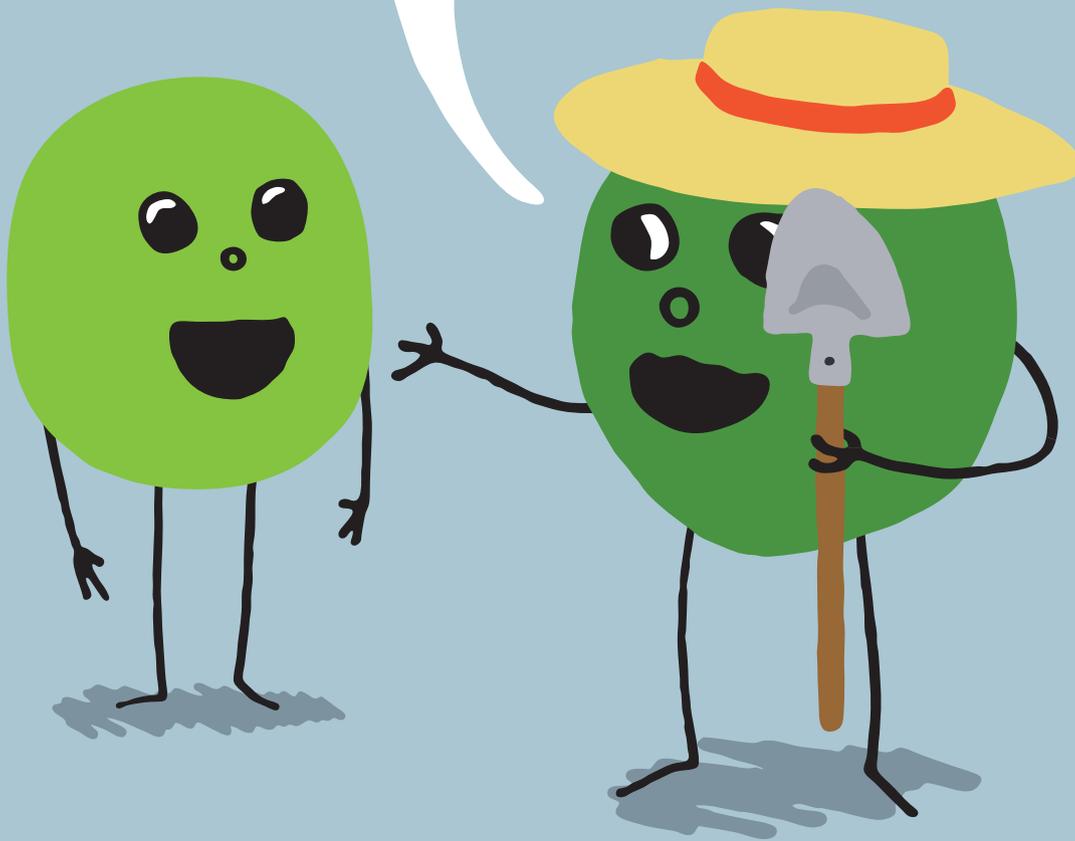




Did you know that rain barrels save energy? The rain they collect is used to water plants, which conserves the local water supply and the energy used to make clean drinking water.

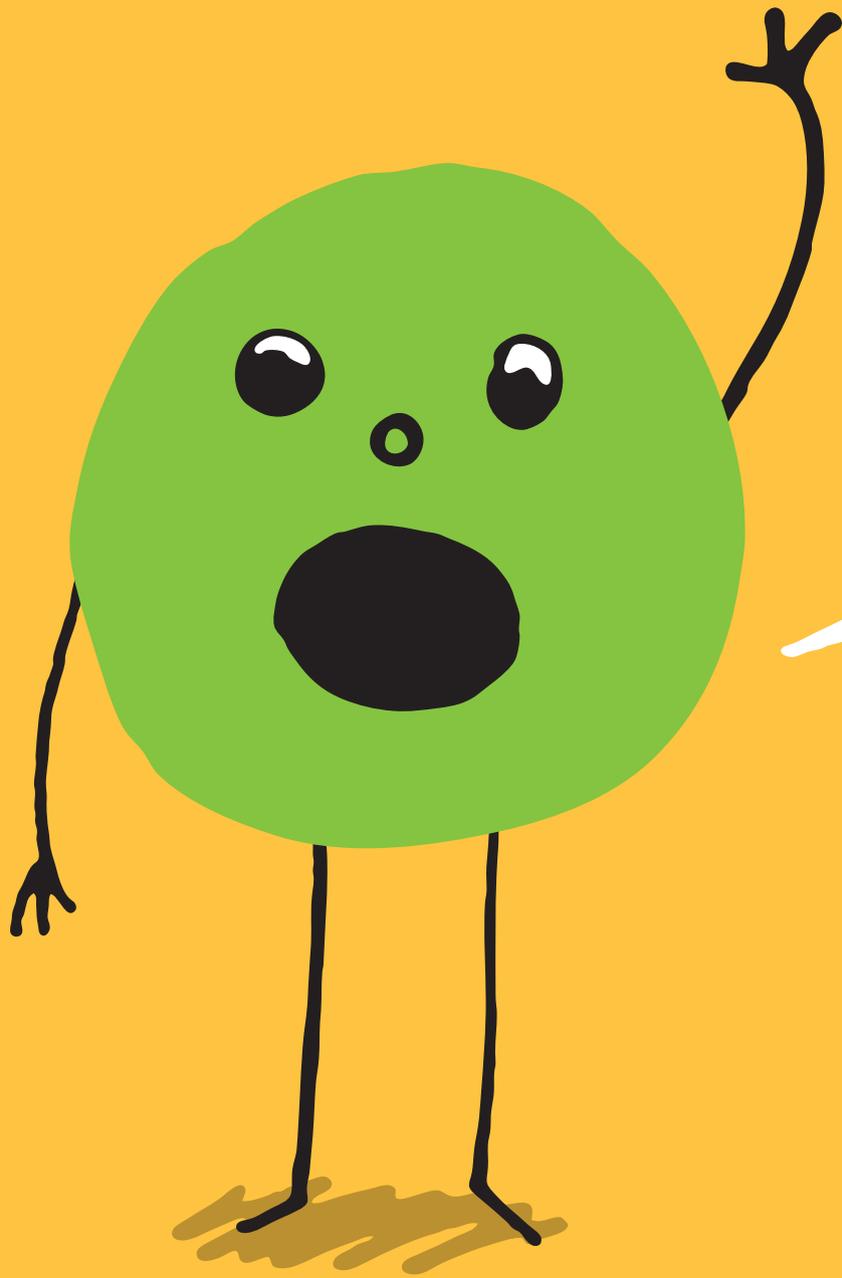


I'll show you.
Let's start digging.



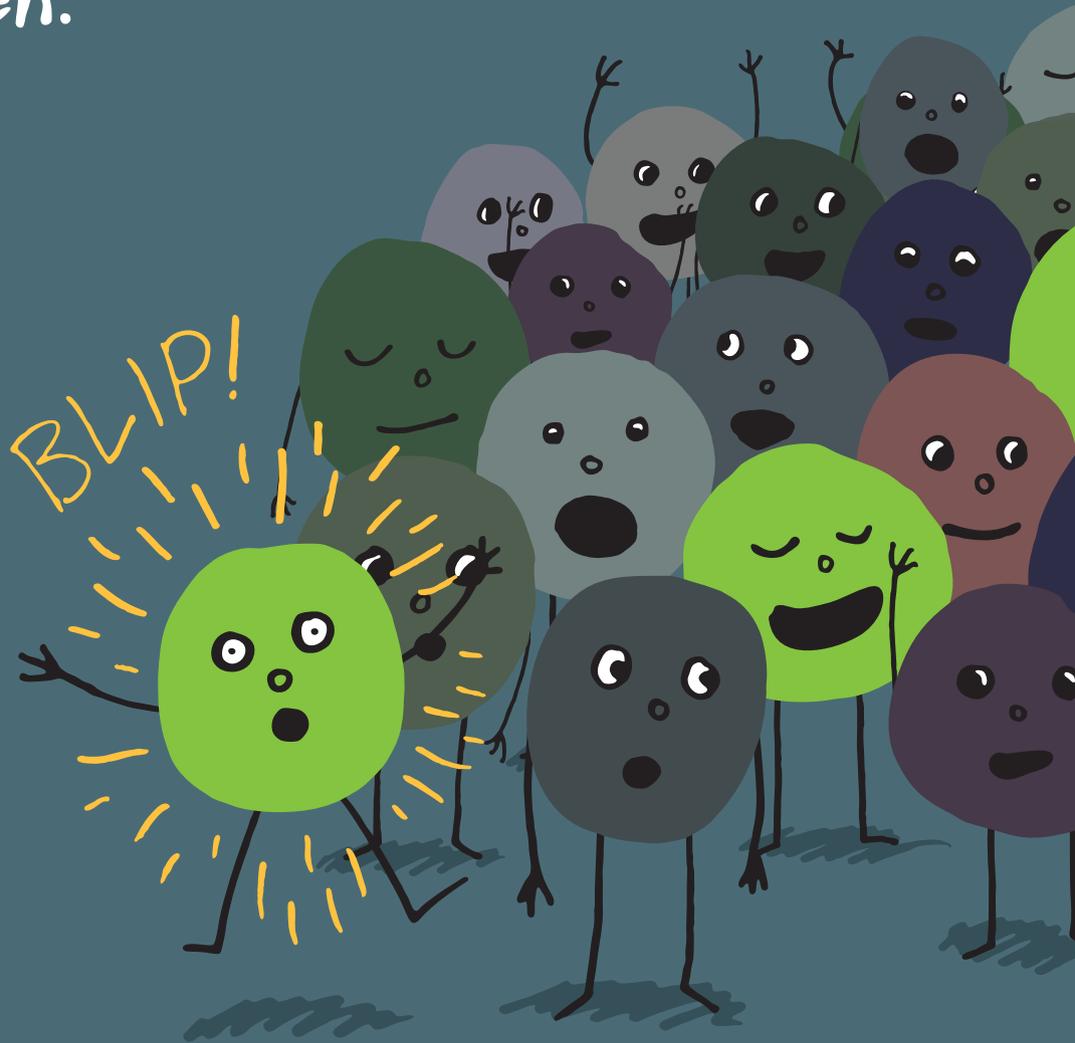
The gardener explained that growing and eating locally grown food is one way of being green.

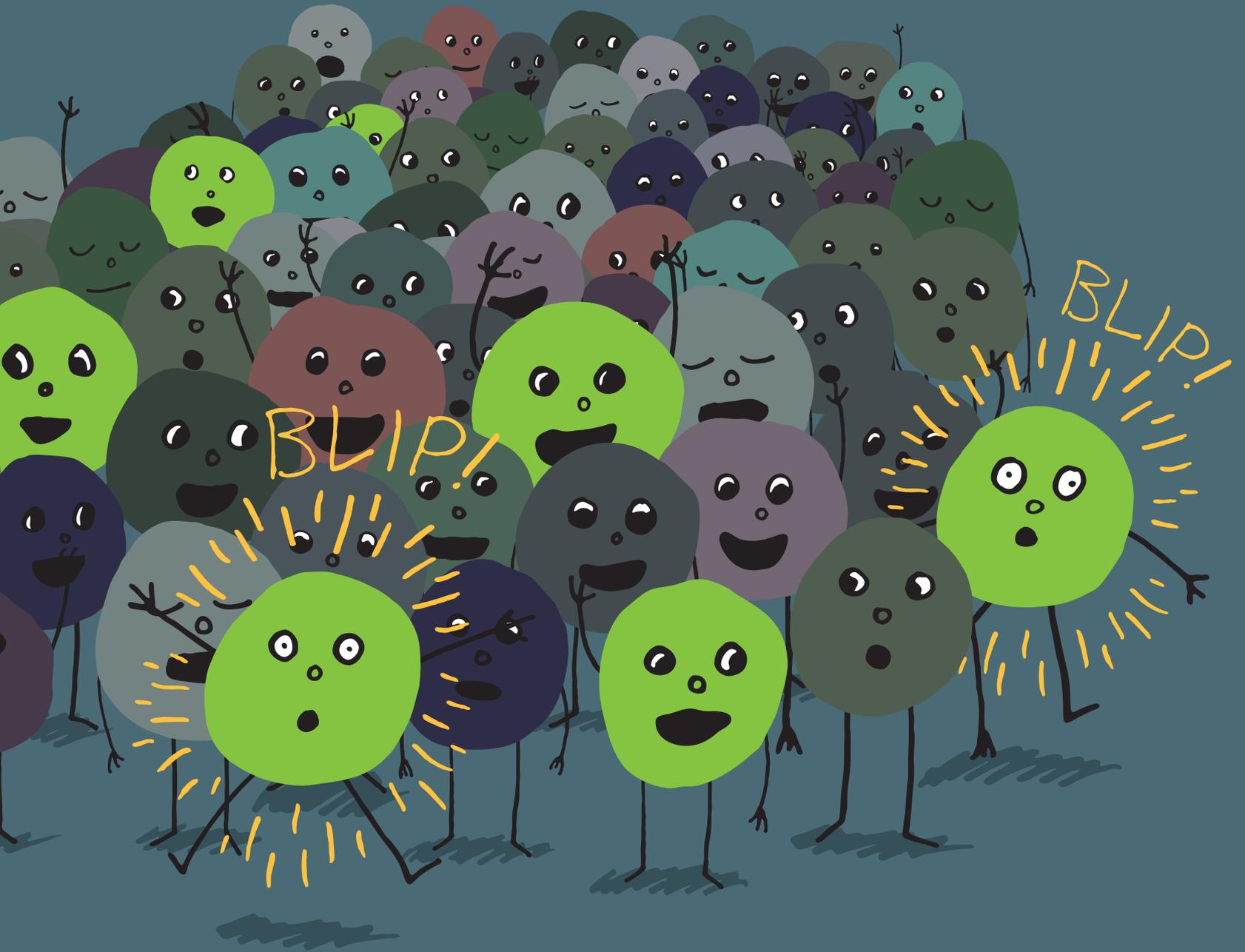




I've figured it out!
When we keep
the earth green
and beautiful, we
become green, too.

GreenSpot's friends began recycling.
And one by one, they started
turning green.







CARDBOARD!



ALUMINUM!



PLASTIC!

They made less trash by recycling soda cans, cardboard, and plastic bottles.

They saved water by taking shorter showers.



WATER!

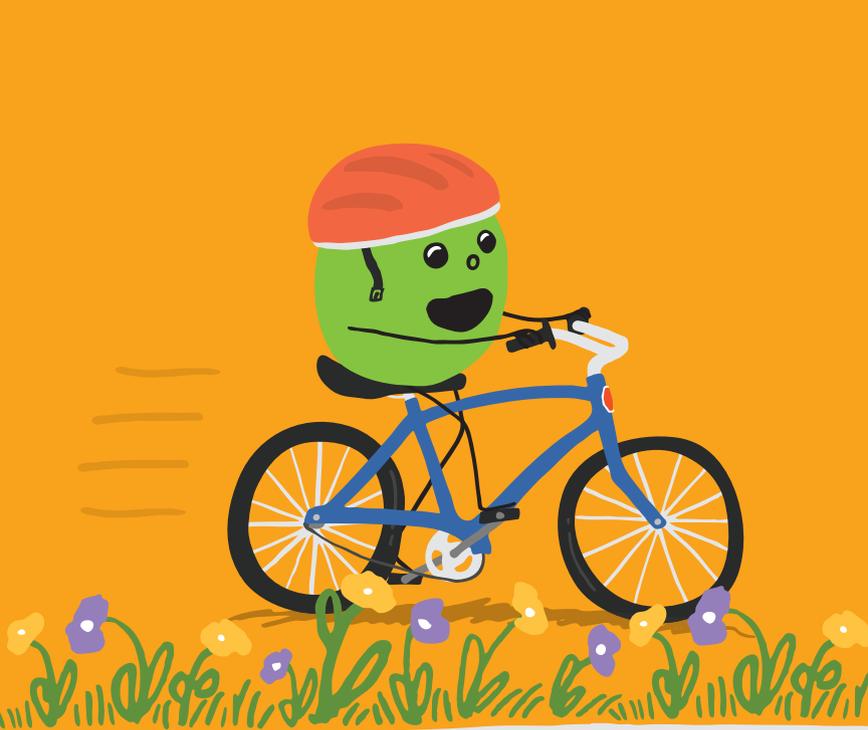
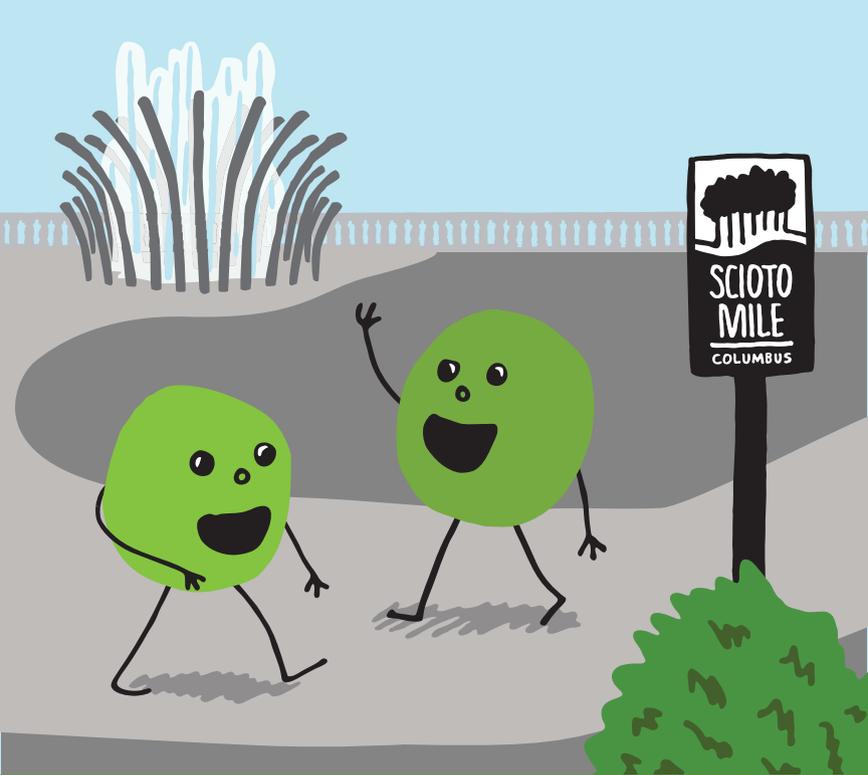


And they saved paper by writing on the front and back of their homework.

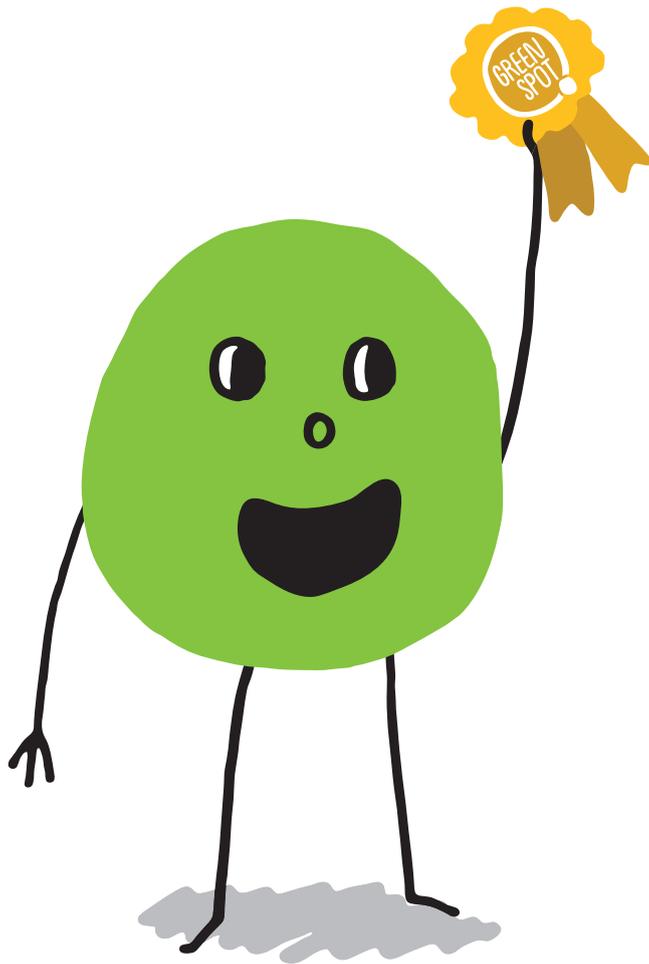
PAPER!



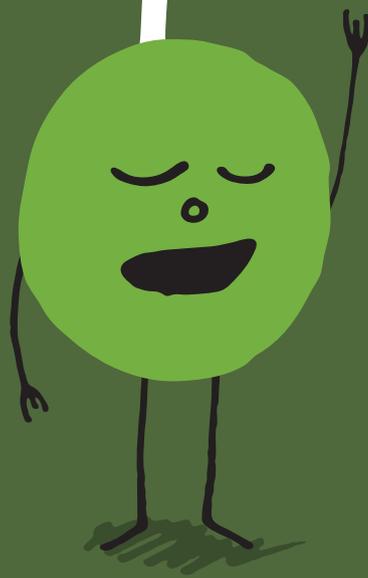
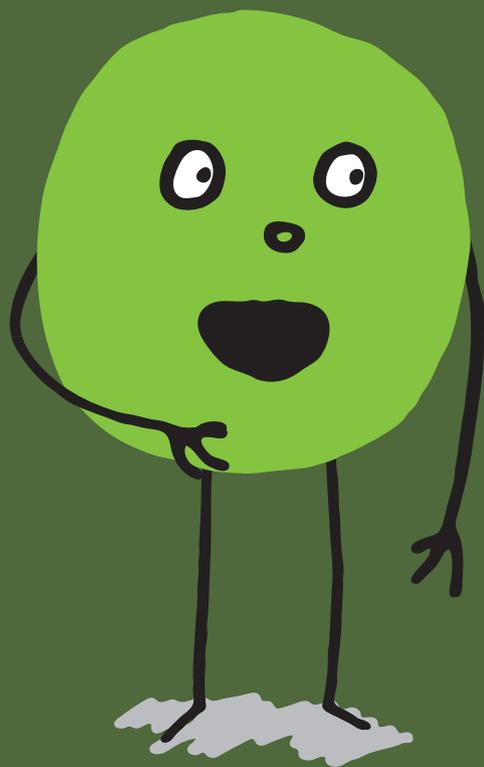
They walked, rode their bicycles,
and took the bus when they
wanted to go somewhere.



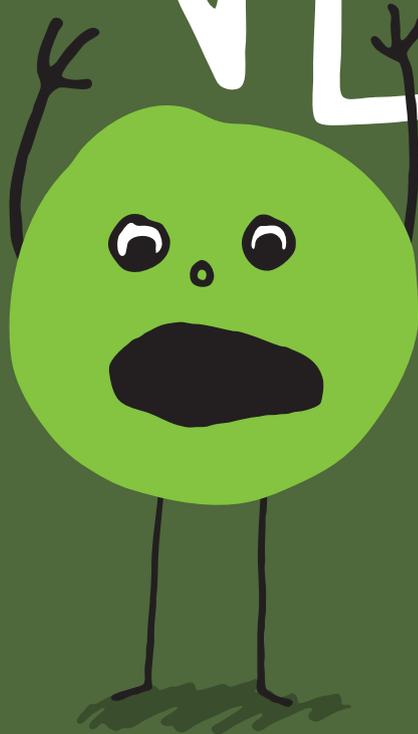
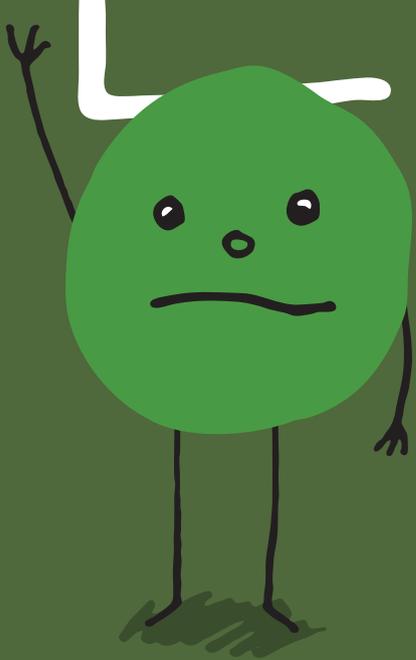
This caused so much excitement around town that GreenSpot was surprised with an award from the city. GreenSpot vowed to always help keep Columbus green. And so did his friends.



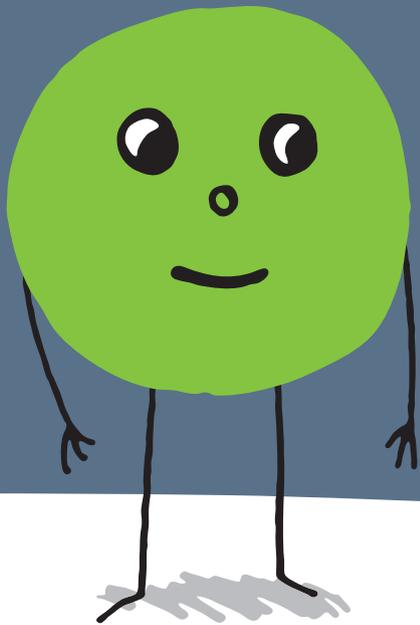
THE



END



Join GreenSpot, a character inspired by students throughout central Ohio, as he leads a journey through Columbus to inspire everyone to take care of the city and the environment.



As they visit several Columbus locations, GreenSpot and his friends discover what it means to get green.

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