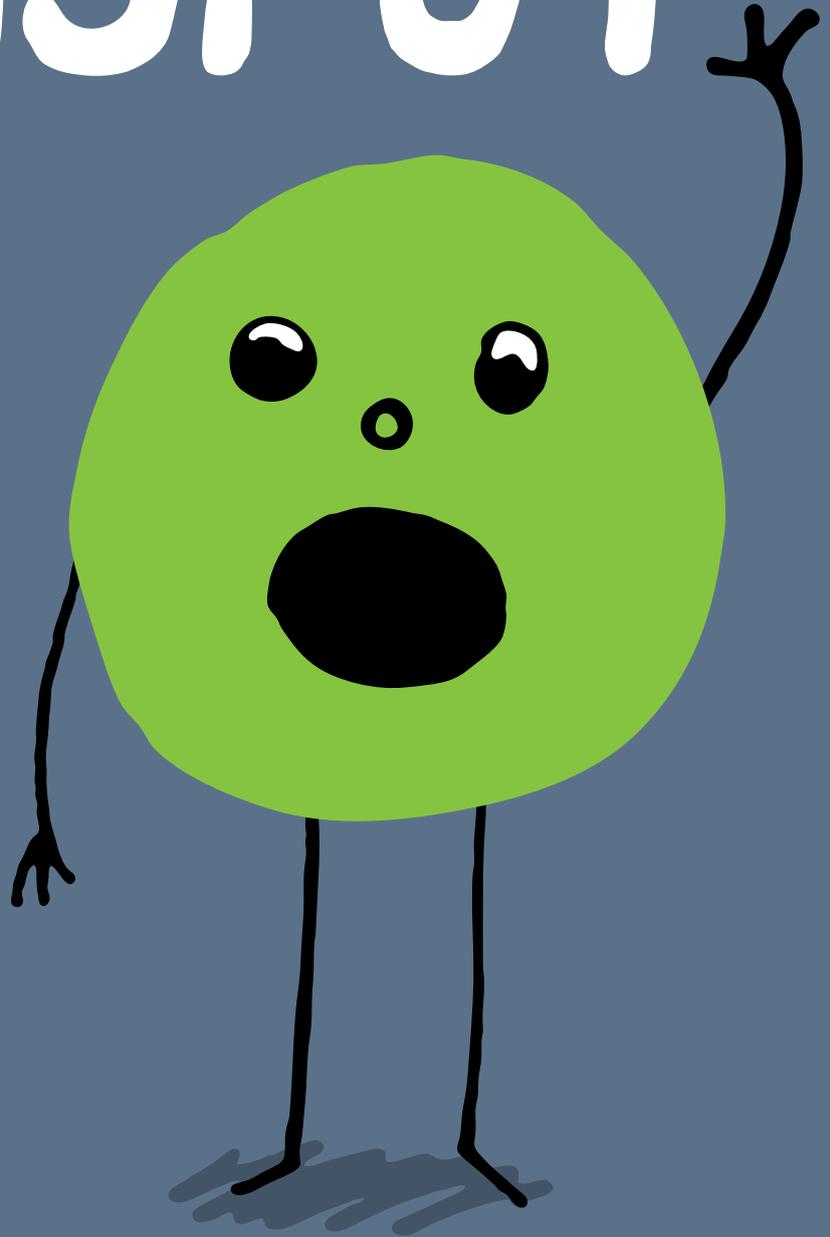


# GREENSPOT

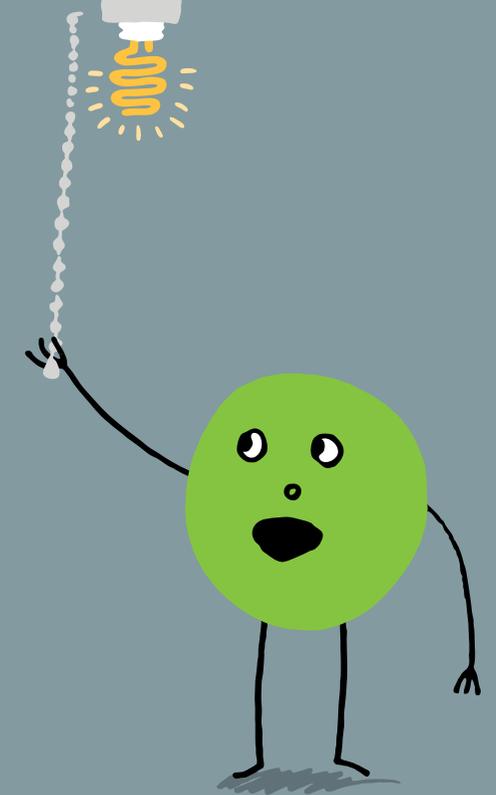
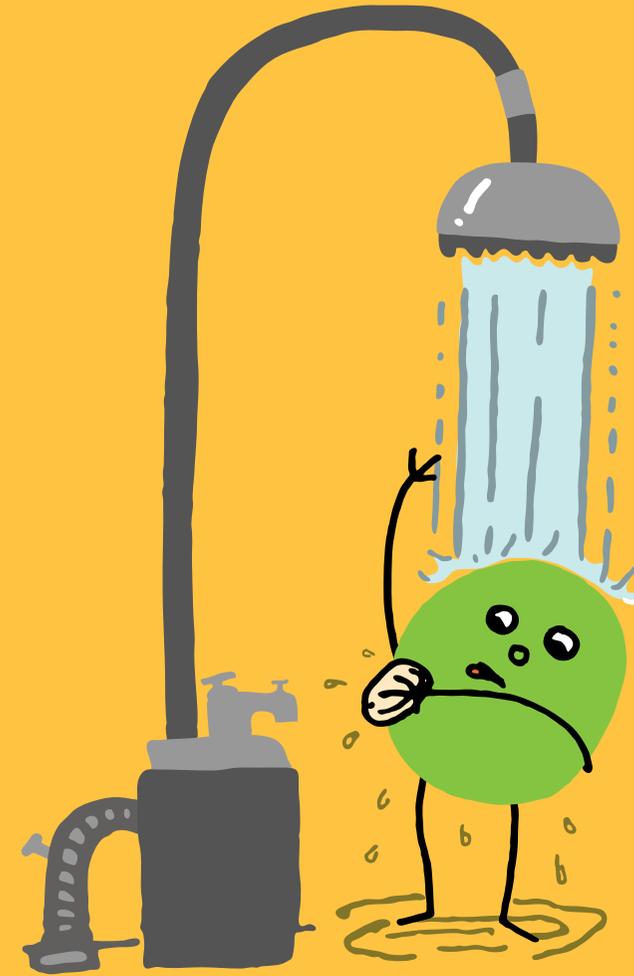
AND THE  
DOTS



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



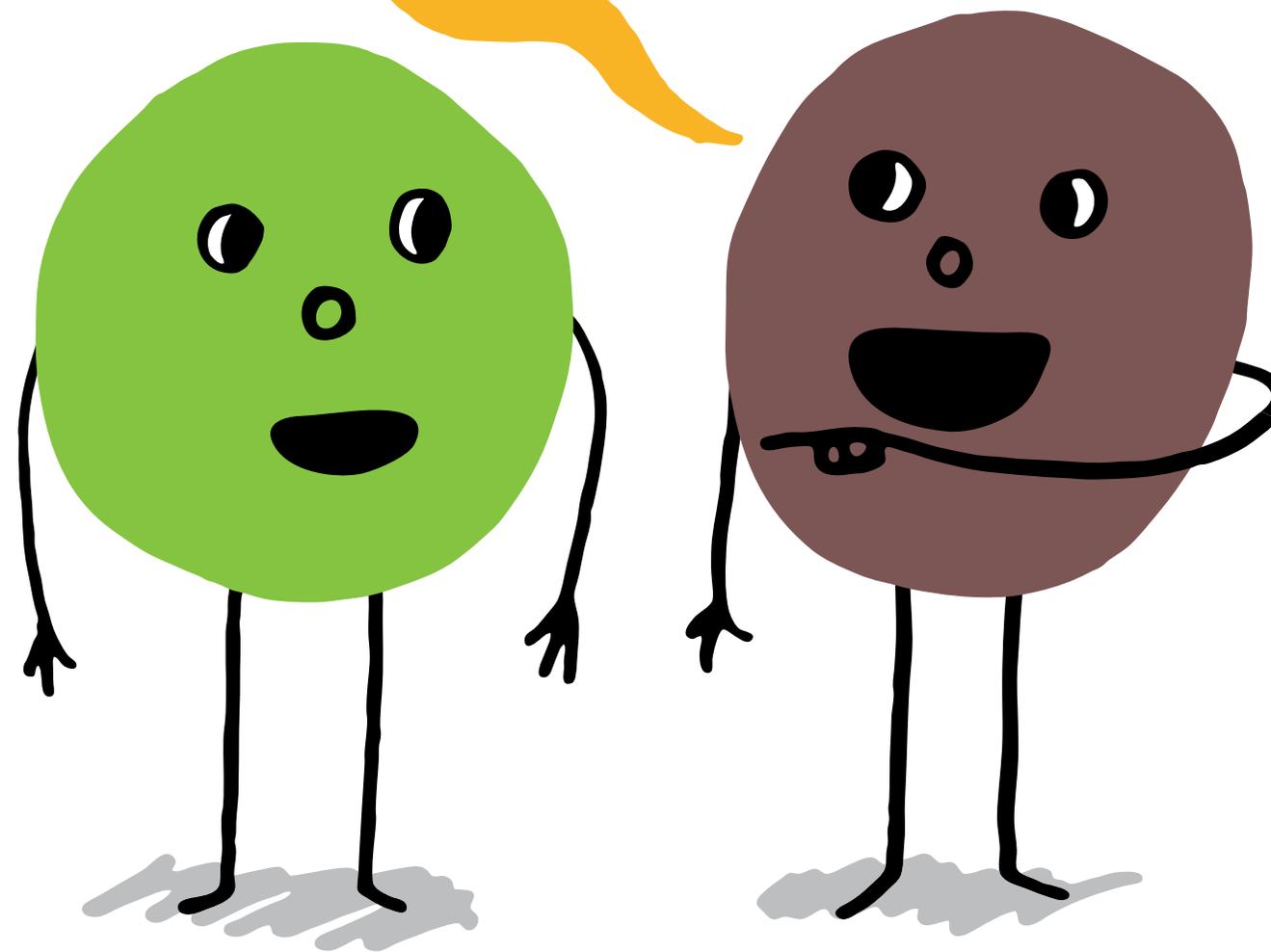
He rolled out of bed. He showered quickly, to save water. He then turned off his bedroom light and headed outside to play.

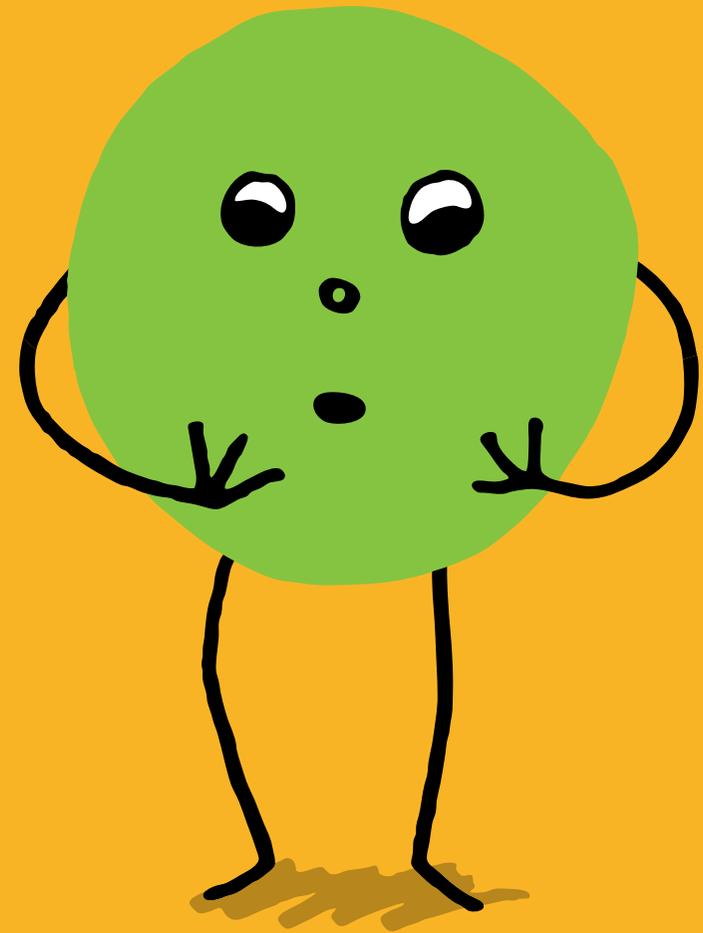


Did you know that turning off a light when you leave a room saves energy? It's as easy as flipping a switch.

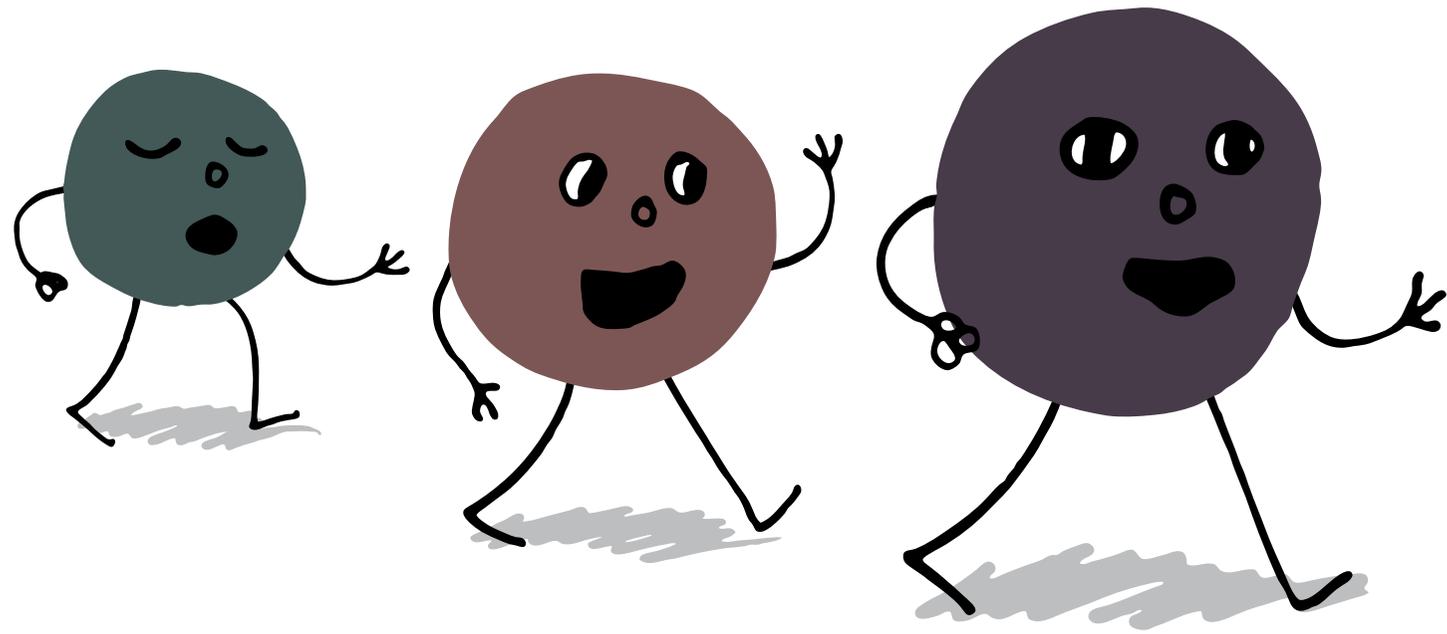
That's when GreenSpot's friend  
walked up and said:

What makes you green?

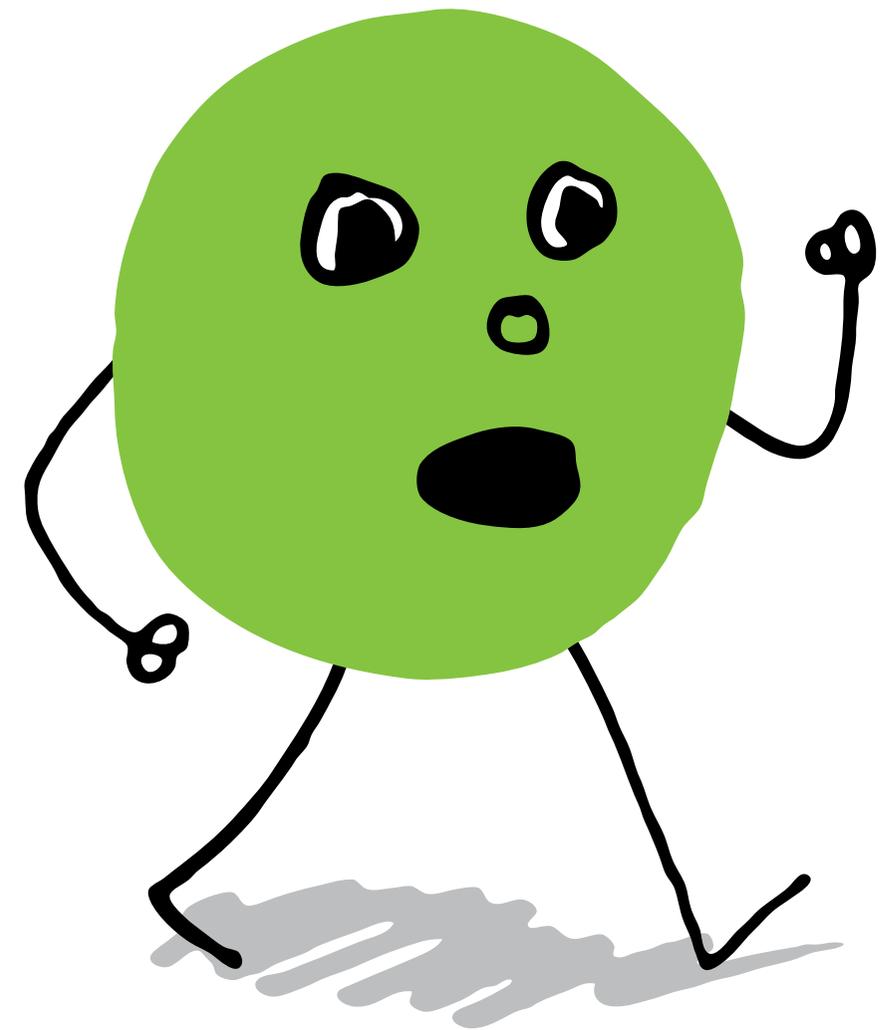
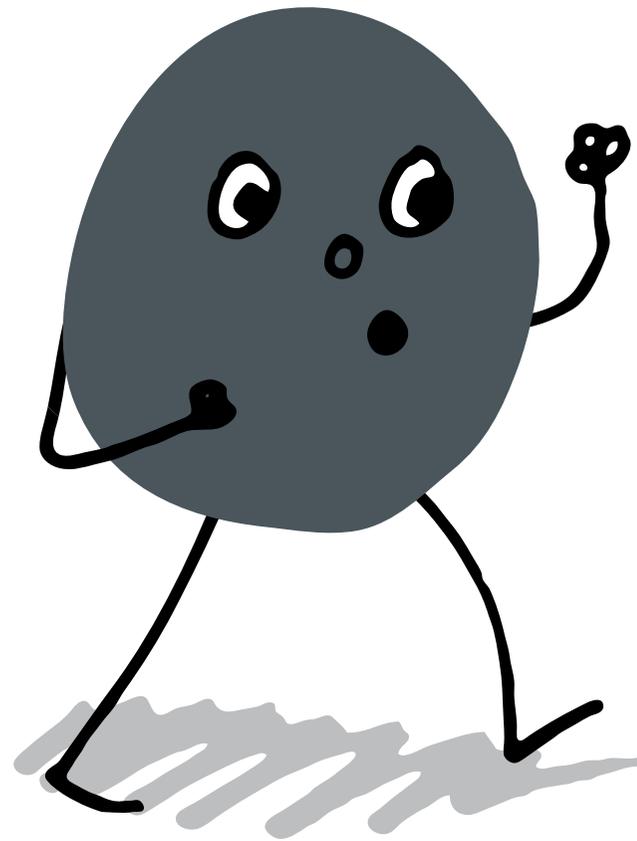




I don't know.  
I've never  
thought  
about it.



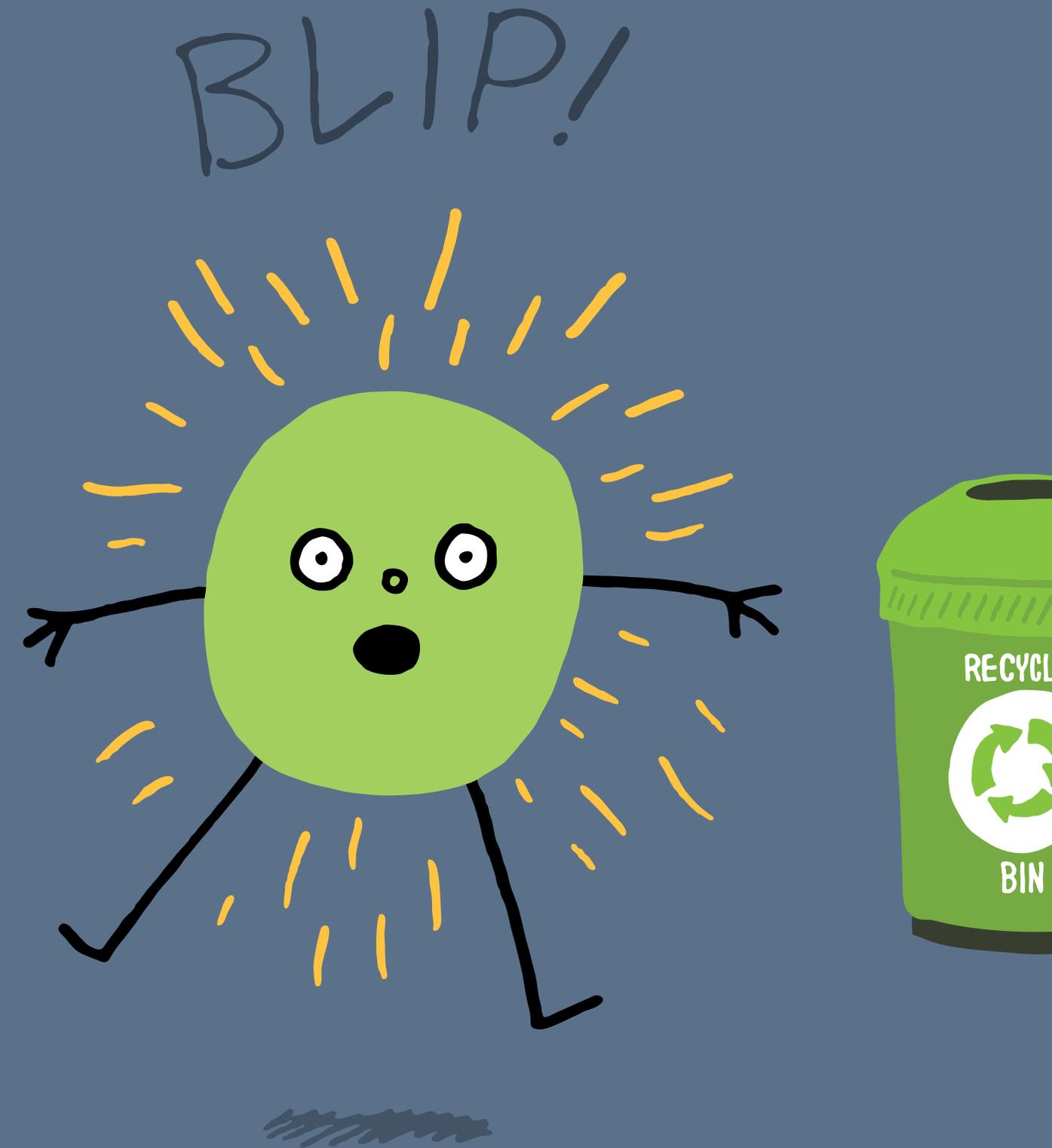
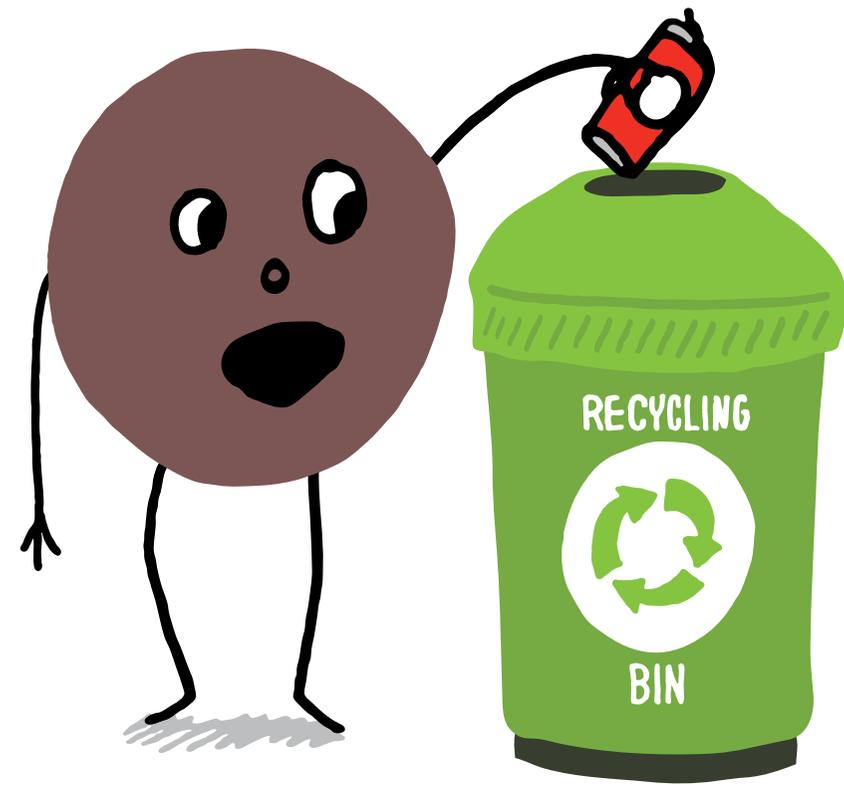
Word spread quickly. Others joined them.



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



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

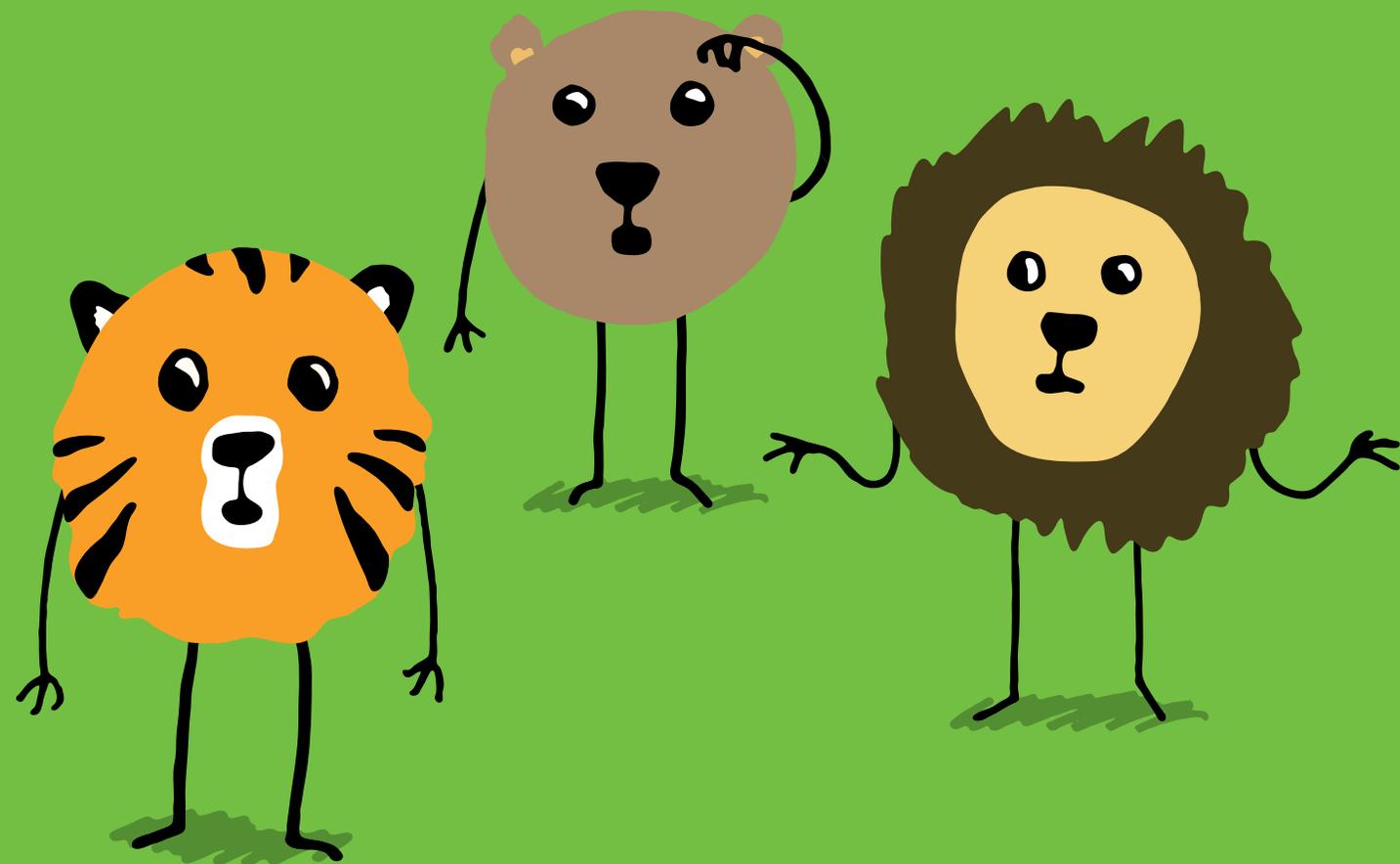


Did you know that recycling a single aluminum can saves the same amount of energy needed to power a TV for four hours?

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.



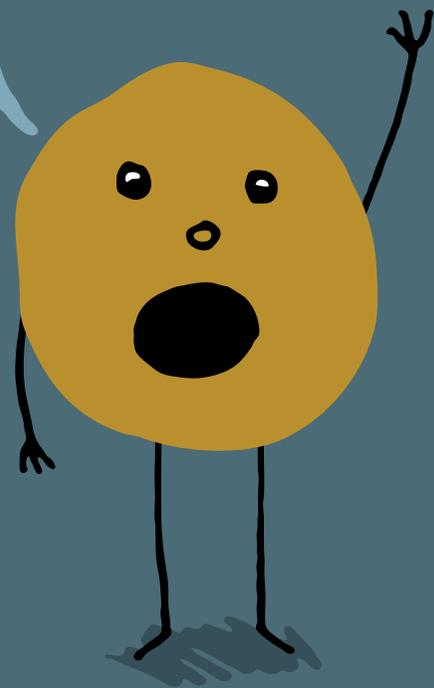
The bear said:

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.

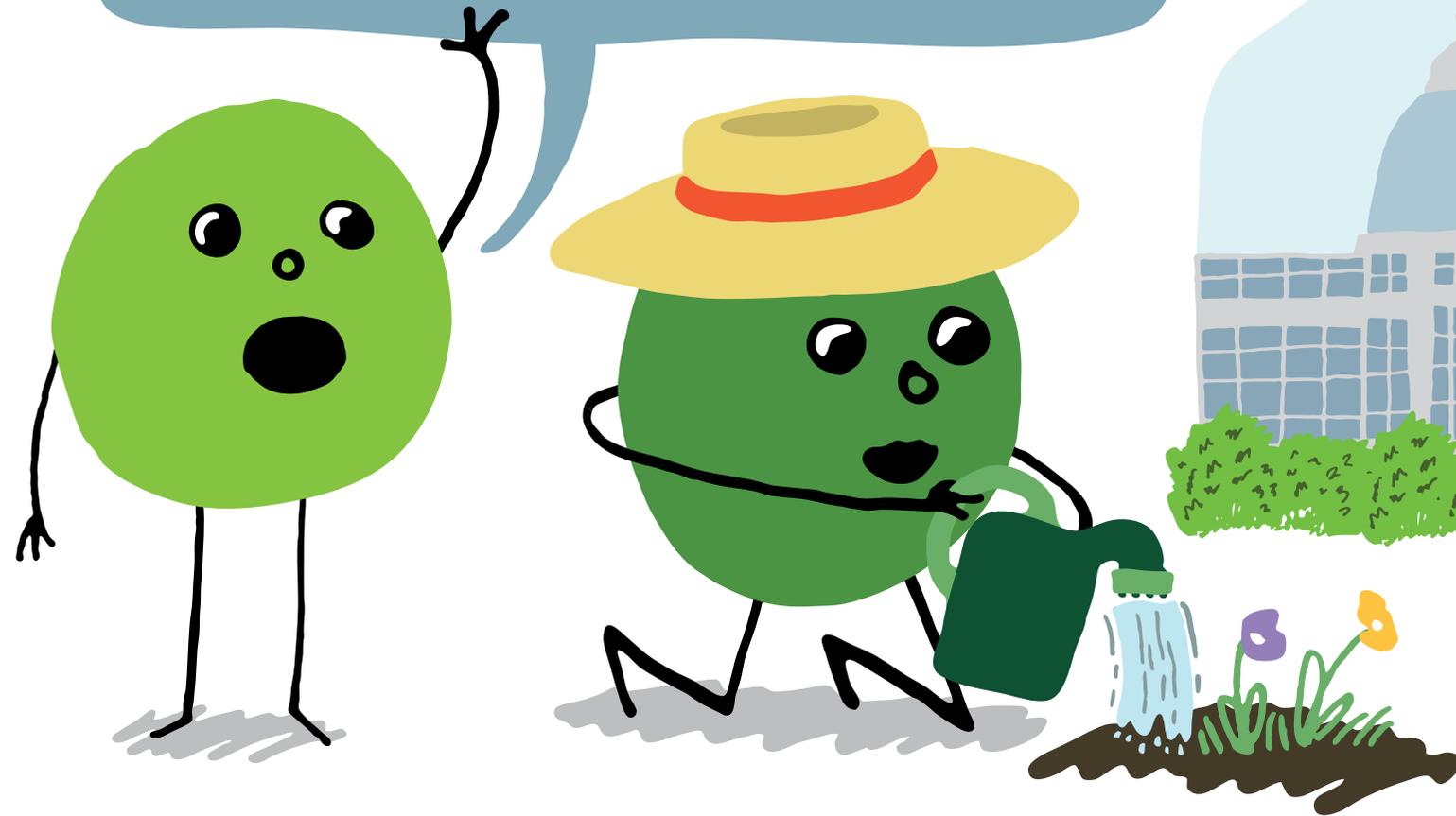


Did you know that walking, riding a bike, taking a bus, and carpooling helps reduce air pollution from cars? It also saves energy used for fuel.



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

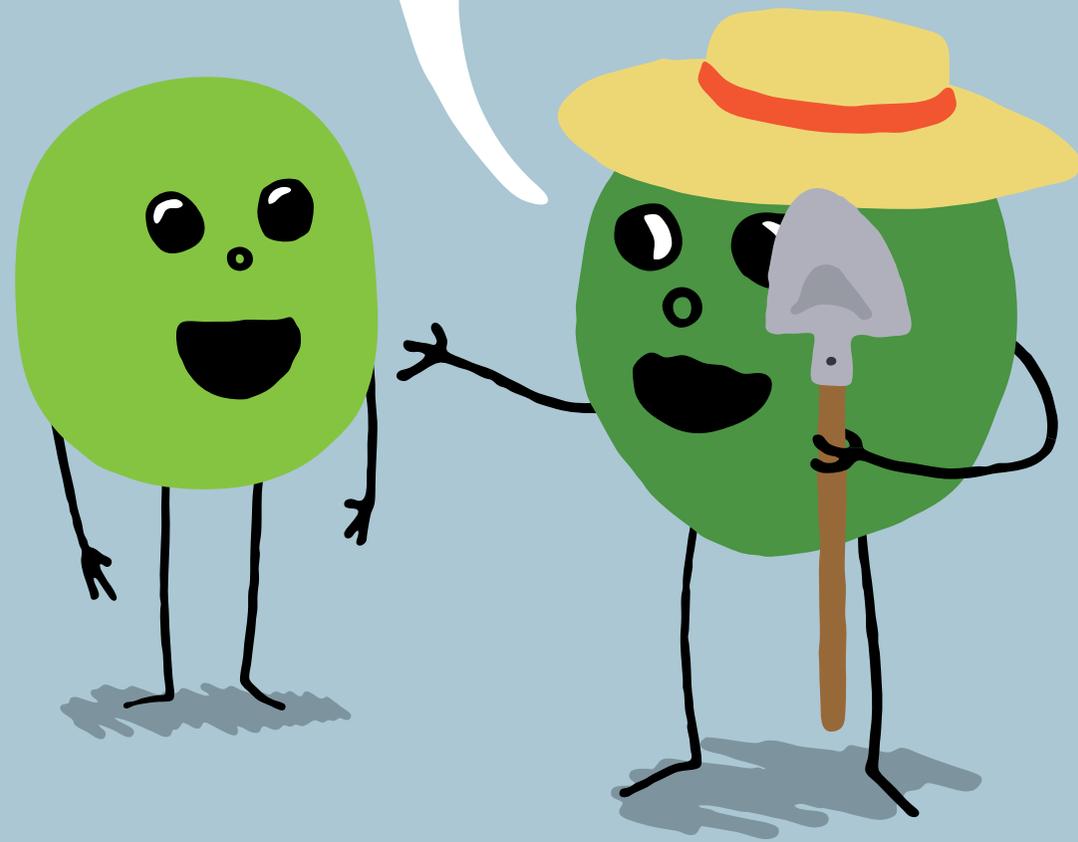
how can we all become green?



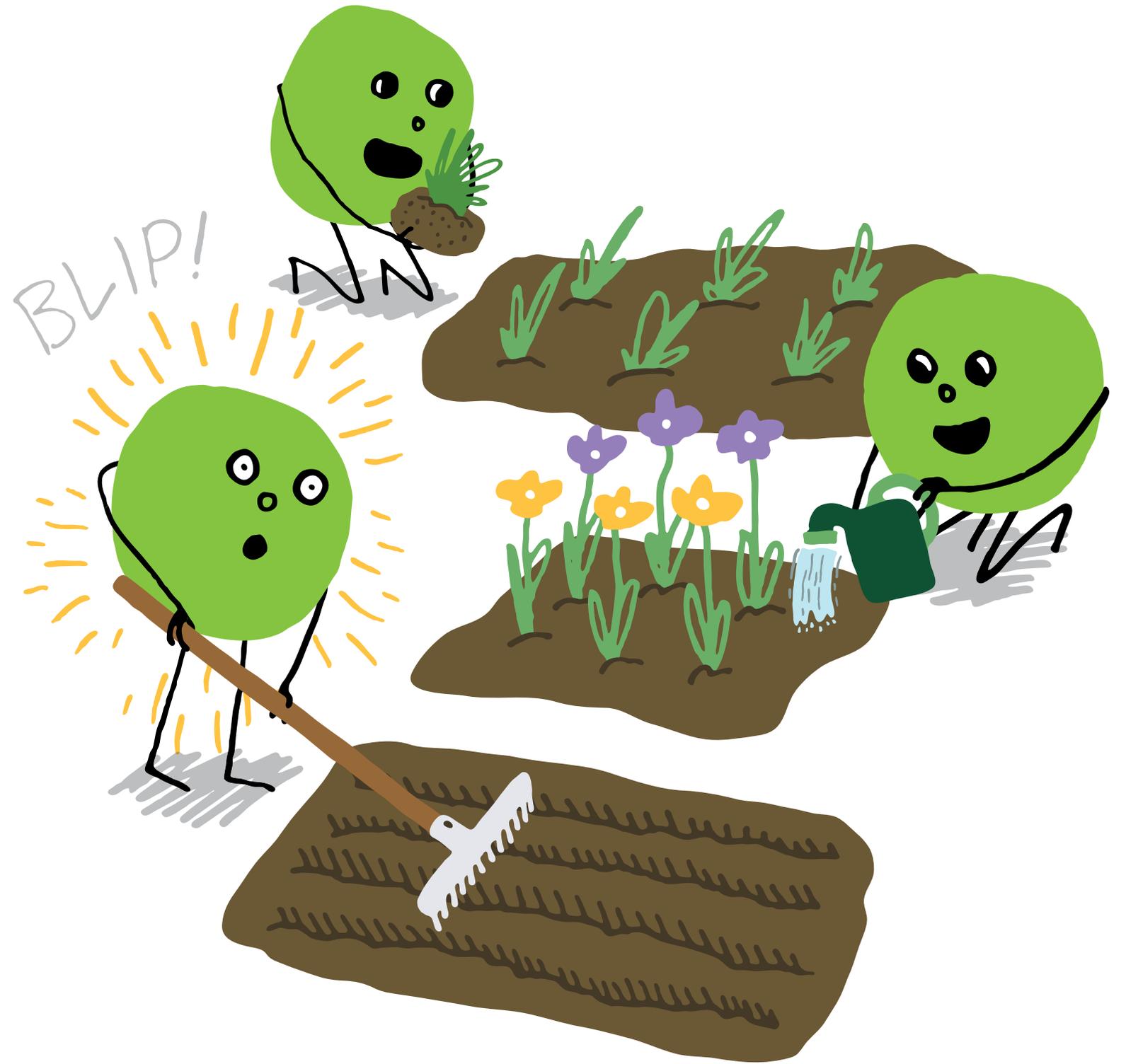
Did you know that rain barrels save energy? The rain they collect is used to water plants, which conserves the local water supply and the energy used to make clean drinking water.

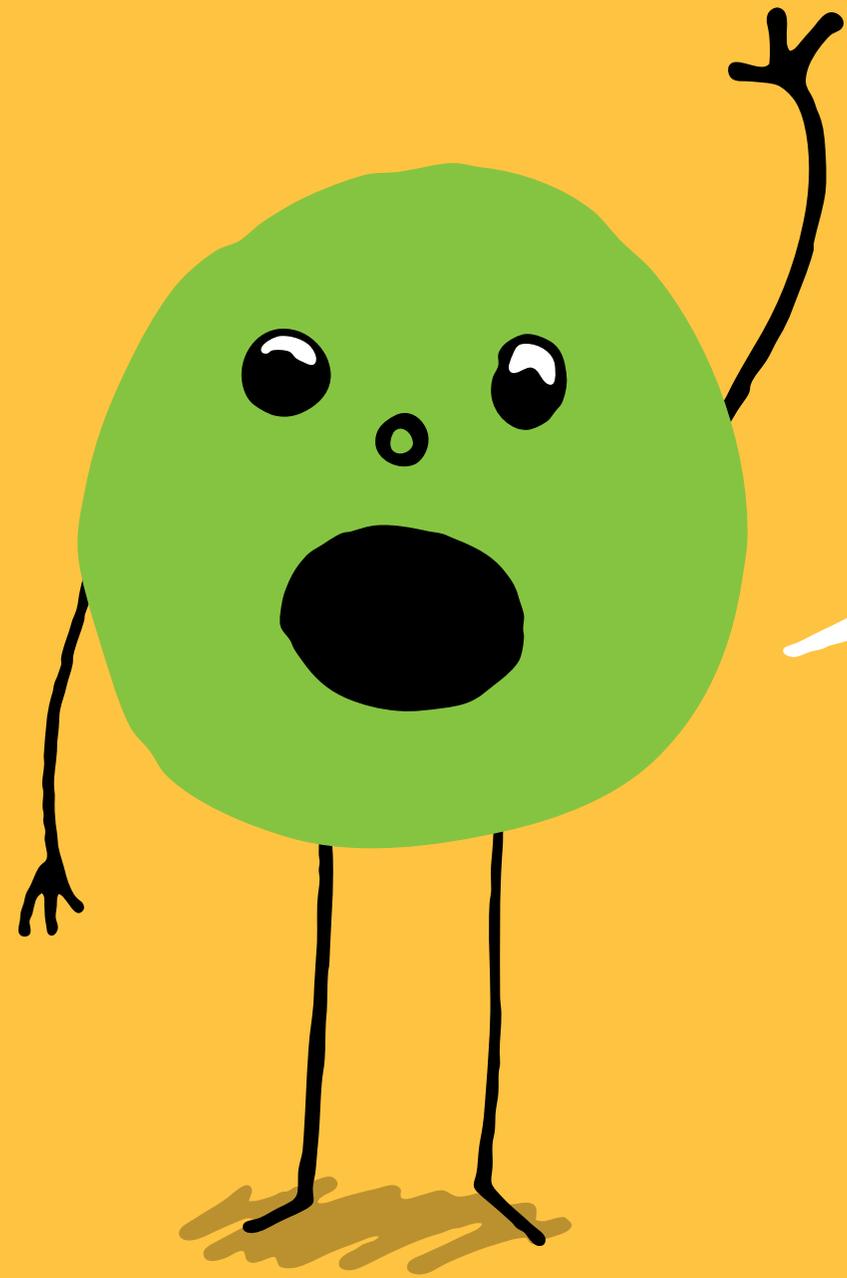


I'll show you.  
Let's start digging.



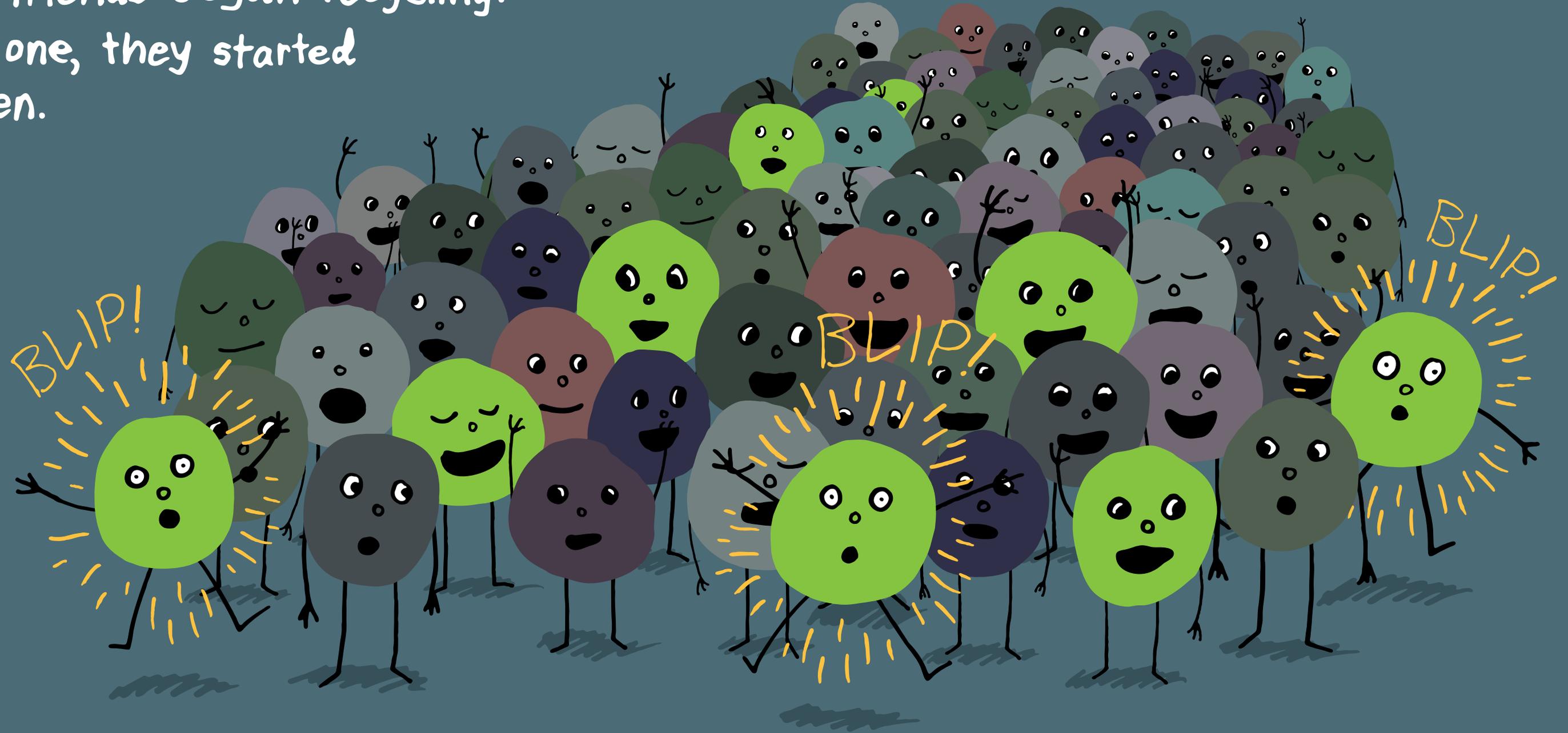
The gardener explained that growing and eating locally grown food is one way of being green.





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 saved water by taking shorter showers.



WATER!



PAPER!

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

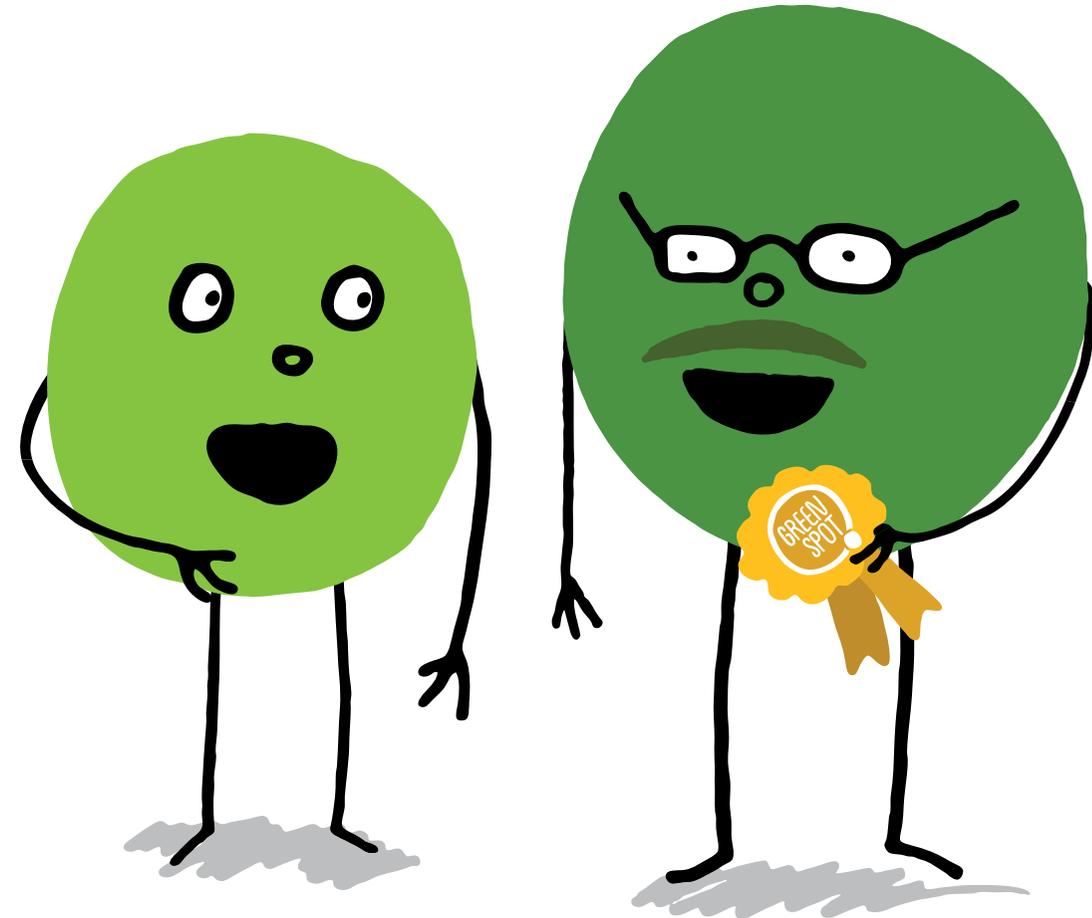
They made less trash by recycling soda cans, cardboard, and plastic bottles.



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



This caused so much excitement around town that Mayor Mike surprised GreenSpot with an award. He said:

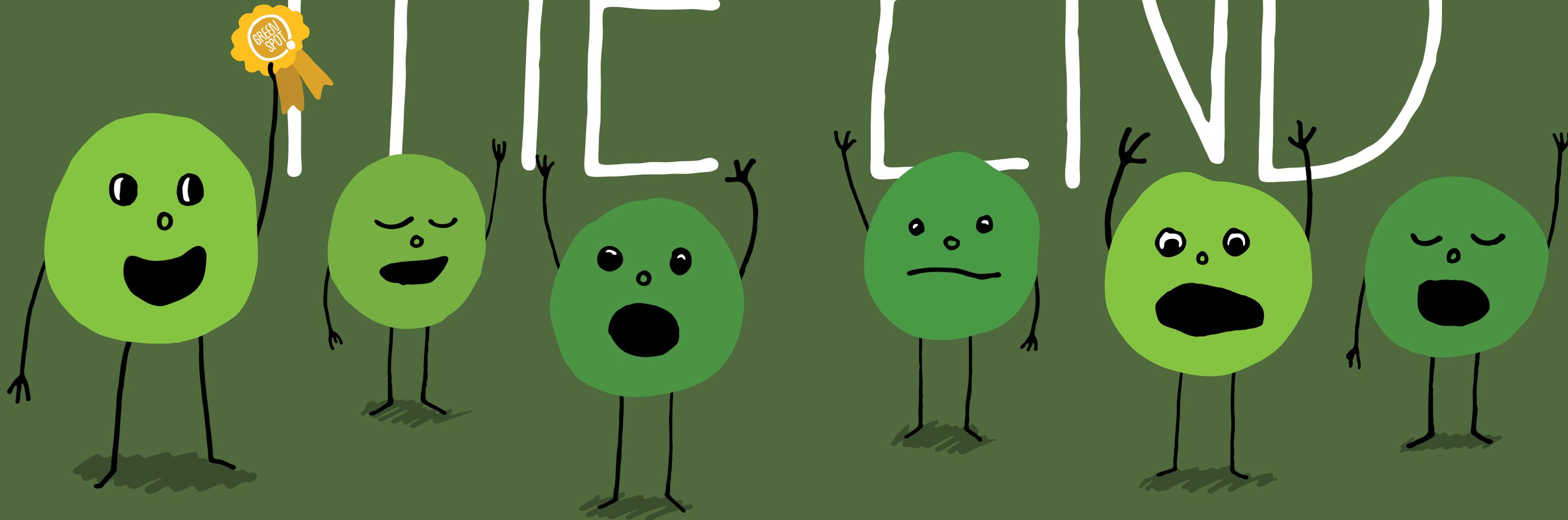


Thank you, Greenspot, for all your great work. You and your friends have made a huge difference!

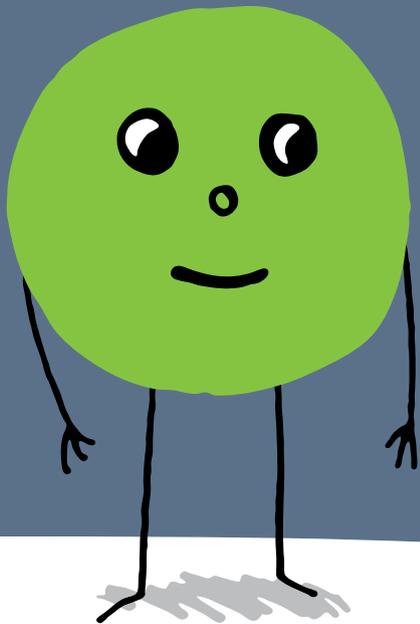
GreenSpot vowed to always help keep Columbus green.

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.

Learn more about being green at [greenkids.columbus.gov](http://greenkids.columbus.gov).

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Mayor Michael B. Coleman

