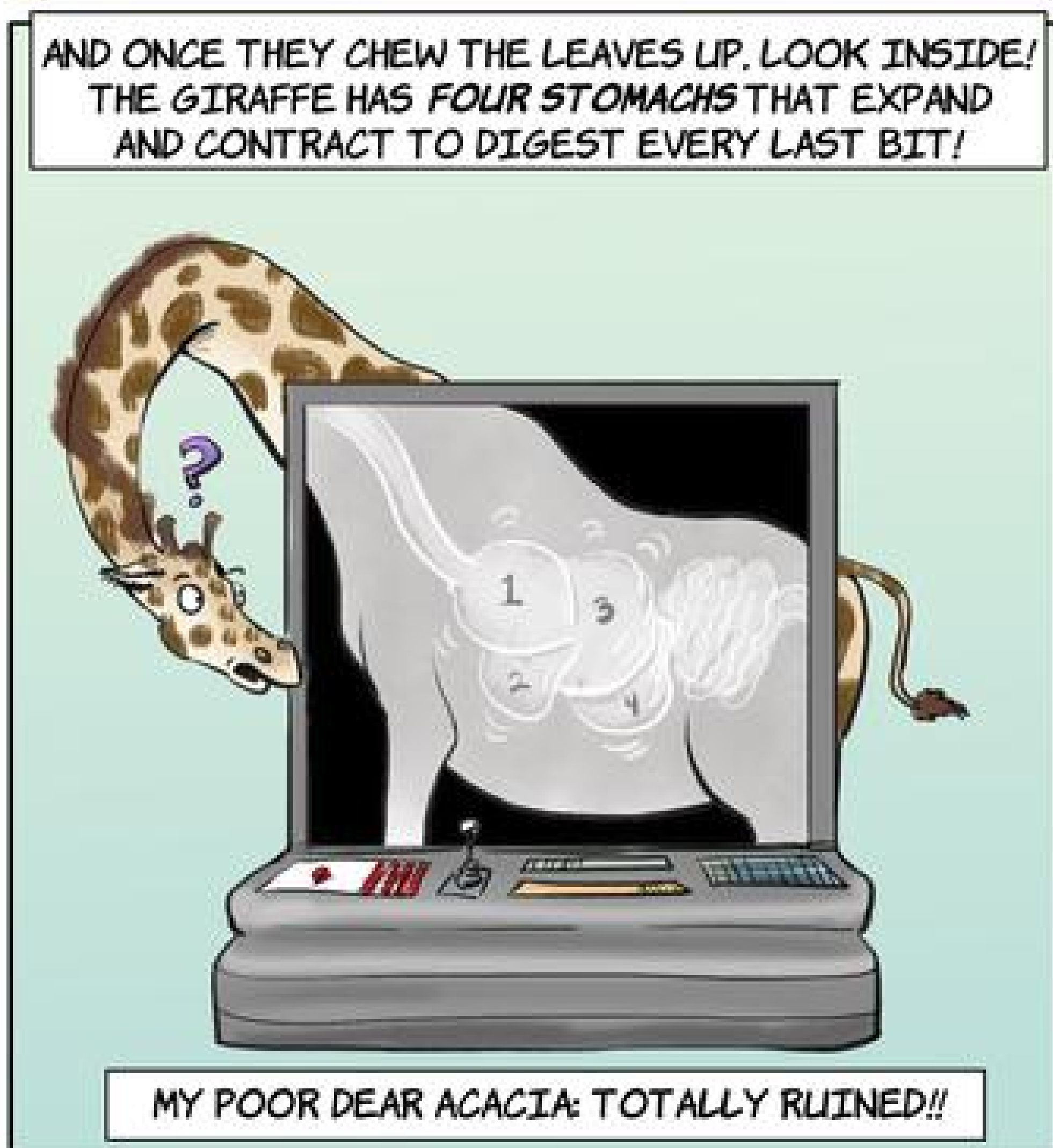
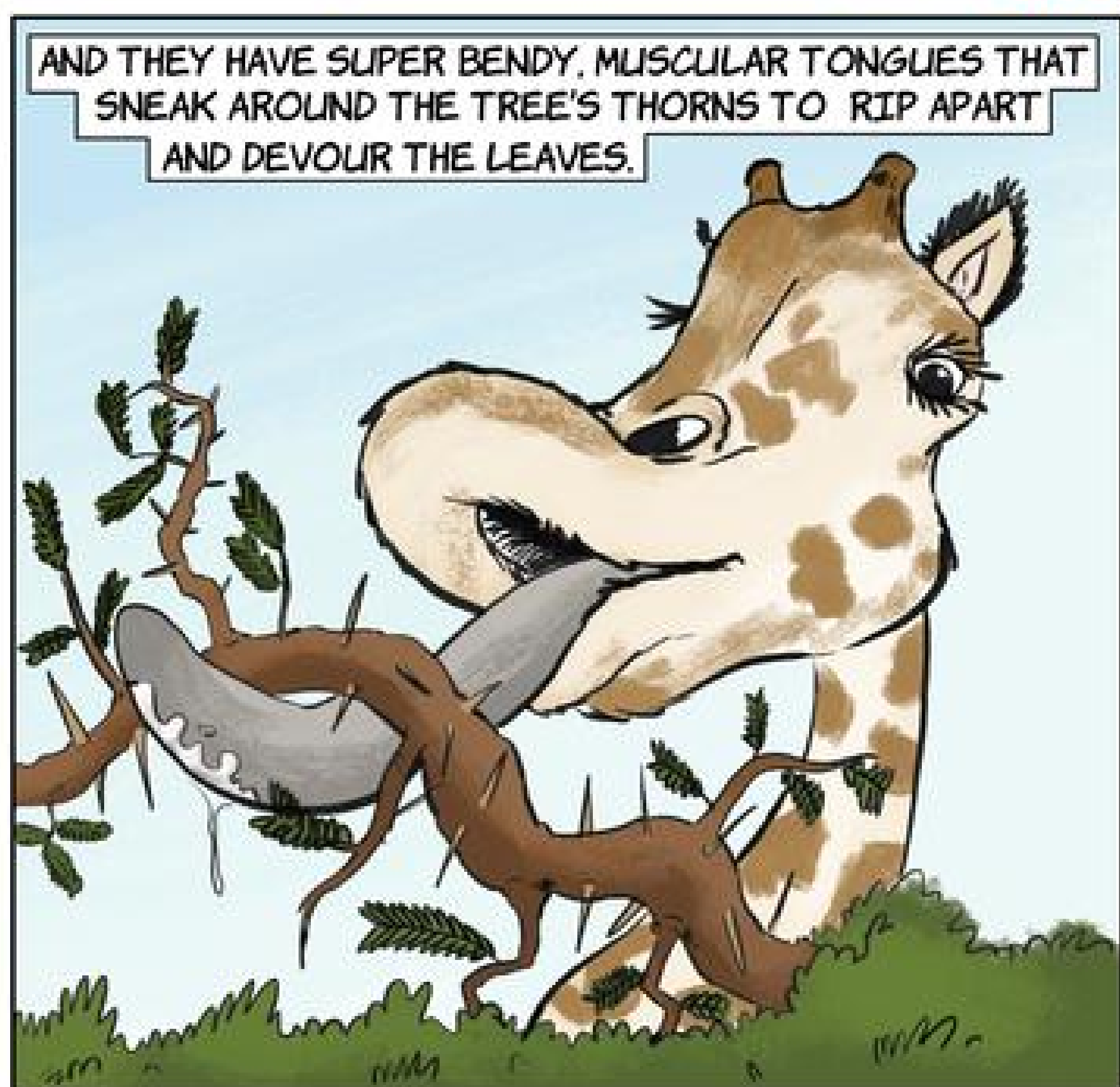
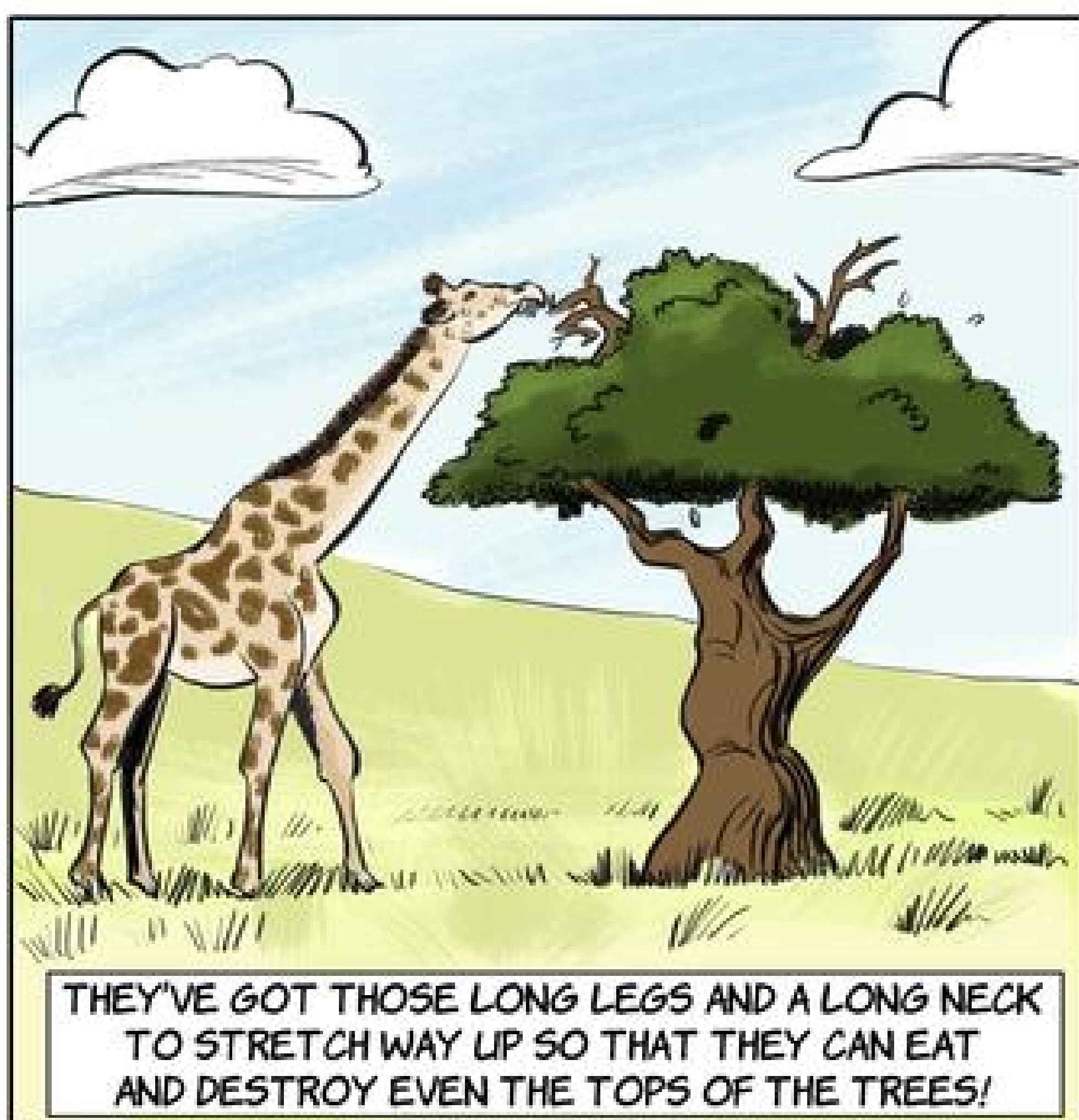
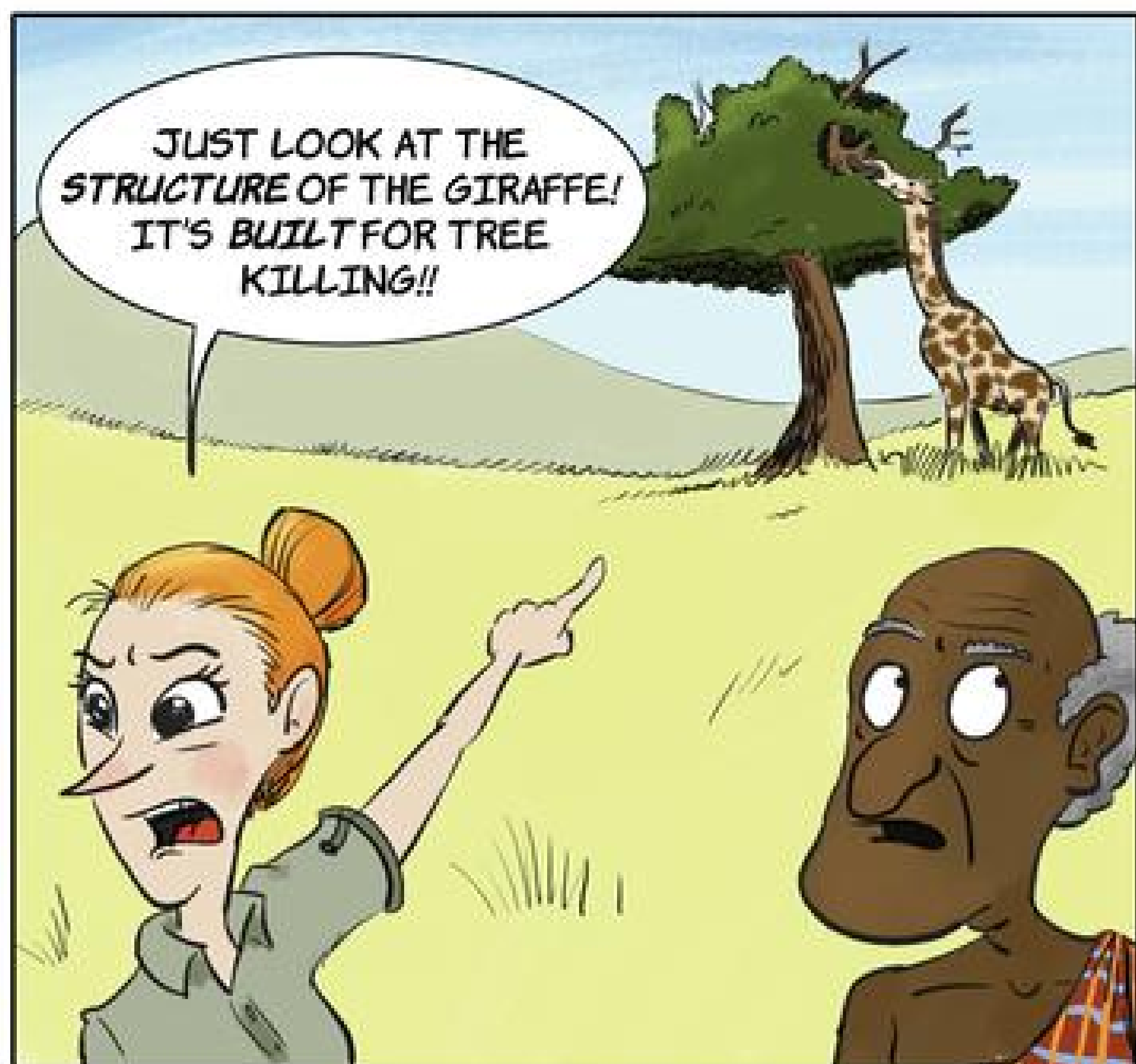


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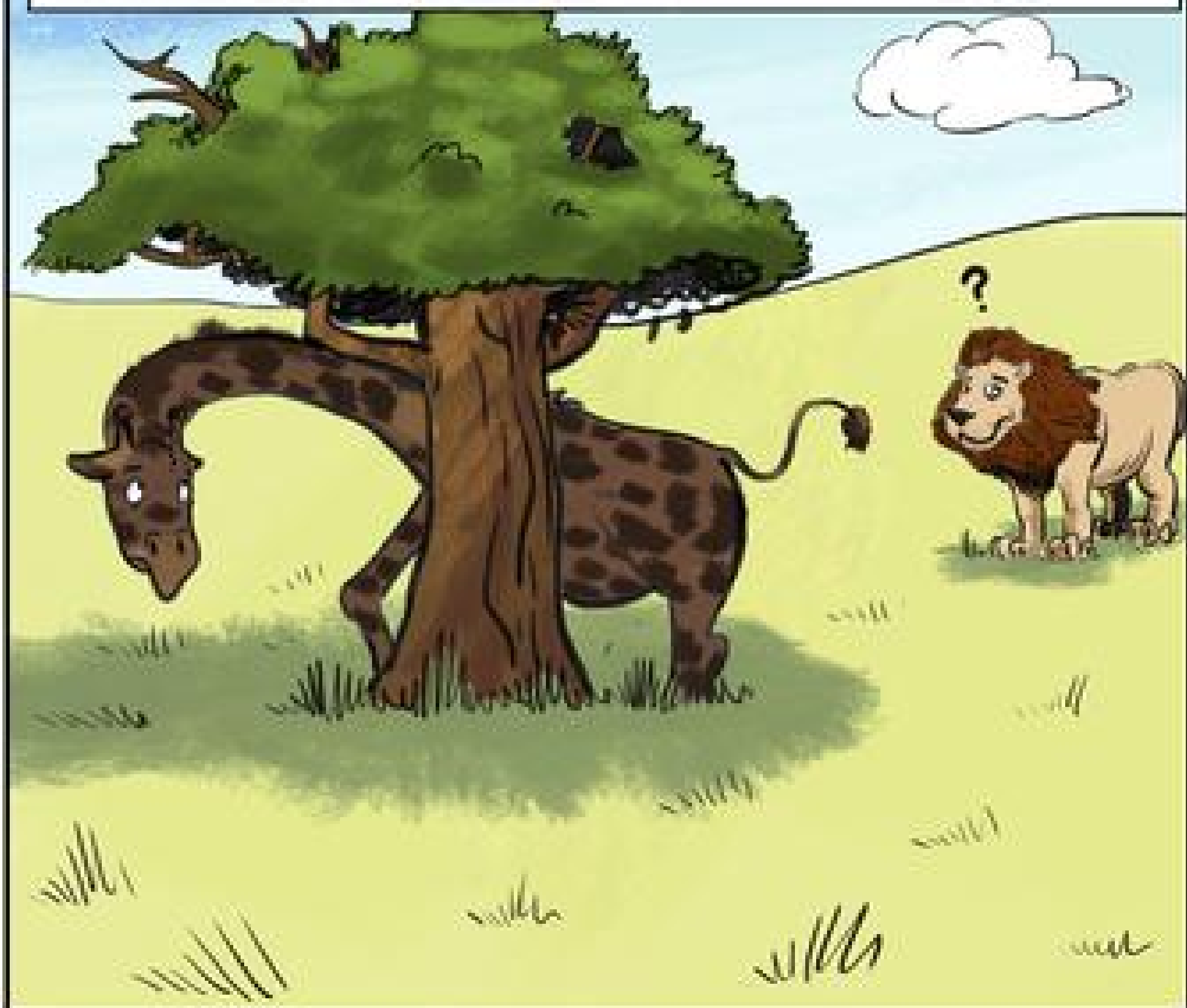
AND THE MYSTERY OF THE KILLER GIRAFFES







EVEN THE GIRAFFE'S "PRETTY" SPOTS HAVE A TRICKY PURPOSE! THEY HELP THE GIRAFFE BLEND INTO THE ENVIRONMENT, SO PREDATORS CAN'T SEE THEM...



WHICH MEANS THEY'RE FREE TO EAT AND KILL THE ACACIA ALL THEY WANT!!

THE DISGUISE WON'T FOOL ME, GIRAFFE! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!!!



EASY THERE, LITTLE GUY! THE ACACIA TREES AREN'T EVEN DEAD!



SURE, THE GIRAFFES EAT THEIR LEAVES, BUT THE TREES ARE SURVIVING JUST FINE.

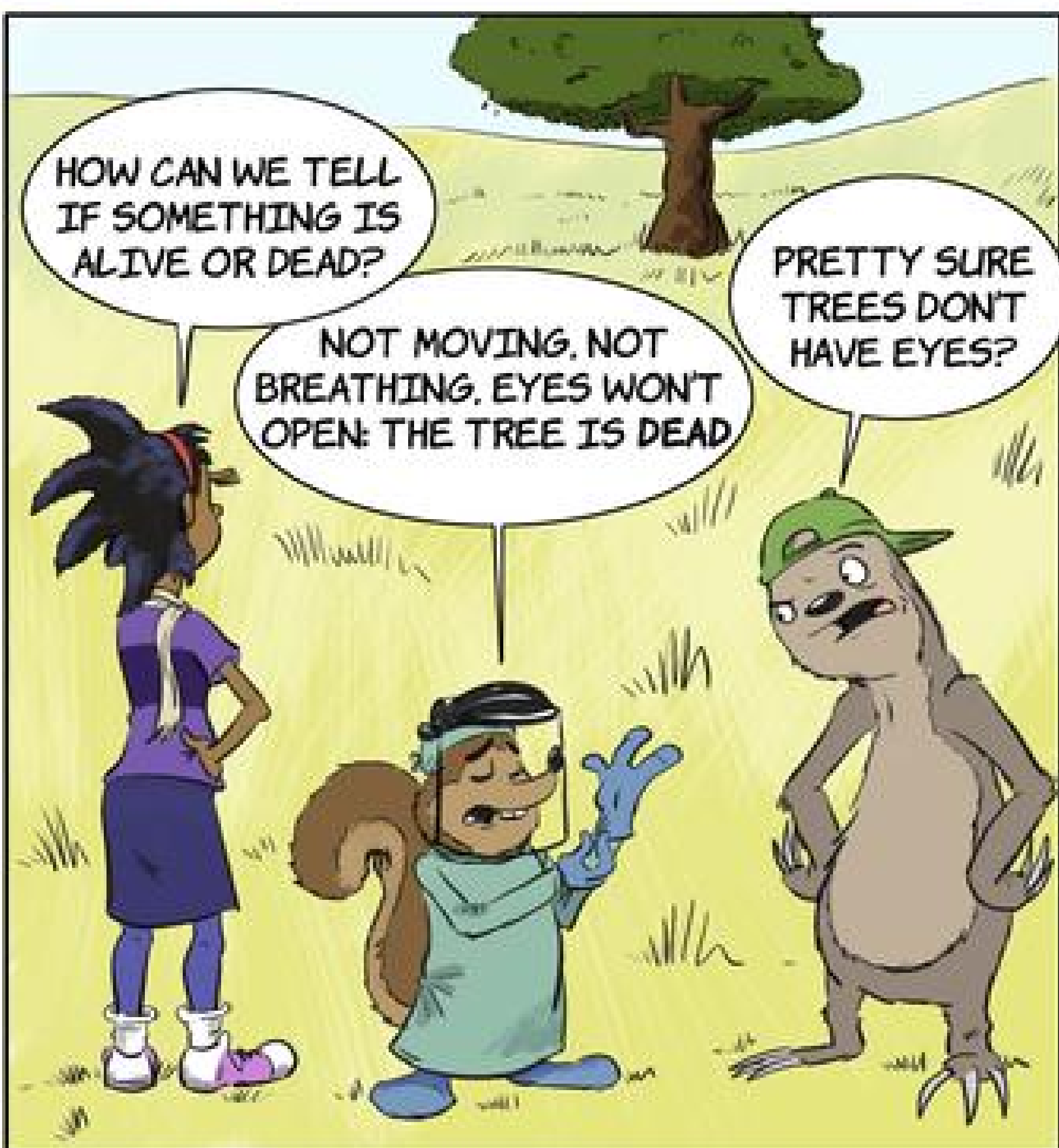
OH, REALLY? AND WHERE'S YOUR PROOF?!



HOW CAN WE TELL IF SOMETHING IS ALIVE OR DEAD?

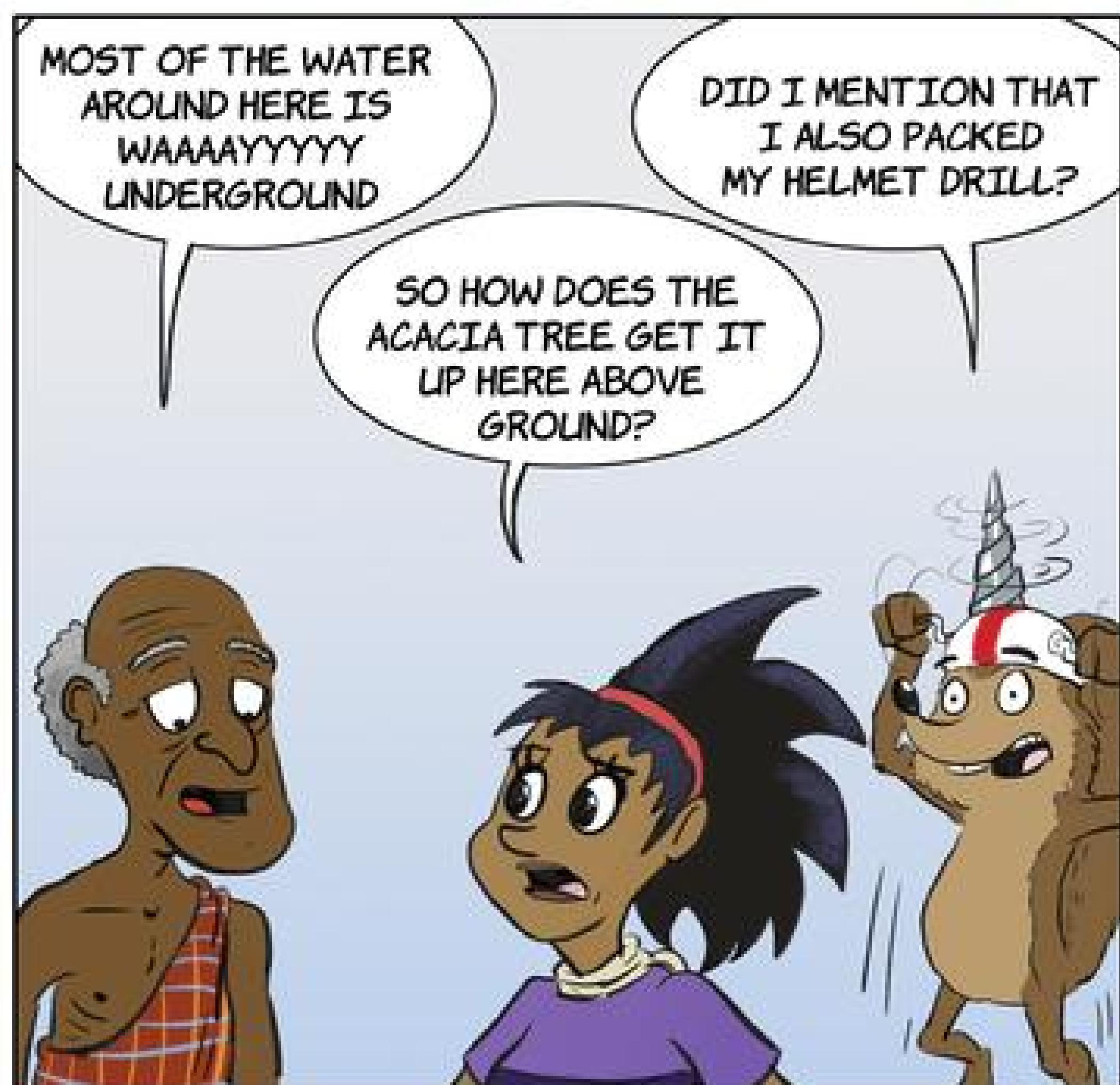
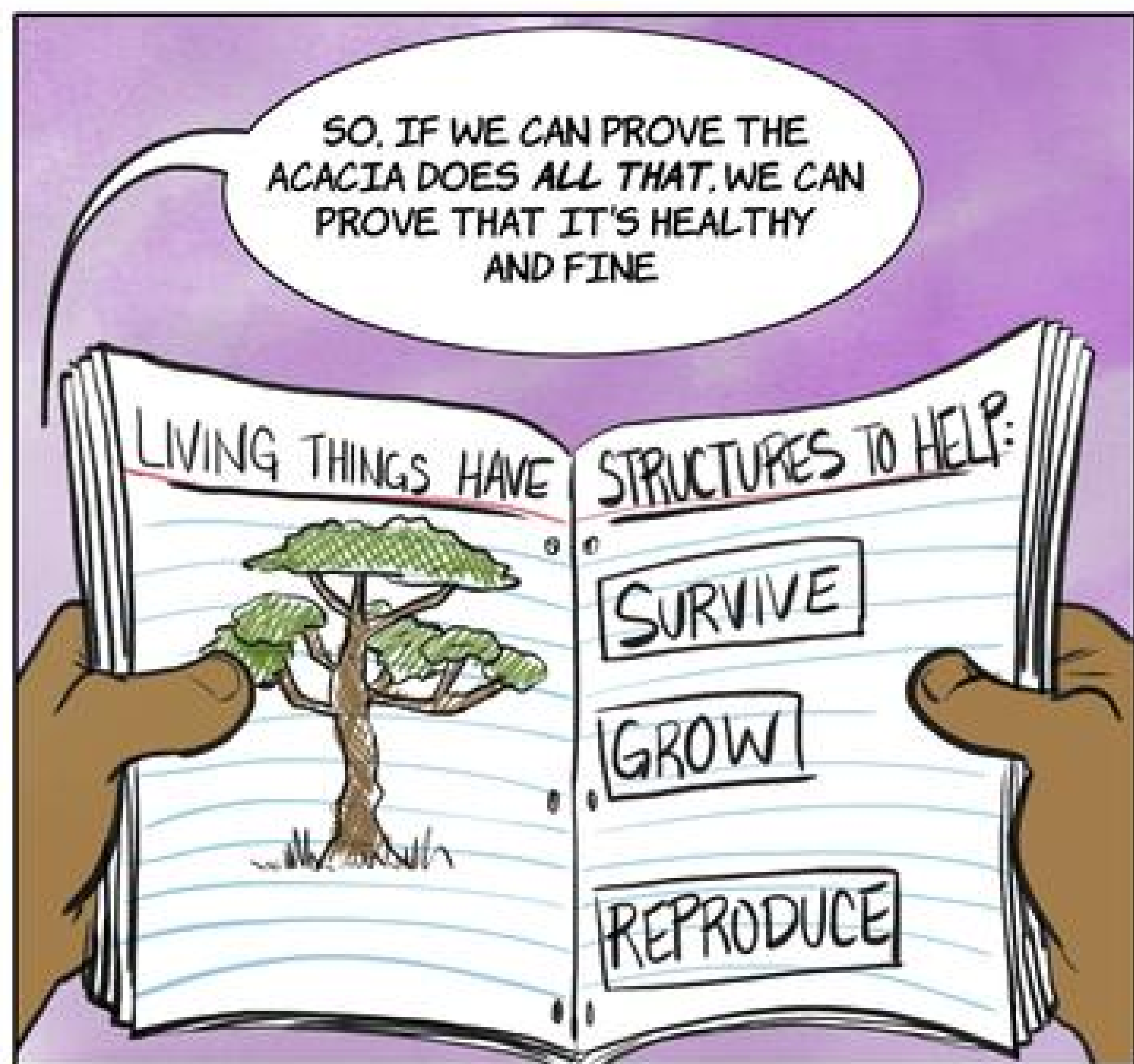
NOT MOVING, NOT BREATHING, EYES WON'T OPEN: THE TREE IS DEAD

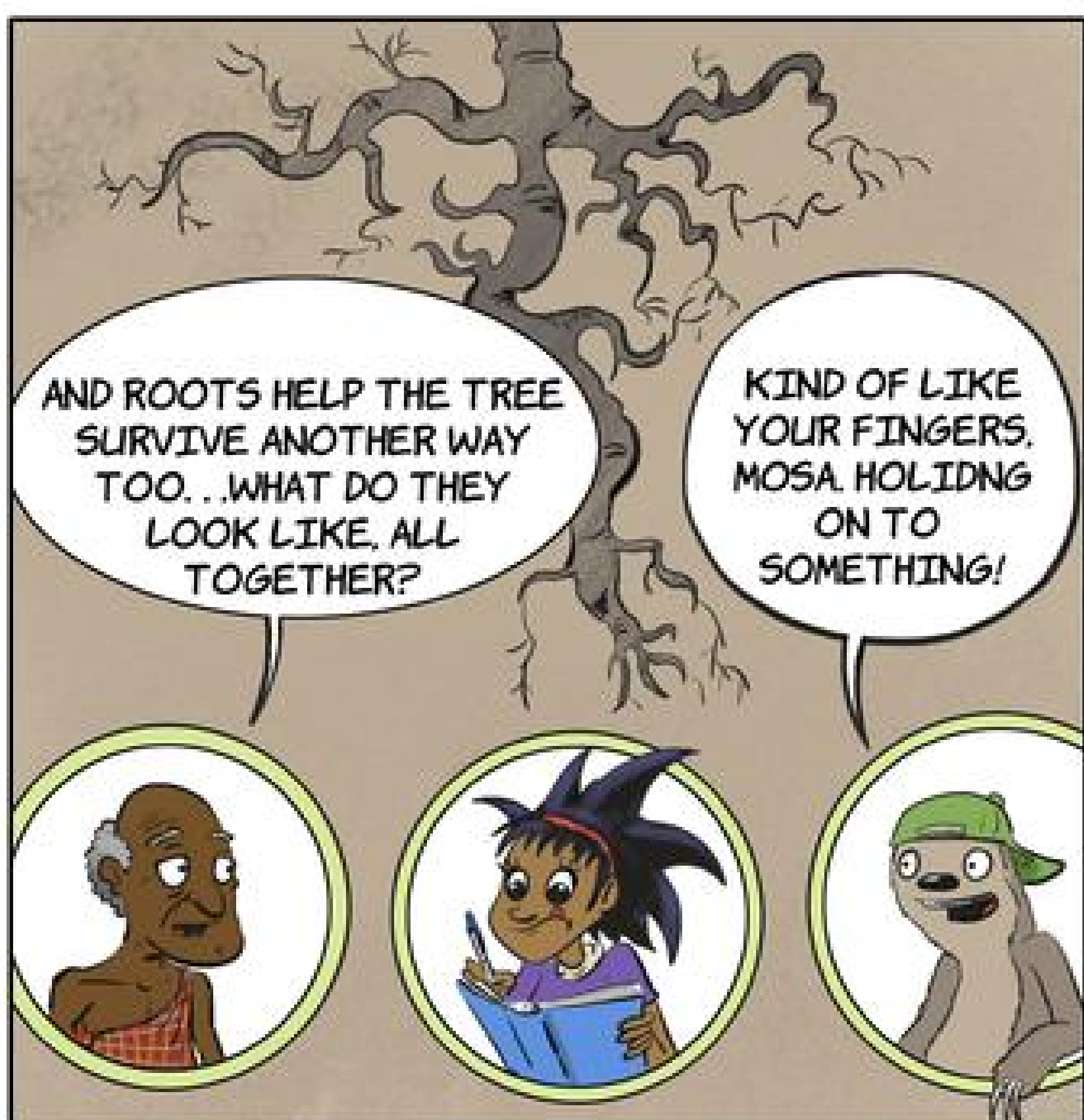
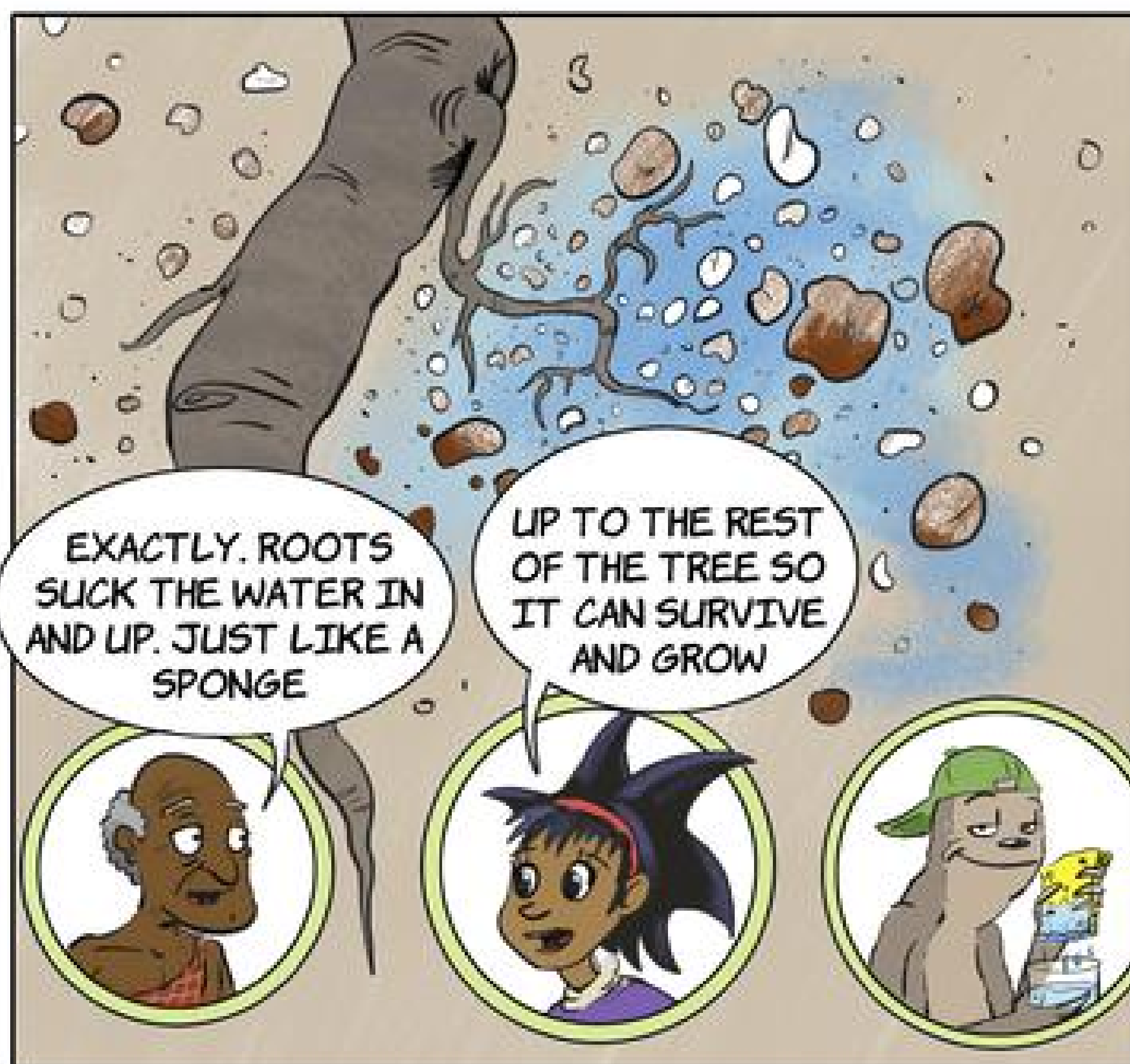
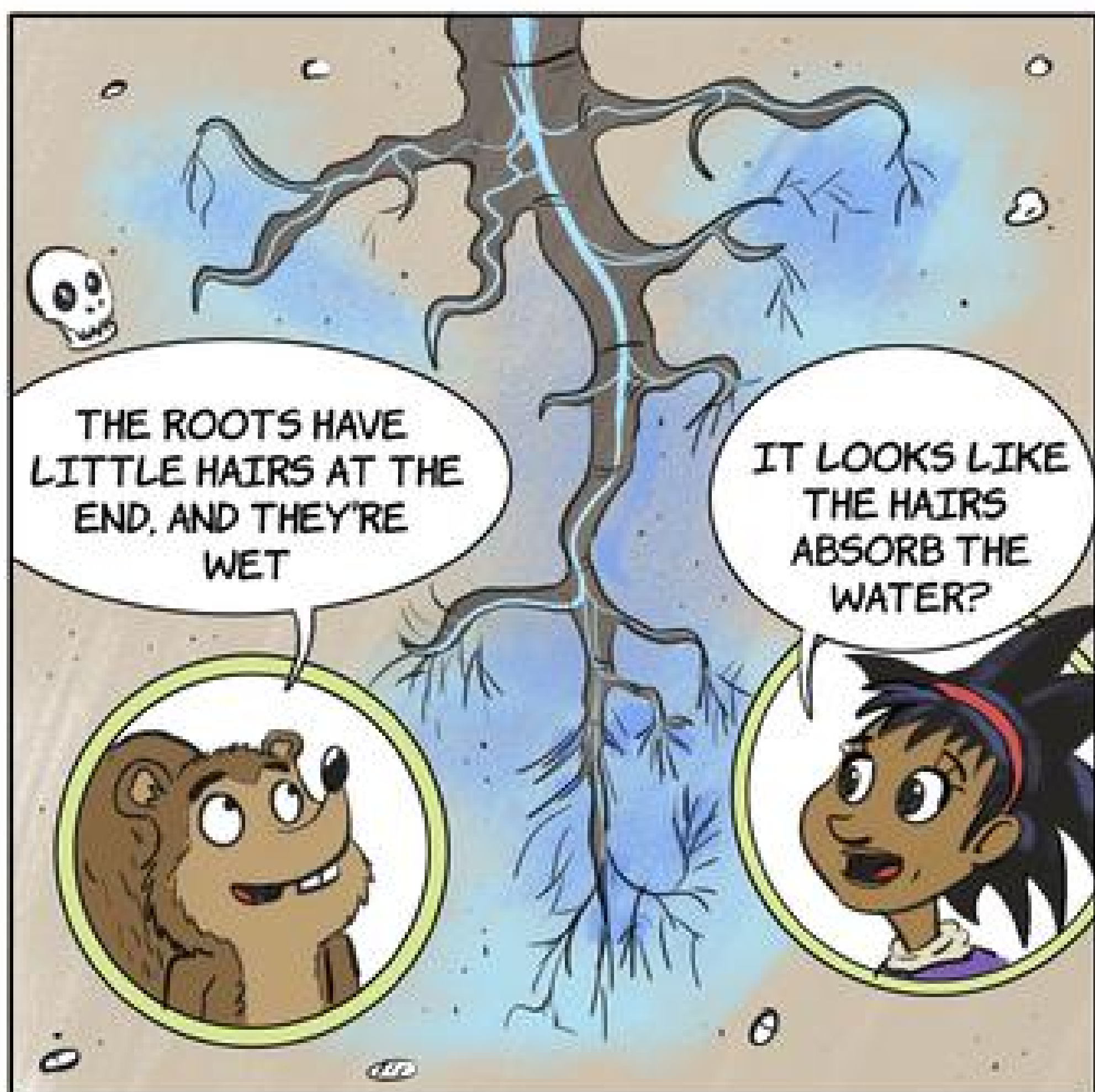
PRETTY SURE TREES DON'T HAVE EYES?

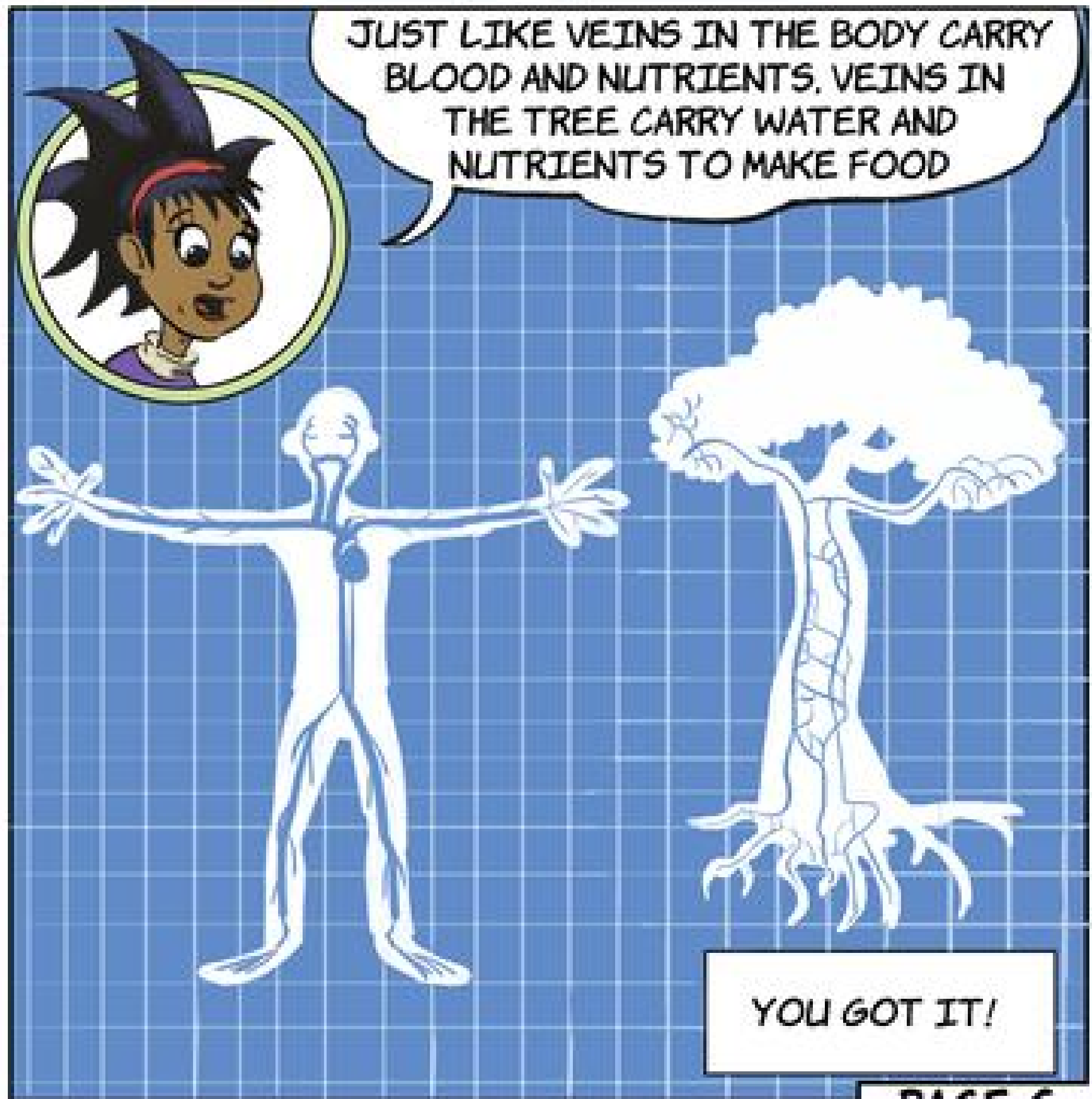
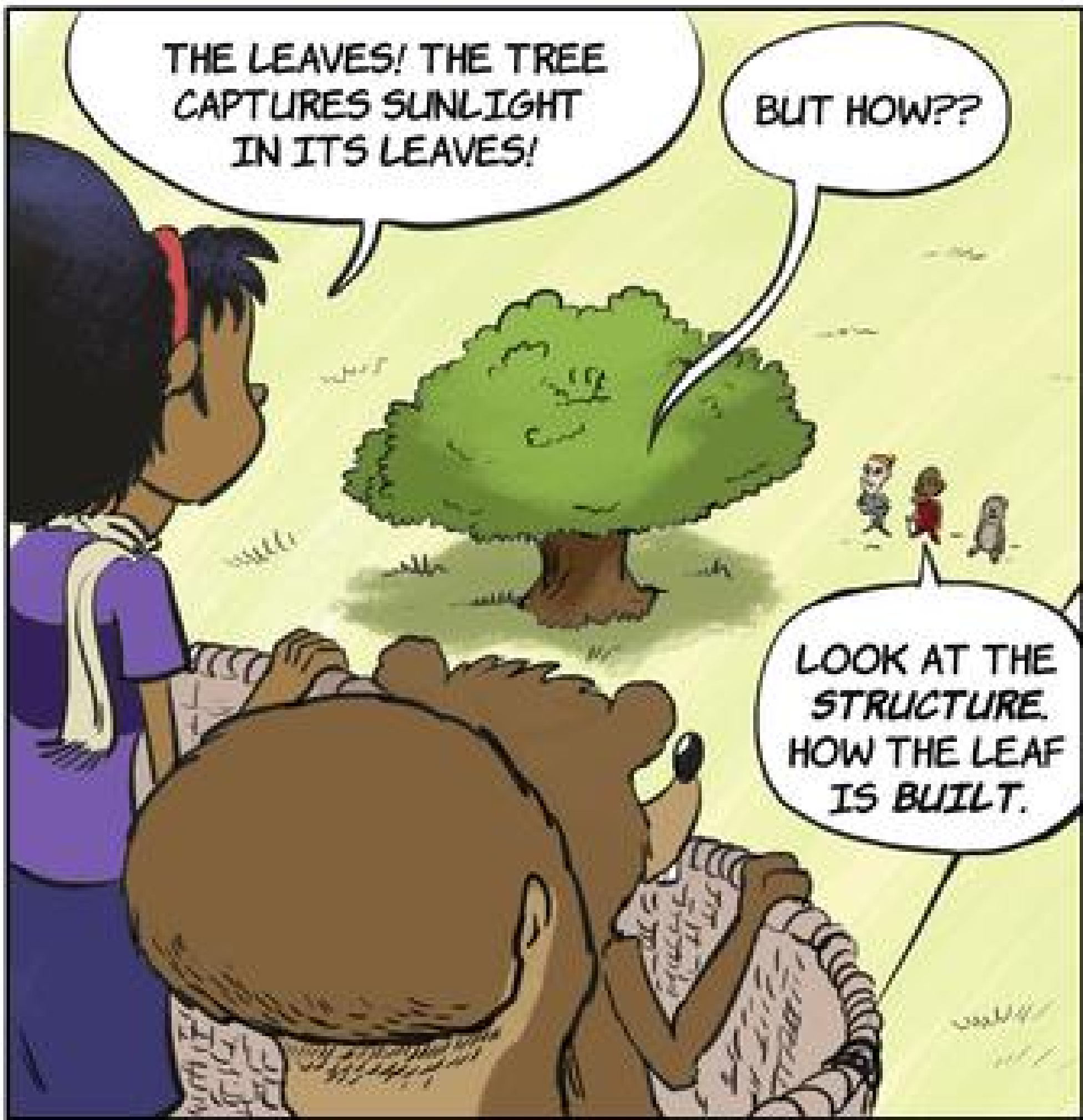
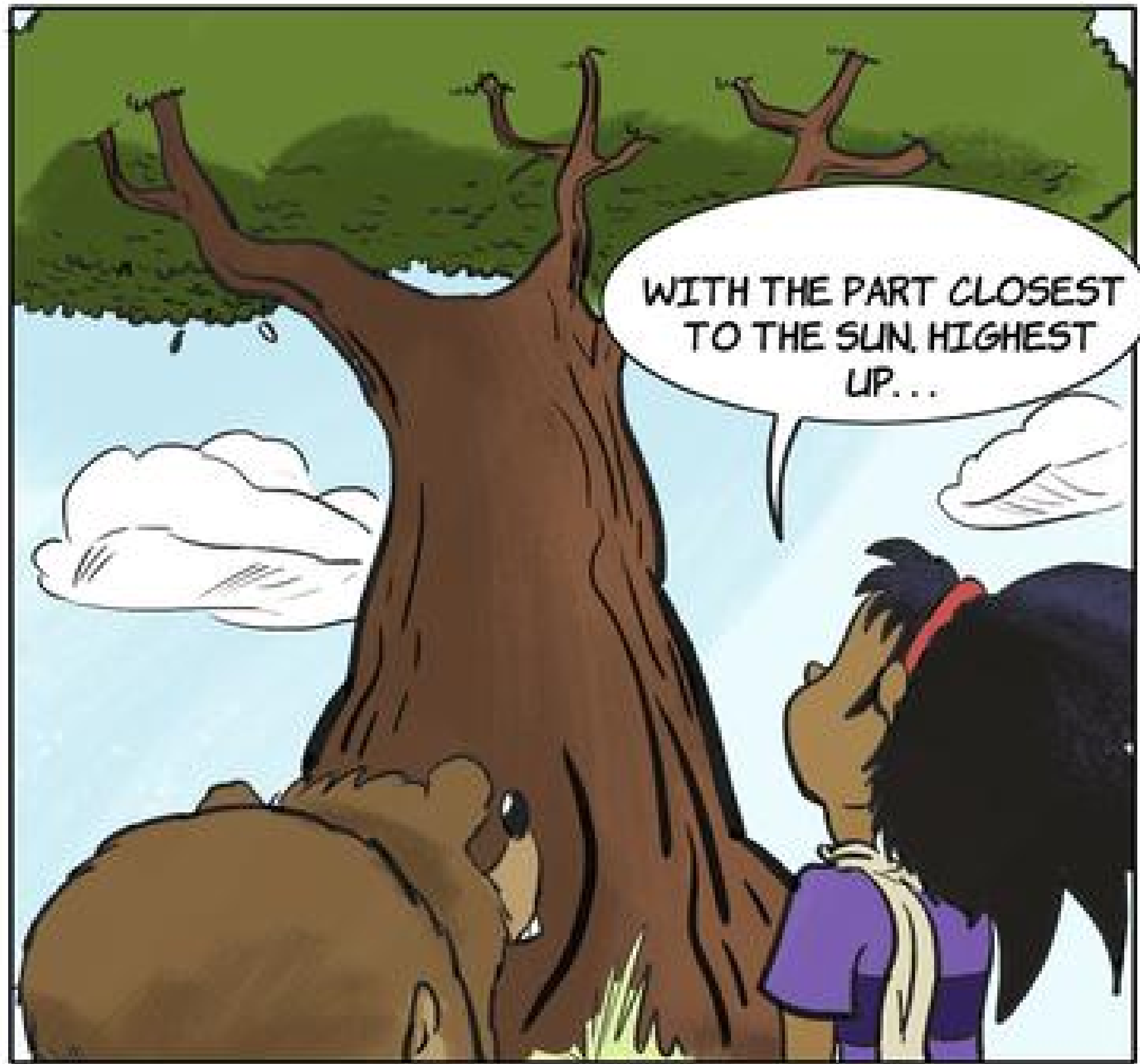
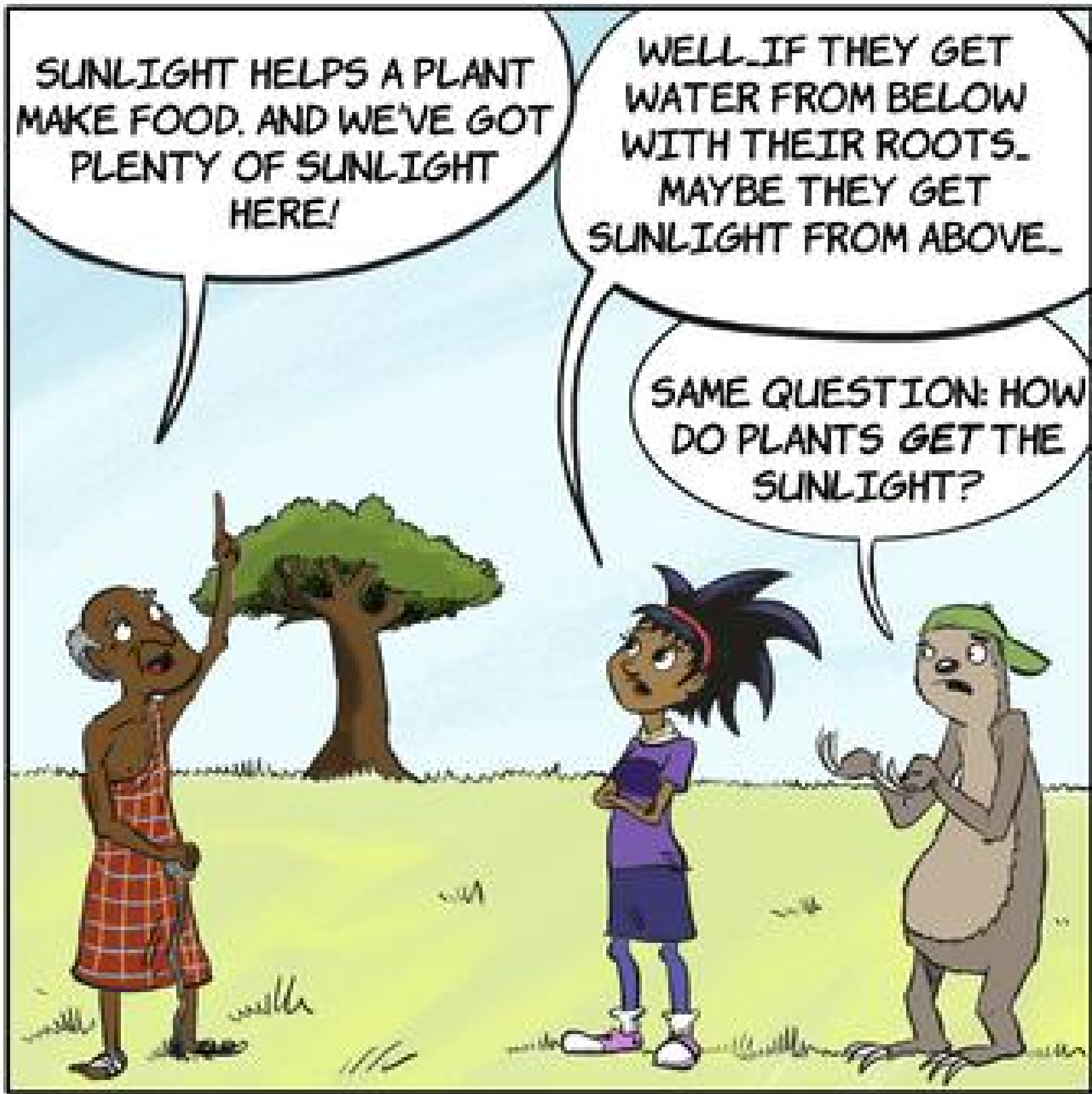


WHETHER IT'S A PLANT OR AN ANIMAL, ALL LIVING THINGS HAVE STRUCTURES THAT HELP THEM DO THREE THINGS...

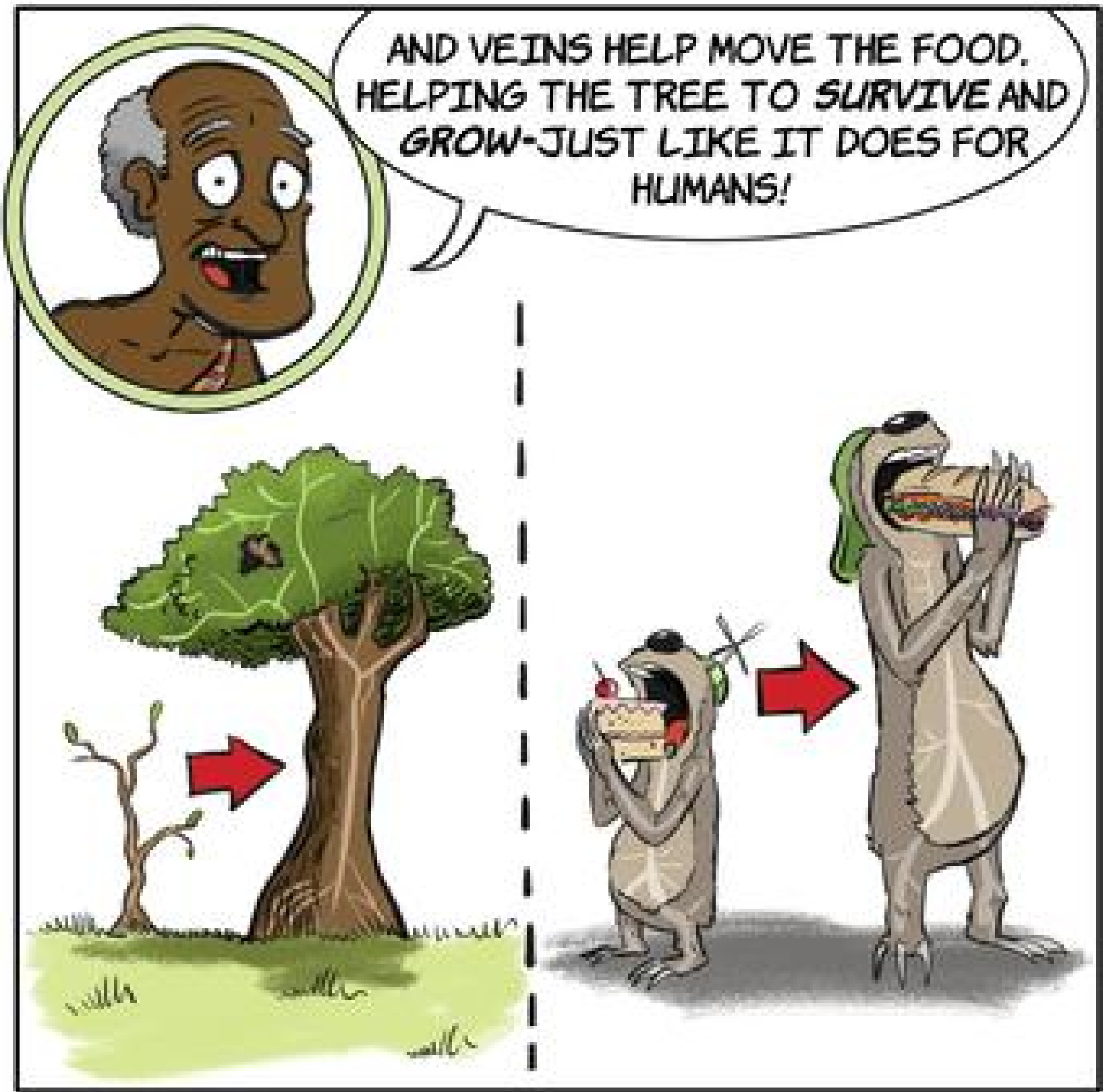








AND VEINS HELP MOVE THE FOOD, HELPING THE TREE TO **SURVIVE** AND **GROW**-JUST LIKE IT DOES FOR HUMANS!



SPEAKING OF FOOD, I'M A LITTLE HUNGRY. IF ACACIA LEAVES ARE GOOD ENOUGH FOR GIRAFFES...



BILLY, WATCH OUT FOR THOSE....



...THORNS

OOOOOWWW!!!

ADD THOSE TO YOUR LIST, TOO!



THE THORNS ARE LONG, SPIKY AND SHARP... WHICH KEEPS PREDATORS FROM EATING THE ACACIA!

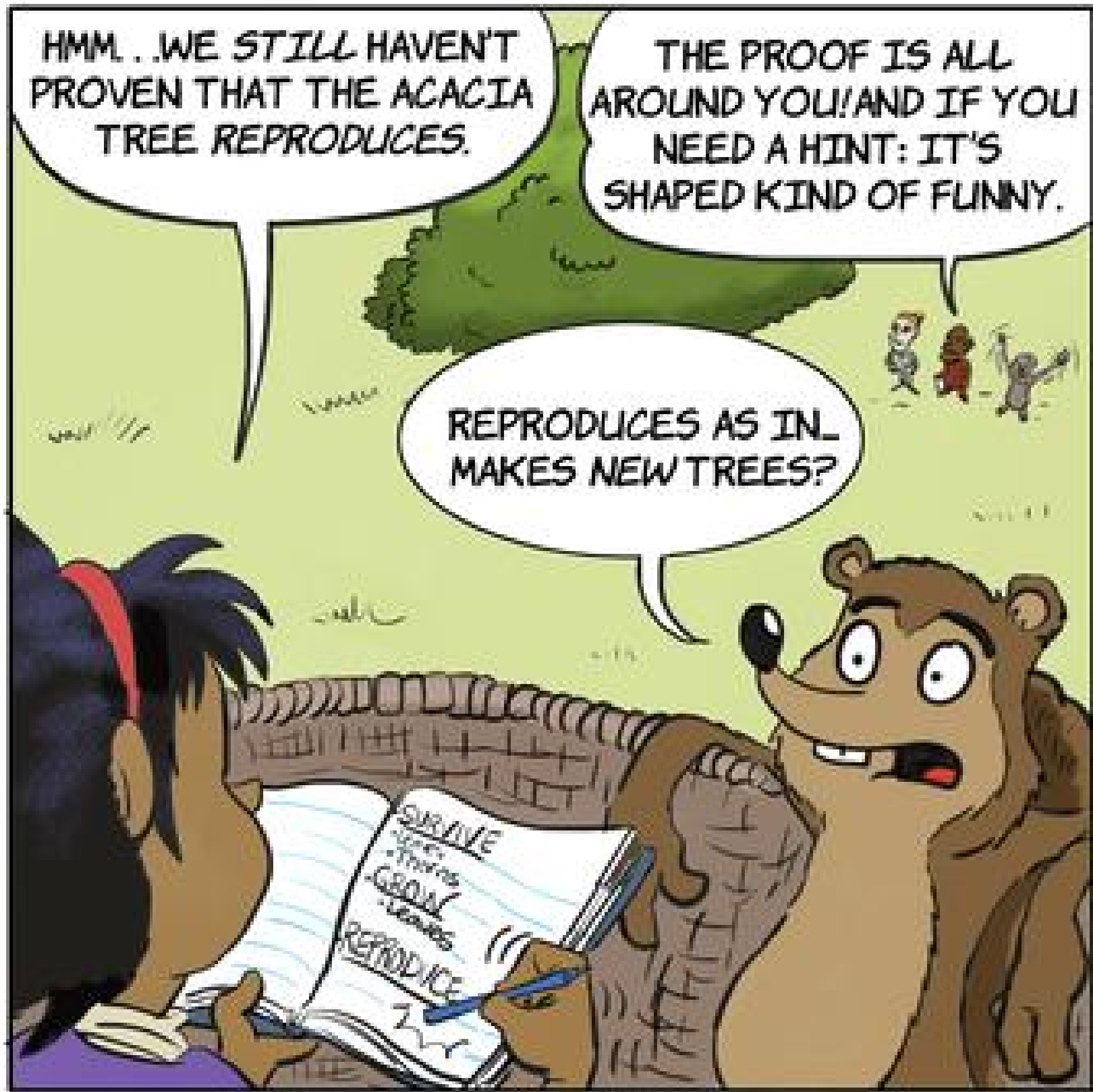
EXCEPT FOR THE KILLER GIRAFFE AND ITS SNEAKY TONGUE!



BUT LOTS OF OTHER PREDATORS DON'T HAVE THOSE TONGUES!

WHICH MEANS: THORNS HELP THE ACACIA **SURVIVE**

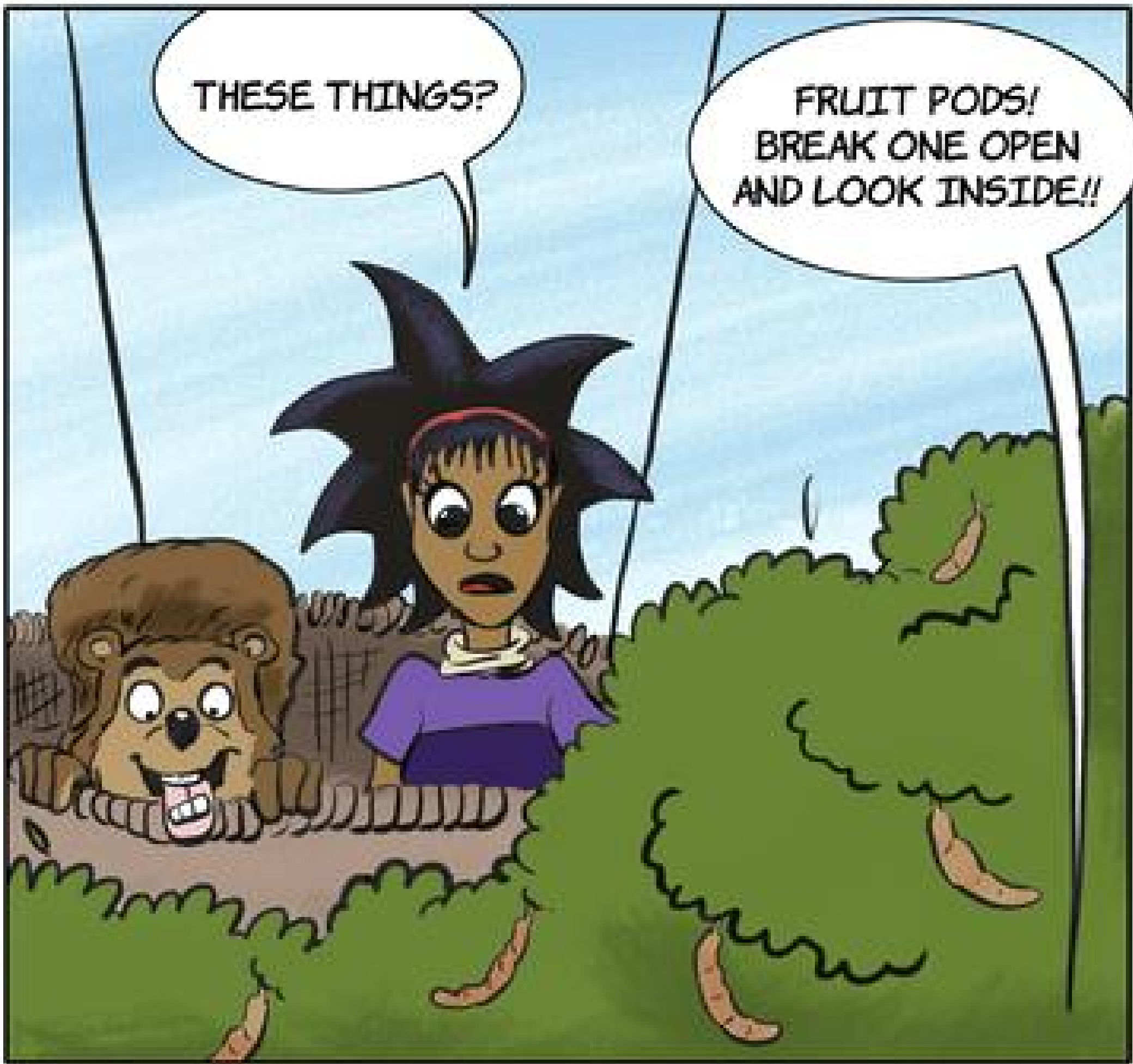




HMM . WE STILL HAVEN'T PROVEN THAT THE ACACIA TREE REPRODUCES.

THE PROOF IS ALL AROUND YOU! AND IF YOU NEED A HINT: IT'S SHAPED KIND OF FUNNY.

REPRODUCES AS IN... MAKES NEW TREES?



THESE THINGS?

FRUIT PODS! BREAK ONE OPEN AND LOOK INSIDE!!



HMM... WHERE HAVE I SEEN THESE THINGS BEFORE?

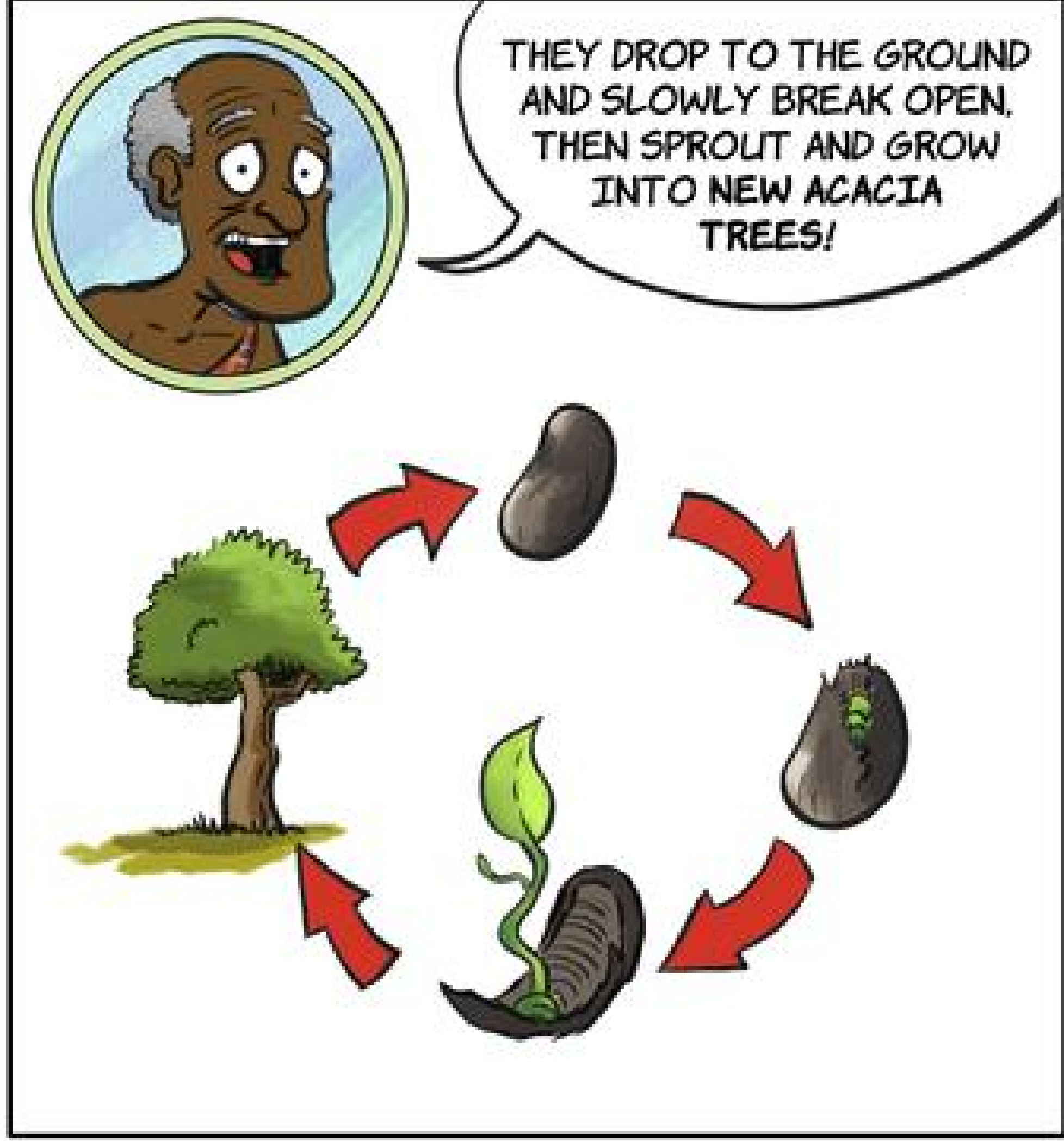
SEEDS! SEEDS! FIRST I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU ALL NAMES, AND THEN I'M GOING TO EAT YOU!

CRACK



WHAT ARE THE SEEDS FOR?

THIS THING IS HARD AS A ROCK!!



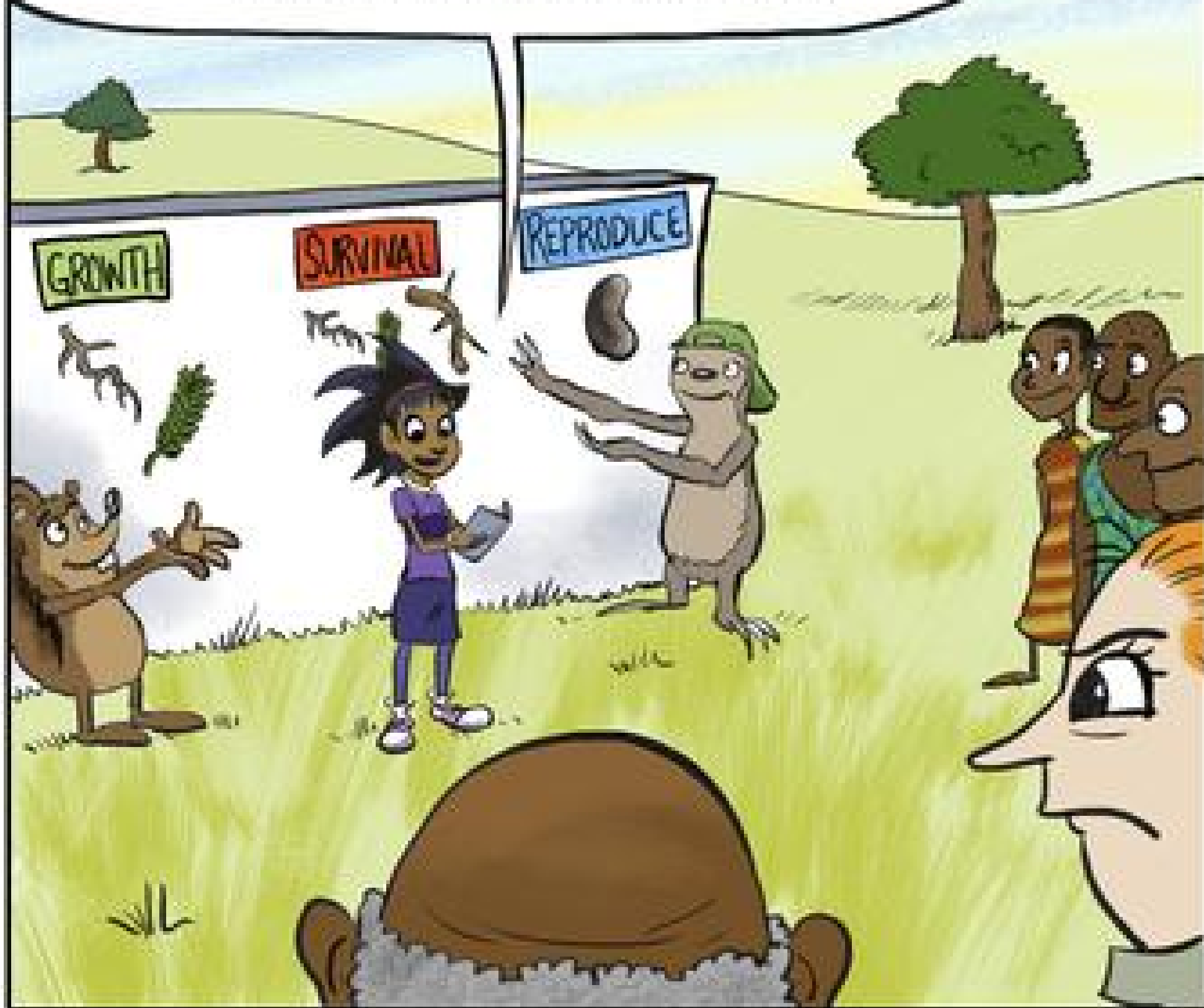
THEY DROP TO THE GROUND AND SLOWLY BREAK OPEN, THEN SPROUT AND GROW INTO NEW ACACIA TREES!



SO THE SEEDS ARE WHAT THE ACACIA TREE USES TO REPRODUCE!!

NIALL, LIAM, HARRY, LOUIS...
GULP!

ROOTS AND LEAVES HELP THE ACACIA SURVIVE AND GROW. THORNS HELP IT SURVIVE. AND SEEDS LET IT REPRODUCE!



THE ACACIA TREE IS ALIVE AND HEALTHY! WHICH MEANS: THE GIRAFFE IS NOT A KILLER!

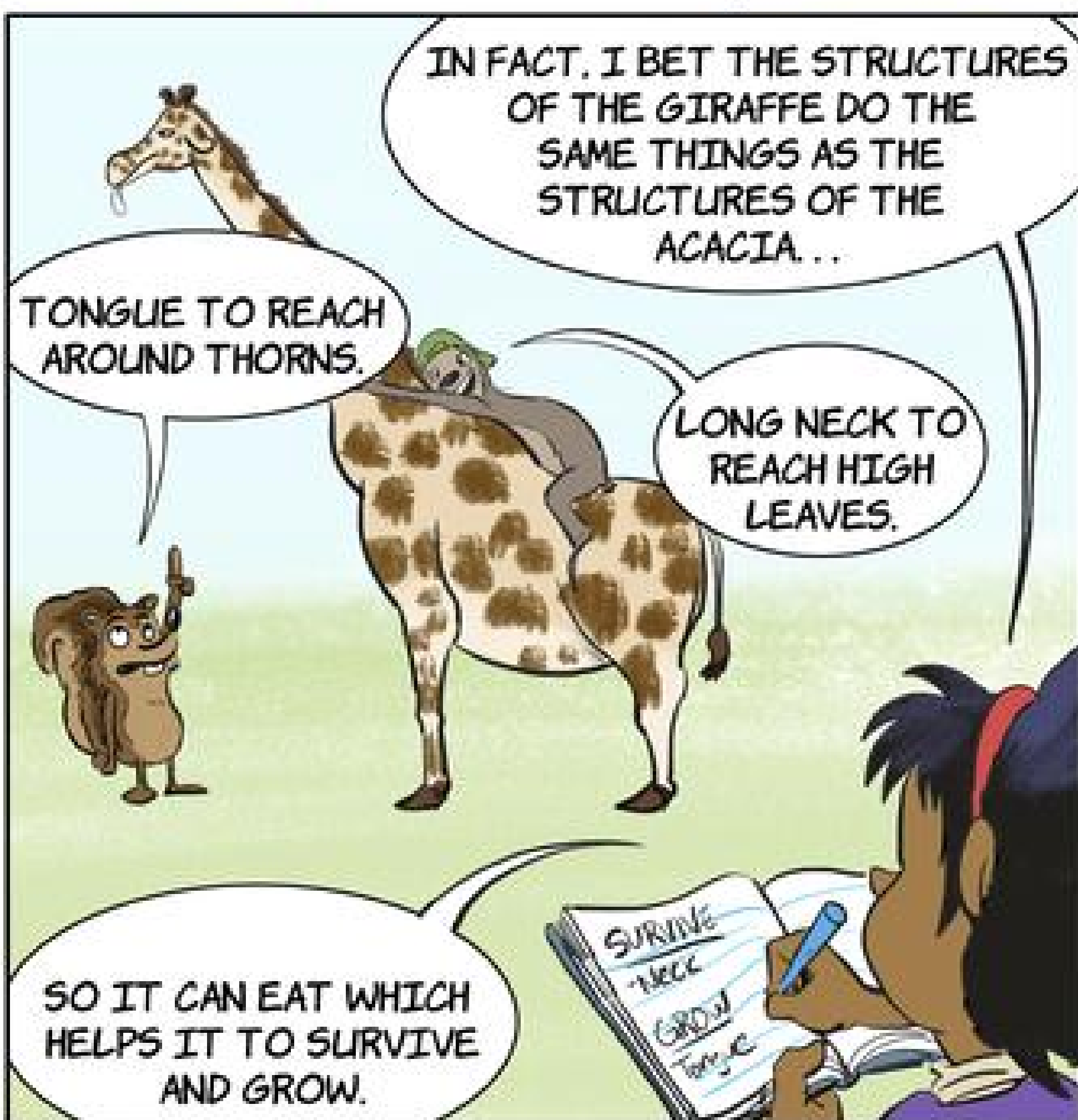


IN FACT, I BET THE STRUCTURES OF THE GIRAFFE DO THE SAME THINGS AS THE STRUCTURES OF THE ACACIA...

TONGUE TO REACH AROUND THORNS.

LONG NECK TO REACH HIGH LEAVES.

SO IT CAN EAT WHICH HELPS IT TO SURVIVE AND GROW.

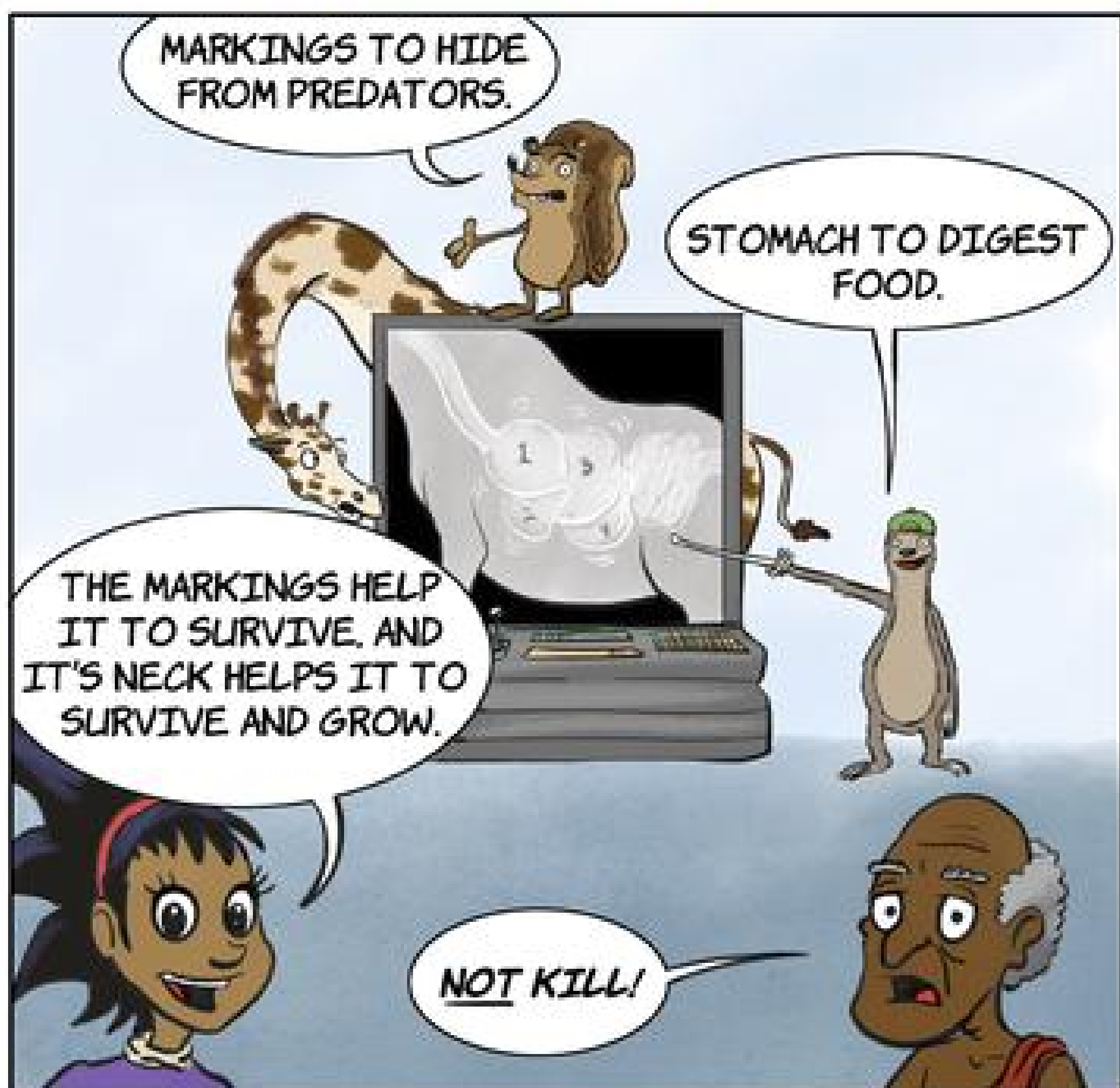


MARKINGS TO HIDE FROM PREDATORS.

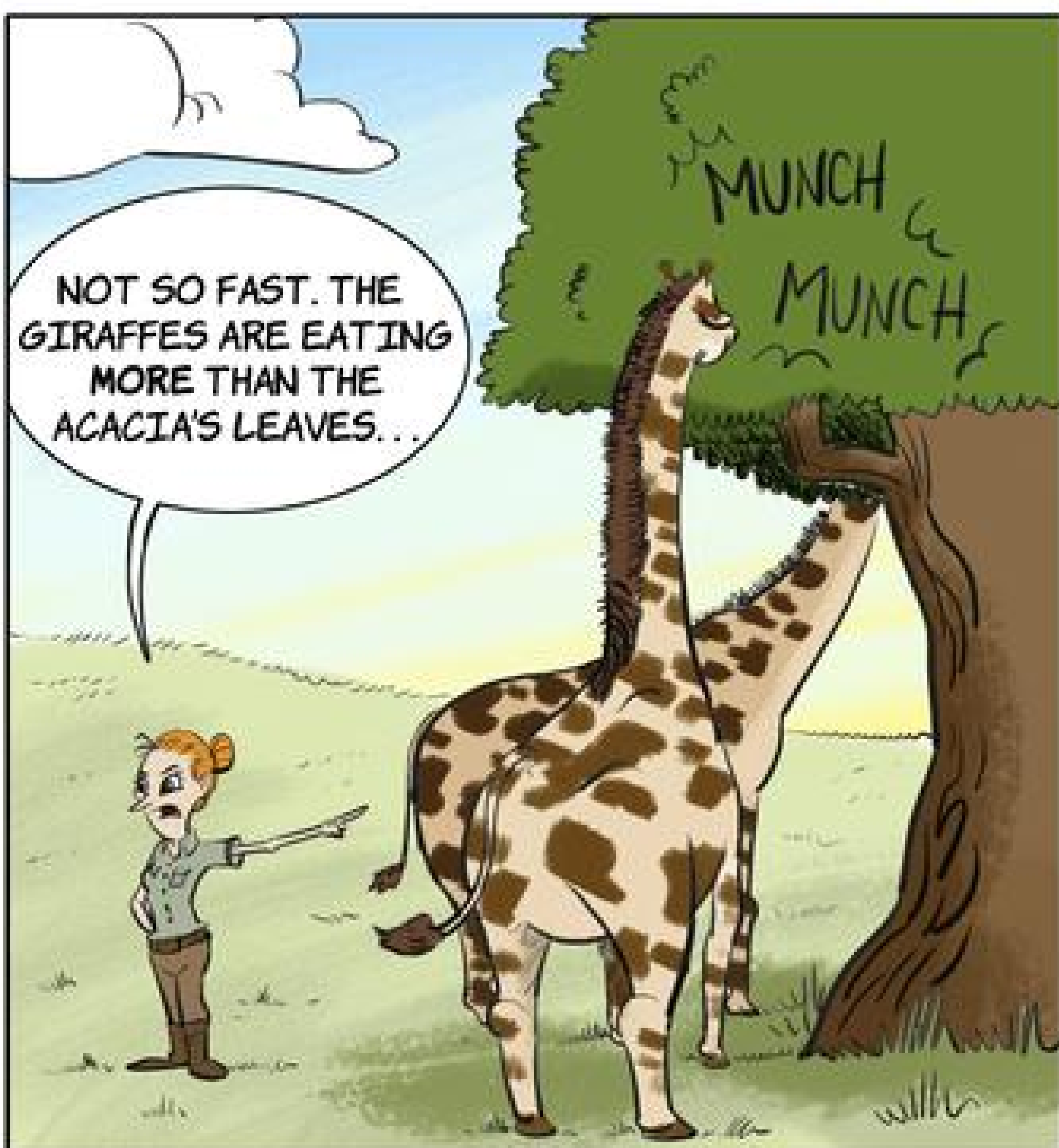
STOMACH TO DIGEST FOOD.

THE MARKINGS HELP IT TO SURVIVE, AND IT'S NECK HELPS IT TO SURVIVE AND GROW.

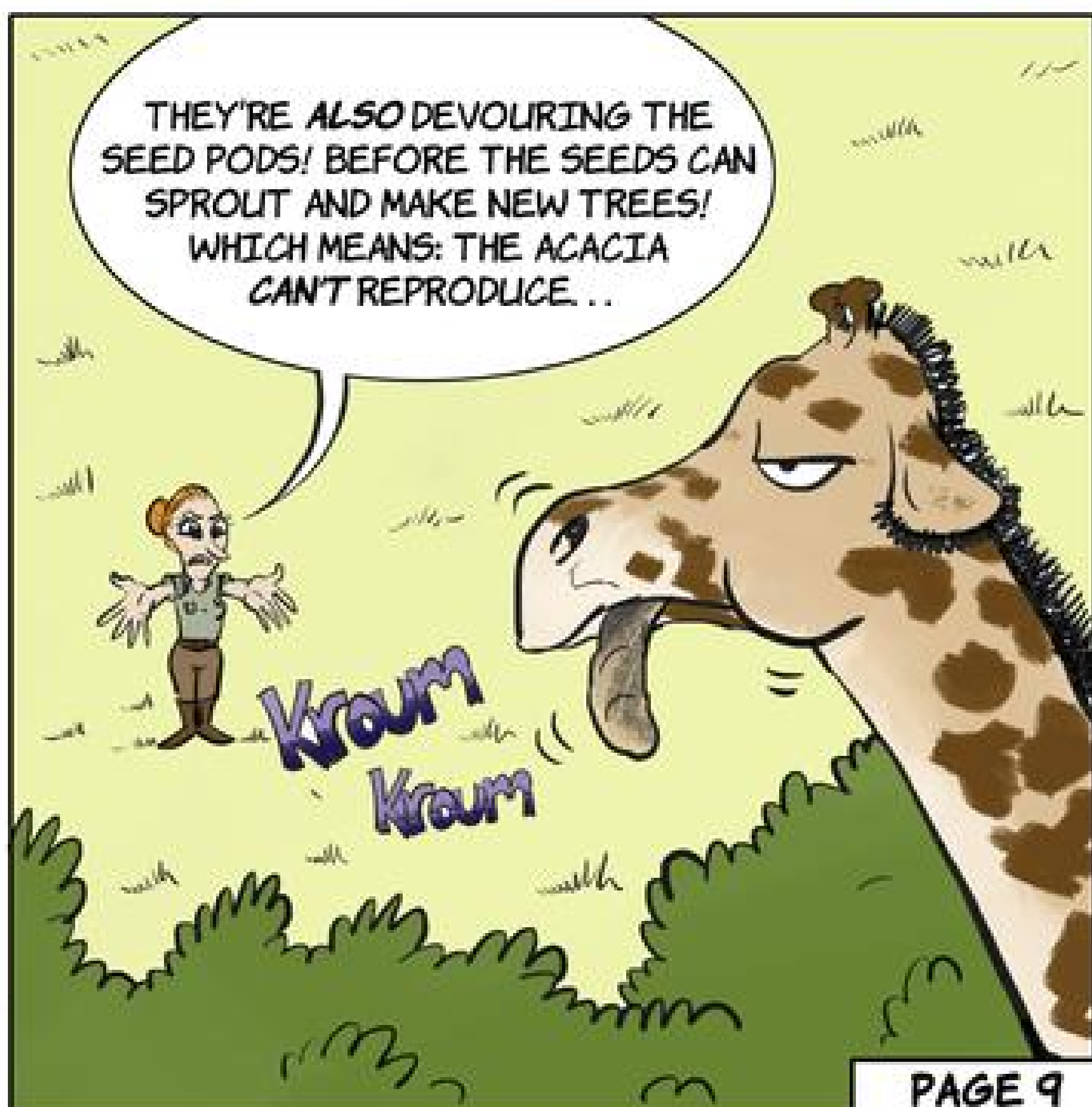
NOT KILL!

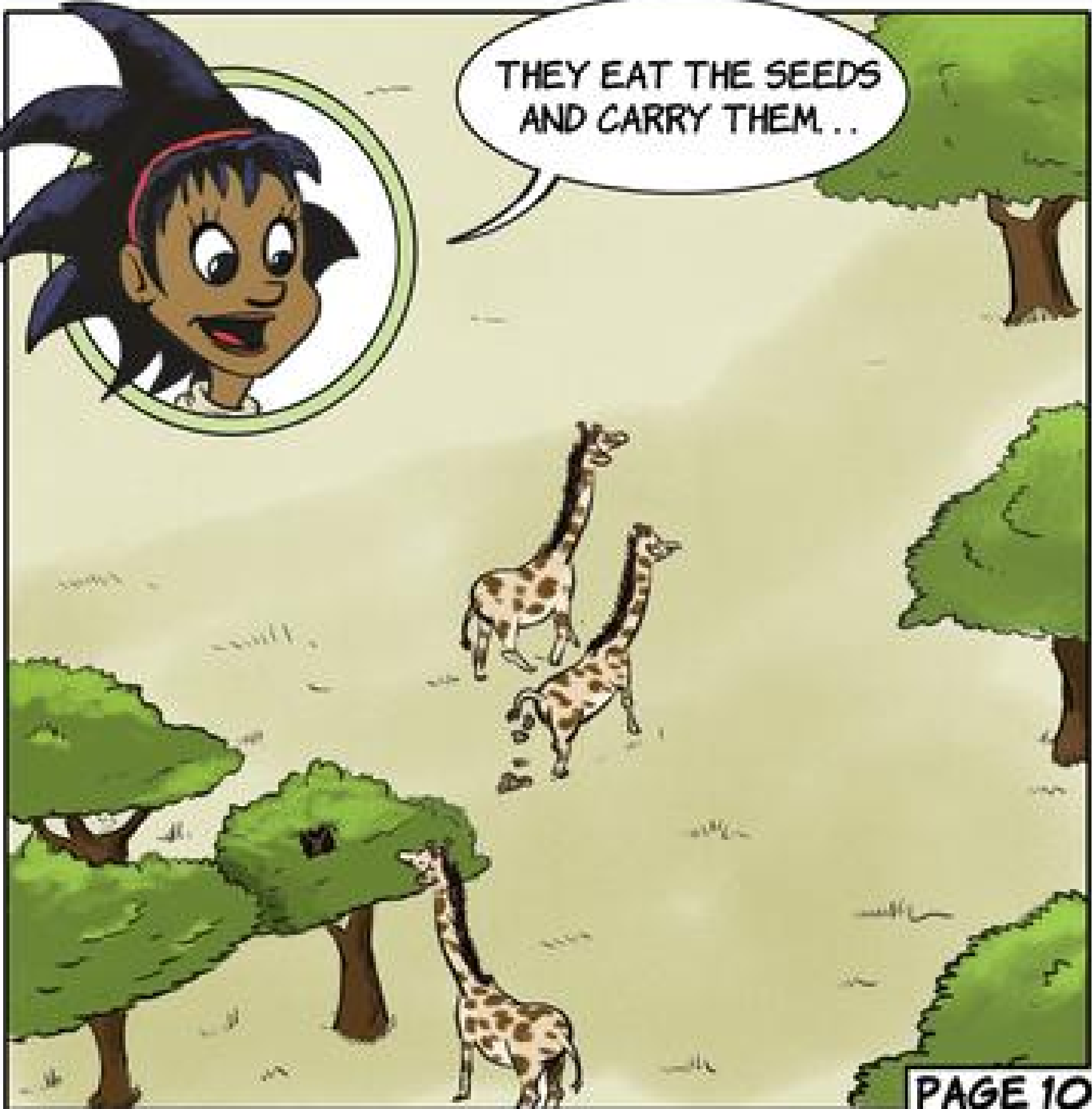
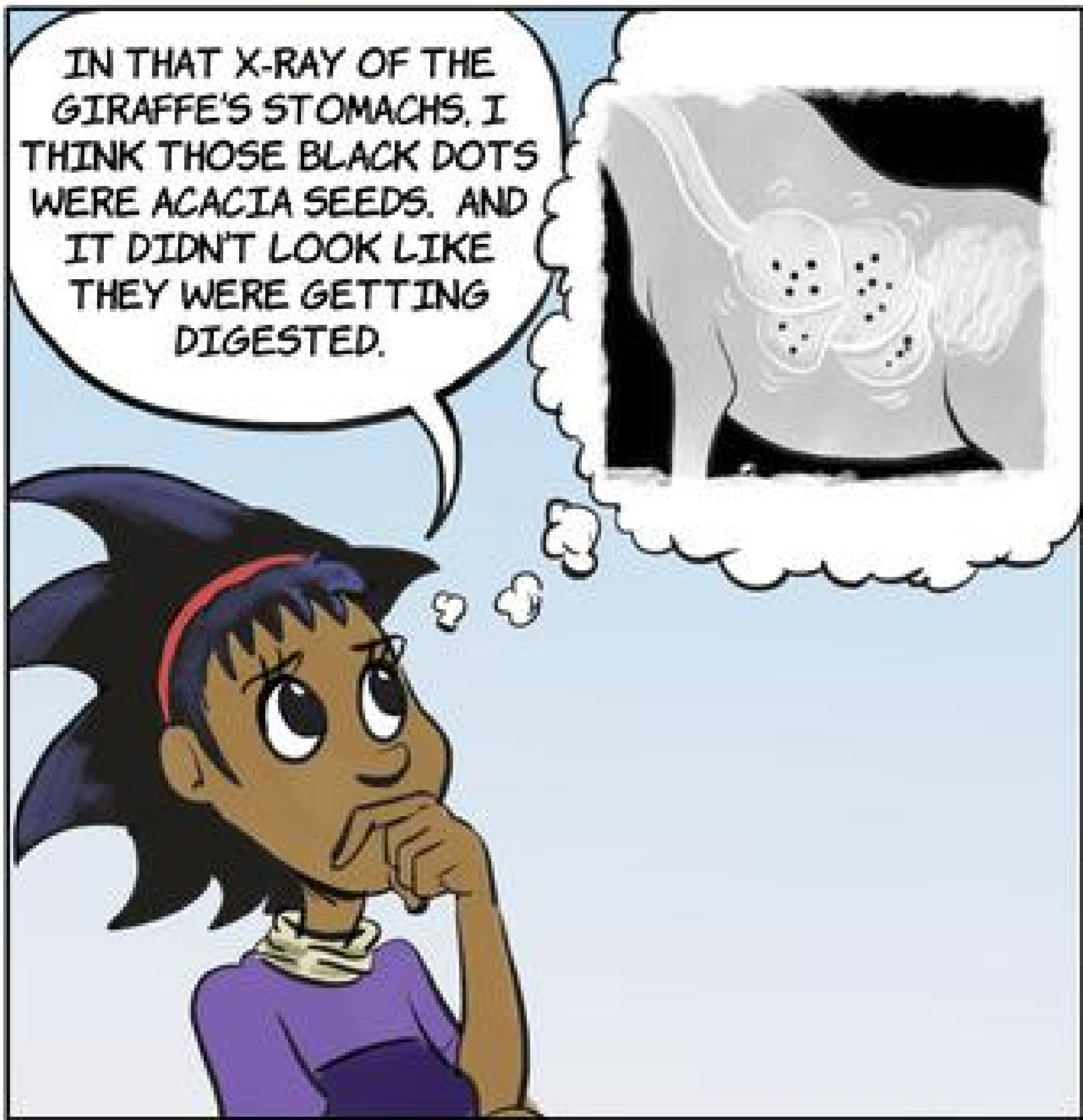


NOT SO FAST. THE GIRAFFES ARE EATING MORE THAN THE ACACIA'S LEAVES...



THEY'RE ALSO DEVOURING THE SEED PODS! BEFORE THE SEEDS CAN SPROUT AND MAKE NEW TREES! WHICH MEANS: THE ACACIA CAN'T REPRODUCE...







WHEREVER THE GIRAFFES GO,
THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL FIND
MORE ACAICA.

