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Miss Sunflower is crying.  
“A thief just stole my pumpkin pie!  
Now what will I have for dinner?” she sobs.

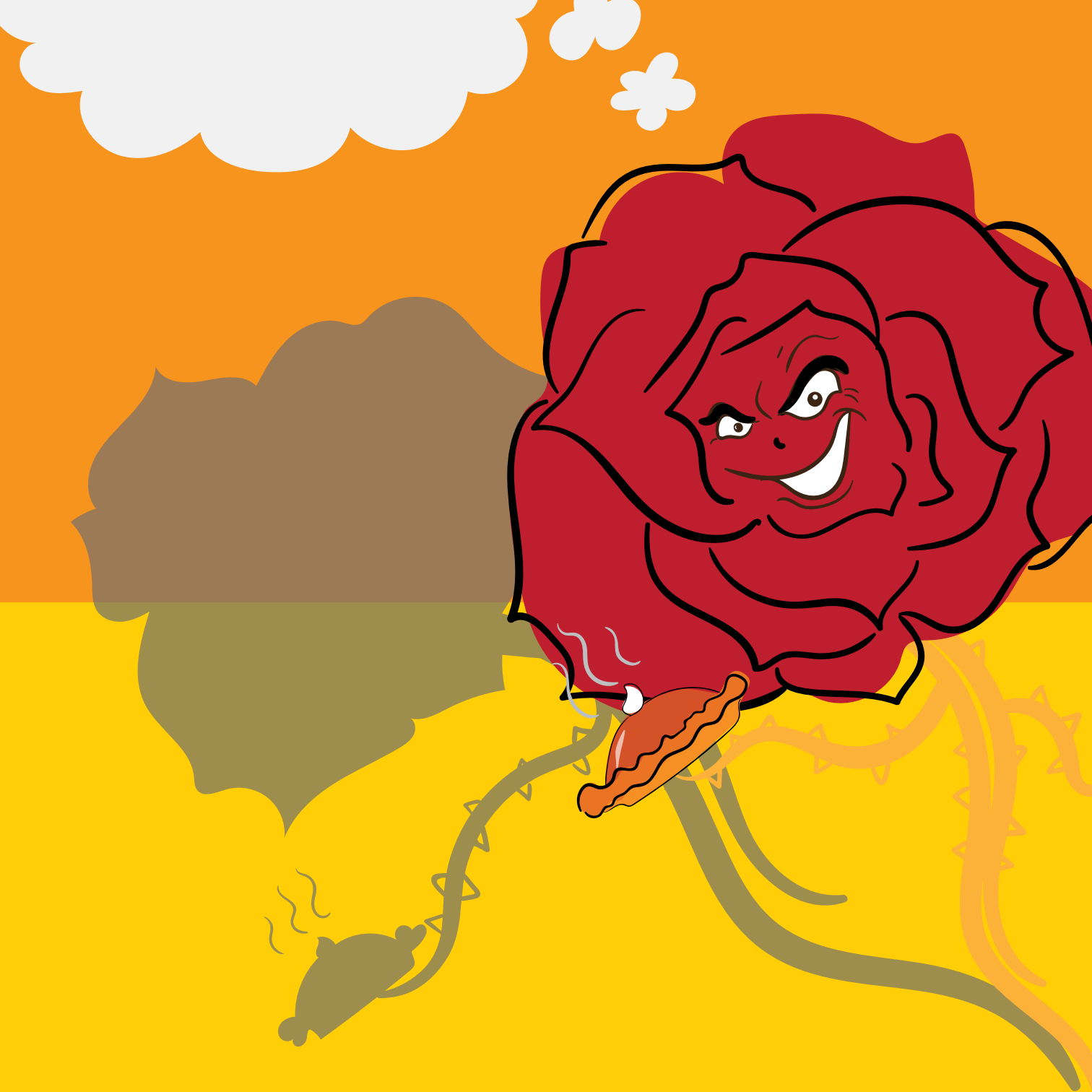




“Don’t cry Miss Sunflower. We will find  
your pumpkin pie,” said Officer Zig.  
“We will catch that crook!” said Officer Zag.

“Look! There he goes!” said Officer Zig.





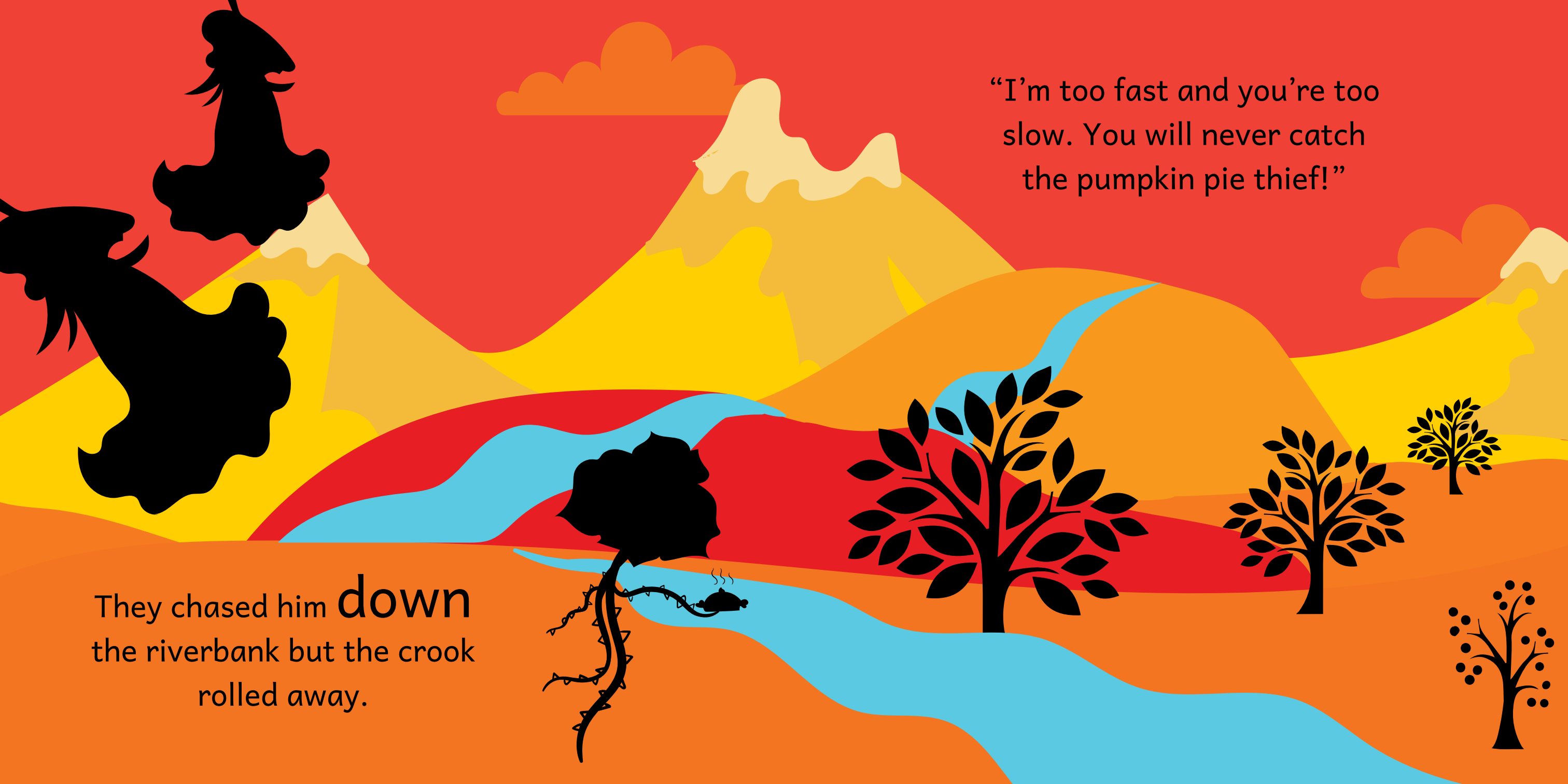
“I’m too fast and you’re too slow.  
You will never catch the pumpkin pie thief!”  
cried the crook.



They chased him **up** the hill...

...but the crook was too quick.

“I’m too fast and you’re too slow.  
You will never catch the pumpkin pie thief!”



“I’m too fast and you’re too slow. You will never catch the pumpkin pie thief!”

They chased him **down** the riverbank but the crook rolled away.

They chased him **under** the bridge  
but the crook swam away.

“I’m too fast and  
you’re too slow. You  
will never catch the  
pumpkin pie thief!”



They chased him **over** the fires...

...but the crook jumped too high.

“I’m too fast and you’re too slow. You will never catch the pumpkin pie thief!”



They chased him **around** the tree  
but they could not catch the crook.

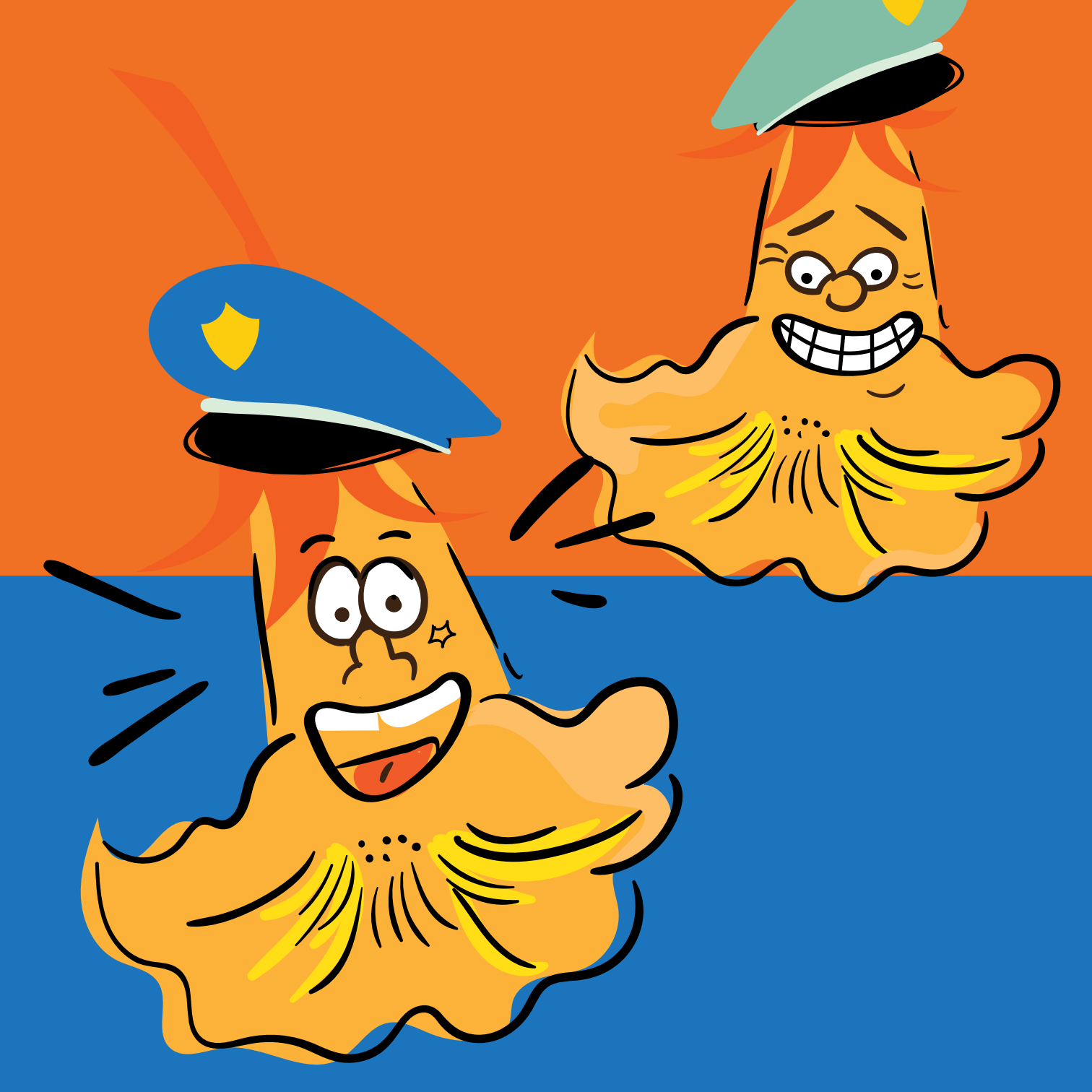
“I’m too fast and you’re too slow.  
You will never catch the pumpkin pie thief!”





Officer Zig and Officer Zag did not give up.  
They ran and ran and ran until...

SPLAT! They chased him right **into**  
a wall!



“Hurray! We caught the crook!”  
said the cops.

Officer Zig and Officer Zag returned the  
pumpkin pie to Miss Sunflower.

“Thank you very much,”  
said Miss Sunflower.

**Dinner time!**



