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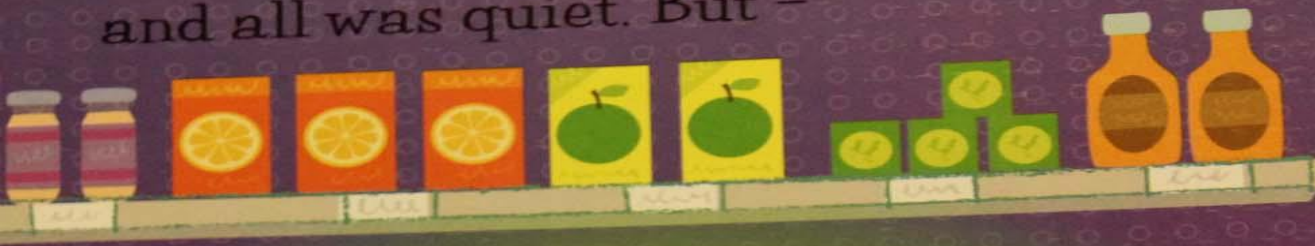
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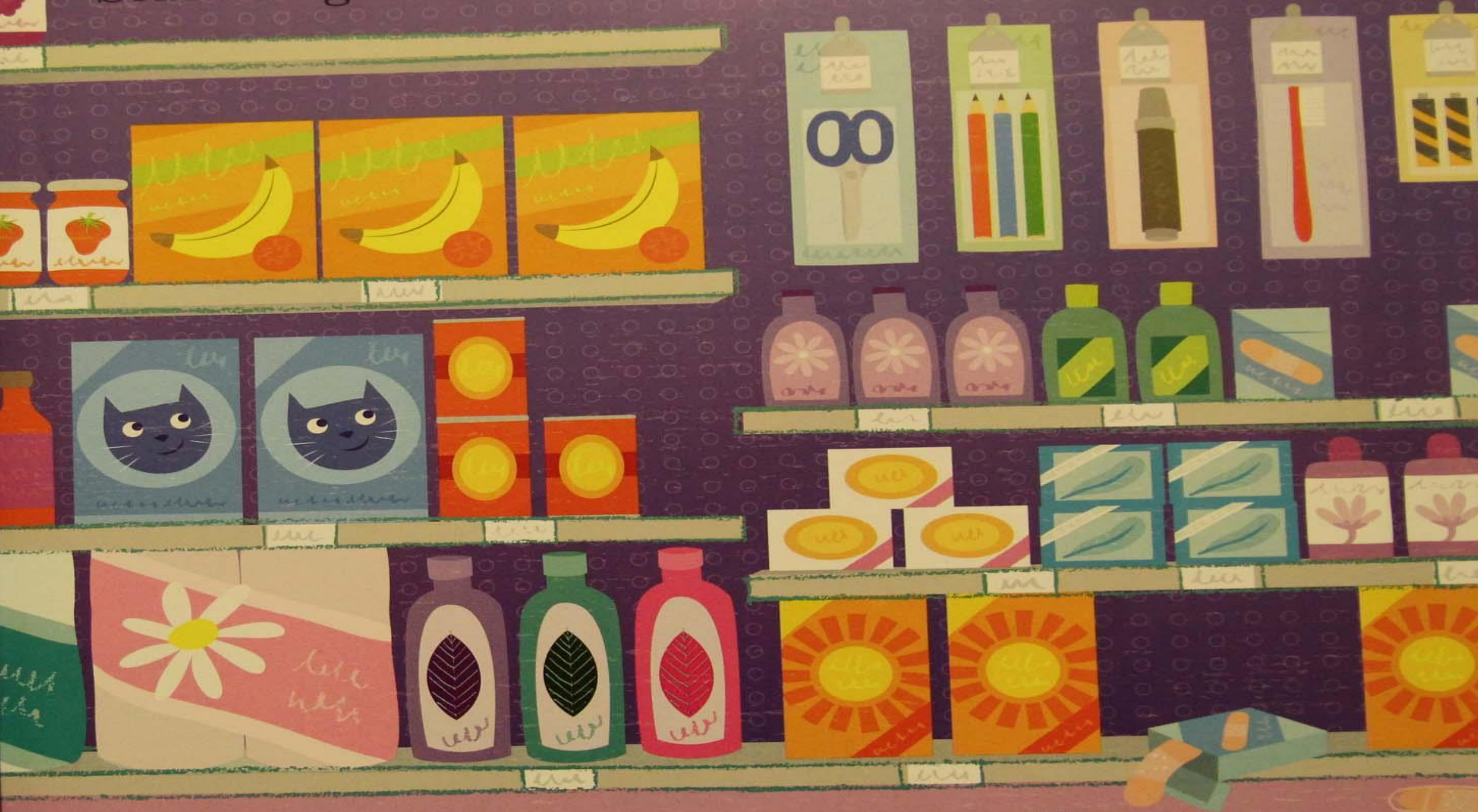
Some vegetables are frozen for a very good reason. Don't believe me? Then keep reading.

It was night-time in the supermarket and all was quiet. But -

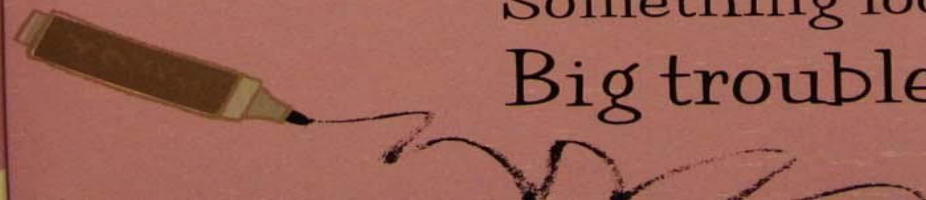




crash, bang – something had escaped from the freezer.  
Something small and round and green.



Something looking for trouble.  
Big trouble.



“Help! Help!” cried Carrot.  
“I’m stuck to the conveyor belt!”





"Aargh!" cried  
Broccoli. "Someone's  
drawn on my face!"



"Hmmpmpfff!" cried Cucumber.

Who was doing this? And was there anyone who could help these vegetables in distress?





# SUPERTATO TO THE RESCUE





He used his  
super speed . . . .



He used his  
super strength . . . .



He used a flannel  
and some soapy water.



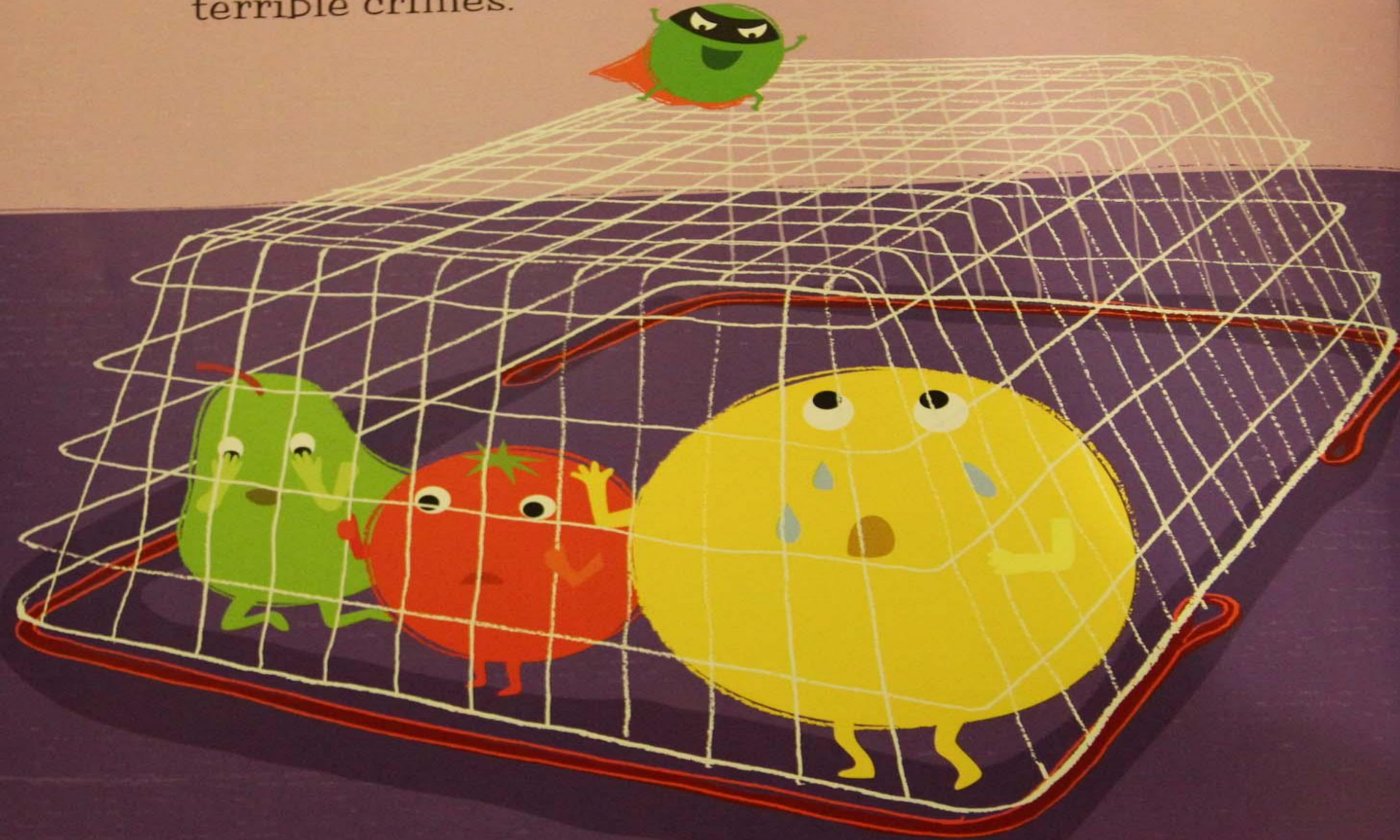


“I know who’s behind this,” said Supertato.  
“There’s a pea on the loose!”  
“Oh no – not a pea!” everyone gasped.





“Yes, a pea! But I’m out of the freezer now  
and I’m never going back! Mwah ha ha ha ha!”  
And the evil pea ran off to commit more  
terrible crimes.





"Time for a dip, little veggies!"



"That's enough!"  
shouted Supertato.

He leapt towards  
the pea, but the pea  
popped out of his  
hands and vanished  
into thin air.





Supertato set out on a super search.  
He crept through the cakes . . .

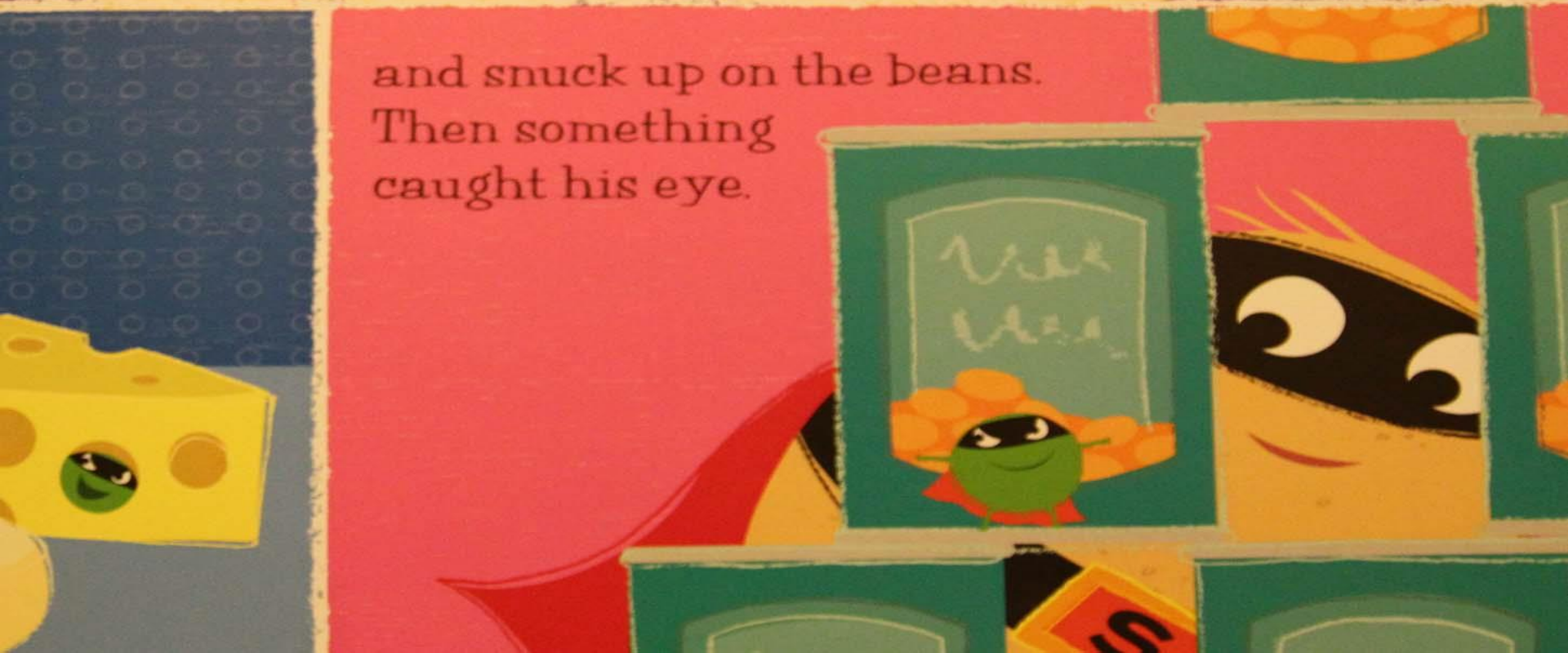


checked the cheese . . .





and snuck up on the beans.  
Then something  
caught his eye.





"The game's up!"  
yelled Supertato.



But the pea bounced  
out of reach and onto a  
trolley. Supertato was  
just about to stop him  
with his super strength



when the trolley crashed -





and he was thrown down into  
the icy depths of the freezer.

Was this the end for Supertato?

GASP!



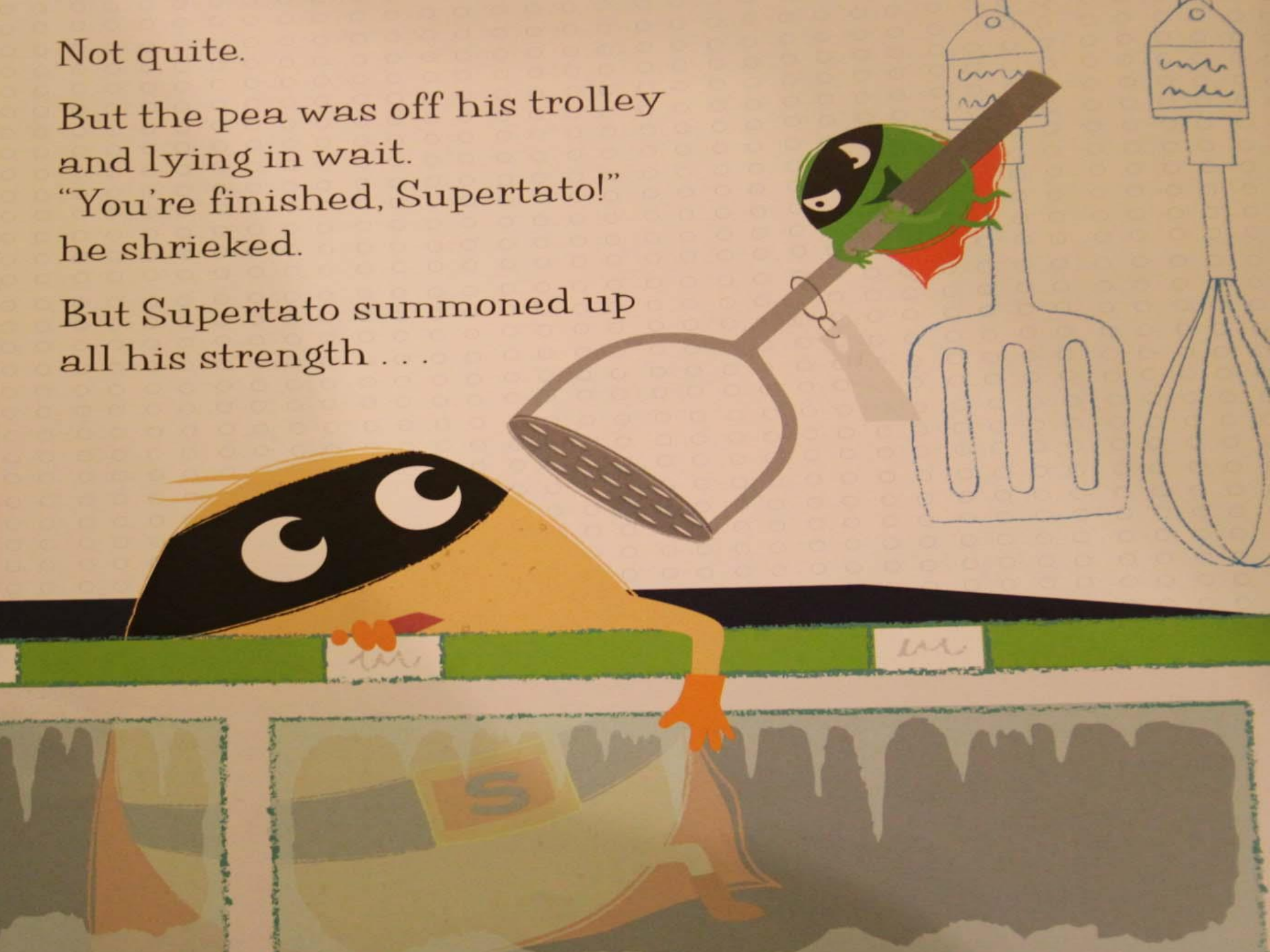


Not quite.

But the pea was off his trolley  
and lying in wait.

“You’re finished, Supertato!”  
he shrieked.

But Supertato summoned up  
all his strength . . .





and ran for it.

The pea nearly had  
him at the beans,

and closed in on him  
at the cheese.



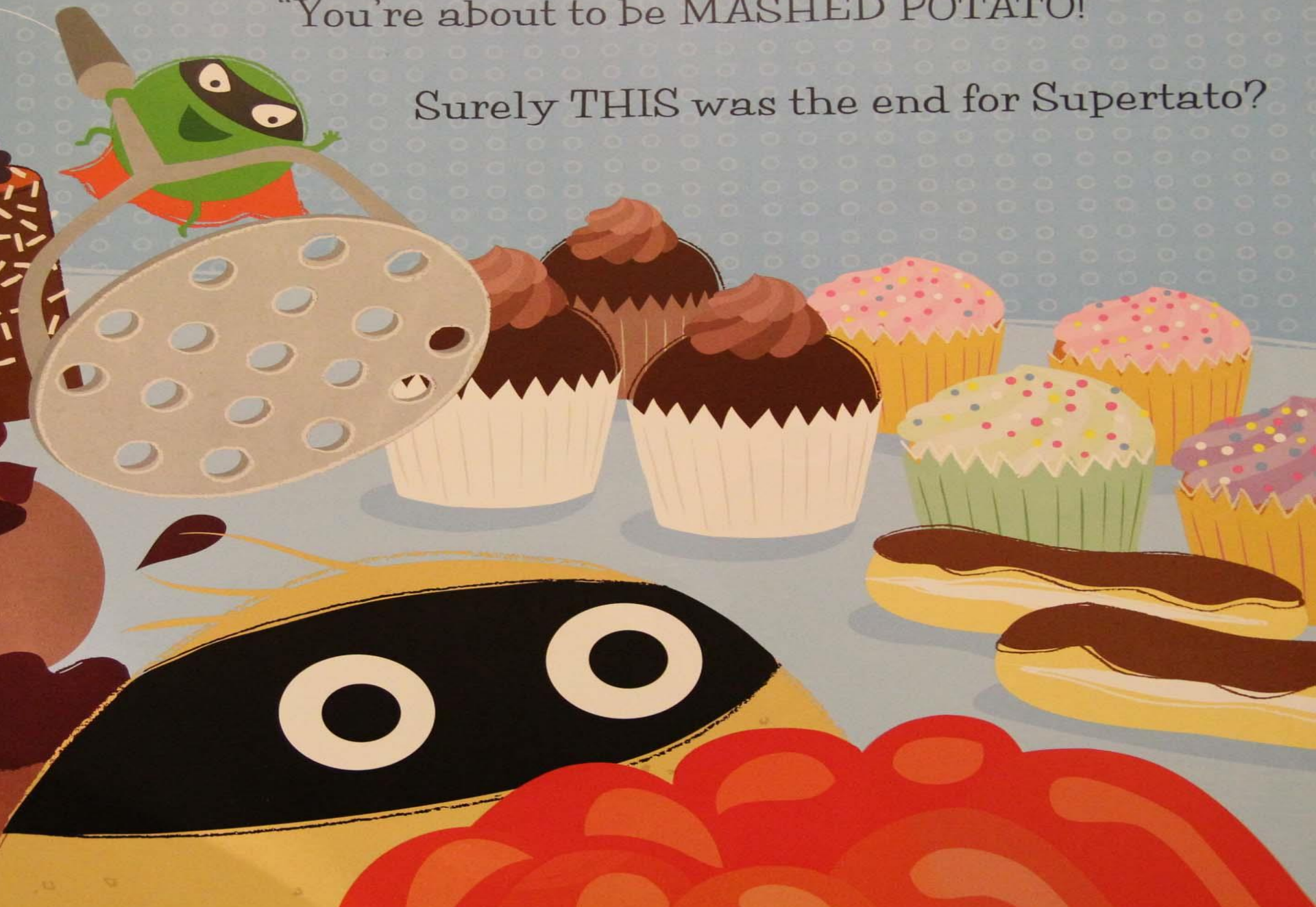


He had him cornered at the cakes.



“So much for Supertato!” screeched the pea.  
“You’re about to be MASHED POTATO!”

Surely THIS was the end for Supertato?

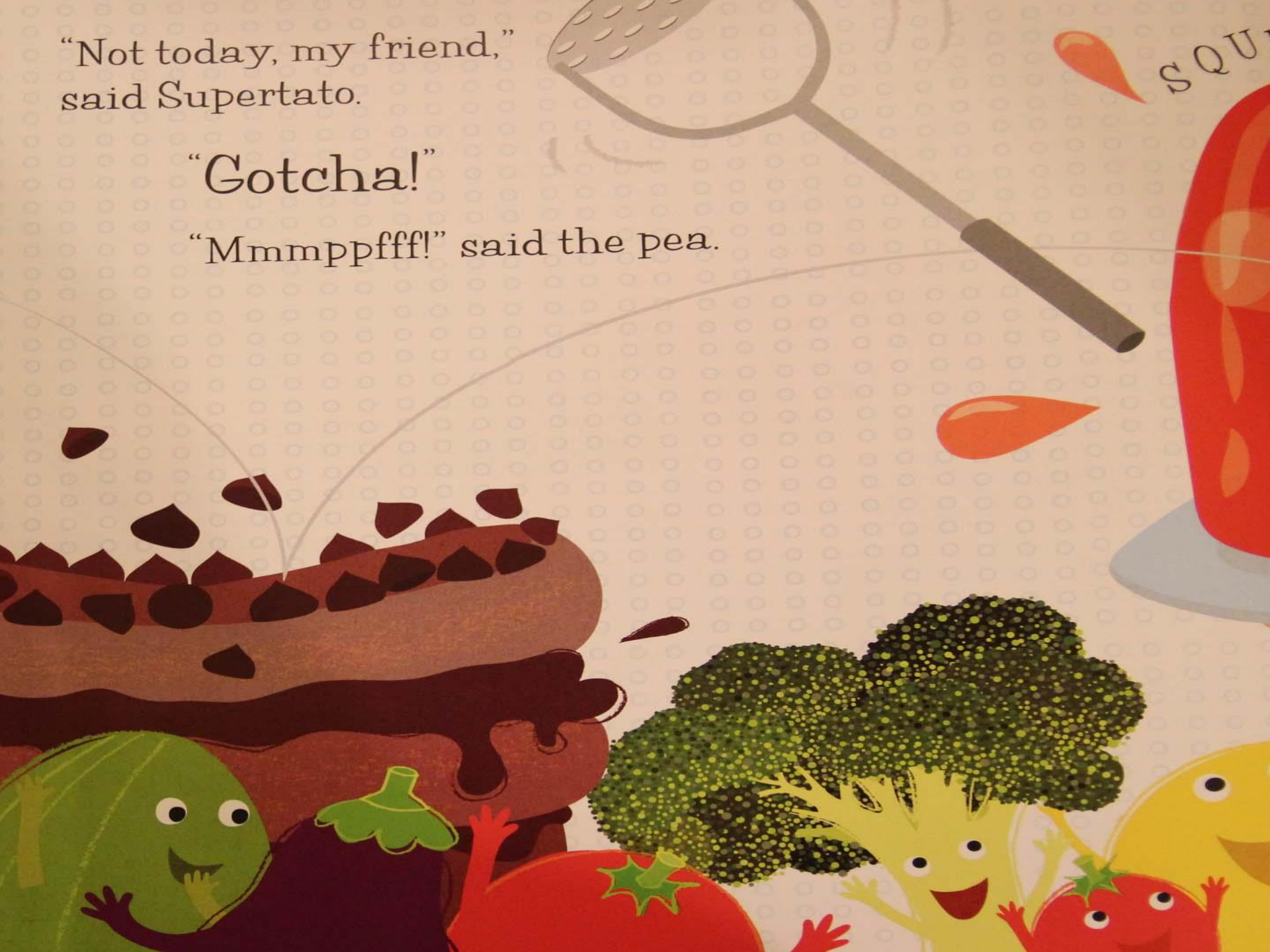




“Not today, my friend,”  
said Supertato.

“Gotcha!”

“Mmmppfff!” said the pea.





“Oh yes,” said Supertato.  
“I set my trap and you  
fell for it. Or should  
that be IN it?!” And he  
grinned a super grin.



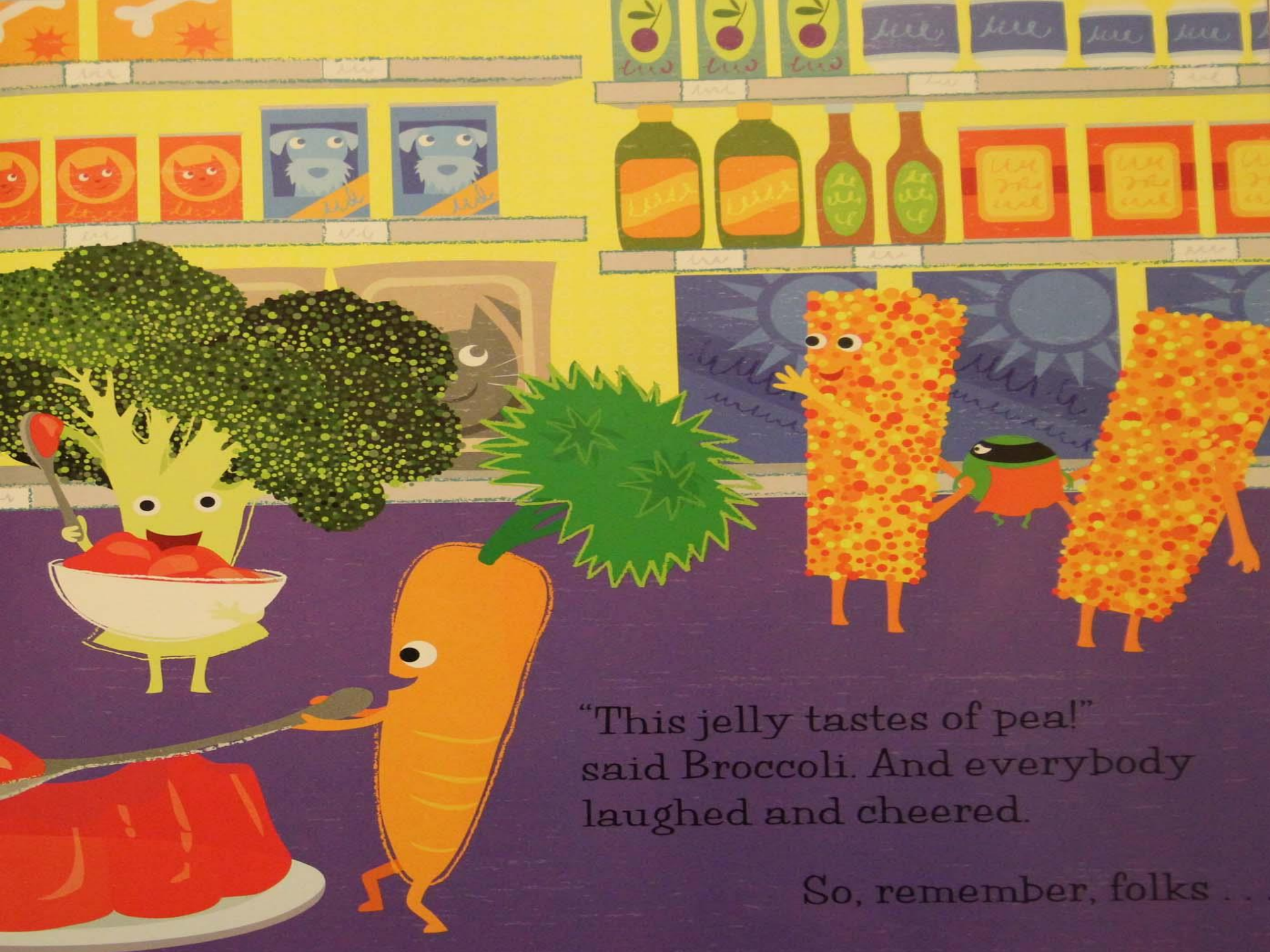




Supertato had saved the day.  
“Take him away,” he said.  
And the pea was marched back  
to the freezer where he belonged.







“This jelly tastes of pea!”  
said Broccoli. And everybody  
laughed and cheered.

So, remember, folks . . .







Some vegetables are frozen for a very good reason. Maybe you'd better go and check your freezer. Just in case there's an escapee in your house . . .



