

FOOD FIGHT

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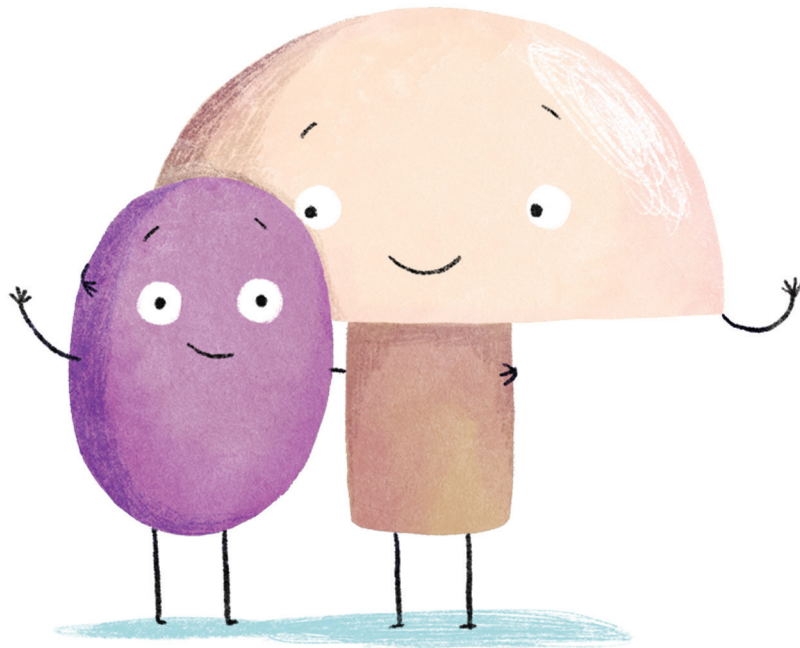
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Let me tell you a story.
A story about a little fruit and a little vegetable
and a forbidden friendship . . .

Grape and Mushroom
were best friends, but . . .

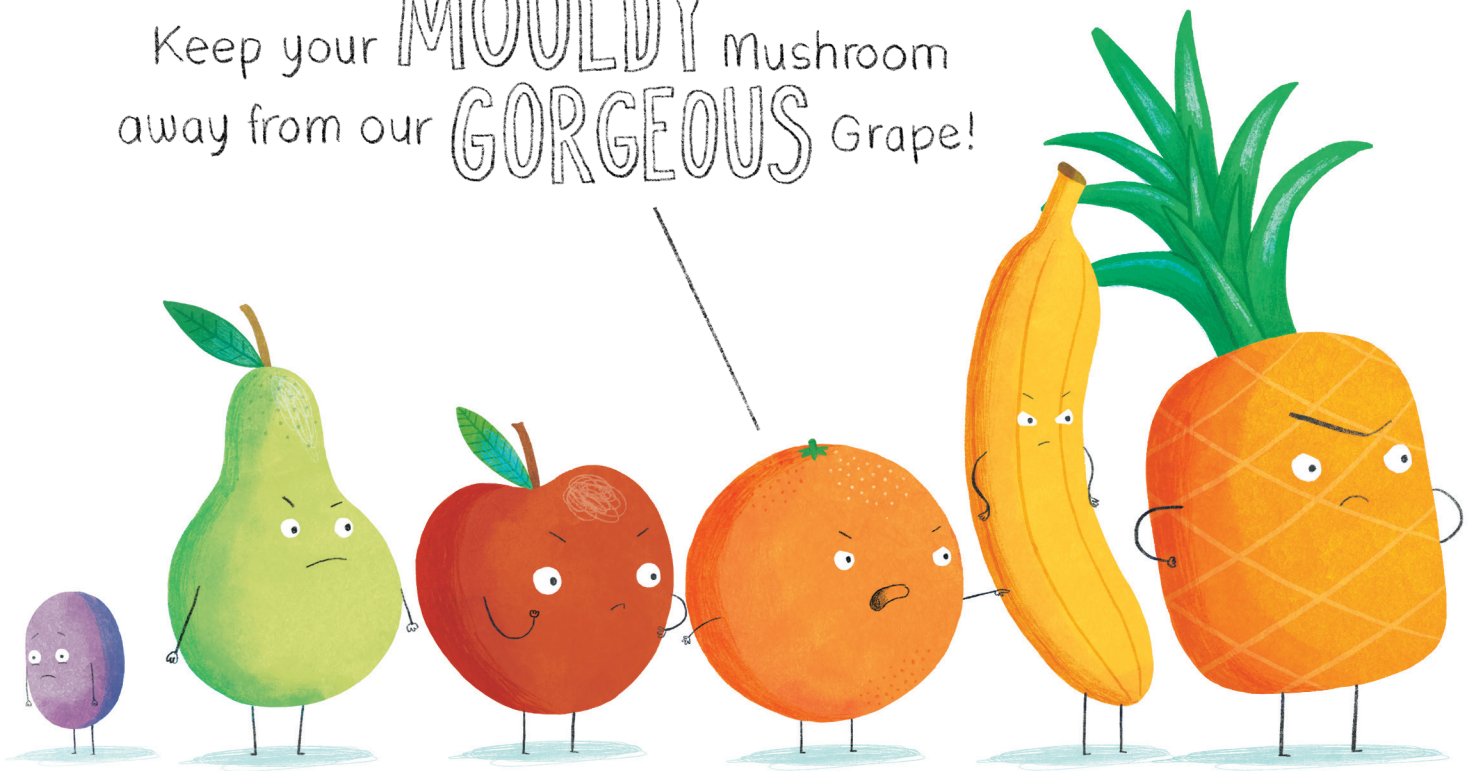


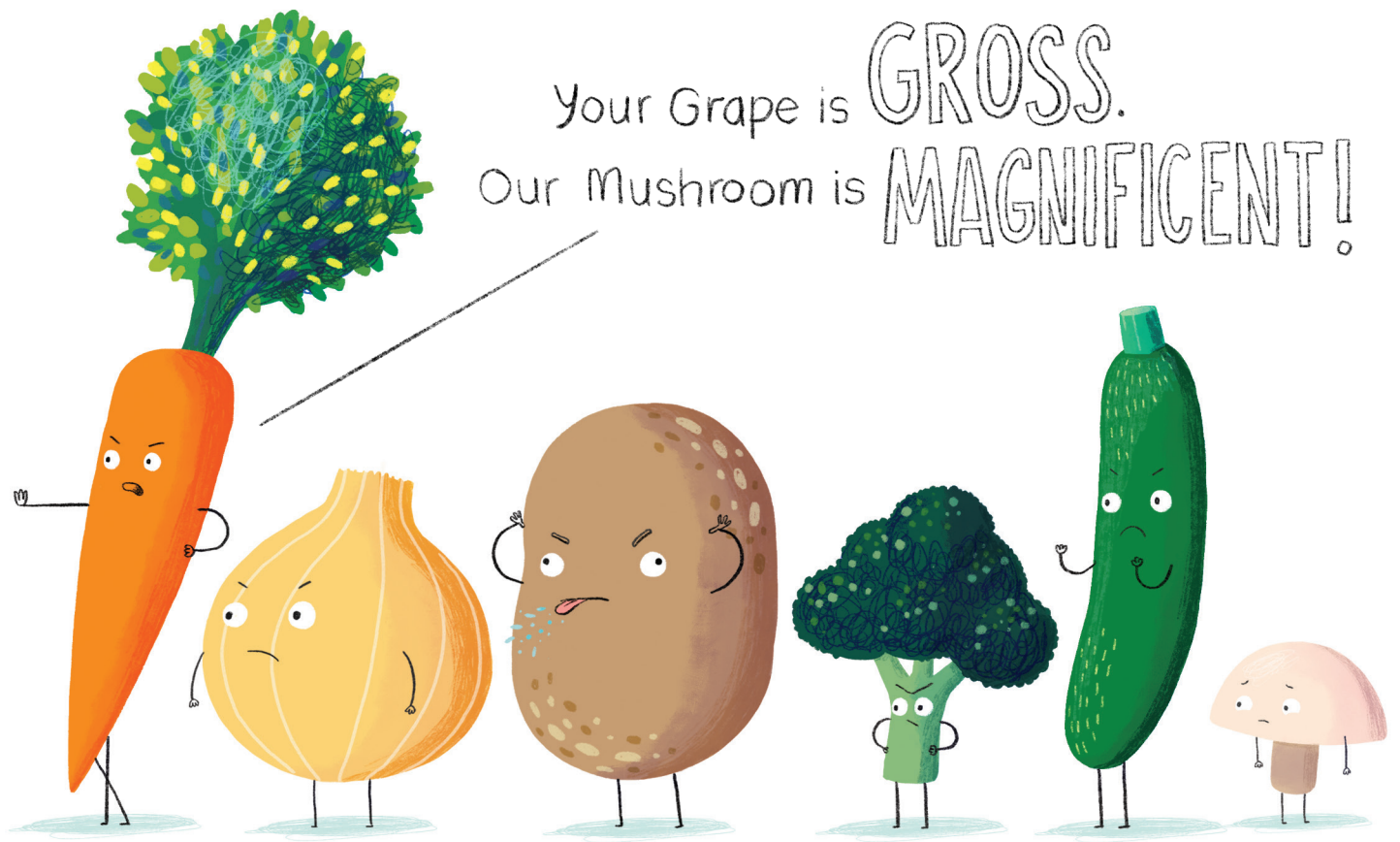
. . . they had a problem.

A BIG problem.

For as long as anyone could remember, the
Fruits and the Vegetables had been fighting.

Keep your **MOULDY** mushroom
away from our **GORGEOUS** Grape!





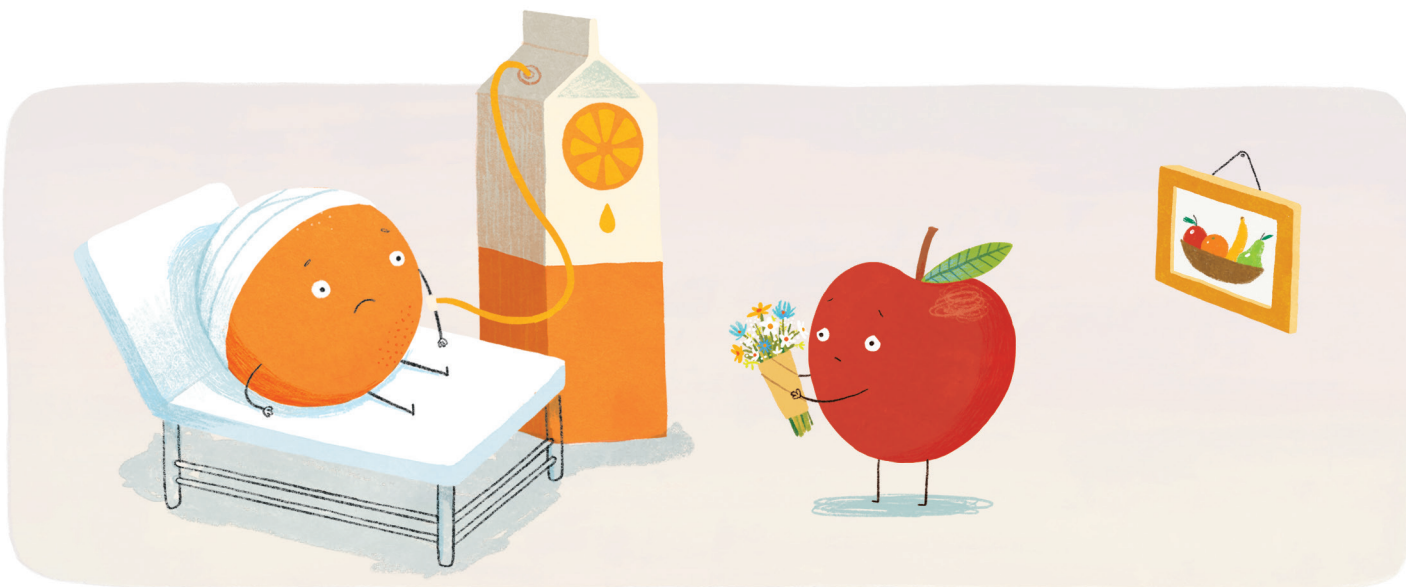
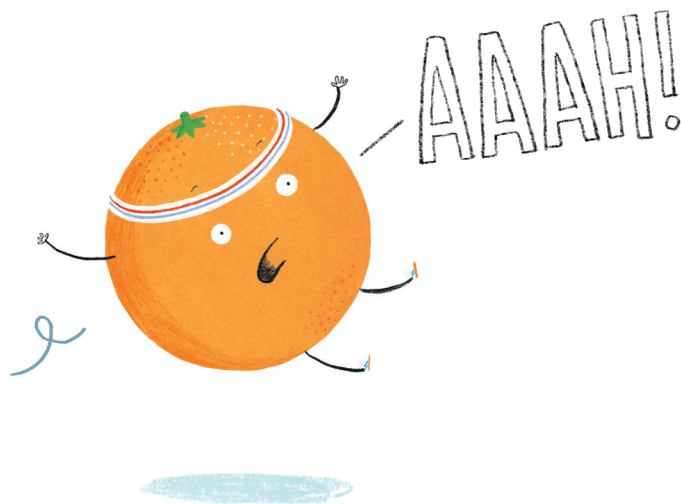
And this made Grape and Mushroom very sad.

Lately things had become even worse.

First, Broccoli stole
Banana's skin . . .



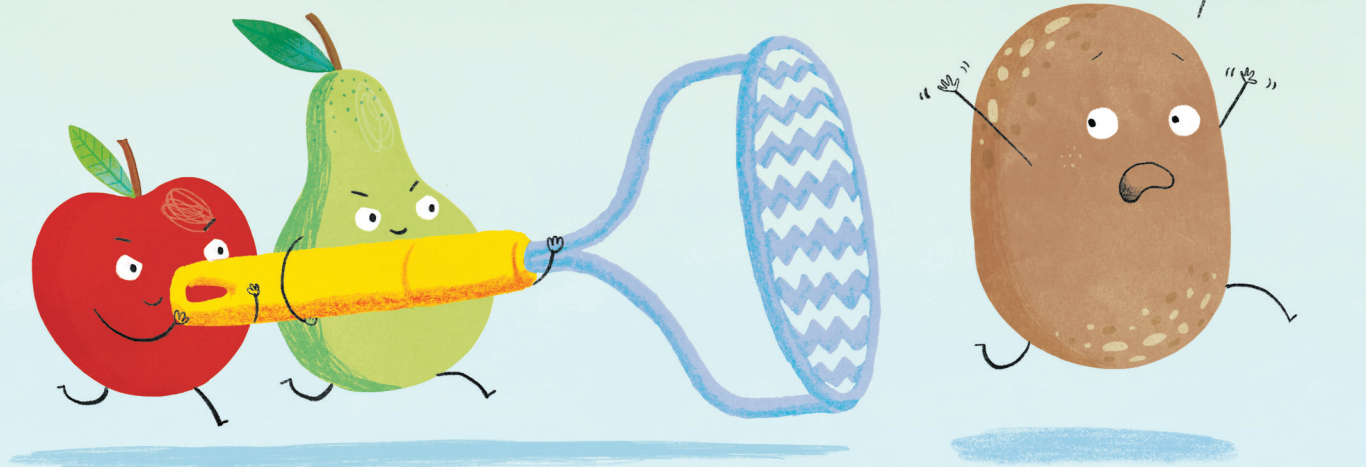
. . . and left it just
where Orange
was jogging!



Then, to pay the
Vegetables back, Apple
and Pear found . . .



. . . the masher in the bottom drawer.

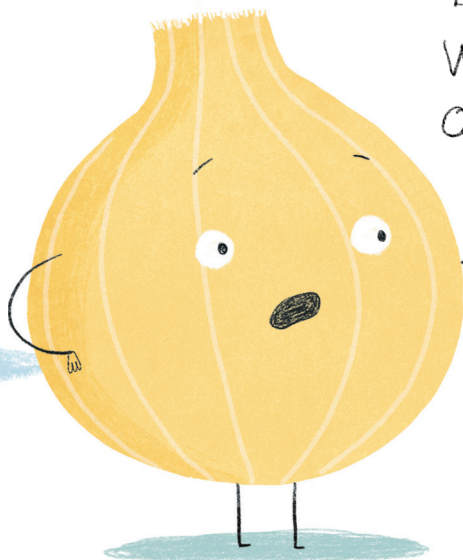
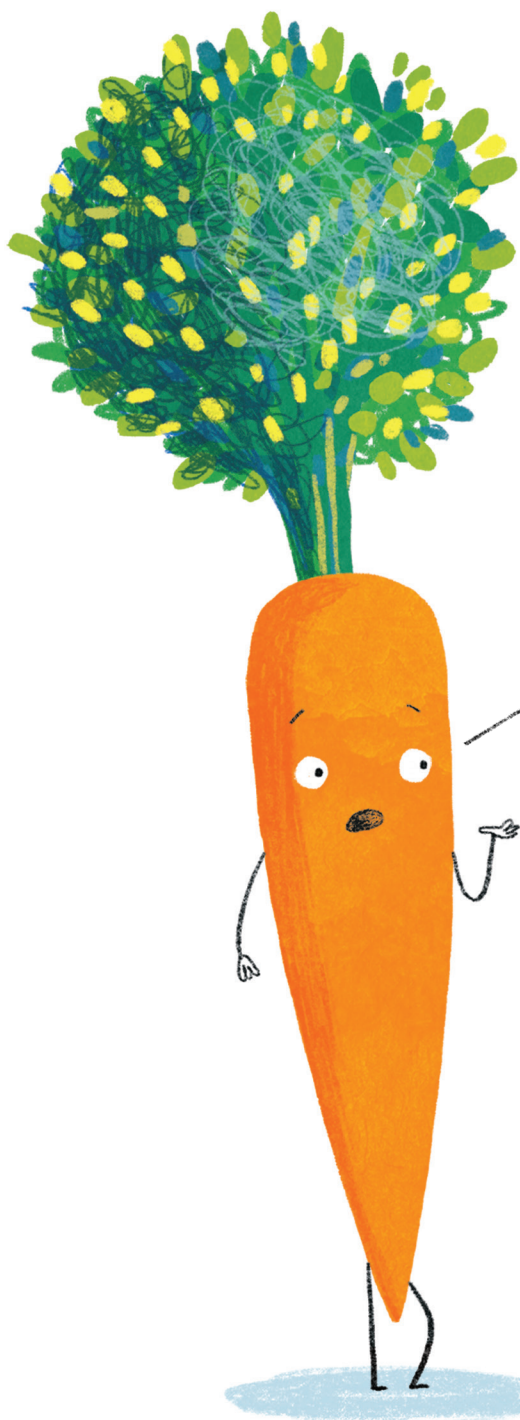


No one could remember why they'd started fighting,
but the Vegetables thought of a lot of reasons to continue.

You fruits live in a
LOVELY BOWL
and we have to live
down in the bottom
of the fridge.

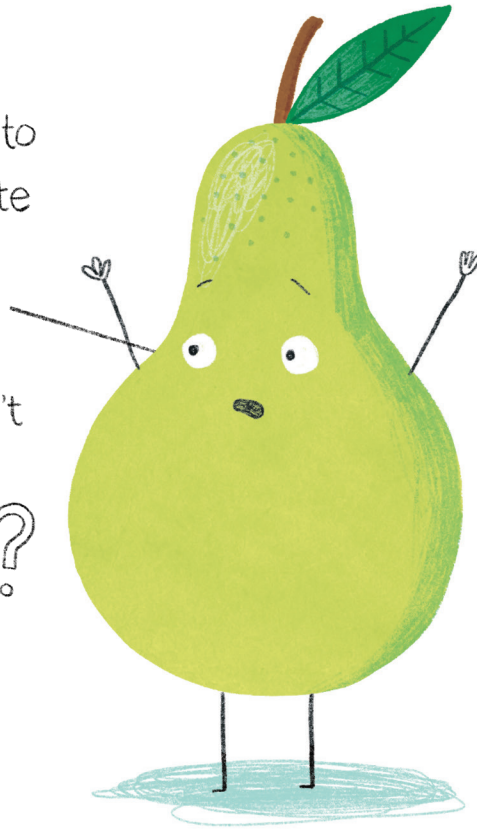
Have you ever
heard a mum say,
'If you don't finish your
FRUIT
you won't get
dessert? No!'

NO ONE likes Veggies.
We're always last on a plate.
Or scooped under the table
for the **DOG!**



And the Fruits found reasons to be bitter too.

You vegetables get to live in that cool white **MANSION** in the kitchen. The fruit bowl doesn't even have a roof. How is that **FAIR?**



Why do kids always take an apple for their teacher? How about a **POTATO** once in a while?

I'm telling you, if **ONE MORE** person picks me up and pretends to make a phone call, I'm going to go bananas!

