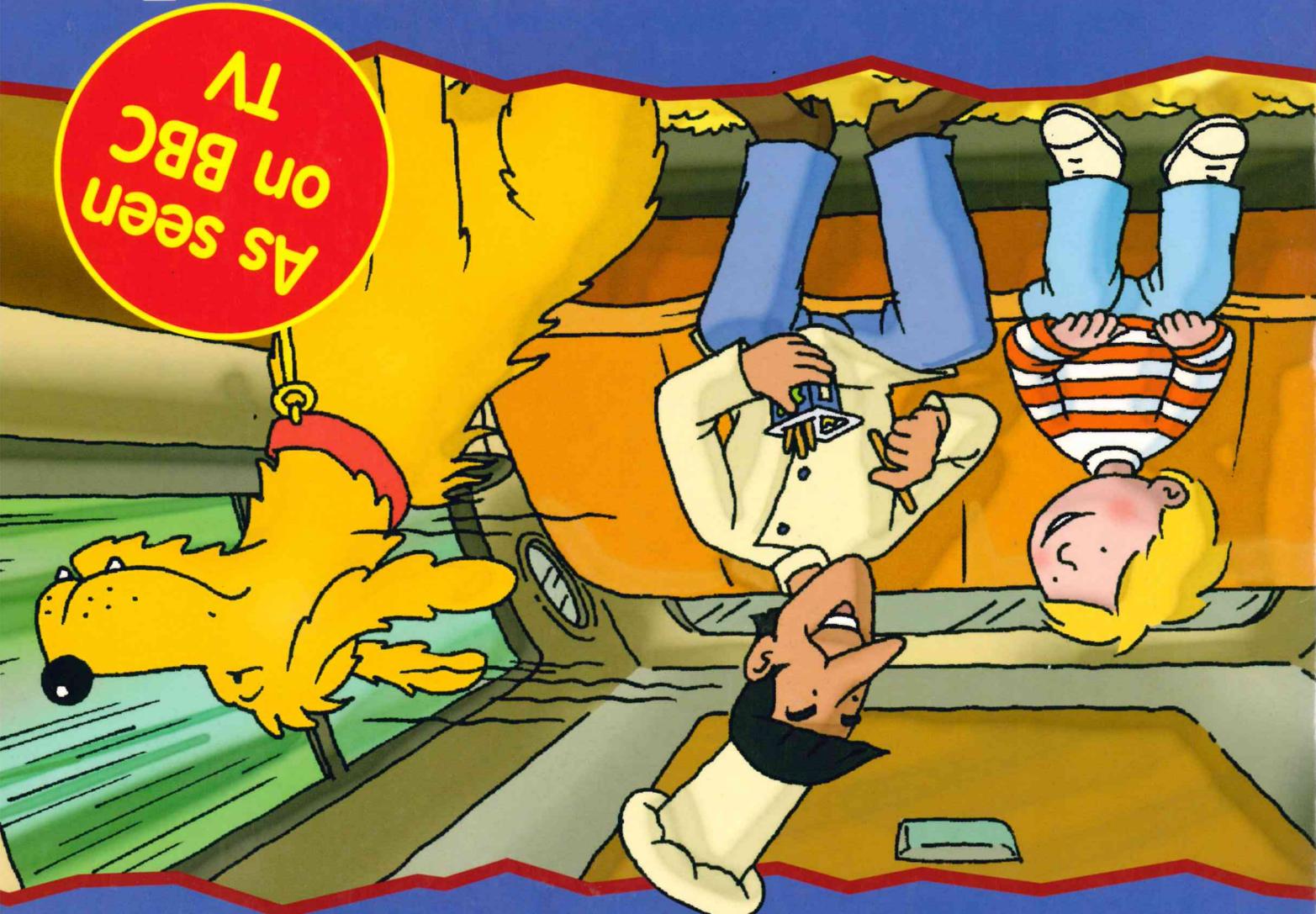


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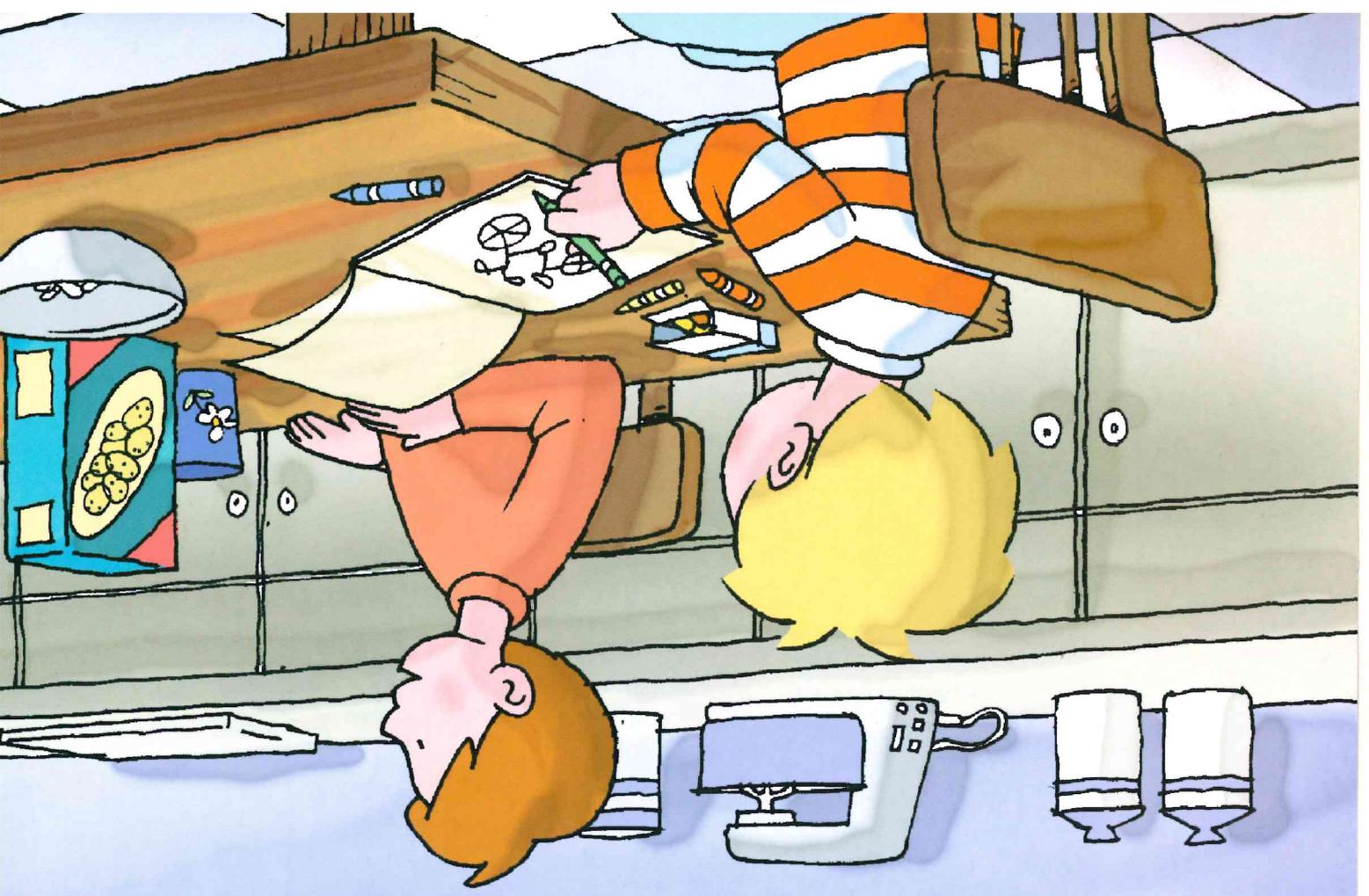
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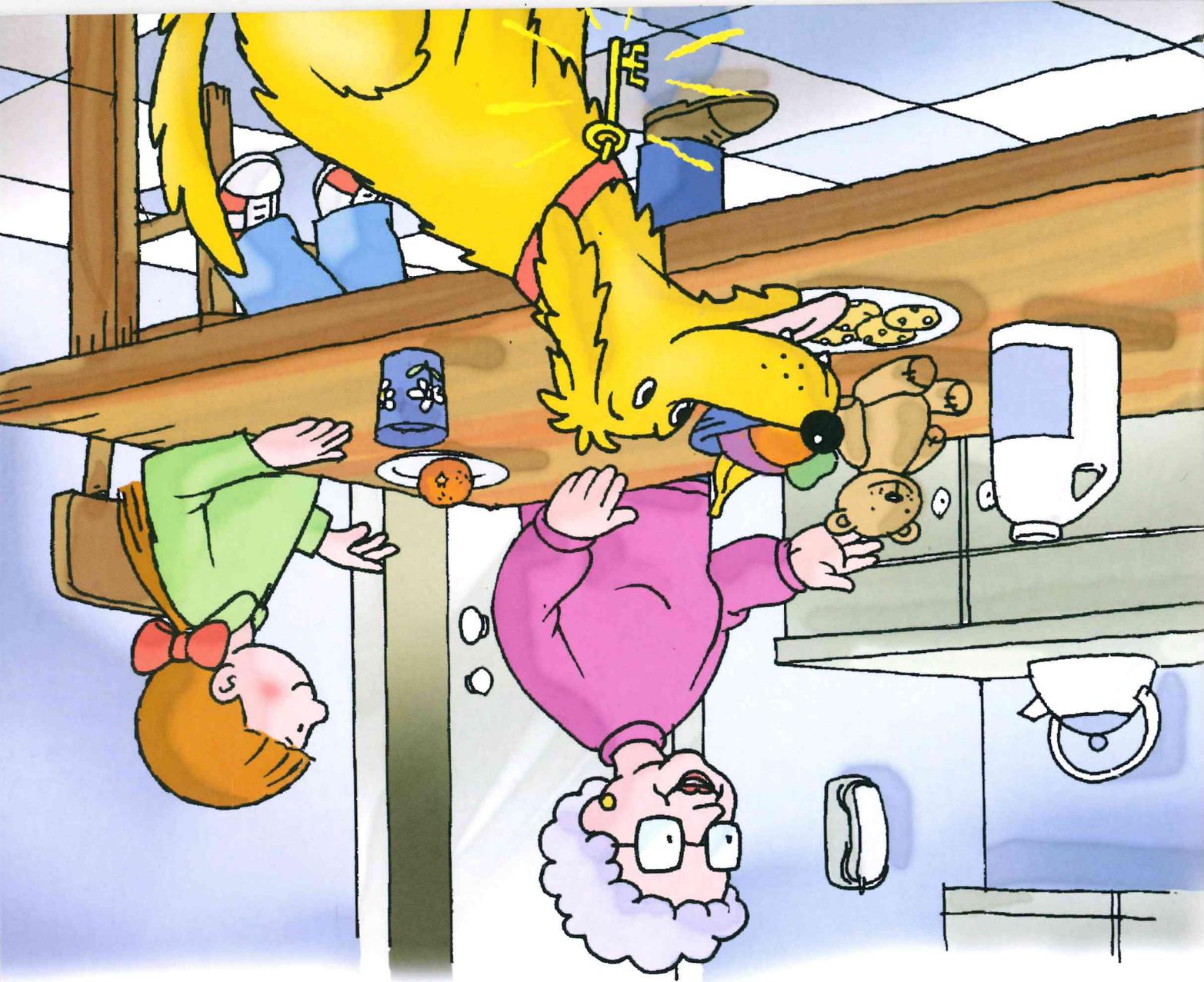
Fabulous Fancy Foods

The Magic Key

Kipper was drawing a picture of what he liked doing best – playing on the swing.
'I thought you preferred riding your bike to playing on the swing?' said Biff.
Kipper frowned. 'Yes, I do,' he said. So he started drawing his bike instead.
'I thought you liked playing with Floppy best?' Chip said.
Just then Gran came into the kitchen. 'Time for school!' she said.



Biff and Chip went to get ready.
Kipper put his pen down. He couldn't decide on his favourite thing.
I wish he could learn to choose! thought Floppy.
Just then the key on Floppy's collar started to glow.



Suddenly, Kipper, Gran, and Floppy were sucked into a vortex of brilliant colours and lights. They were whizzing round and round, faster and faster . . .





Kipper blinked, 'Me?' he asked.
'It has to be food that people want! That people need?' Wally
exclaimed.
'Don't worry, Mr Flappertie,' Kipper said, 'I'll do it. I like food.'
'But we've only got until four o'clock!' Wally warned him.
Floppy licked his lips. Did somebody mention food?



Meanwhile, Gran answered the phone, which had been ringing. 'Larry Loaf the baker is on his way with his new Cake-olious cake, Kipper,' she said. Larry soon arrived with his new cake and everyone tucked in. 'Mmm!' Kipper said, with his mouth full. 'It's delicious!'



'But is it nutritious?' Gran wanted to know.
'Of course it is!' Larry retorted indignantly.
Wally beamed and sang a jingle.

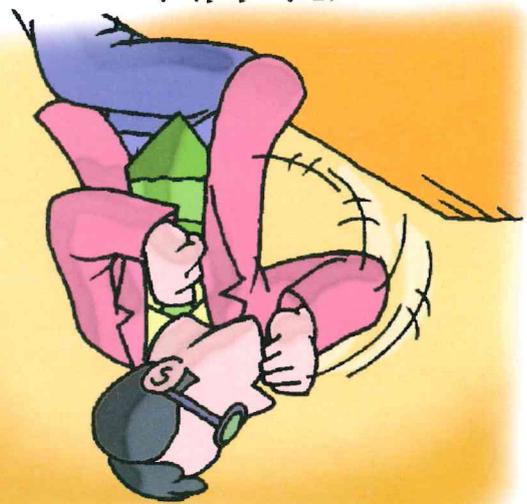
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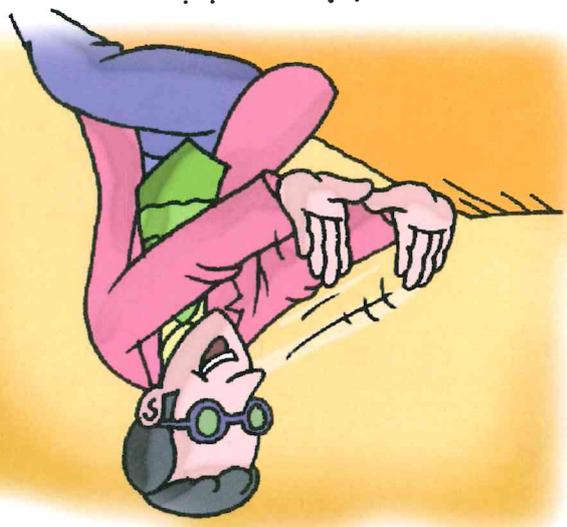
Cake-olious!



It's delicious,



it's nutritious,



At that moment, the fax machine started whirring so Gran went over to look at it.

'There's a fax here from a Harriet Hot-Pot,' she said. 'She says someone from Fabulous Fancy Food is supposed to be trying her Scrummy Sausage Stew.'

'When?' asked Kipper.

'Right now!' Gran replied. 'In her restaurant.'



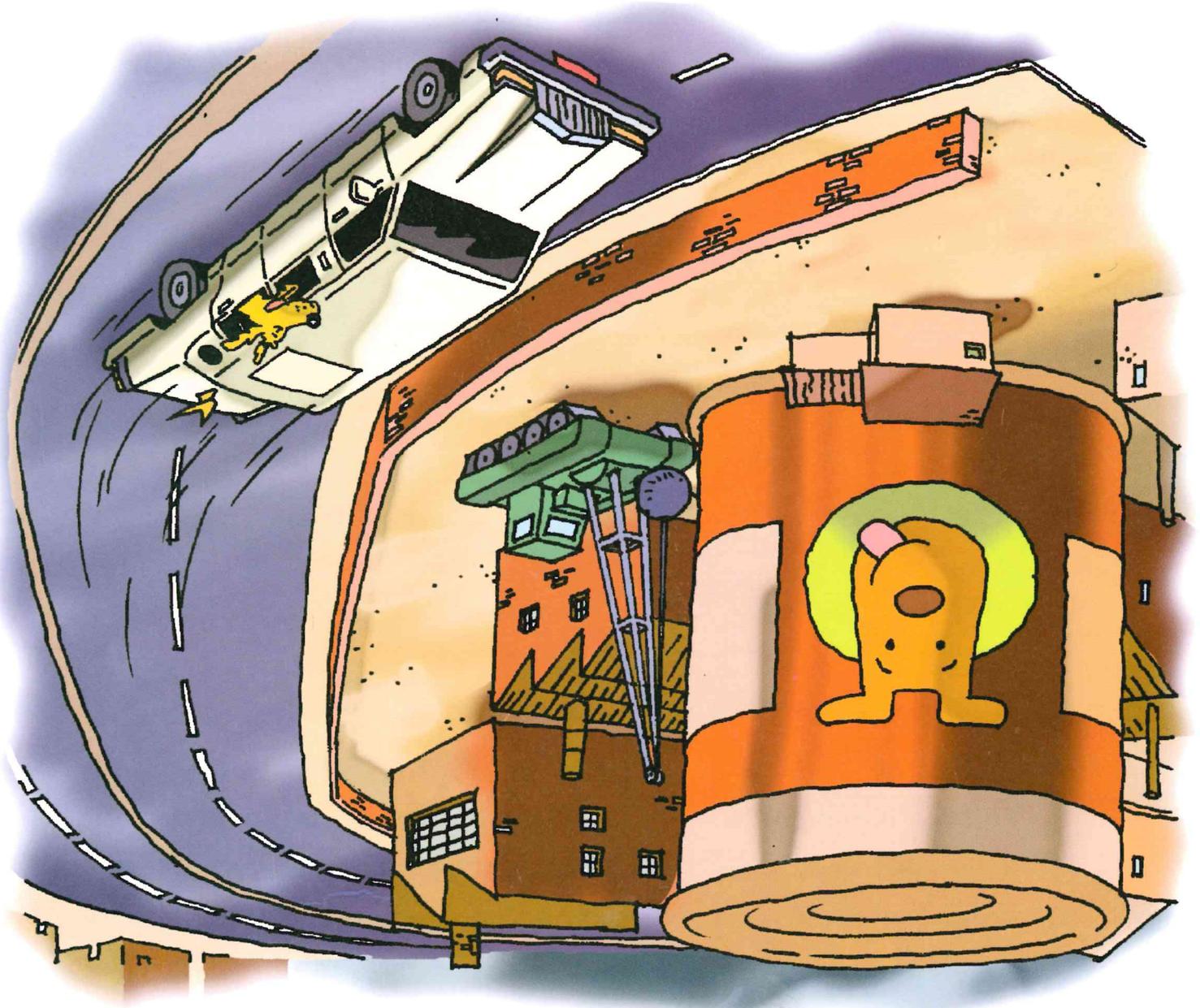
'Good point,' said Gran, and with that, they set off.

I choose,' Kipper told him.

'If I don't try lots of things, I won't know why I'm choosing what

'But why try stew when you've chosen my cake?' he asked.

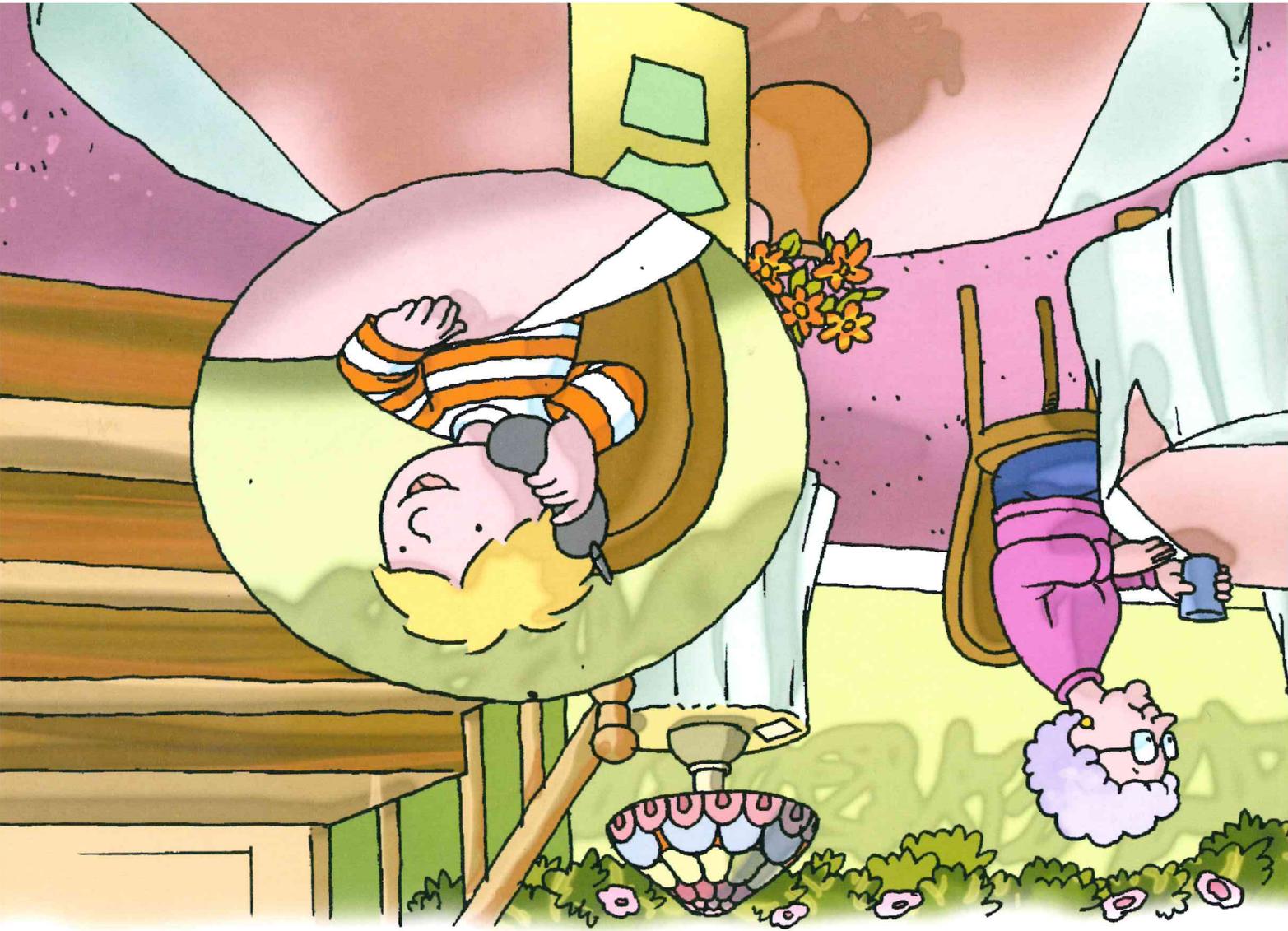
Larry Loaf didn't look happy.



At Harriet's restaurant, Kipper and Gran sampled the delicious
stew. Even Floppy had some!
'Now, have you ever tasted anything so mouth-wateringly
gummy in your life?' Harriet beamed.
Kipper thought hard. 'Yes!' he said. 'I tasted Cake-olious cake
just now;
'Cake!' Harriet snorted. 'Give me a break! But stew – stew is good
for you!'



'I'll make my choice at four o'clock, Miss Hot-Pot,' Kipper said. Then his mobile phone rang. Kipper answered it and listened carefully. 'Great idea!' he said, switching the phone off. 'A man called Colin Crispit wants me to try his new Cheesy Dip and Lick Sticks!' So off they all went again.

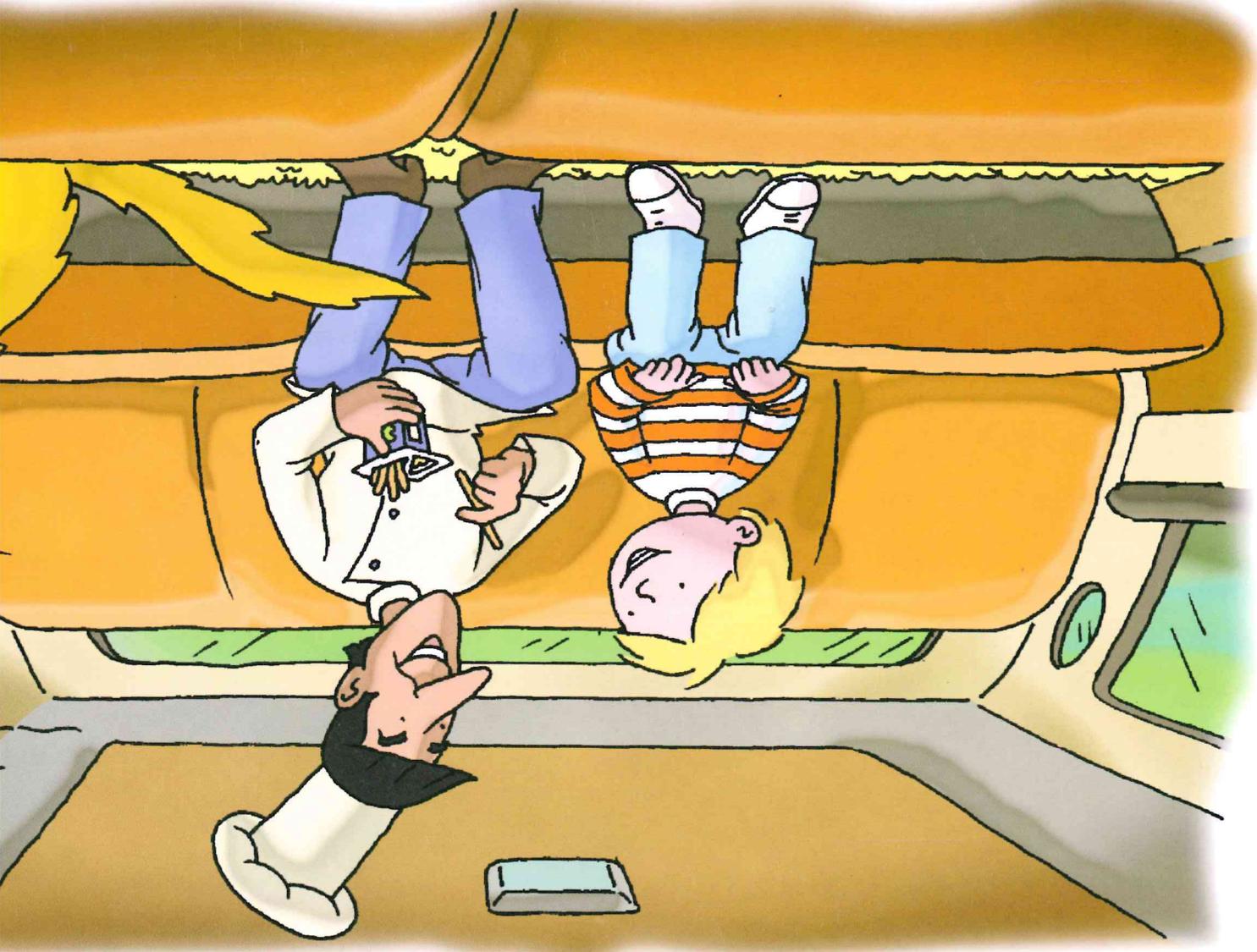


Colin Crispit was waiting in a limousine. He passed around a carton of dips.

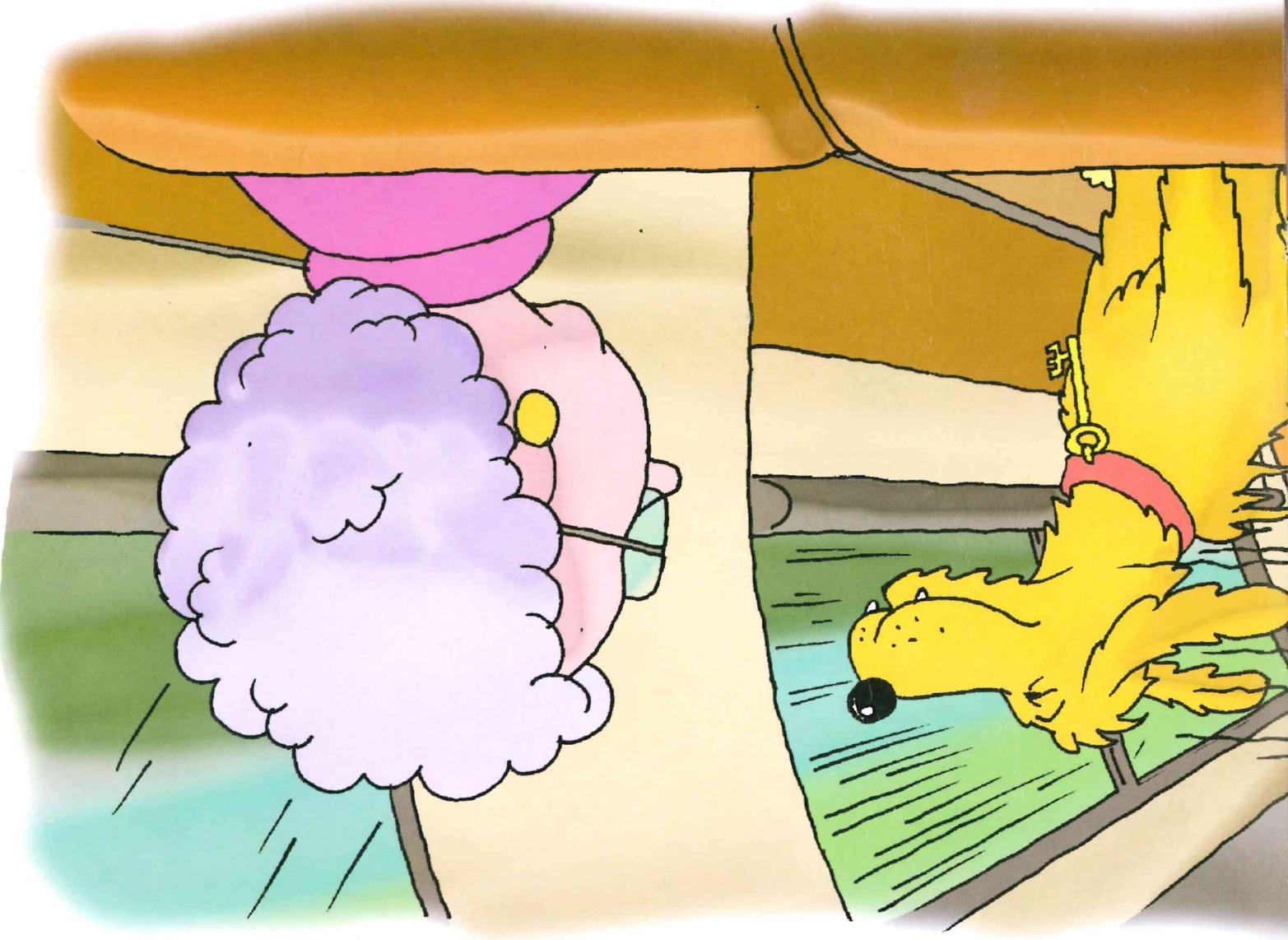
'Aren't they the crispiest dip and lick sticks you've ever tasted?' he asked Kipper.

'Hmmm, very good,' Kipper said, crunching through a stick.

'Here, save some for later,' said Colin, passing him another carton.



'But do people really *need* dip and lick sticks?' Gran asked.
'Are you kidding?' said Colin Crispit. 'The stick is light, the dip is
cheesy. Dip and lick sticks – nice and easy!'
Kipper looked at Gran. 'Mr Flappertie will LOVE that!' he said.

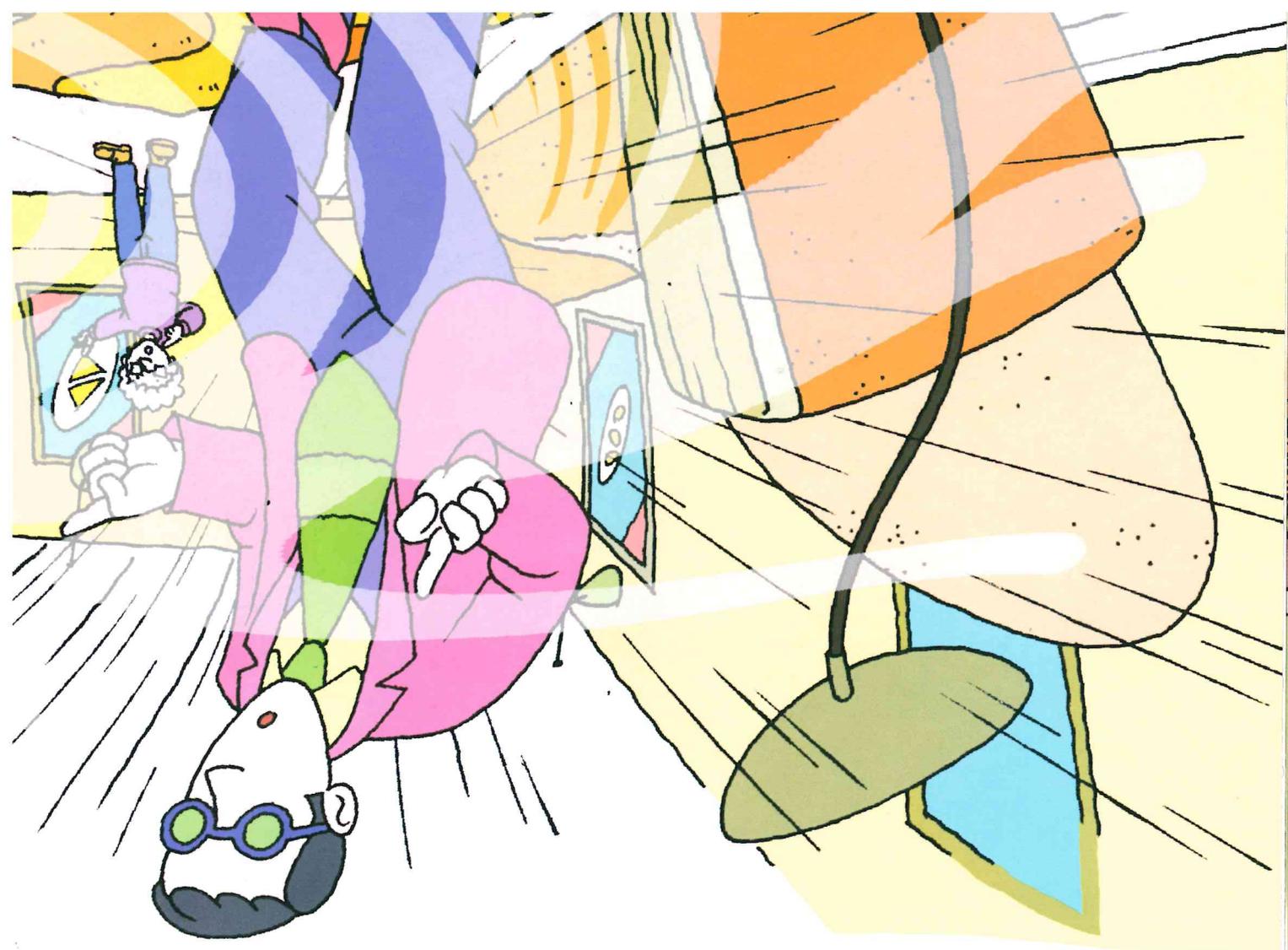


Back at the office, Kipper told Wally all about the different foods they'd tasted. 'Then I thought perhaps people would prefer the cheesy sticks because they're nice and easy,' he finished.

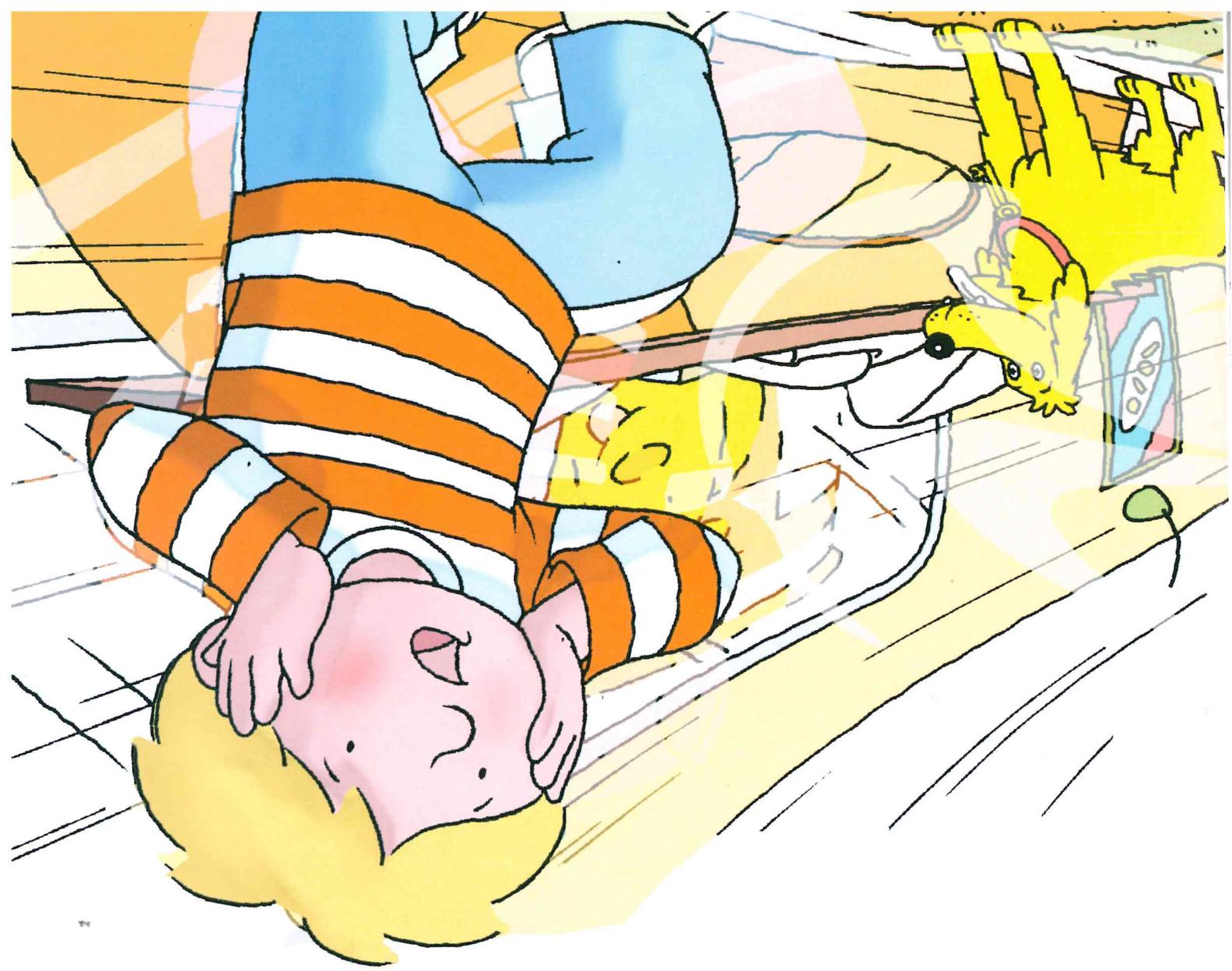
'Yes! Yes! Yes!' agreed Wally enthusiastically.

Kipper bit his lip. 'But then I wondered if Cake-olicious is more delicious,' he said.

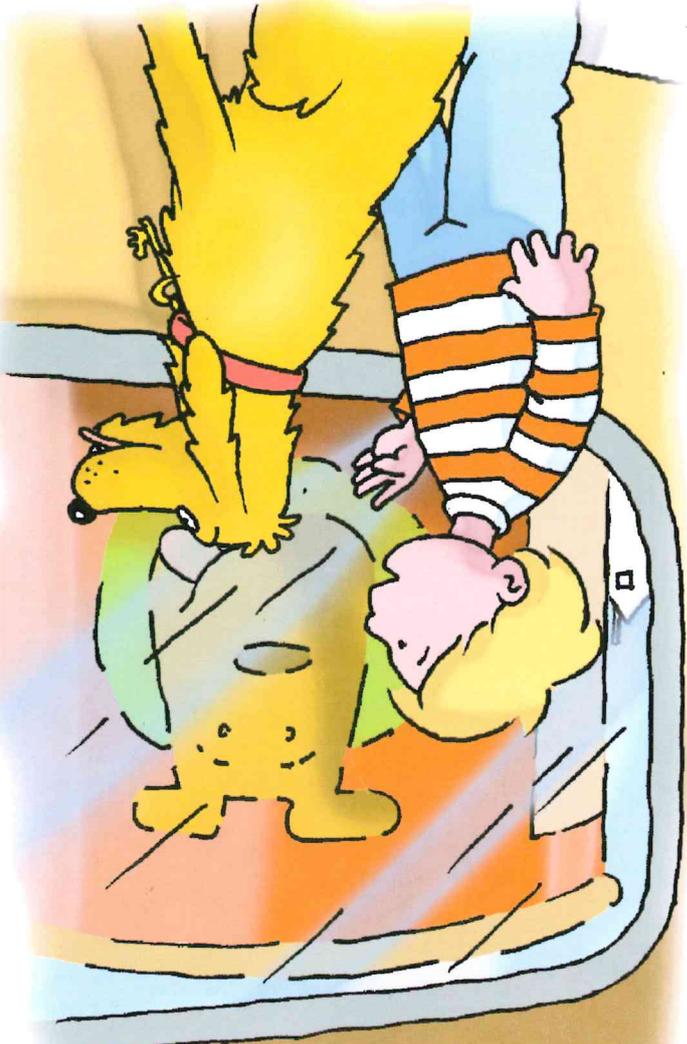
Wally frowned. 'What? What? What?' he said.



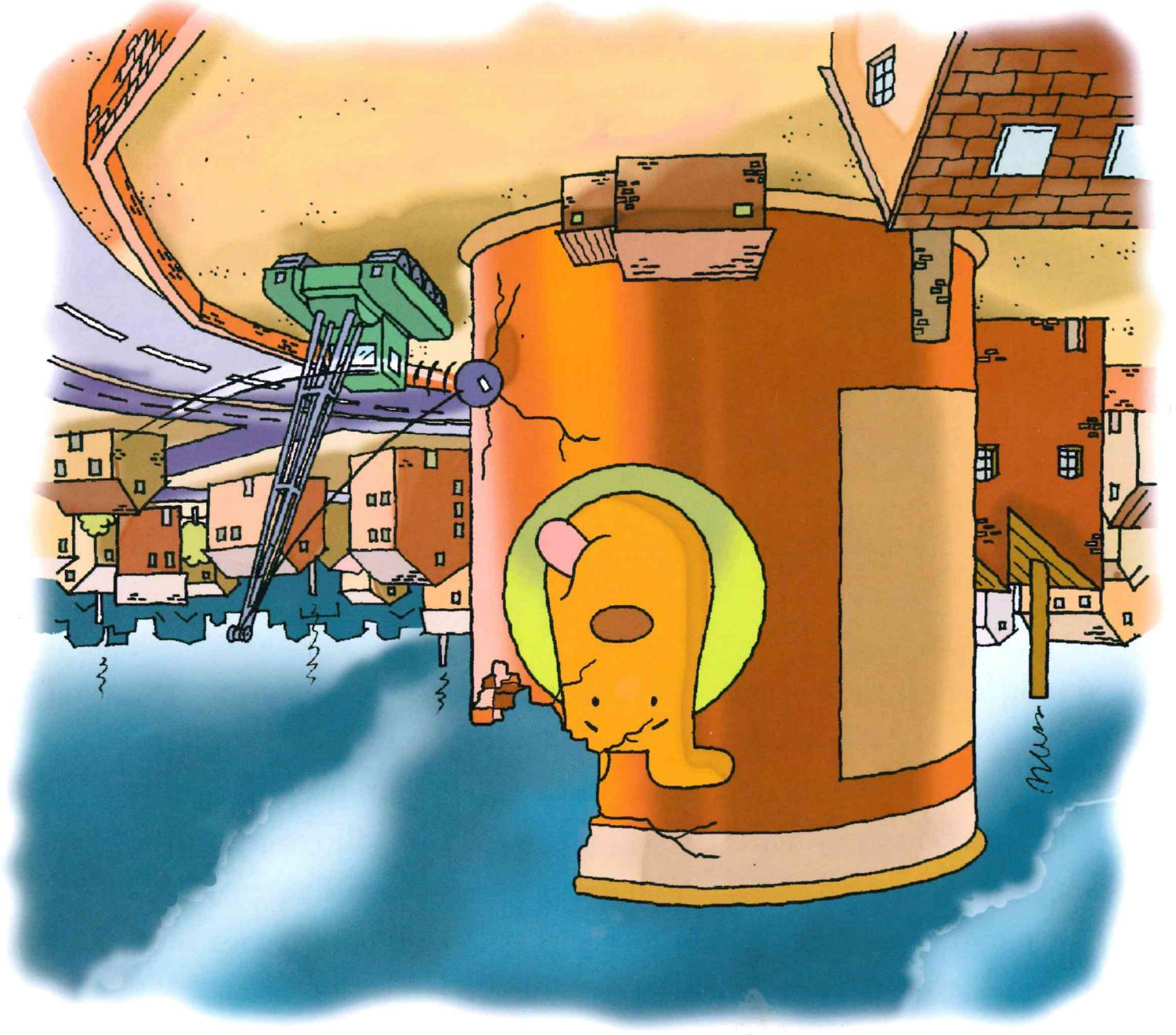
'And then there's the sausage stew which is good for you,' Kipper continued, looking confused.
'So which is it?' Gran asked.
'Choose! Choose! Choose!' Wally said frantically.
Kipper thought and thought but still couldn't make his mind up.
'I don't know,' he cried, and ran out of the room.



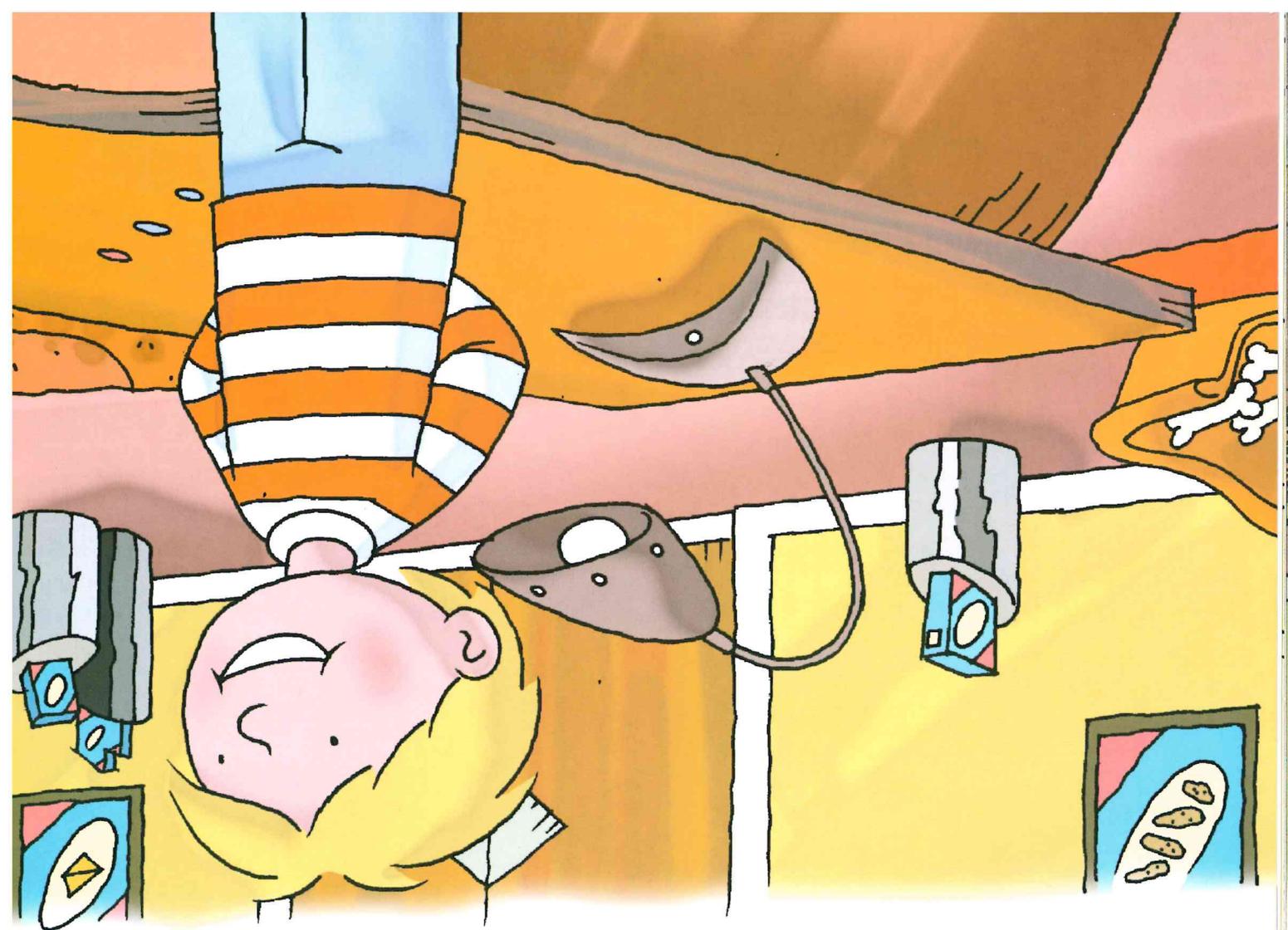
Floppy followed Kipper out into the corridor. Through the window, he could see the most horrible sight. The dog-food factory was being knocked down!
'They're all good; Kipper was muttering. 'But which is the best?' Floppy barked loudly. Just look out of the window, he thought. The answer's there!



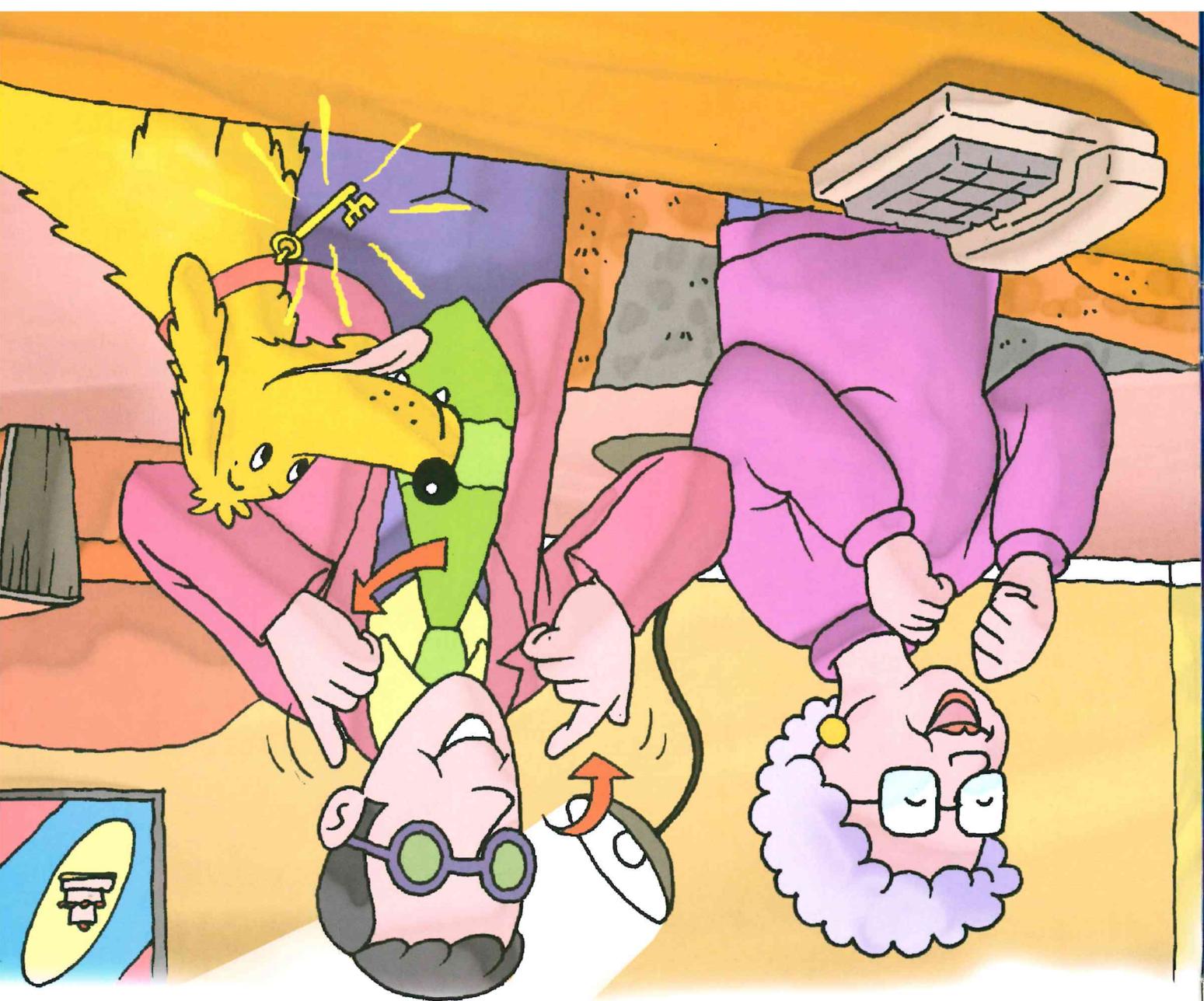
Kipper turned to see what Floppy was barking at. 'But that's terrible!' he said, when he saw the demolition men. 'The dogs in this town will have nothing to eat!'
And then he had a brilliant idea.



Kipper raced back into the office.
'I've got it!' he yelled. 'Gran! Mr Flappertie! They've just knocked
the dog-food factory down! So . . .'
'So?' asked Gran and Mr Flappertie together.
'So the food that's wanted, the food that's needed is . . . STEW!'
He burst into song. 'Stew! Stew! Fabulous stew! If your dog is happy,
then so are you!



'I like it!' Wally cheered. 'I like it! I like it! I like it!'
Floppy barked approvingly. Good choice! he thought.
Kipper patted Floppy. 'Look! The key's glowing!' he said.
We're going! thought Floppy.



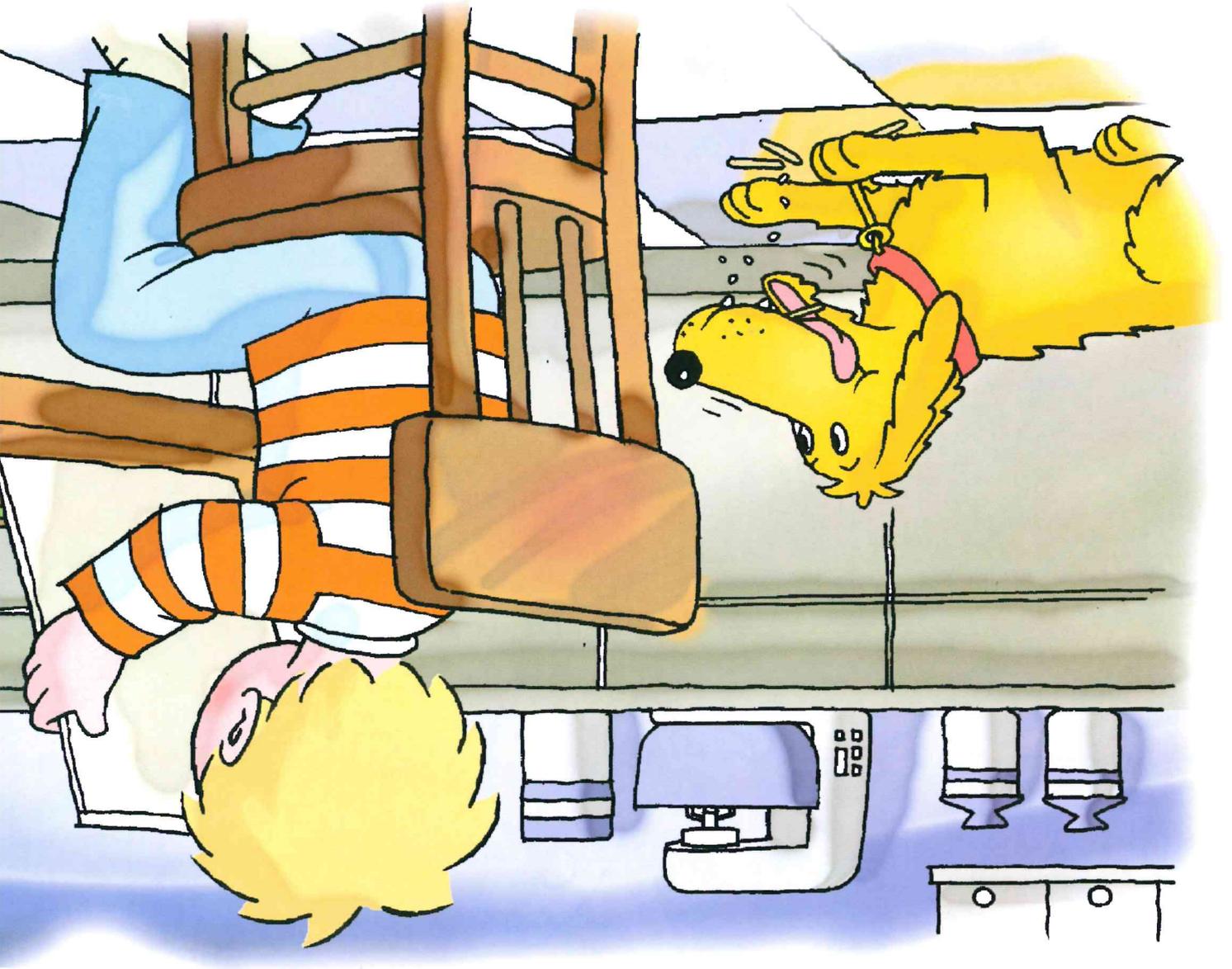
Back at home, Kipper had finished his drawing. When Gran saw it, she winked at him.

'That's an excellent choice!' she said.

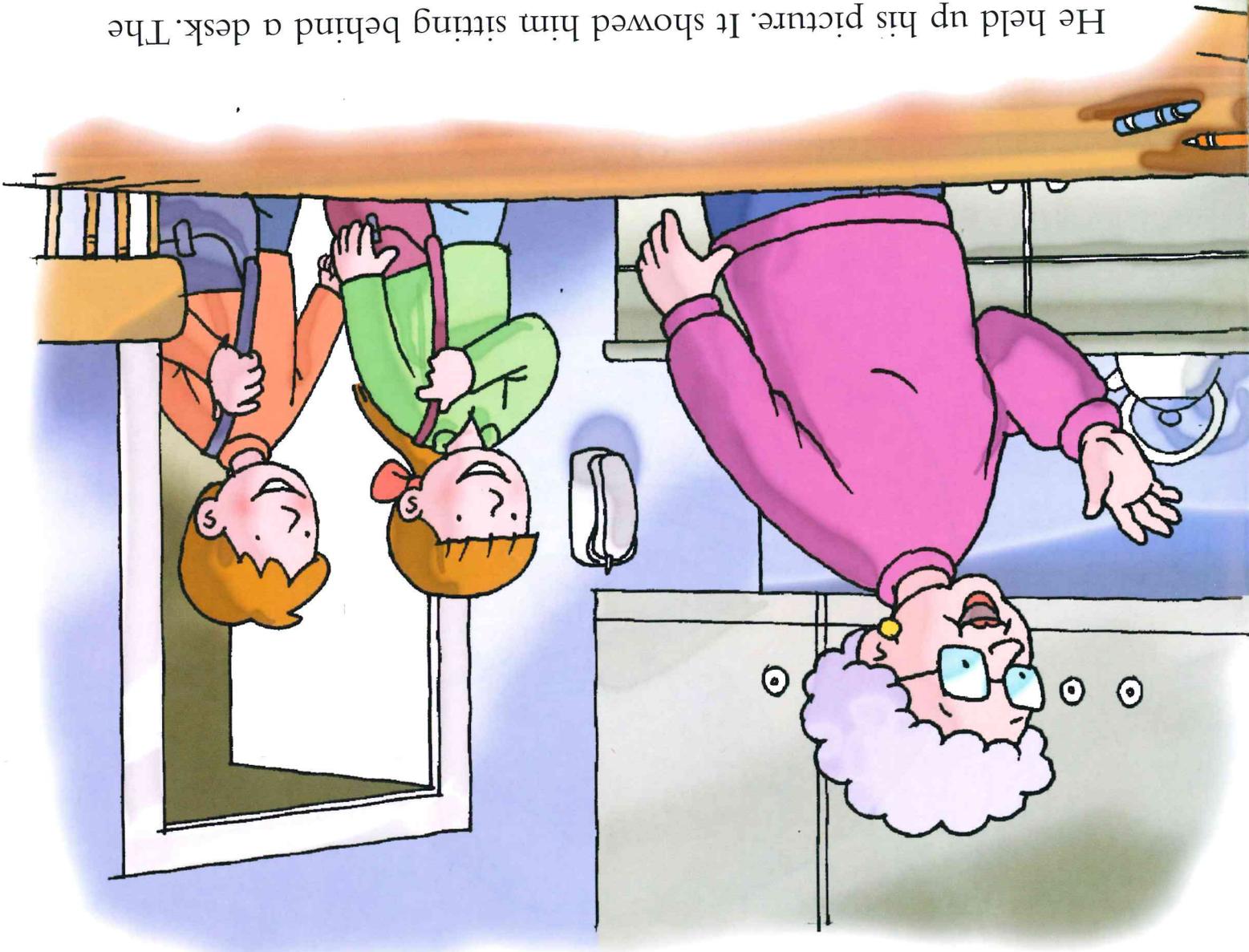
Biff and Chip came into the kitchen.

'Come on, Kipper,' said Biff. 'We're late already.'

'Well, I've chosen what I like doing best,' Kipper said.



He held up his picture. It showed him sitting behind a desk. The others asked him what he was doing.
'Eating!' said Kipper, and he passed some of Colin Crispit's sticks to Floppy.
Floppy munched happily.
Eating's what I like doing best too! he thought.



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Kipper, Gran and Floppy must choose a brand new food for the Fabulous Fancy Food Company. But they only have until four o'clock! Which is best? Cake or stew?



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