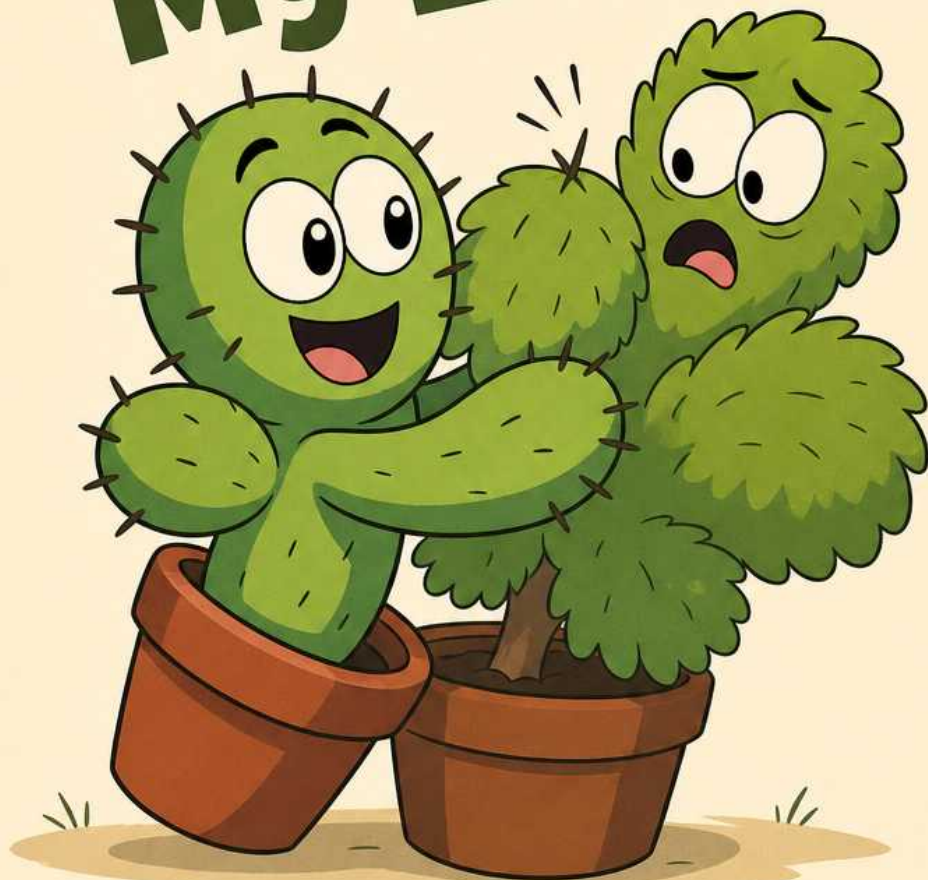
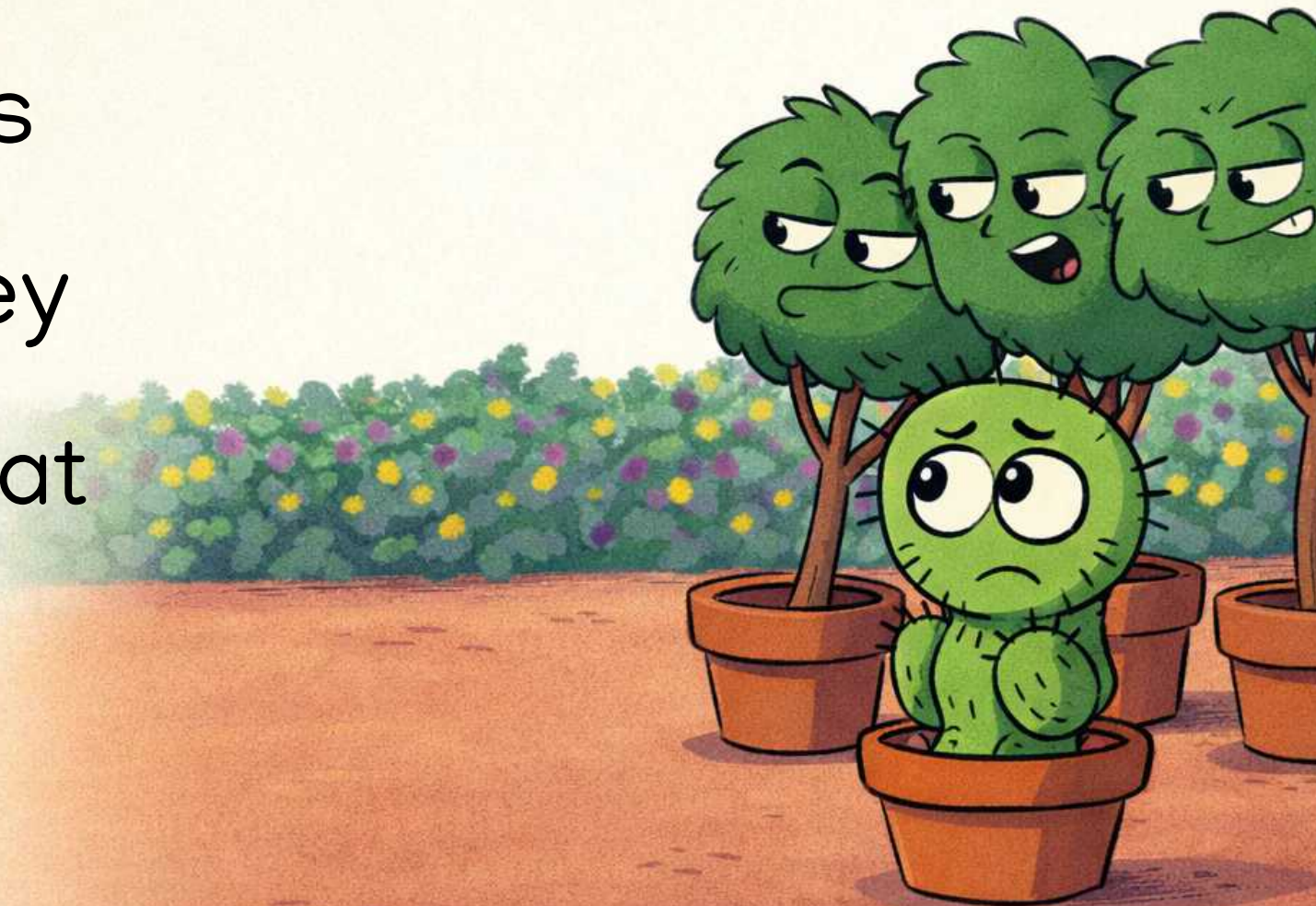


Ouch!
That Was
My Leaf!



Spike had no pals. He went up to some trees to say hi. They shut him out at first sight.



Some trees are rude. Spike
did not mind. He went off with
light steps to find a plant pal.



Spike spotted a bright tree by
itself. 'You might like a chum
to chat with,' he said. The tree
scowled down. 'No. Go away.'



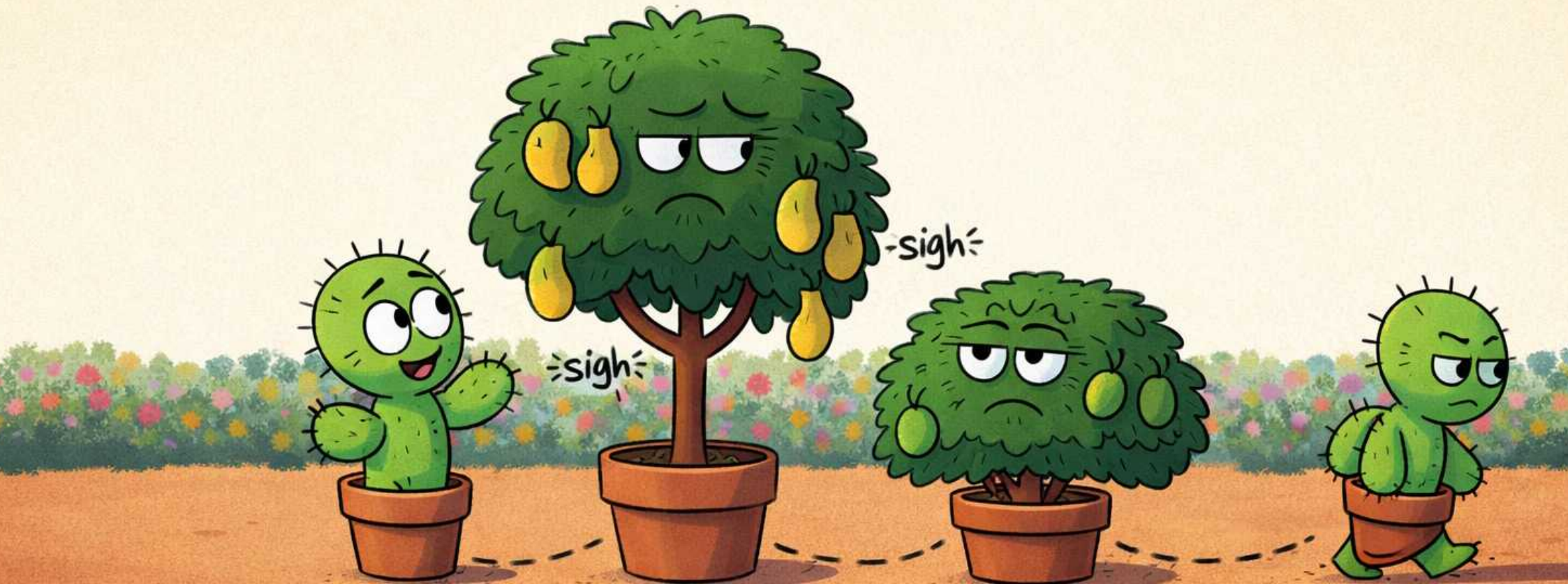


Next, Spike sees a big tree with green leaves. It shrieks in fright, and small plants run off.

'I might be a bit sharp,' says Spike with a sigh.

Spike steps up to a tree, and it **sighs**. A bush **sighs** at the **sight** of him too.

'Keep away!' they say. Spike creeps off, sad.





He made his
way to a
pawpaw.

Pawpaw is so
high up. 'Might
you be my pal?'
Spike asks.

The pawpaw
felt bad for
him. He said it
would be right
to be pals.



They were pals
at last! But
with one tight
hug, Spike hurt
the pawpaw by
mistake.



The pawpaw
was in a fright.
'Go find a spikey
pal!' he yells. He
pulled away
from Spike.





Spike looked
high and low,
but there were
no spikey
plants in the
garden. He left.

He went to
the dunes.

Right there
was a bush by
itself. It had
thorns all over!





Spike left his
pot behind and
went to the
dunes with his
new pal. The
sun was bright.



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Spike is a little cactus looking for a friend. He tries asking trees and plants all around the garden if they want to be pals. Will Spike finally find someone who wants to be his friend? Join Spike on his exciting quest to discover friendship in the most unexpected places!

Reading Skills: <igh>

bright, fright, high, light, might, right, sighs, sight, tight

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