

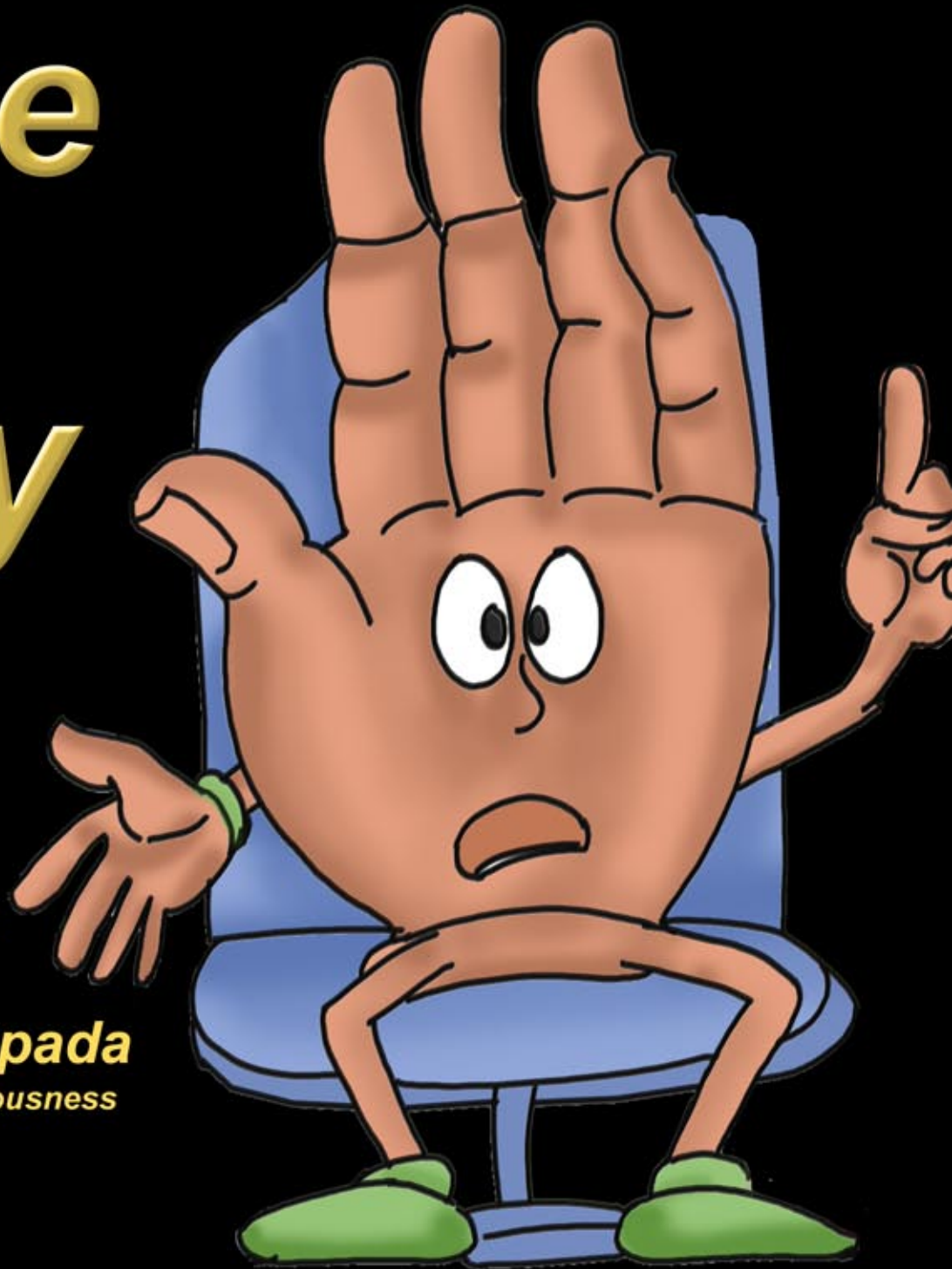
The Strike of The Body Parts

*Instructive Stories from teachings of
His Divine Grace*

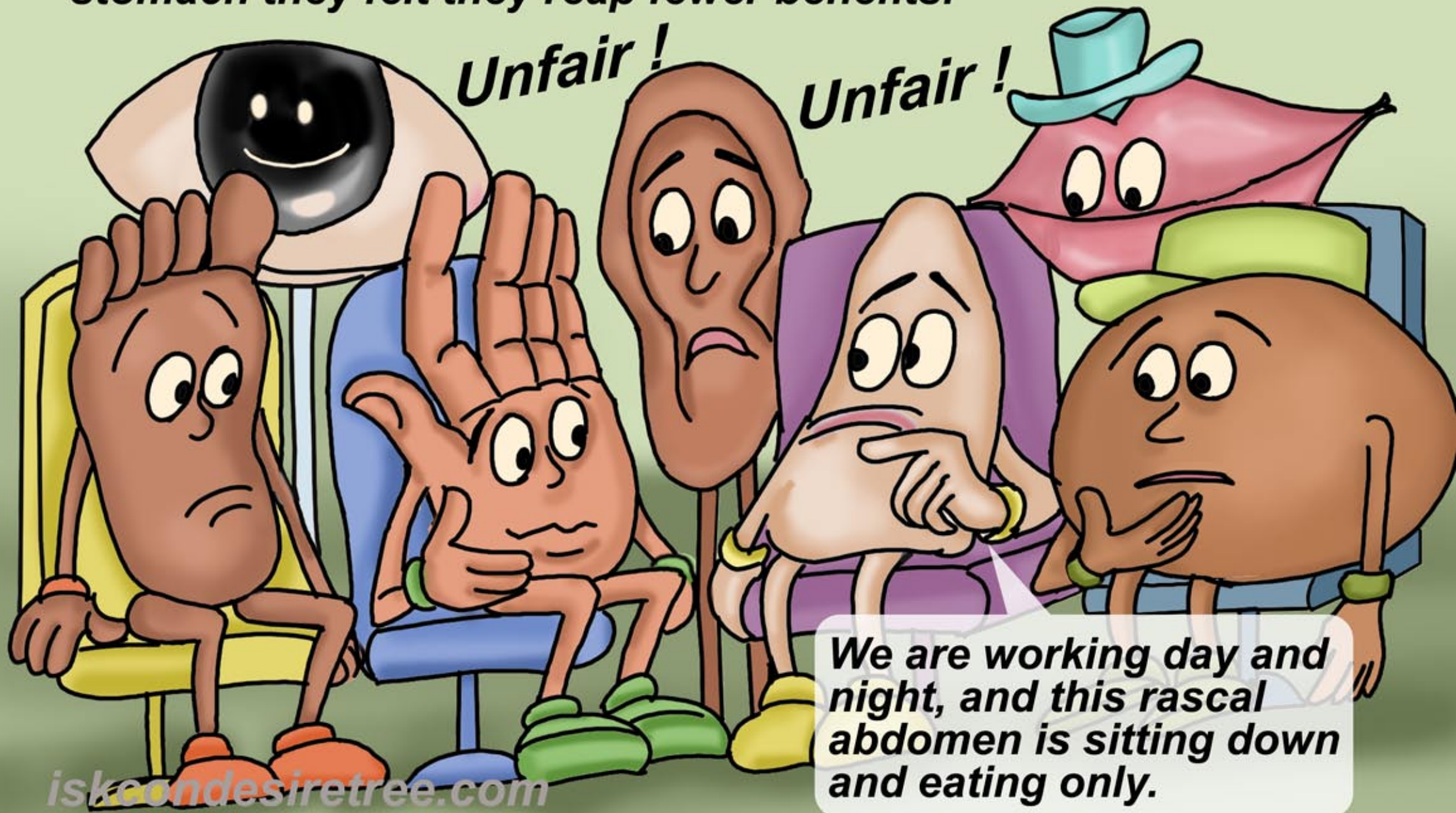
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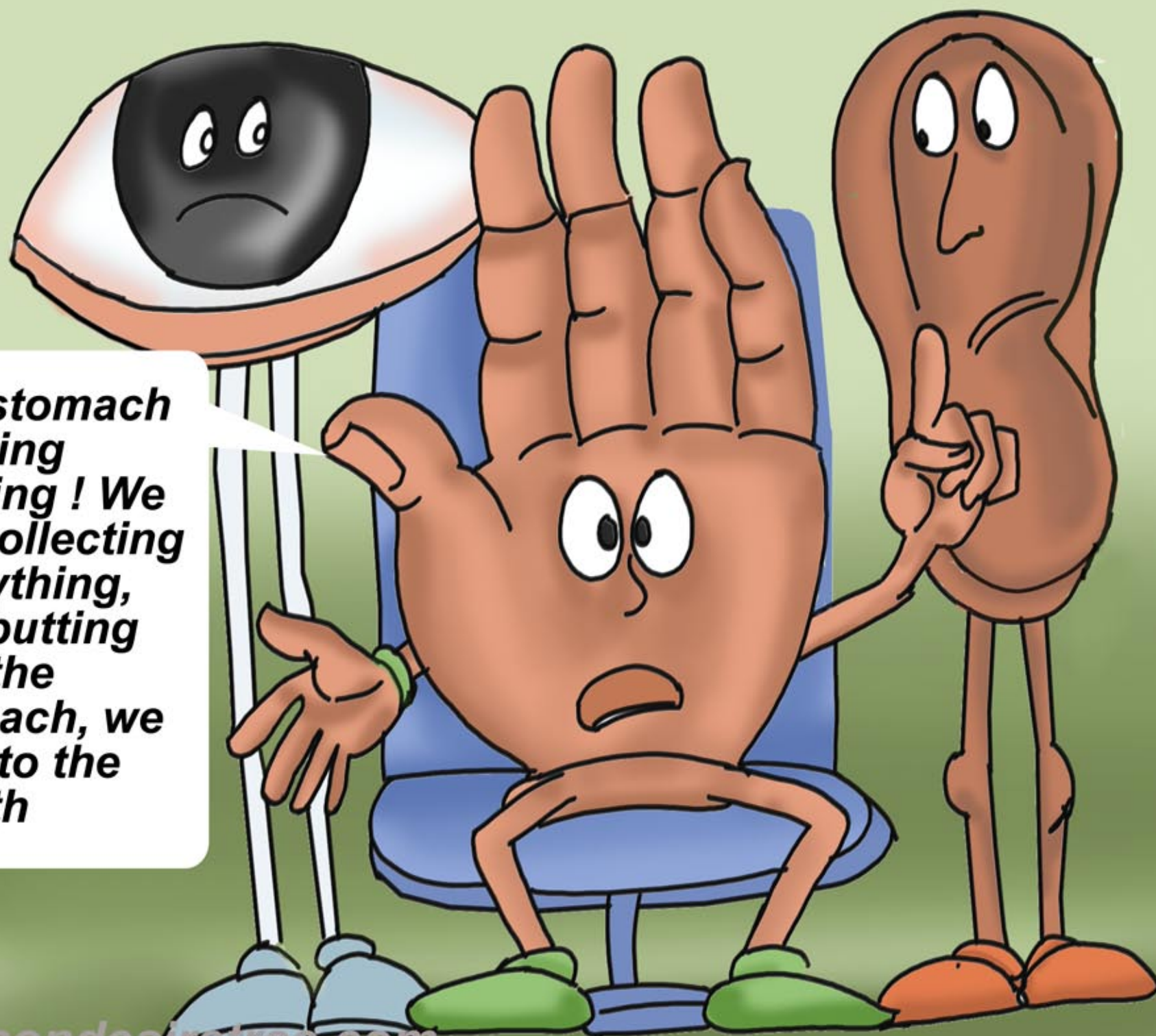
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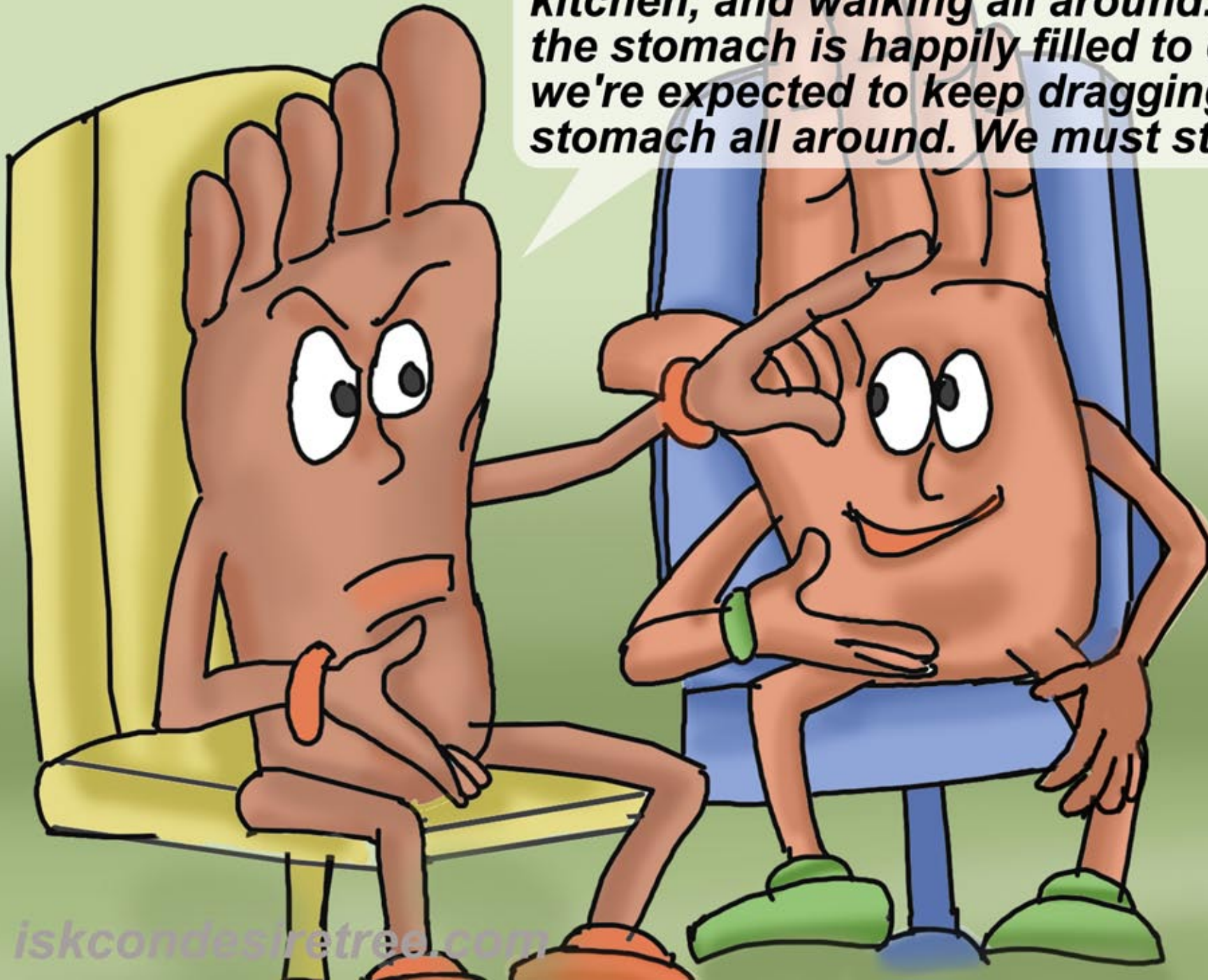
All the different parts of the body, hands, legs and everyone they held a meeting,. They were not happy with the system with which the body functions. Each part claimed its supremacy of hard work over the stomach's work. In comparison with the stomach they felt they reap fewer benefits.



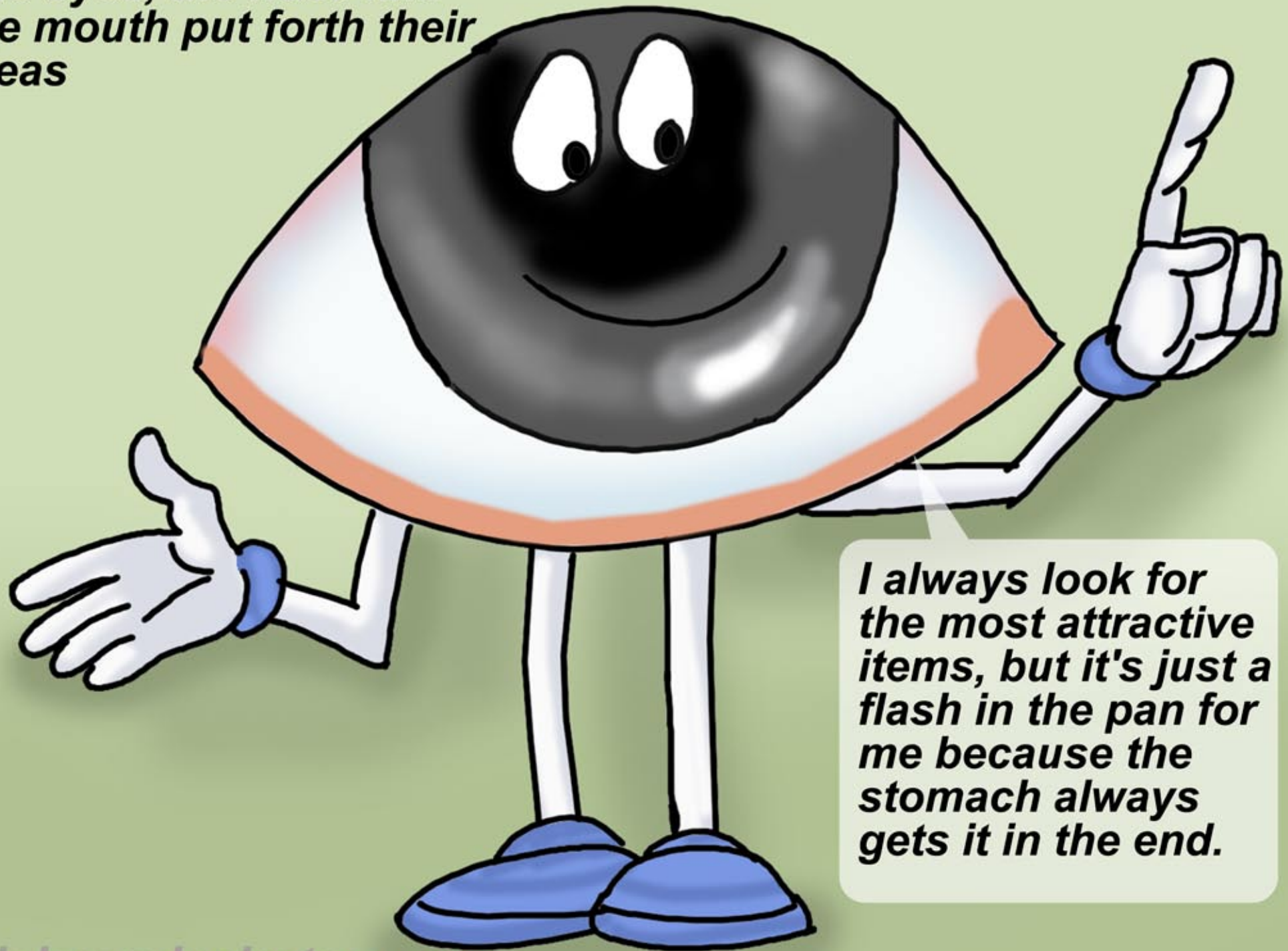


The stomach is doing nothing ! We are collecting everything, and putting into the stomach, we feed to the mouth

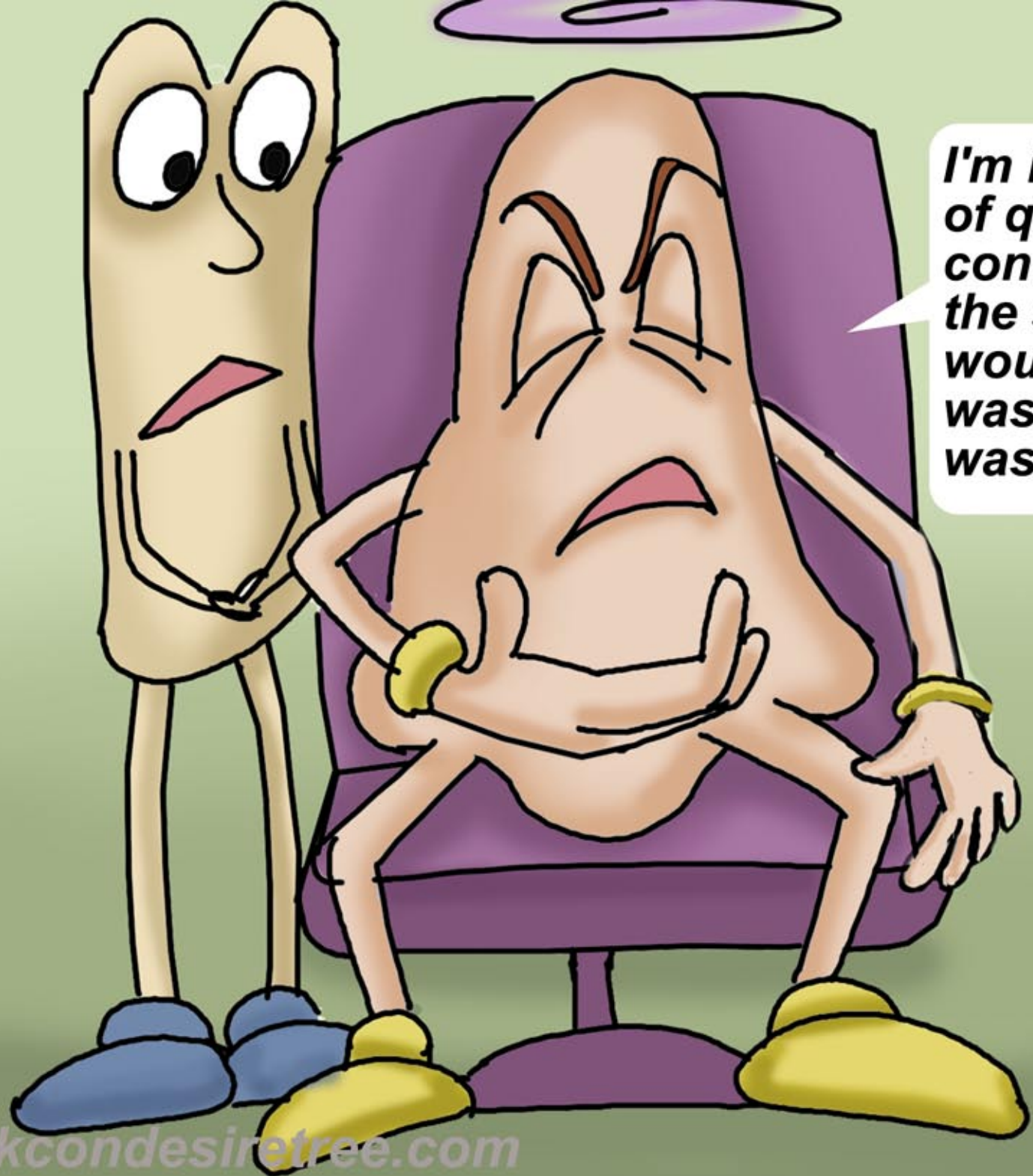
We're carrying the weight of the whole operation. We're standing long hours in the kitchen, and walking all around. Then, after the stomach is happily filled to capacity, we're expected to keep dragging the stomach all around. We must strike !



**The eyes, the nose and
the mouth put forth their
pleas**

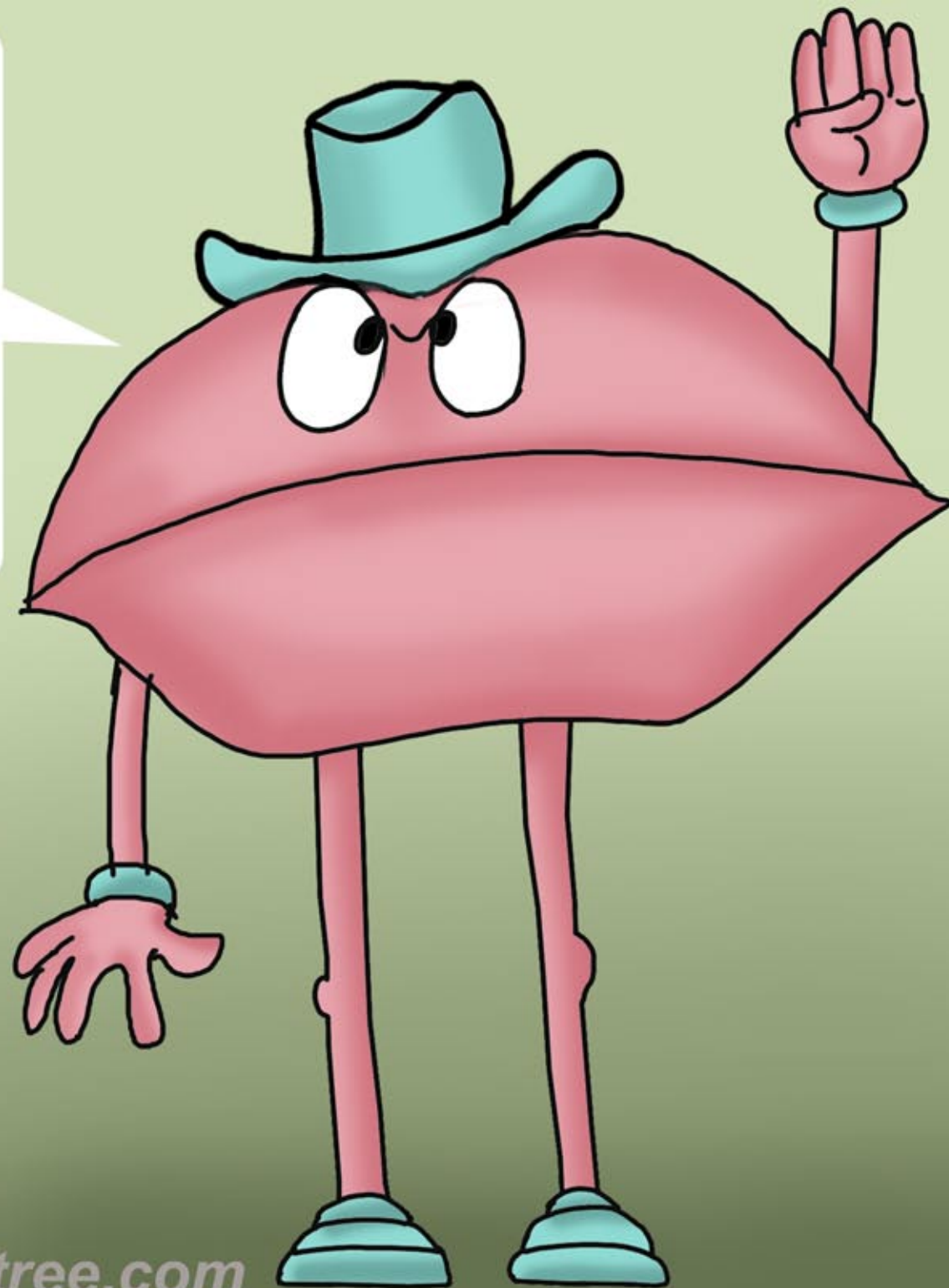


***I always look for
the most attractive
items, but it's just a
flash in the pan for
me because the
stomach always
gets it in the end.***



***I'm in charge
of quality
control-without me,
the stomach
wouldn't know what
was good as what
was bad, otherwise.***

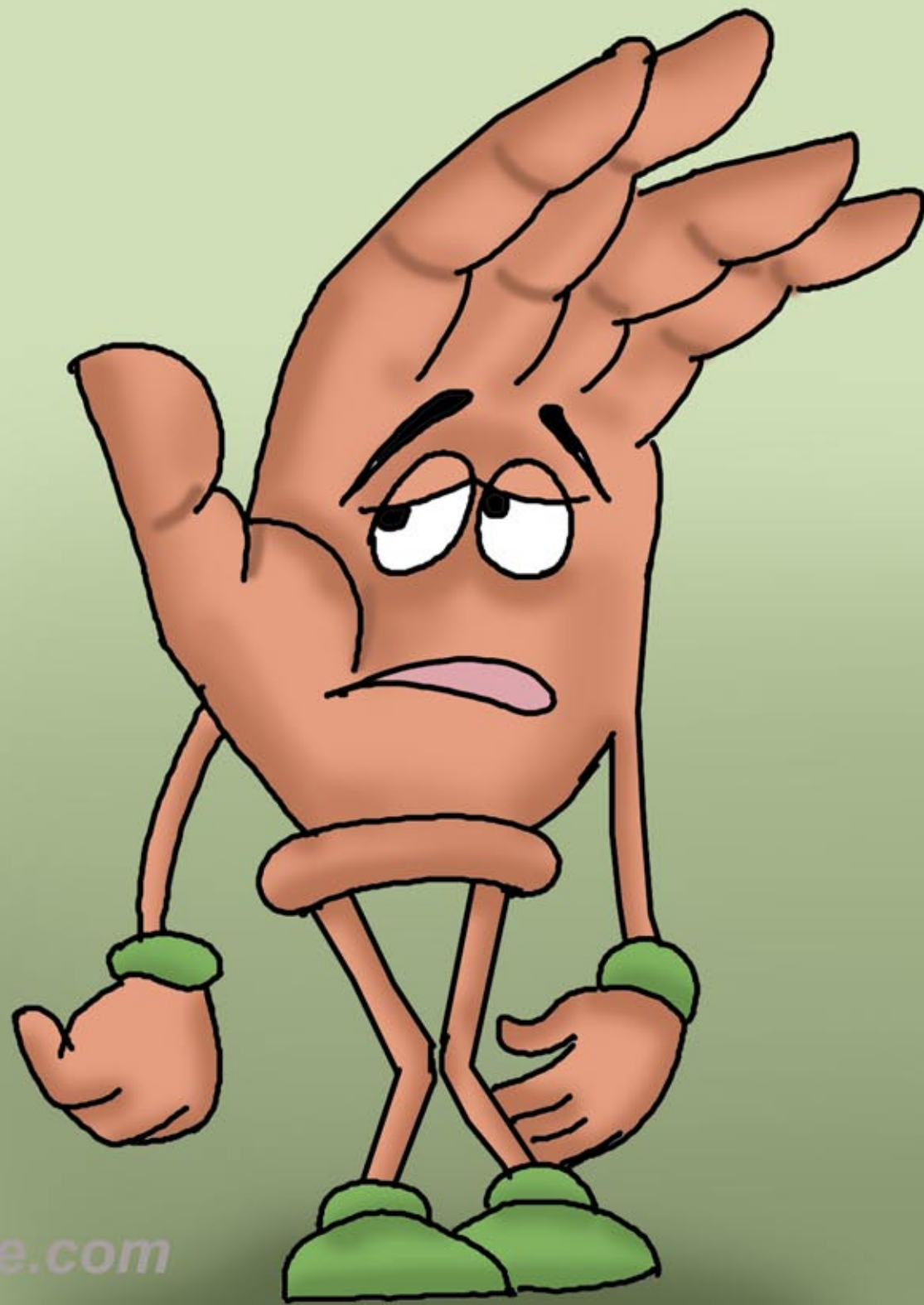
Yeah ! I chew and it's true. I get to taste a little, but soon it's gone down there to the stomach. Taste and chew that's all I do; but soon it's through. I'm fed up with this!



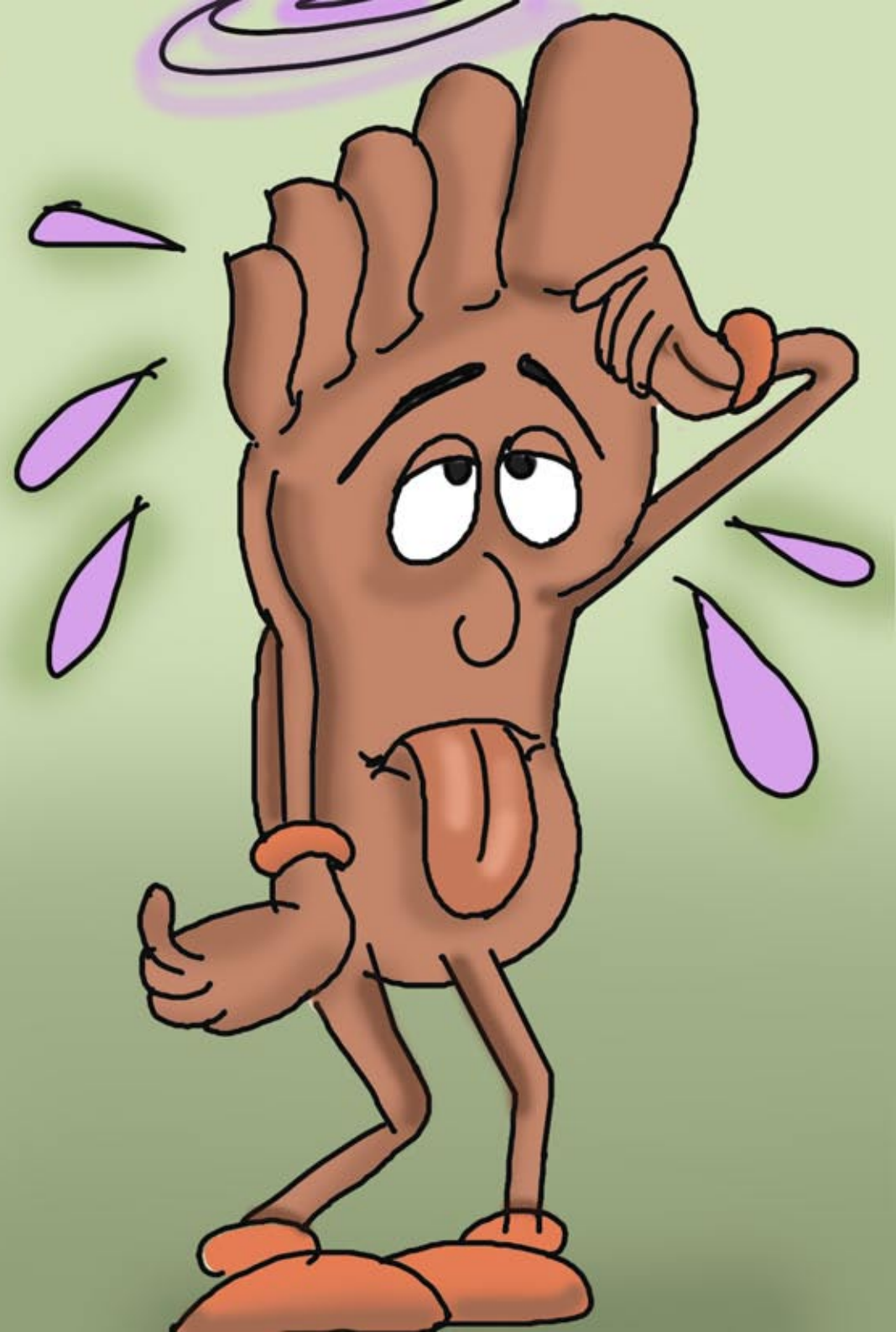
The lower half set up a faction and spoke in unison.

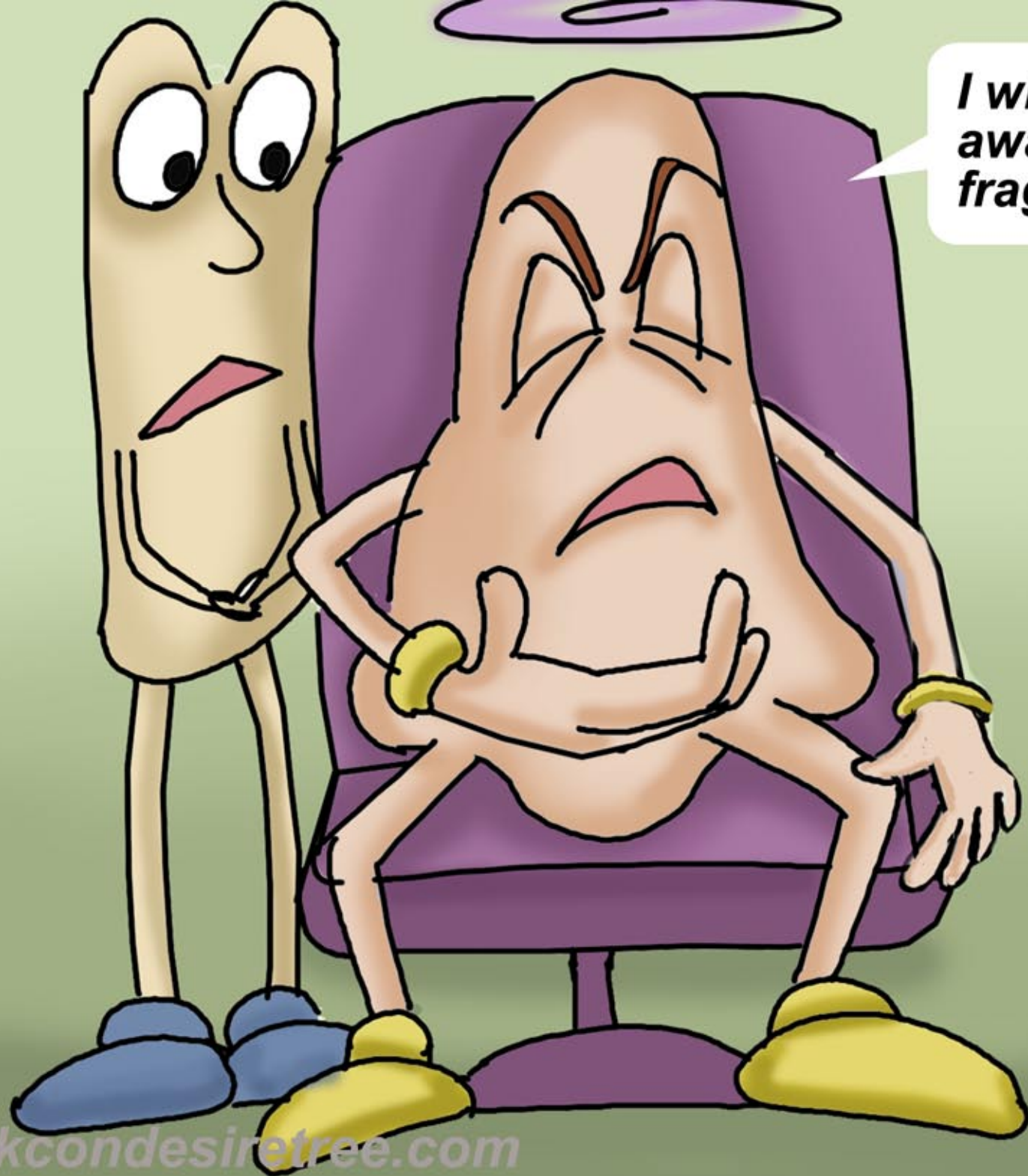


They didn't get what they wanted, it was quite contrary. They all began to feel weak and shaky; but out of stubbornness, they continued their strike against the stomach.



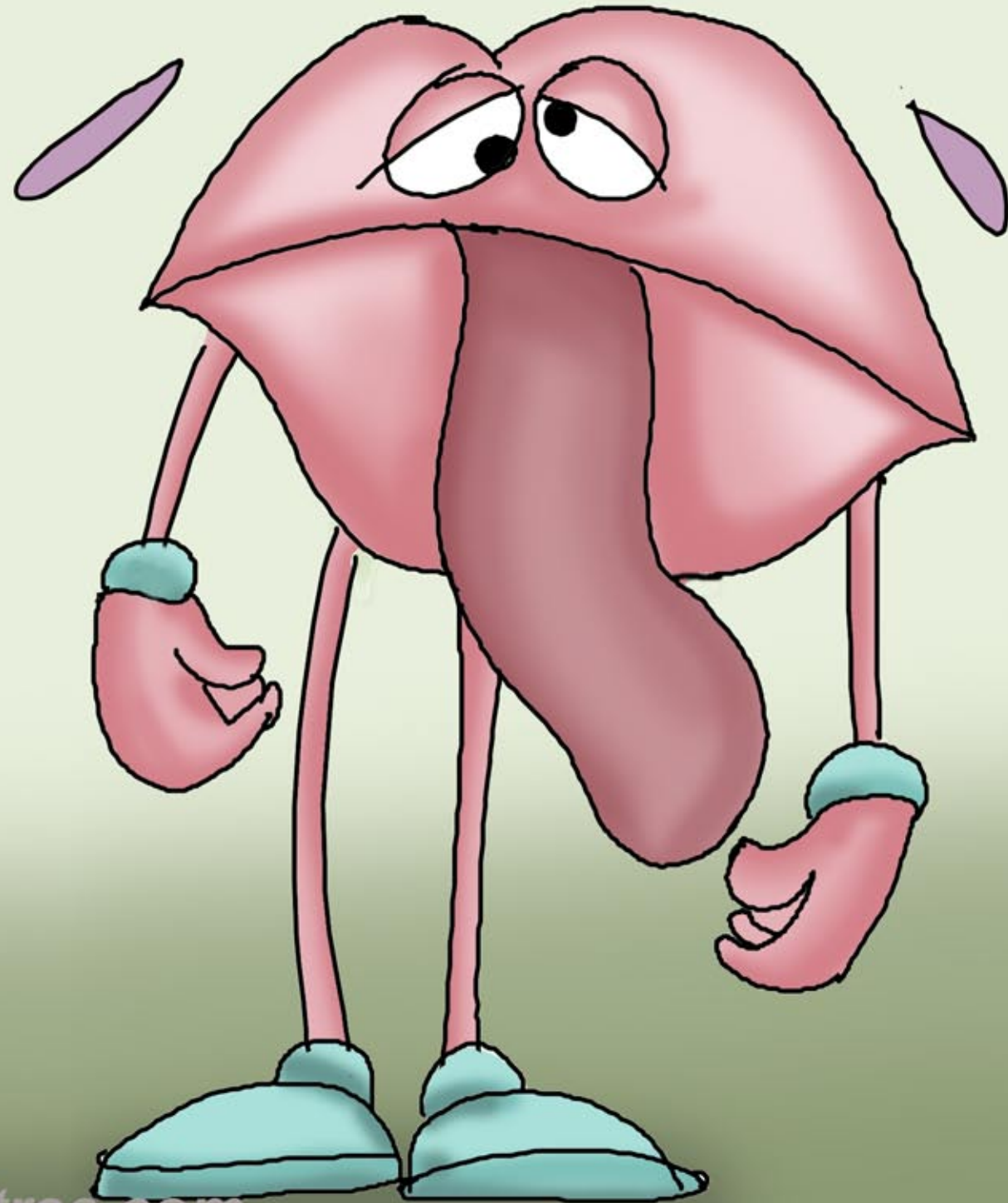
The legs refused to work for the stomach





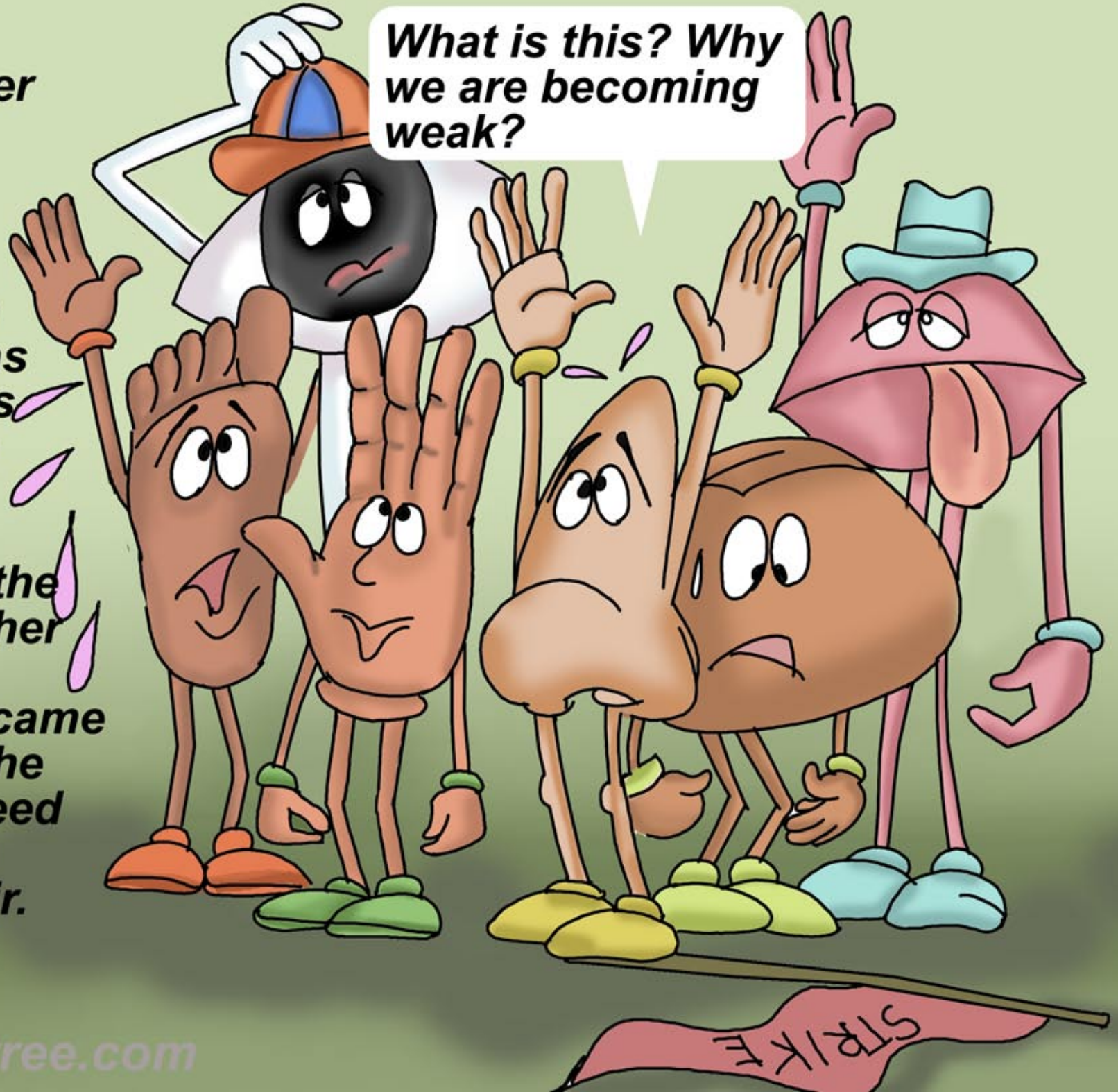
*I will hold myself
away from all
fragrant edibles...*

The mouth, in protest, remained silent and refused to chew anything...



There was another meeting

For it seemed to them that the stomach, though not being fed, was still as fired up as always. It was as if the stomach was actually benefitting from the rest, while the other parts felt great fatigue. They all came to a decision in the meeting and agreed that the stomach must be given, sir.



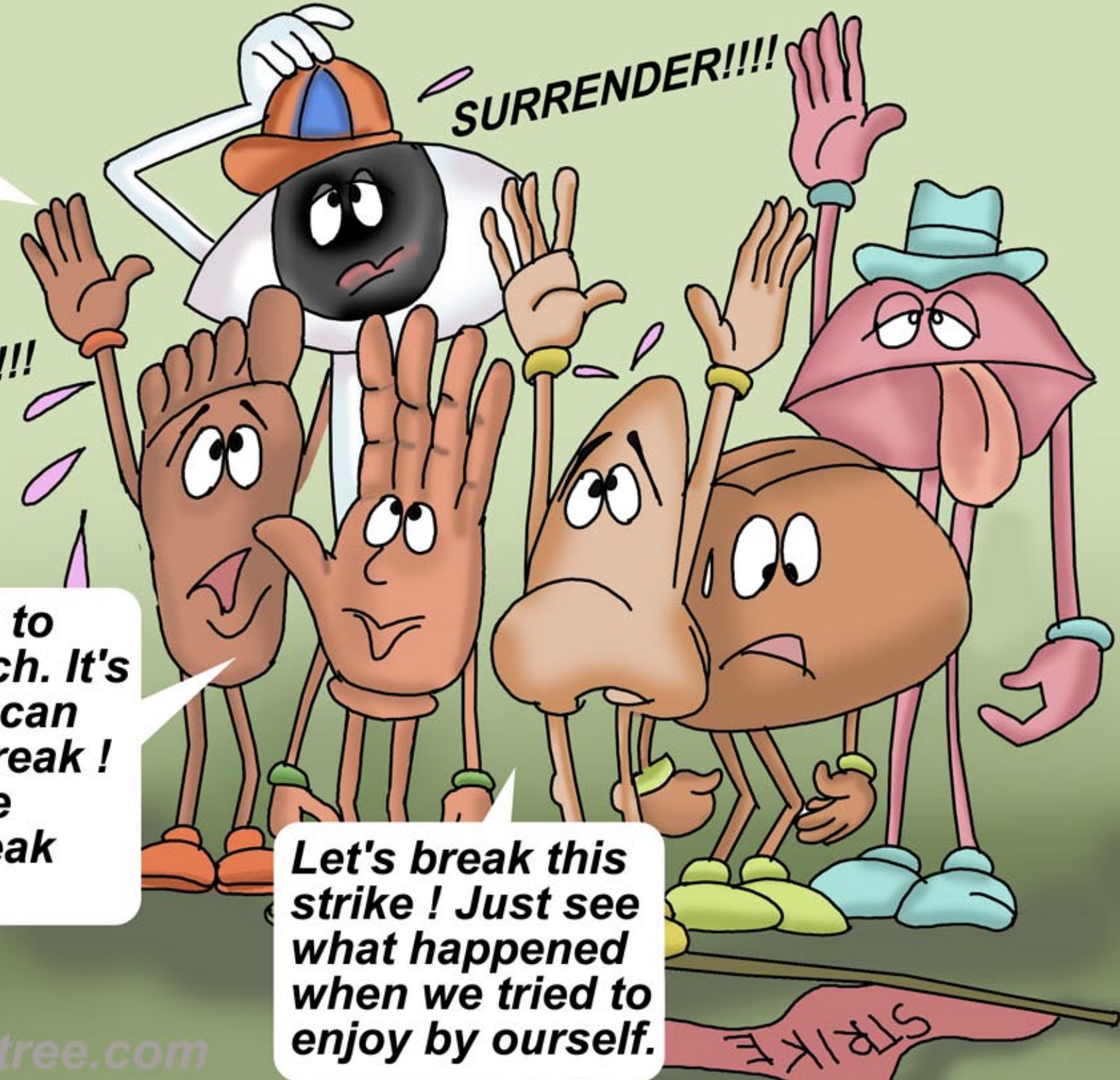
I don't mind doing my part as long as I get some energy back.

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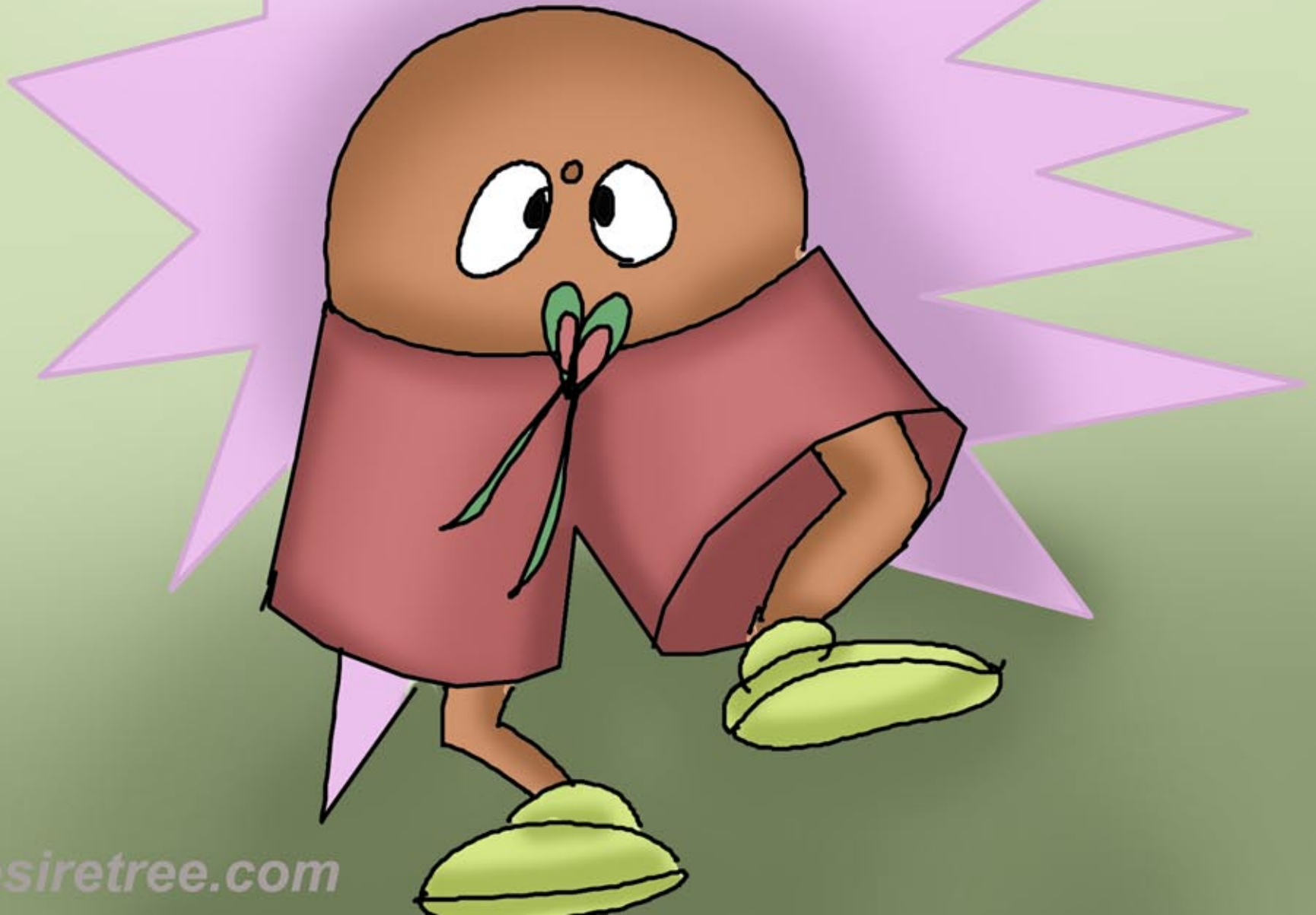
SURRENDER!!!!

We have to work to serve the stomach. It's the only way we can survive. Yeah. Break ! Break ! Serve the stomach and break the strike!

Let's break this strike ! Just see what happened when we tried to enjoy by ourself.



So the strike was broken when the body parts again took up their constitutional positions in service to the stomach. Just as the various parts of the body are rightly situated in service to the stomach, since the stomach is the source of energy which extends to every part of the body.



MORAL:

Just as pouring water on the root of a tree energizes its leaves, twigs and branches, similarly, the individual spirit soul is rightly situated in his constitutional position as servant to Sri Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is the cause of all causes, source of all sources, the supreme enjoyer and maintainer of all that be.

We should re-establish our constitutional position simply by chanting the Hare Krishna maha-mantra:

***Hare Krishna Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare***

-Srila Prabhupada