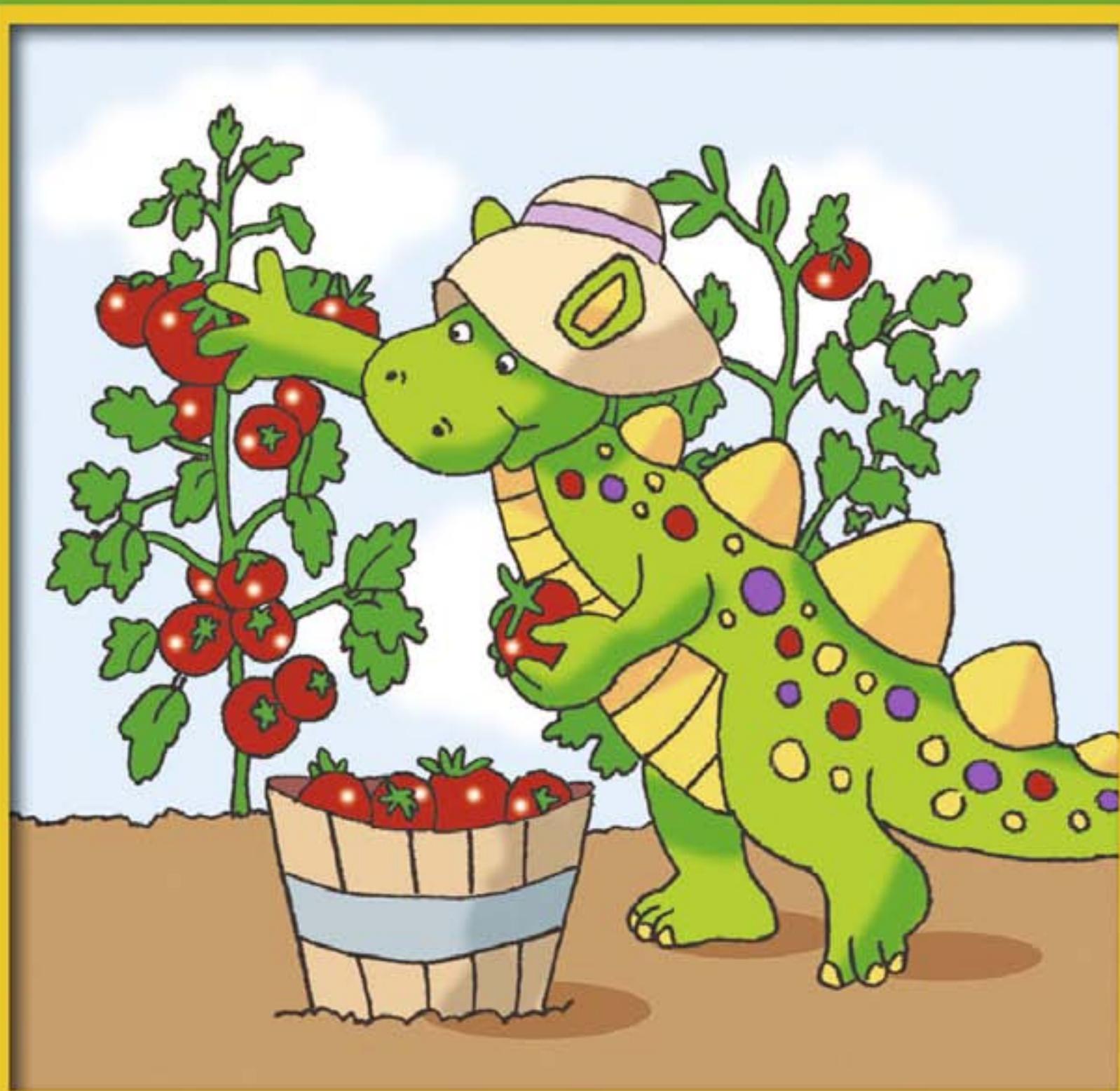


A Beginning-to-Read Book

Dear Dragon Grows a Garden



by Margaret Hillert

Illustrated by David Schimmell

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Above all, the most important part of the reading experience is to have fun and enjoy it!

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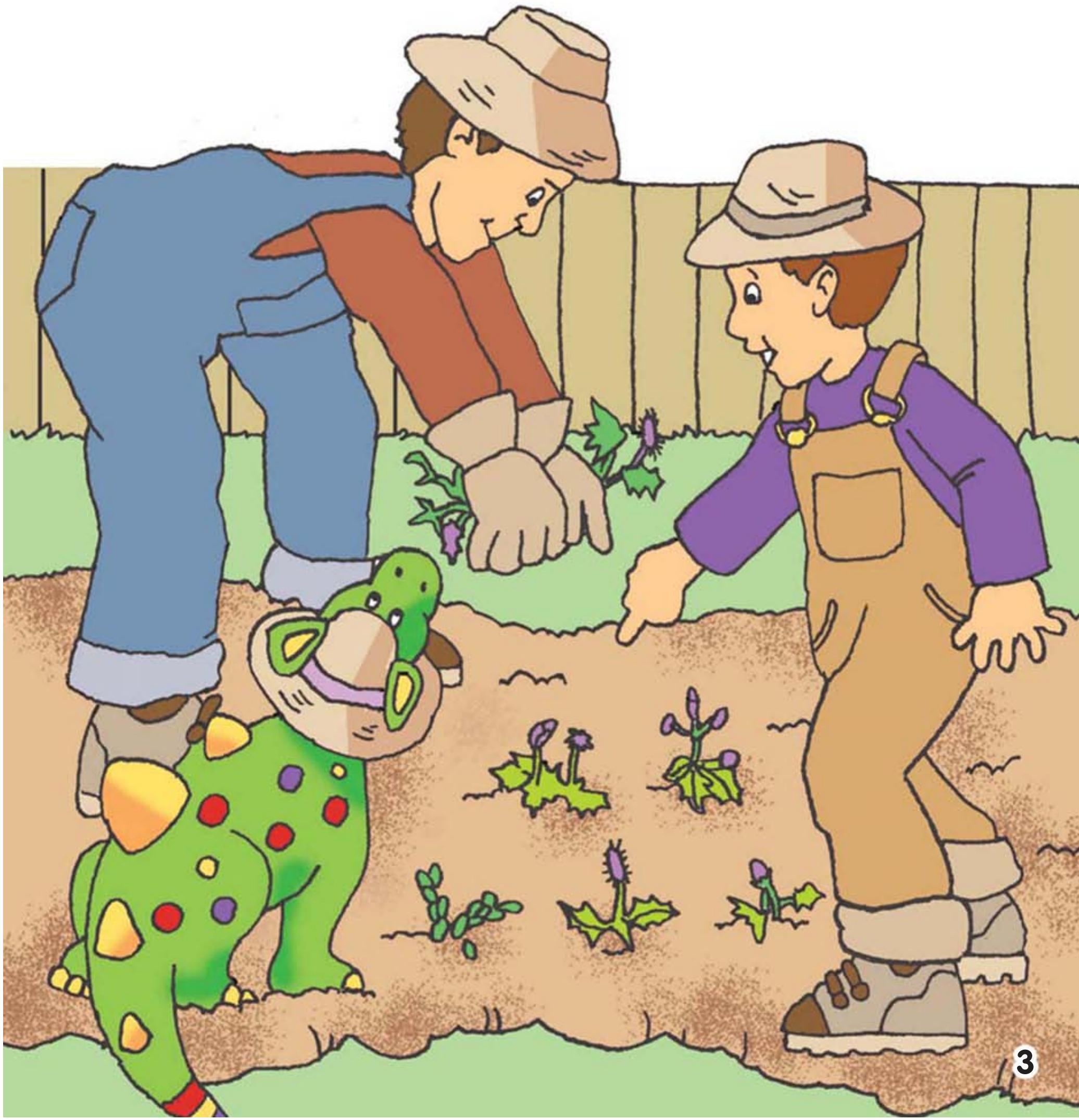
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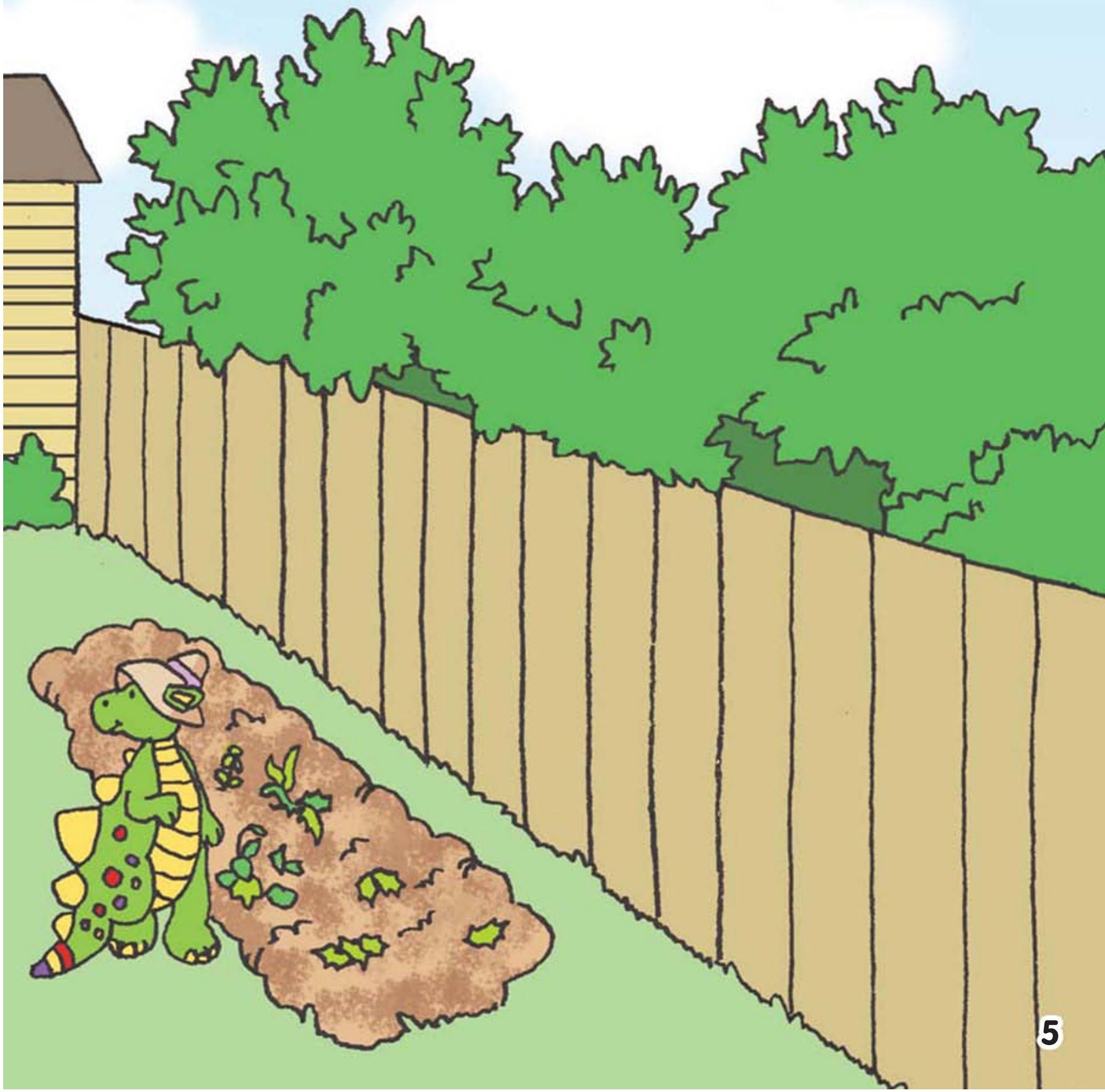
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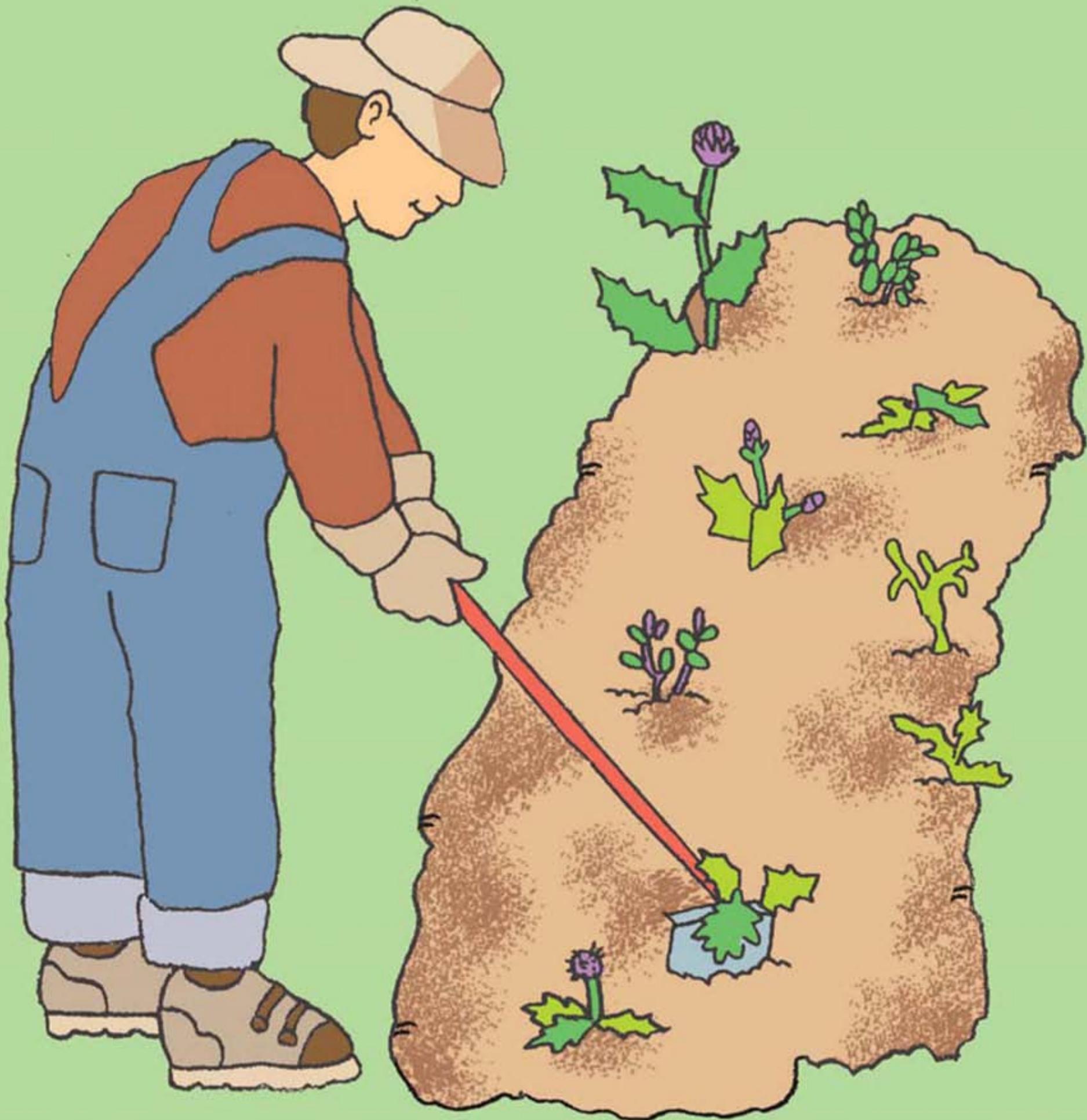
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I am making a spot to grow a garden for good things to eat.
You can help.

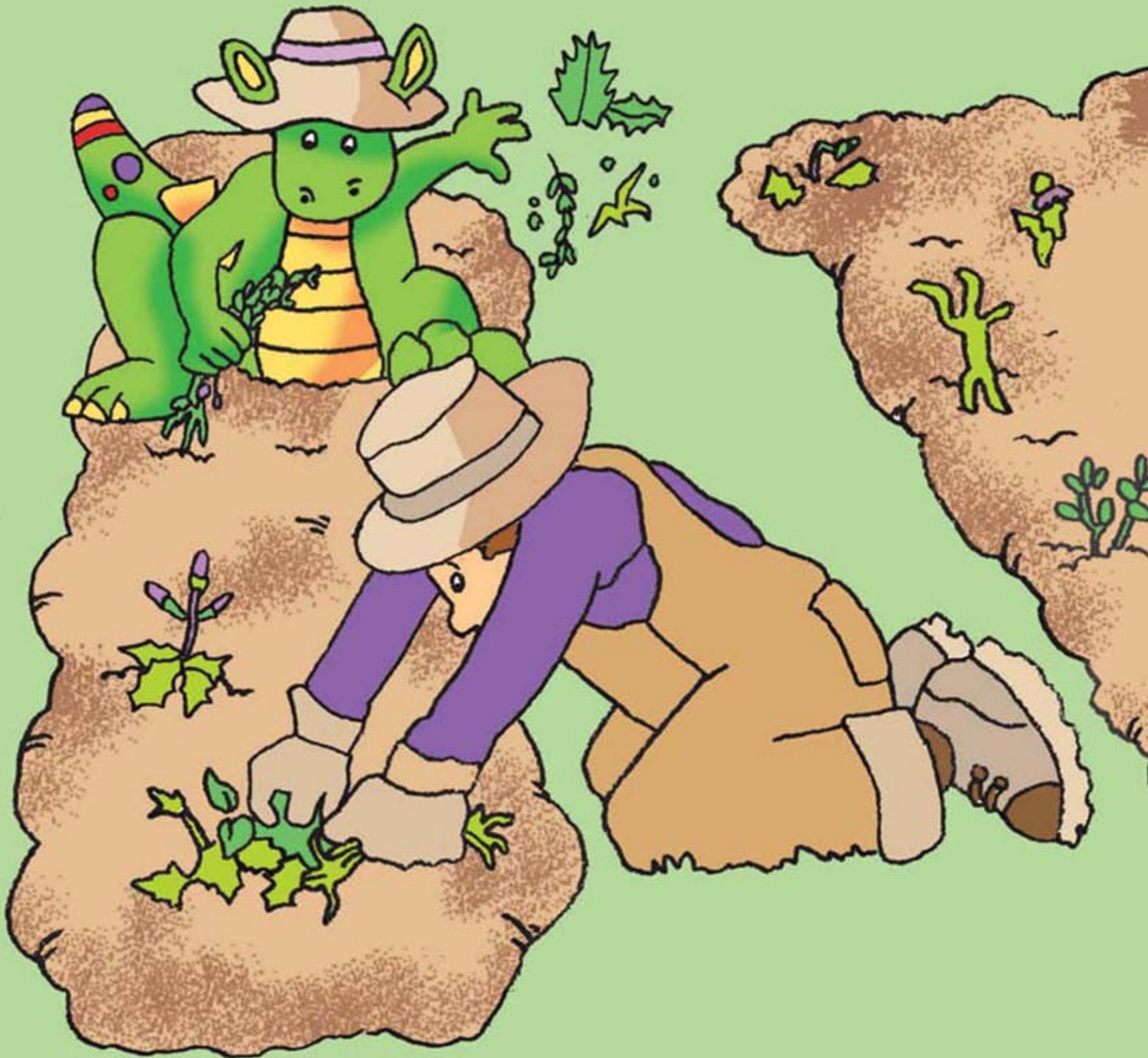




Yes, Father.

We can work at this.

We have to dig out the weeds.



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