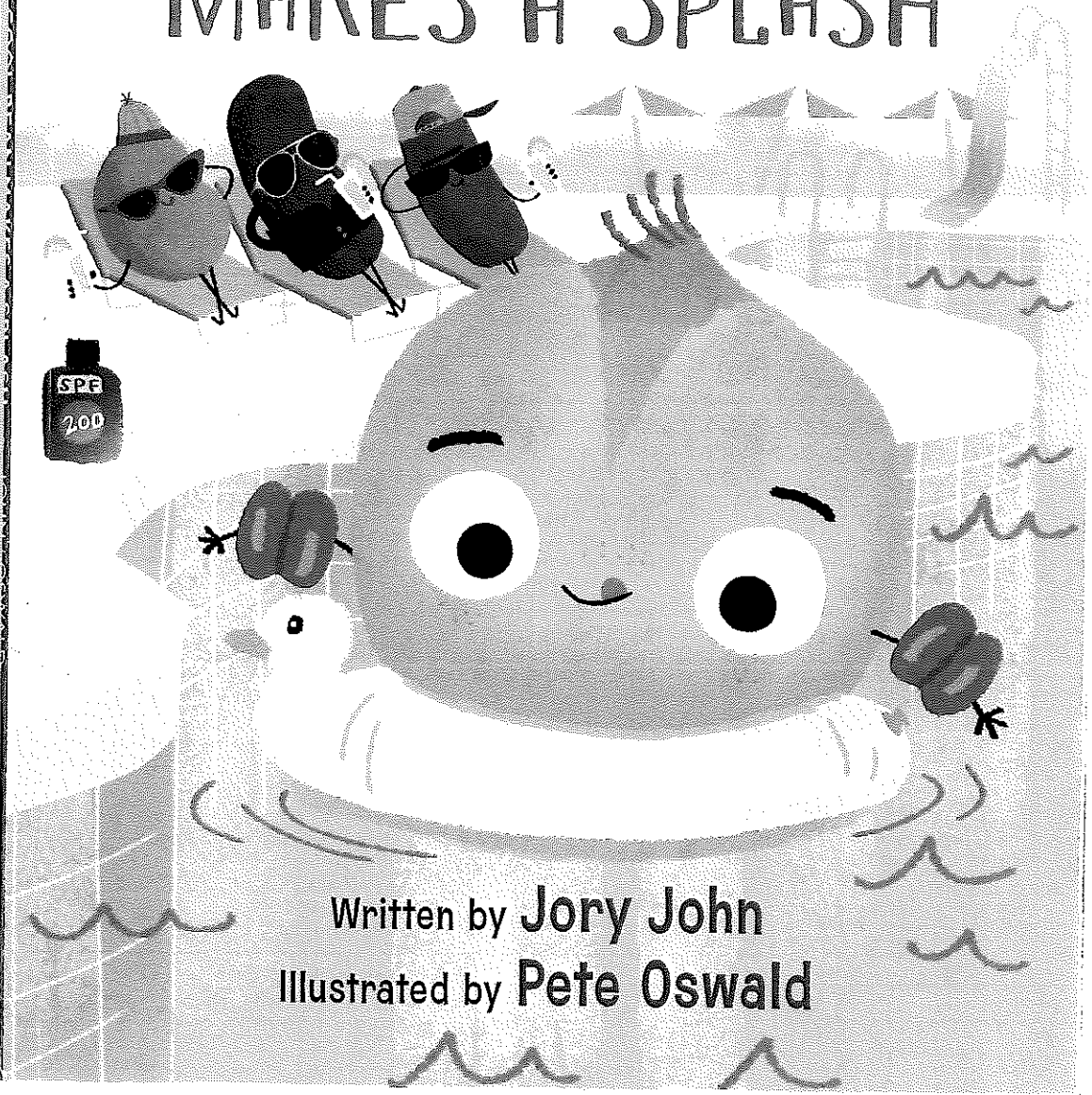


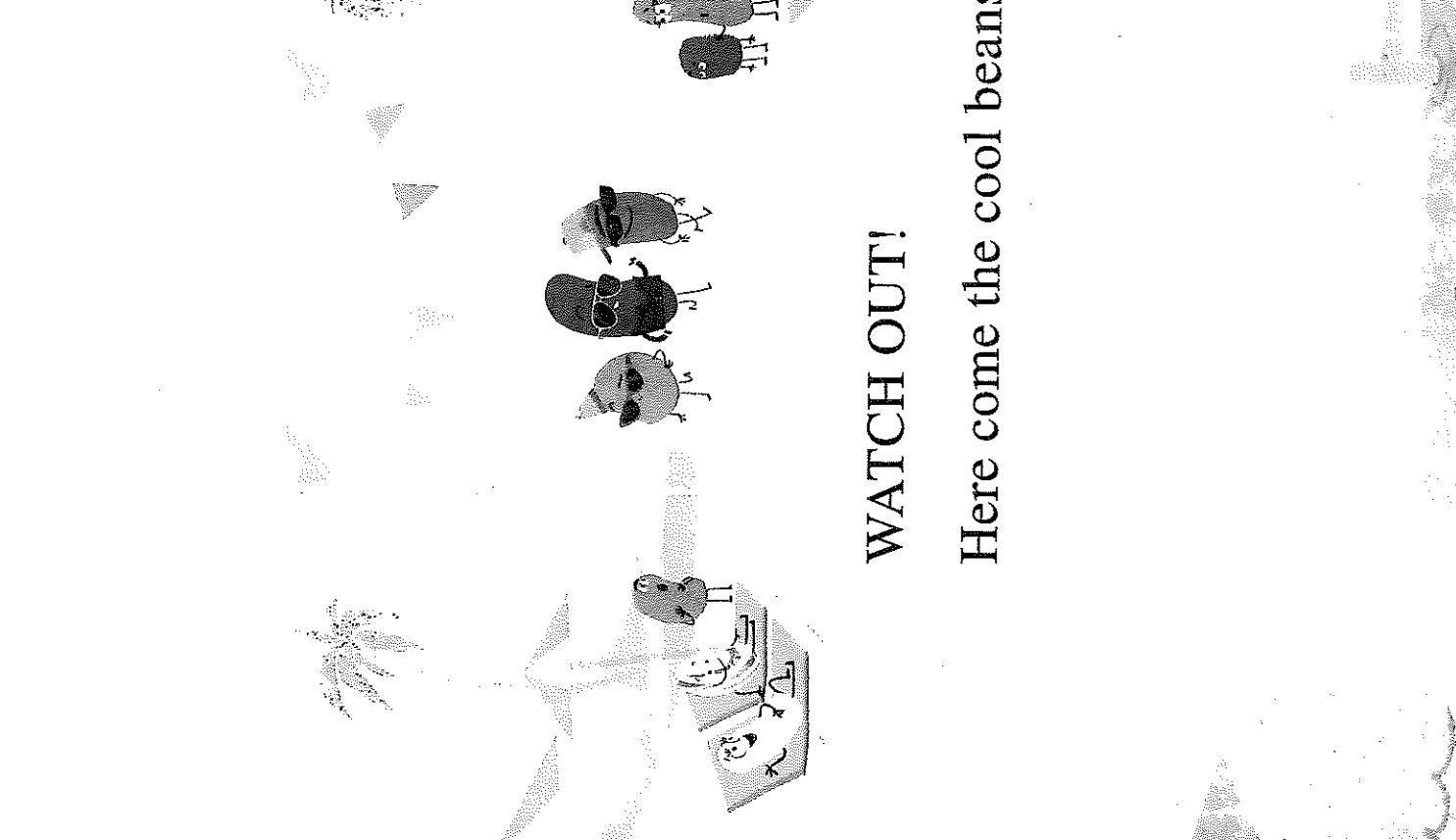
READING
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WITH HELP

I Can Read!

THE COOL BEAN MAKES A SPLASH



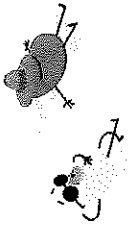
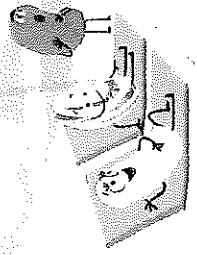
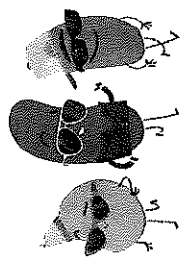
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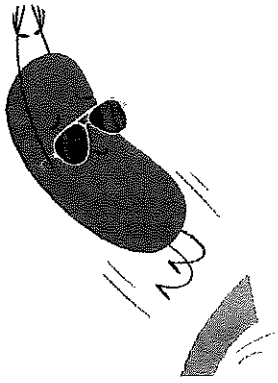


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WATCH OUT!

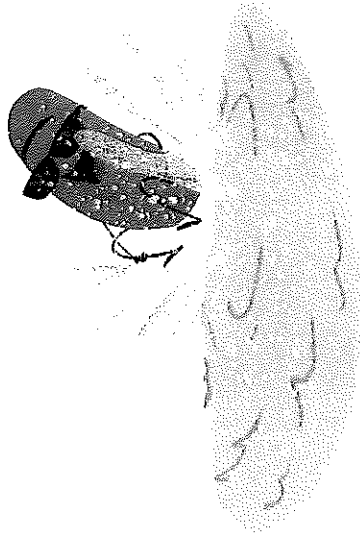
Here come the cool beans.



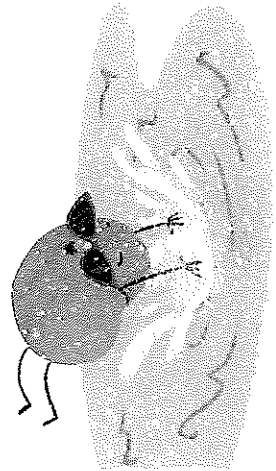


Check out how they dive!

Look at how they nonball!



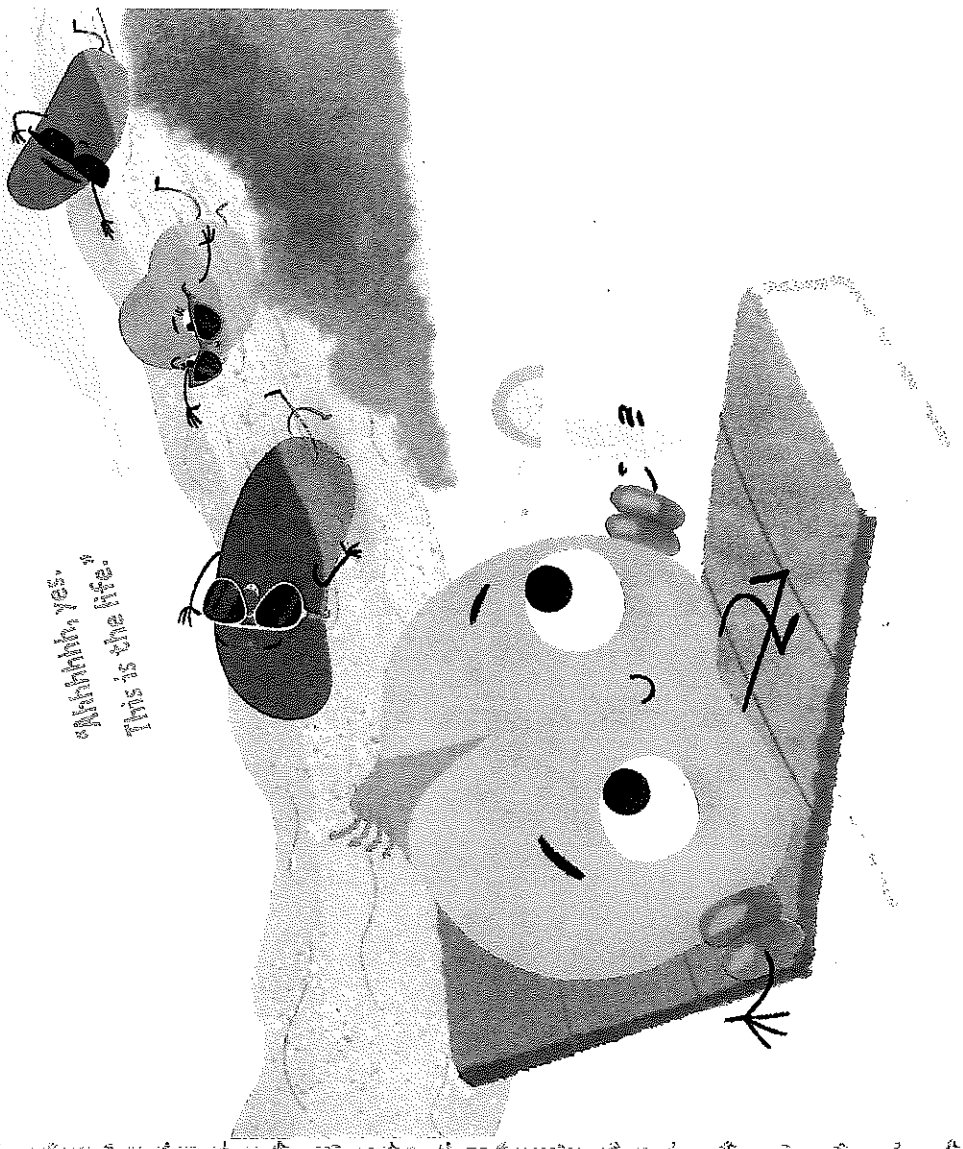
Watch how they backflip! **YOW!**



What a splashy entrance.

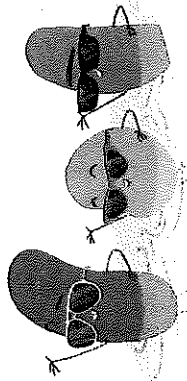
The cool beans are the best swimmers in town.

"Ahhhhh, yes. This is the life."



The cool beans are at
the center of everything.

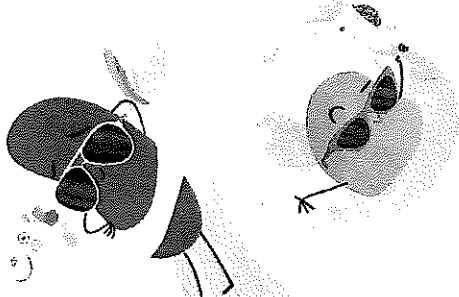
Look at their terrific technique.



Their perfect posture.



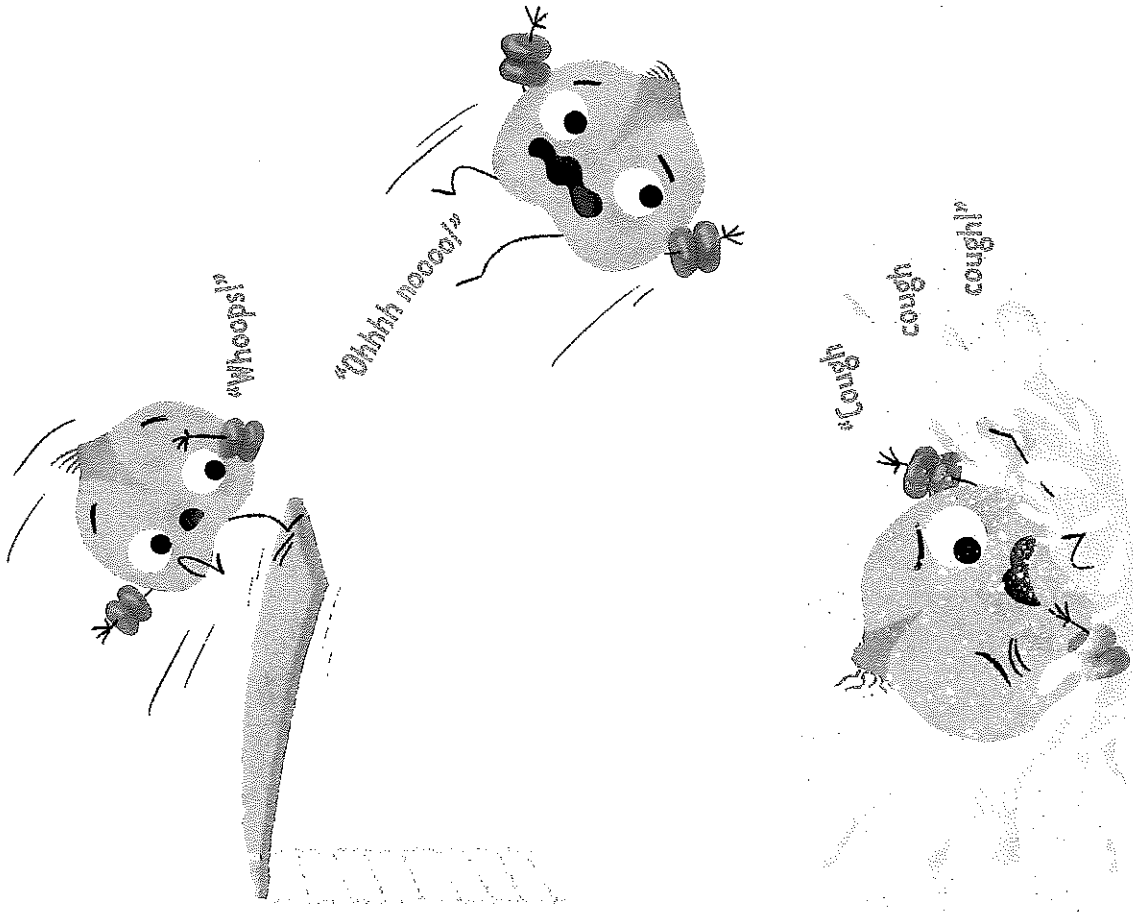
Their fearless floating.



anwhile, I'm out here on my own.
treading water by myself.
hey, we're all just doing our best.
s, there are plenty of things
an ordinary bean to do in the pool.
n still have a grand ol' time.



But every time I try to act cool . . .



. . . it never goes very well.

m.

mmmmmm.

denly I have a NEW idea.

IG idea. A SUPER idea.

e you seen the super slide?

there?

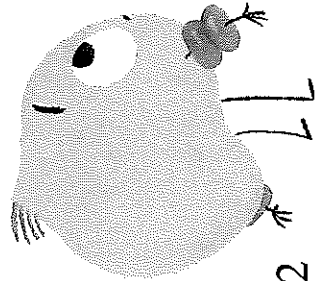
? Wayyyyy up there?

see it?

, it's huge.

, it's tall.

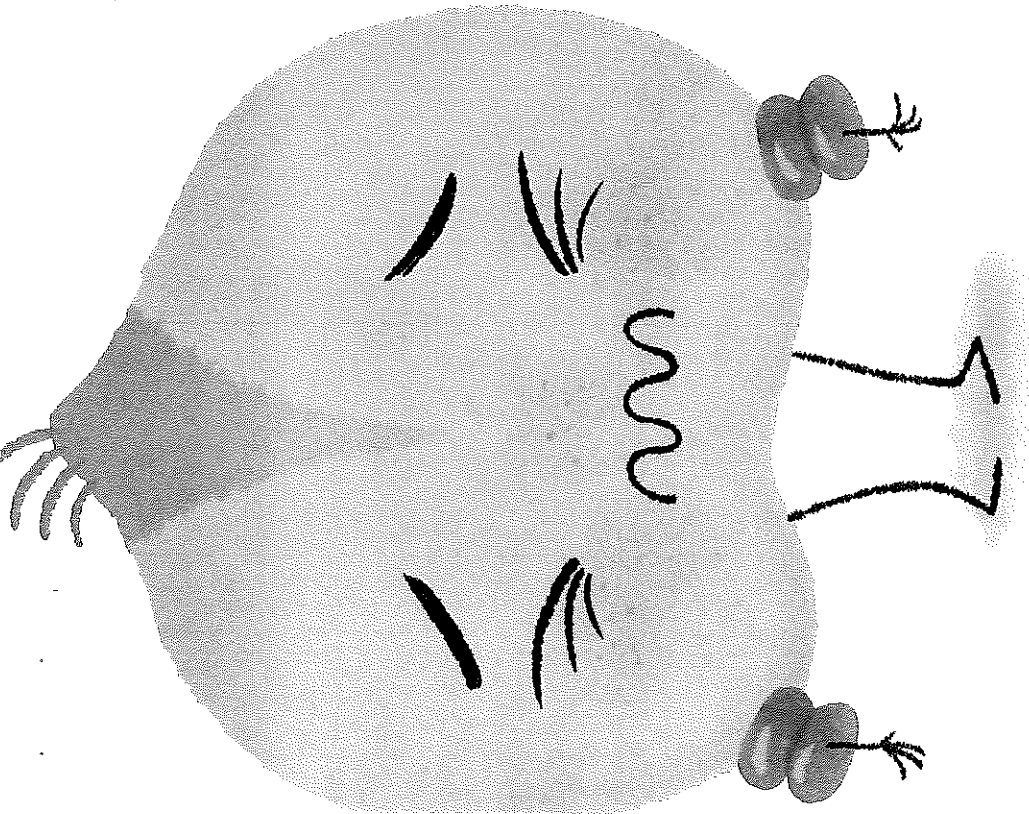
h, it's scary.



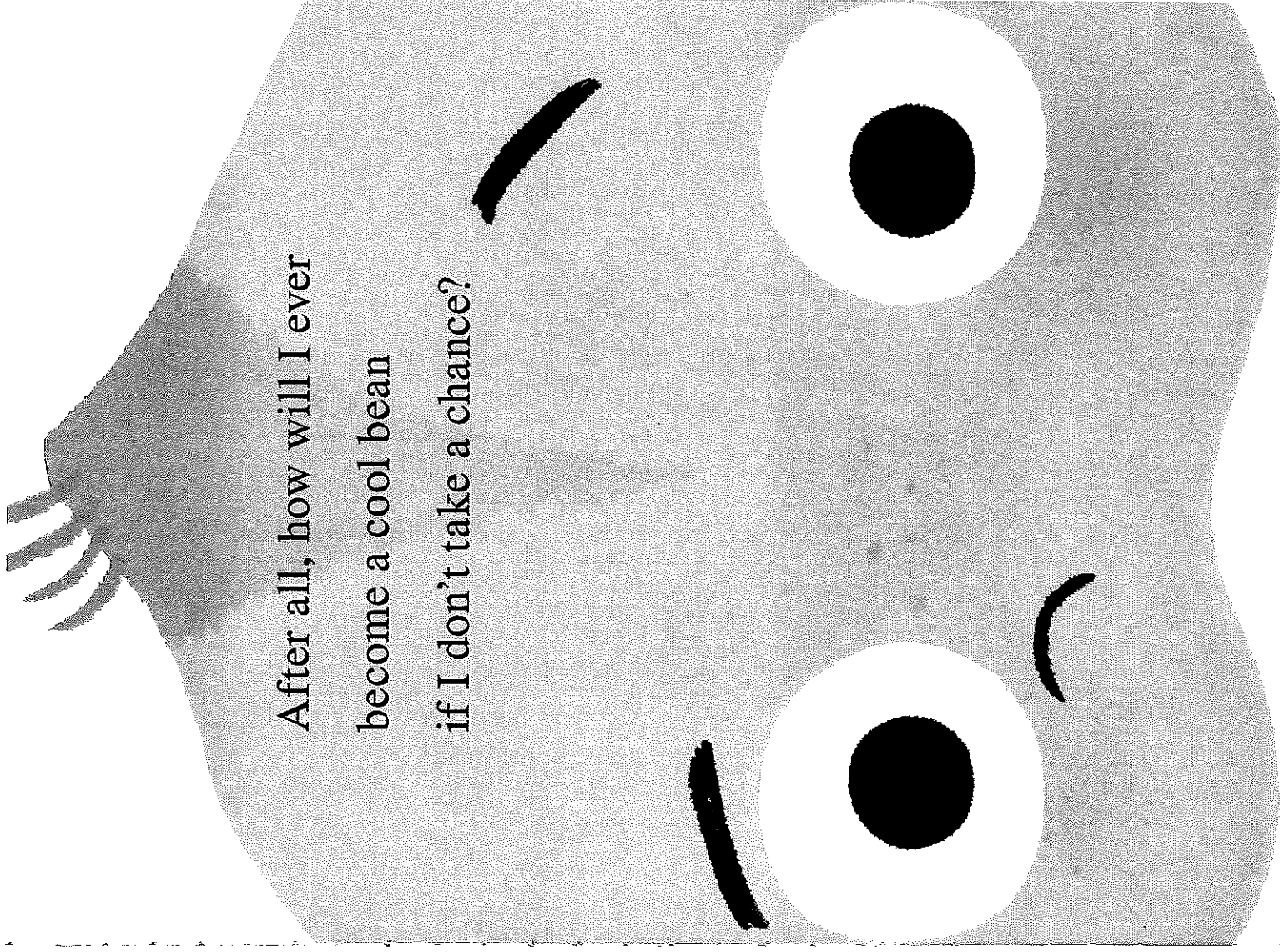
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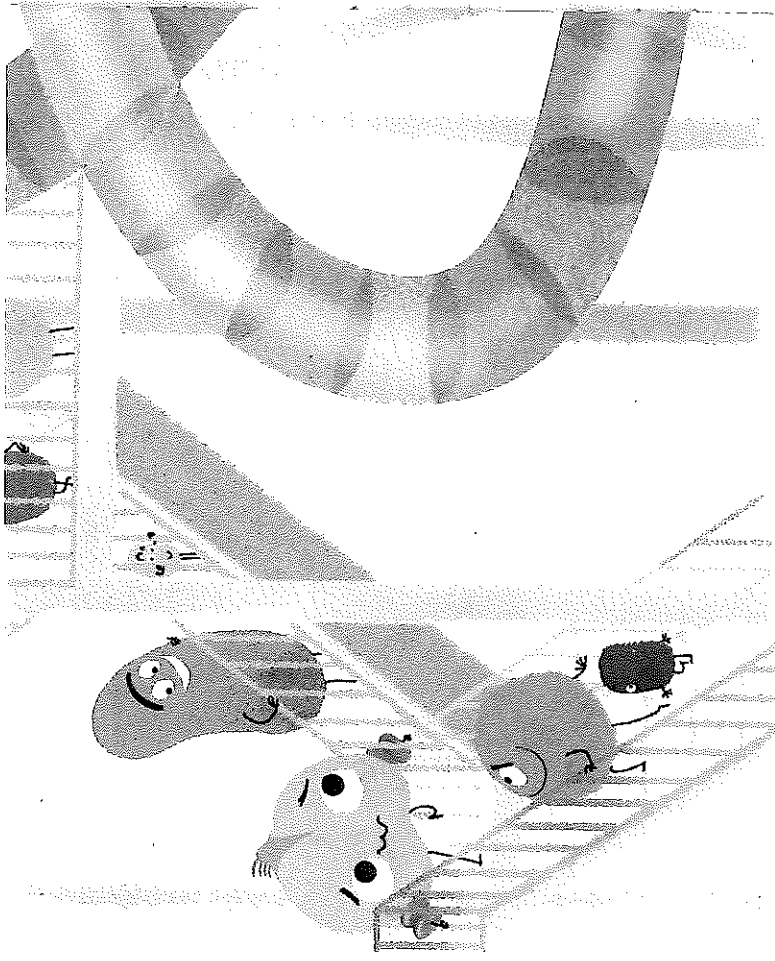
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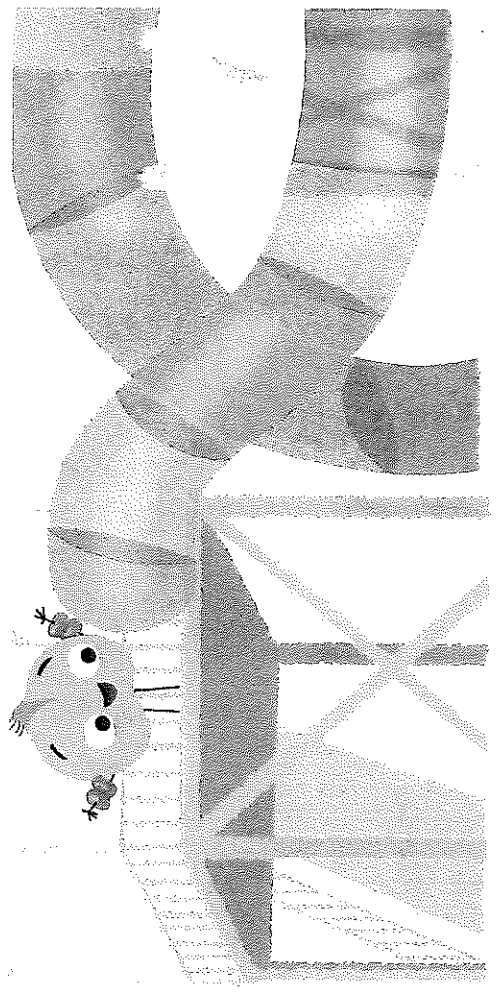
I've never been brave enough
to ride on the slide before.
Maybe today's my day.



After all, how will I ever
become a cool bean
if I don't take a chance?

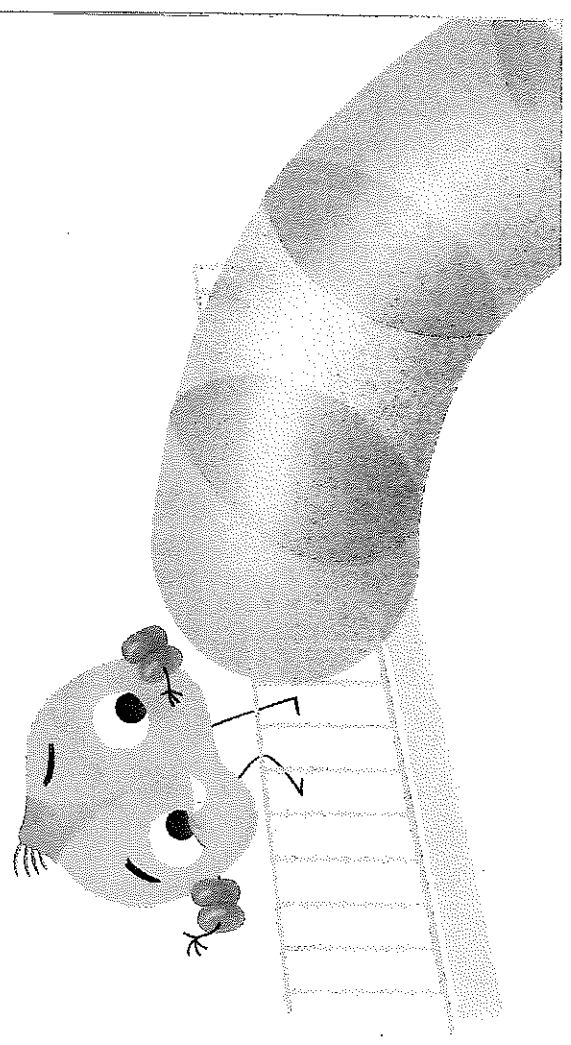


o now I have a plan. Yes.
m going to gracefully glide
own the super slide!
WATCH OUT!
ere I come, marching up the steps.

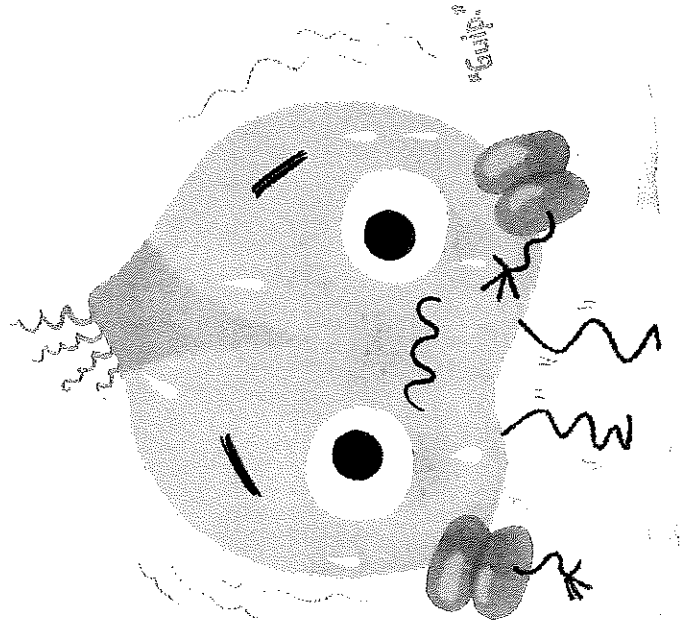


WATCH OUT!
Here I am, about to ride the super slide
to fame and glory.
WATCH OUT!

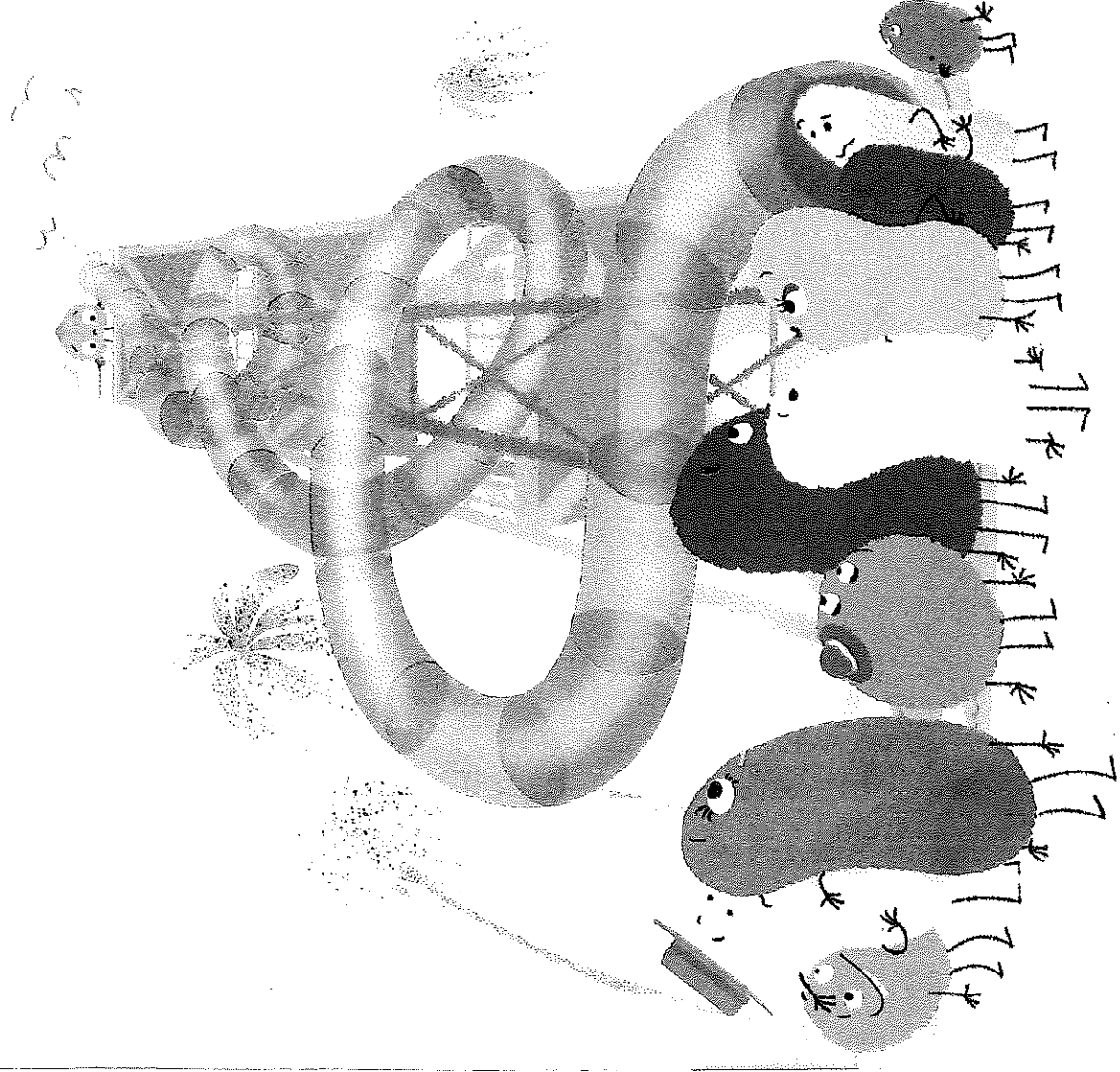
Here . . . I . . . um . . . here . . . uh . . .



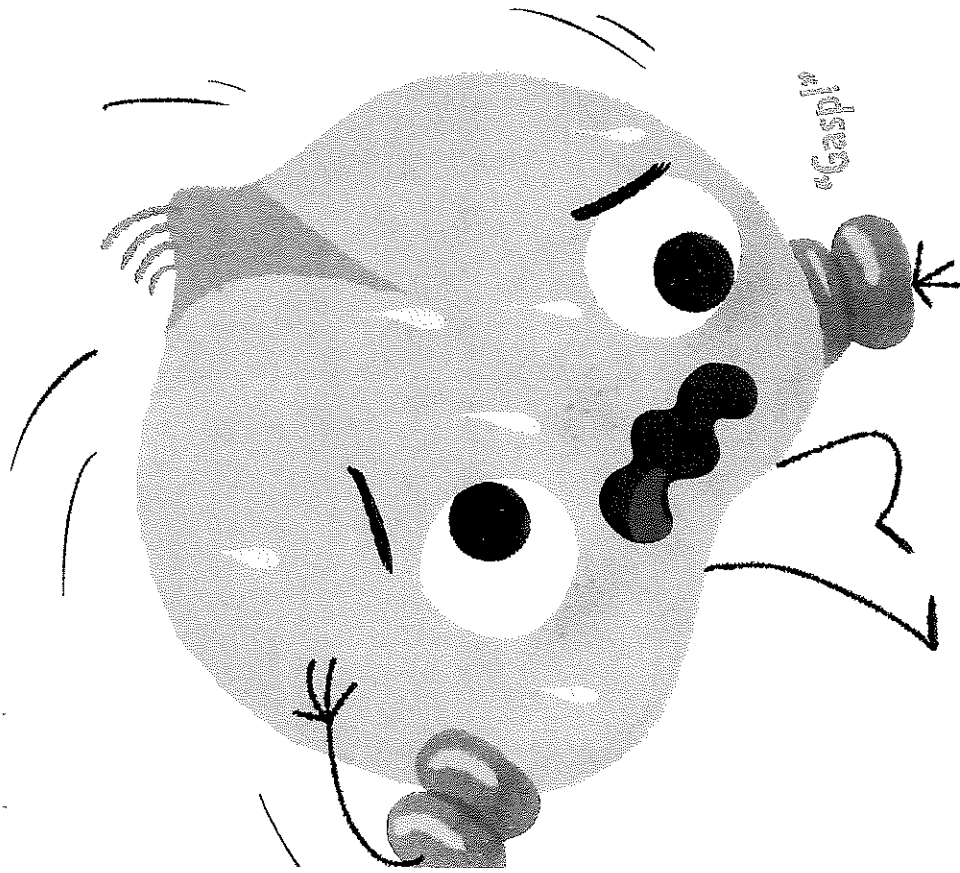
1 . . . why are my knees shaking?
d why do my arms feel like noodles?
d why am I sweating?
d why am I wobbly?
d why is my stomach
ed with butterflies?



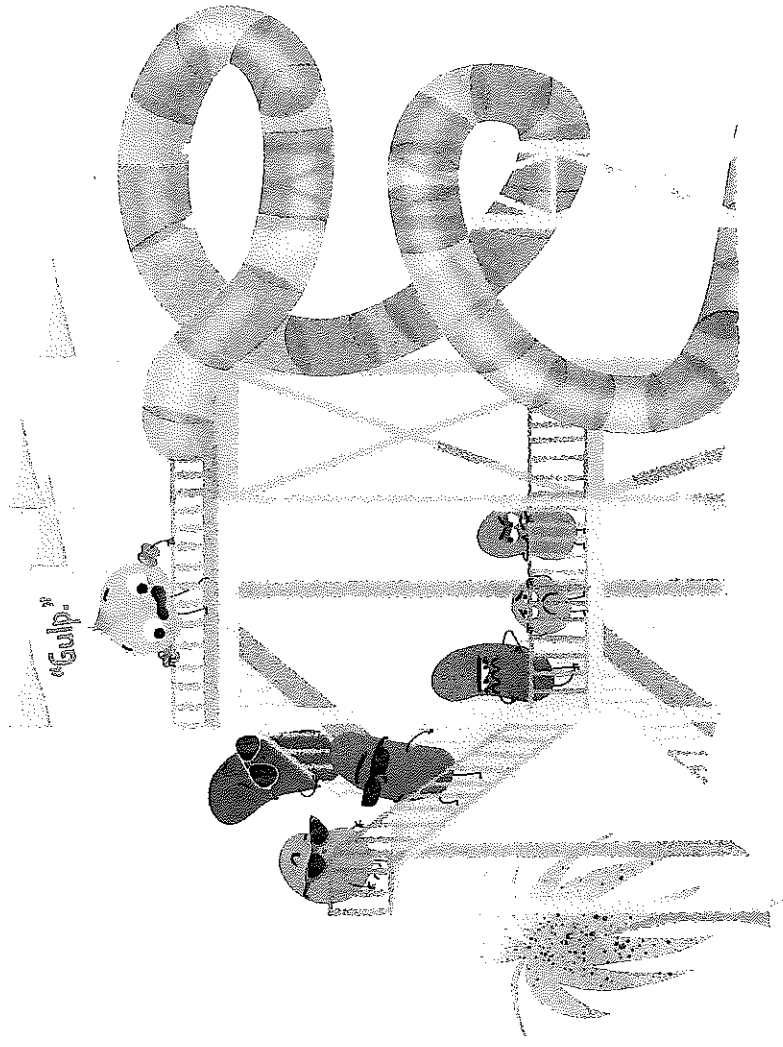
Oh no. No no no.
Look. Down there. See?
Everybody's staring at me!



Oh no, what are the cool beans doing?
Wait . . . why are they coming up here?
Wait . . . are they going to embarrass me
even more?!

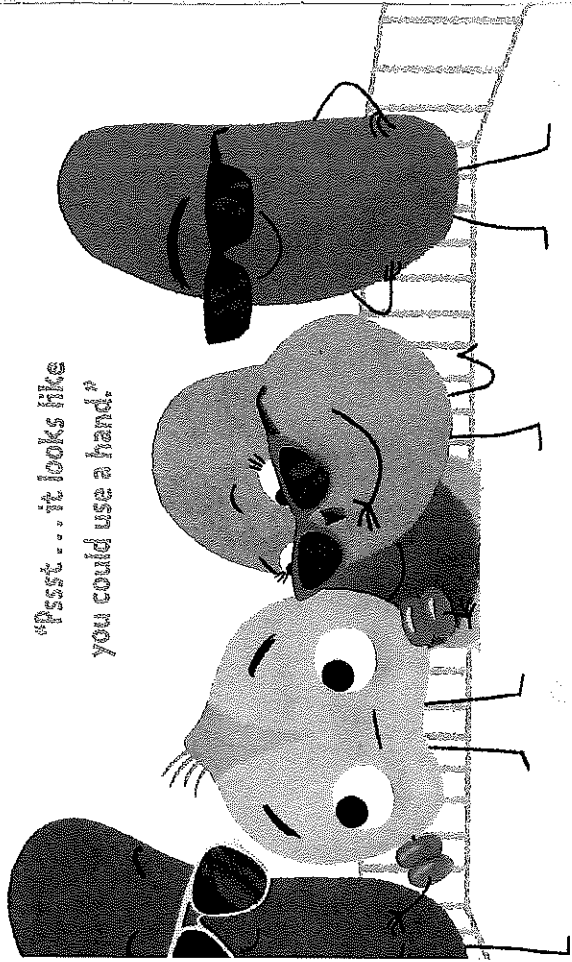


I can't do it.
I just can't do it.
I don't know what I was thinking.

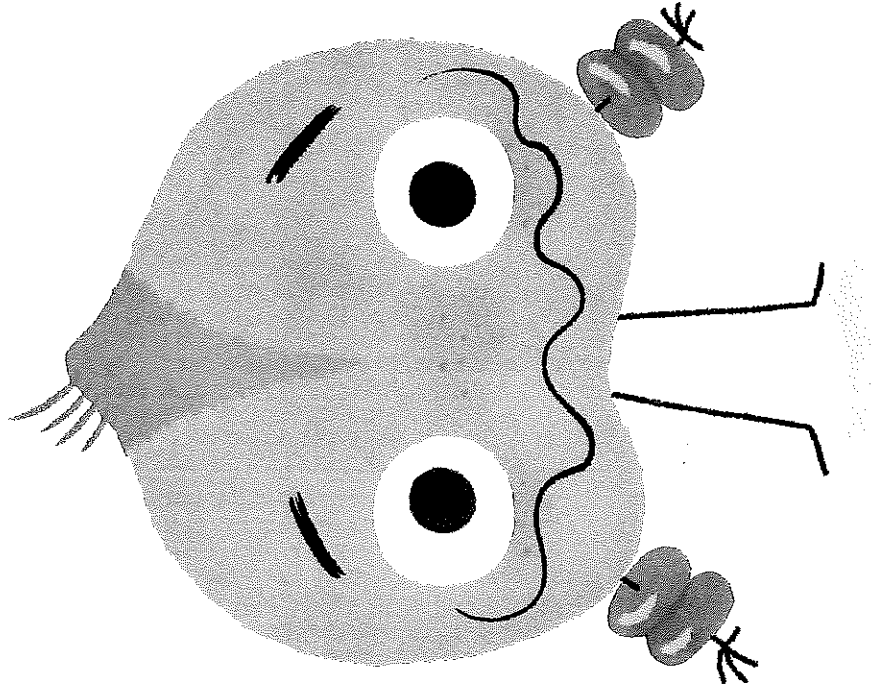


I can't stand it.
ARRRRGGHHH!

Oh, and they asked if I'd like
to ride the slide **WITH** them.
They're waiting for my answer.

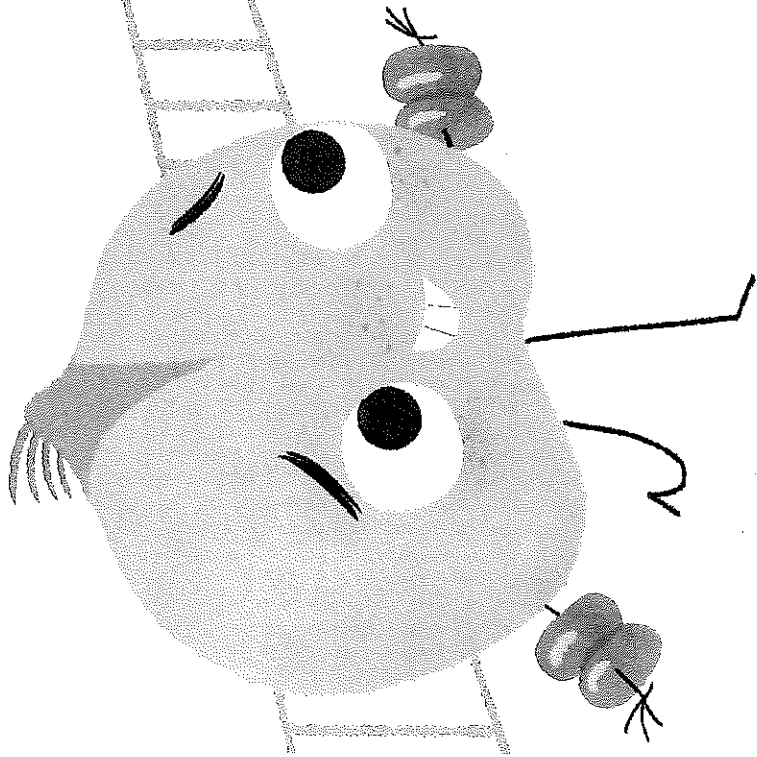


It turns out, the cool beans
just wanted to help me out.





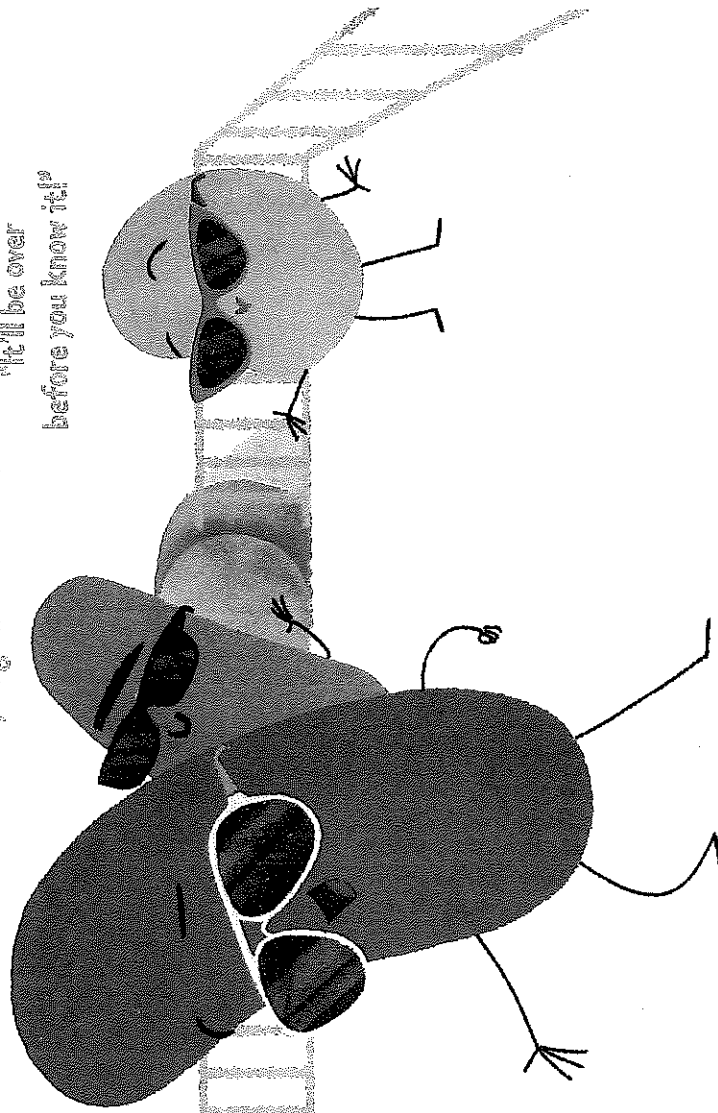
"Um... well...
uh... I mean... sure... yes...
I would like that."



"Great! We'll be
right behind you!"

"It's not as scary when
you go with friends!"

"It'll be over
before you know it!"



Whoa. Wow. I did it!

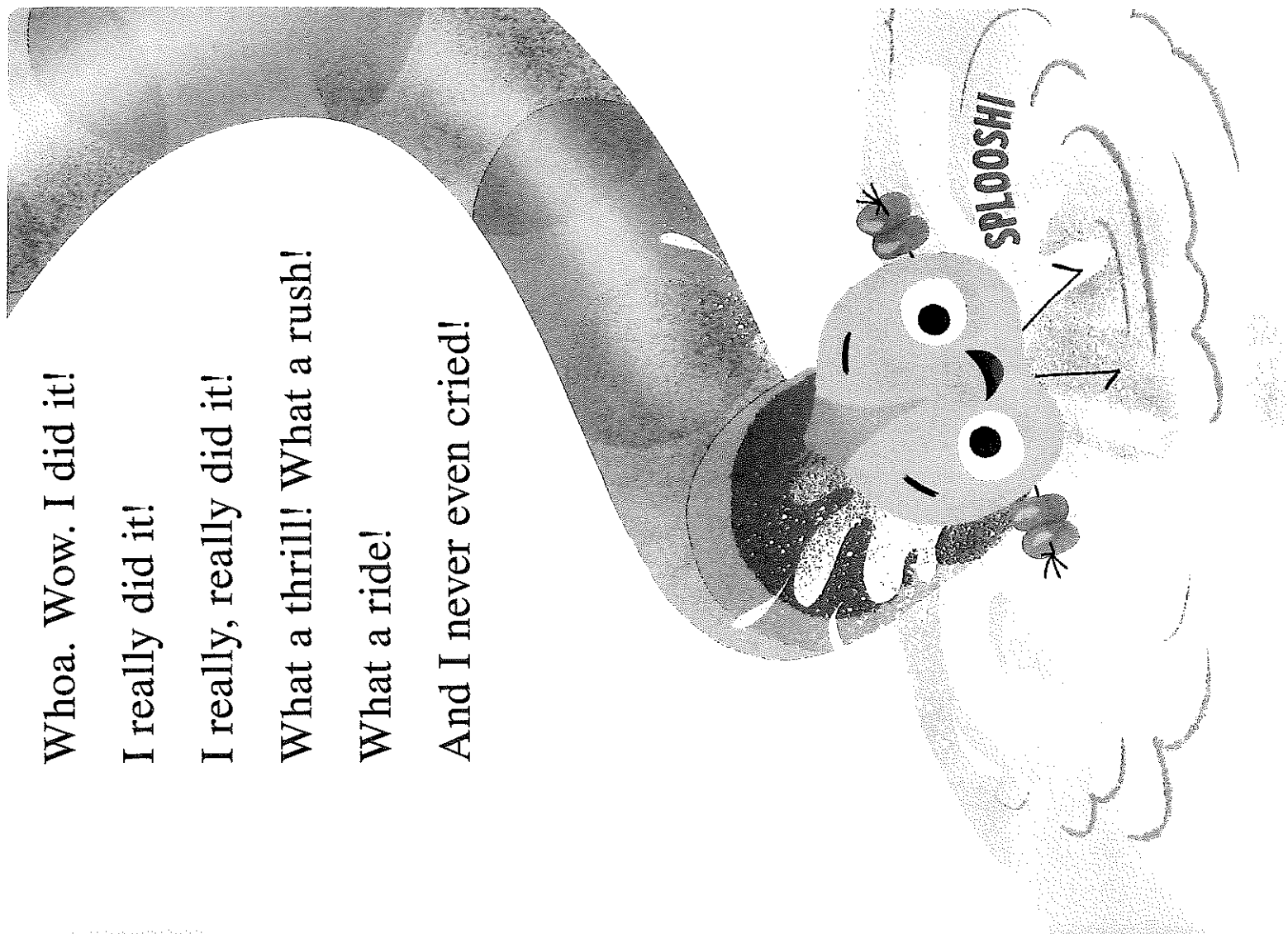
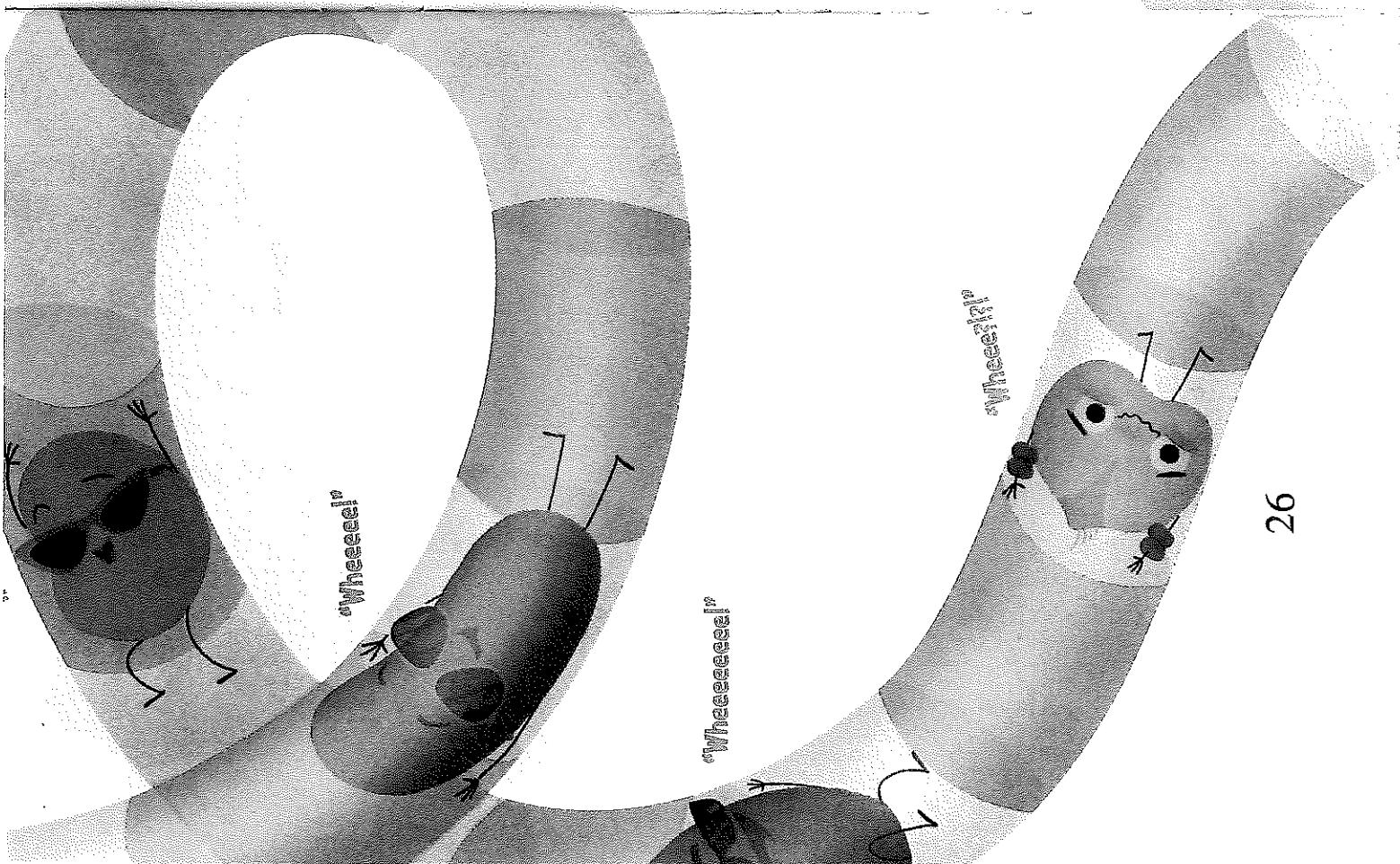
I really did it!

I really, really did it!

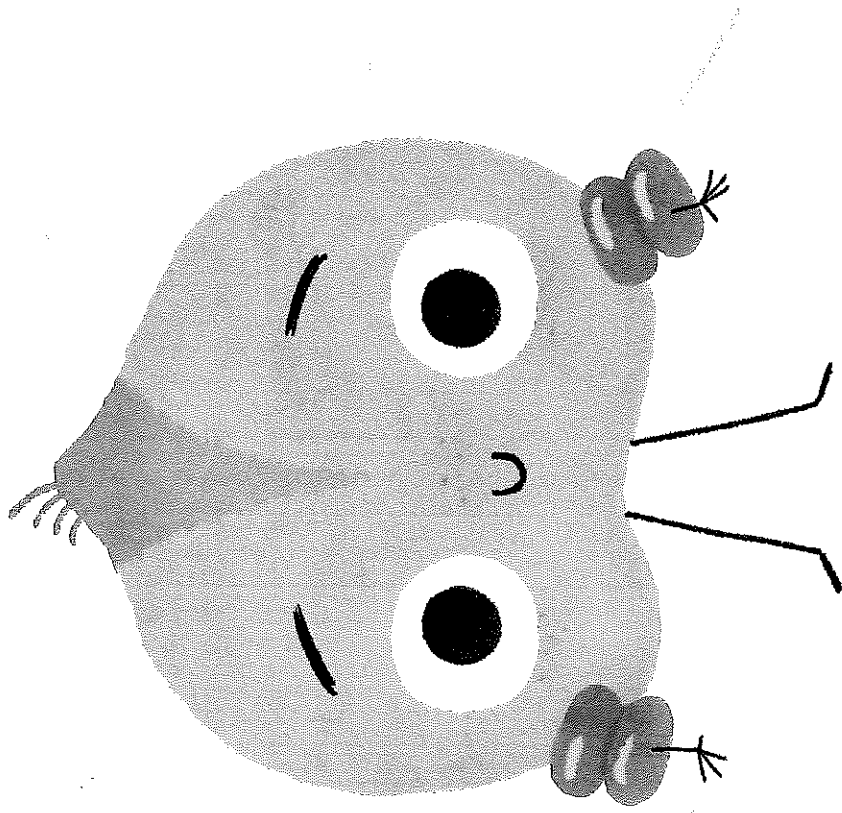
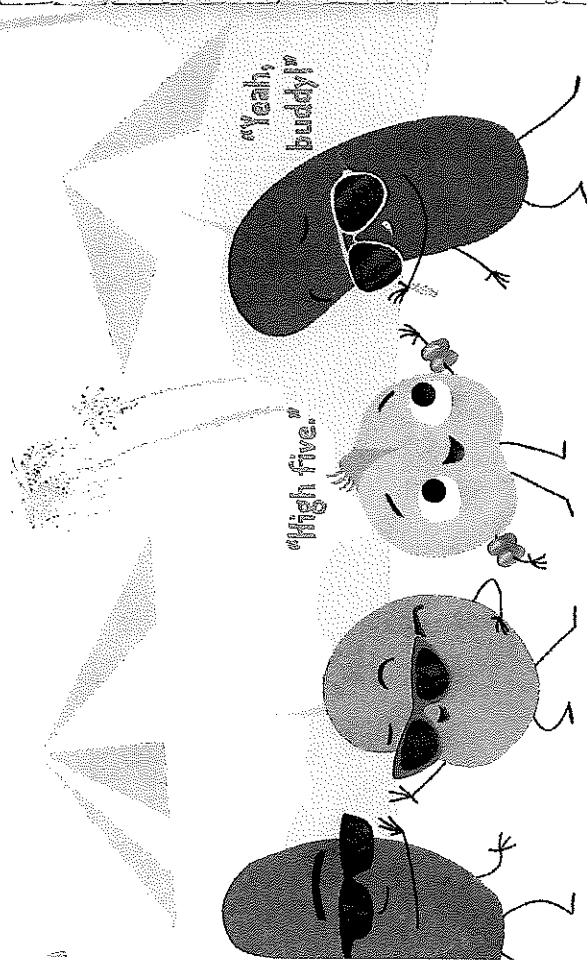
What a thrill! What a rush!

What a ride!

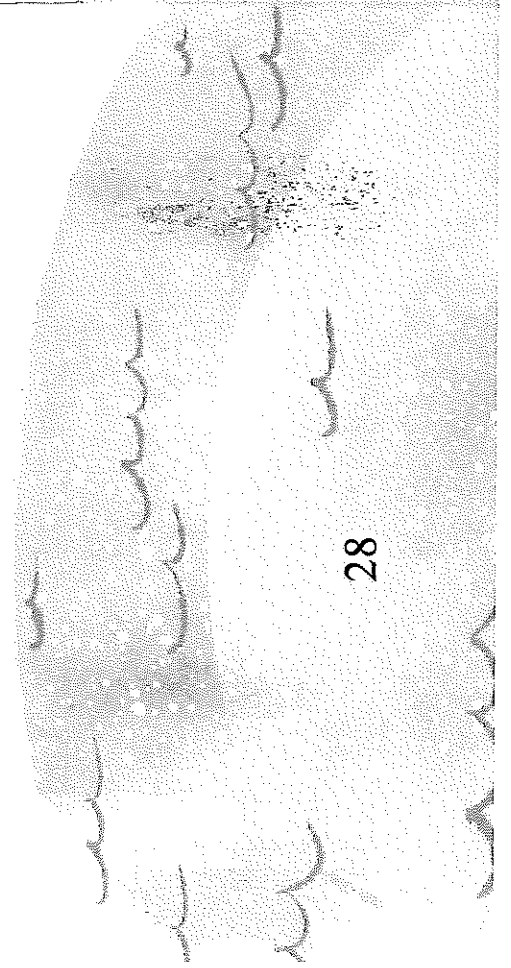
And I never even cried!



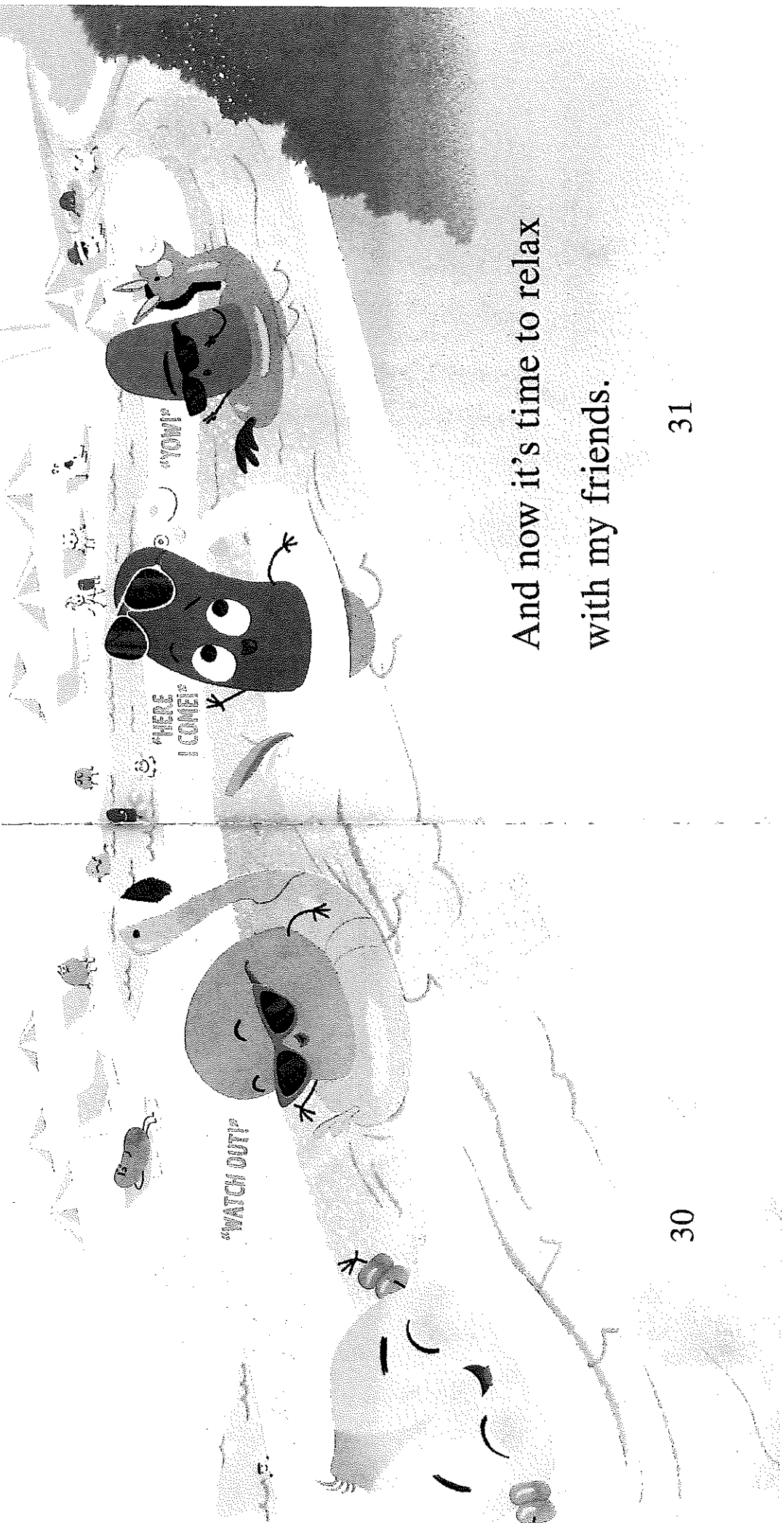
the super slide was super fun!
and I couldn't have done it without
my COOL friends.



They all realized that I just needed
some encouragement and support.



metimes I forget that there are plenty
kind folks who have my back.
ey're always there
en I need them.
s, indeed.



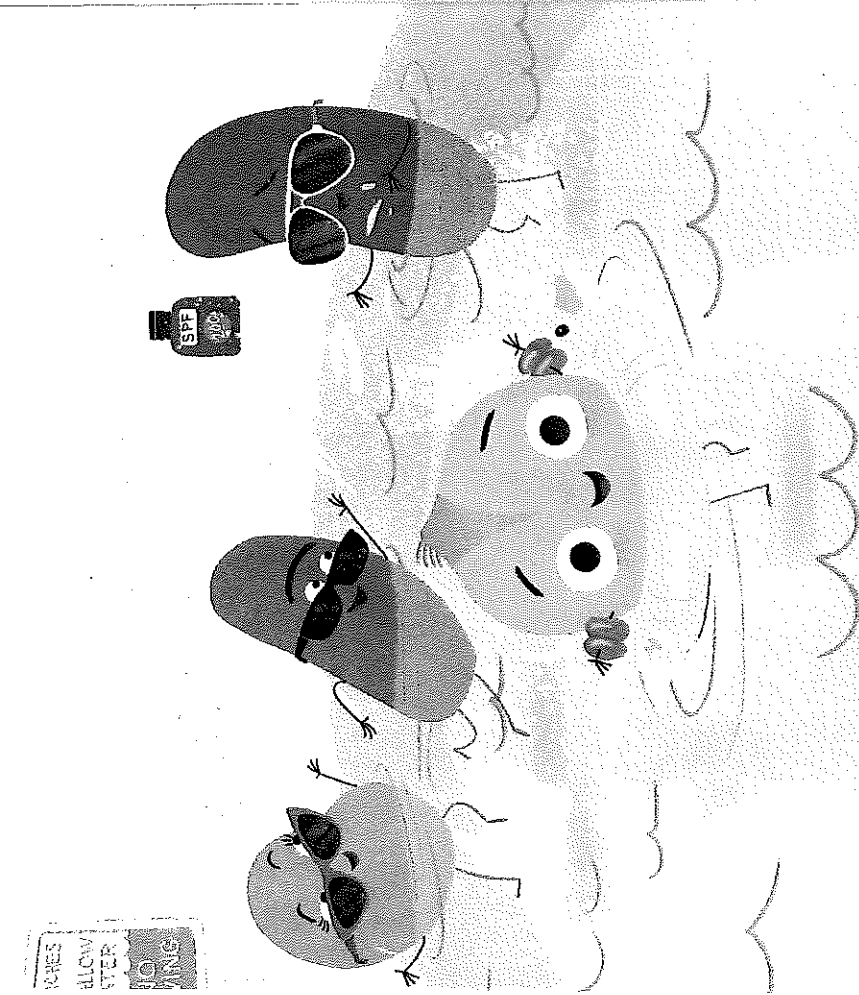
"WATCH OUT!"

"HERE
I COME!"

"YOW!"

And now it's time to relax
with my friends.

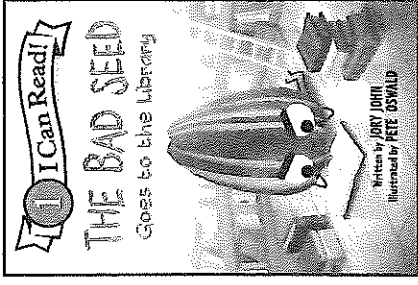
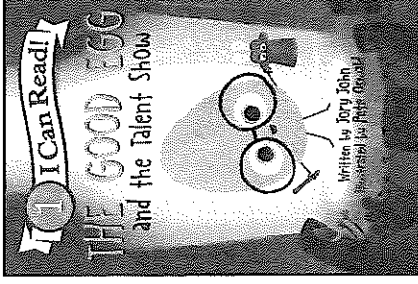
Because it turns out you
can be just as cool . . .



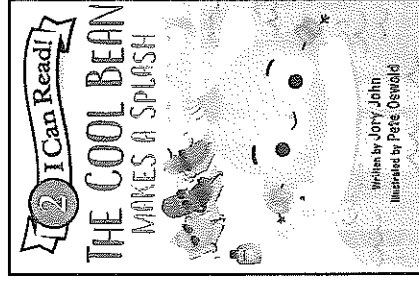
. . . at the shallow end of the pool.

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