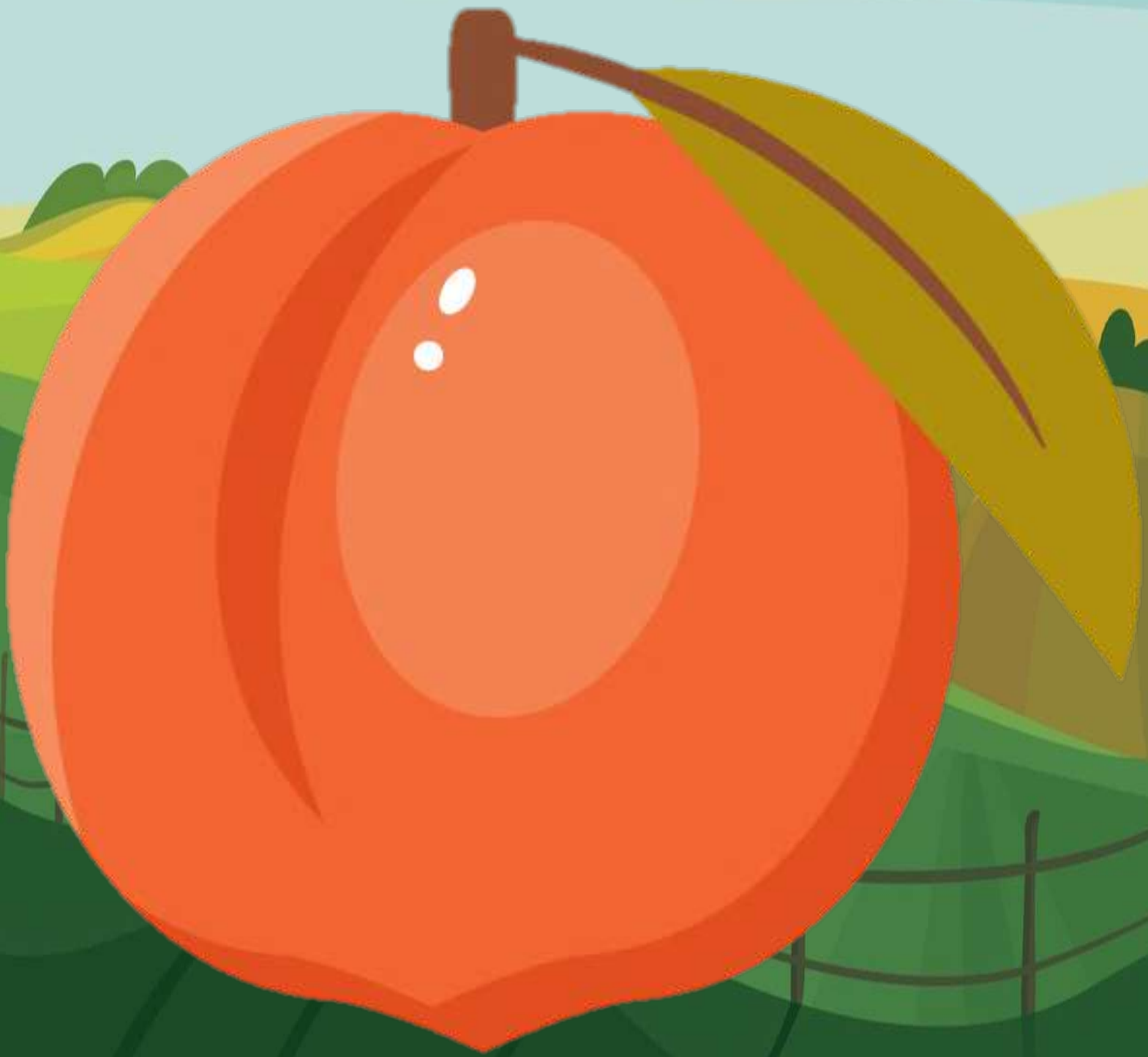


Fairytale Classics

James and the Giant Peach



Once Upon a Time

Our story begins with James, a poor young boy who was orphaned when his parents were eaten by a rhinoceros who escaped from a zoo.



After he lost his parents, James was sent to live with his two aunts, Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker. His aunts treated him very cruelly subjecting him to regular physical and verbal abuse.



Since he had no friends, James grew incredibly lonely and longed to play with children his own age!



On one particularly hard day, James's luck changed! An Old Man appeared in the backyard garden and offered James a packet of magical green objects. If James followed a set of specific instructions, something spectacular would happen.



James was very excited, but as he run back to his house to execute the instructions, he tripped and the magical green objects burrowed into the ground. James was incredibly upset, but as he began to resume his chores, he heard his aunts screaming!



James soon discovered the source of the commotion: a peach had begun to grow on a top branch of a previously barren peach tree.



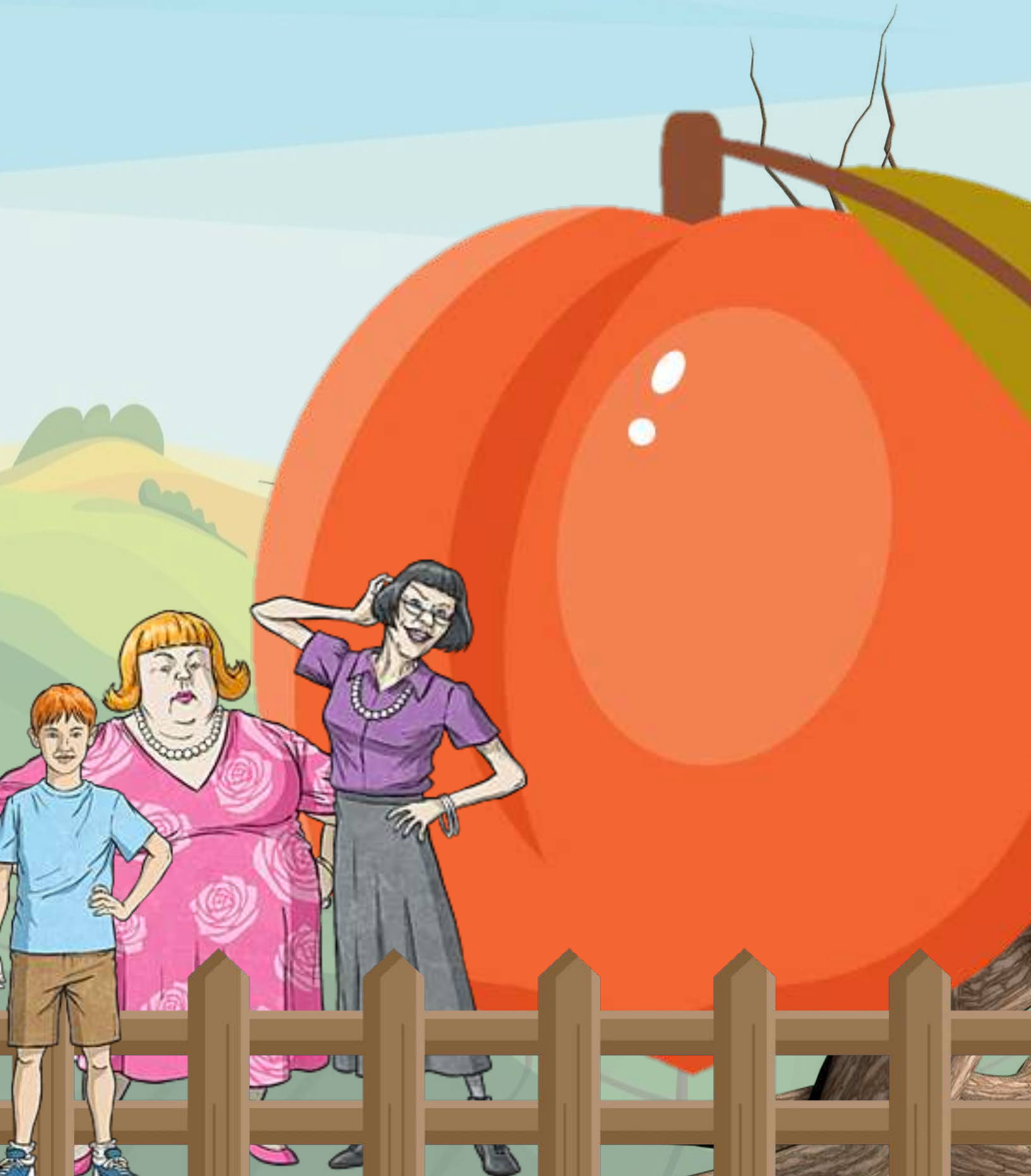
As the three of them watched, the peach became larger and larger, until it was bigger than the aunts' entire house.



Seeking to capitalize on this strange event, Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker set up a fence and began charging admission for people who were curious to see the peach up close.



The aunts forbade James from interfering, fearing that he would ruin their profit-making scheme.



The night after the first day of visitors, James sneaked out of the house to visit the peach. He soon discovered a hole at the bottom of the peach, and he realised that this hole was the opening to a tunnel.



James began to crawl through, and he eventually entered the hollow peach pit at the centre of the fruit.



When James entered the pit's inner chamber, he met an odd assortment of creatures, who initially intimidated him! James met the now giant insects that inhabited the peach: Miss Spider, Centipede, Earthworm, Old-Green-Grasshopper, and others.



Soon, James' sweet demeanour won the insects over and the next day James and his new companions planned to set off on a journey away from Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker.



Centipede cut the peach away from its tree and the peach began to roll, flattening everything in its way - including Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker, who were killed.



The peach then rolled off of a cliff several miles away and landed in the Atlantic Ocean.



From that point forward, James and his friends faced a series of great obstacles. They had to escape attacks by ferocious sharks and settle internal disputes.



In the adventures that followed, James repeatedly devised plans that saved him and his companions from peril. During those hard times, James rose to be a true leader of the “peach-family” and he would frequently save the day.

James had the love and support of Miss Spider who often acted as a caring mother towards the young boy!



When sharks attacked the floating peach, James had his companions fasten ropes to nearby seagulls and attach the other end to the stem of the peach, the peach rose out of the water and began flying through the air.



Unfortunately, their ordeals were far from over. The giant peach travelled through the realm of the Cloud-Men who were responsible for the creation of all weather!



James and his friends attracted unwanted attention and anger from the Cloud-People. During their clashes, the Cloud-Men threw hailstones and paint at the peach, and almost succeeded in tangling the giant fruit in rainbow ropes and bringing it down.



Having escaped the Cloud-Men, James and his friends soon realised that they had flown across the entire Atlantic as they could now see New York City below them.



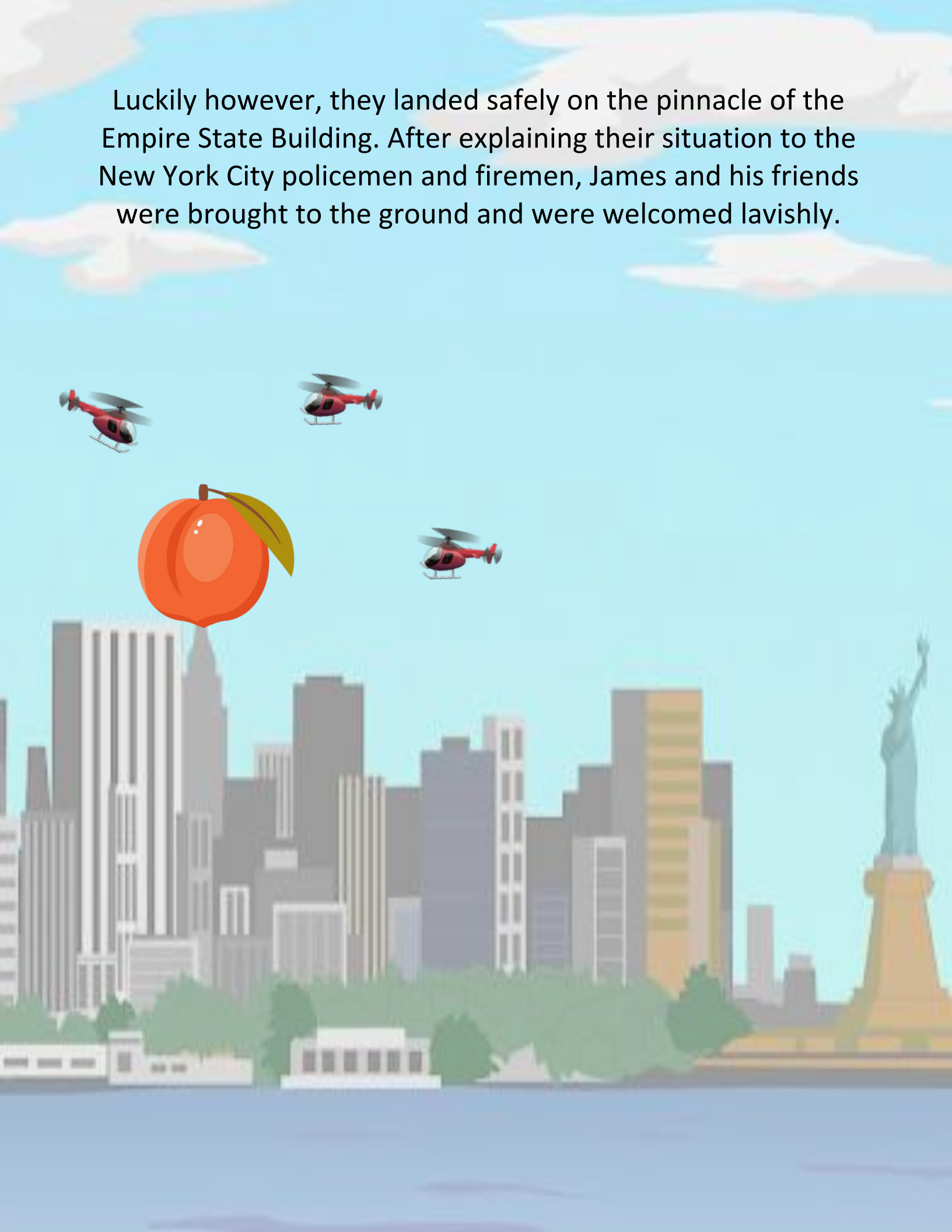
They immediately started cutting the seagull strings one-by-one, when suddenly a passenger plane flew above them and cut all of the lines at once.



Their gradual descent into the city was ruined and they suddenly began to sink rapidly. Everyone held on the peach for dear life, thinking that their death was imminent!



Luckily however, they landed safely on the pinnacle of the Empire State Building. After explaining their situation to the New York City policemen and firemen, James and his friends were brought to the ground and were welcomed lavishly.



The city threw a parade in their honour, and by the end of the parade the entire peach had been eaten by local children, who wanted to taste the giant fruit.



After the parade, James and his friends lived happily ever after. The remaining peach pit was set up as a monument in Central Park, and James resided inside of it.



James spent the rest of his life in New York, interacting with children every day. James soon amassed a huge collection of friends so he never felt lonely again!



After frequently telling his story to everyone who visited him in his famous home, James decided to write a book to recount his incredible adventure to the entire world! James named his book “James and the Giant Peach”!

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