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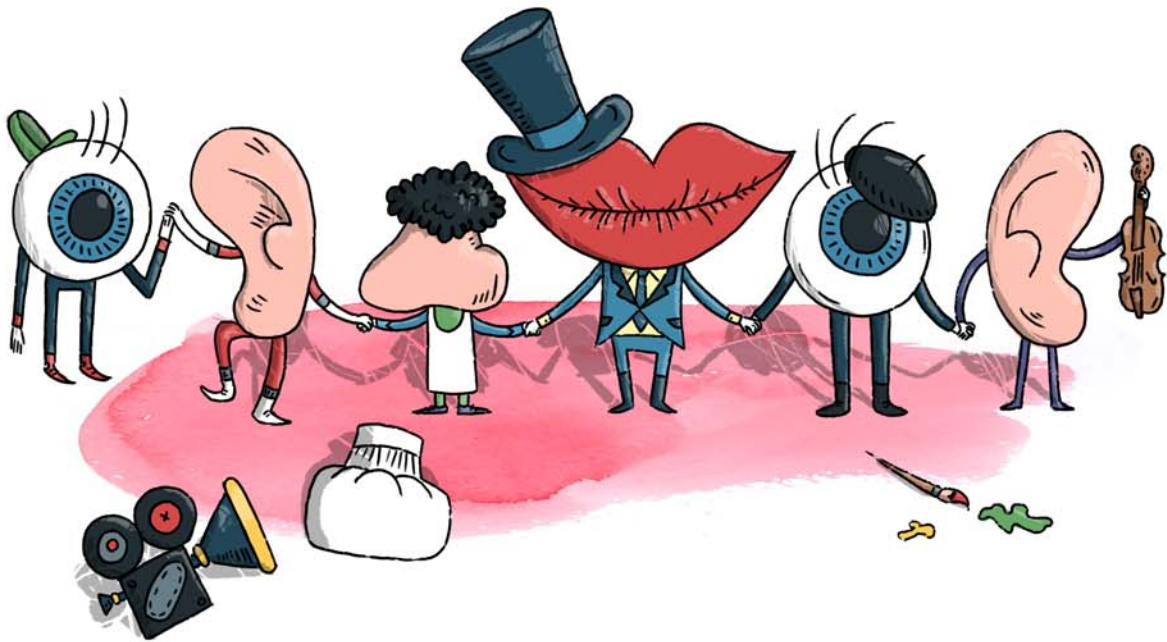
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A STORY ABOUT GETTING ALONG.

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For my dear Chloe,  
who discovered her beautiful face  
one eye, one ear, one mouth and one  
nose at a time, drawing my attention to  
how vastly different each one is from the  
next, and yet they still manage to live  
and work together in perfect harmony.





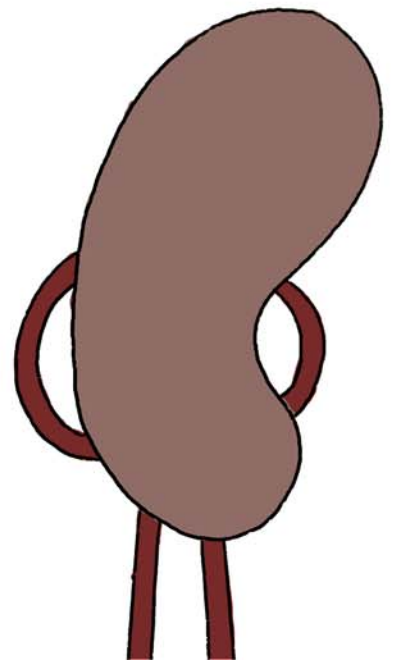
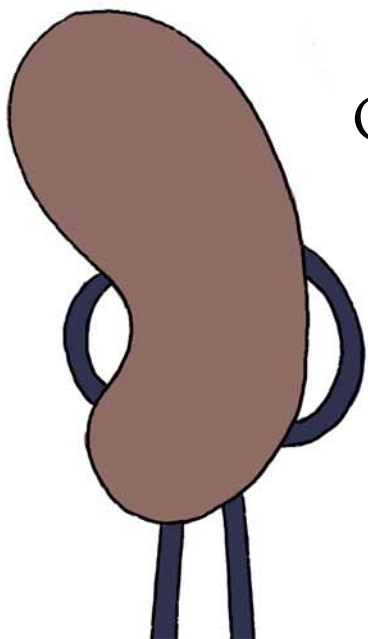
Left Ear and Right Ear together brought hearing,  
And Mouthful the Mouth was quite domineering.



Eye One and Eye Two had incredible sight,  
While Nosey the Nose smelled all day and all night.



One day Mouthful stood tall  
and then he proclaimed,  
“Our club needs a leader,  
a **President**  
to be named!”







Left Ear and Right Ear popped up to attention,  
“We should be President for did we not mention



That we hear what is near  
and we hear what is far,  
We listen to friends,  
as they strum on guitars.





“No, no,” said Mouthful, “That wouldn’t work out.  
“You can’t smell or see, and can’t give out a shout!”



Feeling quite angry  
and turning bright red,  
The ears, embarrassed,  
picked up and they fled.



Eye One and Eye Two said, "We should be President!"  
Together we are most insightful residents!"  
We see colors so bright and shapes oh, so grand,  
That life without us would be positively bland."



Mouthful laughed and said,  
“Absolutely not.”

You sleep and you cry  
and you twitch quite a lot!”



Eye One and Eye Two, with tears in their eyes  
packed up their bags and said their goodbyes.

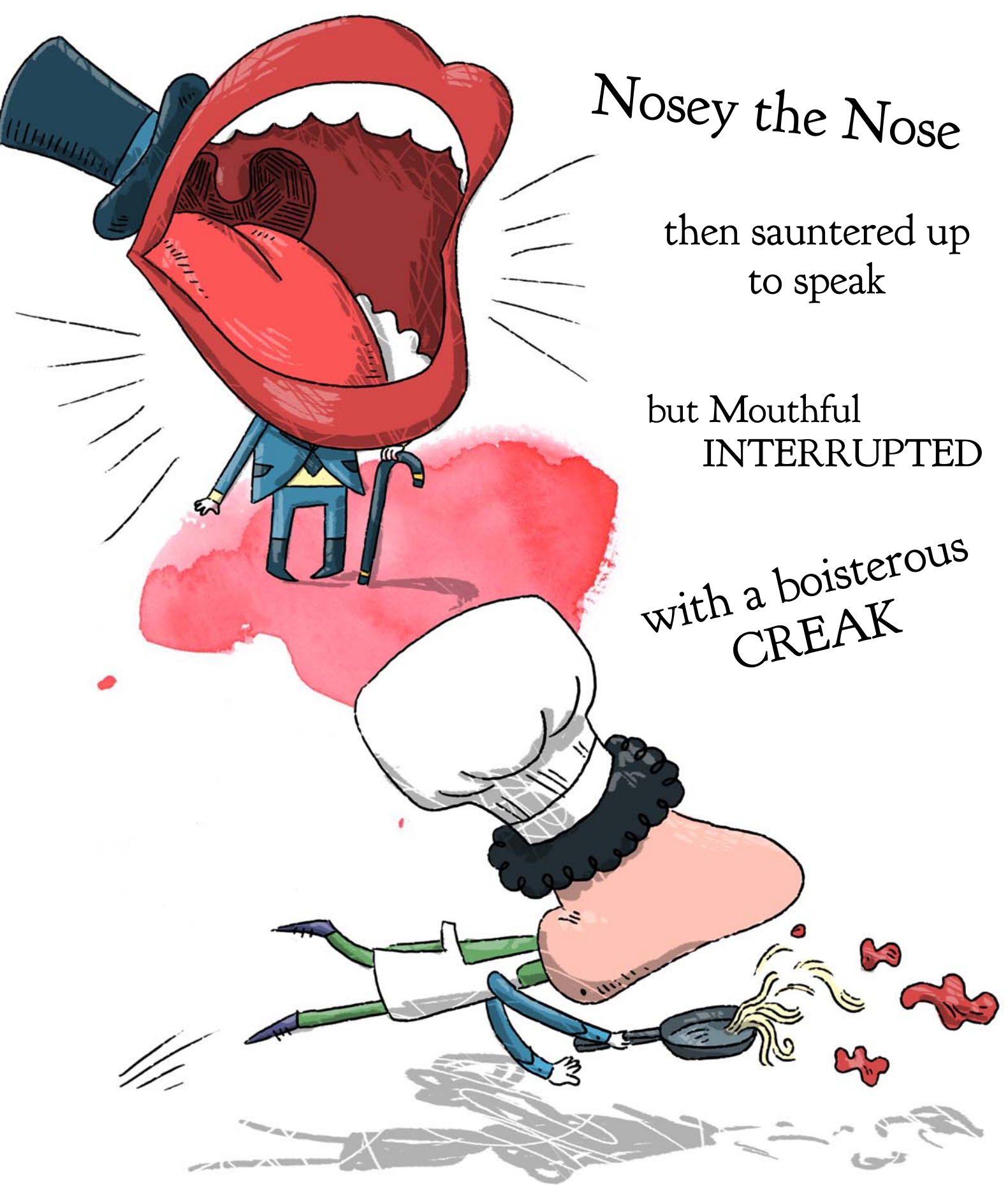


Nosey the Nose

then sauntered up  
to speak

but Mouthful  
INTERRUPTED

with a boisterous  
CREAK



“No, no, and no, this cannot be right.  
You wheeze, you sneeze, you sniff all through the night!”



Nosey the Nose  
aired a snuffle and a sigh,  
shocked by Mouthful's words,  
he wished he could cry.

At last Mouthful rose  
and began to boast

“I should be President,

let's all make a toast.

I can sing, I can eat,

I can kiss on the cheek.

I can speak, I can laugh

I can ...





Mouthful stopped suddenly  
for no one was there,  
And there he was left  
with nothing but chairs.

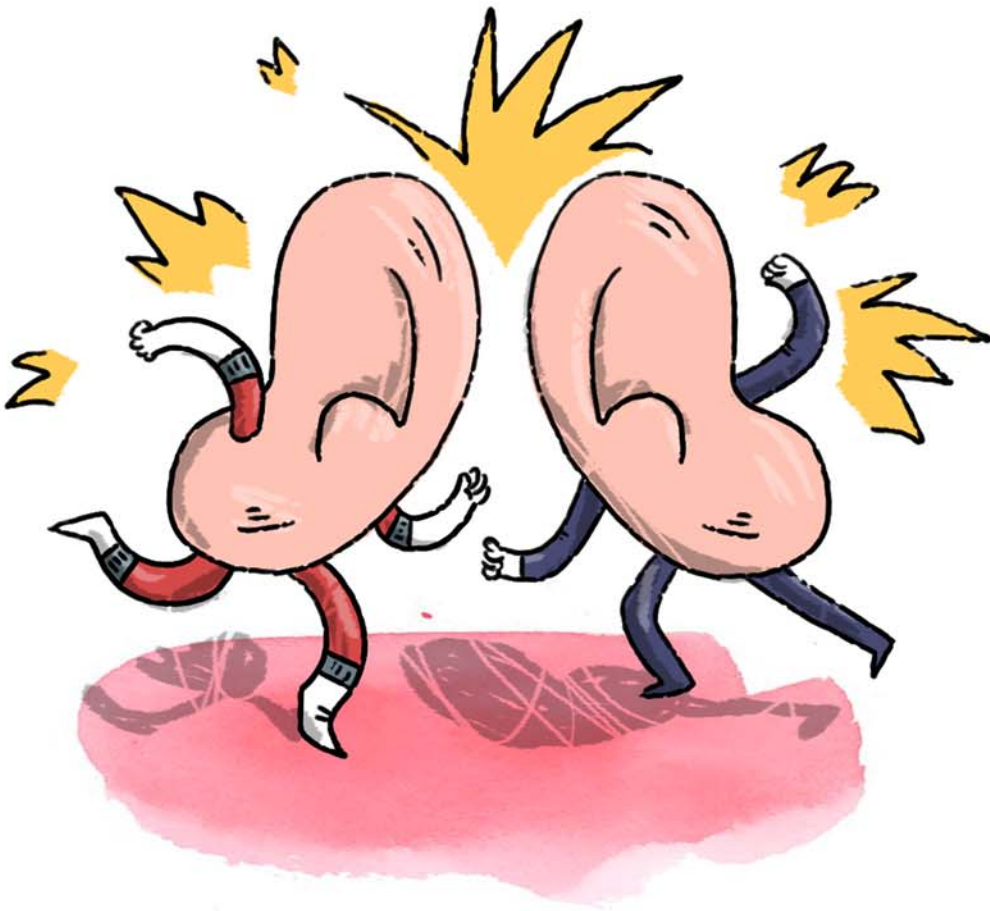


“What have I done?”

My friends are out on their own,  
And now I am left, feeling sad and alone.”

Mouthful realized he had been mean to his friends,  
So he set off **at once**,  
to go make his amends.





## Outside of the club

Many problems arose

The ears kept crashing,  
And Nosey bumped *his* toes.



Eye One and Eye Two

couldn't

taste,

hear,

or smell,

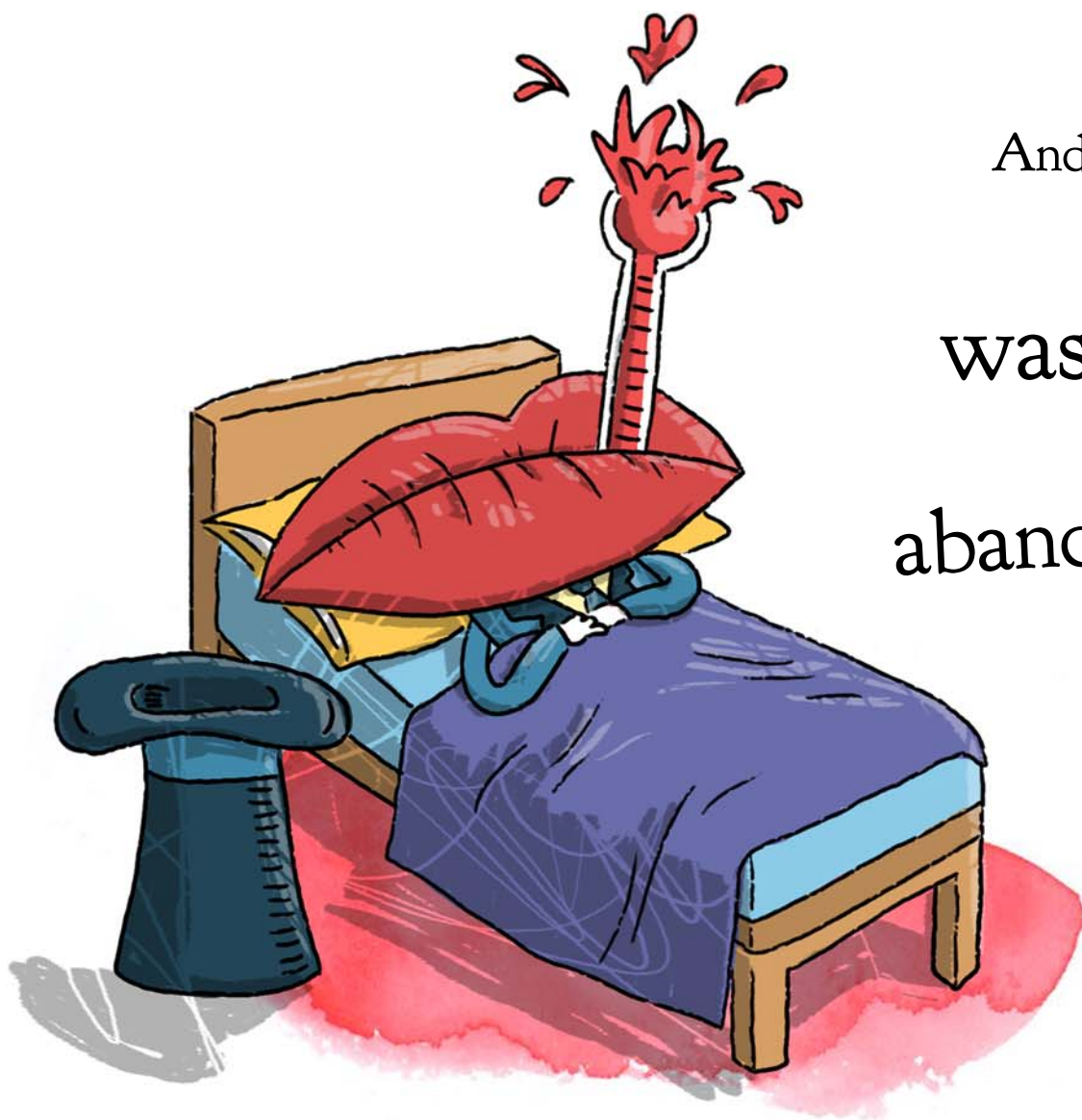


And Mouthful

was lonely,

abandoned –

not well.





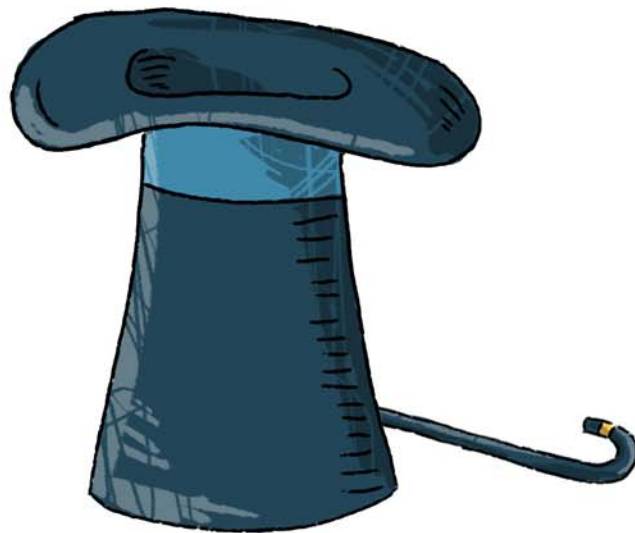
As luck would have it,  
on one fateful day,  
The friends were reunited,  
and had lots say.  
Eye One and Eye Two were the first to speak out,  
“We should re-start the club.

We haven't a doubt!”



“But who will be President?”

asked Nosey sounding sad,  
“For without a leader  
things surely go bad.”



“Not true.” said Mouthful,  
causing Nosey to spin,  
“If together we shall work,  
then together **we shall win!**”

Everyone was happy,  
but finding their place  
Was difficult indeed,  
on a magnificent face.



Left and Right Ear  
kept jostling and wiggling,  
Nosey was SNEEZING  
and Mouthful was giggling.

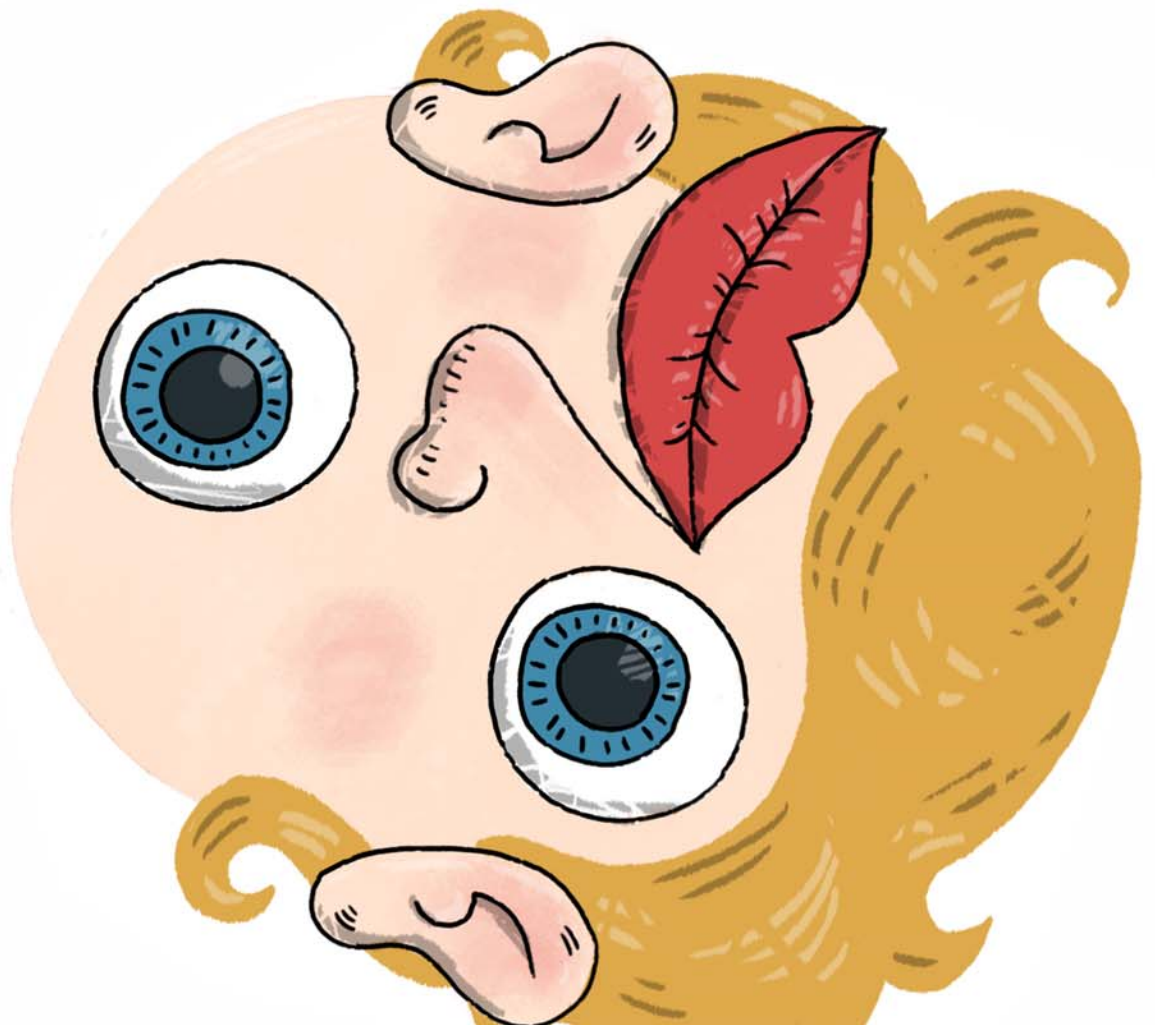


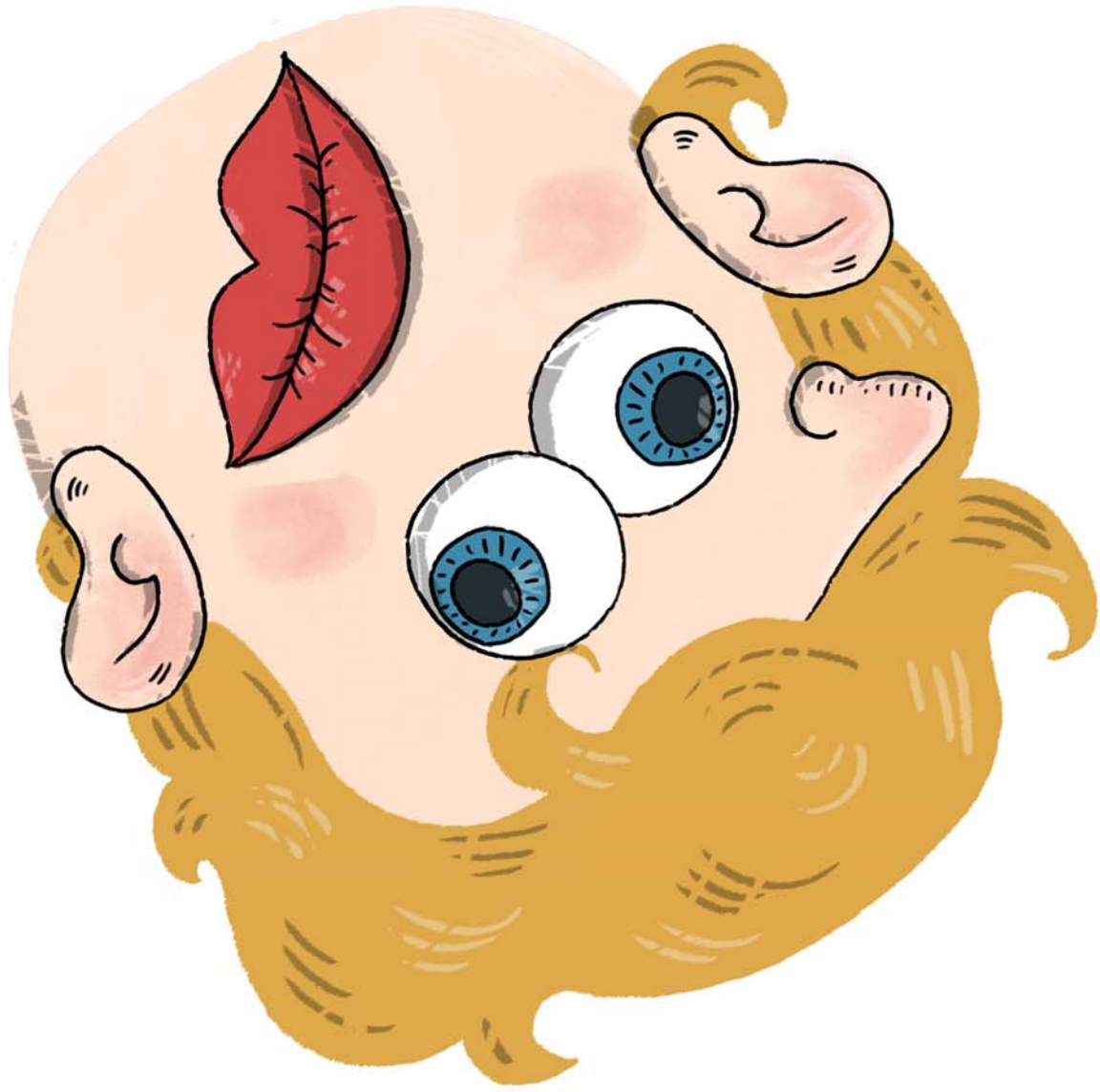


Eye One and Eye Two  
Were the first to their spot

“This is our place,  
we have

no  
second  
thought!”





## Left and Right Ear

then followed in line,  
“One on each side,  
we can hear

**ALL THE TIME!”**

# Nosey and Mouthful

then looked at the space,  
There wasn't much room  
left up on the face.



Mouthful smiled **widely**

and said, "Let's settle right there.  
For then we can make

an unstoppable pair!"



All the friends settled in  
and called this a new start,  
They made strong vows

to never

be apart,



and to value each other inside and out,  
**Working together** – that's what life is about!

# Amazing facts about the human Face



- It is impossible to hum while your nose is plugged close.
- You always see your nose, but your brain finds a way to ignore it.
- The smallest bone in your body is called a stirrup and is inside your ear.
- The space between your eyebrows is called the glabella.



- Humans are capable of making 10,000 unique facial expressions.
- It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- Your nose is connected to your memory center.
- The average person blinks about 11,500 times per day.
- You blink more when you talk.
- Unlike general facial expressions, humans also produce micro-expressions that last less than  $1/25$ th of a second. If detected, these tiny expressions can reveal so much about a person's feelings and intentions.
- Your ears create more earwax when you are afraid.
- During a lifetime, your mouth can produce enough saliva to fill two swimming pools.





○ The space between your nose and upper lip is called philtrum.

○ Your nostrils are lined with hairs that filter out dust and germs to purify the air which enters your lungs.

○ Sudden noises, even small ones, cause the pupils of the eyes to dilate and cause blurred vision. This is why it is important for certain meticulous tasks to be performed in complete silence.

○ You get a runny nose when you are crying because the tears from your eyes drain into your nose.



○ Your ears help keep your balance.



○ It takes food only seven seconds to go from your mouth to your stomach.

○ The human eye weighs approximately 28 grams which is almost the same as a CD which weighs 30 grams.

○ Blinking helps wash tears over your eyeballs to keep them clean and moist.

○ Your eyebrows prevent sweat dripping into your eyes.

○ The human ear has 23,500 tiny hair cells to help us receive every little sound.

○ It is impossible to blink five times in a single second.

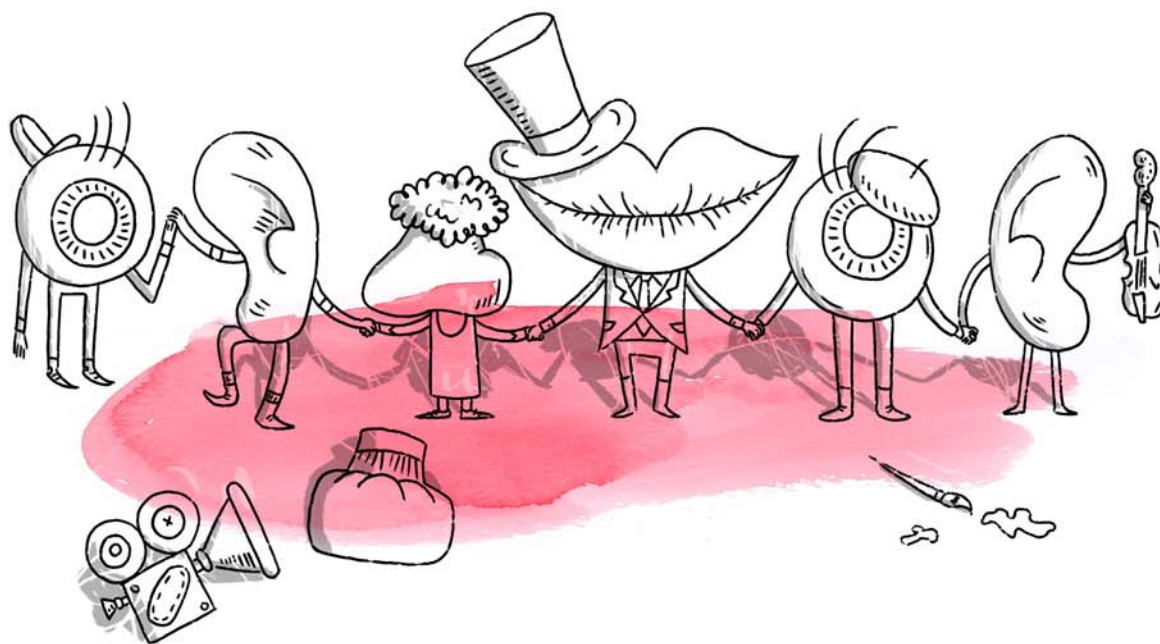
○ Your nose can remember 50,000 different scents.

○ Ears are self-cleaning.



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