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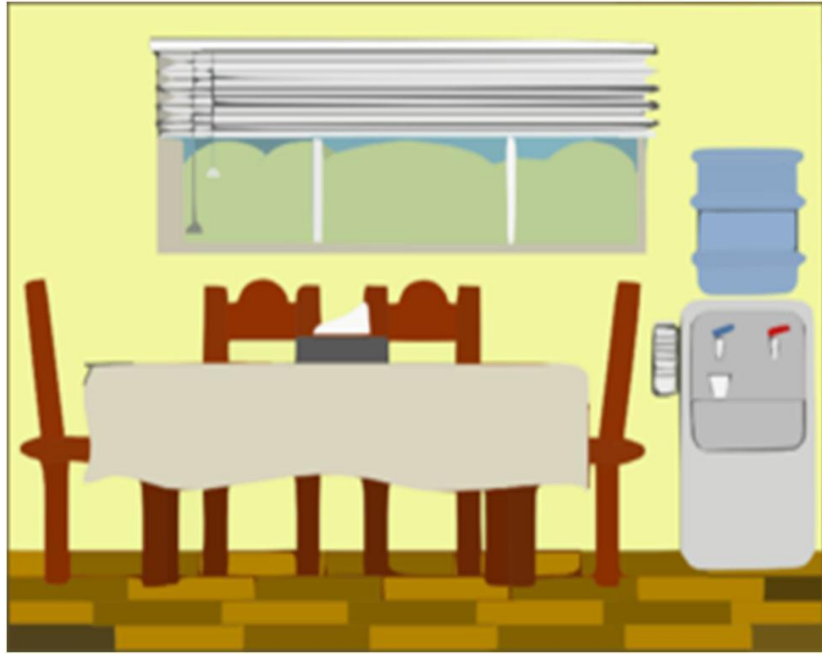
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Once upon a time there was a little boy named Bash who lived with his parents and his sister, Maryam.



One night at dinner, Bash refused to eat.

His mother asked, “Why aren’t you eating, Bash?”



led, “Mum, I don’t
ggies.”

er said, “Can’t you
our sister,
Maryam, is eating all of *her*
veggies?”

His father said, “
eat them all up b
leave the table!”



Bash was angry.

So still he did not eat his
veggies.

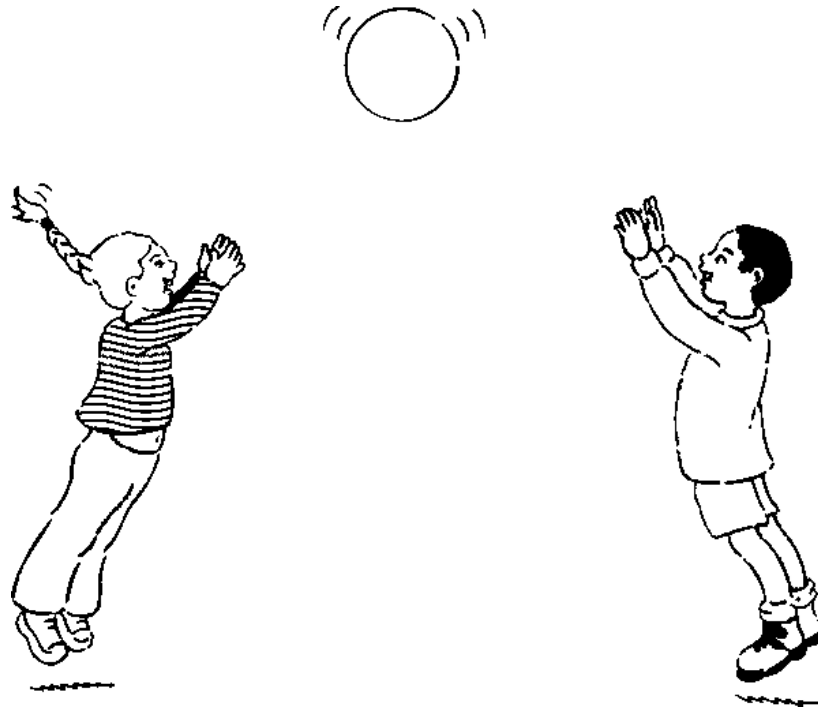
When his parents were not
looking, he threw them in
the bin.





The next day at school,
Bash went outside to eat
lunch with his friend Ikram
during the break.

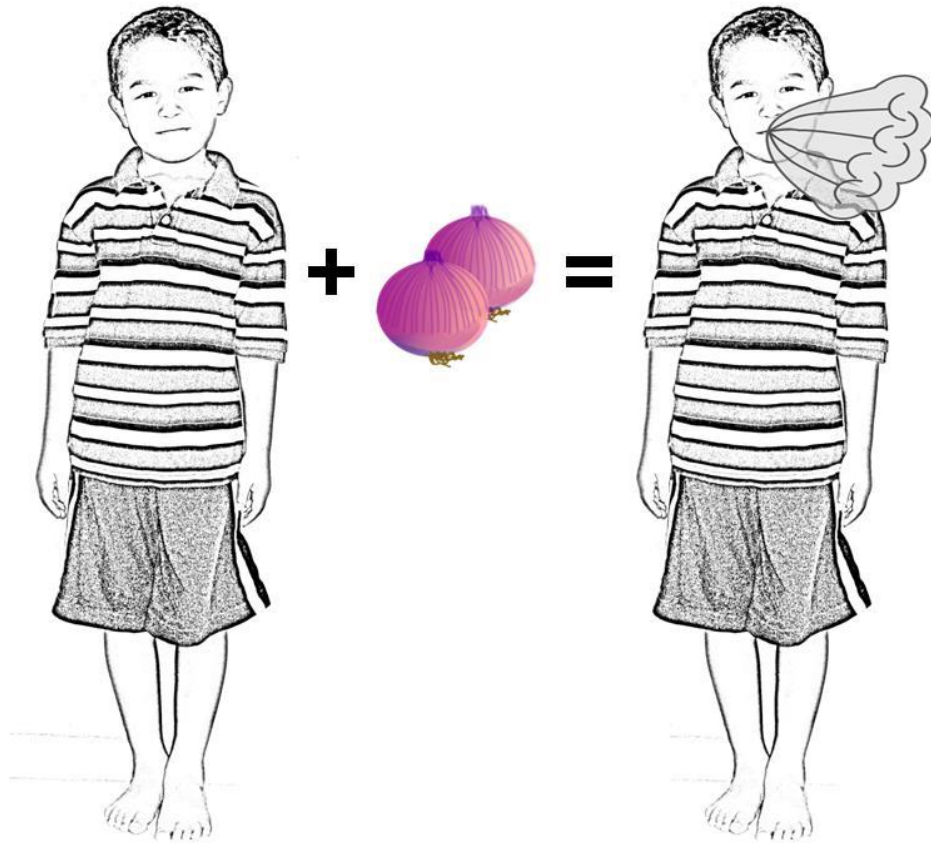
After lunch, they began to
talk and play.



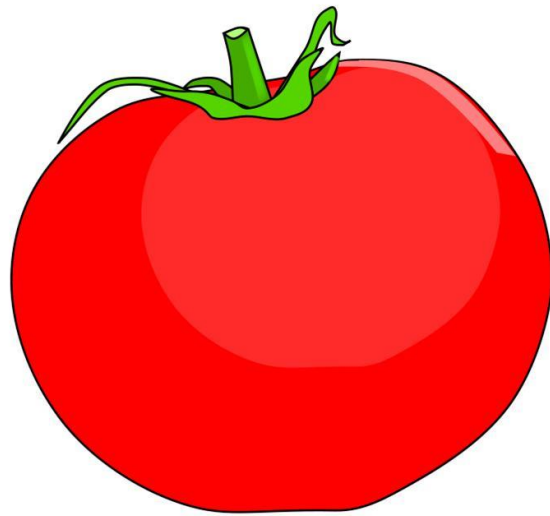
Ikram said, “Bash, today at lunch I saw you pick out all your onions. I love onions. Don’t you like onions?”



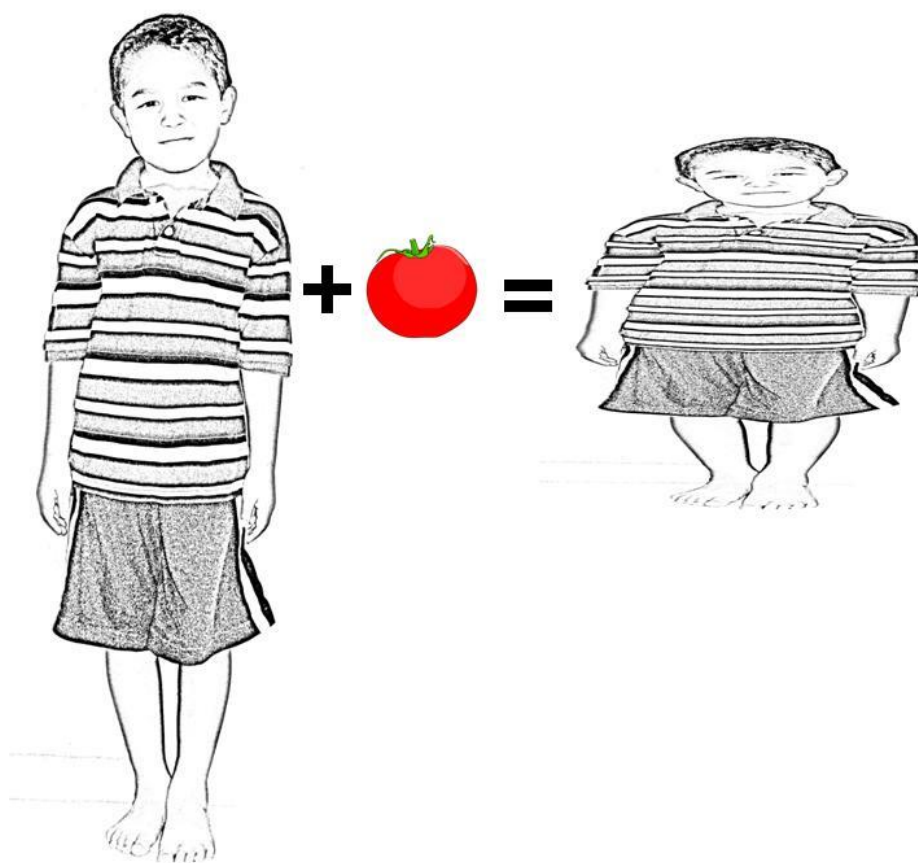
Bash replied, “No, I don’t like onions because when I eat them, they make my mouth smell bad.”



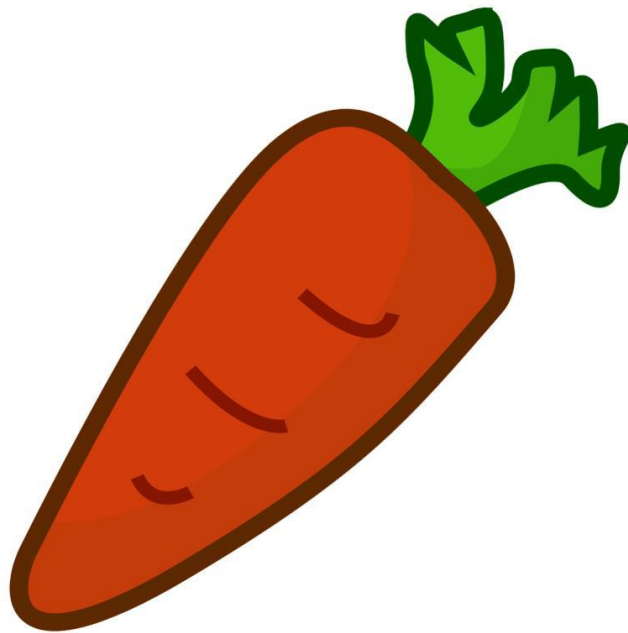
Ikram said, “I understand.
But what about tomatoes? I
love tomatoes, and
tomatoes don’t smell bad.”



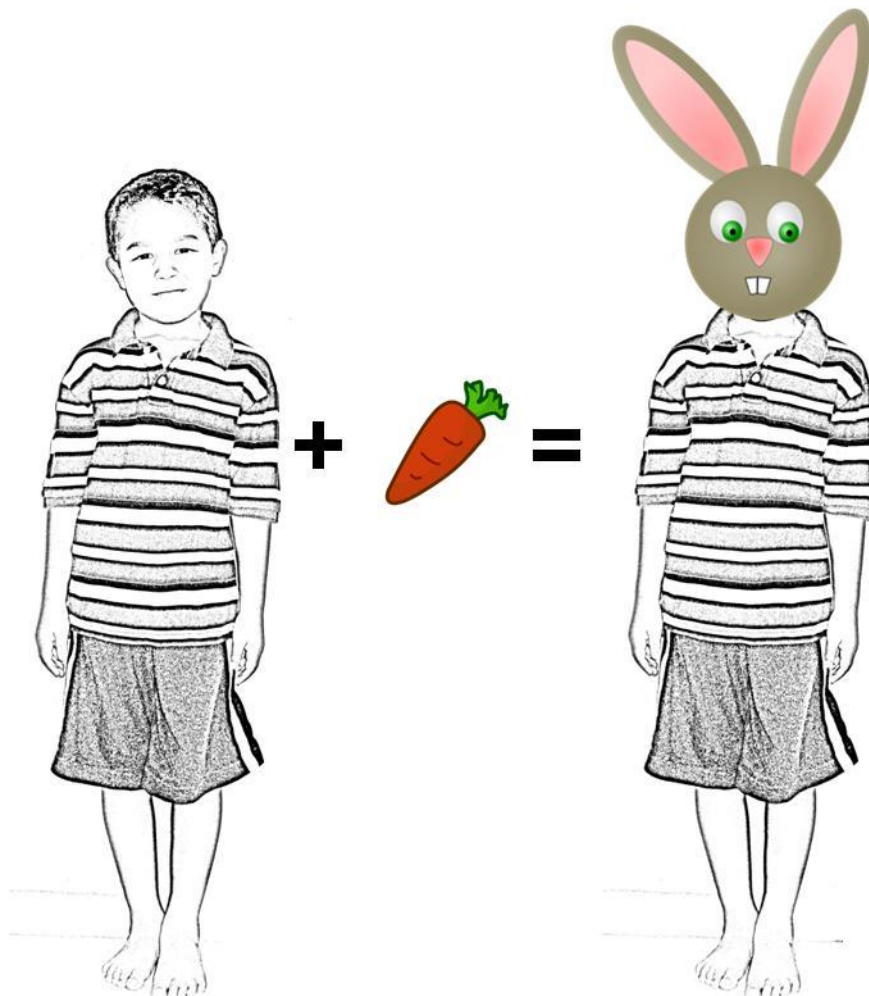
Bash replied, “No, I don’t like tomatoes because they are too round. I am afraid if I eat them, I may become round too.”



Ikram said, “I’ve never seen that! So what about carrots? I love carrots, and carrots are not round.”



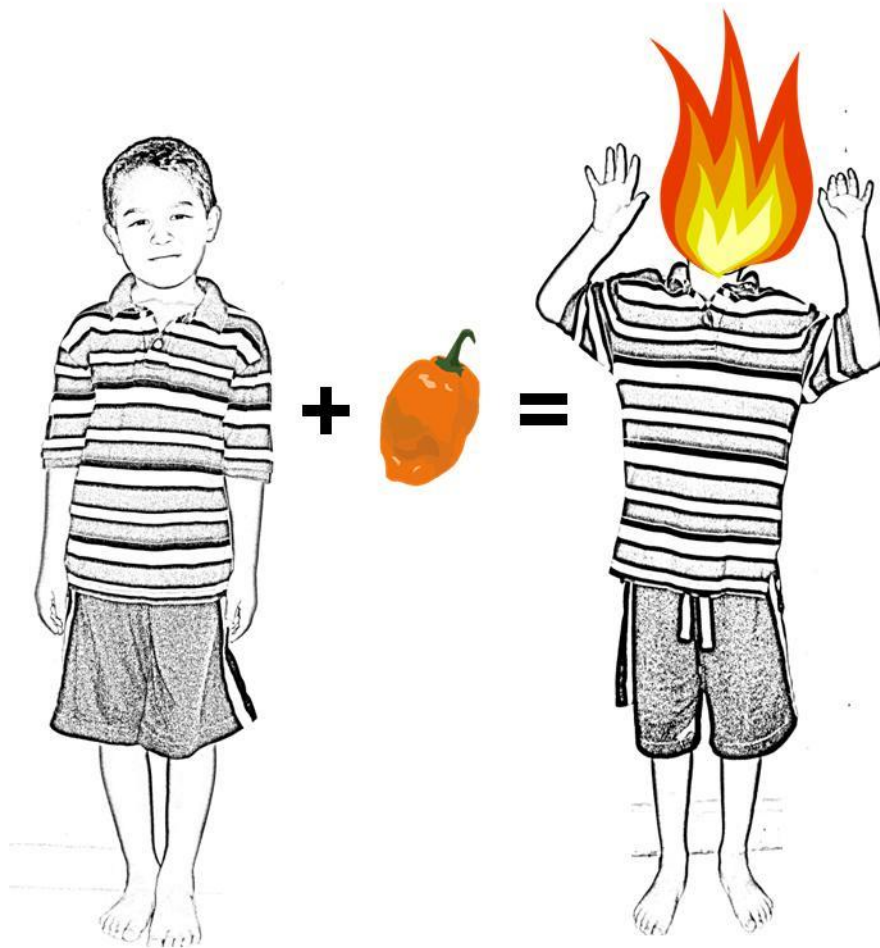
Bash replied, “No, I don’t like carrots because rabbits eat them. I am afraid if I eat them, I may turn into a rabbit too!”



Ikram said, “Well, I’ve never seen that either! So what about hot peppers? I love hot peppers, and rabbits don’t eat hot peppers!”



Bash replied, “No, I don’t like hot peppers because they burn my tongue. I am afraid if I eat them, my head may catch on fire!”



Ikram laughed and said,
“Now you’re just being silly!”

Bash laughed too.

Ikram said, “You know when
you mix veggies together in
a stew, they taste so good!”



Bash replied, “Yes, but I still don’t like veggies!”

Then break was over, so they went back inside.

Weeks passed.

Months passed.

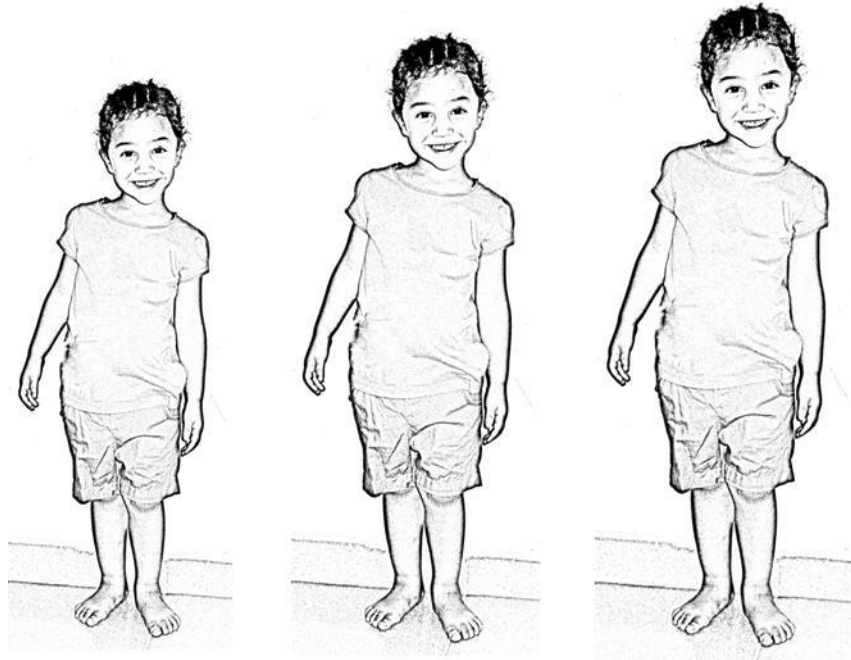


Bash still had his attitude, and he kept throwing his vegetable scraps in the bin.

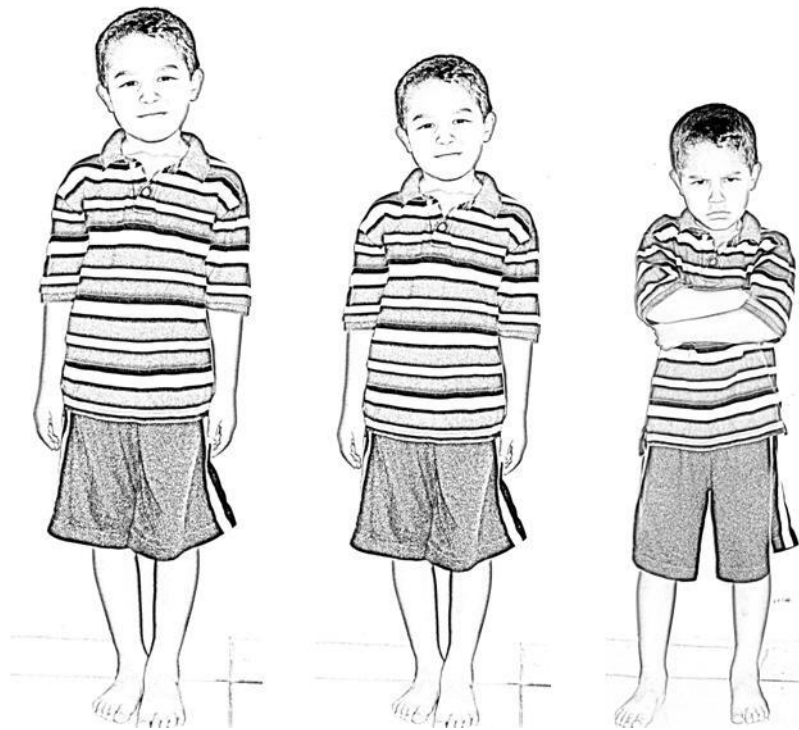


Soon enough, Bash noticed some changes in his body.

His sister, Maryam, was growing bigger, but he was growing smaller.



Maryam was growing bigger.



While Bash was growing smaller.

Bash said, “Thank you,
Maryam. Now I understand,
and now I know what to do.”

From that day on, Bash
turned into a good boy.

He started eating all his
veggies because he wanted
to grow big with his sister.



Their parents were happy to see both Bash and Maryam growing up strong and healthy.

And surprise!

Bash discovered that
veggies were delicious after
all!



Check Your Understanding!

1. What was Bash's problem?
2. Why didn't Bash like onions? What about tomatoes, carrots, and hot peppers?
3. What started happening to Bash's body when he kept throwing all his veggies in the bin?
4. Why did Maryam always eat her veggies?
5. What happened at the end of the story?

