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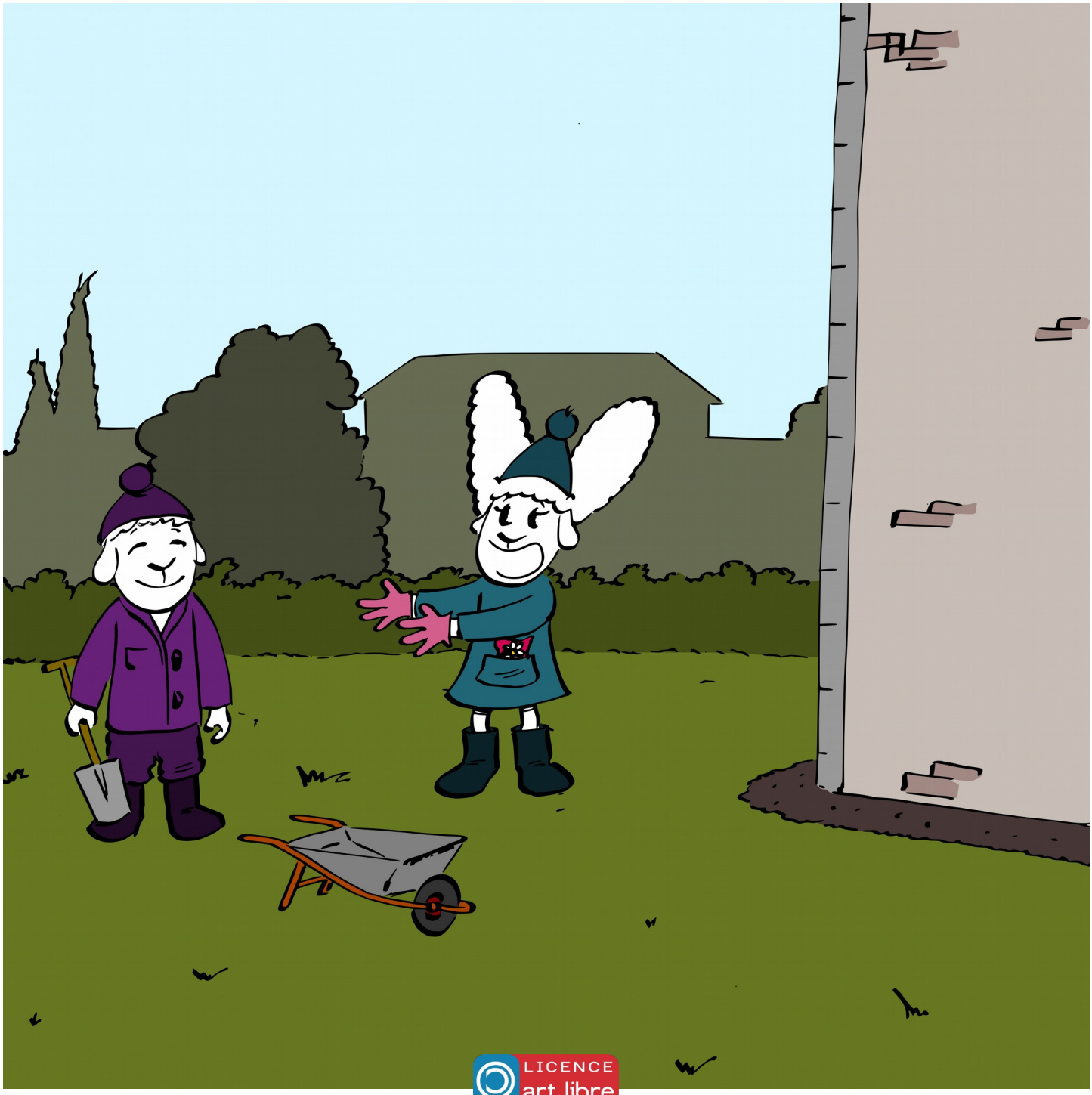

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Ne pleure pas Monsieur le Loup.
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Le carré qui voulait devenir rond

Abel et Bellina – Déjà parus

1. Abel a perdu son doudou
2. Abel et Bellina se déguisent pour Halloween
3. Abel et Bellina jouent dans la neige.
4. Abel et Bellina ont vu de vilaines choses à la télévision.
5. Abel et Bellina plantent une jolie fleur.

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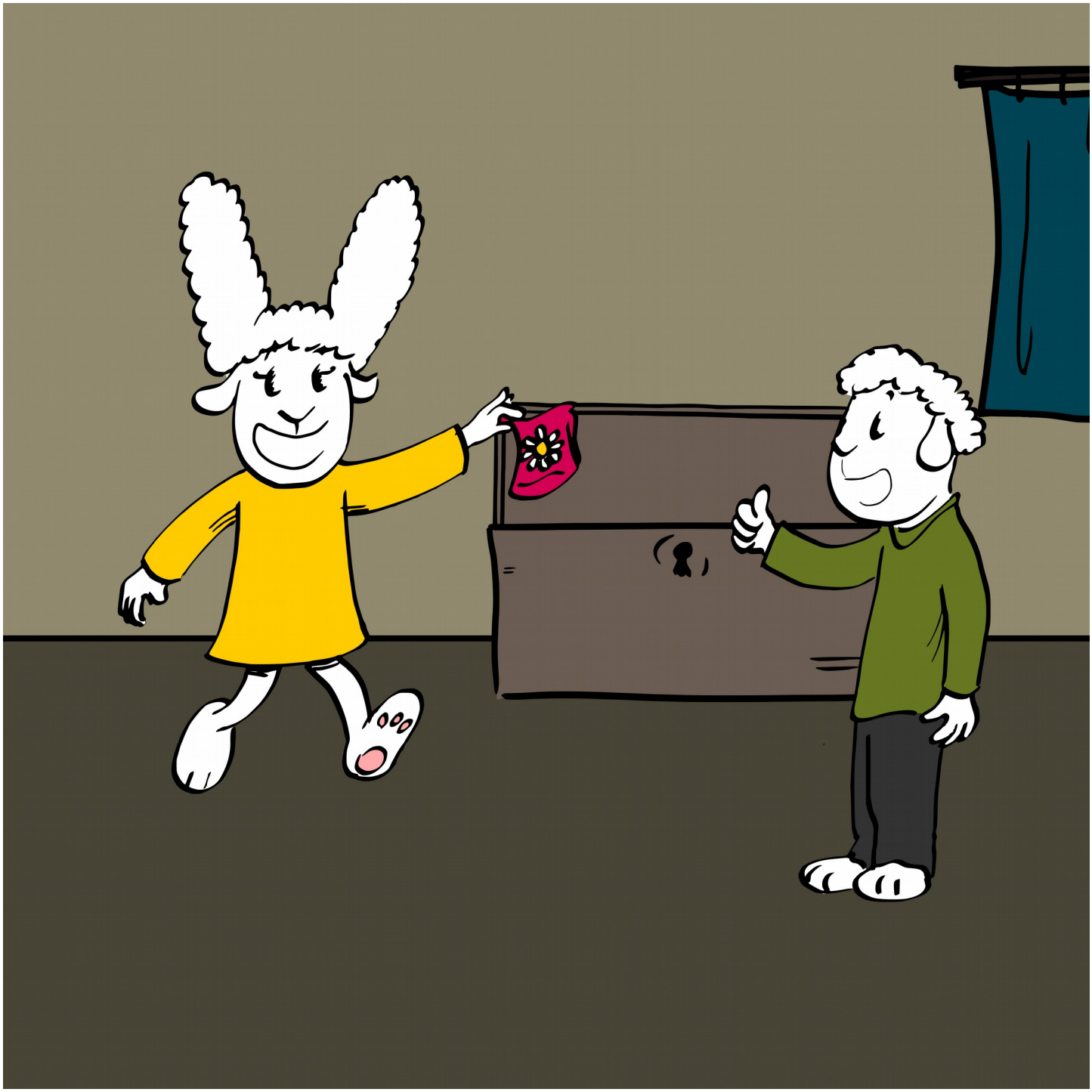
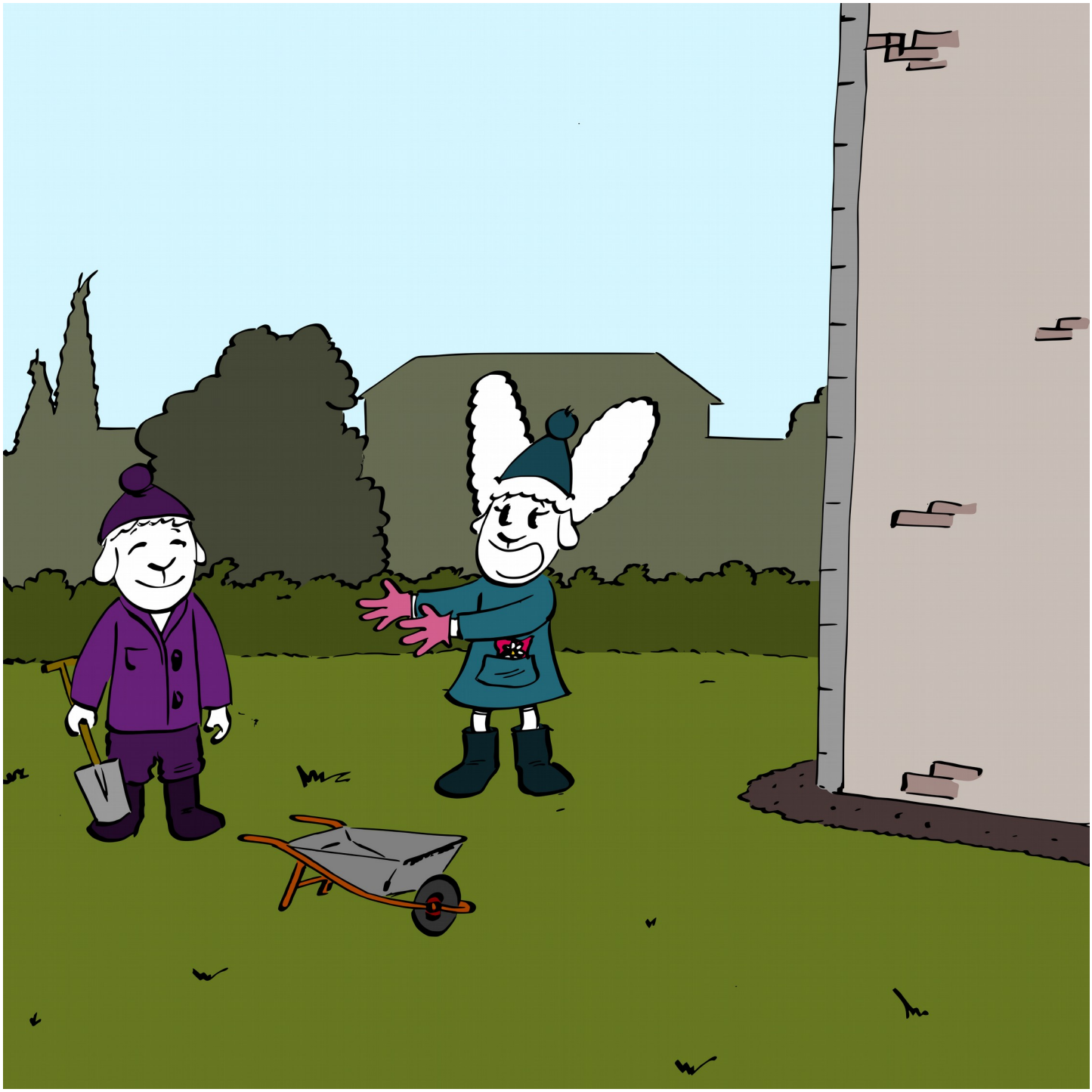
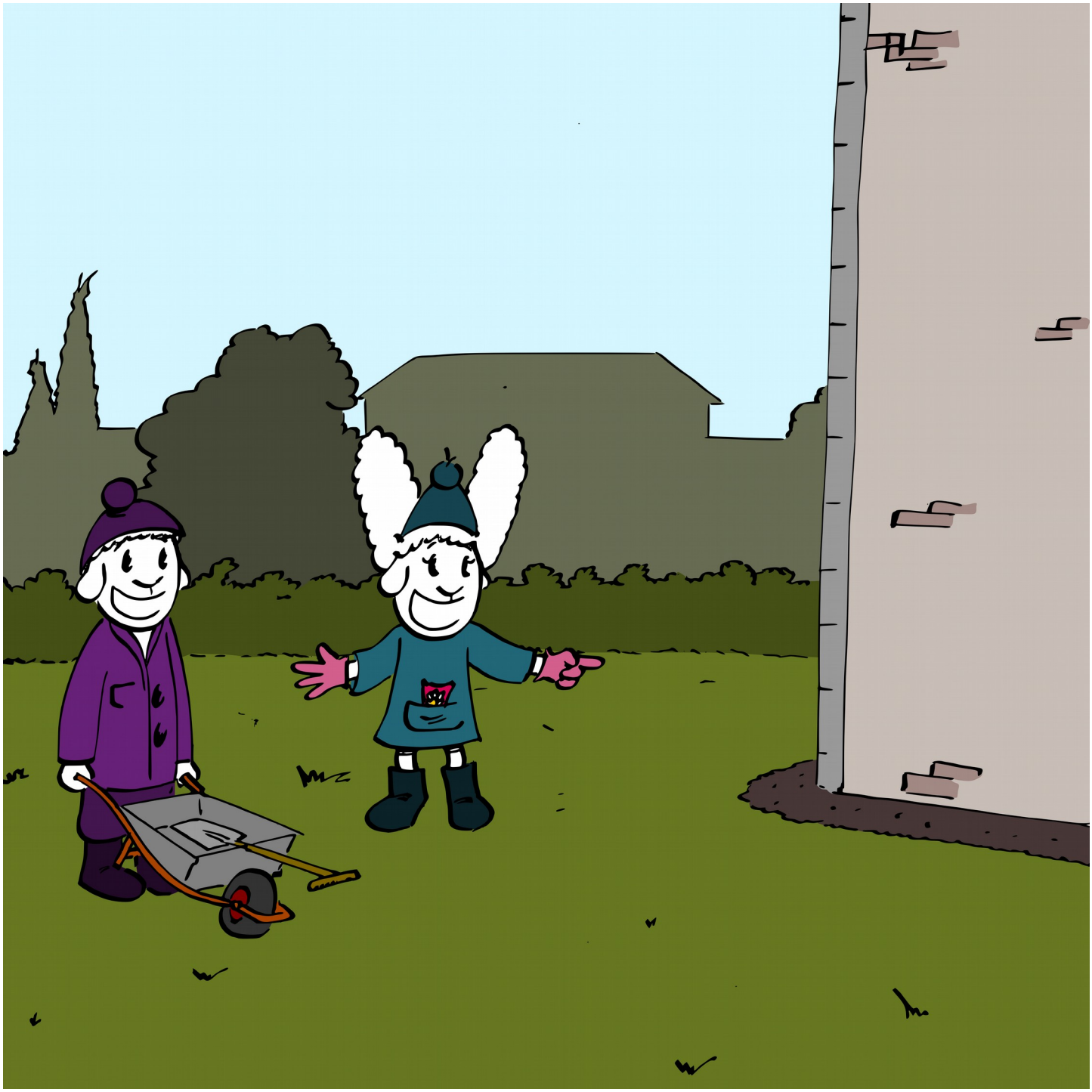


– Hey Abel, look here ! Mum has bought a flower for us to plant it in our garden.
– How so ? a flower in a paper bag ? Abel is surprised ; I guess it must rather be a bulb.
– What about going out and planting it right now ? Bellina asks, full of enthusiasm.
– Great ! Abel answers cheerfully. But we should get dressed first.



Abel and Bellina both put warm clothes on before going out. Even with such a blue sky, it's chilly outside. One must get well dressed not to catch a cold. First, Abel puts his cap and boots on. Then he goes for his shovel and wheelbarrow in the garage. As for Bellina, she gets her cap and boots as well.

– Dad gave me the gardening gloves which were in the drawer, she says.
The paper bag and its precious bulb have been carefully slided into her pocket.

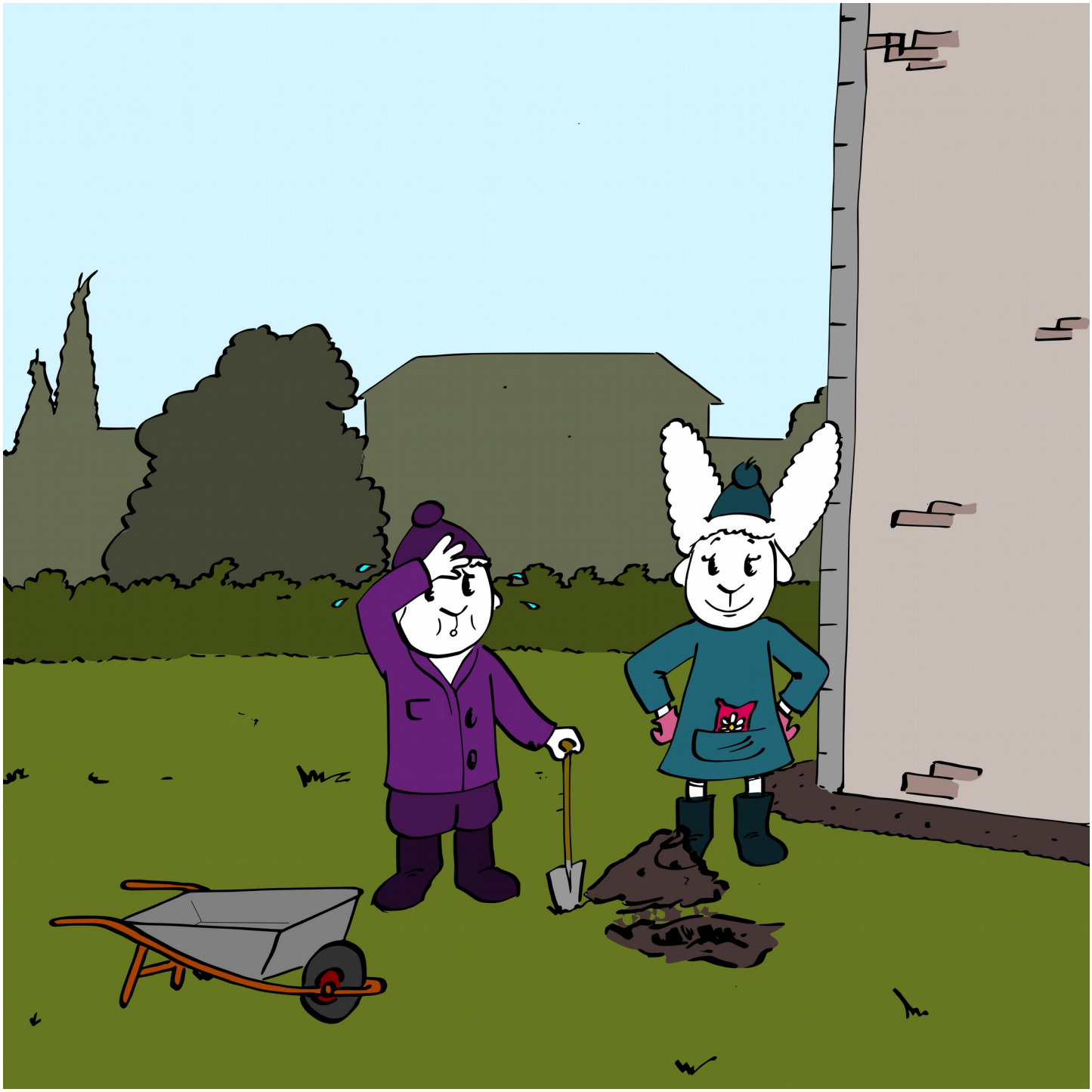


– Where shall we plant our flower ? Bellina asks.
– She must be in a sunny place all day long in order to get light and warmth, Abel answers. These are the instructions I read on the paper-bag.
– Ok, how about planting it right here ? his sister replies and shows a place next to the southern wall of their house.
– Great ! I'm going to dig a hole for our bulb.

– Ouch ! Stop it, Abel ! You've been throwing away earth right into my face !

Bellina cries. Moreover, we'll need it later on to fill back our hole.

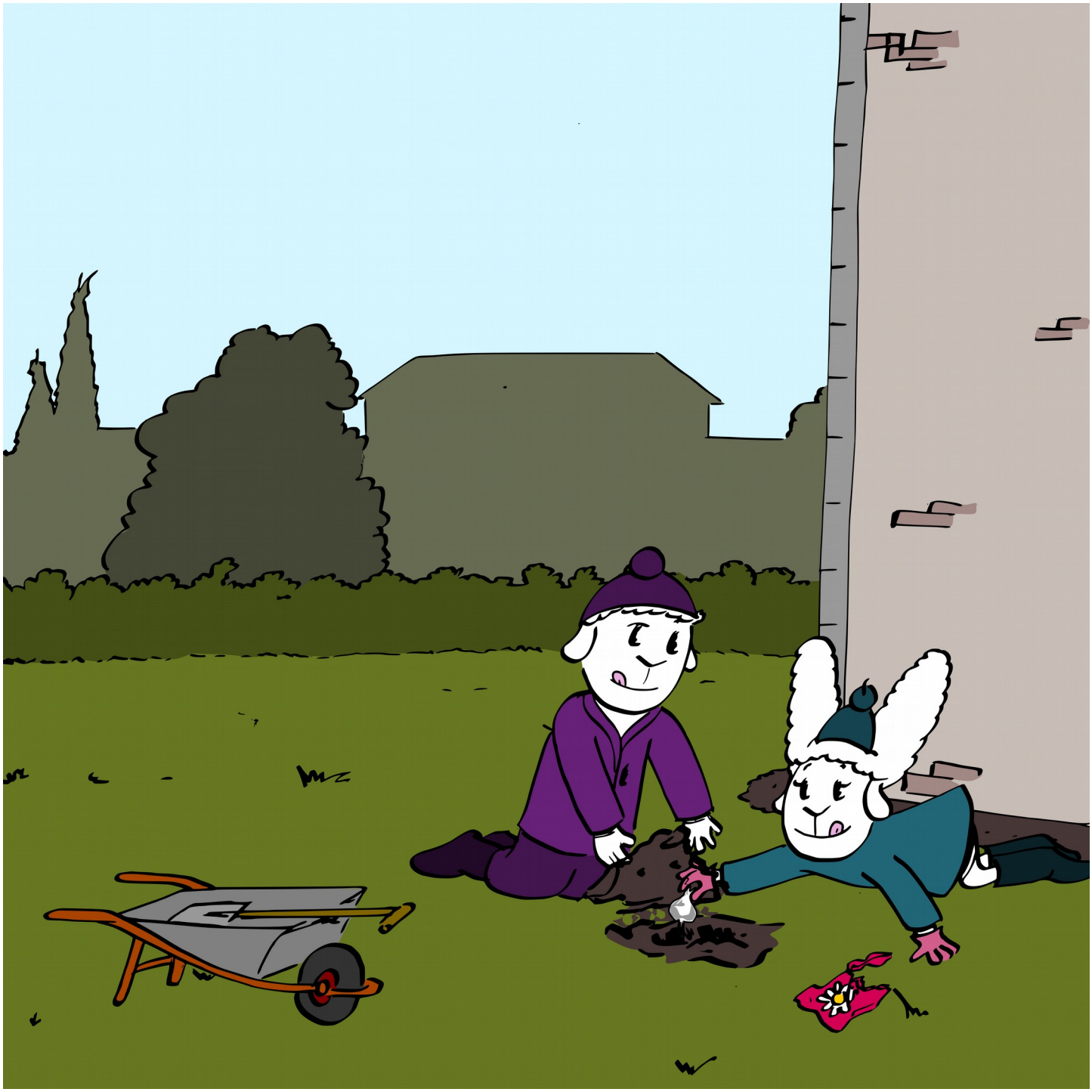
– You're right ! I'm so sorry, that hadn't occured to me, Abel replies.



Abel is exhausted after all this shoveling.

– I didn't know digging a hole would be so tiring, he miserably admits.
This time, he's been very careful about not throwing earth away : he's piled it up next to his hole.

– Here is a perfect hole, Bellina admits. Let's go and plant our bulb.

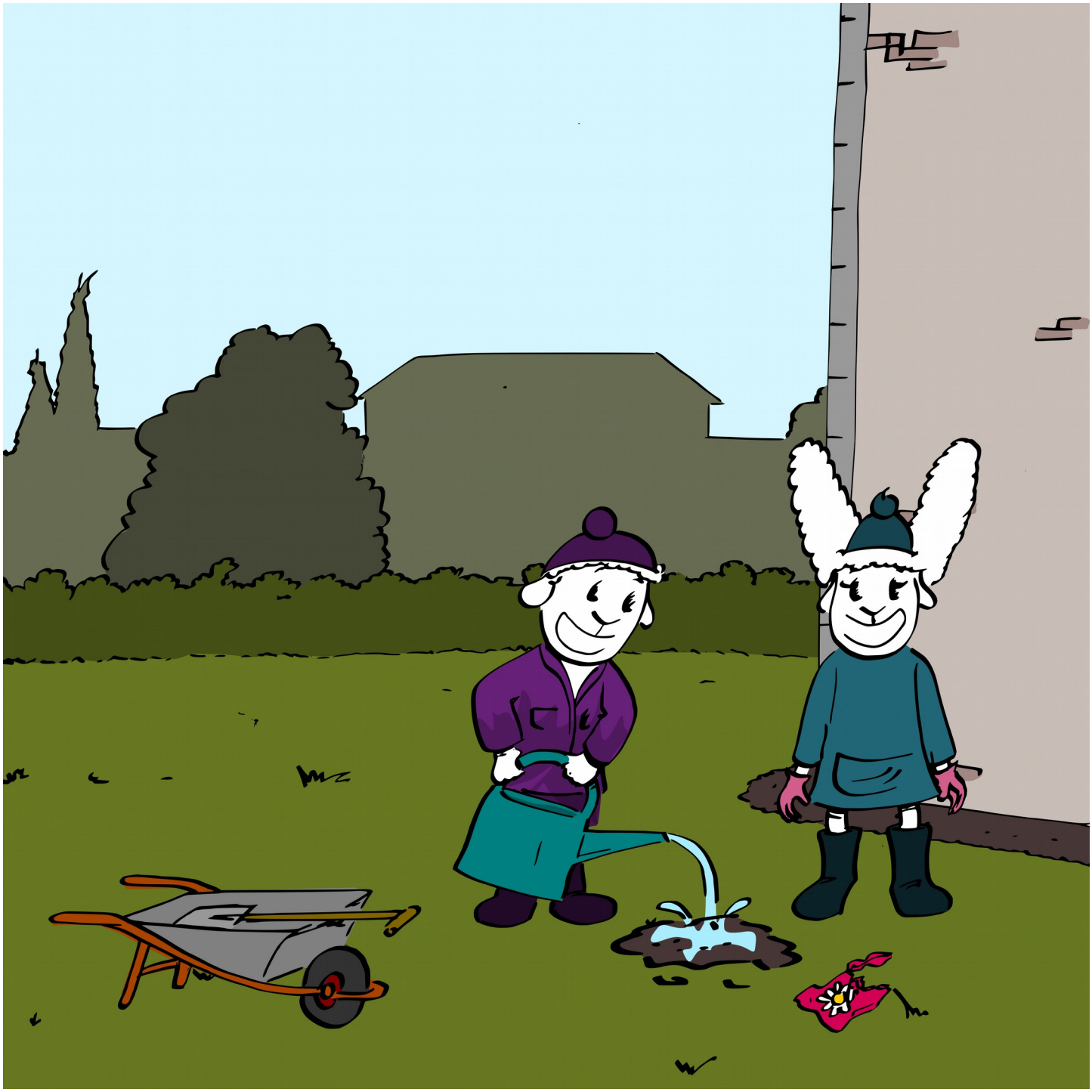


She gently opens the paper bag and takes out the small white bulb ; she puts it into the hole most delicately.

– Here we are, she says. Let's cover it up gradually with earth.
– While you'll be doing so, I'll go for water to spray over it, Abel suggests.

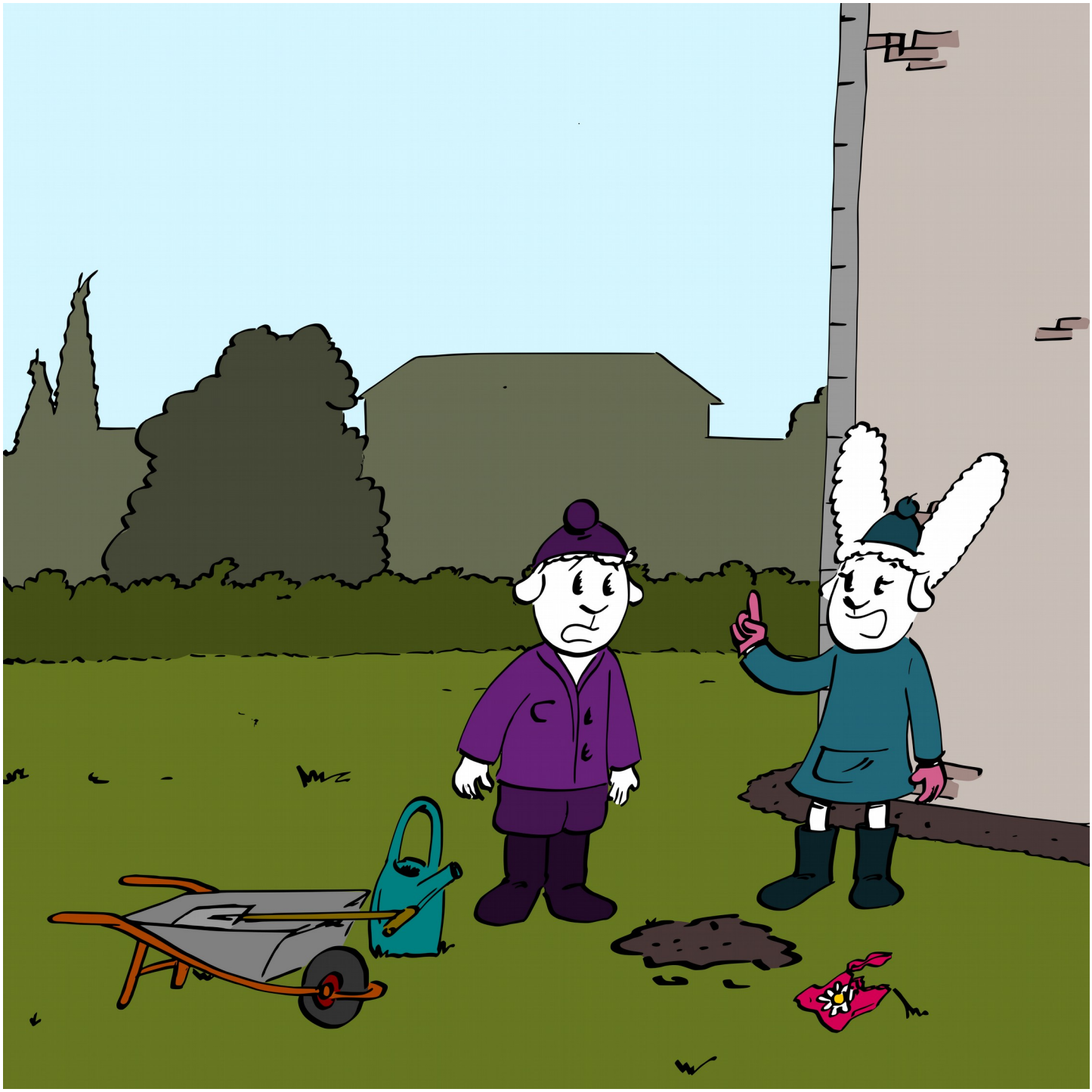
As a matter of fact, carrying a watering can isn't that easy. Abel has filled it up to the brim and tells to himself :
– Next time, I won't do it that way and will only get half of it. The can will be less heavy to carry and I won't get soaked with water.

Watch out Abel, You might catch a cold !



Abel wonders why the flower doesn't grow out, maybe for lack of water.
– You think I didn't get enough water Bellina ? he asks his sister.

– Now, be patient Abel, she answers. It requires time, light, warmth and water for a plant to grow.



– I won't see her today ? Abel feels so sorry about it.

– No, his sister replies, but be patient and don't worry, time goes fast. Let's pick up the empty paper bag. I advise as well you to go and change clothes if you don't plan to catch a cold.