

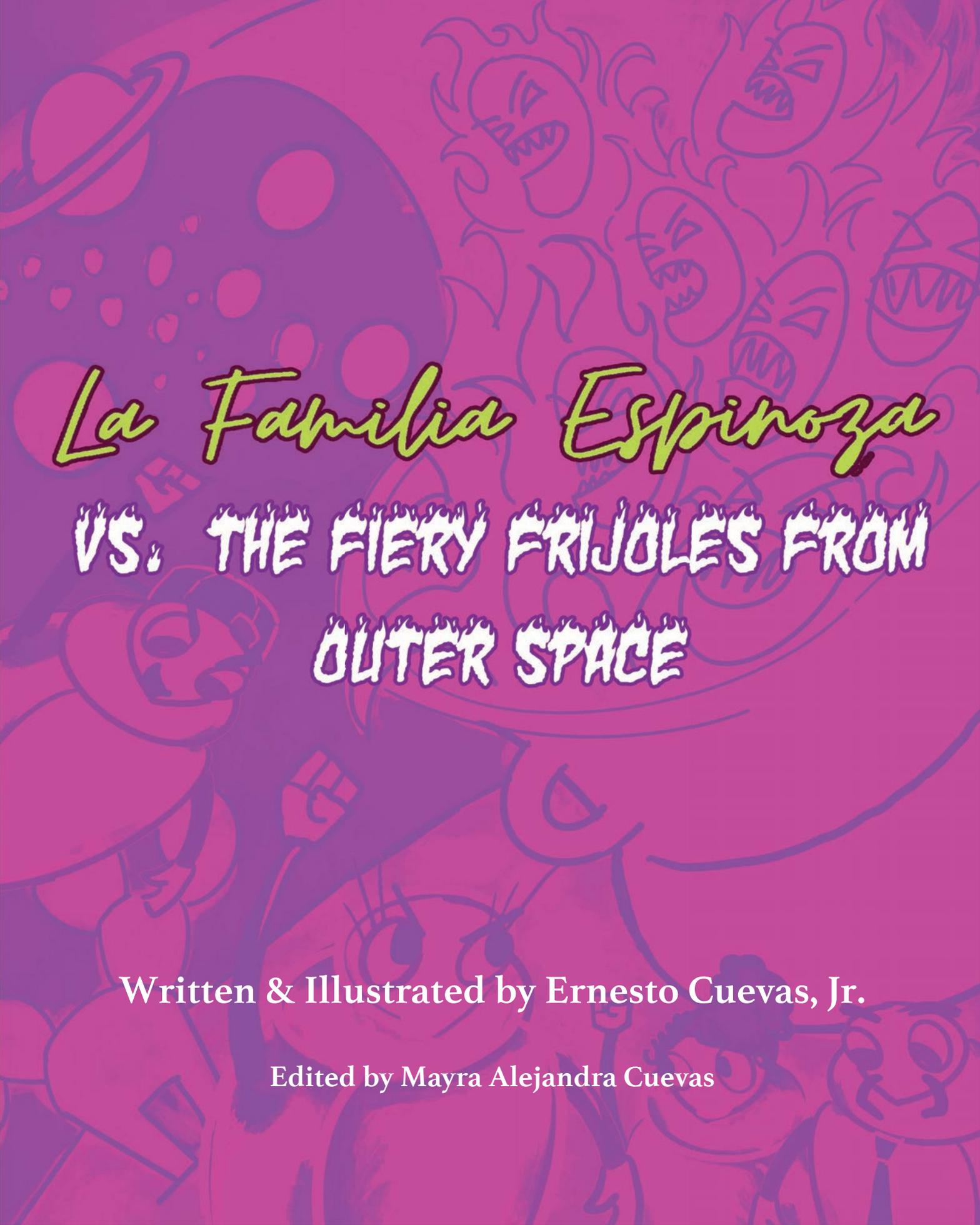
# La Familia Espinoza

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This book is dedicated to Juani, Beto, Mayra, Erika, and Adrian. I can never thank you enough for all of the love and support your family has given to mine. Now we learn all of life's lessons together as one.

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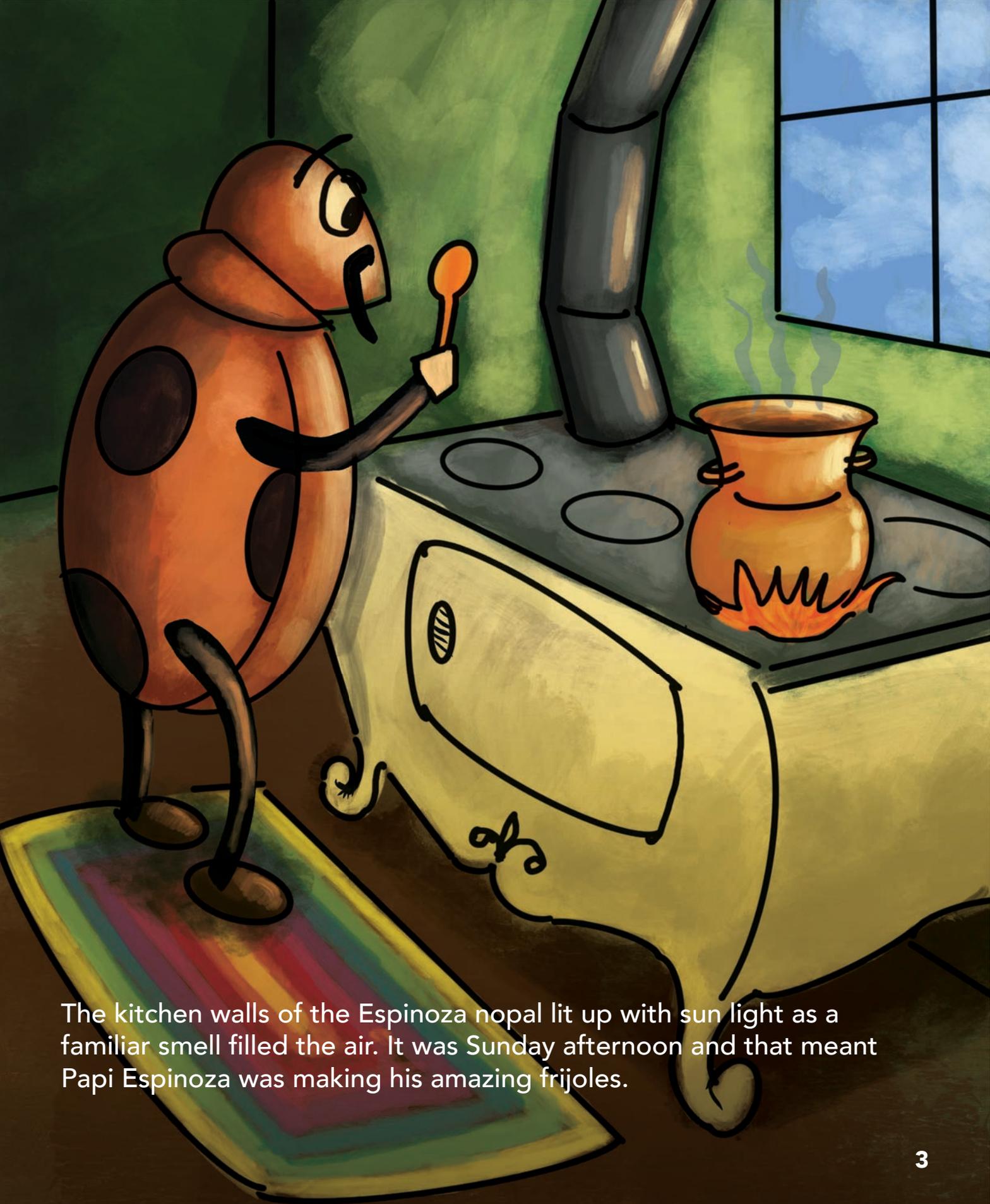
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The kitchen walls of the Espinoza nopal lit up with sun light as a familiar smell filled the air. It was Sunday afternoon and that meant Papi Espinoza was making his amazing frijoles.



I love Papi's frijoles. They go with EVERYTHING! Carne guisada, asada, picada, white rice, brown rice, fried rice, fried chicken, baked chicken, and grilled chicken, corn tortillas, flour tortillas, and more! It doesn't matter what we're eating, as long as I get some frijoles!

**CHOP!**

**CLANK!**

**WHOOOSH!**

**SLICE!**

I can't wait for today's frijoles. I have a vision! I want to give them a little extra spice.



**PICA! PICA!  
PICA! PICA!  
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Mijo had never tried spicy food before, but he knew it was "hot". His legs shook and sweat dripped down his forehead just thinking of how much it would burn.



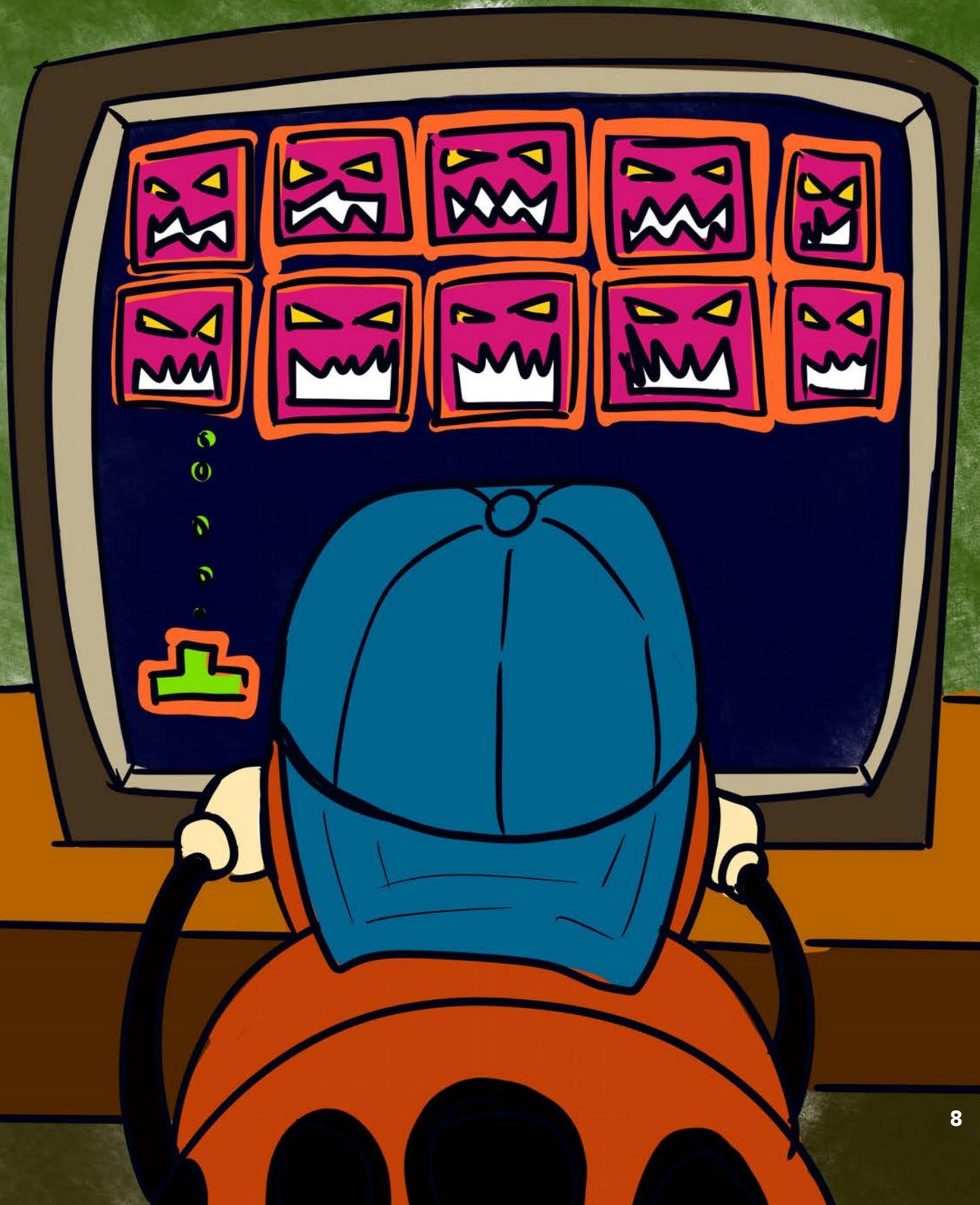
What's wrong,  
Mijo?

I don't want to eat  
the chile, Mami. It's  
going to pica.

It can be hard to face  
a fear. Can you think  
of something scary  
that you're **NOT**  
scared of anymore?

Well, I'm not scared of  
the space monsters I play  
against in my video game.

Great! Think of the frijoles like  
the monsters in your game! You  
are powerful and brave enough  
to face those fiery frijoles from  
outer space.





Yeah! I can beat them!  
They can't stop me!



I've got your back little brother. I can throw down on some fiery frijoles. They don't stand a chance.



We only have one job today, Joe!

**BURN BABY! BURN!**

**PICA! PICA! PICA! PICA!**











Can I have more,  
please?





We knew you could do it brother!

Maybe next time you can even help your father make the beans.







**THE END**









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