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Aqua and Hydra fall down together as rain drops from the sky. What happens when Aqua is evaporated and Hydra is still a drop of water?

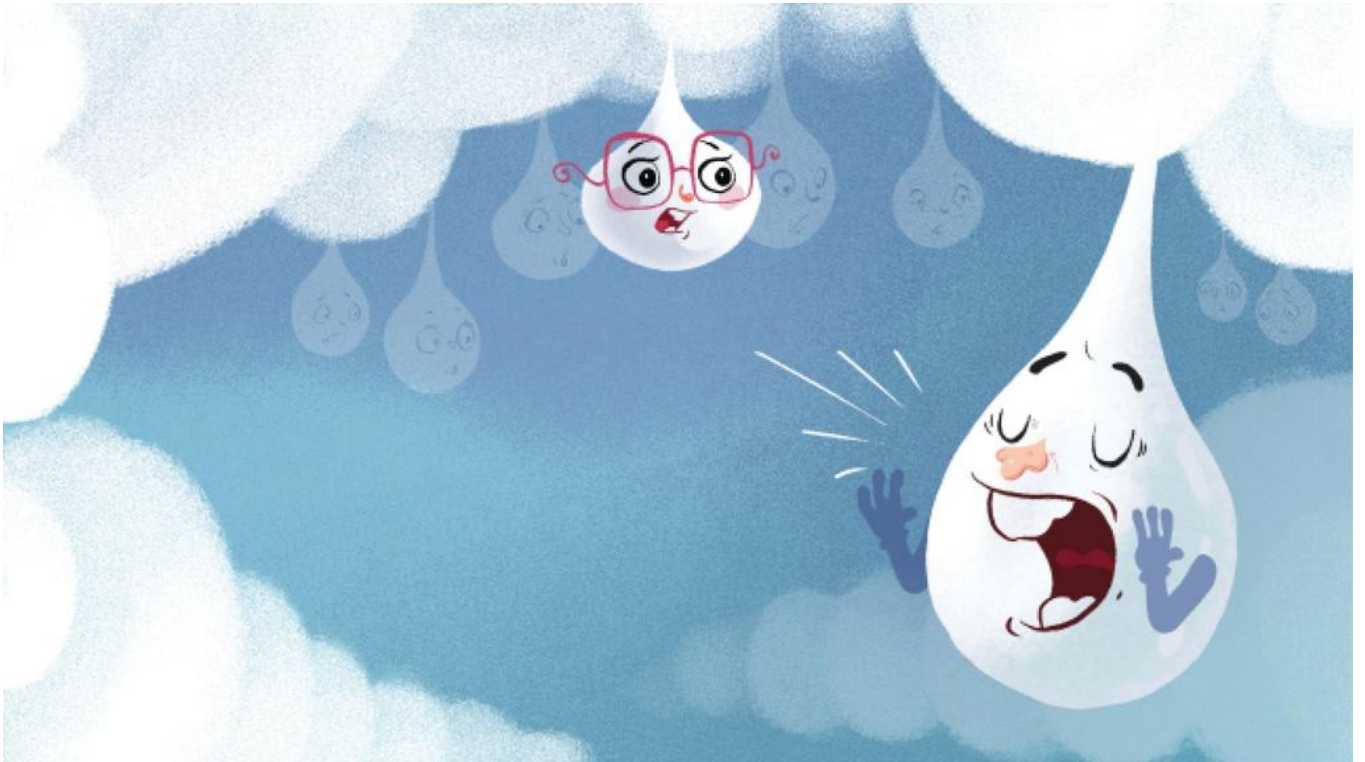


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High in the clouds, all the raindrops were gathering. A loud voice boomed, "Attention raindrops! It is time to release from the cloud and drop to the earth. It is time for rain!"

Today would be Hydra's very first drop. She was nervous. "I can't do this," she said to the announcer. "I am afraid of falling so far!"

"Do not be afraid, dear," he replied. "But you must go. No drops will remain in the sky today."



Hydra was about to burst into tears when another raindrop grabbed her hand.

"My name is Aqua. Stick with me and we can have fun together swimming in a river or sliding along green leaves."

Hydra closed her eyes and felt herself falling down, down, down.

"Whoaaaaa!" she yelped.

Where would she land? In a gentle river or soft green leaves?



Hydra and Aqua plopped into a cup of water. A boy named Sam was collecting raindrops to see what they tasted like.



After a moment, the boy raised the cup to his mouth. Hydra and Aqua were washed into a dark cave.

"I am a little afraid of the dark," Aqua said.

"Don't worry," Hydra reassured her new friend. "I will stay with you."



The two raindrops were soon slipping and sliding down a long tube — Sam's esophagus. From there, they passed through his stomach and into a blood vessel.



After taking a drink of water, Sam decided to go for a run. His body temperature quickly began to increase. He needed to cool down fast! The water drops in Sam's blood vessels began to be sucked out to his skin in the form of sweat. Aqua was pulled up, up, and away from Hydra.



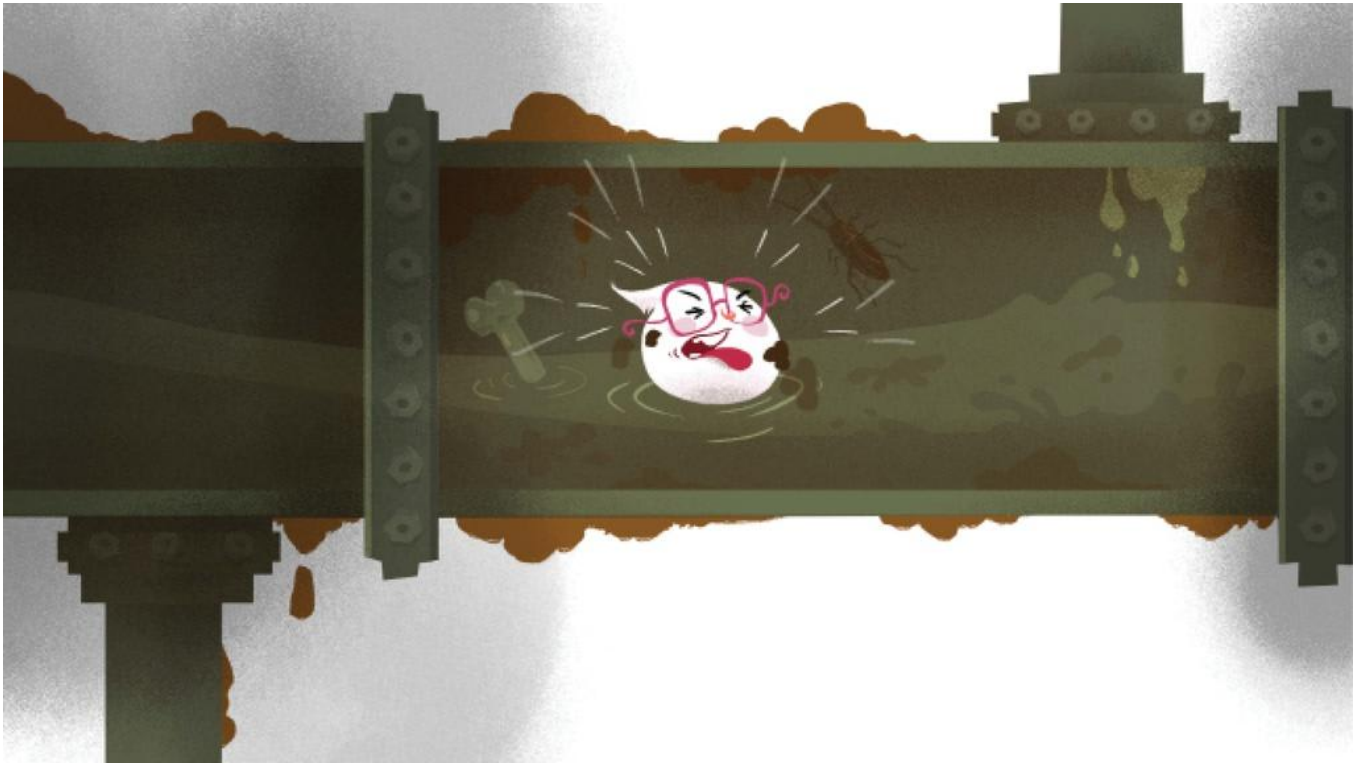
"Don't leave me, Aqua!" Hydra begged.
But Aqua could not stop herself from being pulled away. "Meet me in the cloud!" she called to her friend.
"How?" Hydra asked, wondering how she would ever get back home.
"Evaporation!" Aqua replied as she was sucked away and disappeared.
Hydra wondered how she would ever evaporate from inside Sam's body.



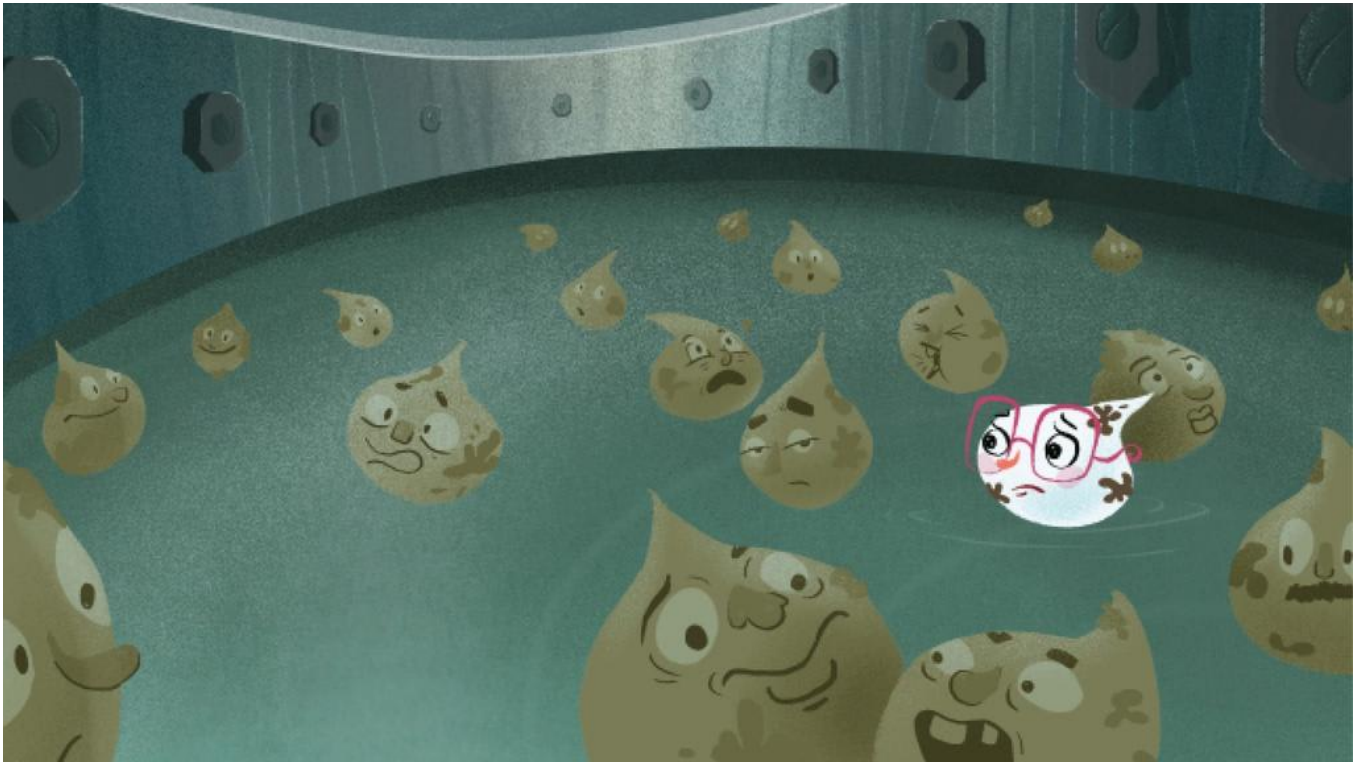
Soon, Hydra was sucked away herself, through a maze of blood vessels and into Sam's bladder.



"Get me out of here!" she yelled. "I need to evaporate!" Fortunately for Hydra, Sam soon needed to use the bathroom.



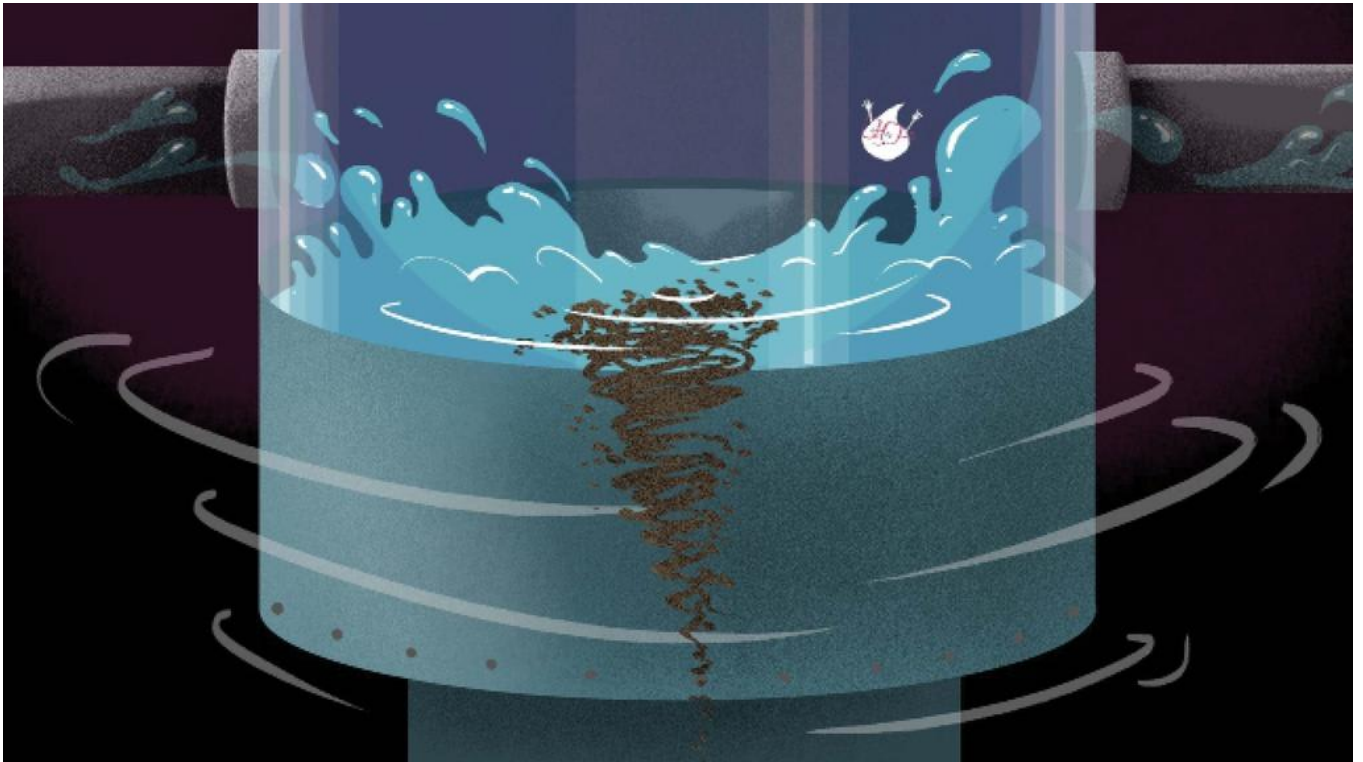
Hydra was flushed out of Sam's body and into a stinky sanitation tube. "Yuck! I can't evaporate in here!" Hydra yelled.



The tube soon dumped Hydra into a huge basin with many other water drops. They had come from all over: from hospitals and factories, and houses.



Hydra was feeling worse than ever. "I am so dirty now, I don't want to meet Aqua again looking like this."



Suddenly, the water began spinning around and around. The water spun so fast that all the dirt was pulled away from the water droplets and sucked down a tube.



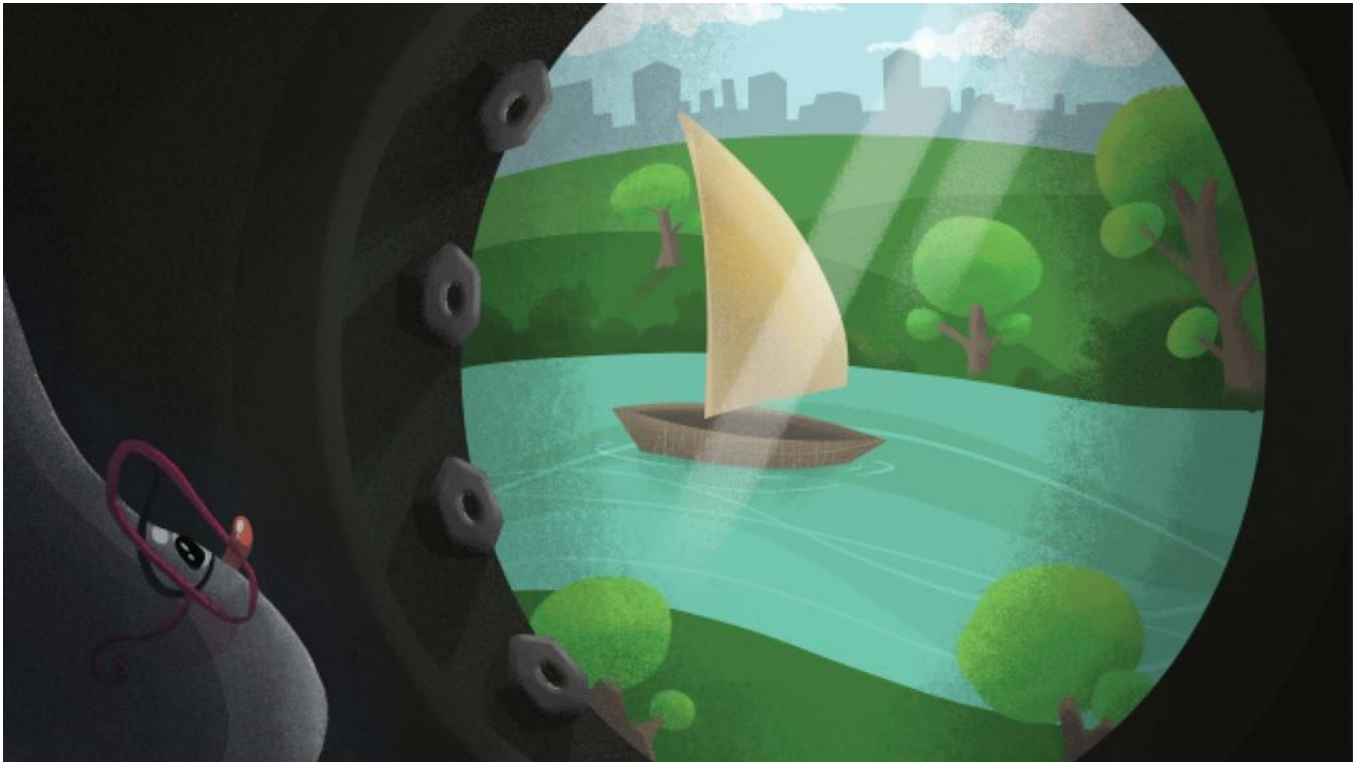
Hydra felt much cleaner. But then some hungry bacteria started licking her!

"What are you doing?" she asked.

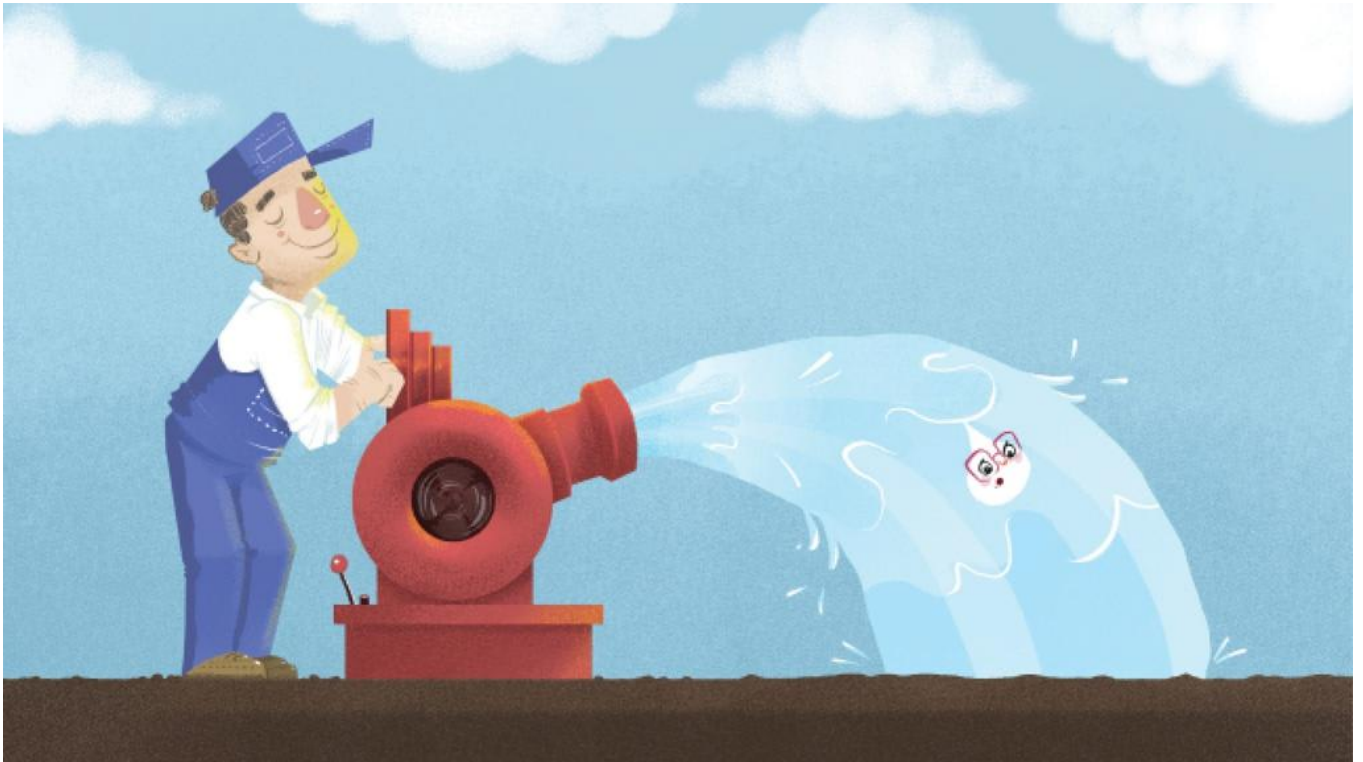
"We are cleaning all the organic particles from the water," the bacteria replied.



"Wow, look! Now I am sparkling clean again!"
Hydra had no time to waste. She was eager to evaporate. But how?



She saw a river flowing nearby, just like Aqua had described. "I must get into that water!" Hydra said.



A pump soon pulled Hydra up into the air. Hydra hoped this would be her chance to evaporate, but she was poured onto the ground and quickly soaked into the soil.



Hydra burrowed down into the soil and tried to get to the river.



But a thirsty sunflower sucked her right up before she could make it to the water.



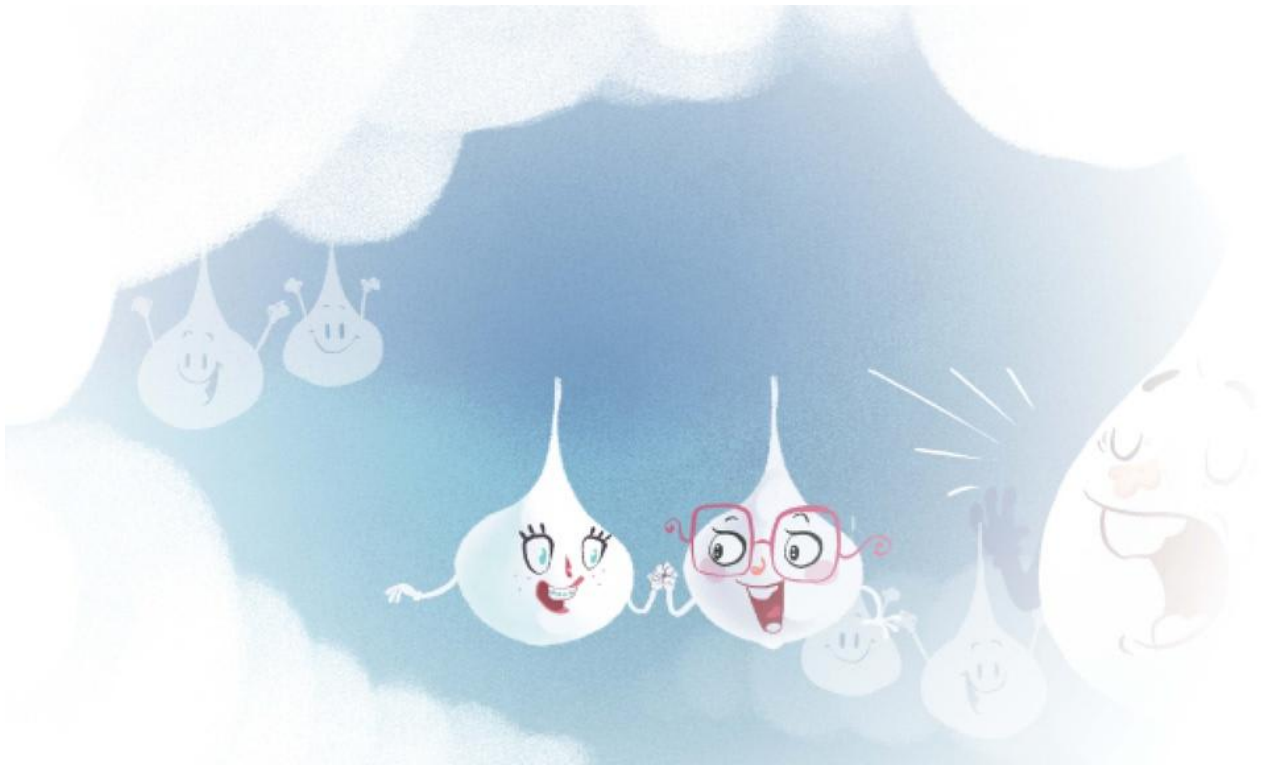
The next thing she knew, Hydra was sitting on the petals of a huge yellow sunflower."
At last!" she said, "Now is my time to evaporate and return to the clouds."



Aqua quickly changed from a water drop into a tiny cloud of vapor. She had evaporated! She floated up into the clouds.



Hydra soon heard a voice calling her name. "Hydra! You made it!" Hydra and Aqua were thrilled to be together again. Hydra had returned just in time for another rainfall. This time, Hydra was not afraid. "Let's fall together!" she said to her friend. "Wherever we go, it will be an adventure!"



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