

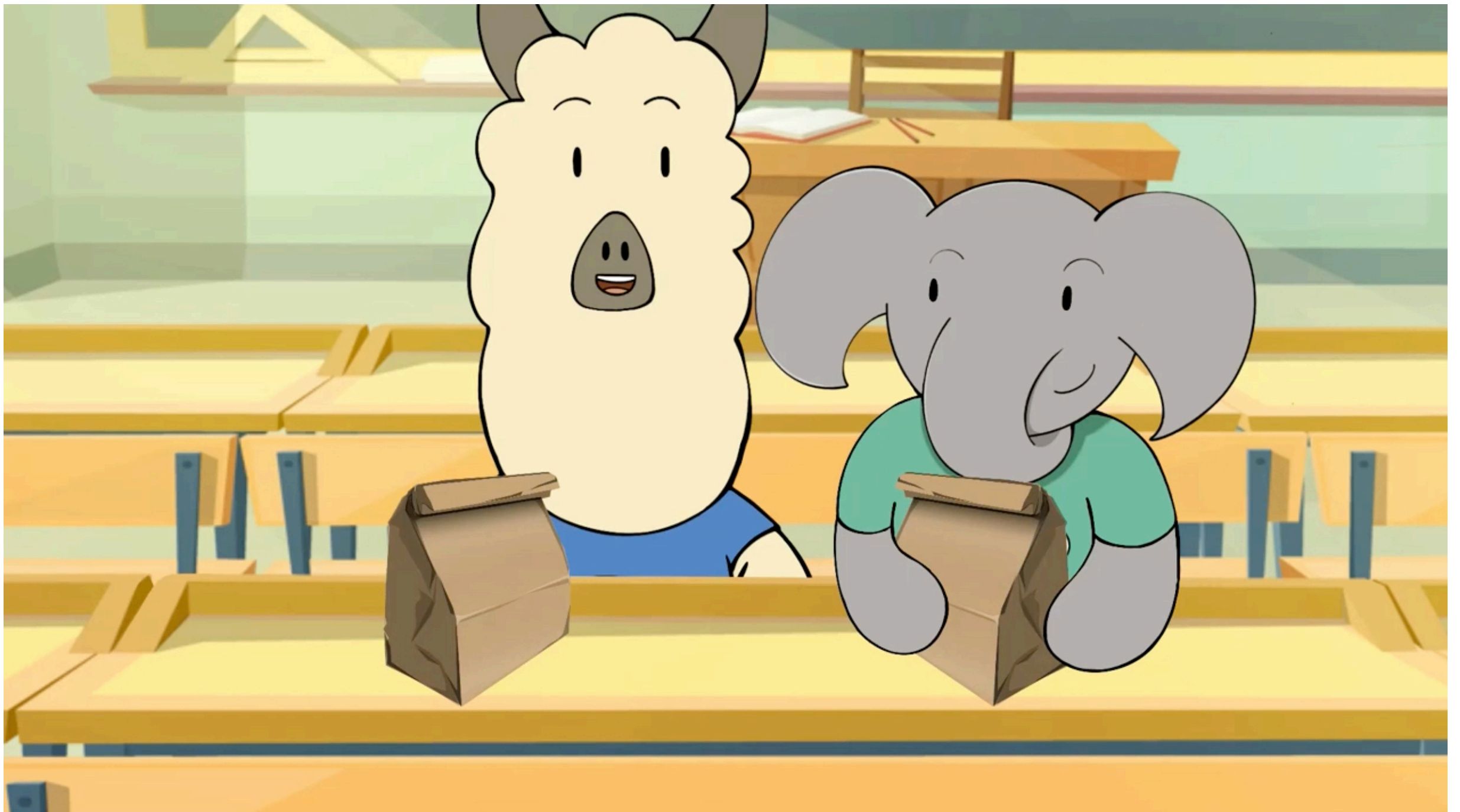


A cartoon illustration of two characters in a classroom. On the left is Larry the Llama, a white llama with a surprised expression, looking towards the right. On the right is a grey elephant-like character with a green shirt, smiling and holding a slice of pie. A large red 'X' with a blue outline is superimposed over the center of the image, crossing out the characters. The background shows wooden desks and shelves in a classroom setting.

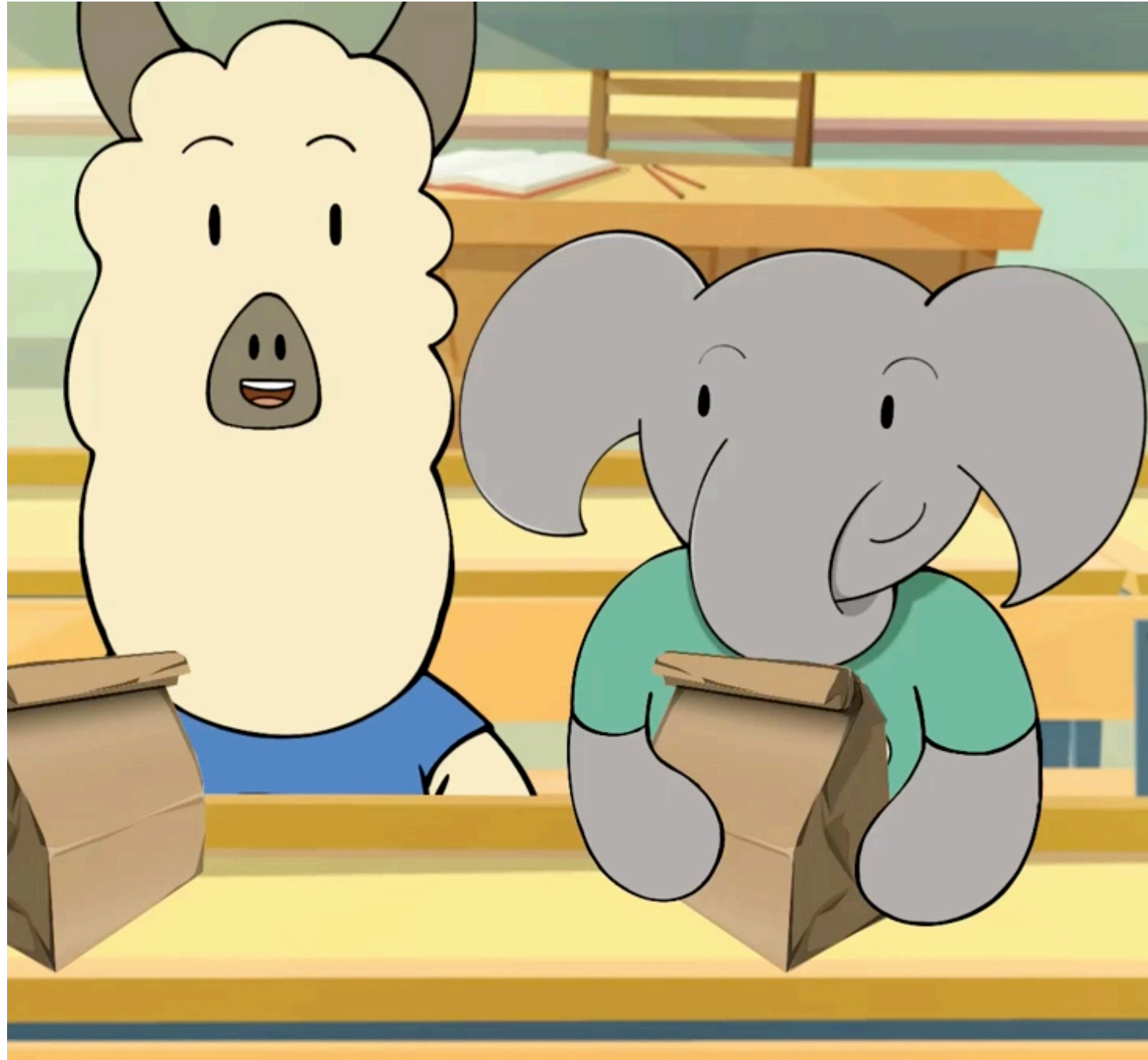
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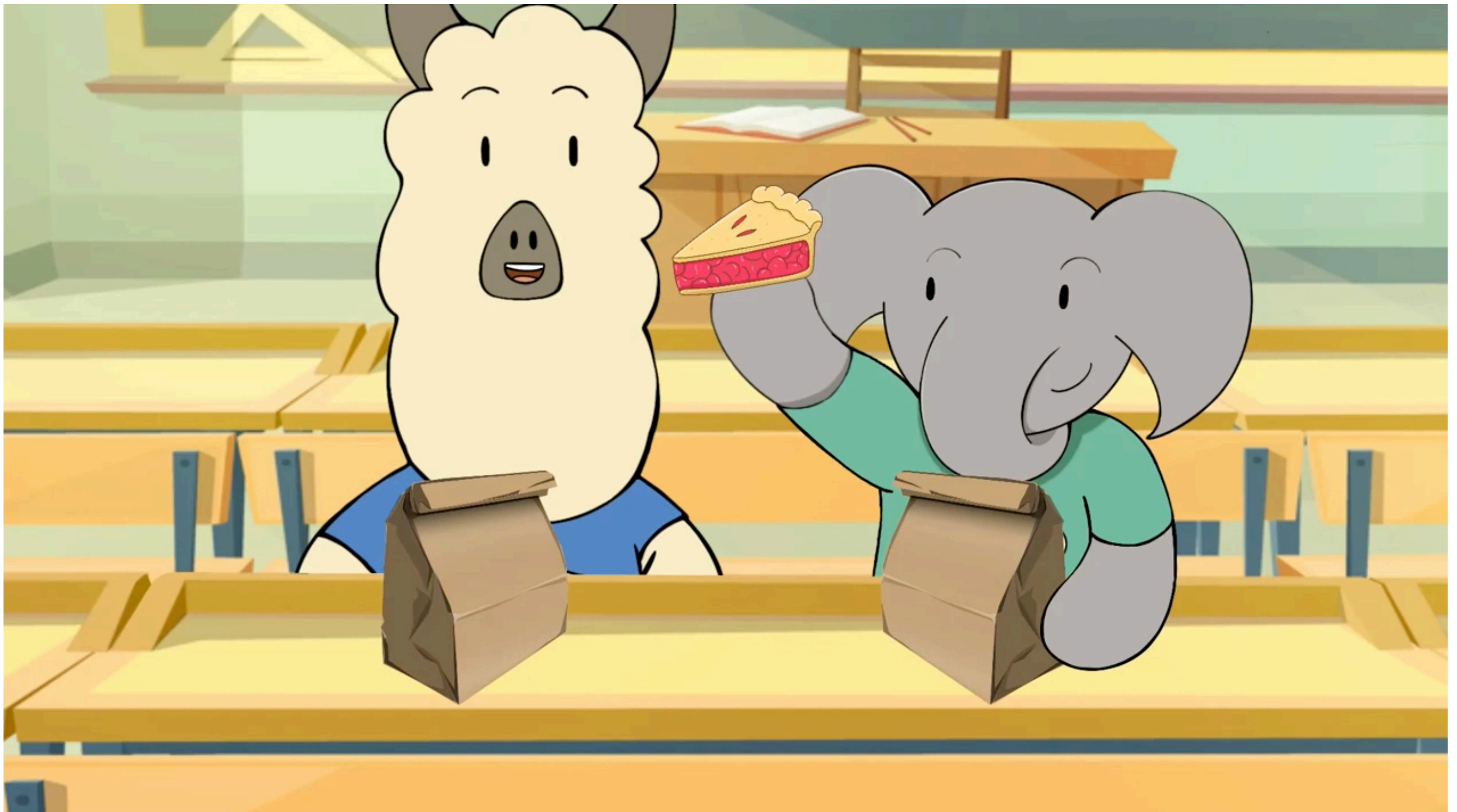
Rowan and Larry are going to trade food from their lunches. Larry is excited because Rowan has a cherry pie!



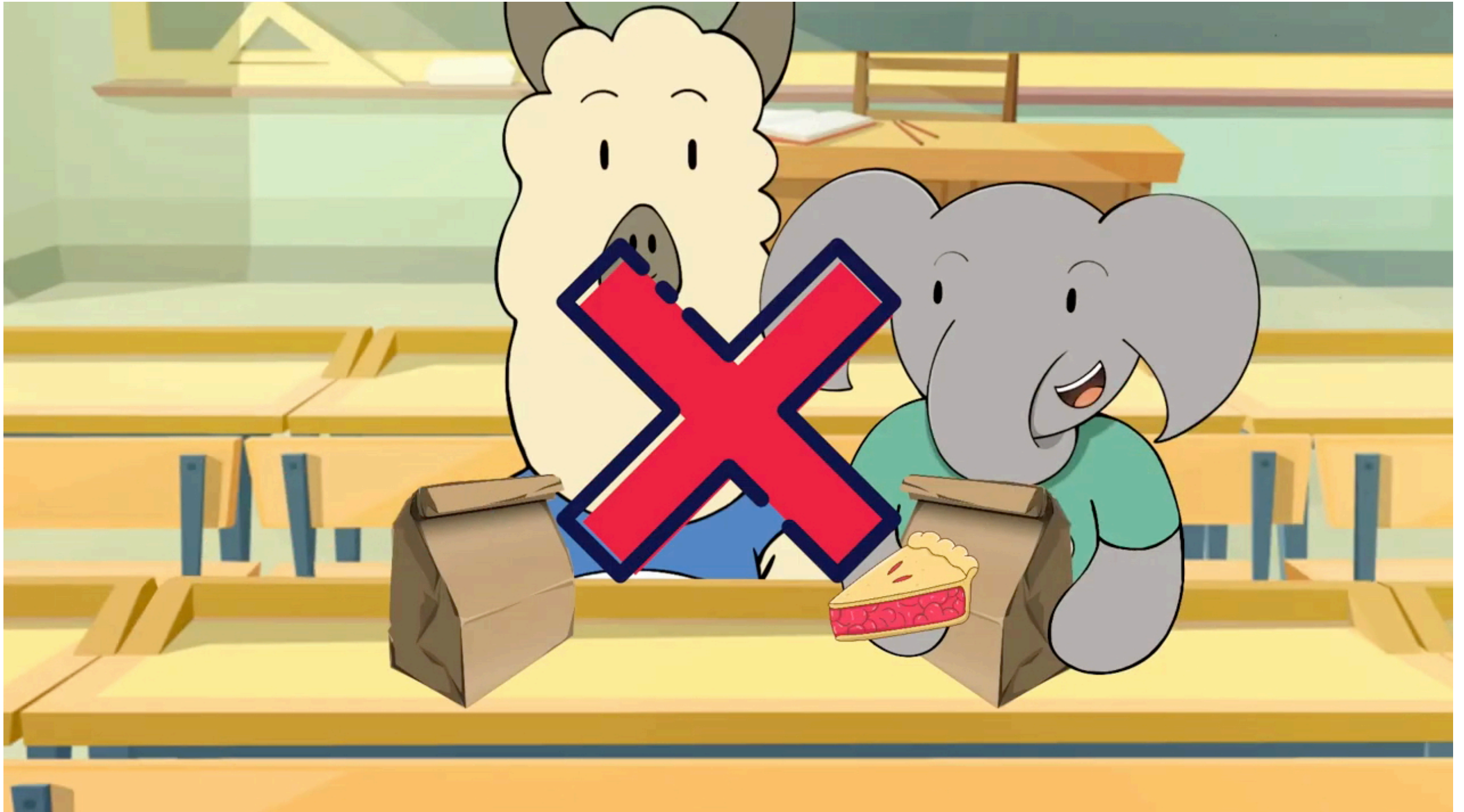
He's so excited he gets in Rowan's personal space.



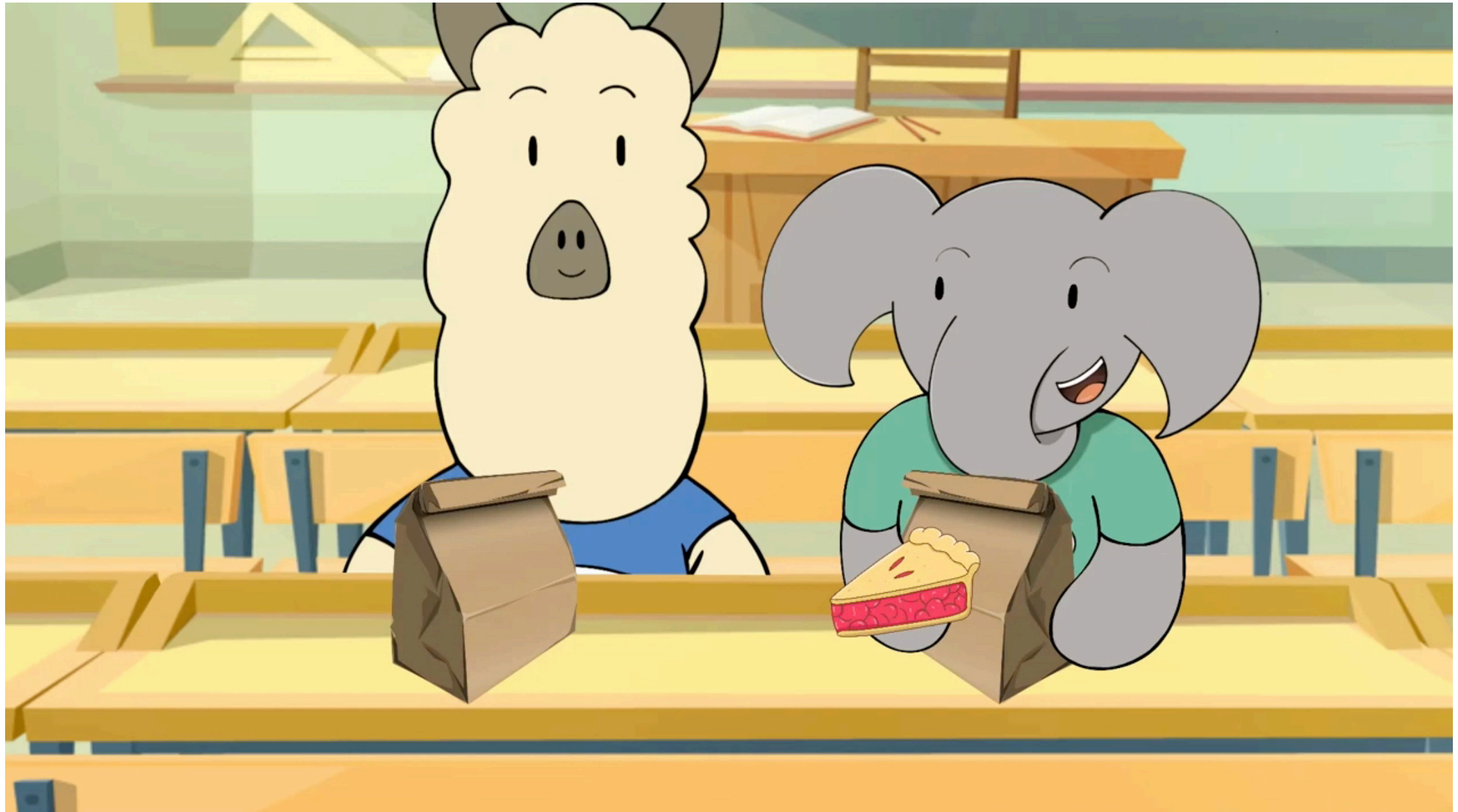
“Gee Larry,” Rowan says. “You’re sitting awfully close.”



Realizing that Rowan is right. Larry moves back, out of Rowan's personal space, and gets the cherry pie!



As they continue to talk, Larry gets in Rowan's personal space AGAIN. This is obviously something Larry needs to work on.



Rowan explains that he understands Larry is excited to talk. However, people that don't know Larry that well, might not like it if he gets too close.



“Thank you, Rowan.” Larry says. “I didn’t know I was getting too close. Nobody has mentioned this to me. Thank you for letting me know that I’m in your personal space.”



To help Larry with personal space, Rowan gives Larry an example.

“Are these two standing too close or too far away?” Rowan asks.



“I think they’re too close,” Larry says.

“You’re right,” Rowan states. “Great job, Larry!”

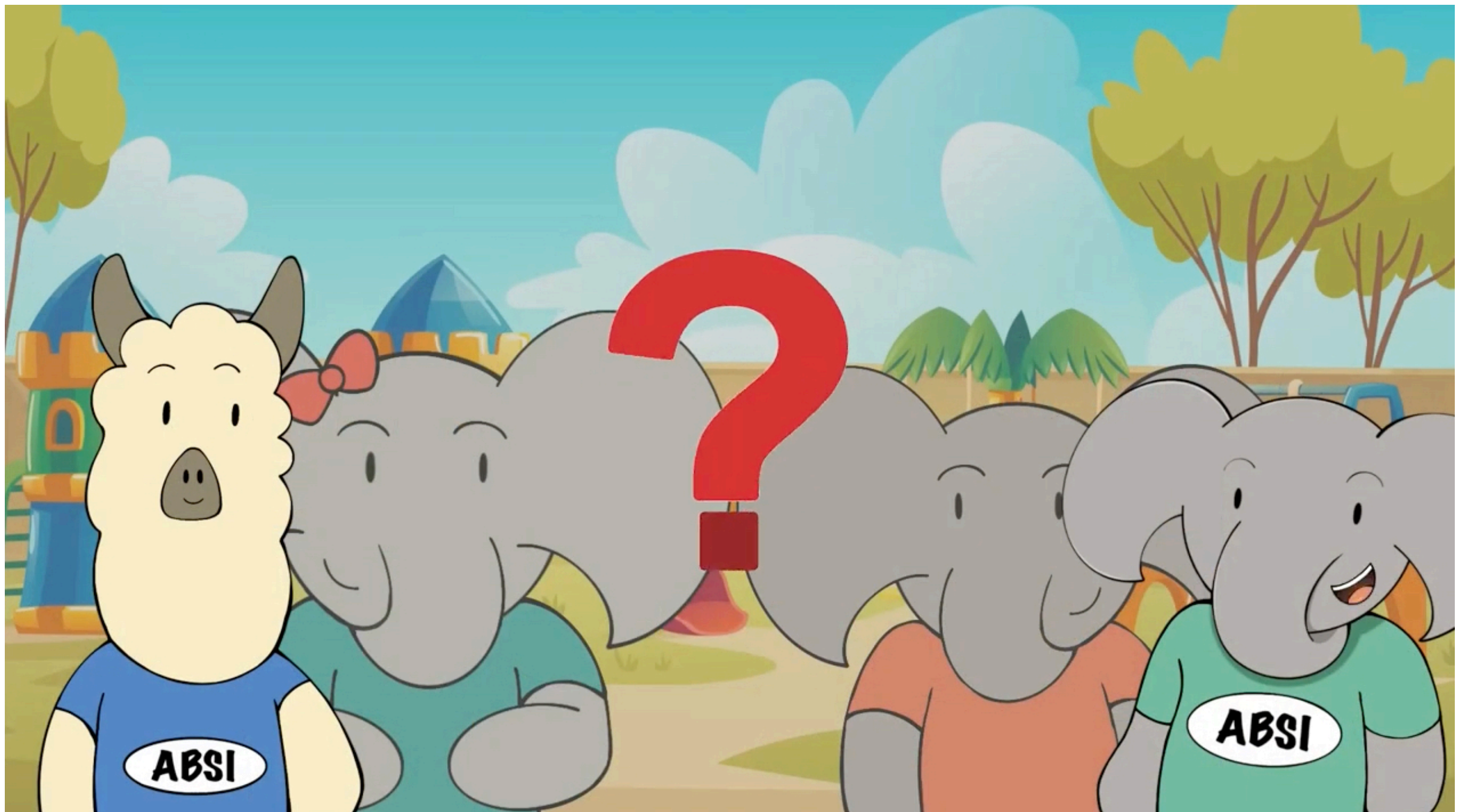


“How about these two?” Rowan asks. “Are they too close or too far apart?”

“I think they’re too far apart!” Larry says.



“Right again!” Rowan says. “You’re doing a great job with personal space, Larry.”



“What about these two?” Rowan asks. “Are they too close, too far apart, or just right?”



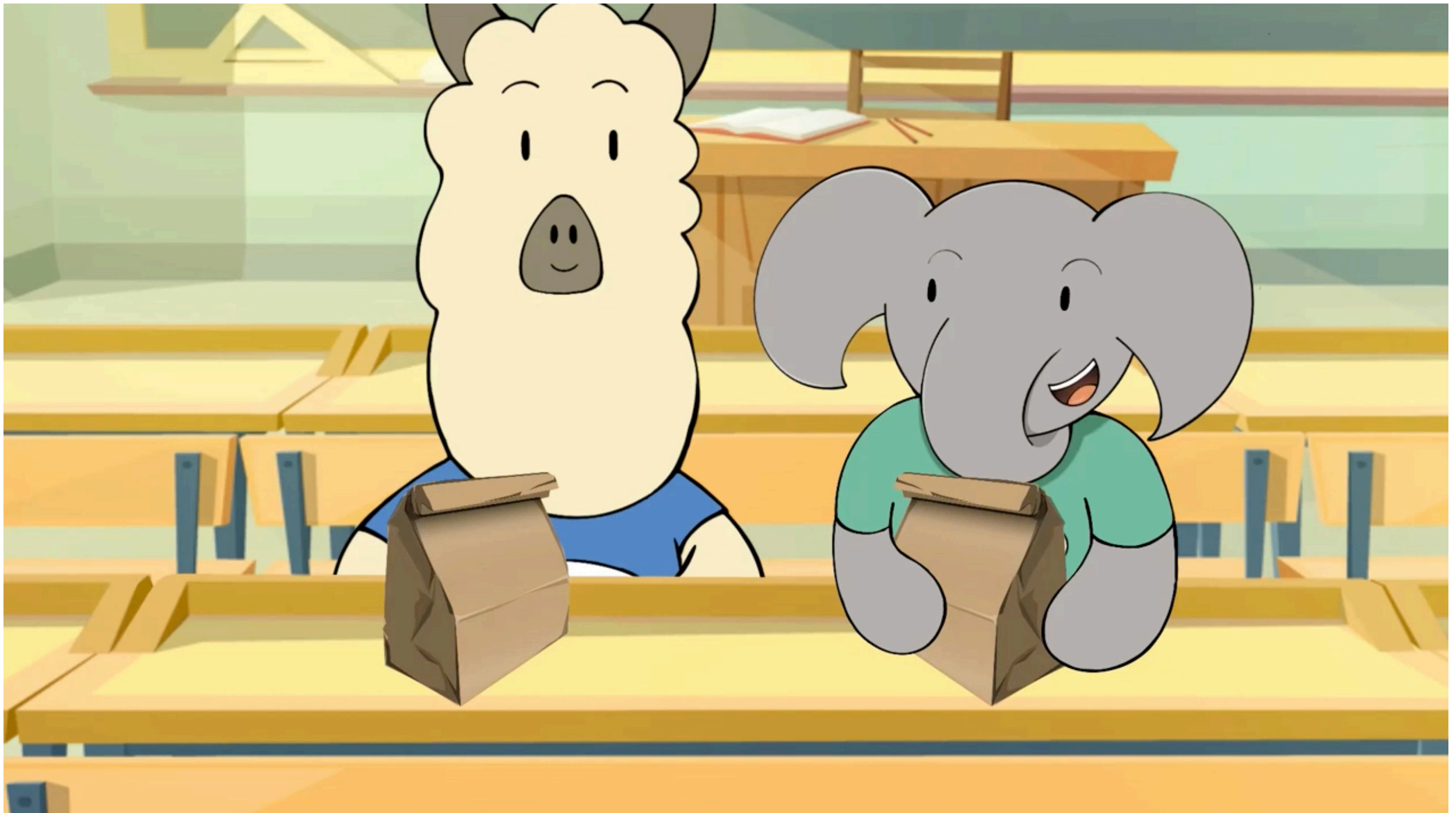
“I’d say they’re just right!” Larry says. “They aren’t too close and they aren’t too far away.”



“Exactly,” Rowan says. “It’s a good rule to give someone an arm’s length of personal space. This will allow both talkers to have the space they need.”



“Yay!” Larry says. “I learned personal space!”



“Yes, you did, Larry! Great job!”

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