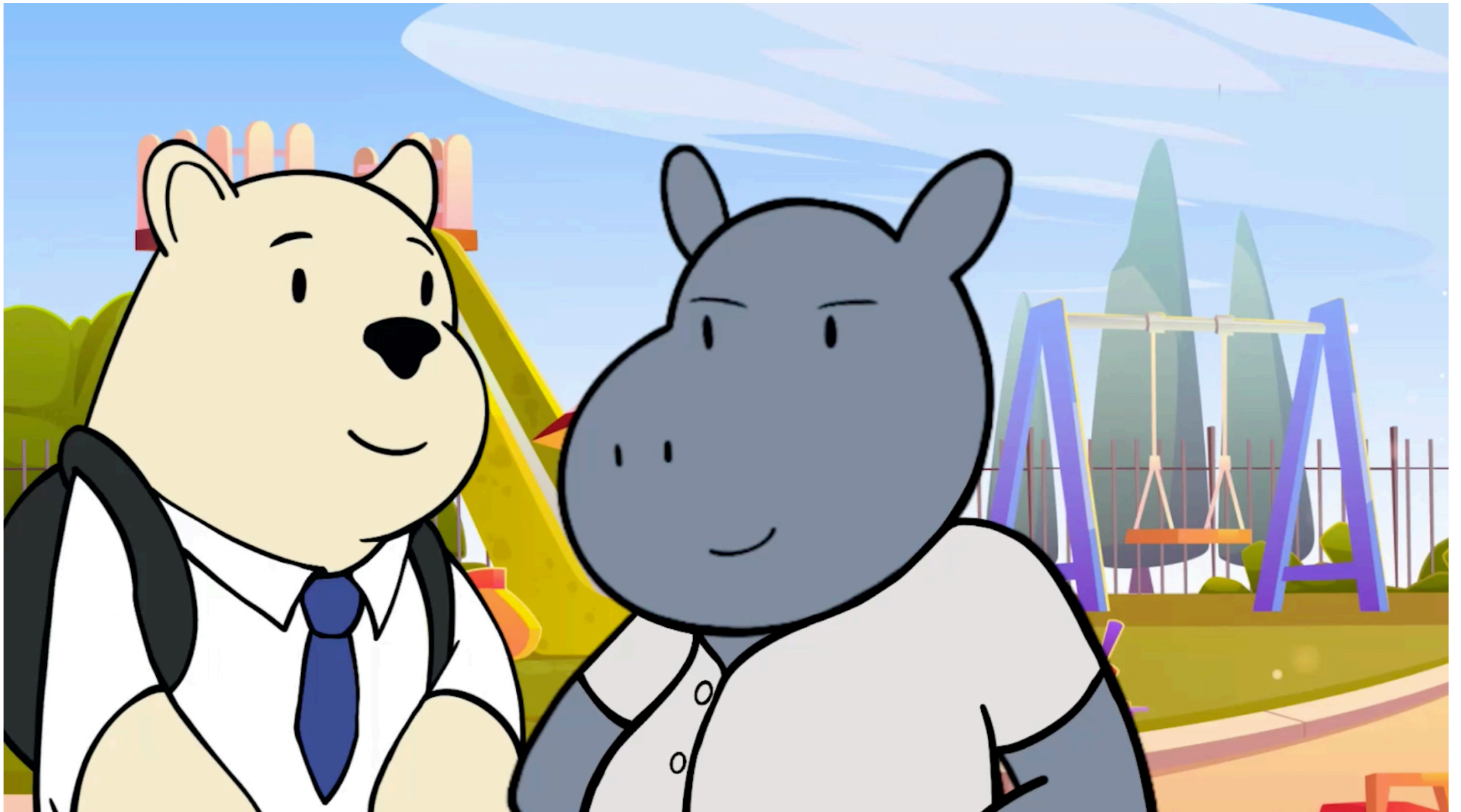


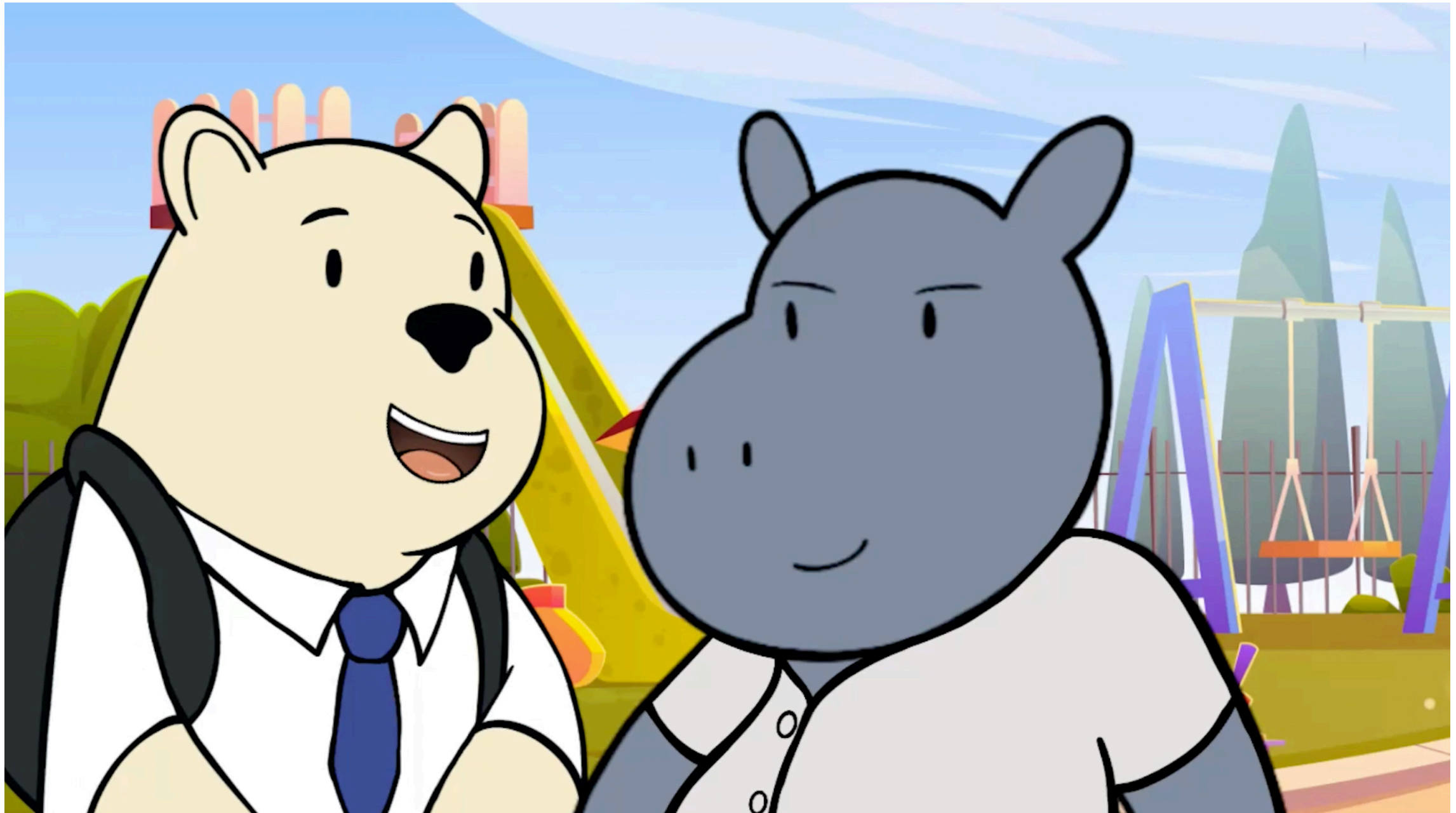




Bothering Others on the Playground
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Young Hippo is in the middle of a game when Young Bear comes up to talk to him.



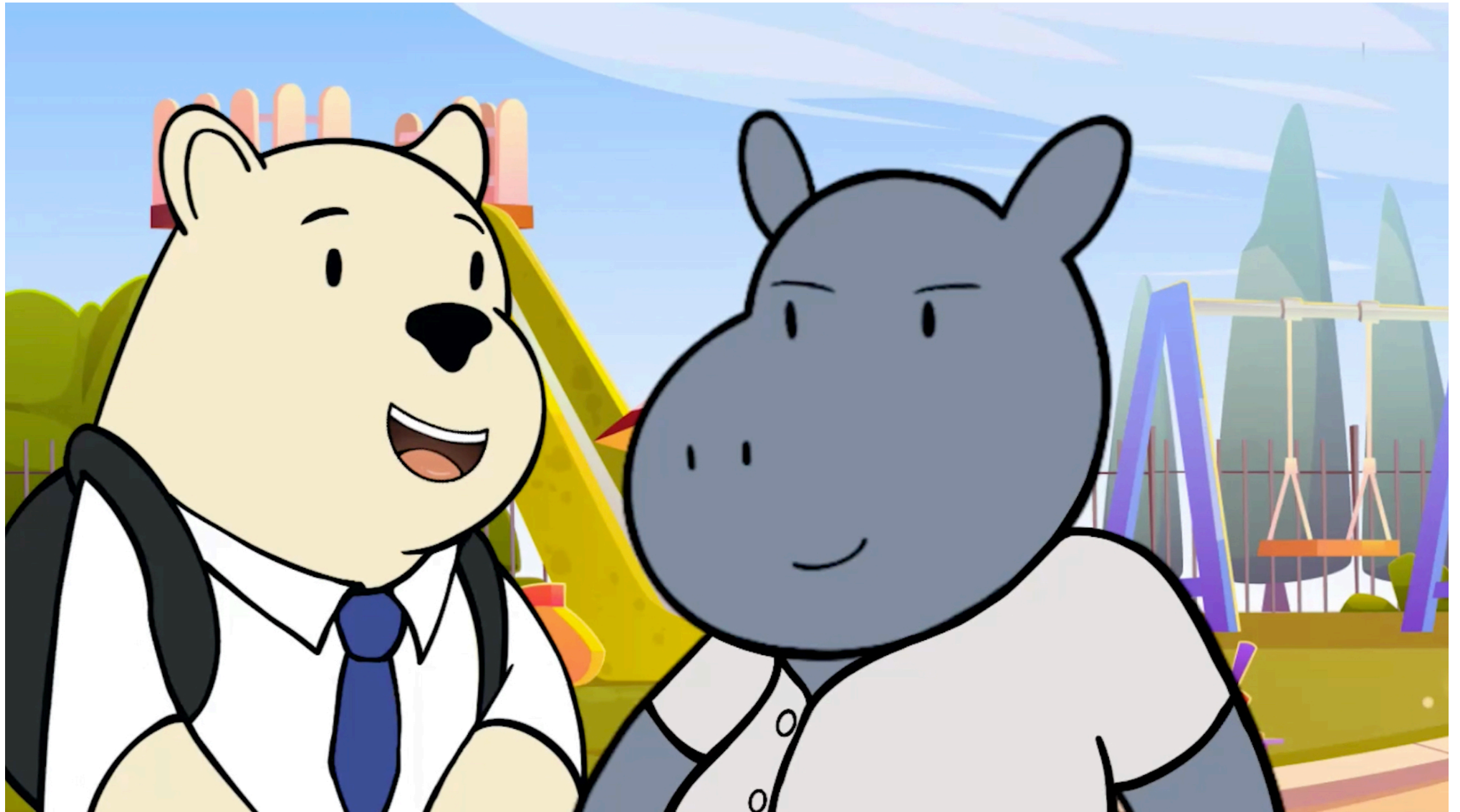
Young Bear asks Young Hippo if he saw a new cartoon the night before.



Young Hippo has not seen the cartoon. He politely asks
Young Bear not tell him what happens in it.



Sadly, Young Bear has done that before and
Young Hippo doesn't like it.



Then Young Bear asks Young Hippo what he had for lunch.



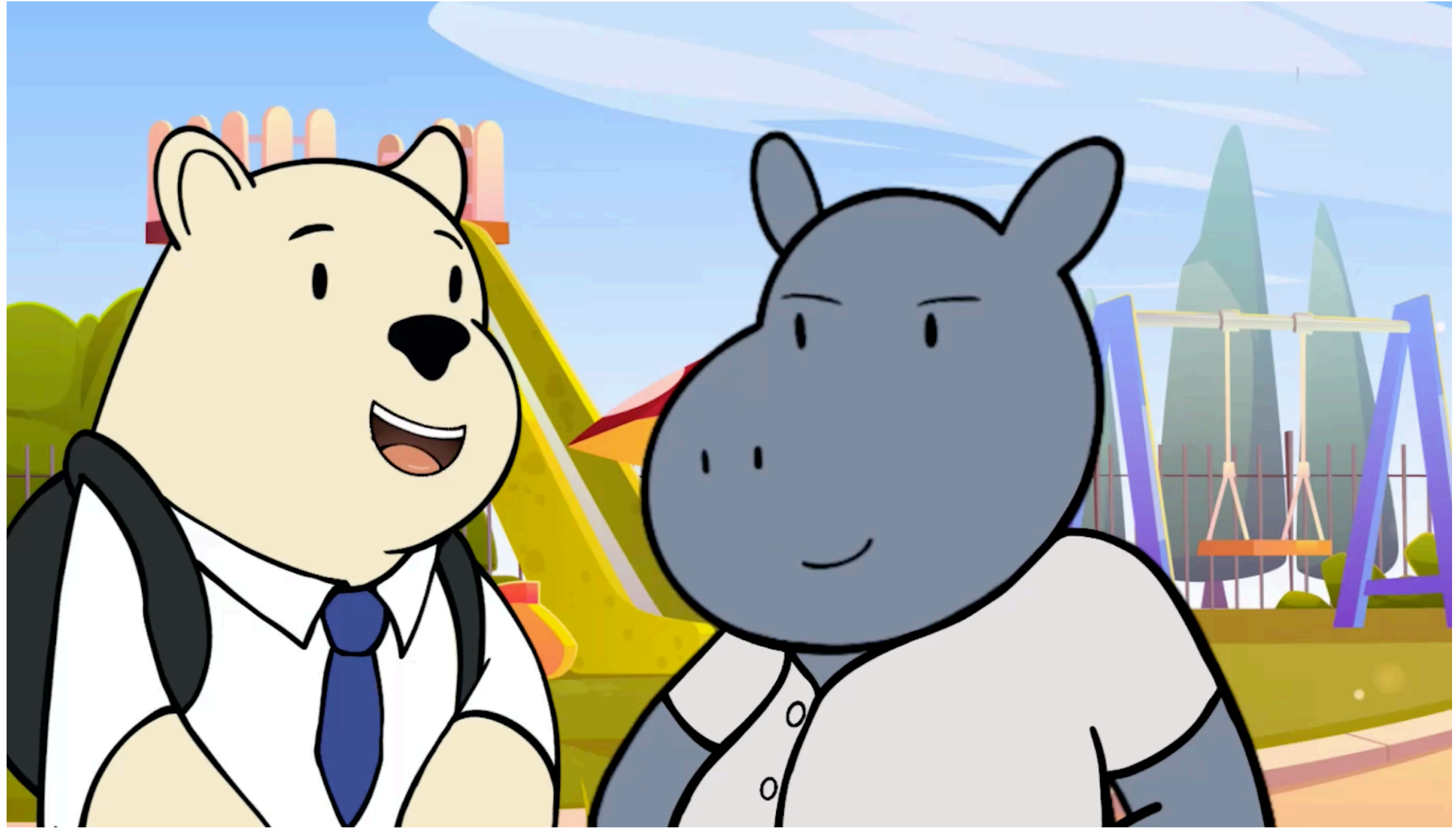
Right then, Young Hippo gets hit with a ball. Young Bear wanted to talk with him, and didn't realize his friend was in the middle of a game.



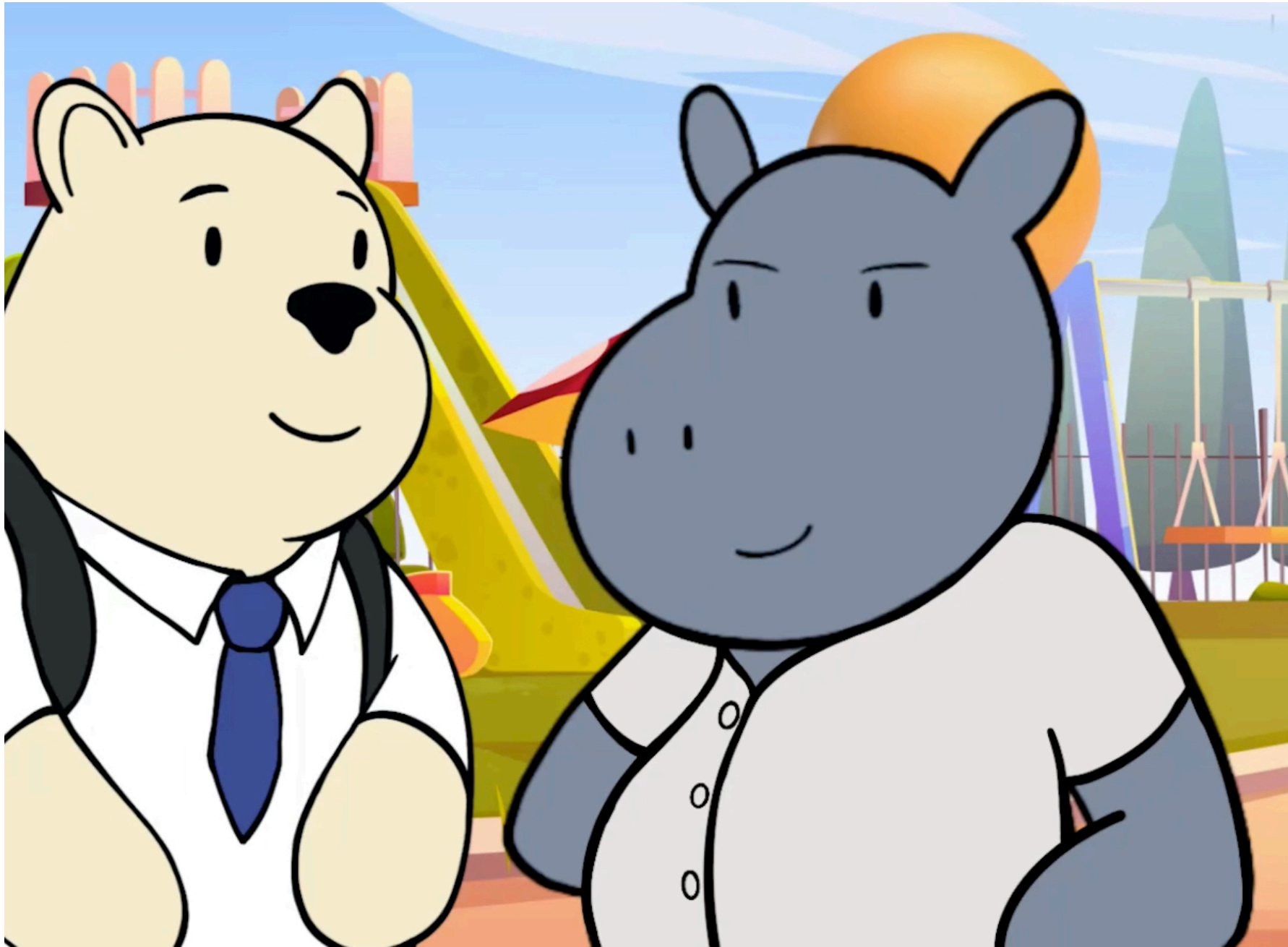
Had Young Bear read the situation better he wouldn't have bothered Young Hippo when he was busy playing.



After getting hit with the ball, Young Hippo asks Young Bear if he can talk to him later. Getting hit with a ball hurts and Young Hippo doesn't want that to happen again.



Unfortunately, Young Bear is still not understanding that his friend is busy. He asks Young Hippo if he wants to play after school.



Because Young Hippo is distracted, he gets hit in the head with the ball AGAIN!



Young Hippo is really upset now. He's tried to tell Young Bear that he is busy. Sadly, Young Bear hasn't listened, and Young Hippo has been hit with the ball twice!



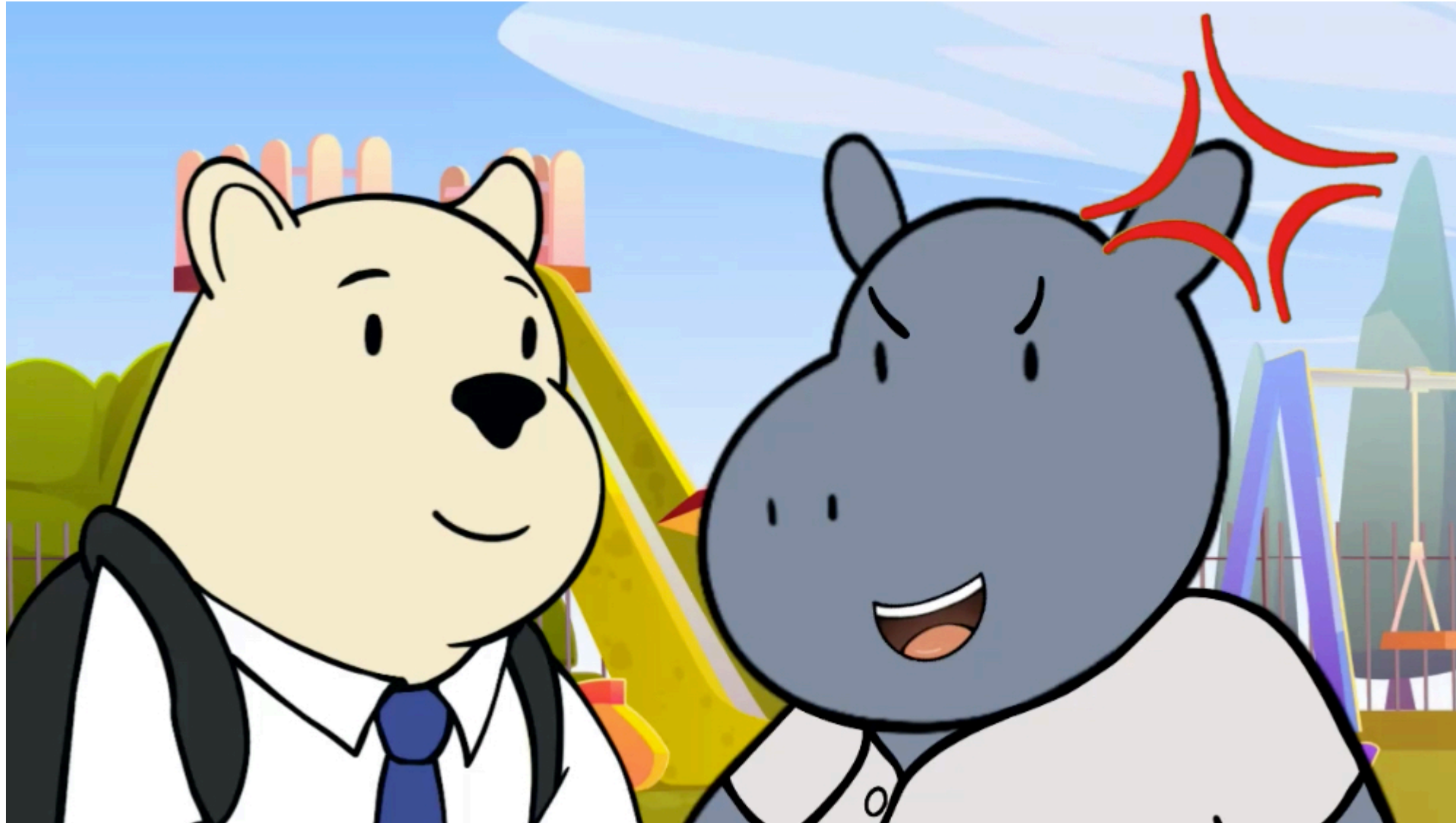
Again, Young Hippo tells Young Bear that he's busy. Then he tells Young Bear to stop bothering him!



Rowan explains that sometimes when we want to talk to people, even though we don't mean to, we end up bothering them.



When someone is too busy to talk that doesn't mean that they don't like us or that we're a bad friend. It just means that they'll talk to us when they aren't busy.



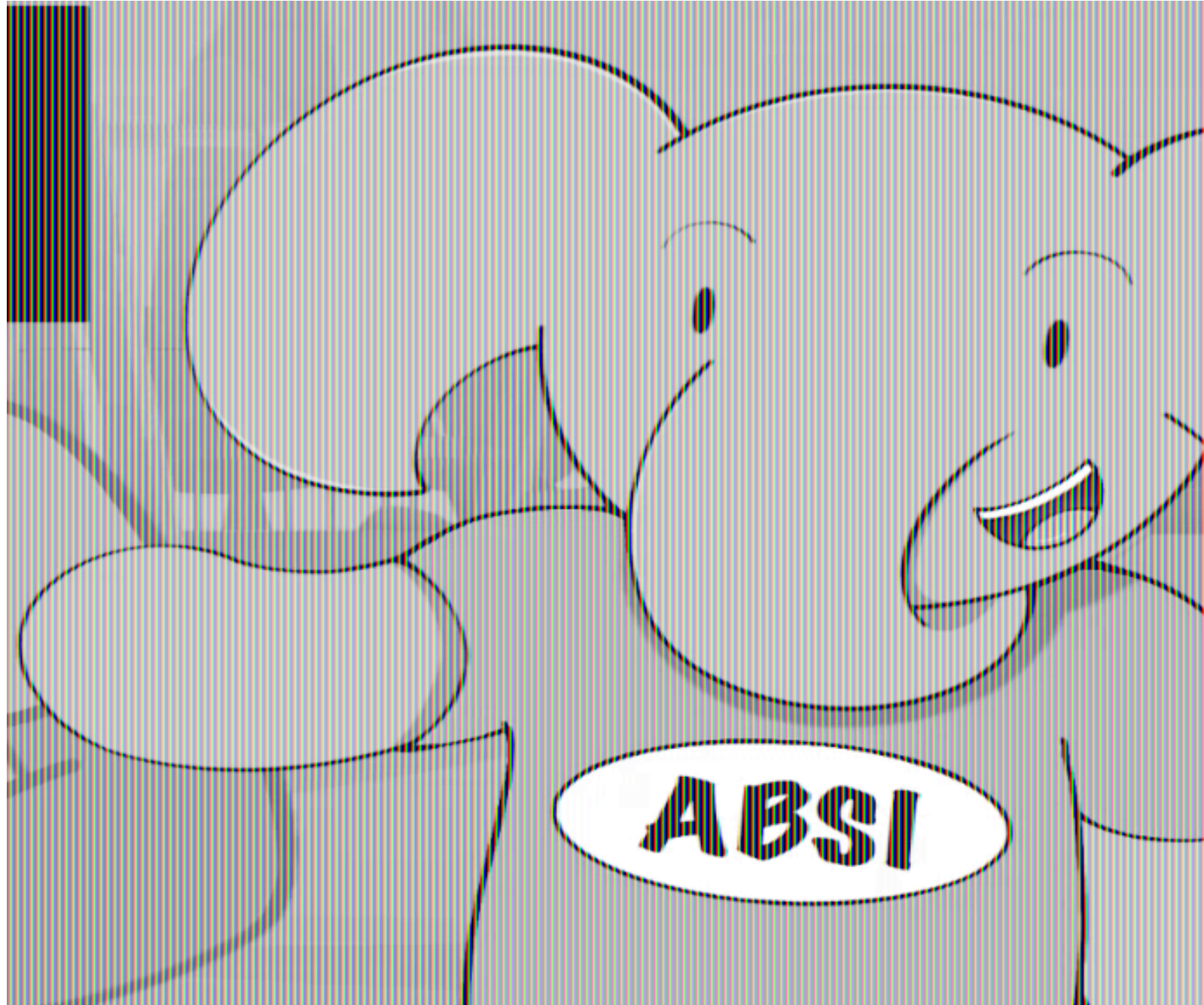
When we don't understand that we end up bothering them, and they get upset at us.



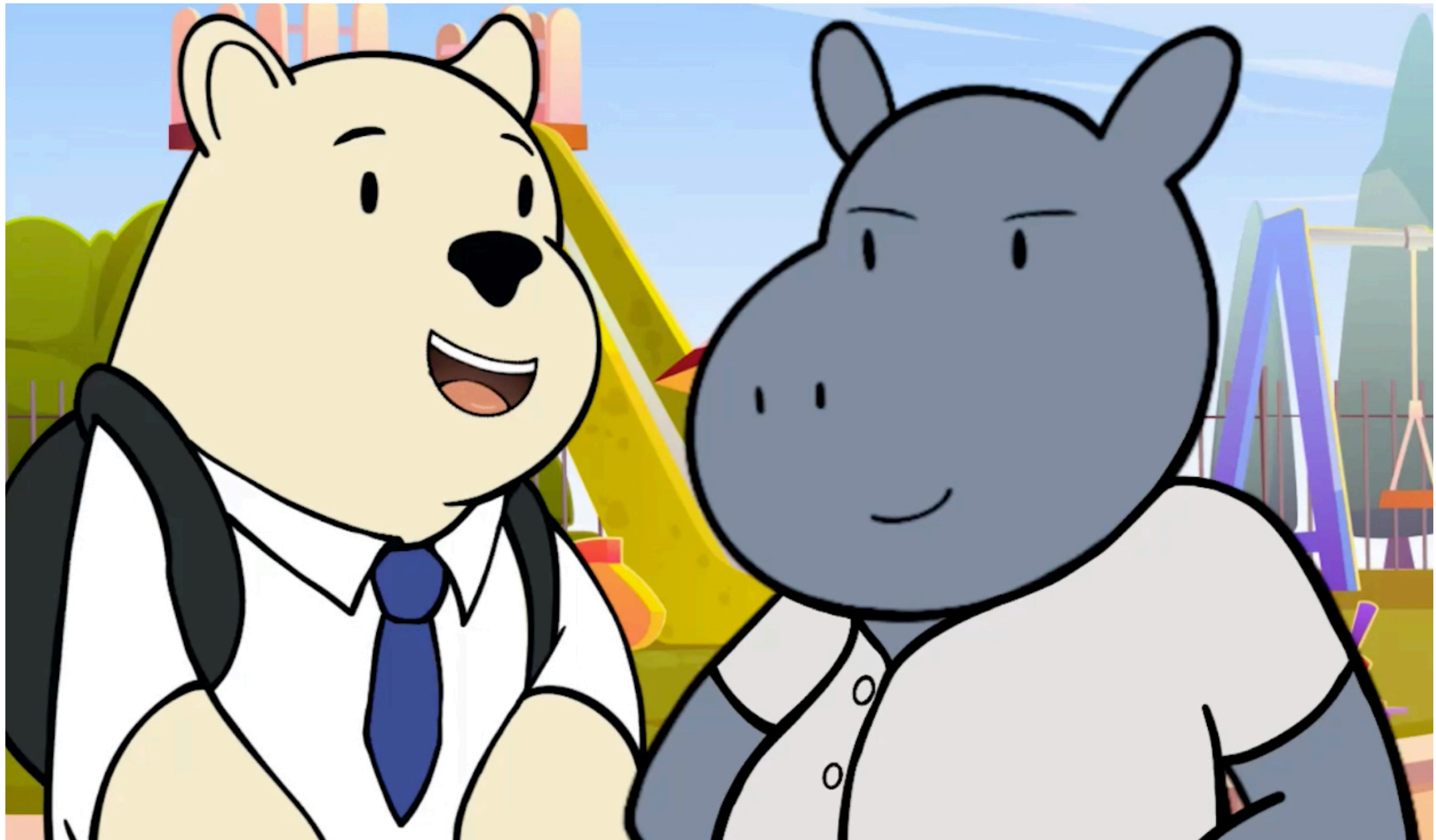
Young Bear didn't mean to bother Young Hippo.



However, Young Hippo couldn't focus on his game of catch and Young Hippo kept getting hit with the ball.



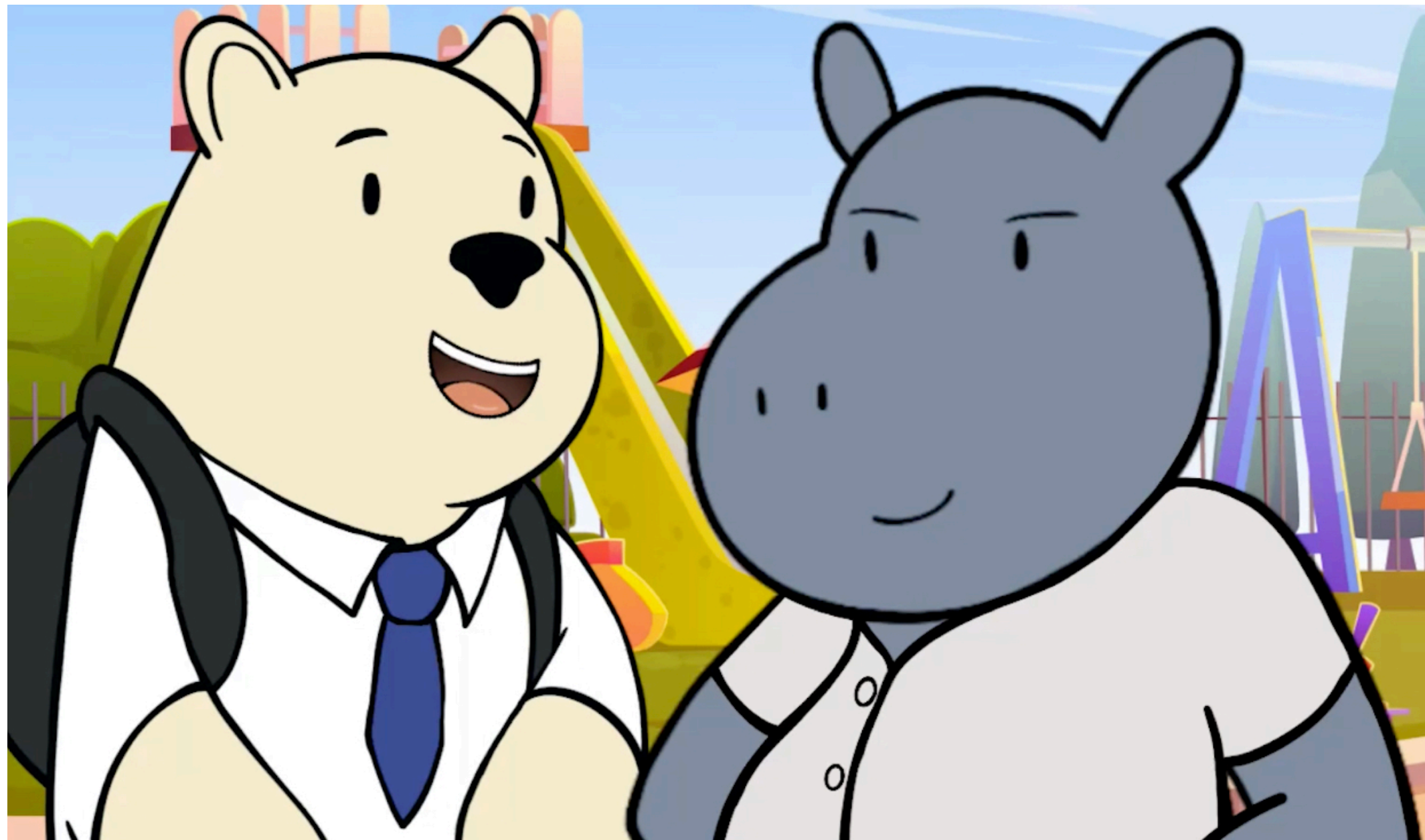
Lets see how Young Bear could've done things differently.



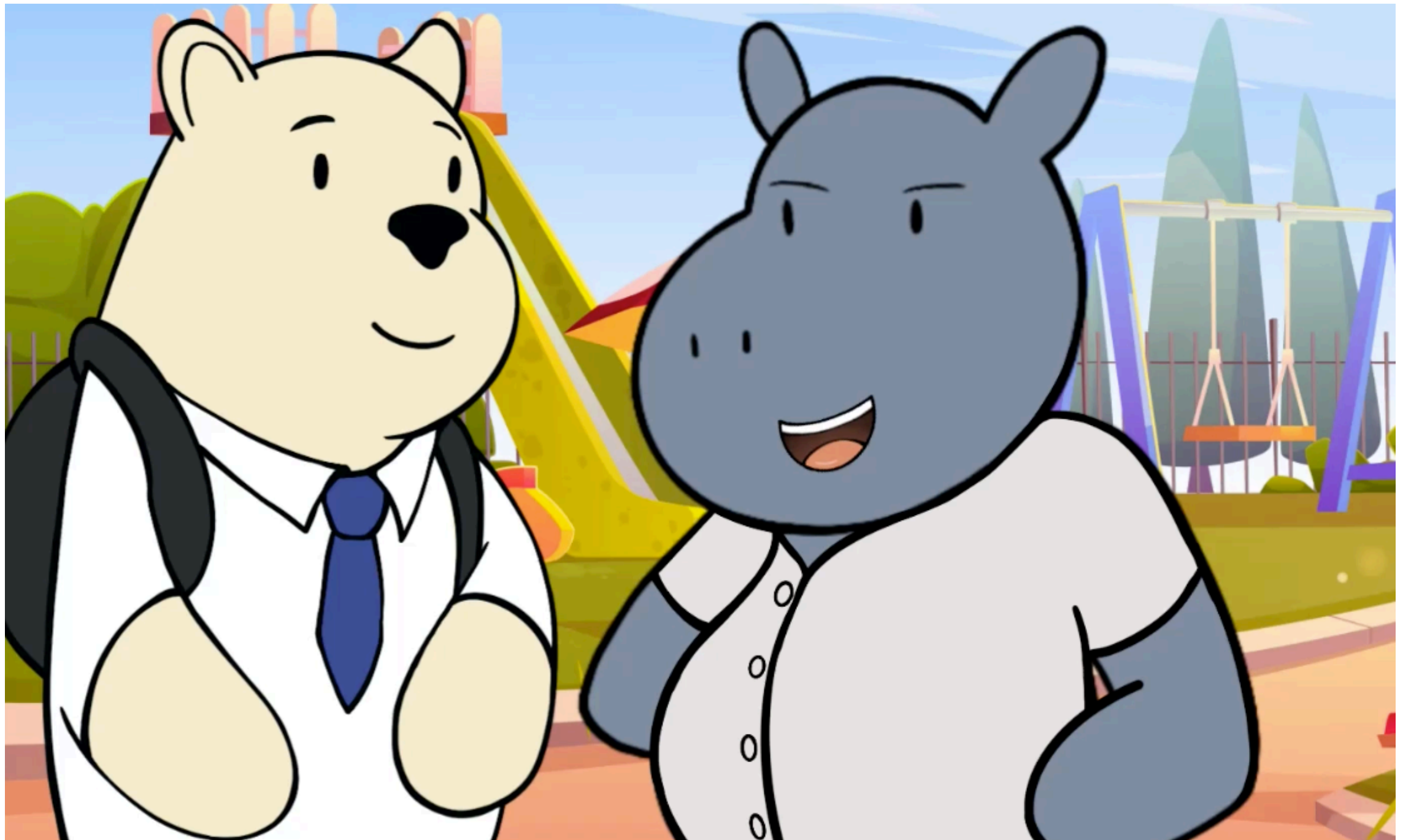
Young Bear goes up to Young Hippo and starts talking to him again.



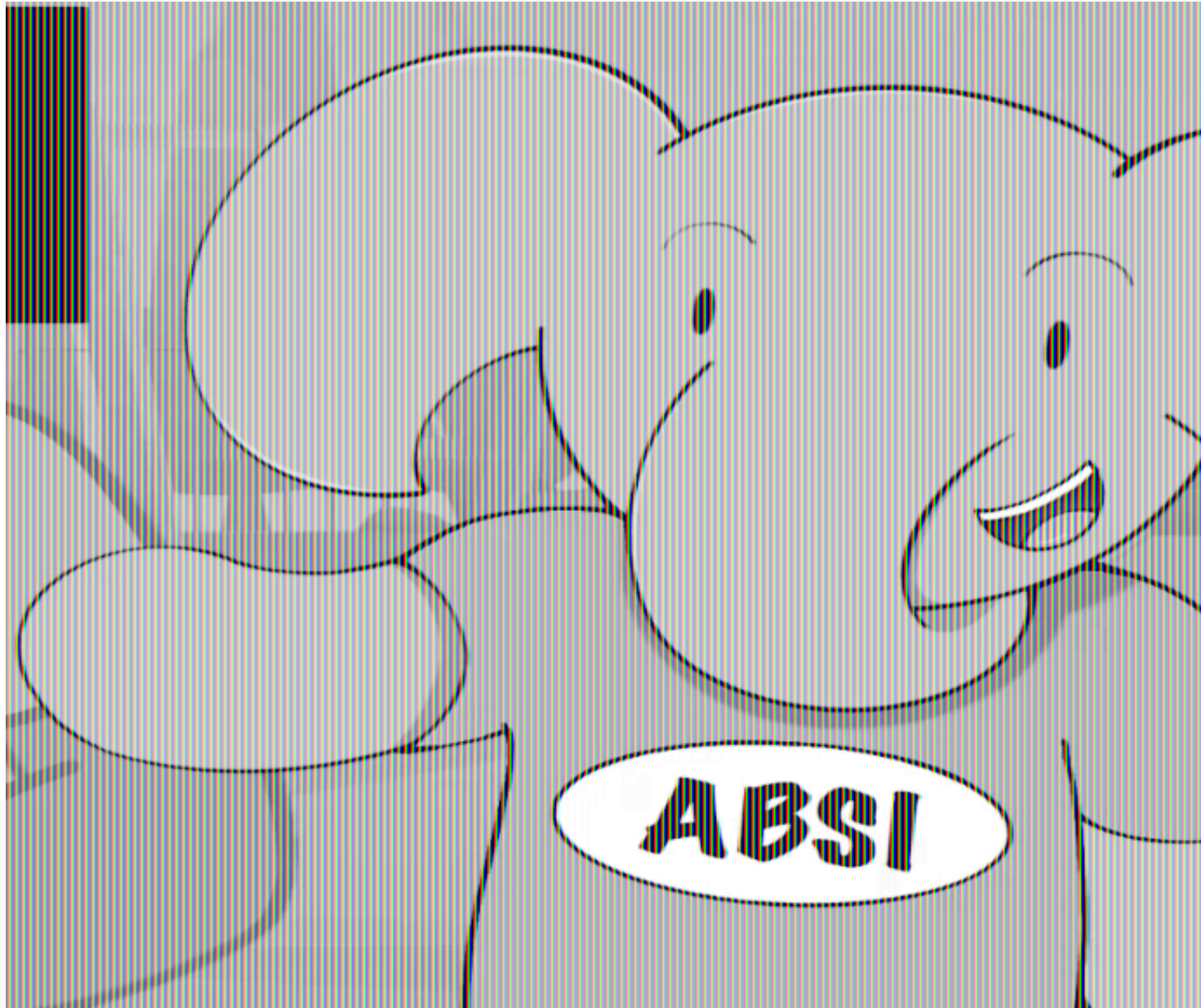
Unfortunately, Young Bear gets hit with a ball again, too.



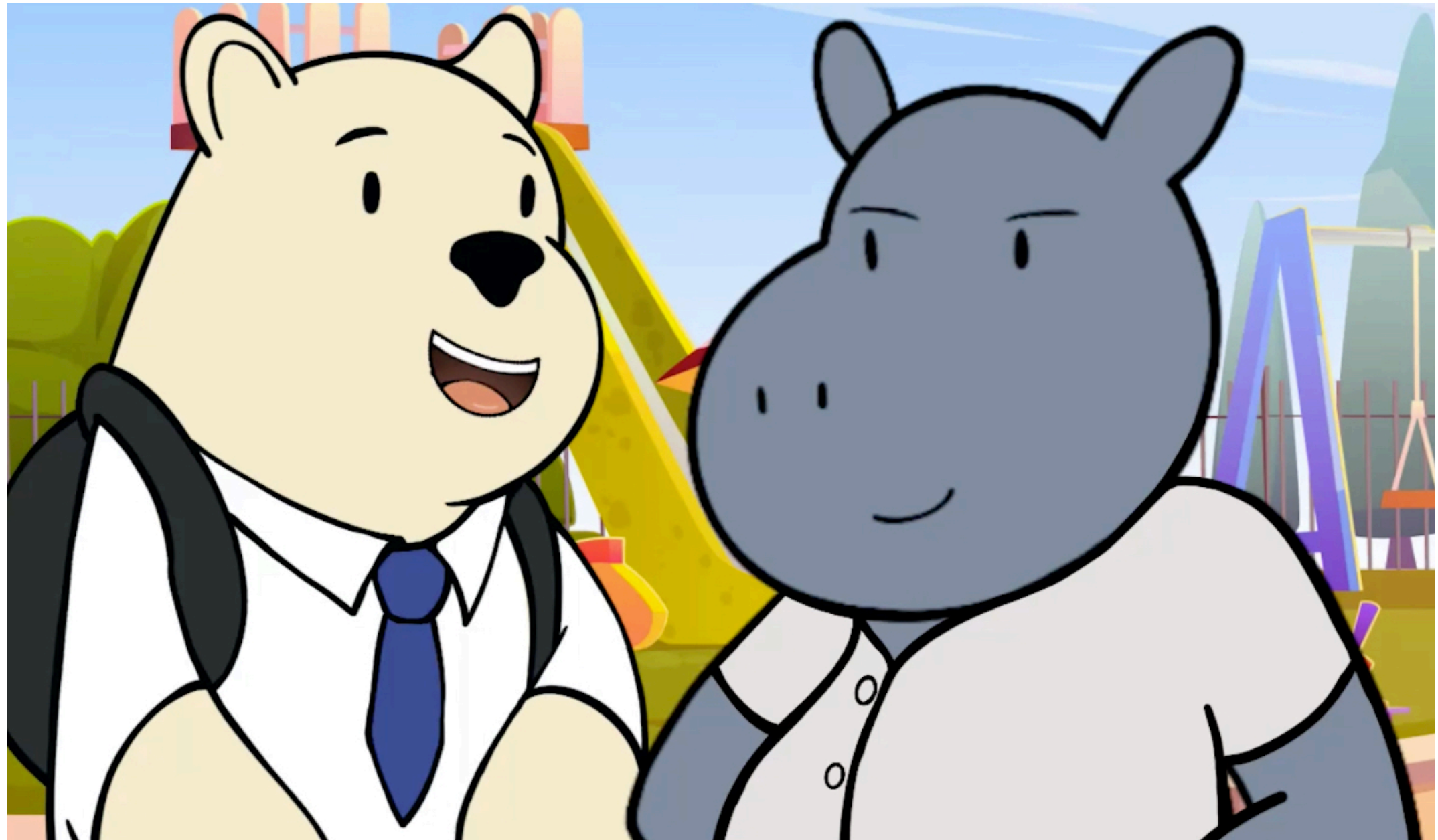
Realizing that Young Hippo is busy, Young Bear tells him that they should talk later because Young Hippo is kind of busy right now.



Young Hippo thanks Young Bear and even asks him to play catch with him and his friends.

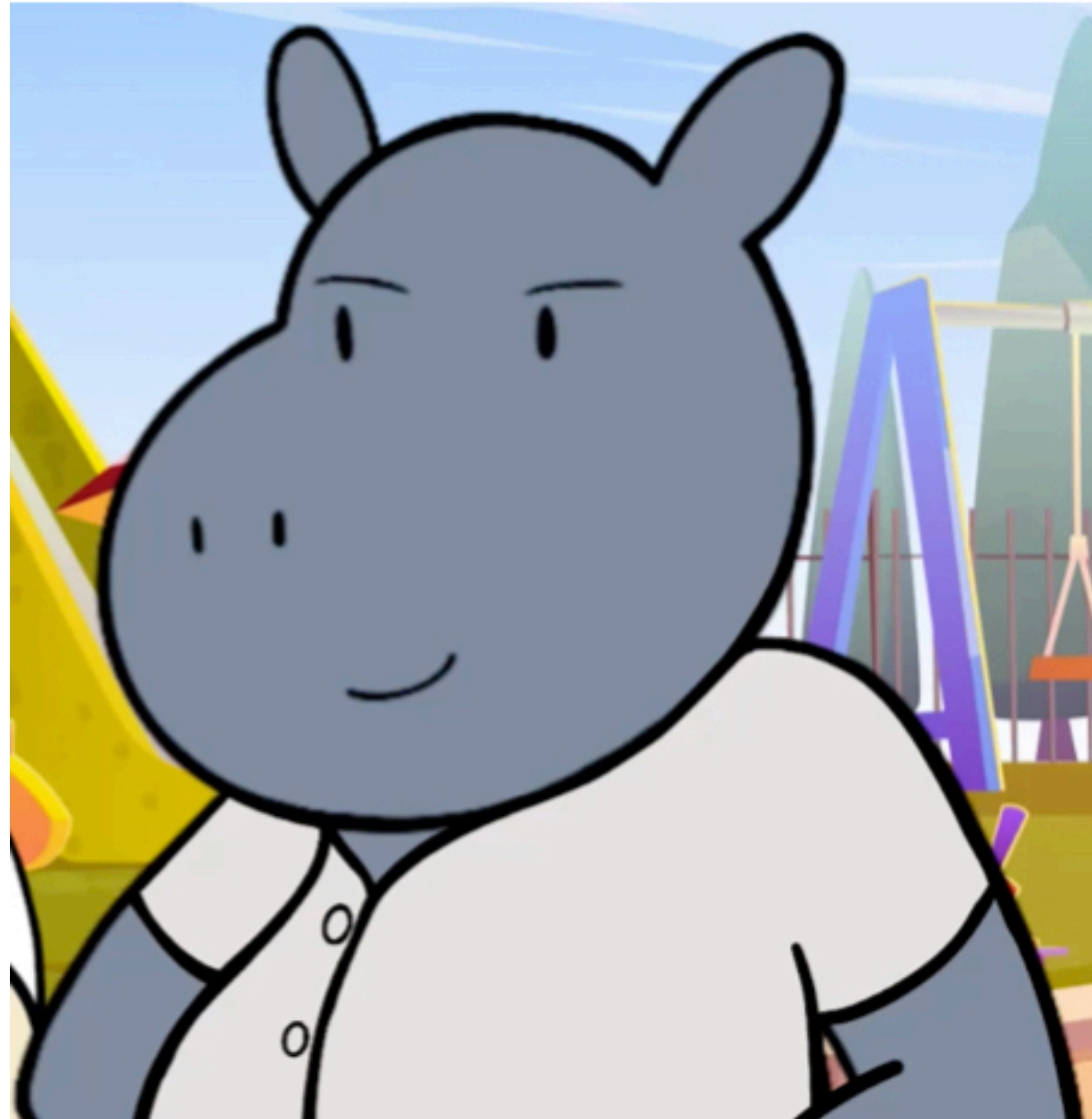


Rowan points out that Young Bear did a great job recognizing that Young Hippo was busy. He appropriately read the situation and told Young Hippo that they would talk later.

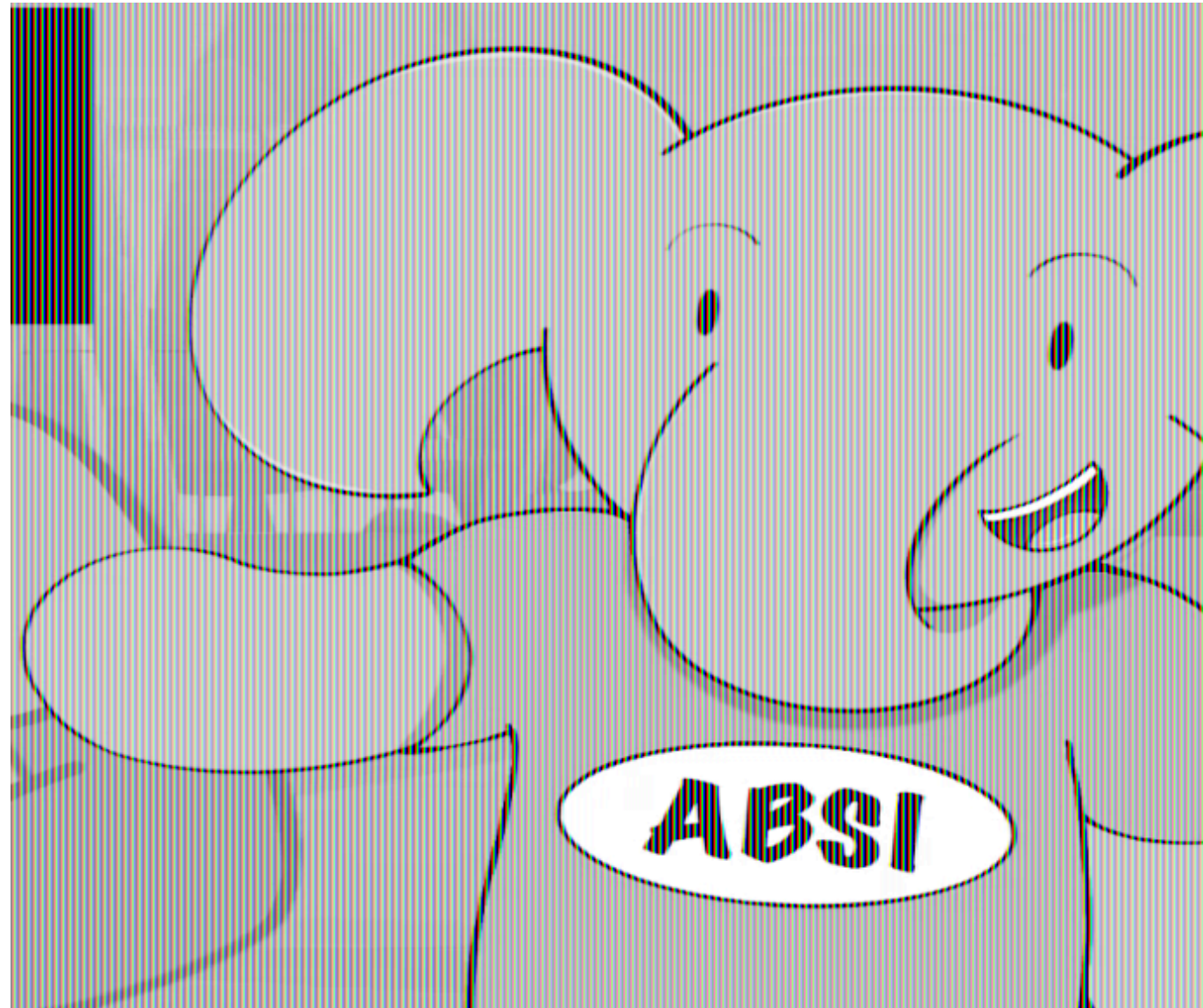


We call this being “self-aware”.

Young Bear realized he distracted Young Hippo
and that’s why the ball hit him in the chest.



Young Hippo appreciated this and that is probably why he asked Young Bear to play with him and his friends.



In a lot of situations, we don't mean to bother others. When we do, we should be a good friend and not do that. This will make others happy and show that we are considerate of others.

WH Questions?

- 1) Who bothered Young Hippo during his game?
- 2) What made Young Hippo get upset at Young Bear?
- 3) How do we know Young Bear learned something at the end of this story?



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