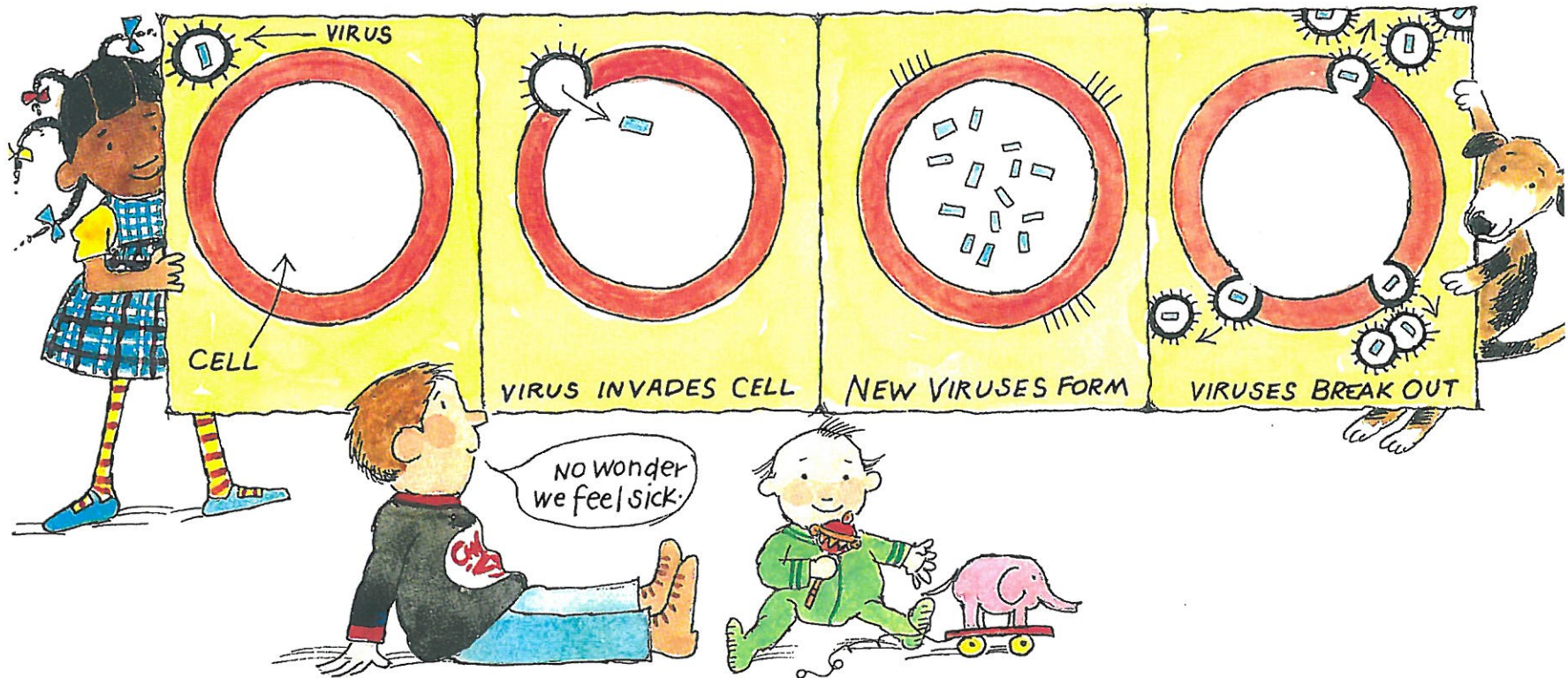


What if viruses get into your body? Viruses are different from bacteria. They don't give off poisons. Each virus forces its way into a body cell. It disappears inside. For a while, nothing seems to be happening. Then, suddenly, the viruses break out of the cell. Hundreds of new viruses tumble out.

Each virus finds another cell and digs its way in. Then these cells pop open, and more viruses pour out. Soon there are millions of viruses in your body.



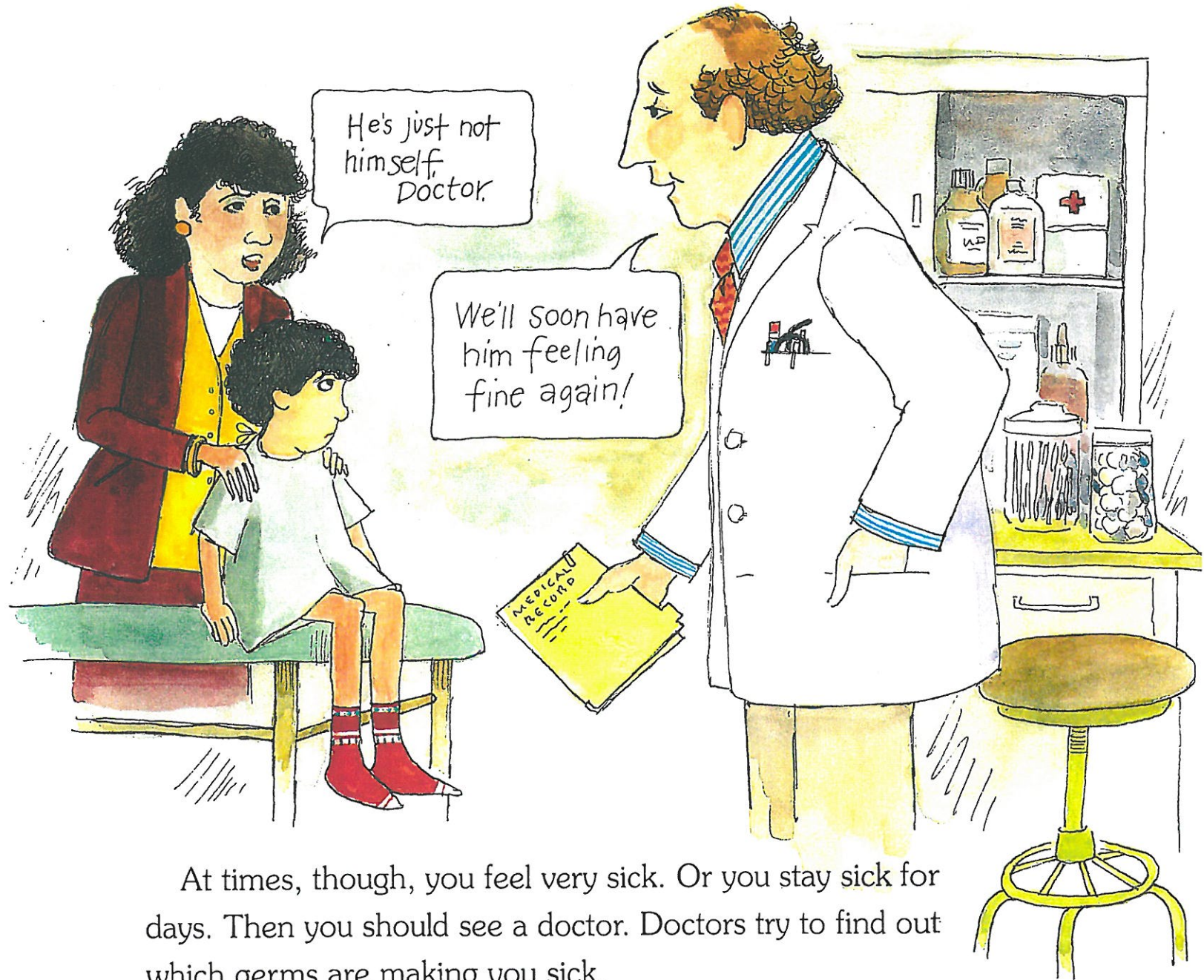




The viruses spread out. As they do, you feel worse and worse. Viruses bring you colds and the flu, measles, mumps, and chicken pox, and lots of other illnesses.

Though bacteria and viruses can make you sick, you usually begin to feel better after a day or two. Your body has beaten back the germs.





At times, though, you feel very sick. Or you stay sick for days. Then you should see a doctor. Doctors try to find out which germs are making you sick.

“What hurts?” they ask. “Let’s take a look.”