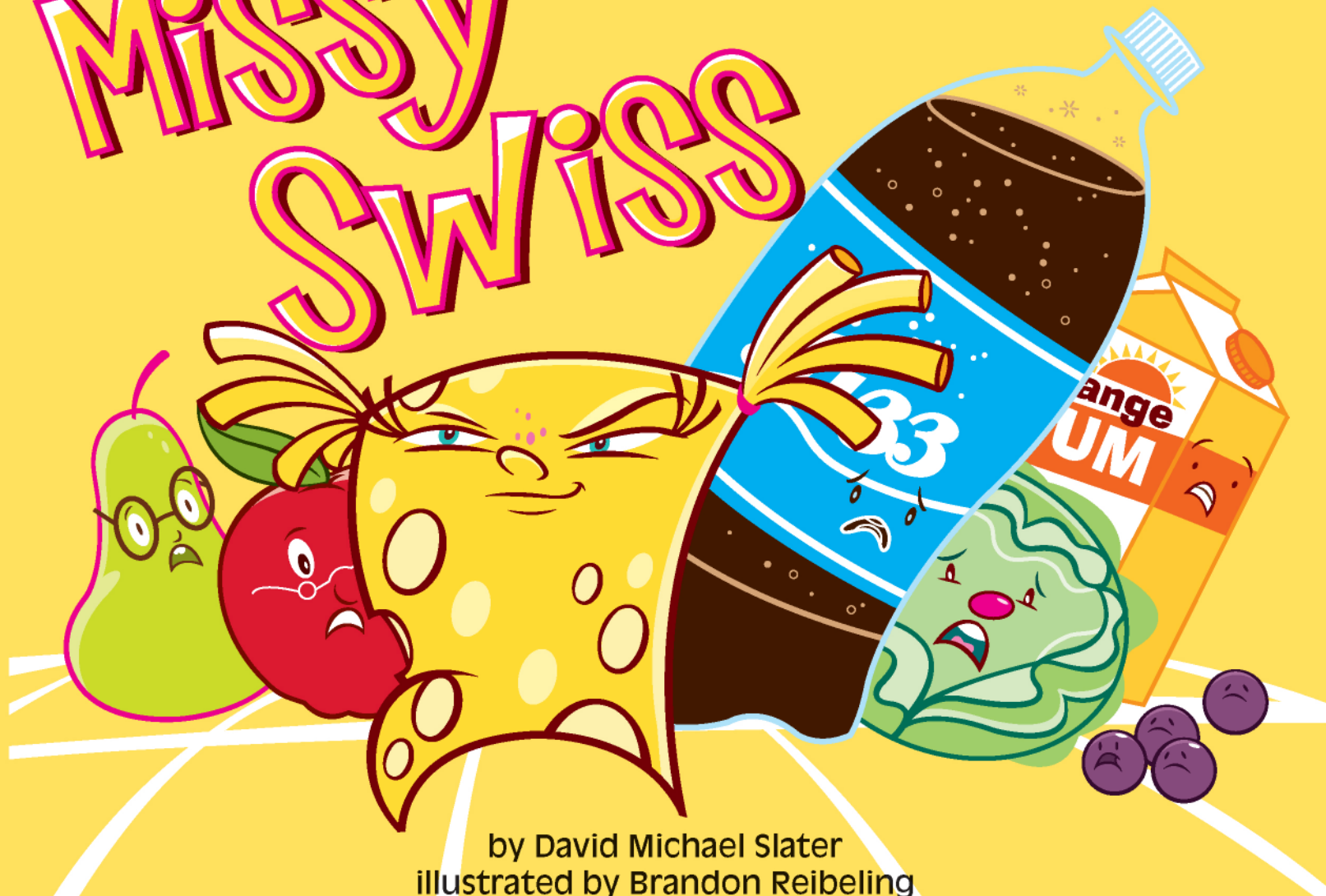


MISSY SWISS



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For Max — DMS

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The new foods and drinks sat listening to the legends of the refrigerator. Missy puffed with pride when she learned the greatest hero of all had been a hefty hunk of Swiss cheese just like her.



Afterward, Missy turned to a banana sitting next to her. "My name is Missy Swiss," she announced. "Someday, I'll be a hero, and then I'll be a big cheese around here, too."

"Missy, Missy bo-Bissy, that sounds very appealing," replied the banana. "My name is Foster, Foster, bo-Boster. I'd love to be a Top Banana, but I'm afraid of heights. I was too scared to stay out on the countertop with the other bananas, so I came in here. Can we be friends?"

"You talk funny," replied Missy. Then she flounced away, turning her nose up at everyone less holey than she.





Later that night, all the foods and drinks gathered for a meeting. Missy let the Leader's words go in one hole and out the other, but everyone else was all ears—especially the corns.

"We don't have an emergency," the wise old box of baking soda was saying. "But the family went on vacation, and I want to know how long they'll be away. I need a brave volunteer who can lean way out and look at the calendar when we open the door."

Everyone turned to Foster. "I'll...I'll try, bo-bry," he stuttered, too embarrassed to admit he was scared.

