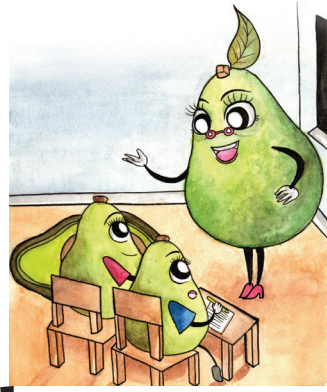


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Audrey and Ava the Avocados

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Hi, my name is Audrey and my sister's name is Ava. We are twin avocados. We live in California and are six years old. Tomorrow is our first day of school. You might not know this, but, when an avocado is six years old, they start school, and today is our first day! We're really excited to make friends, learn to grow, and look nice while people inspect you to make sure you're good to go. You also get taught what to do while you're in the store and what you do when you are bought.

We will be in school for six years, making us 12 years old when we graduate. A normal avocado usually takes five to eight years to grow from a seed. But, today is our first day! Our teacher's name is Ms. Victoria and she will be our teacher for all of our years in school. After the first two months, I realized that she is nice, but when she's mad, she acts like an old grumpy lady. We made friends with some other avocados named Abby and Alexa. They're really nice and cool.

Six years have passed and today is our last day of school. We're really sad because we got to know our teacher and class really well and now we have to leave. We're also scared because we heard from some other avocados that humans are terrible to avocados. The day has finally come for our new chapter. We're kind of excited to go inside the inspection factory. We just got picked and inspected. Tomorrow we will be bagged and dropped off at the supermarket.

It is the next day and they're bagging my friends and family. We hope we get bagged together. Yes! We got bagged with our family and Abby and Alexa's family! Now we are on our way to the supermarket. We just arrived at the grocery store and in the morning, we are getting put on the shelves. There are white walls and gray shelves and all types of fruits and vegetables getting ready for the customers to come. We're all so nervous, but it's about to open so we have to get ready for the customers. They are so many people passing by and getting a bag of avocados and we are the next bag up!

Finally, we see a mom and her daughter looking at the avocados and we're scared that the rumors are true about humans. The mom and her daughter just picked us up. I'm so scared that the rumors are true. We just got scanned and put in her car. Now, we are on our way to their house. We just got put in the refrigerator and it's a little cold, but we have been in colder weather so it's okay. The mom grabbed the bagged we're in and I wonder what she's going to do. We can see there's a bowl and a spoon. Then, she turned us into guacamole. But, it's not a sad story. When the mom was about to throw our seeds and skin away, the daughter got our seeds and planted them in the ground. Now we are a beautiful avocado tree.

From that day forward, Penny was pie in my hands. We knew we were meant to be; we got married and had four super fritters of our own. We had three boys and one girl: Cortland, Jonathan, Spy, Ida, and our dog, Spartan.

We were hoping one of them would have a super power, but no... it was a complete turnover. Later in life, we did find that Spartan has the super power of elasticity—he could stretch like caramel on an apple and had the ability to poop apple dumplings. That has nothing to do with this story really, just a little crisp humor. With his elasticity power, he protects our family. Spartan is the protector of our orchard. He keeps out all of the crazy cobblers with his stretching abilities. Thanks to him, we will always be a safe bunch.

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