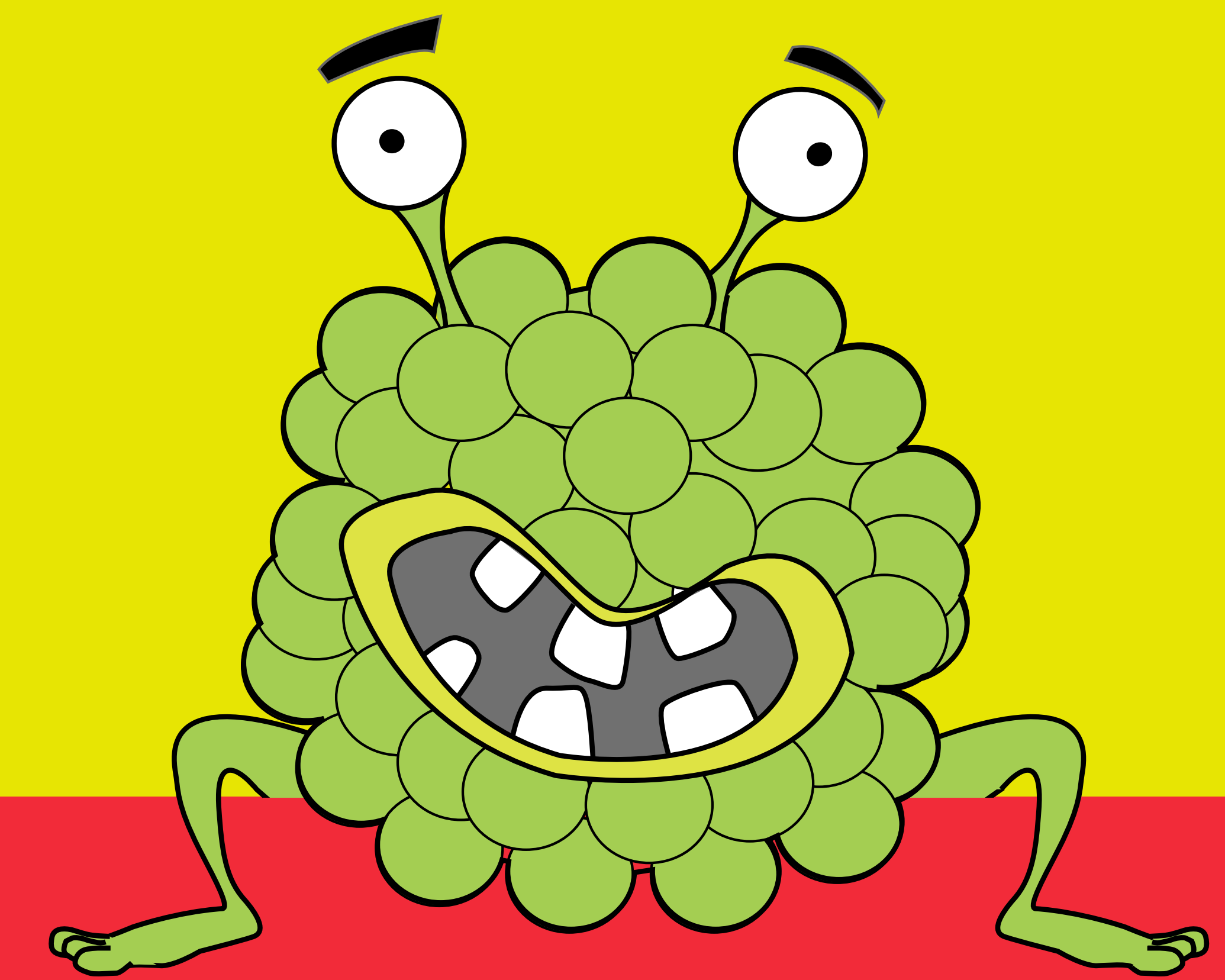


The Visitors Guide to Victor the Virus

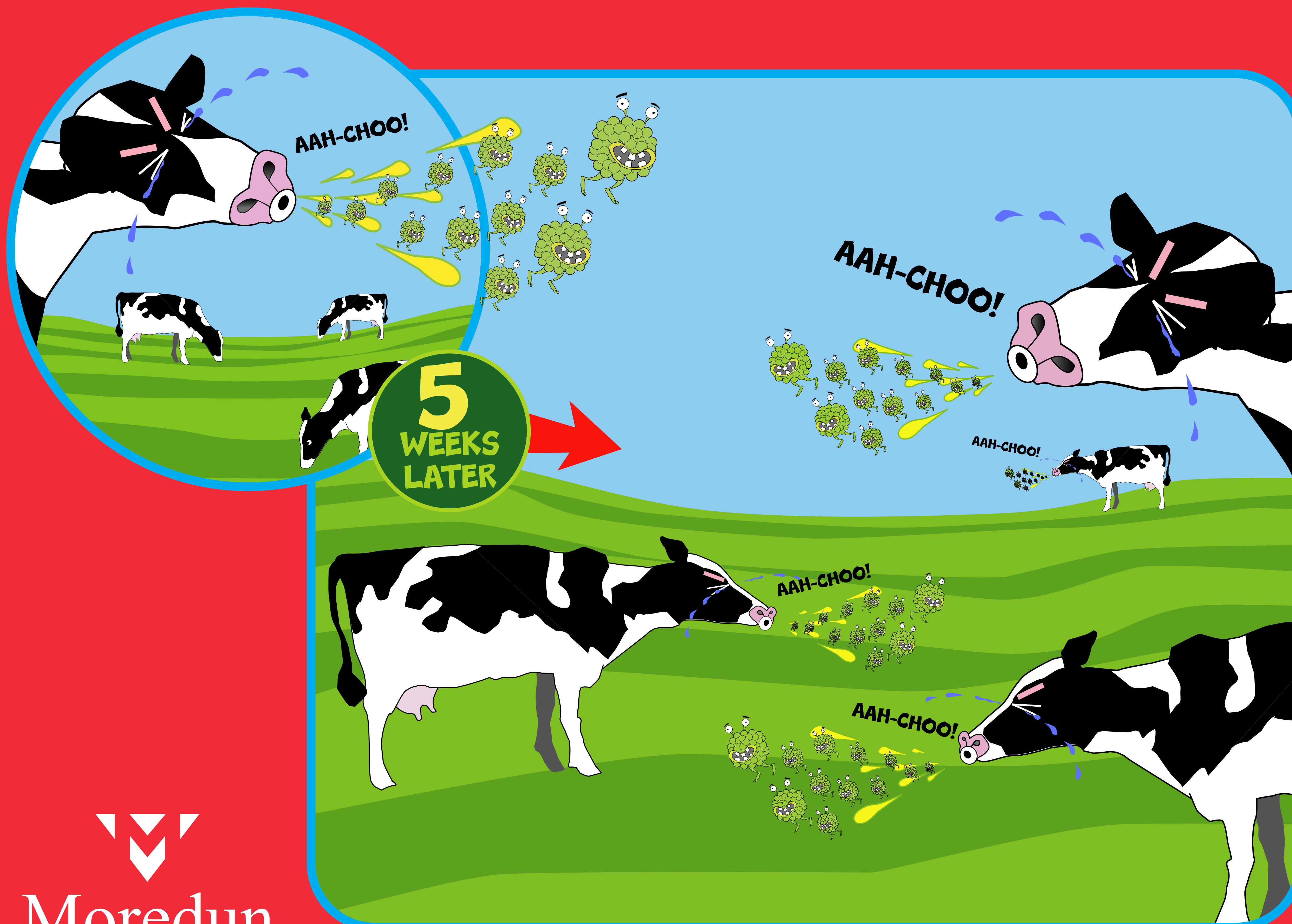


Victor the virus causes a special type of pneumonia in cows called IBR. Victor is spread by coughing, sneezing and nose-to-nose contact. Calves infected with Victor have a high temperature, get sore and runny eyes, a runny nose and cough a lot. Cows infected with Victor may produce less milk, but he can also be very dangerous in pregnant cows as Victor can harm the unborn calf. Victor can also expose cattle to even more nasty diseases caused by bacteria like Boris.

How Do we Fight Victor?

Calves that are coughing and snotty can be diagnosed by finding Victor in swabs of snot and from runny eyes.

There is no cure for Victor, but he can be controlled using vaccines. In the fields, he can also be controlled by separating cattle that have Victor from those that don't. When they are kept indoors, nice and airy sheds reduce the chance of calves getting Victor.



THE FUTURE

- The vaccines available at the moment don't always stop cows from being infected, getting ill or spreading Victor but they do help cows recover more quickly.
- A vaccine that can stop the infection and spread of the virus would be much better.
- Austria and Norway no longer have Victor in their cattle. Scientists are working with farmers towards getting rid of Victor in the UK too!