

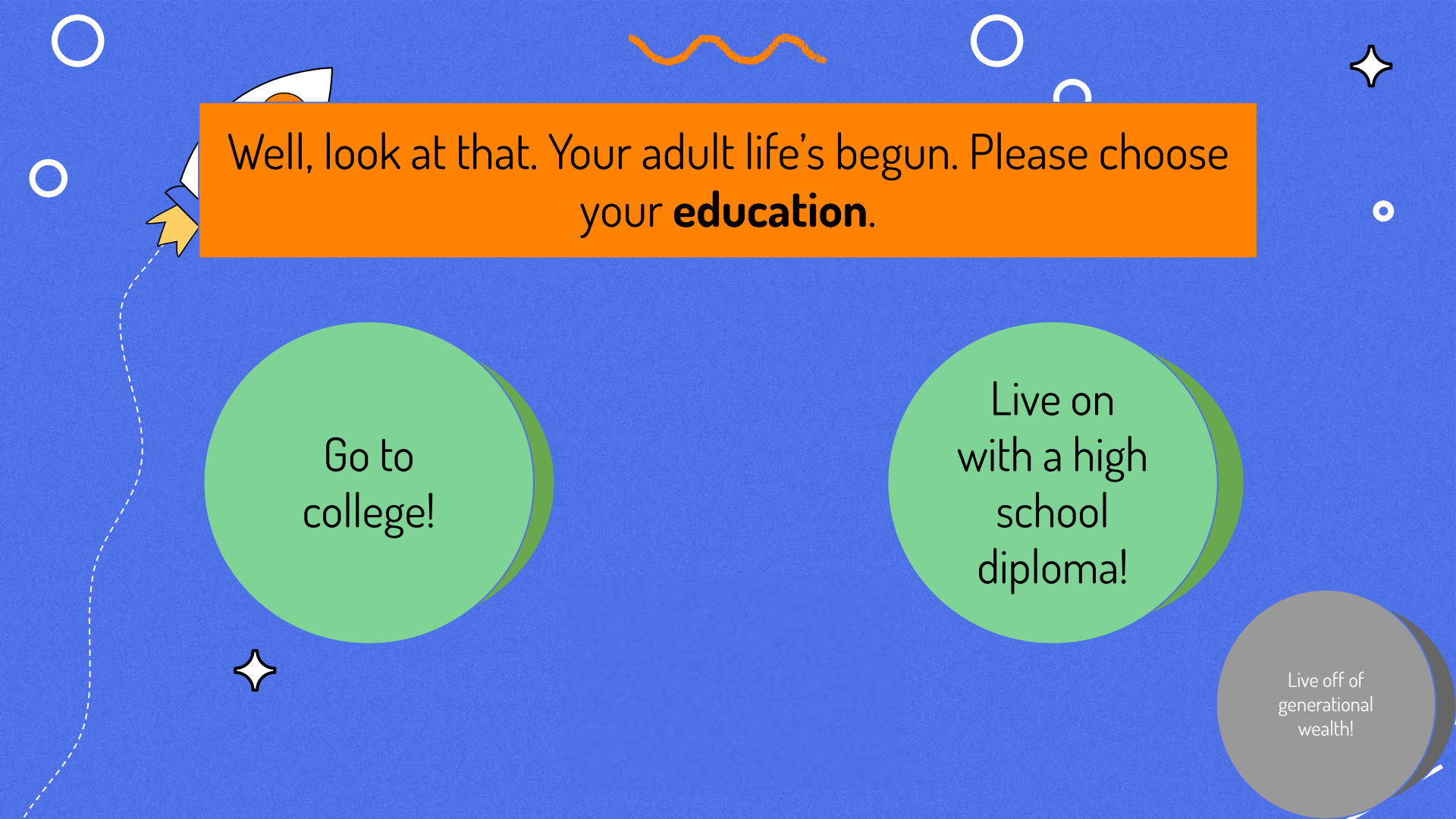


See if YOU can be  
Successful in the  
21st Century  
Economy

Choose-Your-Own-Adventure  
Click here!

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Well, look at that. Your adult life's begun. Please choose your **education**.

Go to college!


Live on with a high school diploma!

Live off of generational wealth!



You chose: **Go to college!**

You have decided to major in **Business**. This is the most common major (19% of bachelor's degrees).



Please click  
to move on.



You chose: **Live on with a high school diploma!**

You are able to enter the workforce immediately!

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You have now entered a **Low Paying Job!**

This is because you lack **Experience.**

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College gives you the opportunity for a higher salary in the workforce! As a fresh college graduate after four hard years, you have now entered a **Low Paying Job!**

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It's time to find your own place (you've been kicked out of your parents' house)! Please choose your **Living Accommodations**.



Put a down payment on a house!



Rent out an apartment!



You chose: **Put a down payment on a house!**

The down payment might seem like a lot of money at first, but the mortgage payments are **basically nothing** afterwards.

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You took out a loan to help pay for your **mortgage**.

Taking out a loan means you are now in **debt**.

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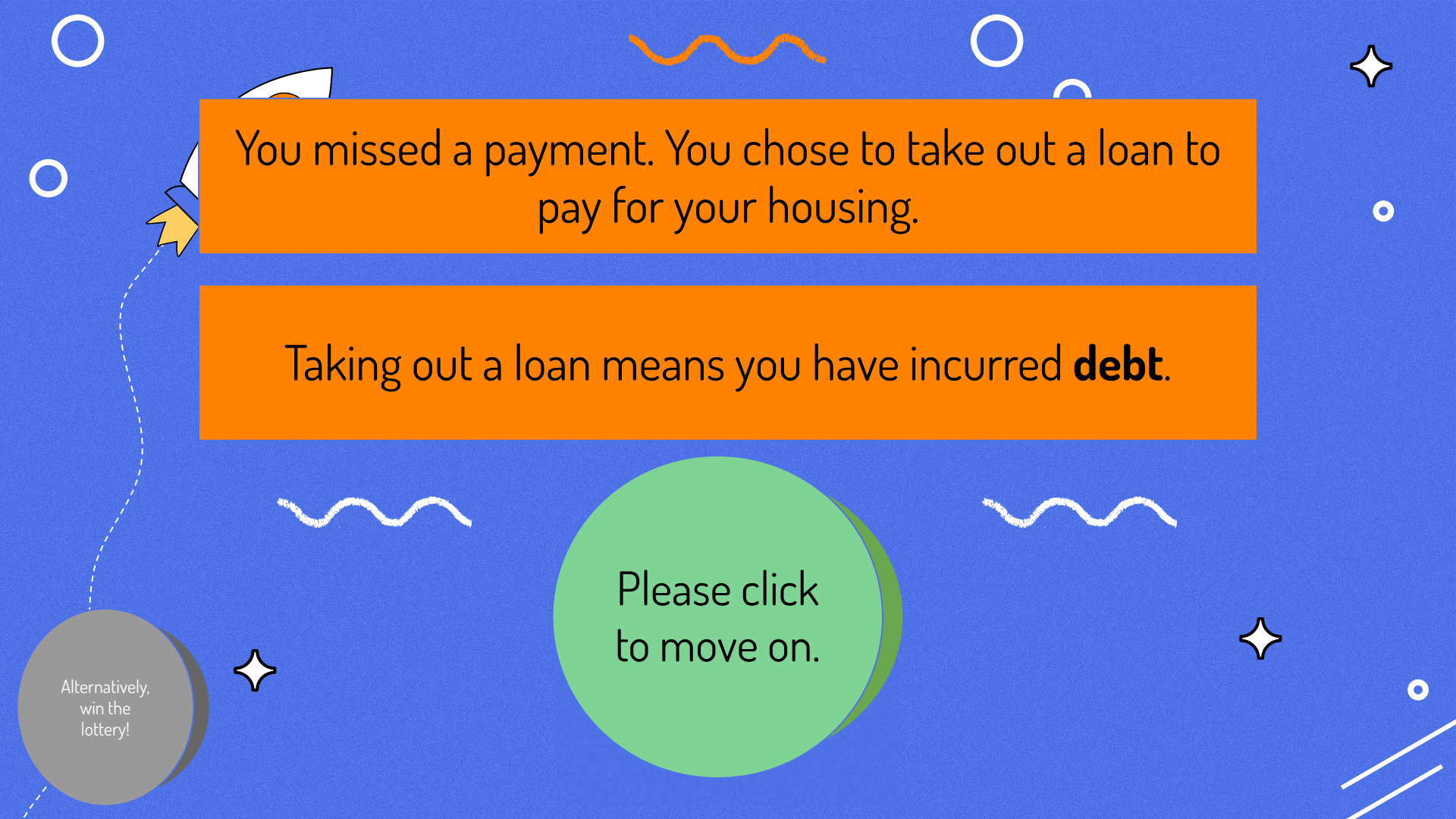
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You chose: **Rent out an apartment!**

I mean, 30% of your salary for rent isn't THAT bad.

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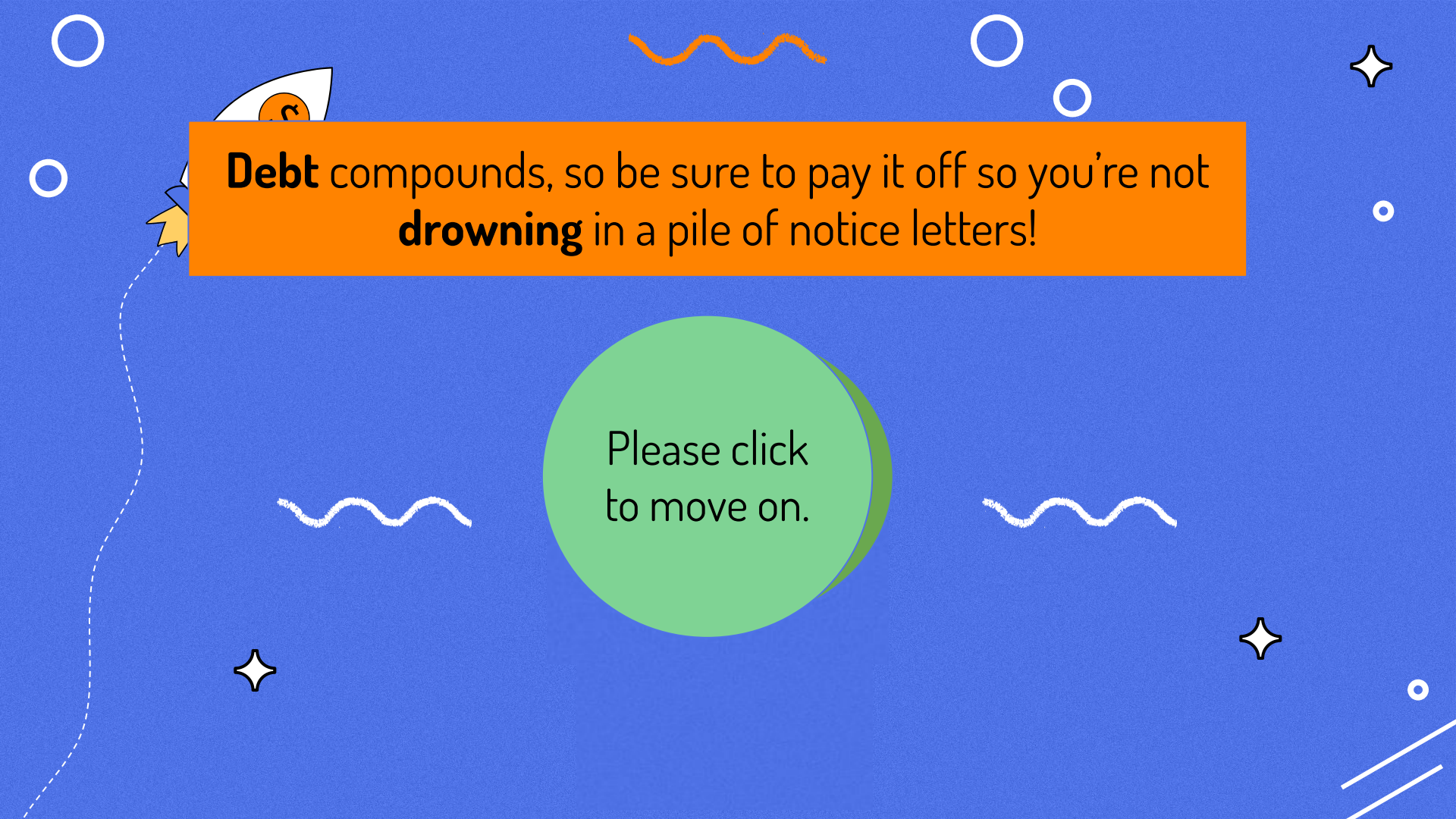


You missed a payment. You chose to take out a loan to pay for your housing.


Taking out a loan means you have incurred **debt**.

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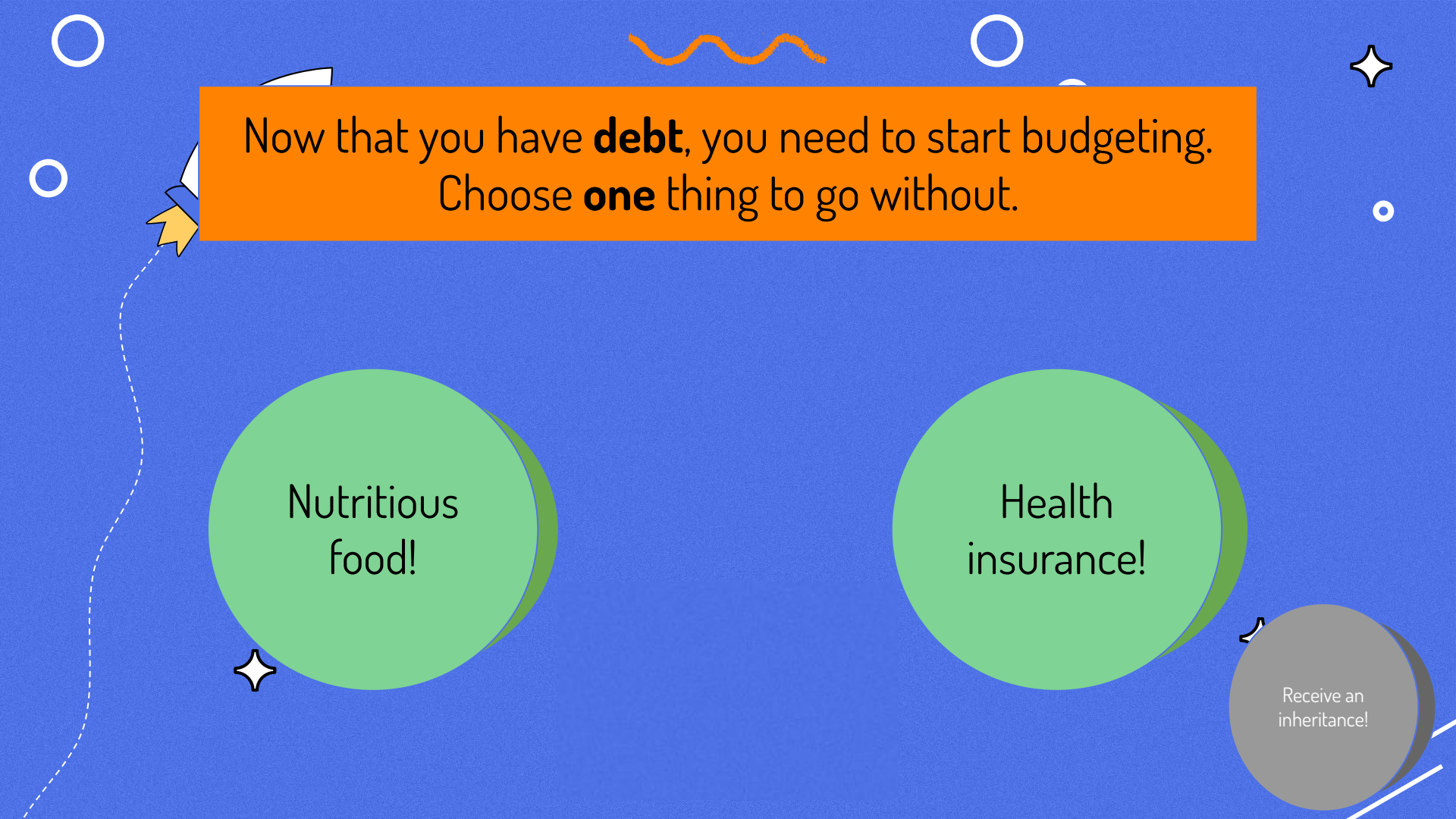
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**Debt** compounds, so be sure to pay it off so you're not **drowning** in a pile of notice letters!



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Now that you have **debt**, you need to start budgeting.  
Choose **one** thing to go without.



Nutritious  
food!



Health  
insurance!



Receive an  
inheritance!



You chose to give up: **Nutritious food!**

Your health starts rapidly deteriorating! Try not to think about going to the hospital, or the minimum-of-a-million-dollars hospital bill.

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Now that you no longer eat healthy, you're starting to have some heart issues.


These issues become so bad that you go to the **hospital** to resolve them. It seems that the multitude of McDonald's wrappers has been the cause of the congestion of your arteries and your bedroom floor!

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Unfortunately, your insurance only covered 10% of the hospital bill. Due to your **Low Paying Job**, you are unable to pay the rest.

You need to take out a **loan**. You have incurred **more debt**.



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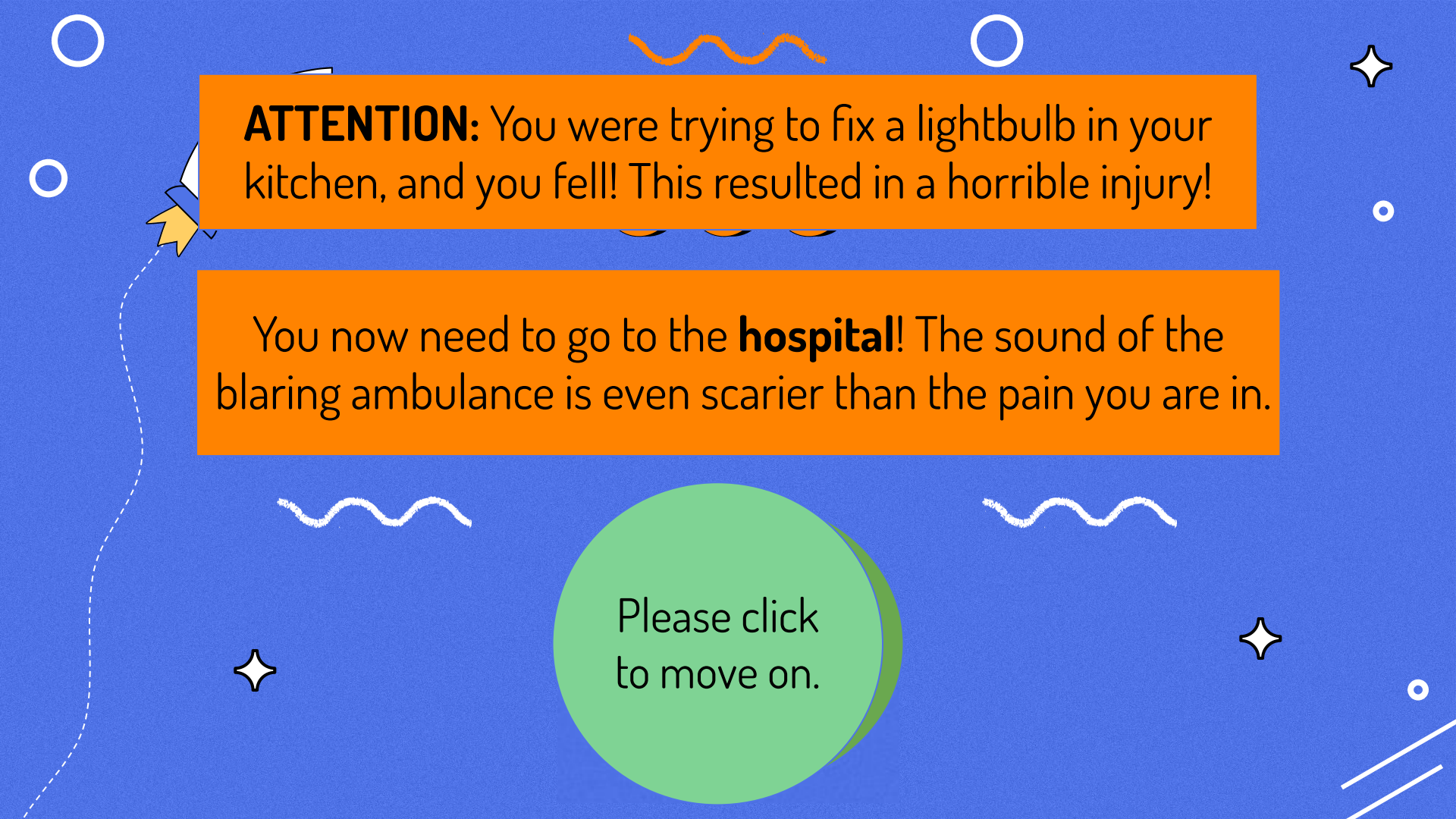




You chose to give up: **Health insurance!**

Hopefully you stay well enough to avoid going to the hospital, and the million-dollar hospital bills.

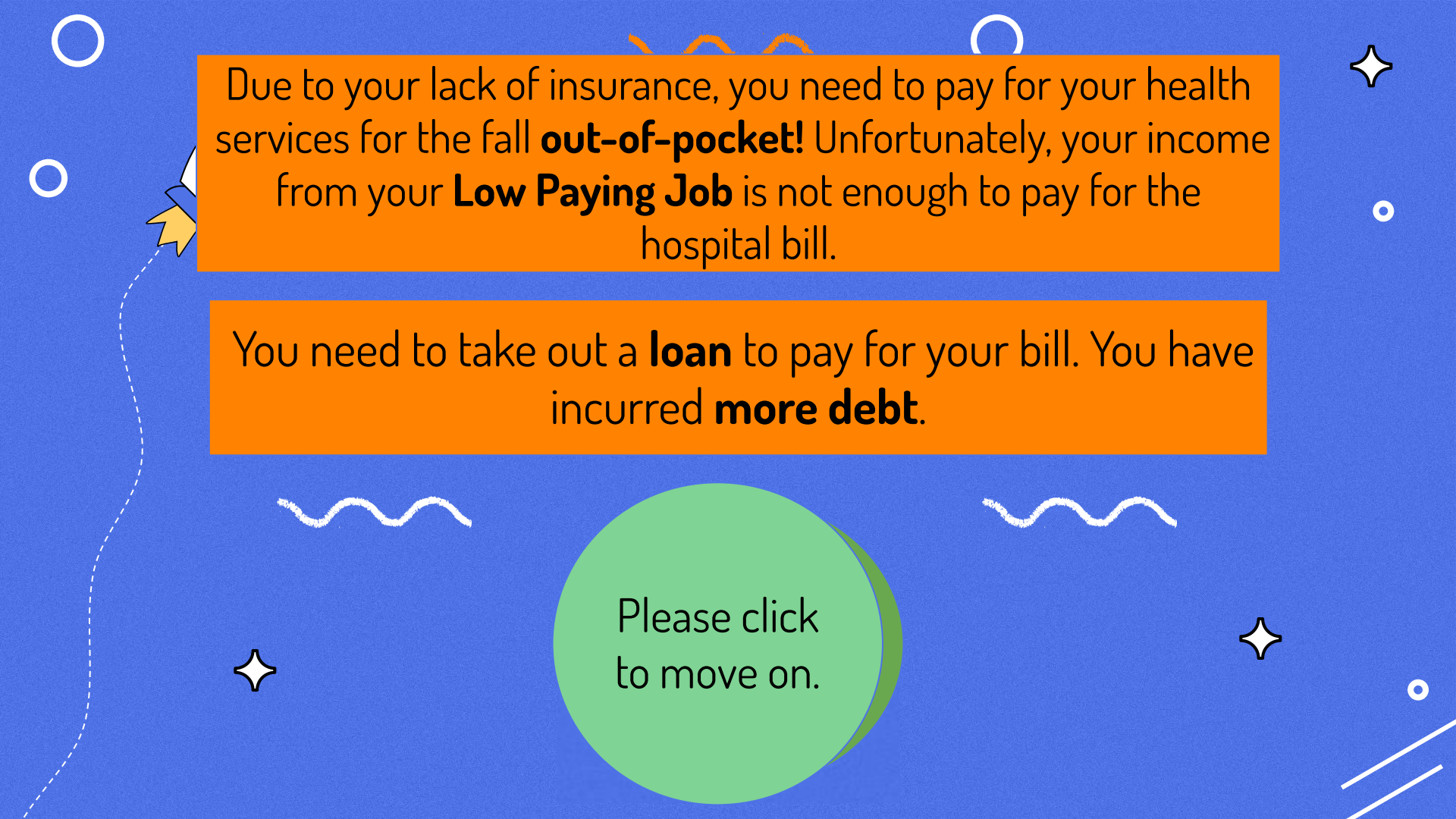
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**ATTENTION:** You were trying to fix a lightbulb in your kitchen, and you fell! This resulted in a horrible injury!

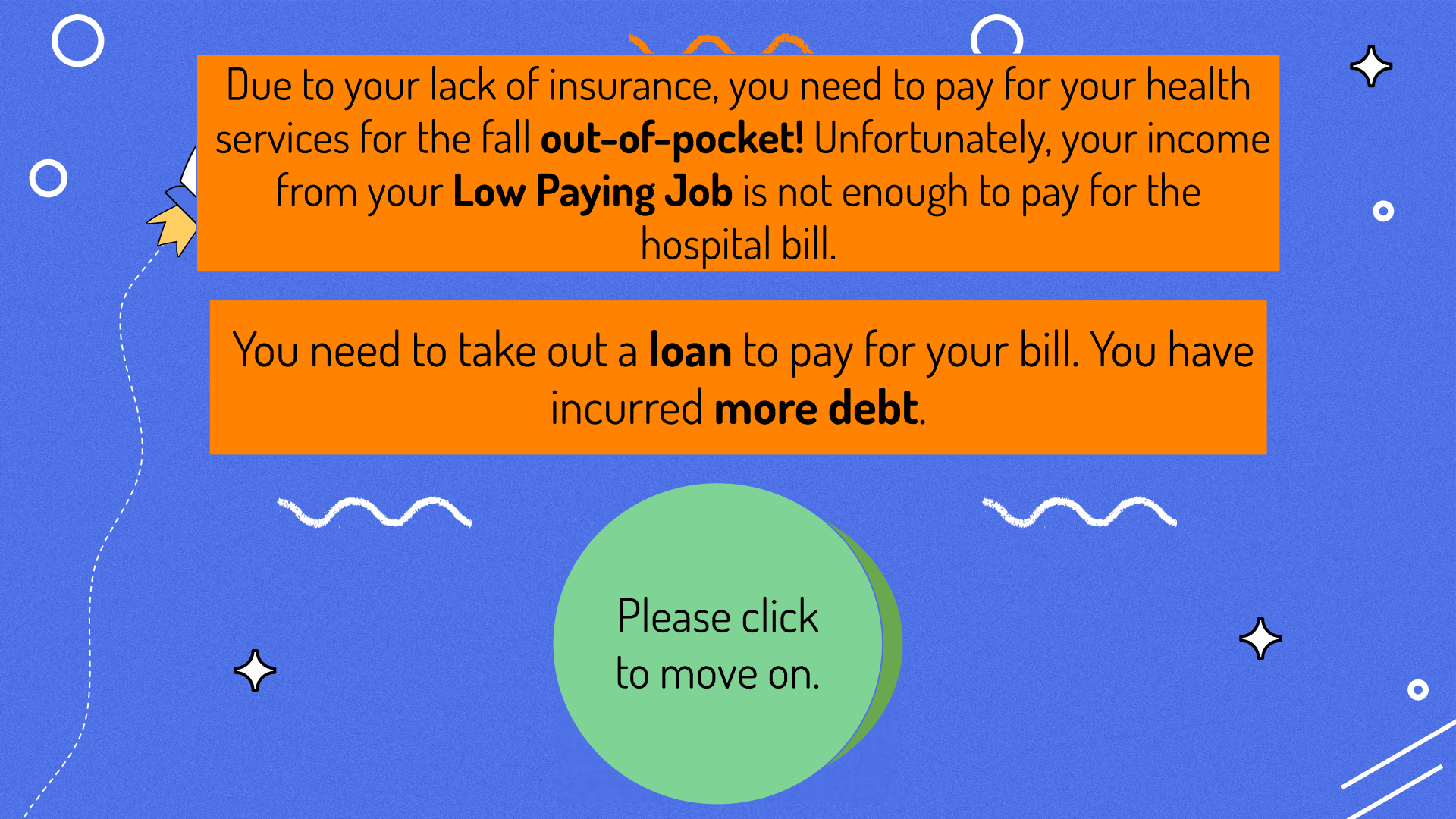
You now need to go to the **hospital!** The sound of the blaring ambulance is even scarier than the pain you are in.

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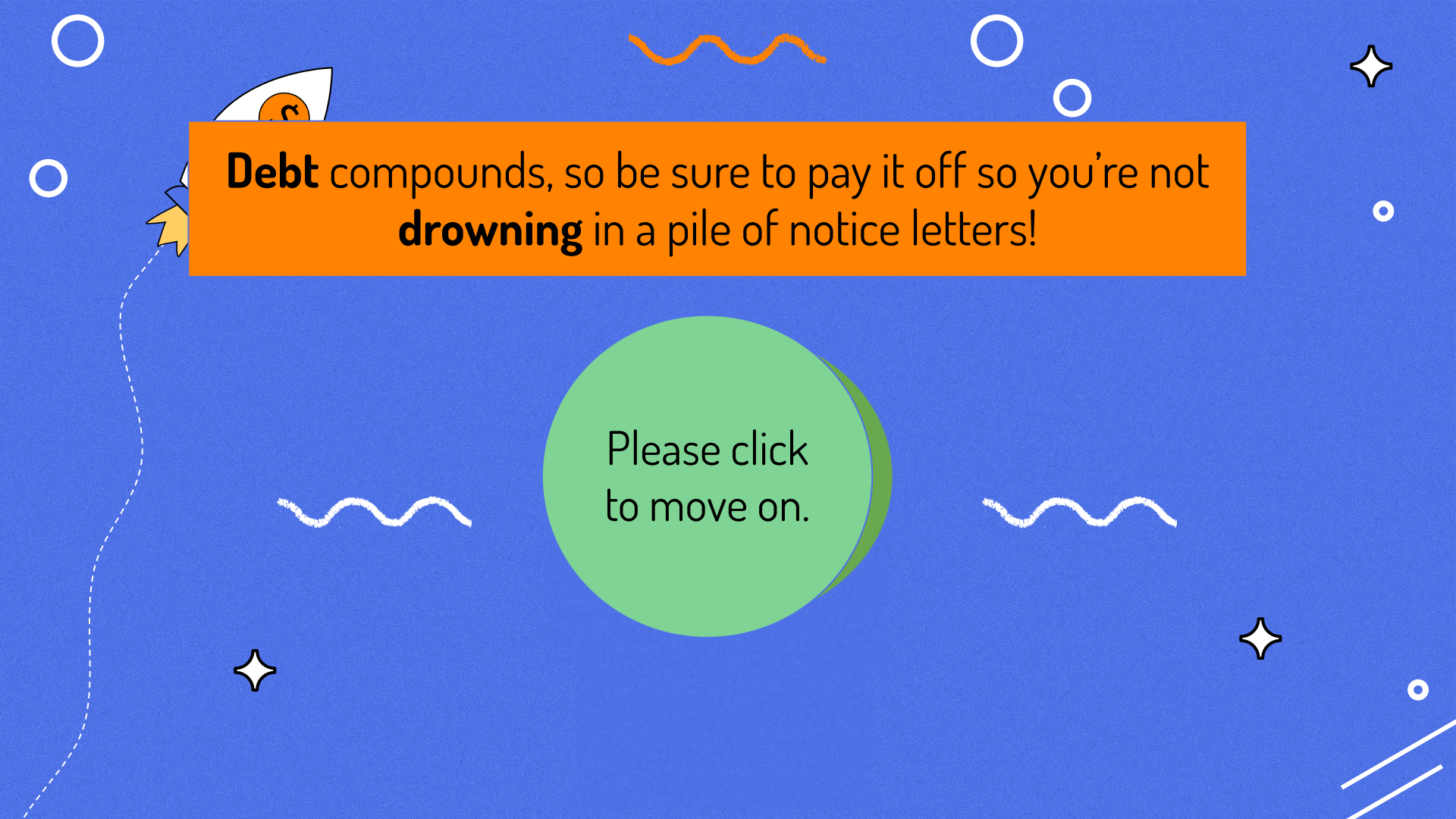


Due to your lack of insurance, you need to pay for your health services for the fall **out-of-pocket!** Unfortunately, your income from your **Low Paying Job** is not enough to pay for the hospital bill.


You need to take out a **loan** to pay for your bill. You have incurred **more debt.**



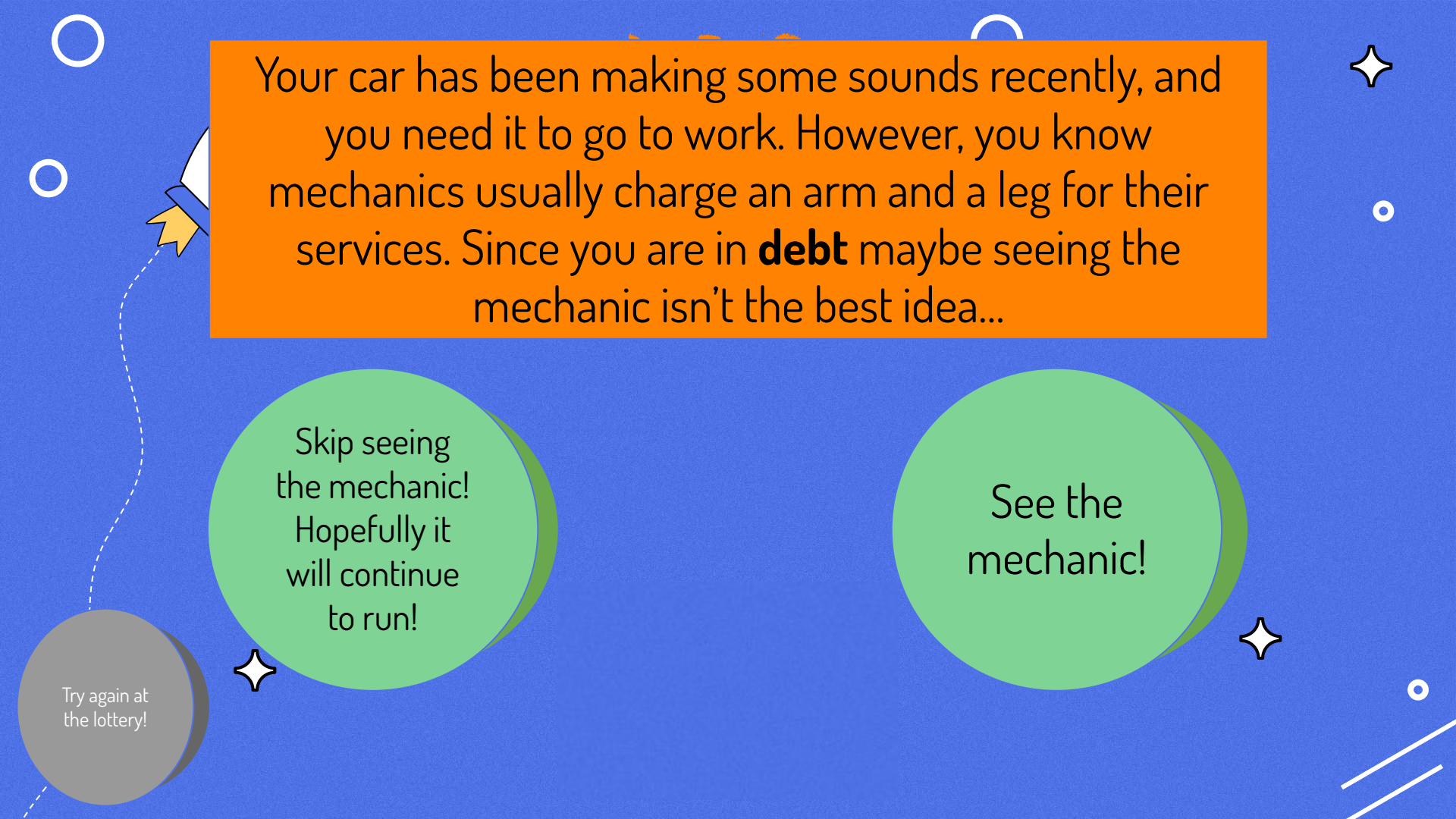
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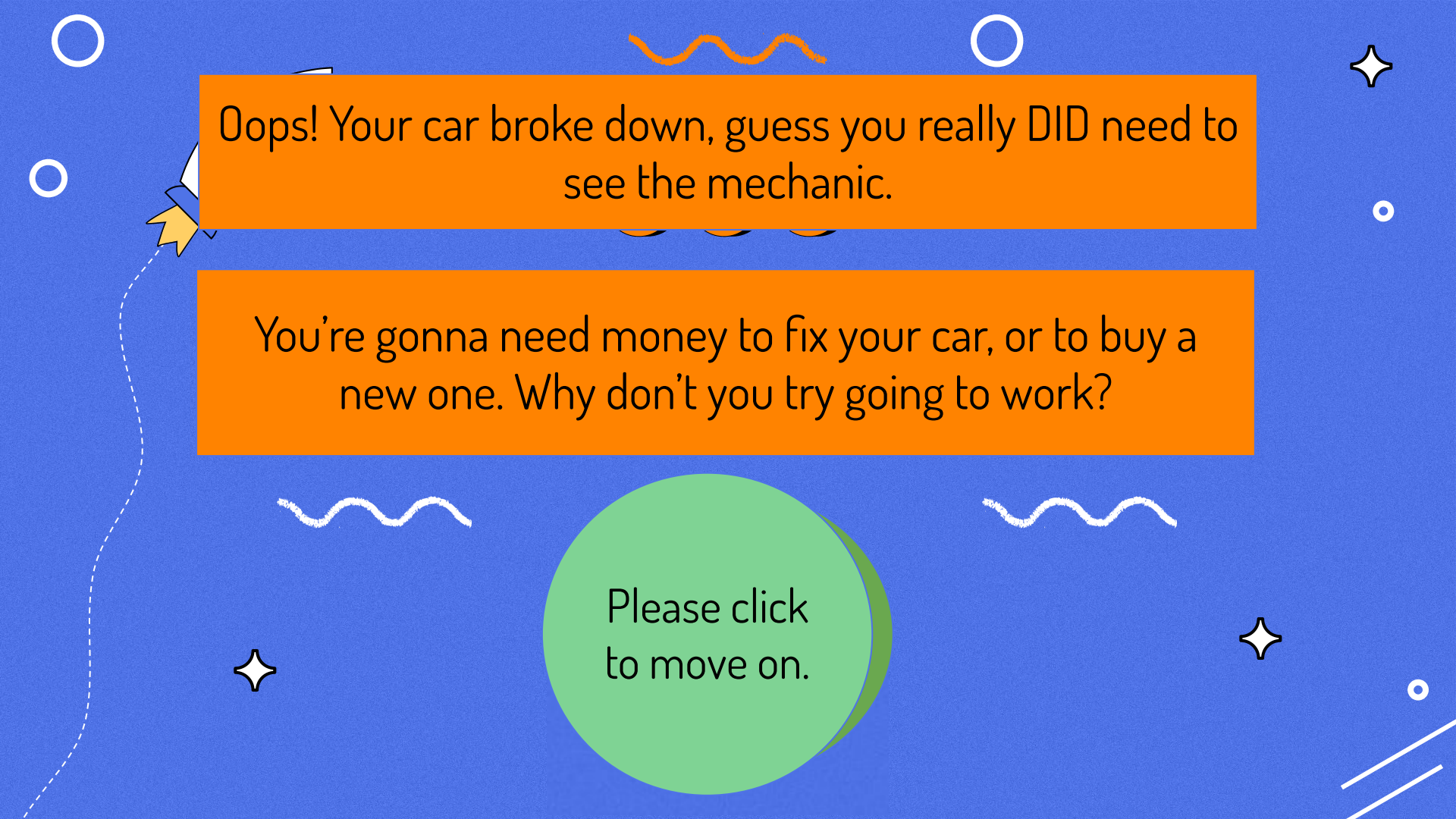


Your car has been making some sounds recently, and you need it to go to work. However, you know mechanics usually charge an arm and a leg for their services. Since you are in **debt** maybe seeing the mechanic isn't the best idea...

Skip seeing the mechanic!  
Hopefully it will continue to run!


See the mechanic!

Try again at the lottery!

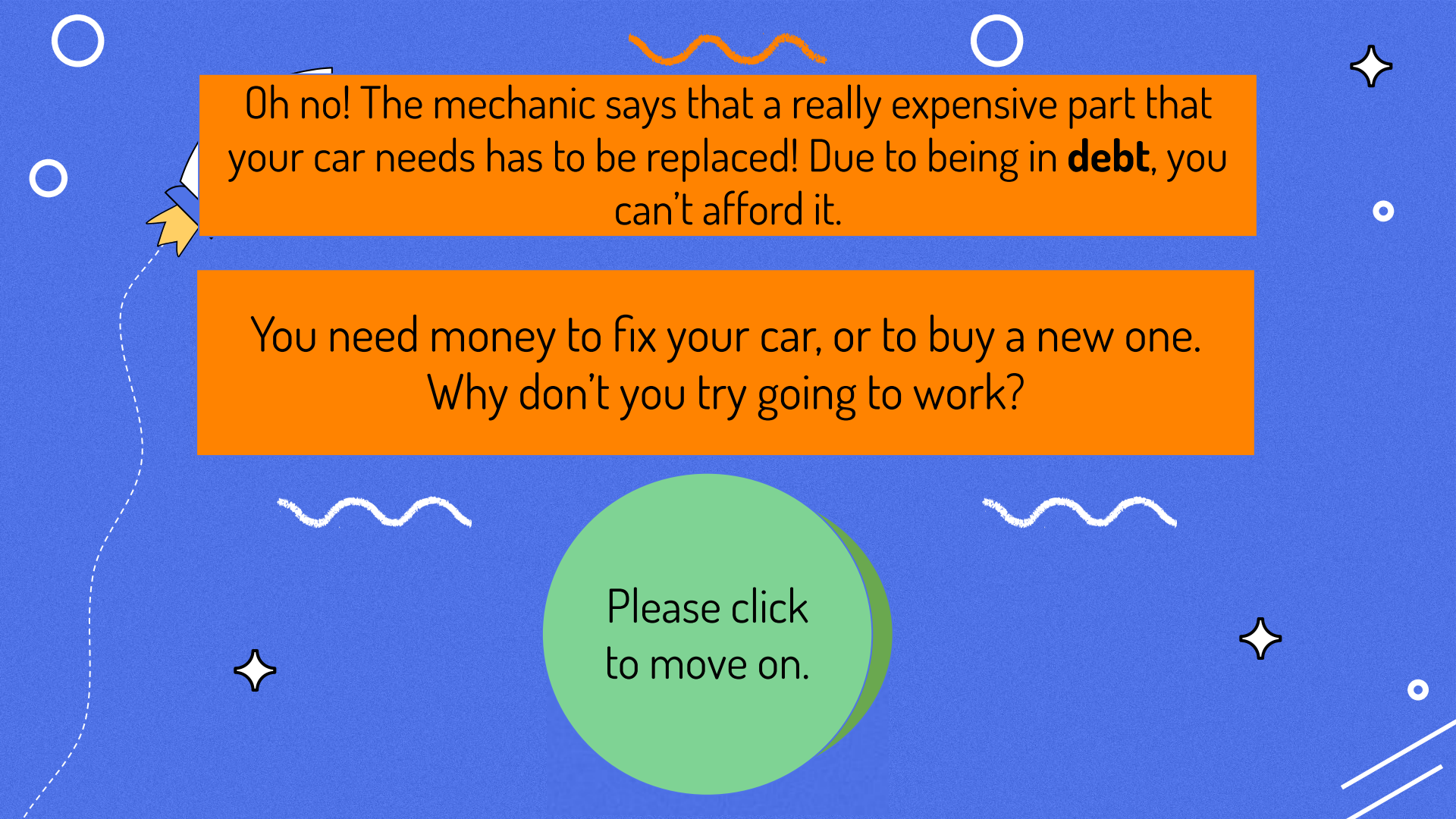


Oops! Your car broke down, guess you really DID need to see the mechanic.

You're gonna need money to fix your car, or to buy a new one. Why don't you try going to work?




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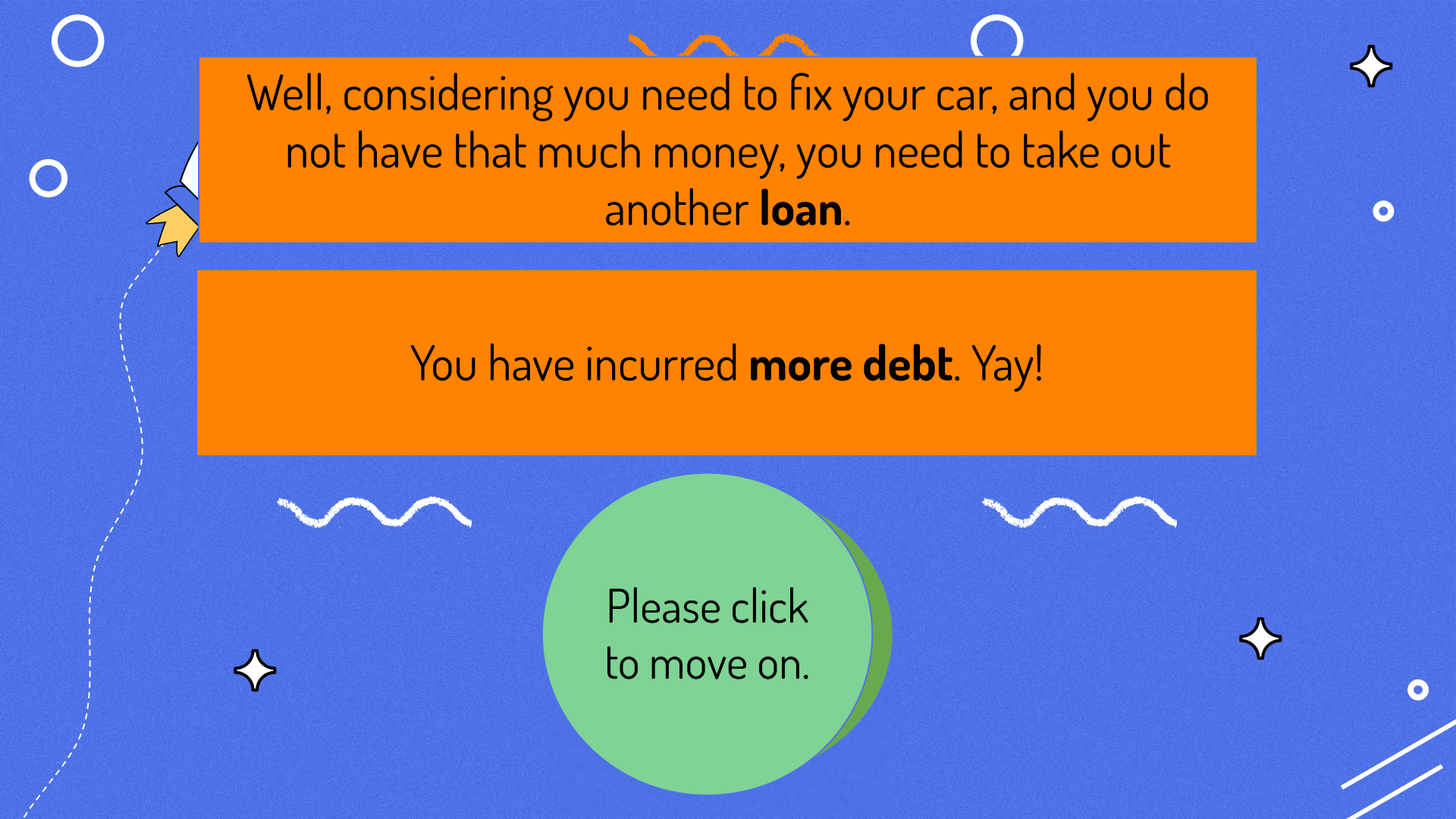


Oh no! The mechanic says that a really expensive part that your car needs has to be replaced! Due to being in **debt**, you can't afford it.

You need money to fix your car, or to buy a new one.  
Why don't you try going to work?




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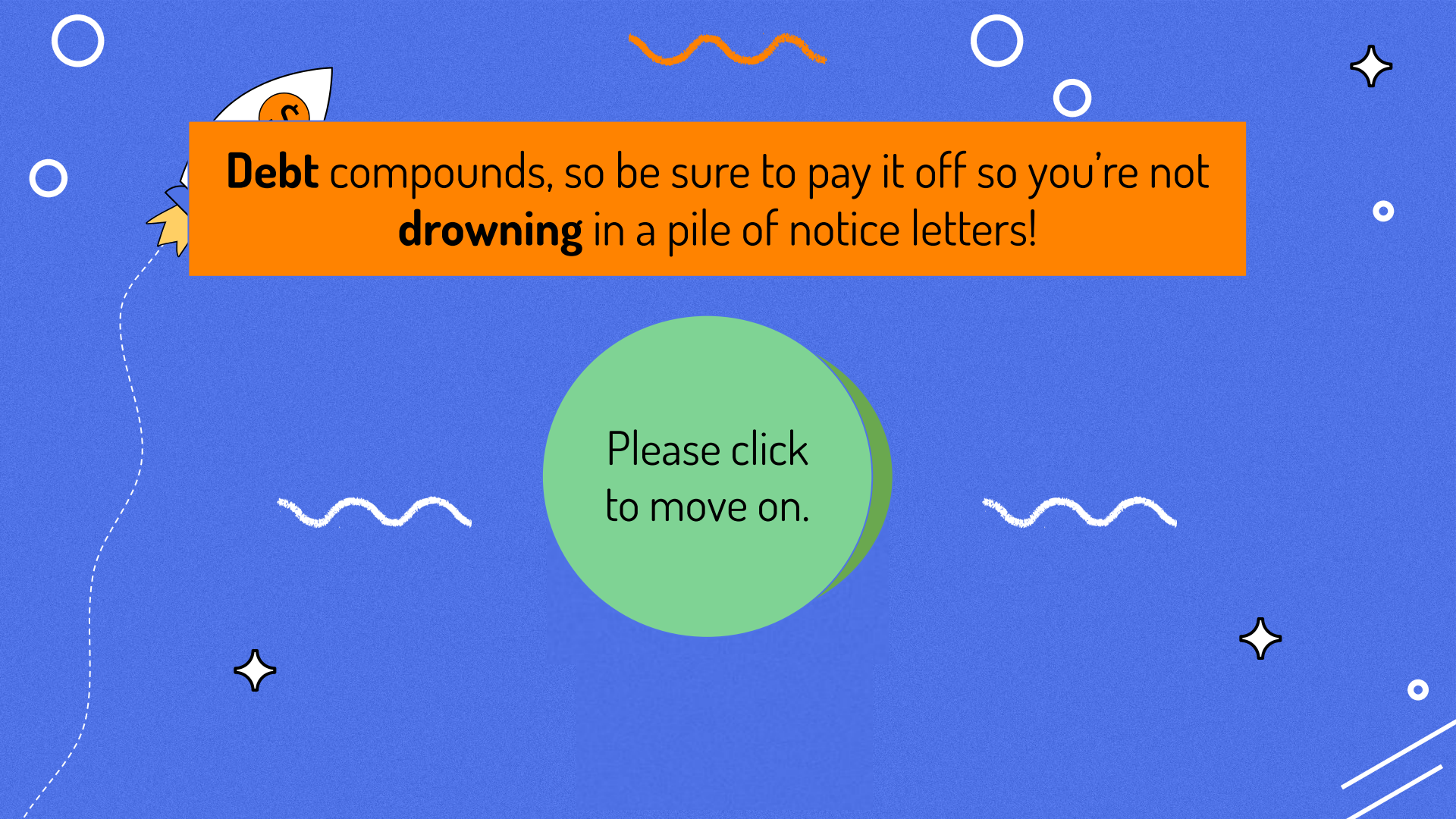
Well, considering you need to fix your car, and you do not have that much money, you need to take out another **loan**.

You have incurred **more debt**. Yay!




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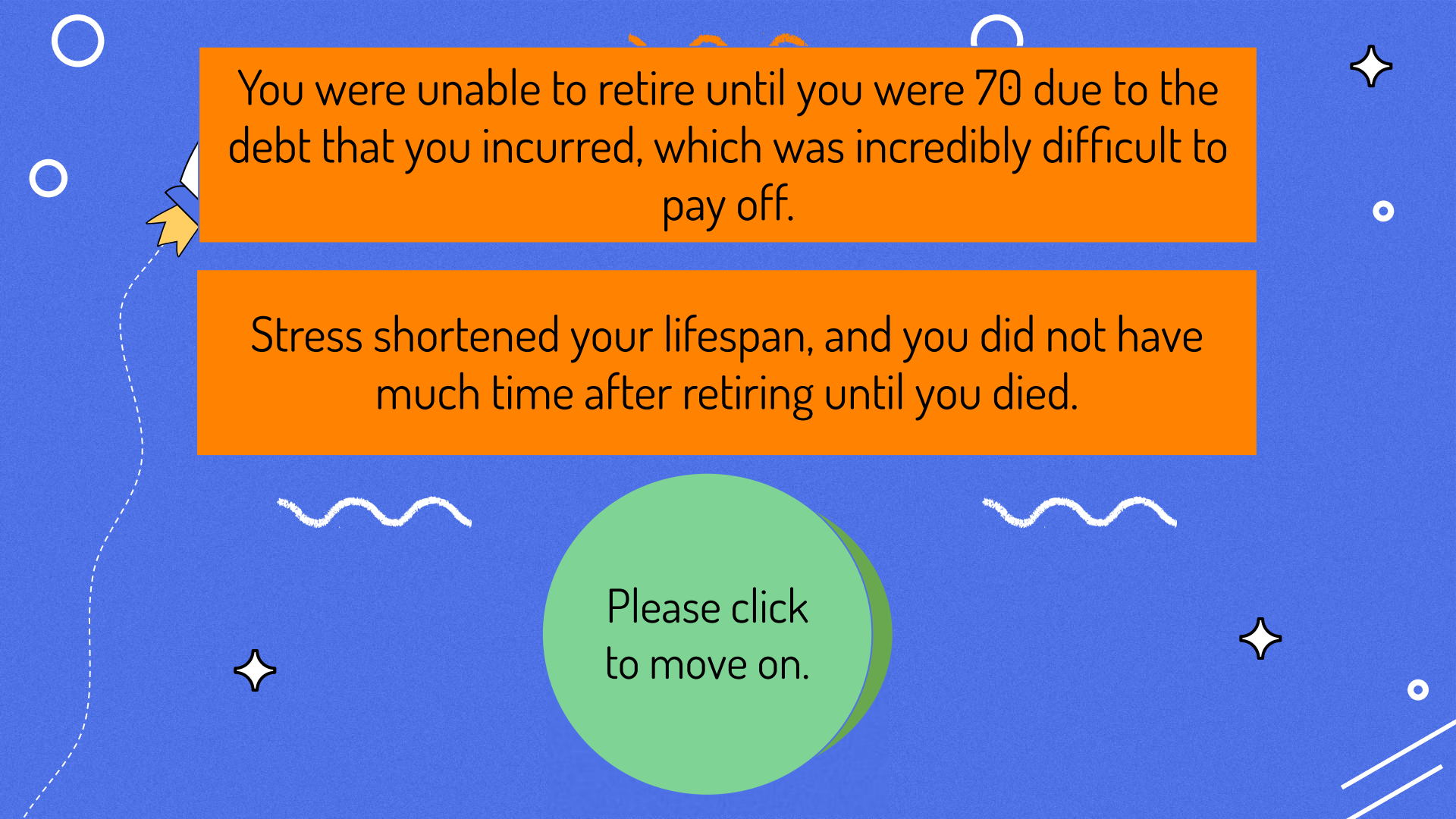
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*—After some years—*

Throughout your life you were forced to make similar decisions to the decisions made previously.

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You were unable to retire until you were 70 due to the debt that you incurred, which was incredibly difficult to pay off.

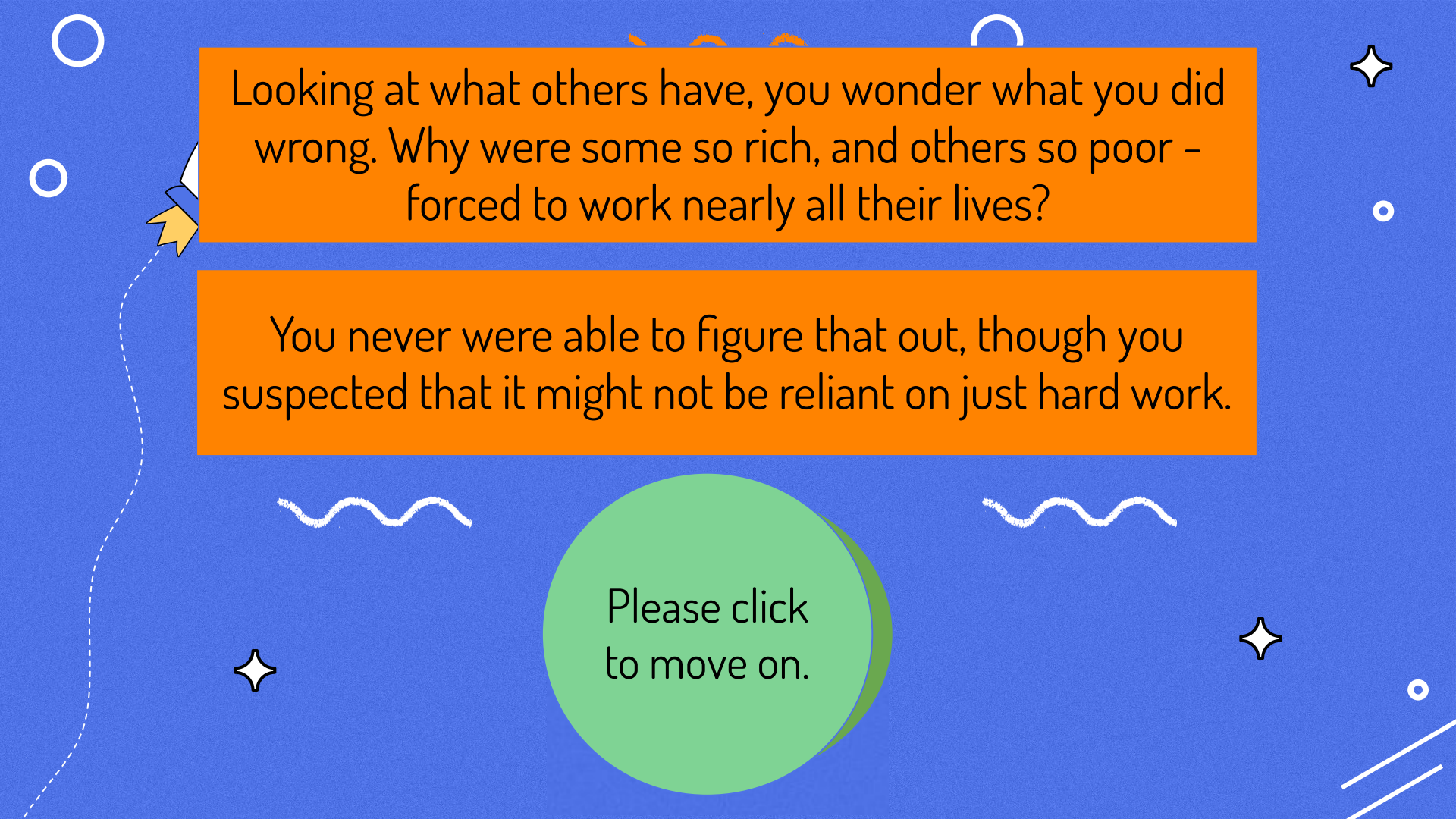
Stress shortened your lifespan, and you did not have much time after retiring until you died.

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But, money doesn't buy happiness, right? That's at least what we've always been told.


But you never became successful, and you never had free time to yourself to spend doing the things you loved, like maybe traveling or spending time with your family, so maybe what we have been told is wrong.

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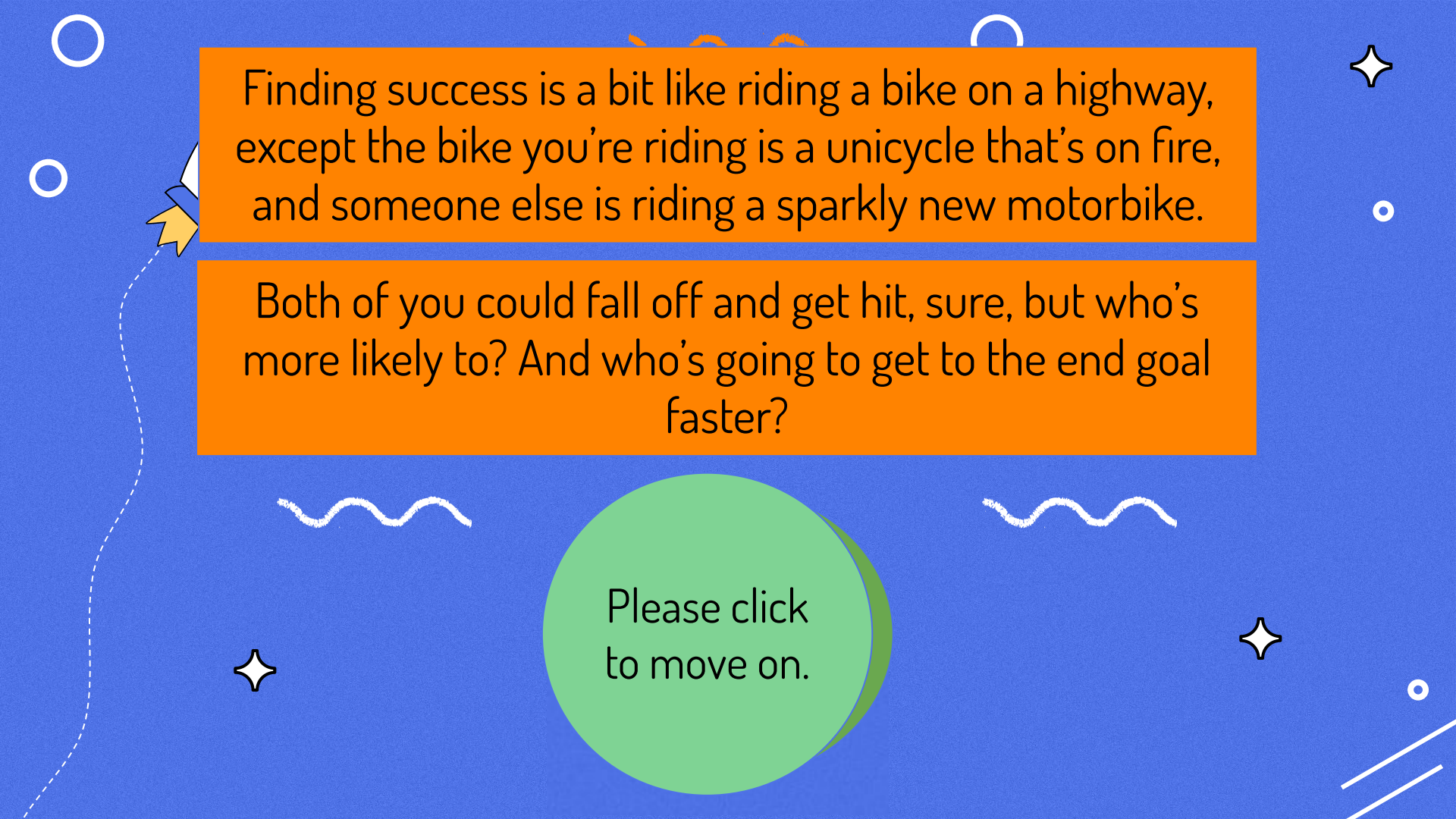


Looking at what others have, you wonder what you did wrong. Why were some so rich, and others so poor - forced to work nearly all their lives?

You never were able to figure that out, though you suspected that it might not be reliant on just hard work.




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Finding success is a bit like riding a bike on a highway, except the bike you're riding is a unicycle that's on fire, and someone else is riding a sparkly new motorbike.

Both of you could fall off and get hit, sure, but who's more likely to? And who's going to get to the end goal faster?



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You Were NOT Successful. ✨

THANK YOU FOR PLAYING

“See if YOU can be Successful in  
the 21st Century Economy”

Would you like to  
play again?

