



How to start a CO-operative

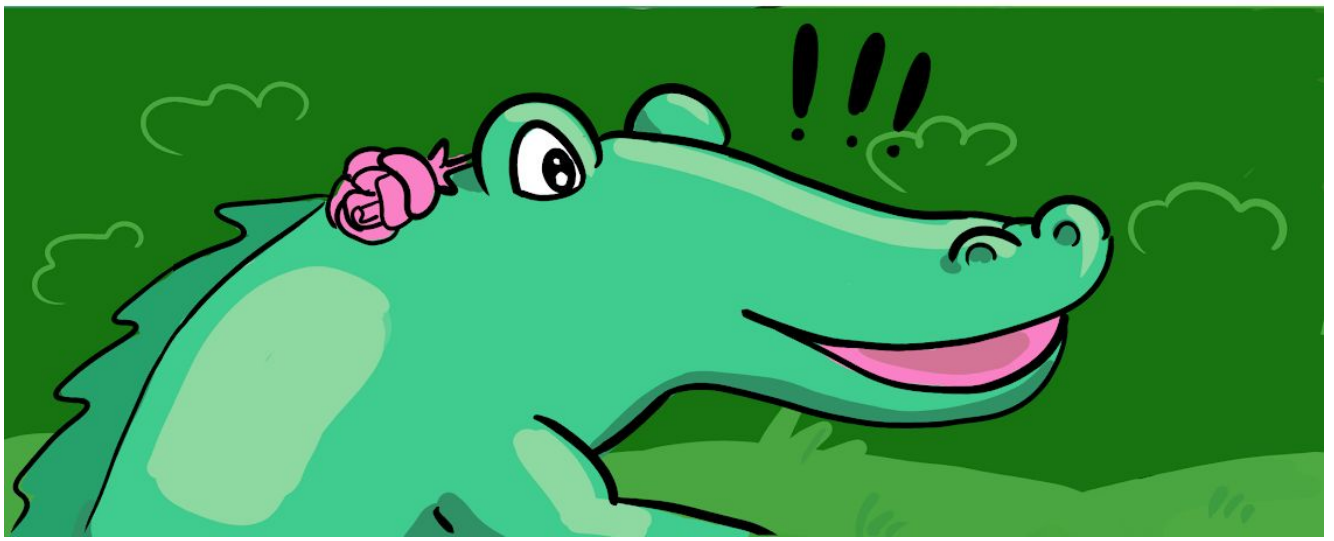
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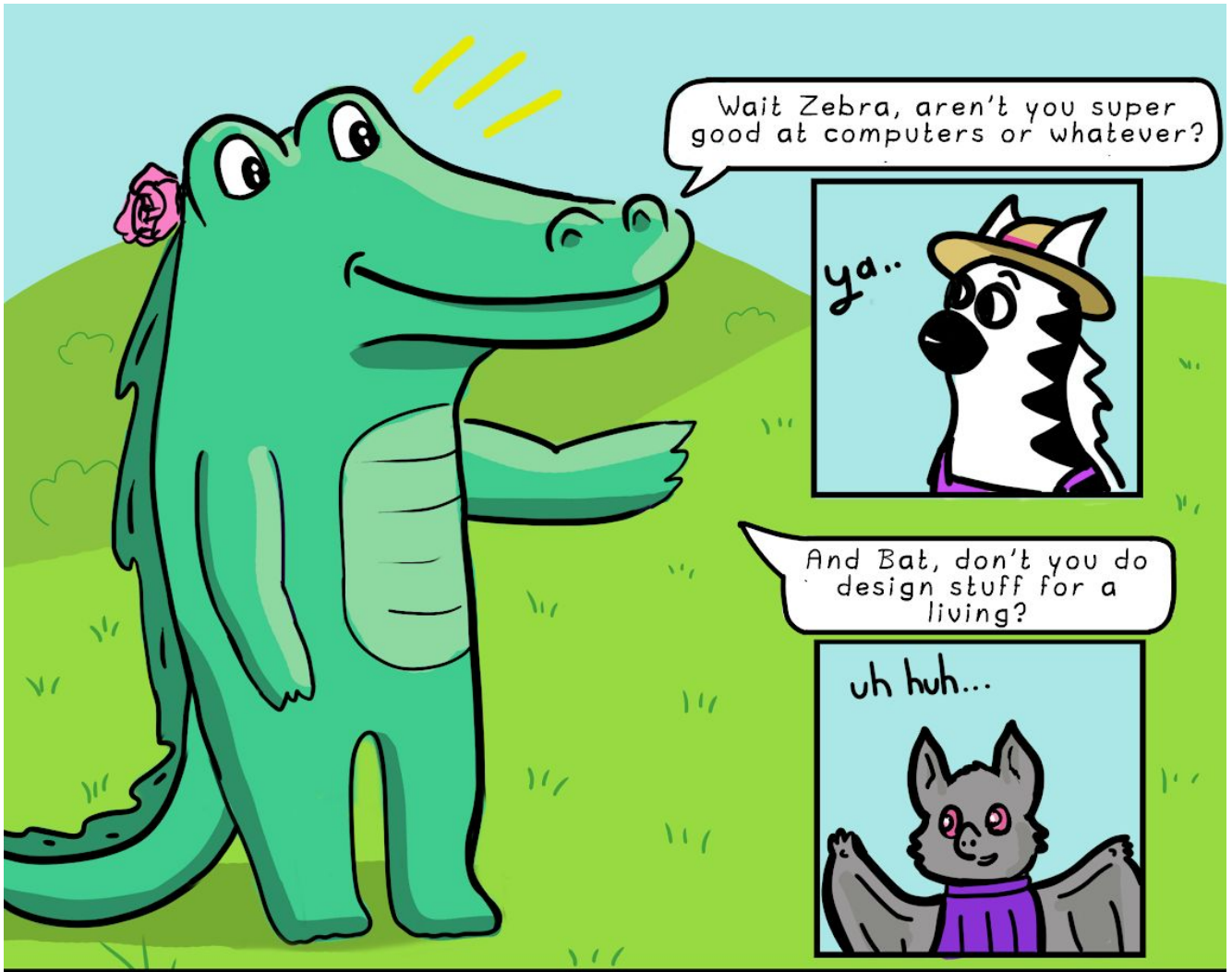


I hate how Grazebook can track everywhere I go! No privacy in my own field I tell ya!

Yeah that's the worst. Imagine if the ones making these apps actually cared about the people using them!

I've heard of a co-op, where the members are owners or something... not too sure.





Wait Zebra, aren't you super good at computers or whatever?



And Bat, don't you do design stuff for a living?



Well, what if you guys make the tech, I handle the business side, and we can make this grazing co-op a real thing!





So what exactly is a co-op?



Co-operatives (co-ops) are democratically owned and controlled by:

Workers



Producers



Consumers




All or a combination




Co-ops respond to the needs of their community.



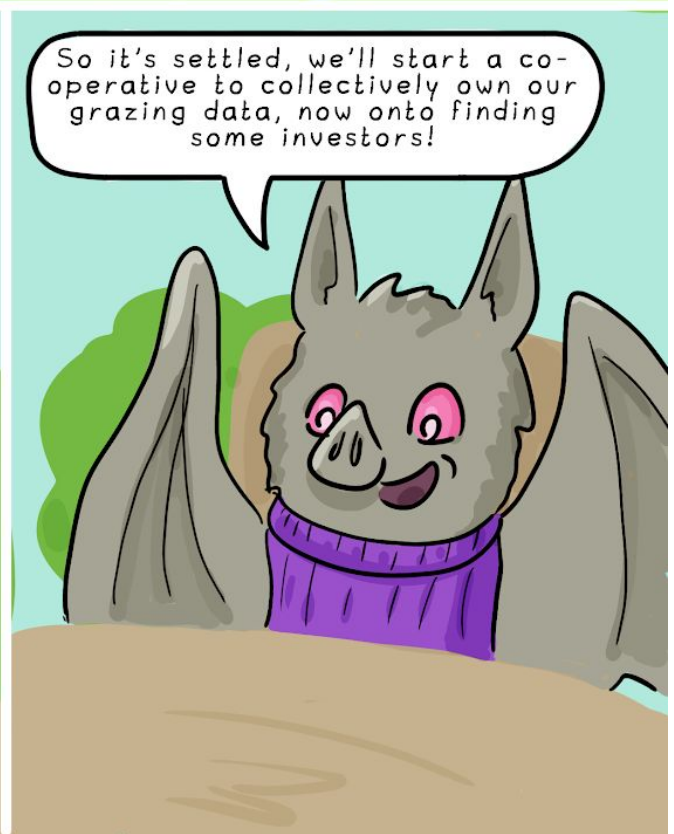


So if we're all owners,
who makes the decisions?
And who gets to keep the
profits?

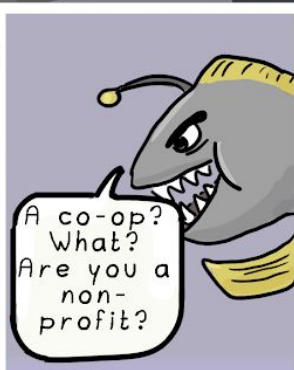
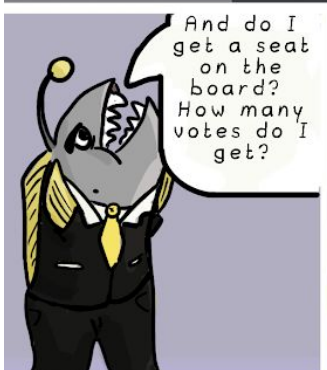
Each member gets one vote.
Co-ops can choose to be for-
profit or not-for-profit. The
profit can be distributed
back to the co-op members!



Wow! So all members can thrive
under co-operativism because
they get a share of the profits
and a fair vote!



So it's settled, we'll start a co-
operative to collectively own our
grazing data, now onto finding
some investors!





We've talked to 5 investors so far and they're all saying the same thing....



They don't even know what a co-op is. It's useless.

Imagine if there were investors who cared about people instead of profit margins...



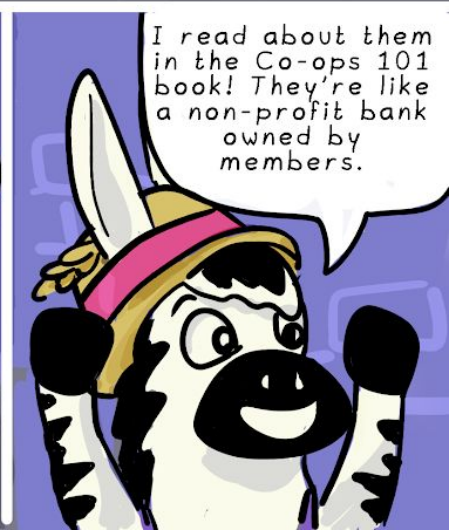
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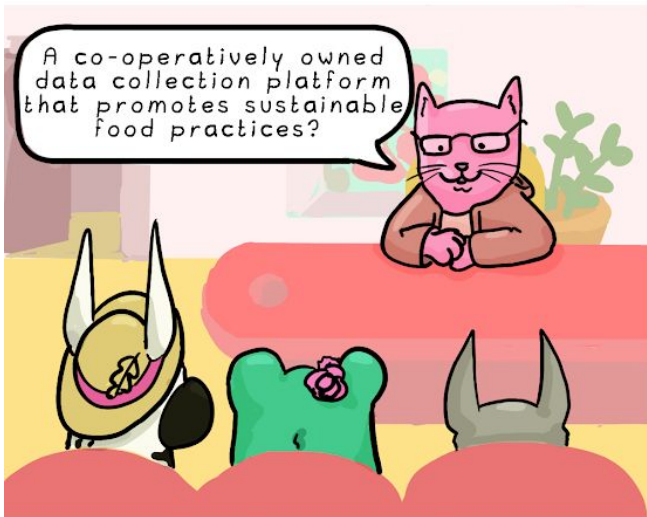


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Uh what's that again?



I read about them in the Co-ops 101 book! They're like a non-profit bank owned by members.





Some time later...



I can't believe we did it! We can finally graze without worrying about our data!

We couldn't have done it without the support of our co-op friends.

CO-OP DAILY

"GRAZR", the co-op grazing app inspires a wave of other co-op apps



Here's how you can get started on your co-op journey:



Connect with a co-operative organization:

International Co-operative Organizations

[International Co-operative Alliance](#)
[Platform Co-operativism Consortium](#), and their [Resource Library](#)

National Co-operative Organizations

[Canadian Worker Co-op Federation](#)
[US Federation of Worker Co-operatives](#)
[Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada](#) and their youth-specific board, [Canada's Emerging Co-operators](#)
[Co-operatives First](#)
[Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation](#)

Provincial Co-operative Organizations

Each province across Canada has its own (e.g for BC it's the [BCCA](#), for Alberta it's [ACCA](#), for Ontario it's [CCO](#). Go check out your local branch today!)

Join a co-operative educational program

Bootcamps

[Co-operate Now \(BC\)](#)
[Youth Hub For Co-operative Enterprise \(BC\)](#)

Summer Camps

[Co-operative Young Leaders \(Ontario\)](#)
[Co-operative Youth Leadership Program \(Alberta\)](#)
[Co-op Youth Leadership Retreat \(Manitoba\)](#)
[Co-op Camp \(Saskatchewan\)](#)

Online Courses

[Governance In Co-operatives](#)

Post-Graduate Programs

[International Centre For Co-operative Management](#)

Co-ops In Schools

[Co-ops In Schools \(BC\)](#)

[All 4 Each \(Ontario\)](#)

Other

[Each for All: The Co-operative Connection](#) - a weekly show all about the co-op sector!