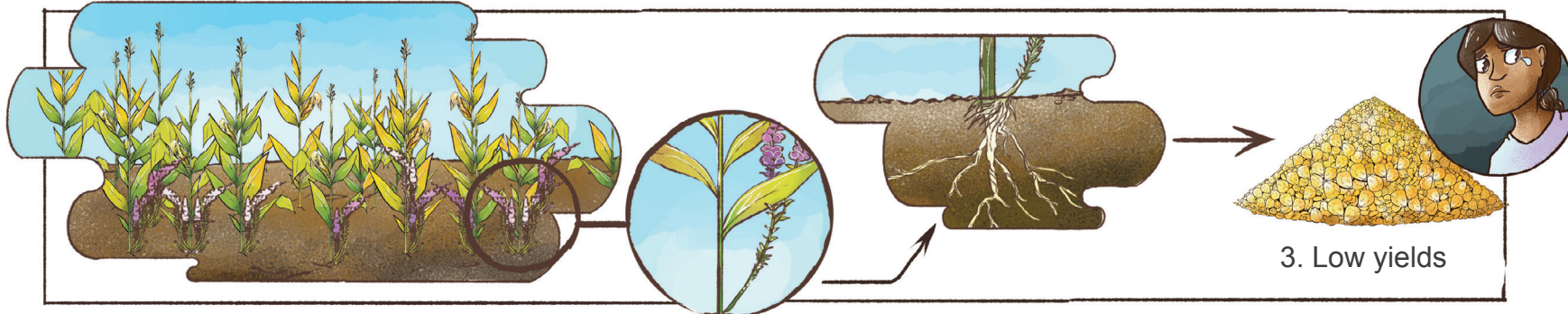


Lesson: Parasitic striga weed can be suppressed by intercropping with Desmodium or other spreading-type crops

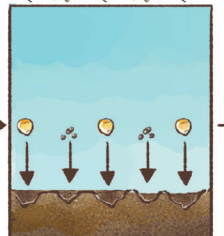
1. Traditional practice: no cover crop -- purple or white flowered striga weed grows



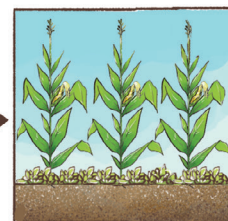
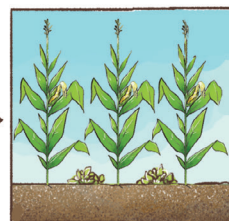
2. Weed attaches onto crop roots and feeds



4. Improved practice: purchase Desmodium seed or other spreading-type seed from vendor



5. Sow intercrop



6. Cover crop suppresses striga weed



7. High yields. Desmodium also adds natural nitrogen fertilizer to soil and can be used as livestock feed

