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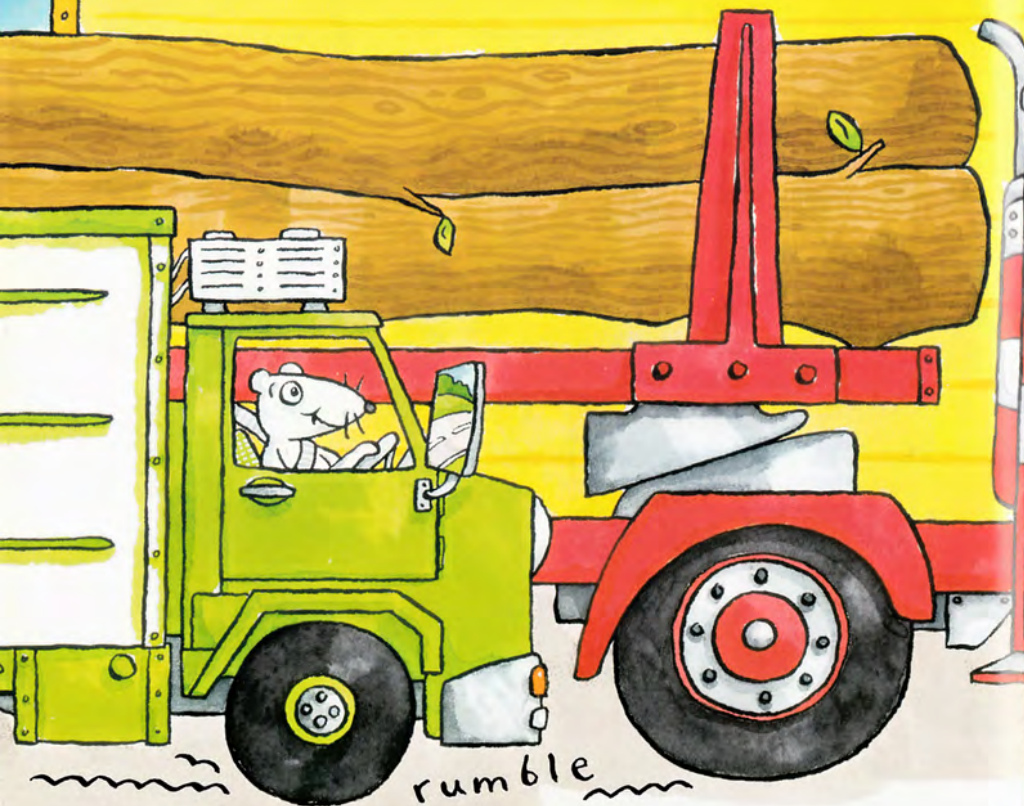


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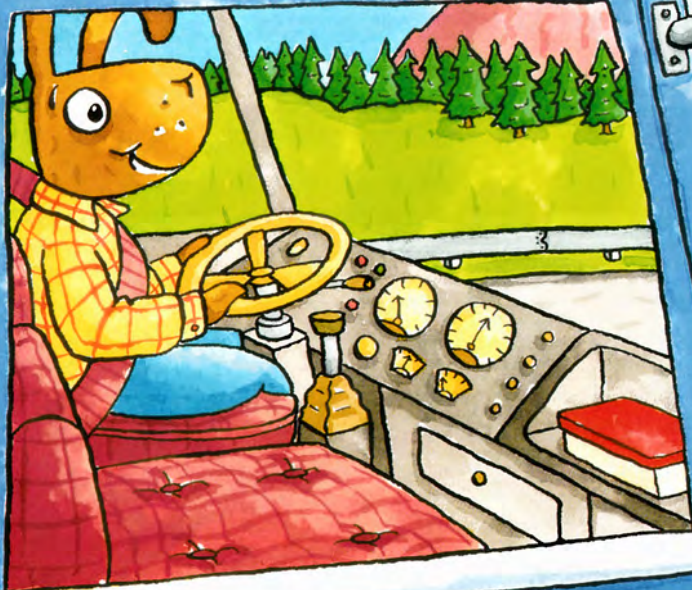

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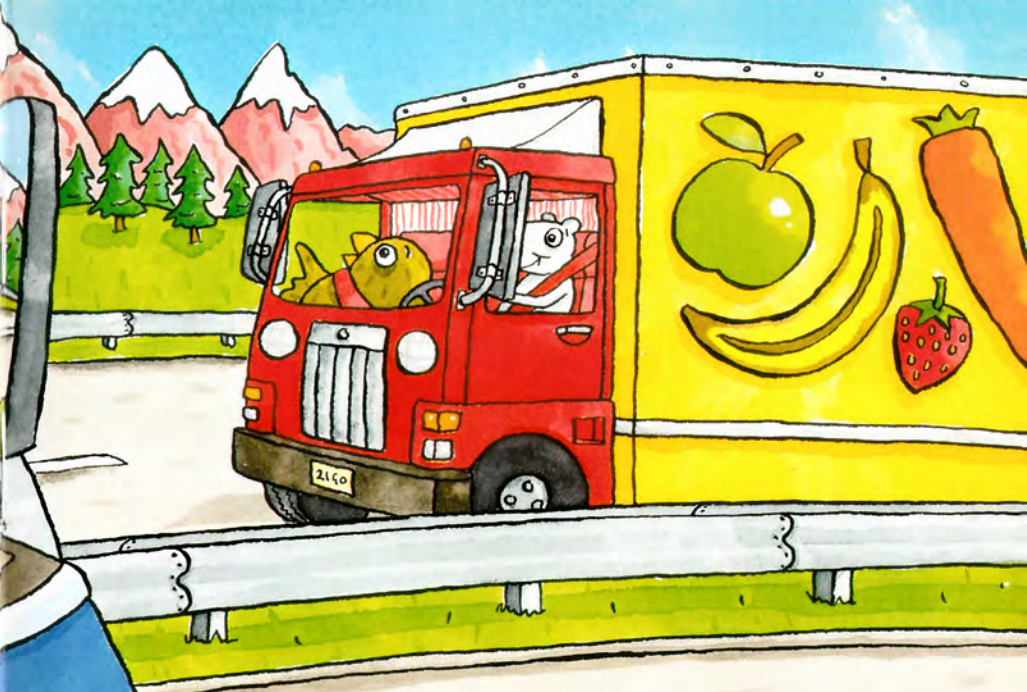
Trucks are tough and sturdy.
They take on heavy loads,



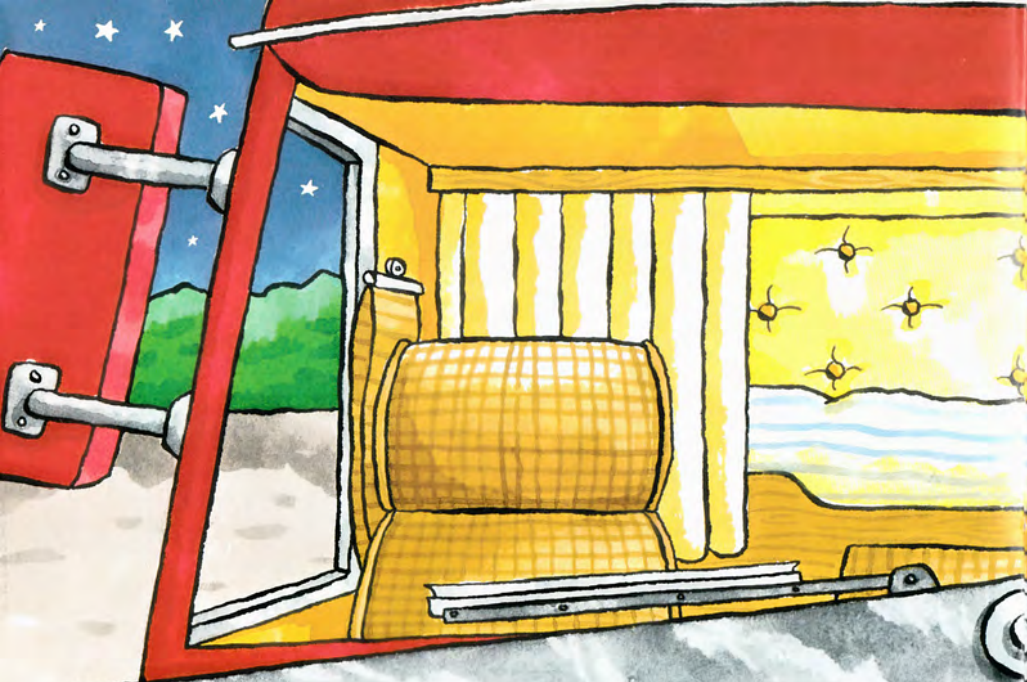
then thunder on their giant tires
down long and busy roads.



All trucks have a cab up front.
The driver sits inside.
The truck's controls are all around,
ready for the ride.



The driver starts the engine
and, when the way is clear,
accelerates along the road
and turns the wheel to steer.



Some truck cabs have a bunk bed,
a curtain, and a light



to make a tiny bedroom
where the driver sleeps at night.



A big rig has a semitrailer
fitted with a pin.
Its tractor unit has a slot
to click the trailer in.



So when the rig is traveling
on roads that weave and wend,
the separate parts turn one by one
to get around a bend.



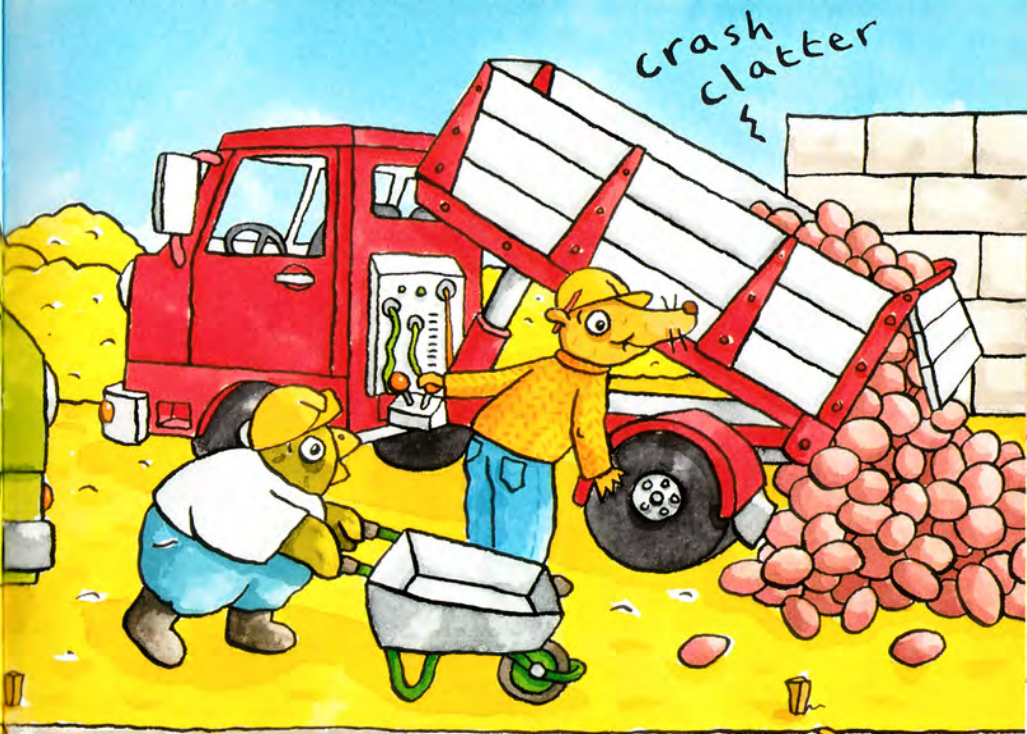
A garbage truck collects the trash,
grumbling down the street.



It lifts the cans and empties them
to keep things clean and neat.



A concrete mixer stirs its load
while traveling to the site.
The foreman points, "Just pour it here.
We're ready now. All right?"



The piston on a dump truck
can push to tilt it up.
We're just about to tip some rubble.
Ready, steady, hup!



A tanker carries liquids,
so it's sealed up good and tight.



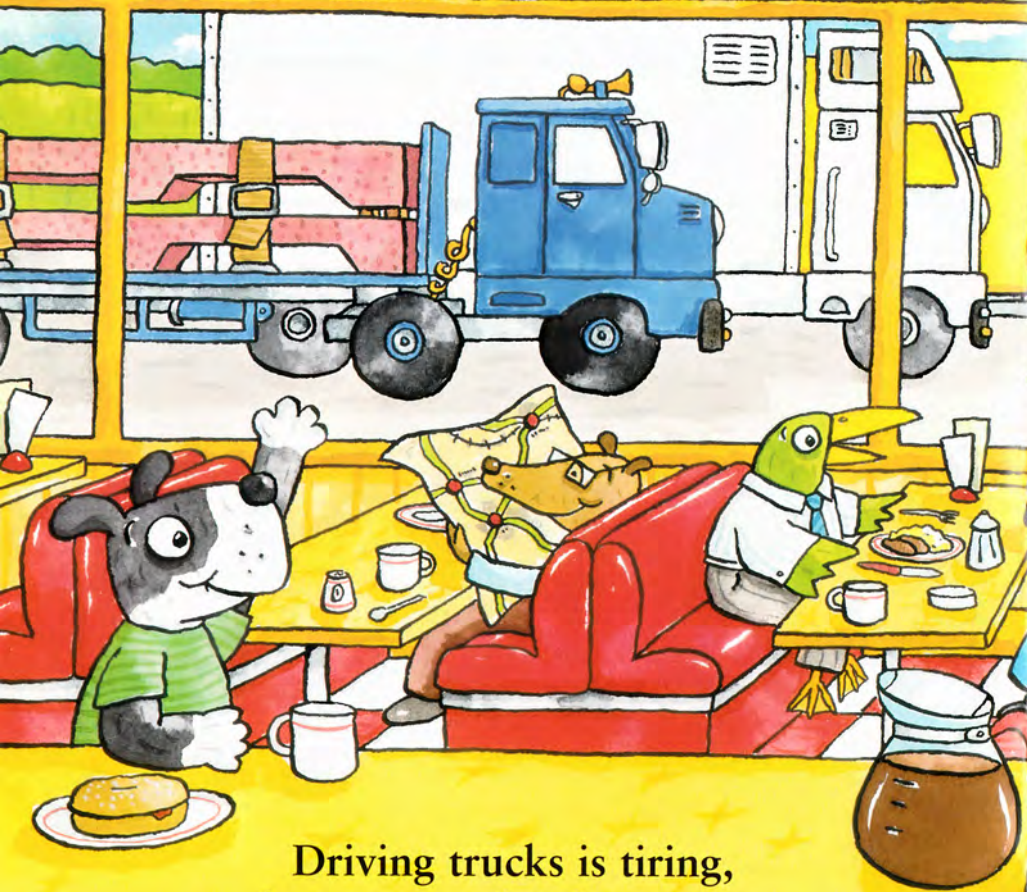
This shiny tanker's full of milk,
all creamy, cool, and white.



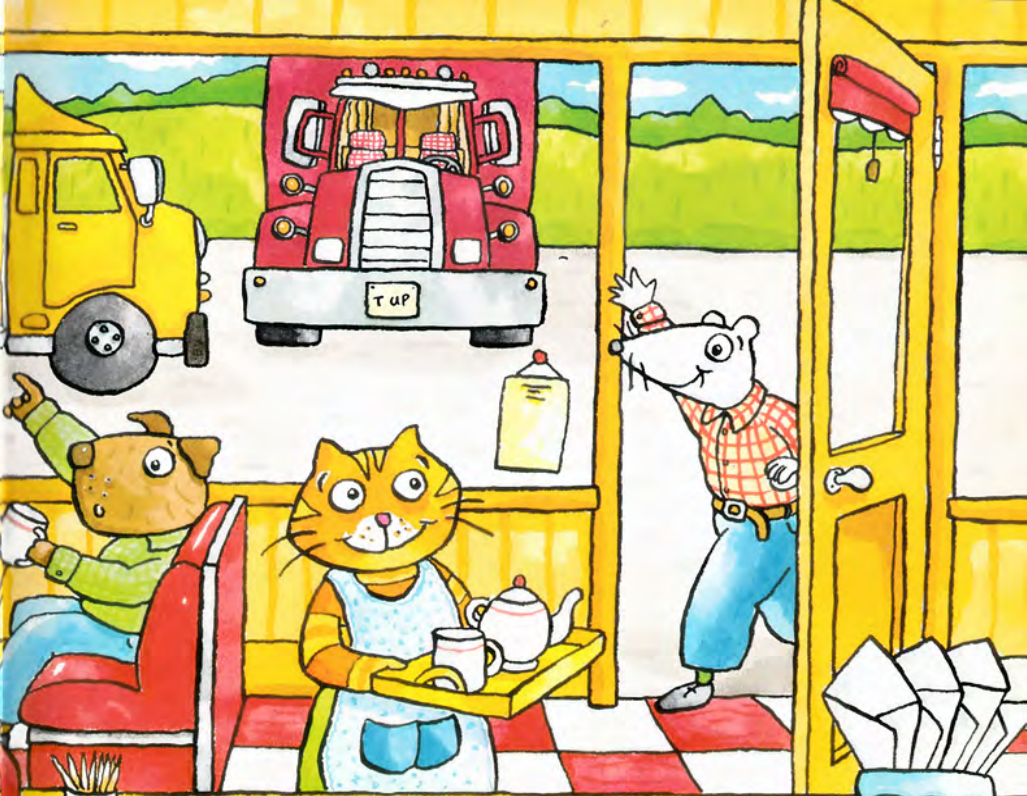
When traveling long distances,
you're on the road alone,
so drivers keep in touch
by CB radio or phone.



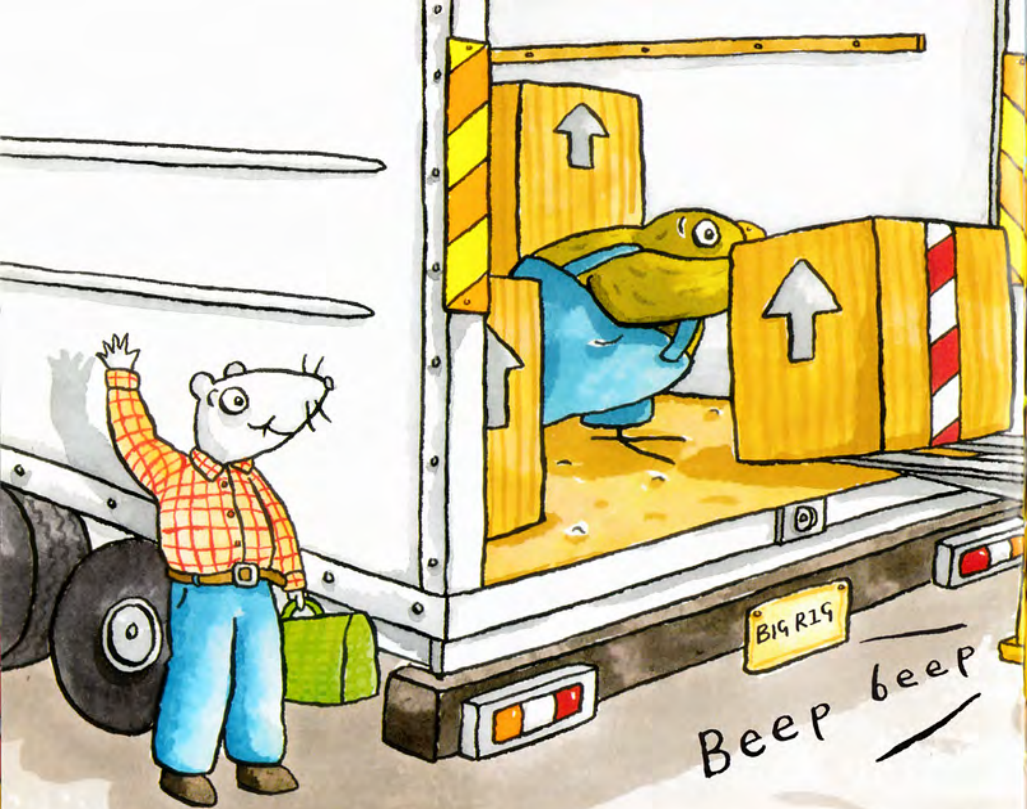
This truck has had a breakdown,
but the driver didn't panic.
He radioed around and found
a handy truck mechanic.



Driving trucks is tiring,
but you need to be awake.



So drivers park at truck stops
for a meal or a break.



But look, we've reached the depot.
We've made another run.

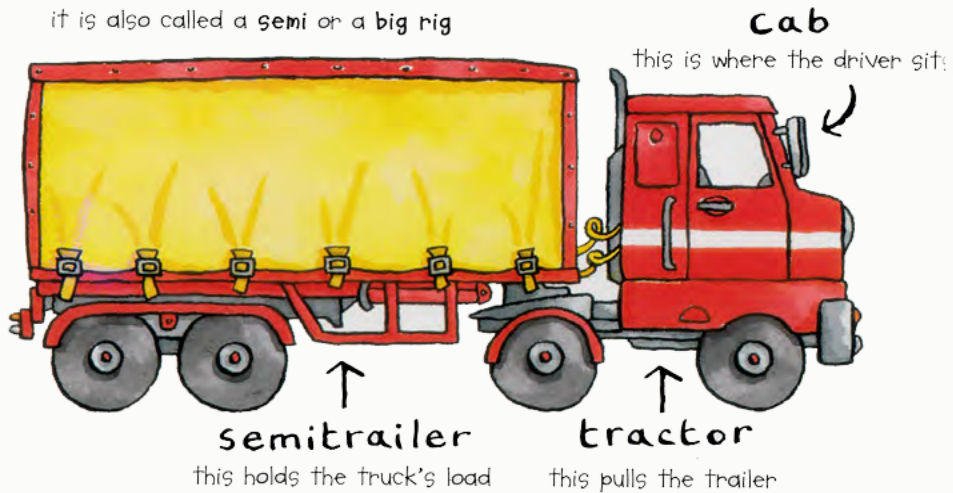


The forklift starts unloading,
and the foreman shouts, "Well done!"

Truck parts

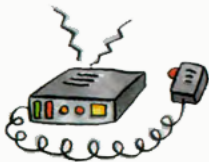
tractor-trailer

this is made up of a tractor and a semitrailer—
it is also called a **semi** or a **big rig**



CB radio

a driver can use this special
radio to talk to other drivers



piston

also called a **hoist**, this is
a strong pump that pushes
up the back of a dump
truck to help it tip
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