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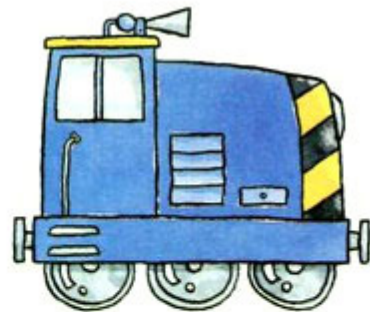
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Have Mom & Dad
read this to you
and practice rhyming.

From: Mrs. Miller ☺

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For Mandy, John, Chloe, and Charlie—T.M.
For Gorran—A.P.

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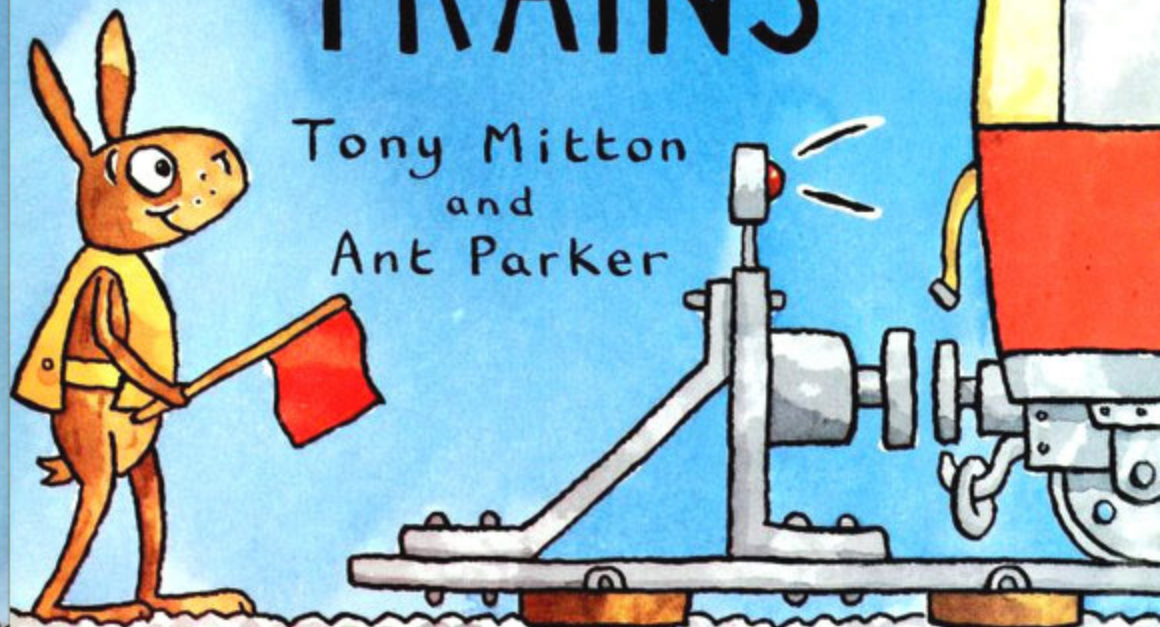
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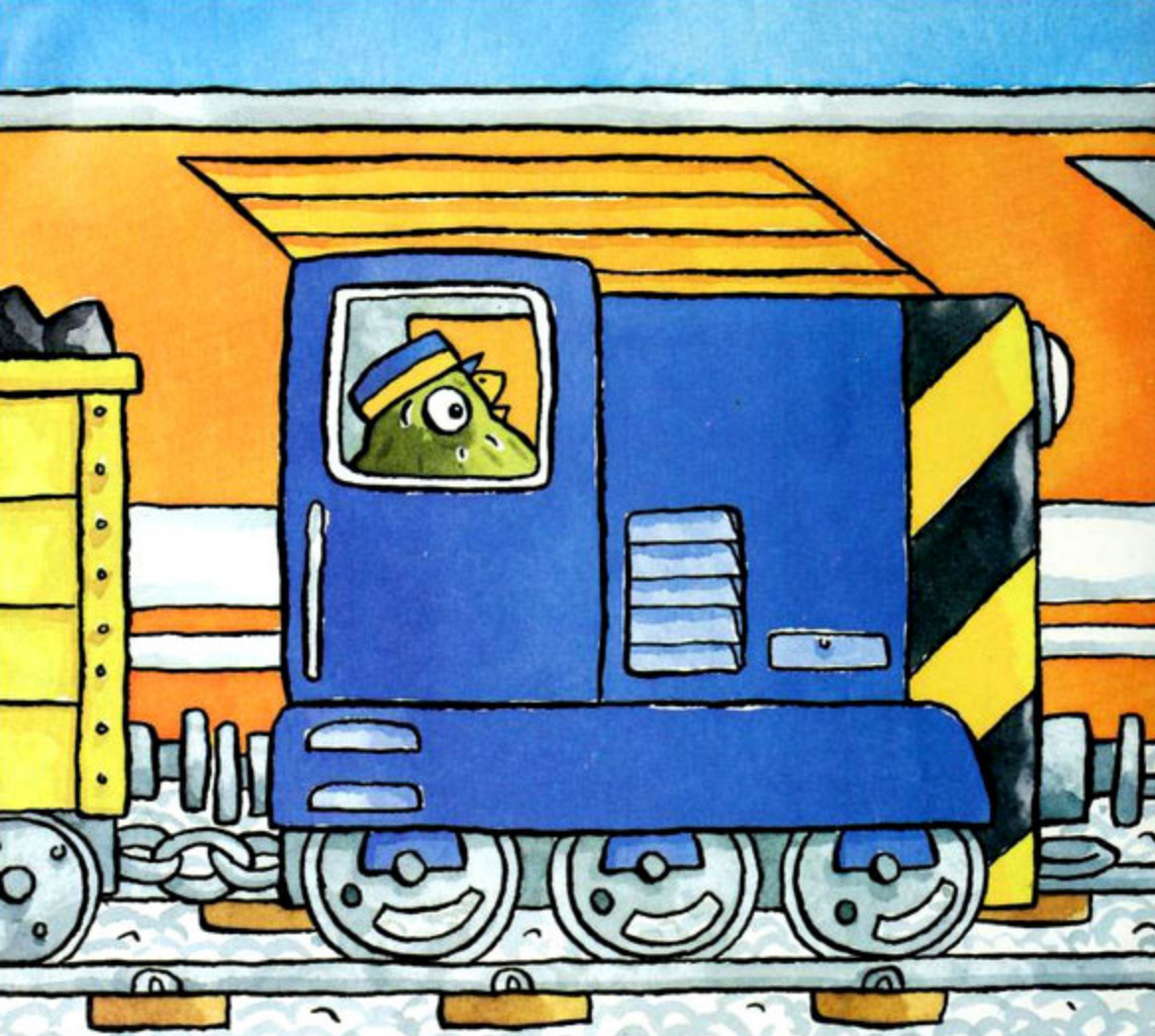
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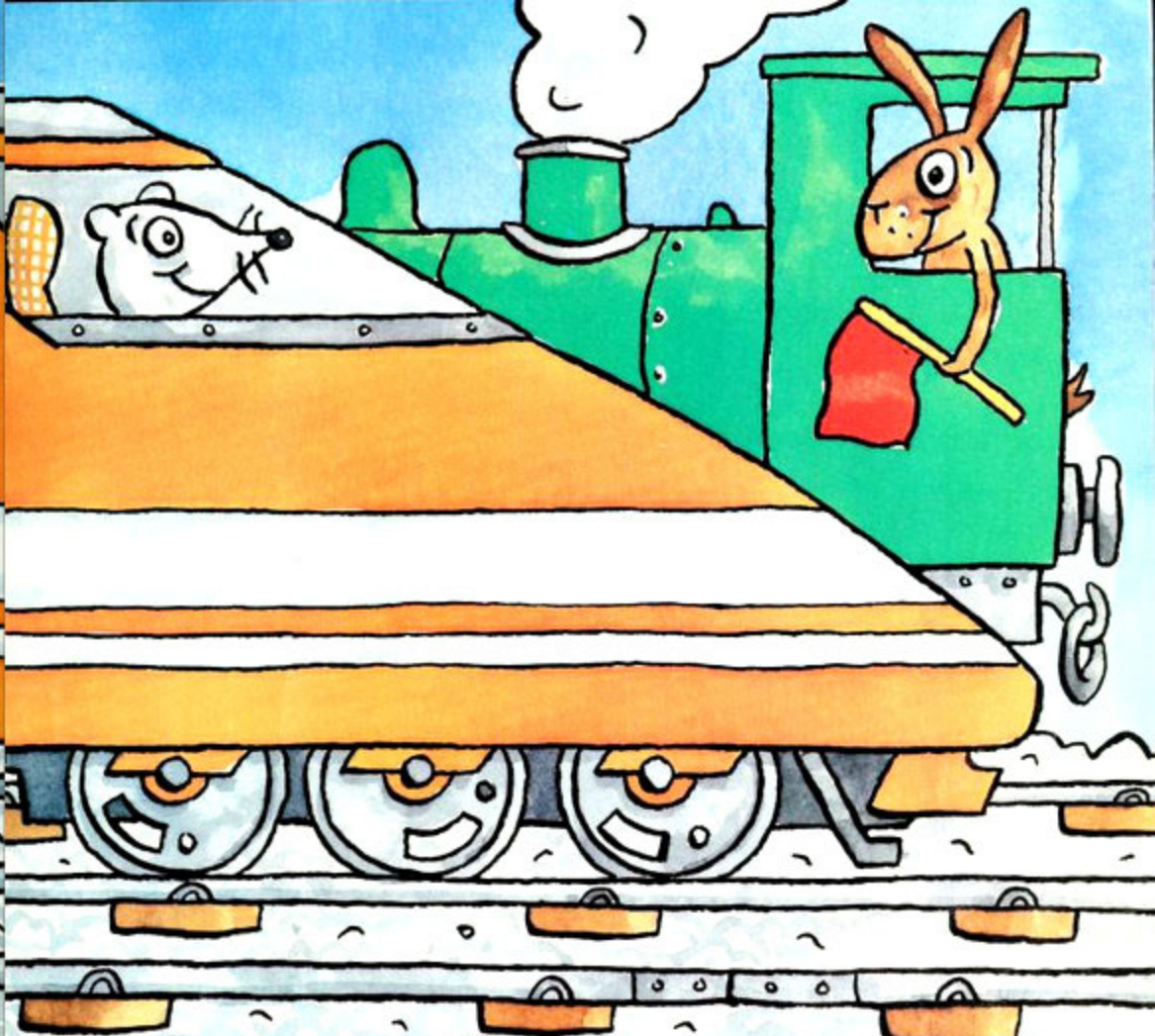


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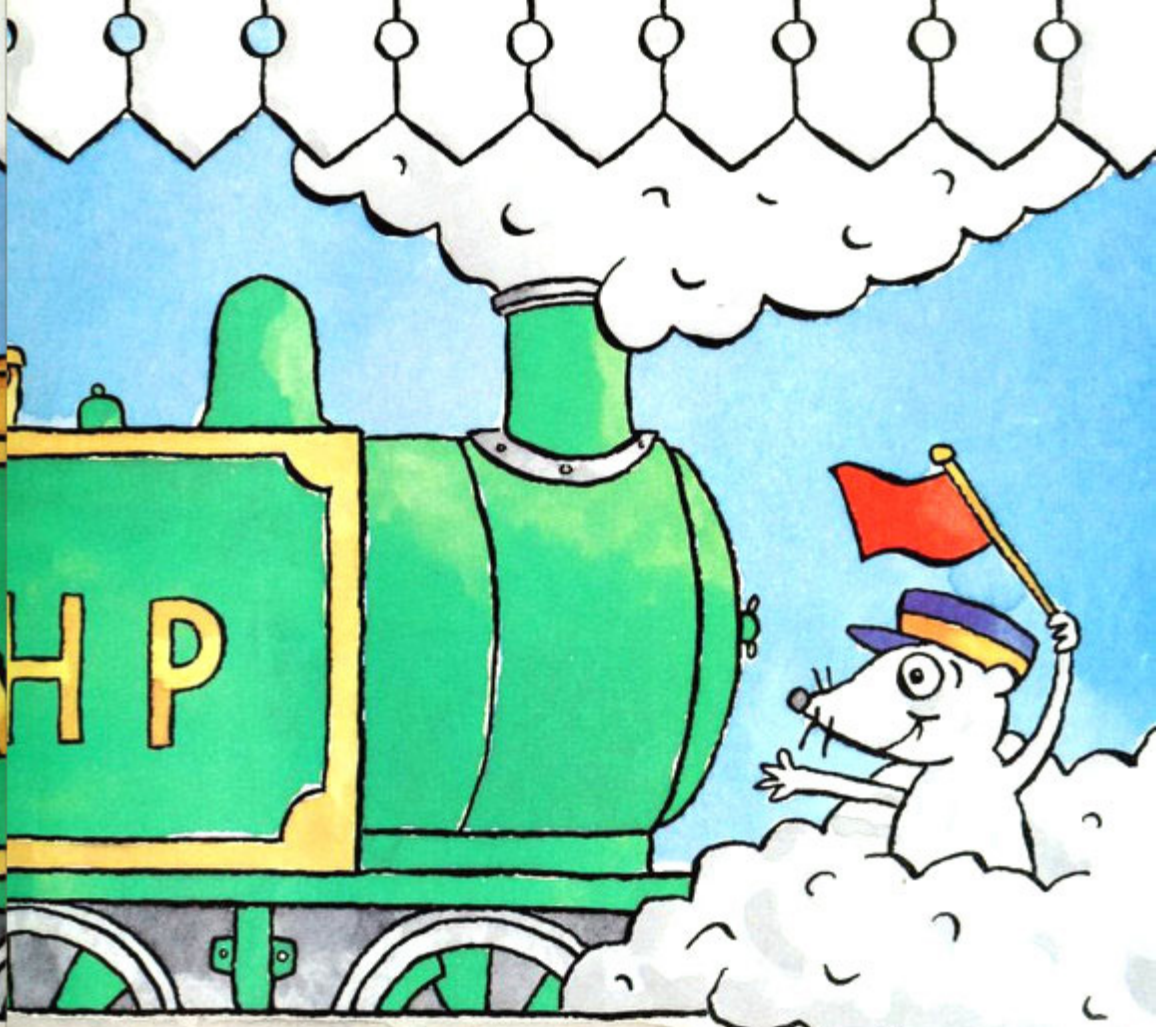
Big trains, small trains, old trains and new,



rattling and whistling—Choo, Choo, Choo!



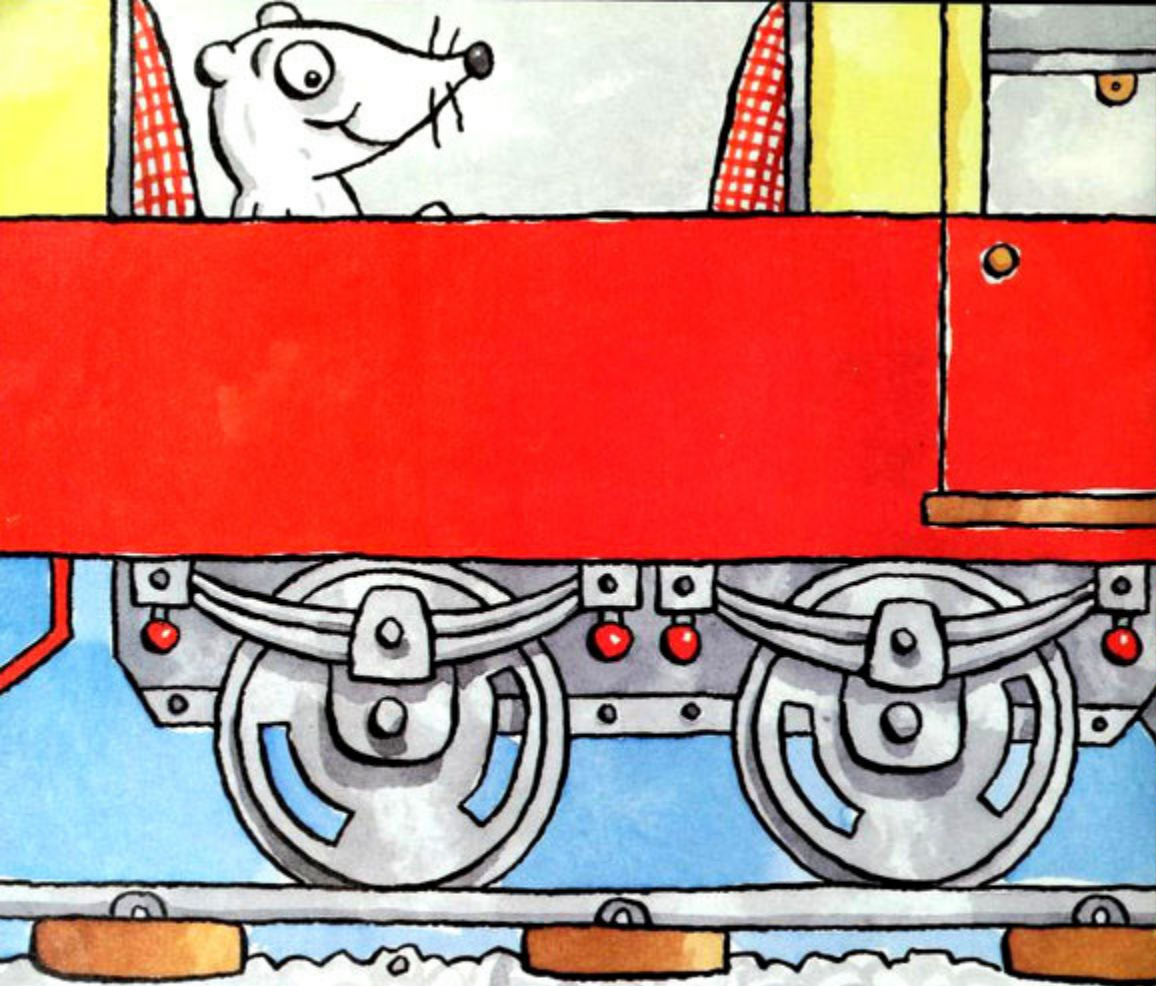
Starting from the station with a whistle and a hiss,



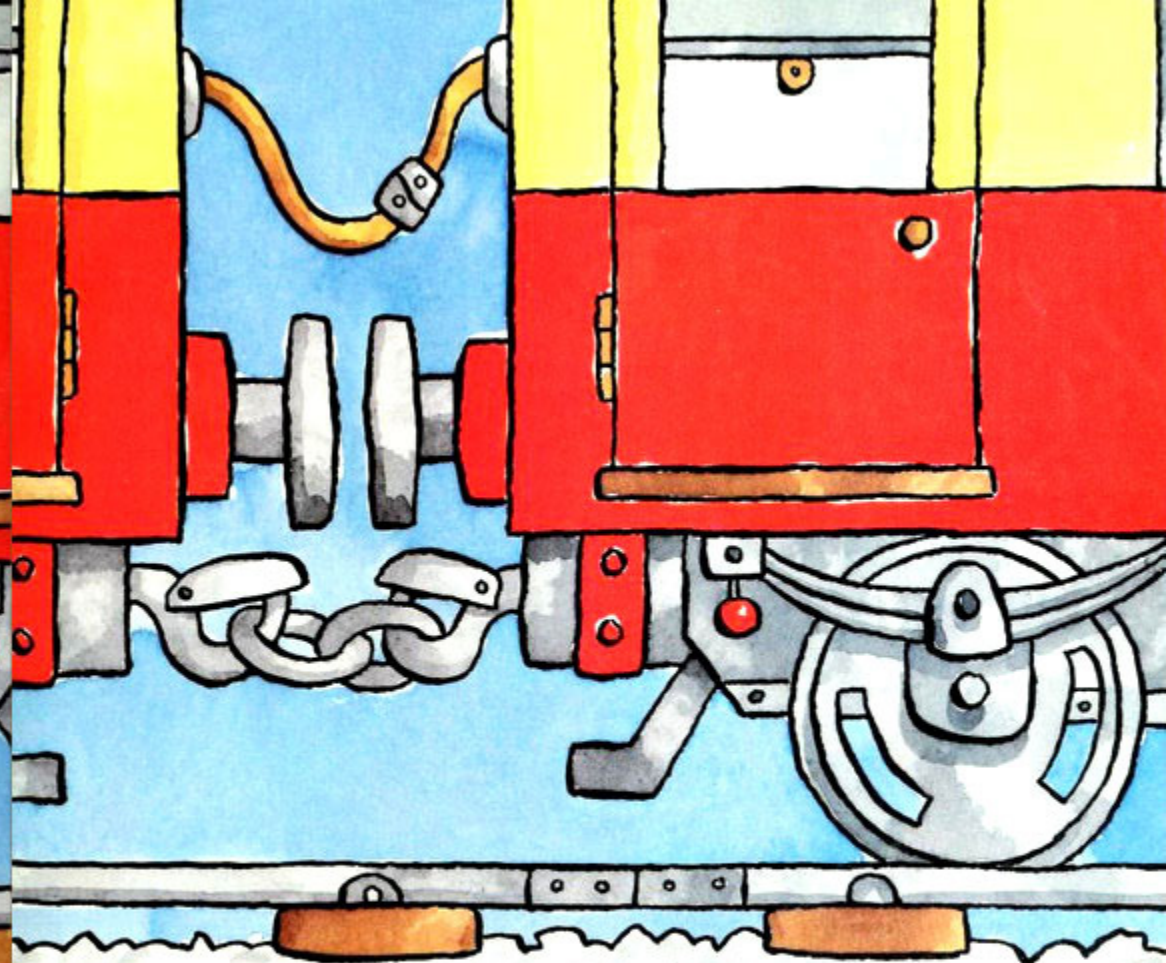
steam trains huffing and puffing like this.



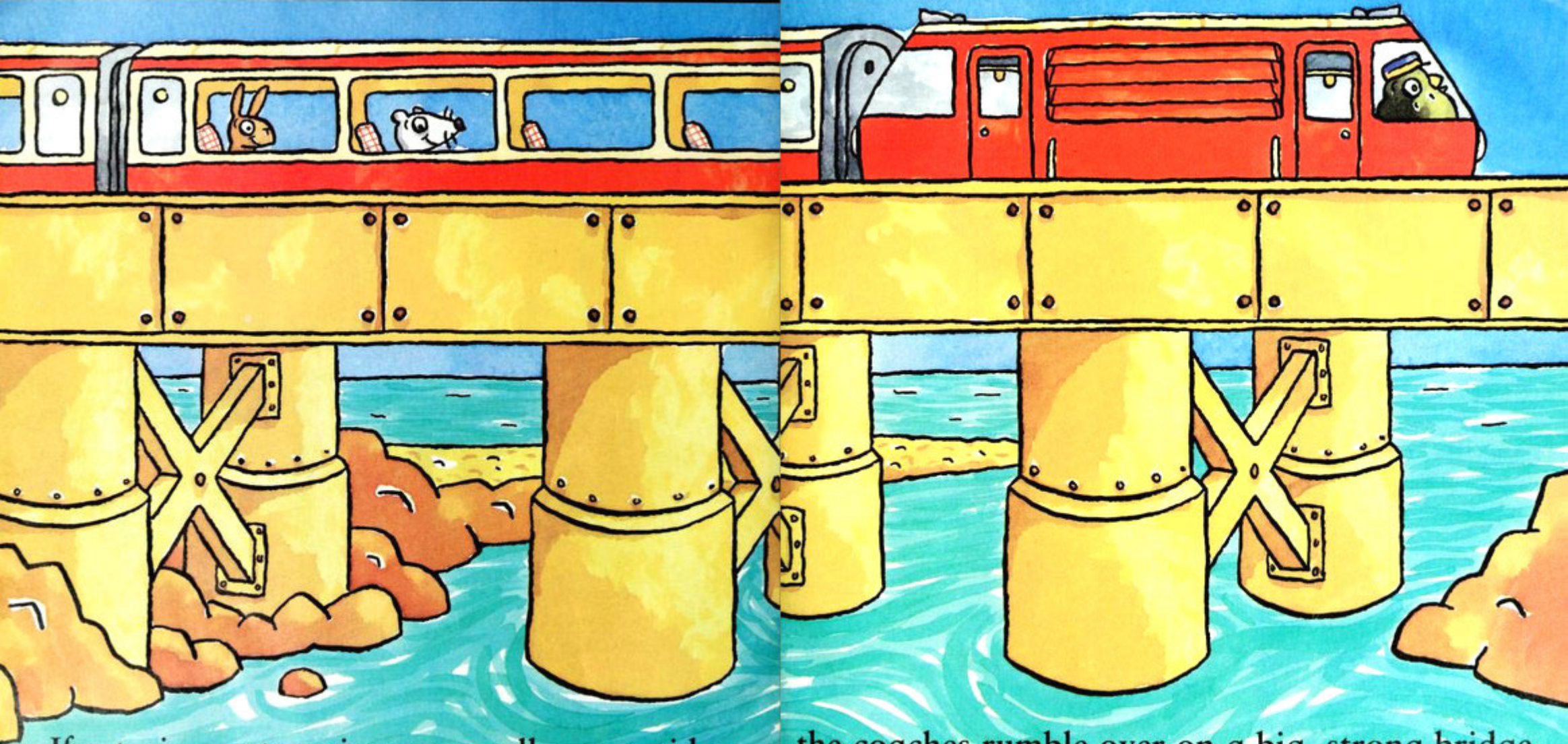
Diesel trains rushing as they rattle down the line, warning us they're coming with a long, low whine.



Metal wheels whirl as they whizz along the track.
They shimmer and they swish
with a slick click-clack.



Coaches are coupled in a neat, long chain.
An engine pulls the coaches,
and that makes a train.



If a train meets a river or a valley or a ridge,

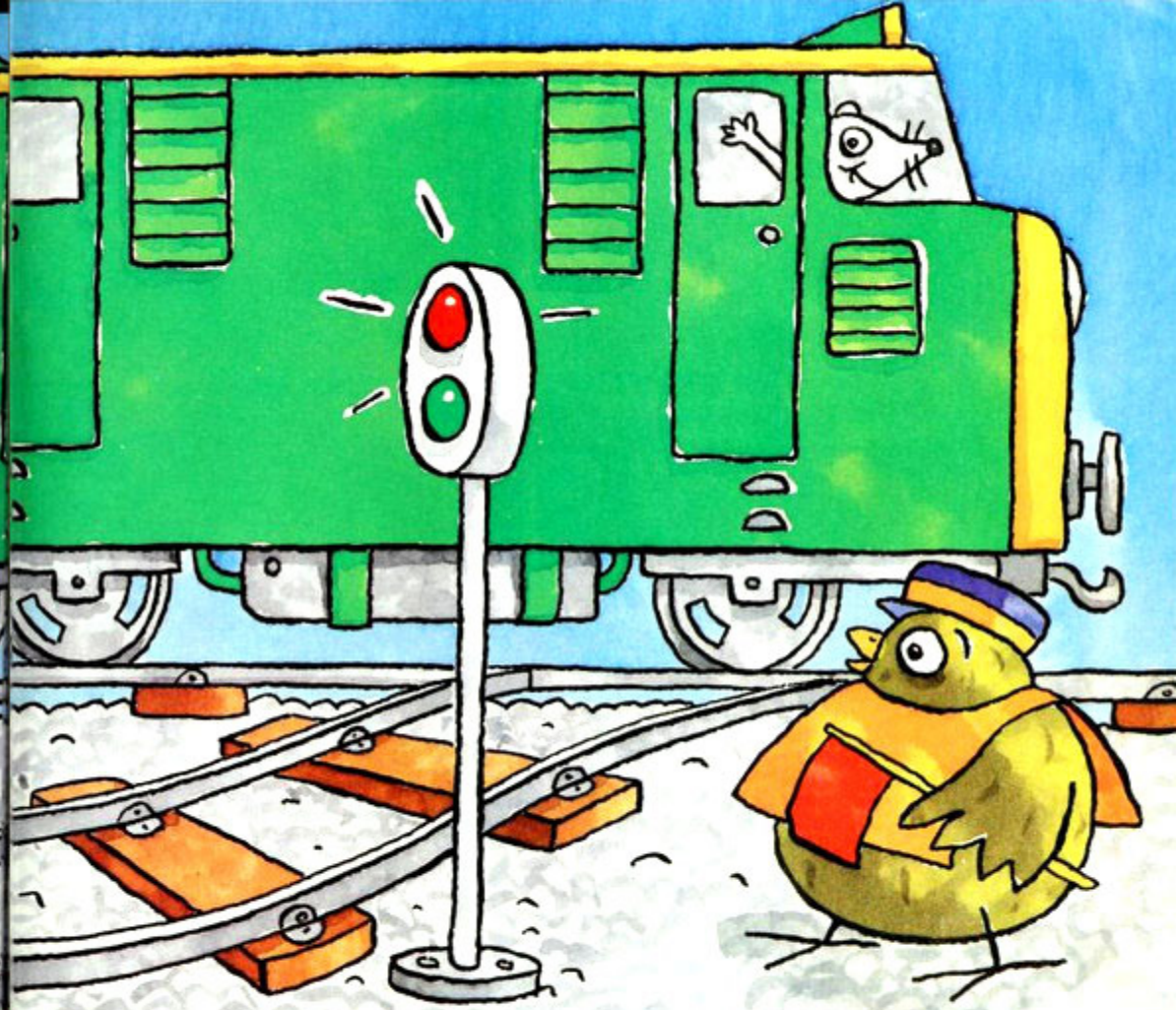
the coaches rumble over on a big, strong bridge.



If a train meets a mountain it doesn't have to stop.



It travels through a tunnel and your ears go pop!

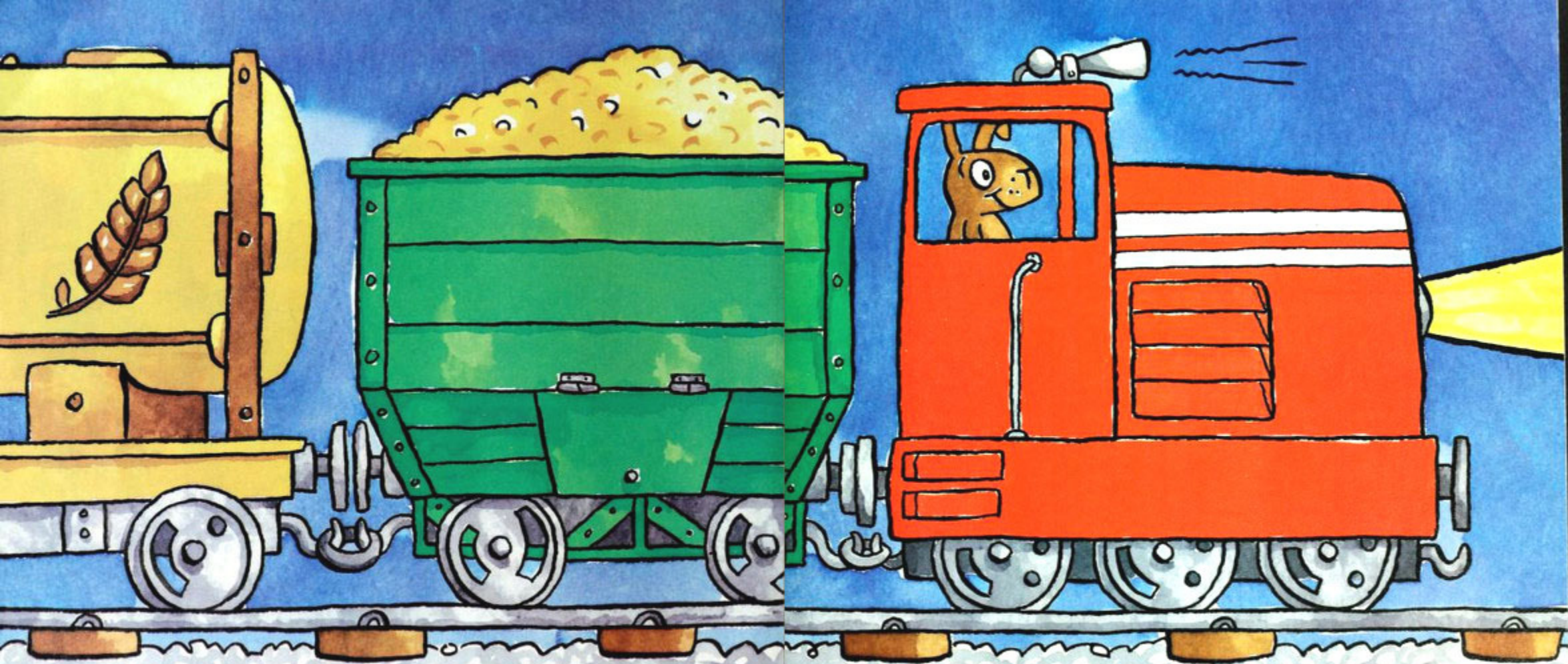


When too many trains try to share the same track, the signals and the switches have to hold some back.



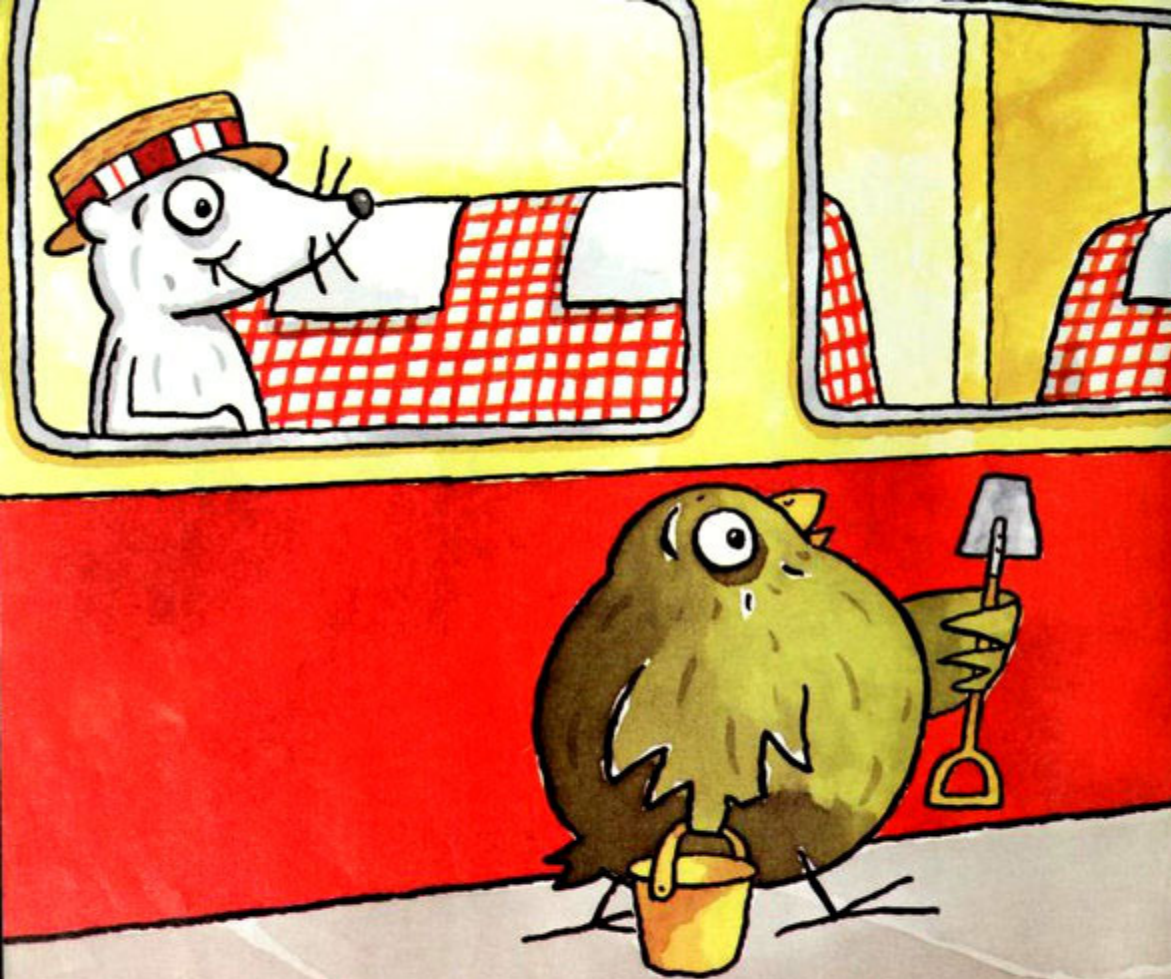
When the rail meets a road,
there's a crossing with a gate.

The train rushes through
while the traffic has to wait.



Trains travel anytime, even very late.

This train's delivering a big load of freight.



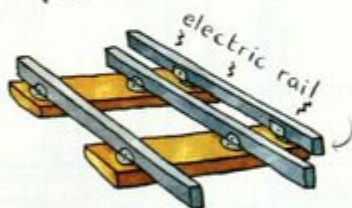
This train's for passengers,
it's ready at the station.



All aboard and wave goodbye—
we're going on vacation!

Train parts

rails



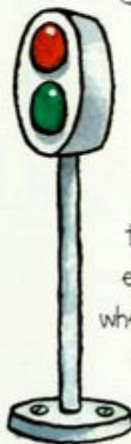
these are metal strips that form a pathway called a track or railroad line. Some trains get their power from an electric rail

whistle



this makes a noise to warn everyone that the train is coming

signal



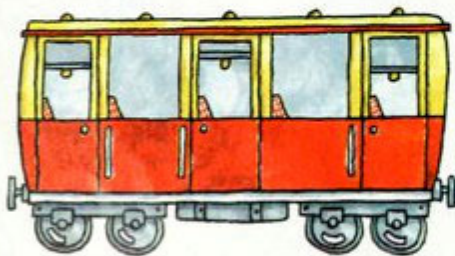
this tells engineers when to stop and go

freight car



this is for carrying goods, called freight

coach

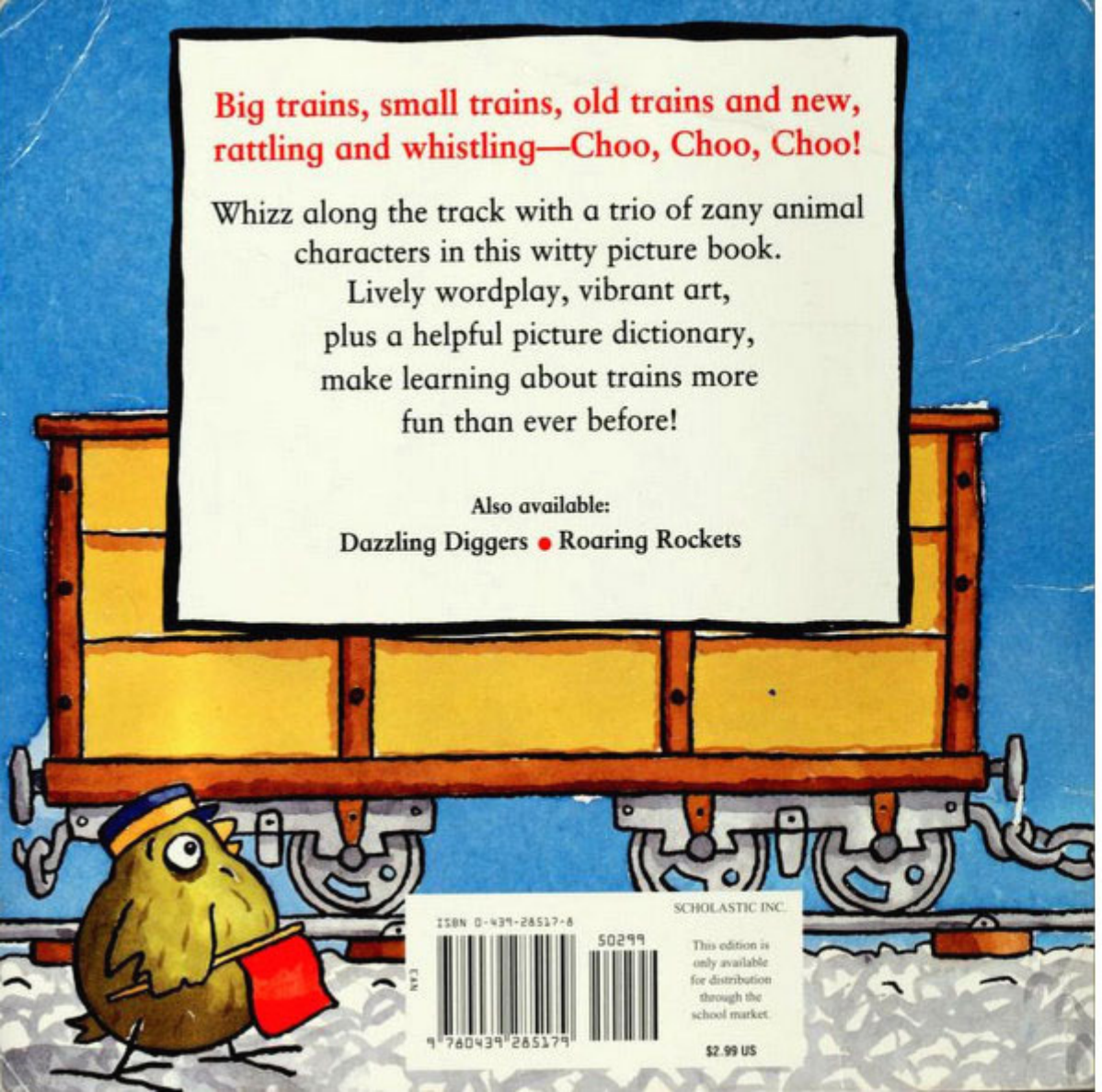


this is for carrying people, called passengers

switches



these are the short rails that move to let a train switch from one track to another

A yellow train car with brown trim and black wheels is shown against a blue sky. A cartoon mole character, wearing a blue hat and holding a red flag, stands on the ground next to the front of the train car. The mole has a large nose and a friendly expression.

**Big trains, small trains, old trains and new,
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