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# Happy Birthday, THOMAS!



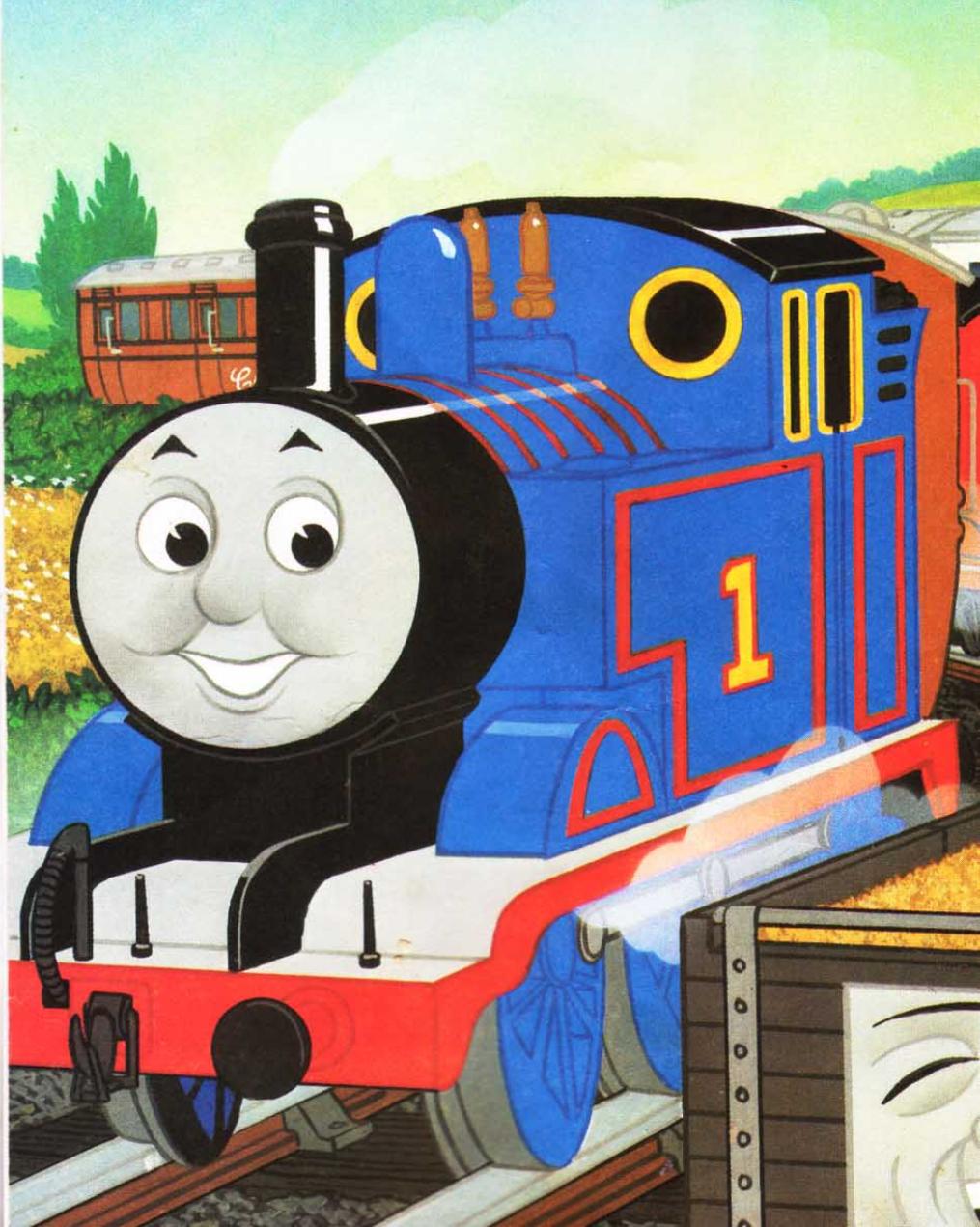
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by the Rev. W. Awdry  
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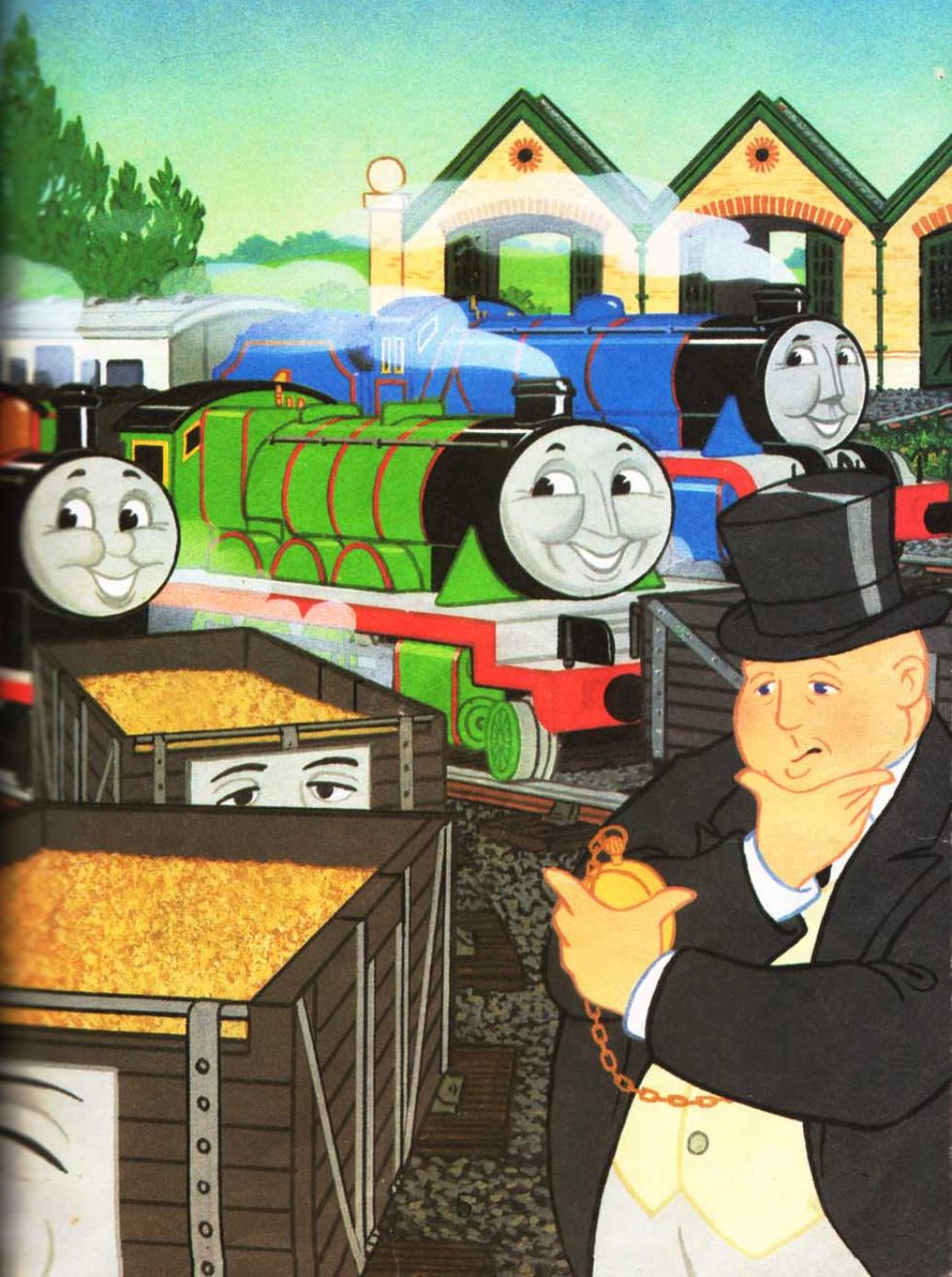
“Peep! Peep!”

Here comes

Thomas the Tank Engine.



Thomas and his friends  
work hard every day.



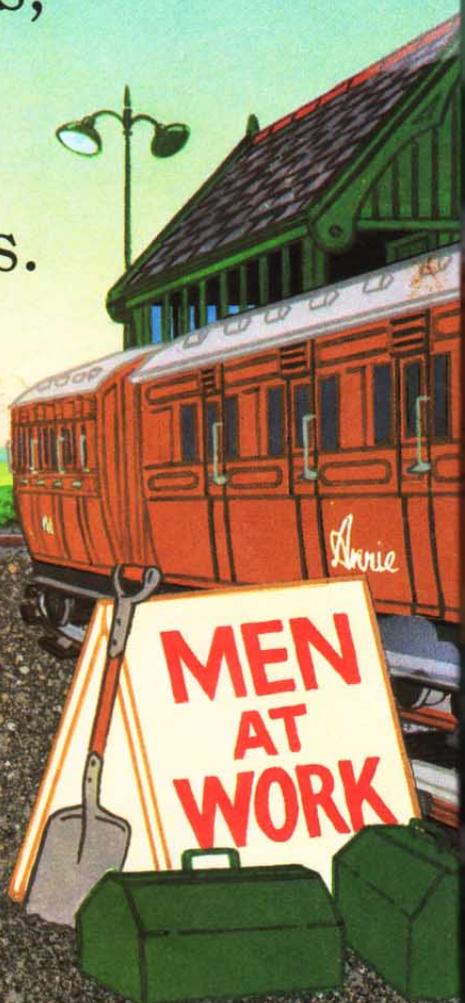
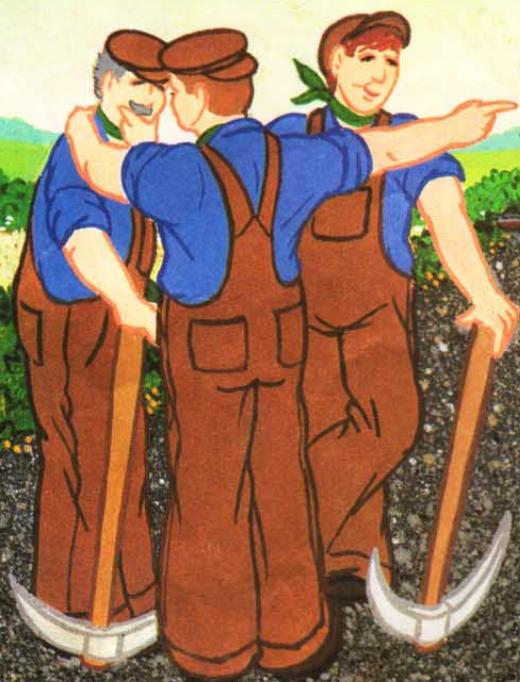
Thomas does not want  
to work today.

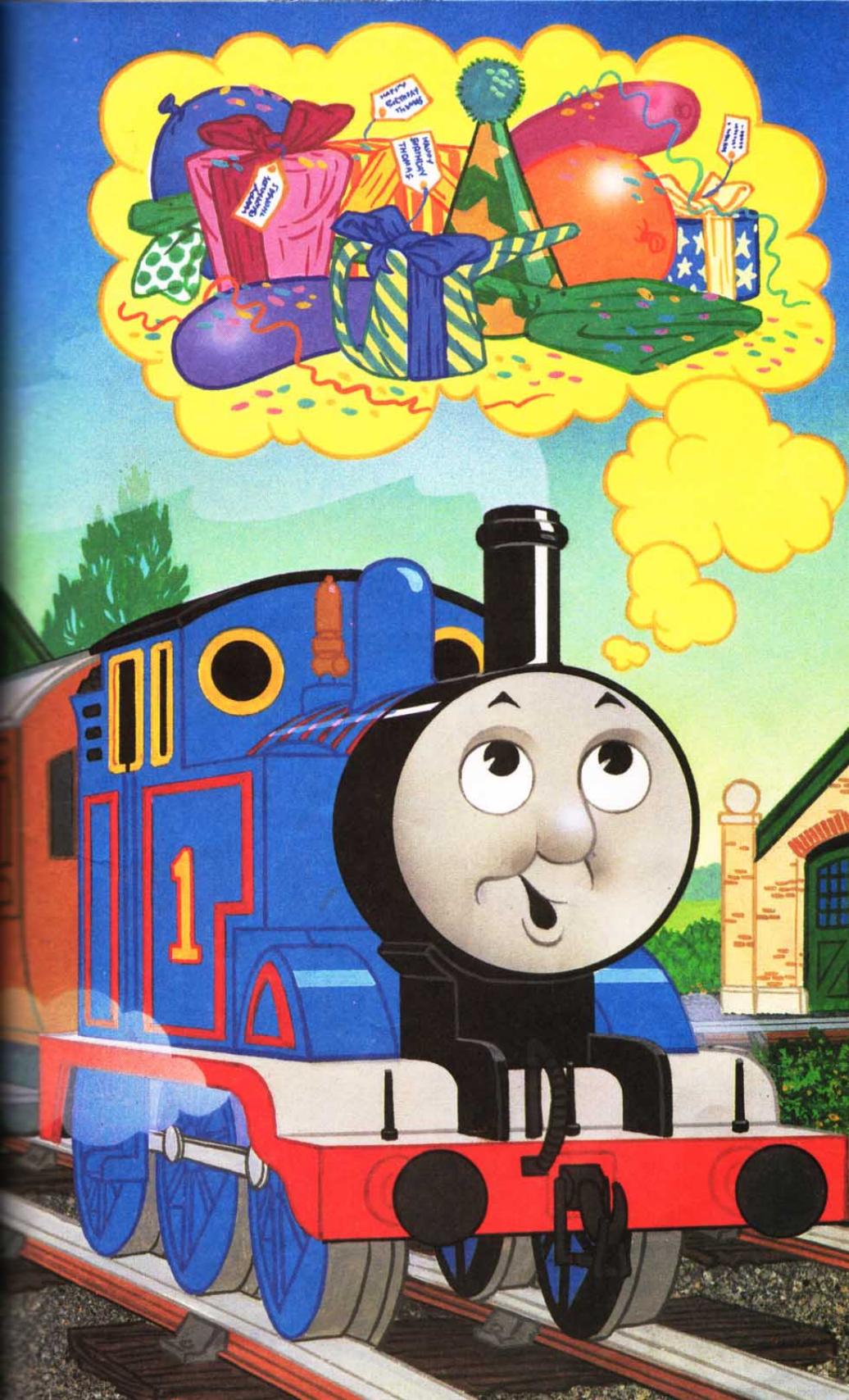
It is his birthday!

He wants a party,  
with presents,

balloons,

and silly hats.



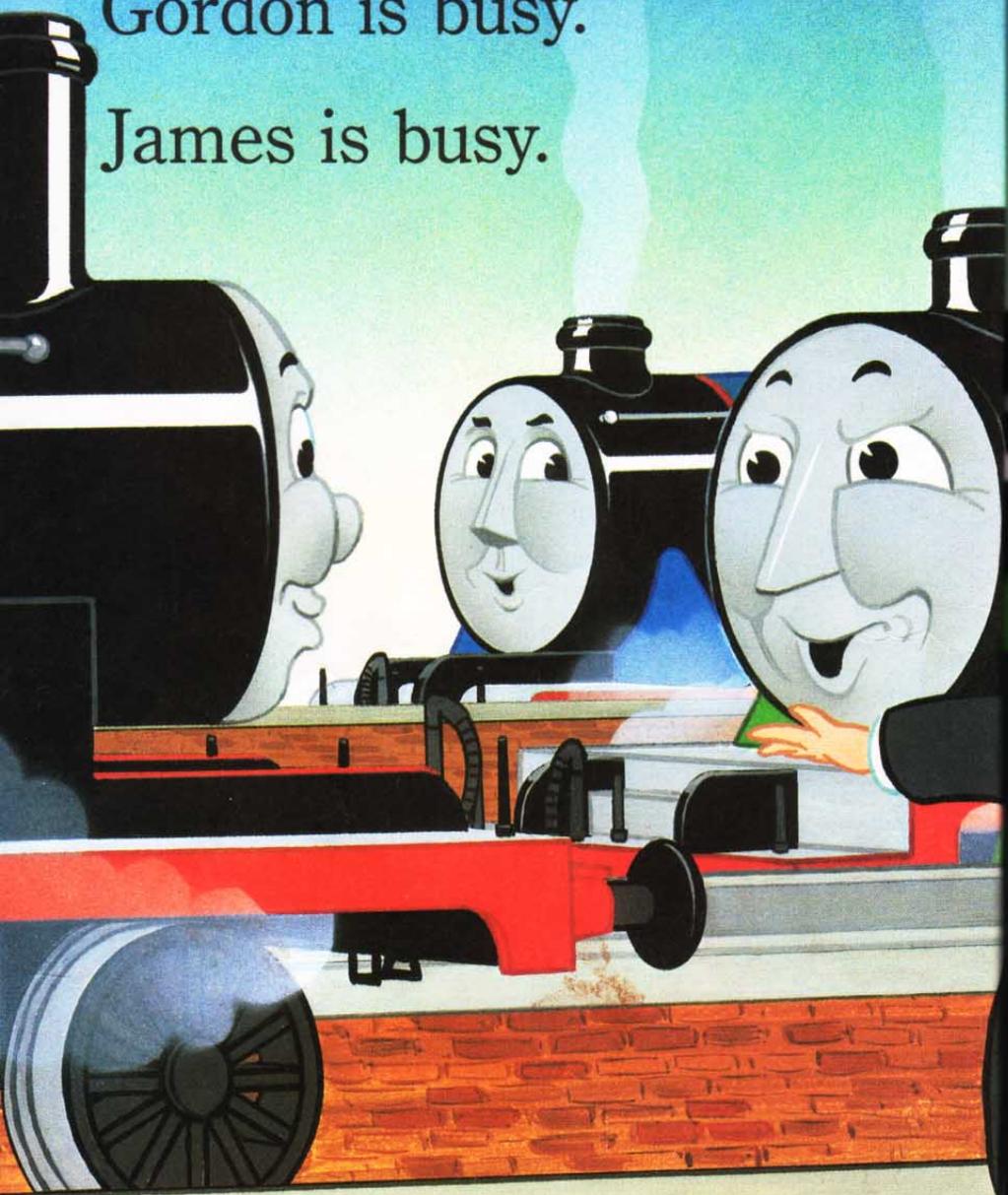


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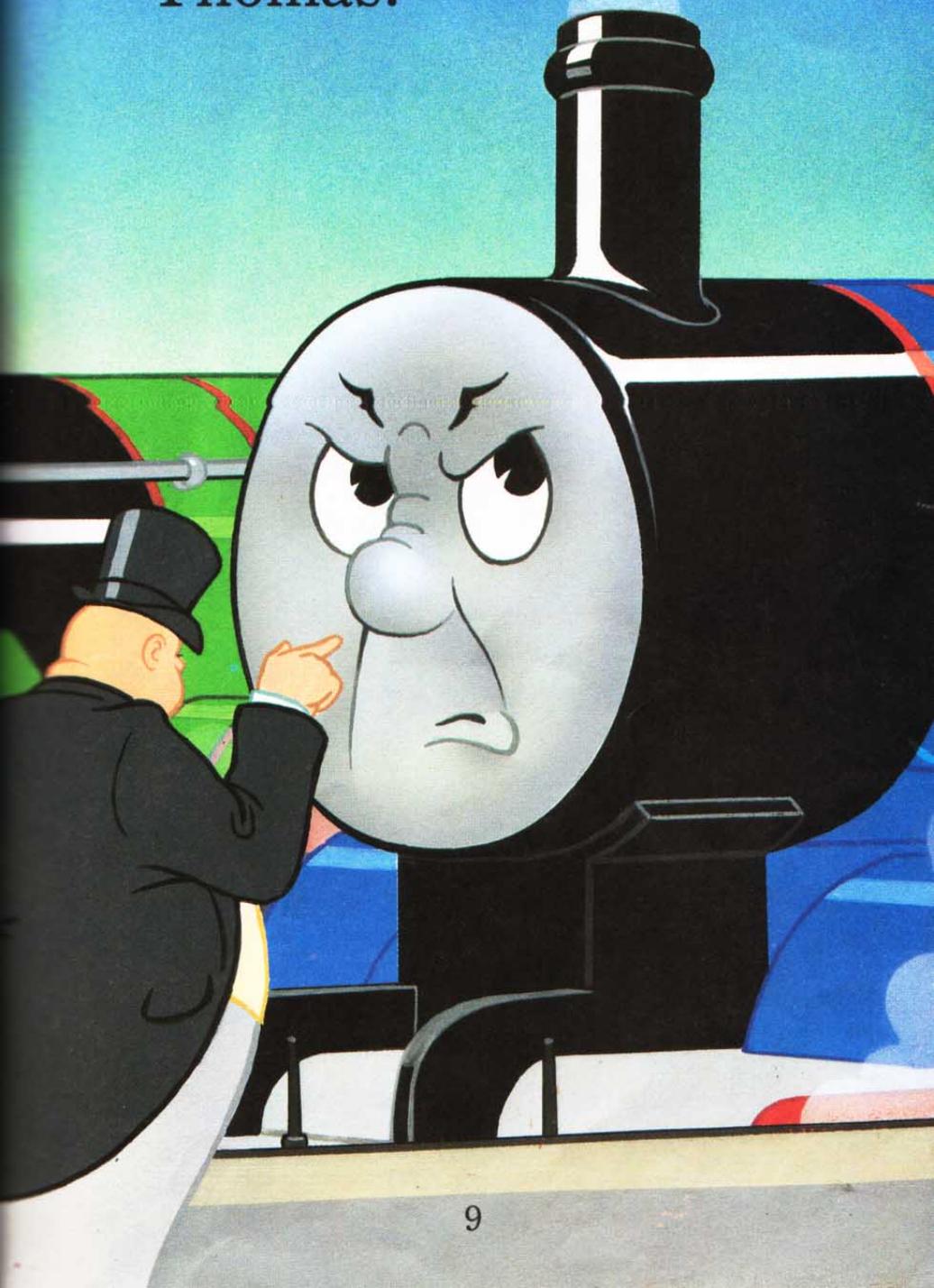
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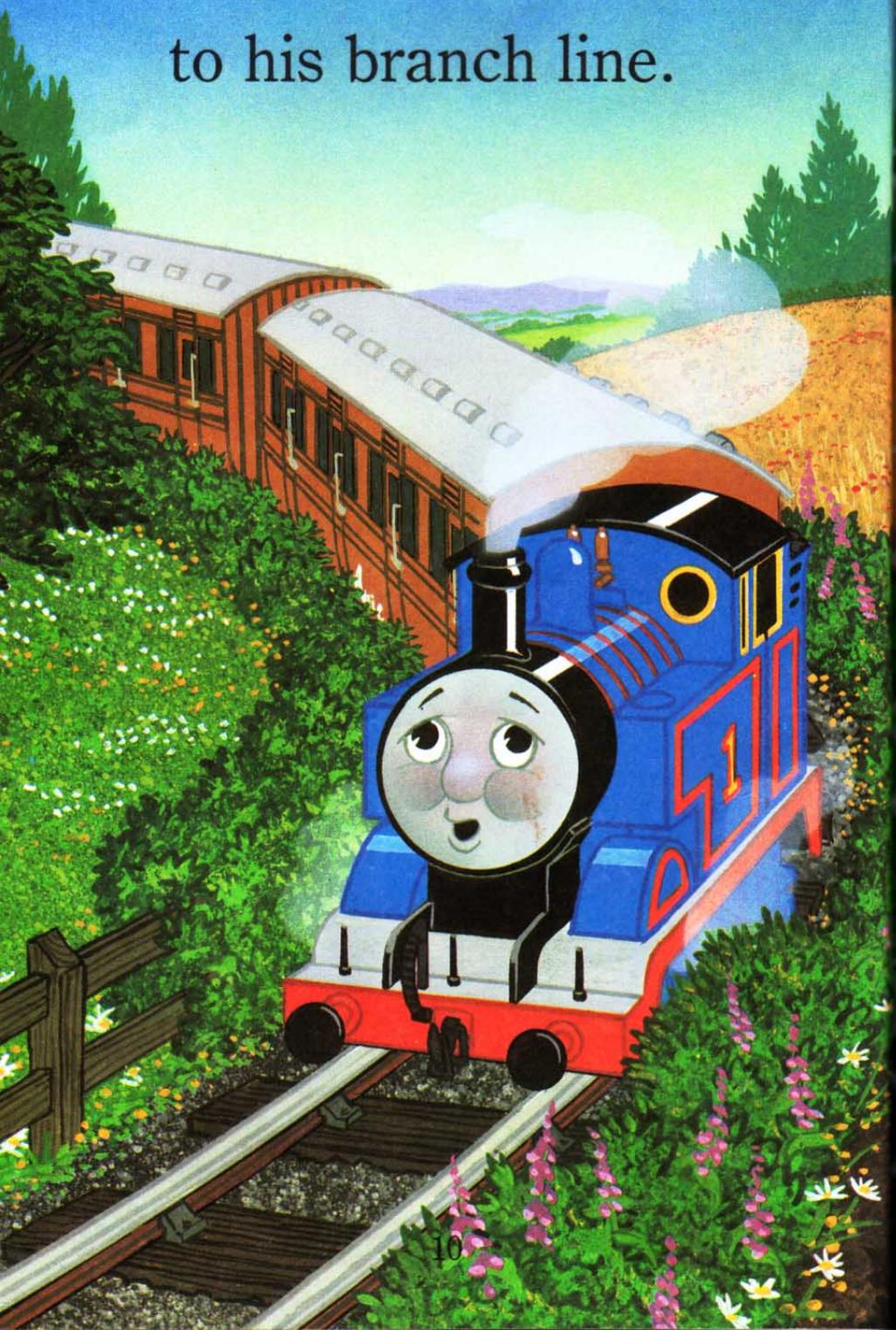
But Sir Topham Hatt says,  
"Henry is busy.  
Gordon is busy.  
James is busy.



You must work today,  
Thomas.”



So off Thomas goes  
to his branch line.

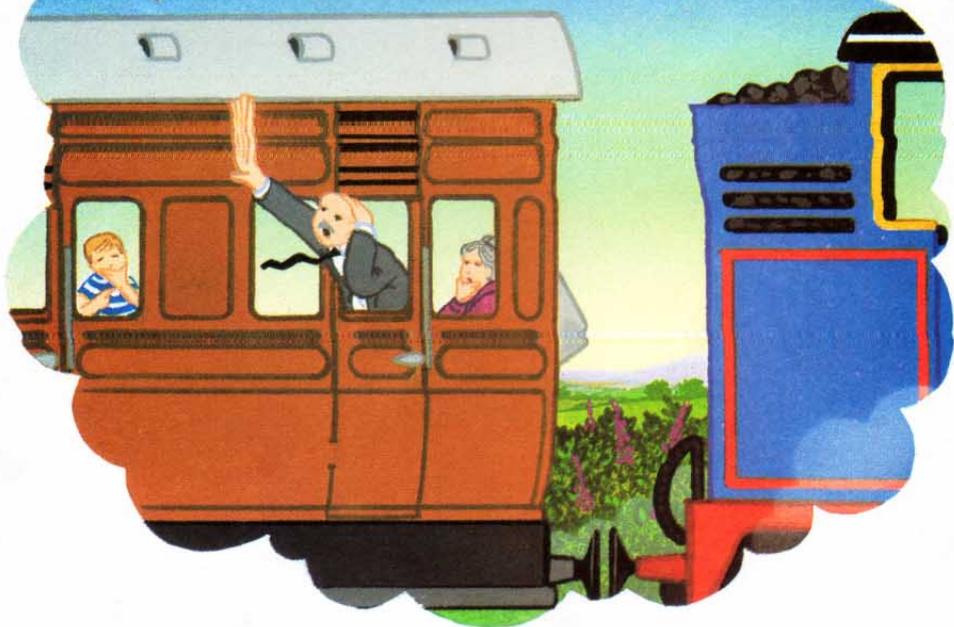


Back and forth.

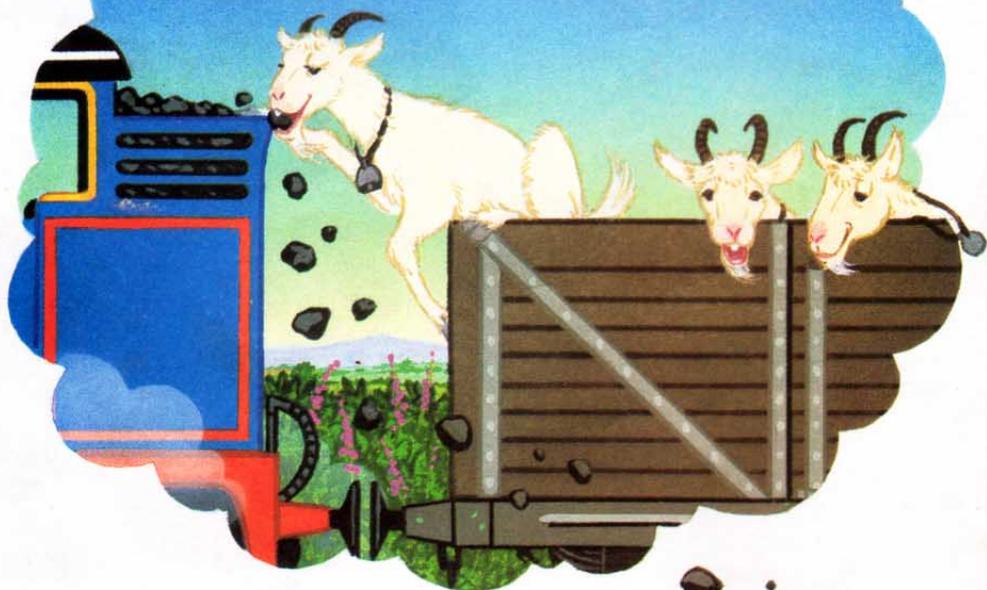
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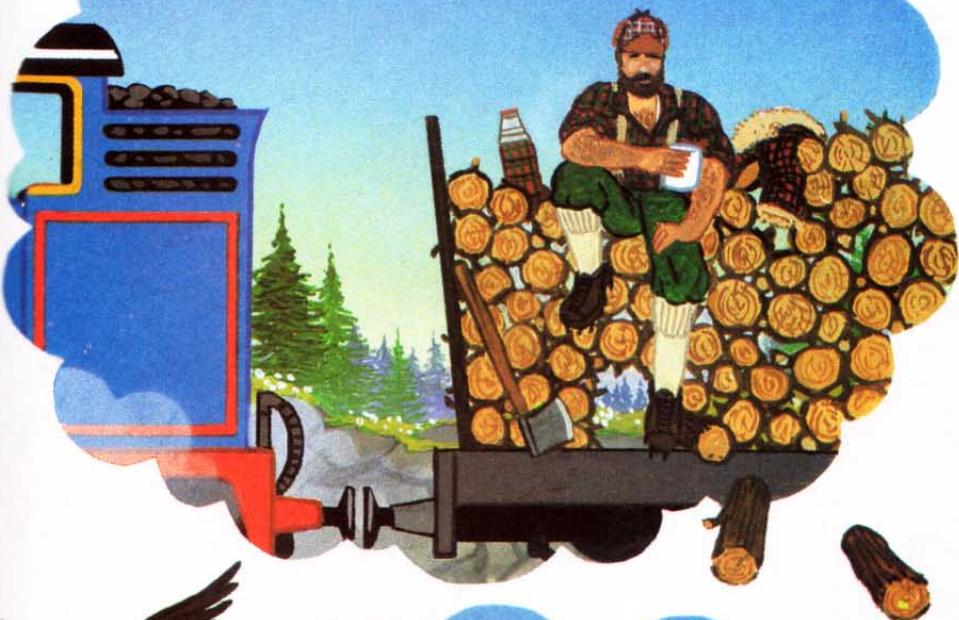
He carries people.



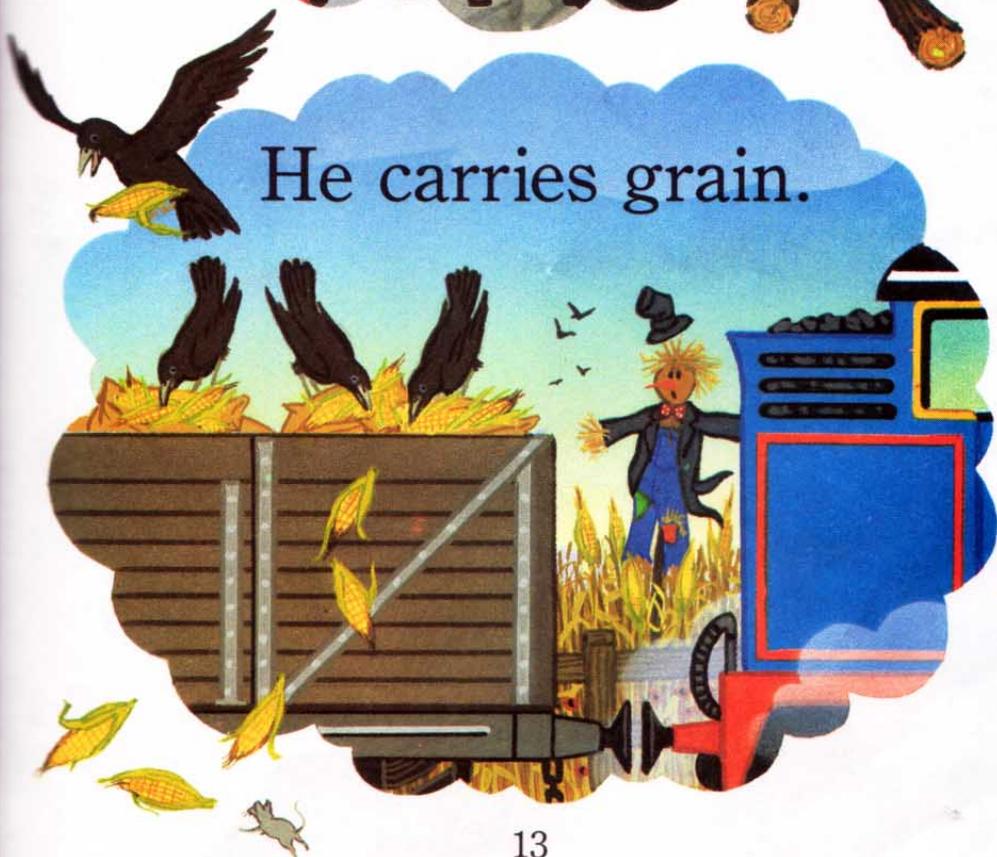
He carries animals.



He carries wood.

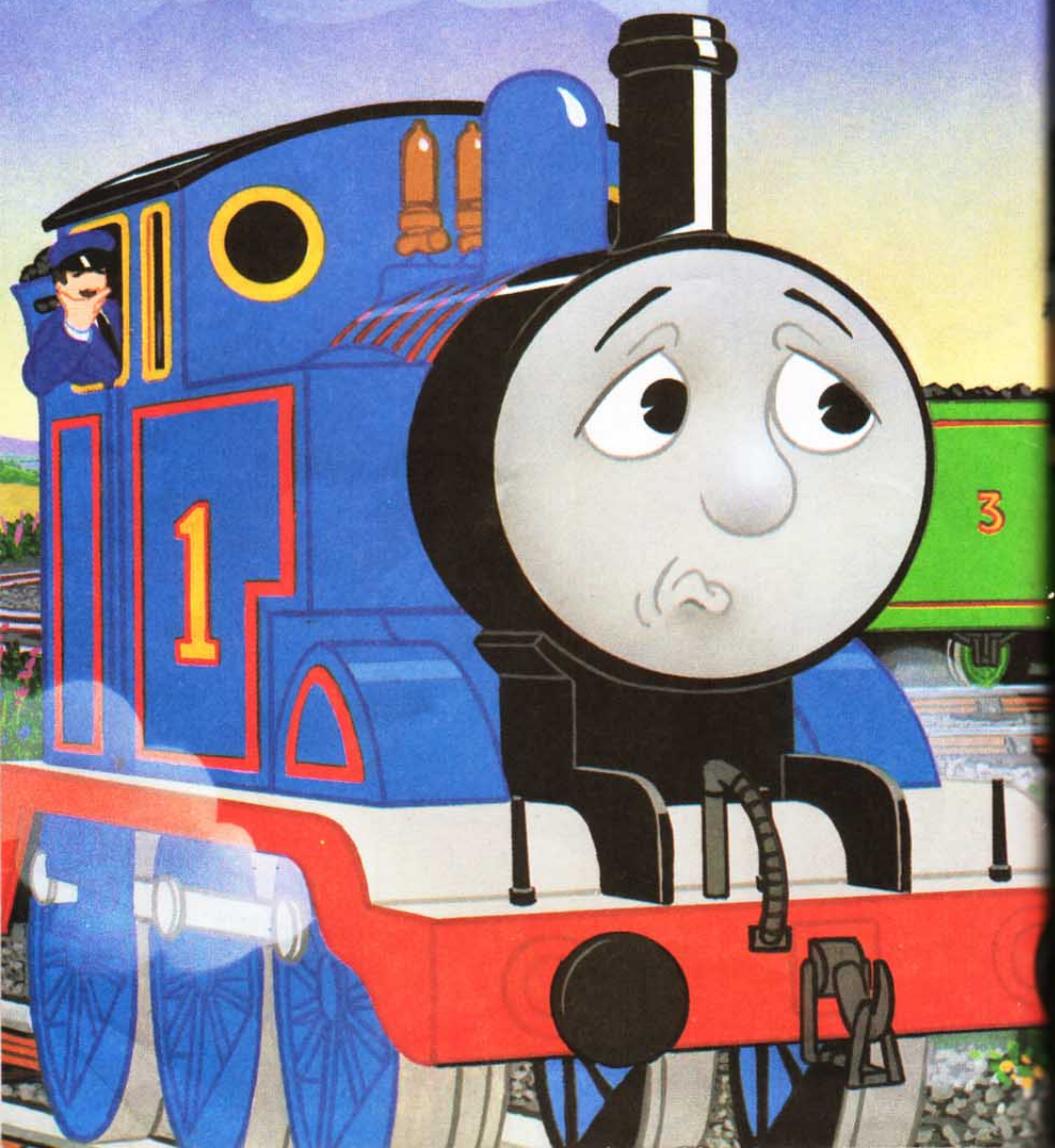


He carries grain.

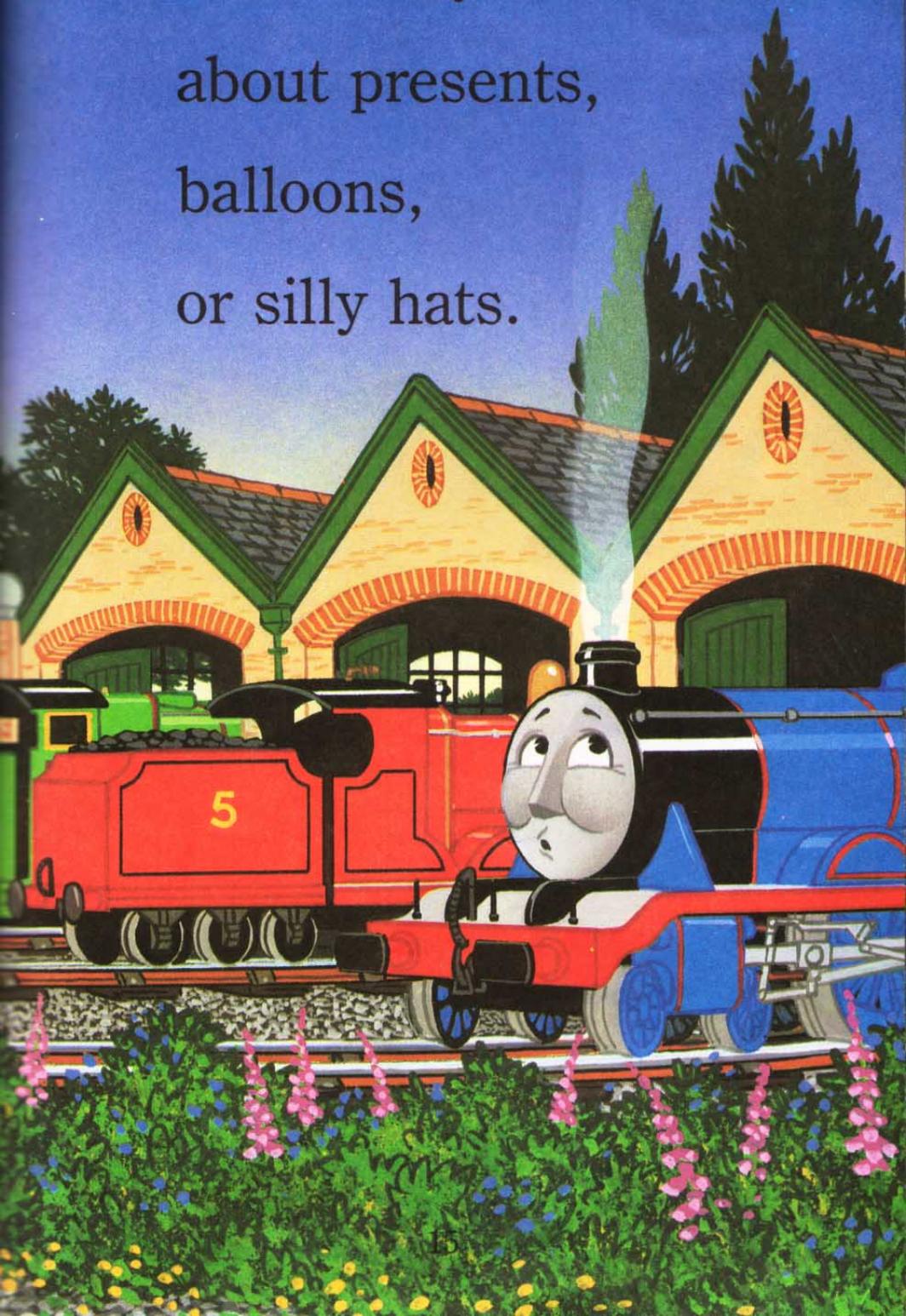


Thomas sees his friends  
near the engine shed.

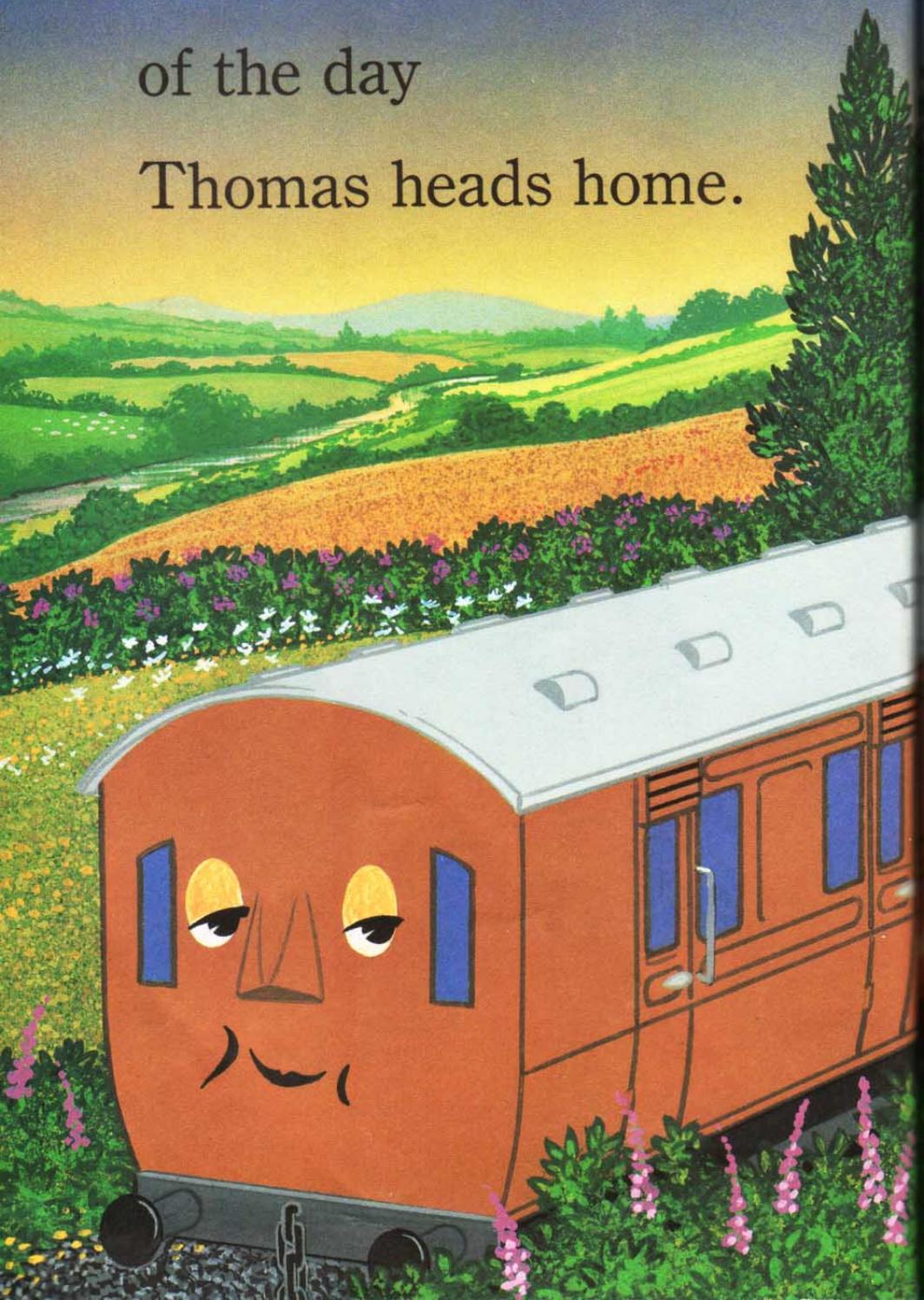
No one says,  
"Happy birthday."



No one says a word  
about presents,  
balloons,  
or silly hats.



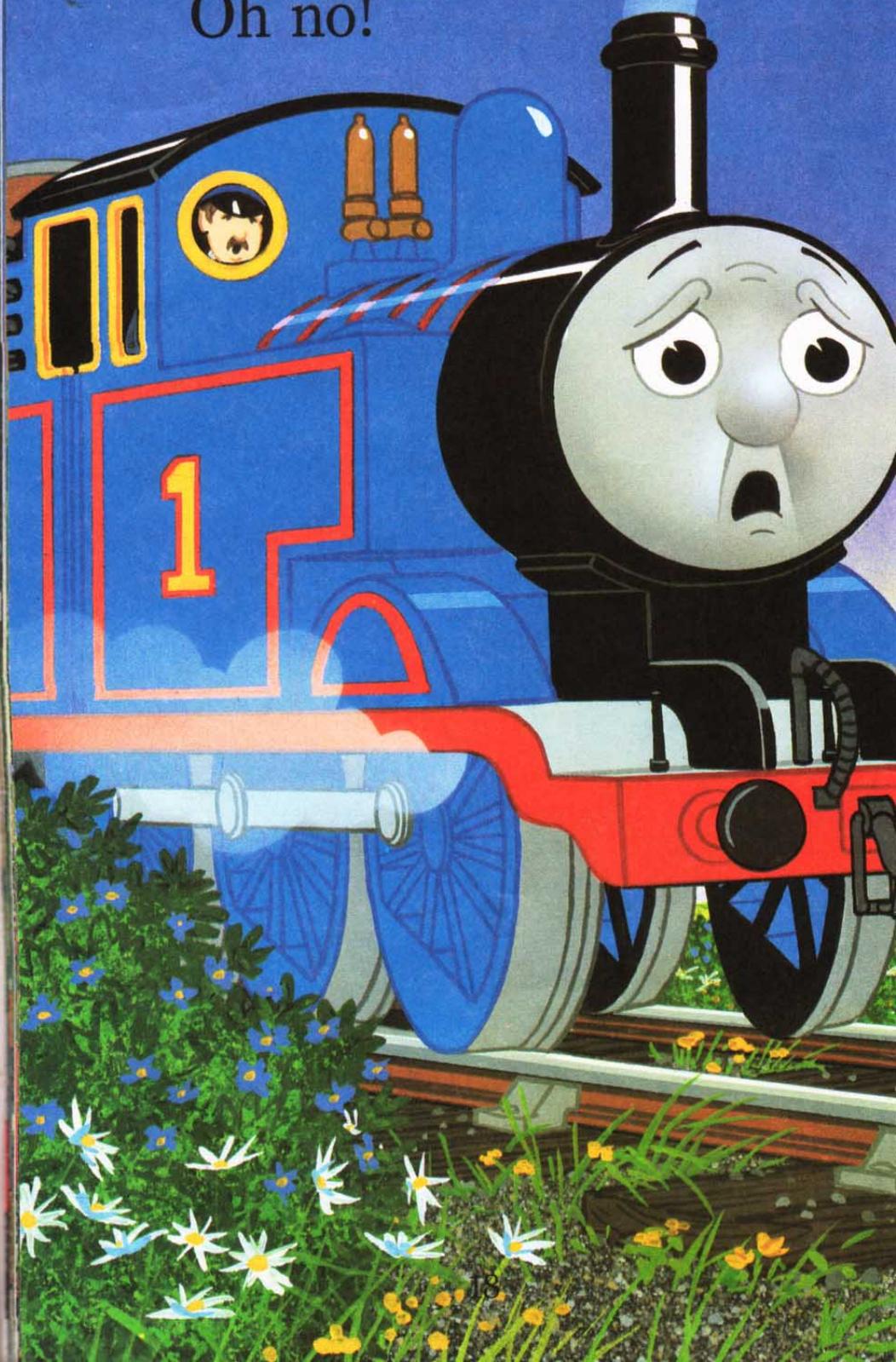
At the end  
of the day  
Thomas heads home.



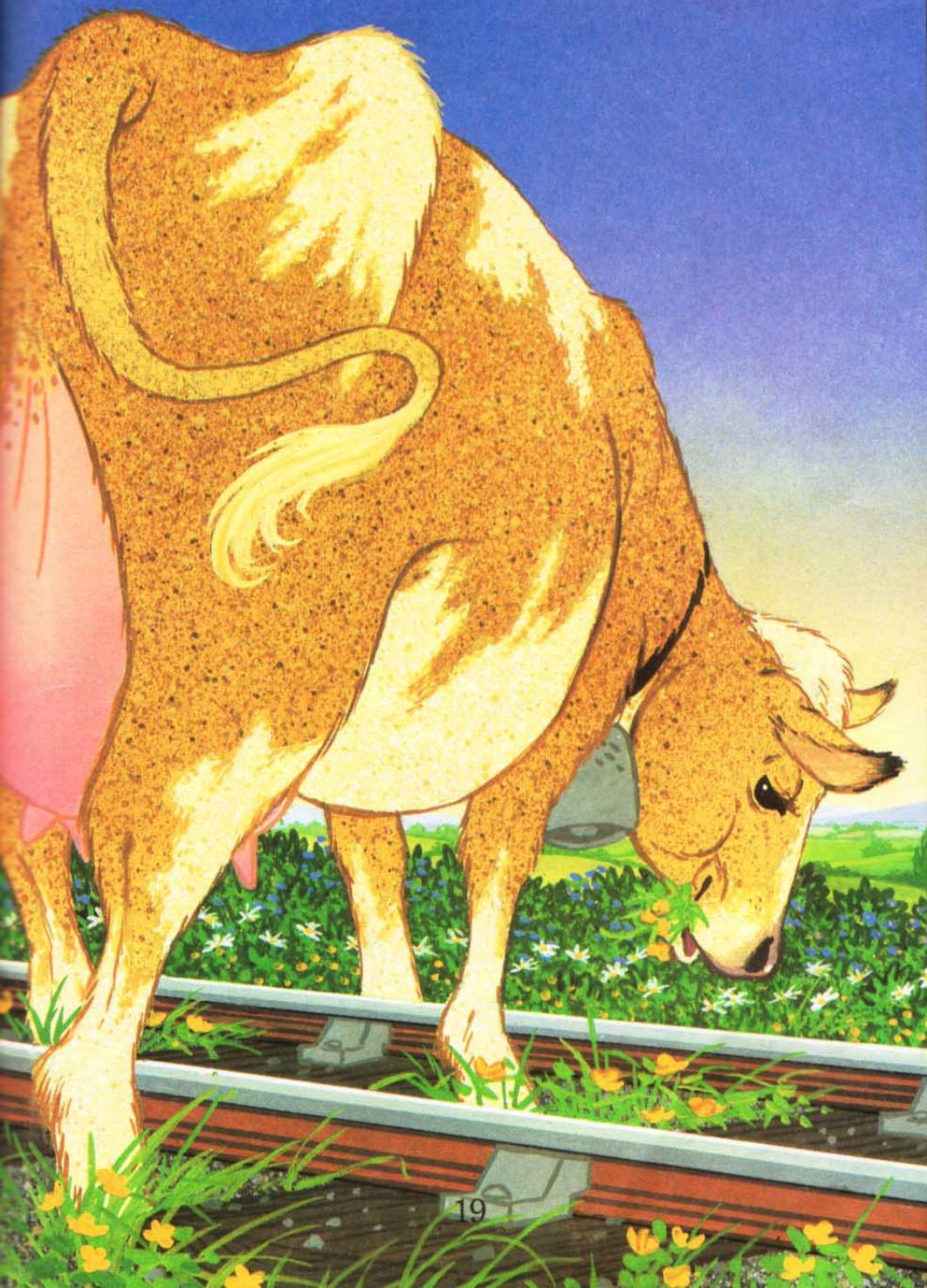
“Those engines did not look  
so busy to me.”



Oh no!



A cow is in the way.



“Move!” says Thomas.

“Moo,” says the cow.



“No, no, no!”  
says Thomas.

“Not moo. MOVE!”



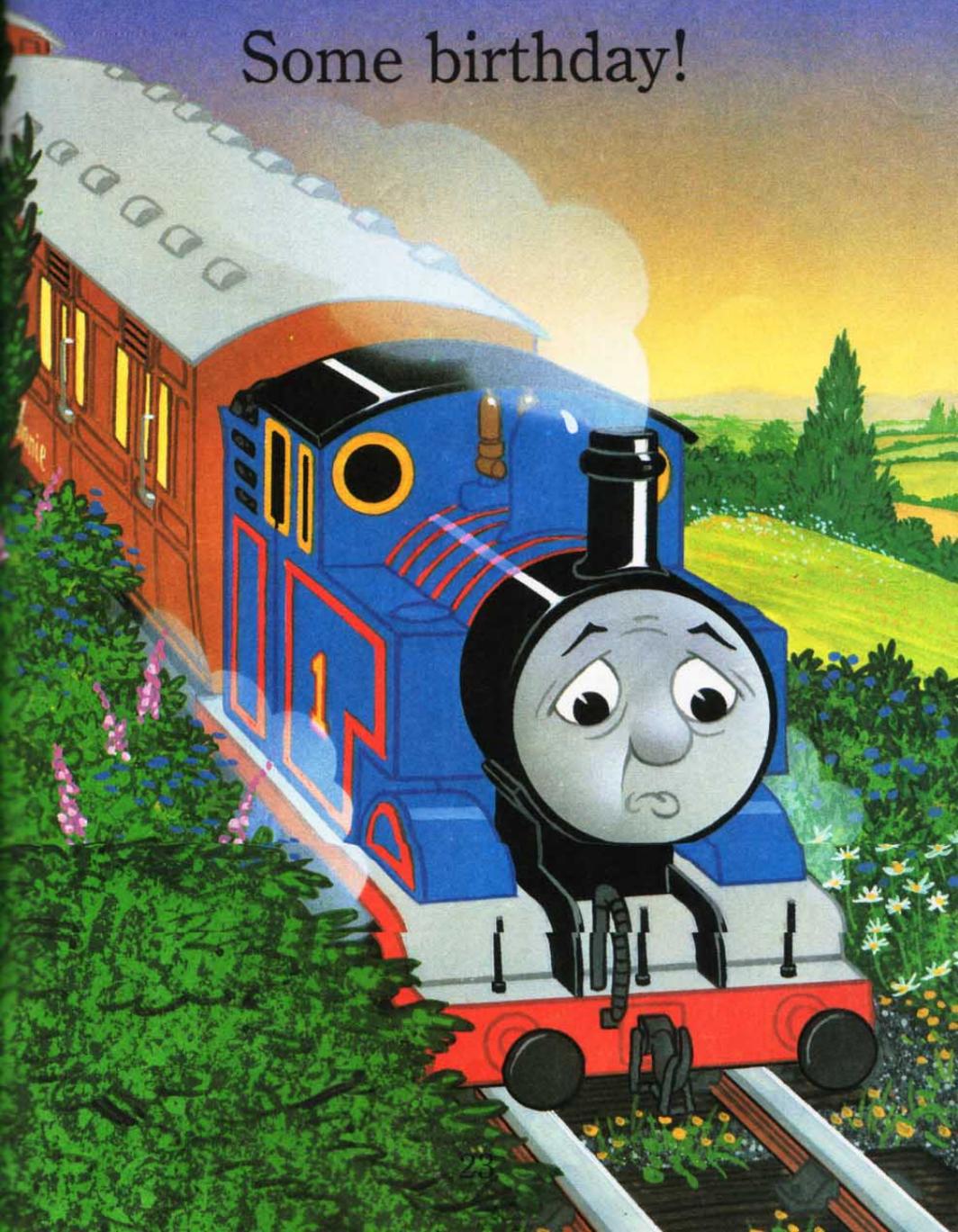
At last the cow moves.



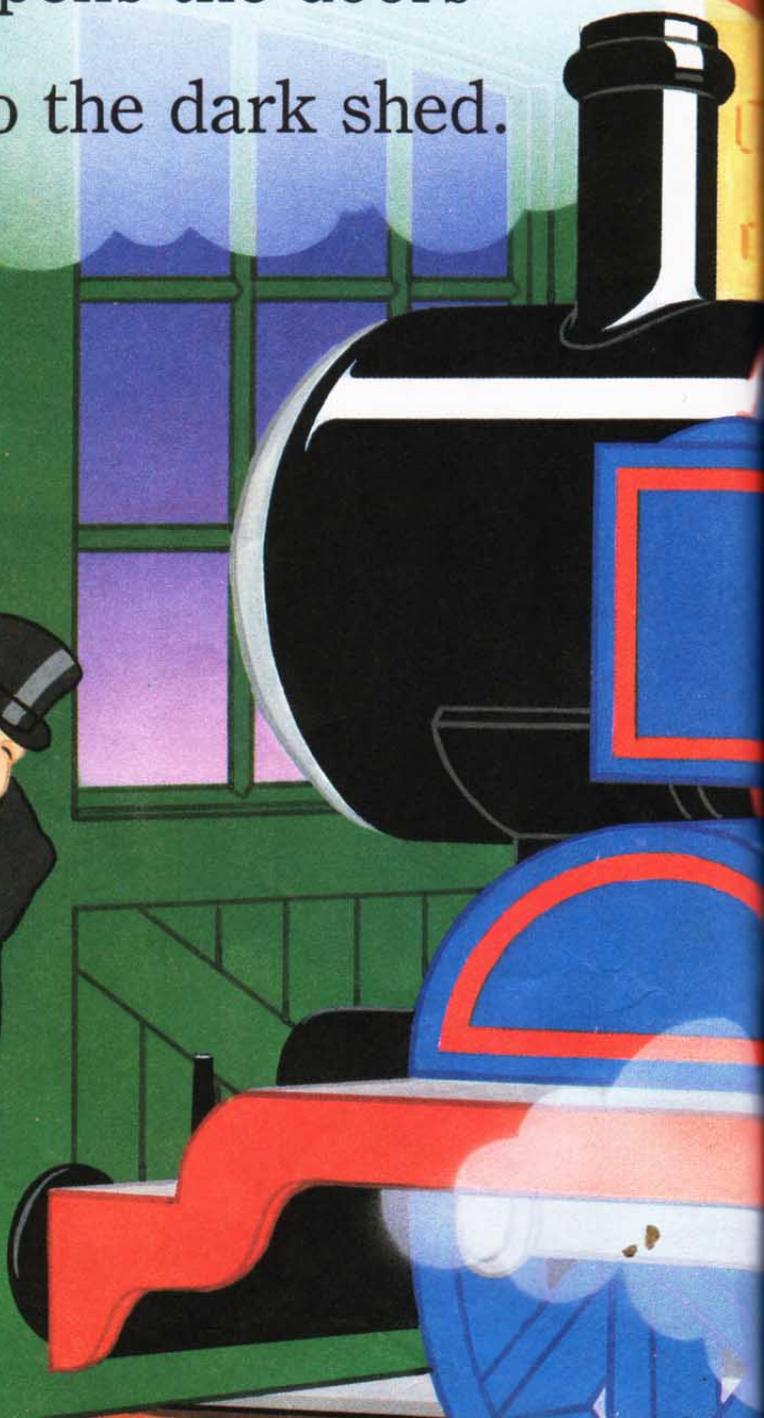
Thomas is late.

Thomas is tired.

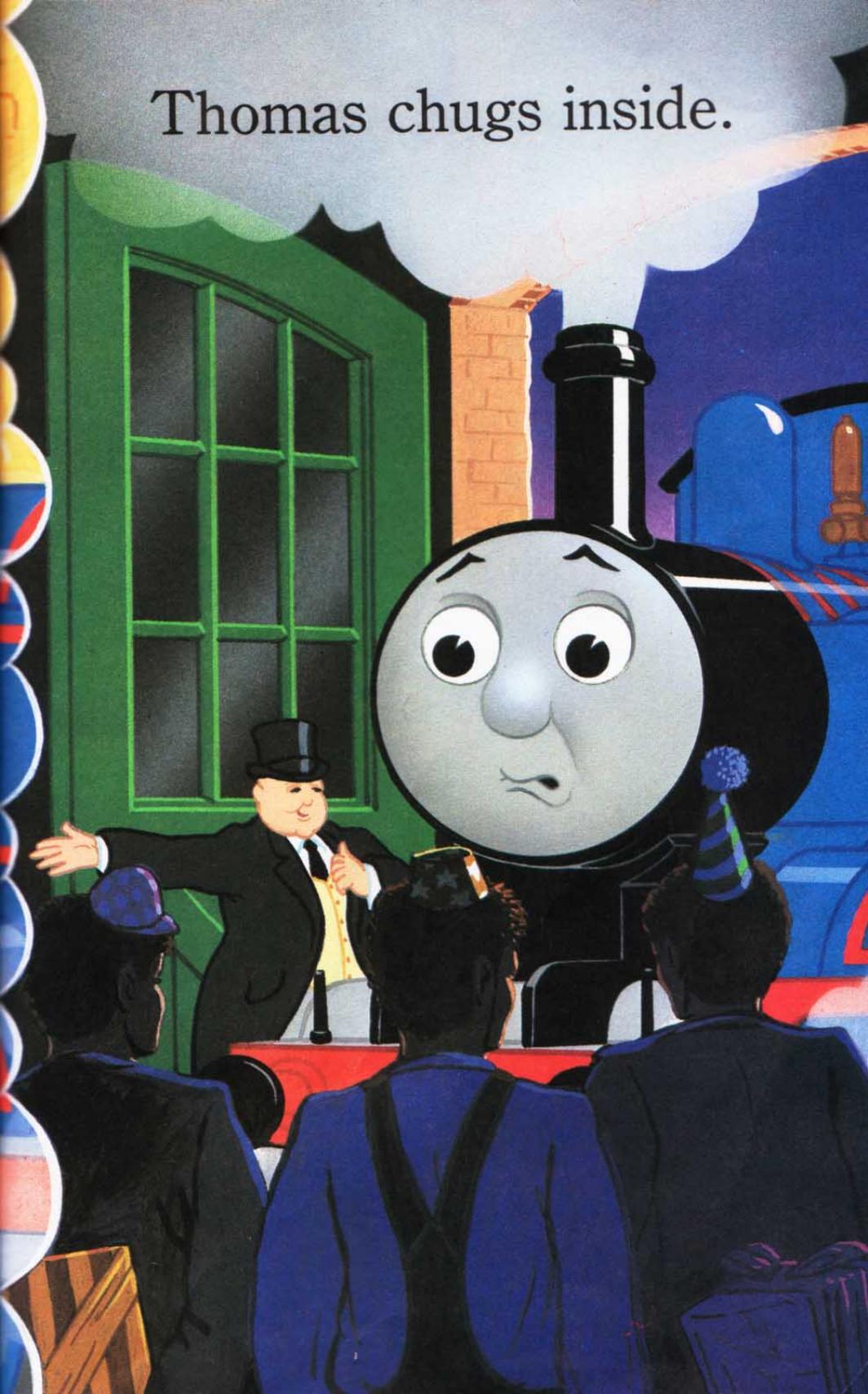
Some birthday!



Sir Topham Hatt  
opens the doors  
to the dark shed.



Thomas chugs inside.

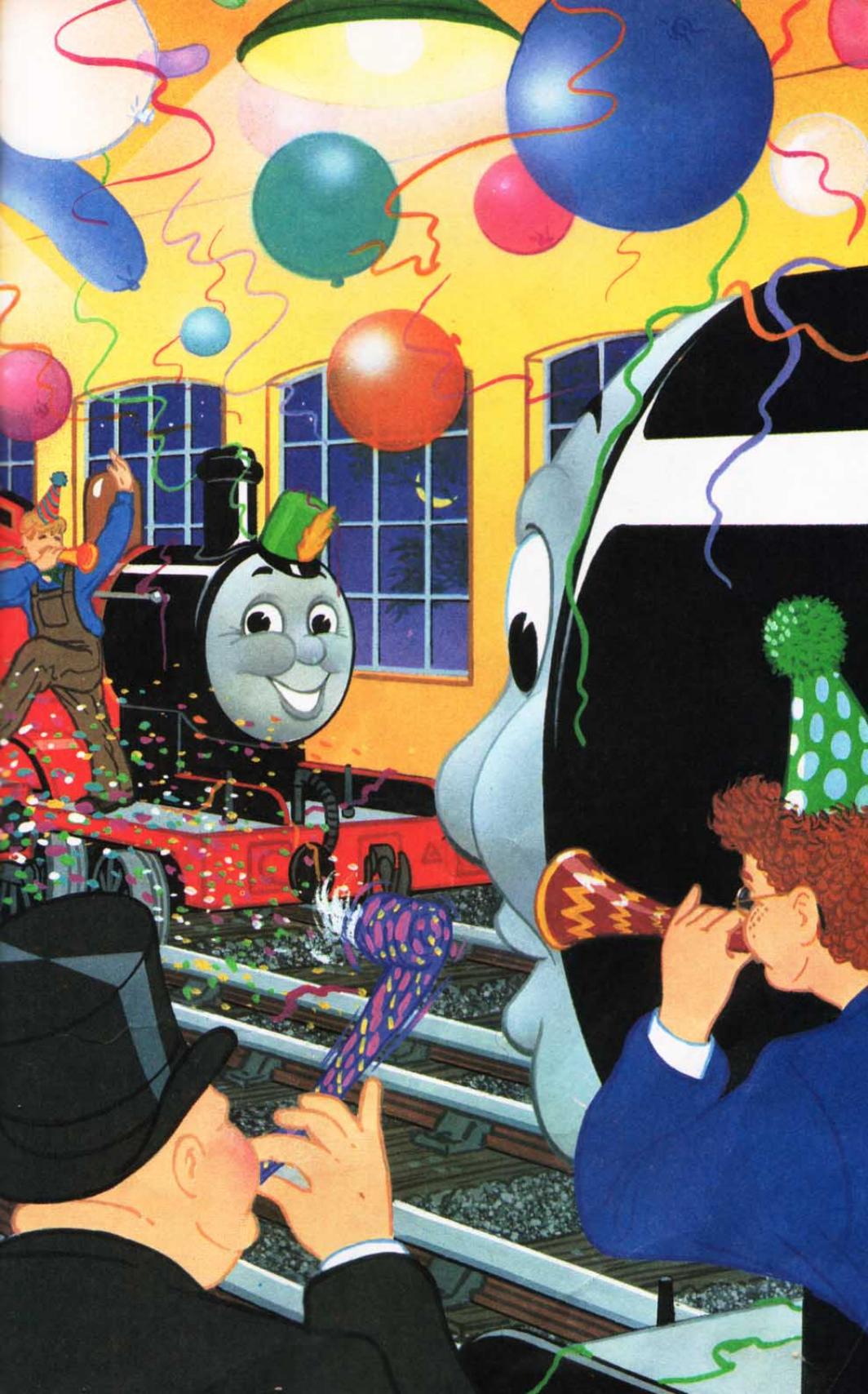


Lights come on.

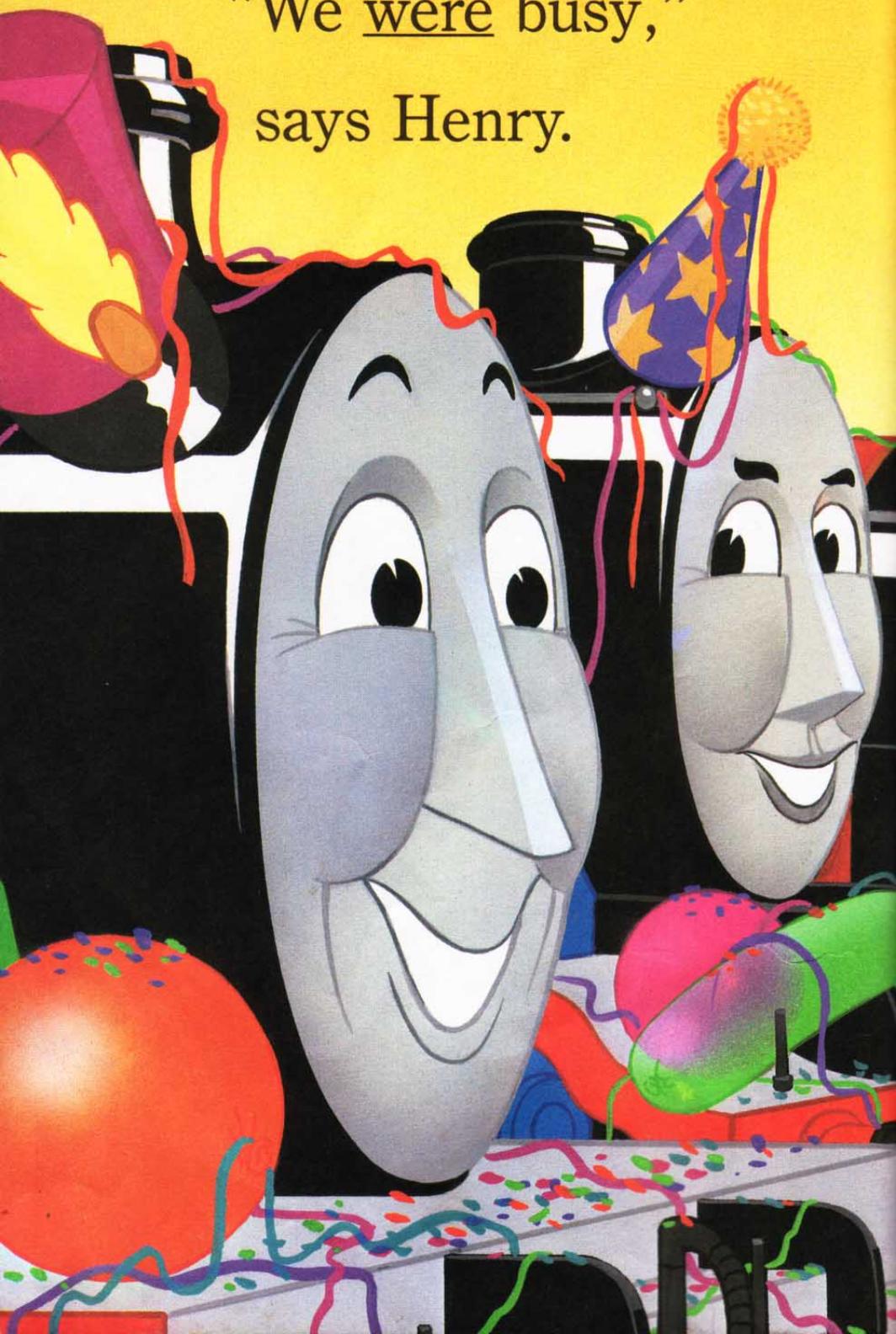
“Surprise!”

say all Thomas’s friends.



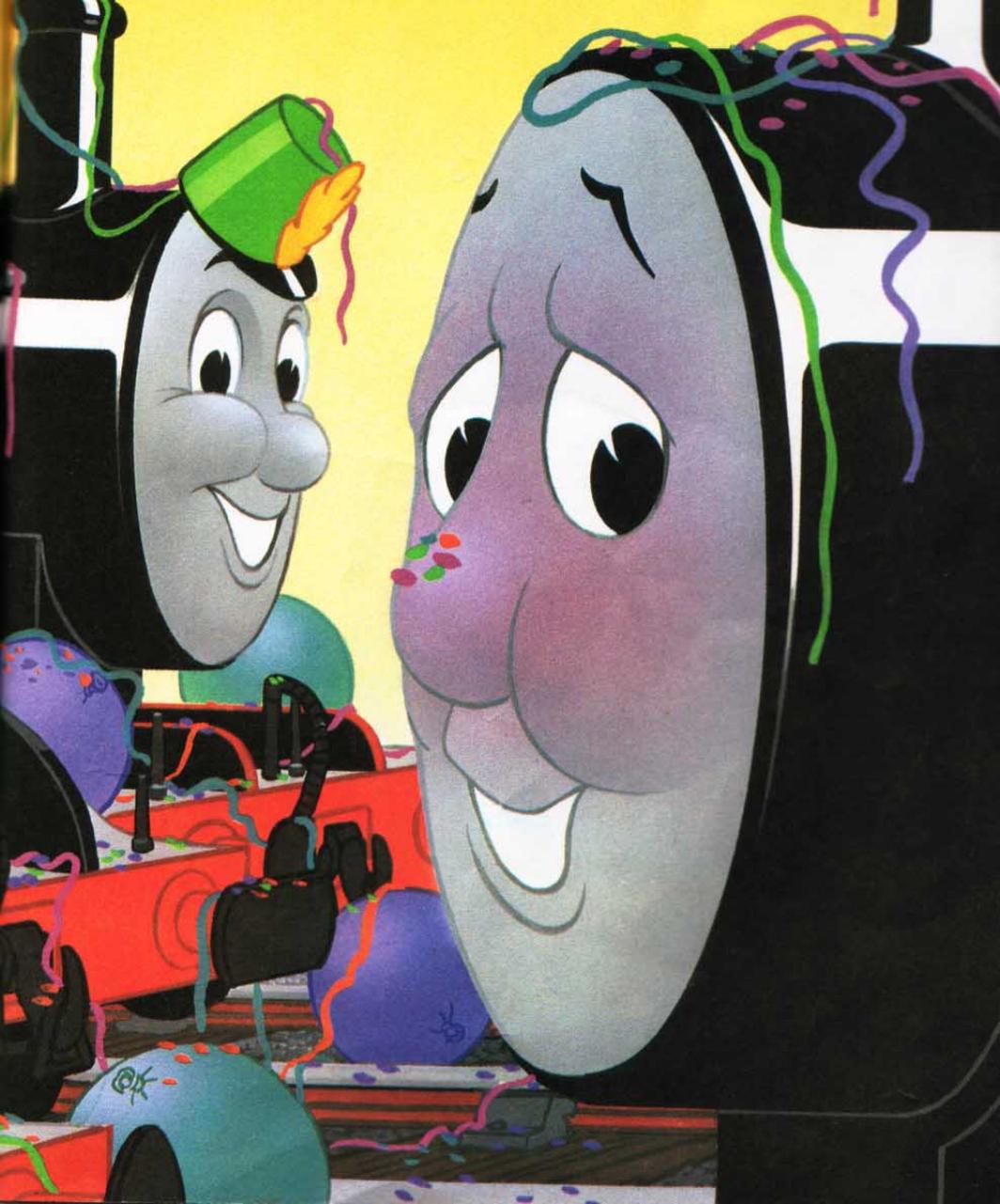


“We were busy,”  
says Henry.



"We were busy making  
a party for you!"

says James.





It is a wonderful party.  
There are presents,  
balloons,  
and silly hats to wear.



Happy birthday, Thomas!

