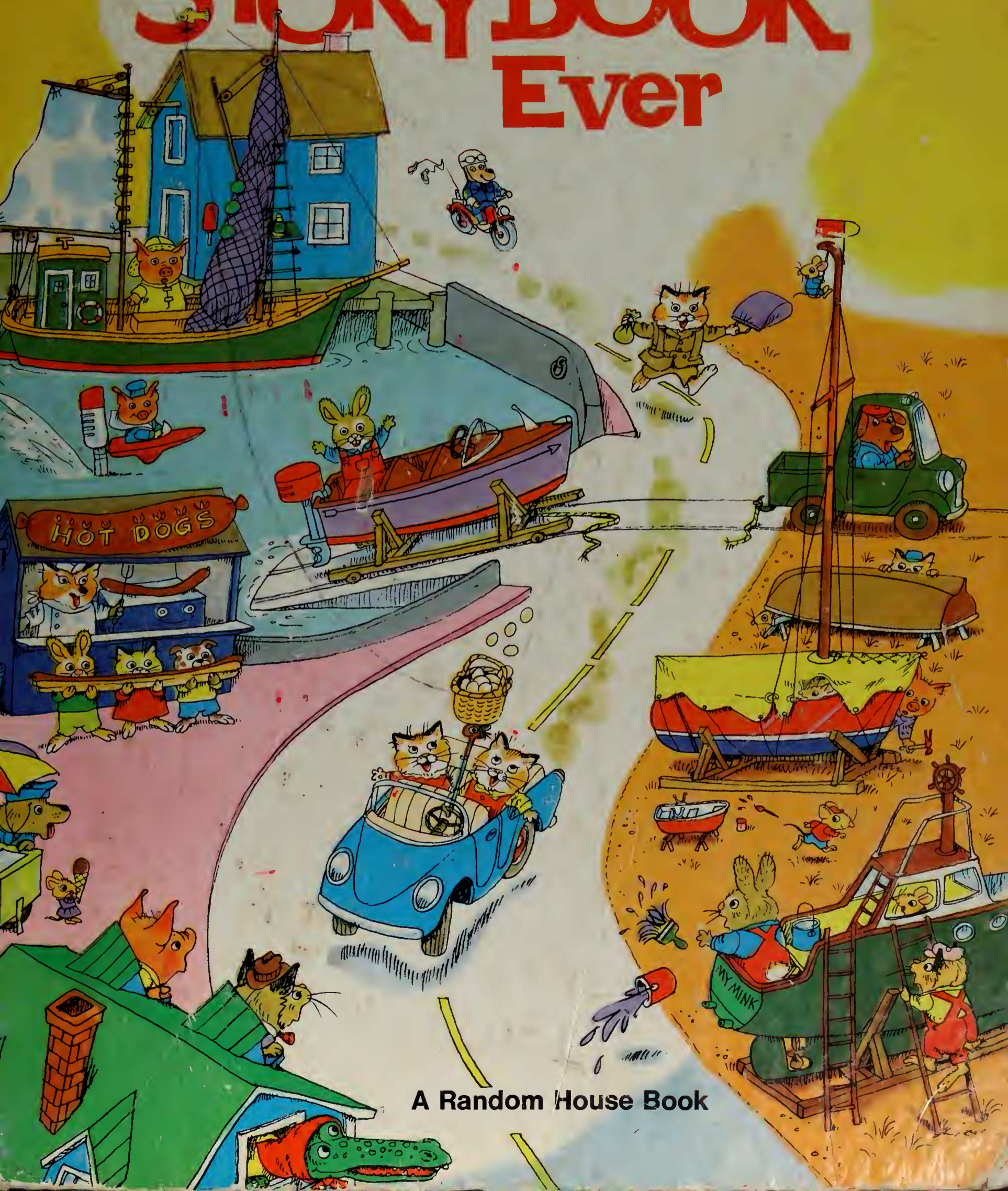


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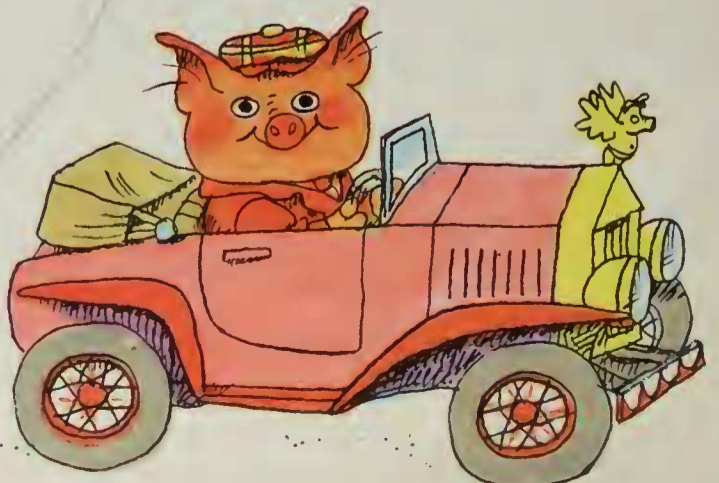


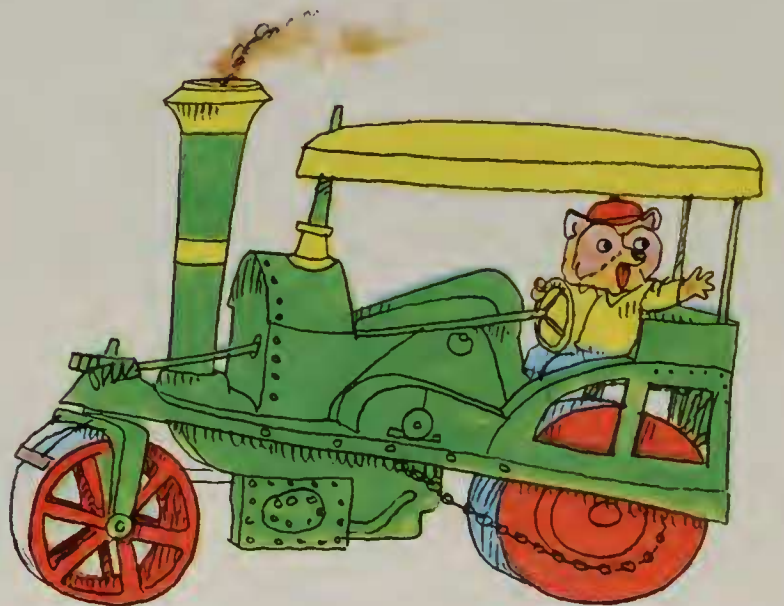
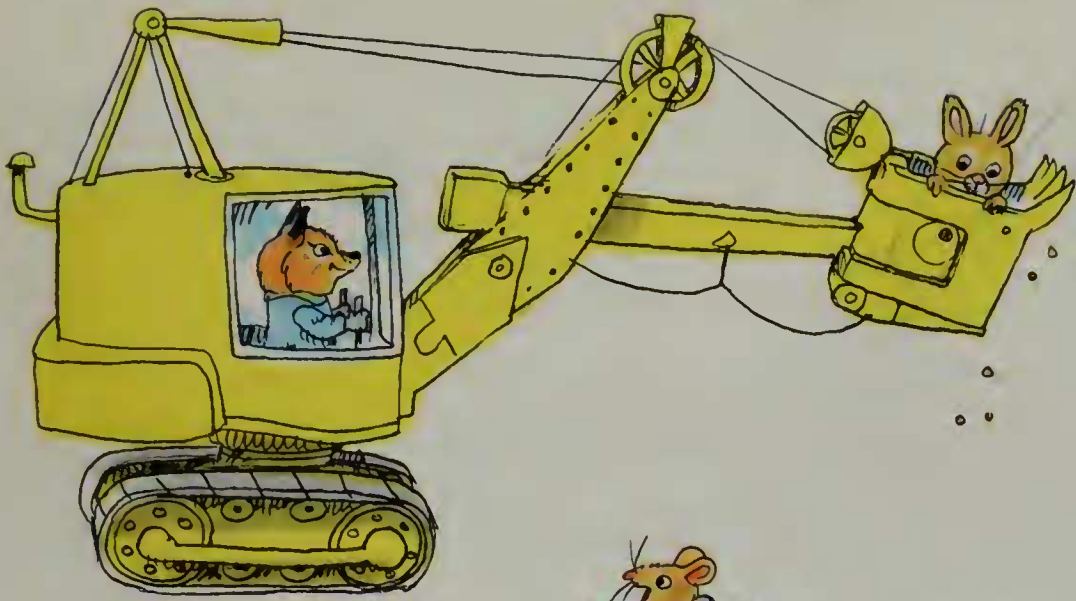
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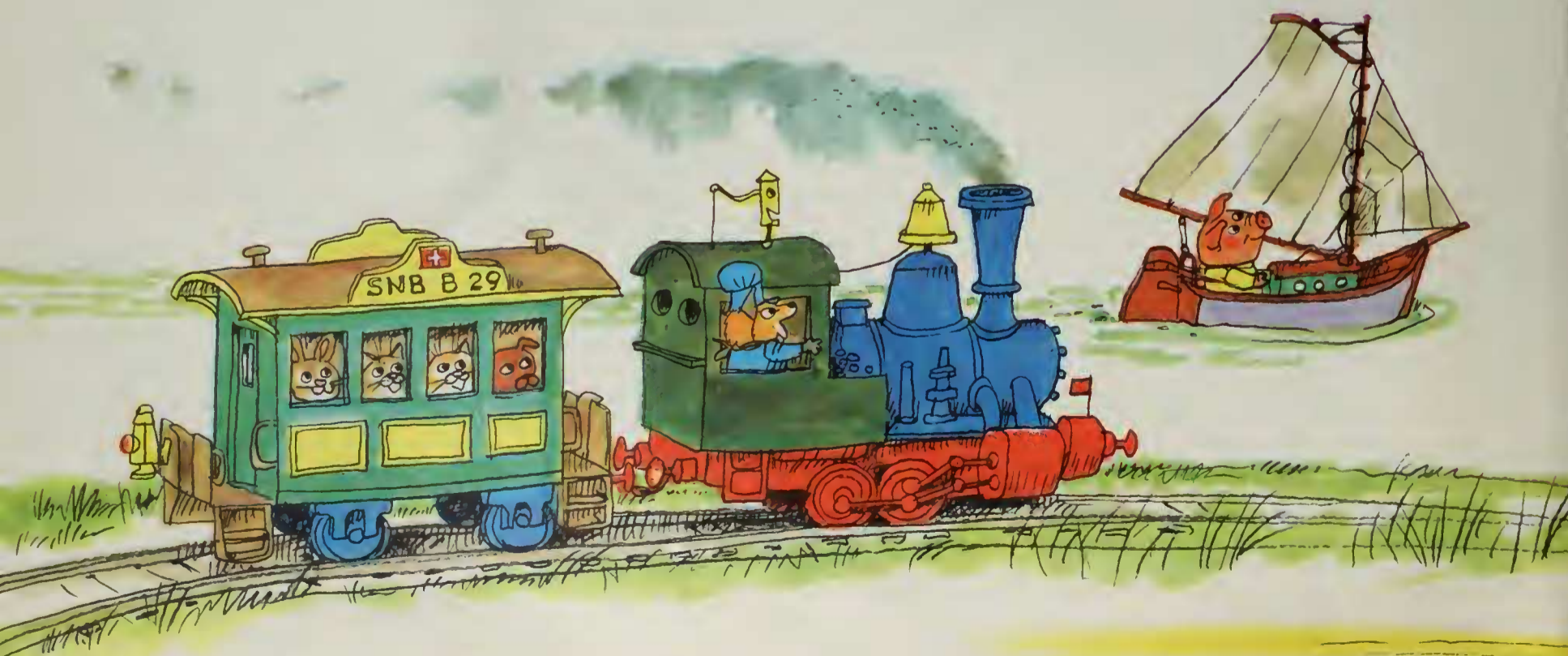
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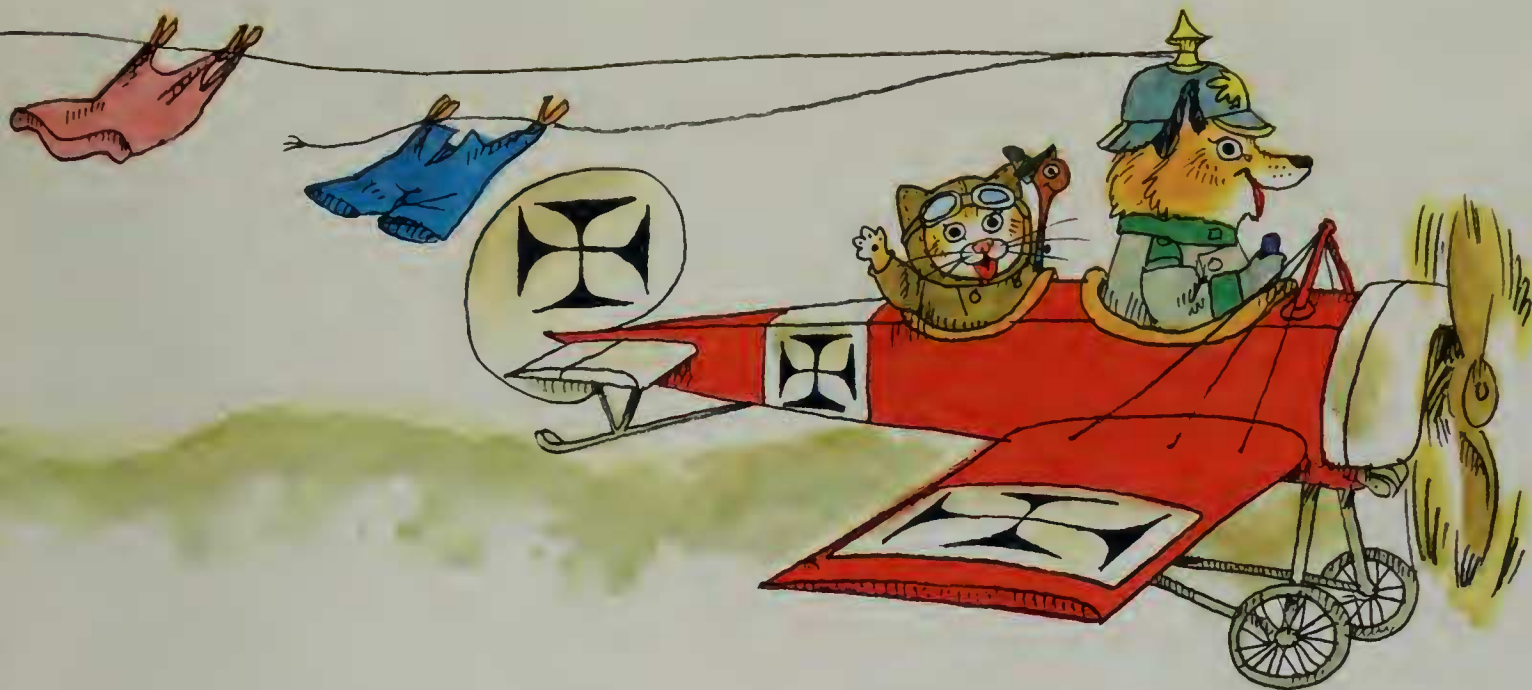
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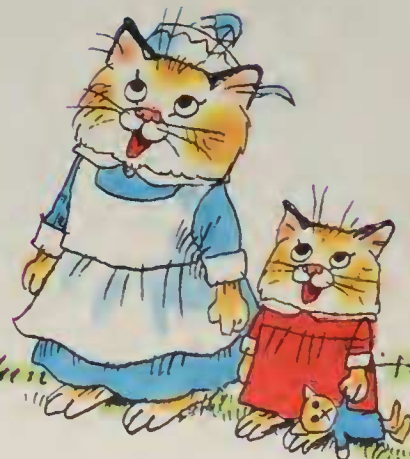
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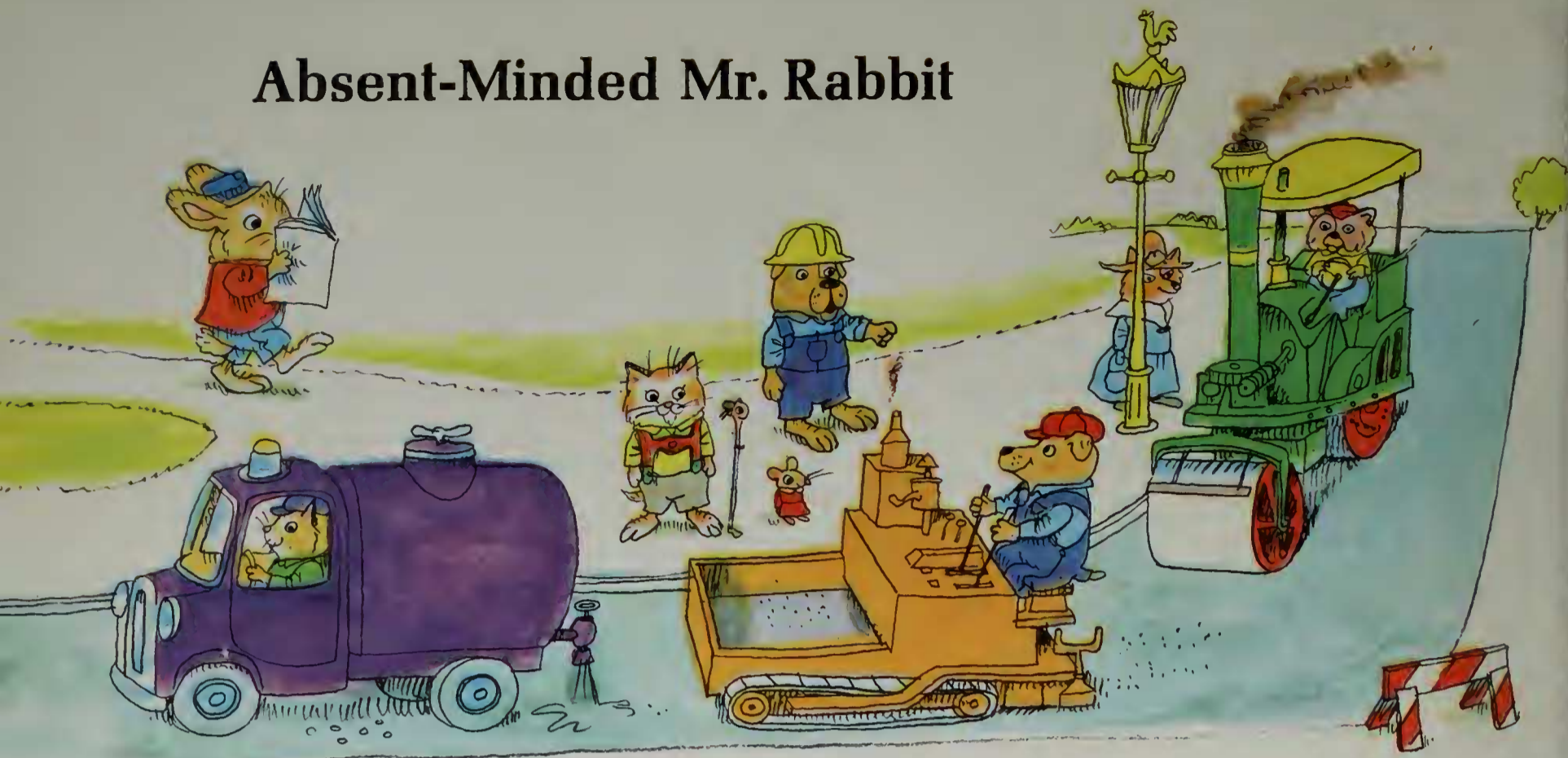
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# Absent-Minded Mr. Rabbit



Mr. Rabbit walked down the street.  
He wasn't looking at the workmen,  
who were making a new, hot, sticky, gooey street.  
No! He was looking at his newspaper.



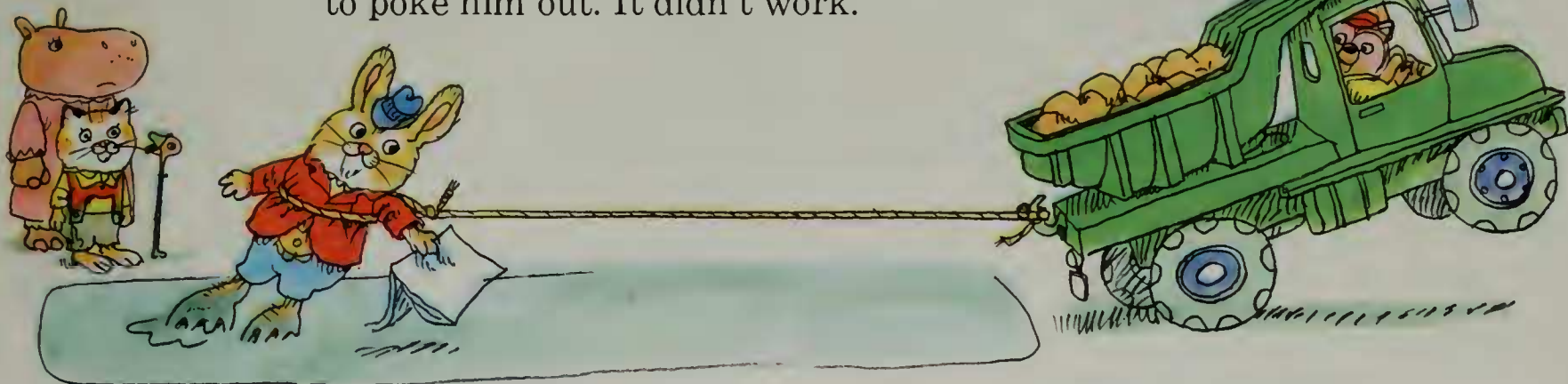
He wasn't looking at his feet,  
which were getting hot and sticky and gooey, too.  
No! He was looking at his newspaper.



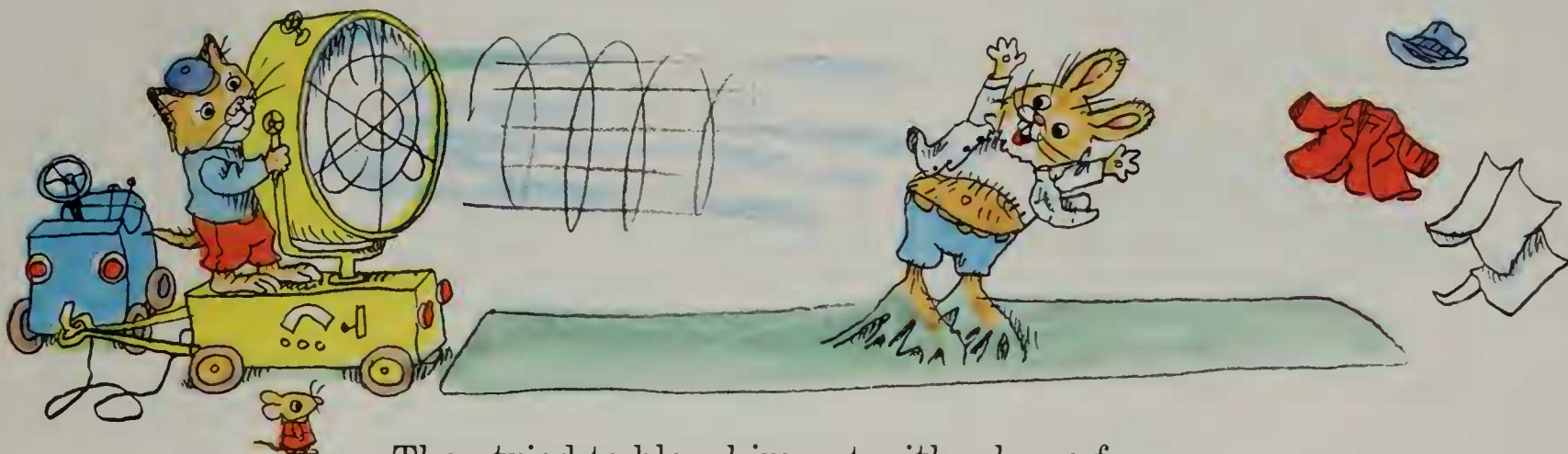
Then suddenly he stopped looking at his newspaper.  
He looked down at his feet instead.  
And do you know what he saw?  
He saw that he was STUCK in that  
hot, sticky, gooey street!



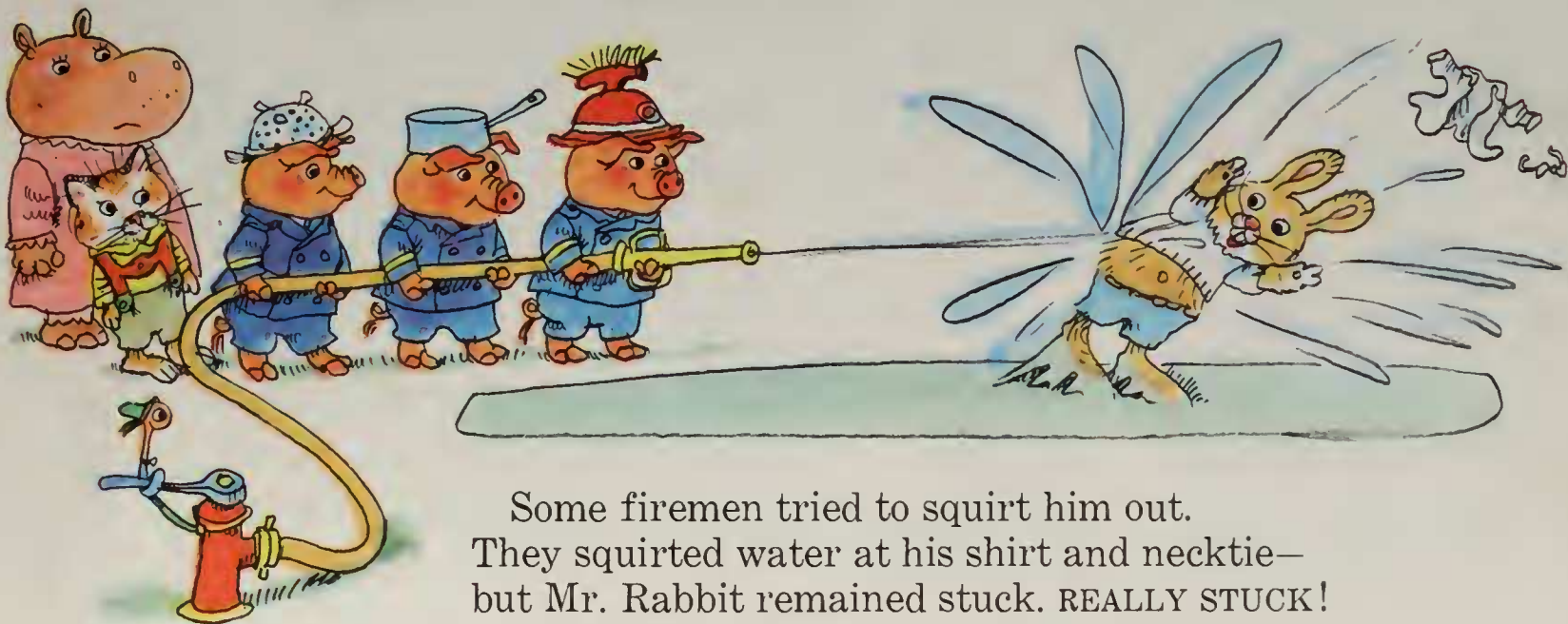
The workmen got a long pole and tried to poke him out. It didn't work.



A truck tried to pull him out with a rope. No good! He was stuck all right!



They tried to blow him out with a huge fan. The fan blew off his hat and coat... but Mr. Rabbit remained stuck.



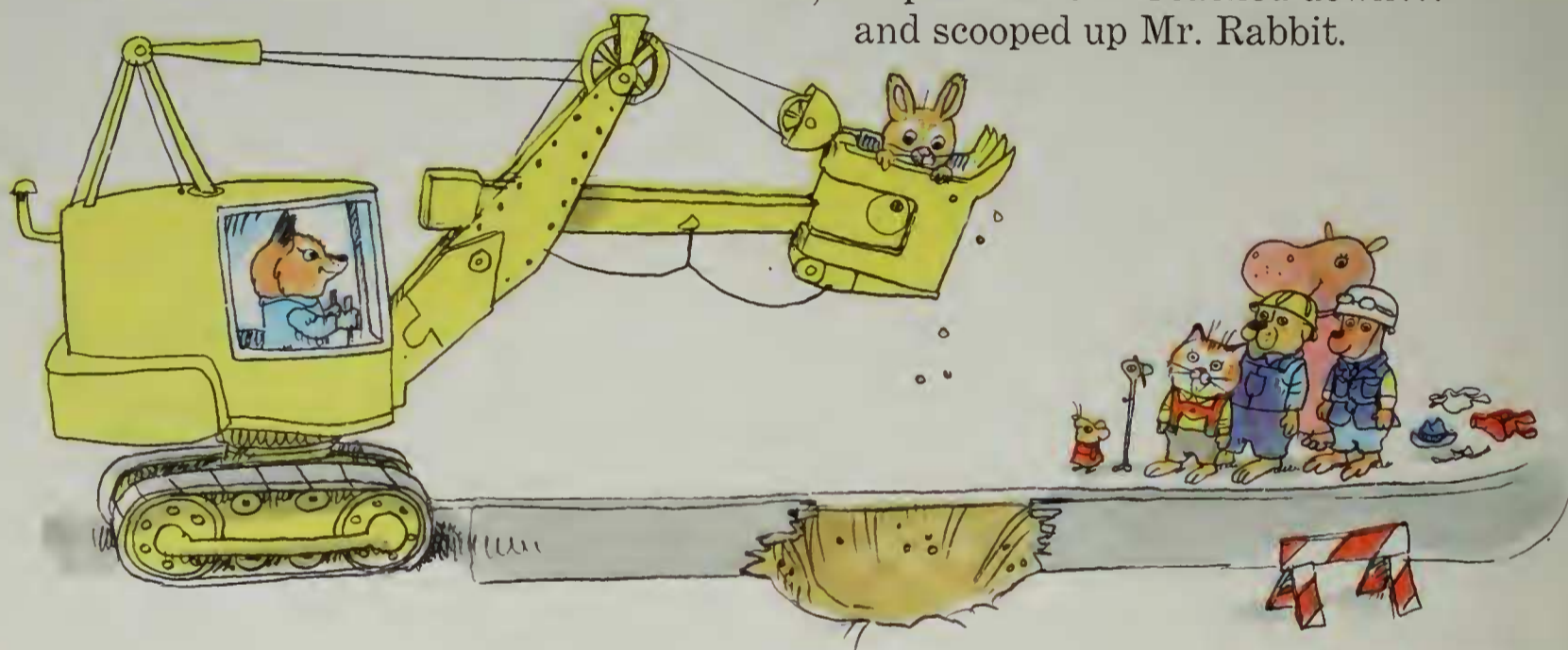
Some firemen tried to squirt him out. They squirted water at his shirt and necktie—but Mr. Rabbit remained stuck. REALLY STUCK!

Well, now! He can't stay there forever! Somebody has to think of a way to get him out.

Aha! Here comes a power shovel!  
Let's see what it will try to do.

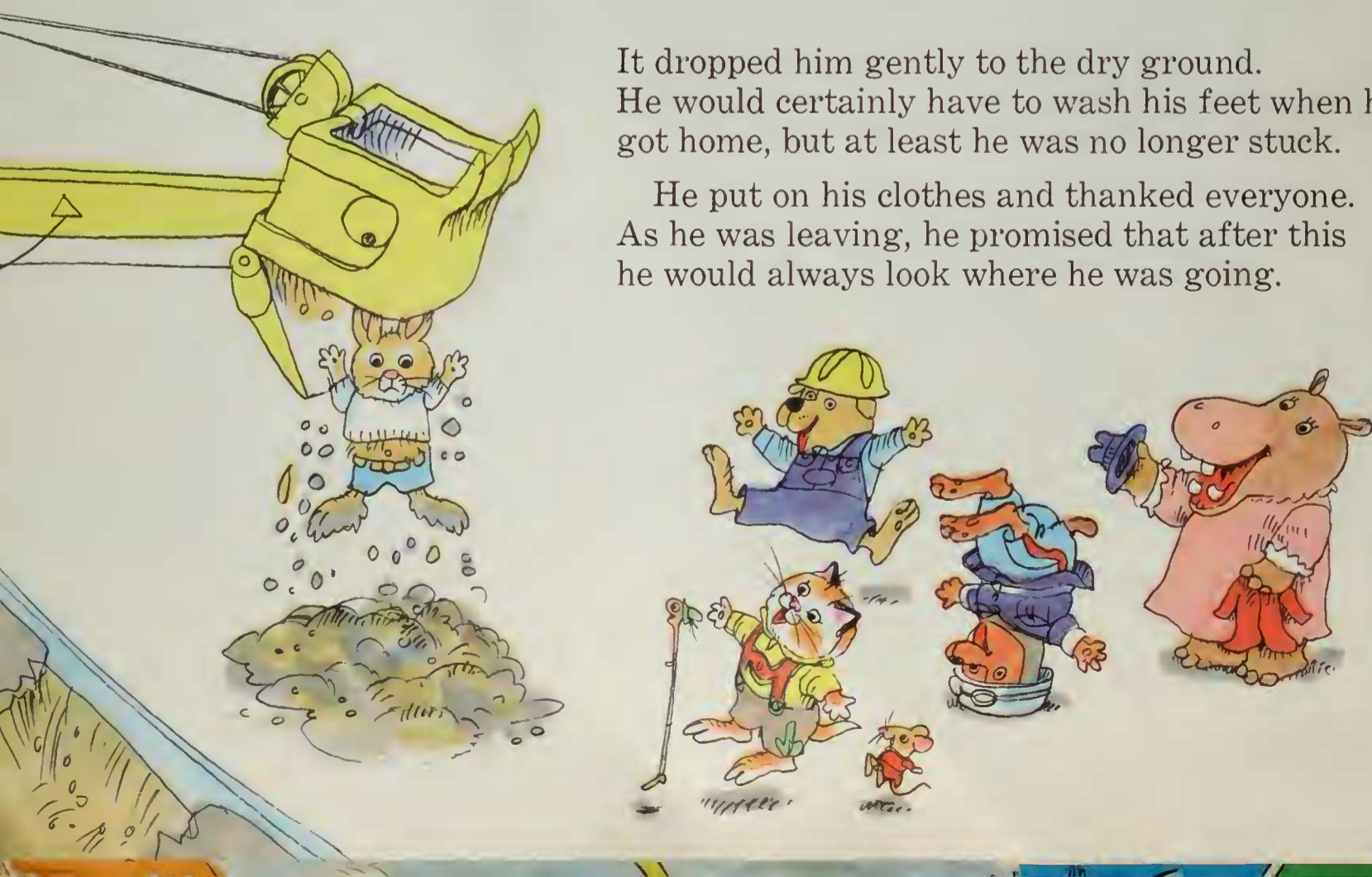


Well, the power shovel reached down...  
and scooped up Mr. Rabbit.



It dropped him gently to the dry ground.  
He would certainly have to wash his feet when he  
got home, but at least he was no longer stuck.

He put on his clothes and thanked everyone.  
As he was leaving, he promised that after this  
he would always look where he was going.

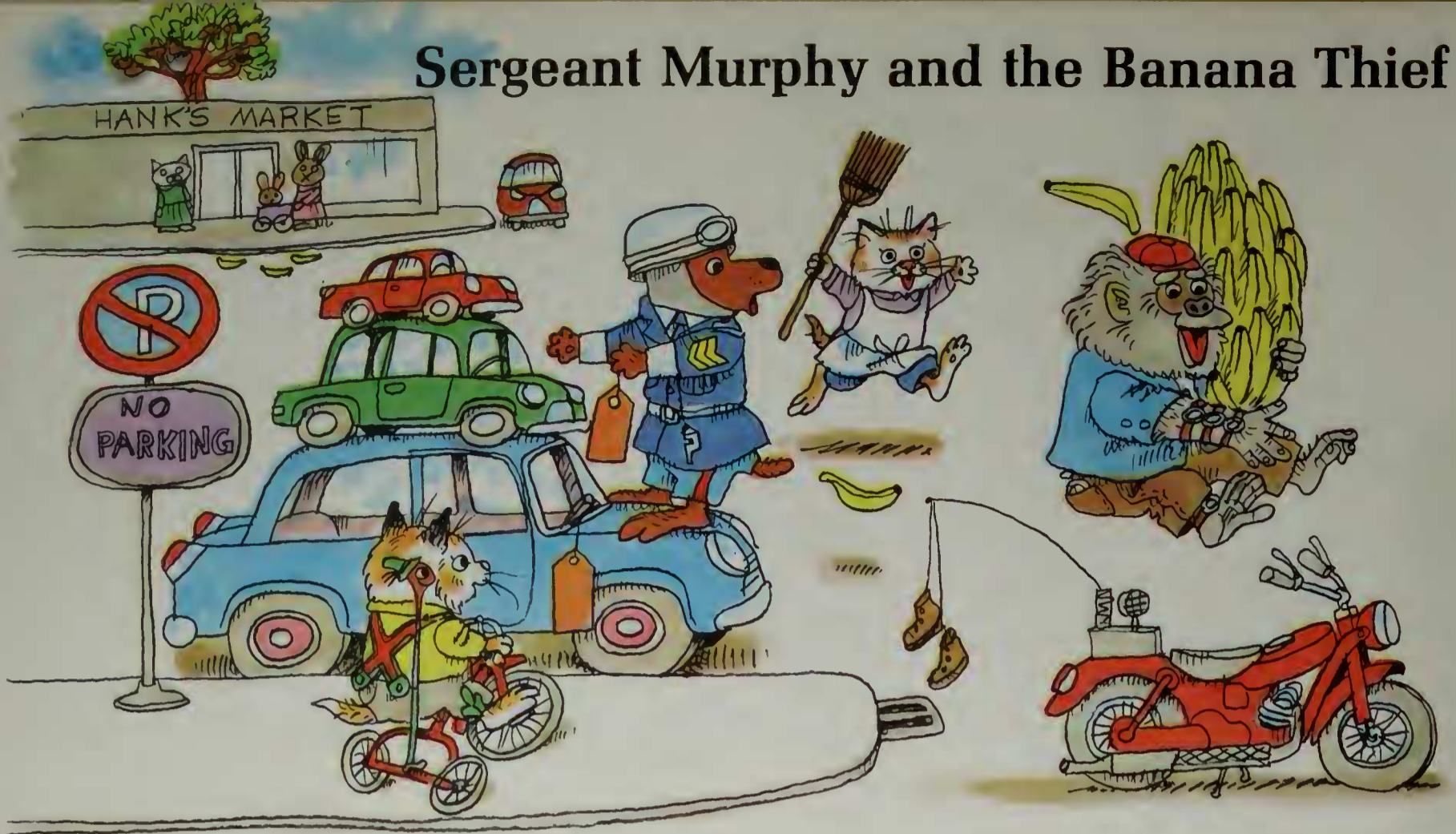


But a little while later he was reading his newspaper again. He had forgotten his promise. And, naturally, he wasn't watching where he was going.

OH!!! DON'T LOOK!!!!



# Sergeant Murphy and the Banana Thief



Sergeant Murphy was busy putting parking tickets on cars when, suddenly, who should come running out of the market but Bananas Gorilla. He had stolen a bunch of bananas, and was trying to escape.

Murphy! LOOK! He is stealing your motorcycle, too!

Sergeant Murphy was furious. Huckle and Lowly Worm were watching. Huckle said, "You may borrow my tricycle to chase after him if you want to."



Away they went...chasing after that naughty thief.

