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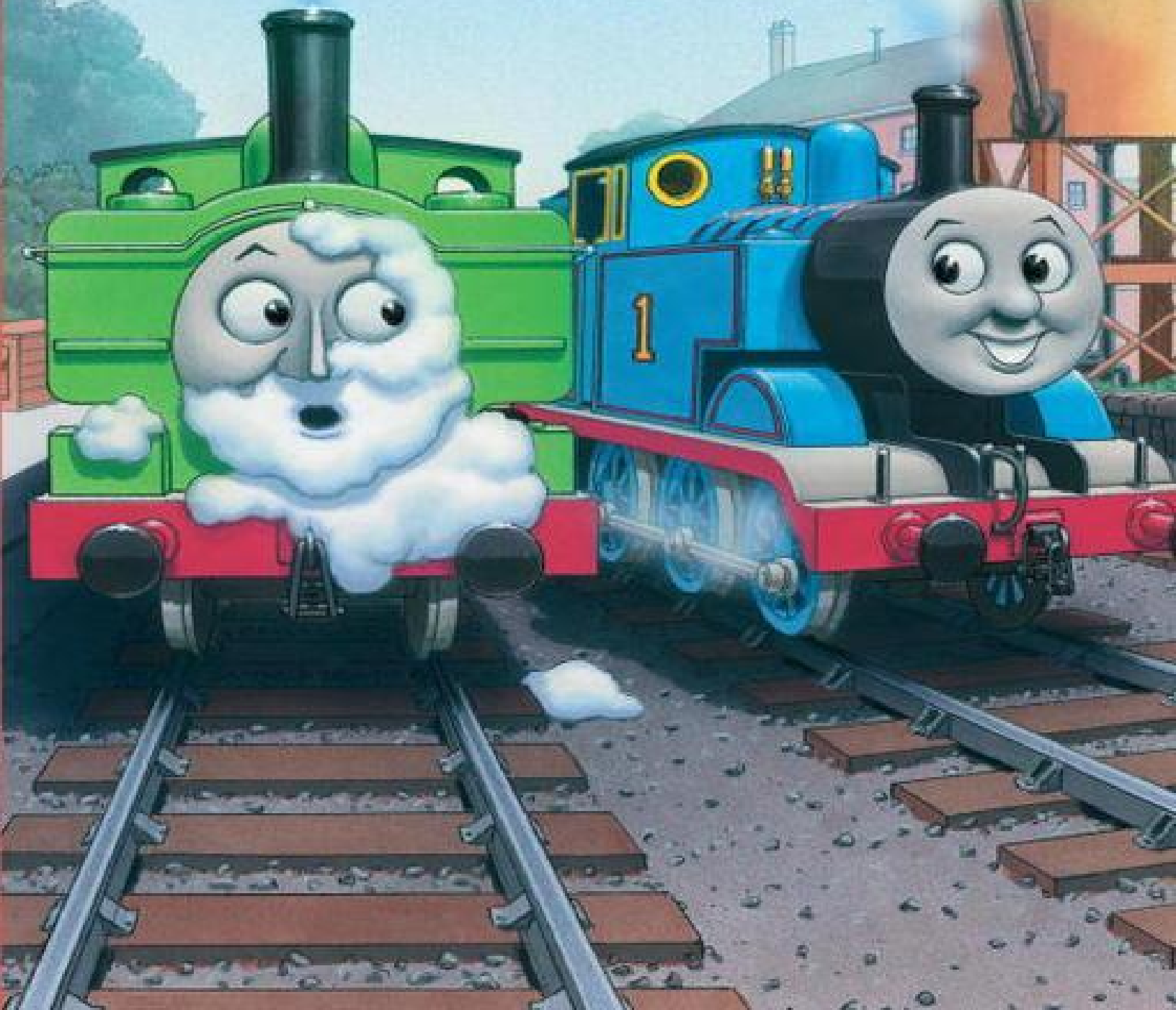
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THOMAS  
& FRIENDS

# The Close Shave




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Based on *The Railway Series*  
by the Reverend W Awdry  
Illustrated by Richard Courtney

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Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends™

CREATED BY  BRITT ALLCROFT

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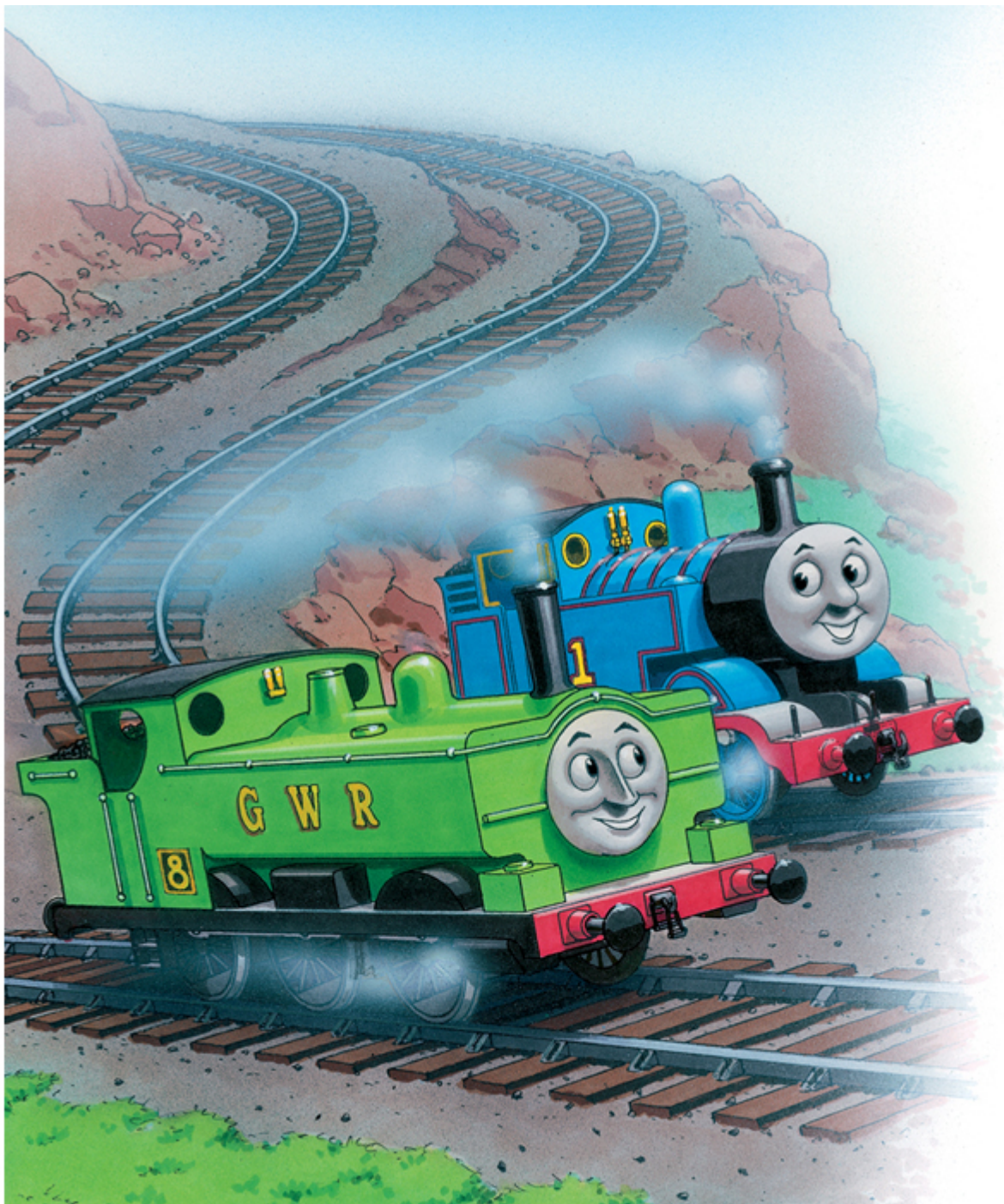
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Thomas and Duck  
are friends.



They are  
not friends with the  
Troublesome Trucks.

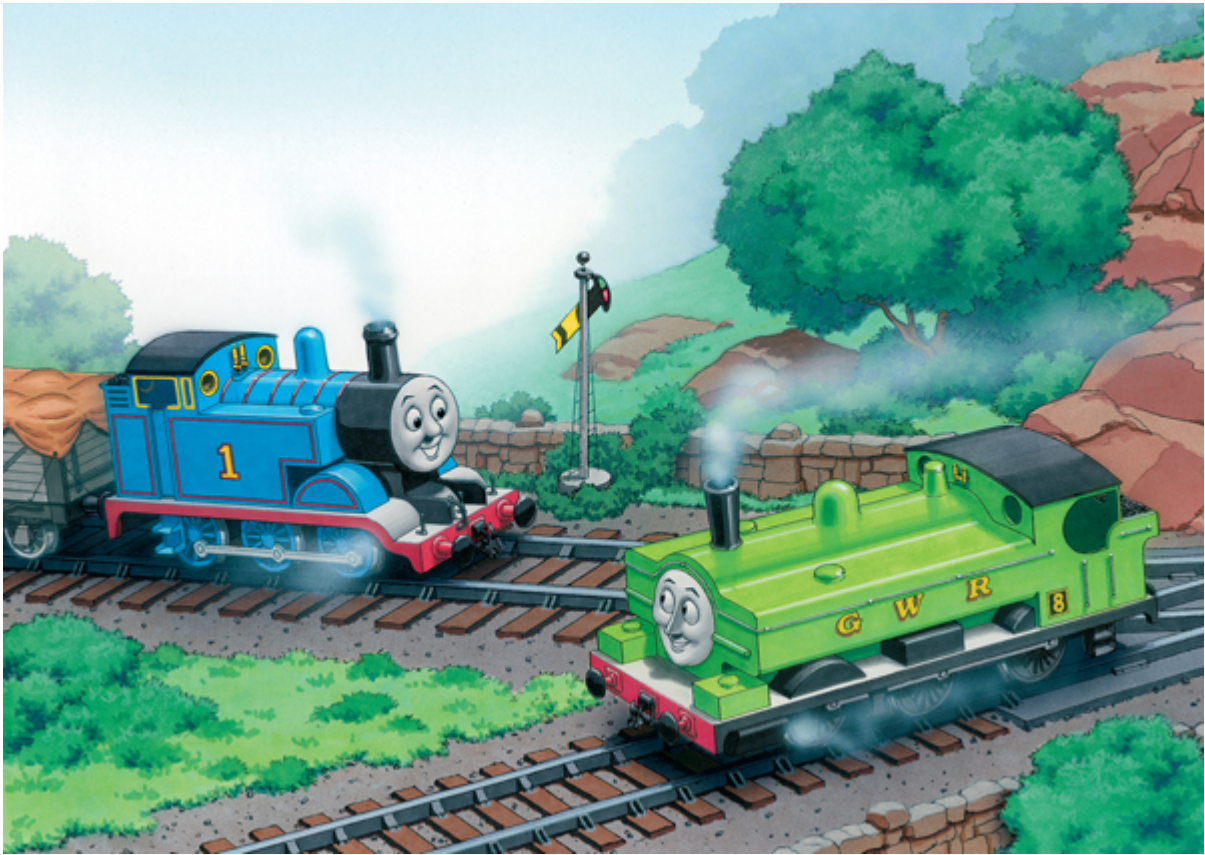
They like  
to chug up hills.



They like  
to zip down hills.

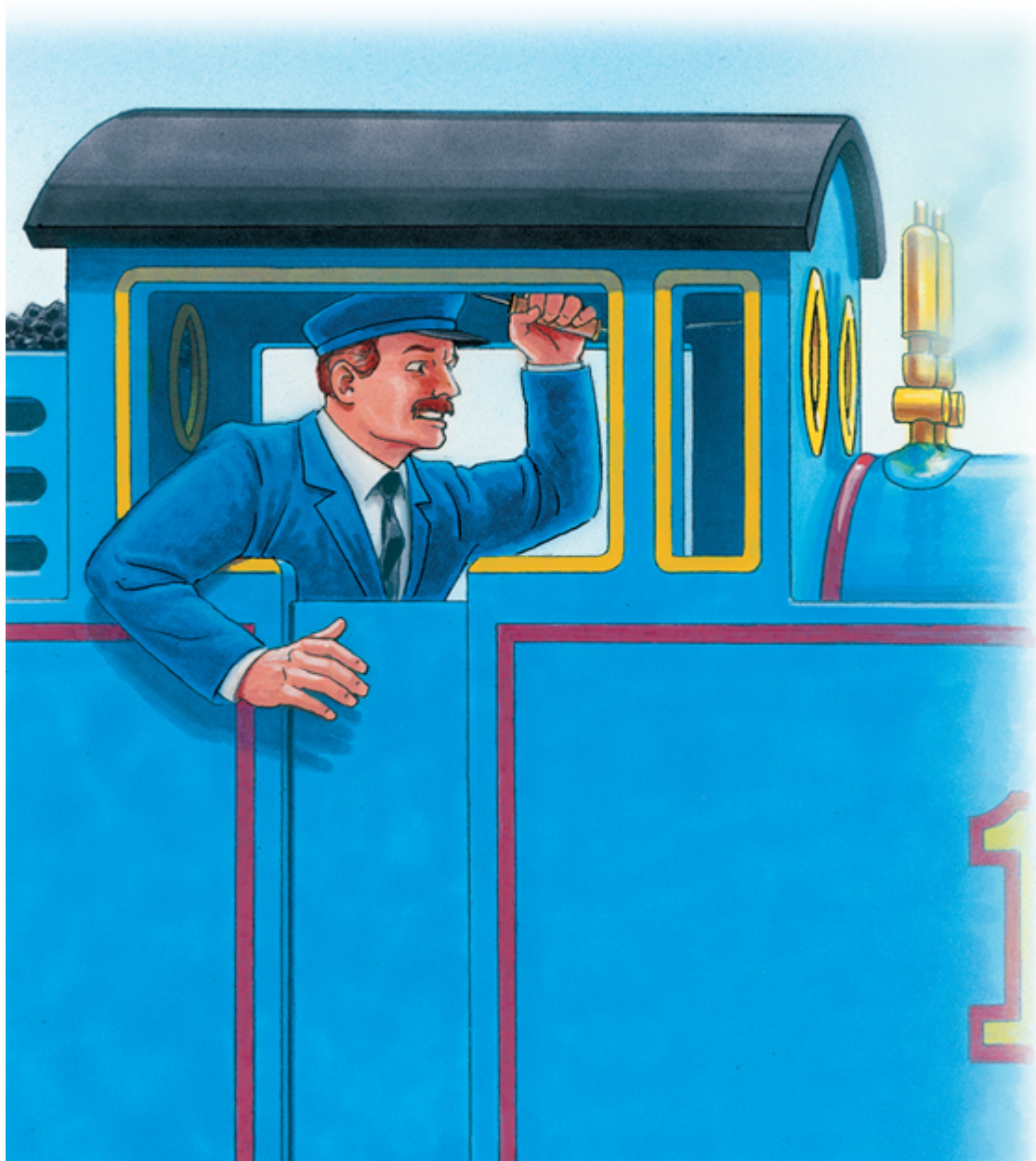


One day,  
Duck was zipping  
down a hill.  
Hello, Thomas!

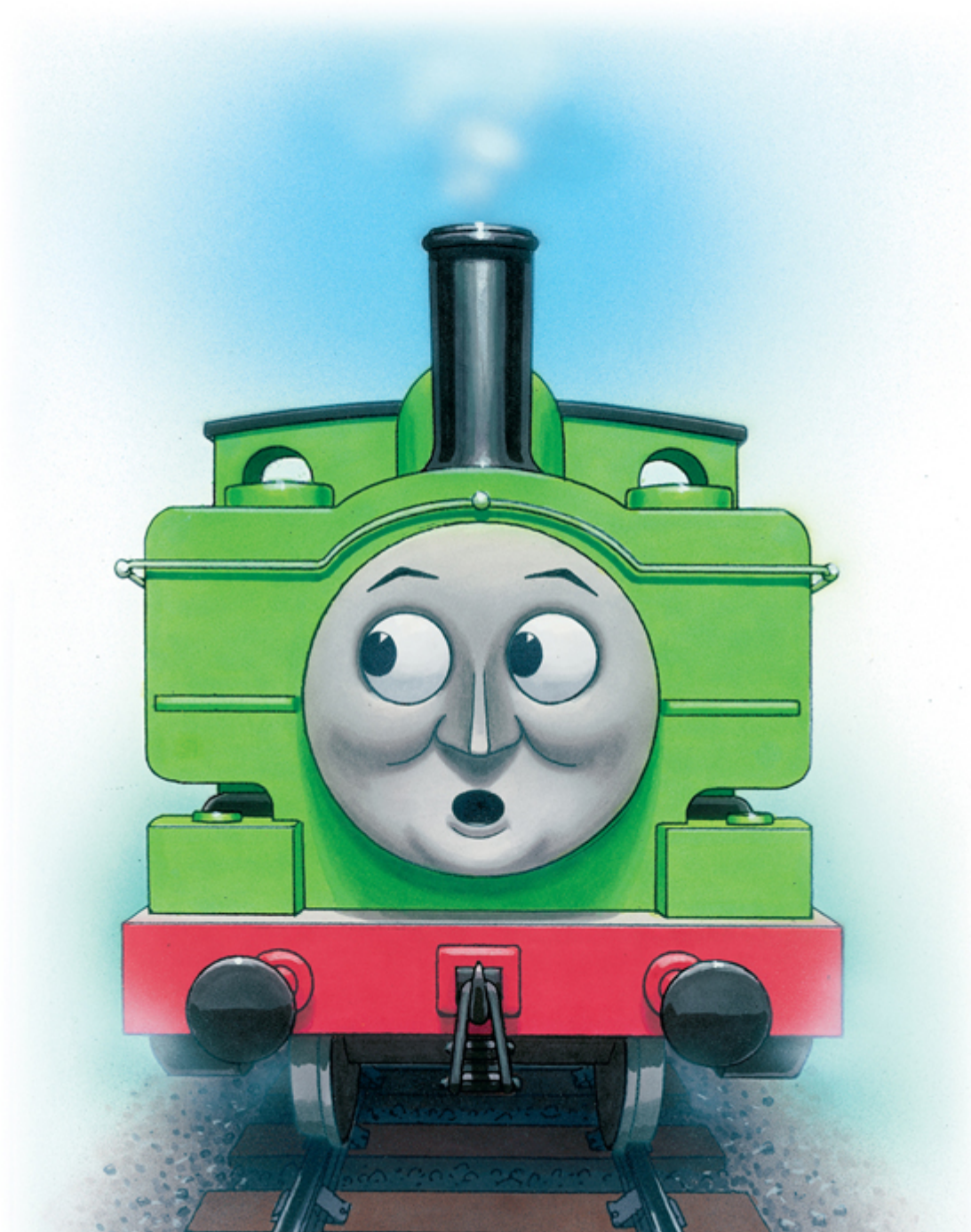




Duck heard  
a warning whistle.



“Peeeeeeep! Peeeeeeep!”



Trucks had run away  
from Thomas.

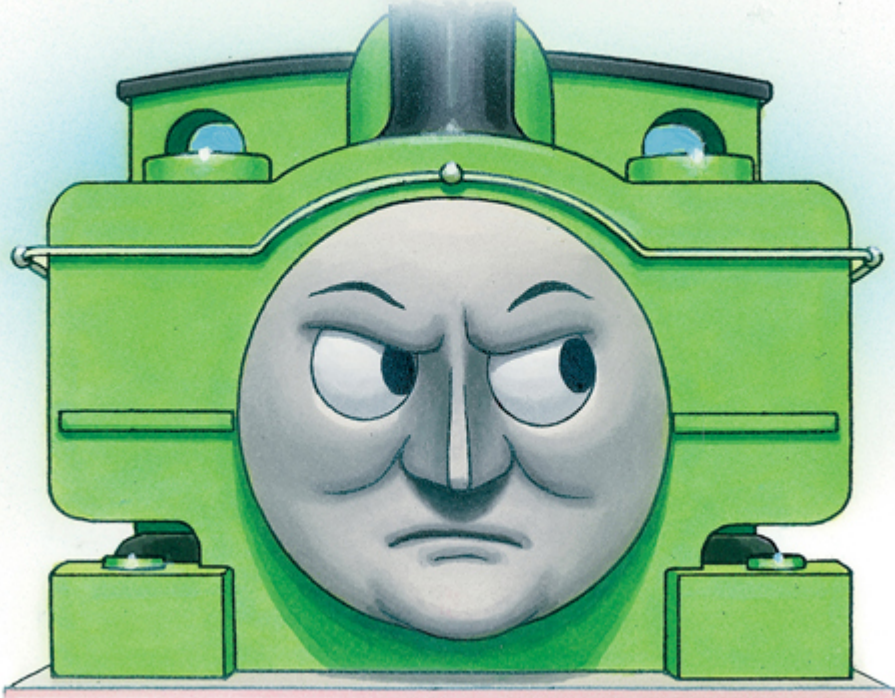


Go, Duck!  
No! Trucks!

The Trucks  
bumped Duck.



Mad Duck!



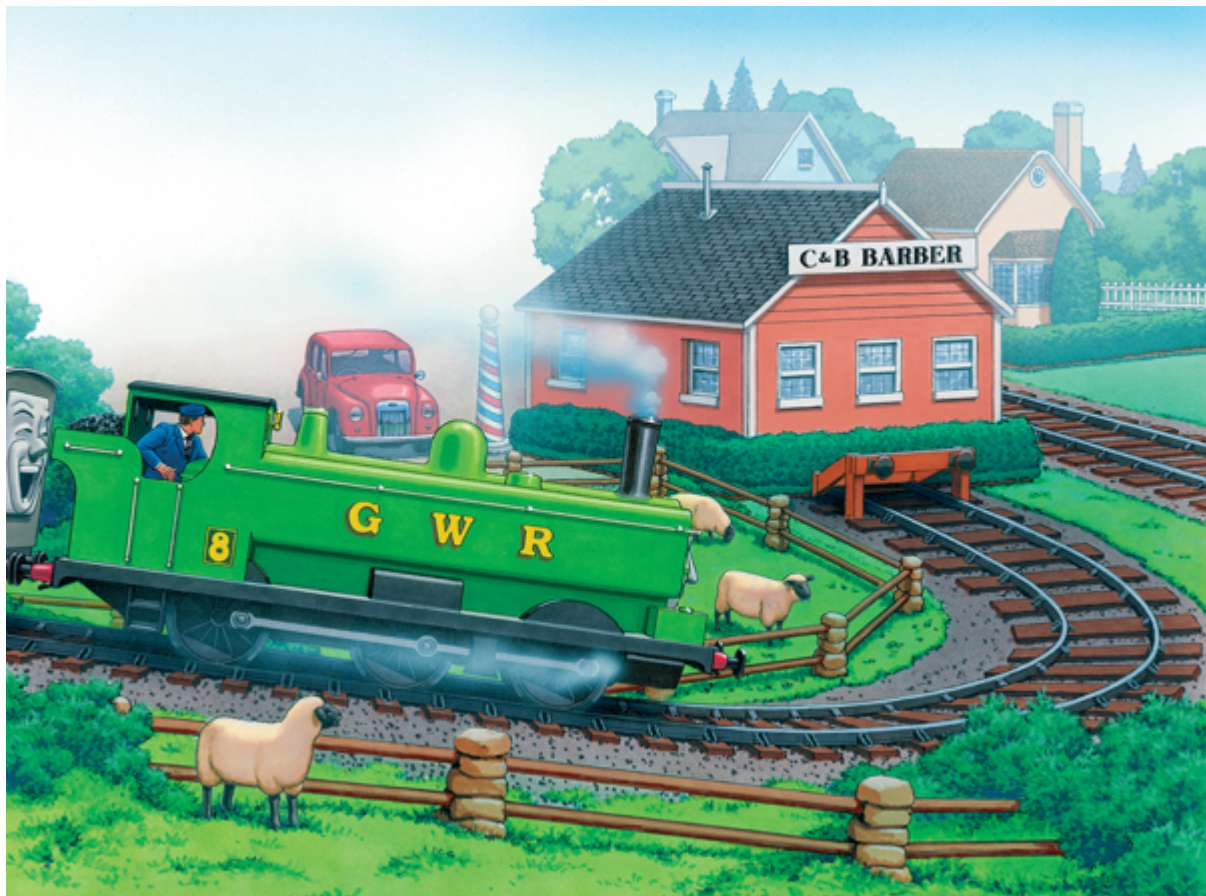
# Glad Trucks!



Duck and the Trucks  
rushed down the hill.

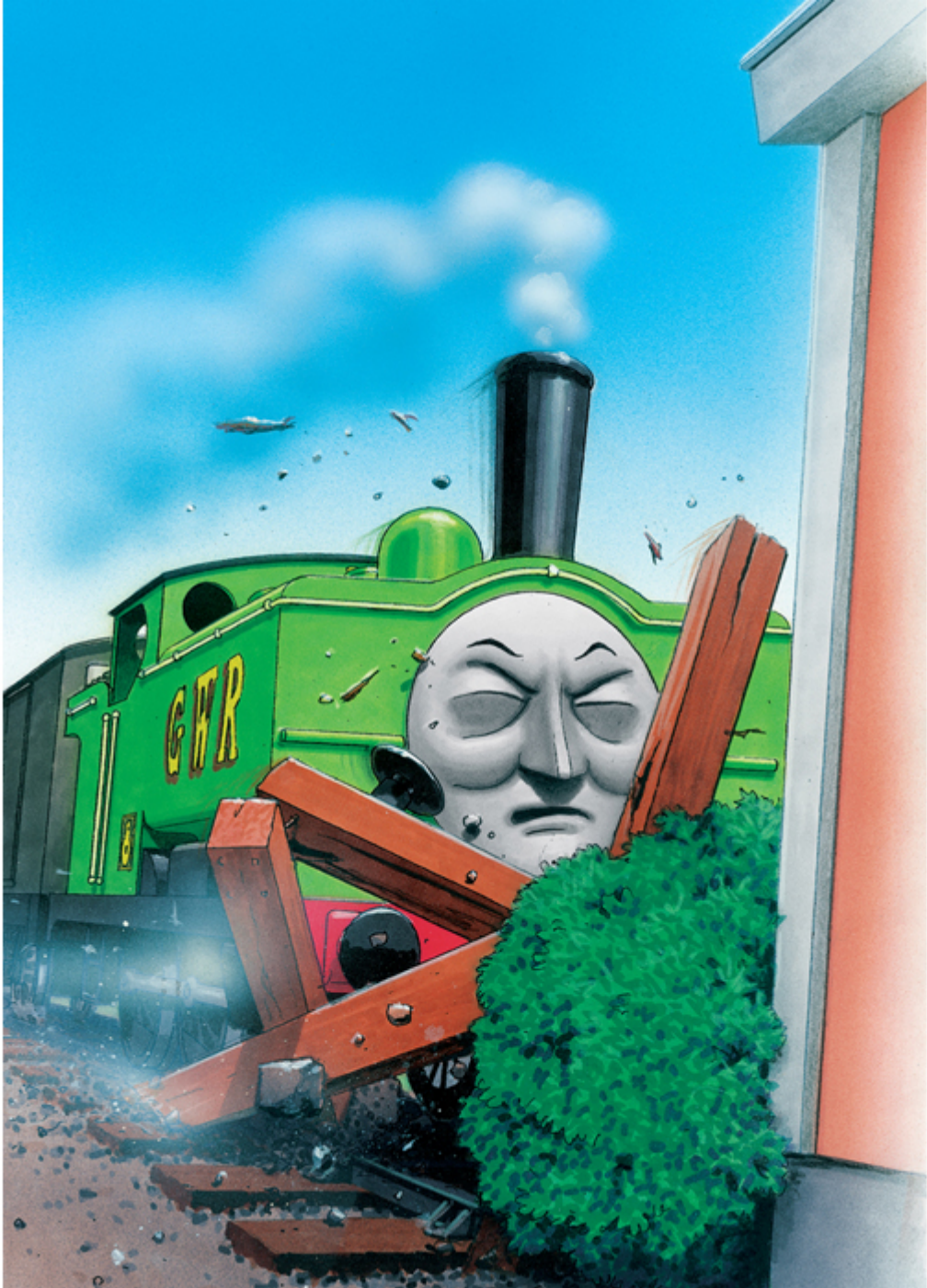


Duck saw  
the end of the line.  
Duck had to stop!





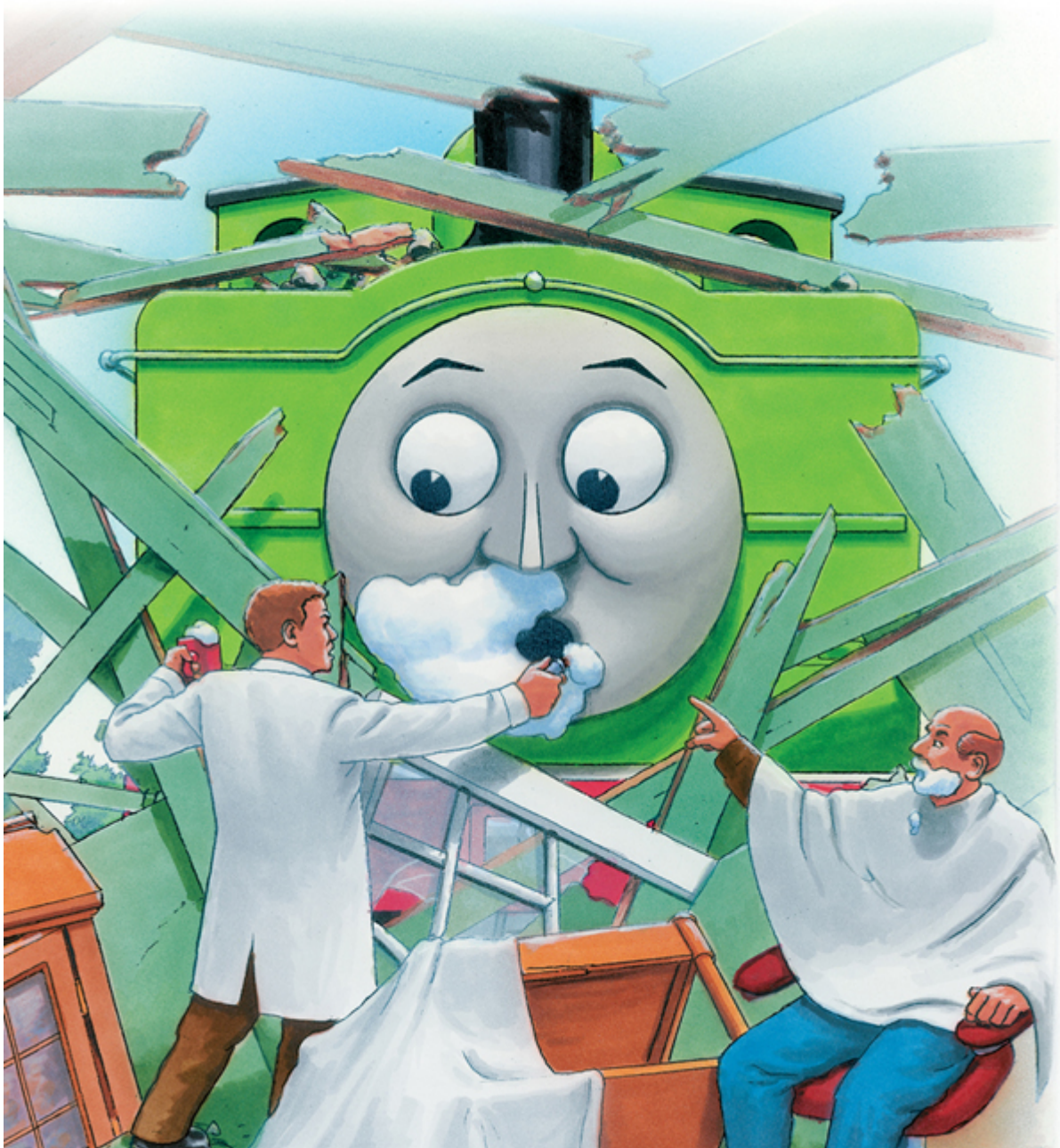
Duck crashed  
into the barber shop.



Sad Duck!  
Bad Trucks!



The barber  
was cross.  
Soapy Duck.



# Dopey Trucks!

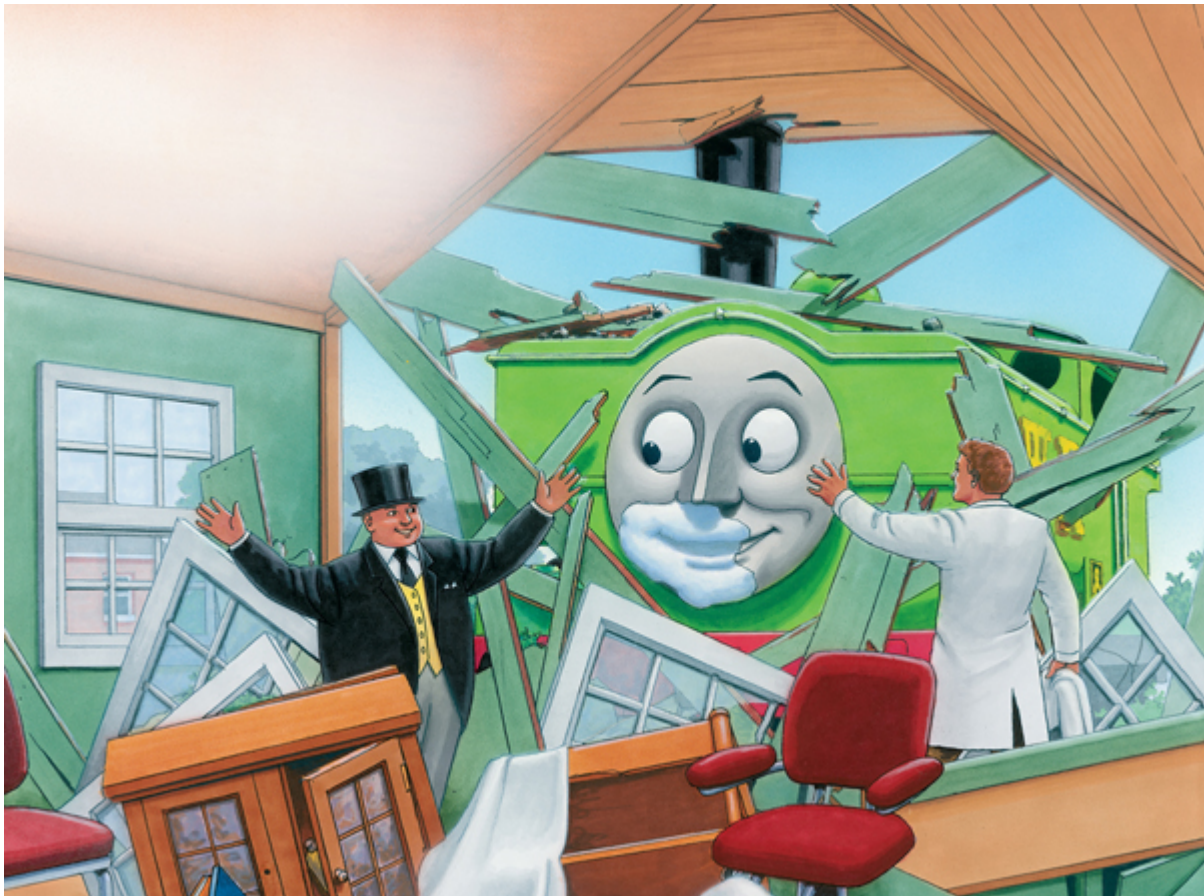


“I am sorry,”  
said Duck.



“I had to stop  
the runaway Trucks.”

No one was hurt.  
The shop could be fixed.  
Duck was a hero!



Duck got cleaned up.



The Trucks  
got picked up.





Duck had  
a close shave!





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