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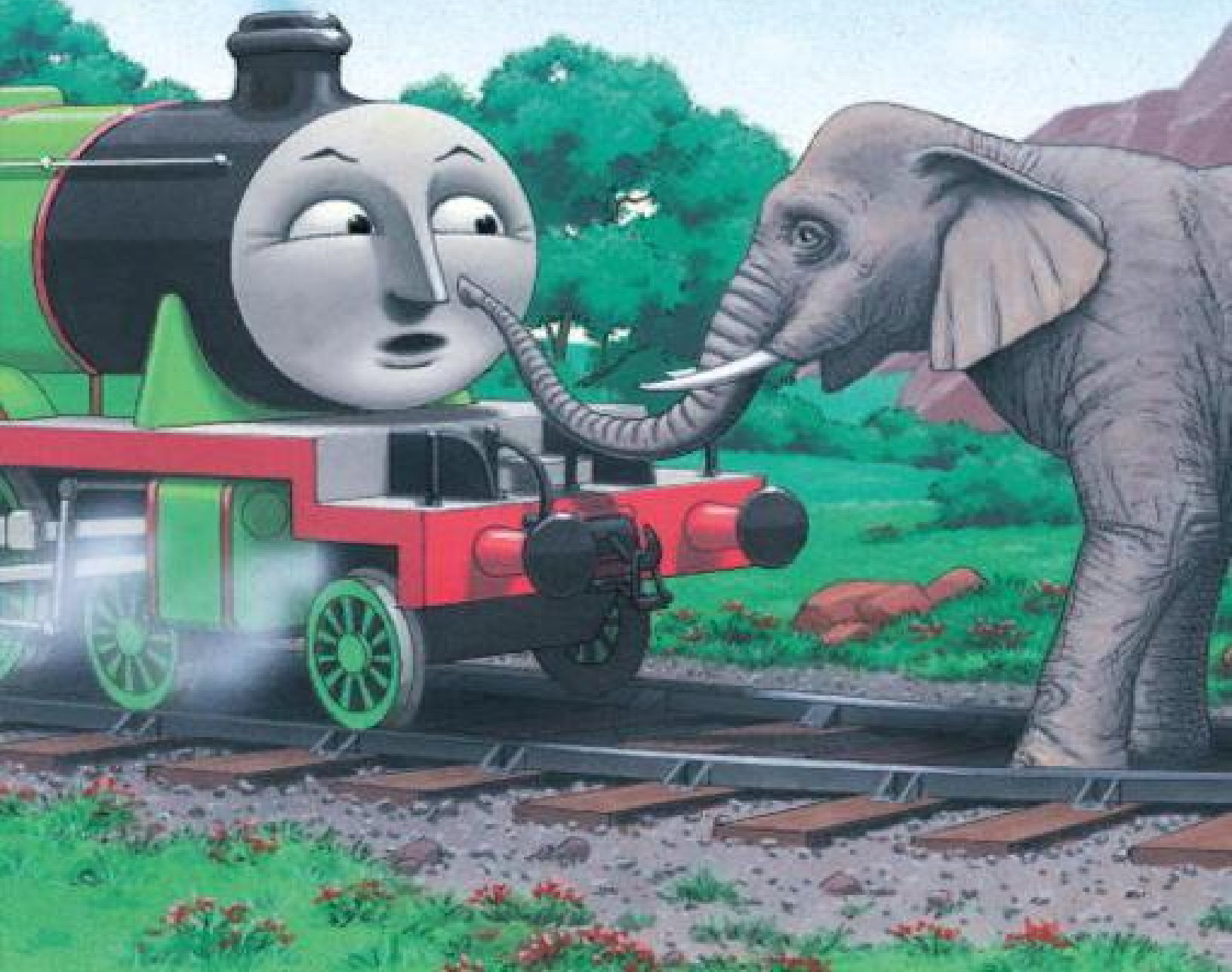
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THOMAS
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Henry and the Elephant



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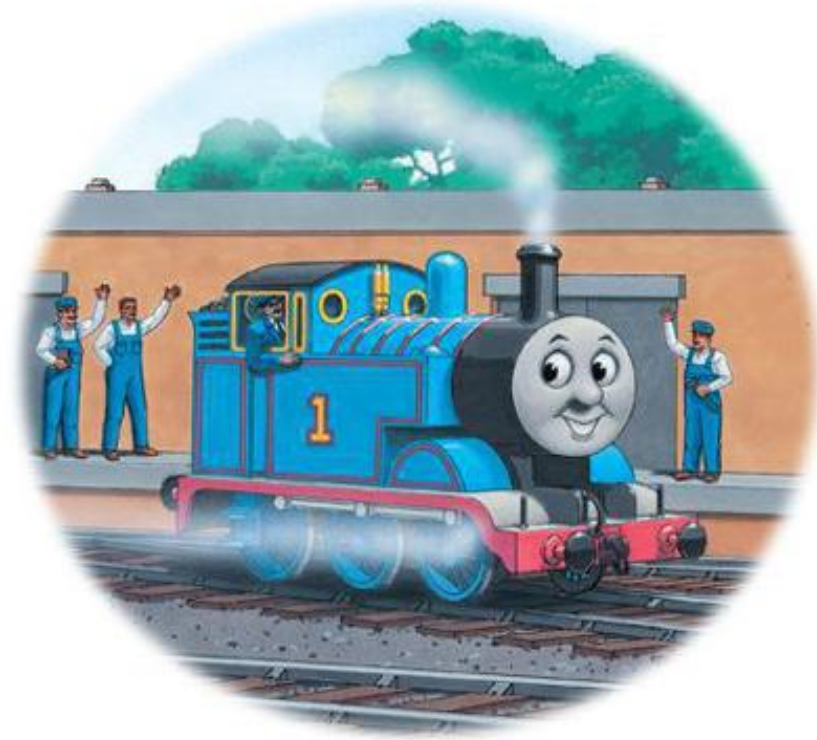
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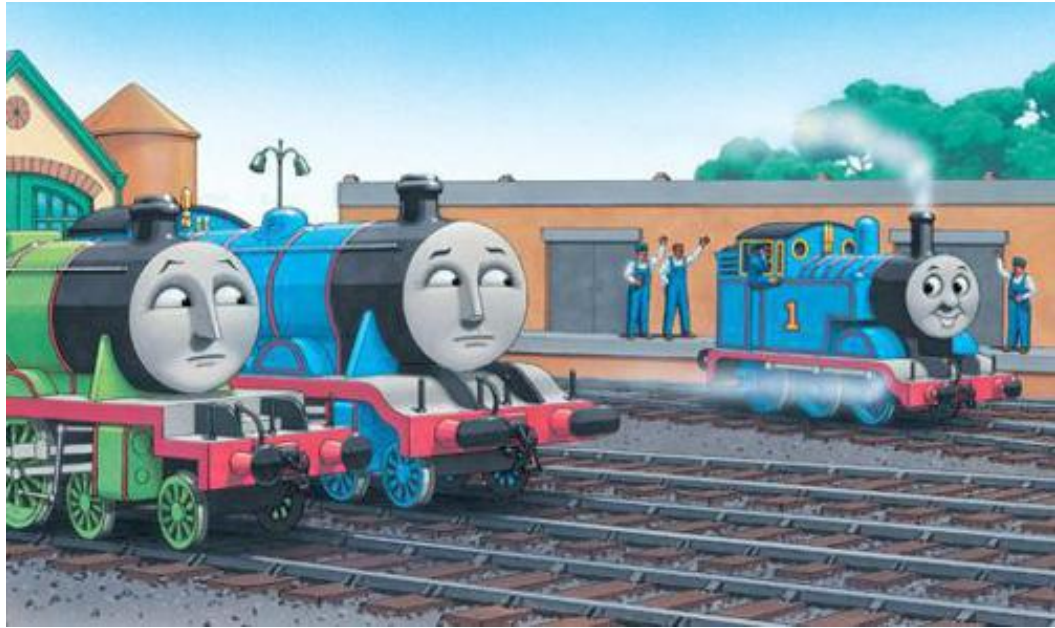
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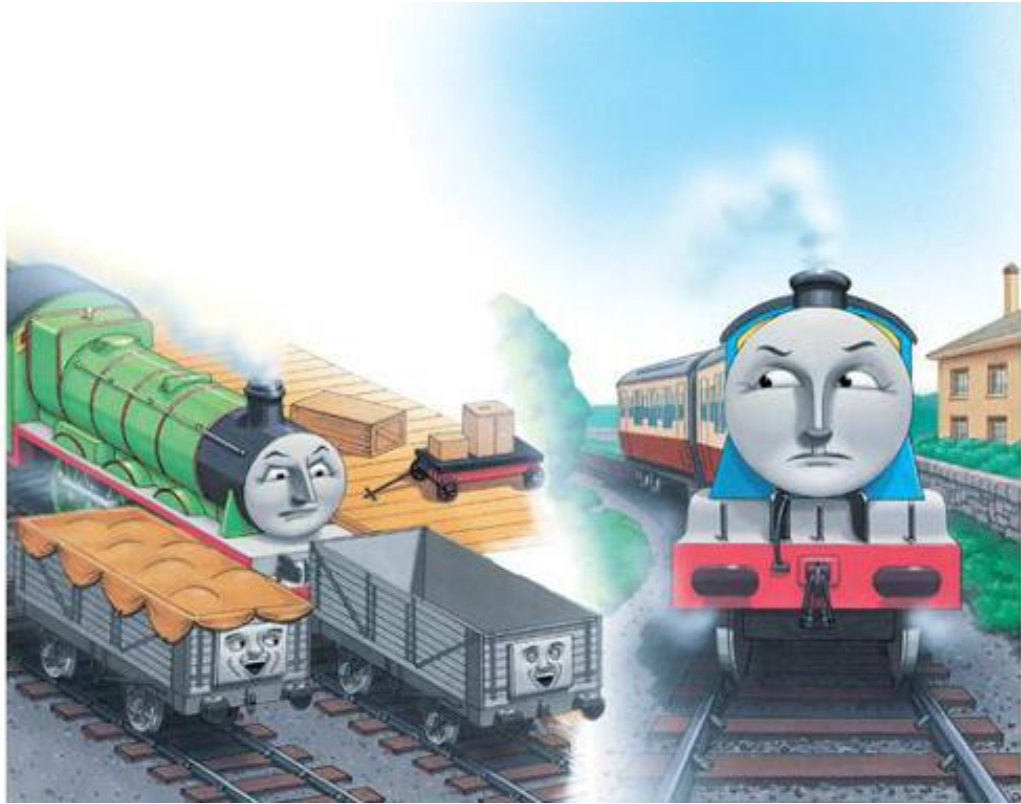
Thomas left the Yard.
He went to run
his own Branch Line.



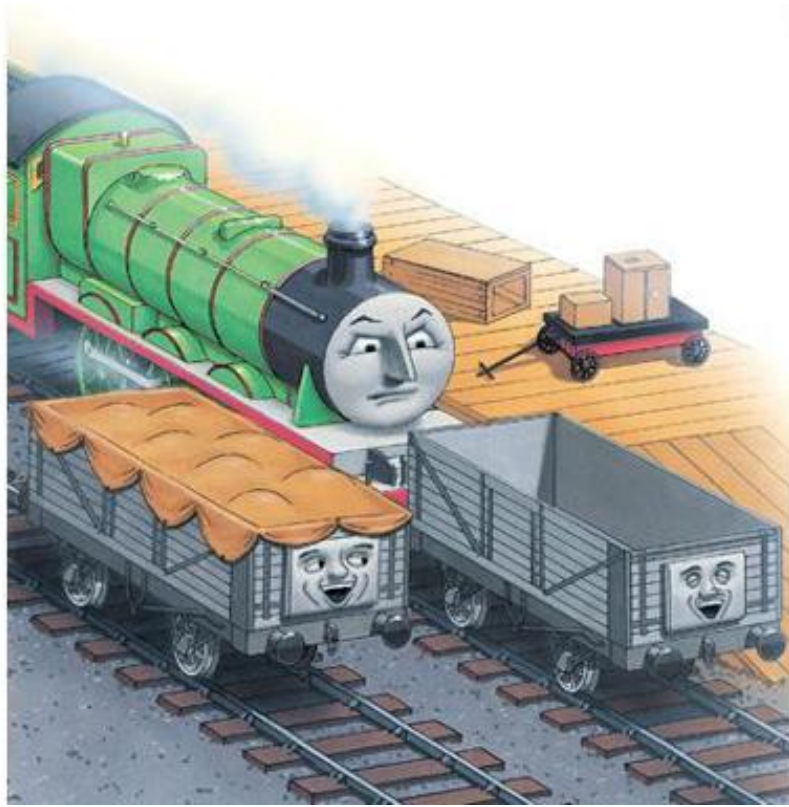
Henry and Gordon
missed Thomas.



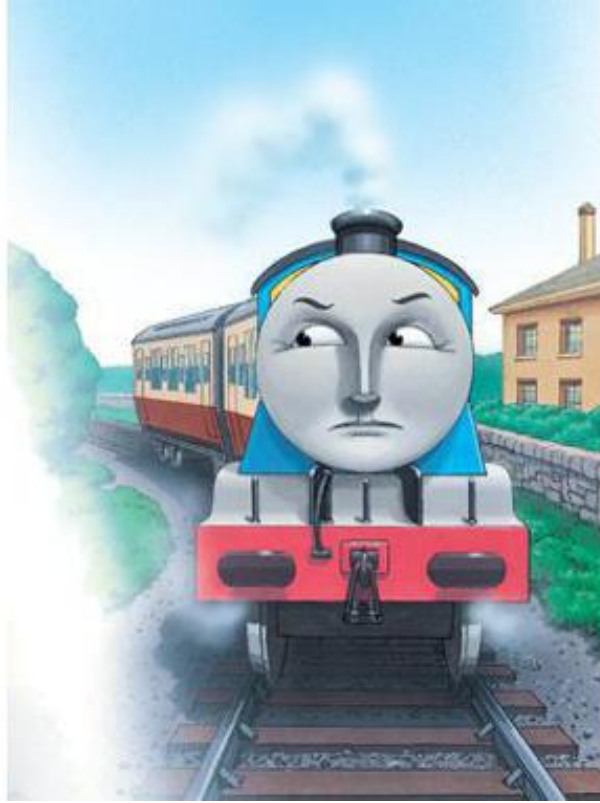
With Thomas gone,
there was more
work to do.
Henry and Gordon
were cross.



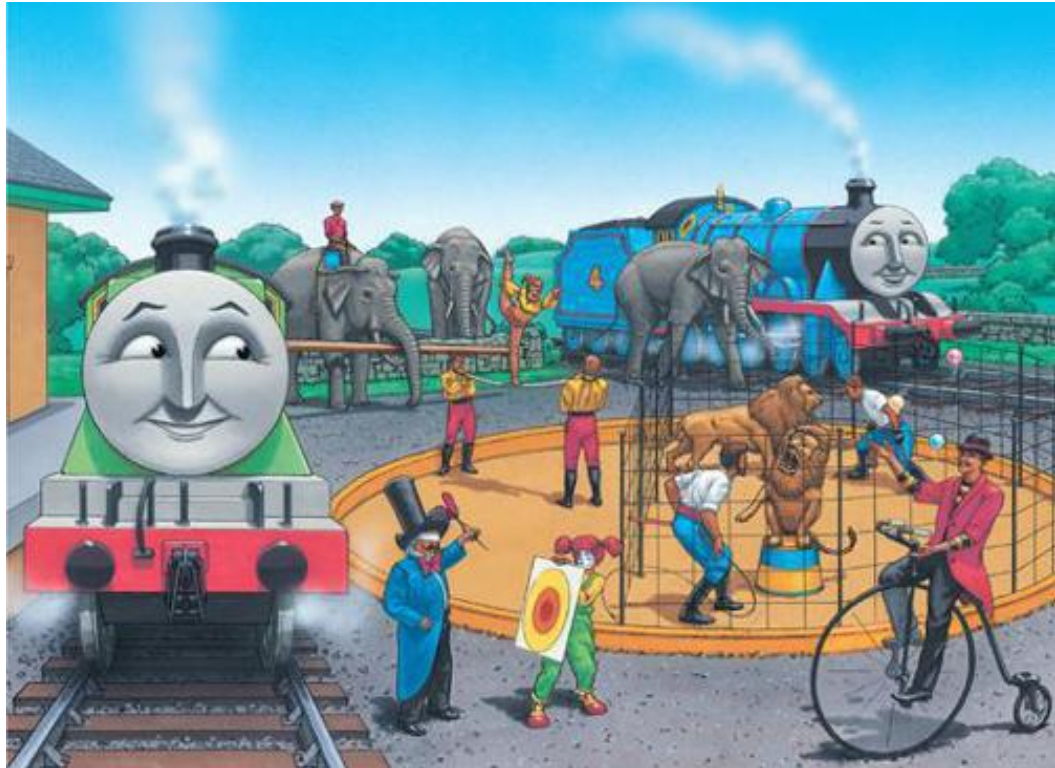
Henry grumbled
as he pushed trucks.



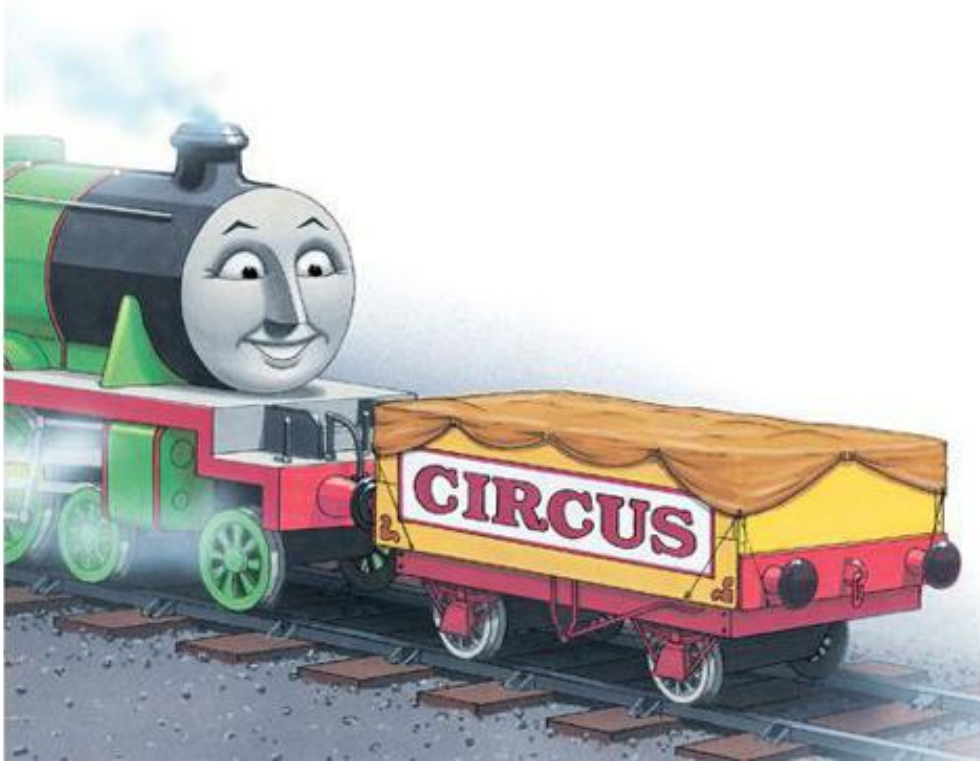
Gordon grumbled
as he pulled coaches.



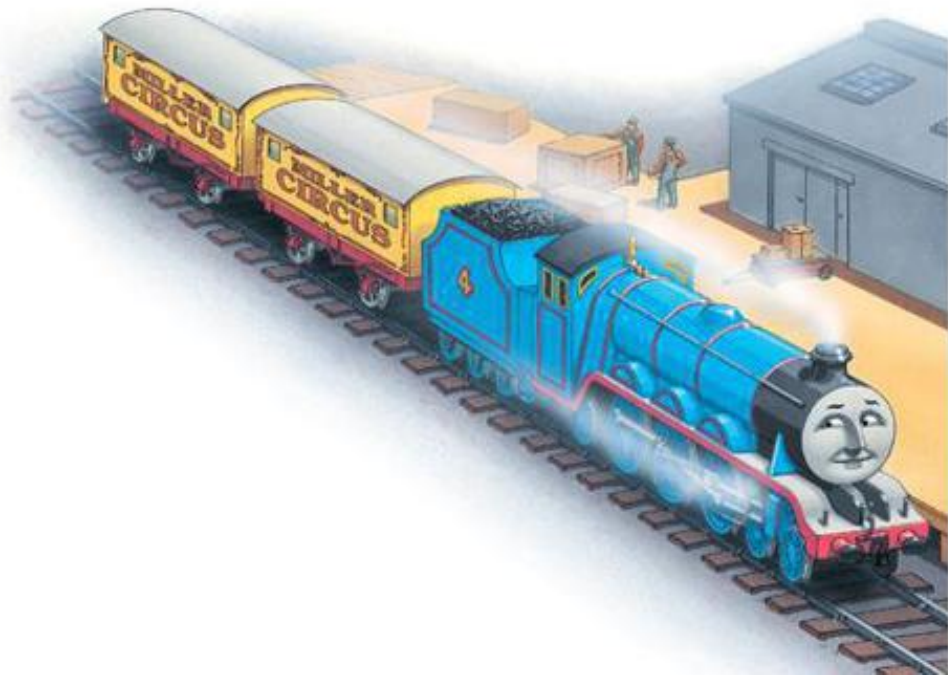
One day,
a circus came
to town.
Now the engines
were even busier.



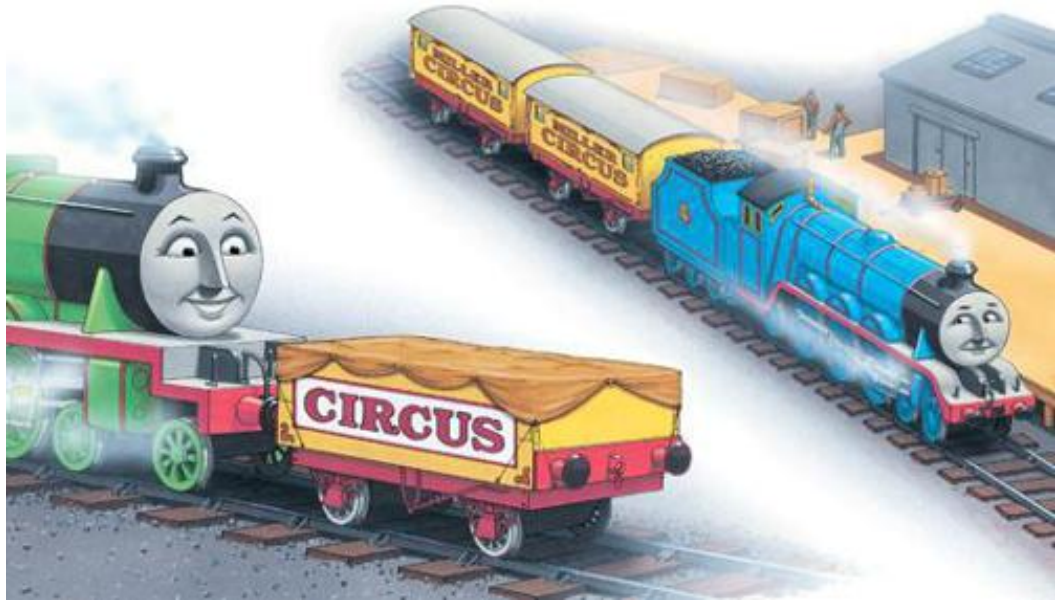
Henry pushed
the trucks.



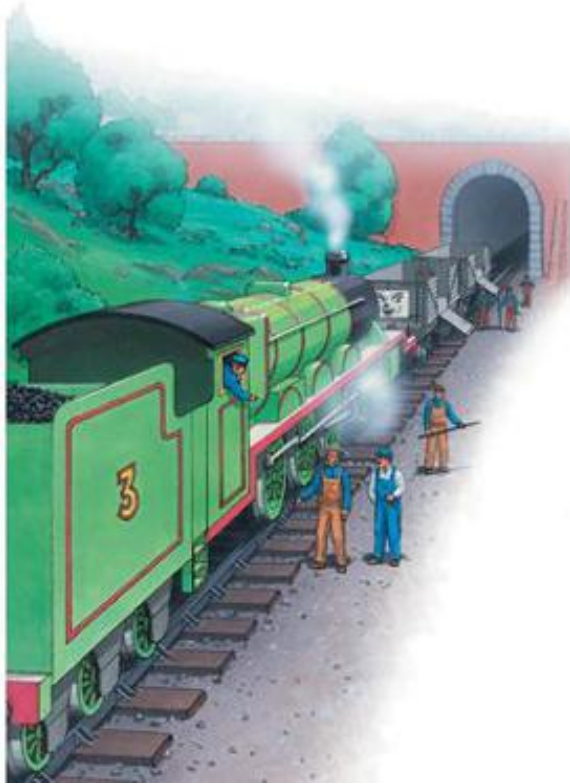
Gordon pulled
the coaches.



They did not
grumble.
Henry and Gordon
liked the circus.



The next day,
Henry took workmen
to a blocked tunnel.



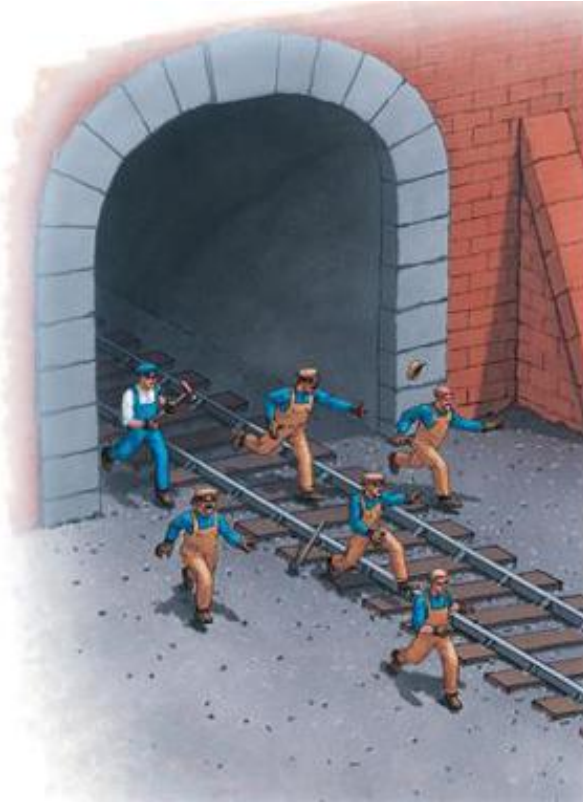
The workmen
picked up their tools.
“Time to clear the line.”
They walked inside.



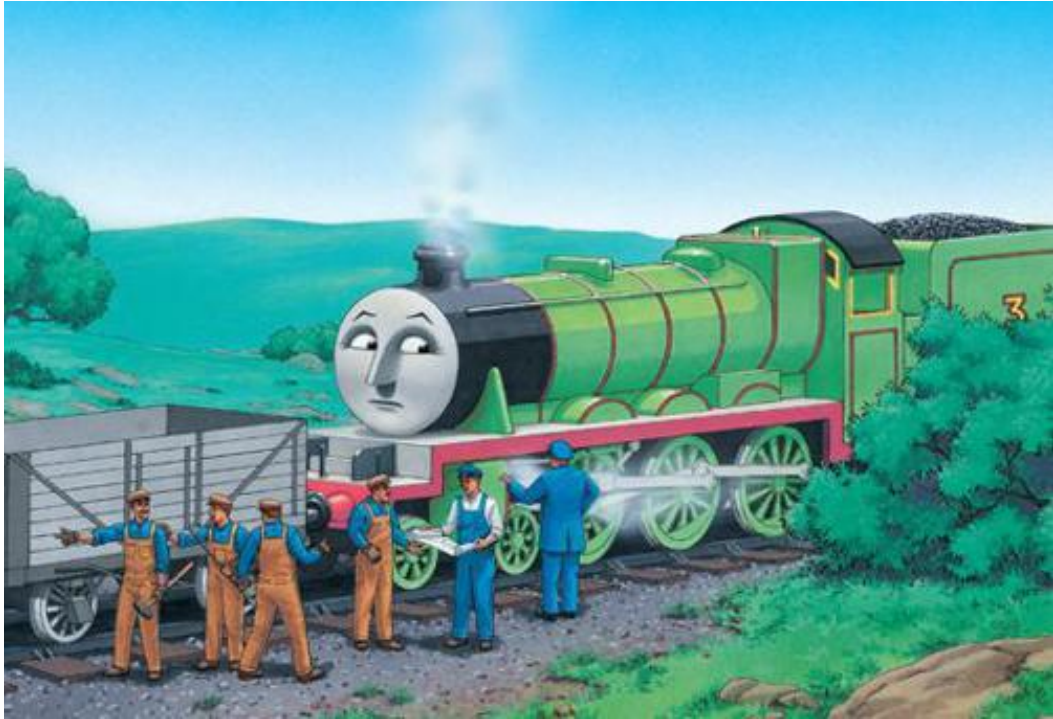
Something big was
in the tunnel.
It would not move.
It grunted.
It was alive!



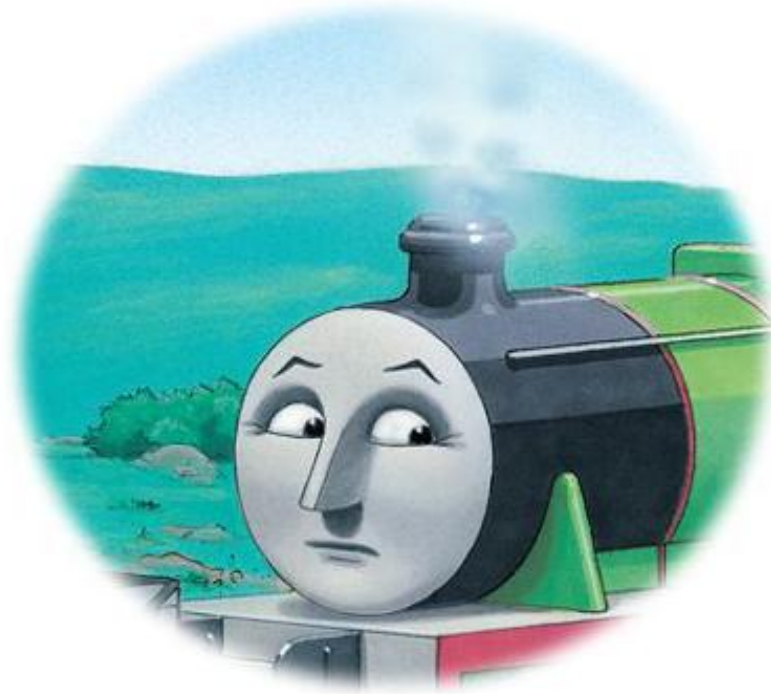
They ran outside.



The Foreman had a plan.
Henry could push trucks
into the tunnel.



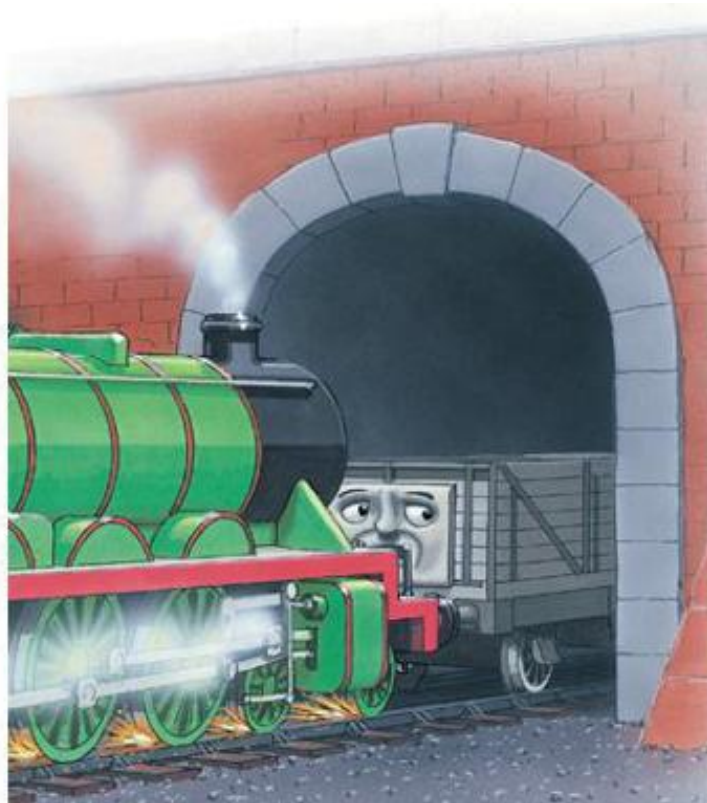
“Wheesh,” said Henry.
Henry did not like
tunnels.
He was scared.



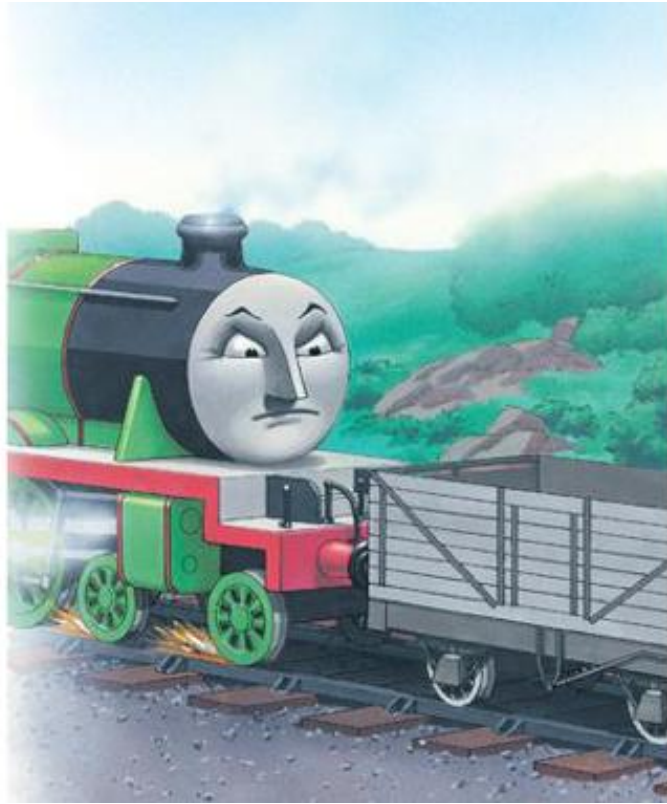
Henry pushed the
trucks.
They went
into the dark tunnel.
BUMP!



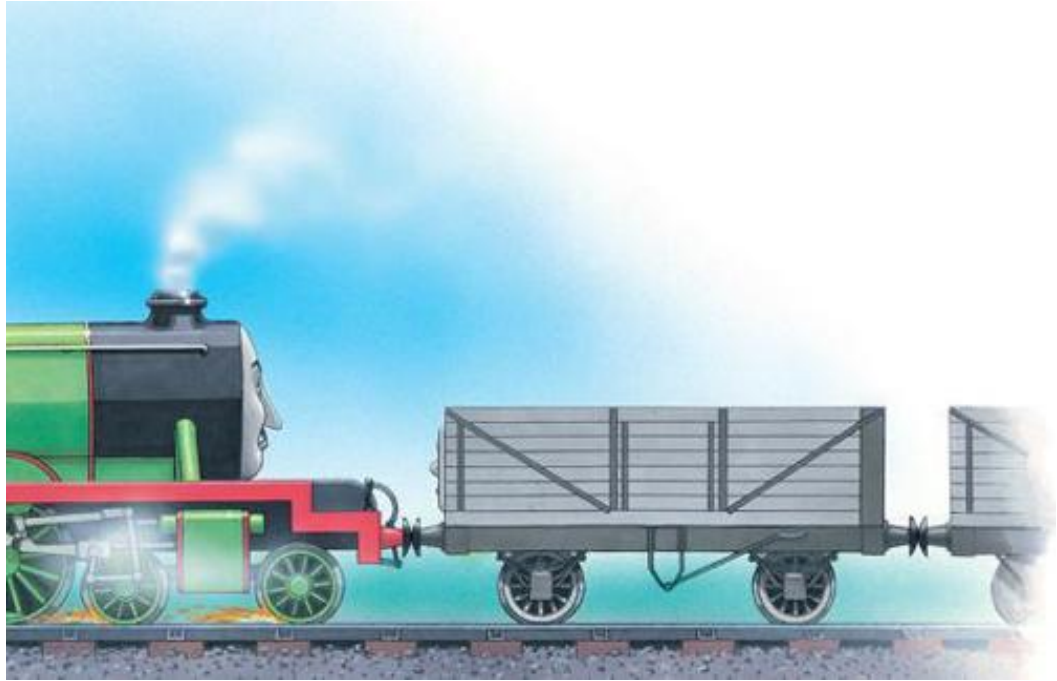
Henry pushed hard.
The big, scary thing
pushed back.



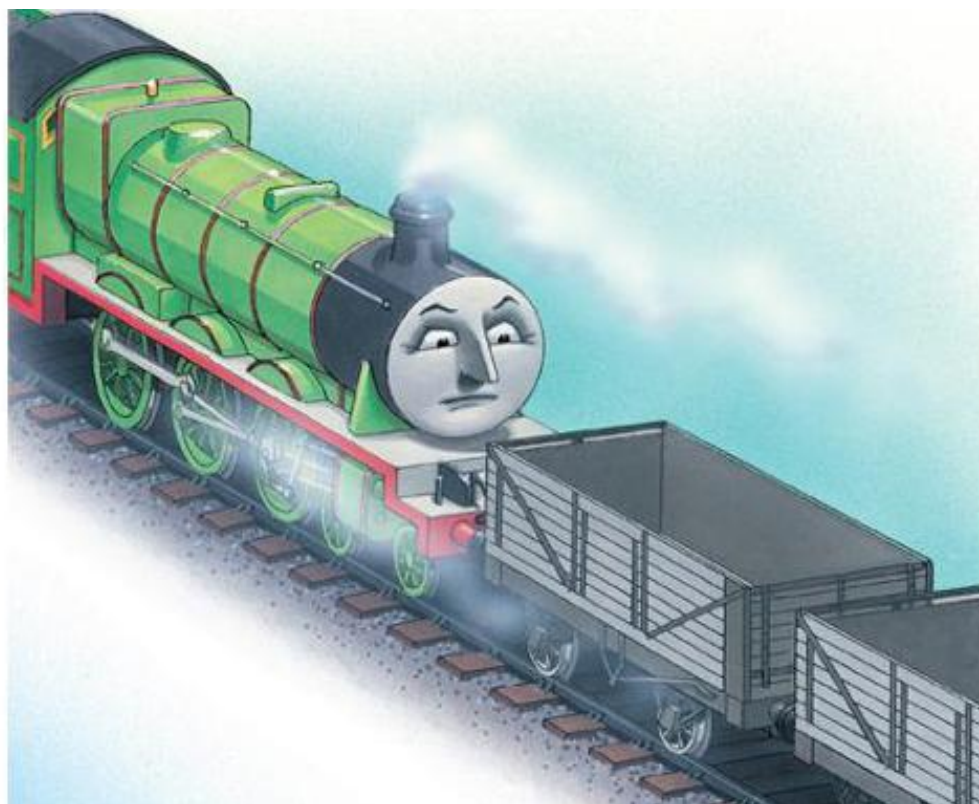
Henry pushed harder.
The big, scary thing
pushed hardest!
Henry inched
backwards.



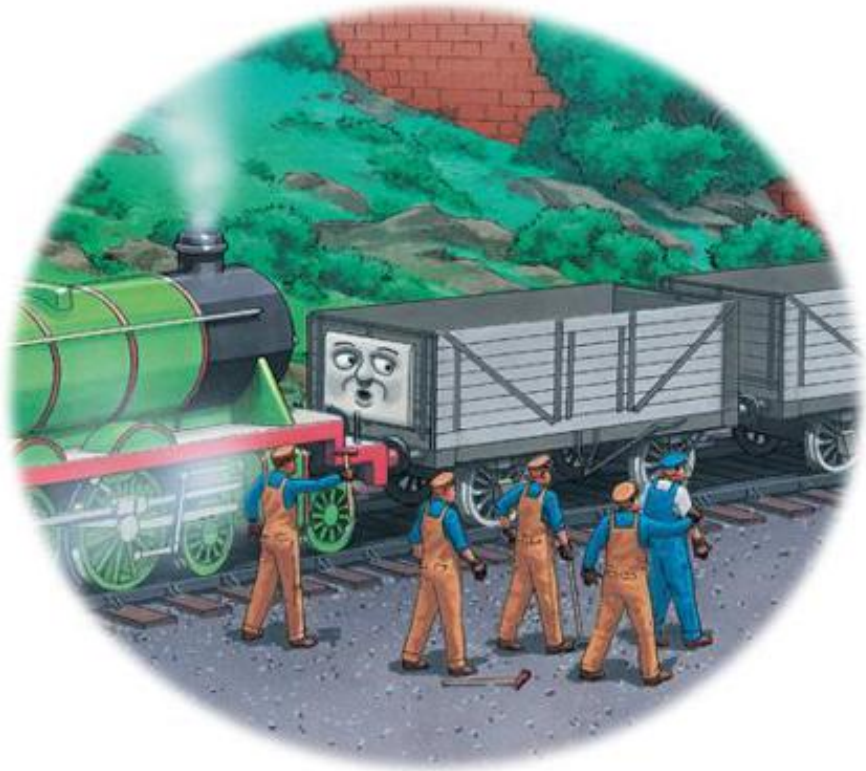
First,
Henry was pushed
out of the tunnel.



Then the trucks
were pushed out.



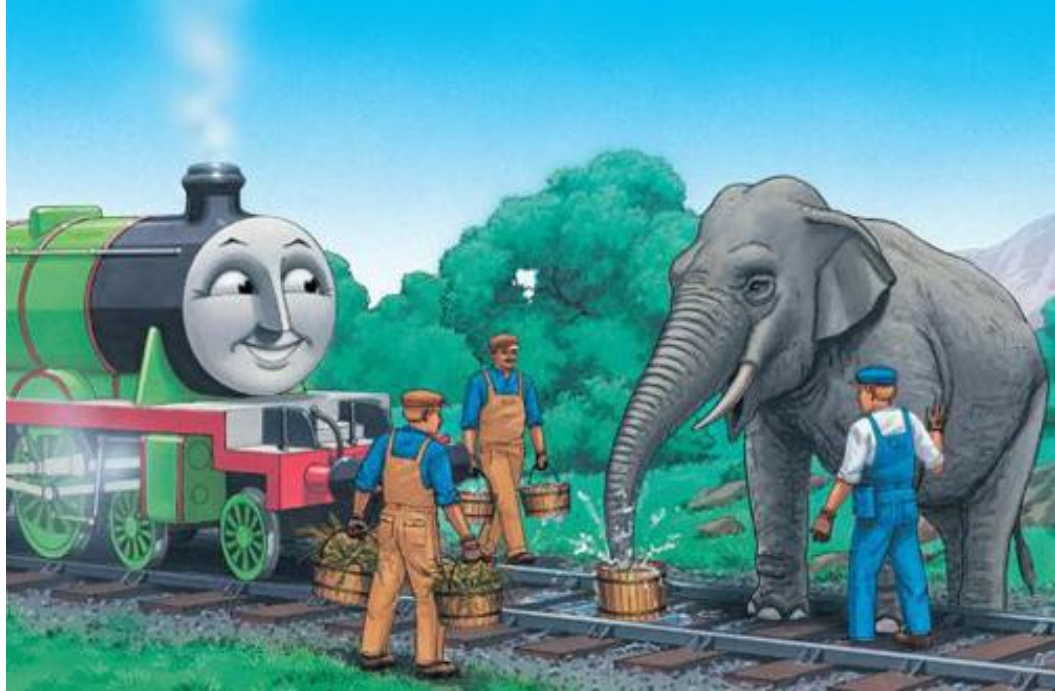
At last,
they saw what
was in the tunnel.



It was an elephant!
And he looked cross.
He had run away
from the circus.



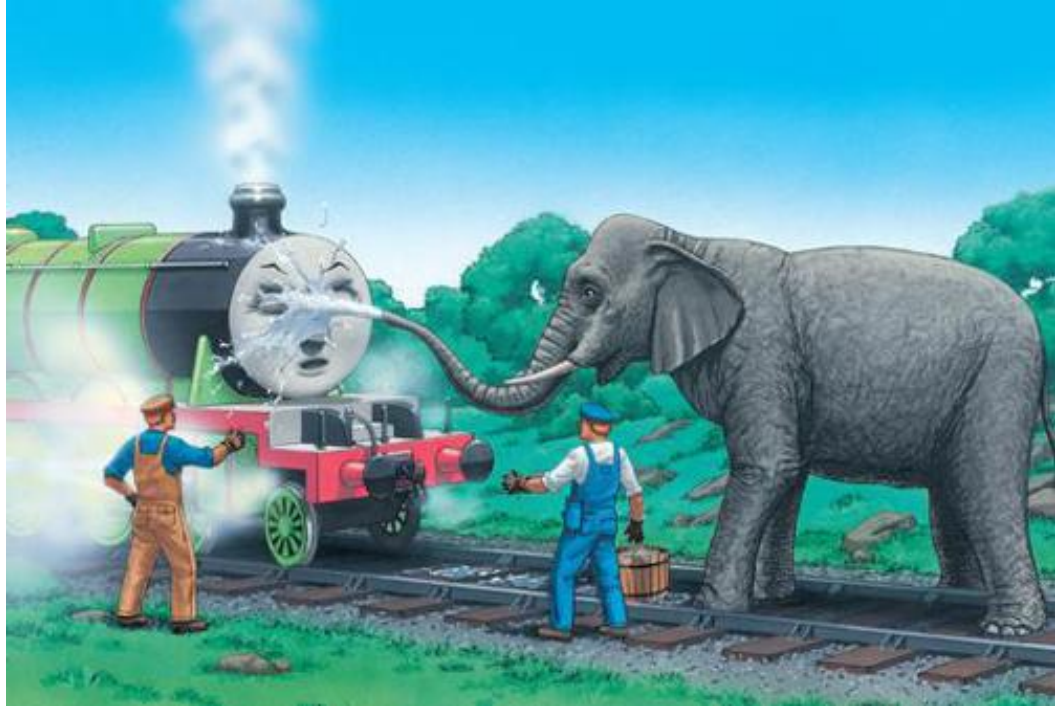
The workmen fed him
and gave him
lots of water.
The elephant felt better.



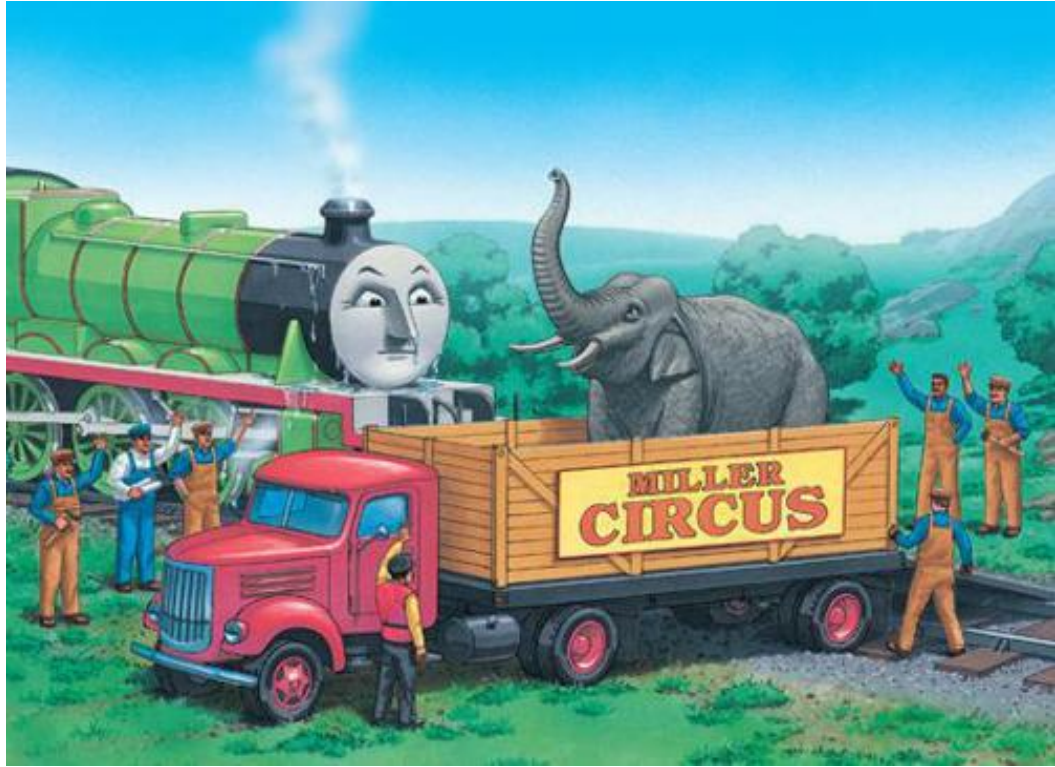
Henry felt better, too.
He let off steam.
Whoosh!



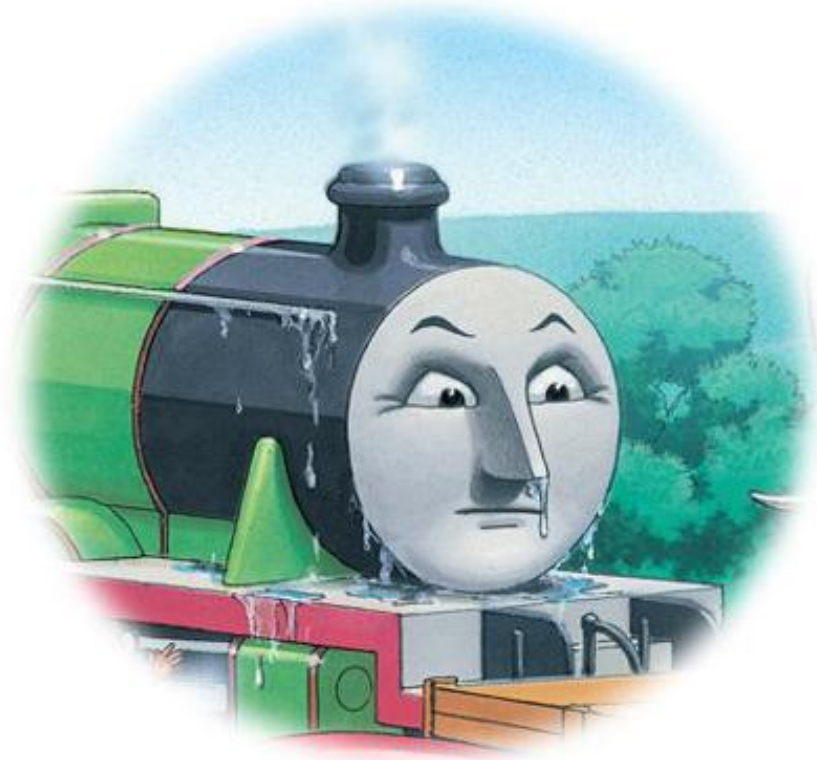
Henry's steam scared
the elephant.
Splash!
Poor Henry.



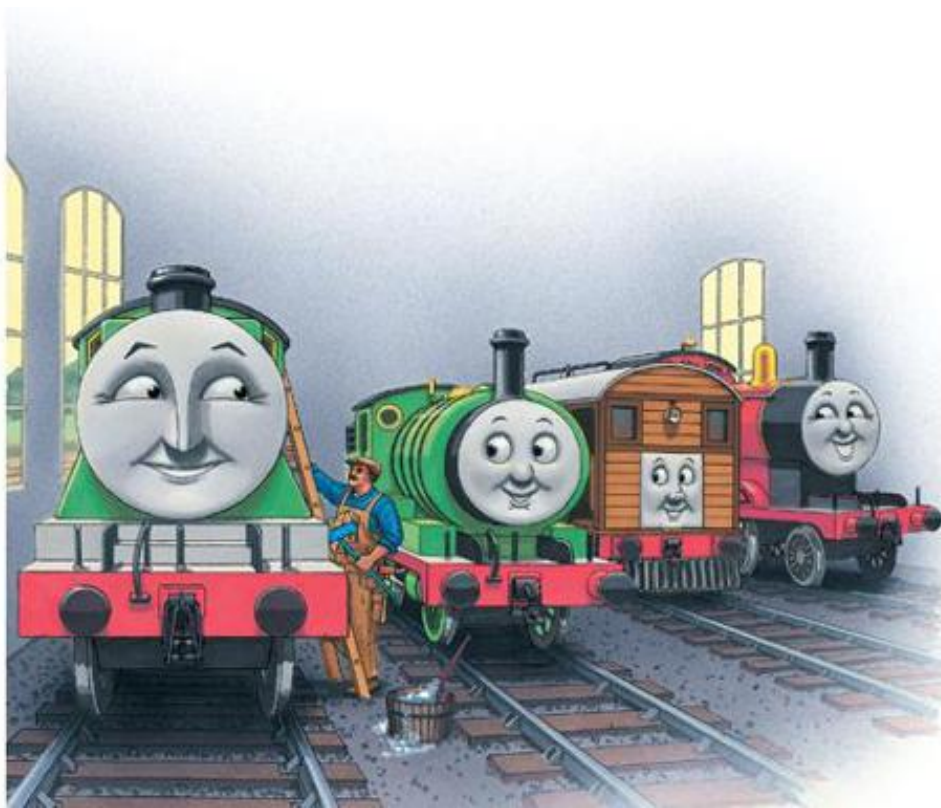
It was time to go home.
Everyone laughed
at Henry.



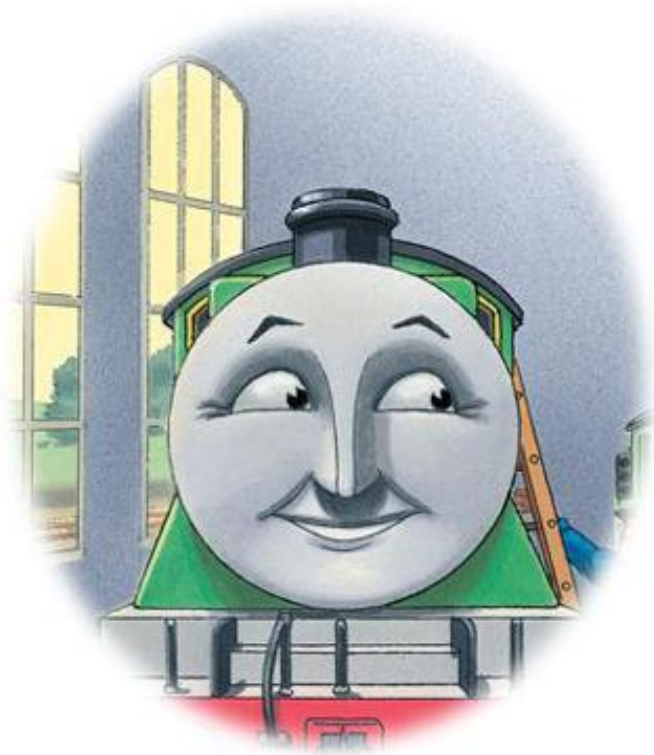
“An elephant
pushed me and
splashed me,”
Henry grumbled.



But in the Shed,
Henry told
his funny story.
His friends laughed.



This time
Henry laughed, too.





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