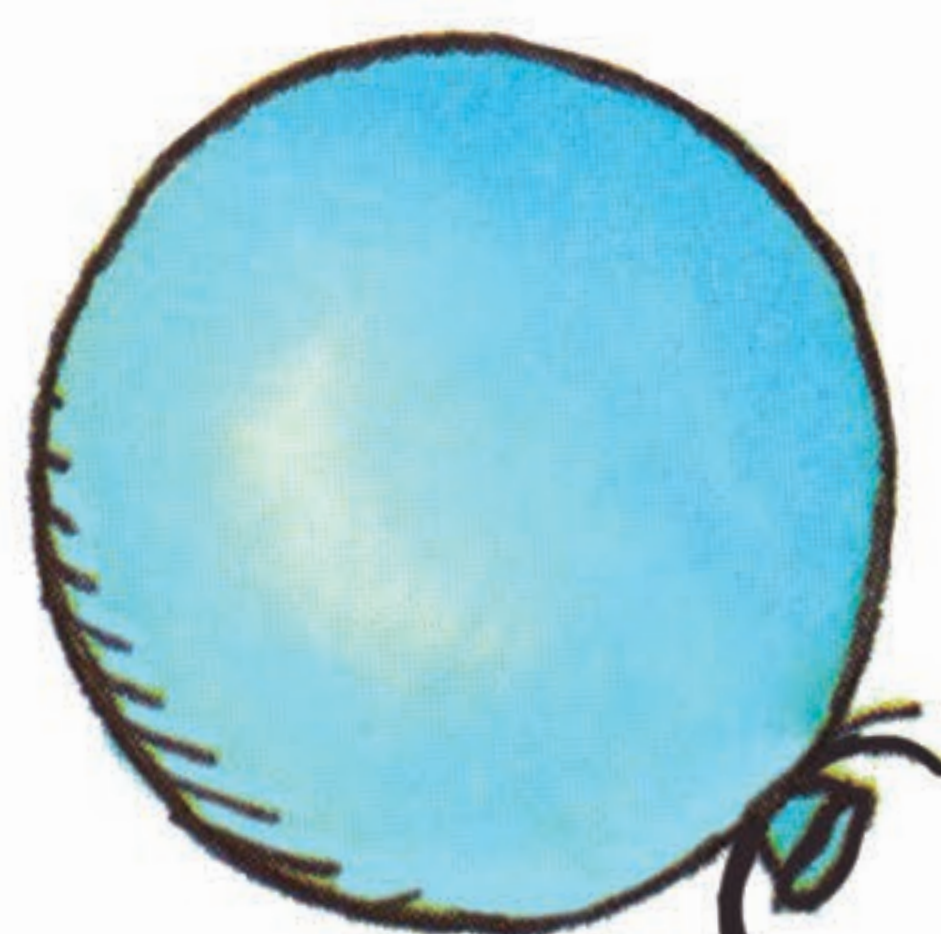


# The Happy Little **ENGINE**







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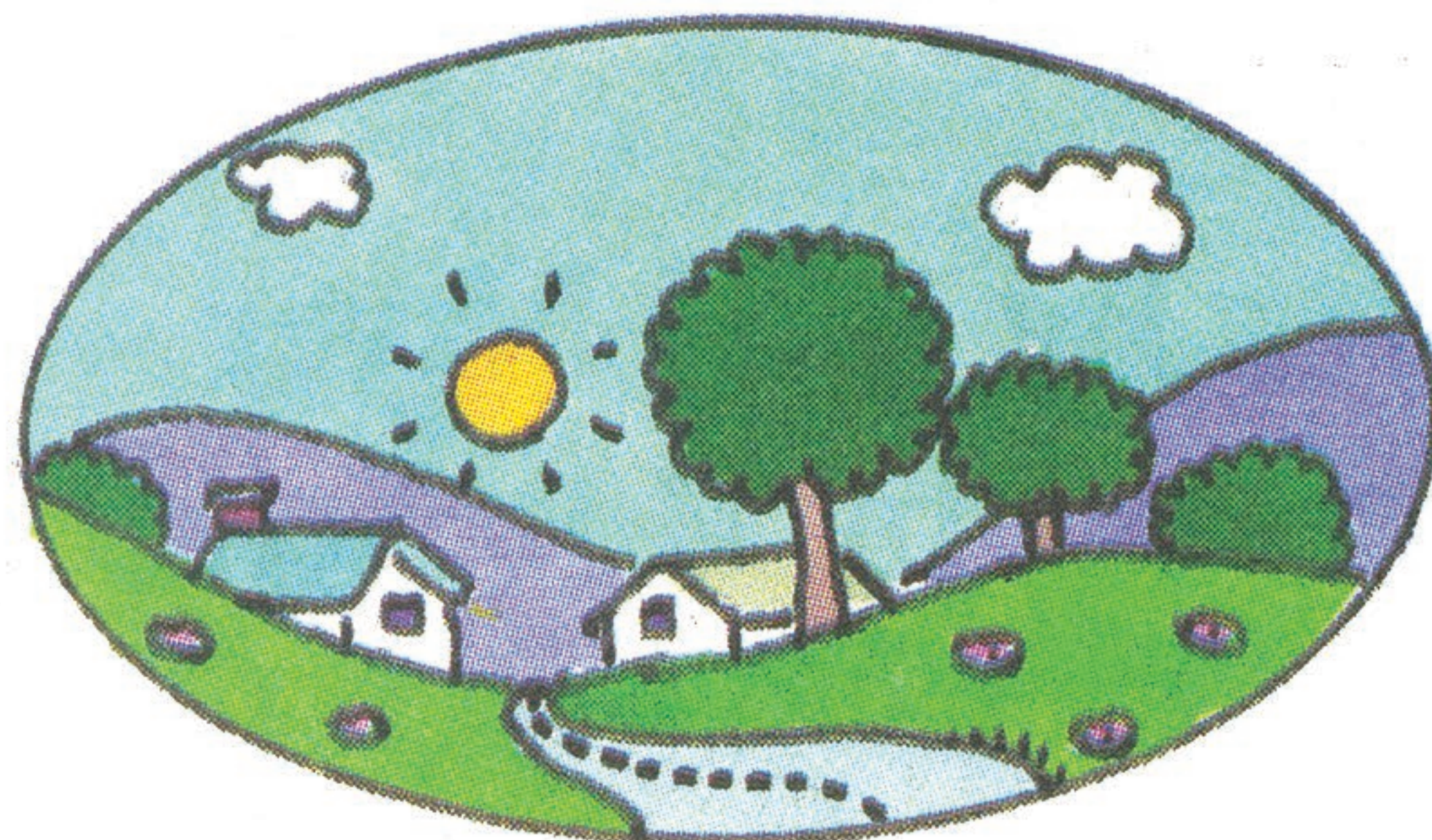


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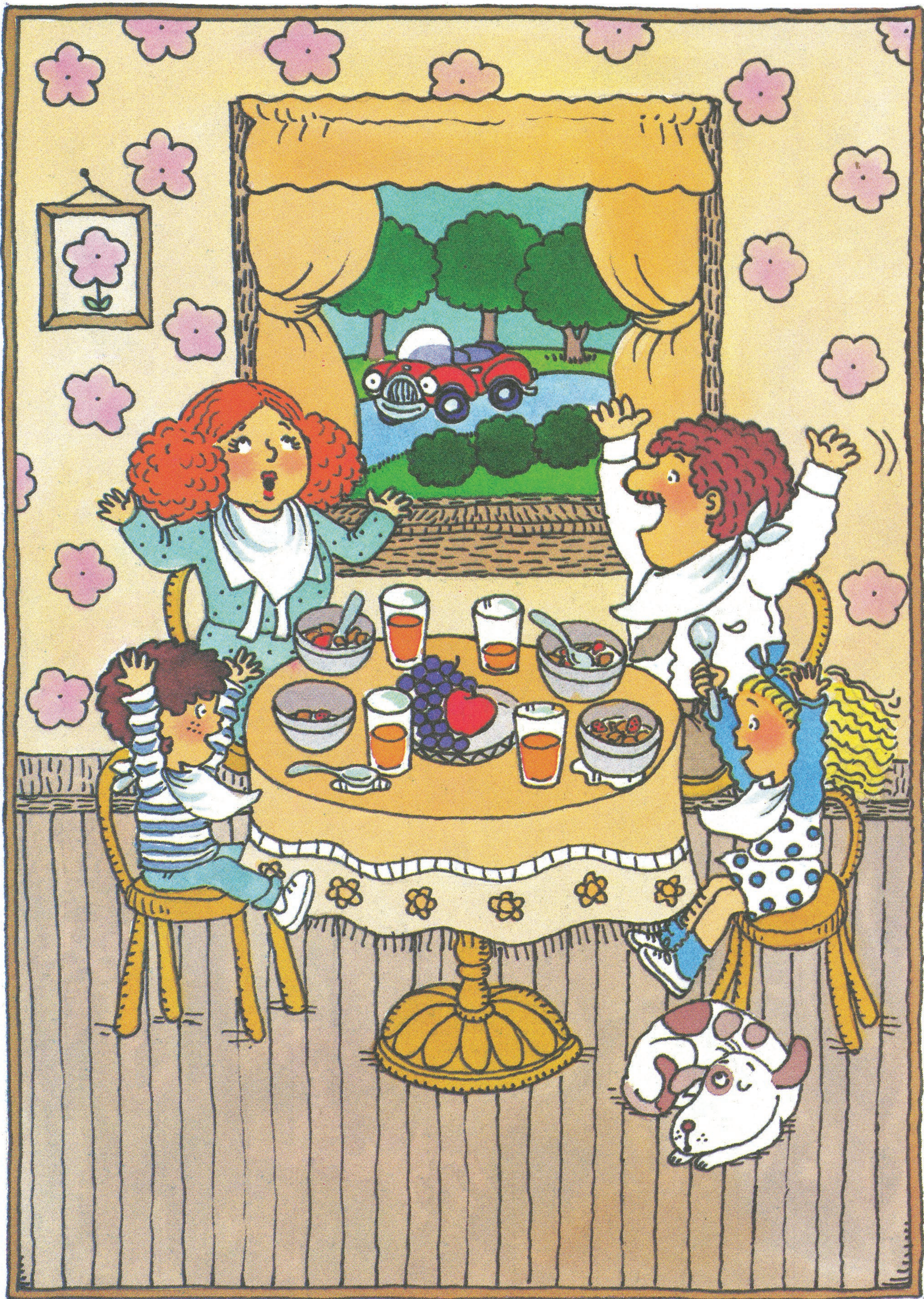
It was a beautiful Sunday morning. The Baker family was sitting at the kitchen table finishing breakfast.

“What shall we do today?” asked Mom.

Everyone turned and looked out the window. There in the driveway stood the Baker’s little red car.

“Let’s go for a drive!” said Dad and Billy and Susie all together.









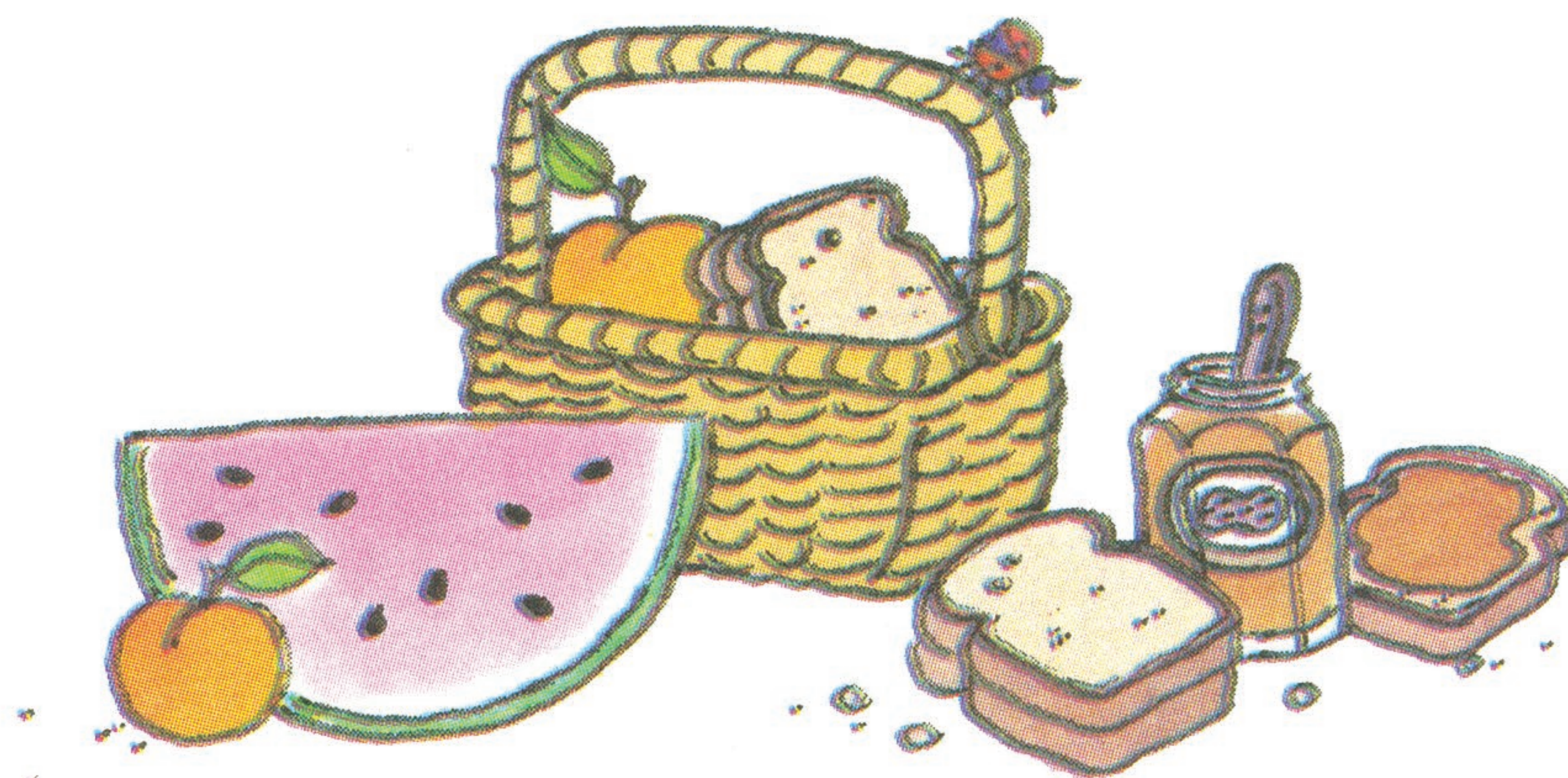


So they made some sandwiches, gathered together the picnic things, and in no time at all they were ready to go.

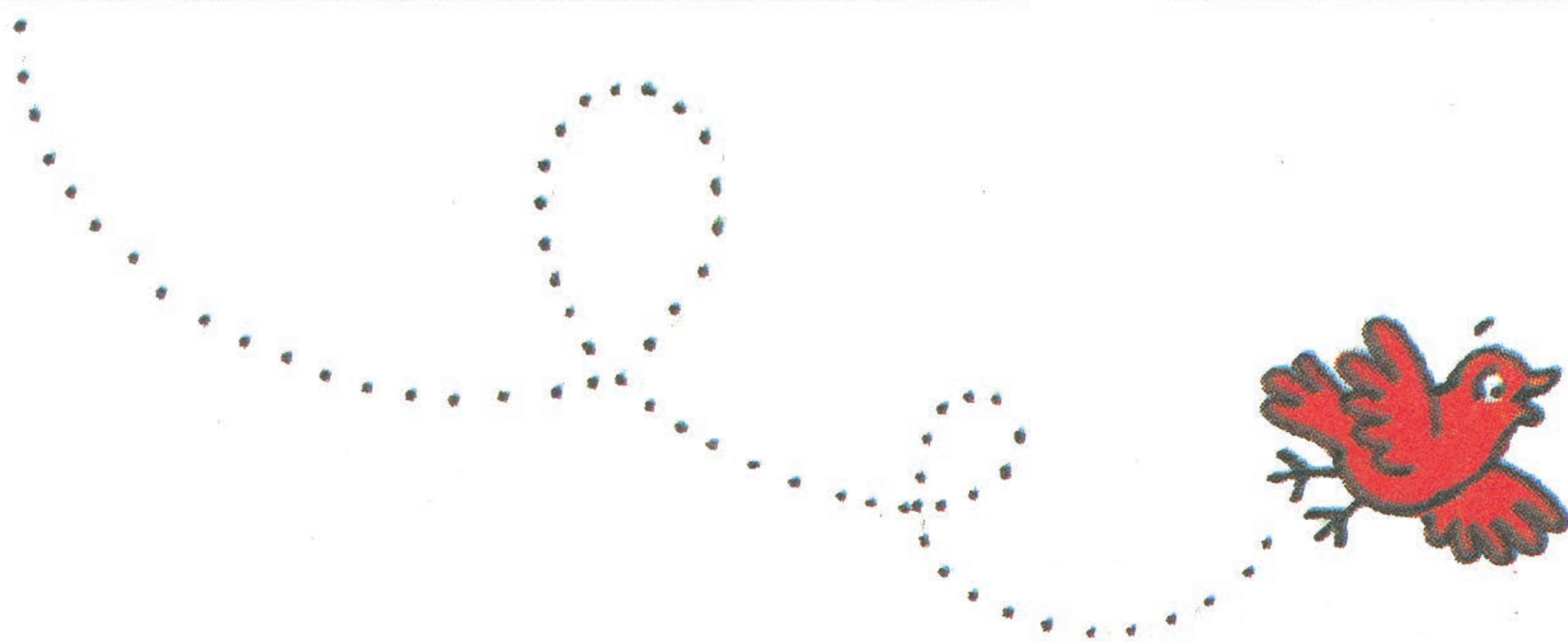
All the Bakers piled into the little red car, even Max, the dog.

The little red car was not a new car. There was a dent in its fender. Its paint was chipped here and there, and the seats were a bit worn.

But the Bakers loved the little red car. It was so much fun to ride in it, especially with the top down. And it always got them to where they wanted to go. That's because, as Dad always said, "This car has a great little engine."







So, just as he did on many other Sundays, Dad started up the engine of the little red car and the Bakers were off.

*“Puurrrrr, puurrrrr,”* went the little red car.

“Hear that, everyone?” asked Dad. “That’s the sound of a happy little engine!”

“It sure is a *puurrrrr-fect* day for a drive,” said Mom.

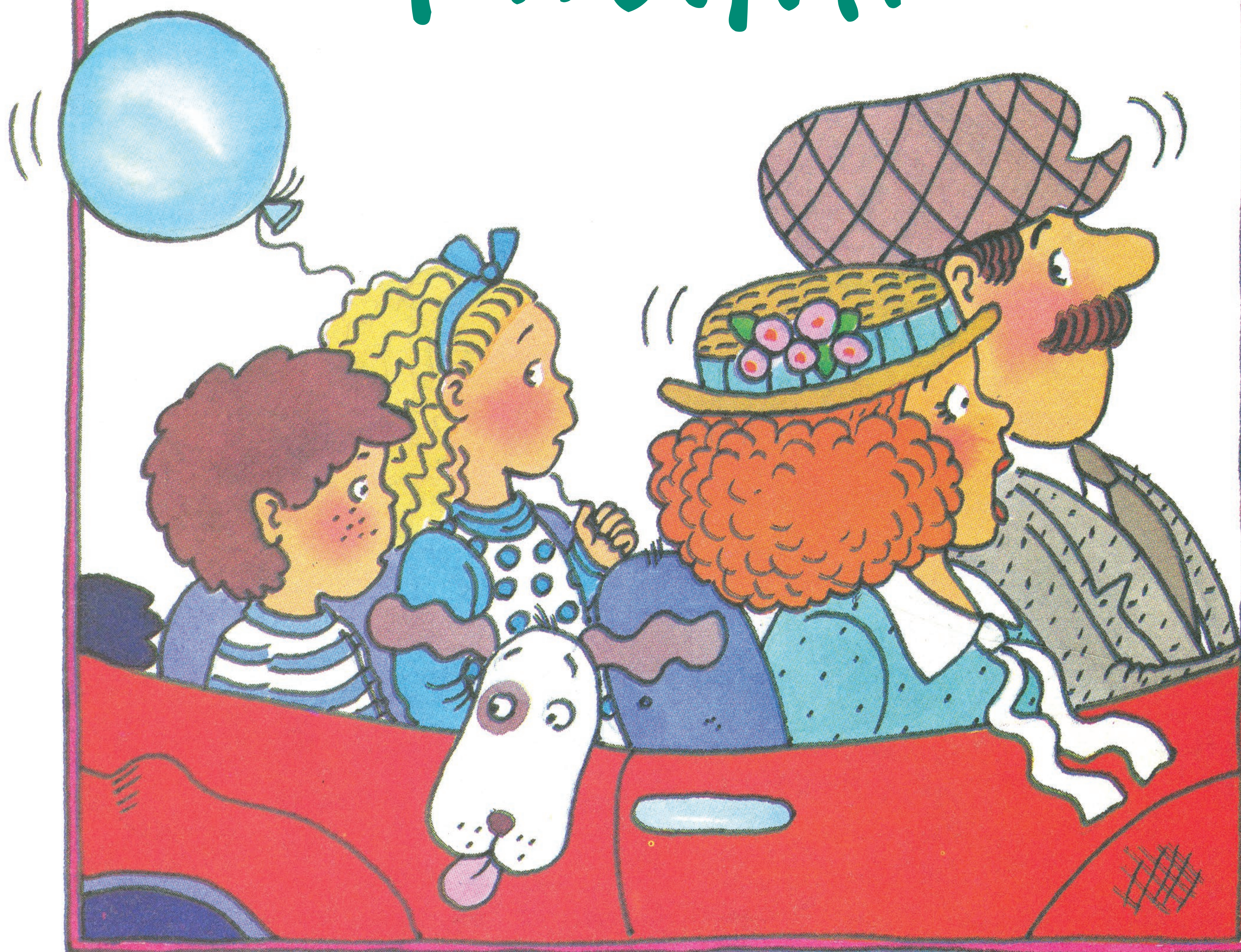








THUMPITY  
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THUMP







The Bakers were driving along happily when all of a sudden they heard a big bang! Then the little red car went, “*Thumpity, thumpity, thumpity, thump,*” and started to wobble down the road.

“Uh, oh,” said Susie.

“Ru-uff row,” said Max.

“Better pull over,” said Mom.

“That’s *not* the sound of a happy little engine,” said Dad, as he pulled off to the side of the road.

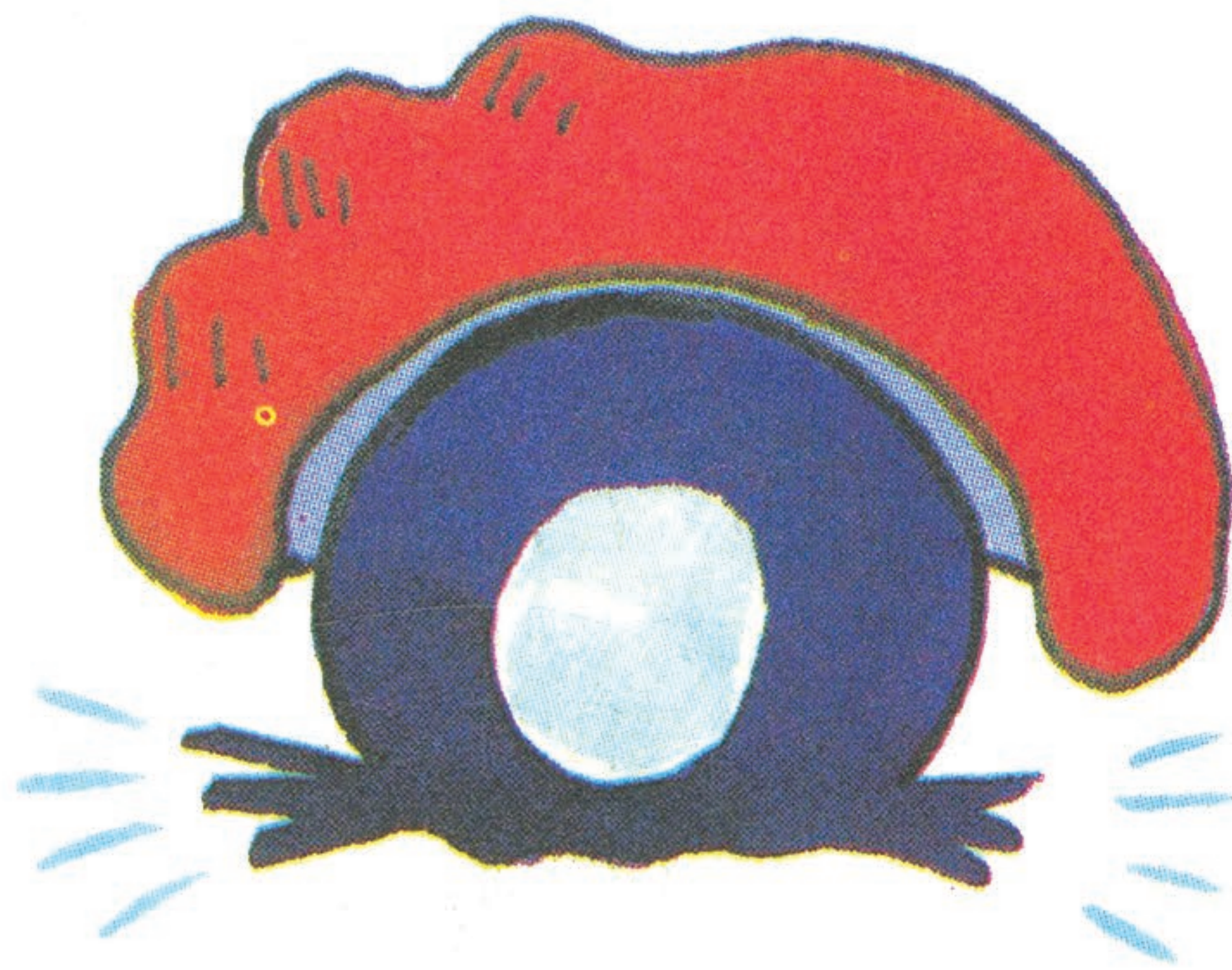


The Bakers piled out of the little red car to see what was the matter.  
The little red car had a flat tire!

Luckily the Bakers had a spare tire and all of the right tools. They changed the tire and the little red car was as good as new.

The Bakers got back into the car and continued on their drive.

*“Puurrrrr, puurrrrr,”* went the little red car.



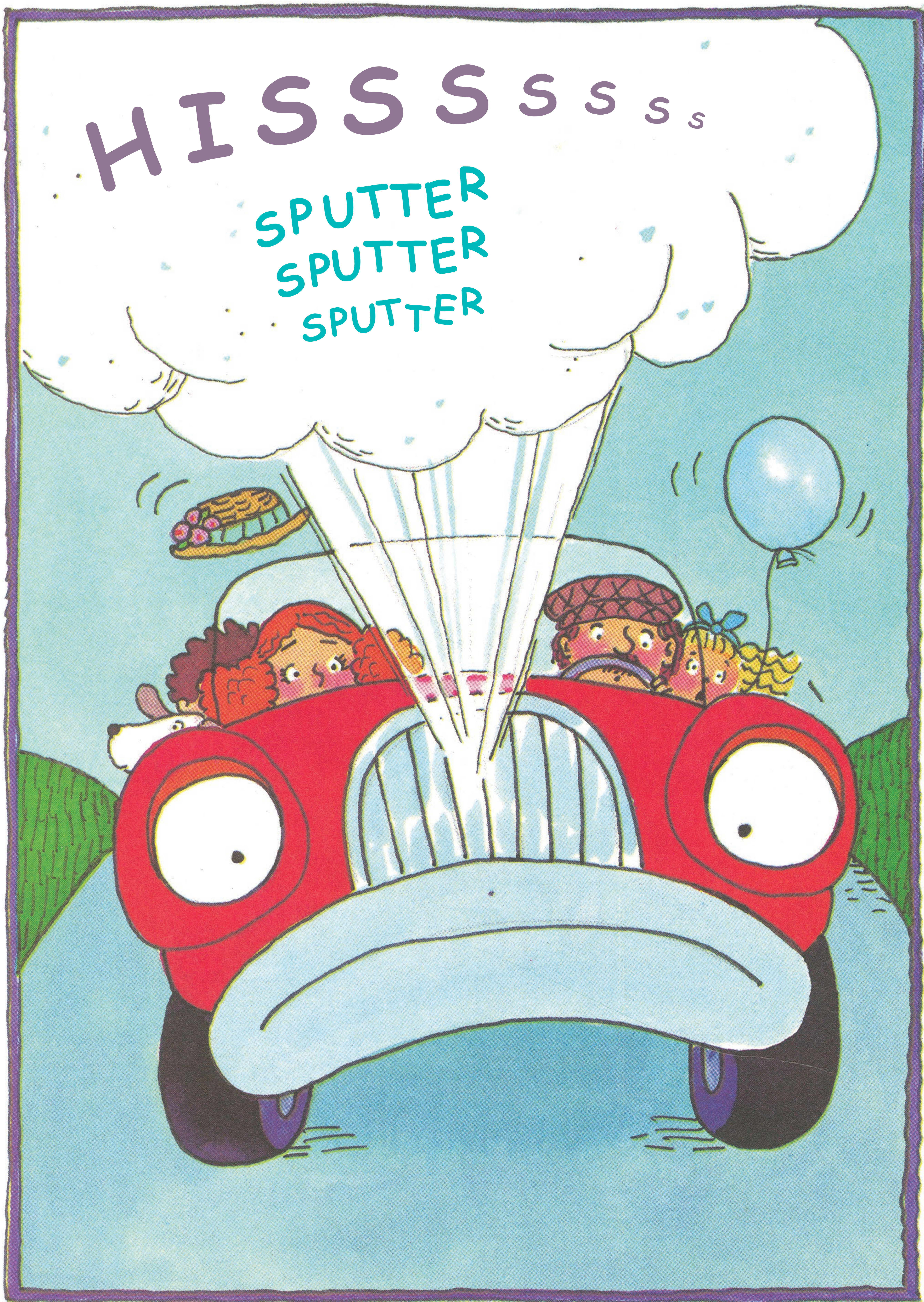




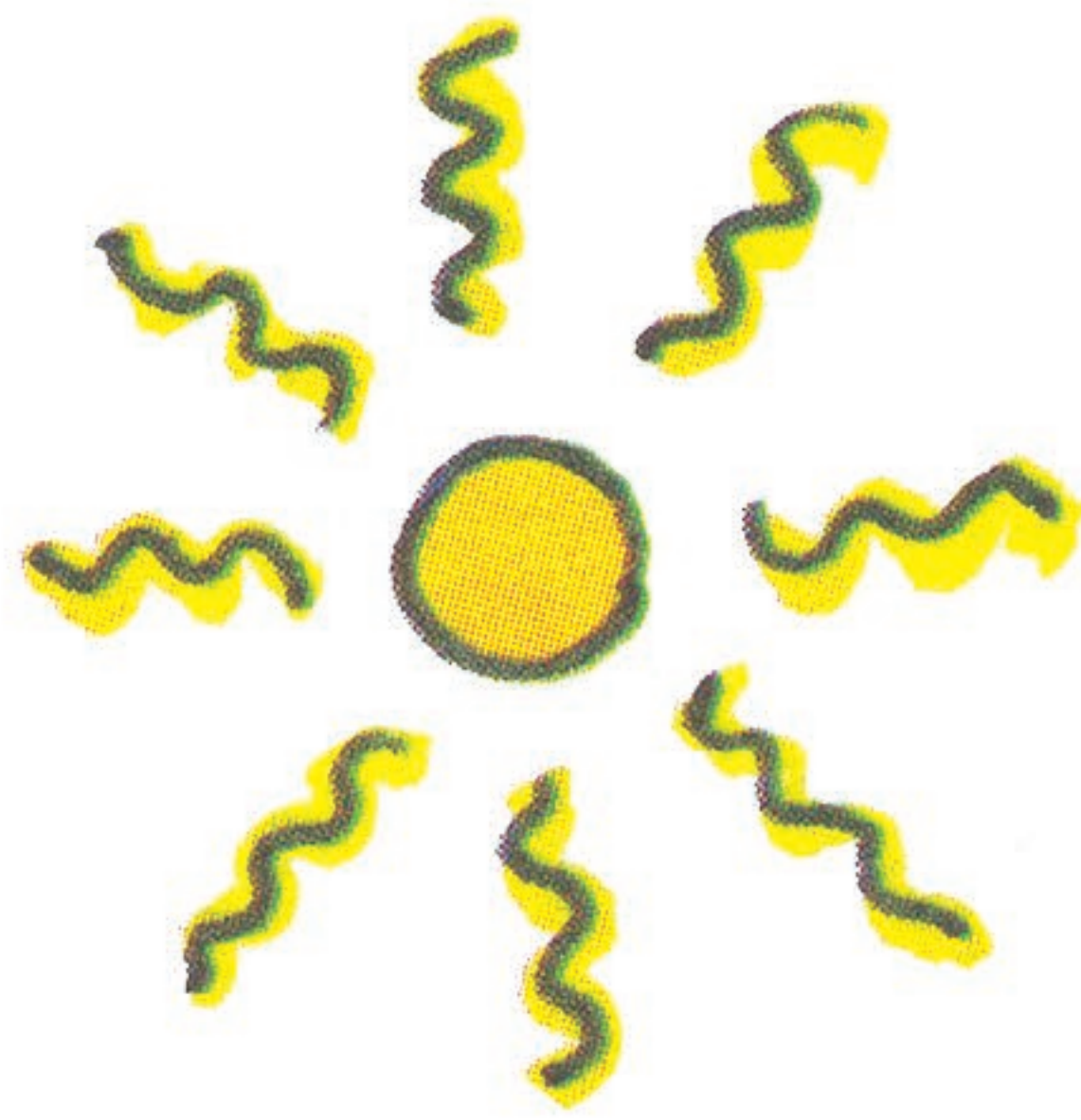


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SPUTTER  
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SPUTTER







The Bakers were enjoying their Sunday drive again when all of a sudden they heard a big hiss. The little red car went “*Sputter, sputter, sputter,*” and steam began coming from its hood!

“Uh, oh,” said Susie.

“Ru-uff row,” said Max.

“Better pull over,” said Mom.

“That’s *not* the sound of a happy little engine,” said Dad, as he pulled off to the side of the road.





The Bakers piled out of the little red car to see what was the matter.

The little red car had gotten too hot!

Luckily the Bakers had a big jug of water. They poured the water into the little red car, which was *very* thirsty!

When the little red car had cooled off it was as good as new.

Then Mom, Dad, Billy, Susie, and Max, the dog, all got back into the little red car and continued their drive.

*"Puurrrr, puurrrr,"* went the little red car.









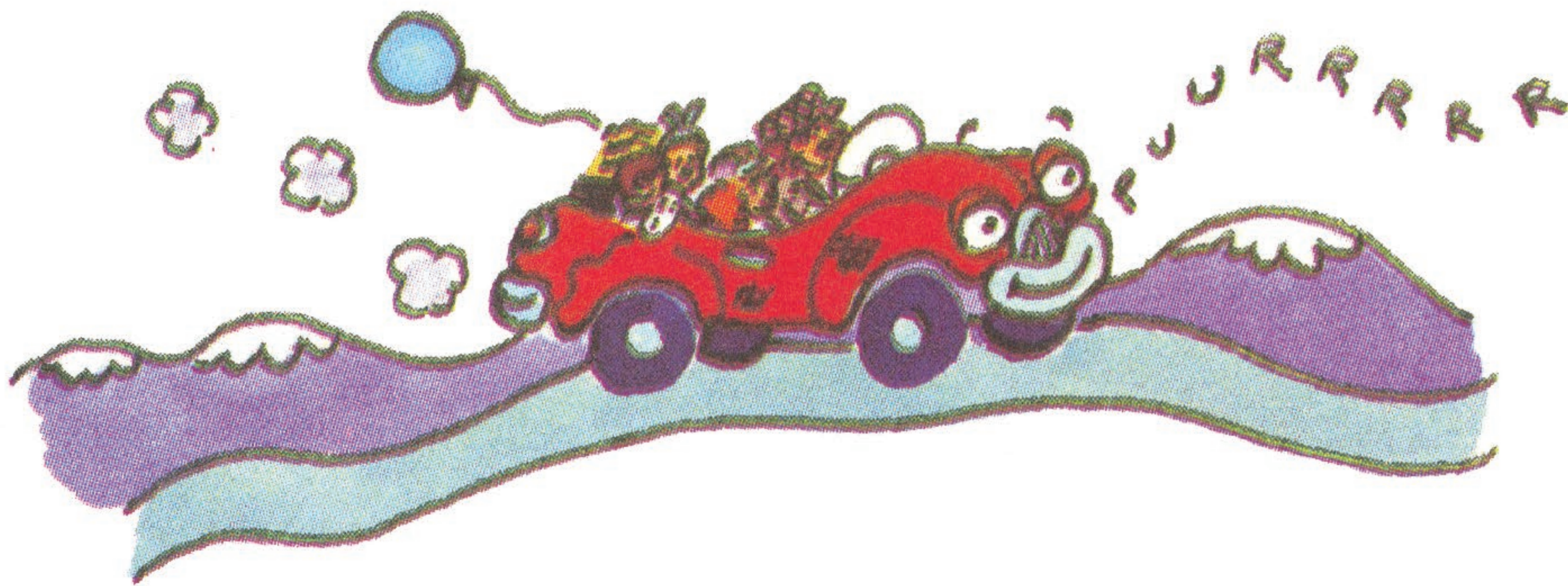


Soon they were in the country. There were mountains on one side of the road and trees on the other. It was very beautiful.

Everyone decided it was the perfect place for lunch. So they drove off the highway, found a nice big patch of grass, and had their picnic. The little red car sat and rested.

“Time to drive home,” Mom said after they were finished. They packed up their things and piled back into the little red car.

*“Puurrrrr, puurrrrr,”* went the little red car.







The Bakers hadn't traveled very far when they heard another noise! The little red car went, "*Chugga, chugga, chugga!*" and it slowed down to a crawl .

"Uh, oh," said Susie.

"Ru-uff row," said Max.

"Better pull over," said Mom.

"That's *not* the sound of a happy little engine," said Dad, as he pulled off to the side of the road.

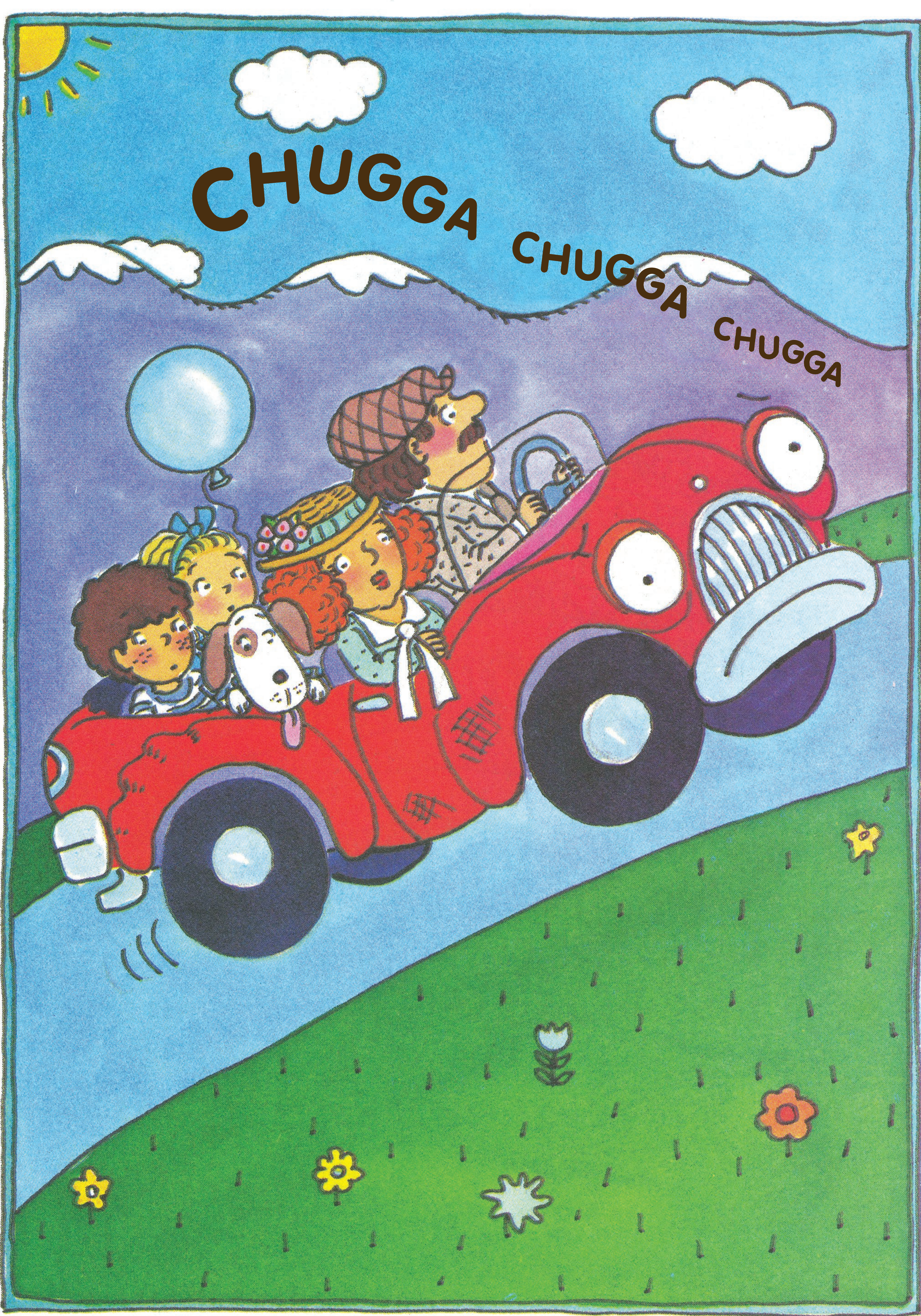
The Bakers piled out of the little red car to see what was the matter.

The little red car was out of gas!

Luckily the Bakers had a can of gasoline. "I guess the little red car was hungry, too," said Mom. So they filled up the little red car's tank and the little red car was as good as new.



CHUGGA CHUGGA CHUGGA







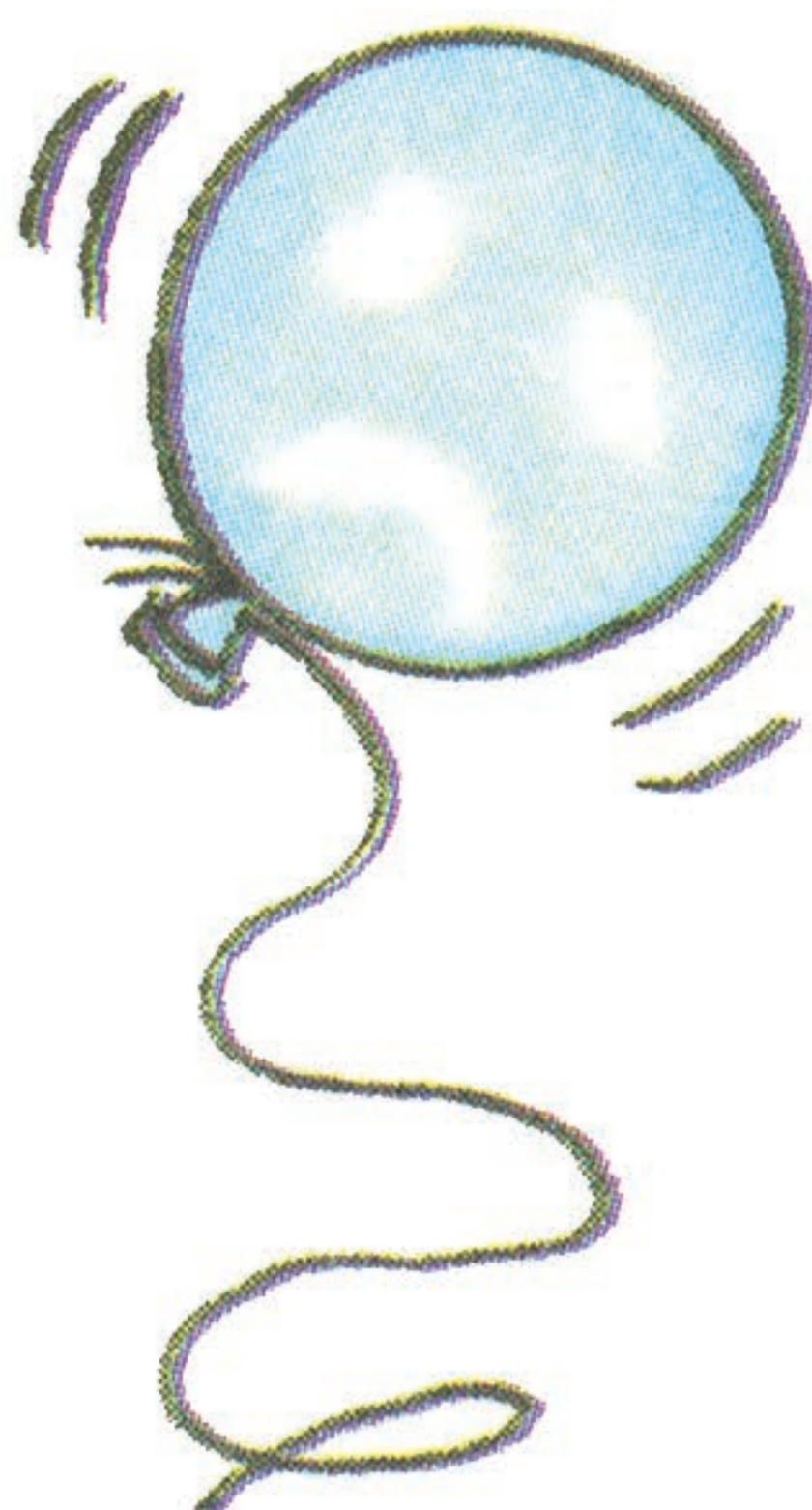


The Bakers all got back on the road and drove on.

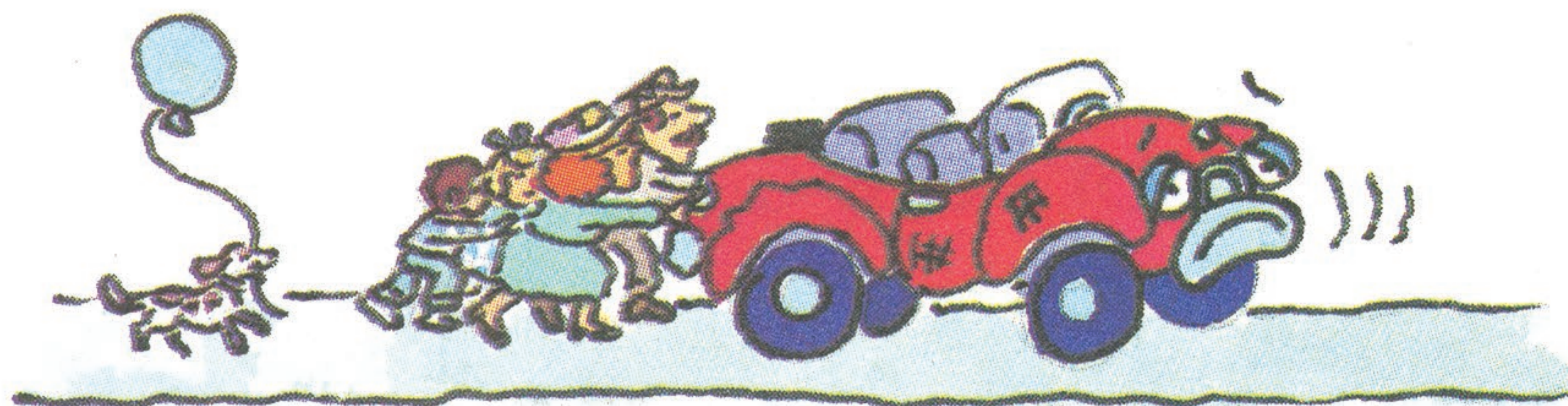
*"Puurrrrr, puurrrrr,"* went the little red car.

They were not too far from home when suddenly the little red car coughed and wheezed, and coughed and wheezed...and stopped!

No one said anything. The Bakers just got out of the car and opened up the hood. Dad looked and poked, and looked some more. After a few minutes he said, "I'm afraid it's the engine."







This time the Bakers weren't sure what to do. But luckily Ralph's Repair Shop was just up the road. Everyone helped to push the little red car into the shop.

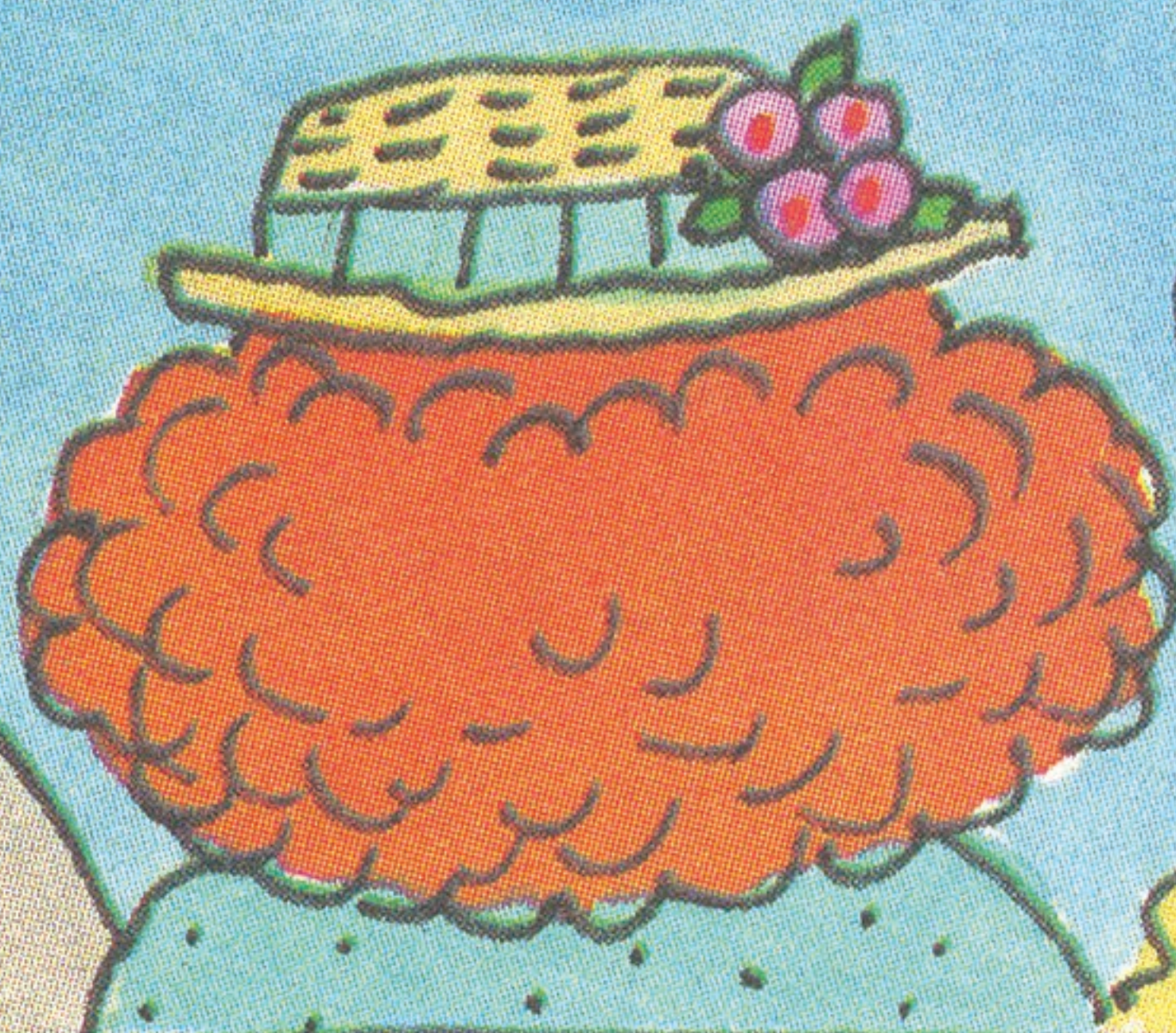
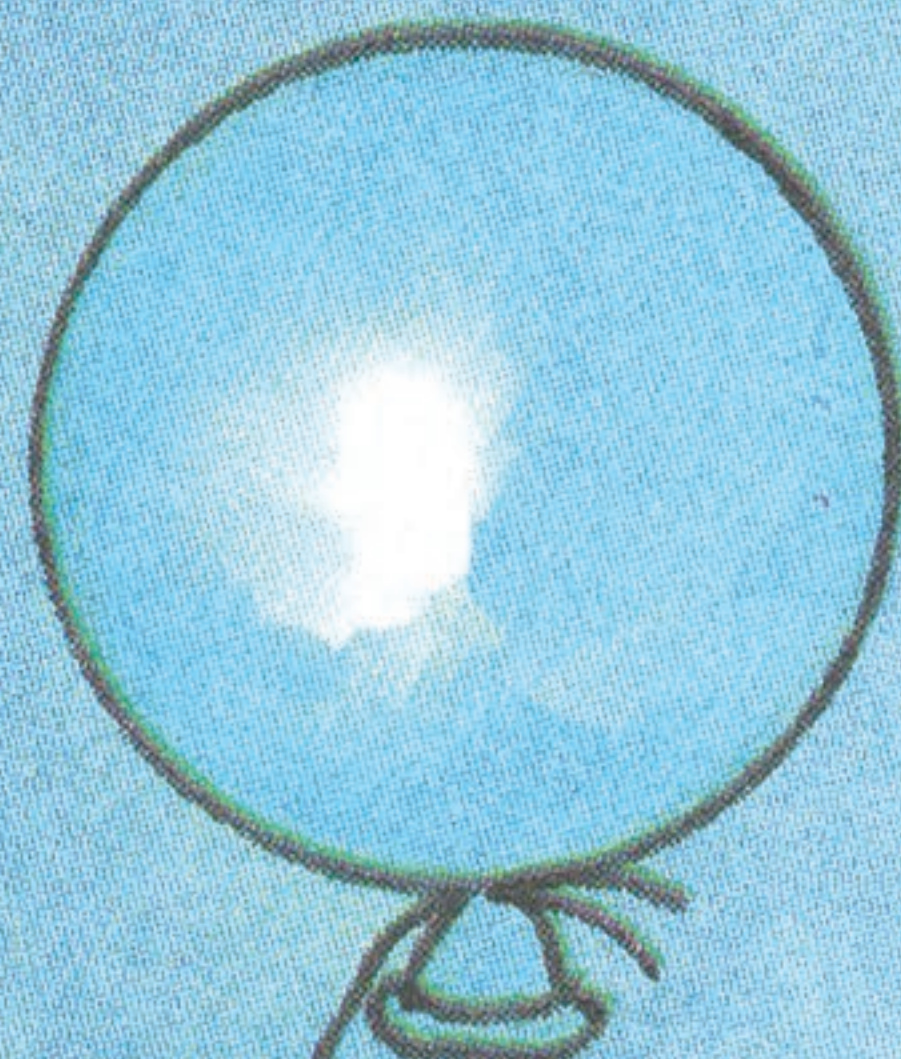
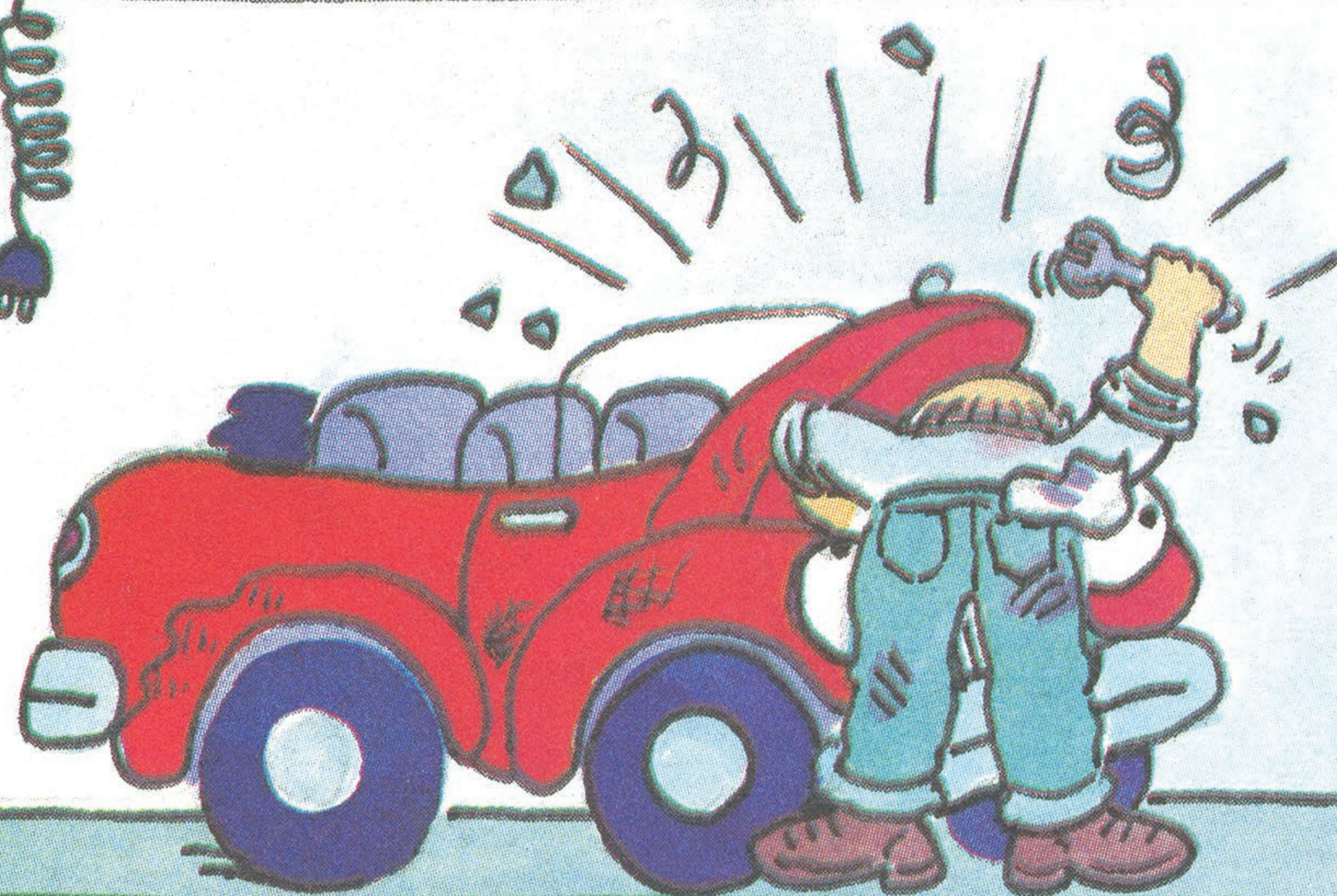
Now there was nothing to do but wait. Everyone was sad and concerned. Even Max looked worried.

After what seemed like a very long time, Ralph came out of the garage. "Cheer up, folks," he said. "Your little red car is fine now. It just needed a little tune-up."

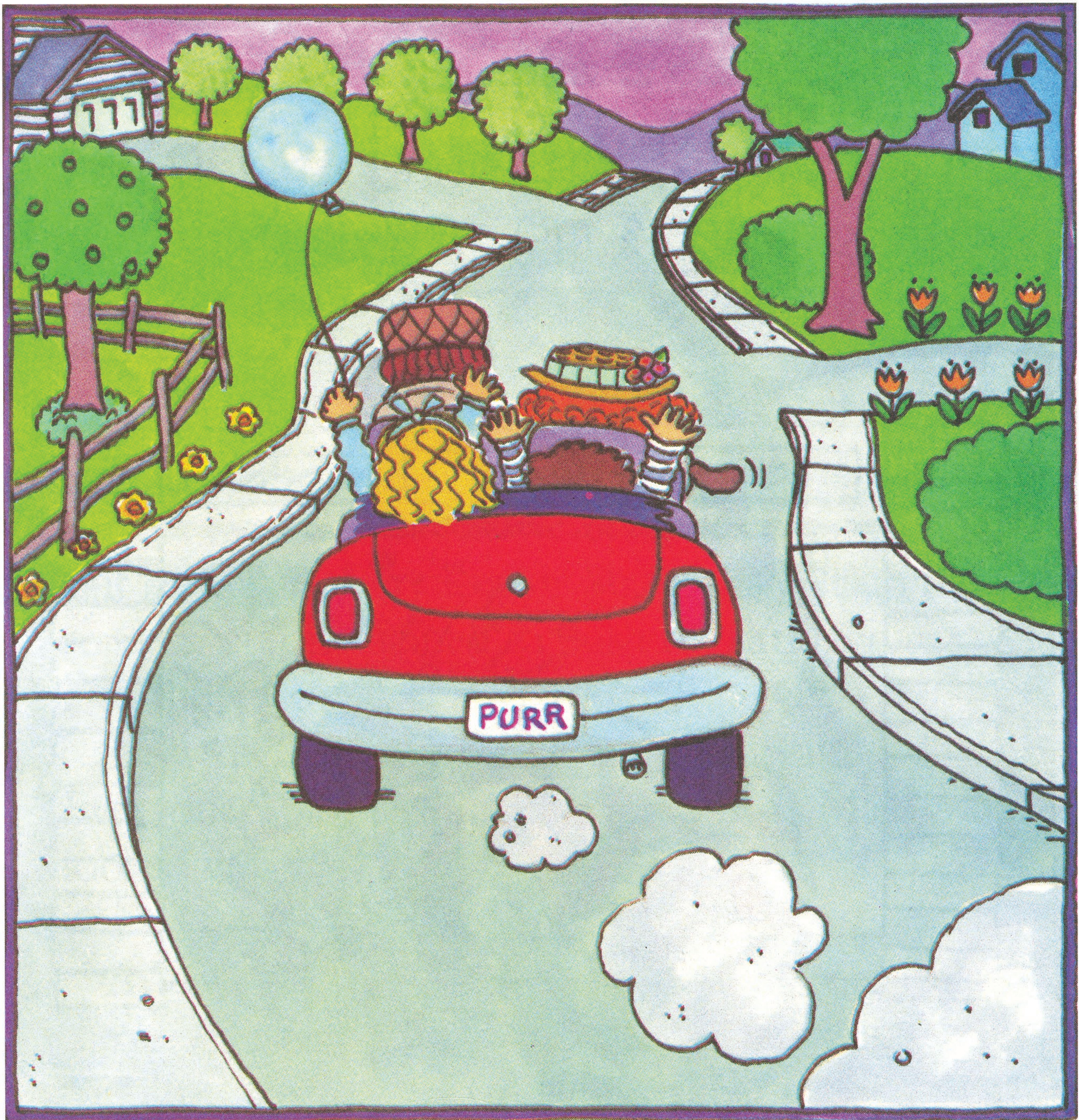
And with that he started up the engine. It sounded as good as new.



# RALPH'S REPAIR SHOP







The Bakers piled into the little red car and drove home.

*"Puurrrrr, puurrrrr,"* went the little red car.

"Now that's the sound I like to hear!" said Dad.

"The sound of a happy little engine!" everyone said together.





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