

The Great Race



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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the title and cover. Ask: *Who do you think is driving the car?*
- Talk about the car and whether it looks old or new. Ask: *Do you think it is a fast or slow car? How can you tell?*
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:

old came drove race

found Baron shouted

- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

oh looked called

asked bought

mountain dangerous



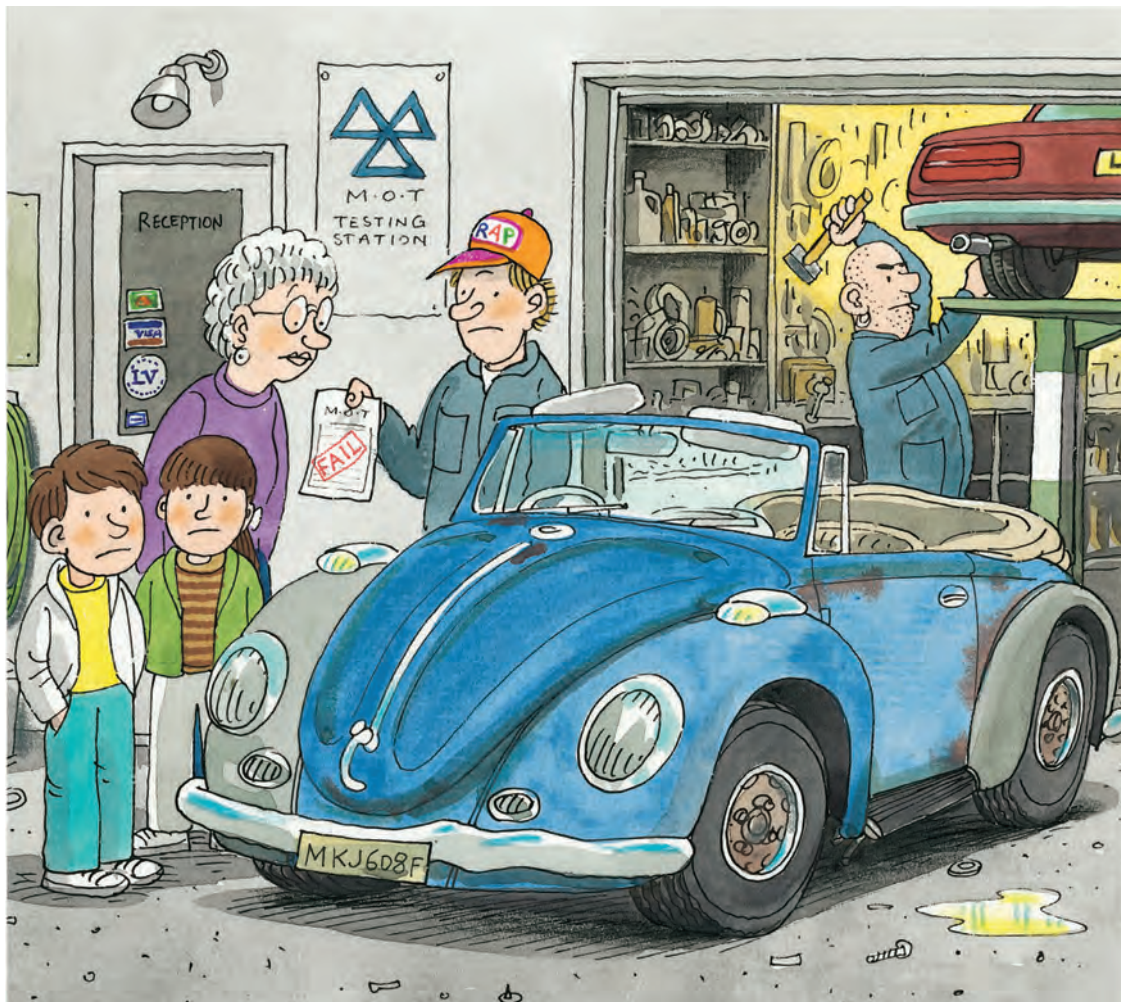
DURING READING

Enjoy the story together. If your child needs support to read the story:

- Remind your child to sound out and blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- Look for compound words, where two words create a bigger word, e.g. *moonlight*.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



See the inside back cover
for more ideas.



Gran wanted to buy a new car. Biff and Chip were sad. They liked Gran's old car.



Gran liked this car. Biff was worried.
The car was too fast for Gran.



Gran bought the fast car. She drove it home.

“Oh no!” said Dad.



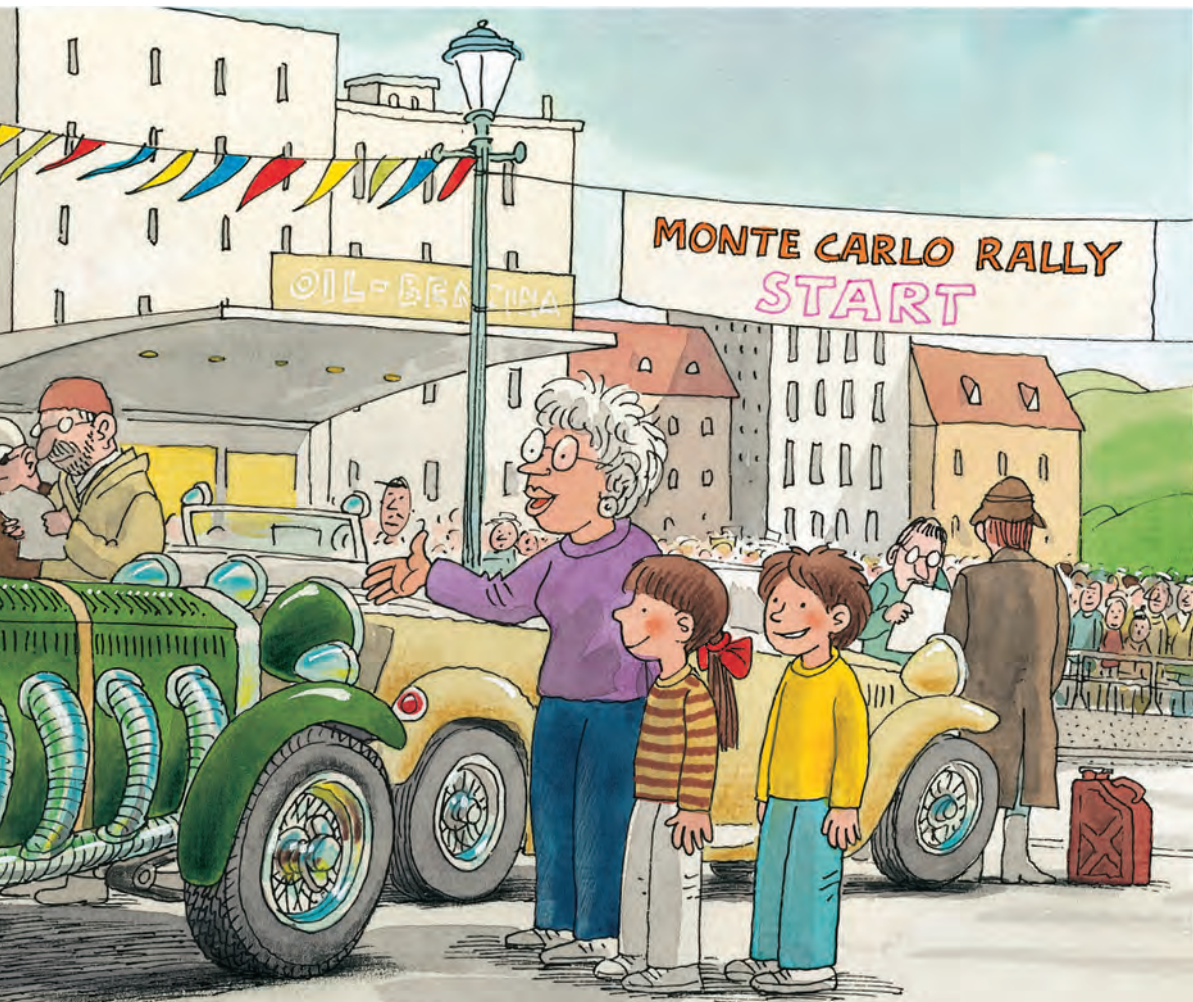
Mum was cross with Gran.
“That car is too fast,” she said.
Gran was upset.



The magic key glowed. The magic
took Biff and Chip. It took Gran, too.



The magic took them to a race.
“Come on,” said Gran. “This is my
new car.”



“Oh Gran!” said Biff. “What would Mum say?”

“Never mind Mum,” said Gran.



Gran found a map. They all looked at it.



A man looked at Gran. He was a bad man. He was called the Baron.



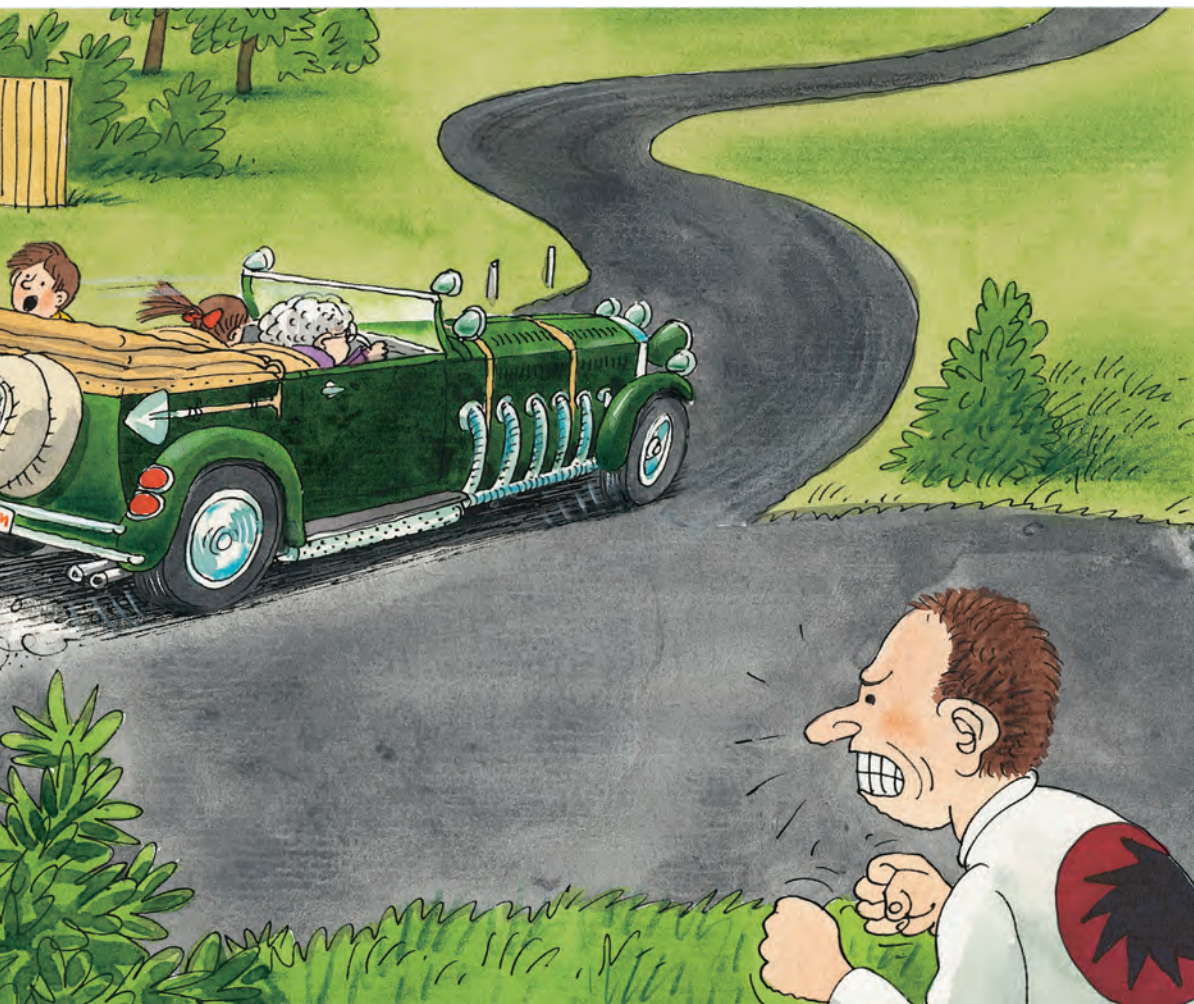
The children looked at the Baron. The Baron looked at the children.
“Ha!” said the Baron. “You won’t win.”



A man changed the signpost.
“Ha! Ha!” said the man. “Now the
Baron will win.”



The map blew away.
“Which way?” asked Gran.
Chip didn’t know.



They didn't see the signpost. Gran turned left.

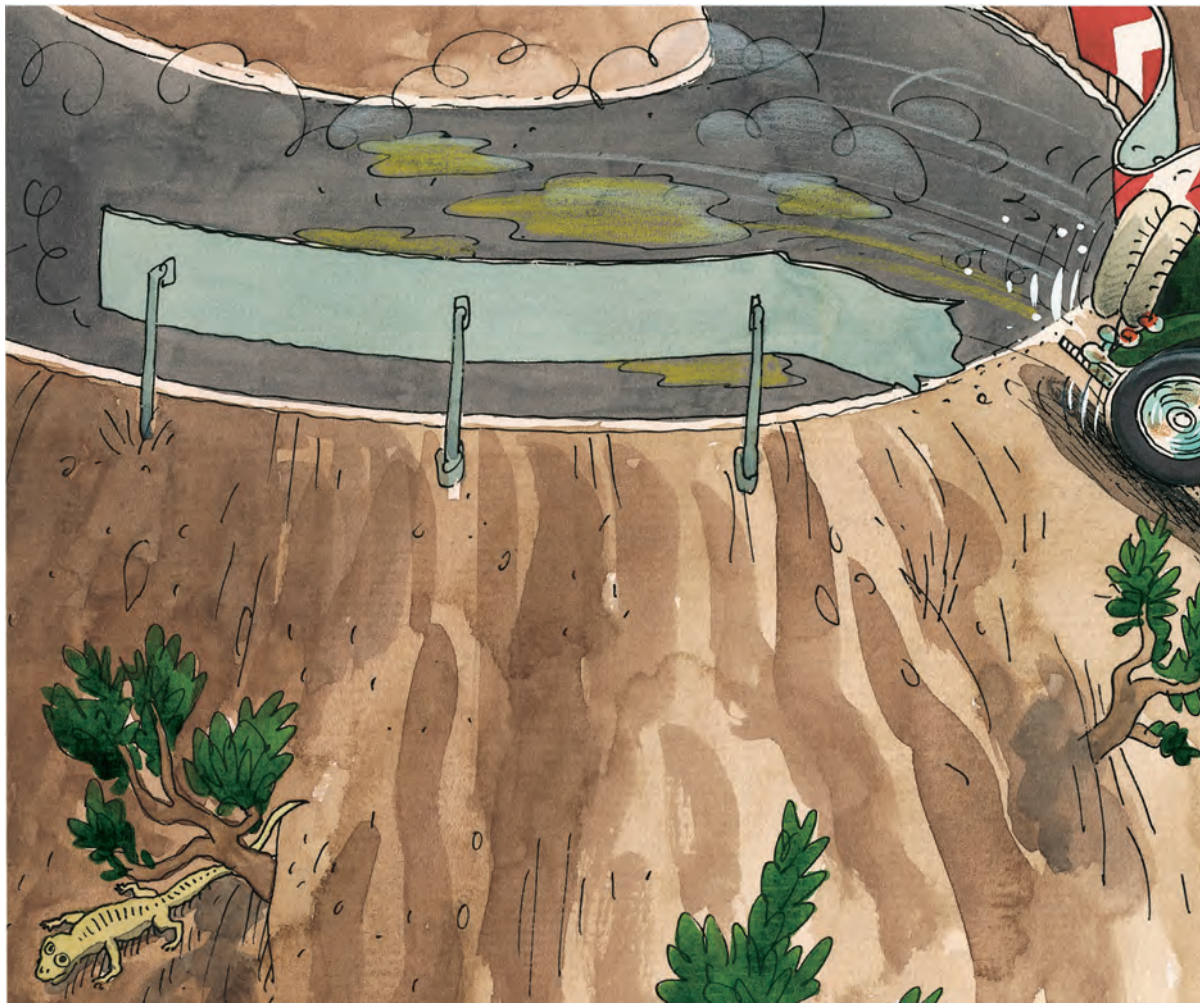
“Grrr!” said the man.



They came to the mountains.
“Slow down,” shouted Biff.
“No. This is fun,” said Gran.



The Baron put oil on the road.
“That will do it,” he said. “That will
stop them.”



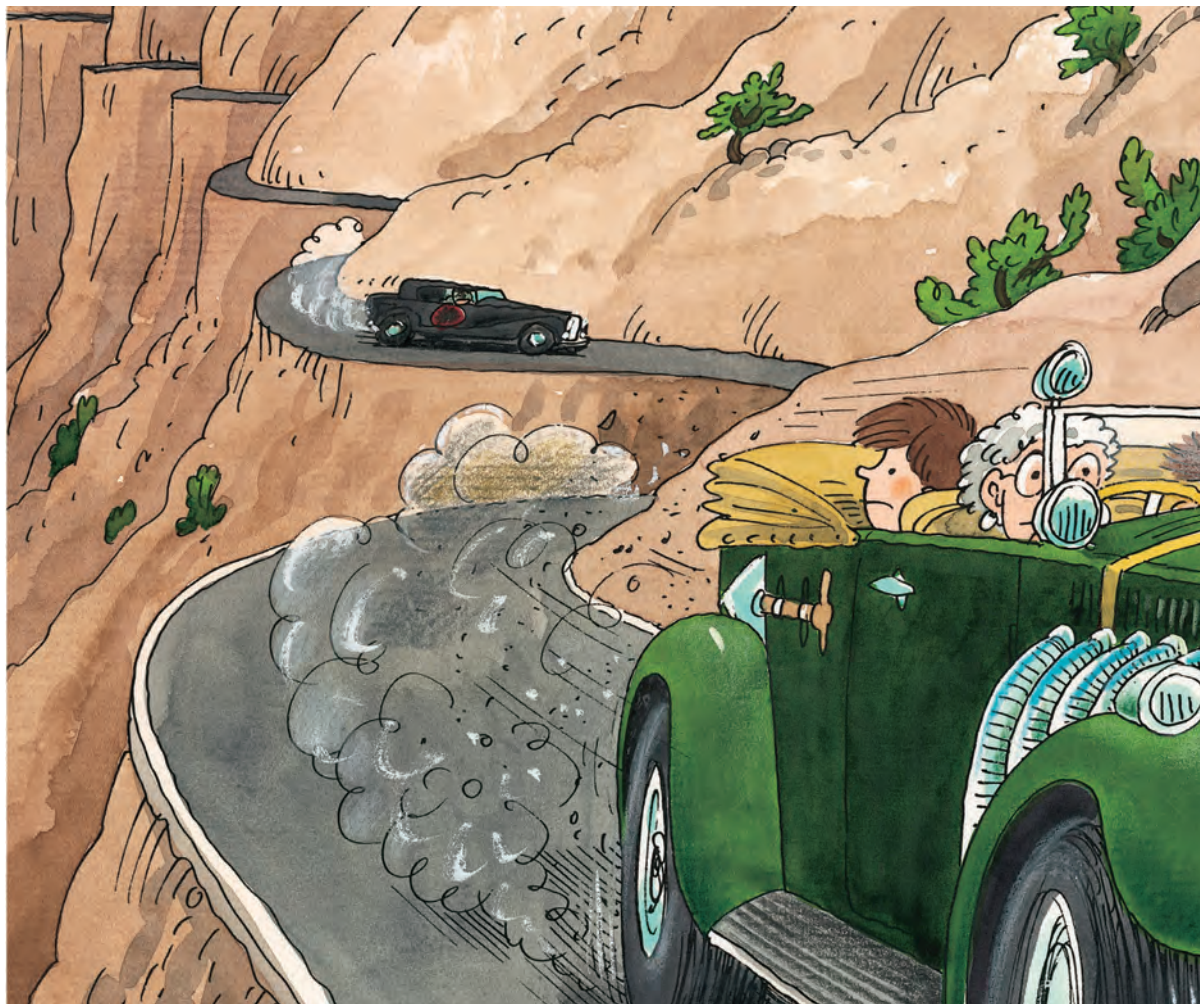
The car skidded on the oil. It crashed through the fence and went down the mountain.



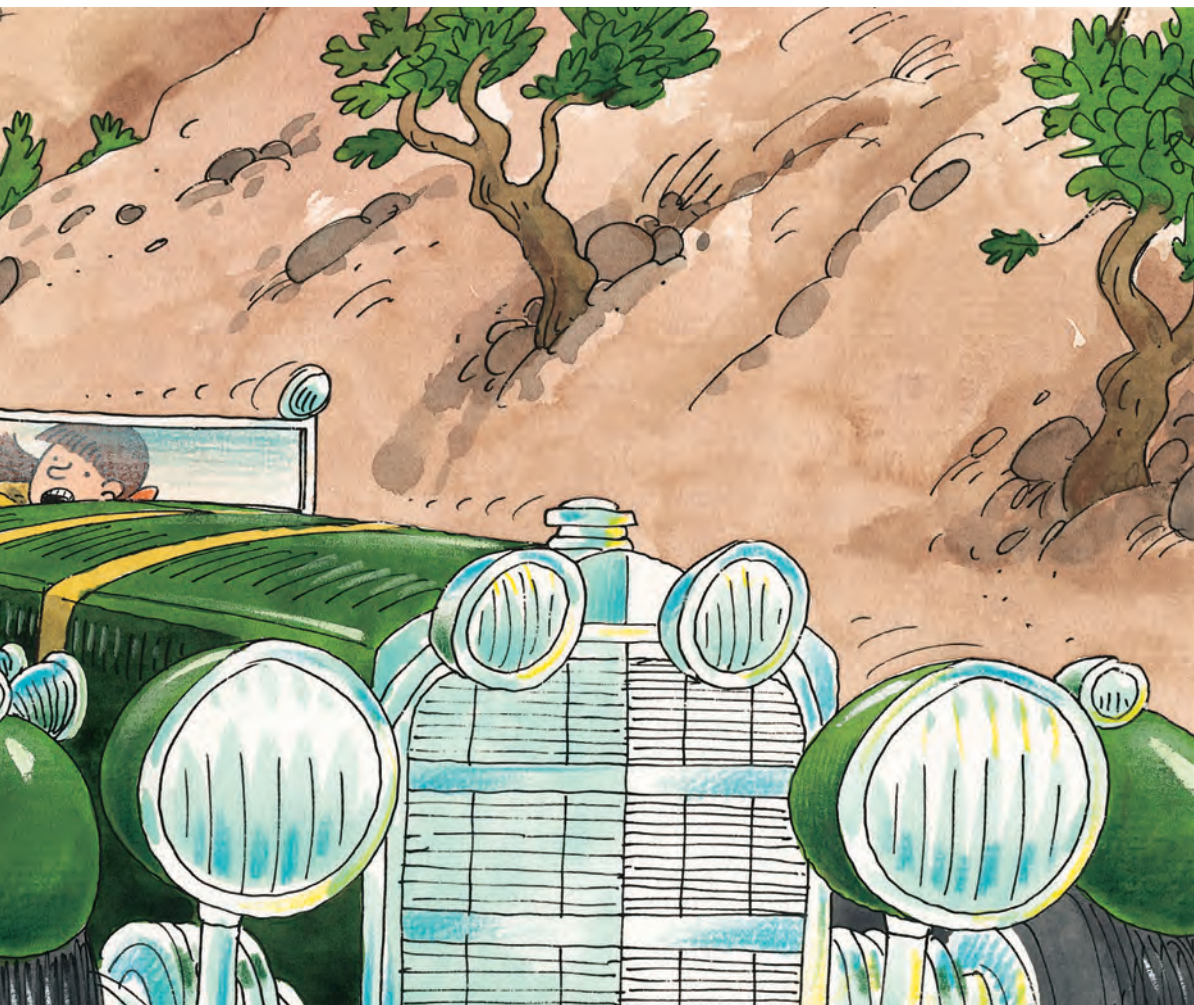
“Hold on,” shouted Gran.

“Oh no!” shouted Biff.

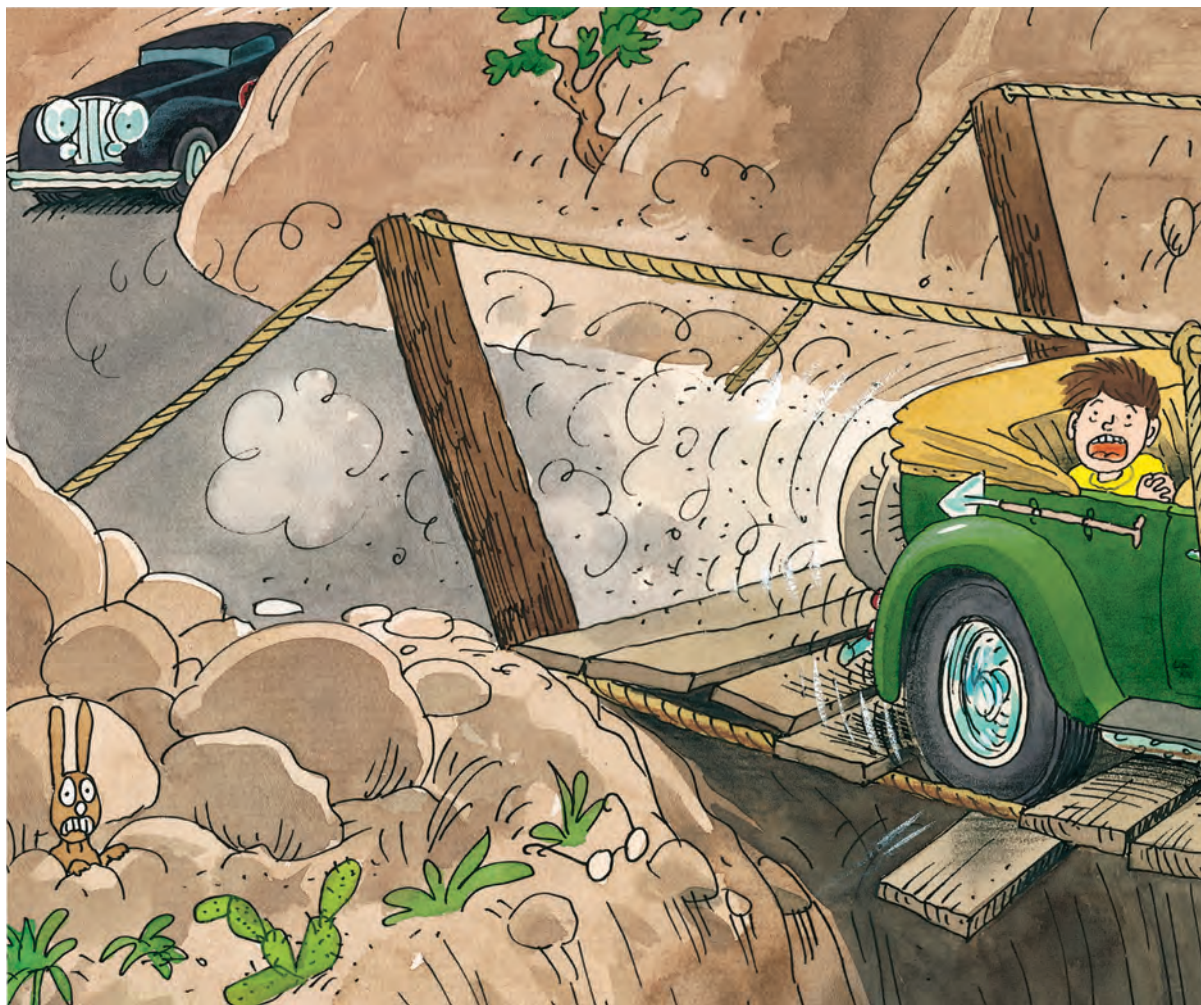
“Oh help!” shouted Chip.



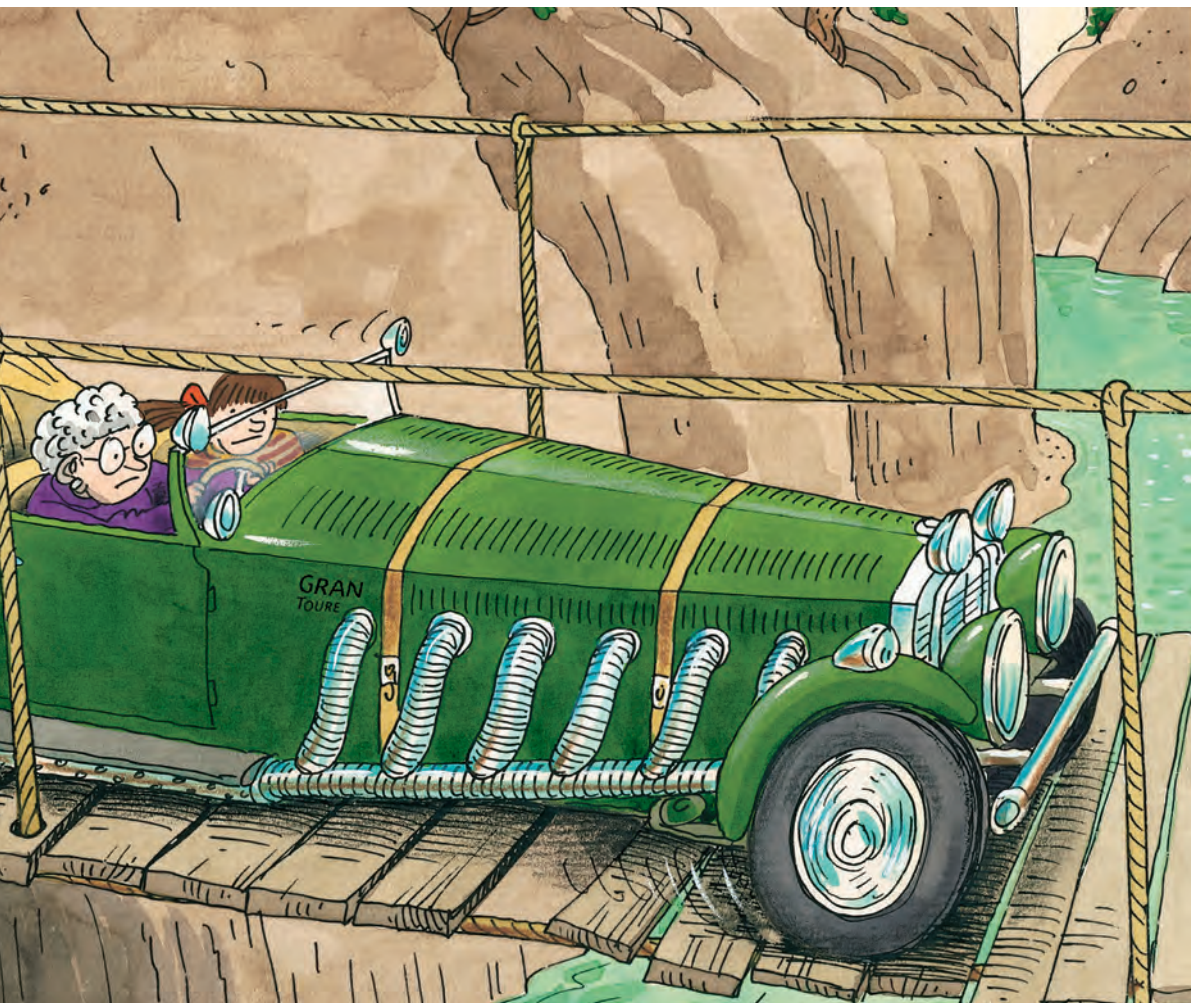
The Baron was behind. Gran was in front. She was winning the race.



Biff looked behind.
“Come on Gran,” she shouted.



“Which way?” called Gran.
Chip didn’t know.
Gran turned on to a bridge.



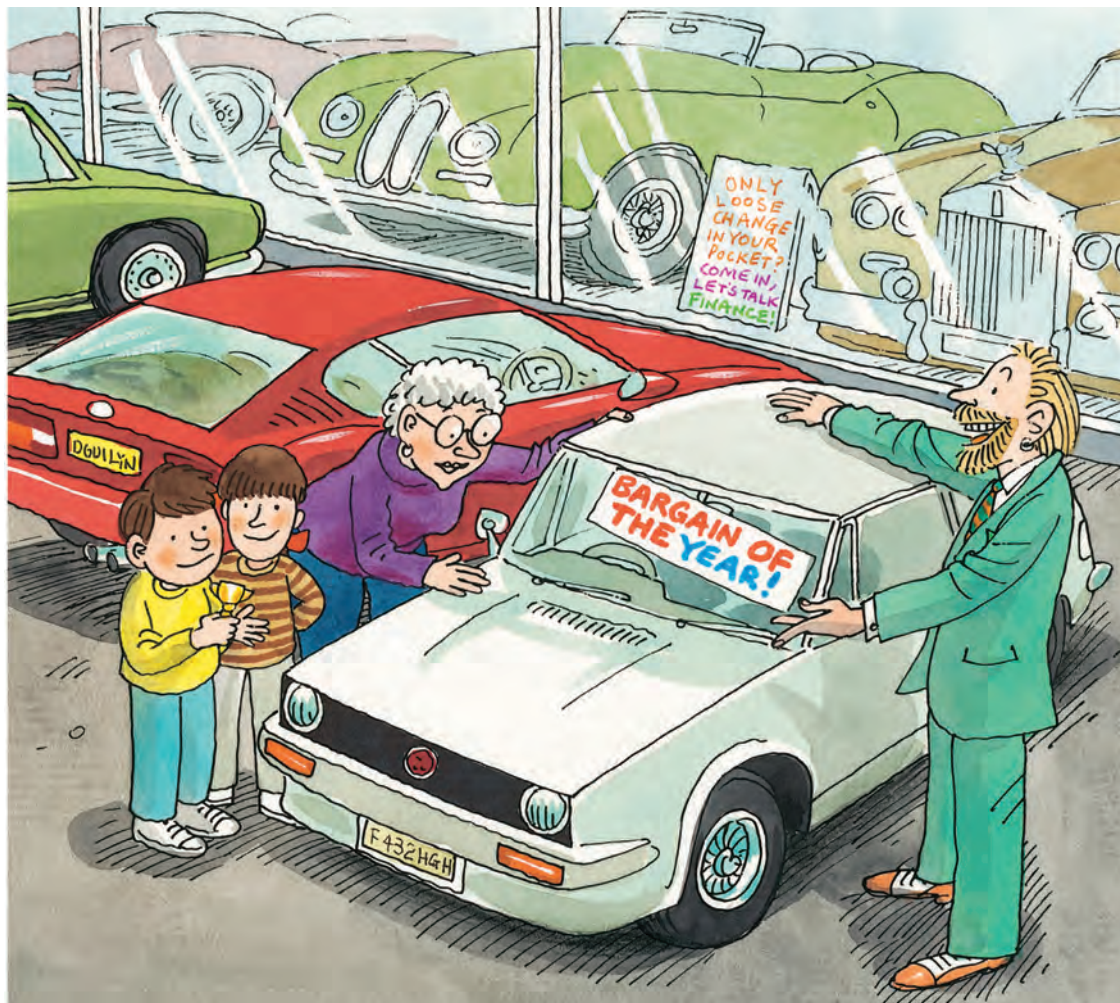
The bridge was dangerous.
“Not this way!” called Chip.



The bridge broke. The Baron's car crashed down into the river.



Gran won the race.
“Hooray!” called Biff and Chip.
The magic key glowed.



Gran took the fast car back. She bought a little car.

“This one will do,” she said.

AFTER READING

- Turn to page 4. Ask: *Why was Mum cross?*
- Ask: *What things did the Baron do to try to win the race?*
- Ask: *Which part of the story did you like the best? Was it an exciting race?*

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