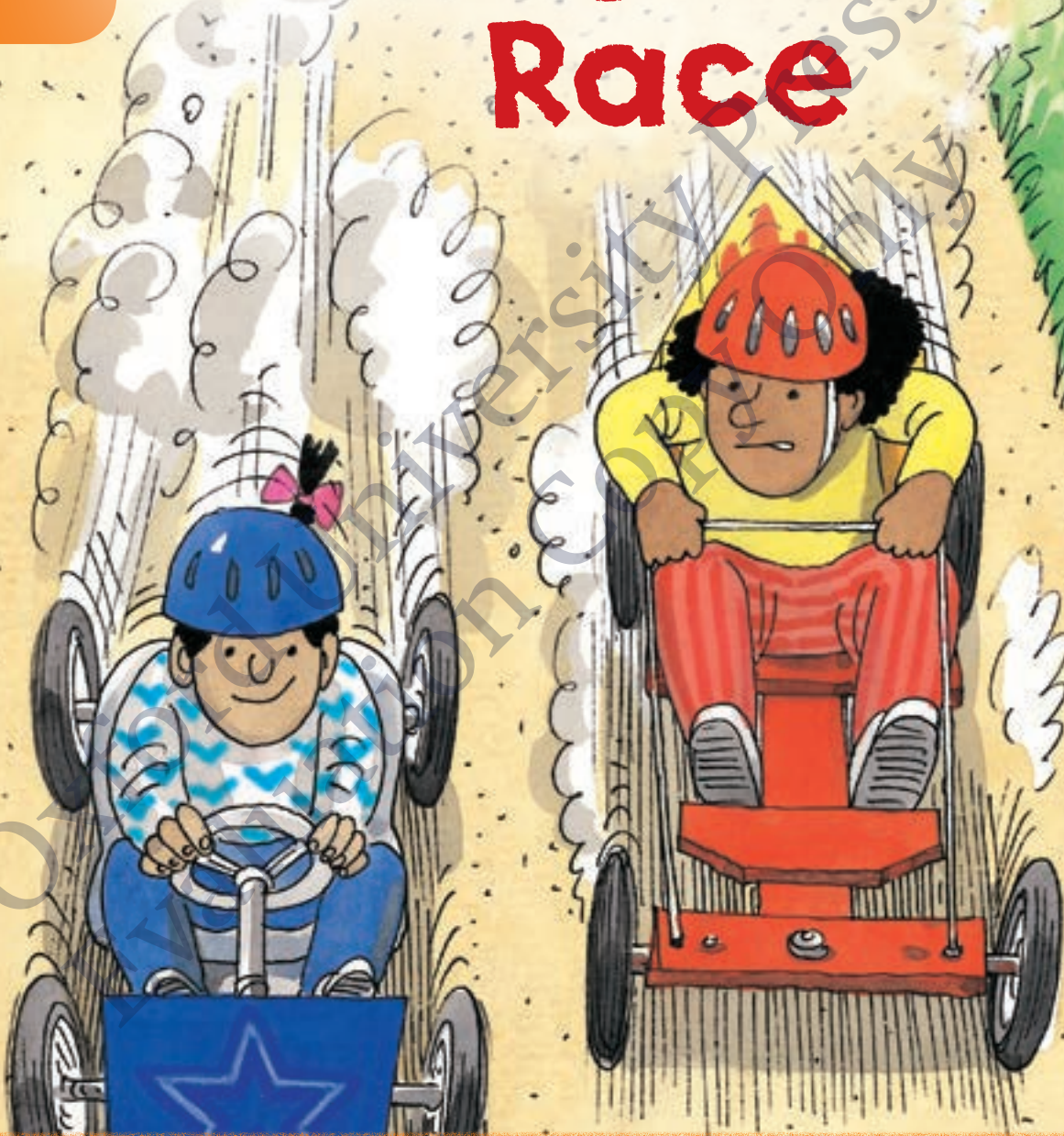


The Go-kart Race





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the cover and read the title together. Ask: *Who do you think will win the race?*
- Talk about the go-karts on the cover and how they are steered.
- 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 about made came
saw make put go-karts
found rusty place prize

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

oh looked called asked
couldn't idea cheered
crashed notice
tossed worry



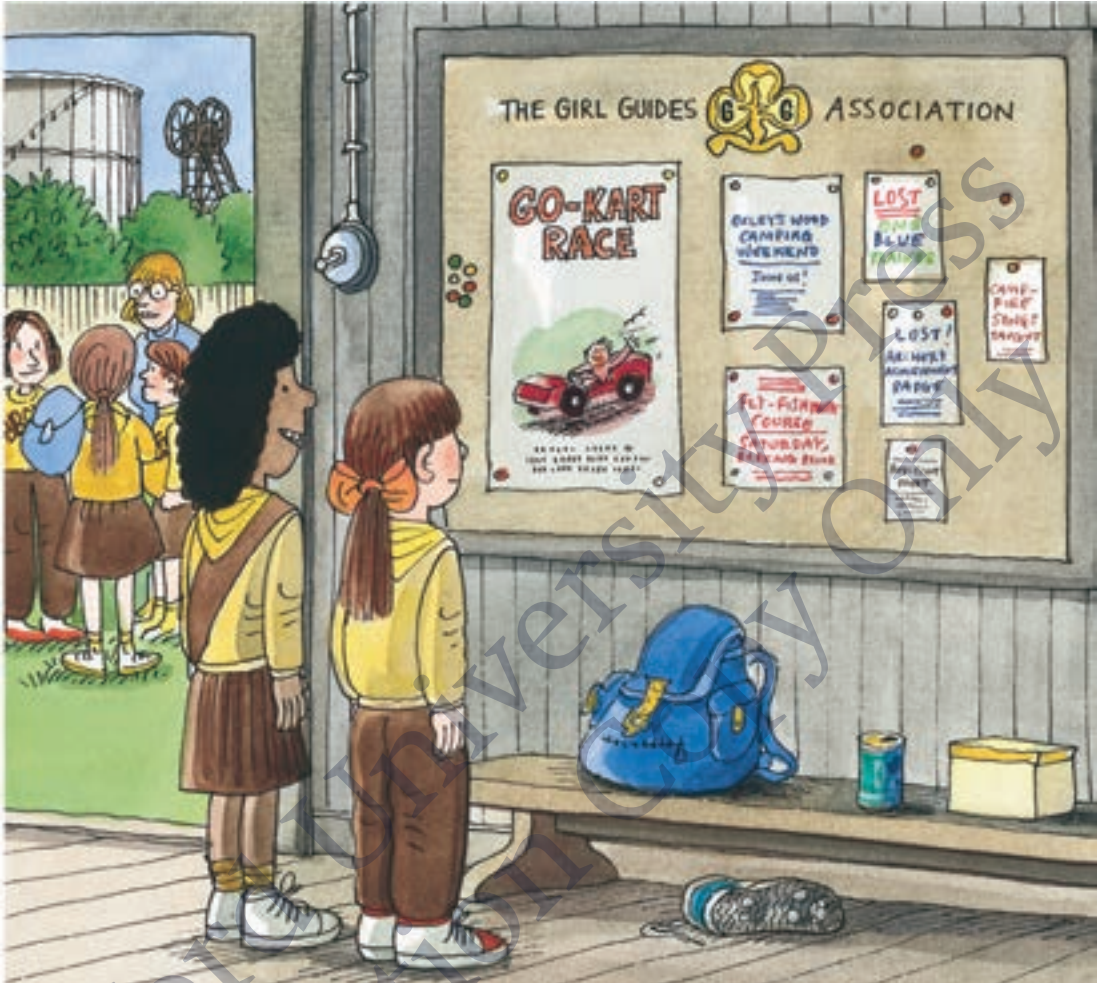
DURING READING

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

- Remind your child to blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- 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.

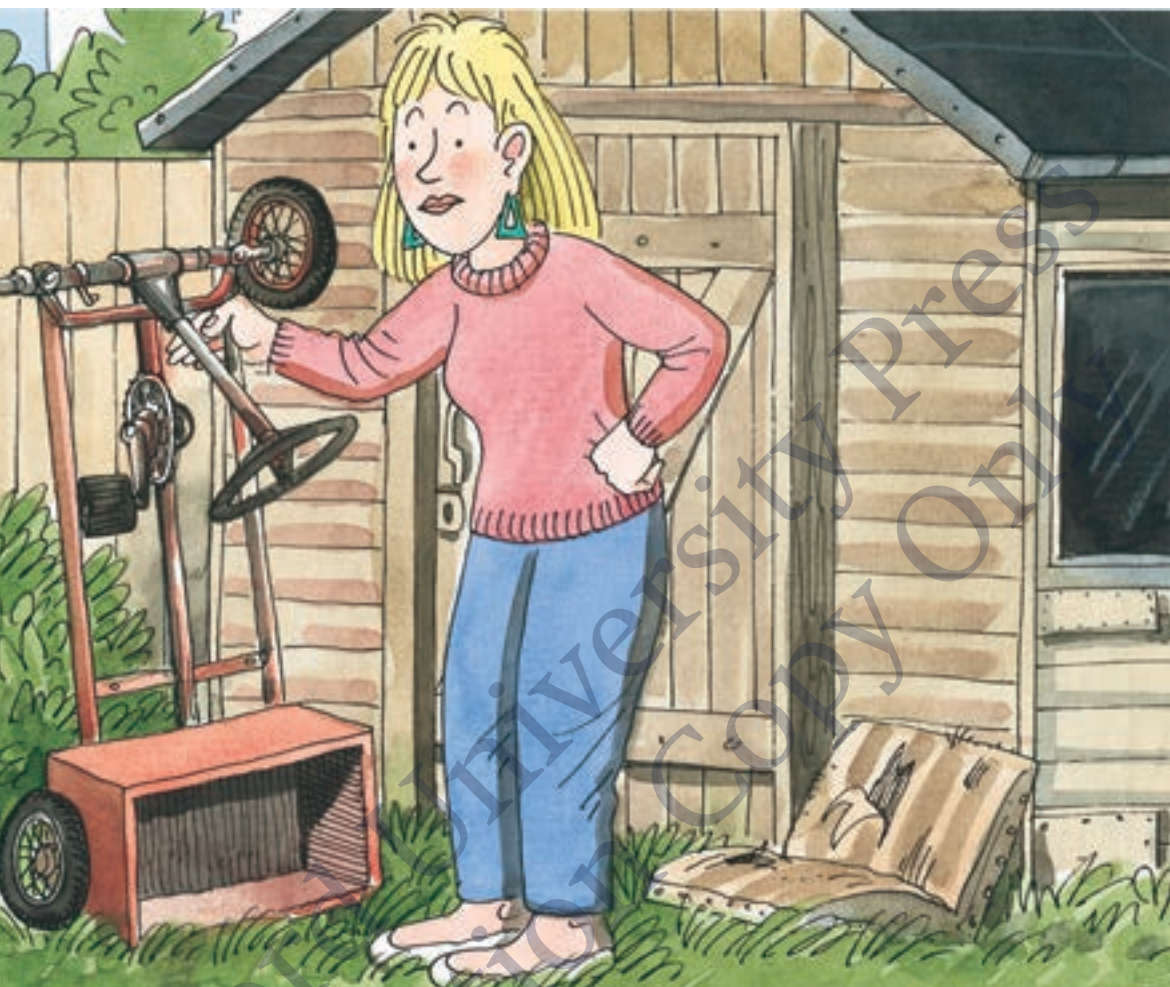


Wilma and Biff saw a notice. It was about a go-kart race. Wilma had an idea. She told Biff about it.



Biff and Wilma were excited. They told Mum about the race.

“We need a go-kart,” said Biff. “What about the old one?”



Mum went to the shed. She found the old go-kart, but it was broken and rusty. “Oh no!” said Biff.



Biff told Dad about the race. Dad looked at the old go-kart.

“This one is broken,” he said. “But we can make a new one.”



The mums and dads made a new go-kart. Everyone wanted to help. Biff and Mum looked at the plans. Wilma helped her dad.



Mum painted the go-kart. Chip helped.
He was good at painting.

“It looks brilliant!” said Biff.



Everyone looked at the new go-kart. Biff wanted a go, but Mum said she couldn't. The paint was still wet.

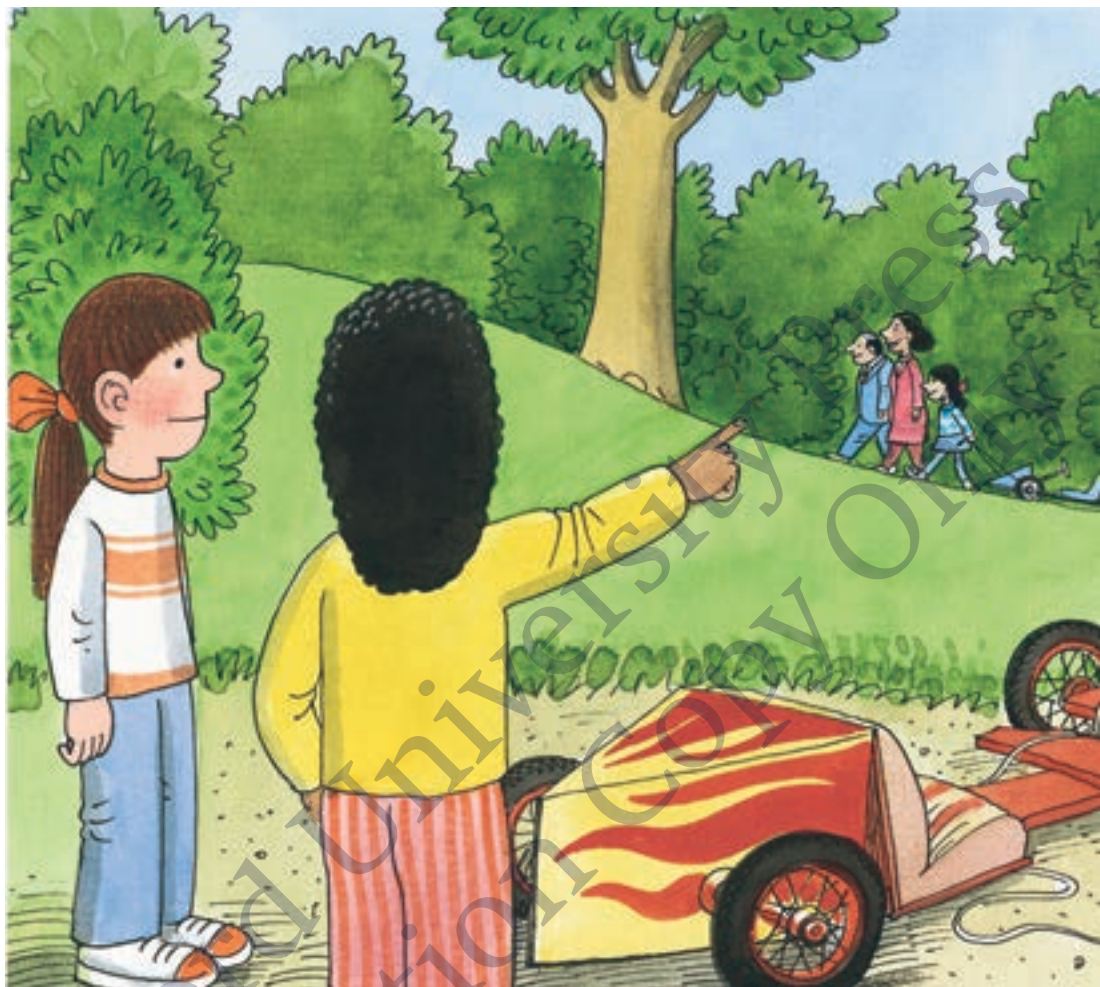


Mum took the children to a park. There was a hill in the park. It was a good place to try the new go-kart.



Wilma went first, but everyone had a go.
Biff went last.

“It’s brilliant!” she said.



Wilma saw another go-kart.

“It’s Anneena,” she said. “She’s got a go-kart too.”



Everyone looked at Anneena's go-kart.

"It looks fast," said Wilma. "But I bet ours is faster."

"I bet it's not," said Anneena.



Wilma and Anneena had a race. The go-karts raced down the hill. Anneena was in front.

“Come on!” shouted Biff.



Suddenly, a dog ran in front of Anneena. Her go-kart crashed into a bush. Wilma crashed into Anneena.



Everyone looked at the go-karts.
Wilma's front wheels were bent. Anneena's
go-kart was broken. Everyone was upset.

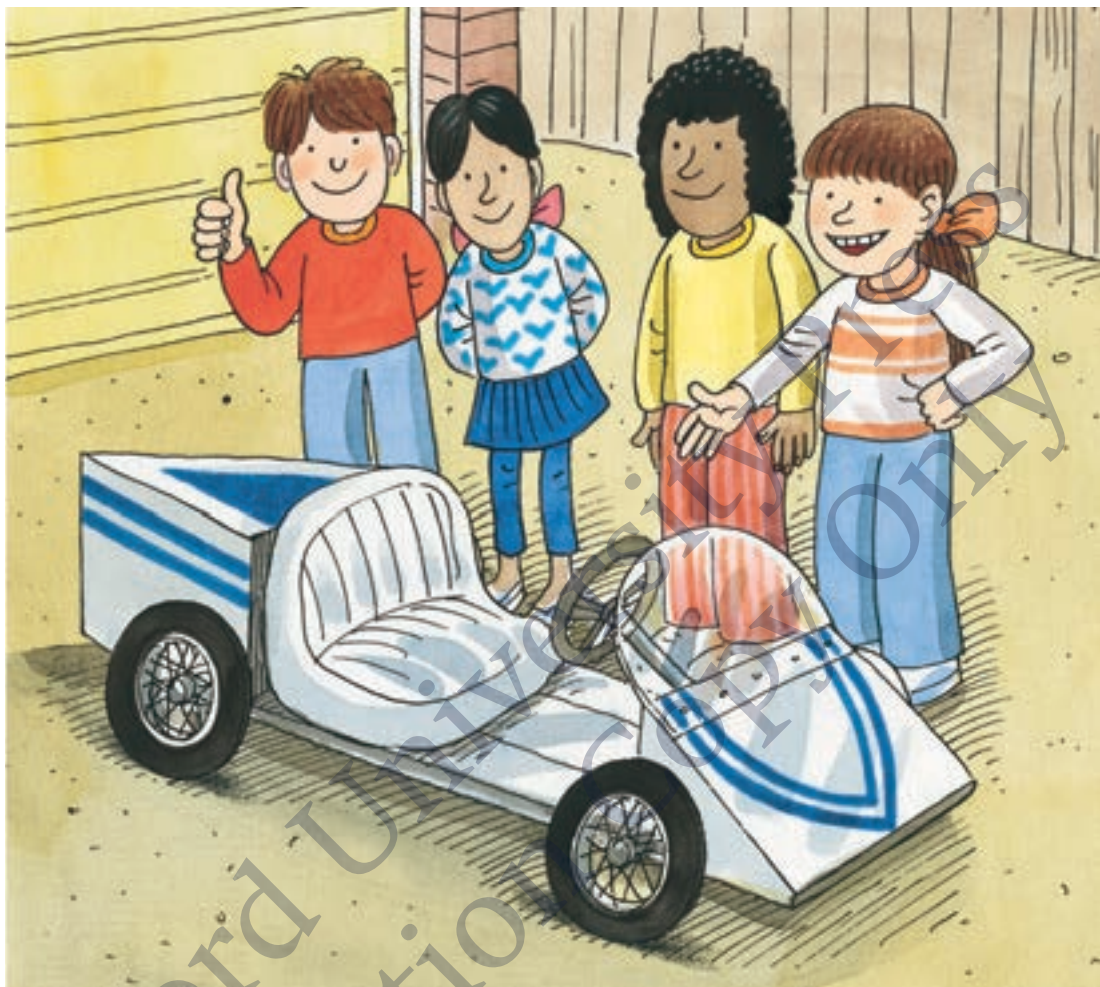


Chip looked at the broken go-karts. He had an idea. He told Mum what the idea was.

“What a brilliant idea!” said Mum.

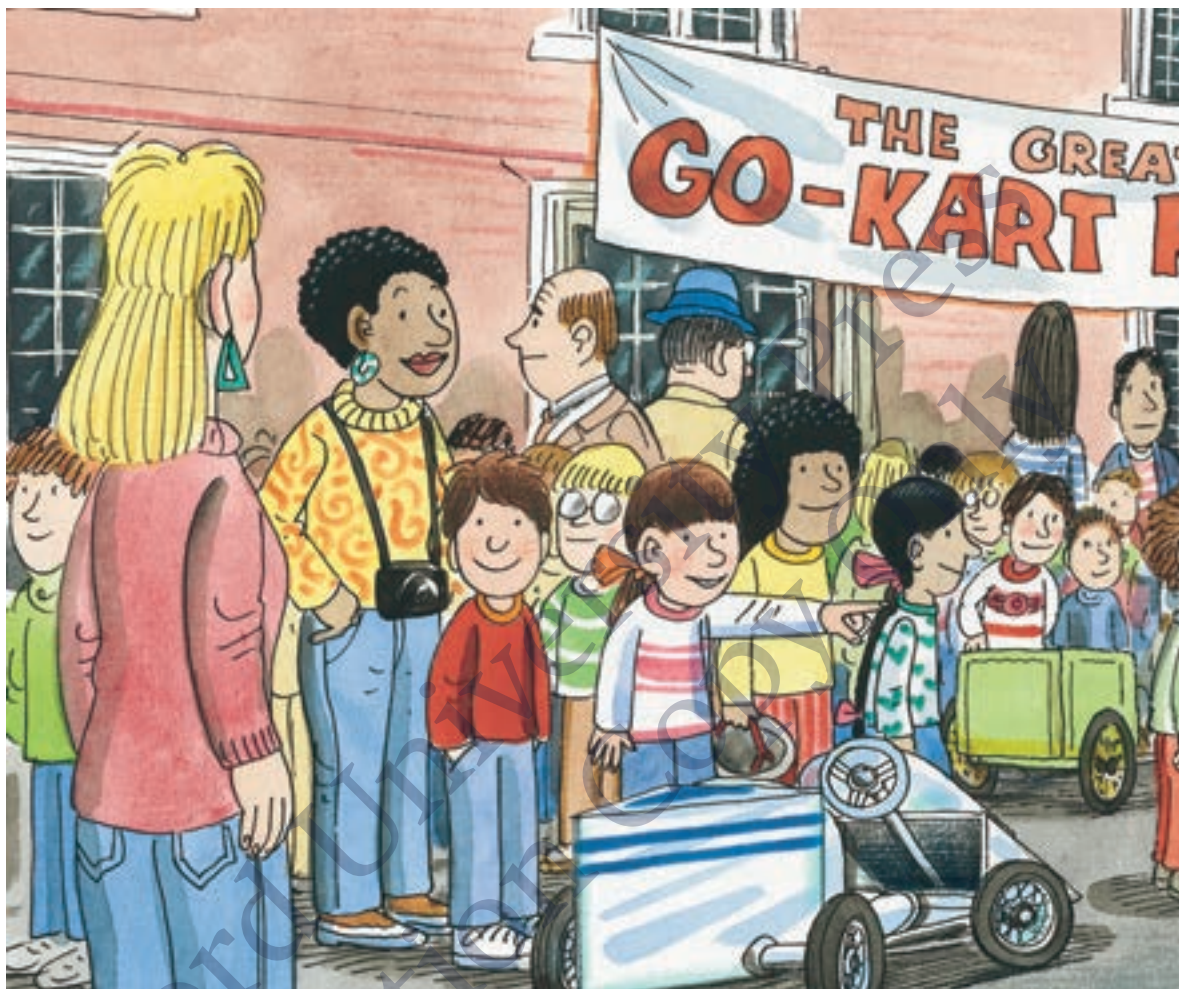


The mums and dads made a new go-kart. They made one go-kart out of two. They put the front of Anneena's go-kart on the back of Wilma's.



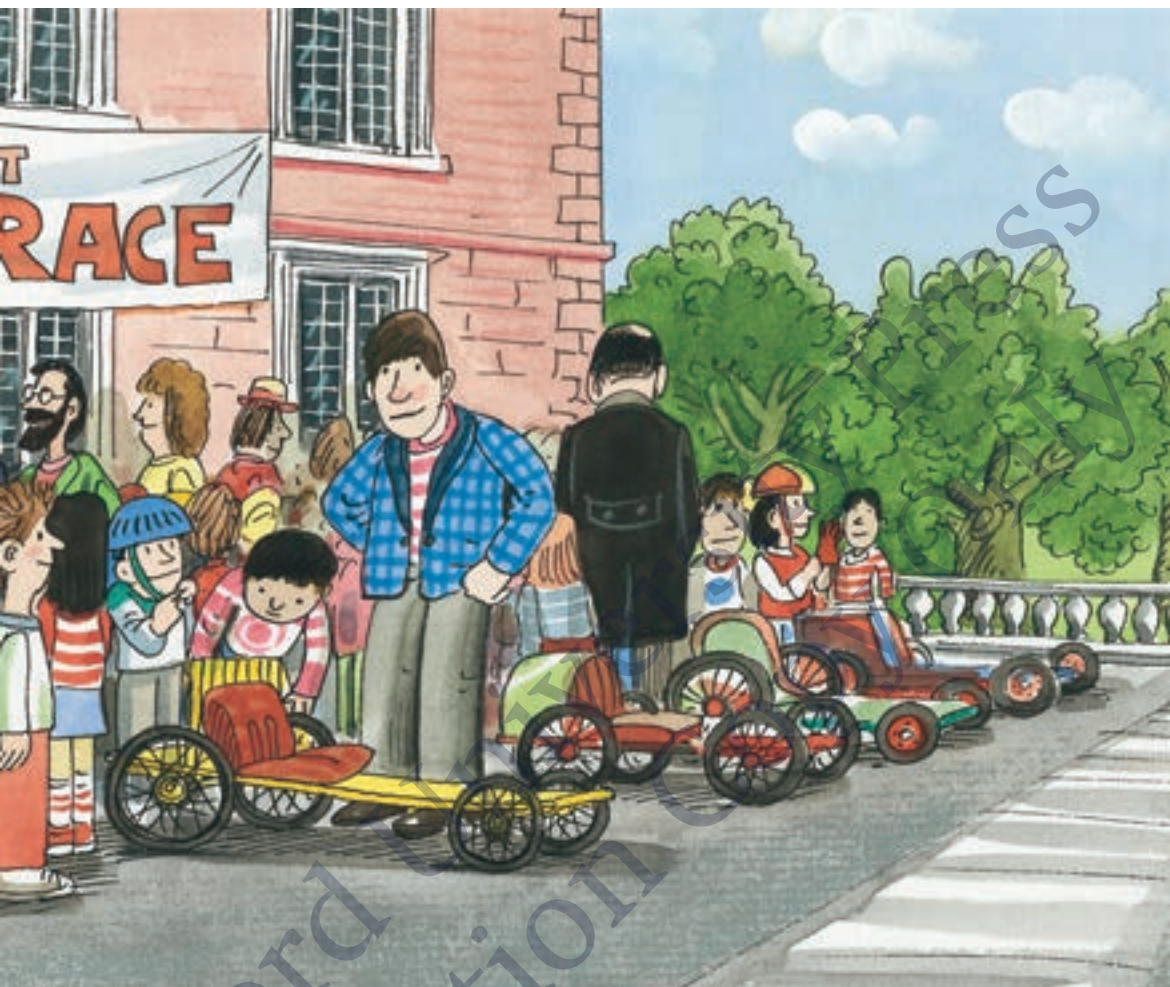
The children liked the new go-kart. They called it Silver Bullet.

“What about the race?” asked Biff. “I bet Silver Bullet will win.”

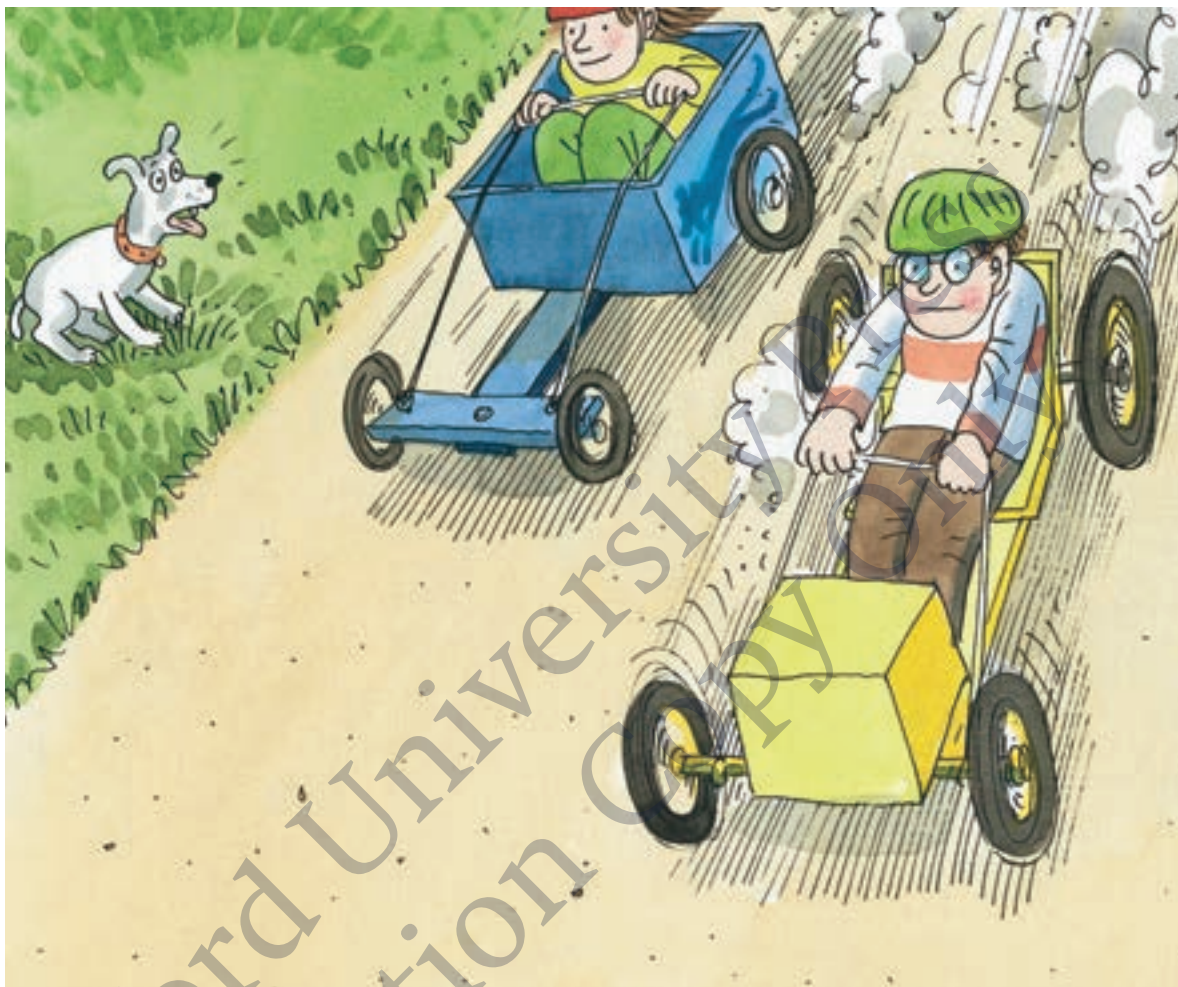


It was the day of the race. Everyone was excited.

“Look at all the go-karts!” said Biff.



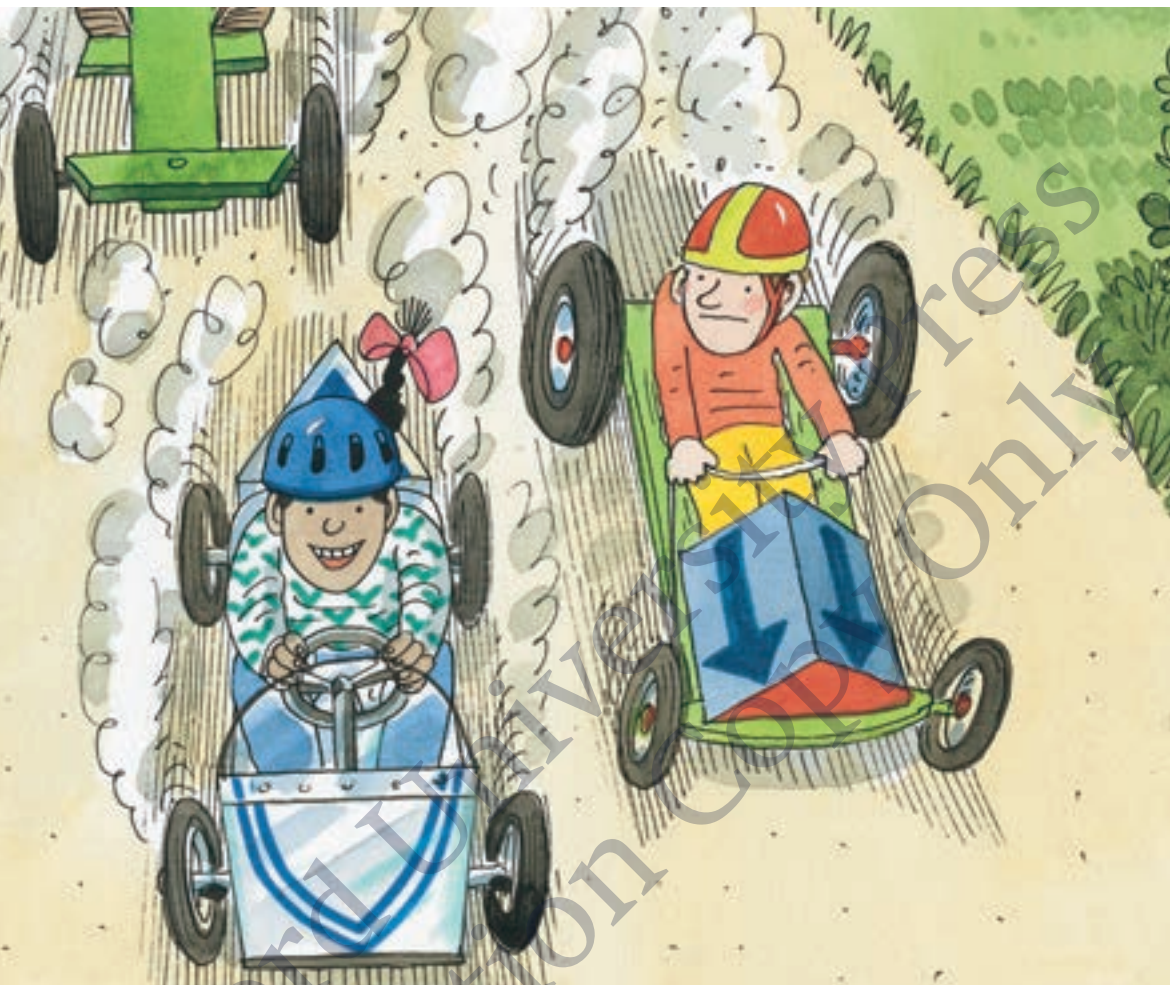
Biff wanted to drive, but so did Wilma and Anneena. In the end, Mum tossed a coin and Anneena won.



It was time for the race.

“One ... two ... three ... go!” called the starter.

“Come on, Anneena!” called Biff.



The go-karts raced down the hill.
Everyone shouted and cheered. Anneena
went fast. Silver Bullet was in front.



Anneena didn't win. Two go-karts went faster. Silver Bullet came third.

“Oh no!” said Biff.



Anneena was upset.

“I wanted to win,” she said.

“Don’t worry,” said Biff. “Silver Bullet’s still the best.”



Silver Bullet did win a prize. It was the best-looking go-kart.

“Hooray!” everyone cheered. “We said it was the best!”

AFTER READING

- Look at page 5. Ask: *What is everyone doing on this page?*
- Turn to page 16. Ask: *Do you think Chip's idea was a good one?*
- Turn to page 17. Ask: *Do you think 'Silver Bullet' is a good name?*

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