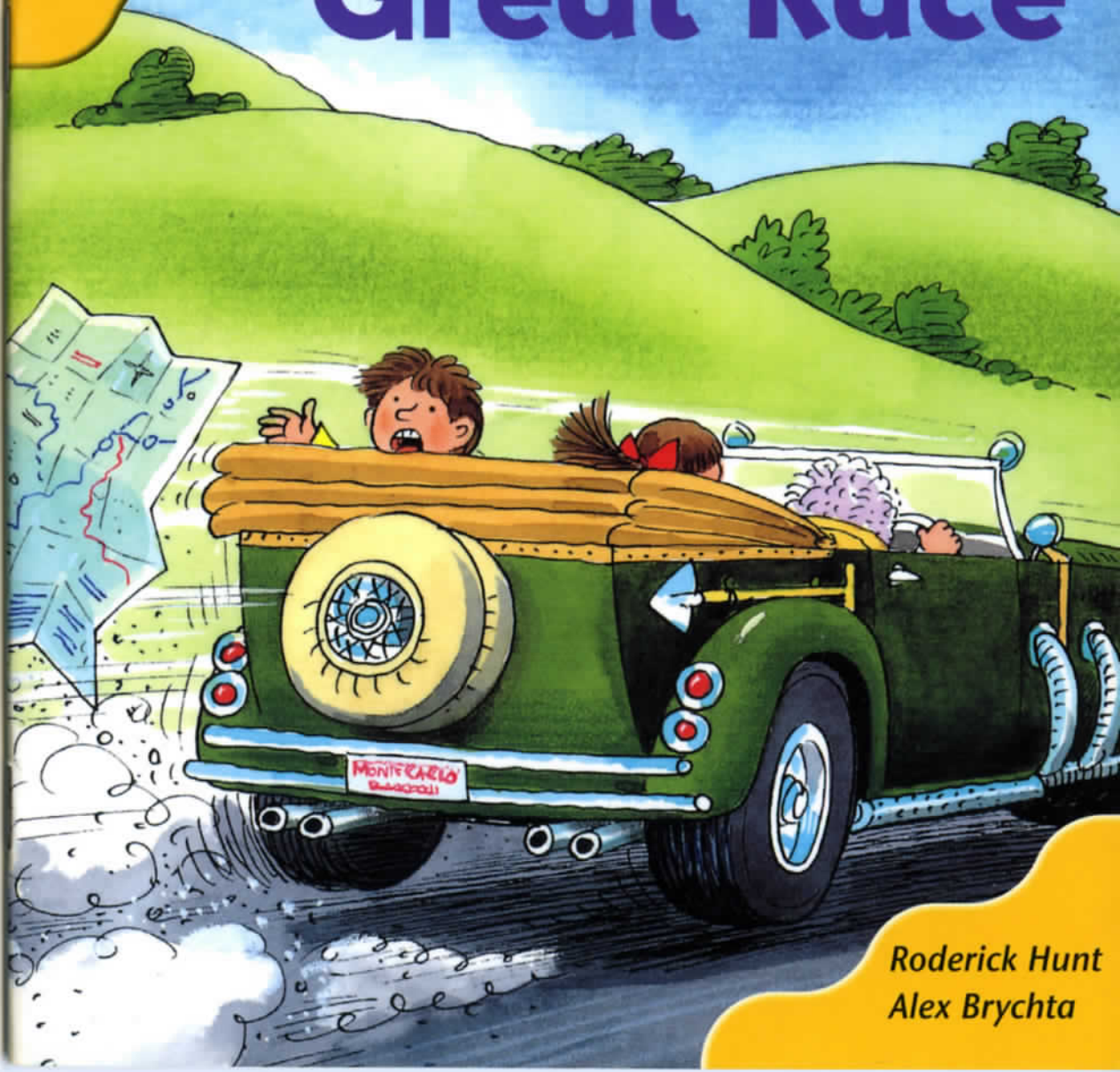




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The Great Race



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What's this story about?

The key takes the children and Gran to a car race. Someone tries to stop Gran winning. But Gran is harder to stop than you might think!

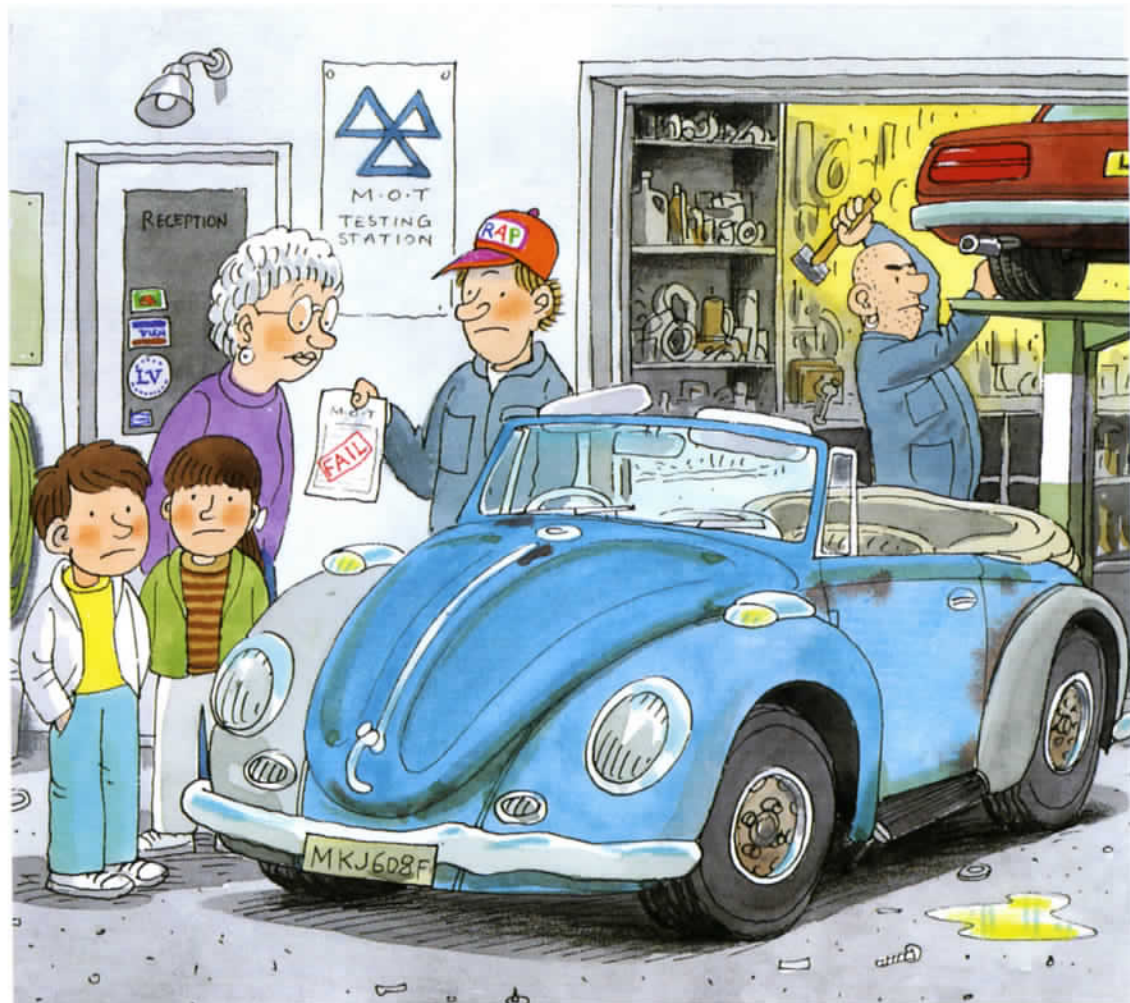
Talk together

Read the title. Talk about what might happen in the story. Find the word 'Baron' and explain that a baron is a title.

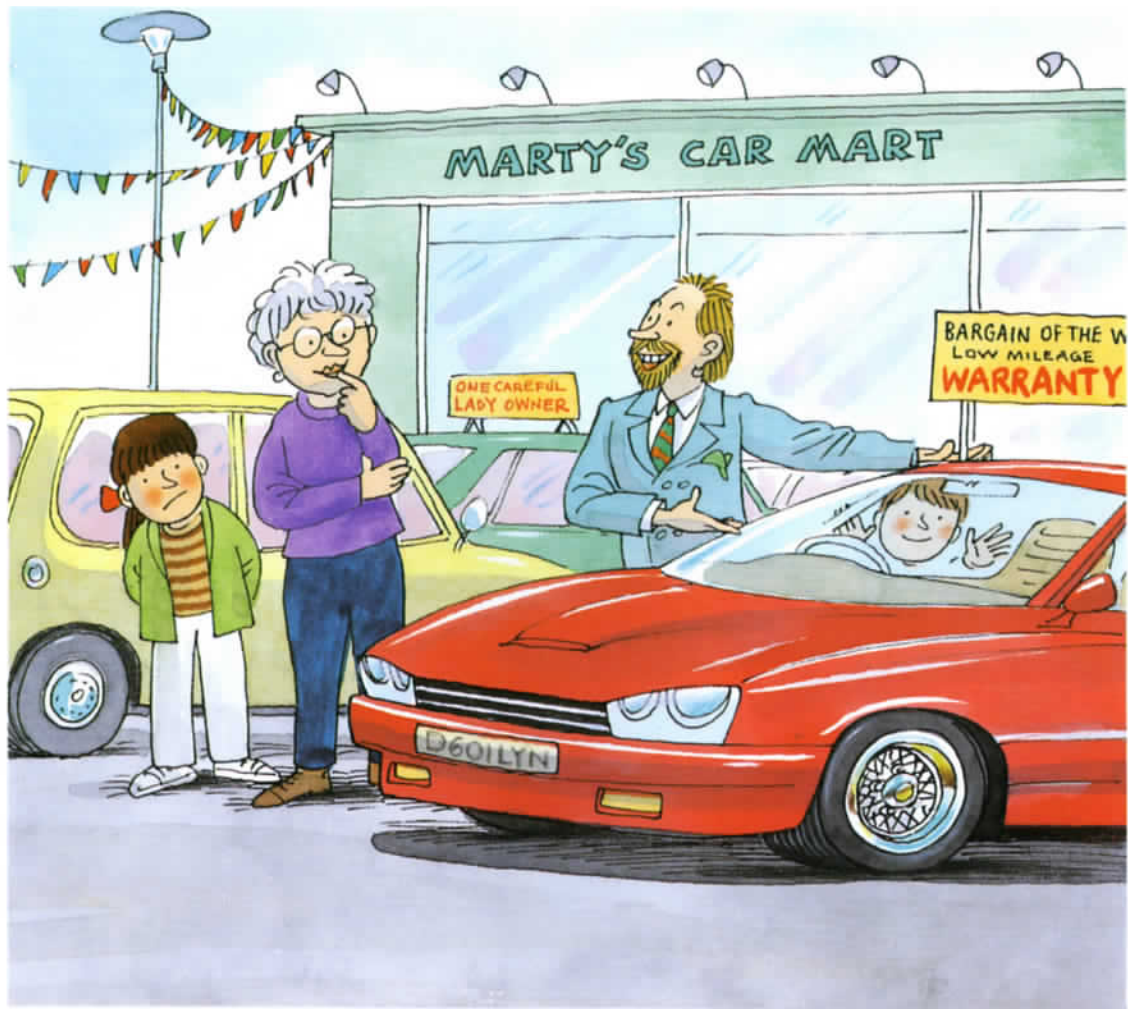
Read the story

W = Word recognition **C** = Language comprehension

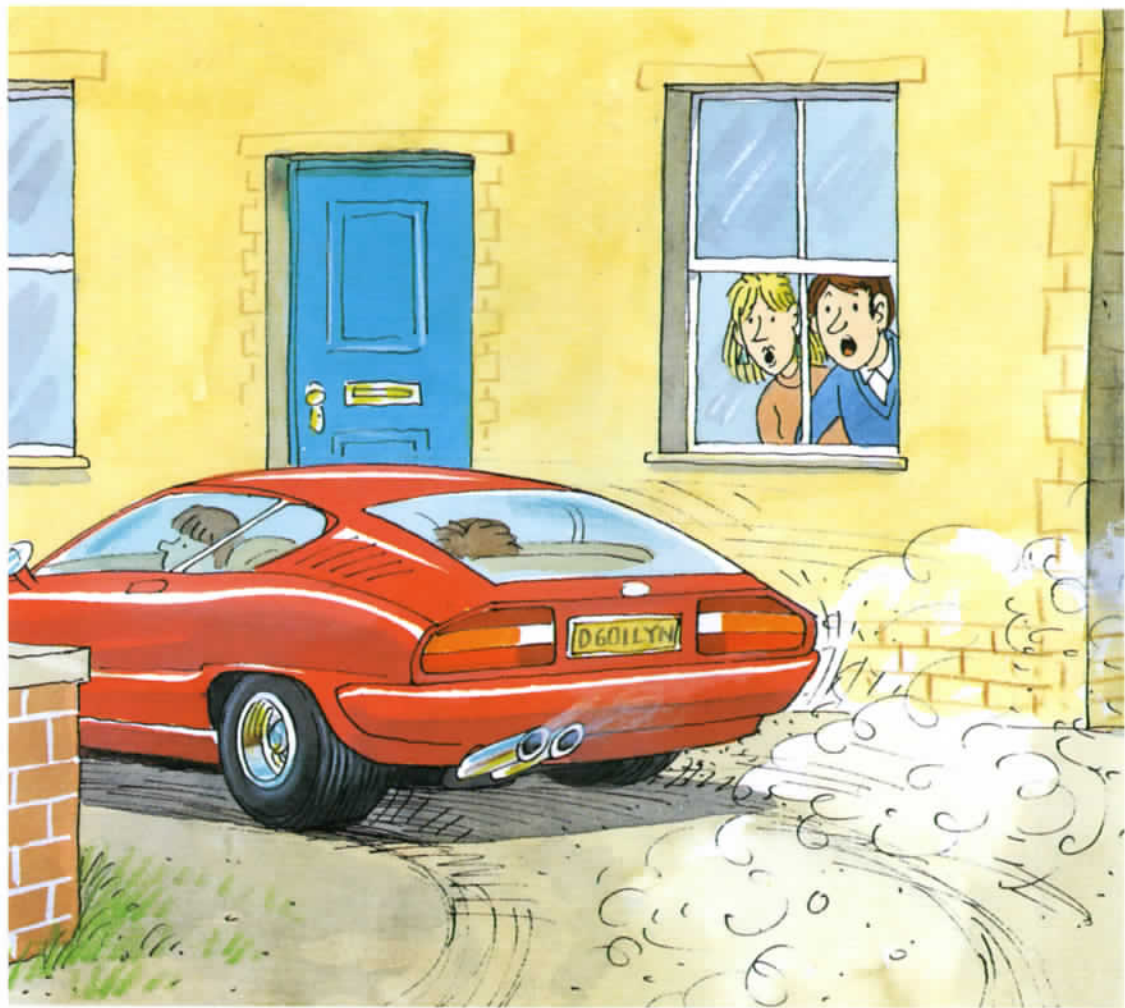
- C** Page 4, ask, "Why was Mum cross with Gran?"
- W** Page 9, explain that a baron is a title.
- W** Page 11, notice that 'signpost' is made up from 'sign' and 'post'.
- C** Page 15, ask, "Why did the Baron put oil on the road?"
- C** At the end, ask, "Do you think Gran was a good driver, or a lucky driver?"



Gran wanted 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.

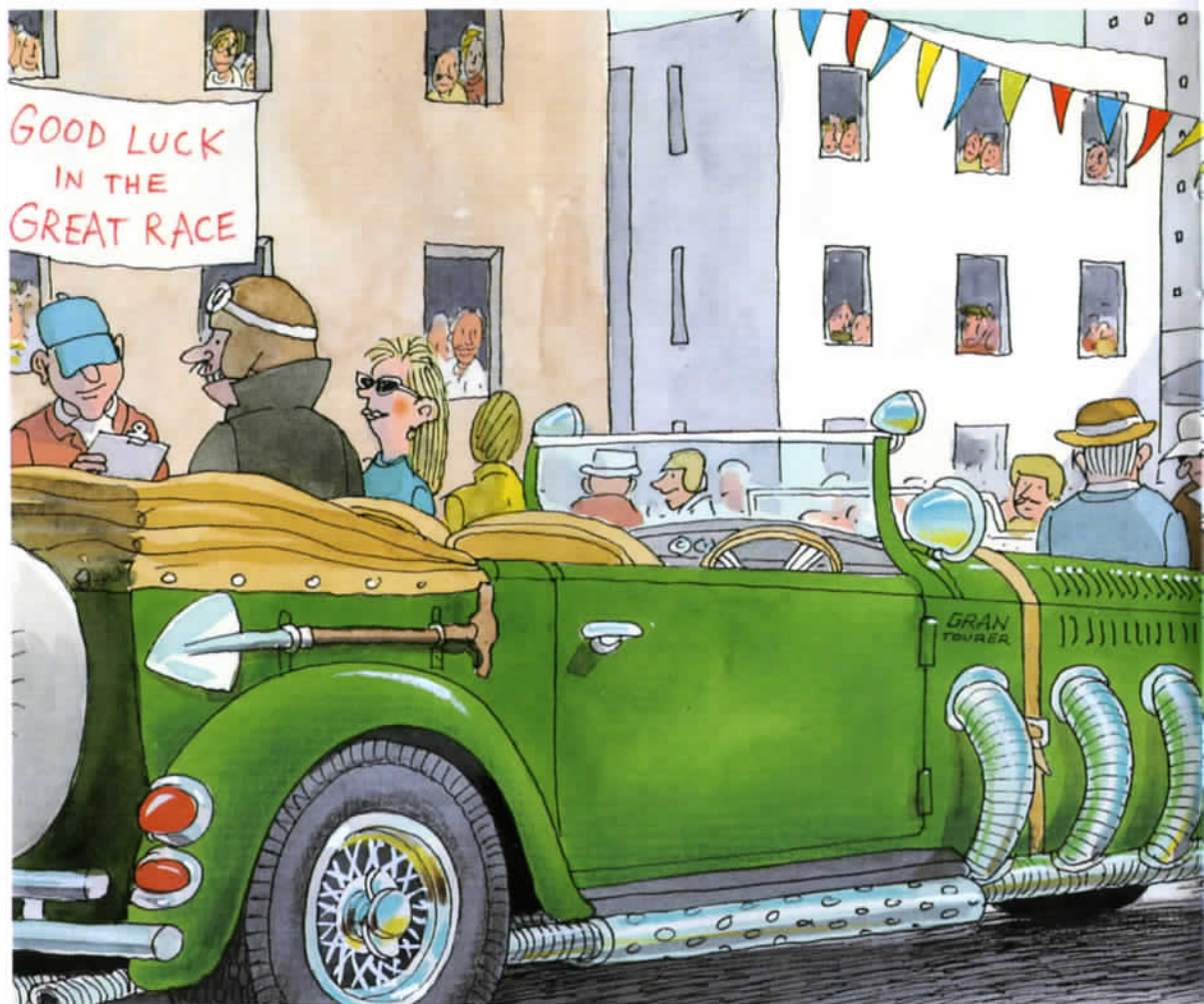
“Oh no!” said Dad.



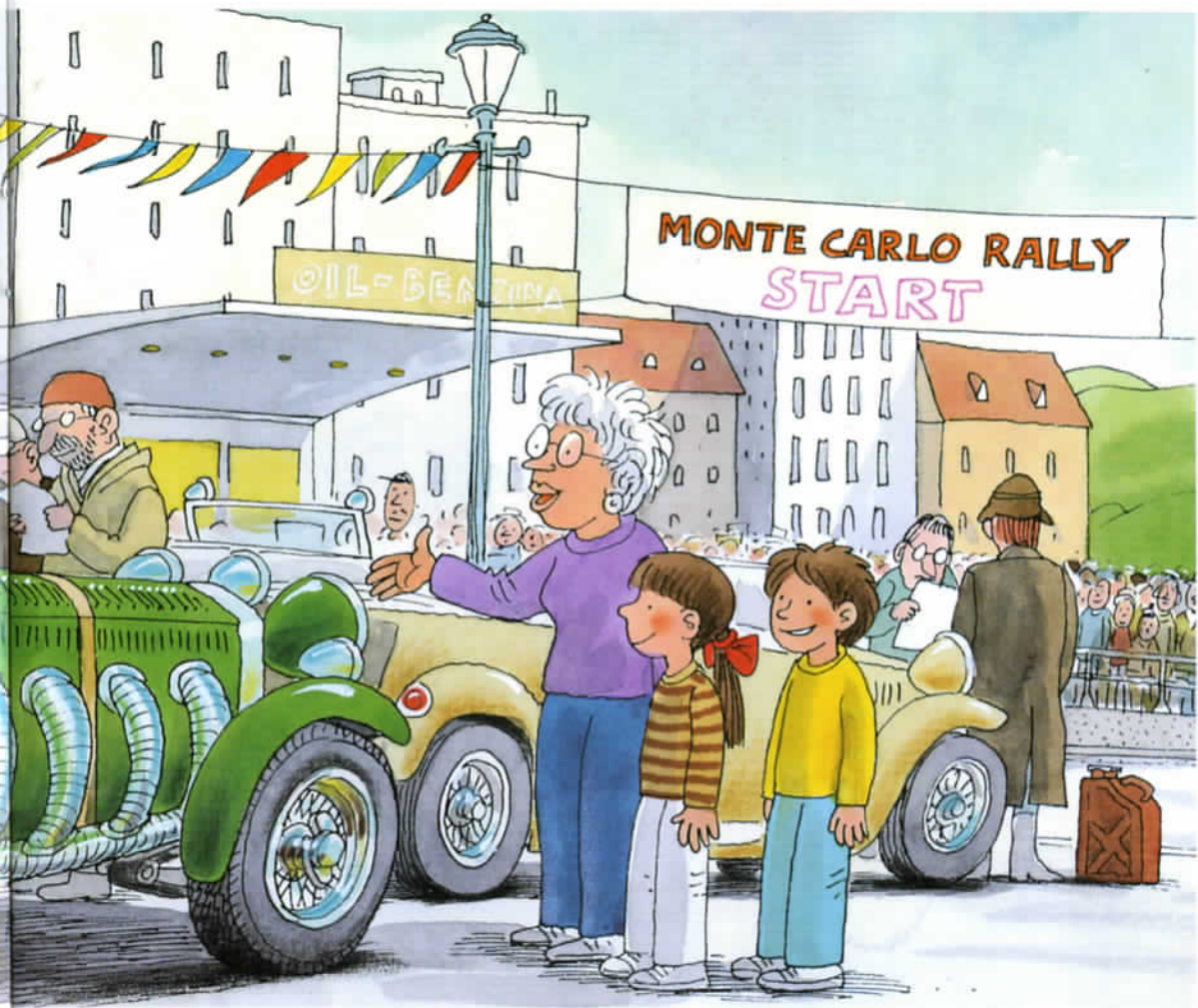
Mum was cross with Gran.
“That car is too fast,” she said.
Gran was upset.



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.



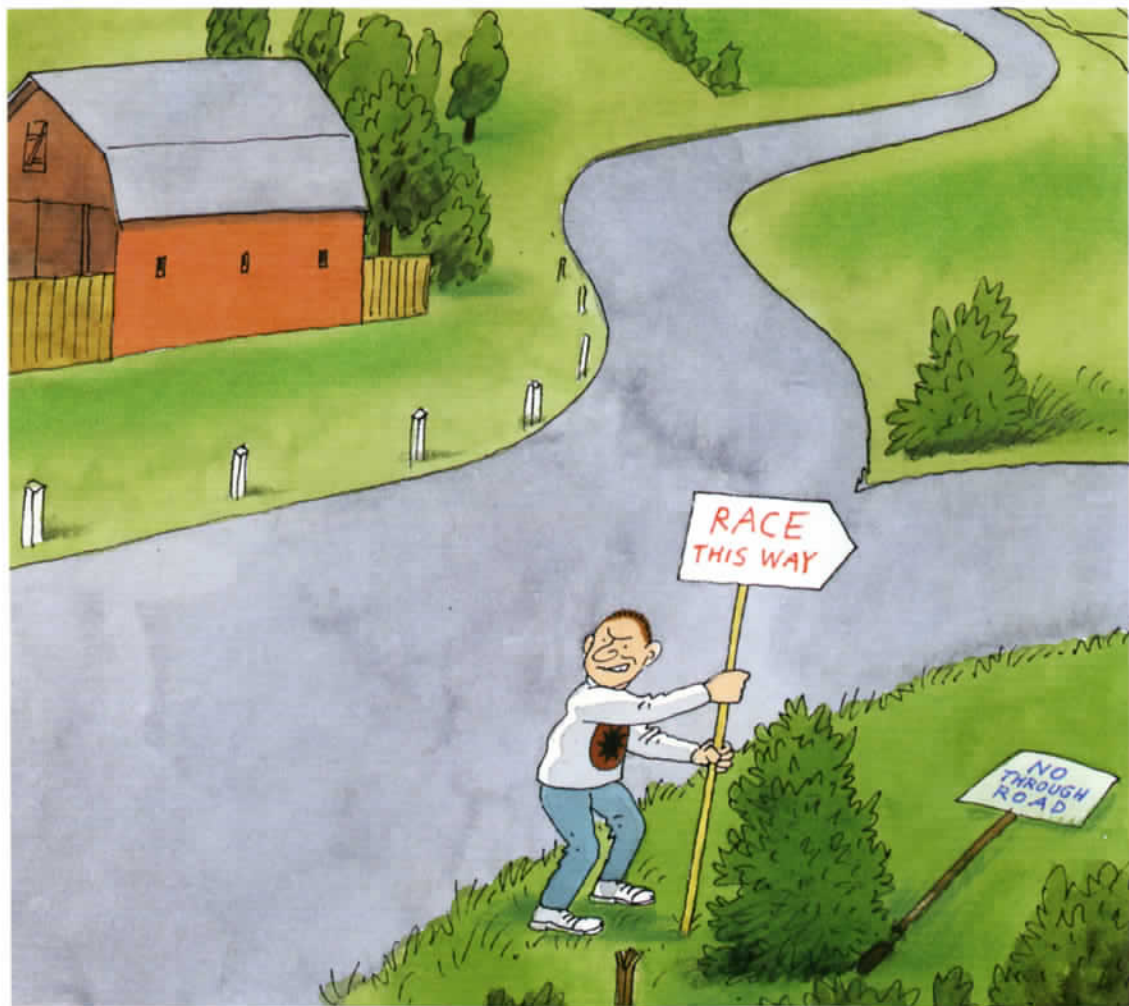
Gran found a map. They all looked at it.



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



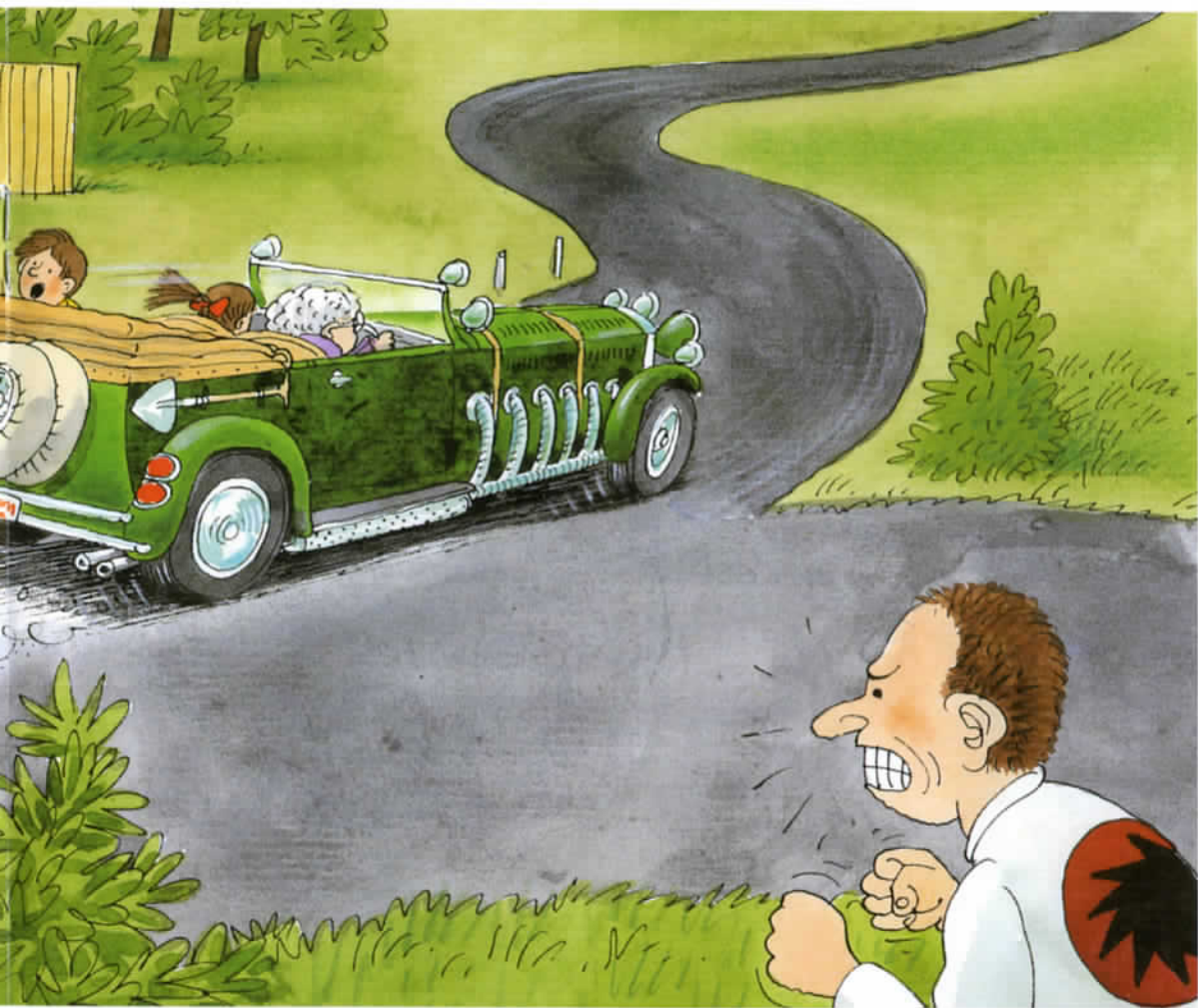
The children looked at the Baron. The Baron looked at the children.
“Ha!” said the Baron. “You won’t win.”



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.

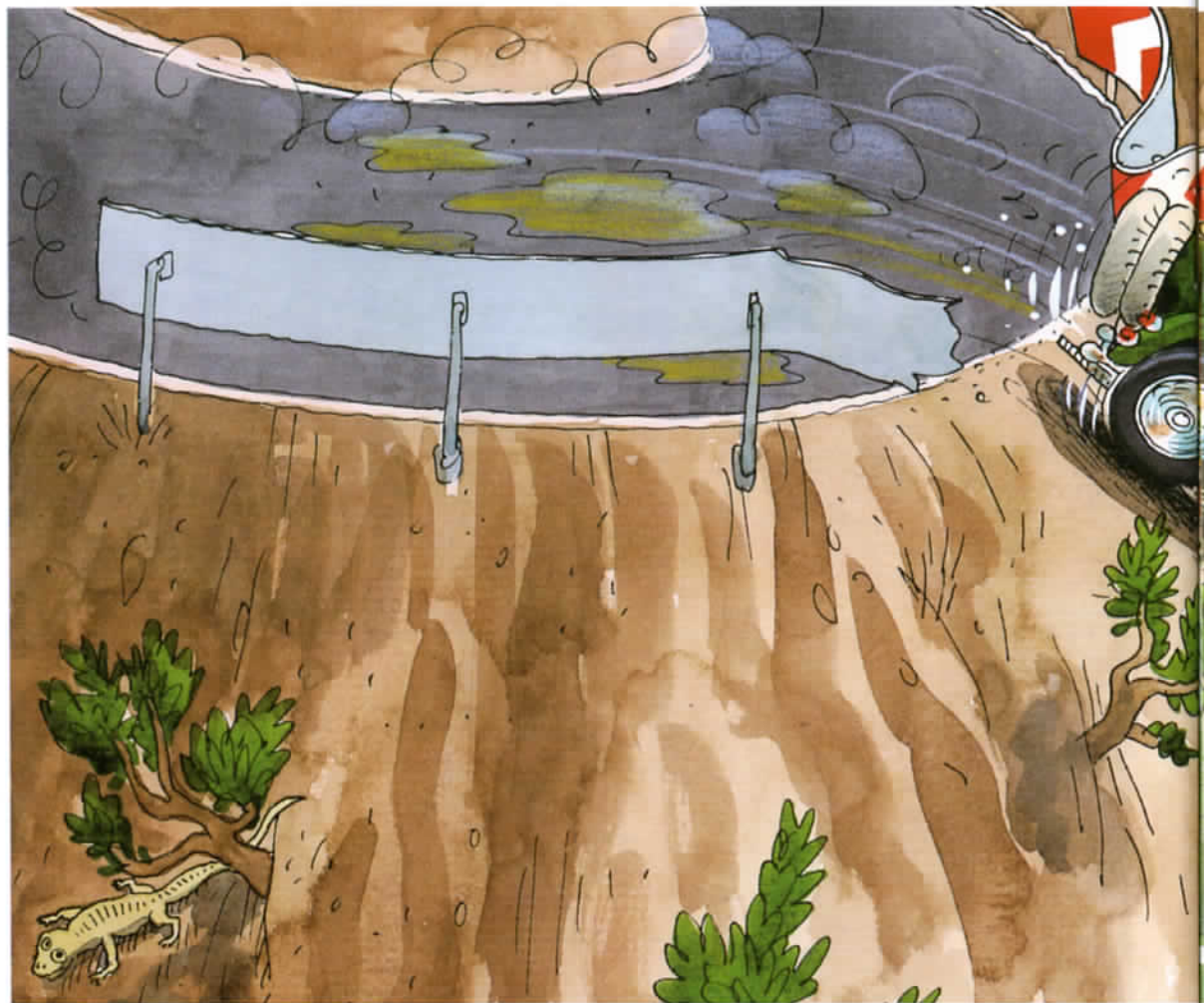
"Grrr!" said the man.



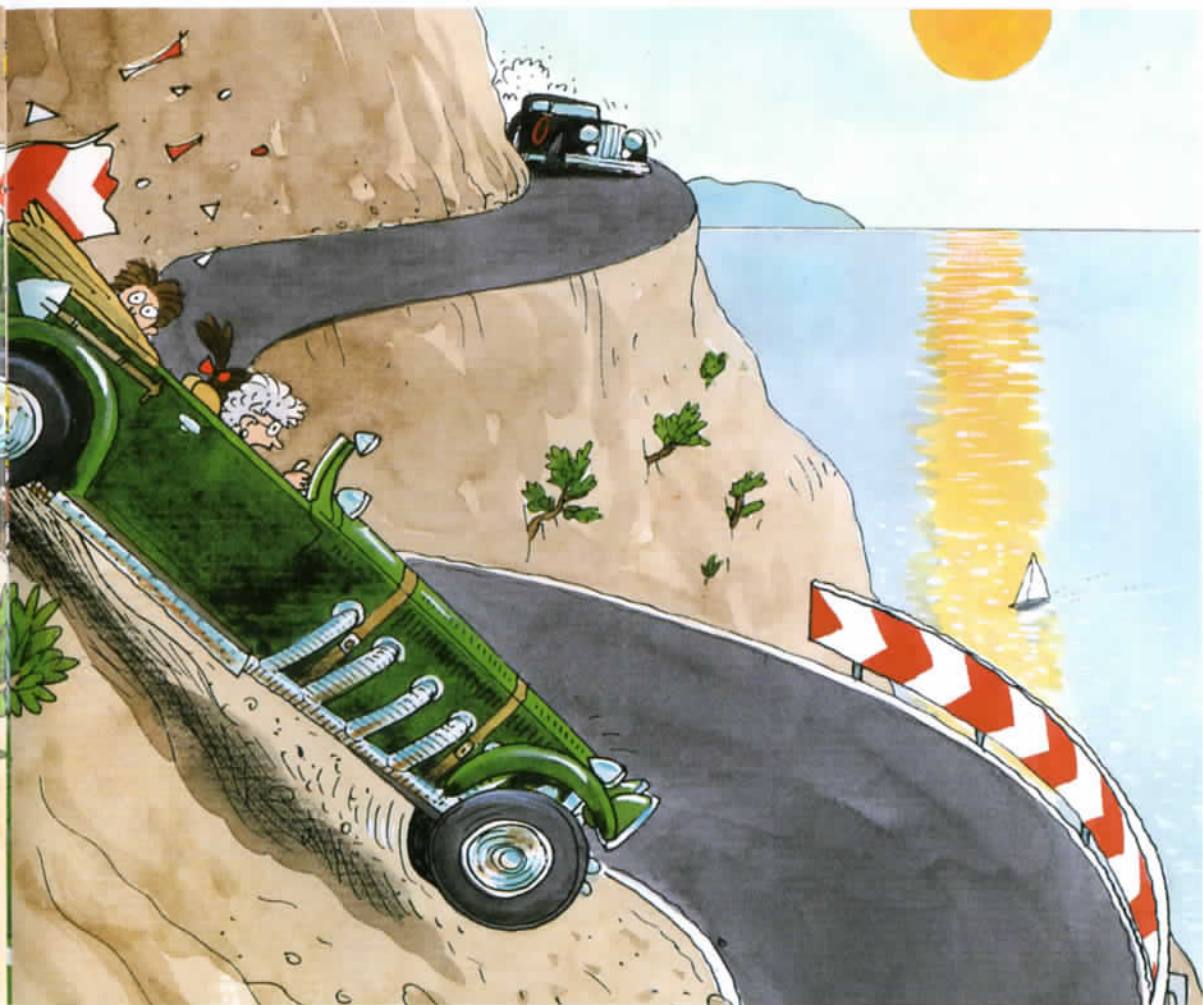
They came to the mountains.
“Slow down,” shouted Biff.
“No. This is fun,” said Gran.



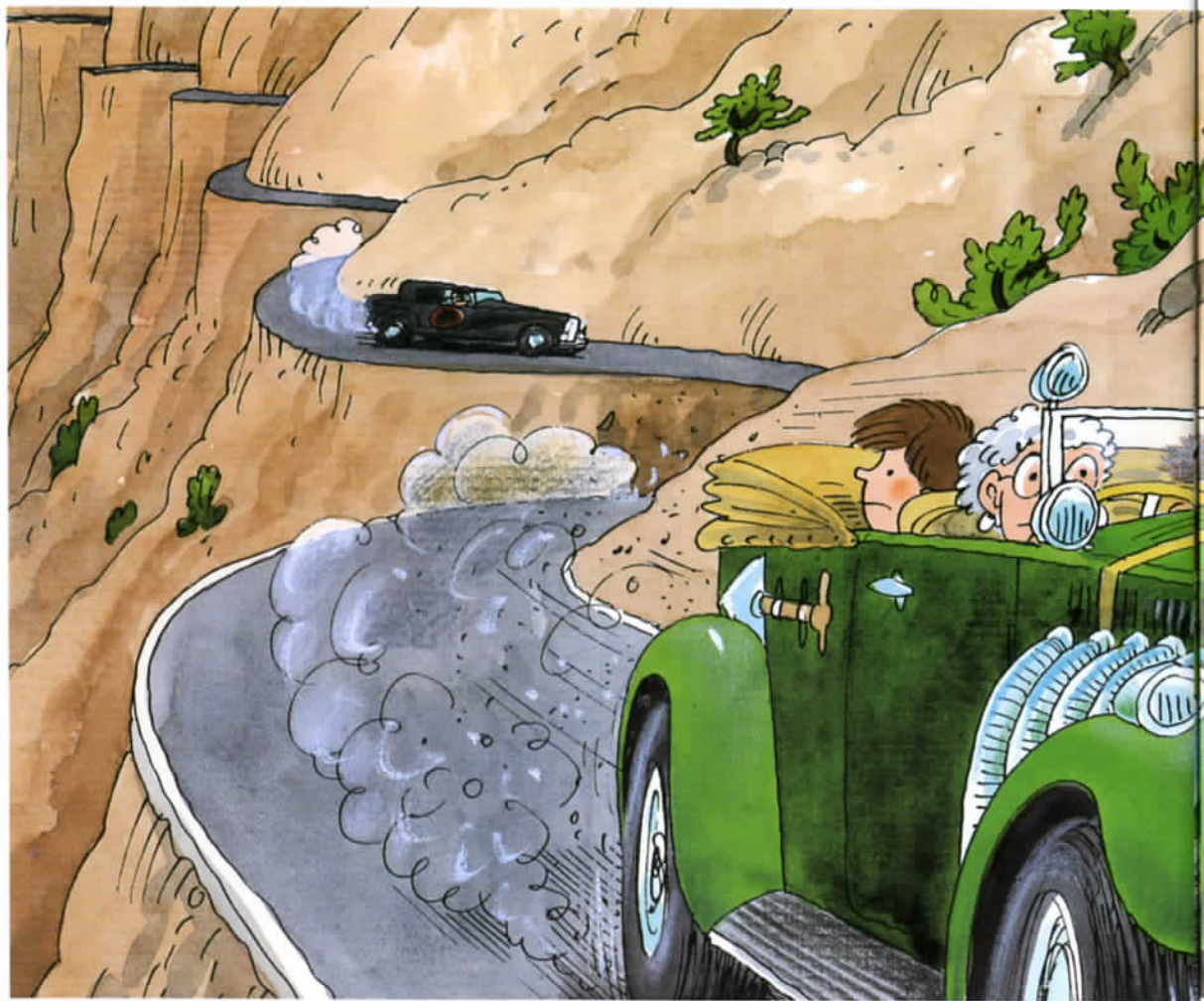
The Baron put oil on the road.
“That will do it,” he said. “That will
stop them.”



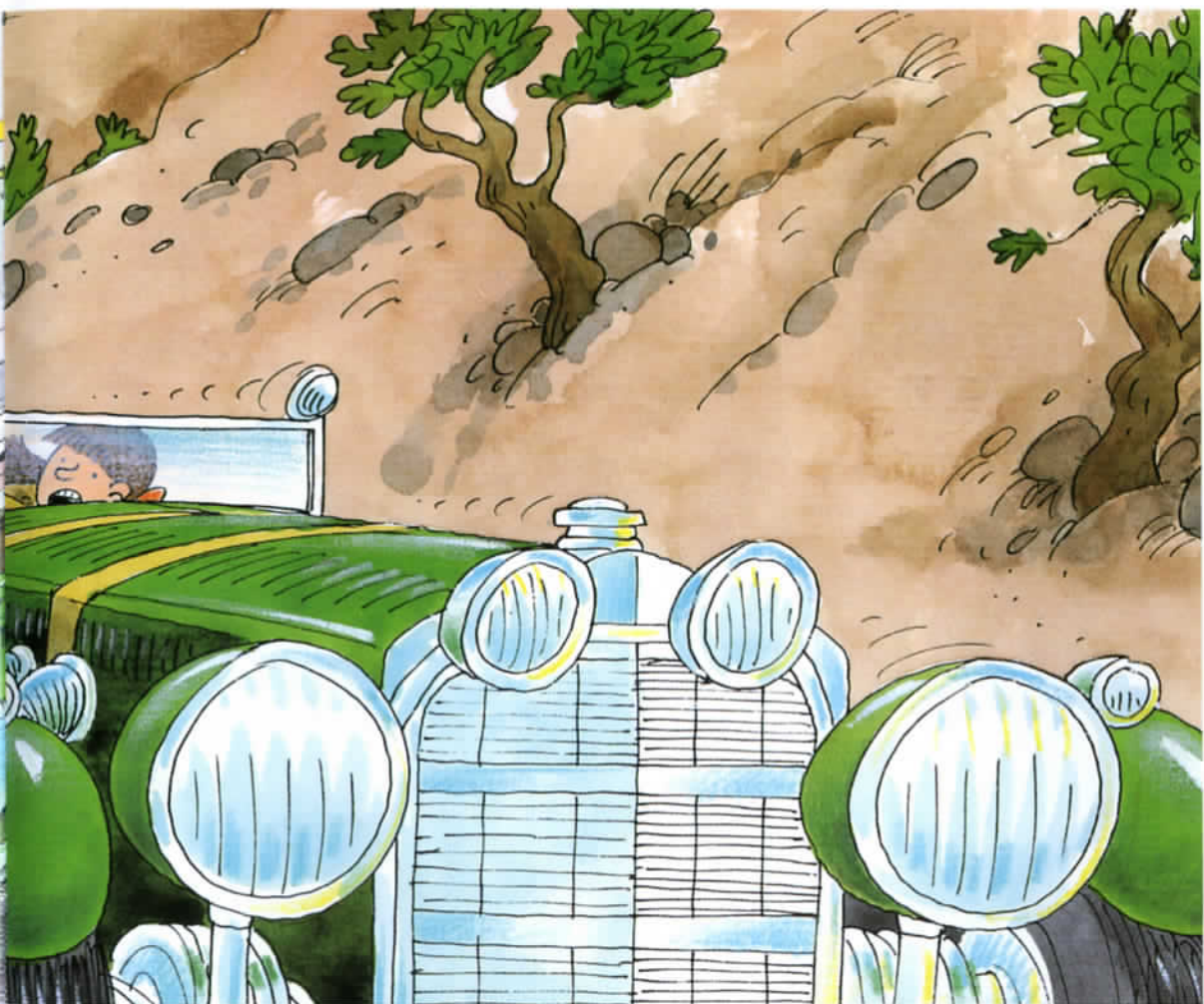
The car skidded on the oil. It crashed through the fence and went down the mountain.



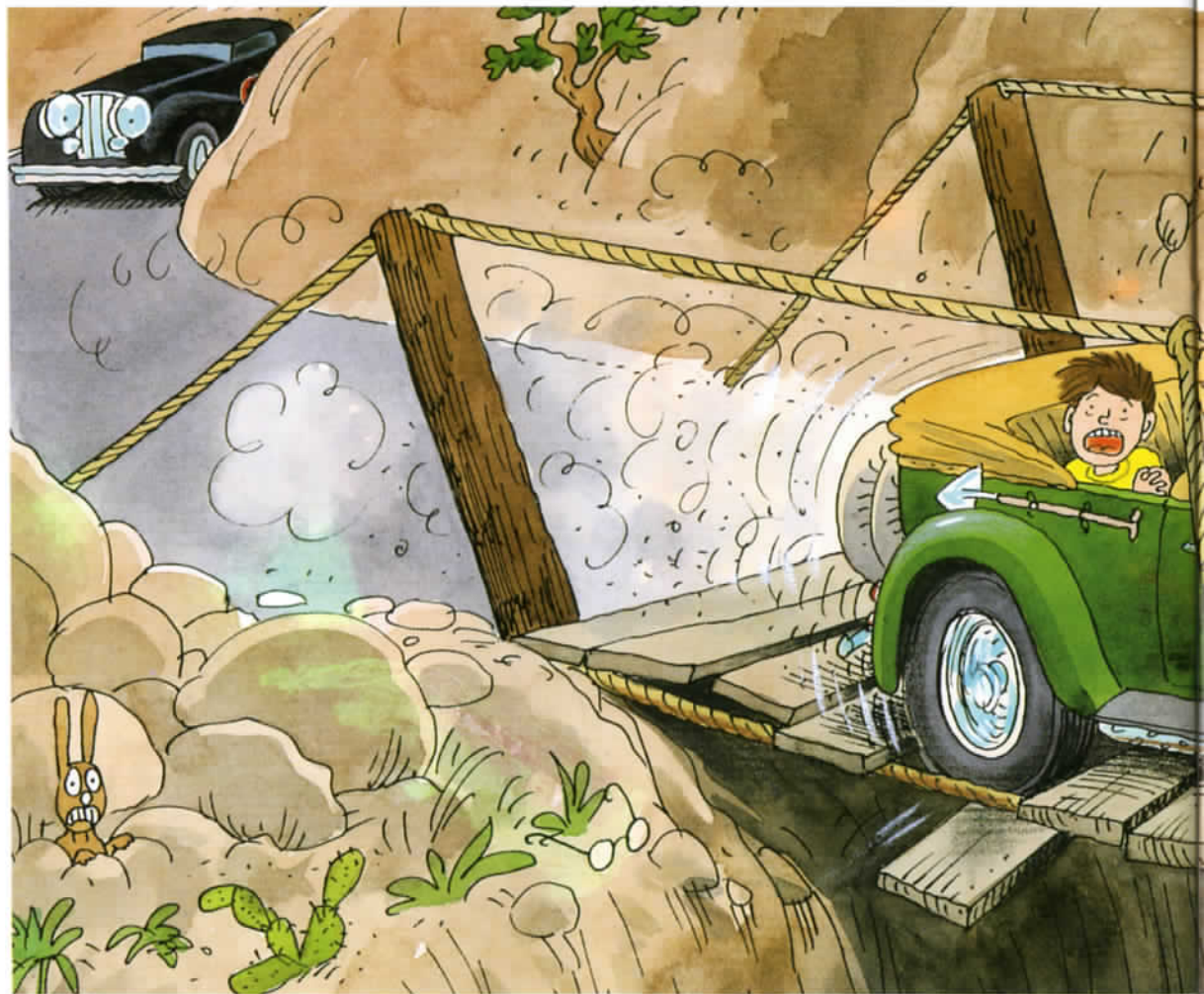
“Hold on,” shouted Gran.
“Oh no!” shouted Biff.
“Oh help!” shouted Chip.



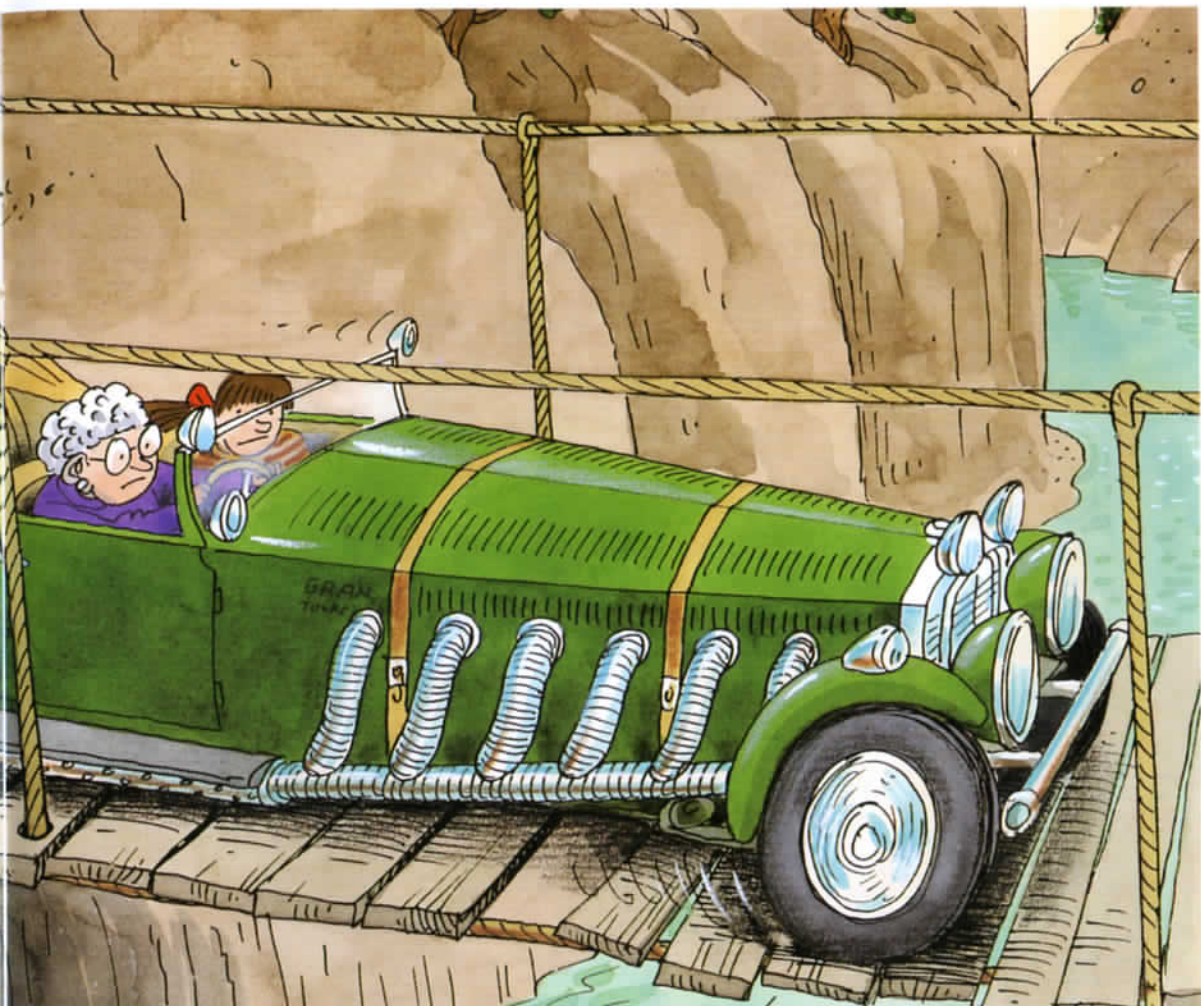
The Baron was behind. Gran was in front. She was winning the race.



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



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



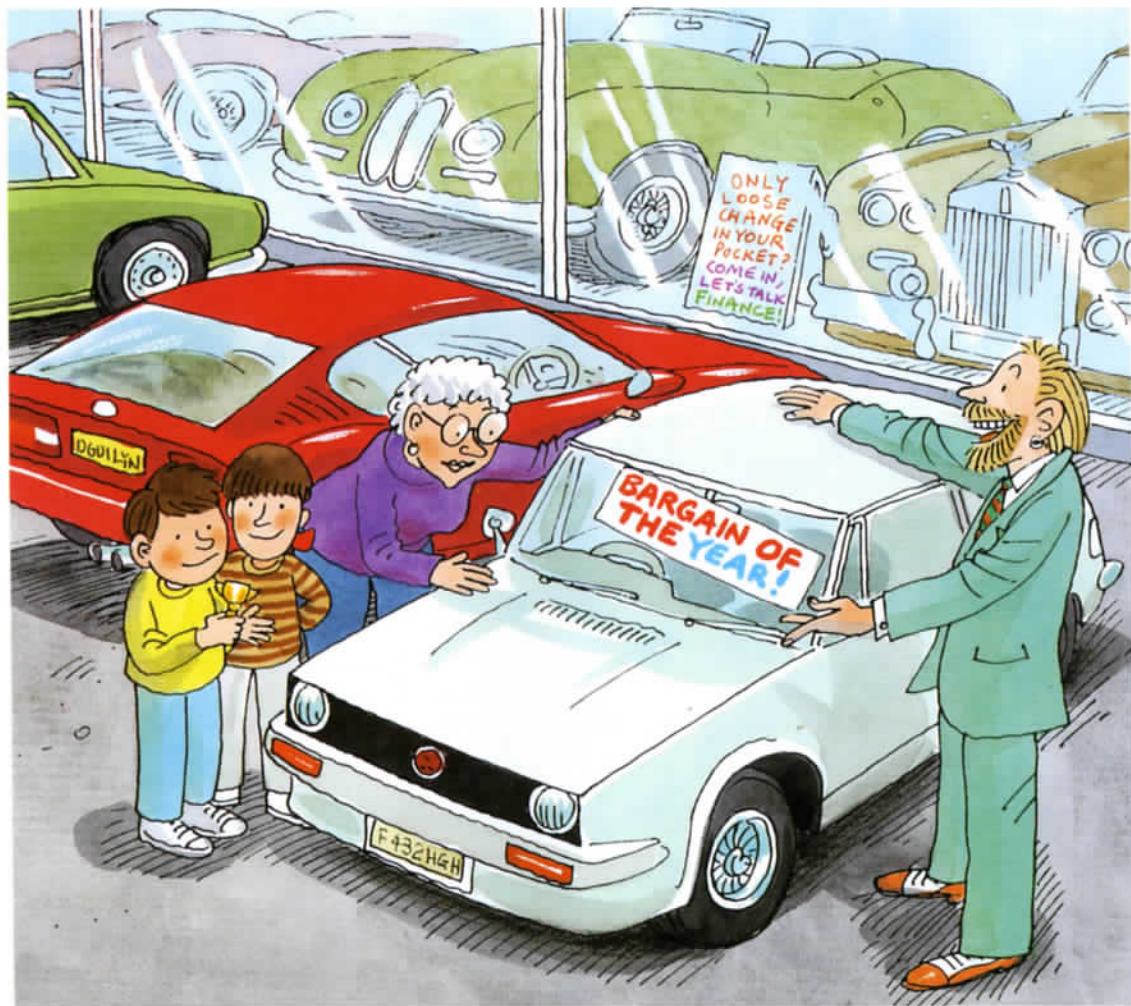
The bridge was dangerous.
“Not this way!” called Chip.



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.

Play a game

Vowels and consonants

This reminds children which letters are vowels and which are consonants.

- Choose a word and say, e.g. on page 1, "Find a word with four consonants and two vowels." (wanted)
- Then it is the child's turn to choose a page and ask you to find a word, saying how many vowels and consonants.

Other ideas

You can use these ideas straight away, or on another day.

- Look for words that begin with two consonants, 'ch', 'sh', 'wh', 'th', 'sk', 'bl', 'st' and others.
- Find Monte Carlo in an atlas.

The Great Race

Gran wants a fast car.

This story practises these words:

back call(ed) came do down help
home little man new not now old
one put that them too took want(ed)
way were what will with would



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