

Me, My Dad, and Trucks



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“Trucks and Tractors” is an entertaining look into the many types and uses of trucks.



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Luke had just turned 7 he and got everything he wanted for his birthday. He was a very lucky boy. Well, actually - he got everything because he really didn't want a lot!



You see, his dad was a truck driver and sometimes would be gone for a week or two.



But he would always bring Luke some truck related item from his trips and then explain to him why it was important. All Luke wanted was to go on one trip with his dad.



**All Luke asked for was to go on one trip and be able to:
sit next to his dad in the cab and maybe
even talk on the radio, see all the
different trucks that bring us what
we need and talk with the other
truck drivers.**

Luke couldn't wait to go. He was so excited that he almost forgot to pack his toothbrush. He couldn't believe it. He was actually going on the road with his dad.



As he continued packing his bag and checking that he had everything. He could hear the rumble of his dad's new Peterbilt 579 warming up.



As Luke was hugging his mom and saying goodbye,
his dad opened the door and said,
"Ready to go, champ?" "You bet!"
Luke exclaimed. "Let's go!"

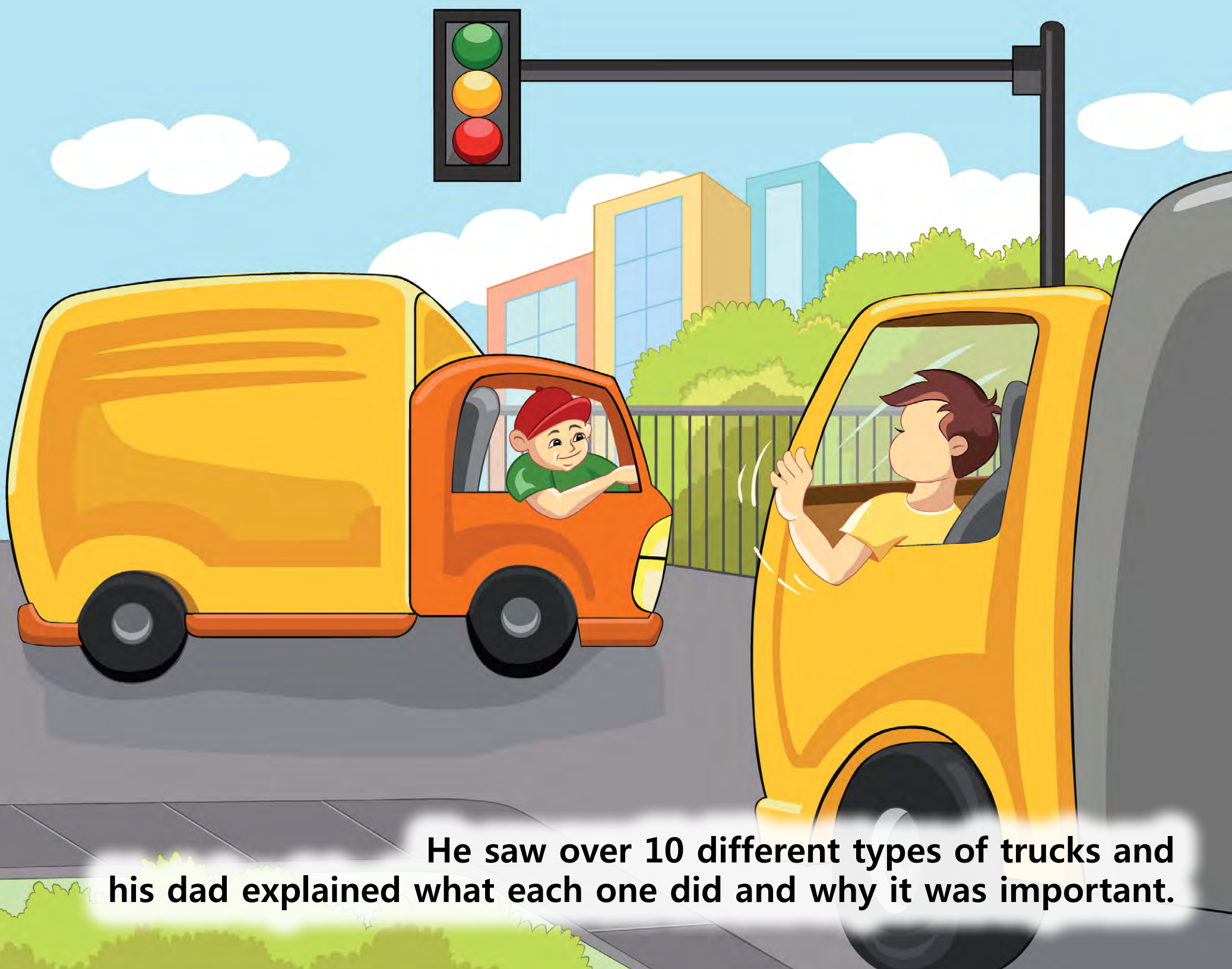


**Luke was fascinated with all the lights, gauges and switches.
He asked his dad a million questions. He was having
the best time of his life.**



He was excited sitting next to his dad in the truck. He even got to talk on the radio to another truck driver.





He saw over 10 different types of trucks and his dad explained what each one did and why it was important.

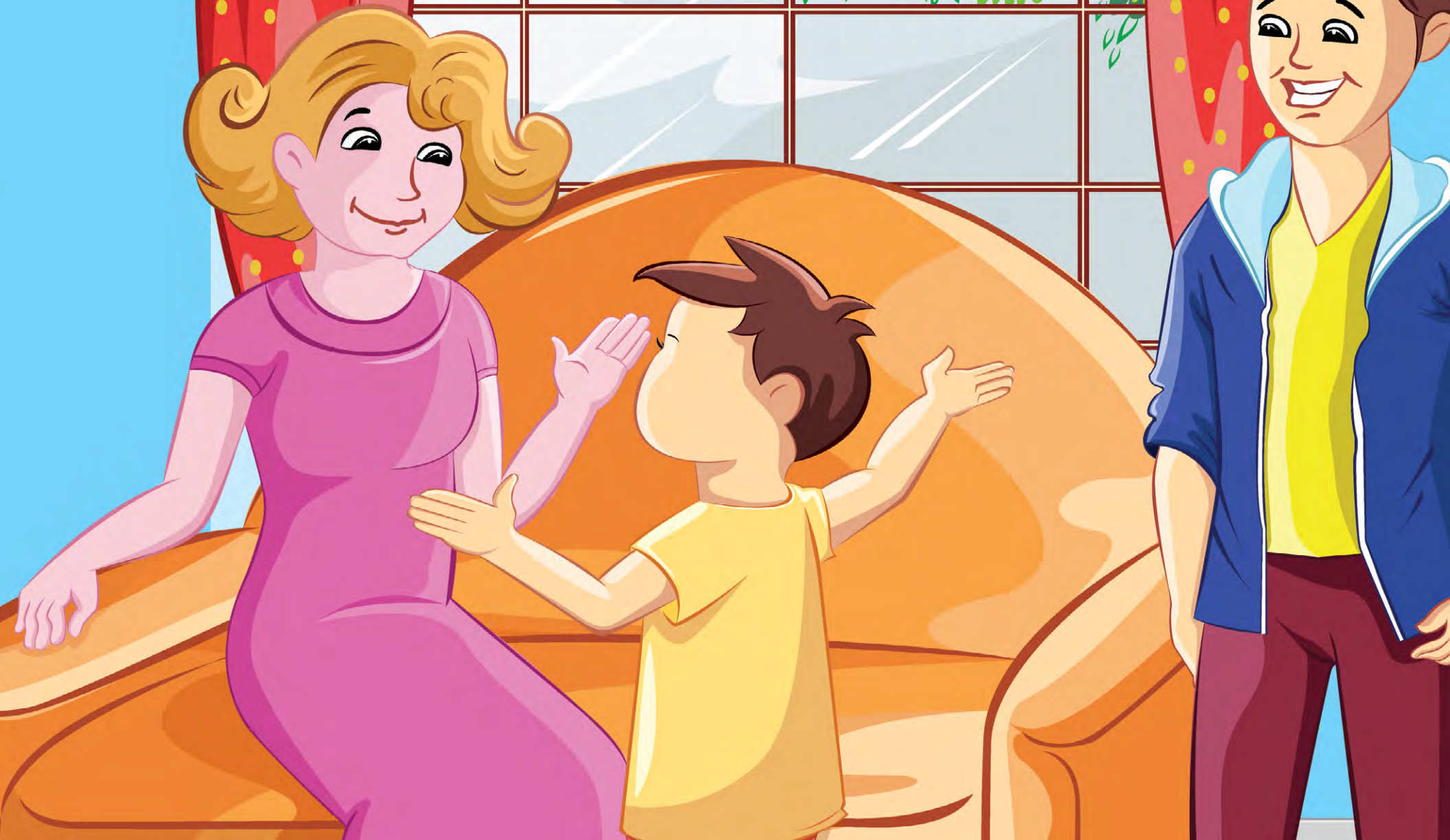
At the Famous Amos Truck Stop, where they had lunch, he got to talk to several truck drivers.



When they returned from the 3-day trip, Luke's mom asked him how he liked it. Luke said, "It was the best 3 days I have ever had." "That goes for me too," his dad chimed in.



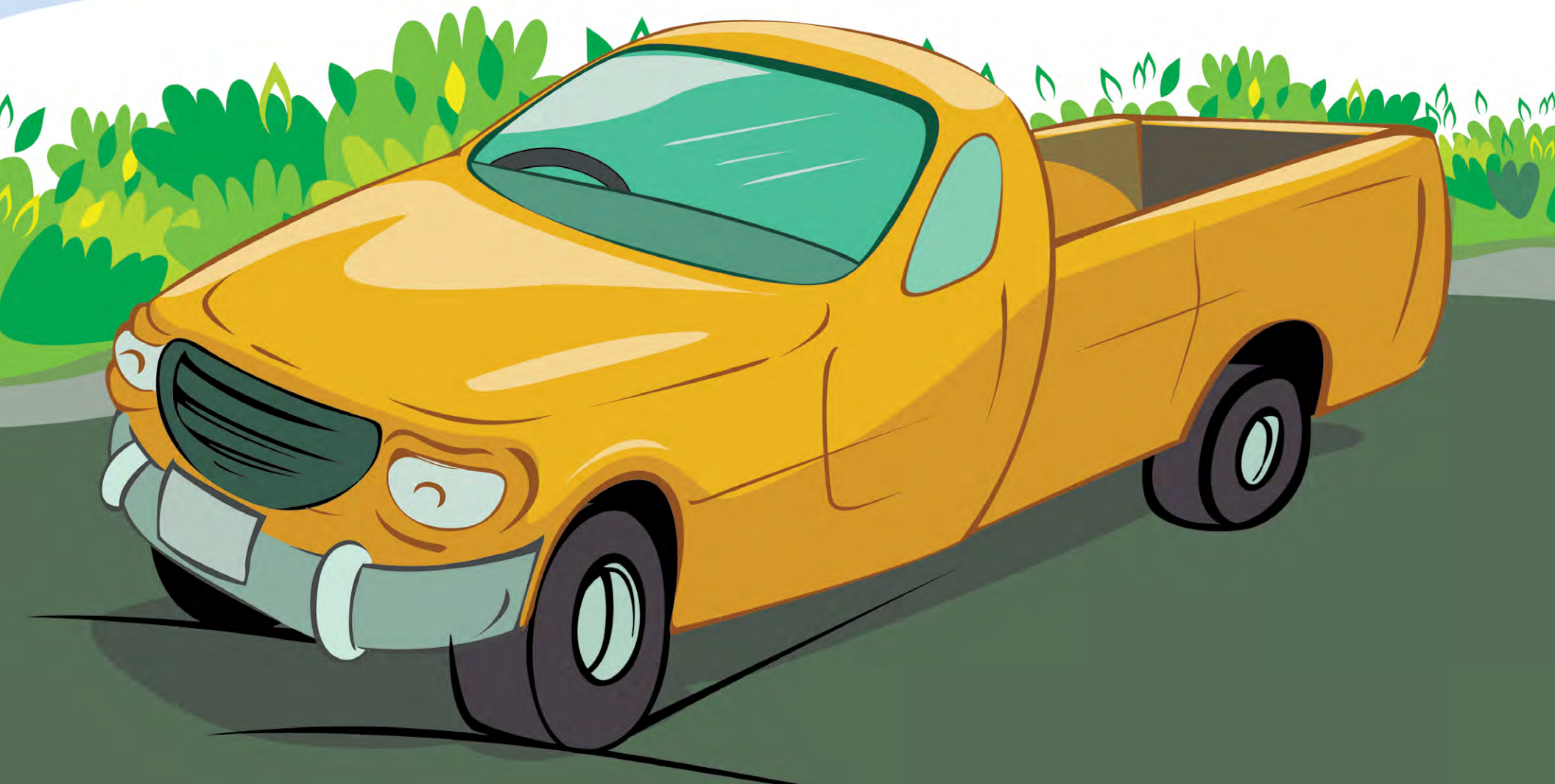
"Well, what did you learn, Luke?" his mom asked. Luke replied, "First, I know what I am going to ask for on my next birthday." His mom and dad chuckled. Then he said, "Mom, here is a lesson on the different types of trucks."



"There are mini trucks that make deliveries on narrow streets and in crowded cities."



“Then there are light trucks that are used for all sorts of things. Like- pick up trucks that farmers and contractors use.”



“Or mini vans that moms with big families use, instead of a car.”



"Oh! I can't forget the panel van that is used for all sorts of pick-ups and deliveries. If it weren't for these, lots of people wouldn't get what they want or need."



**“Then we have medium trucks that can haul bigger loads
and get more goods to the stores.”**



"Like a box truck."



"Or emergency vehicles like fire trucks and ambulances."



"And even motor-homes."



"Then you have the big rigs, like dad's. They have all different types or trailers. Some with boxes, different flatbeds, some are refrigerated to keep food fresh, some have cranes mounted to them to pick things up. It seems that no matter what is needed, there is a truck and a truck driver ready to help."



"Some even carry dirt."



"And others- our trash."



**"Some just carry liquid.
There are oh-so-many!"**

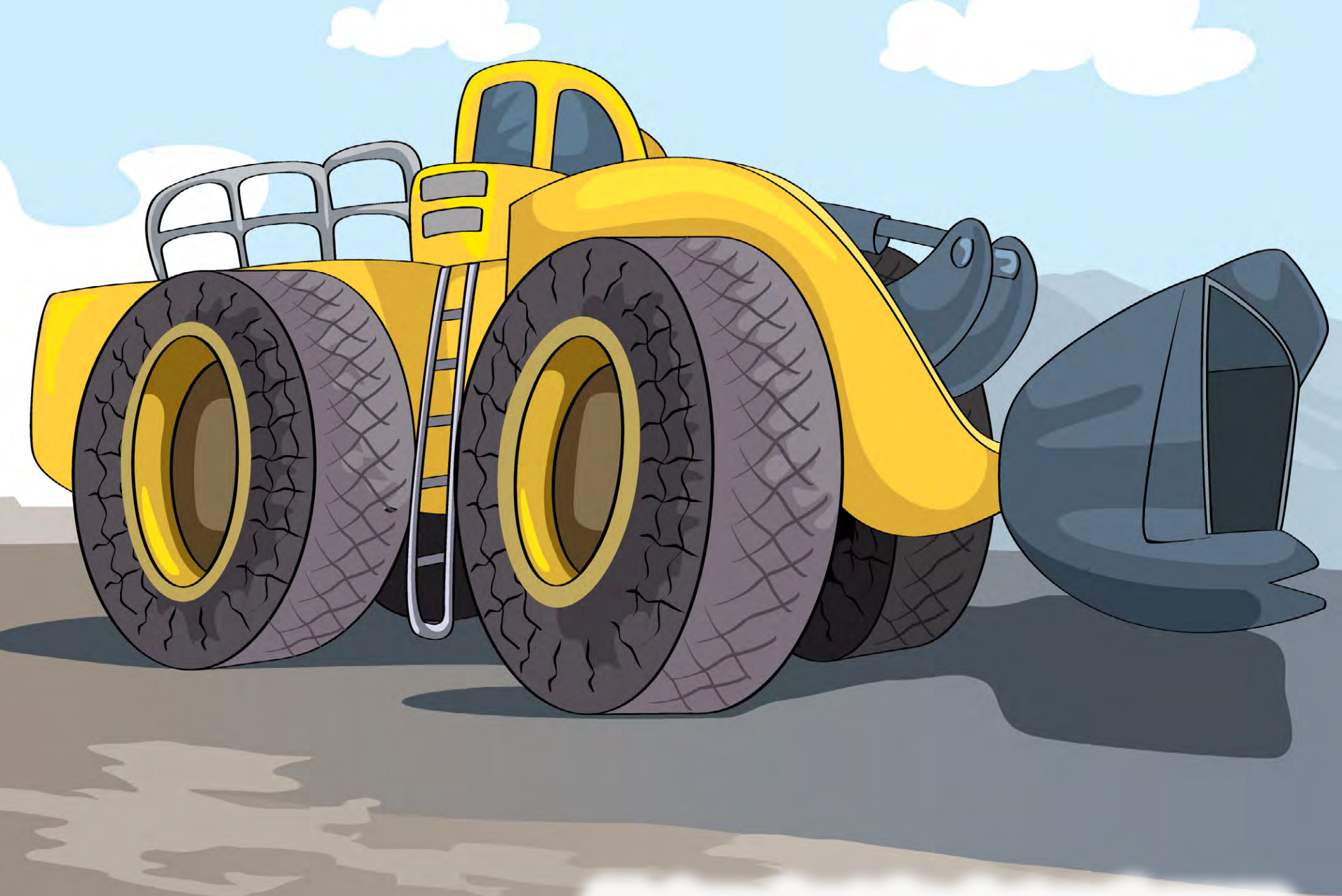


**"Then there are the GIANT trucks.
They even make dad's big rig look small."**

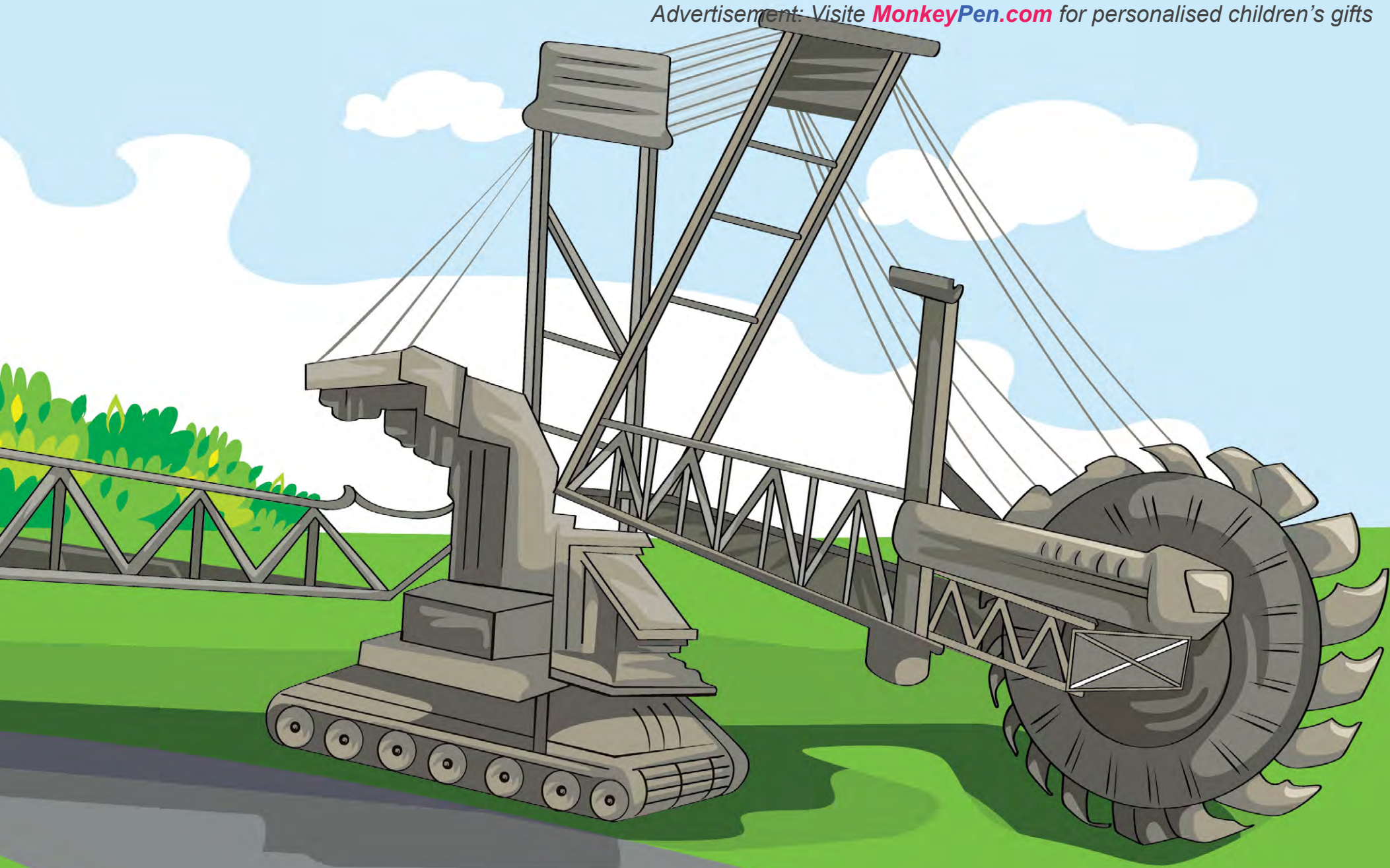


“Like the ballast tractor, that pulls long, heavy loads.”



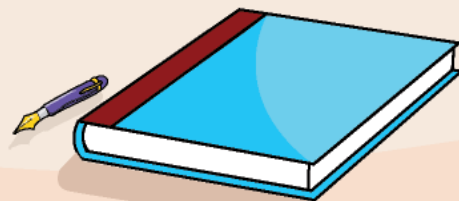


**"Or how about the giant earth mover.
Some of them have tires that are twice as tall as a man."**



"Big-super-giant trucks that have saws to make trenches or dig mines."

**"Hey mom, wake up. Hmm, guess I'll have to tell her
about the others another day."**





**"All I know is that if we didn't have all the different trucks,
and all the truck drivers to drive them,
we wouldn't have much. Thanks dad."**

Moral

We depend on trucks and tractors.

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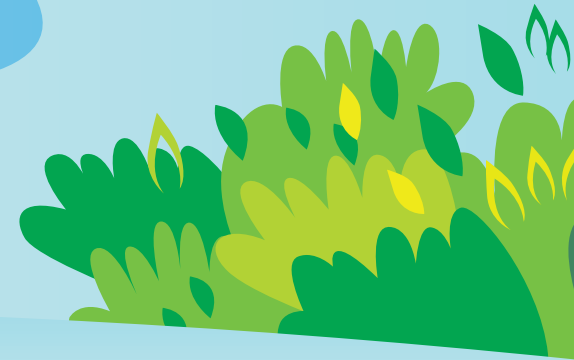
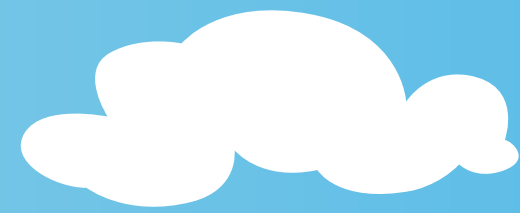
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