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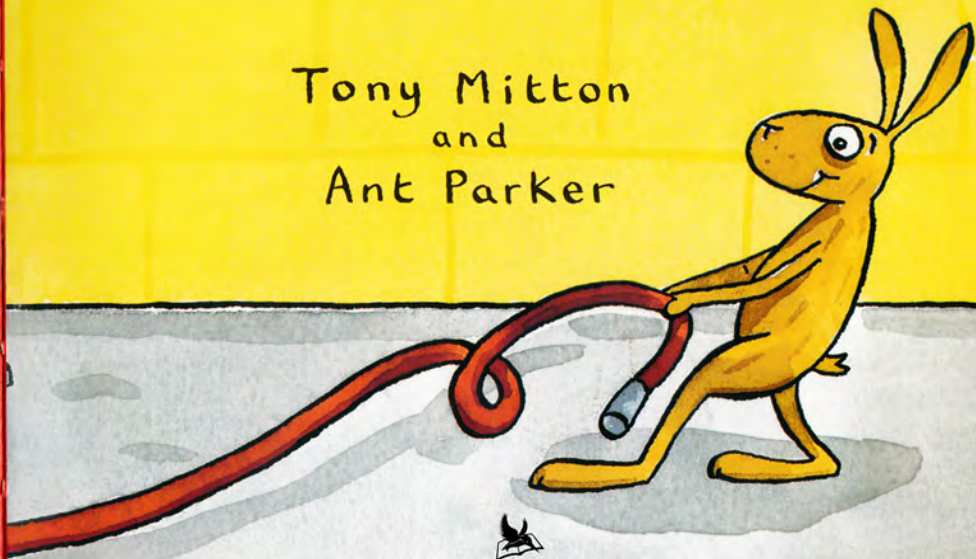


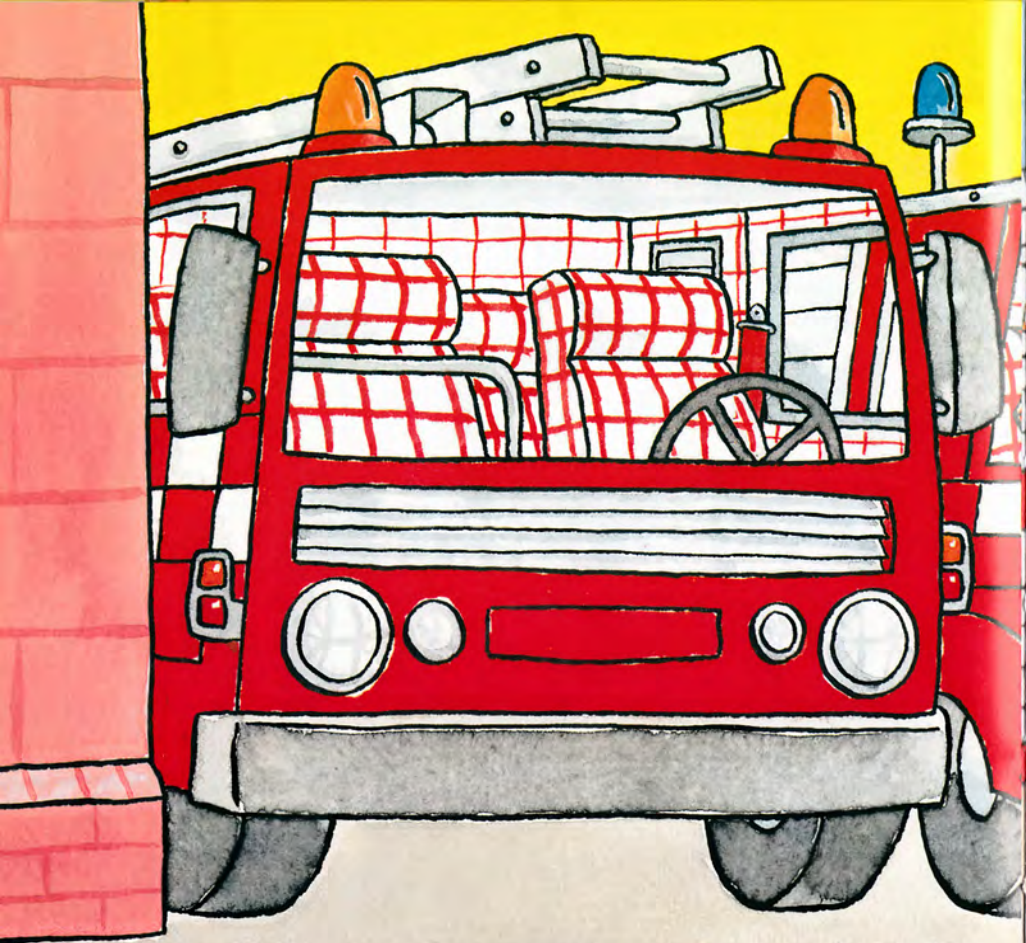
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Big, bold fire engines, waiting day and night,



ready for a rescue or a blazing fire to fight.



As soon as there's a fire alarm,
the engine starts to roar.



The firefighters jump aboard –
it rumbles out the door.



wee-o

wee-o-o-o

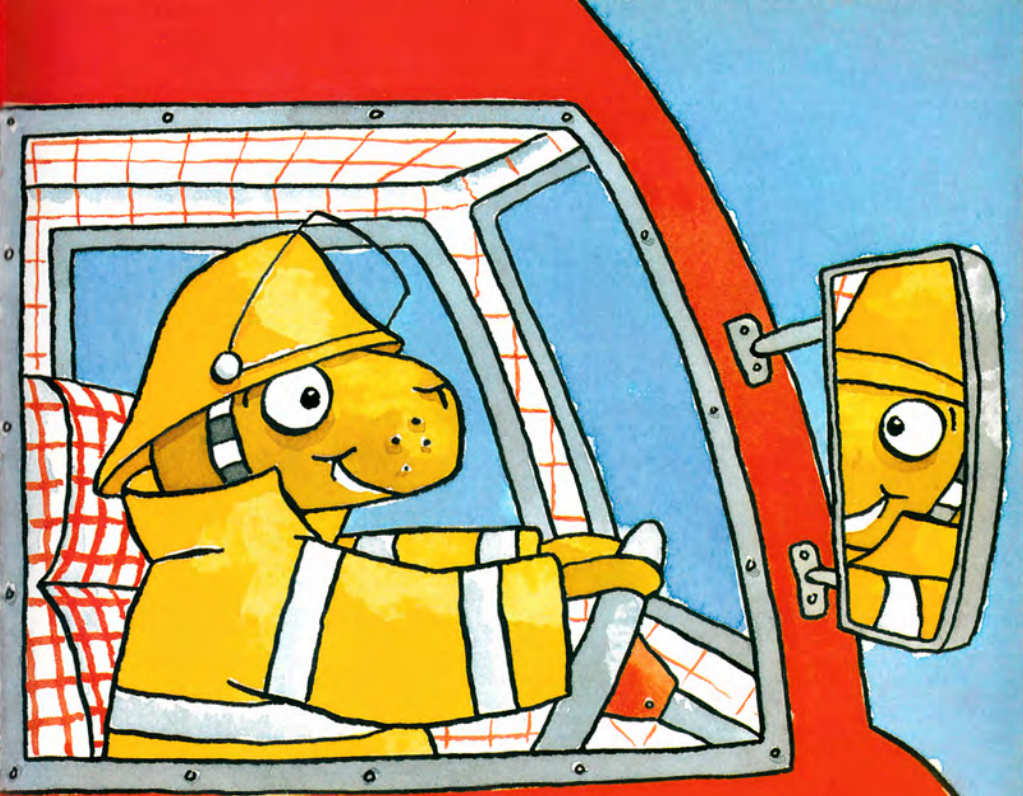
Watch the engine speeding, on its daring dash.



Hear its siren screaming. See its bright lights flash.



In helmets, fireproof coats and trousers,
boots so big and strong,



the crew are dressed and ready
as the engine zooms along.



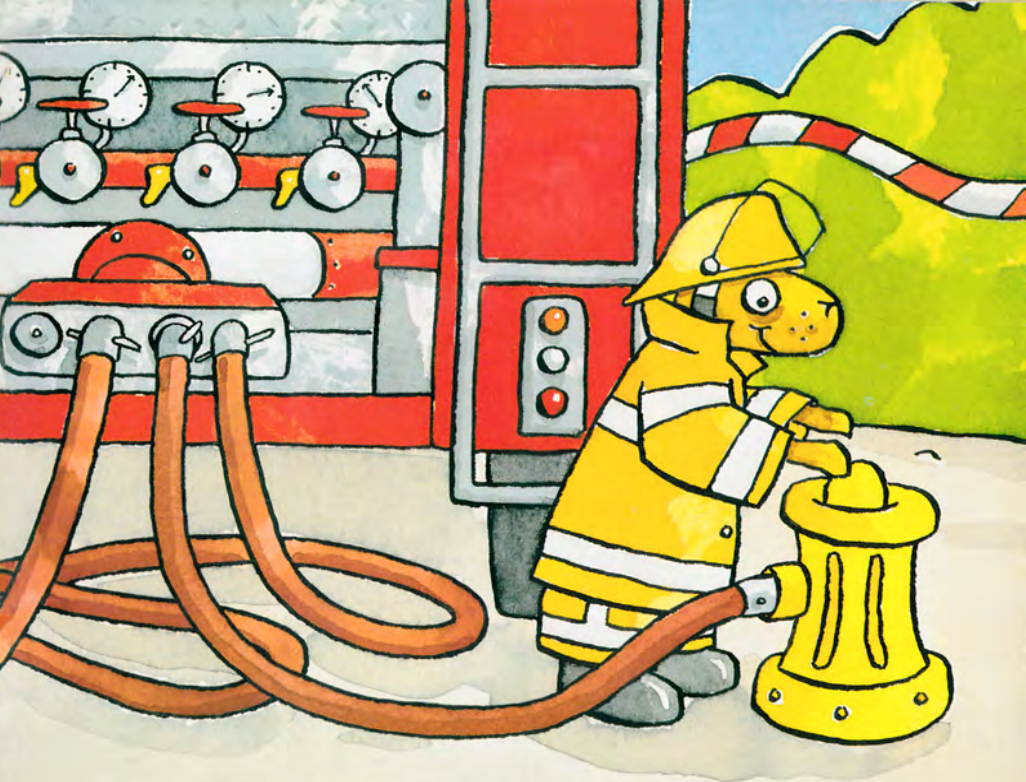
When the engine finds the fire,
it quickly pulls up near.



The crew jump out, unroll the hose
and get out all the gear.

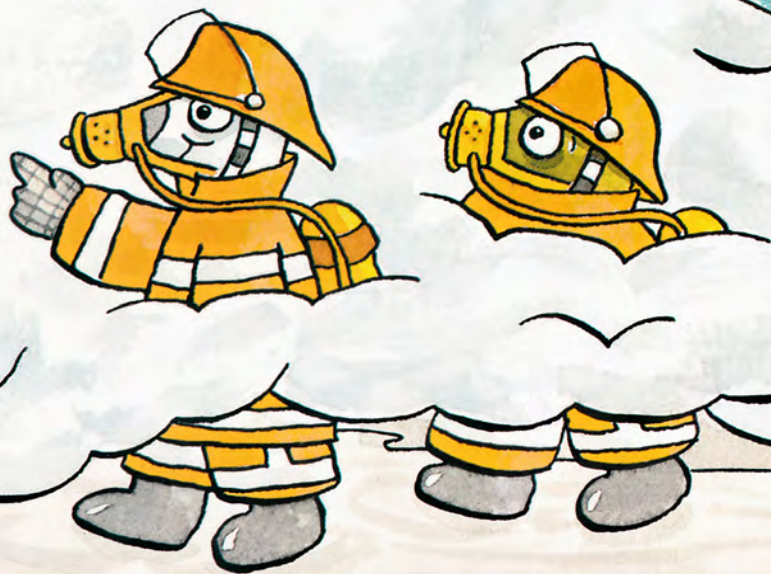


The hose has got a nozzle
that shoots a jet of spray.
It squirts right at the blazing flames
and sizzles them away.



The water tank is empty soon,
so where can more be found?
The engine's pump can pull it up
from pipes below the ground.

Whoosh



The fire is hot and roaring.
It makes a lot of smoke.



The firefighters put on masks,
otherwise they'd choke.



The ladder rises upward. It reaches for the sky.
A fire engine's ladder stretches up so very high!



Sometimes there's a platform, right up at the top.
It waits beside the window. Then into it you hop.



At last the fire's extinguished.
The flames are all put out.



Lower the ladder. Roll the hose.
“Hooray!” the fire crew shout.



Back inside the station,
the crew can take a break.



But the fire engine's ready
and it's waiting wide-awake.

Fire Engine bits

helmet



this is a
hard hat that
protects the
firefighter's
head

fireproof coats
and trousers



these are made
from special material that
does not burn easily and
protects firefighters
from the fire

masks
and
tanks



we cannot
breathe in
smoky air so
firefighters
carry clean air
in tanks on
their backs and
this flows into
their masks



siren

this makes a
loud noise to
tell people to move out
of the way and let the
fire engine pass



water tank

this is inside the middle
of the fire engine and
holds water to fight the
fire - some fire engines
carry foam, too



pump

this sucks water from the tank
and pushes it out through
tubes called hoses - it also
gets water from underground
through big taps in the street
called hydrants



hose connect
to pump

Big, bold fire engines,
waiting day and night,
ready for a rescue
or a blazing fire to fight.

Jump aboard the engine and join a band of brave
animal firefighters in this exciting picture book.

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