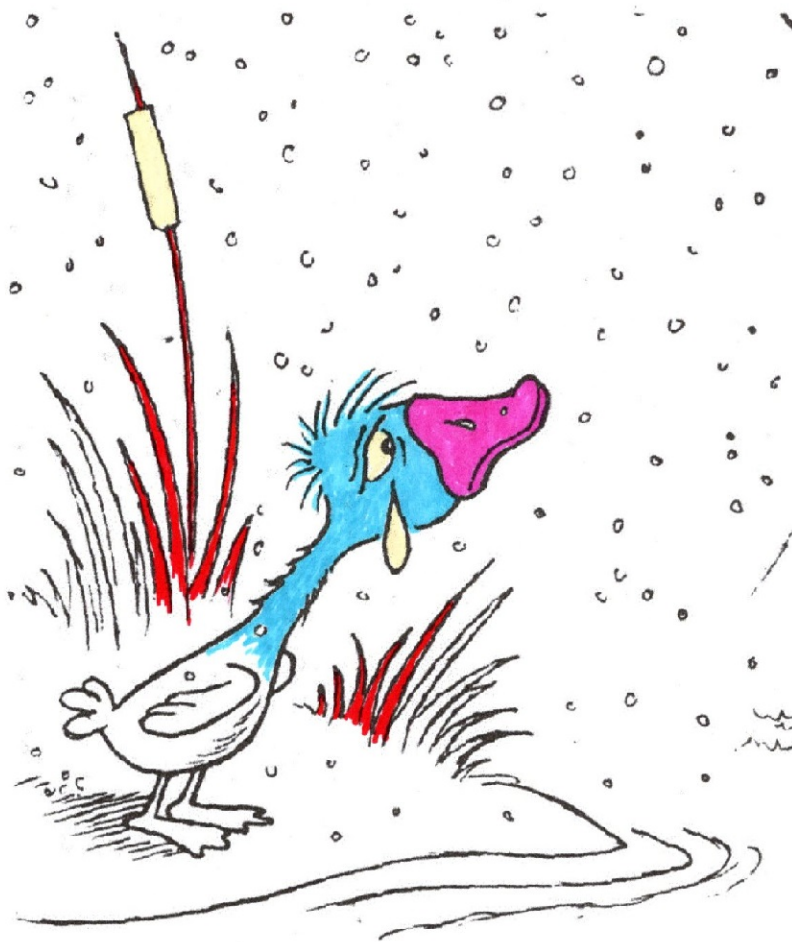


Help Bruce Goose Fly South

A Talk-Along Coloring Story Book



Children participate by guessing rhyming answers

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**To All My Great-Grand Nieces,
and Great-Grand Nephews:**

**Audrey, Ava, Caroline, Claire, Elliott,
Elyas, Griffin, Hank, Huck, Jackson, Natalie,
Nathan, Noah, Olivia Rose, Oren, Random,
Riley, Sebastian, Sophia, and Wyatt.**

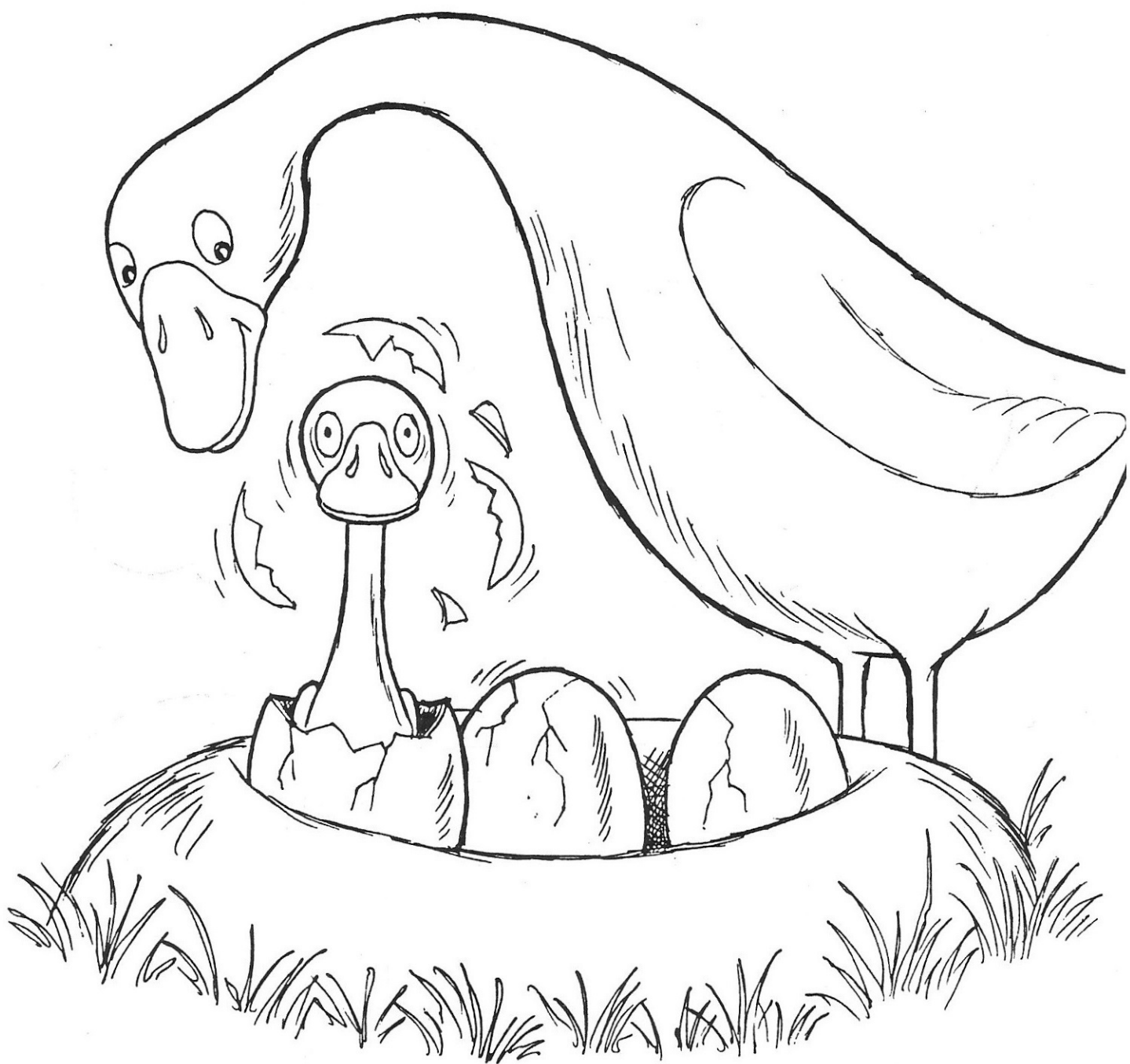
I want you to know before we start

Our story has a speaking part.

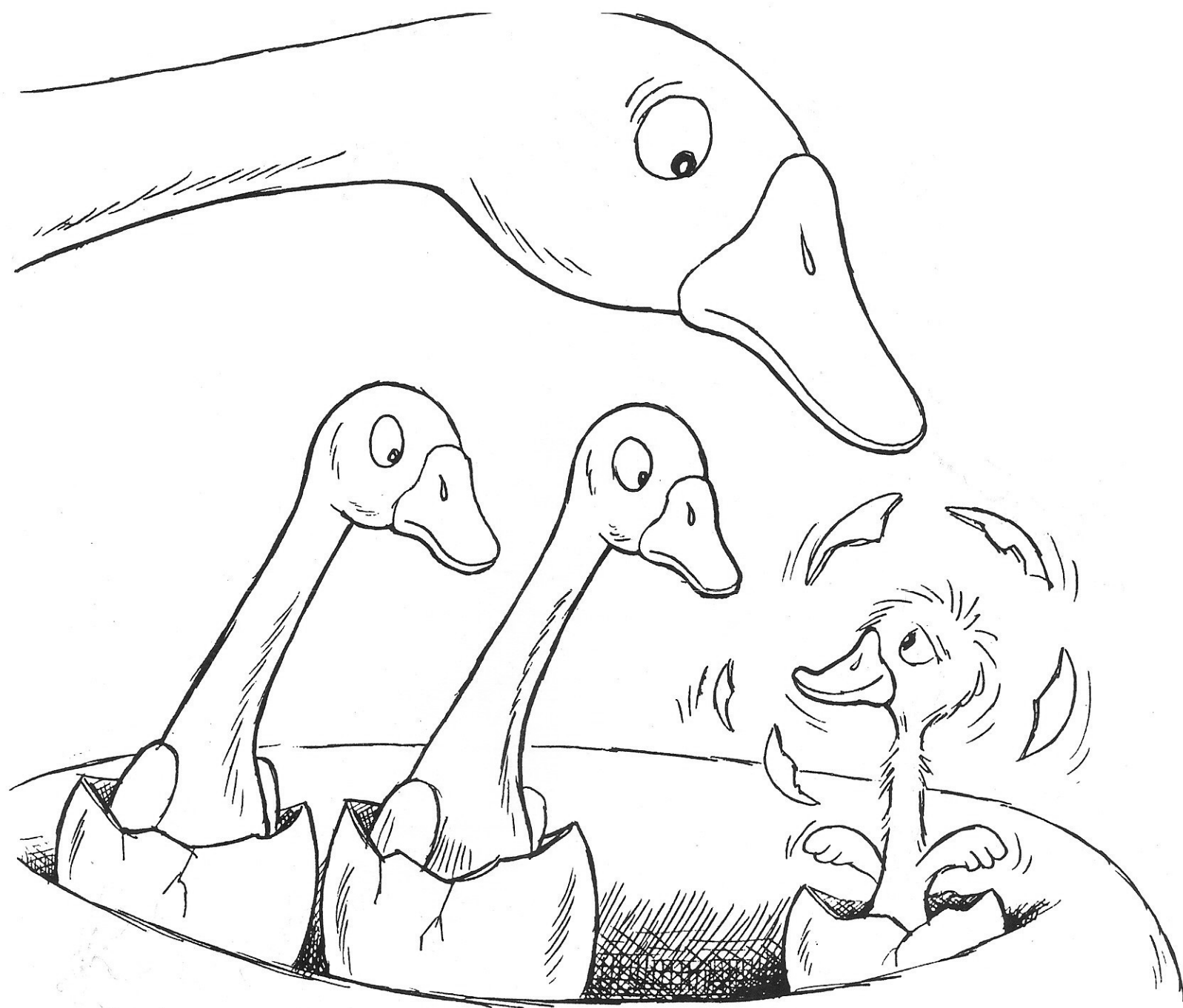
When you see the dots...

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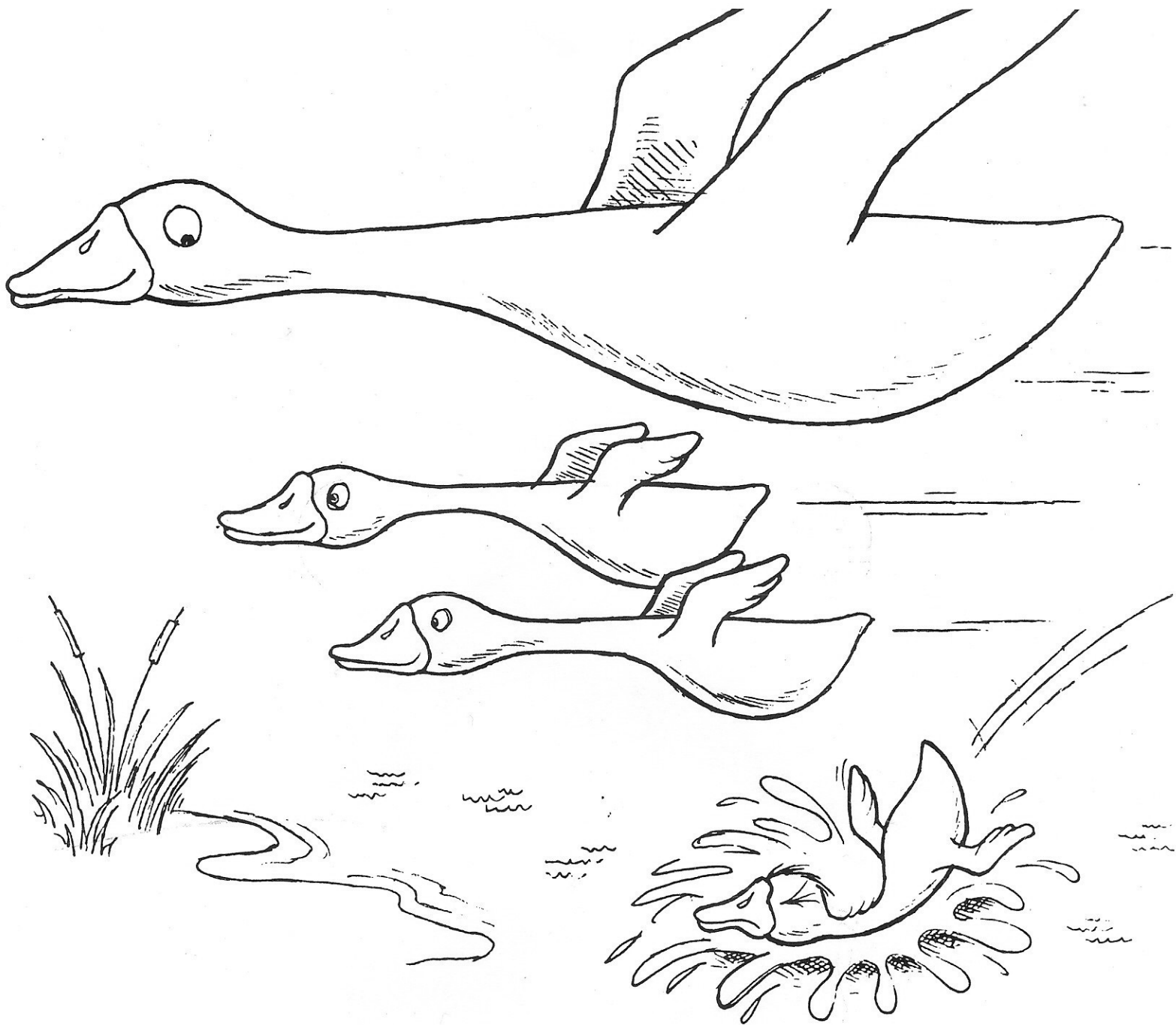
That is the time for you to be heard.



Have you ever seen some goose eggs hatching?
Just you wait -- I hear something scratching!
And now the eggs are starting to shake,
And now they're all beginning to break!
It looks like it's time to introduce
Our number one little baby goose!



And now there are two -- just one more to go!
I don't know why, but he's awfully slow.
He's trying hard. I can hear him grunt.
Oh, dear!
Look here!
A scrawny little runt!

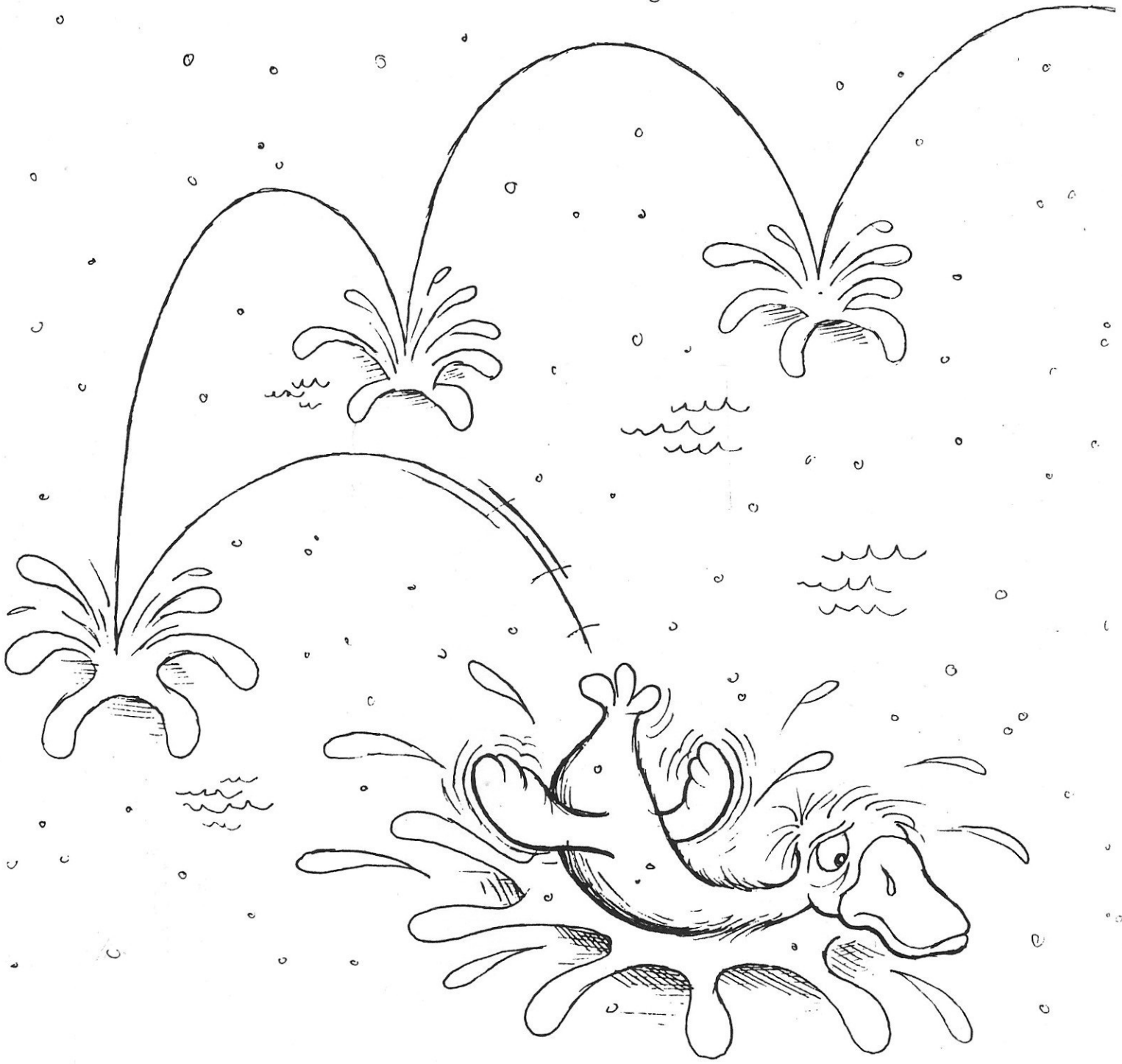


All summer long they learn to fly,
And then they head South. Do you know why?
Why, WINTER, of course. It's time to go
When all their food is covered with snow.
Look at our runt -- let's call him Bruce.
He's a very scraggy, thin little goose.
The other two geese fly right away,
But Bruce keeps crashing, day after day.

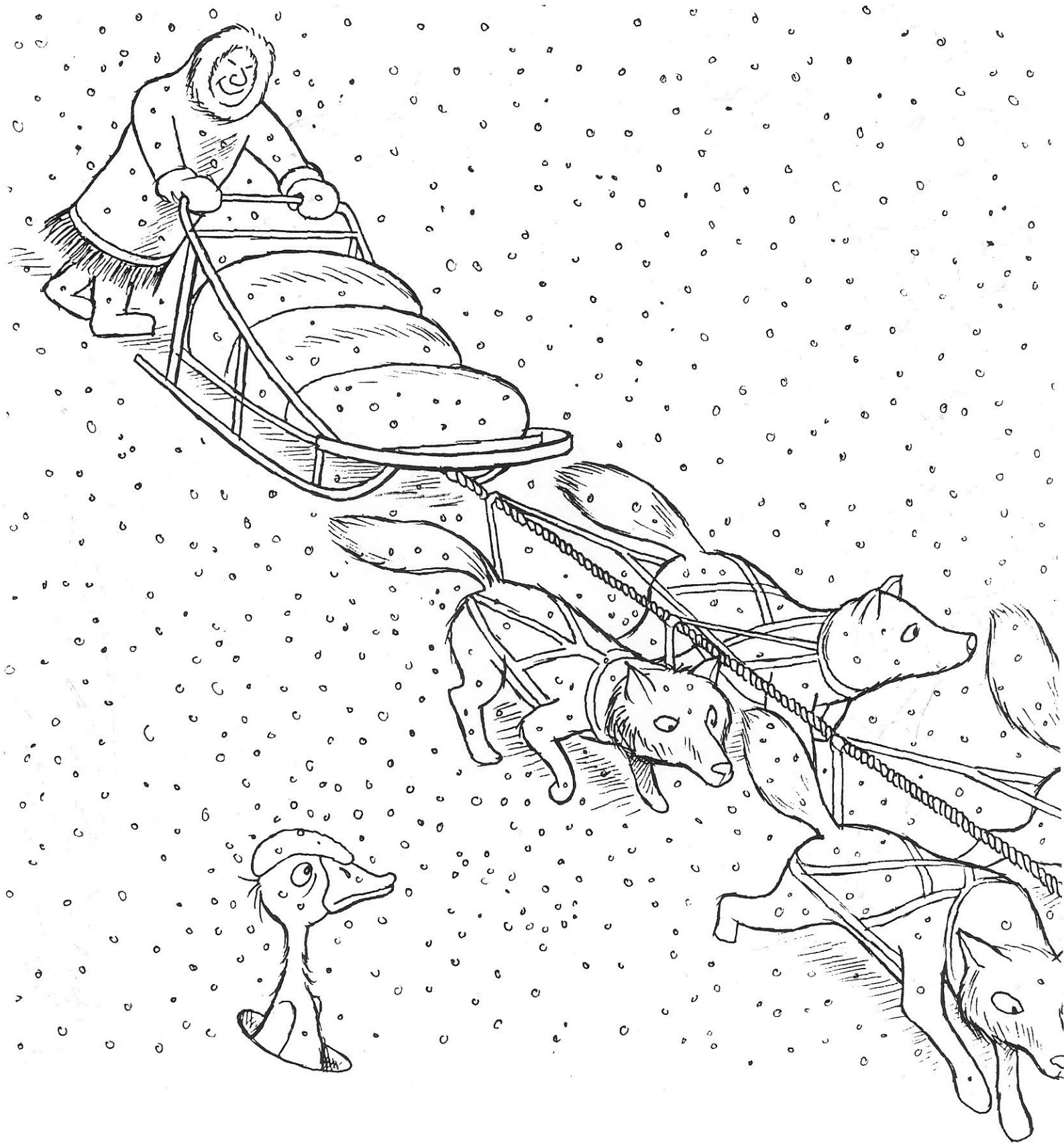


Summer becomes fall, and now it's snowing.
The geese all know it's time to get going.
Now, I know you'll think it's not very kind,
But the geese flew South . . .

and left Bruce behind!

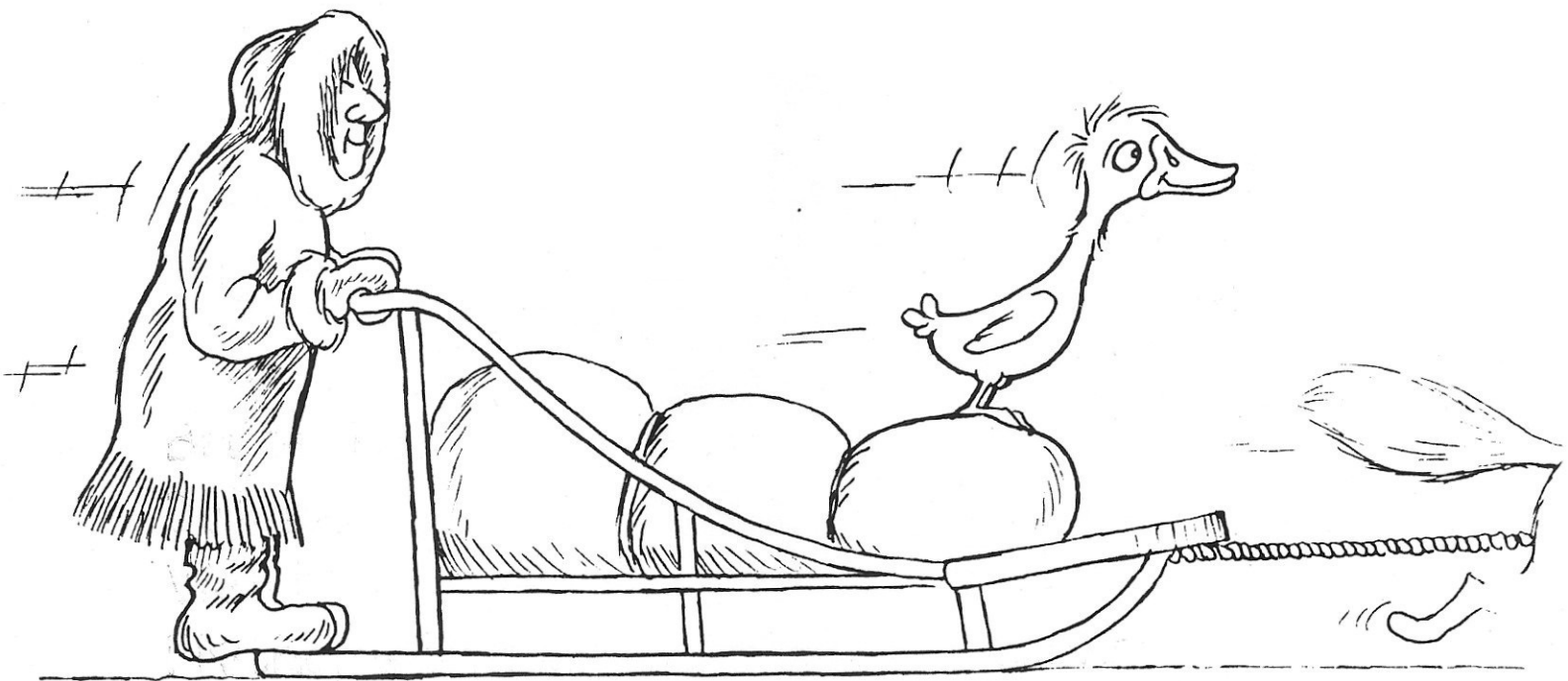


Bruce TRIES to fly -- he never stops!
But he only flies in little hops.
Well,
Flying won't work. THAT we all know!
So won't YOU tell him how to go?



Look! An Eskimo, and he's headed South;
So this is the time to open your mouth!
Poor little Bruce will be frozen dead
Unless you tell him to hop on the

sled





He did what you said, and away they slide
And whiz right by that Indian guide.
But look at the rabbit -- the little pest!
He's got the dogs all headed WEST!
So speak right up, without further ado.
Tell Bruce Goose to jump on the

canoe





Oh, my goodness, what awful luck!

Everything's stopped.

The canoe is stuck!

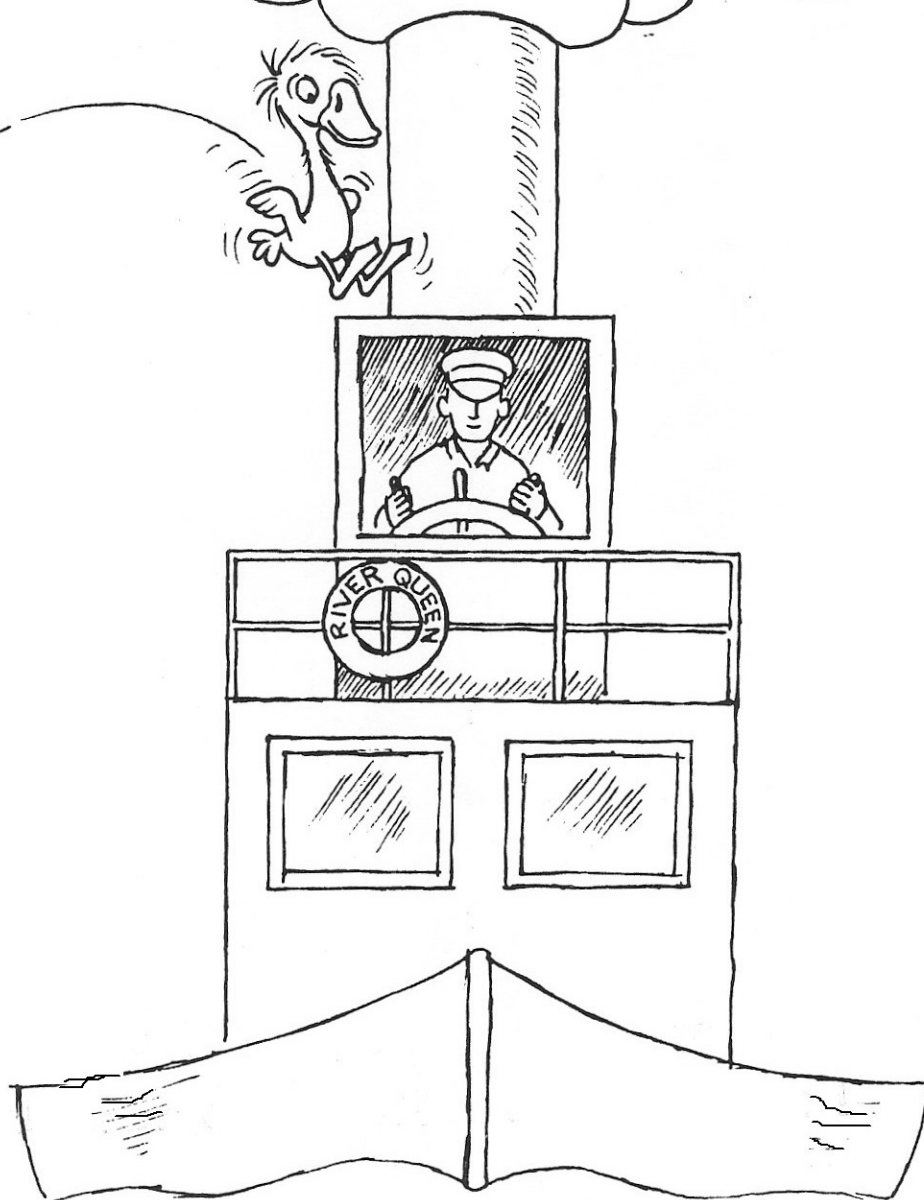
Yes, stuck on the antlers of a great big moose!

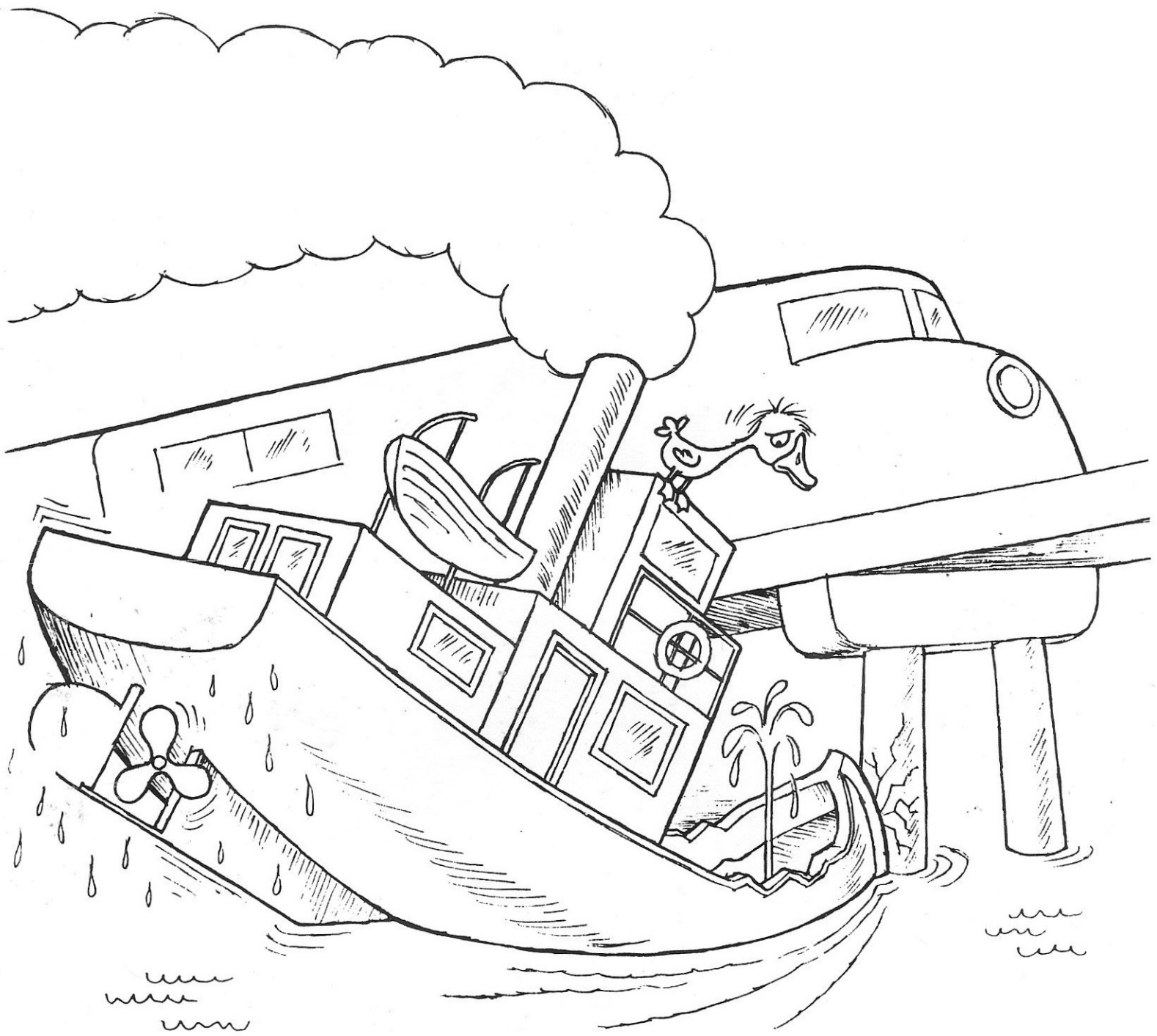
So how in the world can we get Bruce loose?

Well, since the canoe is no longer afloat,

Let's tell little Bruce to hop on the

boat





Now the boat's behavior is very queer.

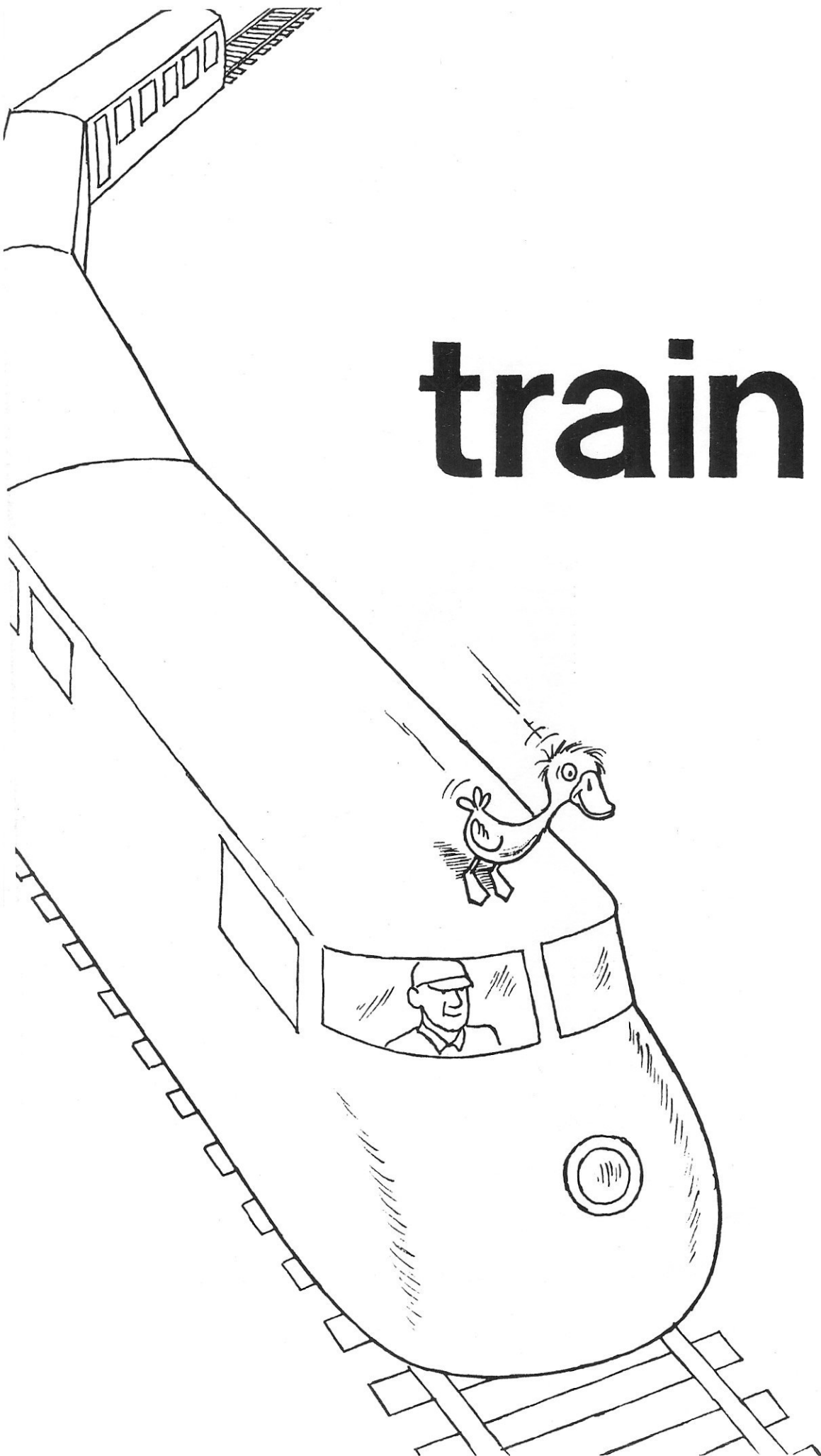
I don't think the captain knows how to steer!

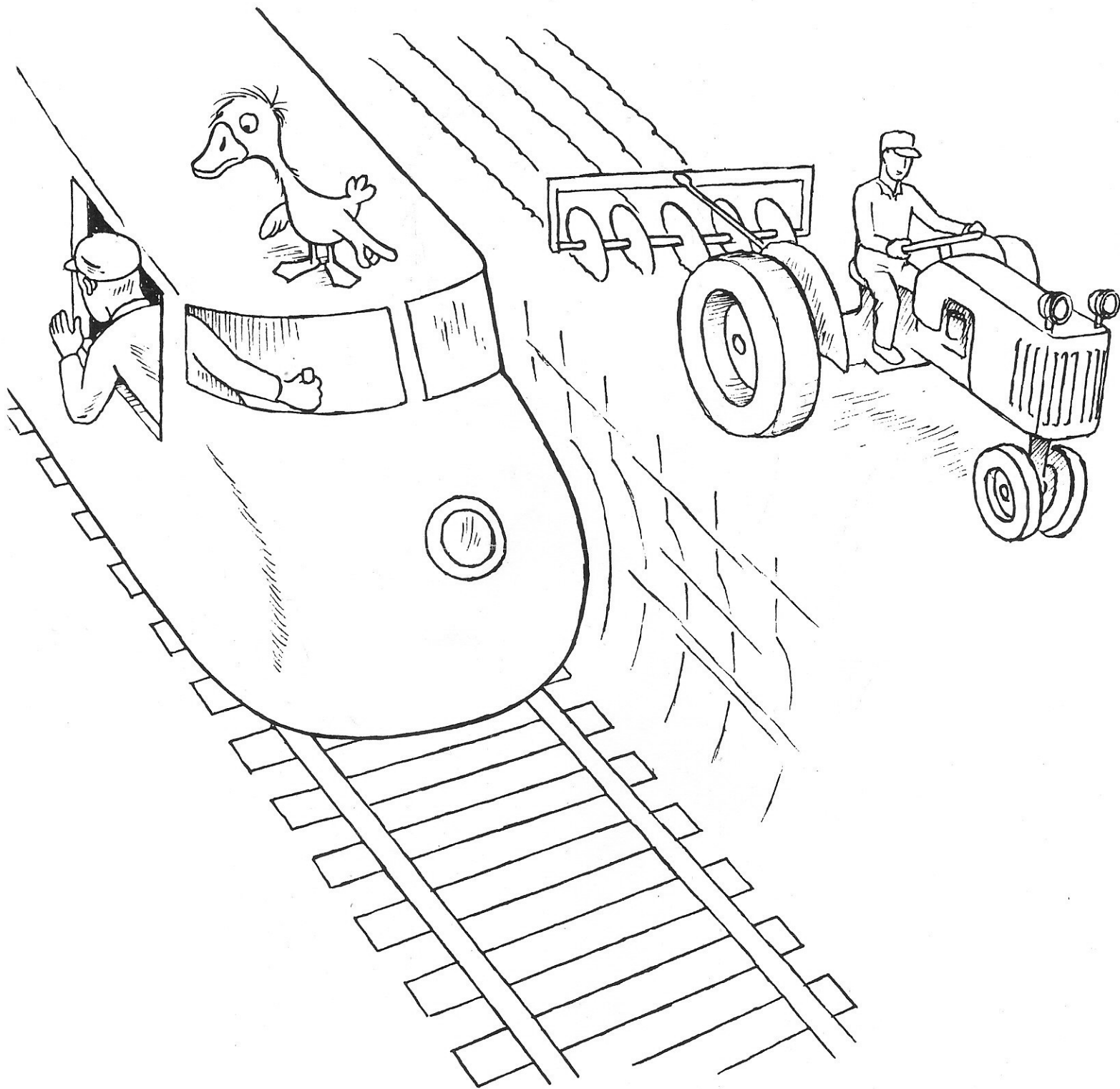
The boat **RAMMED** the bridge, and now it's sinking
And Bruce is so scared he's just not thinking!

I'm afraid your help will be in vain

Let's tell Bruce Goose to hop on the

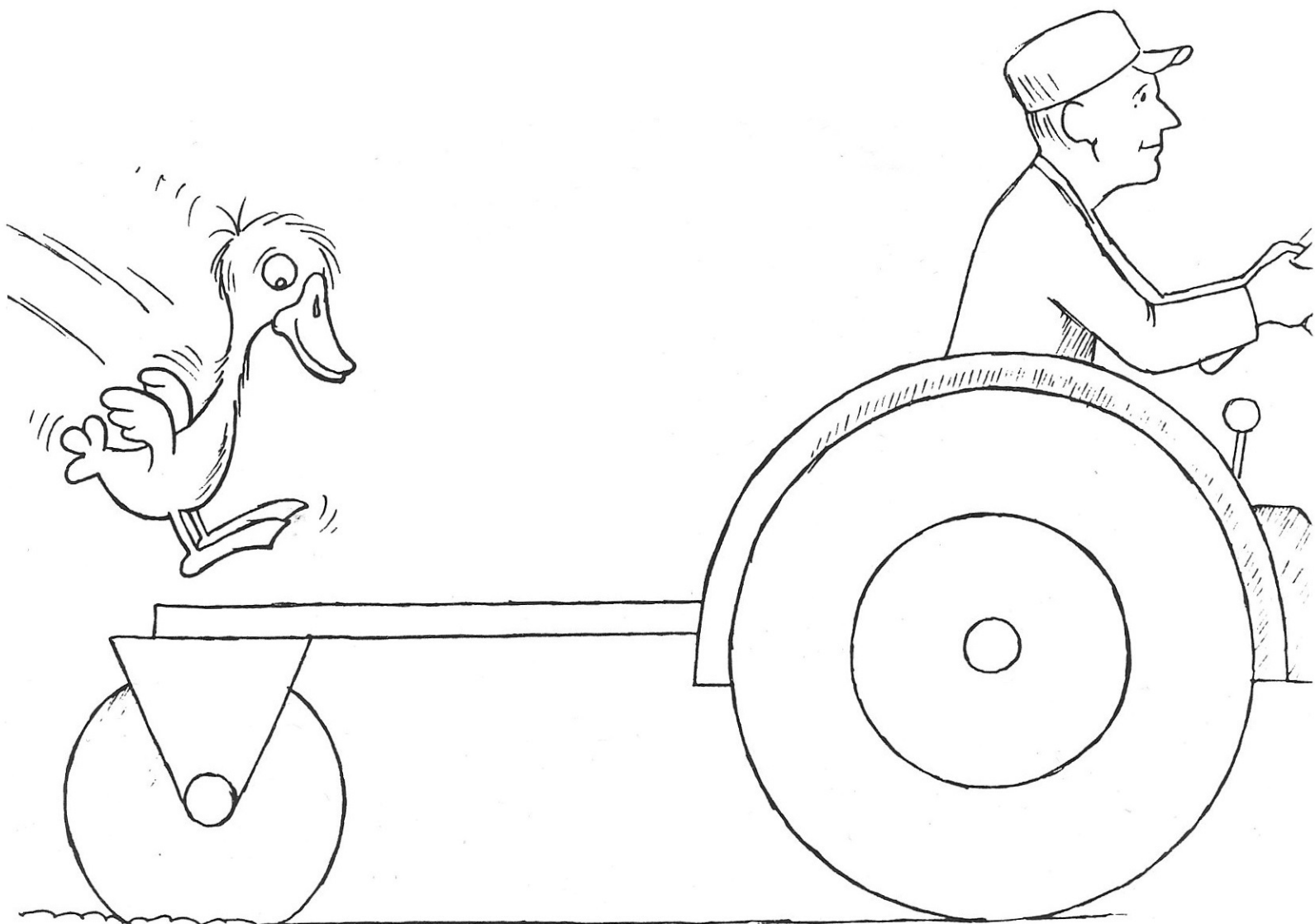
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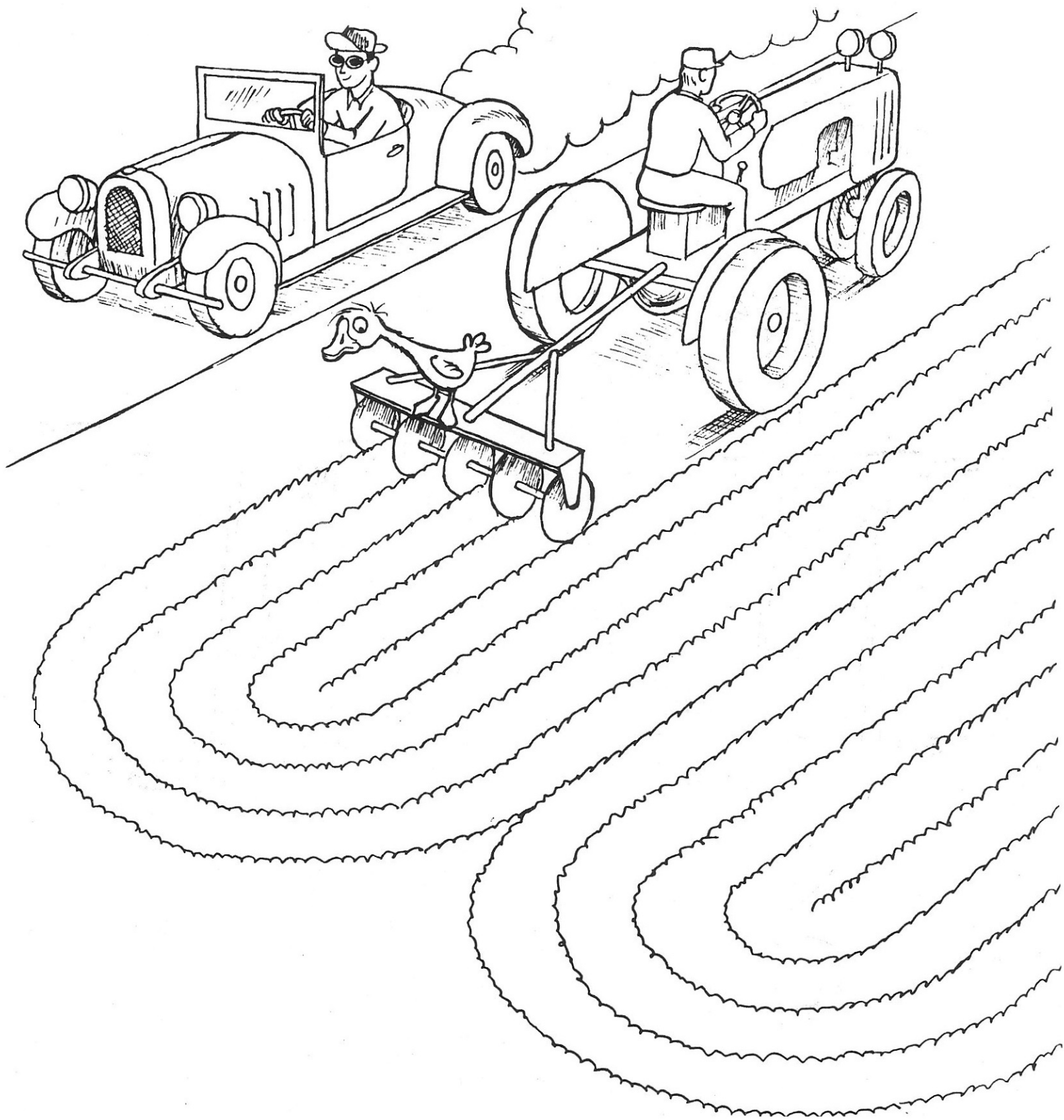




The train's engineer is full of fun,
But VERY bored with the some old run.
"Day after day I go straight ahead.
But NOT today!" the engineer said.
So he stopped the train, and then he backed her!
She's going NORTH! Bruce must jump on the

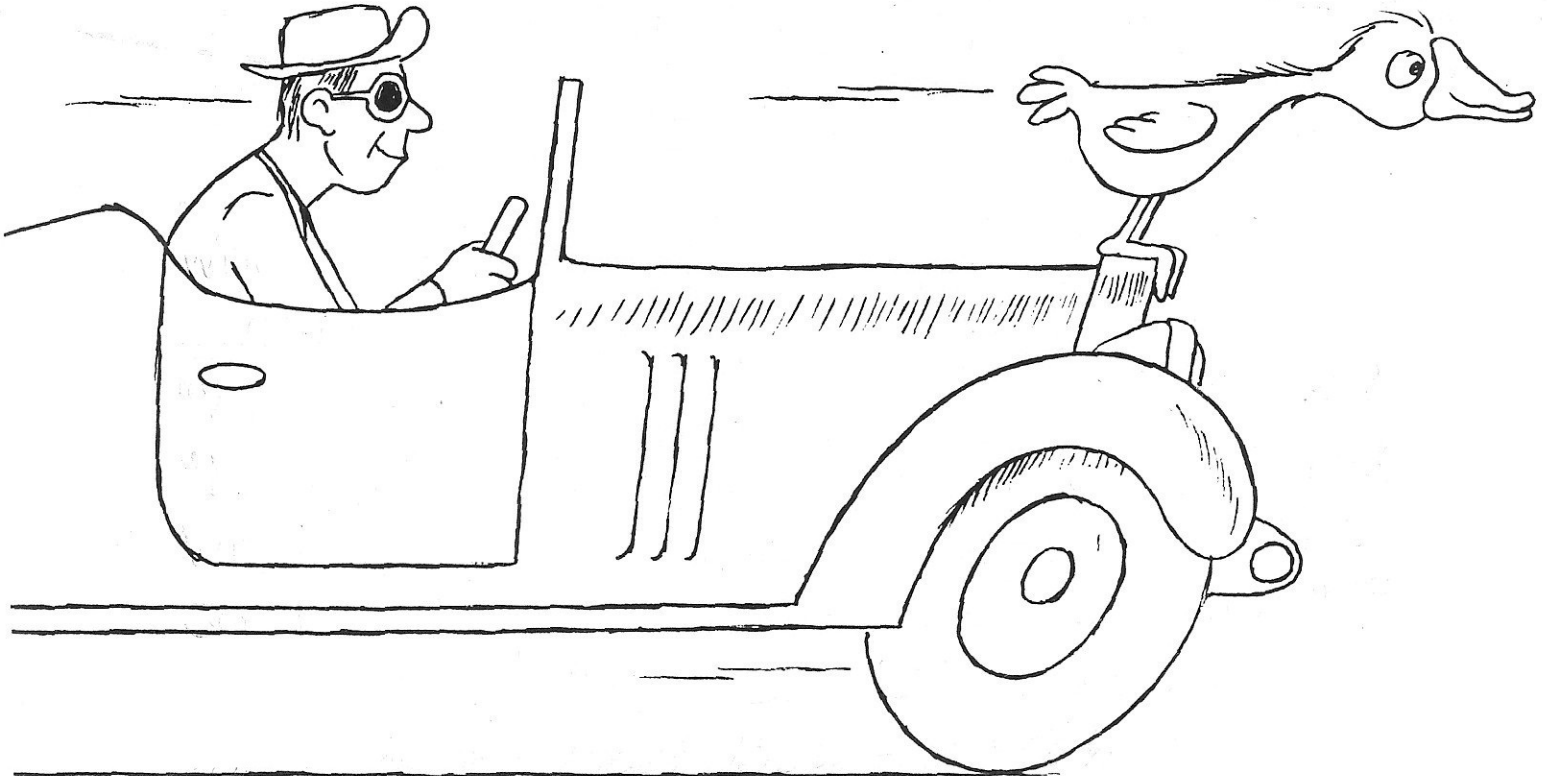
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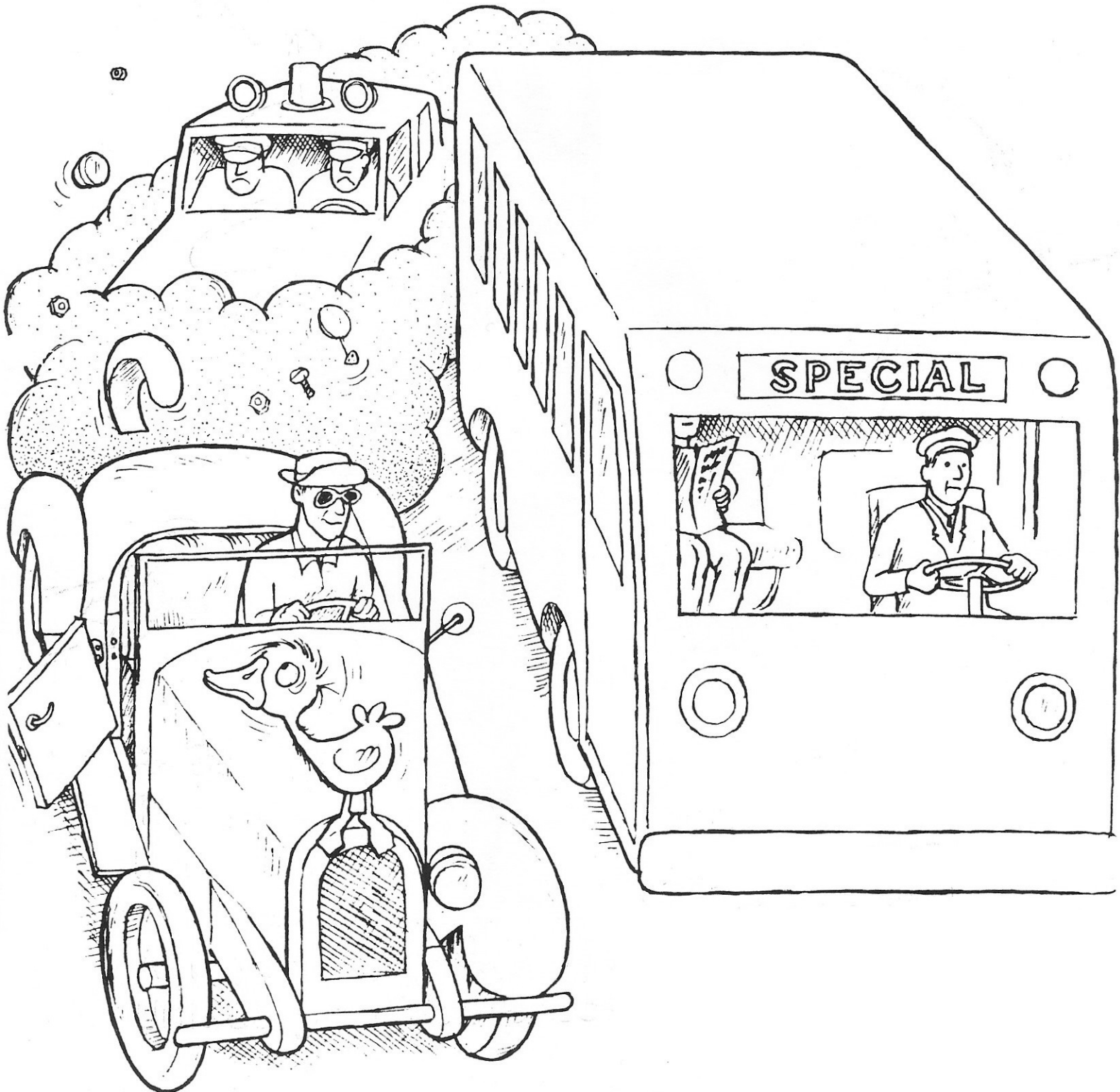


Now a tractor plowing is very slow,
And goes back and forth, row after row.
Poor Bruce is stuck and he won't go far
Unless you tell him to jump on that

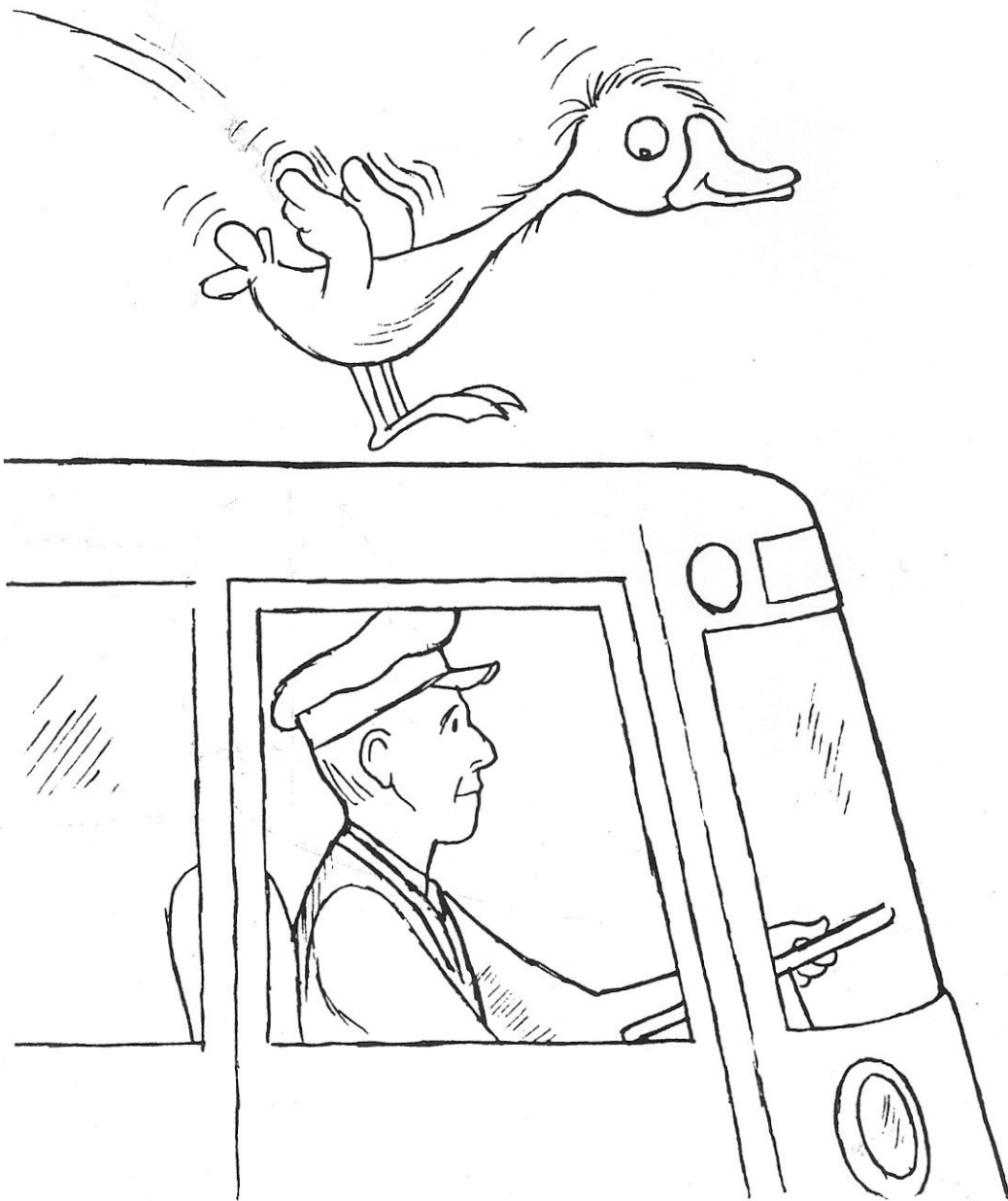
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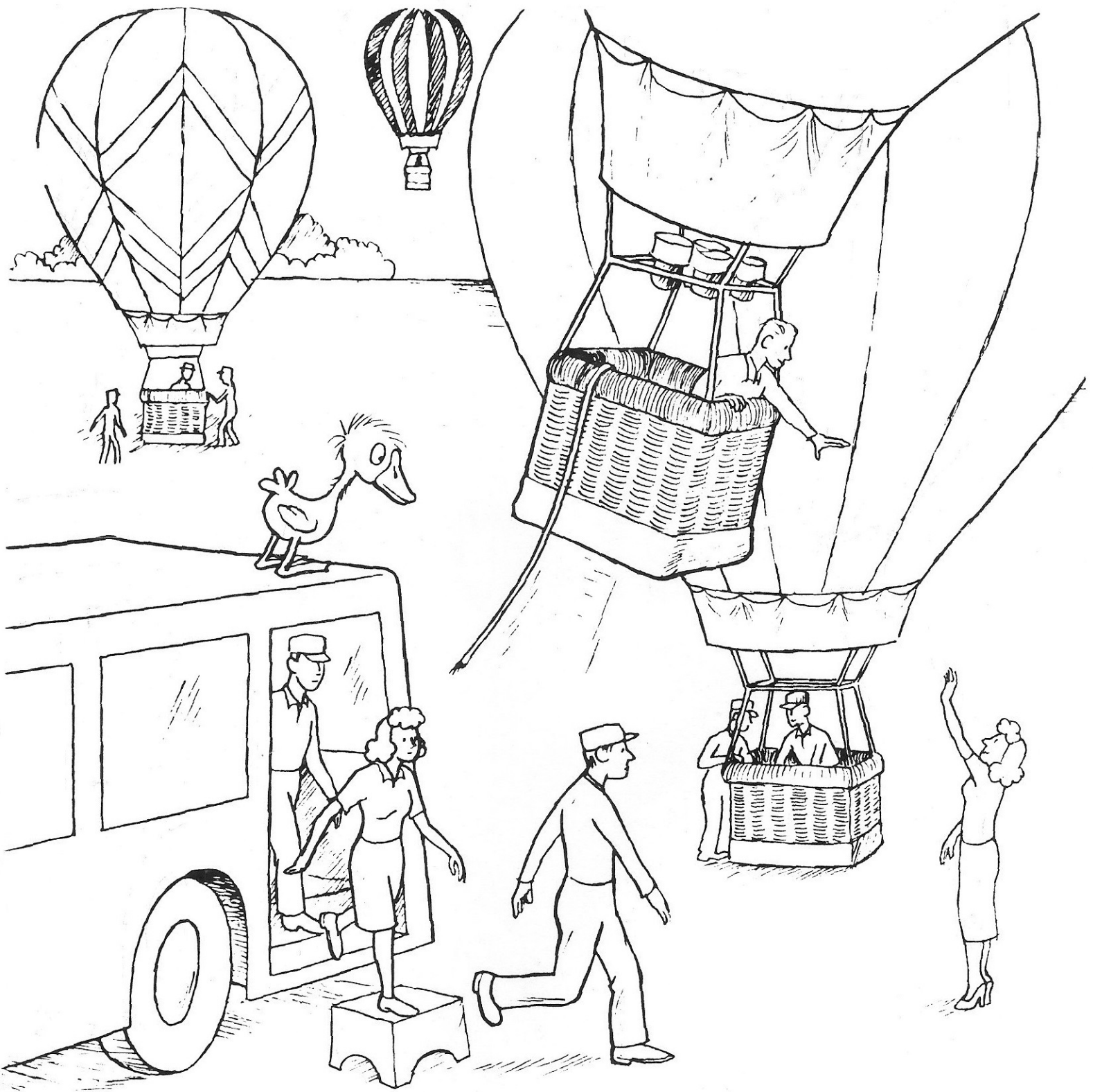


Away we go! But I'm afraid it won't last.
Our driver loves speed, and he's going too fast!
The car is losing parts, piece by piece,
And right behind are some angry police!
See what their passing? It's time for us
To tell Bruce Goose to take a



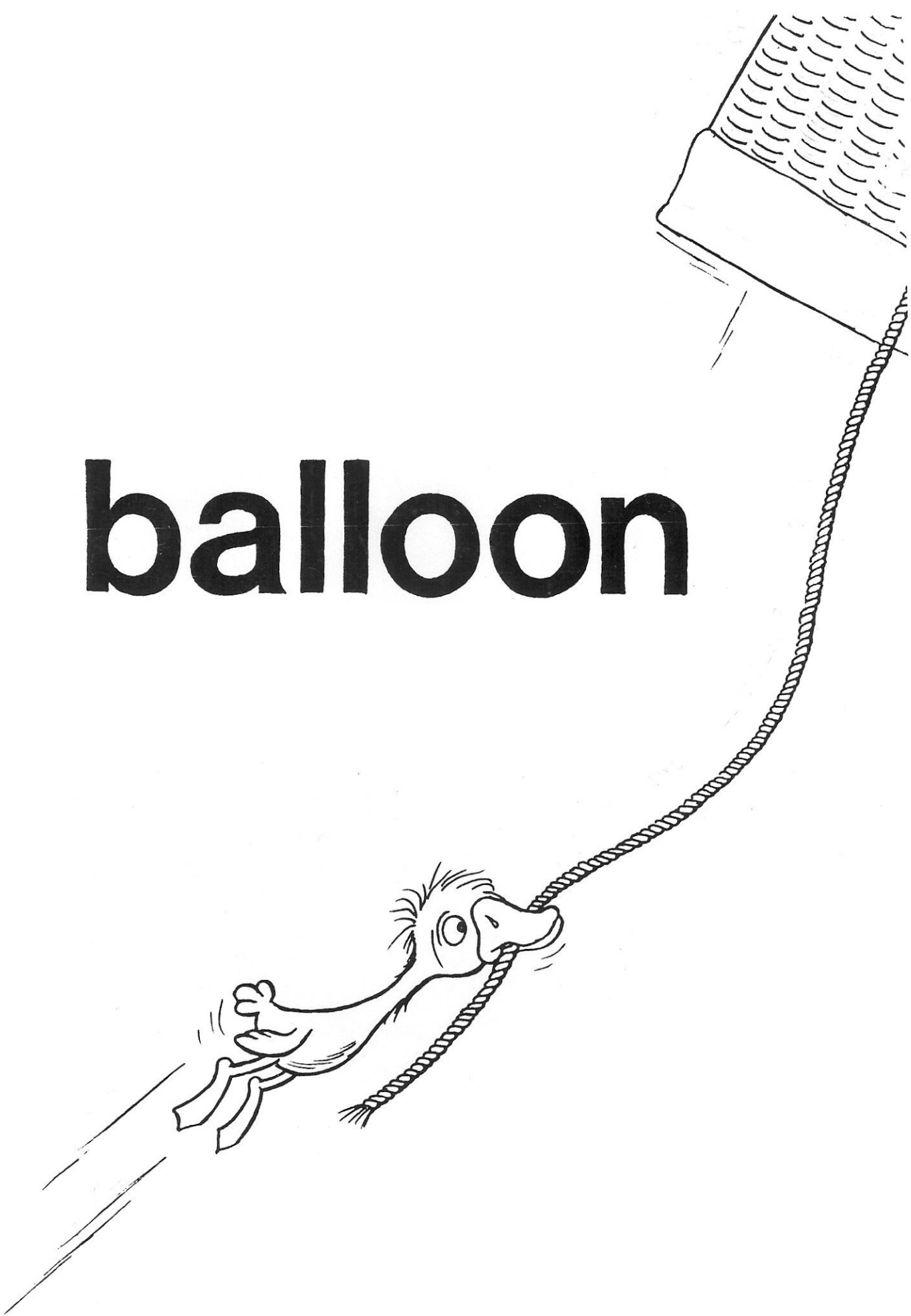
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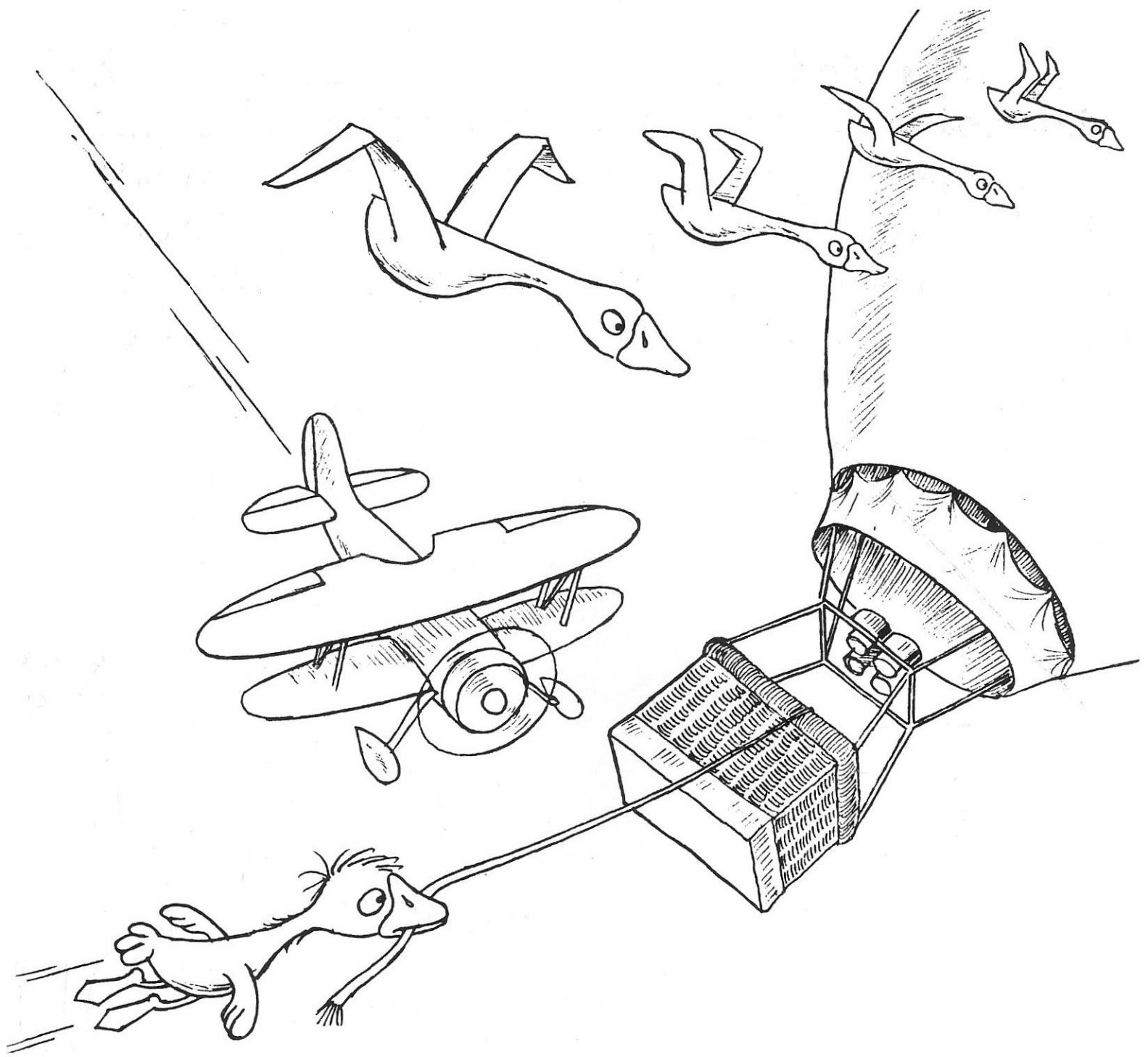




It looks to me like the trip is complete.
The bus has stopped at a flying meet.
Bruce can fly too, if he does something soon!
He must grab the rope on the big

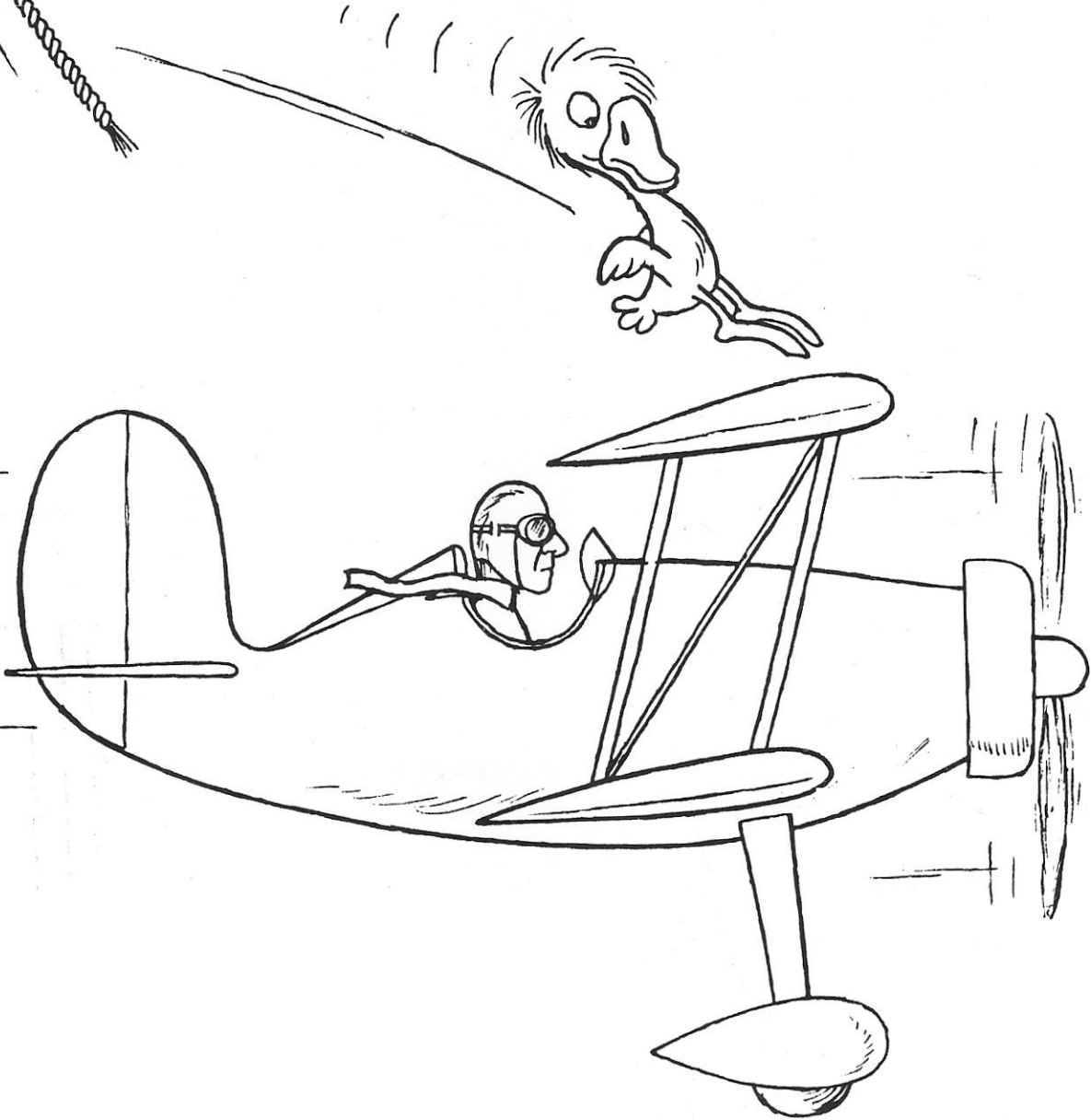
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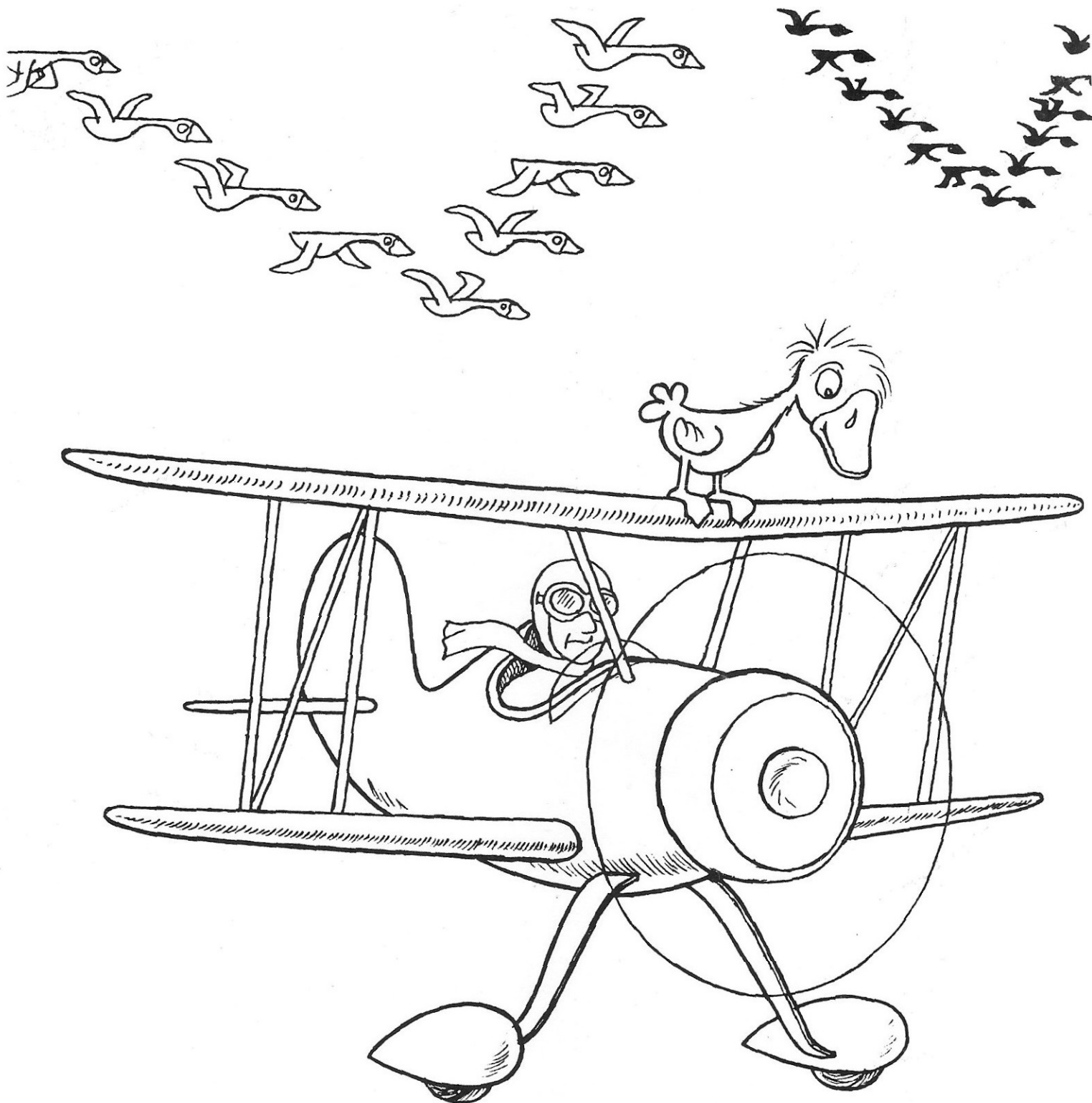




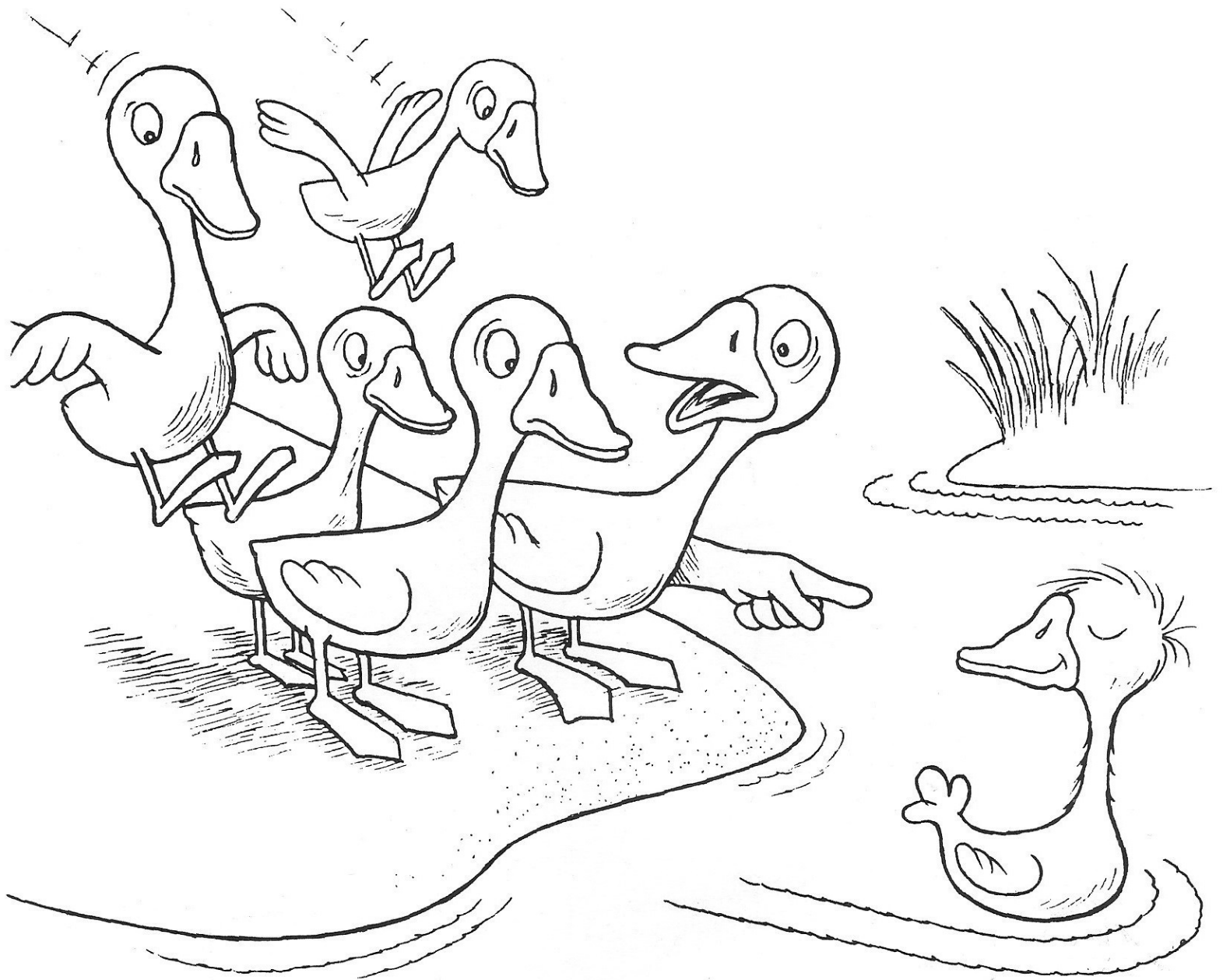
As Bruce floats South, now right on course,
The wind starts blowing with added force.
It then starts blowing EAST instead.
So, the geese fly by and get far ahead.
All your help will go down the drain
Unless you tell Bruce to catch the

plane





The plane flew high and very fast
And caught the geese, and flew right past!
Then Bruce looked down and saw below
The feeding ground where all geese go!



When the geese arrived, guess whom they found
Swimming alone on the feeding ground?

"Who," cried one, "is this runt of a goose?"

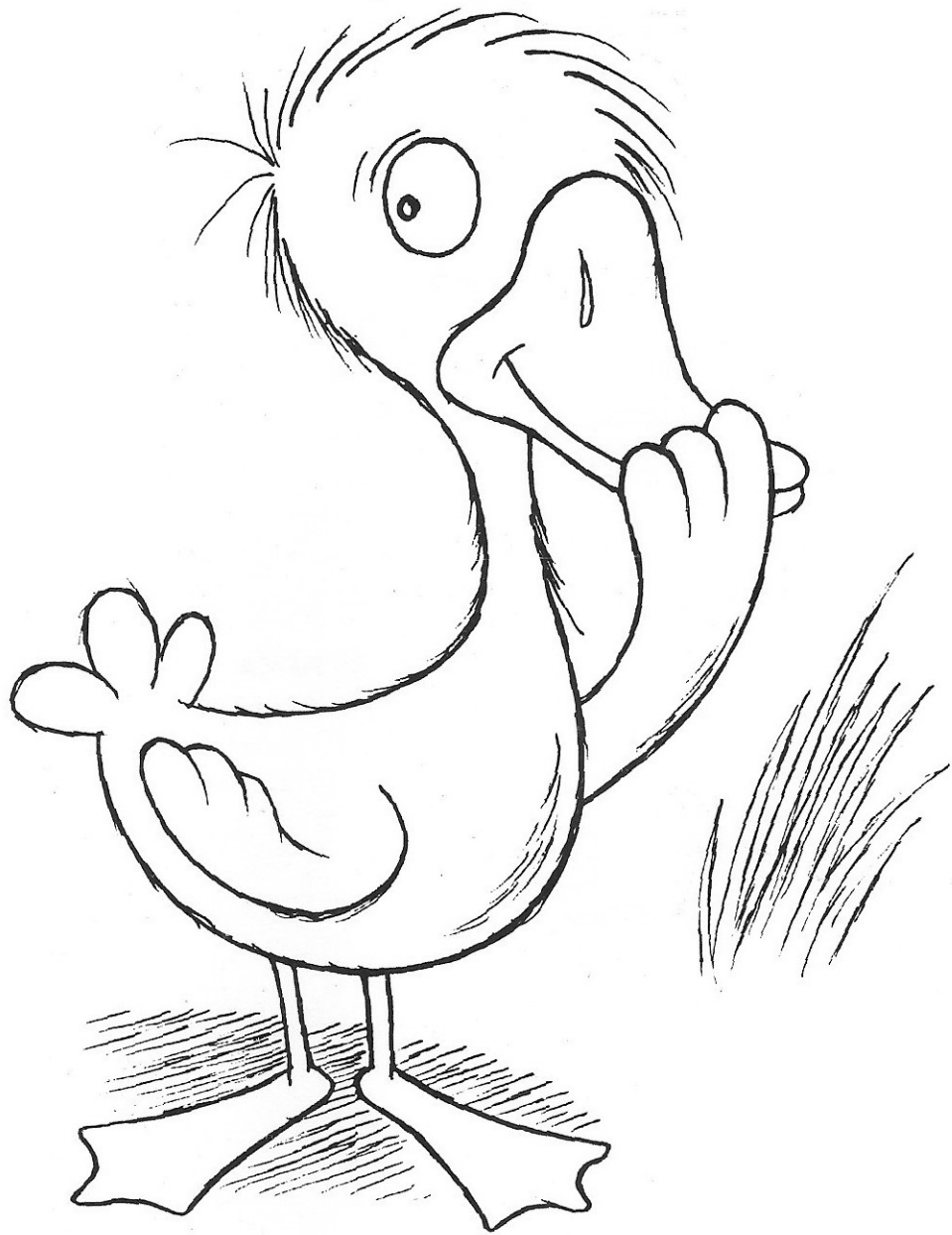
"I think," said another, "He looks like Bruce!

When we left him behind, we feared the worst;

So how on earth did he get here first?

No doubt about it, Bruce is a whiz!

The world's fastest goose -- that's what he is!"



Isn't that great? They think he FLEW South!
So let's be quiet and cover our mouth.
Yes, let's keep a secret --
And they'll never know
That YOU told Bruce the way to go!

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Author/illustrator Dick Punnett grew up in Penfield, New York, and graduated from Principia College in Elsah, Illinois. For over 35 years he has delighted children of preschool to 7 years of age with books that have made learning fun. His series, TALK-ALONG, was published in 1982 and was the first interactive books introduced into the schools. They were best sellers because they taught basic concepts in a very original and clever way, and all in rhyme. He wrote another series called DOUBLE-RHYME, and over the years he has added to both series and also written single story books. Of the 15 books he has authored, seven of them are also illustrated by him. Because he spent a number of years as a writer-cartoonist for a Hollywood animation studio, his illustrations have a special appeal for children. They are perky, funny and expressive.