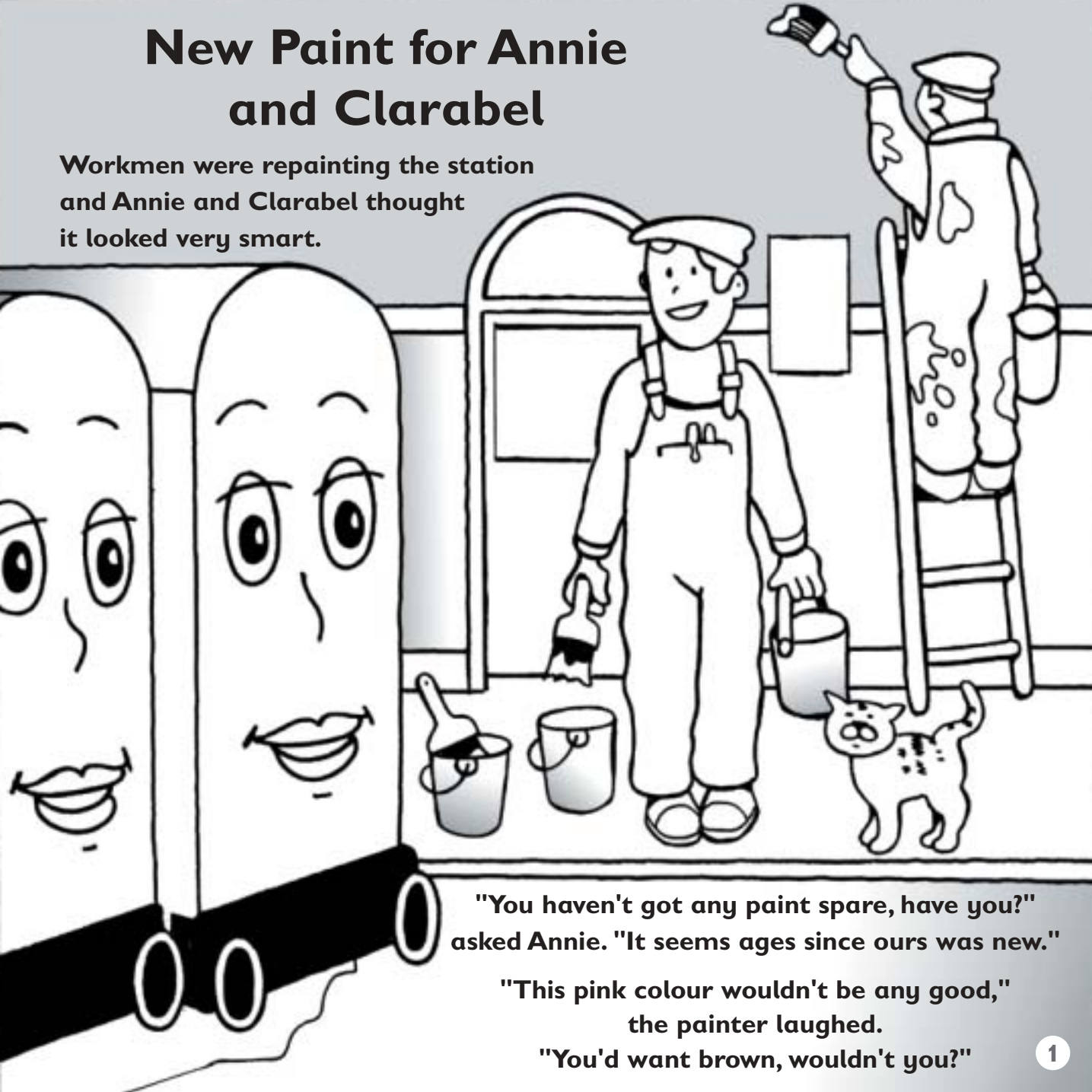


New Paint for Annie and Clarabel

Workmen were repainting the station and Annie and Clarabel thought it looked very smart.

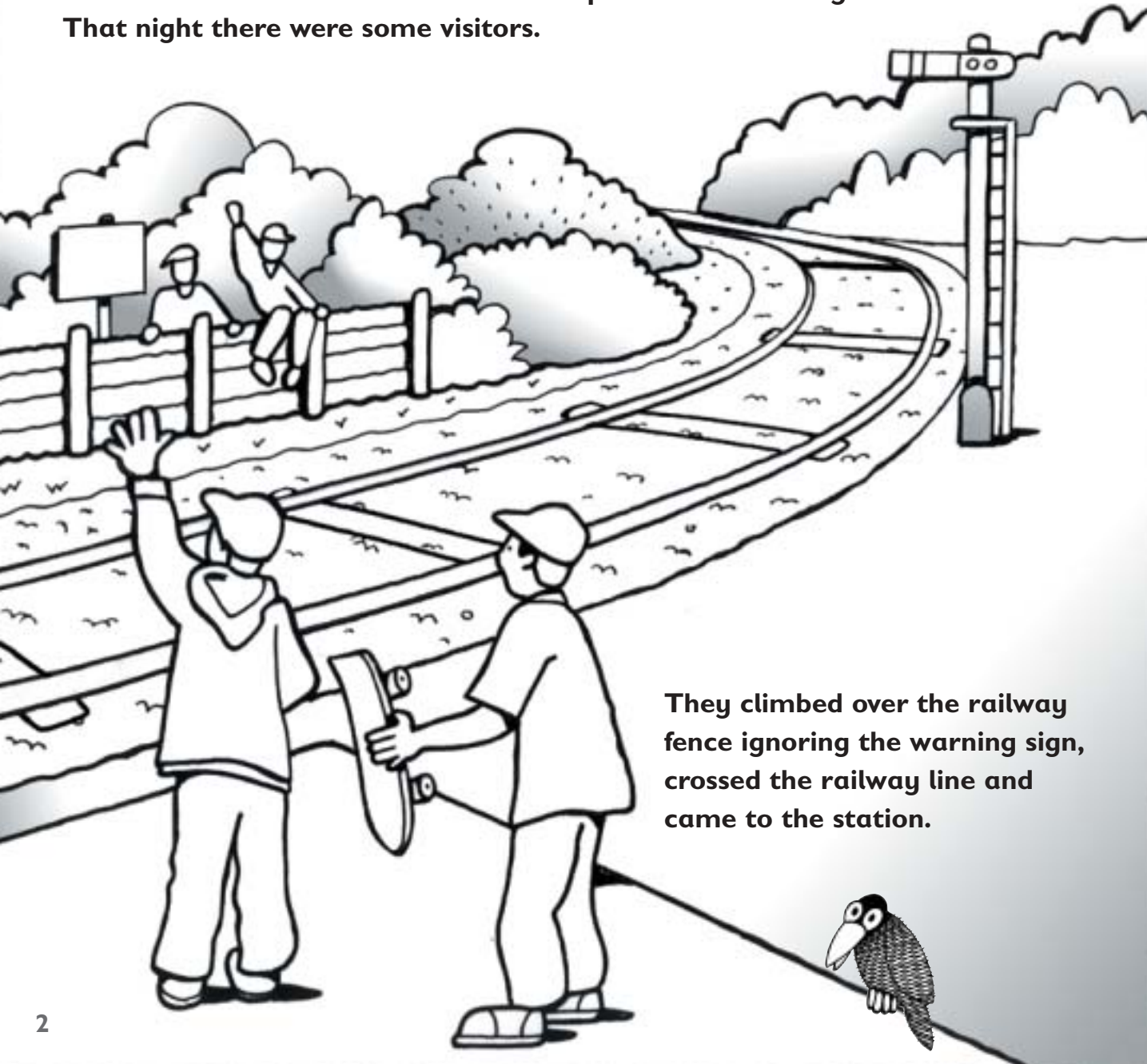


"You haven't got any paint spare, have you?" asked Annie. "It seems ages since ours was new."

"This pink colour wouldn't be any good," the painter laughed.

"You'd want brown, wouldn't you?"

**At last the station was finished and the painters went away.
That night there were some visitors.**



**They climbed over the railway
fence ignoring the warning sign,
crossed the railway line and
came to the station.**

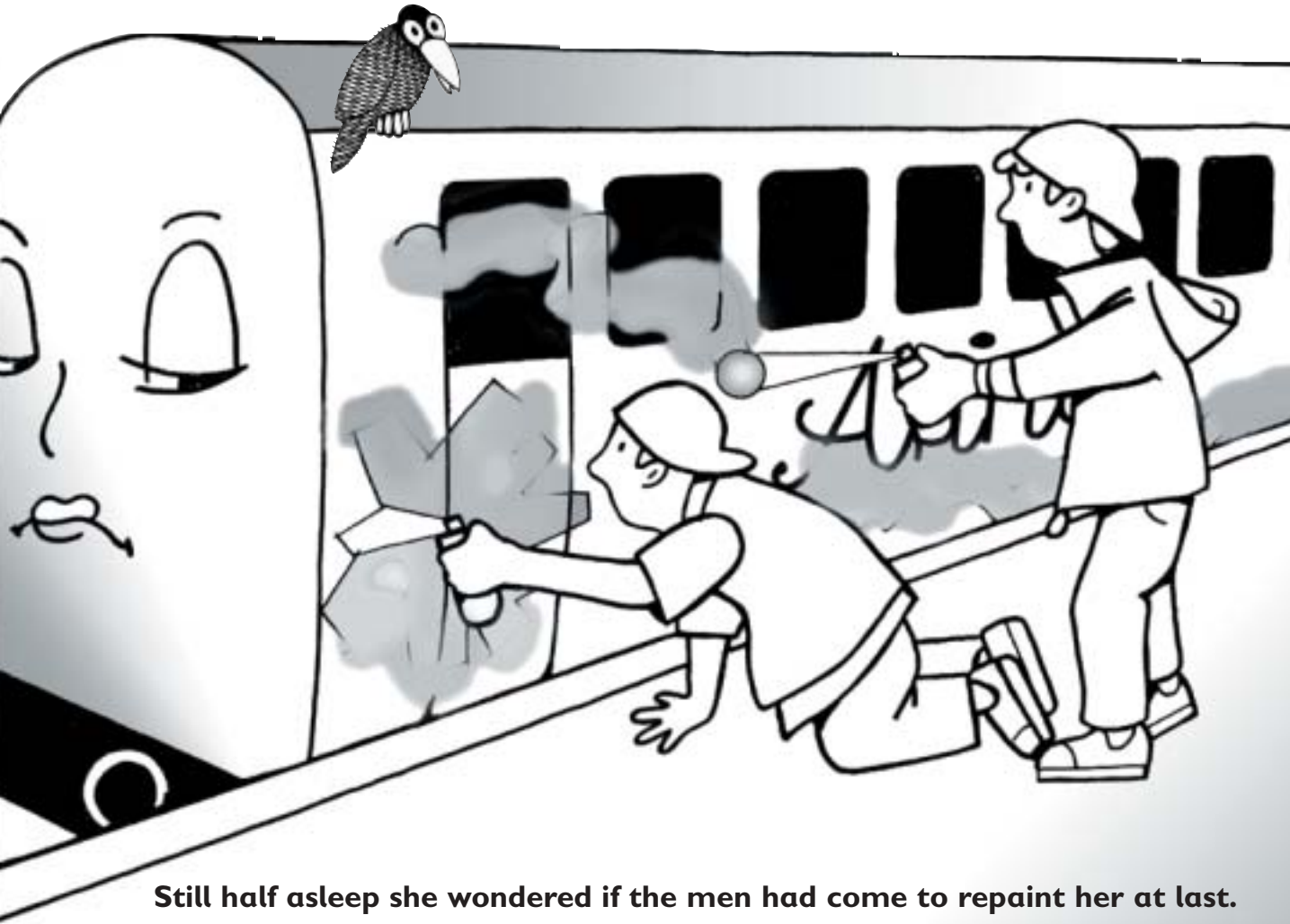


The next day The Fat Controller arrived to find red wavy lines sprayed on the seats and a large question mark on the waiting room door.



He immediately sent for Policeman Len, who said to everyone, "Please keep your eyes open and let me know if you find out anything about this."

That night Annie and Clarabel were alone in their shed.
Annie wakened suddenly when she heard a footstep, then a hissing noise
and felt a coolness on her side.



Still half asleep she wondered if the men had come to repaint her at last.
"What's happening?" demanded Clarabel loudly as she felt cool on one side too.

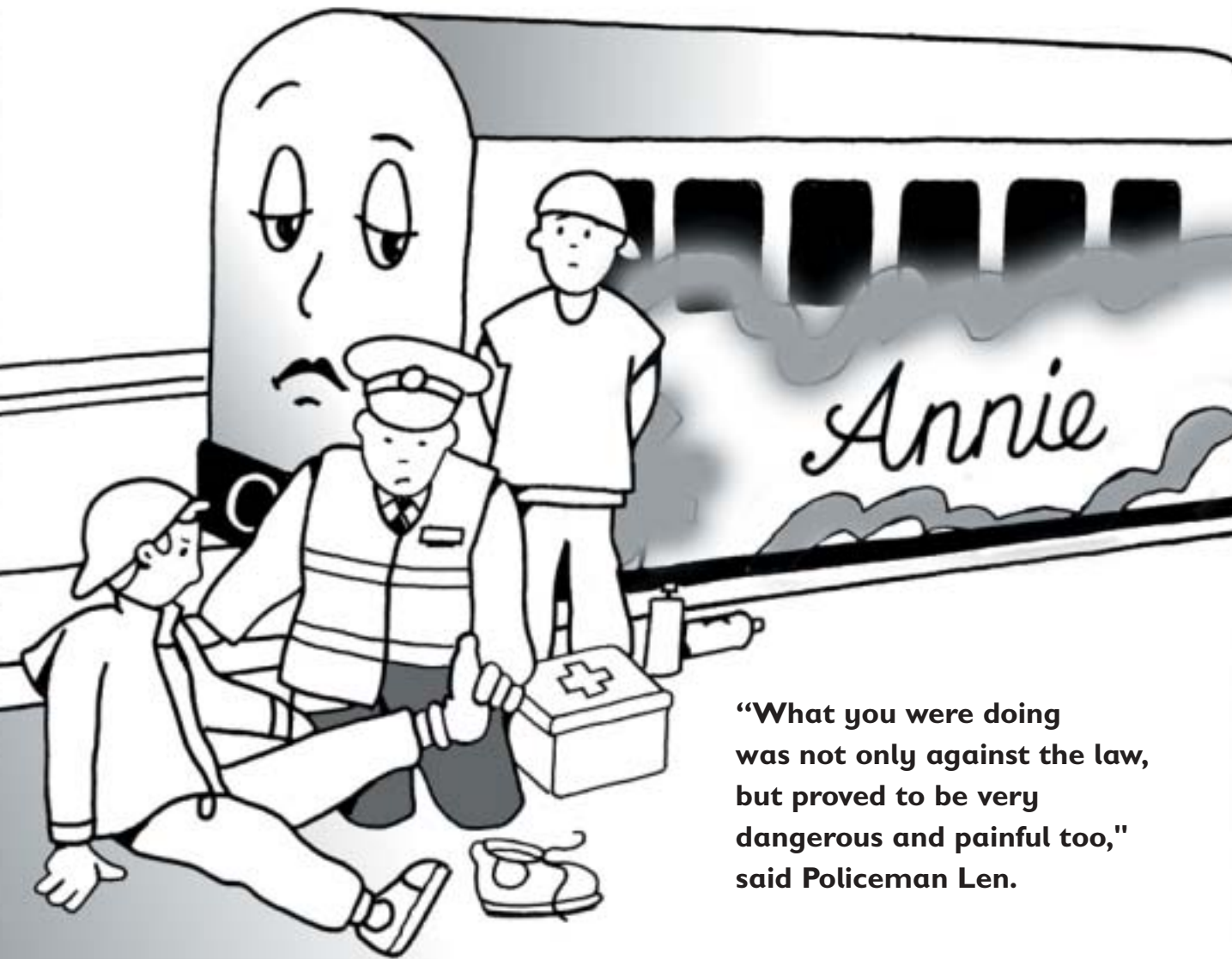
Then they heard quick footsteps, a sliding noise, a shout and then a thud.

The lights went on.



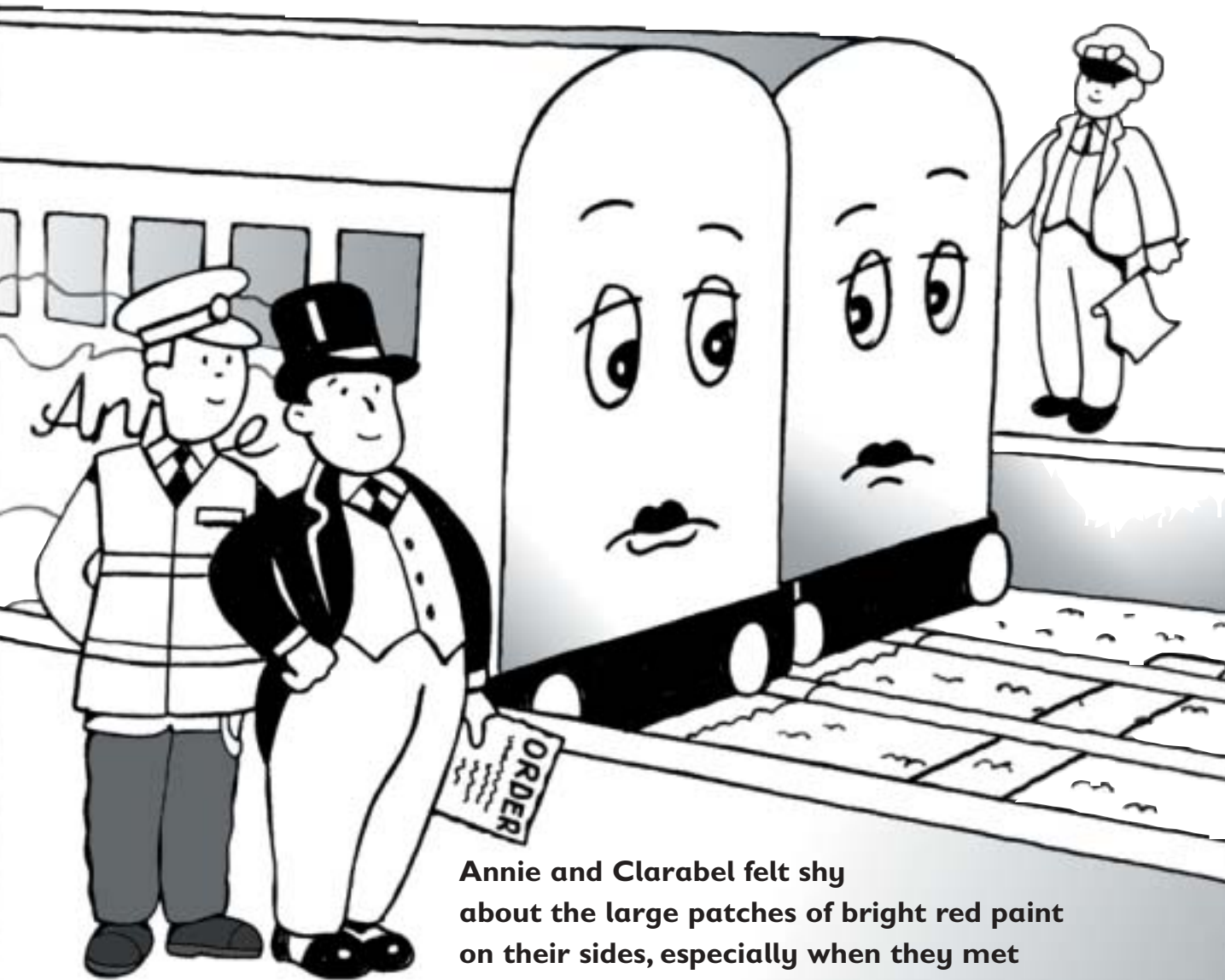
"Stay where you are!"
said Policeman Len, holding one boy.
There, sitting uncomfortably on the
floor, was another boy of about ten
years old who said, "I can't move,
I think I've broken my ankle."

Policeman Len looked at the boy's foot. "Badly sprained," he said.
"Perhaps it will teach you a lesson."



"What you were doing was not only against the law, but proved to be very dangerous and painful too," said Policeman Len.

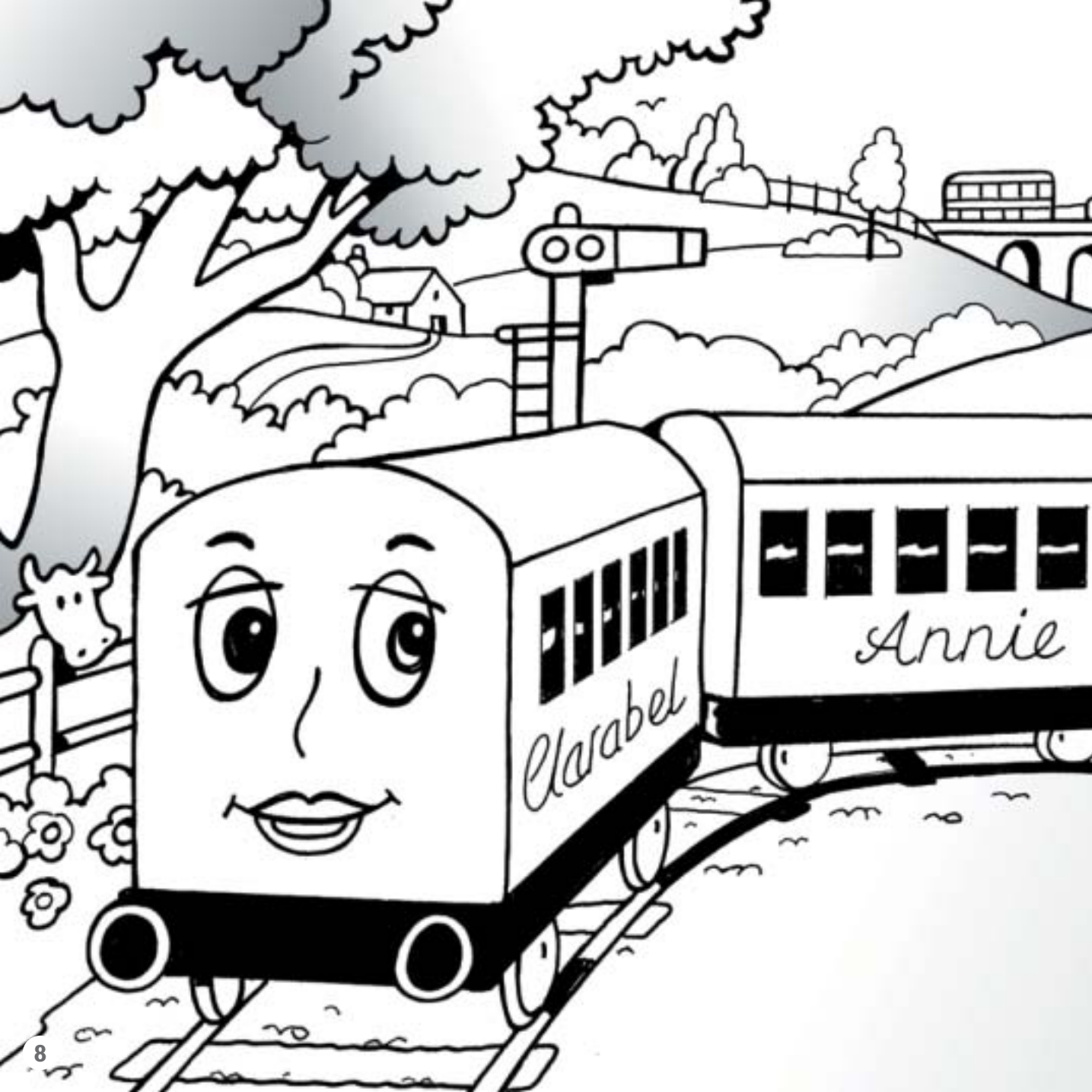
"Let's get you home, so I can speak to your parents about this."

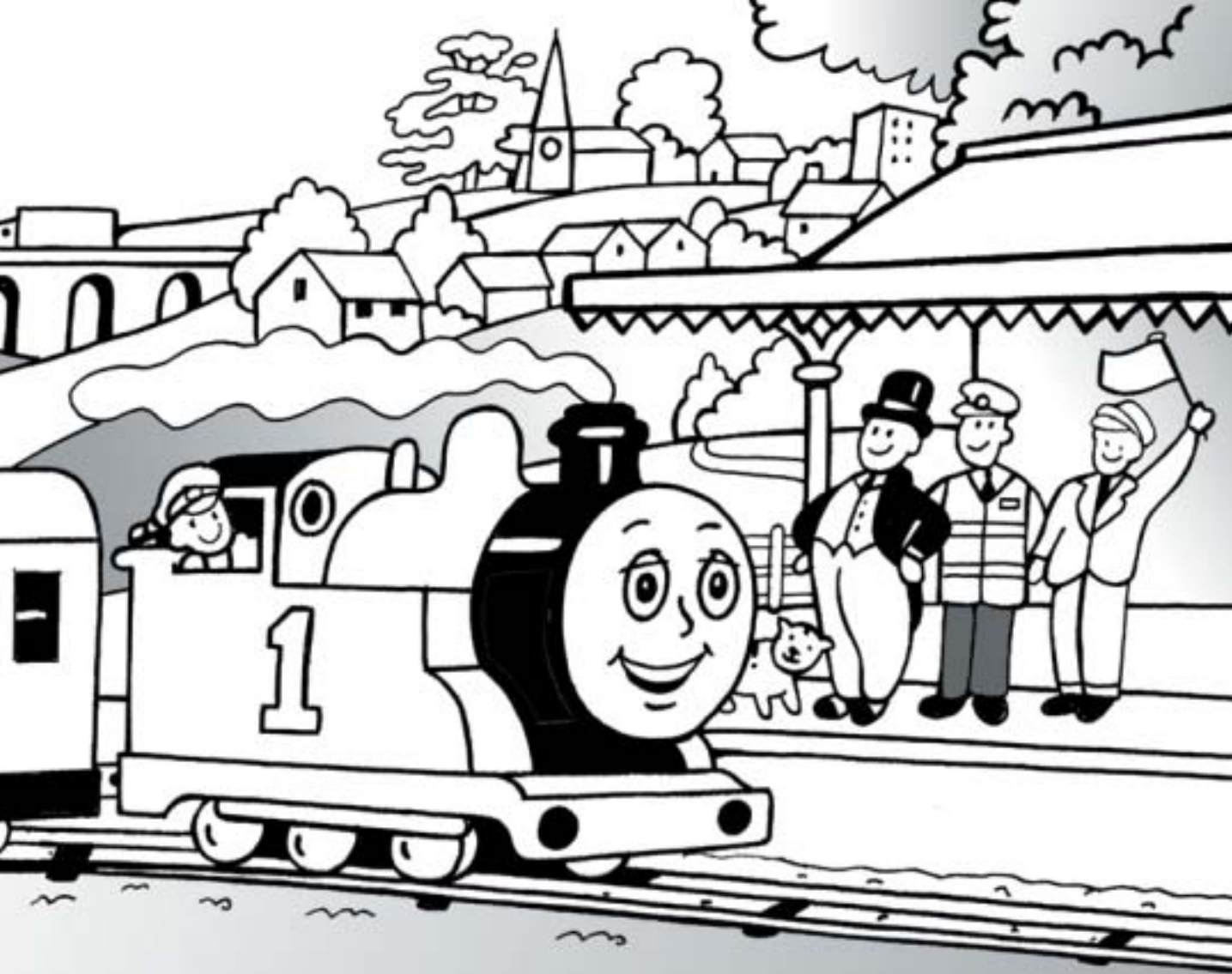


Annie and Clarabel felt shy about the large patches of bright red paint on their sides, especially when they met The Fat Controller.

"Never mind," The Fat Controller said.
"I have given orders for you to be repainted properly and Policeman Len will make sure it doesn't happen again."







The Fat Controller kept his promise to have Annie and Clarabel repainted. They were very happy when they set off from the station with their shiny, new coats of paint.

The Stationmaster said, "I think you both look very smart."