

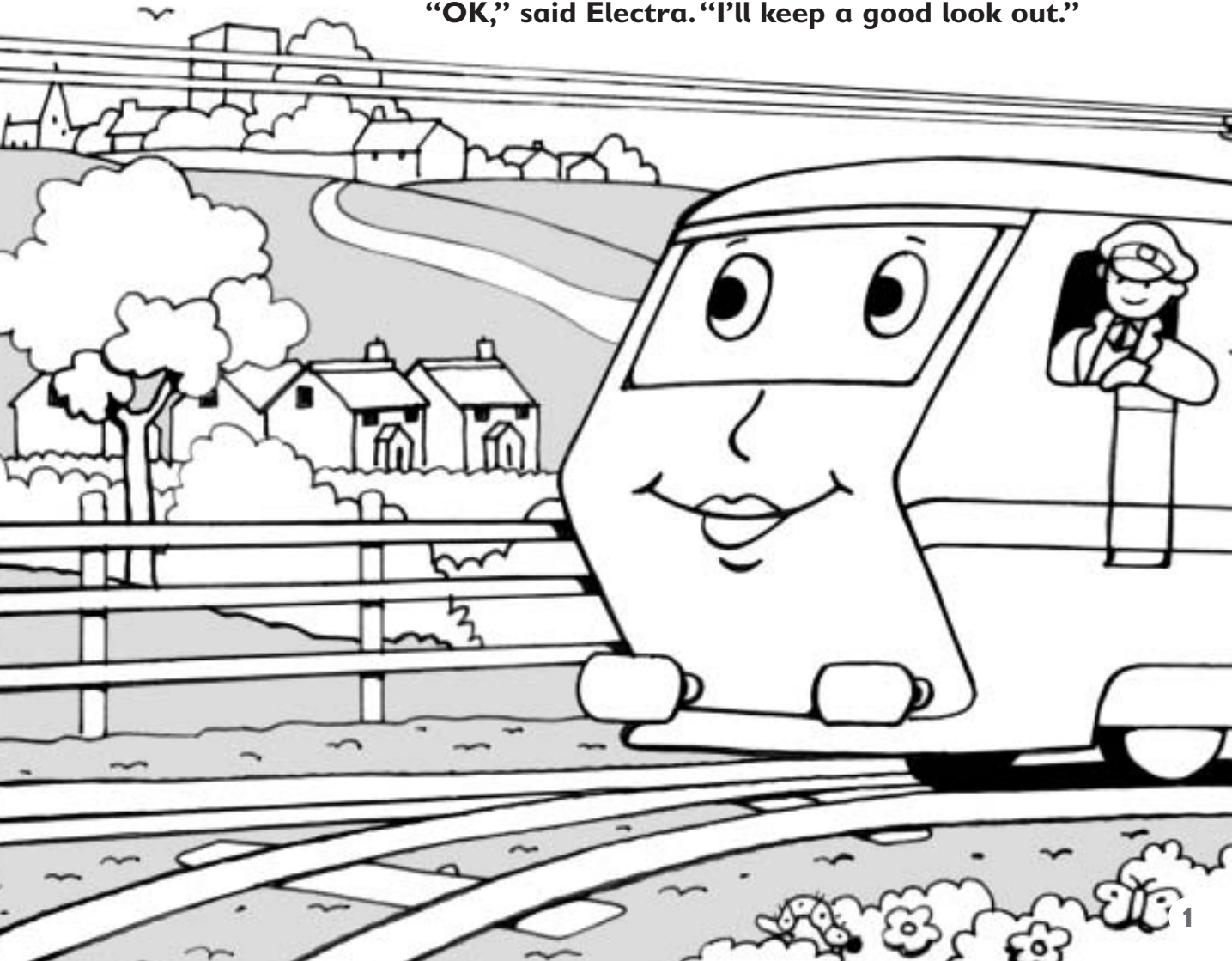
# Electra and the level crossing

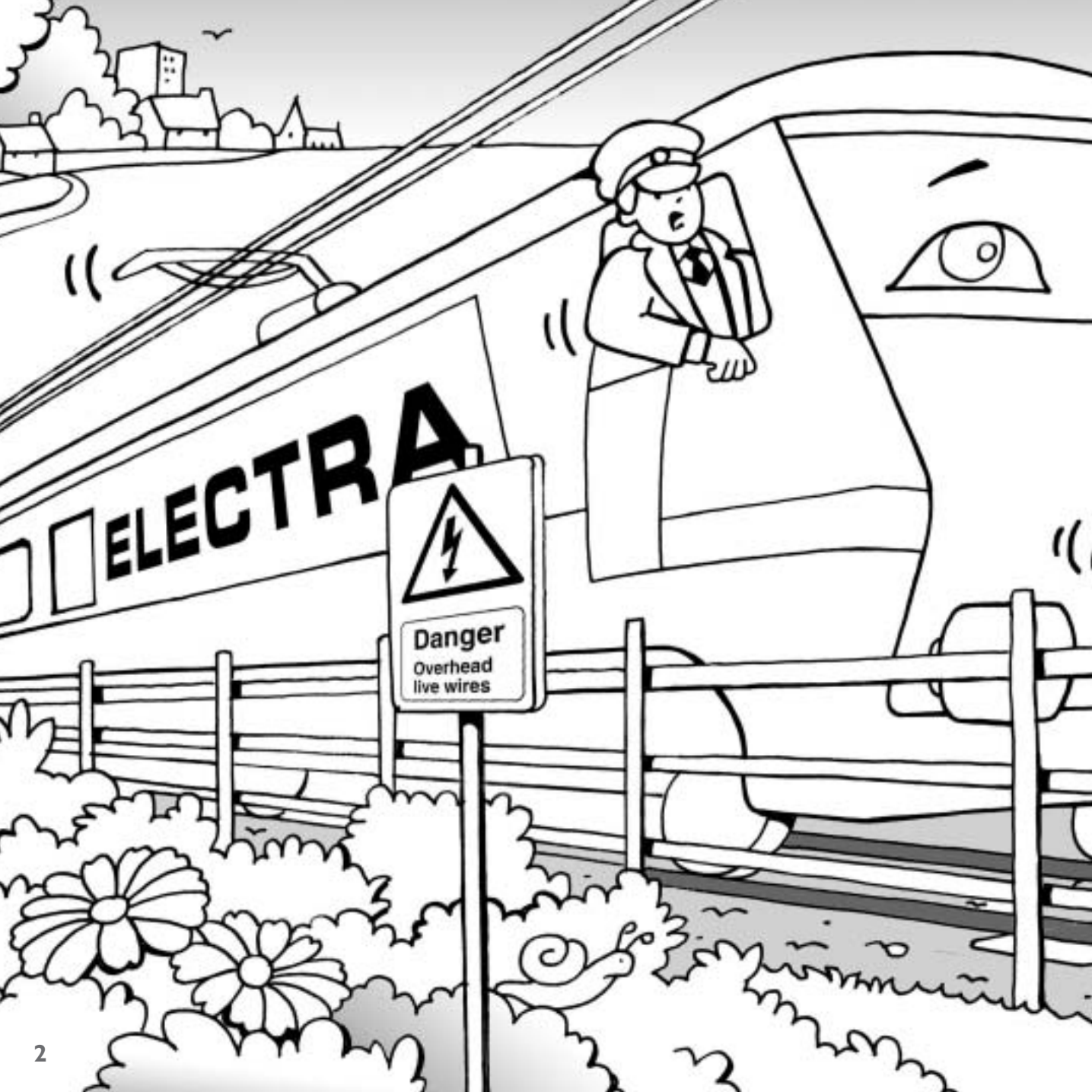
One day Electra, the very special train, was travelling down the track.

She was a very special train because it was electricity that made her go.

“Level crossing coming up Electra,” said Dave, her driver.

“OK,” said Electra. “I’ll keep a good look out.”

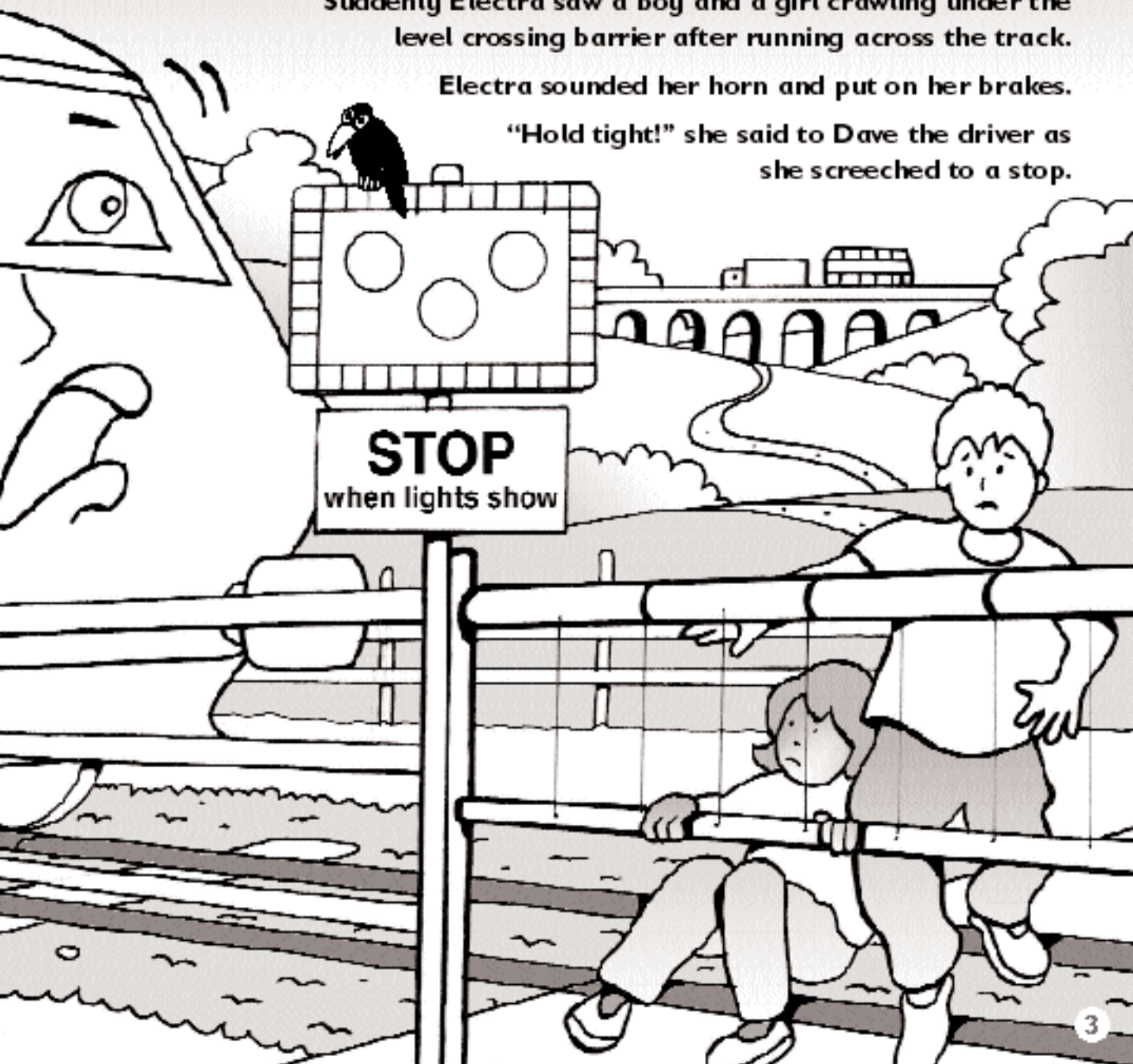




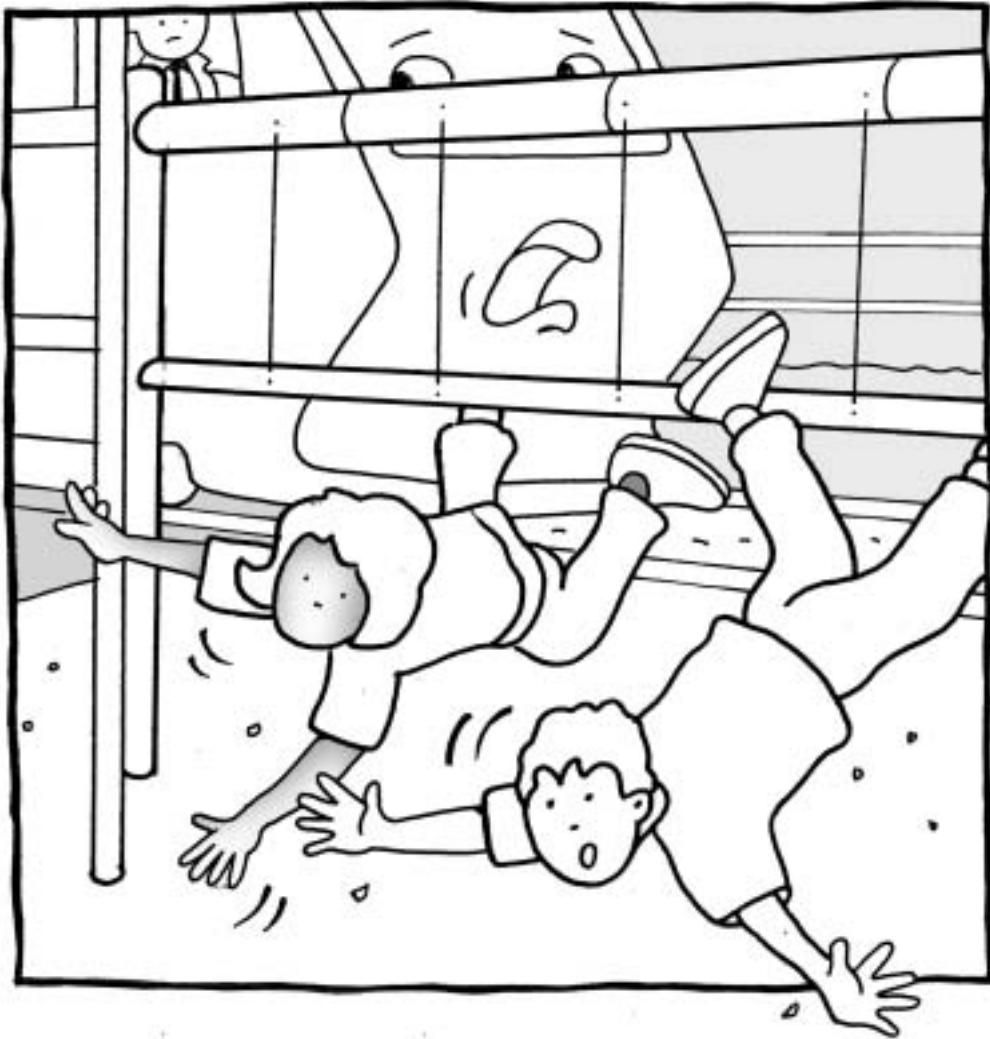
Suddenly Electra saw a boy and a girl crawling under the level crossing barrier after running across the track.

Electra sounded her horn and put on her brakes.

"Hold tight!" she said to Dave the driver as she screeched to a stop.



The boy and girl got out of the way at the last minute.  
They were very frightened by their narrow escape.



“What a stupid thing to do!” said Dave the driver. “I’m calling Policeman Len.”

“Why don’t some of these children ever learn?” said Electra.

“The level crossing barriers are there for a reason.”

**“Can’t you read the warning sign?”** said Policeman Len who was very cross.

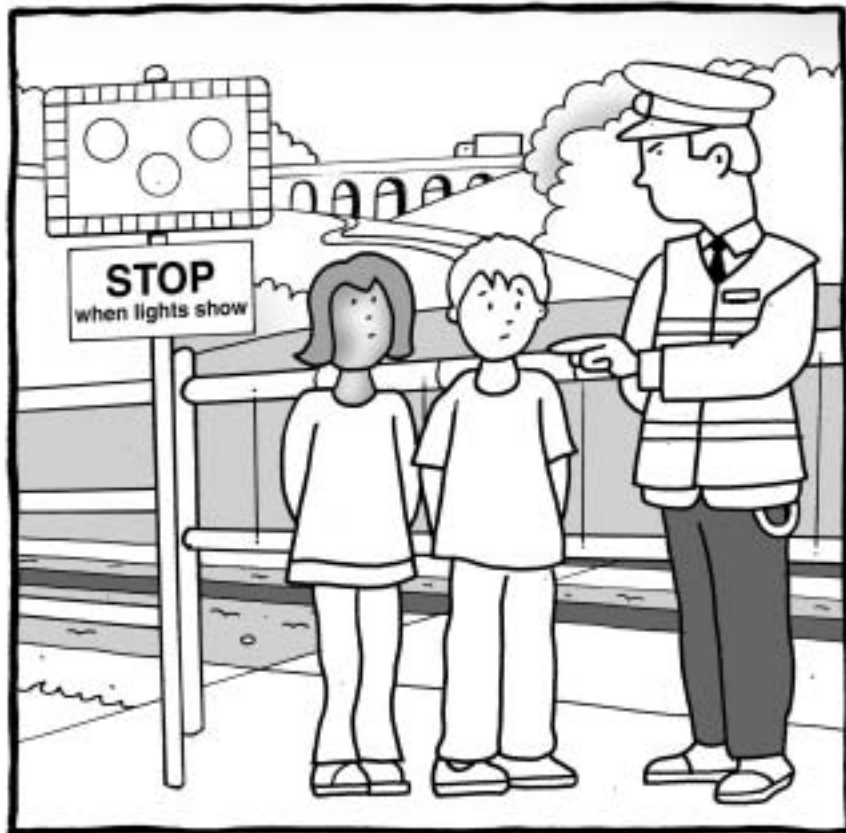
**“We were late for school and thought we had enough time to cross,”**  
said the children.

**“Only when the barrier is up and the lights have stopped flashing is it  
safe to cross,”** said Policeman Len.

Footbridge



Underpass



**“Other safe places to cross the railway are a footbridge or an underpass.”**