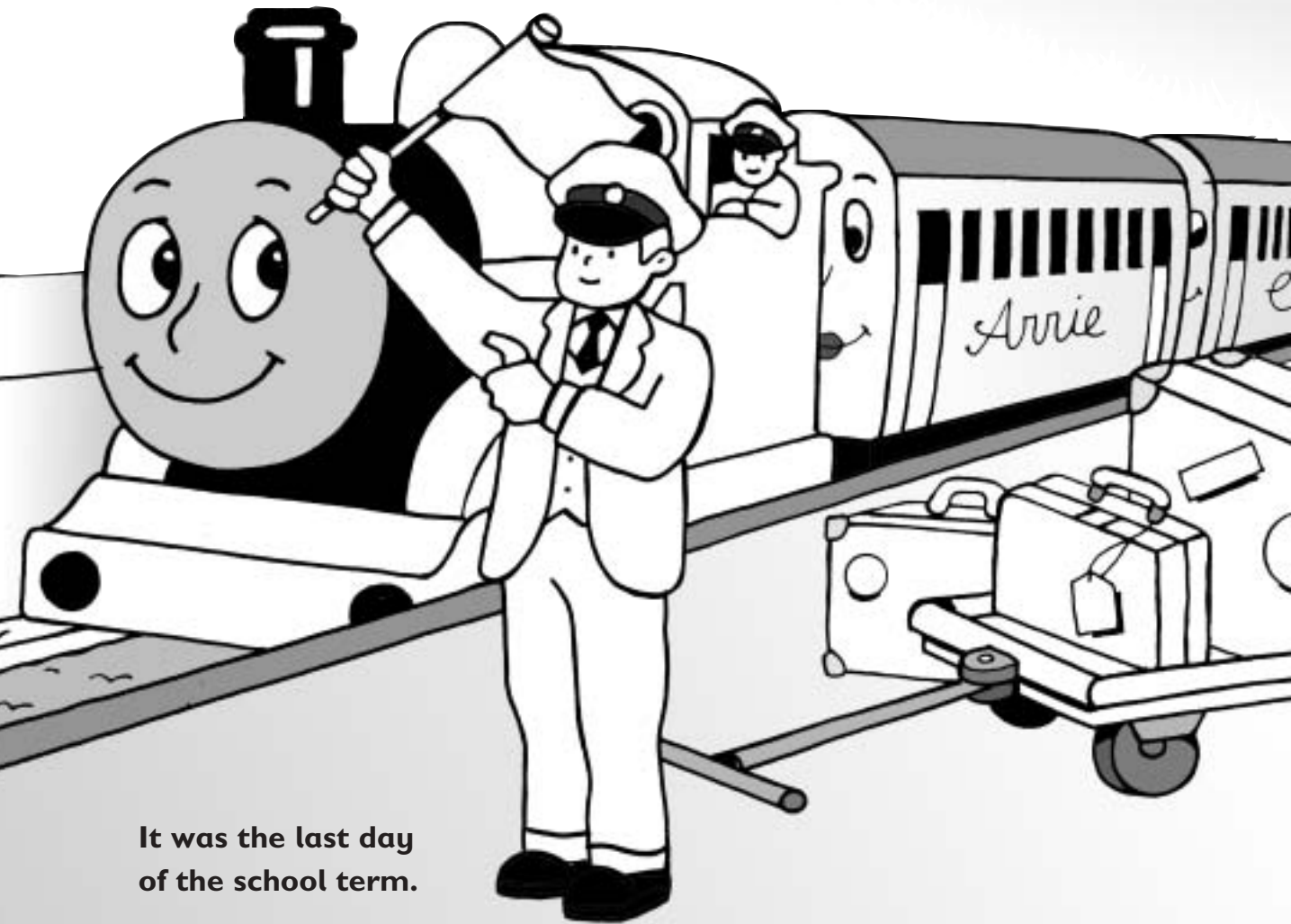


Trouble on the Train



It was the last day
of the school term.

Thomas was waiting patiently at the station with Annie and Clarabel.

**His guard was just about to blow his whistle,
when Annie's carriage door burst open and a girl fell out.**



Two other girls left the train and ran hurriedly out of the station.

Thomas looked worried as a porter ran to help.

The porter sat the girl on a luggage trolley.



He tried to comfort her, but the child was so upset he called the Stationmaster.

Policeman Len came to see what was the matter.

He found out the girl's name was Gemma.

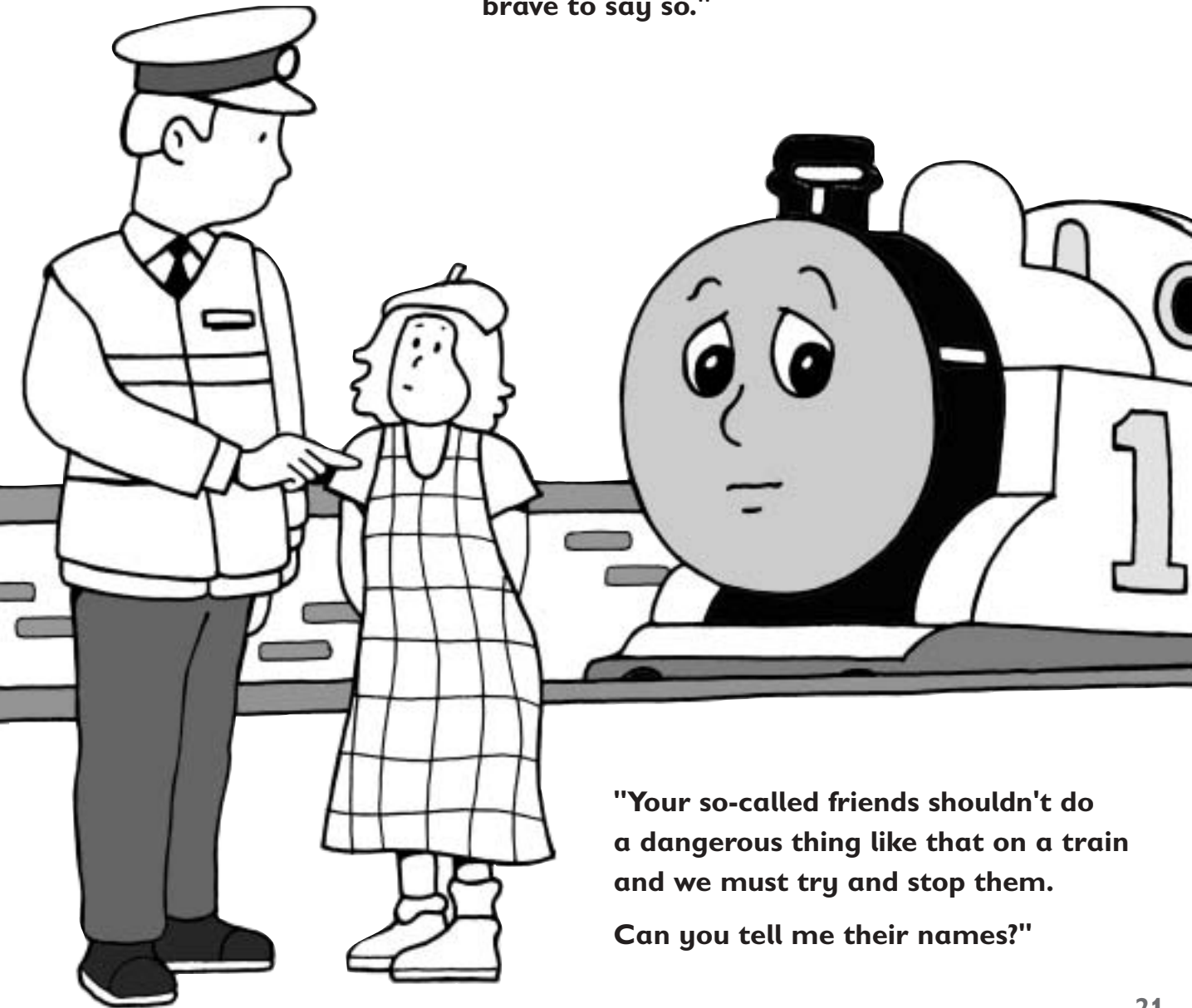
"What happened, Gemma?" asked Policeman Len.

"They pushed me off the train," said Gemma.



She continued, "It was a dare. They said I should get off the train and stick my tongue out at the porter. When I said no, they pushed me off."

**Thomas agreed with Policeman Len when he said,
"You were right, Gemma, not to want to do such a silly thing and it was very
brave to say so."**



**"Your so-called friends shouldn't do
a dangerous thing like that on a train
and we must try and stop them.
Can you tell me their names?"**

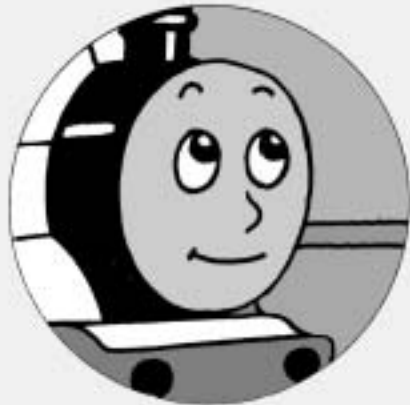
Gemma hesitated. "But what if they?" she began.



"Don't worry," said
Policeman Len,
"they need never know
how I found out."



"Don't forget, you won't
see them for another
seven weeks anyway,
will you?" the
Stationmaster added.



Thomas, Annie and
Clarabel all agreed
Gemma should tell
Policeman Len the
names - it was the
best thing to do.



Gemma nodded, and paused.

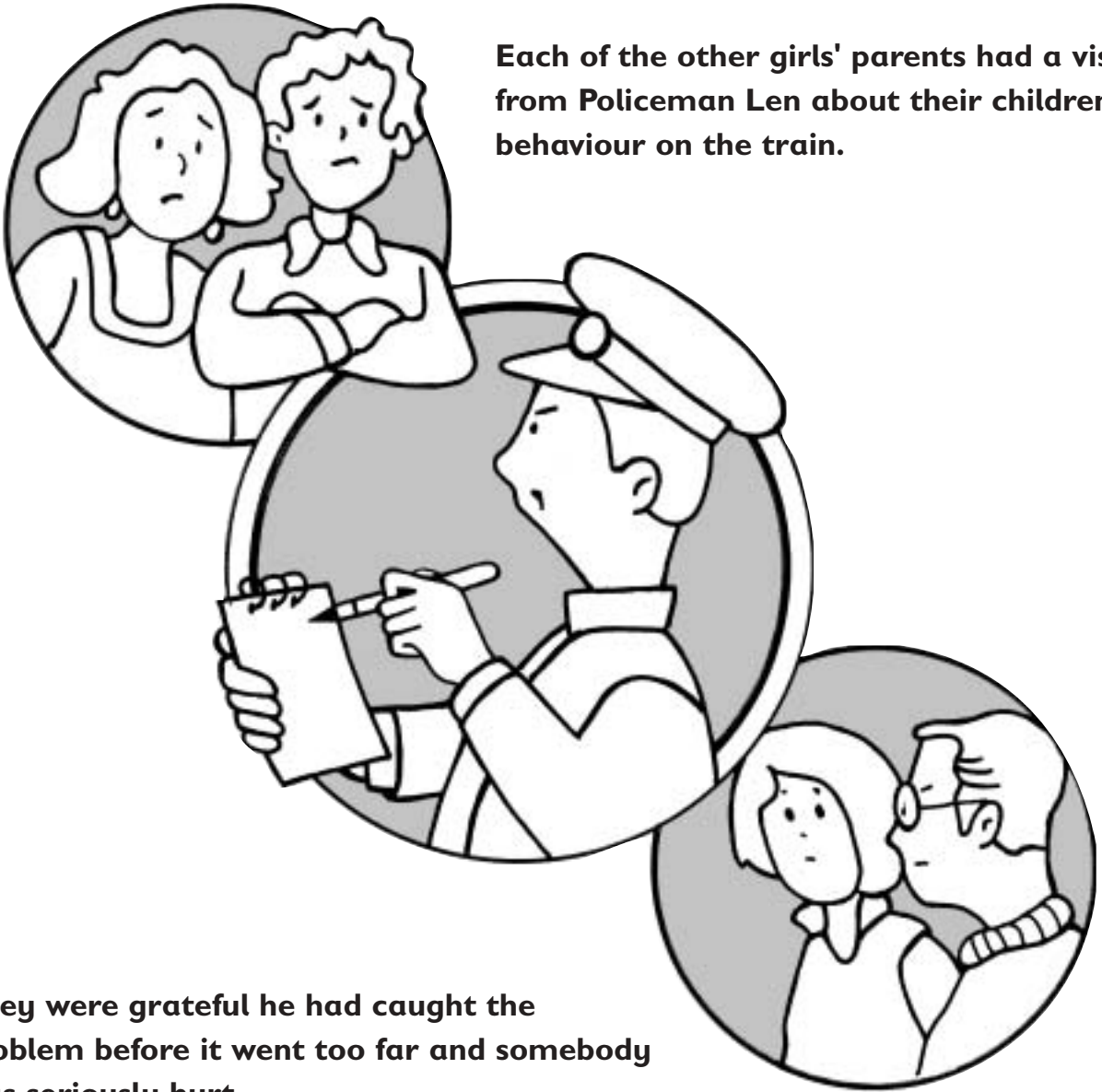
Then she told Policeman Len.

He took Gemma to his office and telephoned her parents to explain what had happened.

Gemma's mother came to collect her from the station.



Each of the other girls' parents had a visit from Policeman Len about their children's behaviour on the train.



They were grateful he had caught the problem before it went too far and somebody was seriously hurt.