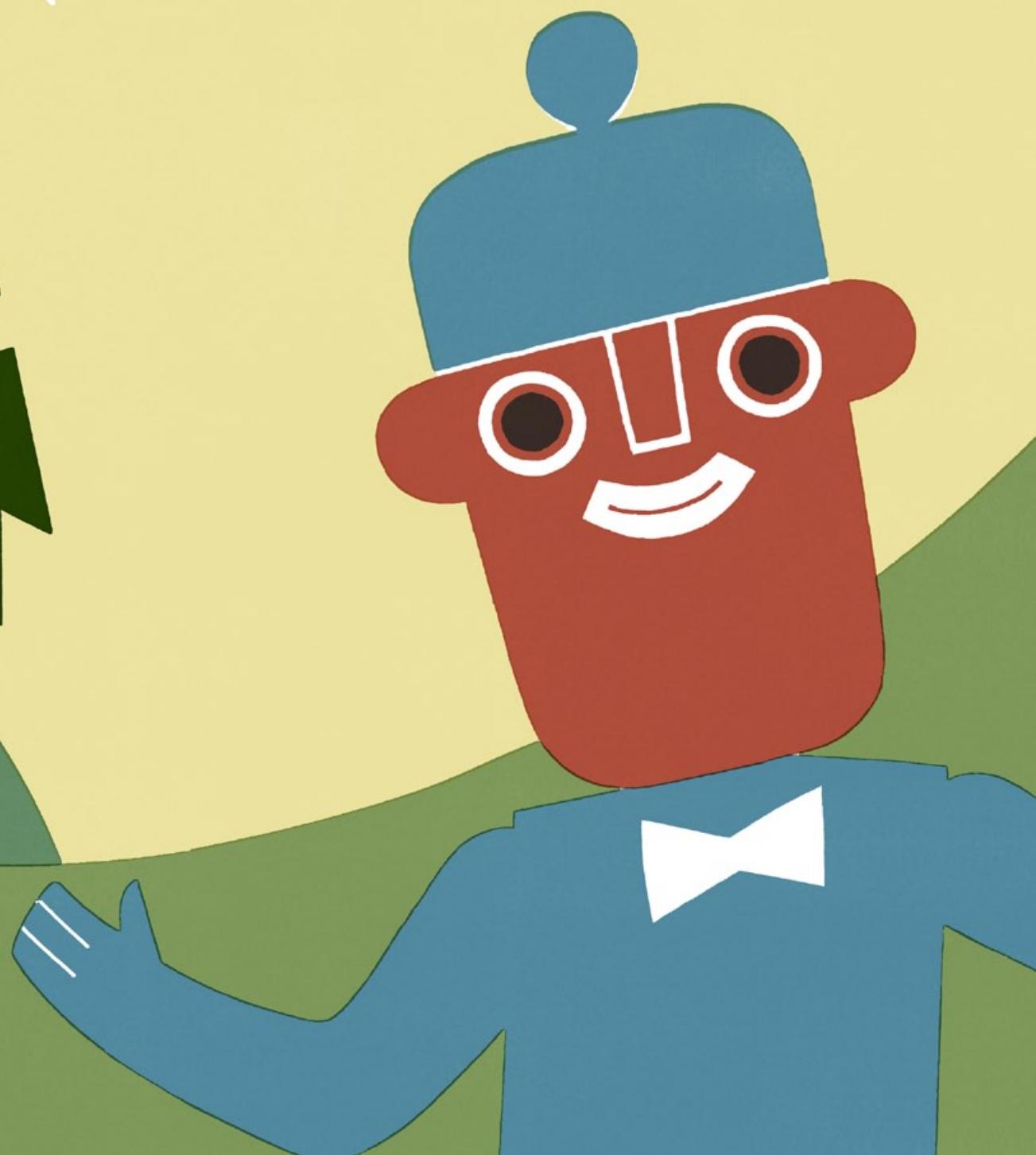
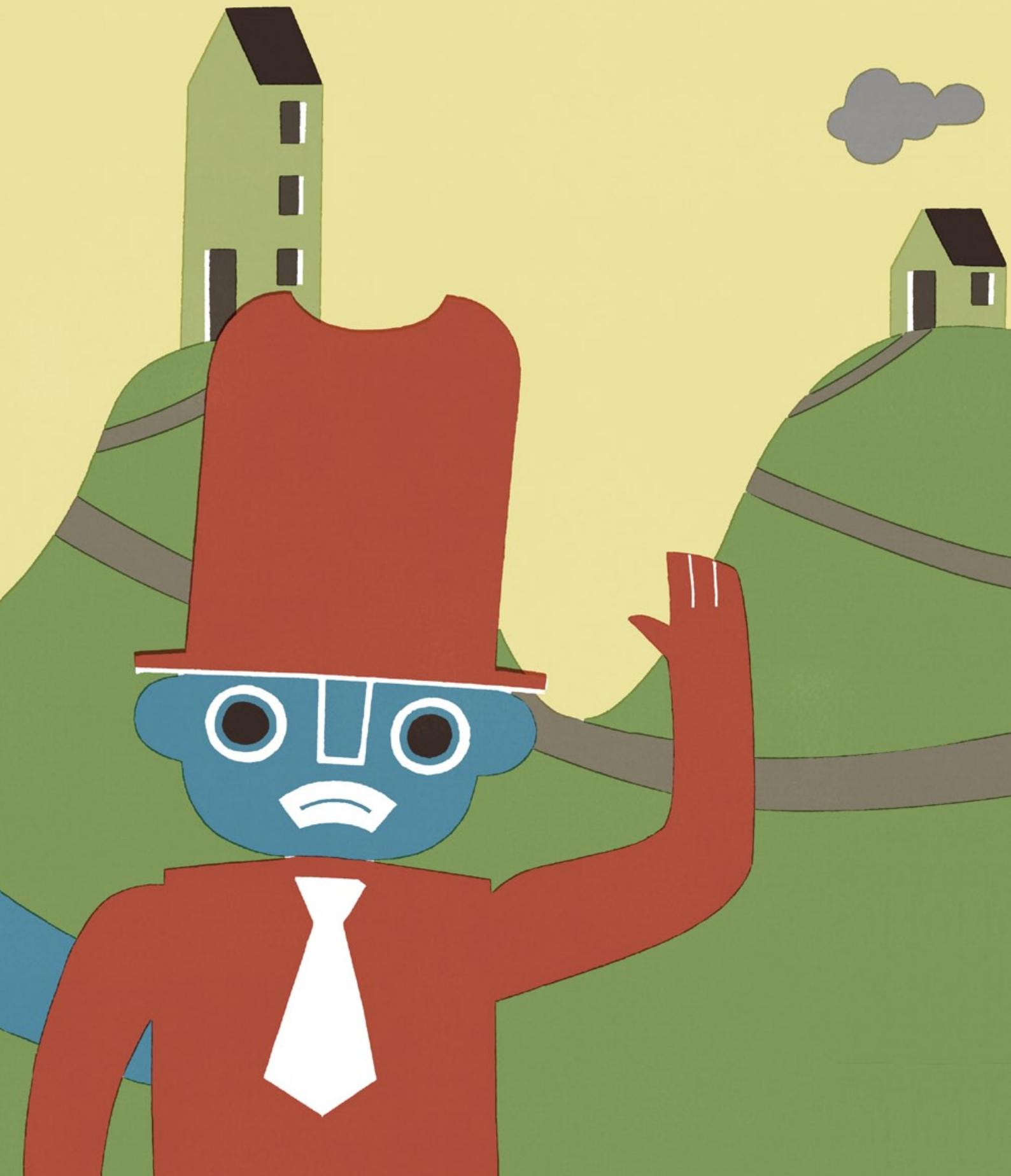




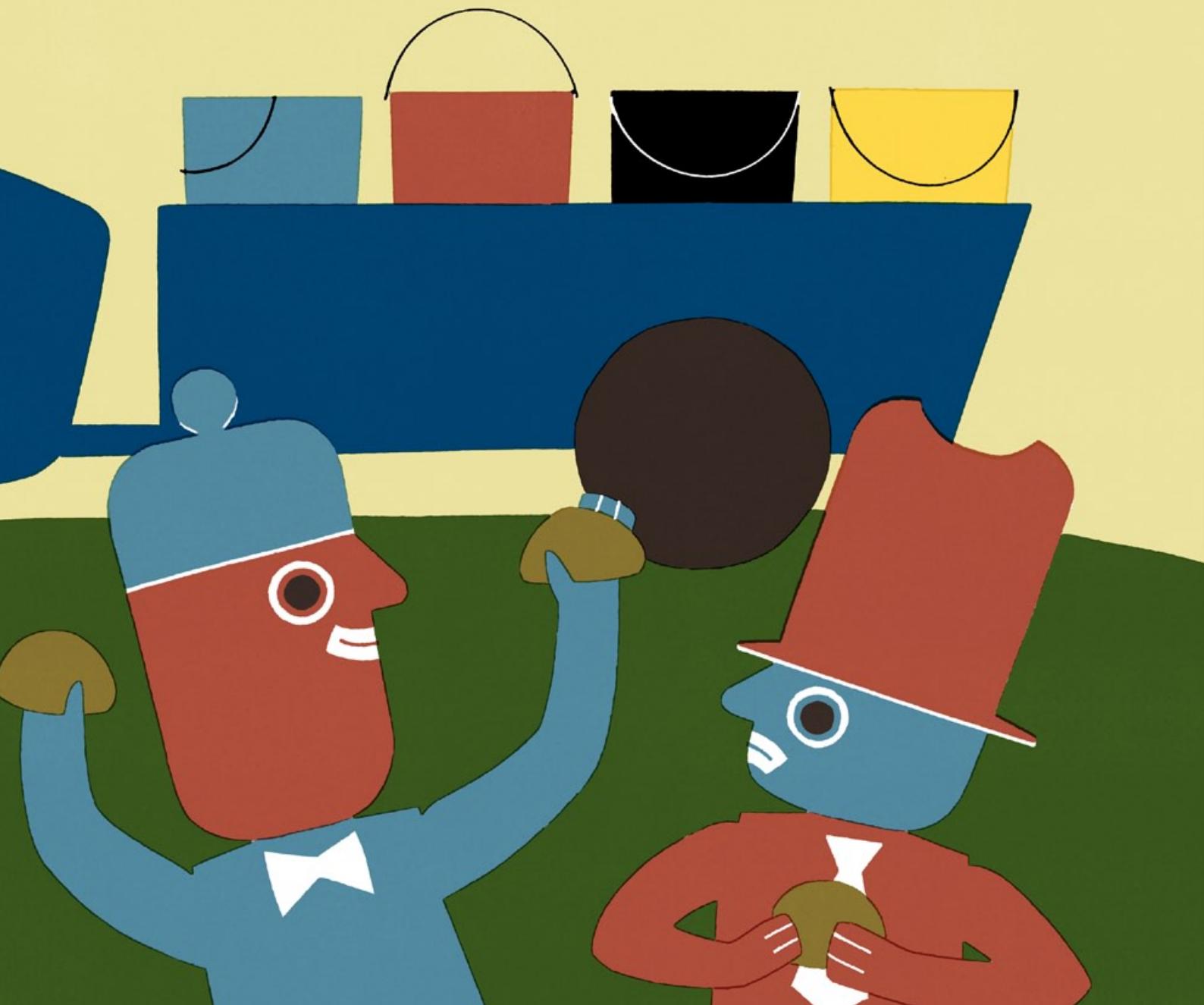
Here are Yesper and Noper. They are best friends, even though they're very different. Yesper says YES to everything, and Noper says NO to everything.

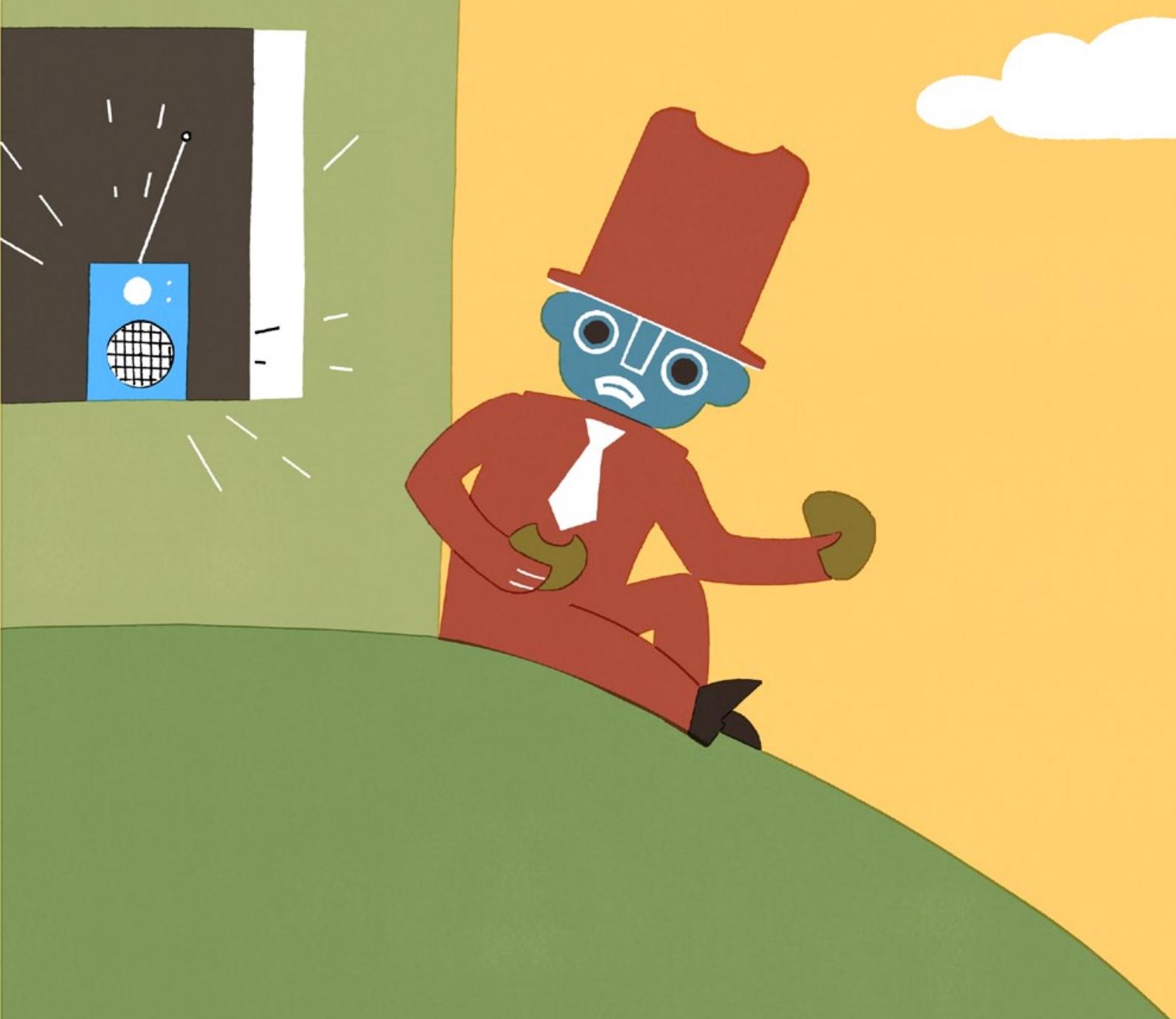




Noper wants to build a house that's just as high as Yesper's.  
He asks Yesper for help.

YES, says Yesper. But first we'll have some buns!  
They gobble away as they look at planks and paint pots.





Then Noper says:

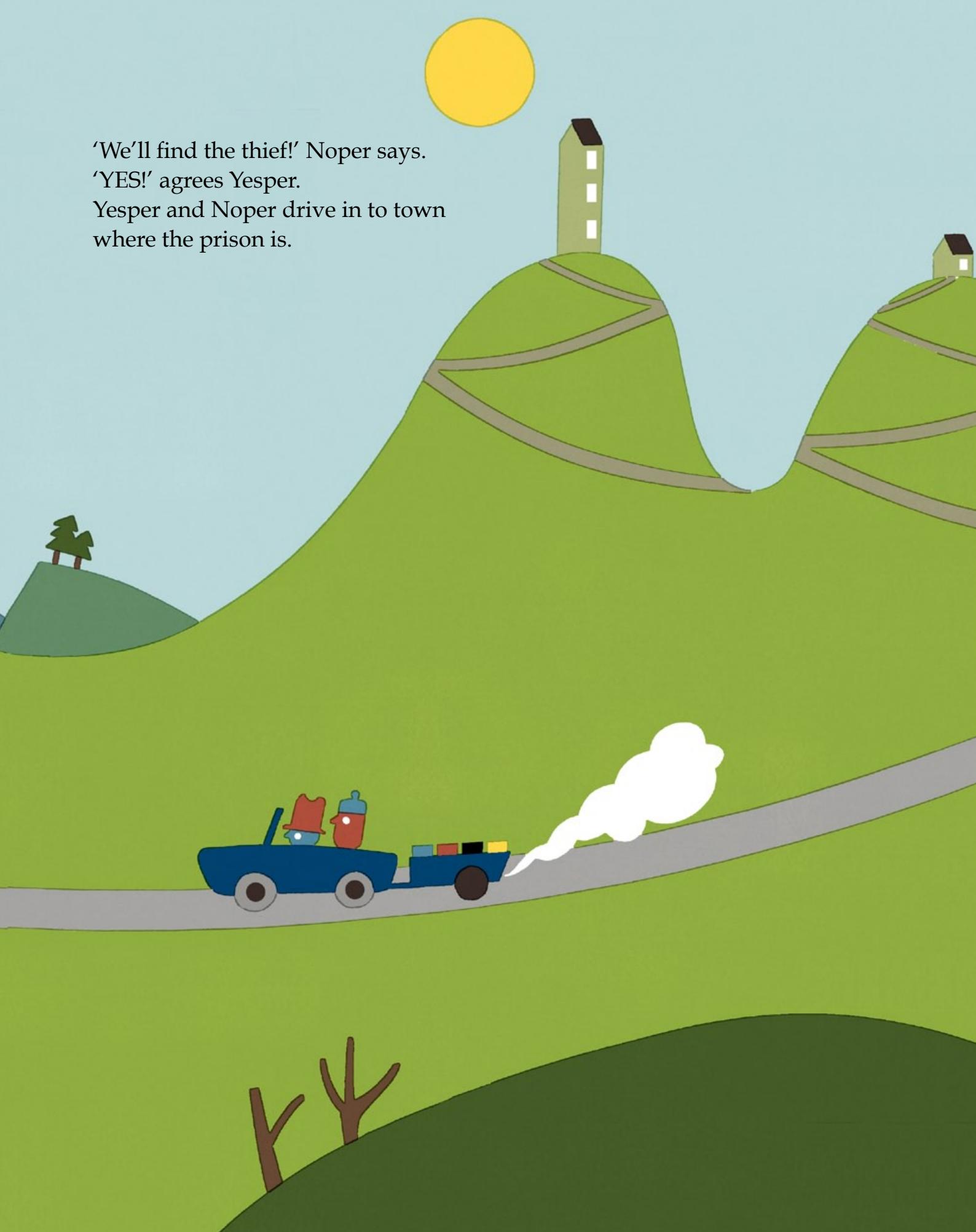
'On you go and get building, Yesper, and I'll have a  
listen to the radio.

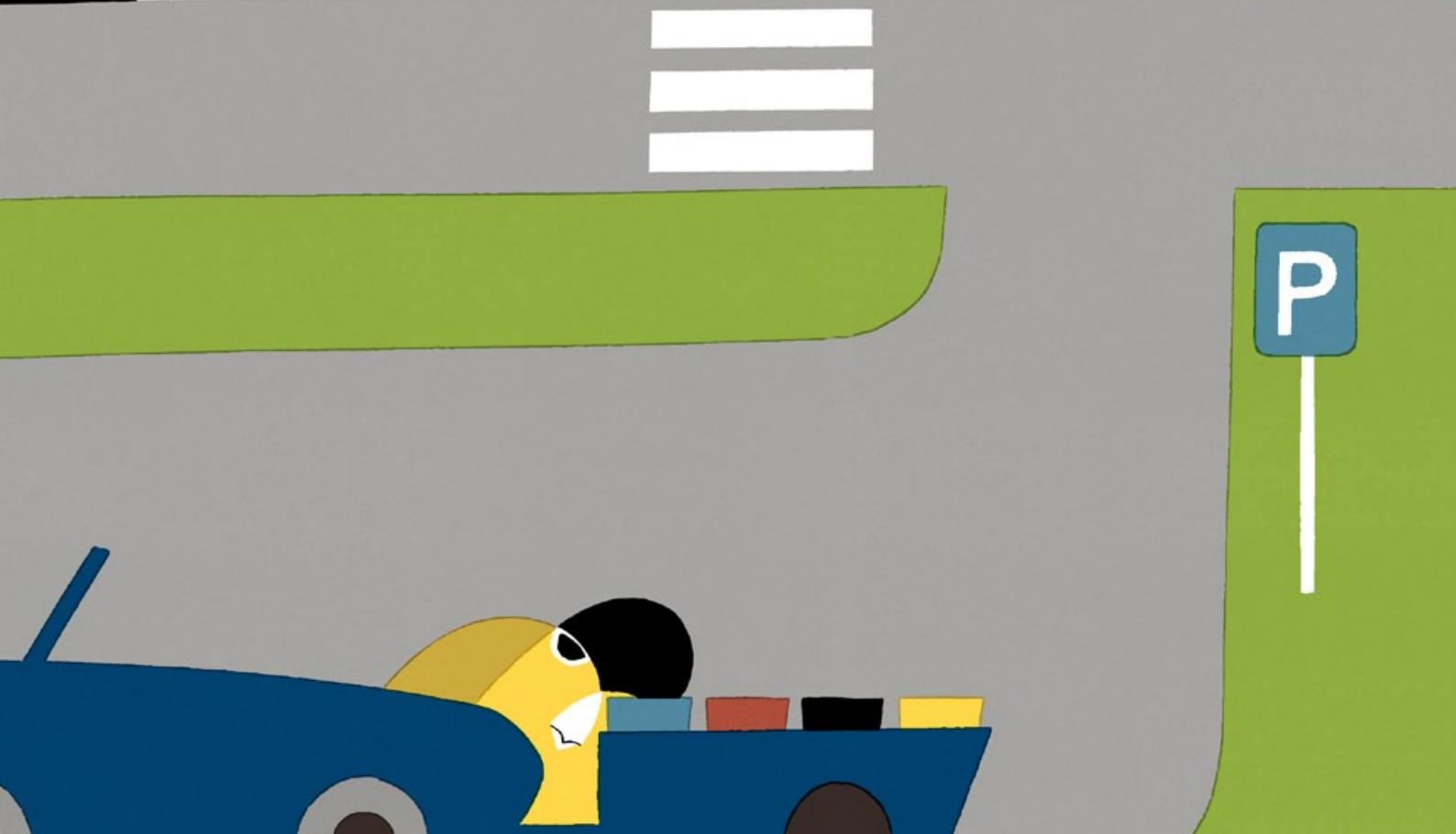
'YES,' says Yesper.

On the radio they say a thief has escaped from prison.  
He's yellow, wears a black cap and can be bad.



'We'll find the thief!' Noper says.  
'YES!' agrees Yesper.  
Yesper and Noper drive in to town  
where the prison is.







They search everywhere. Behind bushes, up chimneys  
and in the park. But they find no thief.

'YES, YES,' says Yesper.

'NO, NO,' says Noper.

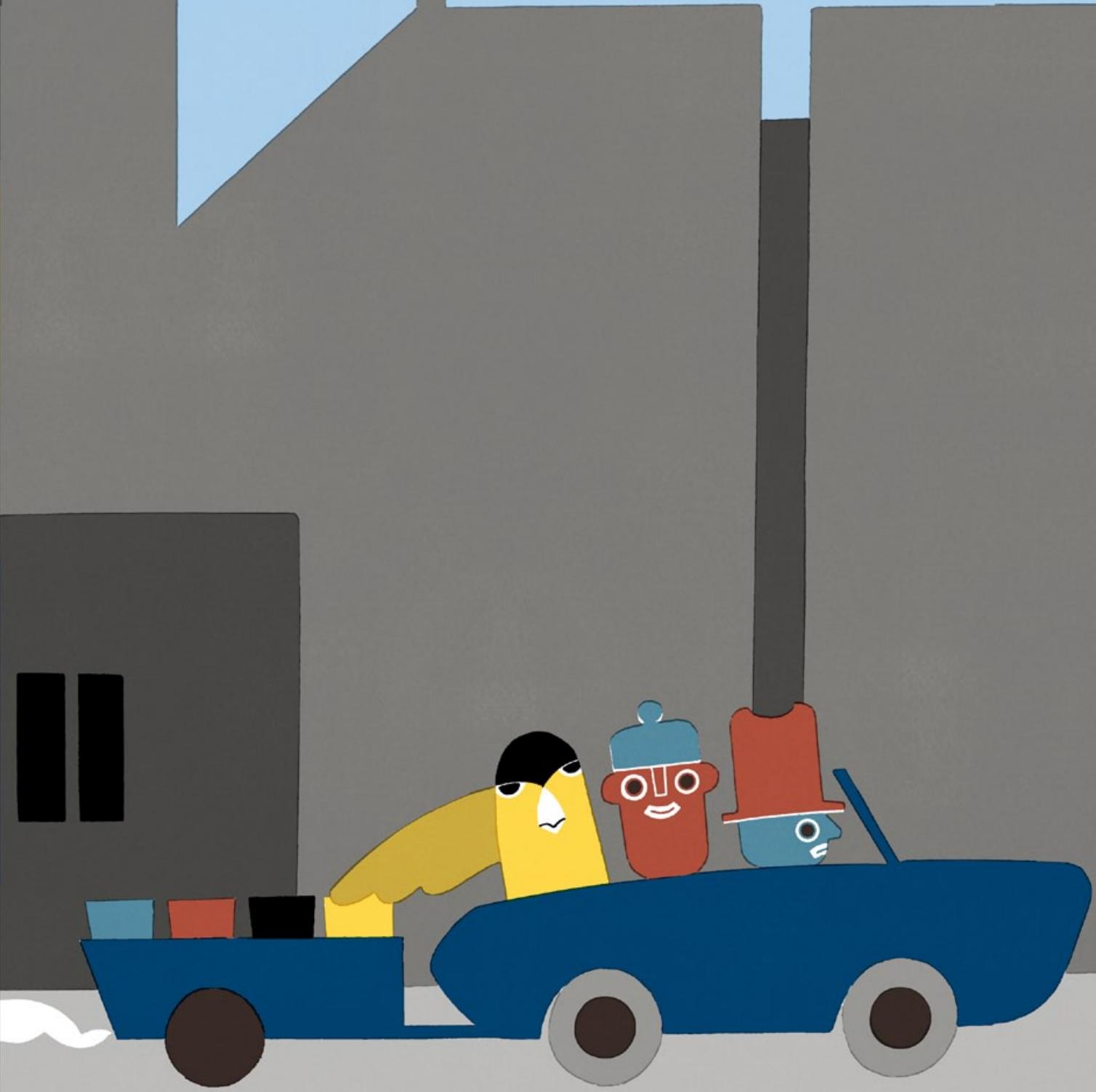
And so they go back to the car.



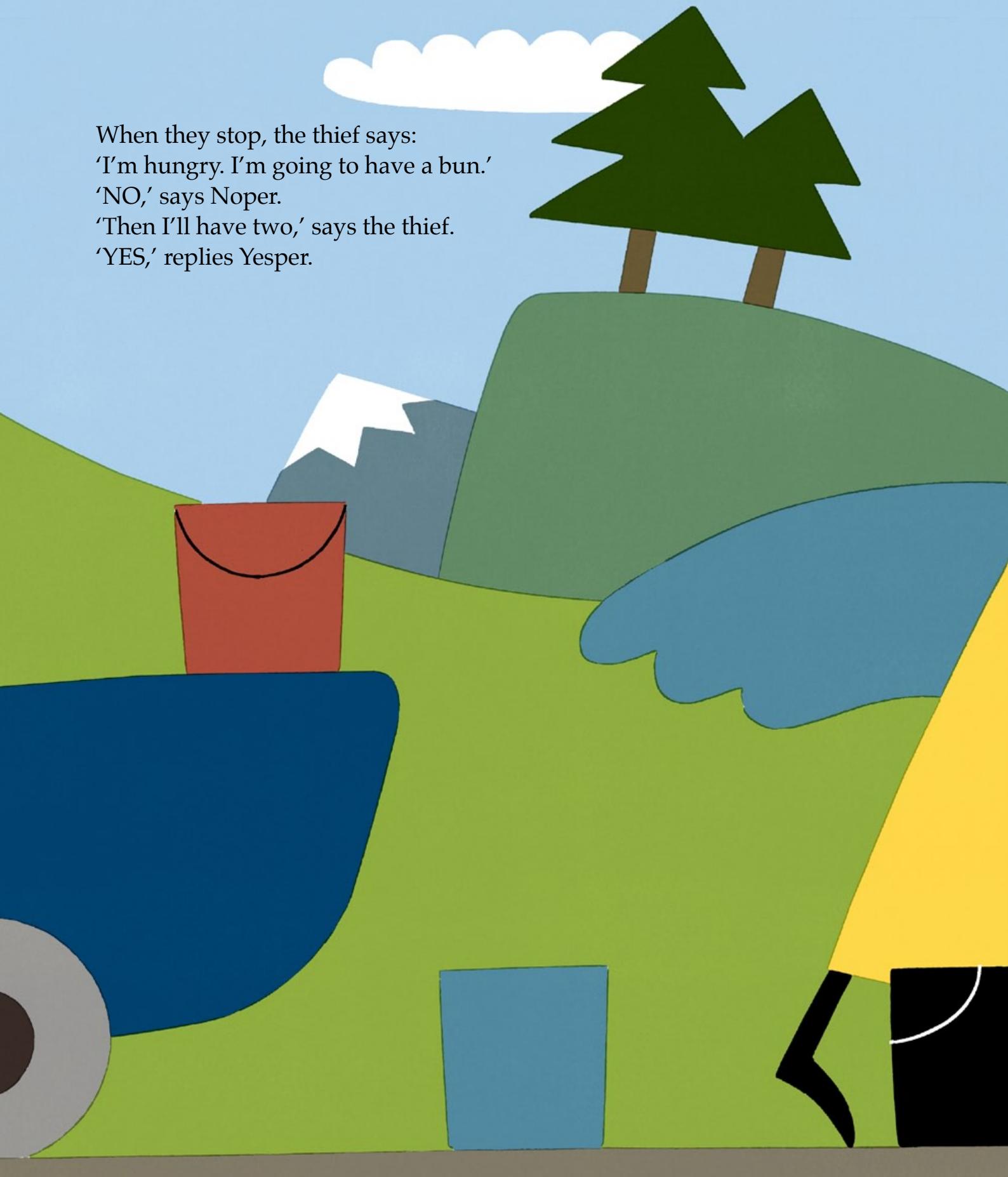
Suddenly they see a black cap rising  
up behind the car! It's the thief!  
'My car!' says the thief.  
'NO!' says Noper.



'But can I get a lift for a bit?' the thief asks.  
'YES!' answers Yesper.



When they stop, the thief says:  
‘I’m hungry. I’m going to have a bun.’  
‘NO,’ says Noper.  
‘Then I’ll have two,’ says the thief.  
‘YES,’ replies Yesper.



'We'll play a bit before you leave,' says the thief.

'NO!' says Noper.

'But, Yesper, you'll paint a bit, won't you?' asks the thief,  
and goes and gets the paint pots from the trailer.

The thief paints Yesper with yellow and black, and paints  
himself with red and blue. Both of them jump and laugh.  
But Noper doesn't like it.

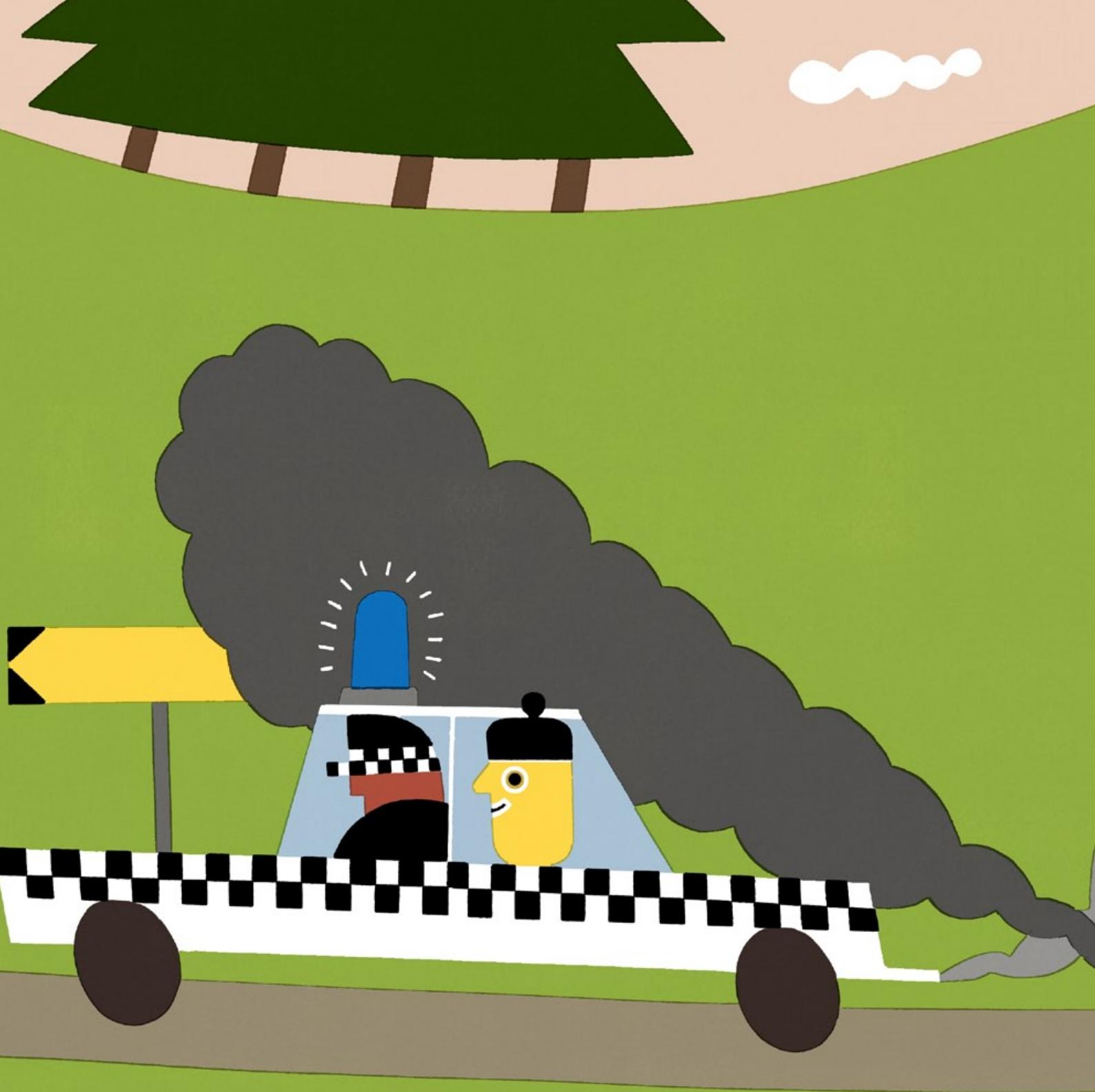




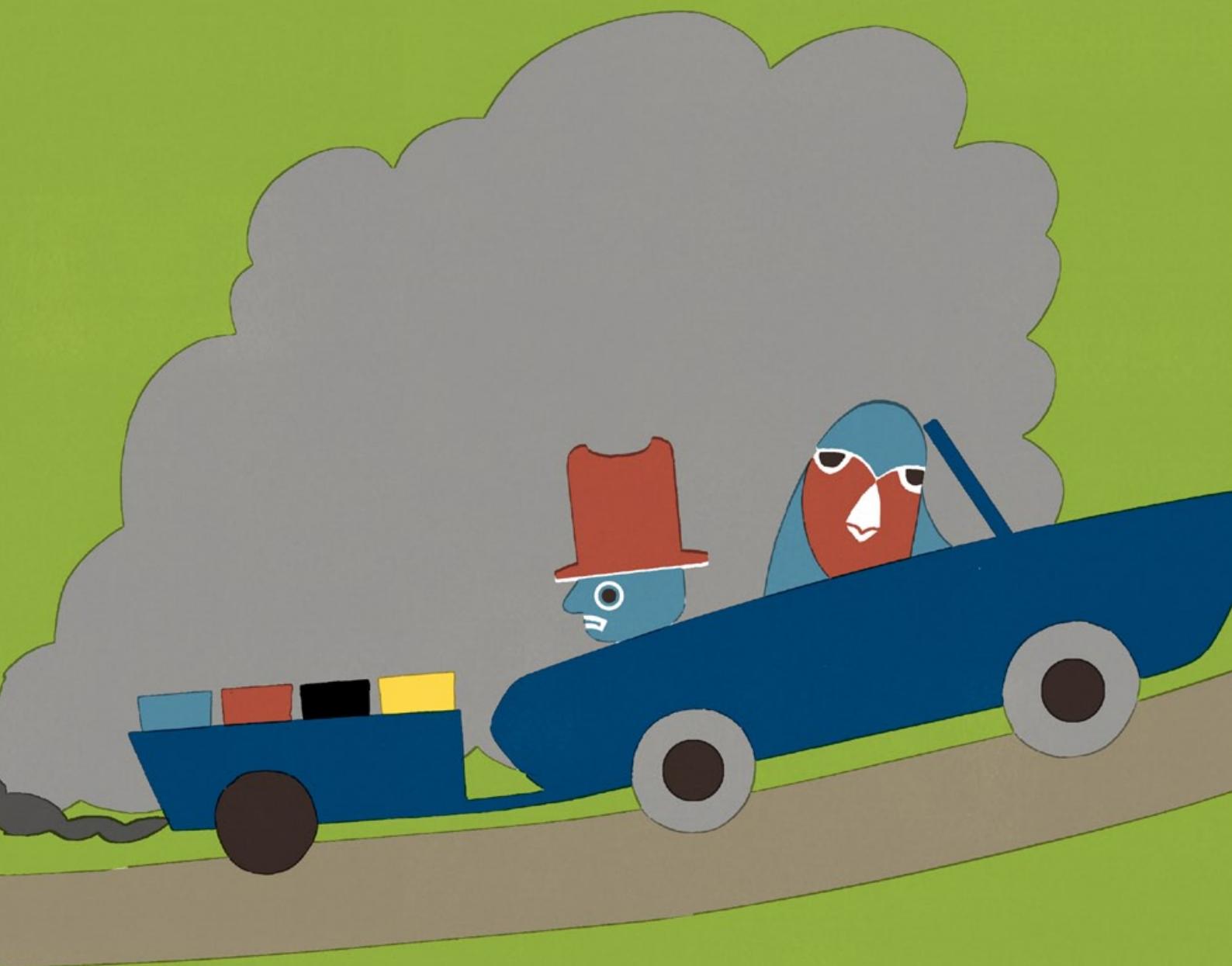
Suddenly they hear the  
wailing of a siren.  
It's the police car!

The police grip Yesper's arm tightly.  
'NO, NO, that's not the thief!' Noper shouts.  
'But the thief is yellow and black,' the police say.  
'YES,' says Yesper.  
'So you're the thief! So you have to go to prison.'

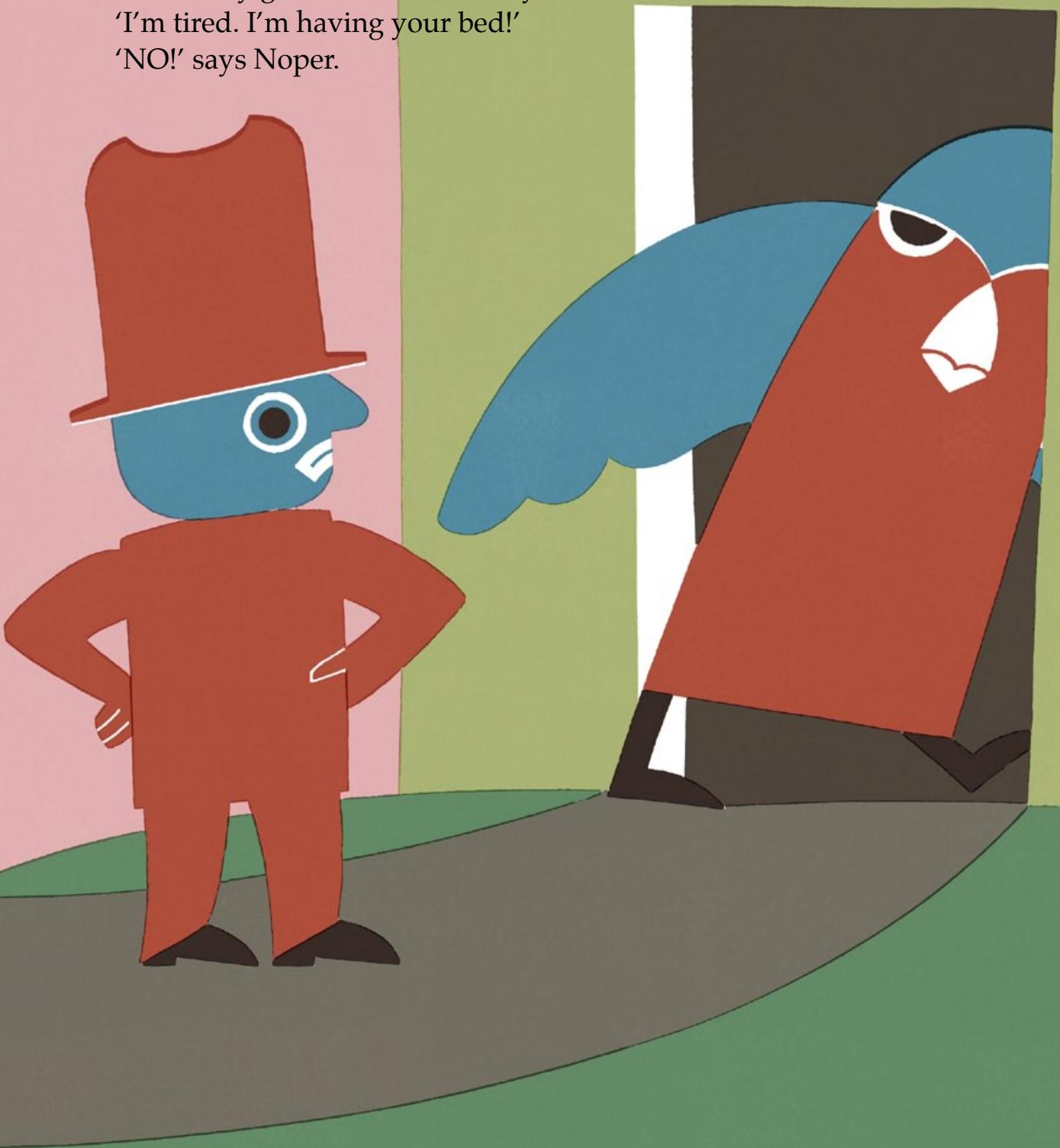




The thief rushes into the car.  
But Noper manages to jump into the back just  
before the thief zooms away towards his house!



When they get there, the thief says:  
‘I’m tired. I’m having your bed!’  
‘NO!’ says Noper.

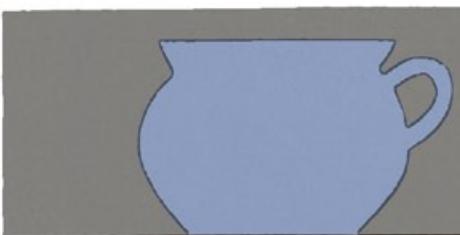
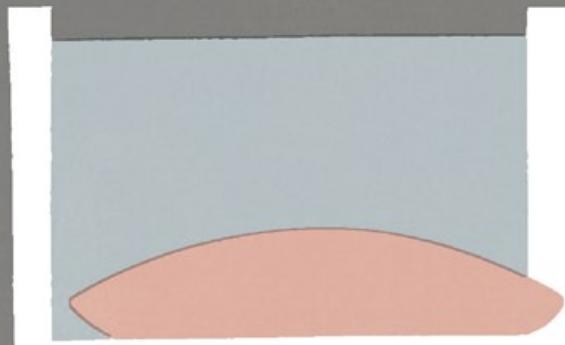
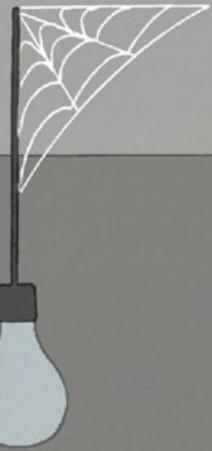
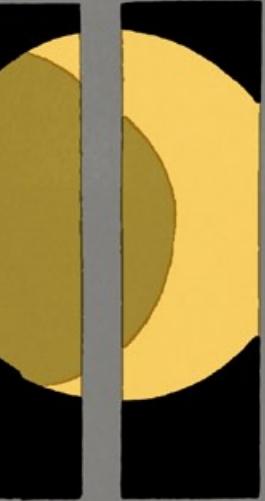




The thief lies down on the floor, and soon  
he's snoring away as only thieves can.

And so Yesper sits in prison for the first time ever.  
He's given good food and a hard bed.  
Yesper misses Noper and wonders if the thief is bad.







At the same time Noper sits missing Yesper.  
How will he get Yesper out of prison?



Soon his plan is ready. Noper takes the paint pots and sneaks in to the thief. He paints the thief with yellow and black.



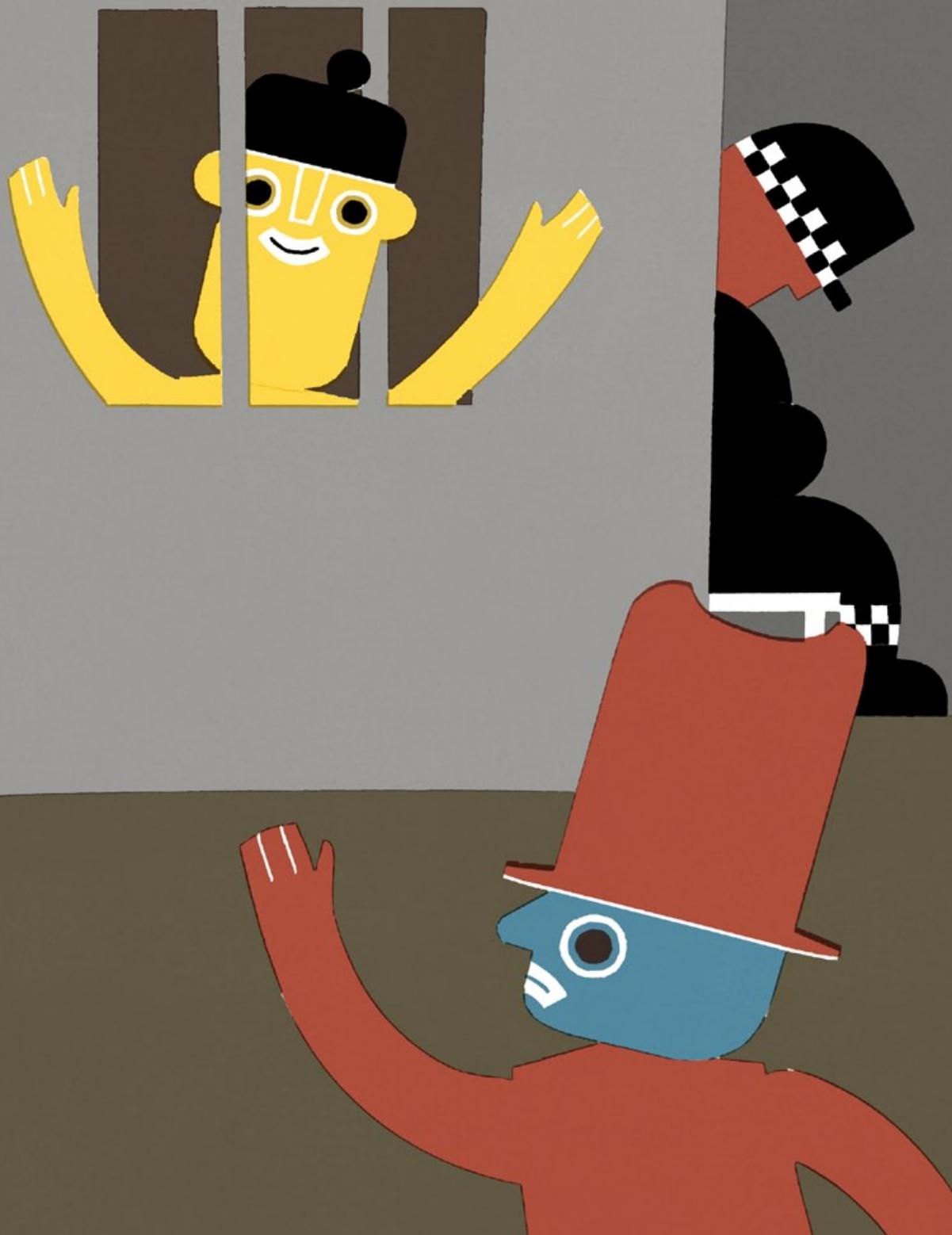
Then he nails up the windows and door.

In the morning the thief shouts:  
‘Let me out, Noper!’  
‘NO!’ answers Noper.  
‘If you do, you can have all the buns in town!’  
the thief tells him.  
‘NO!’ answers Noper.  
Then he zooms off towards the prison.



'Hi, Yesper!' says Noper.

'Hi, Noper!' Yesper says joyfully.





And so Noper  
paints Yesper with  
red and blue.

When the police  
wake up, they don't  
understand a thing.  
But Yesper is let out and  
overjoyed!  
Yesper hopes it's a long time  
before he has to go to prison  
again.



As they drive back home, Noper says:  
‘You must promise me one thing, Yesper!’  
‘YES!’ says Yesper.  
‘Are you quite sure?’ Noper asks.  
‘YES!’ says Yesper.

‘You must always say NO to the thief!’ Noper says.  
‘YES!’ says Yesper.





When Yesper sees who is in  
Noper's house, he asks:  
'You wouldn't say no to moving  
in with me, Noper?'  
'NO,' answers Noper,  
and is delighted.

'Yesper, Yesper!' calls the thief.  
'Come and help me out!'  
'NO, thief,' Yesper replies.

