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**When the rain** finally stops, they go outside to run under a pile of leaves as butterflies dance in the sunshine.



**There is a sound in the distance. A whistle blows again and again. Whoop, whoop. What is making that sound?**

The twins climb on an old wood fence, looking right and left.

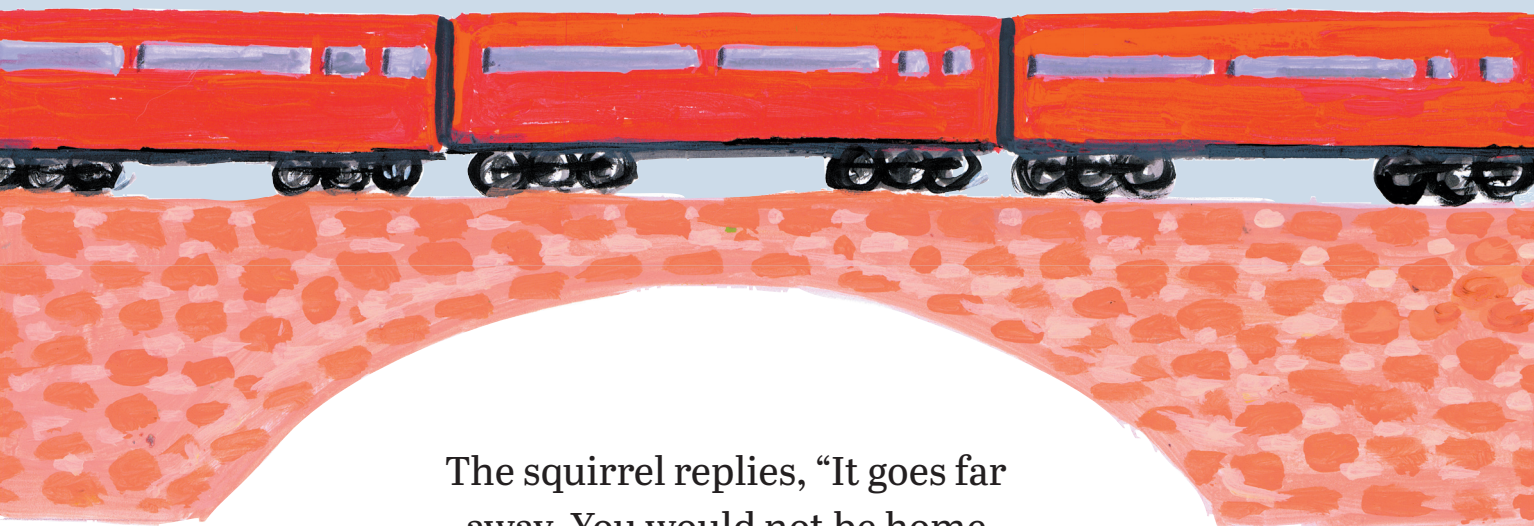


A squirrel friend says, “Beyond the woods you can see many things that were hidden by the leaves on the trees.”



**On the horizon** they see something new,  
as a train moves across a bridge.

“Can I go on a train?” asks Henry.



The squirrel replies, “It goes far  
away. You would not be home  
in time for the picnic lunch.”

Henrietta leaps to the ground, “I’m  
hungry now! Maybe we can find  
berries in the strawberry patch.”



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