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THE ADVENTURES OF MR TOAD

KENNETH GRAHAME'S
THE
WIND
IN THE
WILLOWS

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One day I was sitting outside my home, Toad Hall, and reading a map.
Well, that's what I was **meant** to be doing. Really I was
making up songs about myself. Like this one:

Ahem.

(That's me clearing my
throat before singing.)

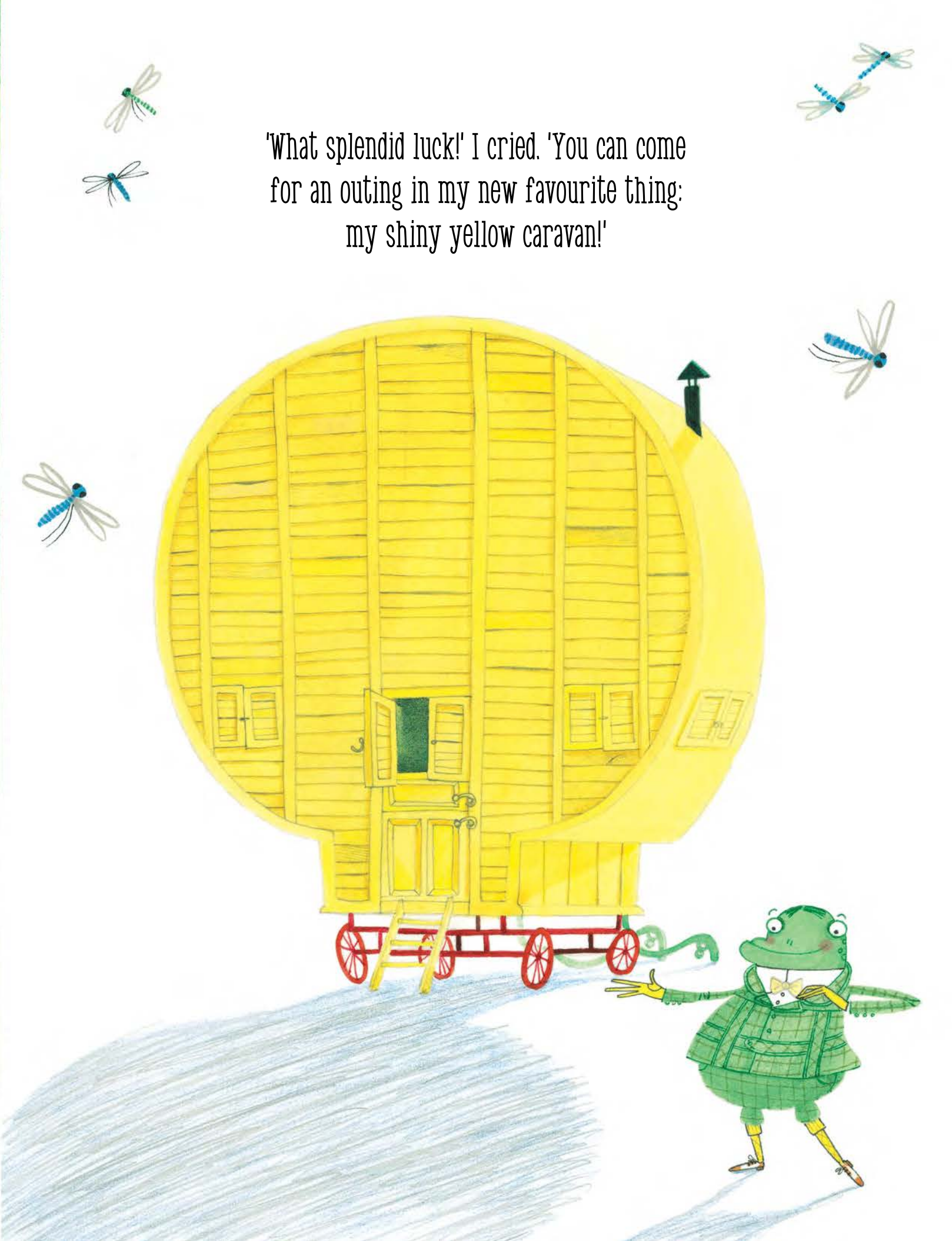
I'm the magnificent,
wise Mr Toad,
the finest of creatures
you ever have knowed!
The handsomest fellow,
the cleverest too -
the best Toad around,
yes of course that is true.



A cheery voice called, 'Hello there!' from the river.



And who did I see but Ratty and Mole in their boat!



'What splendid luck!' I cried. 'You can come for an outing in my new favourite thing: my shiny yellow caravan!'



All afternoon we rolled down green country lanes,
and that evening I delighted Mole and Ratty
with my wonderful songs.

But we had barely set off the next day when
poop poop! a motor car roared past
and barged our caravan into a ditch!



'You scoundrels!' shouted Ratty,
jumping up and down.



But all I heard was the beautiful
sound of the car's horn.

poop poop!



And now I was done with silly caravans. I wanted a car.

A **real** one!



Ahem.

I'm the magnificent, wise Mr Toad,
the finest of drivers around on the road.
My goggles and gloves make me look rather dashing.
But I'm never quite sure why my cars keep on . . .

crashing.



Ratty, Mole, and Badger told me to stop buying cars.



'Take those ridiculous things off him,' Badger ordered,
and Ratty sat on me while Mole took away my goggles
and driving gloves. 'Now off to his room, and he can
stay there until he stops this nonsense.'

