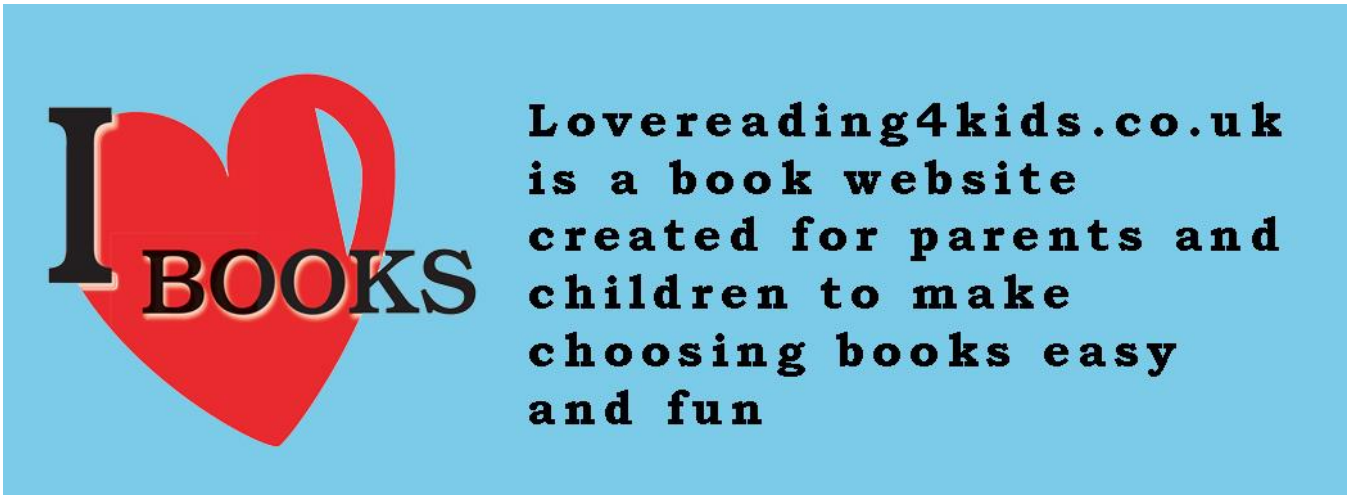


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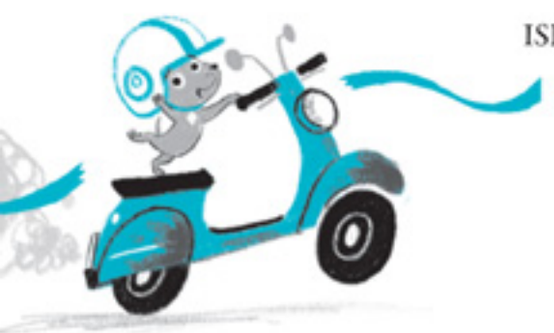
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Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam don't just make AMAZING cakes. These two brave bakers solve wacky mysteries too! Trouble might be just around the corner but Shifty and Sam are always ready…



Up, Up and Away!







Beep! Beep!

It was Rocky Road Race Day and Shifty and Sam were READY!

Their Bakemobile was gleaming. The boys were in their race suits. And their engine purred happily – prruuuum!

Peregrine Pug raised his megaphone. "All racers to the start line!" he called.

"Ooooo!" Sam wolfed down one last "lucky"

doughnut. "Let's go!"

As Shifty drove, Sam checked the race map. First they had to find their way through a corn maze, then race through Christmas Wood. After that, they'd head up Rocky Road Mountain, then down the other side to the finish line. Race Day was so exciting. They might even win the sparkly gold cup!



As the racers took their places at the start line, the boys saw some of their café customers. Duchess was racing her shiny limousine. Rover sat tall in his farm truck. And Matilda was in a double-decker bus with all of her fifteen puppies!

Then Fred pulled up in his vintage car. And there was Hercules on his sky-blue scooter.

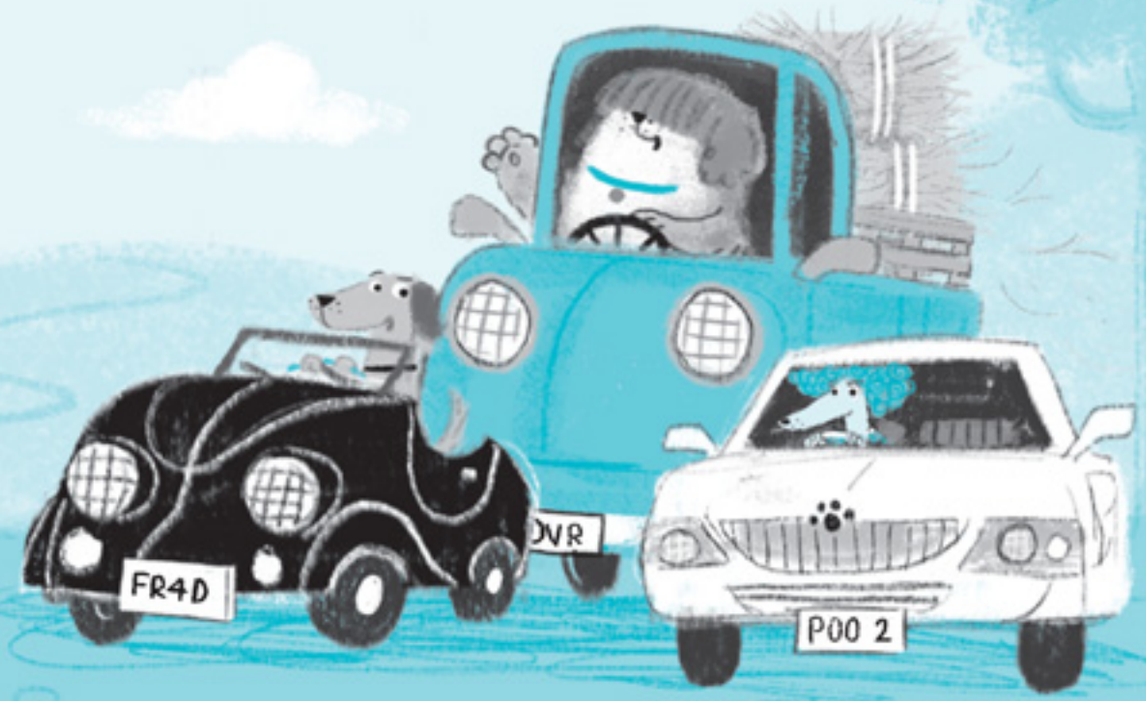


Hercules had never won a thing in his life, but that never stopped him trying. As Peregrine Pug was about to wave the start flag, one last-minute racer roared up. His jet-black car was as shiny as a crow, and looked like a cross between a castle and a tank.

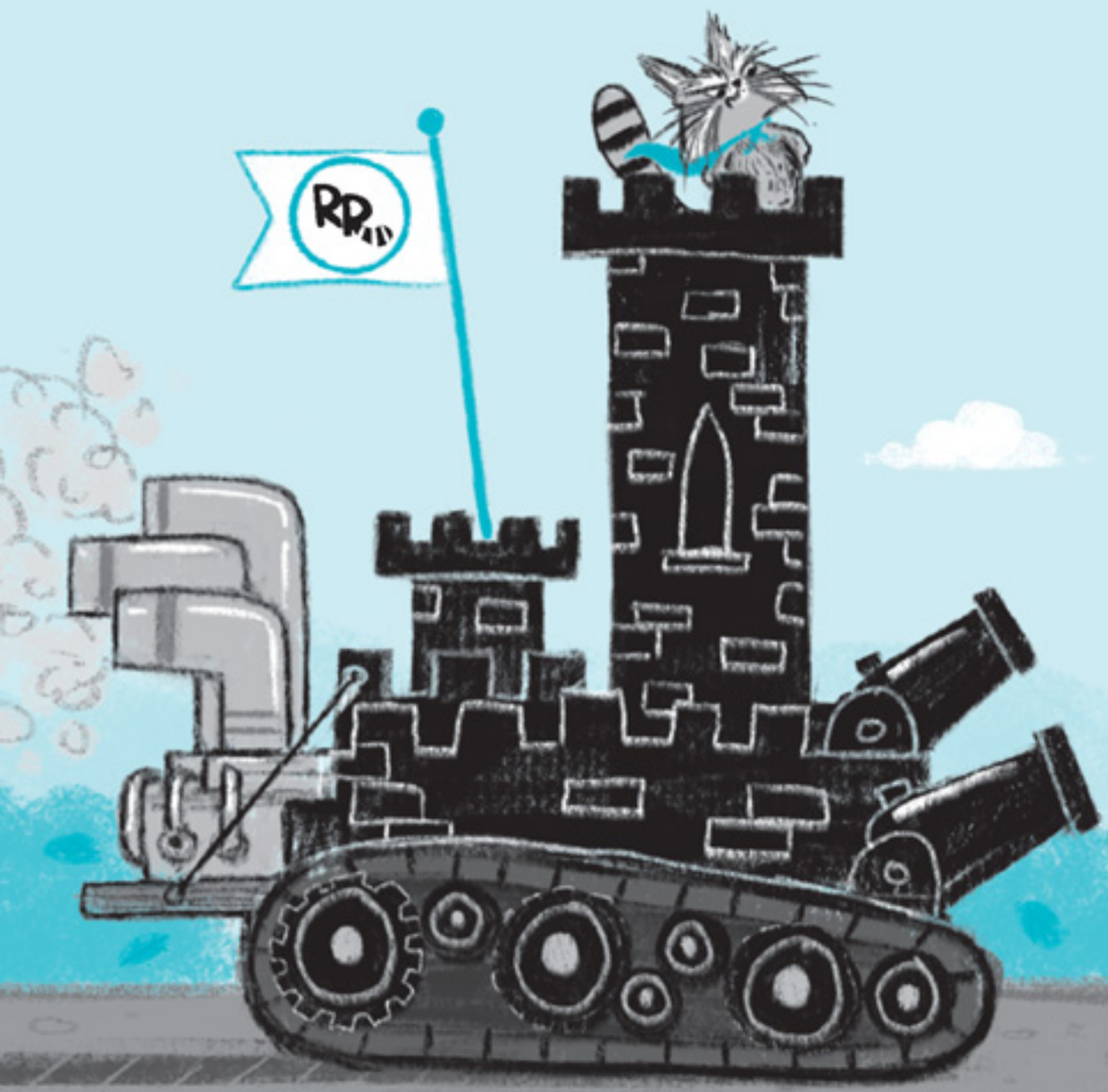
"Eeek!" gulped Sam.

Then the boys spied the driver smirking down from his lookout tower. "Oh no!" Shifty tutted. And Sam rolled his eyes…

"Red Rocket!"



At the mention of his name the red panda puffed out his chest importantly, unaware that this just made him look like a teddy bear!



"Hello Doughnut-tum!" he said to Sam. "And hello Giraffe-neck!" he said to Shifty. Shifty and Sam shook their heads. They would rather eat worms than race against their annoying next-door neighbour.



