

EMERGENCY RESCUE FOR CONSTRUCTION TEAM

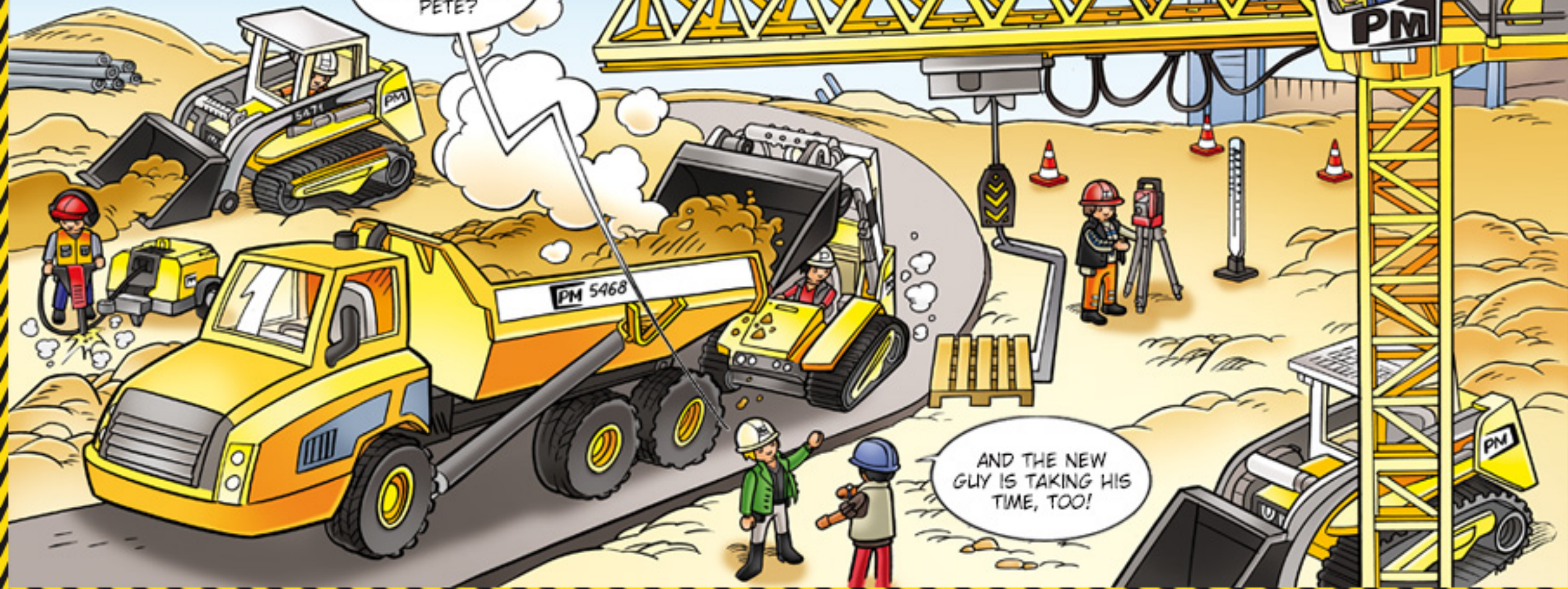
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EARLY IN THE MORNING, THE CONSTRUCTION SITE IS ALREADY BUSTLING WITH LIFE. CONSTRUCTION TEAM 5 IS READY FOR A NEW, BUSY DAY, BUT SOME OF THE MEN ARE WORRIED. THEY SEEM TO BE WAITING FOR SOMEONE...

DO YOU
SEE ANYTHING,
PETE?

NOPE, STEVE.
I DON'T SEE THE
FRONT LOADER!

AND THE NEW
GUY IS TAKING HIS
TIME, TOO!



THE "NEW GUY" IS MARK, THE SITE MANAGER. HE WAS SUPPOSED TO START WORKING WITH TEAM 5 TODAY. MARK WOULD ALREADY HAVE BEEN THERE, BUT SOMETHING SEEMS TO HAVE HELD HIM UP TODAY.

IS THIS THE FRONT LOADER FOR TEAM 5?

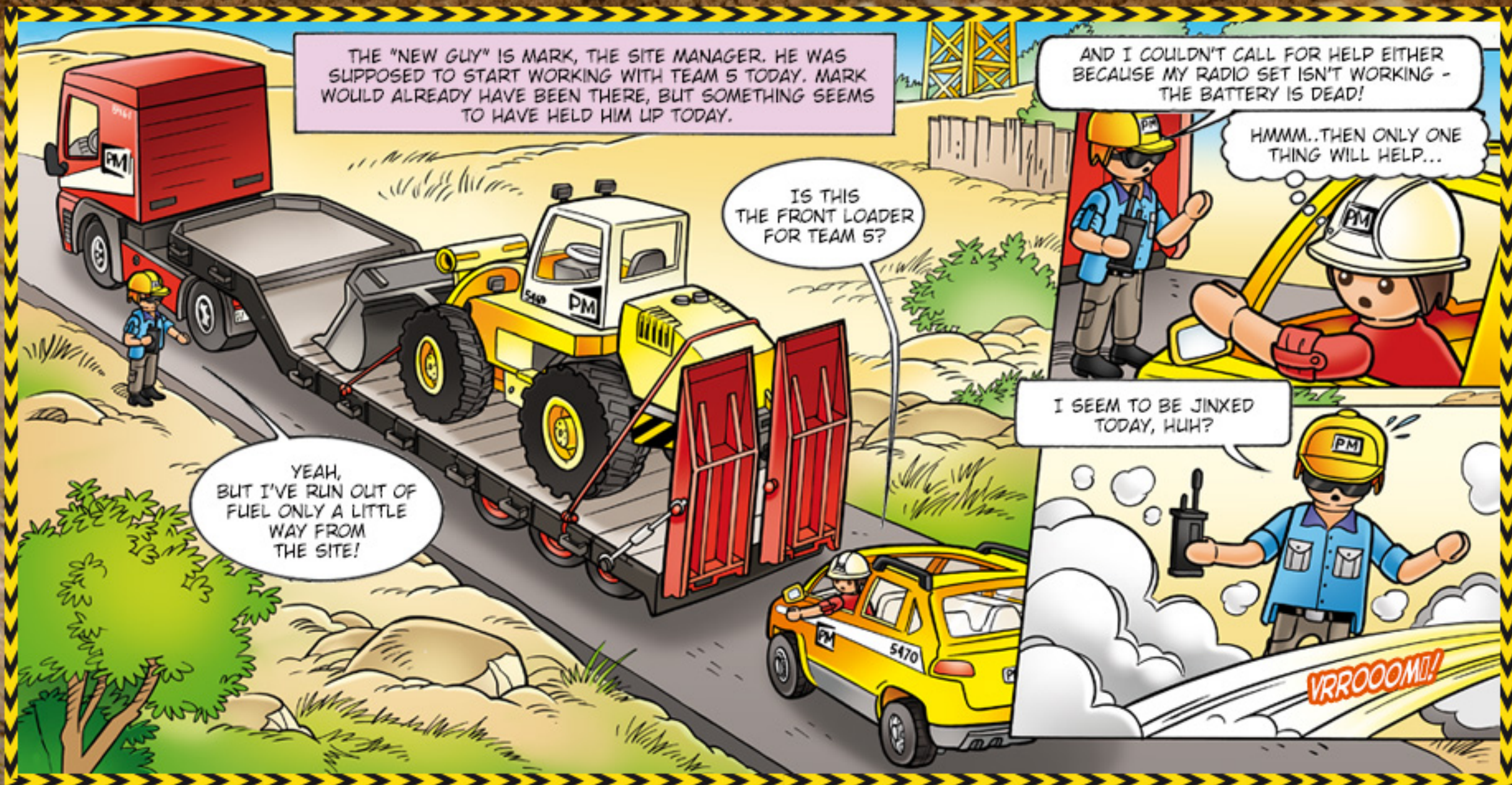
YEAH, BUT I'VE RUN OUT OF FUEL ONLY A LITTLE WAY FROM THE SITE!

AND I COULDN'T CALL FOR HELP EITHER BECAUSE MY RADIO SET ISN'T WORKING - THE BATTERY IS DEAD!

HMMM...THEN ONLY ONE THING WILL HELP...

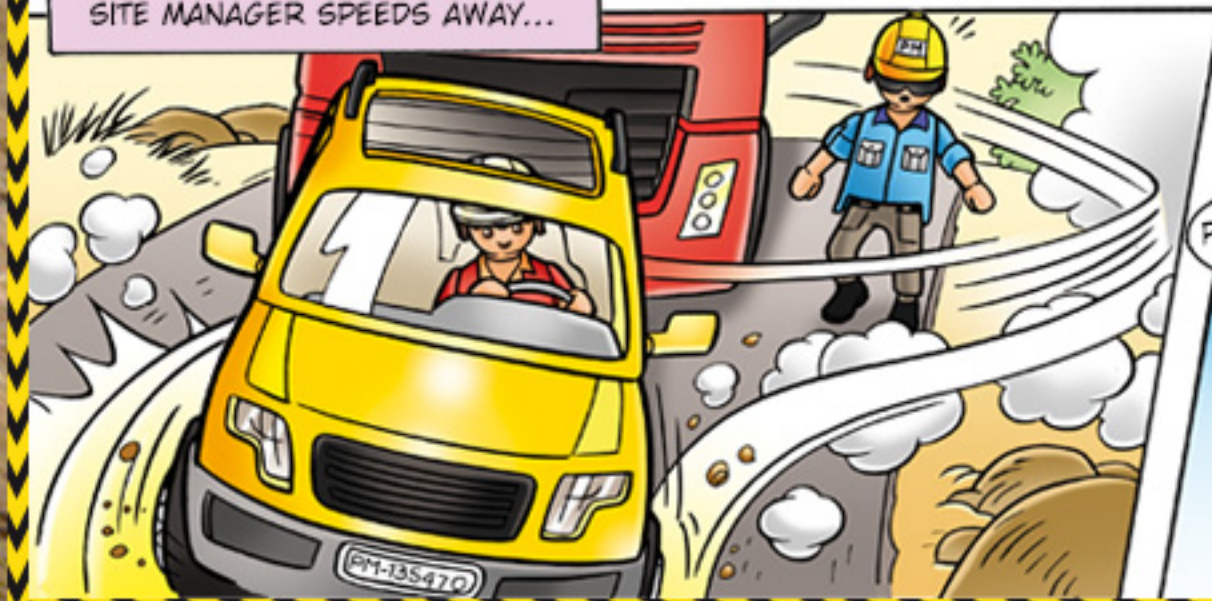
I SEEM TO BE JINXED TODAY, HUH?

VRROOOM!!





ALL OF A SUDDEN, THE YOUNG SITE MANAGER SPEEDS AWAY...



...TO CALL FOR HELP AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE.

AND WAITING FOR YOU TOO, BOSS!



HI GUYS! I AM MARK, THE NEW SITE MANAGER. I BET YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THE NEW FRONT LOADER TO ARRIVE SO YOU CAN DIG THE PIT...

IT'S ABOUT TIME.



HE'S STUCK JUST A FEW MILES FROM HERE. THE NEW FRONT LOADER HAS RUN OUT OF FUEL!

YOU MUST BE JOKING!

AND WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BAIL HIM OUT NOW?



PFFFFHIHL...

WE NEED TO TAKE SOME SPARE FUEL TO HIM! HUH...?!





WELL, I'D CALL THAT A FAST SERVICE!

ALWAYS AT THE READY, BOSS!

NOT BAD AT ALL, THE NEW GUY...

HE SEEMS REALLY COMMITTED TO HIS JOB.

VRRRRM!

PSHAW! THINGS LIKE THAT WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED WITH OUR OLD BOSS, KURT.

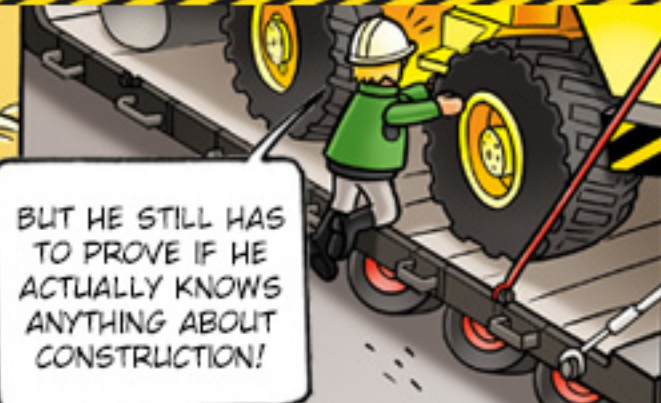
COME OFF IT, STEVE!

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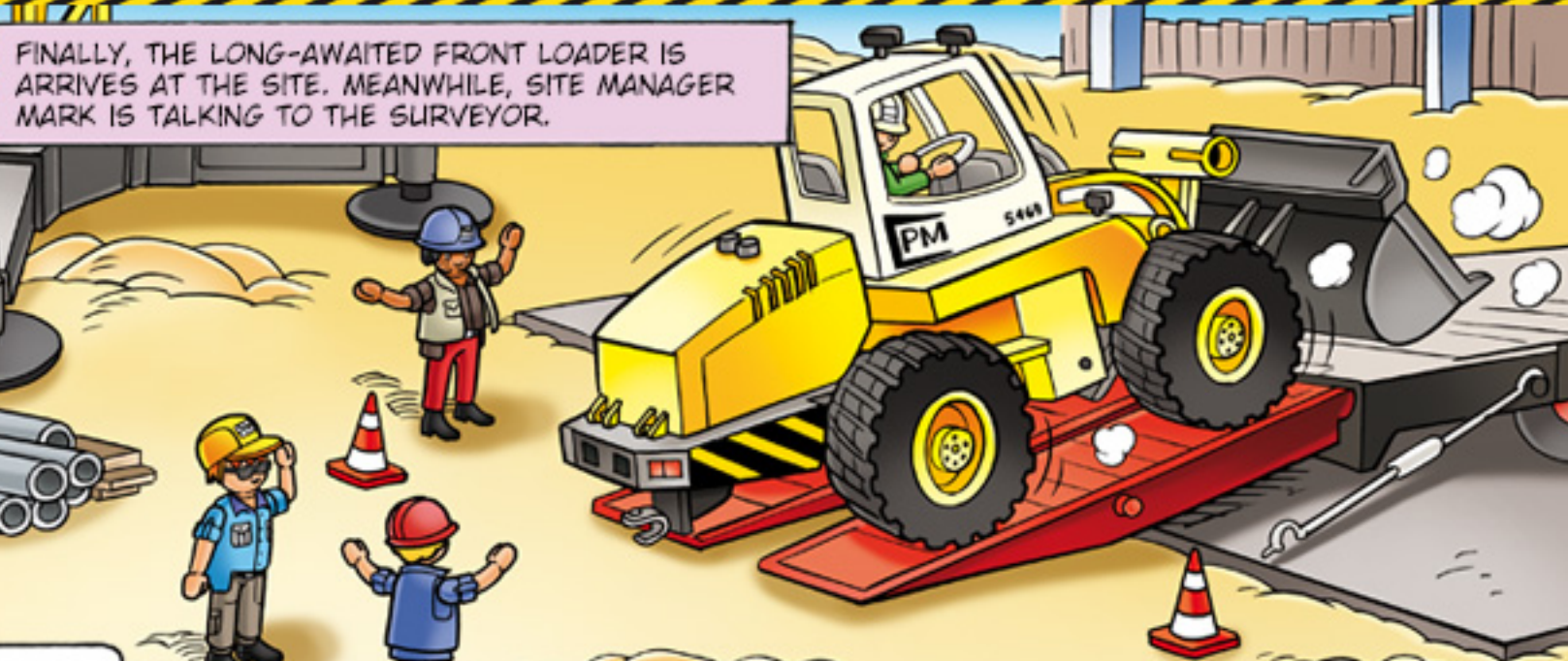
HONK-HOONK!

THERE'S YOUR FRONT LOADER, STEVE. NOTHING TO GRUMBLE ABOUT!


BOY, THIS GUY IS QUICK...




BUT HE STILL HAS
TO PROVE IF HE
ACTUALLY KNOWS
ANYTHING ABOUT
CONSTRUCTION!





FINALLY, THE LONG-AWAITED FRONT LOADER IS
ARRIVES AT THE SITE. MEANWHILE, SITE MANAGER
MARK IS TALKING TO THE SURVEYOR.



EVERYTHING'S READY.
I THINK WE SHOULD START
WITH THE PIT.



SOUNDS GOOD!
LET'S GO...



LISTEN, GUYS. AS YOU ALL KNOW, I'M HERE
TO COVER FOR YOUR SITE MANAGER, KURT.

UNFORTUNATELY, KURT FELL
DOWN A LADDER WHILE
TRYING TO CHANGE A LIGHT
BULB IN HIS HOUSE, SO HE'LL
BE IN HOSPITAL FOR THREE
WEEKS.

AND NOW THEY ARE SENDING
SUCH AN UNEXPERIENCED BOY
TO TAKE HIS PLACE!

SHHH!

YOU'VE DONE A GREAT DEAL
OF WORK ALREADY. NOW THAT
THE FRONT LOADER HAS
ARRIVED, WE CAN START TO
DIG THE PIT IMMEDIATELY.

IF THE WEATHER COOPERATES,
AND WE WORK TOGETHER, WE'LL
EASILY BE ABLE TO MAKE UP
FOR THE DELAY!

SURE! BUT WE CERTAINLY DON'T NEED A
NEWBIE LIKE YOU, WHO THINKS HE KNOWS
EVERYTHING!

WE CAN HANDLE
THINGS JUST FINE
WITHOUT YOU!

REALLY...?!



THEN I GUESS YOU WERE ALREADY
PLANNING TO TELL YOUR WORKMATE
OVER THERE THAT HE DOESN'T NEED TO
CONTINUE BEATING THAT ROCK WITH HIS
HAMMER...

?!?

AND THEN EVERYONE
GETS READY TO WORK...

YOU BETTER START
FROM THIS SIDE
HERE...

...SINCE YOU WERE
GOING TO DO THAT
WITH YOUR
EXCAVATOR SHOVEL
ANYWAY, AM I
RIGHT?

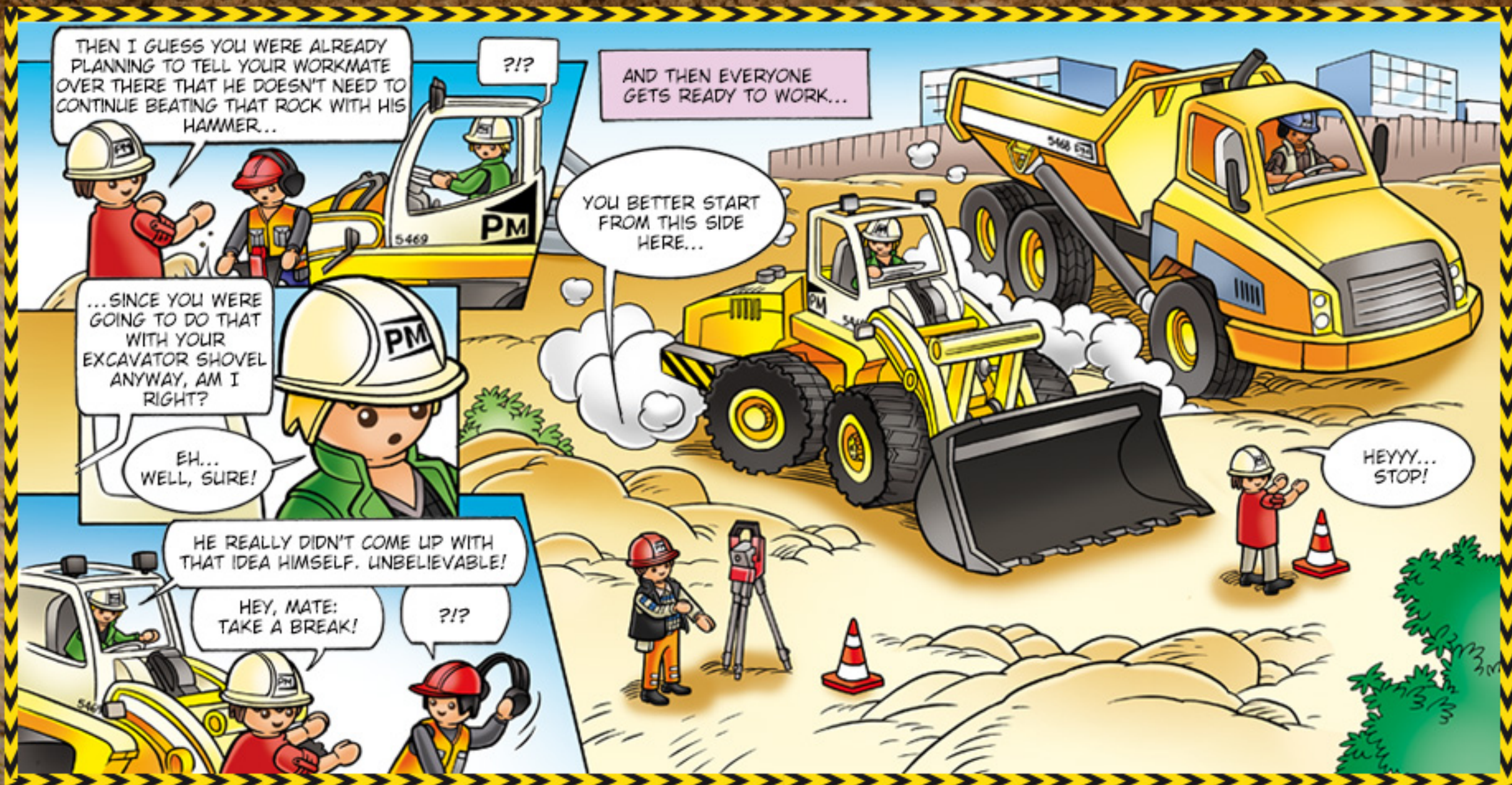
EH...
WELL, SURE!

HE REALLY DIDN'T COME UP WITH
THAT IDEA HIMSELF. UNBELIEVABLE!

HEY, MATE:
TAKE A BREAK!

?!?

HEYYY...
STOP!







...AND AS THE MEN ARE PACKING THINGS UP, A THUNDERSTORM IS APPROACHING.



THE NEXT DAY,
THE STORM HAS
BLOWN OVER,
AND THE TEAM
EAGERLY
CONTINUE THEIR
WORK...

YOU'D
BETTER NOT DIG
INTO THE SOIL FROM
UP HERE,
STEVE...

HE'S RIGHT.
THE RAIN HAS SOFTENED
THE SOIL TOO MUCH AT
THE EDGES. IT WON'T
BE SAFE.

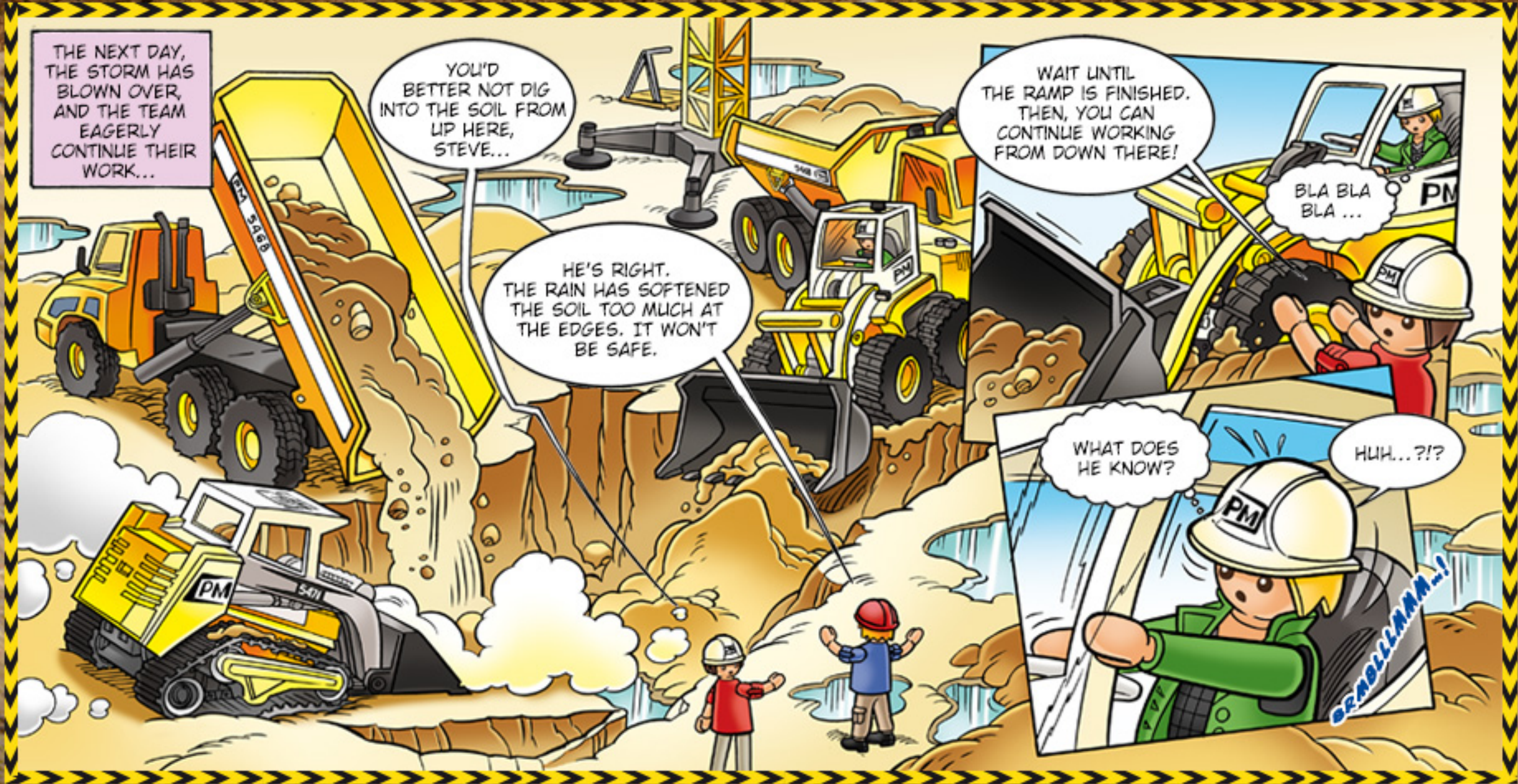
WAIT UNTIL
THE RAMP IS FINISHED.
THEN, YOU CAN
CONTINUE WORKING
FROM DOWN THERE!

BLA BLA
BLA ...

WHAT DOES
HE KNOW?

HUH...?!?

BRALLAM!!



THE EDGE OF THE PIT STARTS TO SLIDE DOWN AND HIT THE FRONT LOADER...

OH KNOW! GET ME OUT OF HERE! HELP!

THE SHOVEL OF HIS EXCAVATOR IS STUCK, AND THE WHEELS ARE SPINNING!

THE YOUNG SITE MANAGER KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT TO DO.

BRING THE BIG WOODEN PLANKS OVER HERE...

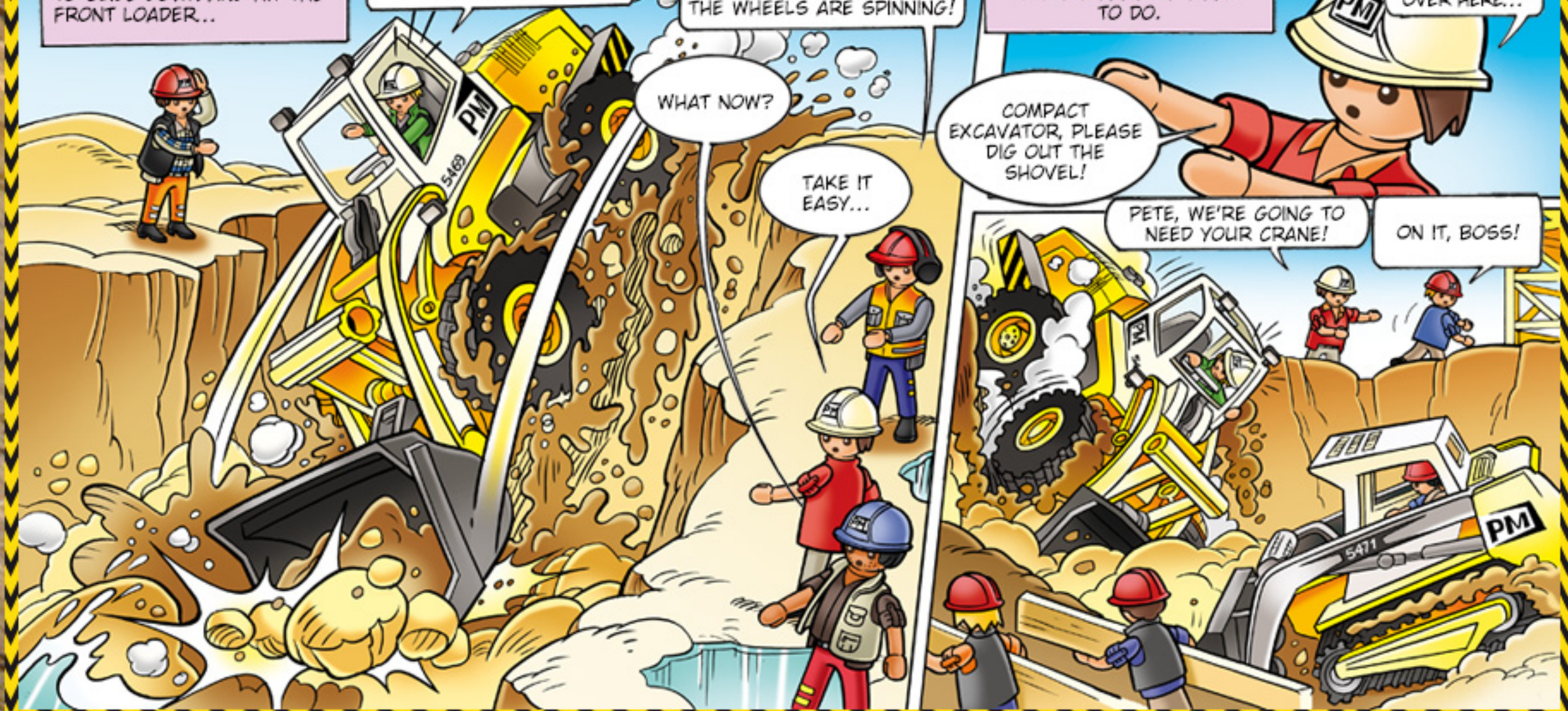
WHAT NOW?

TAKE IT EASY...

COMPACT EXCAVATOR, PLEASE DIG OUT THE SHOVEL!

PETE, WE'RE GOING TO NEED YOUR CRANE!

ON IT, BOSS!



THE GUYS ARE
ACTING FAST...

AND HOP!

NEED A LIFT,
STEVE?

DON'T LOOK
DOWN!

WOW!

CLICK!



NOW SET IT BACK DOWN SLOWLY.

WELL DONE, GUYS!

PHEW!

I GUESS I WAS A BIT RECKLESS!

ENOUGH FUN FOR TODAY! LET'S GET BACK TO WORK, GUYS...

WE WANT TO EVENTUALLY FINISH THIS PIT SOME DAY!

THE MAIN THING IS THAT YOU ARE NOT INJURED, AND YOUR FRONT LOADER ISN'T DAMAGED EITHER!

HOORAY! THUMBS UP! WELL DONE, MARK!

I AM SORRY, BOSS!

COME ON, YOU HAVE SAFE GROUND UNDER YOUR FEET HERE.

AND IF POSSIBLE, WITHOUT FALLING INTO IT AGAIN! HAHA!

THE END