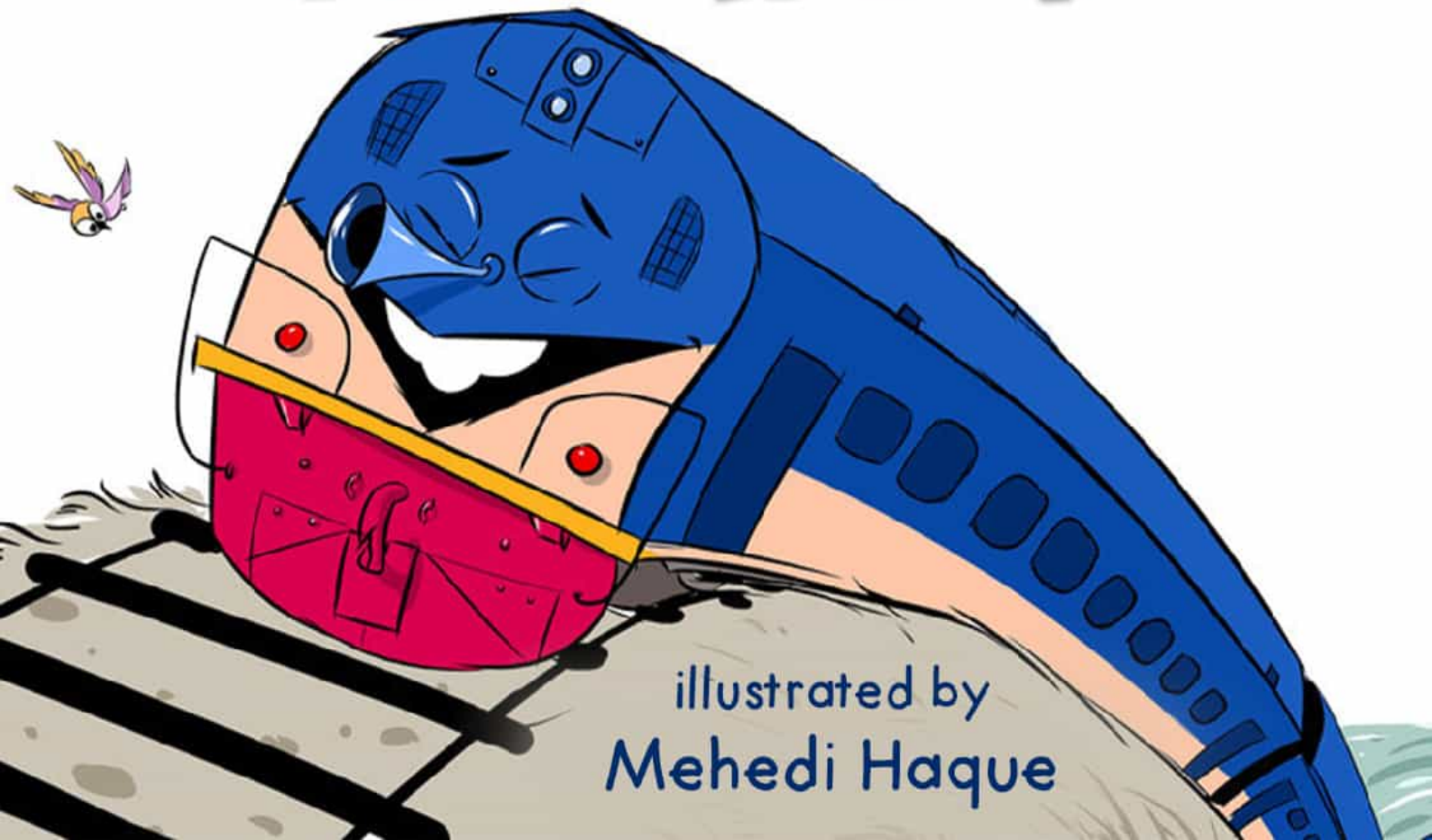


I AM A TRAIN!



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It's midnight, and I speed swiftly along
the rails. I am a train, and I ride happy
and free. I travel near, I travel far, I
travel everywhere!

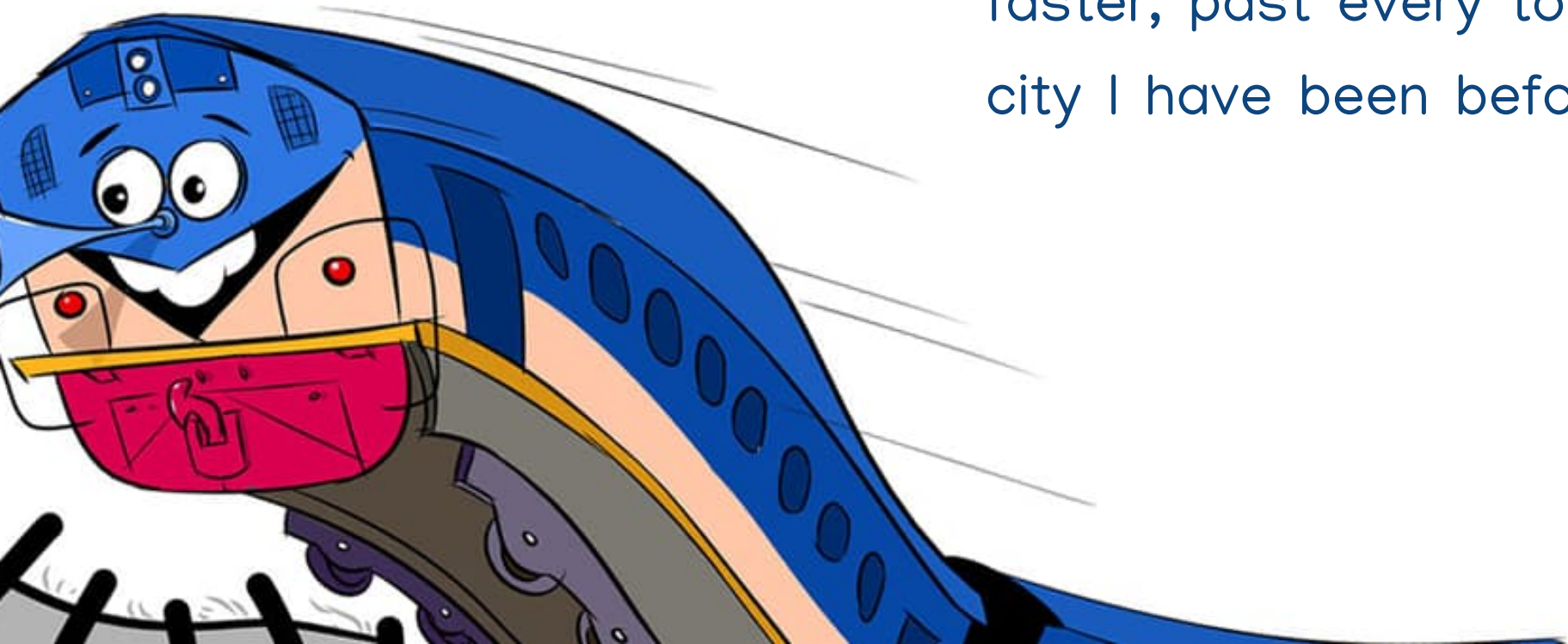


Past a tree, under a bridge,
along the water, I leave cars
and trucks far behind.

Nobody is faster than me!

I am so quick and so free.





I can go anywhere, when I
follow the rails.

It's so great! I go faster and
faster, past every town and
city I have been before.

But wait, maybe I have gone too far.

I have not been here before.

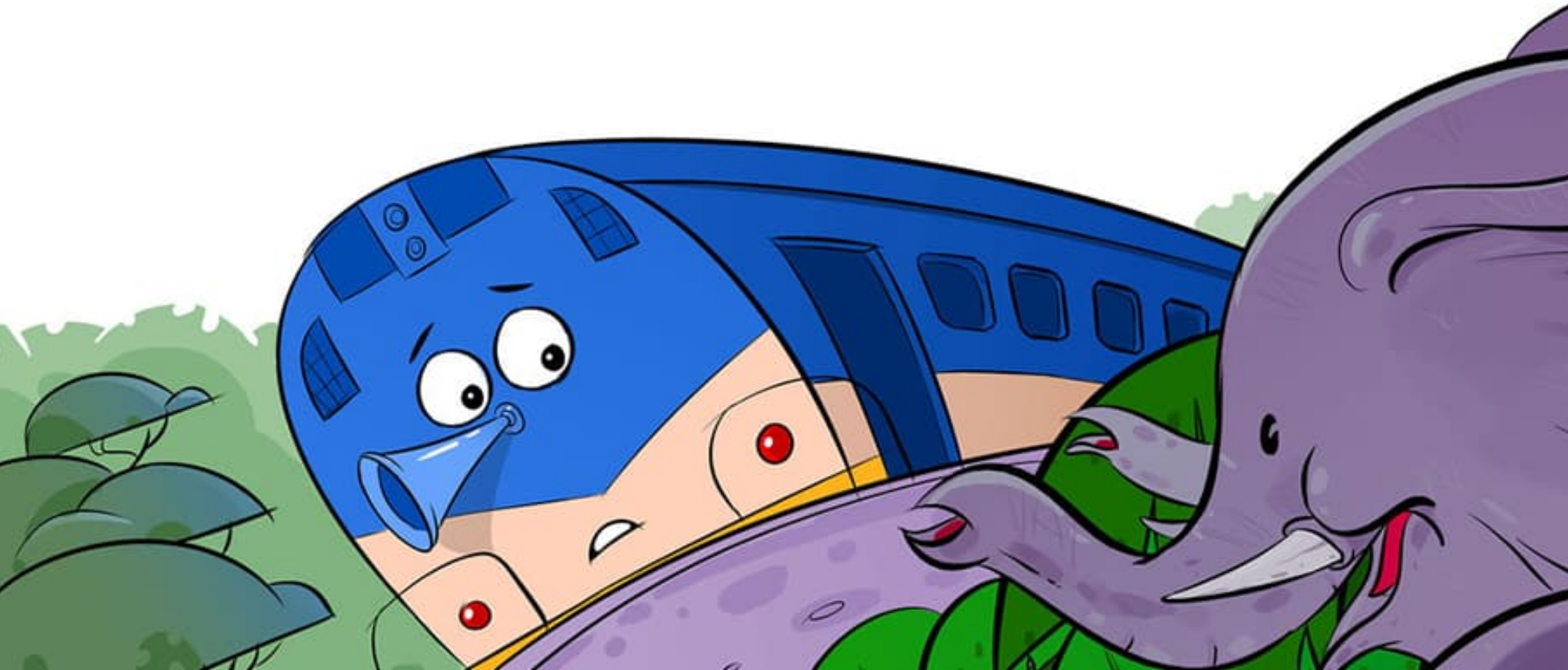
Why are all the trees so mean?

I don't see anything I like.



Oh no! I am so far away from anywhere I have ever been before. Is that an elephant?

I am so scared, I want to go home, but I think, I have lost the way.



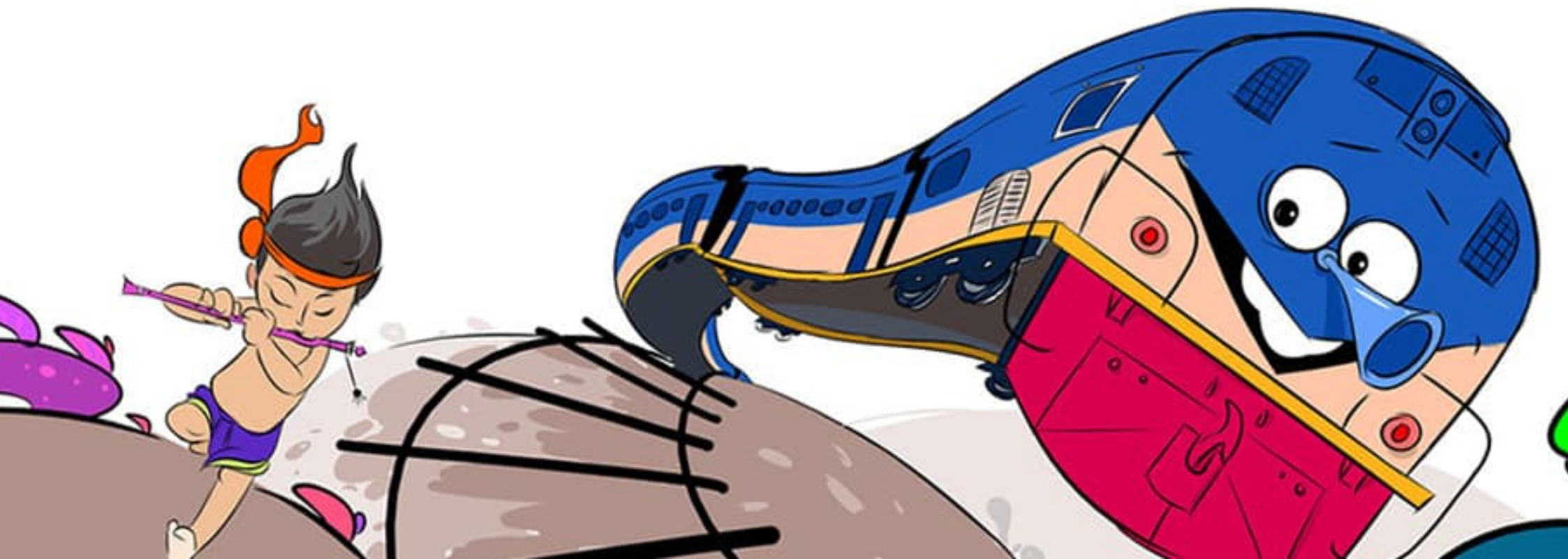
I am so scared that I stop, crying and shaking. But all of a sudden, a boy comes out from the trees.

'Don't worry, blue train! Nobody will hurt you. I will help. Just follow my music!'



He holds a magic flute and begins to play. The music is so sweet and calm. As I listen, I start to feel better.

'Yes, keep going, little boy,' I say, 'I think, I feel brave now! I can go anywhere!'





I dance around the boy,
cheerful once again.

Animals come from
everywhere, drawn by the
music and our laughter.

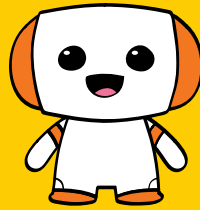
I feel as brave as I have
ever been!



Thanks to the boy and the flute, I
keep going on my journey, racing
along the rails to places I have
never been.

Nobody can scare me anymore.

I am a train, happy and free!



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