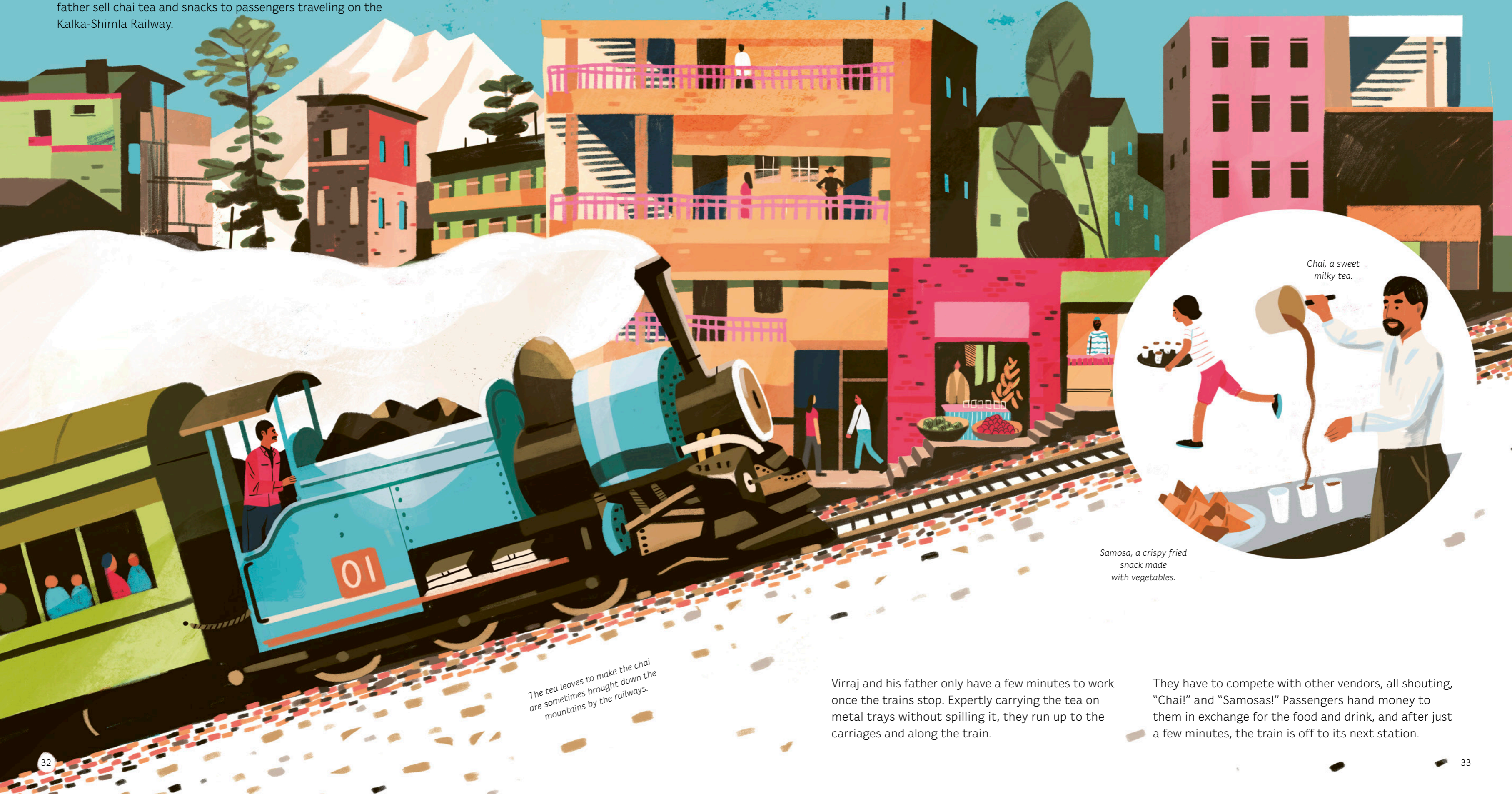


Snacks are an important part of the Indian railway experience. During his summer vacation from school, Virraj helps his father sell chai tea and snacks to passengers traveling on the Kalka-Shimla Railway.

His mother and father wake up early in the morning to make samosas and chai.



The tea leaves to make the chai are sometimes brought down the mountains by the railways.

Virraj and his father only have a few minutes to work once the trains stop. Expertly carrying the tea on metal trays without spilling it, they run up to the carriages and along the train.



Chai, a sweet milky tea.

Samosa, a crispy fried snack made with vegetables.

They have to compete with other vendors, all shouting, "Chai!" and "Samosas!" Passengers hand money to them in exchange for the food and drink, and after just a few minutes, the train is off to its next station.