The City That Talks

FLC

FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES

2nd Edition

The City That Talks

Dedicated to the children of Florida.

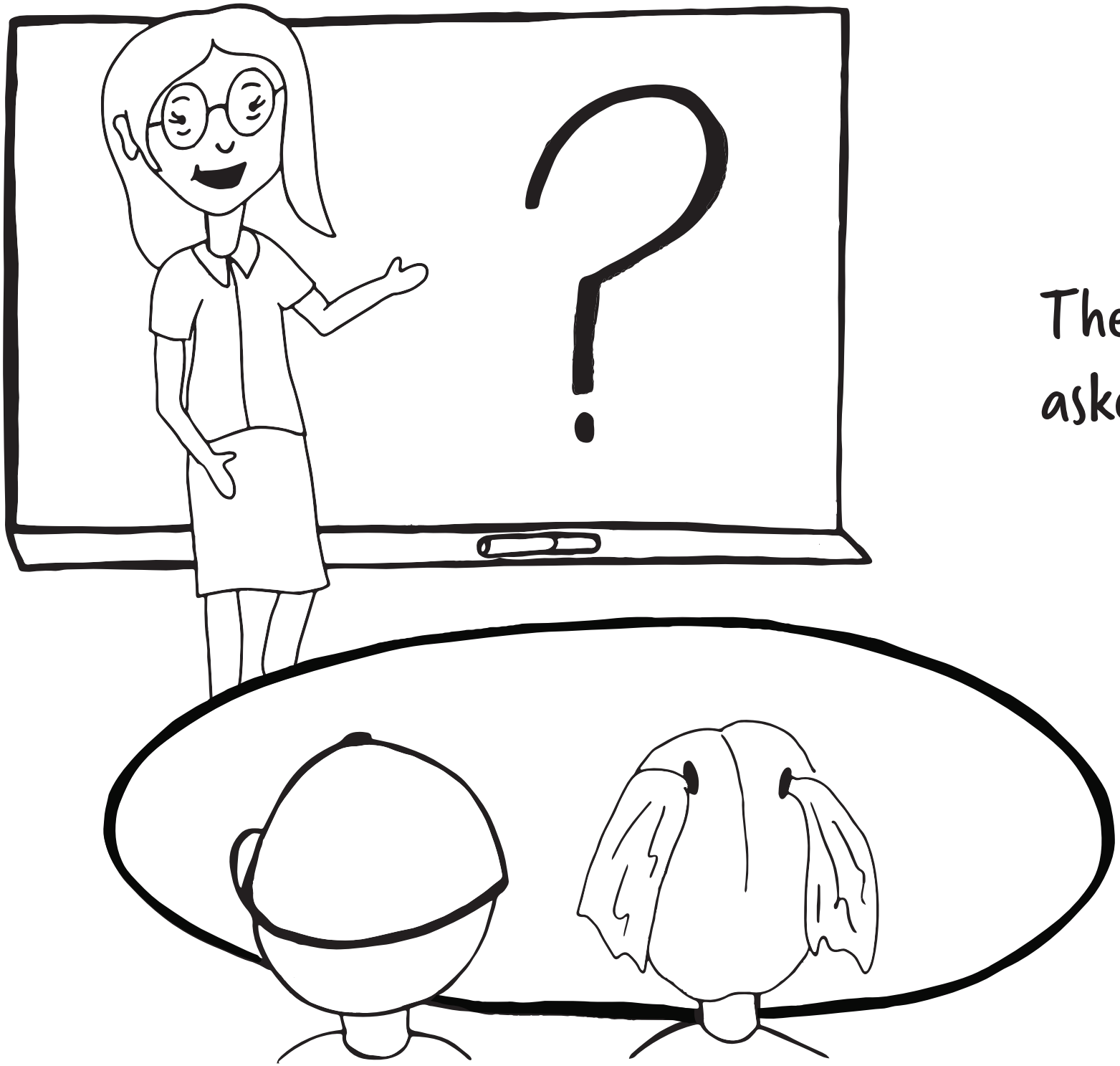
You are our future.

THE CITY THAT TALKS by the Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Published by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., 301 Bronough Street, Suite 300, Tallahassee, FL 32301.
Printed by API Print Productions.

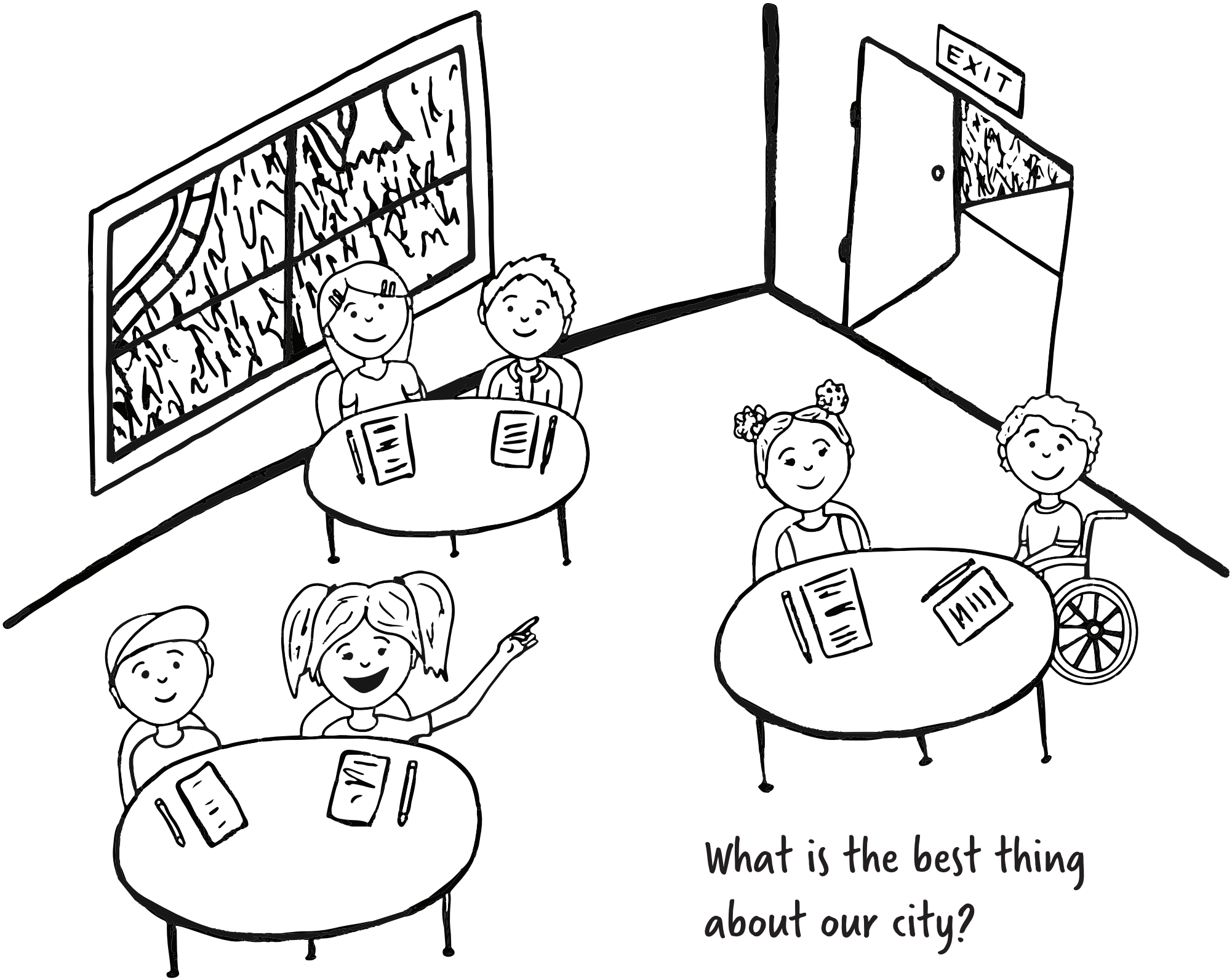
Copyright © 2020 by Florida League of Cities, Inc. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced by any means stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in whole or in part, in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise without the express written consent of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

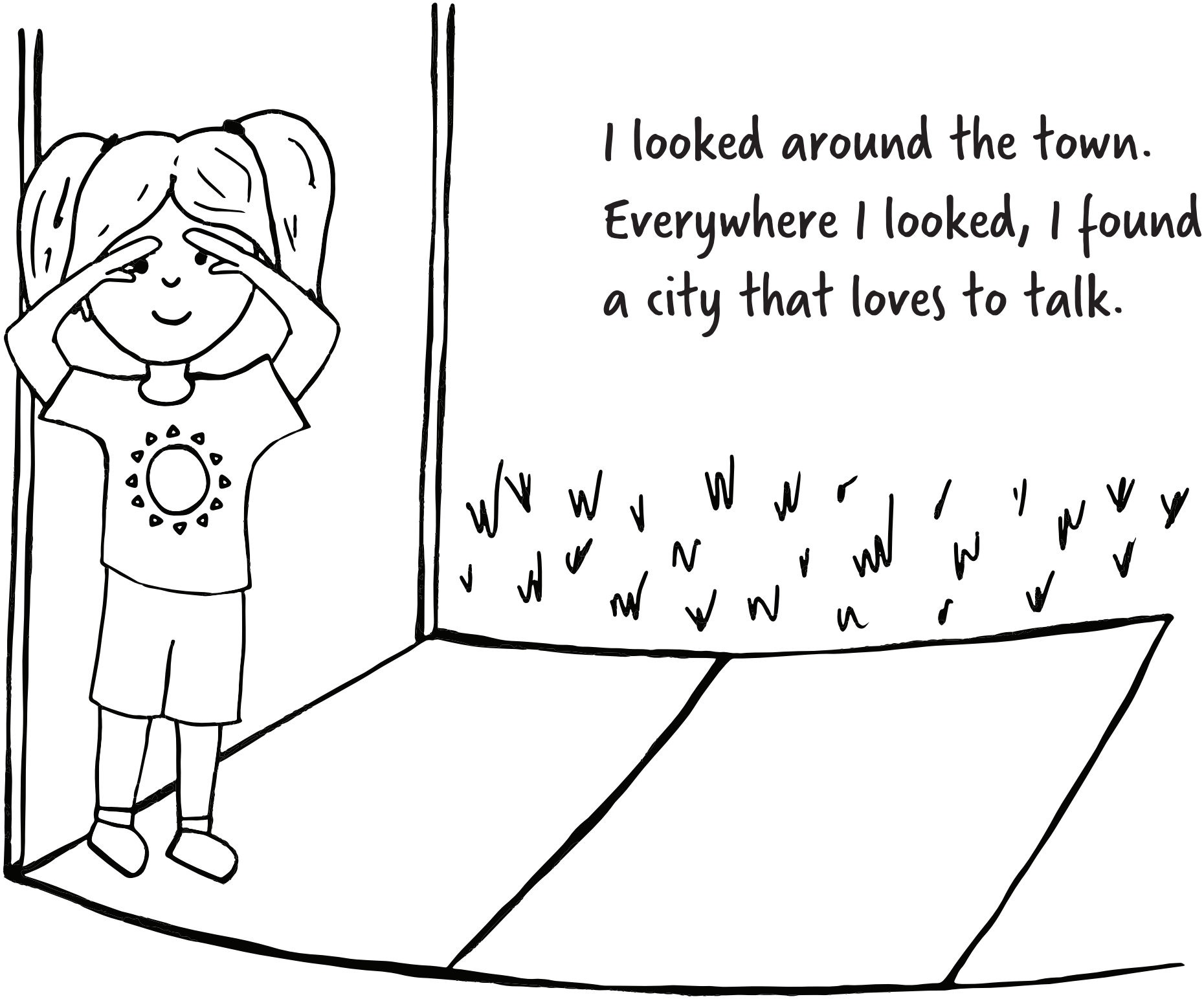
ISBN: 978-0-578-64719-7.
Library of Congress Control Number: 2020903048.
Second edition.
Printed in the United States of America.

Written by: Joy Dickinson.
Illustrations by: Sydney Fraser.



The teacher asked . . .

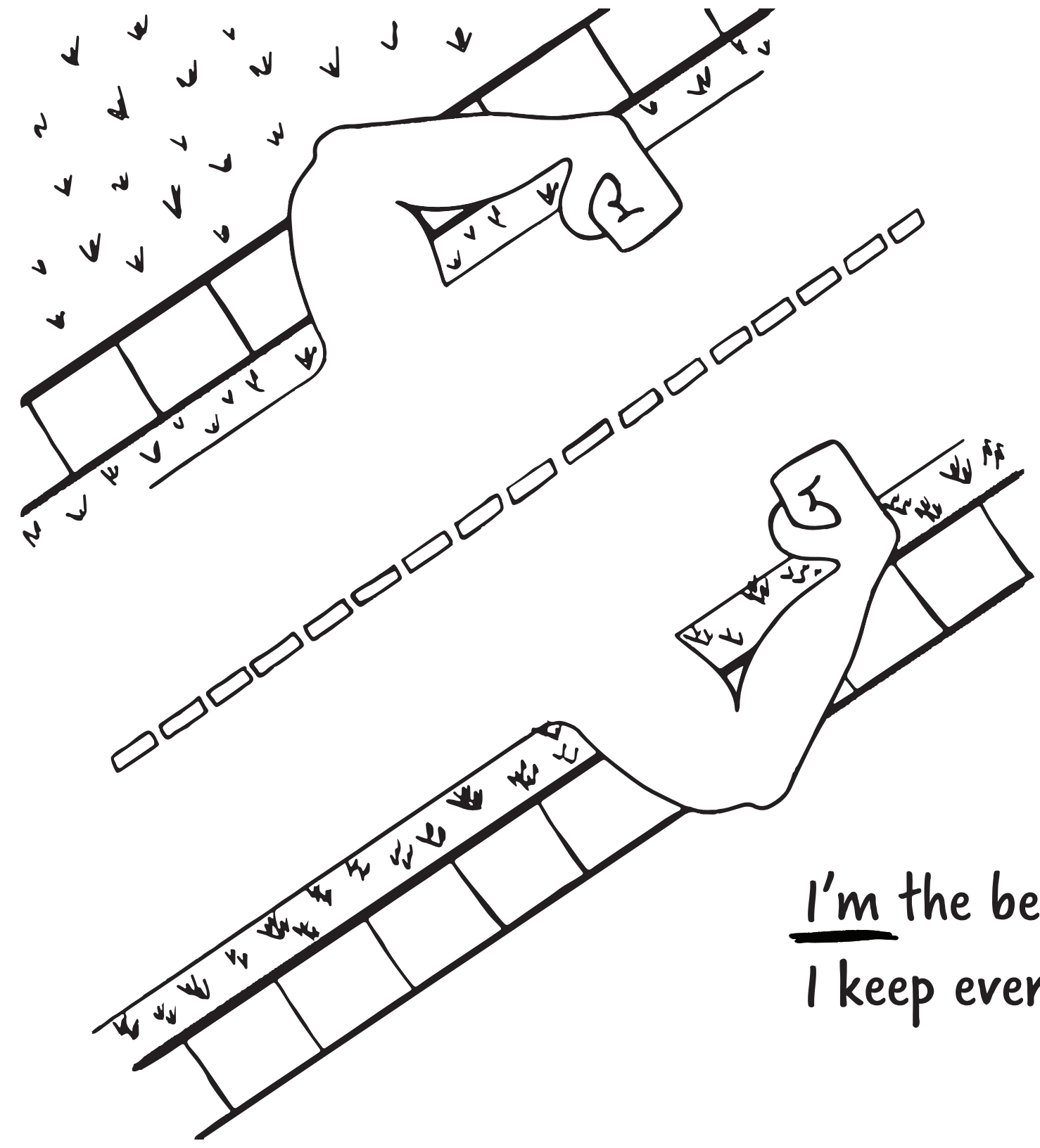

EXIT
What is the best thing about our city?



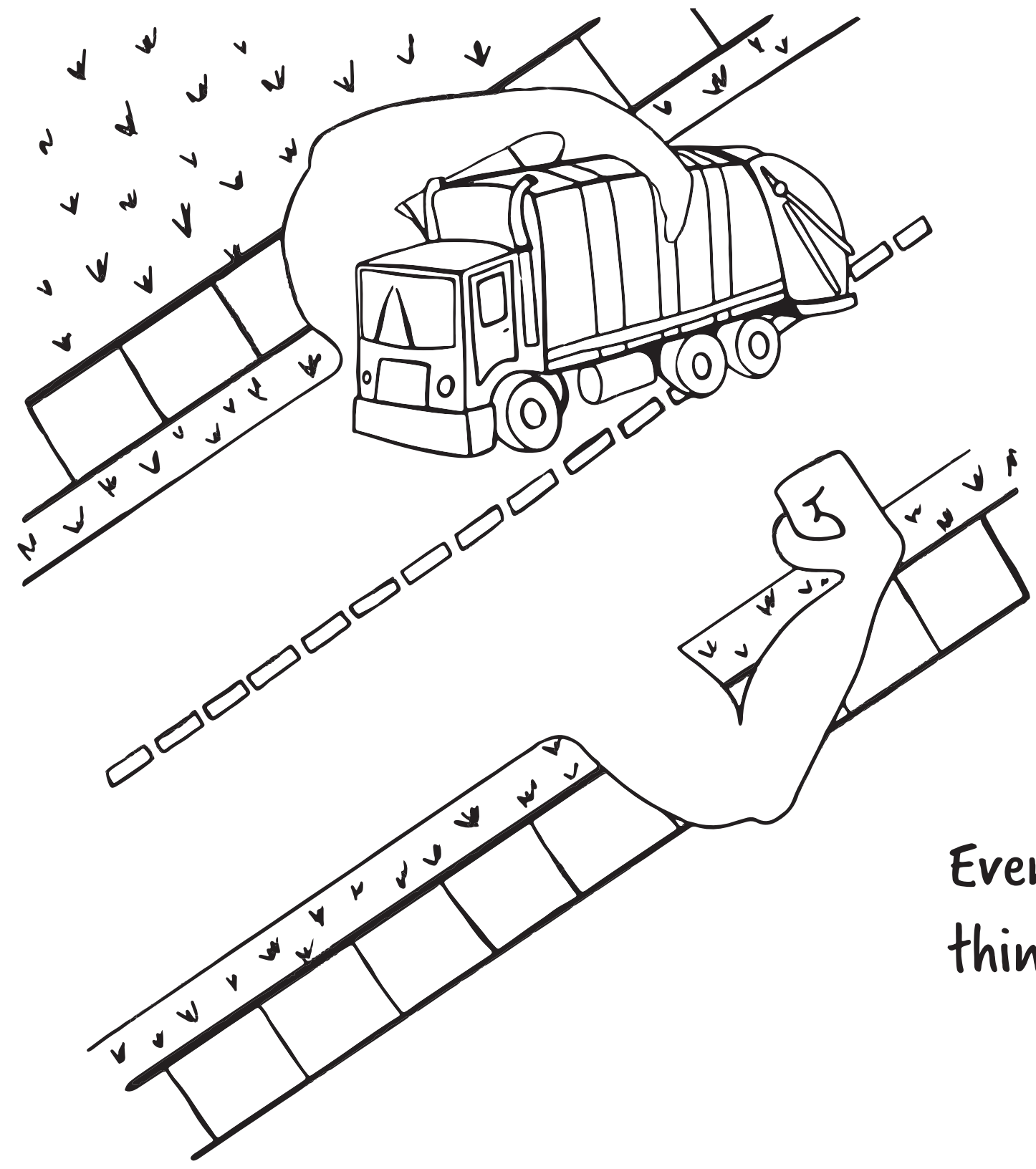
I looked around the town.
Everywhere I looked, I found
a city that loves to talk.

I'm the best thing about your city because I'm a safe place to walk.

And I'm tough.
Those soccer shoes
don't hurt me.

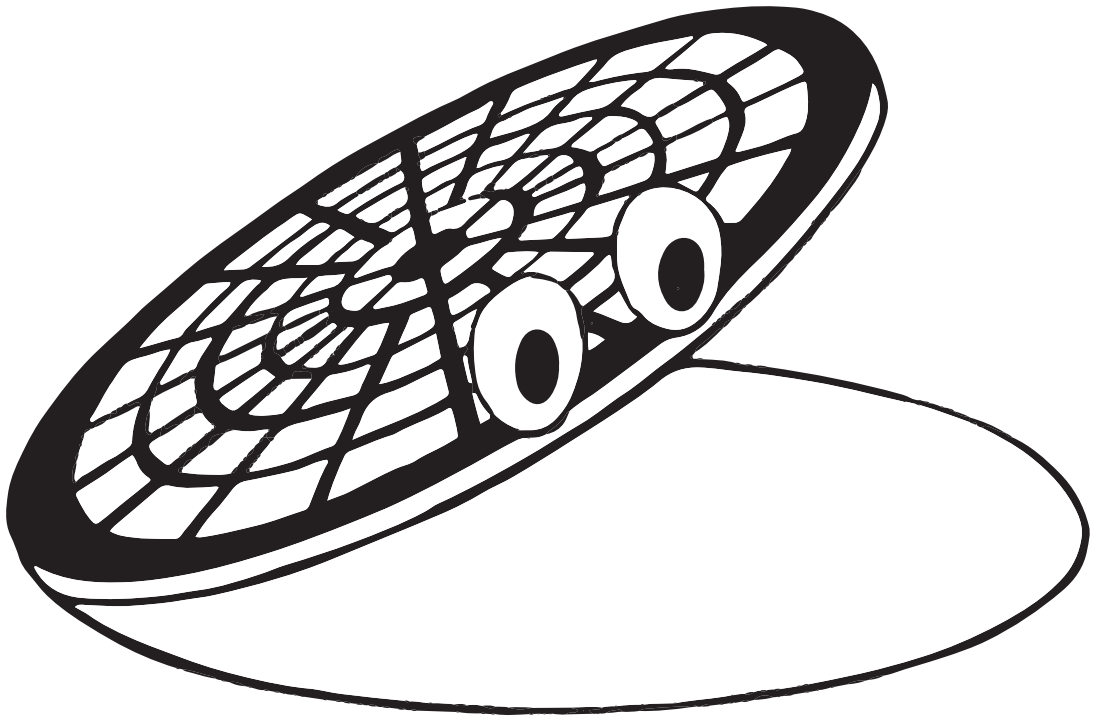


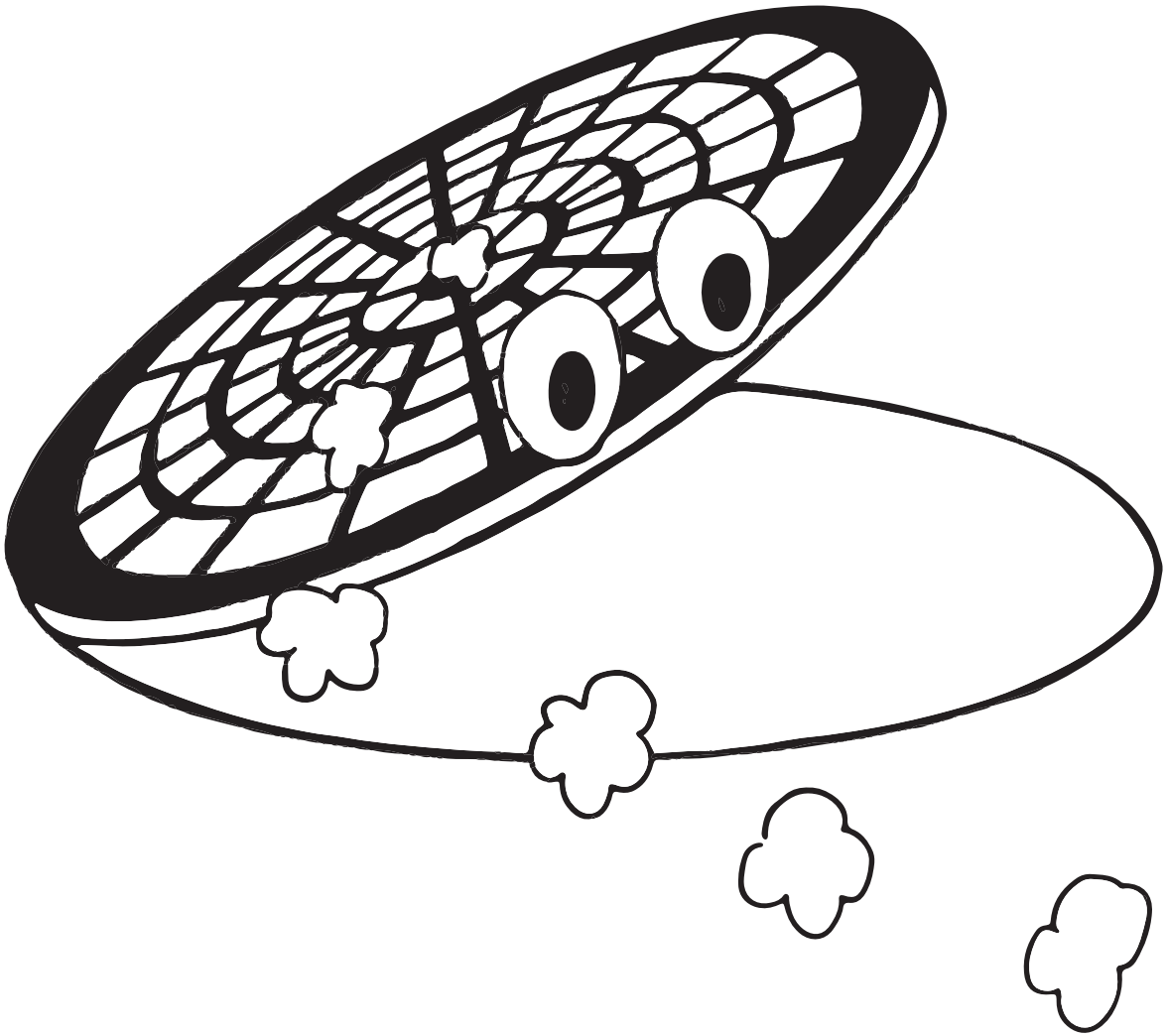
I'm the best thing because
I keep everything moving.



Even the trucks
think I'm strong.

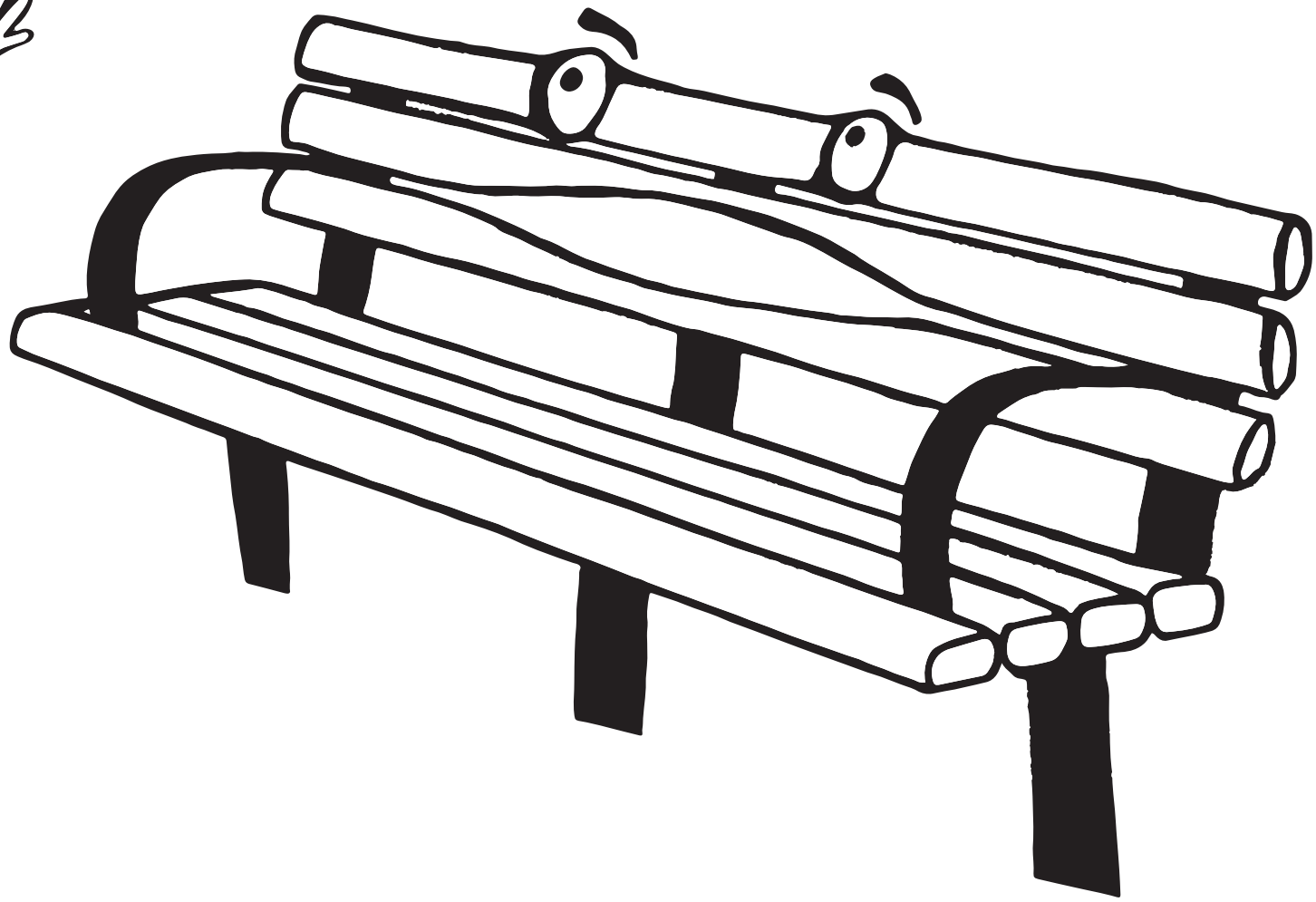
I'm the best thing
because . . . well . . .





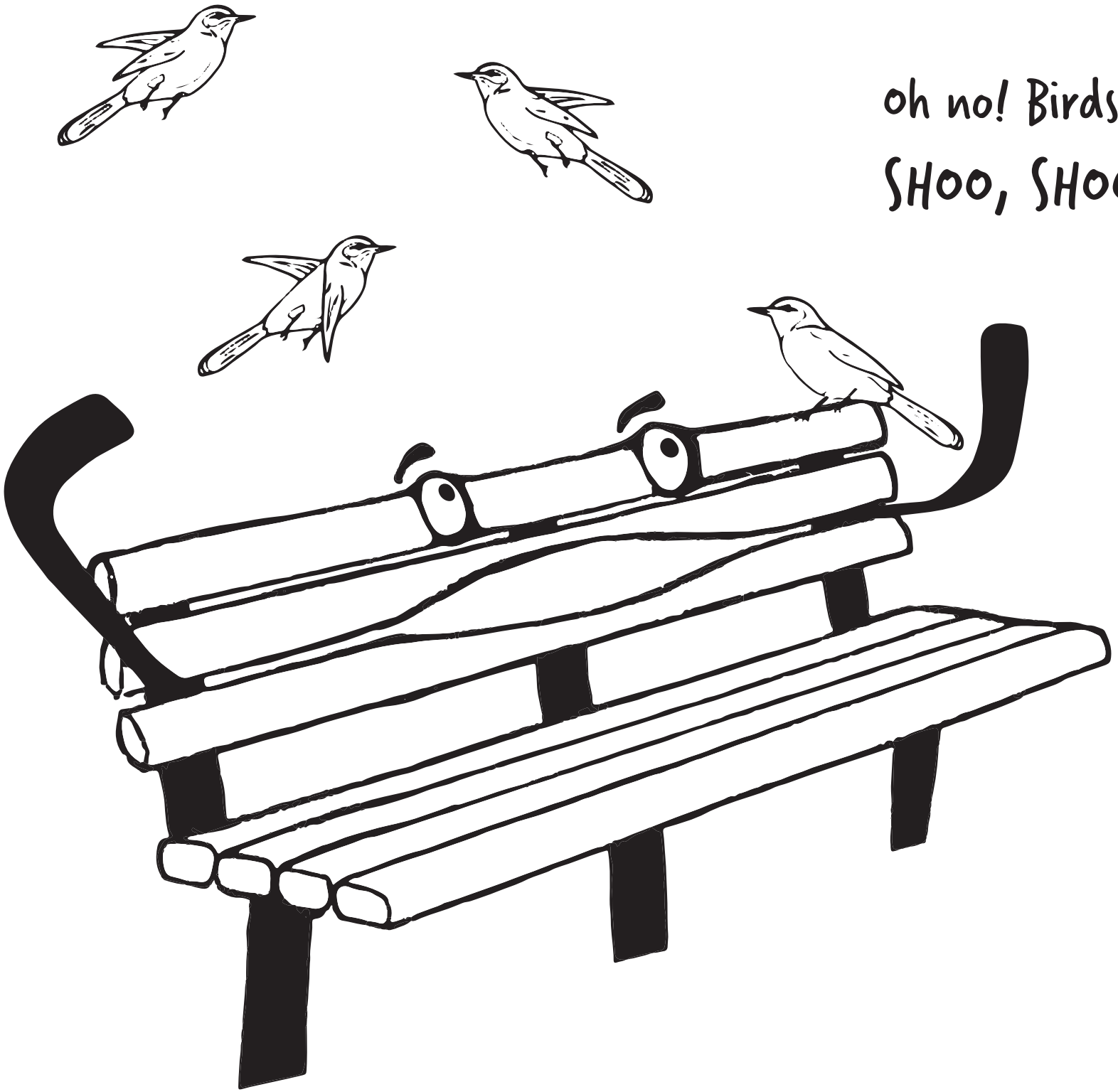
Where do you think all that stuff goes when you flush the toilet?

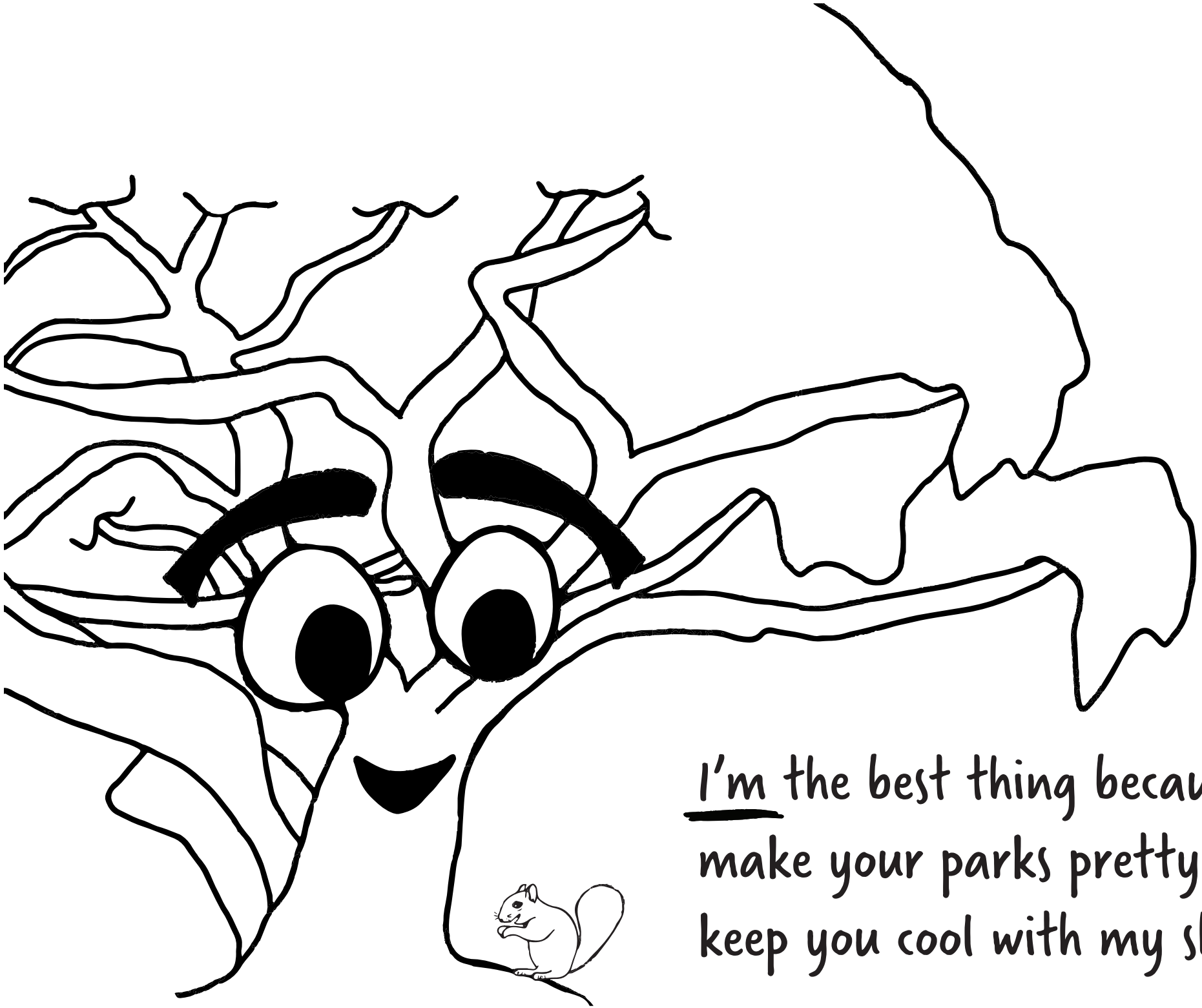
I'm the best thing because
I give you a place to rest.

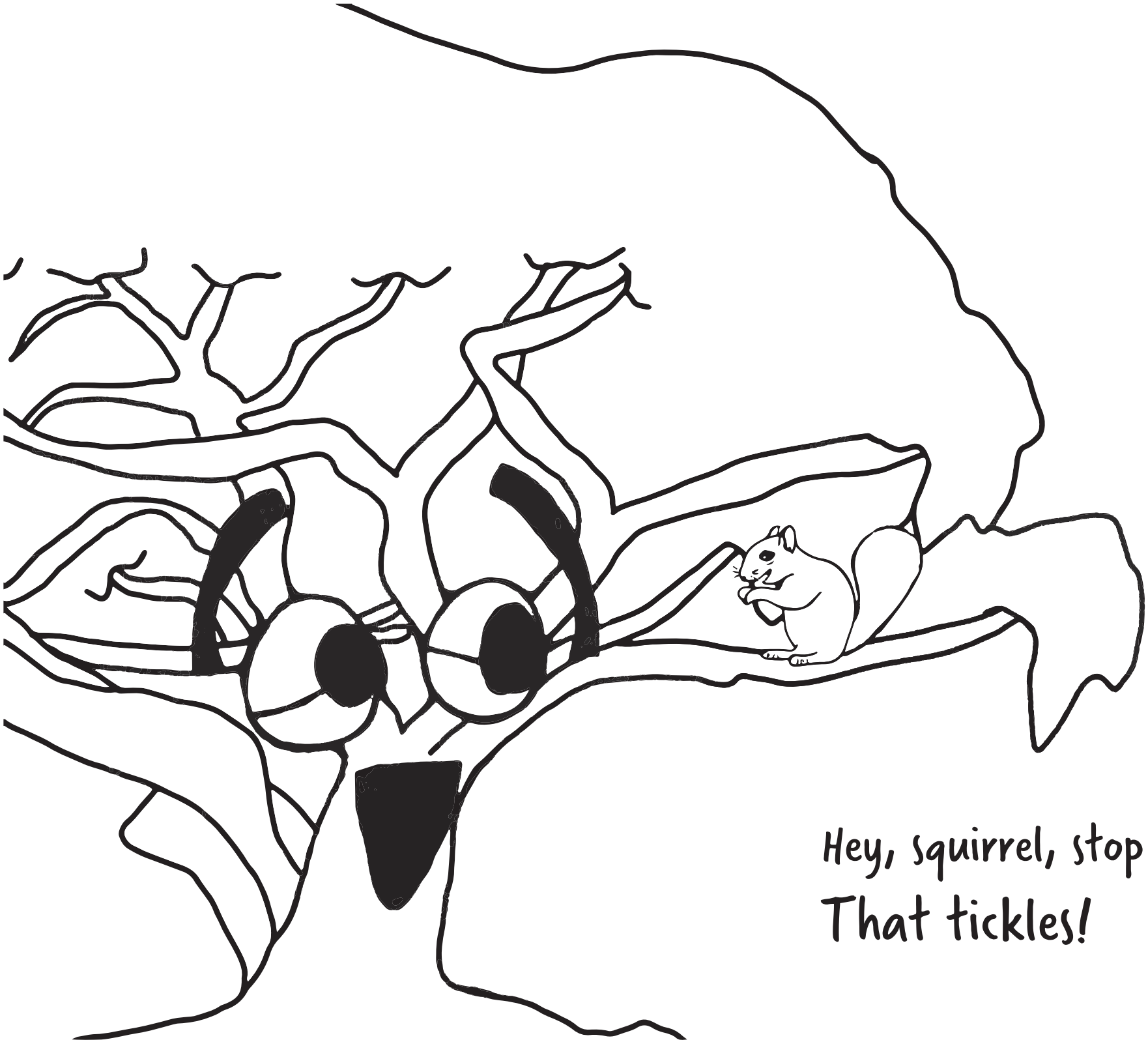


oh no! Birds!

SHOO, SHOO, SHOO!




I'm the best thing because I make your parks pretty and keep you cool with my shade.

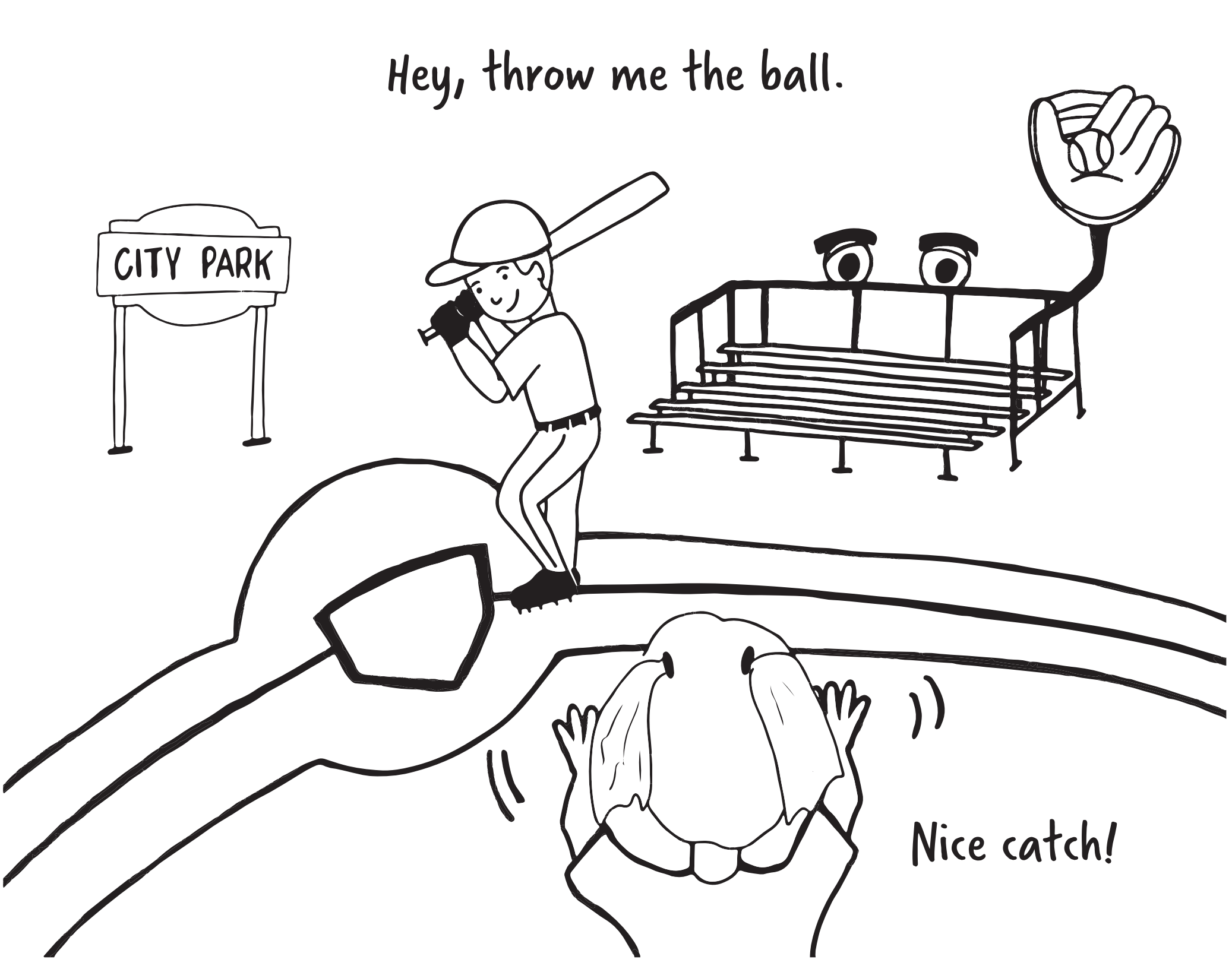


Hey, squirrel, stop it!
That tickles!

I'm the best thing because I help put out fires.

Whenever you need us,
we are here for you.

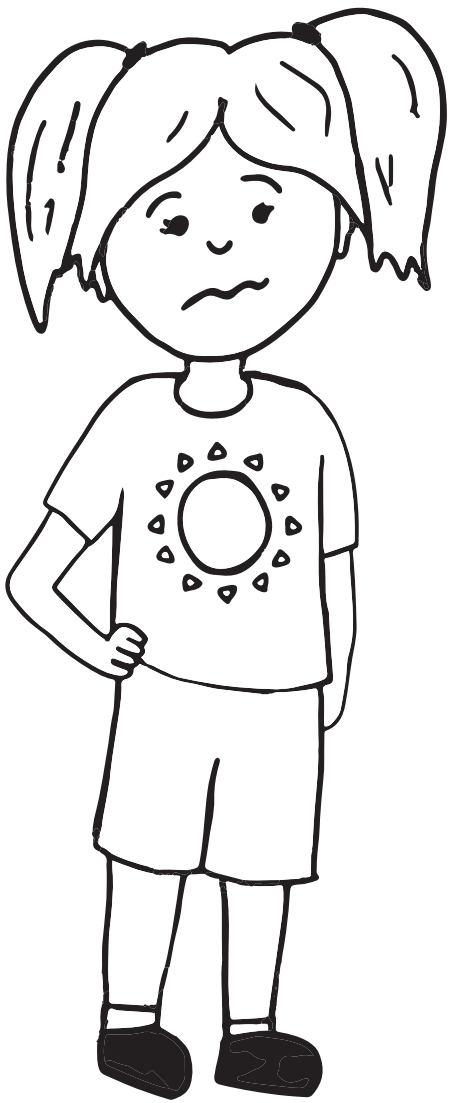
We're the best thing because we make space for your games.


Hey, throw me the ball.
CITY PARK
Nice catch!

I'm the best thing because
I help keep you safe.

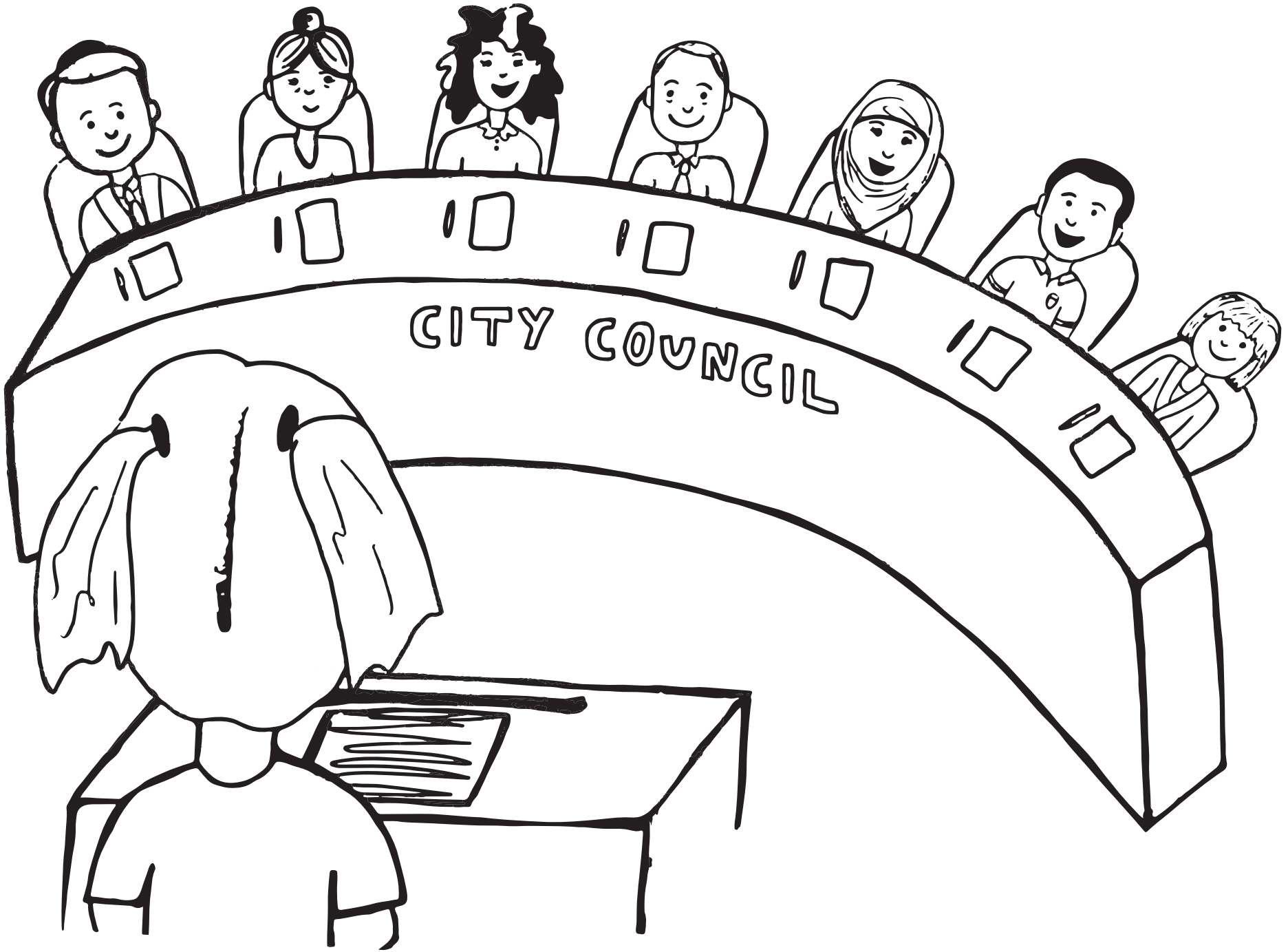
With us behind the wheel, our city is protected.

I'm the best thing because
I keep our city clean.



Sure, people say I'm stinky . . . but
it's better than having stinky streets!

We're the best thing because we know what our city needs.

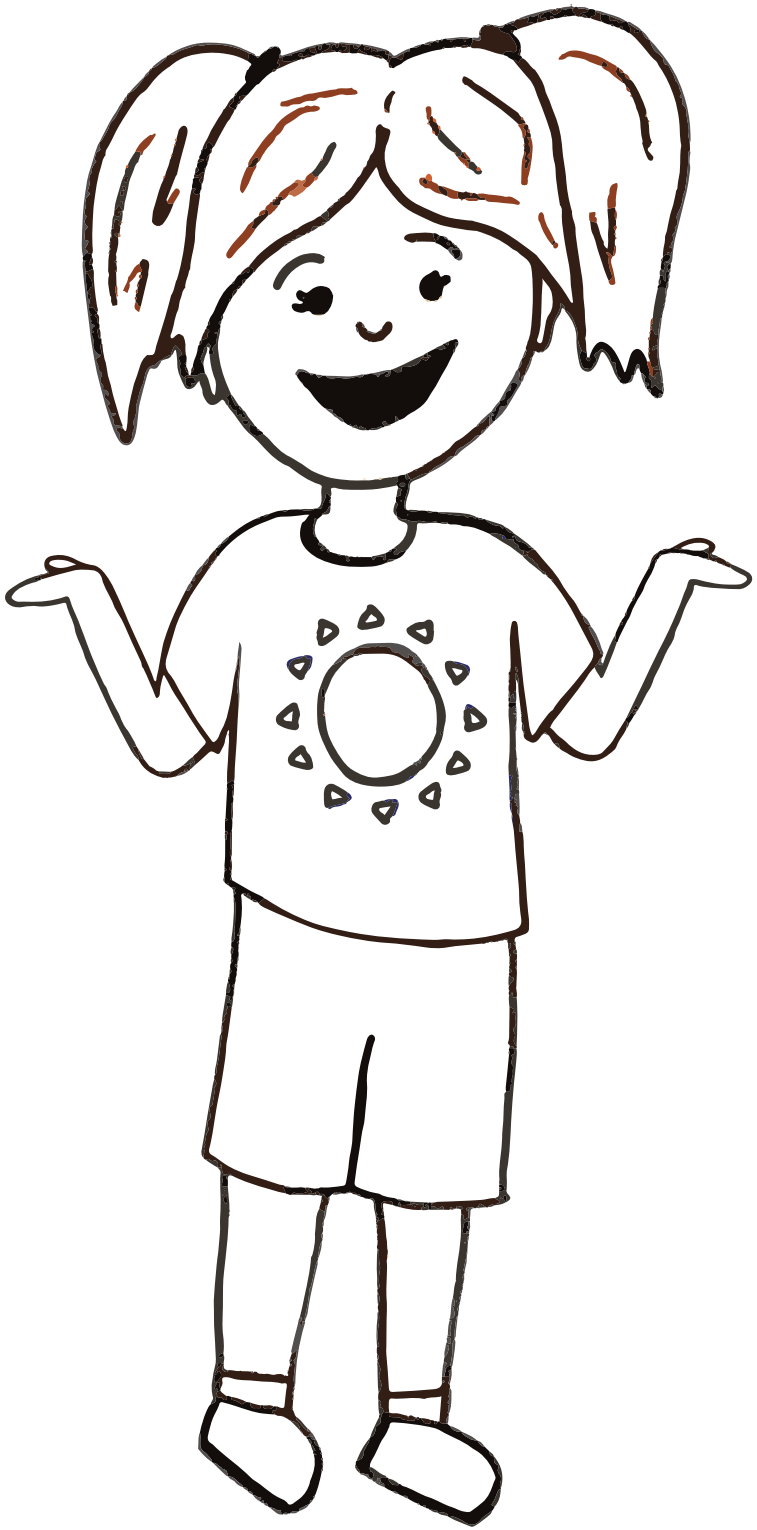


I think someday I could be mayor. I'd have fireworks at the park every night.
Not on a school night!

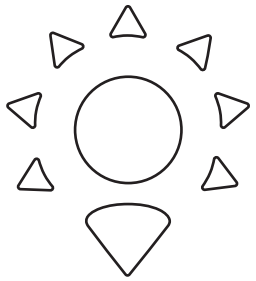
We're the best thing because we make everything work.

That's true!
And we're just a small
part of a great team.

I can't pick the best thing about my city . . .



What is the best thing about **your** city?



About the Florida League of Cities

Established in 1922, the Florida League of Cities believes in "Local Voices Making Local Choices." The League's goals are to serve Florida's cities and promote local self-government.

We give special thanks to Isaac Salver, whose vision as president of the League in 2019-2020 inspired this book. It was written by Joy Dickinson, assistant editor at the League, and illustrated by Sydney Fraser, a graphic designer at the League.

A teacher asks, "What is the best thing about our city?" A student goes looking for the answer. Different parts of her city love to talk and tell her why they are the best. Come along as she explores and finds out that cities have a voice!