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HOO stands for Helping Our Own.
We send high school girls to lend a
helping hand to families in the
community for one hour every week.

We currently have around 400
volunteers who service approximately
250 families and 25 seniors.

In addition, we work with Crown
heights organizations: Bikkur Cholim
and Shifra and Pua, sending
volunteers to homes - when necessary.

We'd like to thank our volunteers for
making time in their busy schedules to
help others. Your visits are such a
special time for these families. Thank
you! You're all amazing!

Thank You

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the project through to completion.

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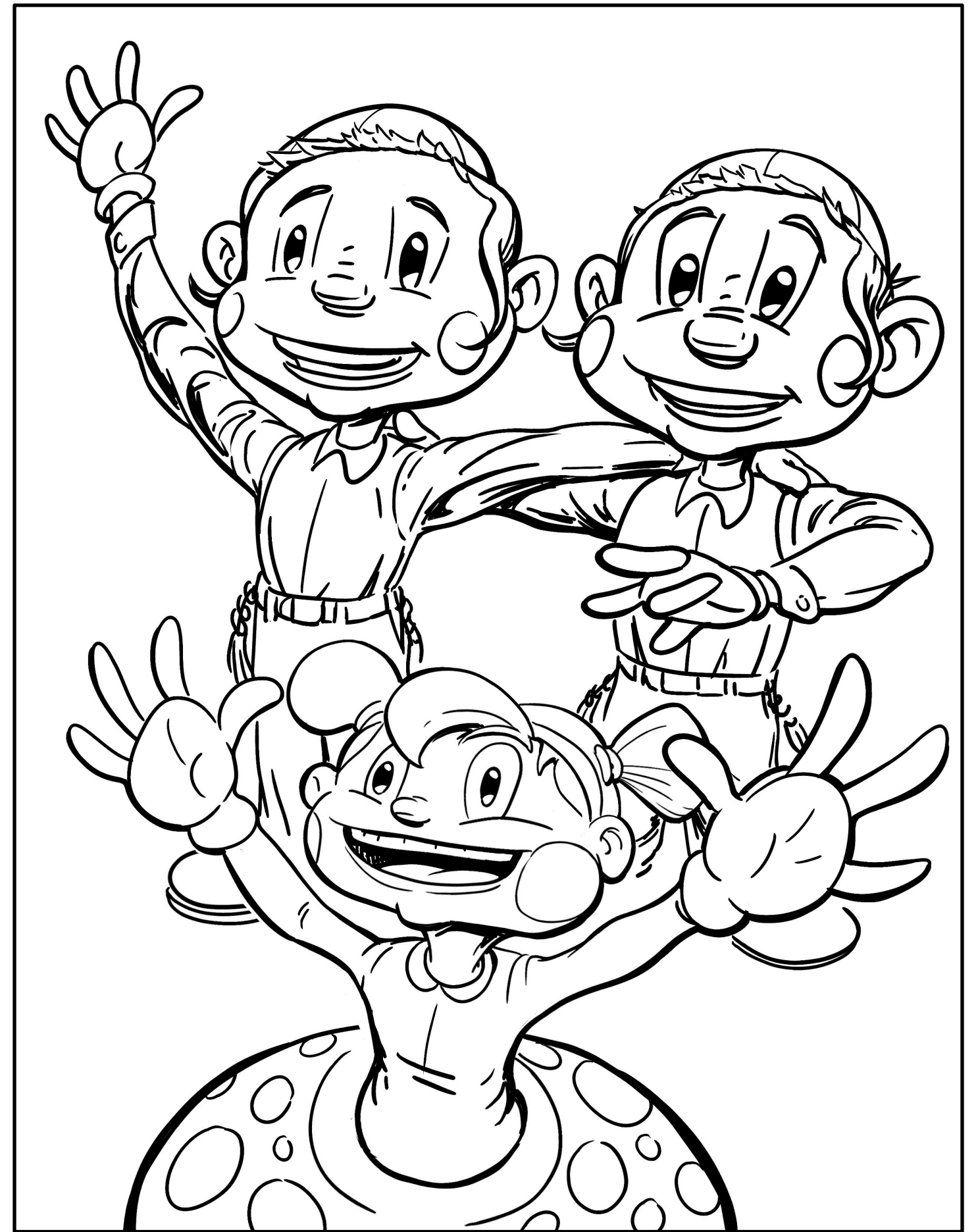
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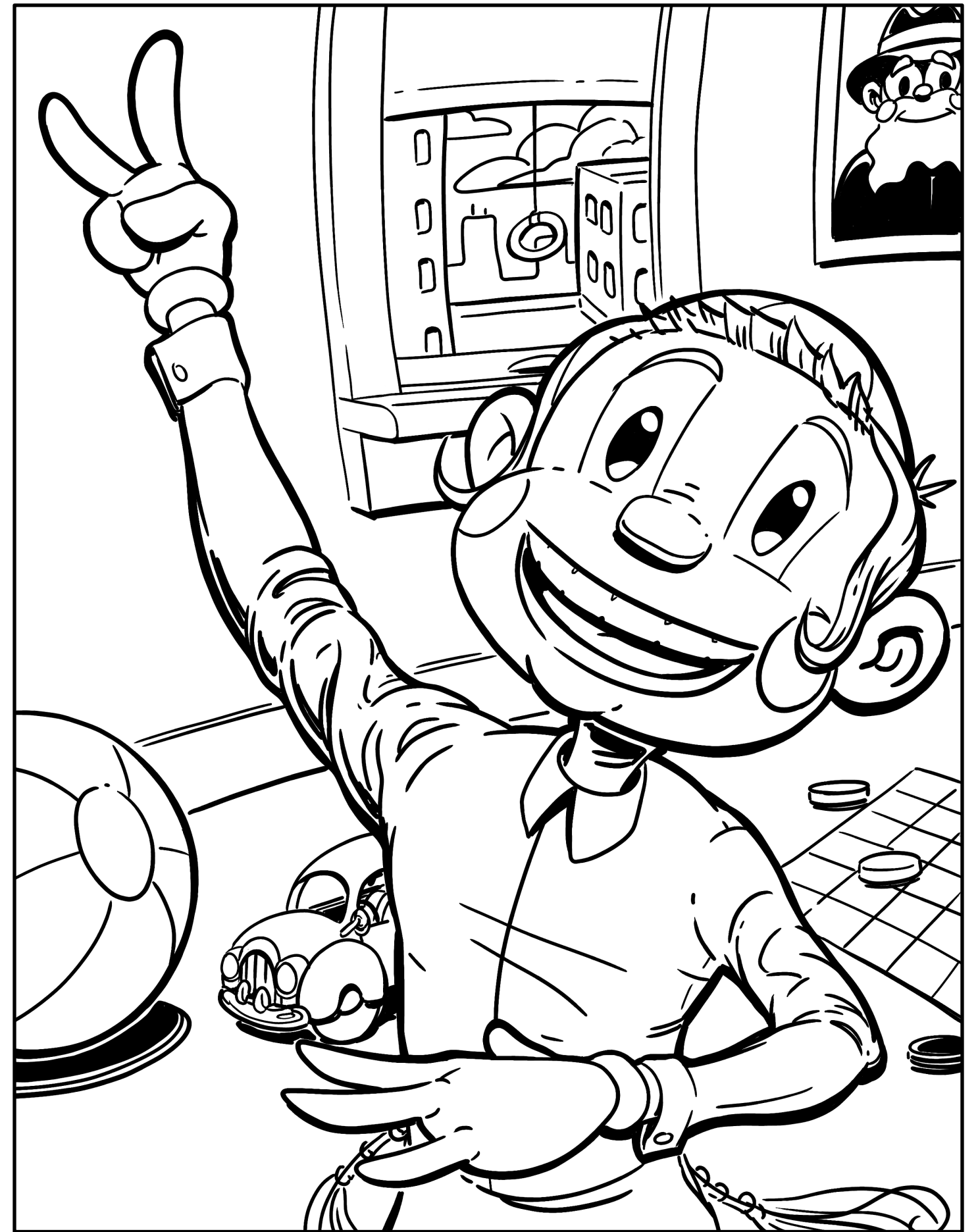
Chassie came home from school with a cheer,
"Oh Boruch Hashem! Tuesday is here!"



Her sister and brothers joined in right away,
"Hooray! Hooray! Today's the day!"



Mommy gave them all a bright big smile,
The kids had waited for such a long while!



"If only each week had two Tuesdays!" said Dov,
"We'd have twice of the day that we wait for and love!"



"Why only two? Let's have three! Or four!"
Moishy laughed as the baby clapped, "More! More!"



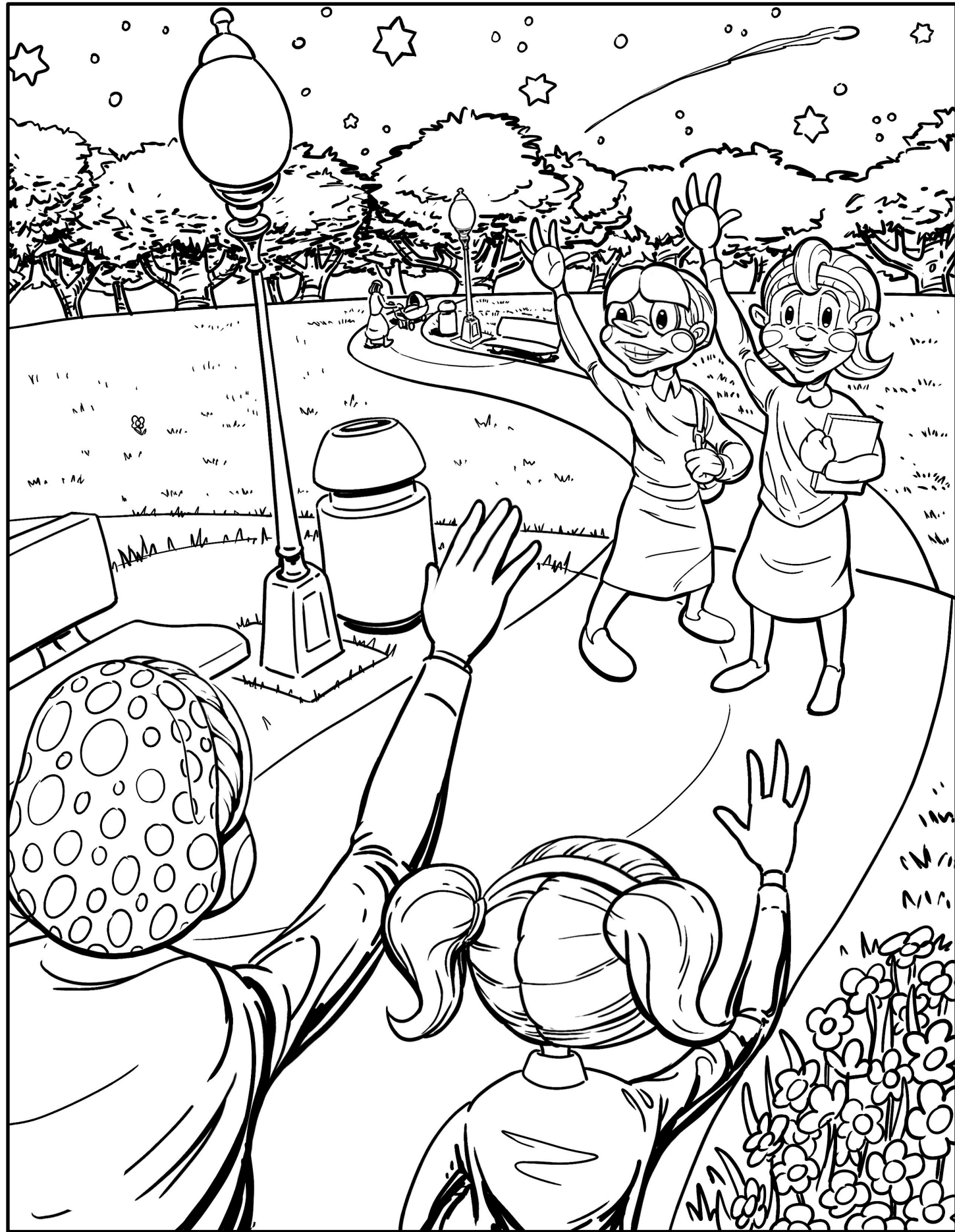
"Just imagine," said Raizel, "if they came every day!"
"There'd be just no end to what we could play!"



The children got excited at the thought of that dream
Visits every day from the Bais Rivkah Team?!



Menucha and Nechama were just so much fun!
They always made jokes and helped everyone!



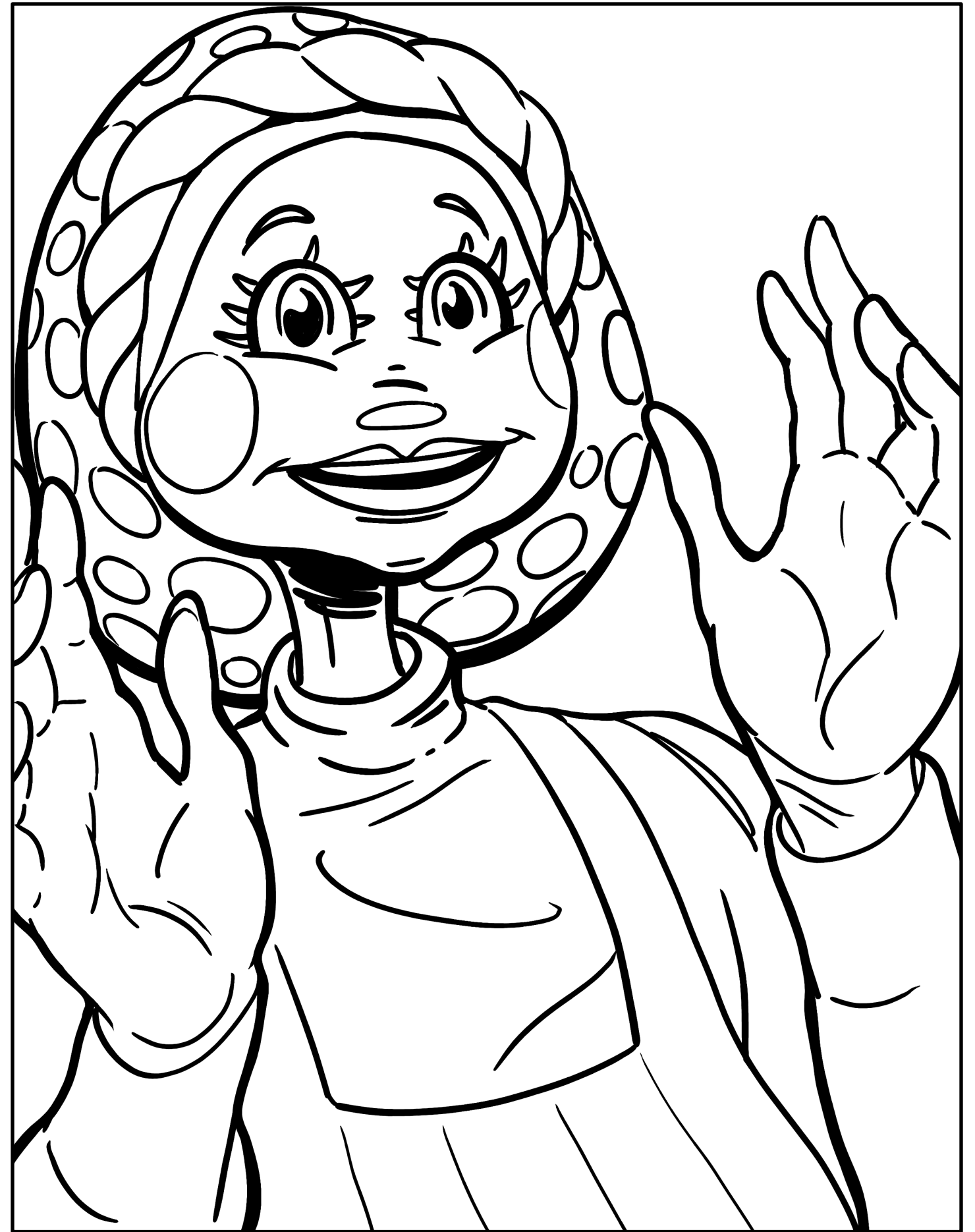
They would color and bake and go to the park,
They'd come when it's light, and leave when it's dark!



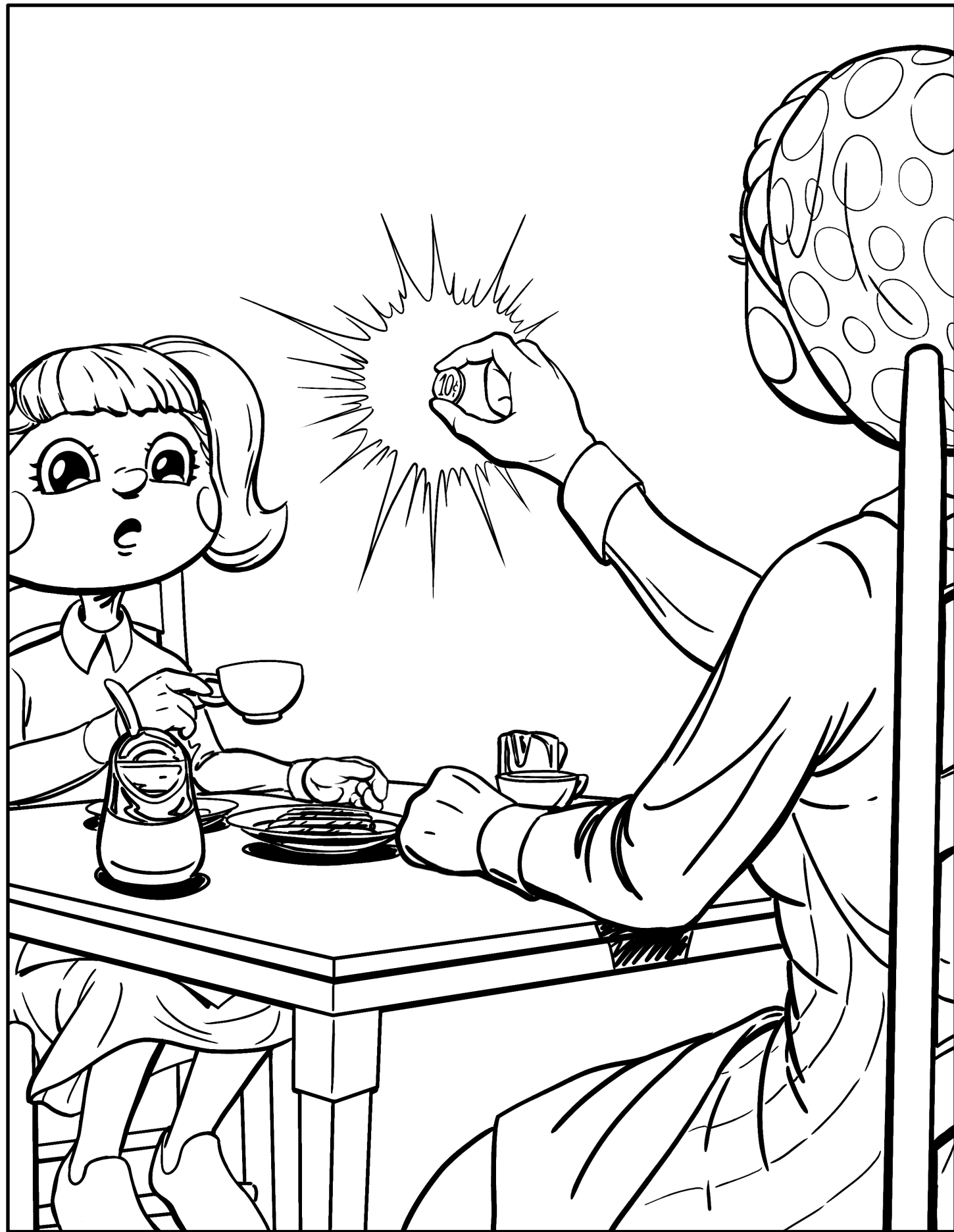
"Indeed, we're so lucky," Mommy said to all them,
"For our special friends, we must thank Hashem!"



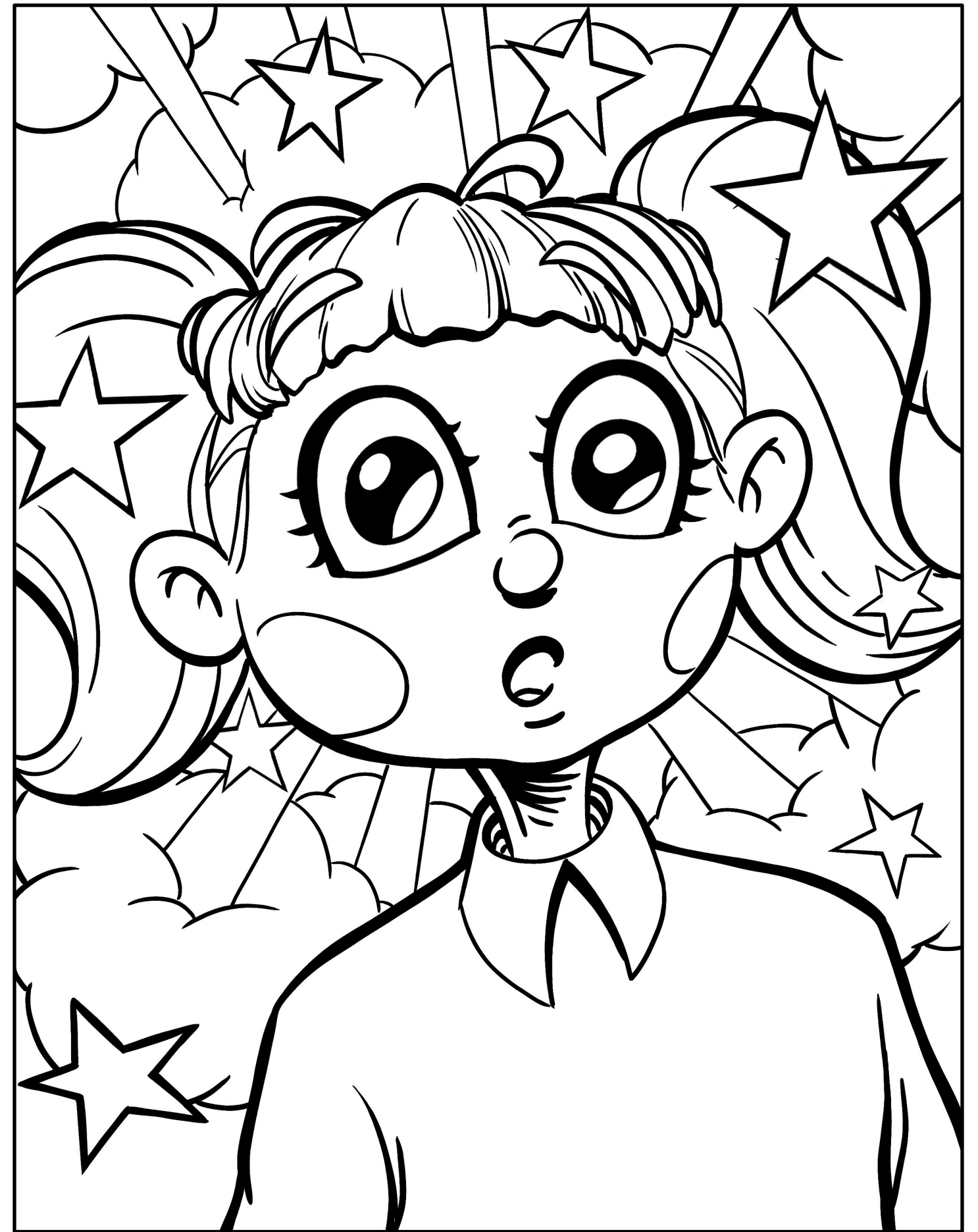
"They probably get paid a thousand dollars," Chassie said,
"Especially 'cause they always put the twins to bed!"



"Actually," said Mommy, with a twinkle in her eyes,
"Get ready to hear a real big surprise."



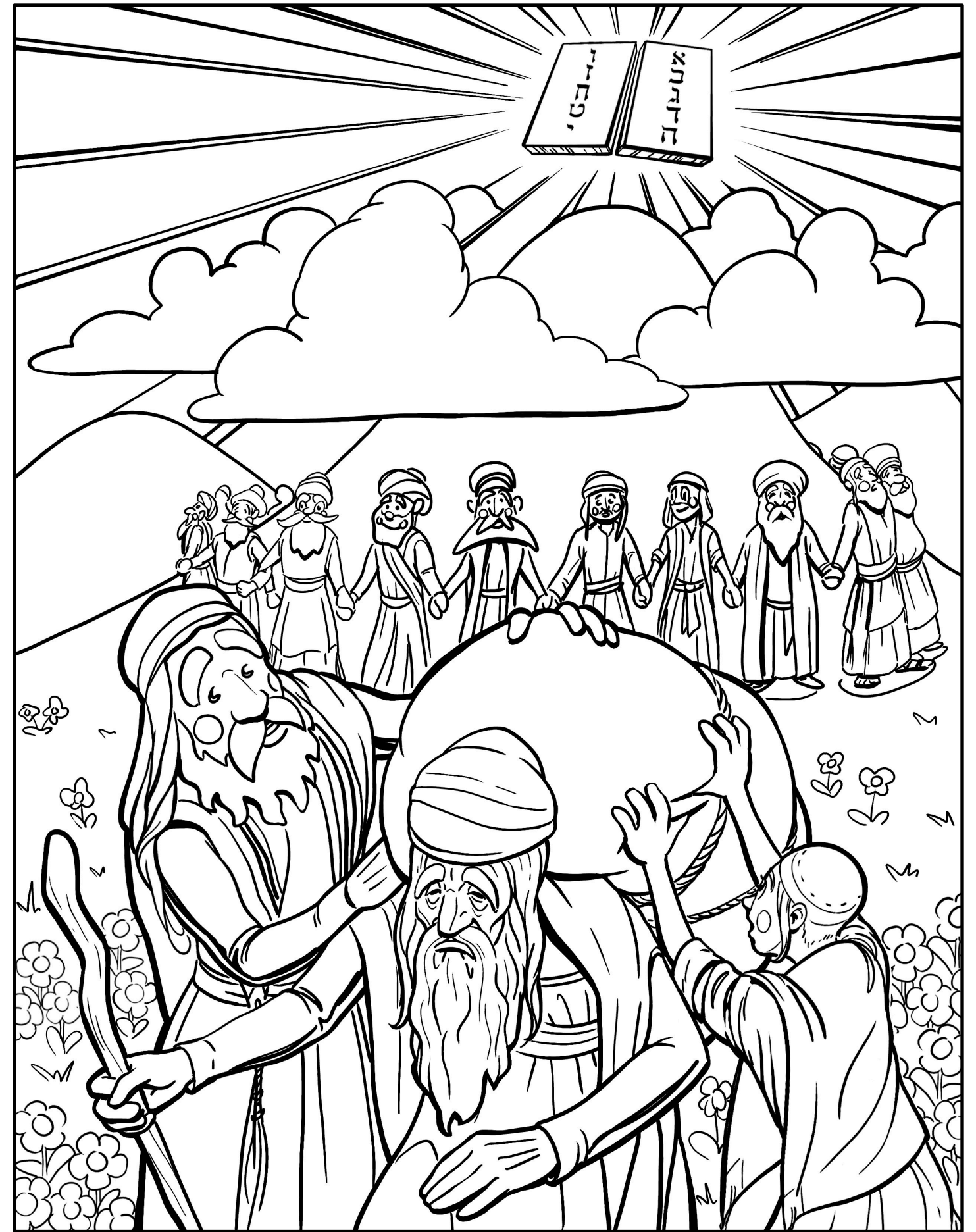
"The girls who come every week, every time,
Do it for free -- they don't get a dime!"



"What?? Why would they do that? Why not for pay?
Why give up their time every week on Tuesday?"



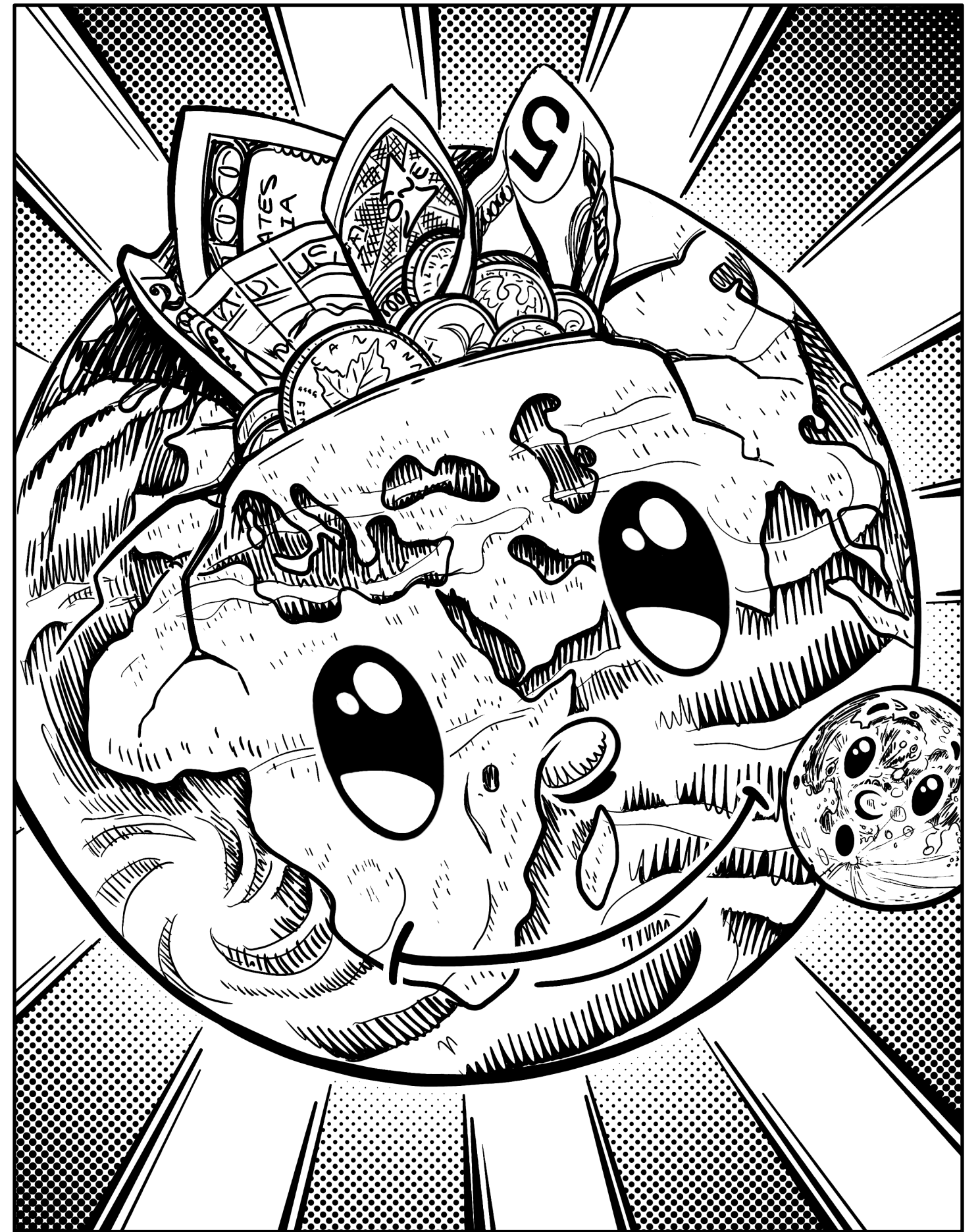
Chassie was shocked; it made no sense in her mind,
Why would these girls be so generous and kind??



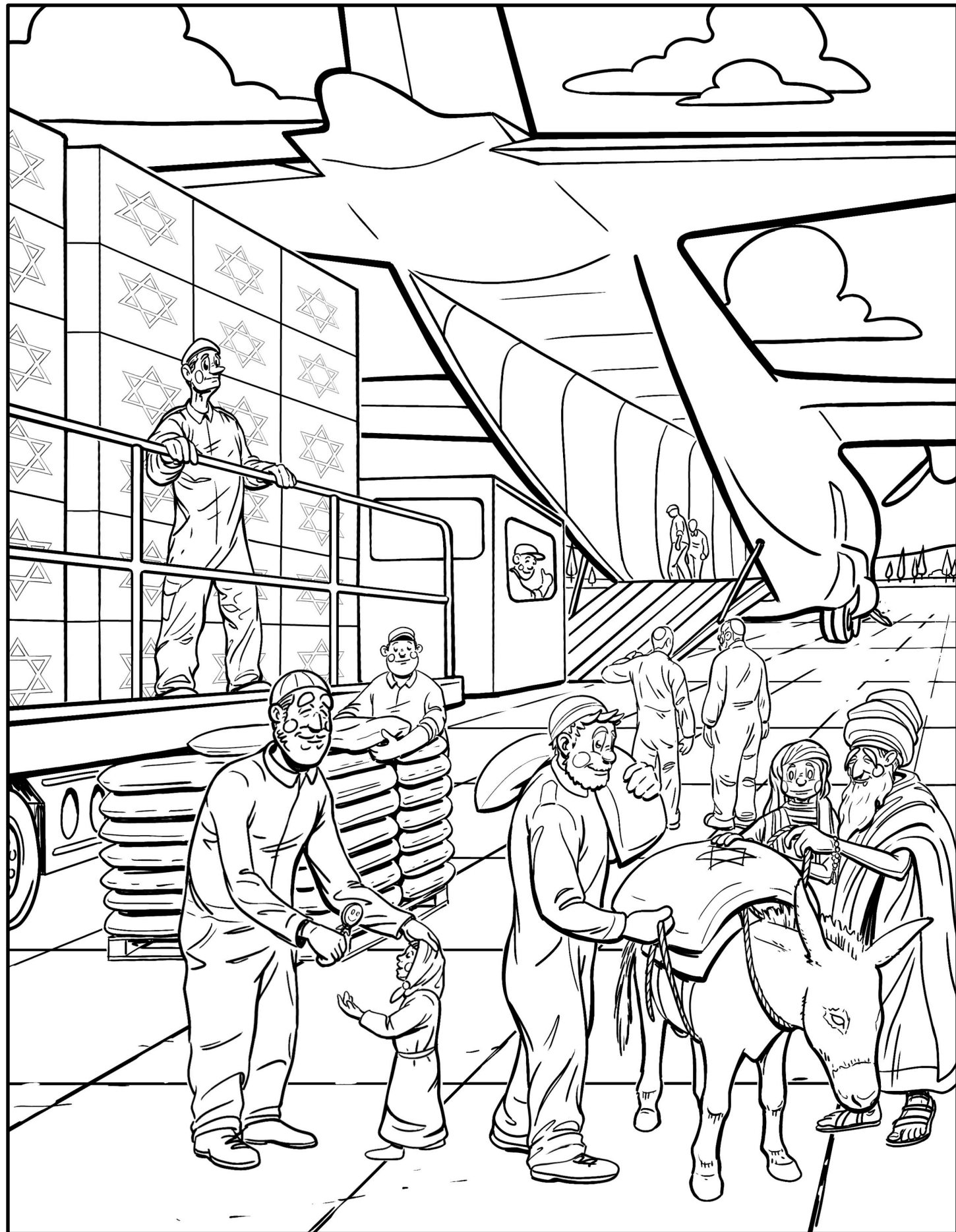
“It’s all about Chessed, doing good for another,
Remembering that each Yid is our sister or brother,



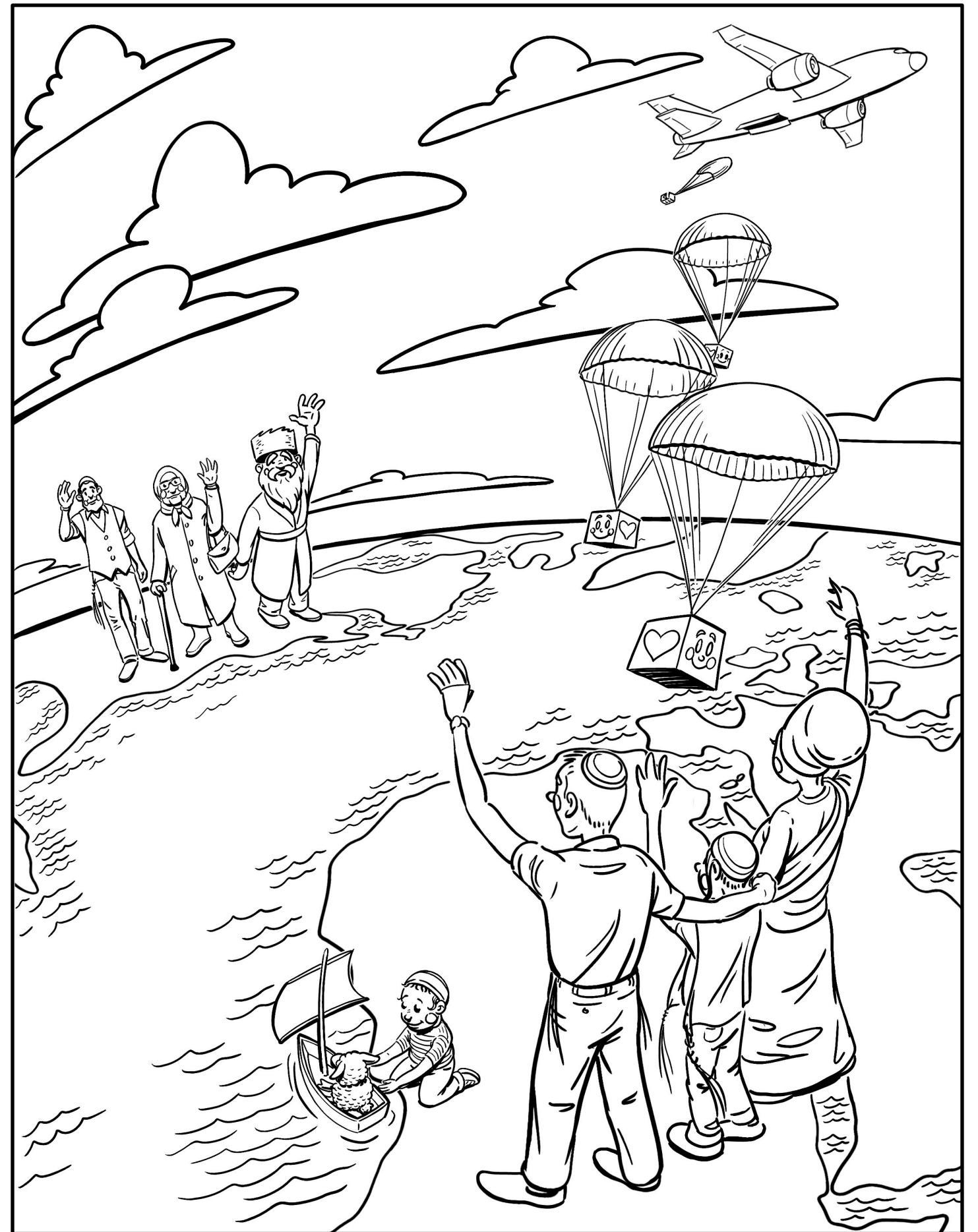
Avraham Avinu, who is the father of us all
Taught us the way; we follow his call.



To help one another in every way that we can,
A world full of Chessed is exactly Hashem's plan!



And ever since then, in every generation,
Yidden have always been the most giving nation.



It's what Yidden do and it's who Yidden are,
We have always helped each other from near and from far.



In fact, we don't need to wait till a chance comes our way,
We should think on our own, who we could help today!"



Eyes shining, Chassie asked, "Can I do Chessed, too?"
"Can I be part of this chain from Avraham Avinu?"



"Of course!" Mommy said, "You can and you should!
Think of ways you can help and how to do good!"



From the world of Chessed, everyone can take part!
Everyone can act upon the love in their heart!"



Chassie's eye shone, oh! how lucky she was,
And an idea was already starting to buzz!



And when people would ask why she's happy to give,
She'd say, "A life of Chessed is the best way to live!"

What our volunteers say:

"The family I went to in ninth grade asked me to come back in tenth grade! This shows me how much the family appreciates HOO."

- Shira Ezagui

"I love going to HOO and they love when I come"

- Musia Winner

"It feels so great to be helpful and feel needed!"

- Rosie Leider

"It feels so good to help others."

- Mirel S.

"The kids are always so happy when I come, and it's so rewarding to see their smiles."

- Sarah Herz

"I love HOO because the kids make me so happy and I enjoy doing Chessed for them."

- Elka Levin

"Doing HOO makes me inspired to help younger children."

- Risha Paltiel

"I feel so lucky to have the opportunity to give back to my community."

- Mussie Levertov

"I love HOO because it teaches me to get out of my comfort zone."

- Chaya Katzen

"It makes me feel like I'm a part of something bigger, and it feels good to know that I'm really helping a family."

- Goldie Rosenberg

"I always feel so accomplished after I come home from HOO."

- Leeba G.

"It makes me feel so accomplished, like I have a purpose."

- Chaiki Greenberg

"I love HOO! It's great to be able to help someone out without expecting something in return. Plus, the kids really love me."

- Sarah W.

Testimonials:

"I can't thank my volunteers enough. They are lifesavers!"

"The best day in my house is Wednesday—when the HOO volunteers come."

"Thank you, Bais Rivkah, for this incredible program. It's so nice for my daughter to have a 'big sister.'"

"The girls who come to my house are so sweet! They really put themselves into it."

"Although it's only one hour a week, getting that break is absolutely amazing! I look forward to it every week."

"Thank you to my incredible volunteers! My children love it when you come—and I love it even more."

"Thank you for taking my children to the Jewish Children's Museum. It's a real treat. HOO is the best!"

"The volunteers are so kind! Not only do they play with my children, but they clean up my toy room as well. Thank you!"

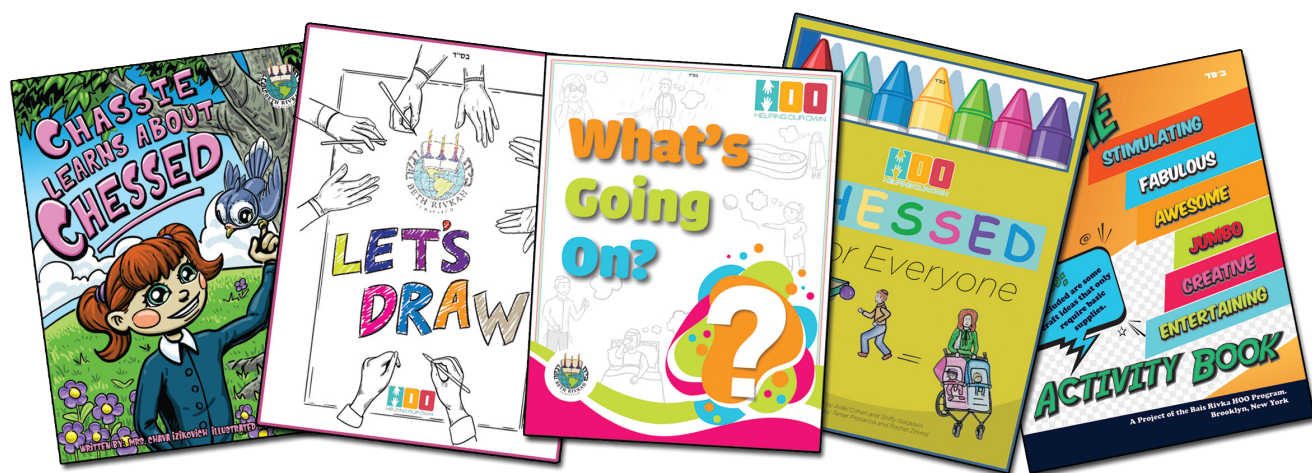
"HOO is an amazing program! I'm so grateful to be a part of it. I appreciate the help, and my children love the extra attention. May Hashem bentch everyone who's involved."

"This past week was my daughter's birthday. The volunteers made her such a nice mesiba. My daughter felt like a million dollars!"

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