FOYOBS

FOR YOUR BICYCLE SAFETY

THE ADVENTURE OF THE FOYOBS

To hear Floyd Foyobs tell it, Foyobs have been helping kids learn bicycle safety for a long time now. It all began when Finkel, Fob and Fennie had their famous "Apple Tree Adventure."

These three young Foyobs, Finkel, Fob and Fennie, went everywhere and did everything together. One morning, they left their ekib (the warm, cozy caves Foyobs live in) to go to school.

Well, Finkel, being the daring one, decided they should fly to school a different way. "Just follow me," he said. "I know a shortcut." Of course, Fob and Fennie trusted Finkel, so off they flew right behind him.

Finkel and Fennie flew through the trees to their school ekib, but soon they realized Fob wasn't with them. Fennie was the first to notice, saying, "But I thought Fob was right next to you. Finkel, do you think Fob's lost?"

Just then they spotted Fob, tangled in the lower branch of a big apple tree, an apple in each hand and his fly wing caught in the branches. "Finkel, Fennie, I'm stuck!" hollered Fob. "Help me get out of the tree!"

A little girl with red pigtails and her brother had stopped and leaned their bicycles against the apple tree when they saw Fob fly straight into the branches. "There, there little creature," said the girl, whose name was Megan. "Don't be afraid. We'll get you down."

Megan and her brother Jeffrey climbed the tree and gently reached up to help free Fob. "We'll have you down in a second. We just have to move these twigs," said Megan. And with that, they were able to lift Fob from the tangled branches.

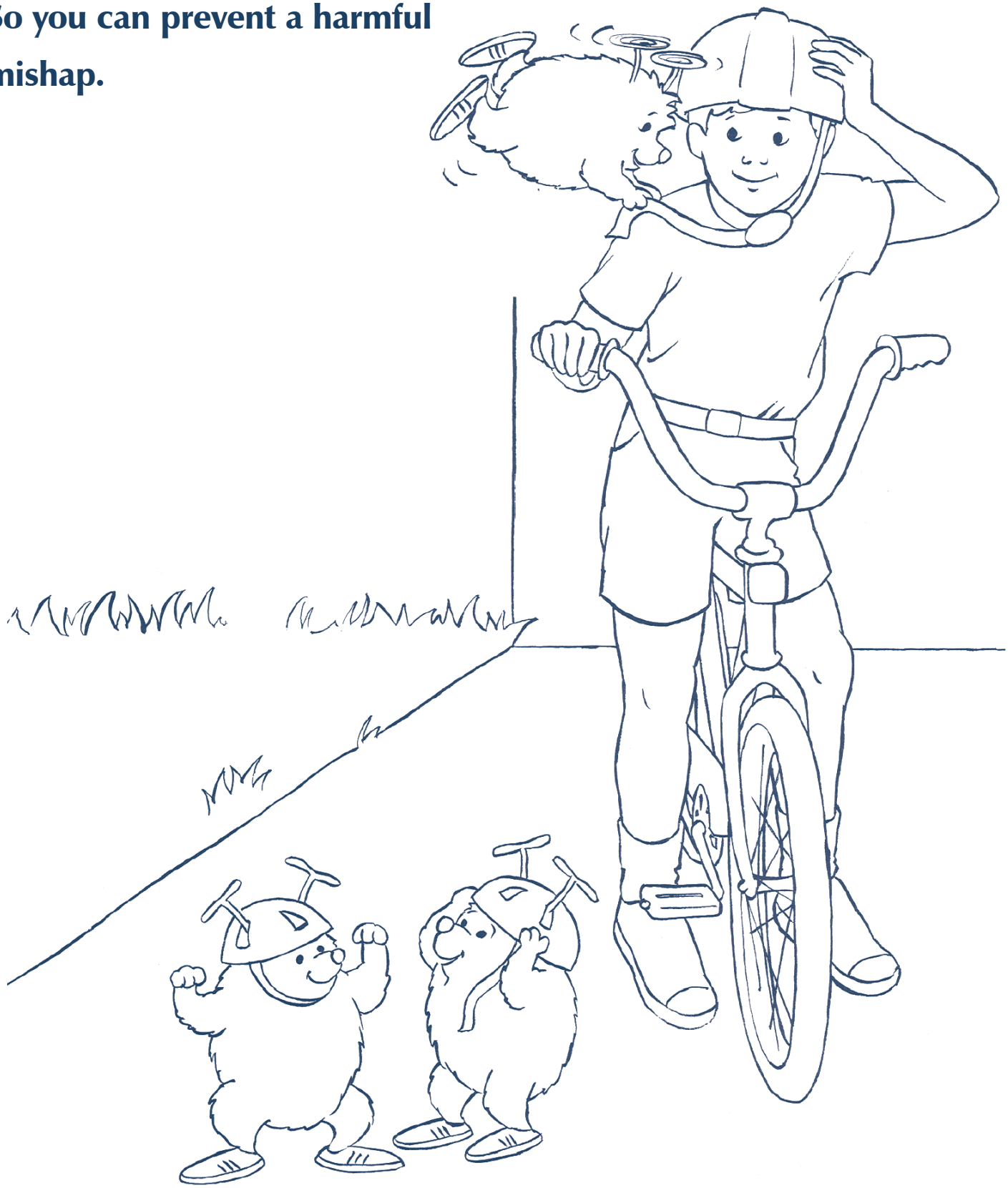
Megan held him against her shoulder as she climbed down, then carefully placed Fob on the grass where Finkel and Fennie were waiting. Right away, Finkel and Fennie hugged Fob, for they were so happy he was safe. Then they hugged Megan and Jeffrey, because they were very grateful for all their help.

It was then and there that the three Foyobs decided that from now on, all Foyobs would find a special way to thank children like Megan and Jeffrey. "The best way to help children," Fob said, "is to help teach them safety— bicycle safety."

Foyobs are for your bicycle safety and want every boy and girl to have fun on their bikes, but most importantly, to remain safe too.

Don't buy a bike too tall.
I wouldn't want you to fall.
Be sure when you sit on the seat
you can put your feet on the street.

Wearing a helmet will keep you safe and well,
Though it must be the kind with a hard shell.
Be sure it has a strong buckle and strap
So you can prevent a harmful
mishap.

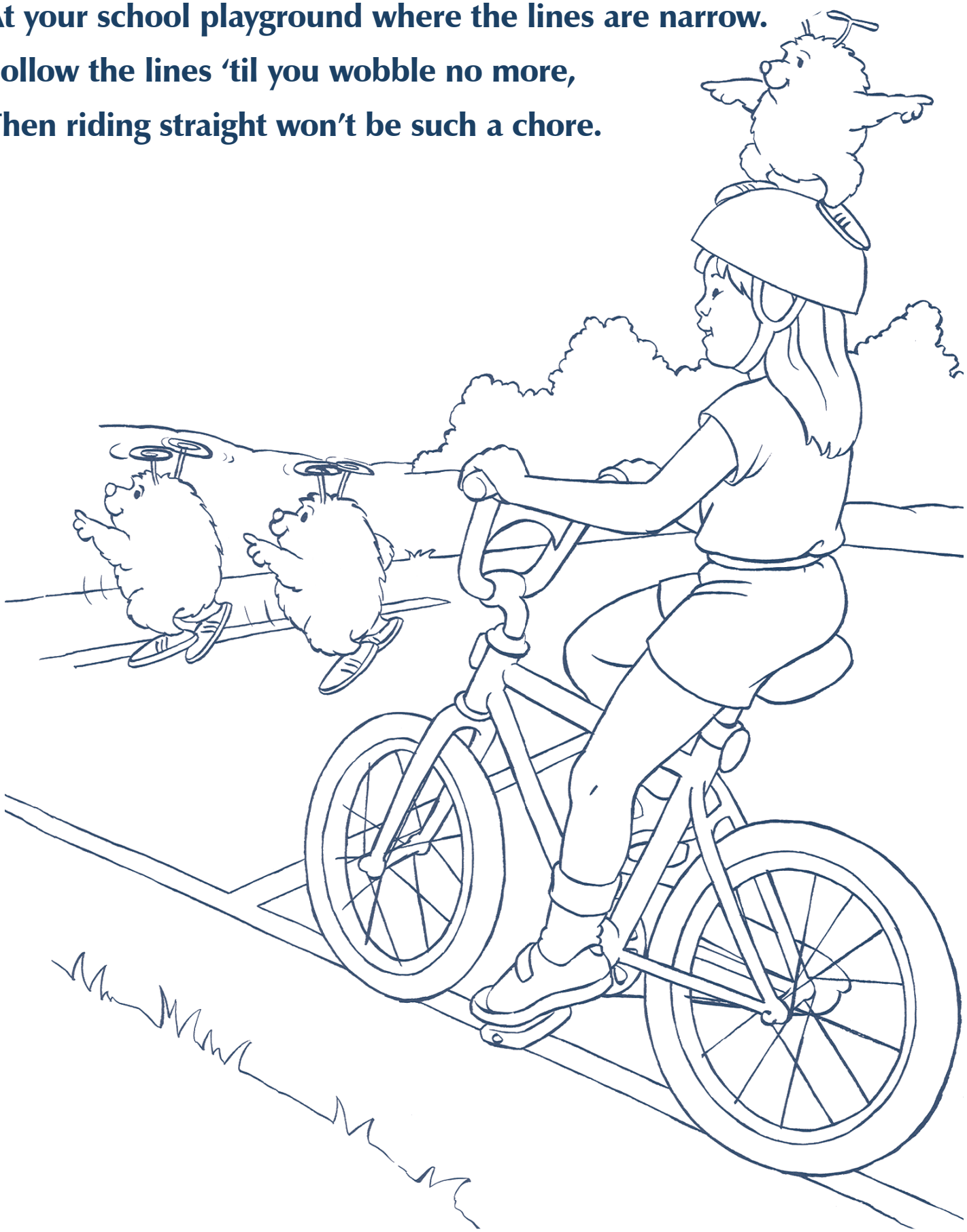


Practice steering as straight as an arrow

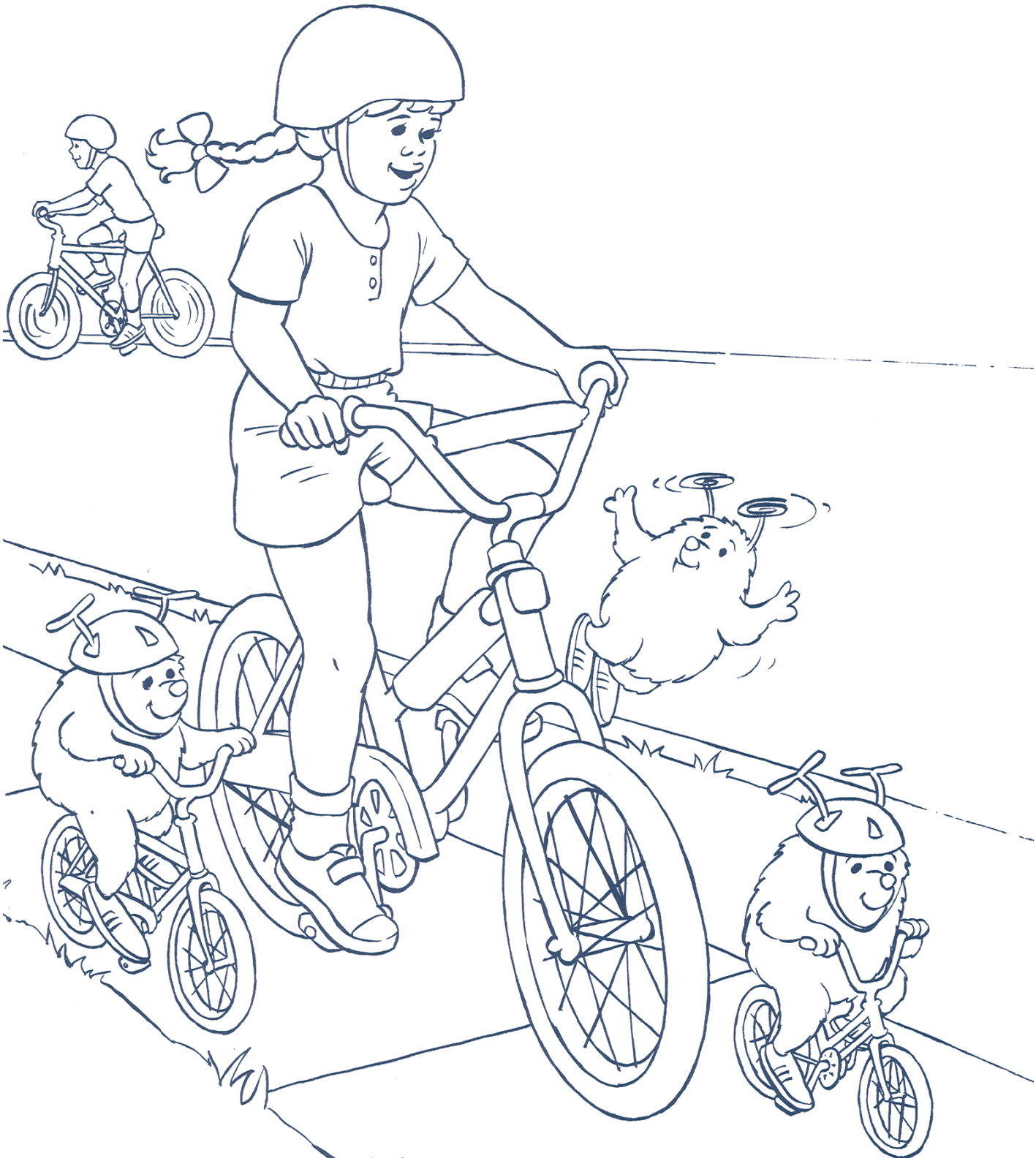
At your school playground where the lines are narrow.

Follow the lines ‘til you wobble no more,

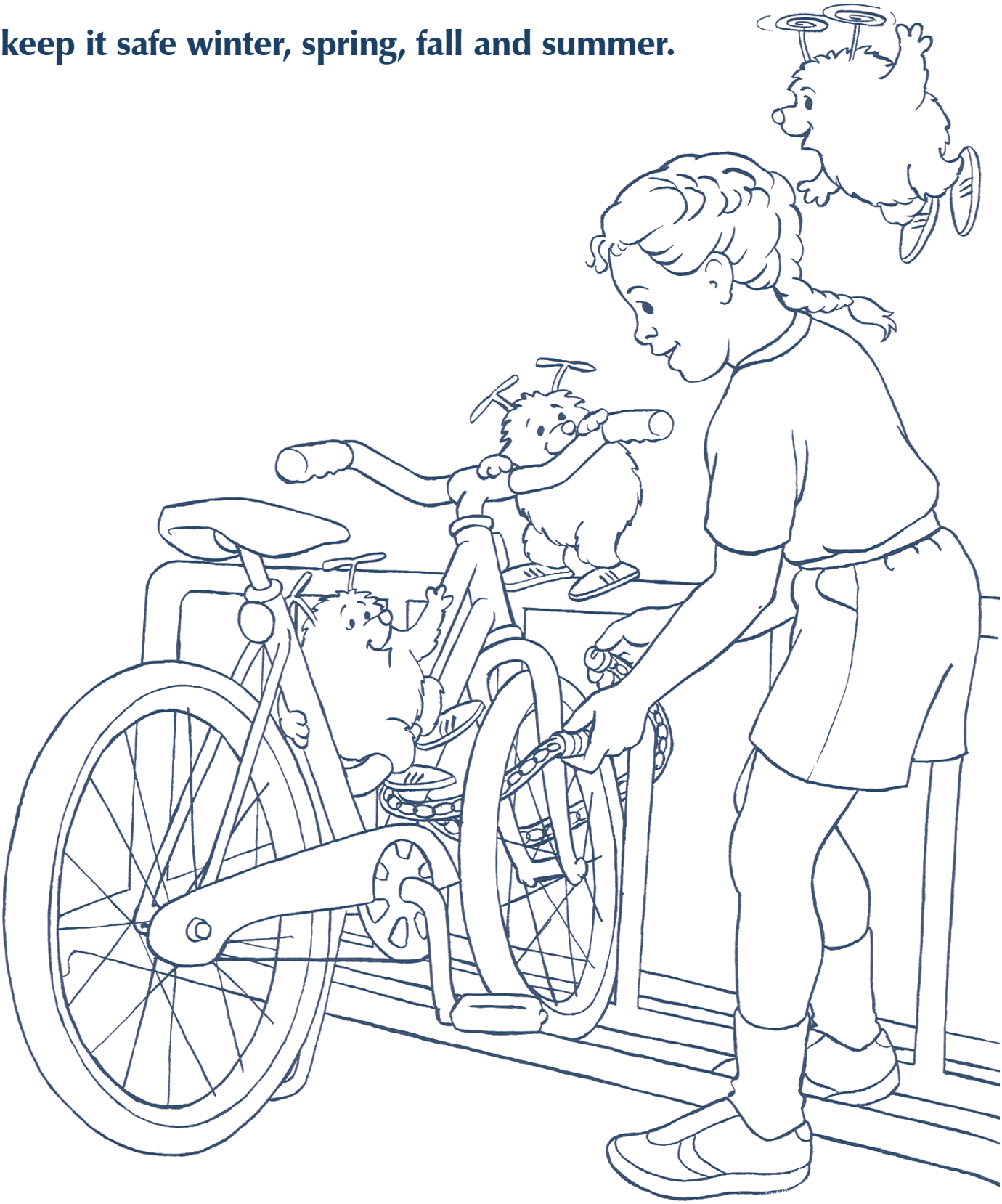
Then riding straight won’t be such a chore.



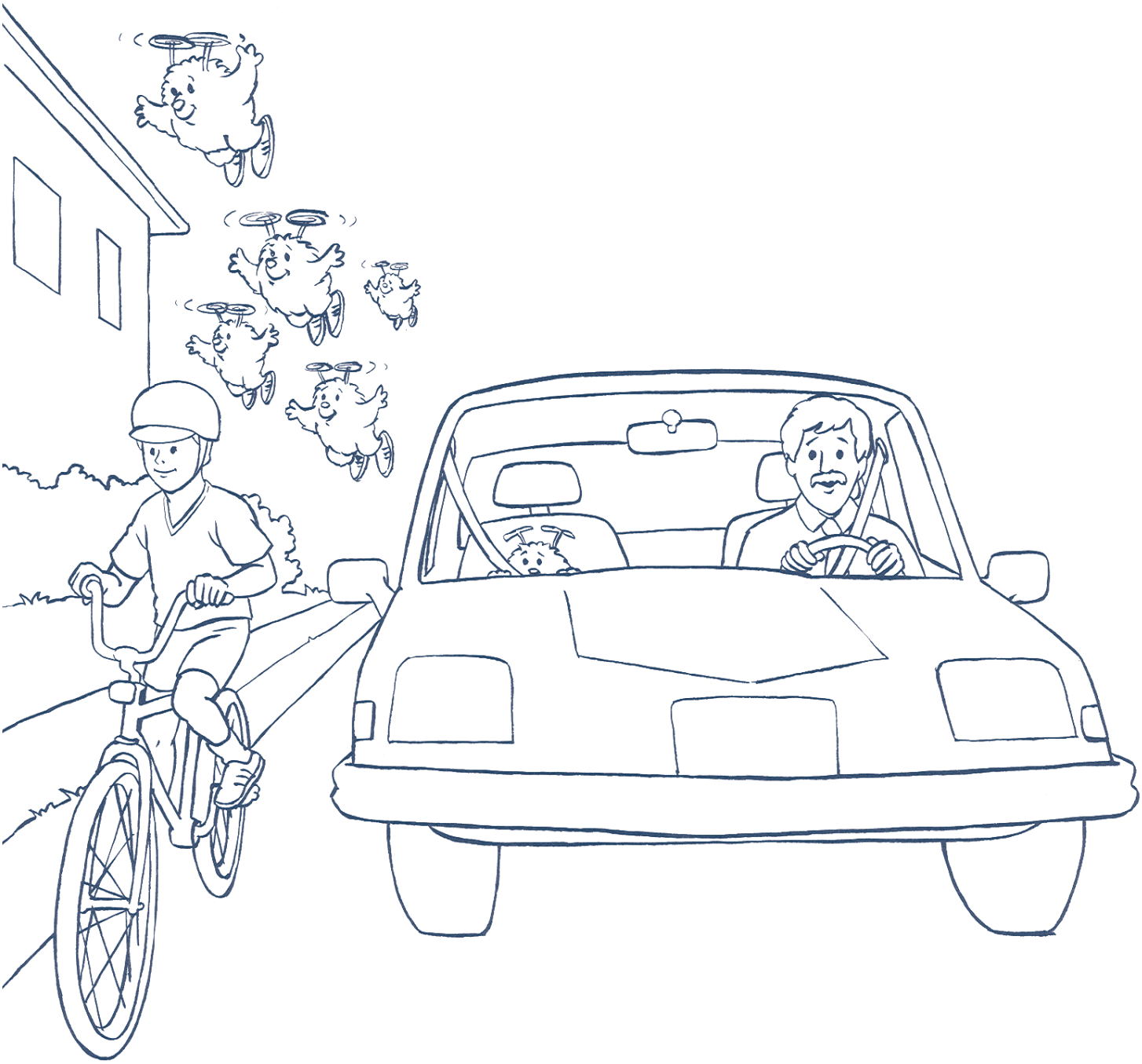
If less than 14 inches are your wheels
No matter how big your bike feels.
Then on the sidewalk you should ride
And not in the street or along the roadside.



Every time you leave your bike,
Be sure it's locked the way you like.
Make a note of its serial number
To keep it safe winter, spring, fall and summer.



Riding on the right side is the right place to be.
To be facing traffic is wrong totally.
Stay close to the edge of the road if you can,
And keep your eye on all cars, trucks and vans.

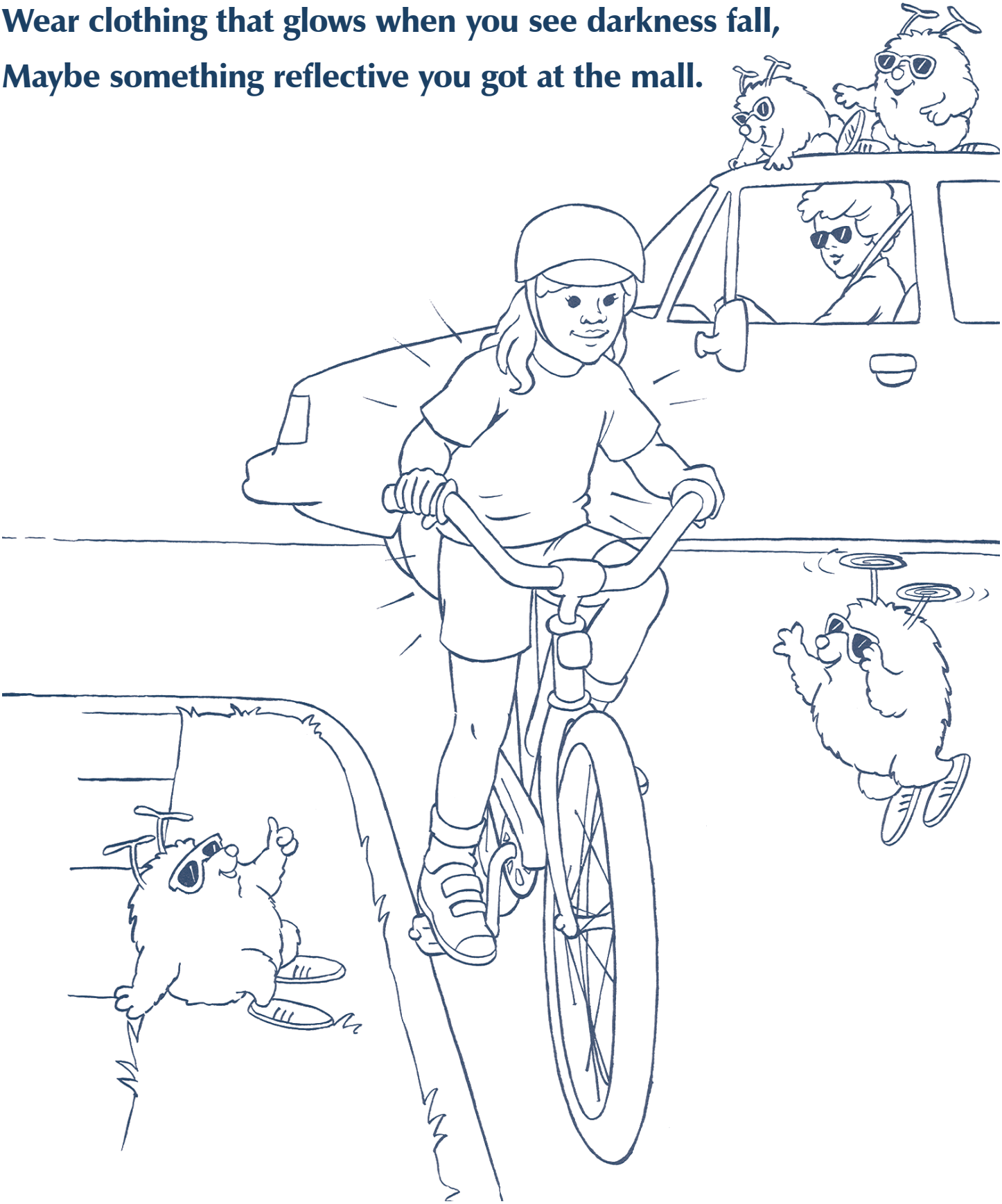


Wear bright colors day or night,

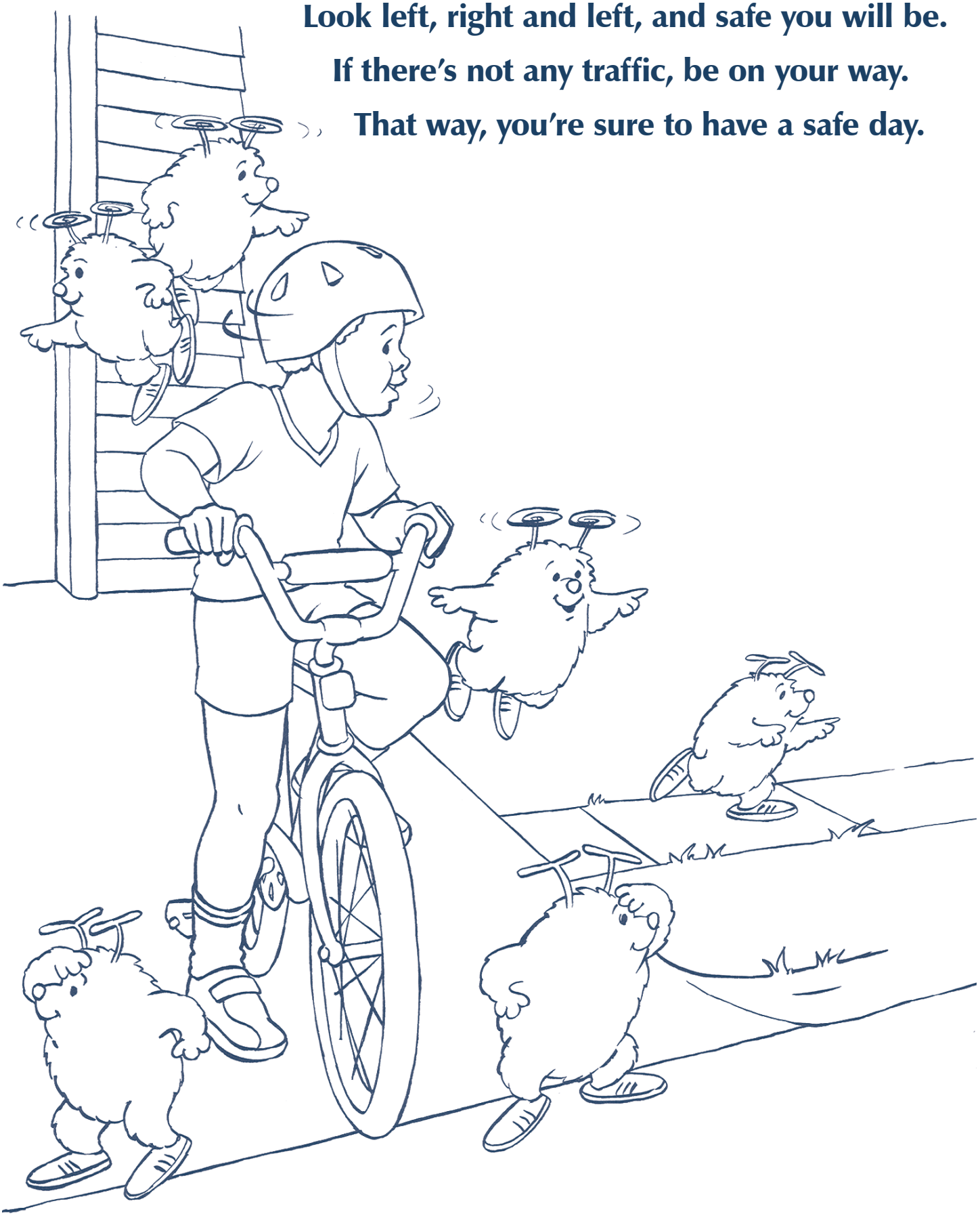
So car drivers can see you on their right.

Wear clothing that glows when you see darkness fall,

Maybe something reflective you got at the mall.

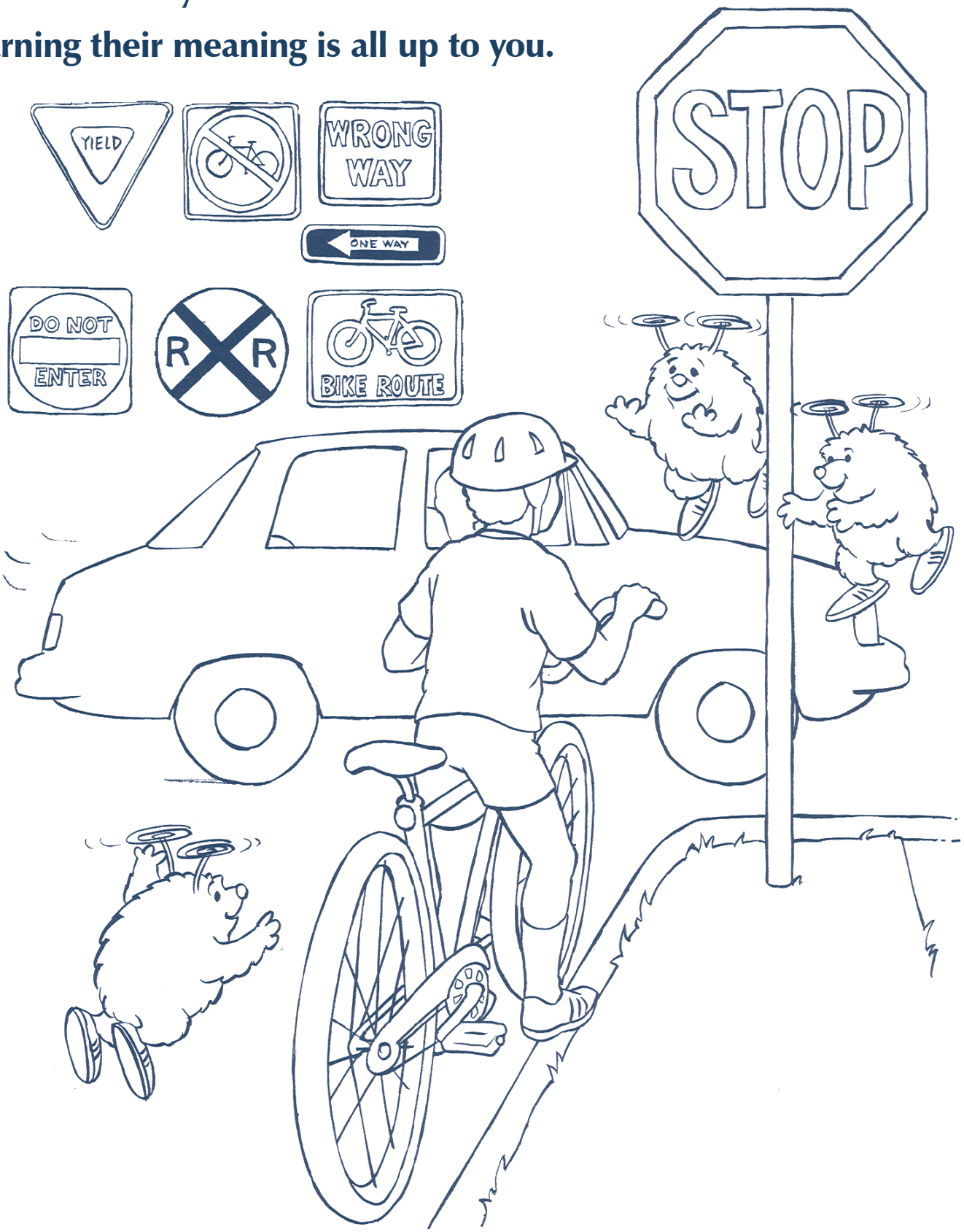


Stop to look before entering the street.
Look left, right and left, and safe you will be.
If there's not any traffic, be on your way.
That way, you're sure to have a safe day.



Don't play games on your bike in the street.
It's a place to be careful and move cautiously.
The playground is where you can go to and play.
You'll have lots of fun and be out of the way.

Please pay attention to all the road signs.
They come in many colors, shapes and kinds.
But you must obey them as car drivers do
So learning their meaning is all up to you.



Check your bike often for any loose parts.

Be sure nothing is broken or falling apart.

Work hard to tighten all bolts, nuts and screws

To keep you from falling and getting bruised.

Look all around you before you turn.
Be sure of the hand signals you have to learn.
Always warn drivers of what you will do
So they can avoid running into you.

For your safety, wear a helmet when riding your bicycle.

Ride the proper size bicycle.

Learn to ride straight.

Ride on the sidewalk if your wheels are less than 14 inches.

Remember to store your bicycle properly.

Wear bright-colored clothing.

Look left, right and left before entering the street.

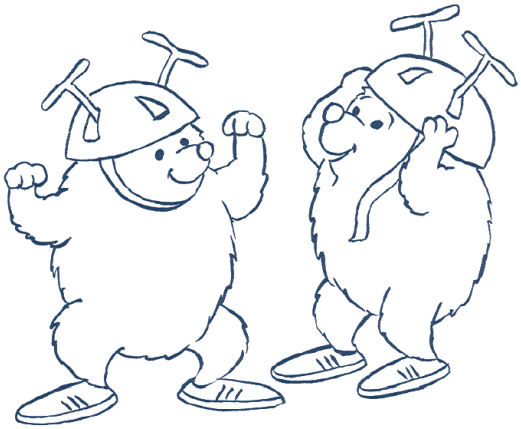
Please, don't play in the streets.

Pay attention to all the road signs.

Ride on the right side, do not face traffic.

Check your bike often for loose parts.

Look behind you and use hand signals before turning.



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