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# MEET THE UTILITY BUDDY

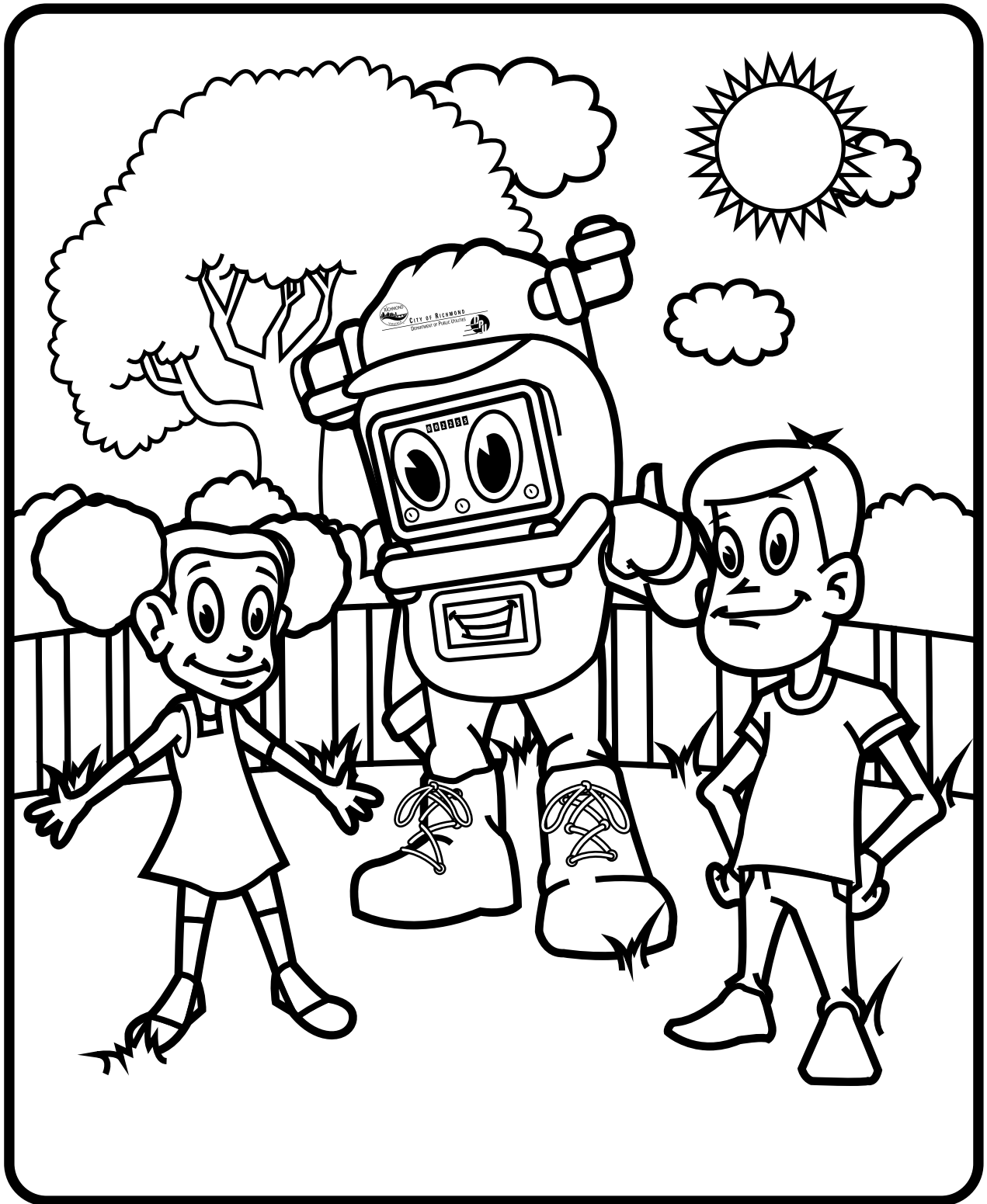
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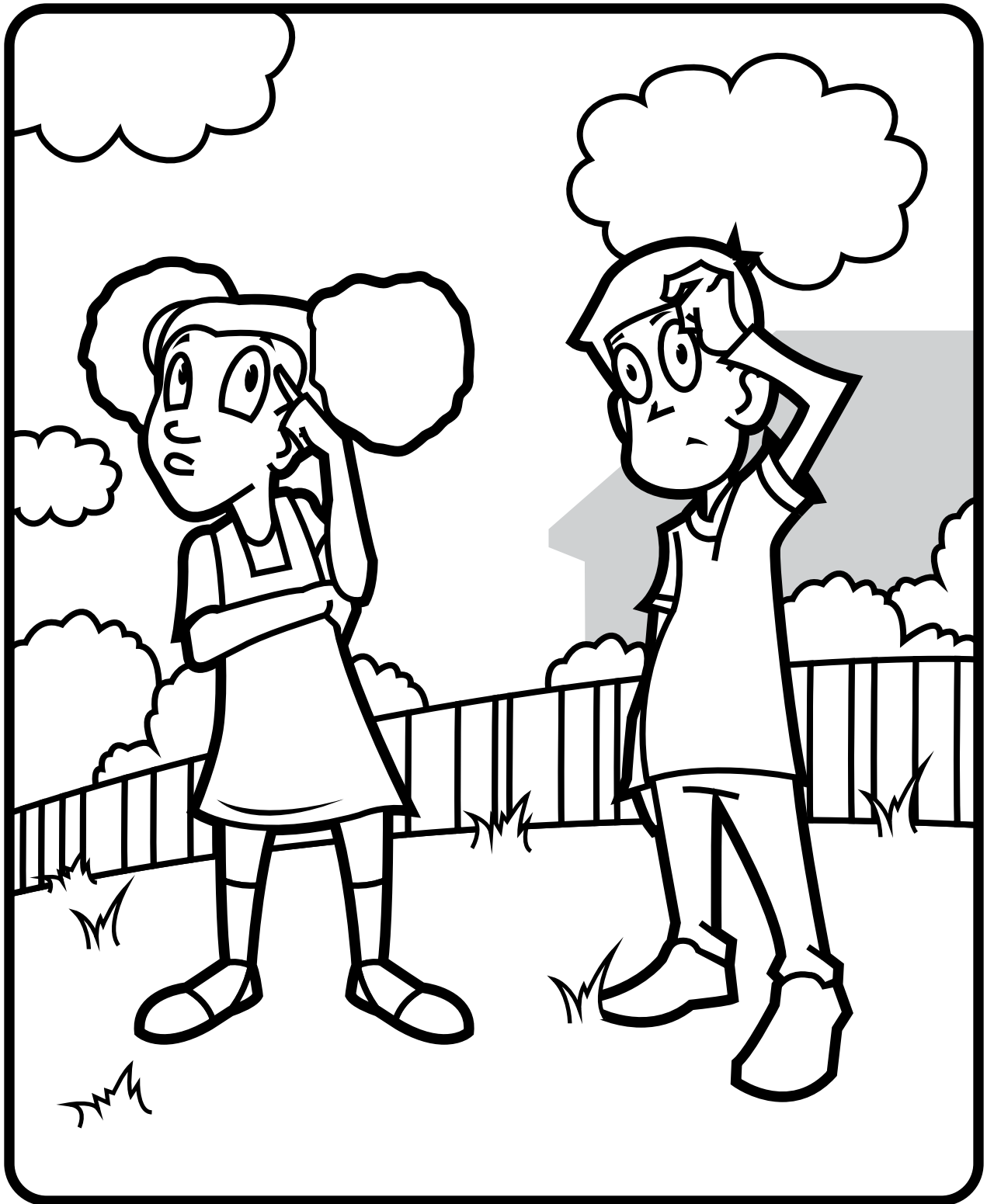
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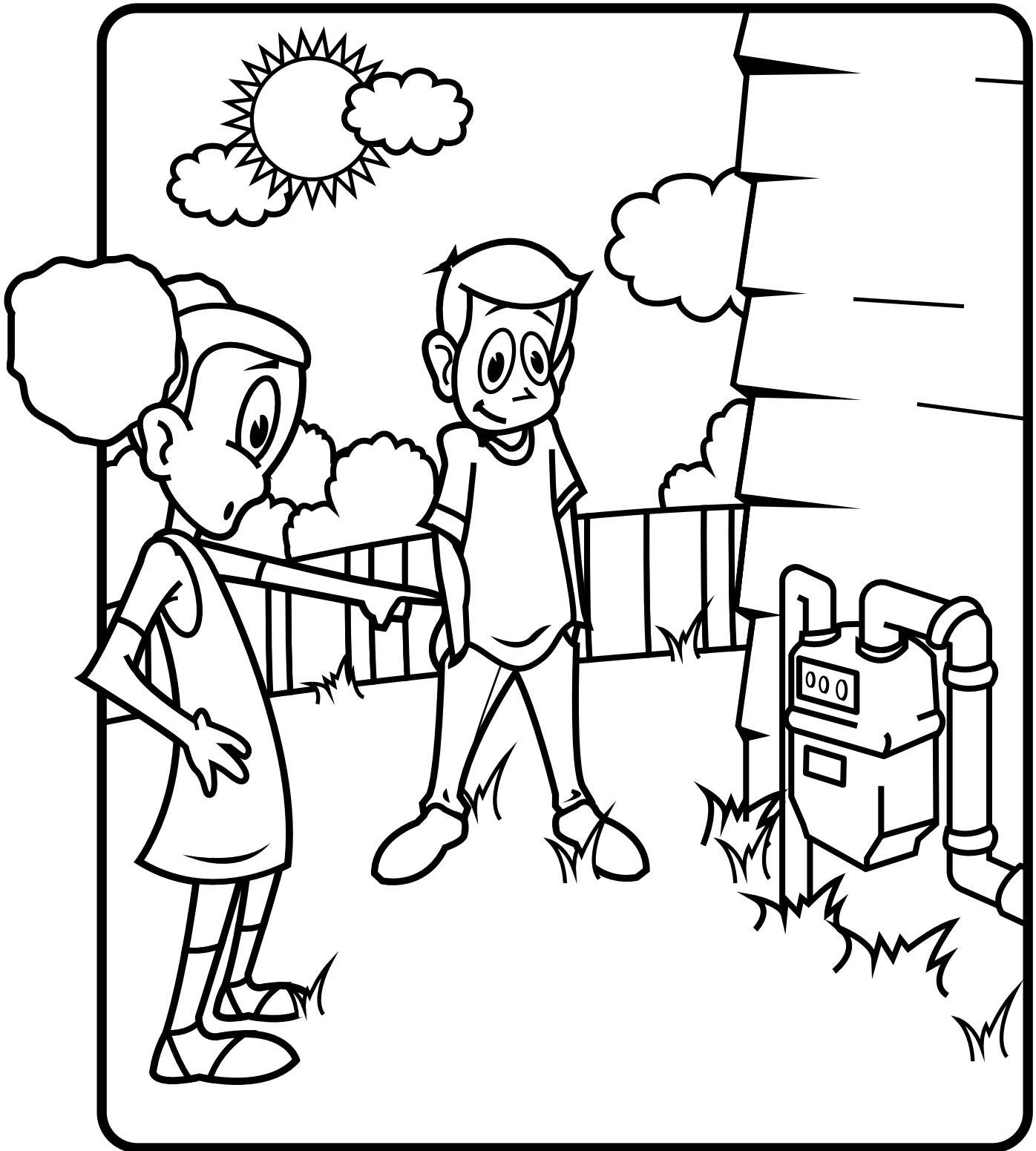




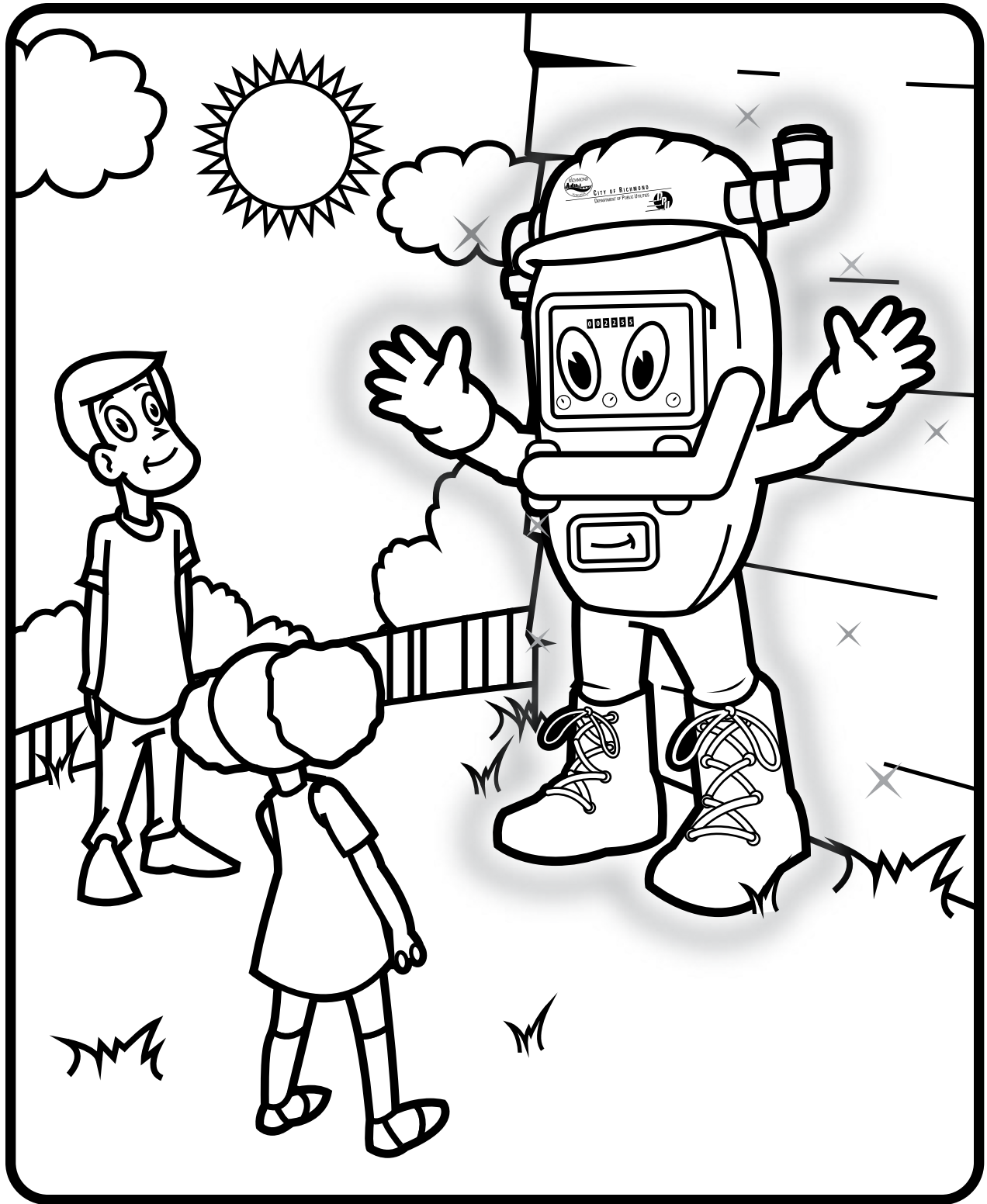
**Hello, my name is Utility Buddy! I am happy to meet you today. I work with the Natural Gas utility. Can you guess what I look like?**



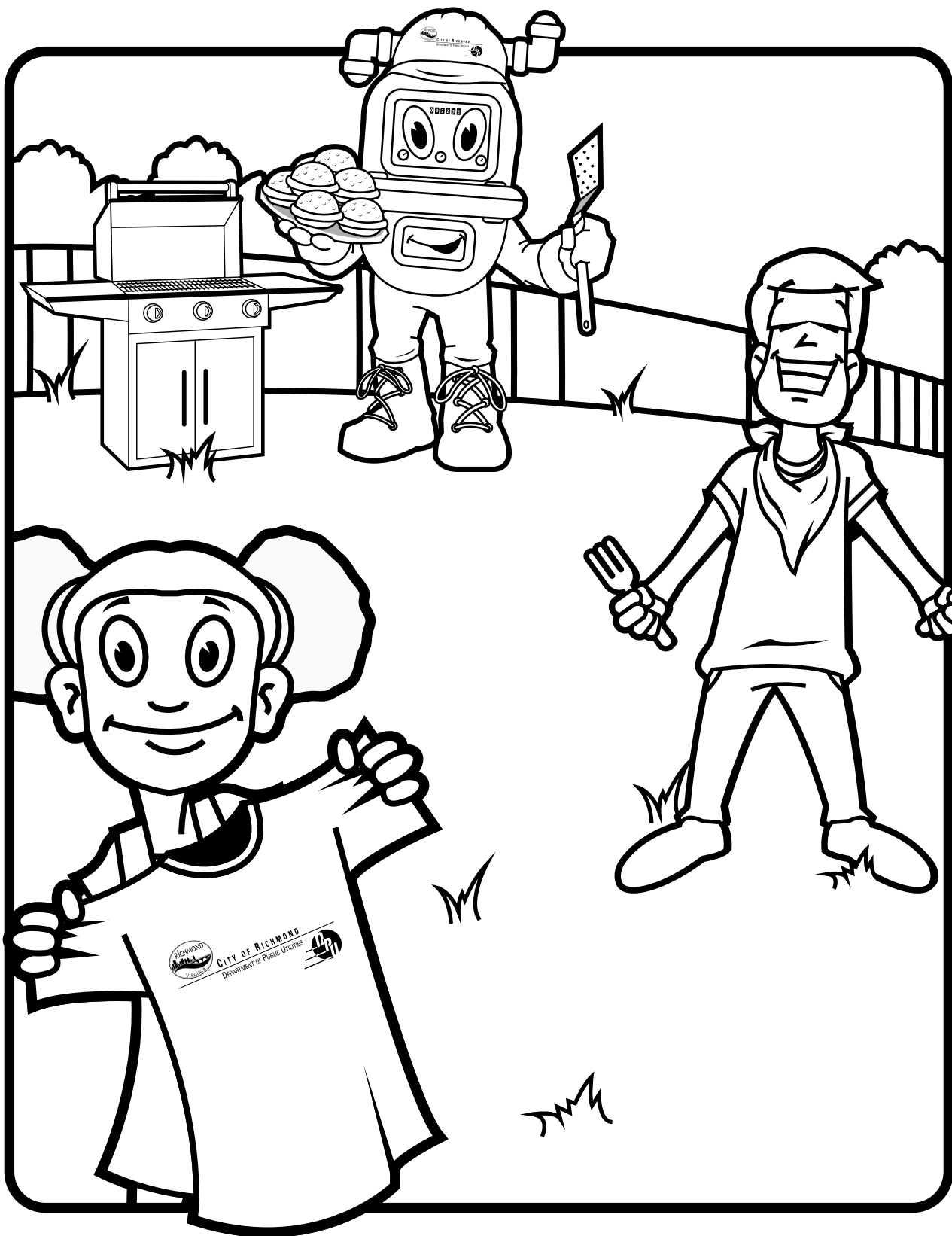
**Stop and think for a minute. You may have seen me at your house or on the outside of a building.**



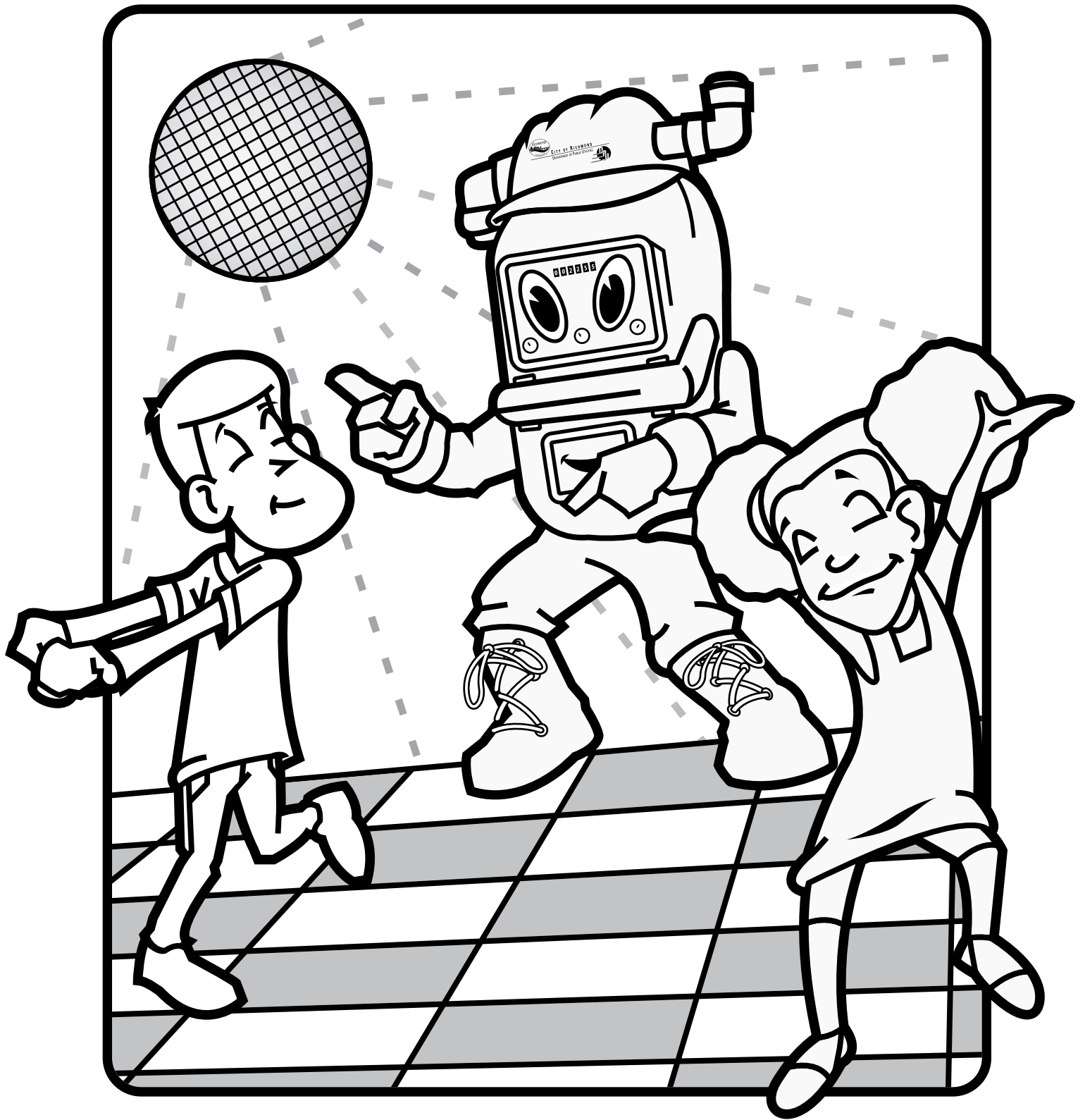
**Here are some more hints. I am gray. I have pipes coming out of me and dials on my front -- just like the Natural Gas meter where you live!  
That's it! You guessed it! I am a life-sized natural gas meter!**



**Natural gas meters are interesting because they measure the amount of gas that you use. My dials, just like the dials on your gas meter, automatically keep track of how much gas flows through the meter into where you live.**



**You might use Natural Gas as an energy fuel to heat your house, cook your food, or heat your water for a hot shower or bath. It can even be used to dry your clothes and for the outdoor grill.**



**Natural gas is a safe energy used by many families just like yours. Always be careful around NATURAL GAS and ask an adult for help if you smell the strong rotten egg smell of natural gas.**

**6 Now....would you like to dance with me?**



# Now, I have a few questions for you!

1. What is Utility Buddy?

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2. Where are the natural gas meters located where you live?

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3. What keeps track of the amount of gas that your family uses?

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4. What color is a natural gas meter?

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5. What are some ways that natural gas is used?

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## Answers

1. A natural gas meter

2. Outside - in the back or front yard near your home

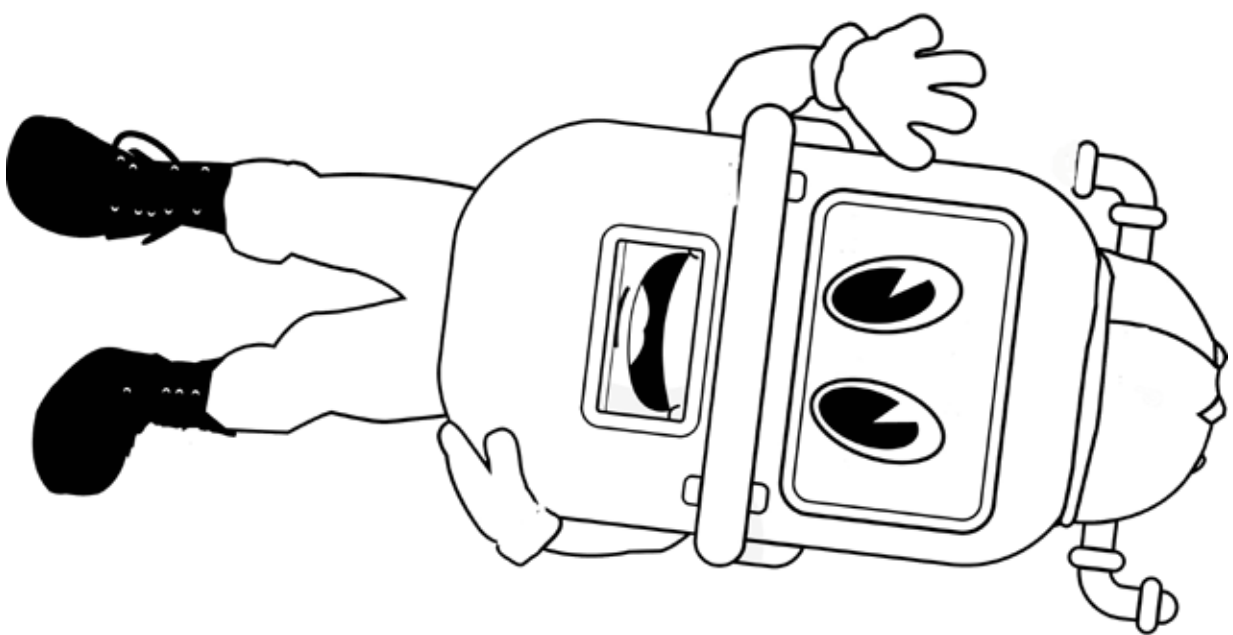
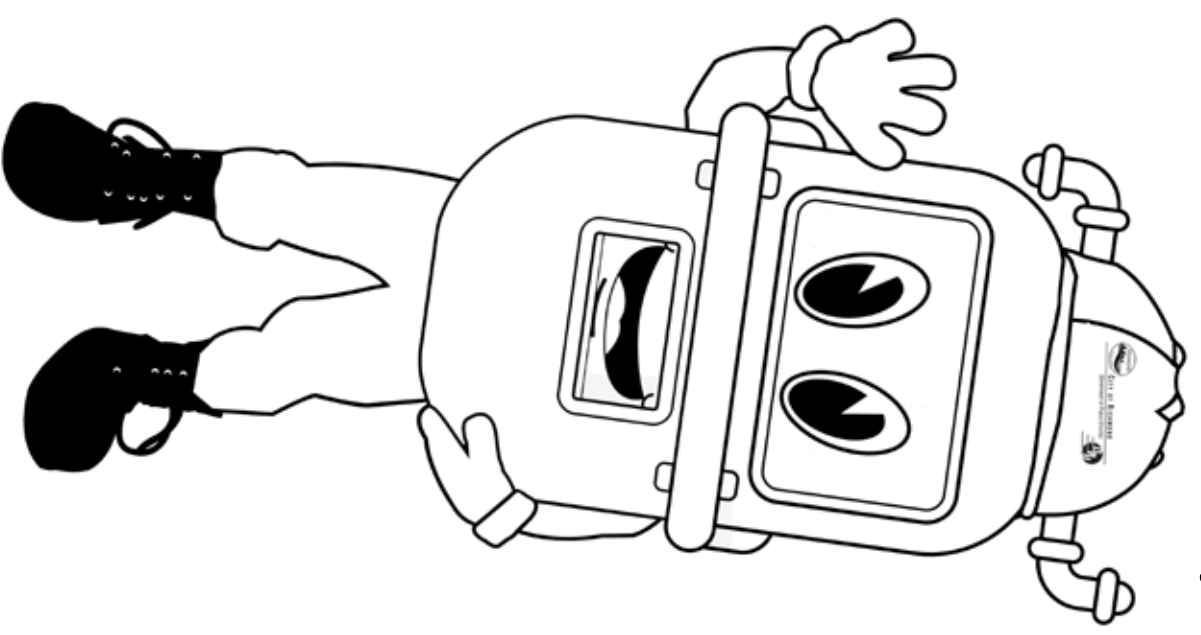
3. The dials on the natural gas meter

4. Gray

5. Heating, cooking, clothes drying, outdoor grill

# What's Different?

One of these Utility Buddies is different from the other in five ways. Can you find them?





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