

My Neighborhood

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This book is dedicated to Therese Ena Gaetan.

You have been an inspiration and a living example of joy, faith, dedication, work ethic and love in my life.

Thank you for EVERYTHING Mom!

Love, Bones ☺



Contrary to most news reports,
my neighborhood's not all bad.

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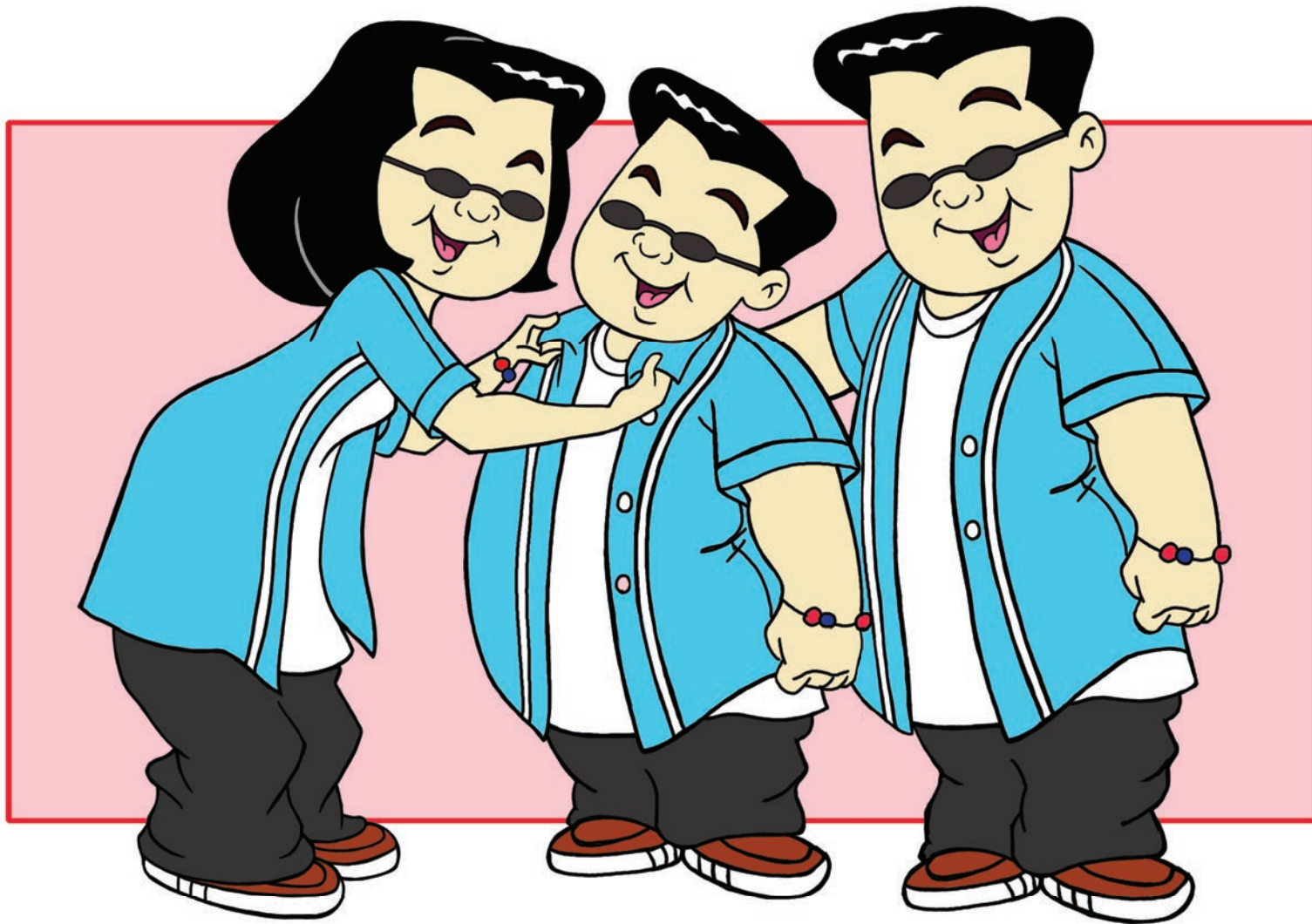
Come in WE'RE
OPEN



But most of the times when they show it on TV,
it's to report on something sad.

I live here and I know the truth and for that I'm very glad.





Take for instance the fact that most of my friends have a loving mom and dad.



**Most of the kids here go to school to learn good things
and to make the world a better place.**

But the TV people seem to come around our streets only when there is a police chase.





I live here and

I know the truth because with

my own eyes I see



so many honest, hardworking, and loving good
people being the best that they can be.

The nail salon girl



The barbershop man



The manager at the bank



The bakery store owner

The grocery store clerk

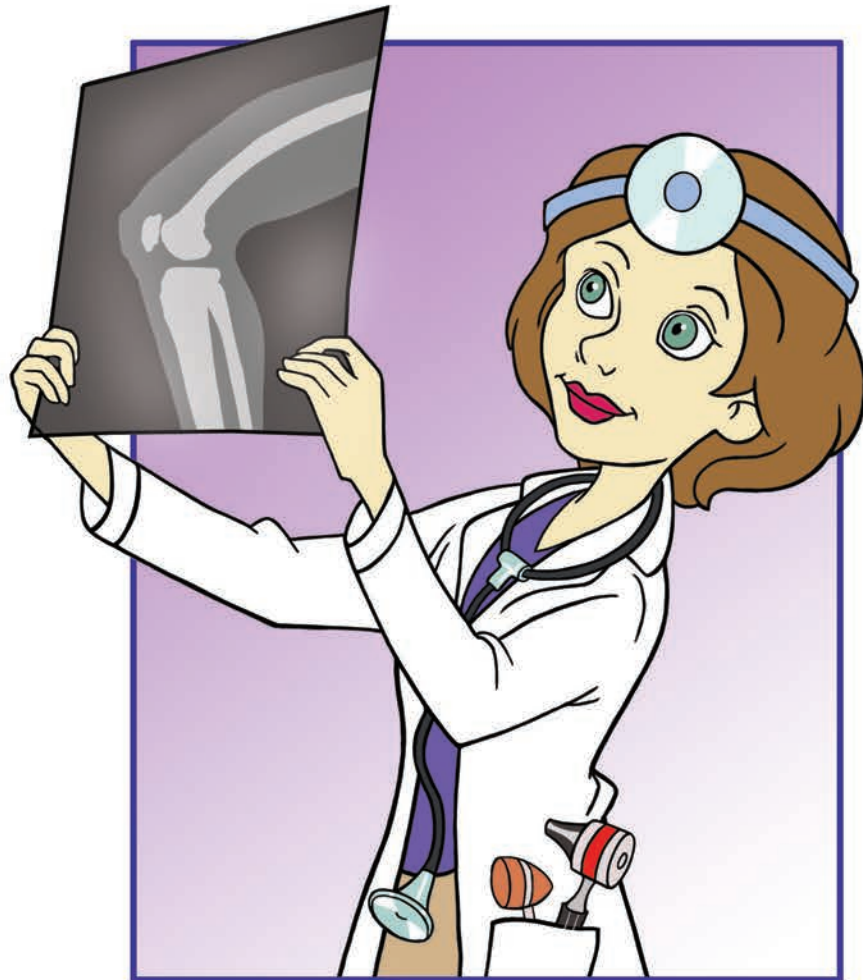


The dentist



and the truck driver filling up the tank

Mrs. Jones is a doctor who helps us with our health.



Mr. Roberts is a lawyer who helps us with the law.

Ms. King is a cell phone store owner and Mr. Grayford builds homes with a saw.





Miss Sheena owns a jewelry store



and Mr. Larry runs the 7-11.



Ms. Fernanda is a volleyball coach



and Mr. Joel is a preacher helping us go to heaven.

GROCERY



My neighborhood is filled with great people and I'm sure that yours is too.



When you walk down the sidewalk, don't just look at the cracks, make sure you focus on the smooth parts, too.

My friend's mom is a pilot and I think that is very cool.



I had no idea that if I wanted to fly planes, all I have to do is stay in school!





But that is what Ms. Janice told our class when she spoke to us on Career Day.

And did you know that anyone who wants to go to college can get a loan that they can repay?



And not just college - any kind of school that will teach you what to do...

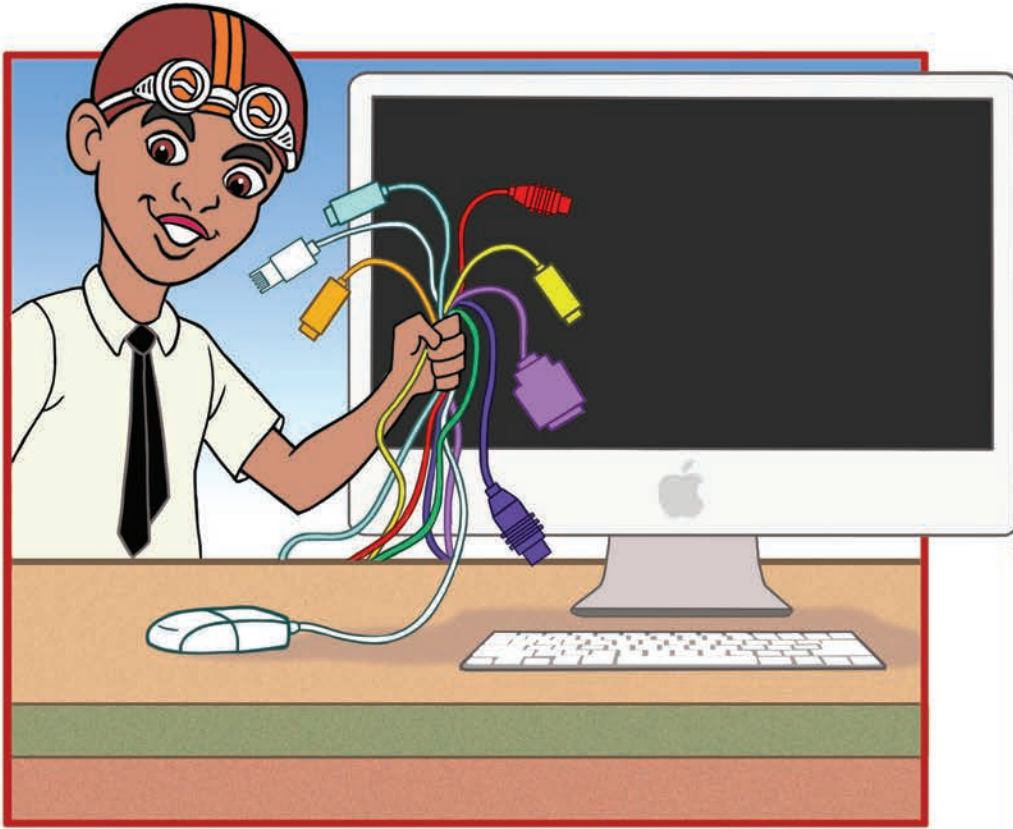
From being a mechanic



a doctor



a chef



a computer technician

or even working at the zoo!



I am so glad Ms. Janice came to our class to plant that seed of knowledge in my mind.





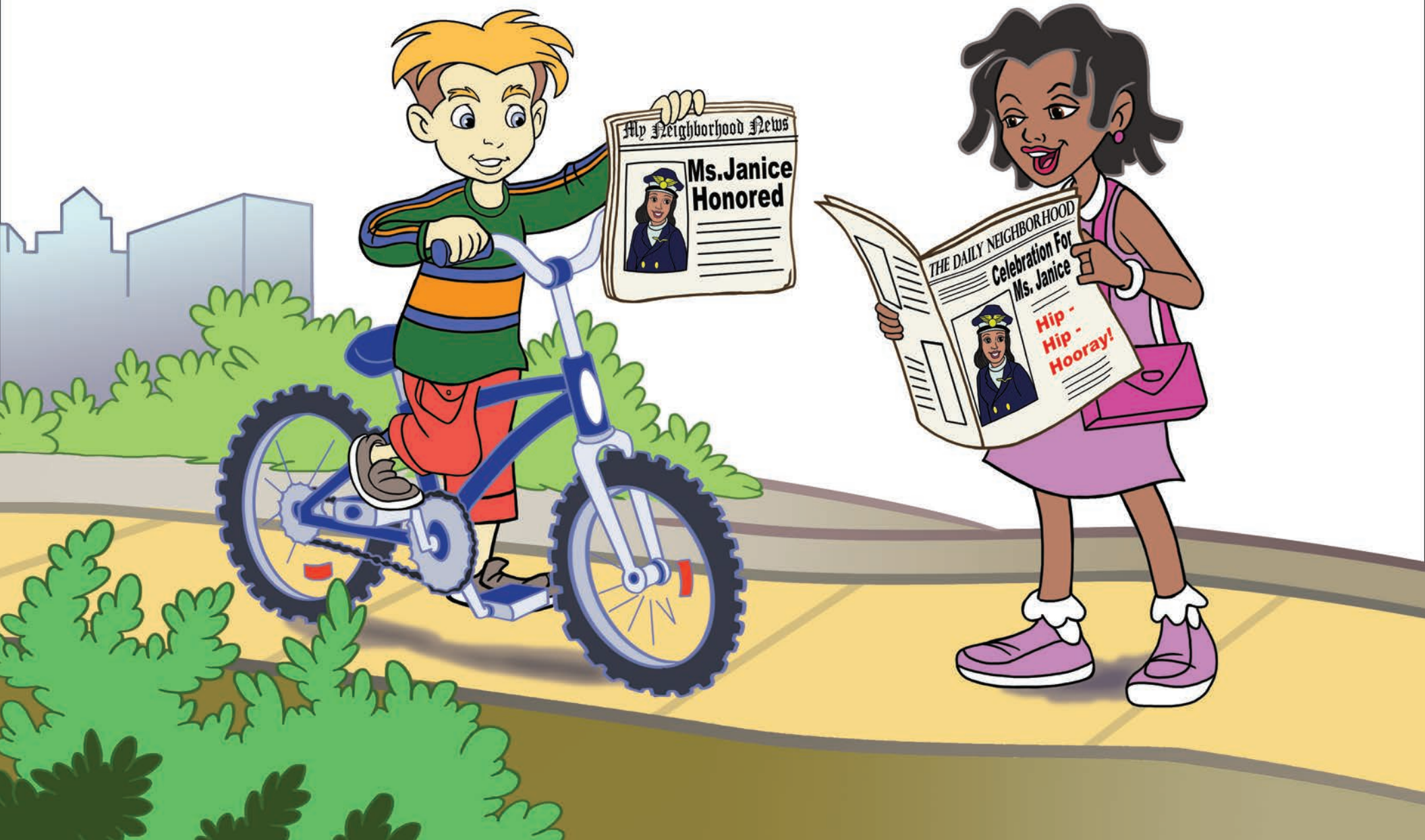
Now I know for sure I can be anything I want to be if
I *Get ME ME*, work, learn, keep the faith and climb.





Up the ladder of knowledge each
and every day, by reading,
listening, and trying new things
on my path to my goals I will stay.

Ms Janice is from my neighborhood and I am very very glad of that.



I'm proud of my neighborhood and where I am from
and I am proud of where I am at.





And I will be proud as I keep succeeding and growing each and everyday.

My View of my neighborhood makes it what it is,
so on all the good in my hood my focus will stay.

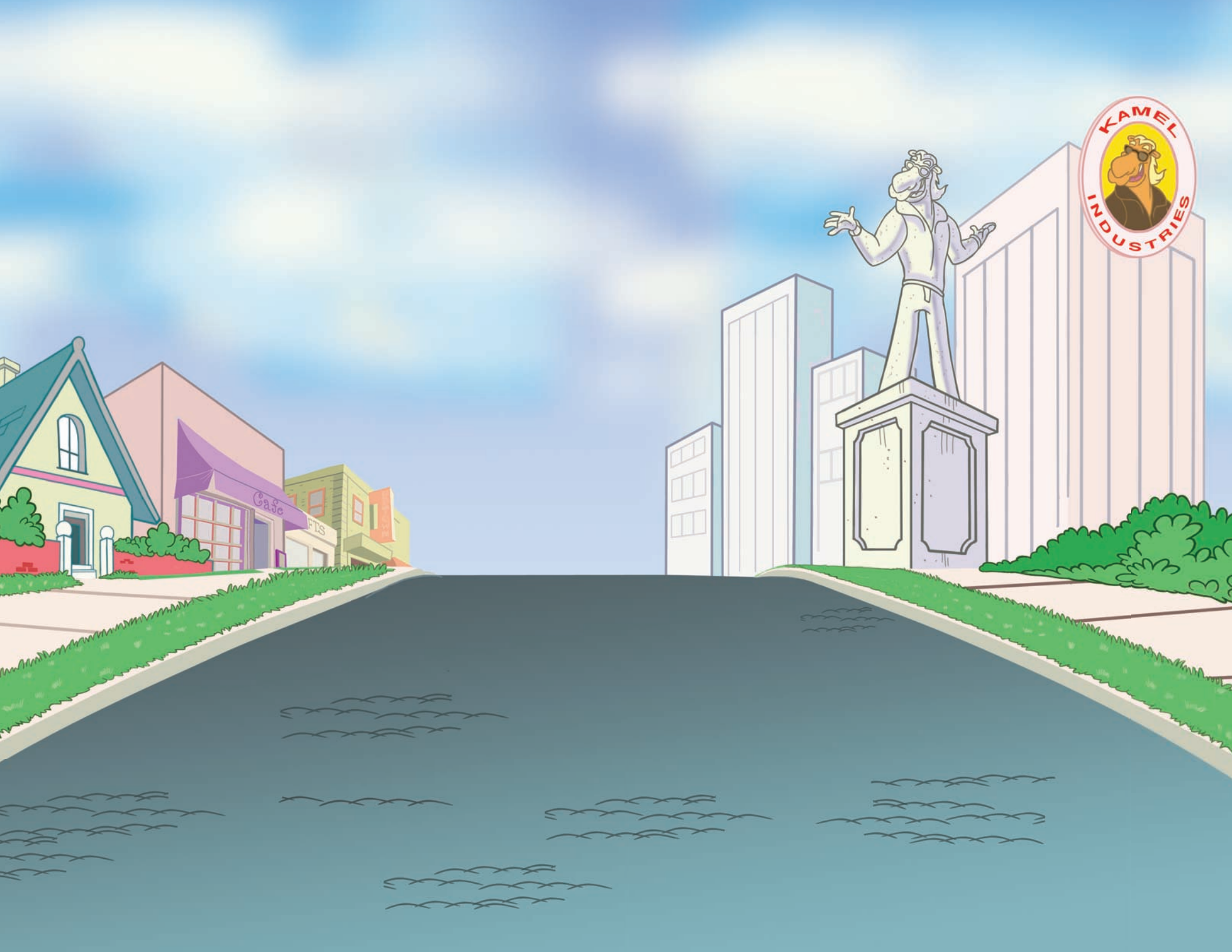


Remember, I live here and know the truth, because
with my own eyes I see



All the positive and good things
around me,
because what you
see is what you'll be!







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I give thanks for living and I have to make the world a better place,
To give love and get love from the entire human race.

I will read and listen to acquire knowledge, because I know knowledge is the key,
That will open up the door for me to this world of prosperity.

I will always respect others and I must respect myself,
Because, with so many different opinions, it's needed for health and wealth.

I will maintain a positive attitude towards everything and everyone.
Because, fear and negativity will never make life fun.

There is no such thing as failing, so I can never fail.
If I stumble, fall, get a bump or bruise, that's just part of the learning trail.

I'll take myself to a higher level and always Get Me Me!
Because, once I can help myself, I will help my community.

I know I will succeed, because the journey of success is part of me.
I'm a winner in my mind and that's all I have to be!



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My Neighborhood was inspired by the Get Me Me Kids and their daily pledge written above.

To Get Me Me means to love and take care of yourself, so you can love and take care of others.

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