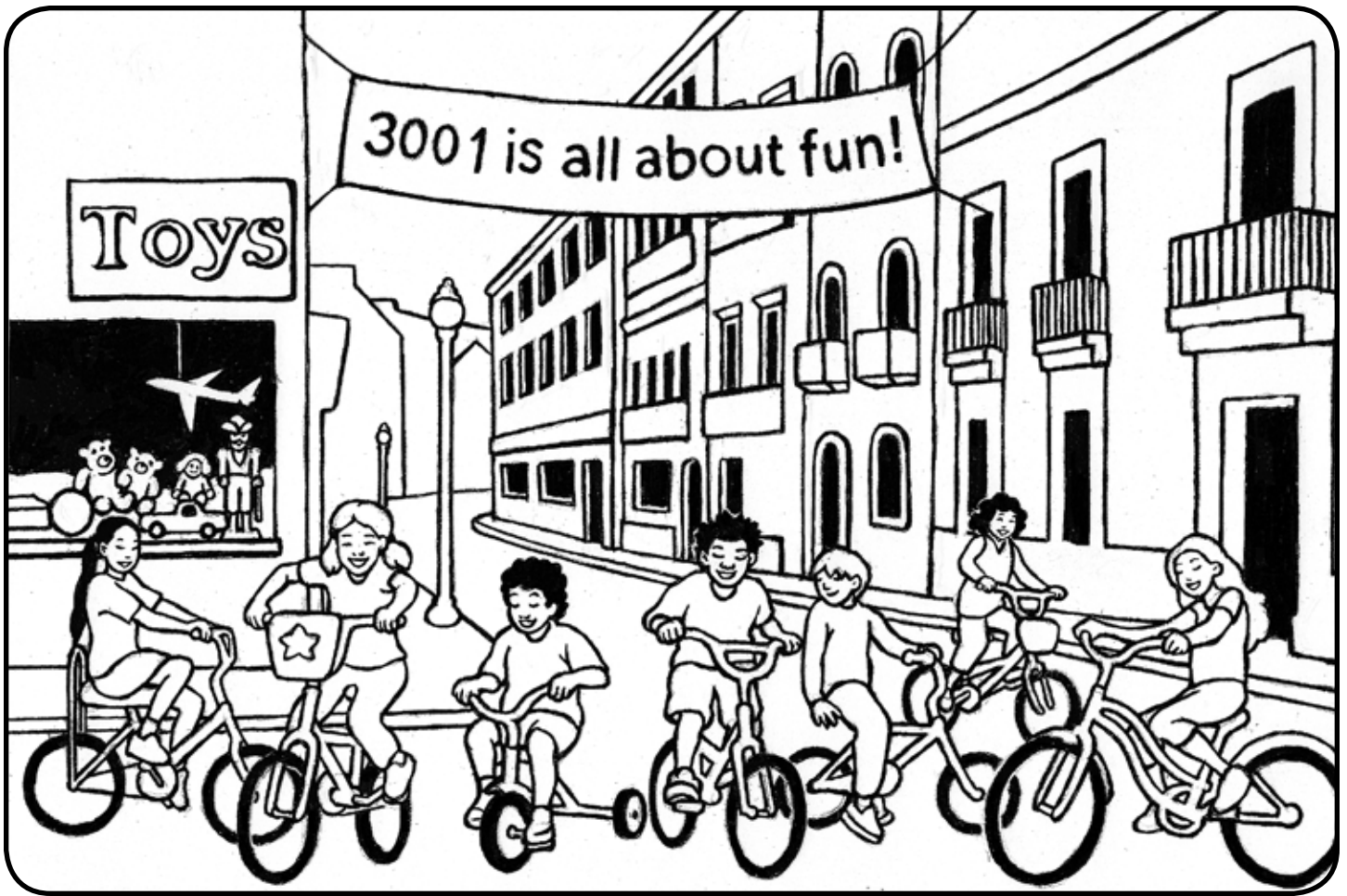




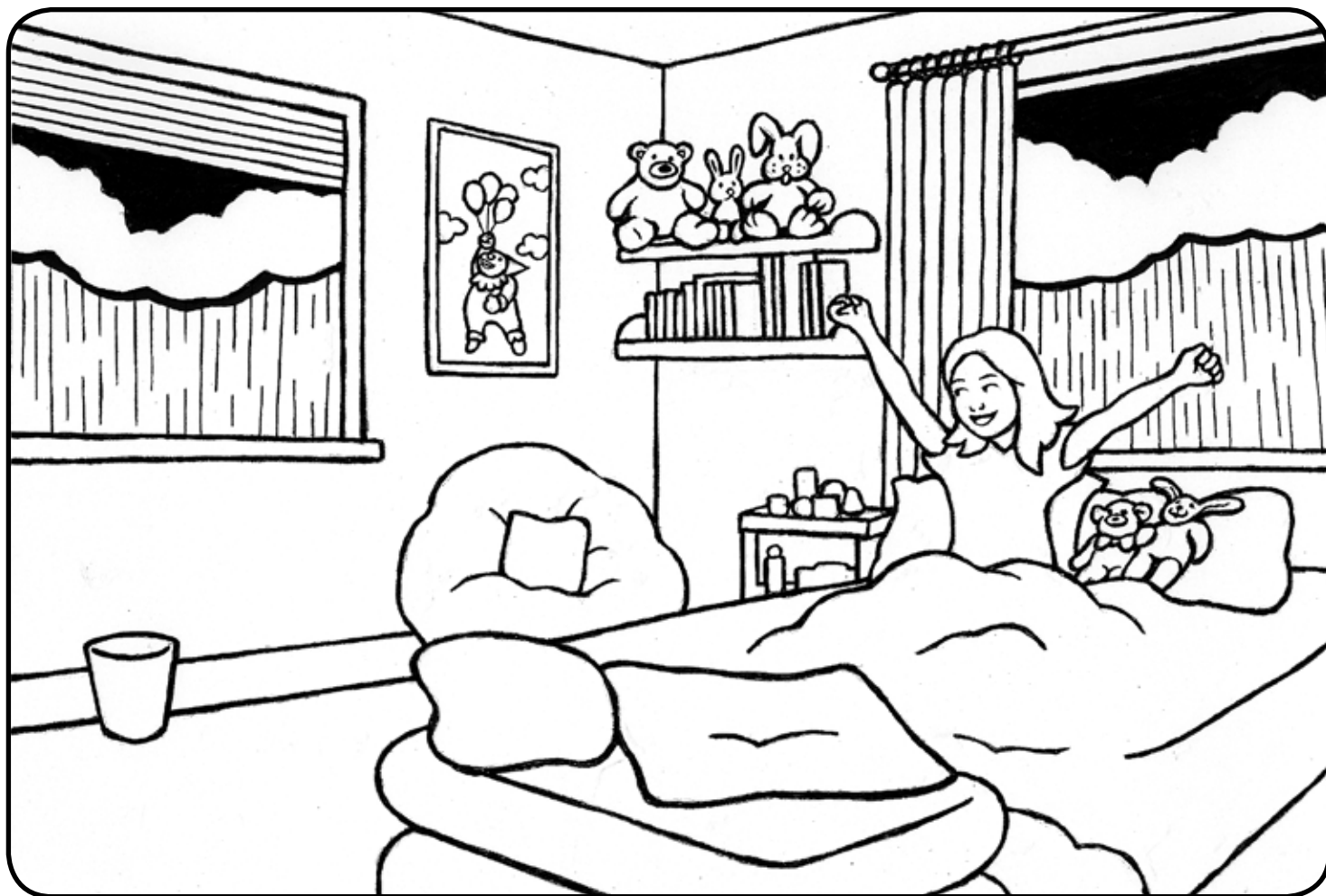
Kids Rule

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It's 3001, and things are very different. That's because kids are in charge of the world. The streets are filled with bicycles. There is a toy store on every corner. And having fun is the golden rule.



Bianca, who is eight years old, wakes up in her cozy bed. She is excited because it's raining outside. "Dad!" she shouts. "It's time for the Big Puddle Jump!"

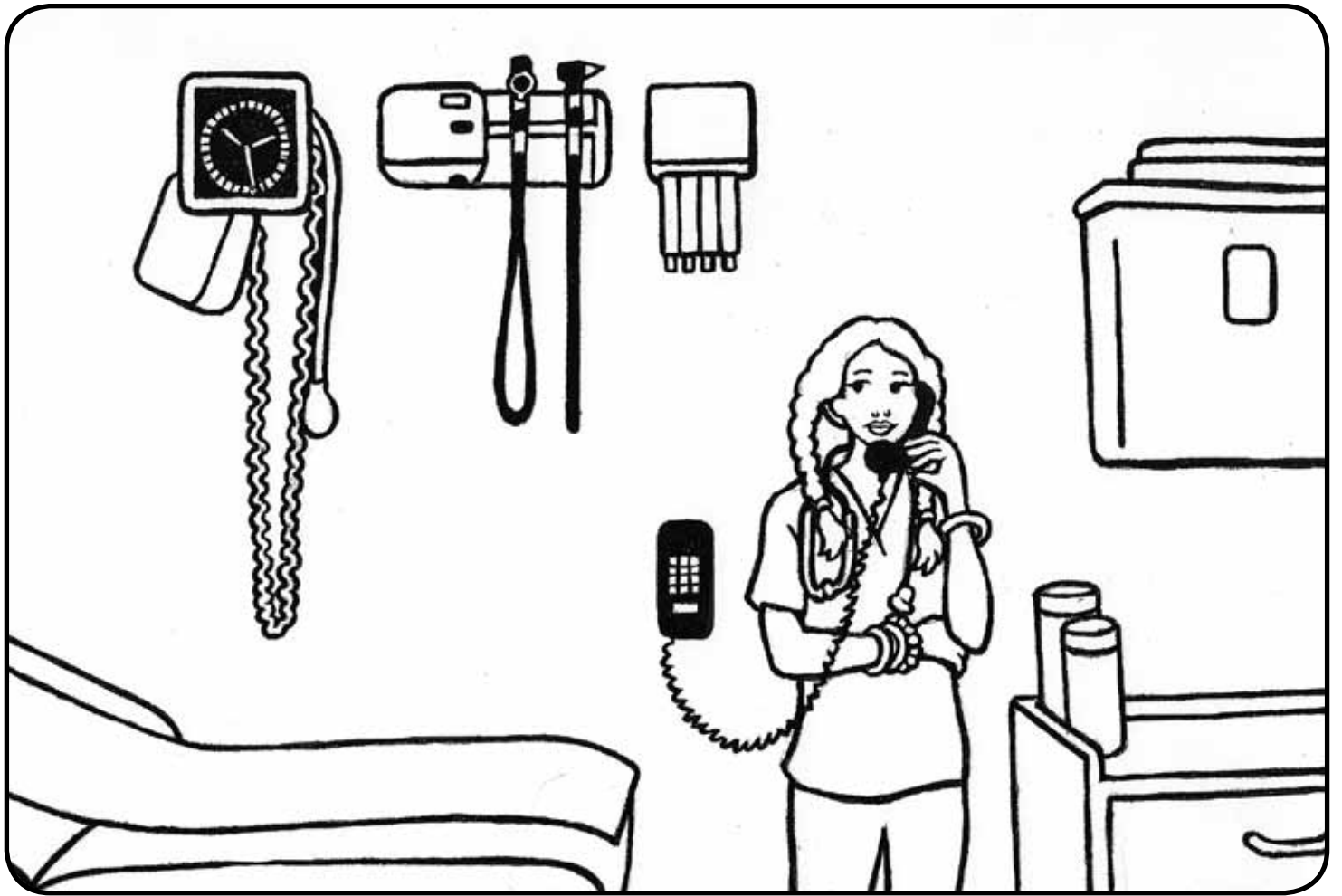


Outside, people young and old are jumping in puddles and splashing around. Everyone is laughing...everyone except for Bianca's dad, that is. He brushes mud from his coat.

“What a mess!” he complains. “What a terrible day! I have so much work to do. And now it is raining.”



Back inside, Bianca calls the doctor. She thinks her dad has a condition that many parents get. She thinks that he is too serious for his own good. She hopes that the doctor can help.



The doctor tells Bianca that her dad needs to have fun. The doctor says, “Bianca, this is an emergency. Show your Dad how to be silly. Make him laugh. It is the only cure for being too serious.”



First, Bianca tells her dad some jokes, but that doesn't work. Then, she takes him to an amusement park. By the end of the first ride, he starts to smile. Soon, he is laughing out loud. "What a relief!" Bianca says. "I was worried about you, Dad."

"Thanks for helping me," Dad says. Bianca is happy. Now, her dad remembers what all kids know: Having fun is good for you!