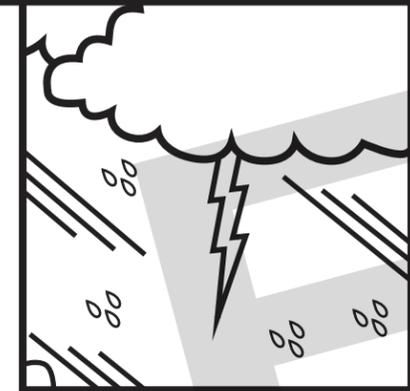
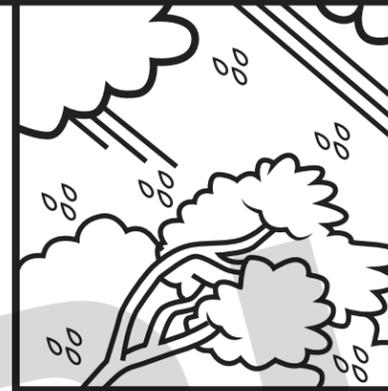


POWER OUTAGES

You Don't Have To Be Scared If You're Prepared



One day there was a big storm. There was rain, lightning, thunder, and lots of wind. Oswald Owl was a little nervous. The trees outside his house were bending and flopping around like crazy!



This storm is scary!

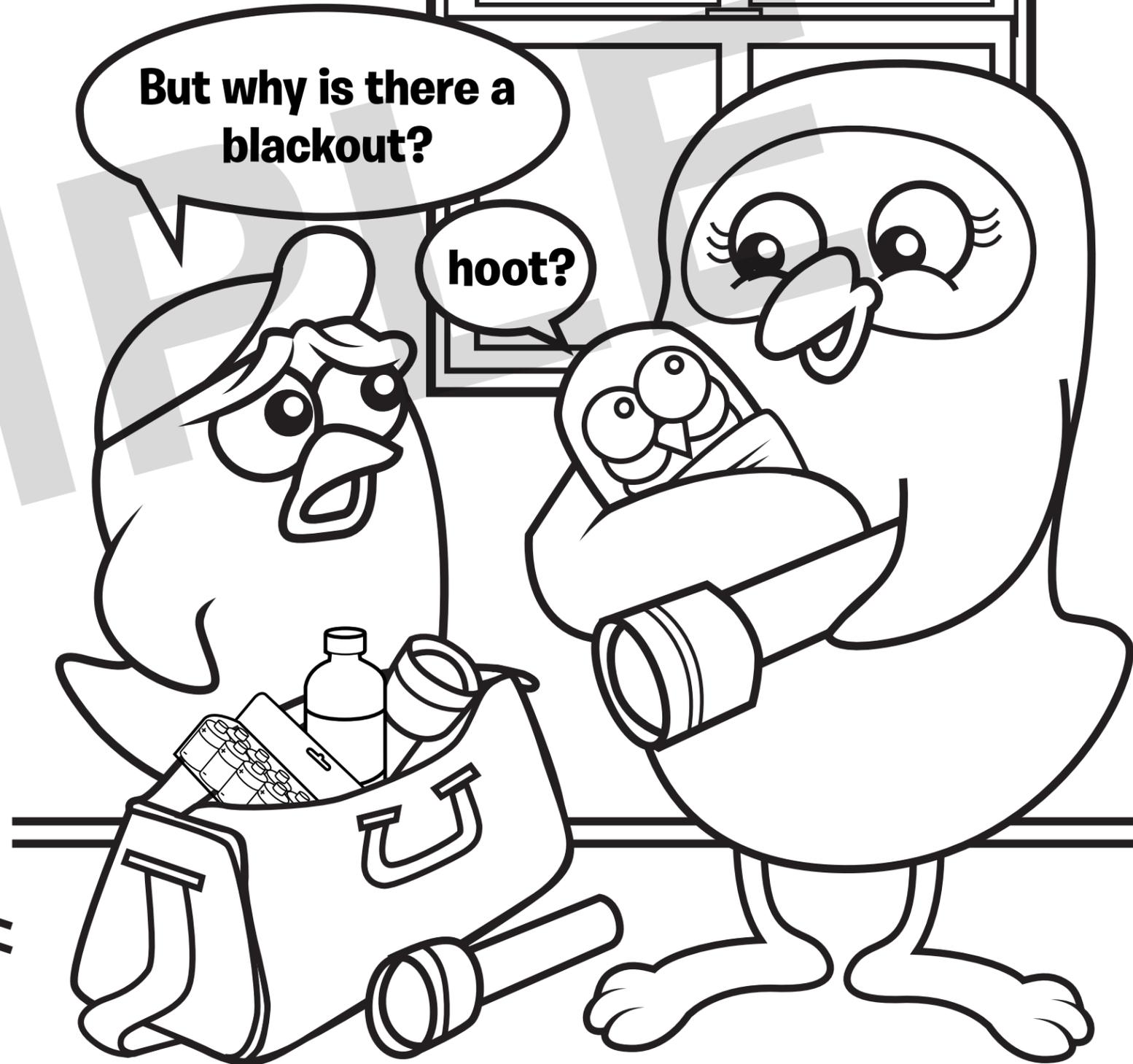
hoot!

Don't worry, Ozzie! It's just a thunderstorm. You don't have to be scared. We're prepared for any emergency!

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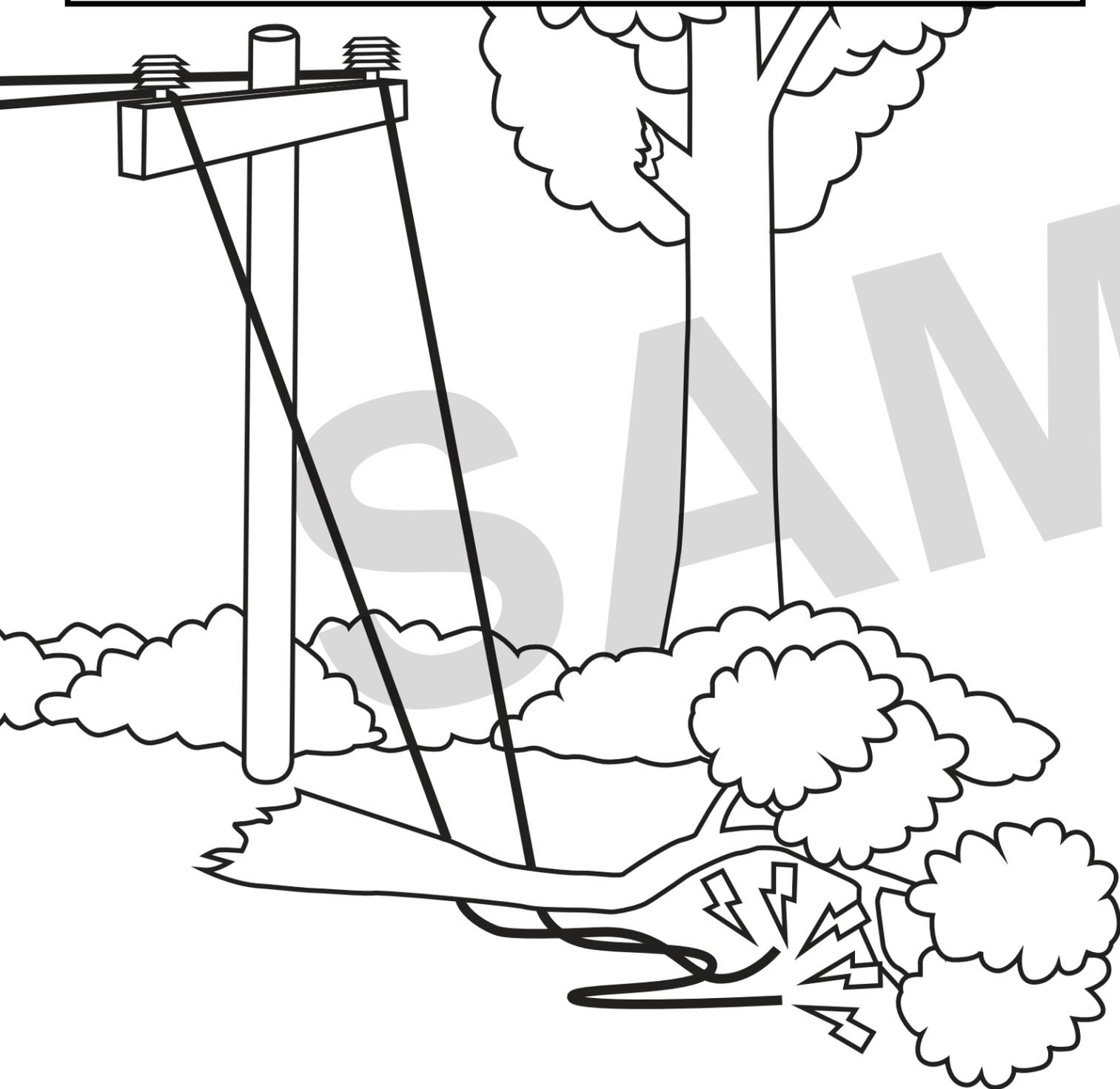
All of a sudden the lights in the house went out! Oswald tried to turn them back on, but they weren't working. Then he noticed that the TV wasn't working either.

His mom took a flashlight out of a bag labeled "emergency kit" and turned it on. She said there was a power outage, also called a blackout. The electricity would be off for a little while, but it would come back soon.

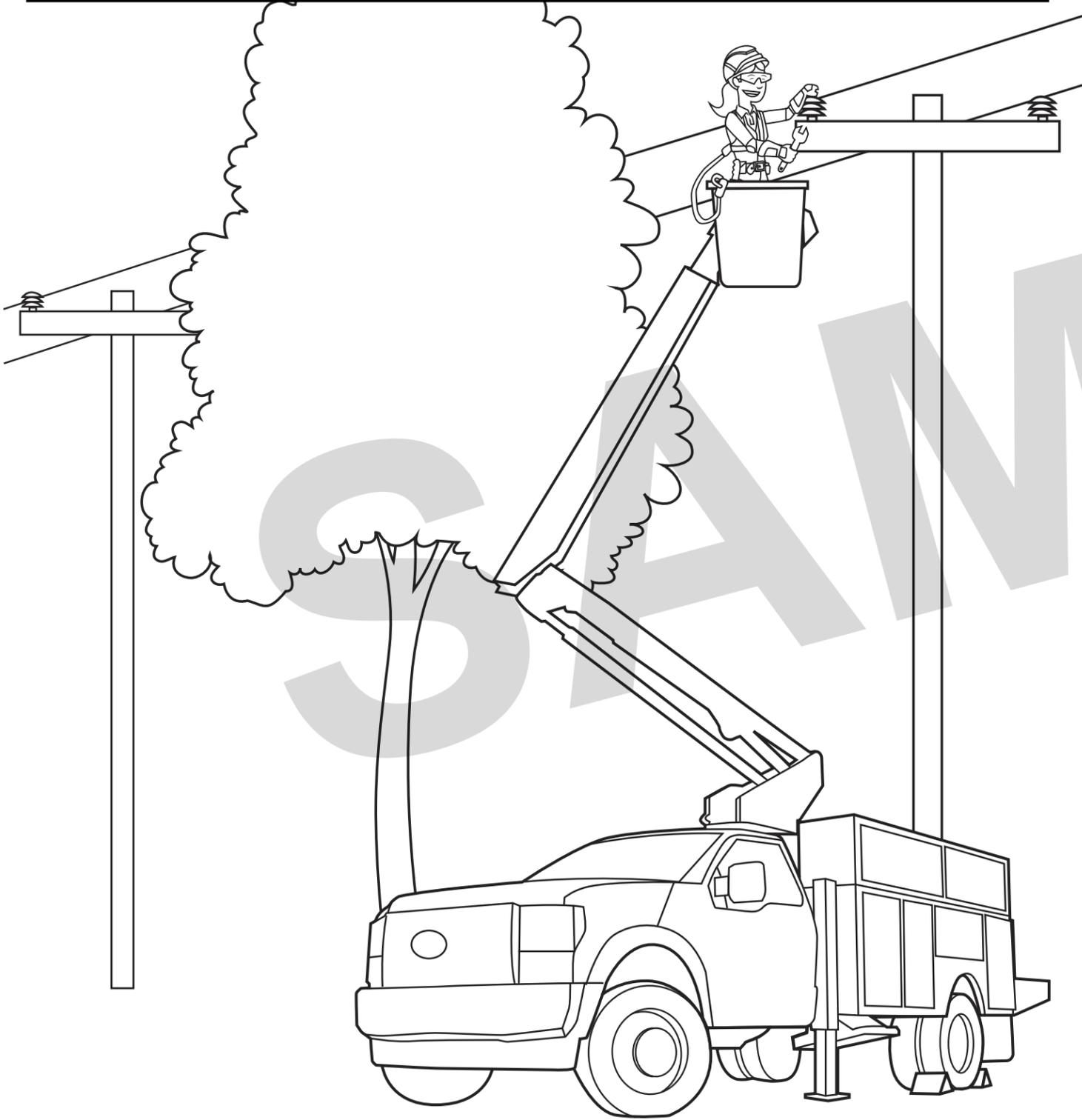


Oswald's mom explained that sometimes when there's a big storm, the equipment that brings electricity to people's homes can get damaged. Electrical equipment can also be damaged by animals or vehicles or when it's really hot or cold.

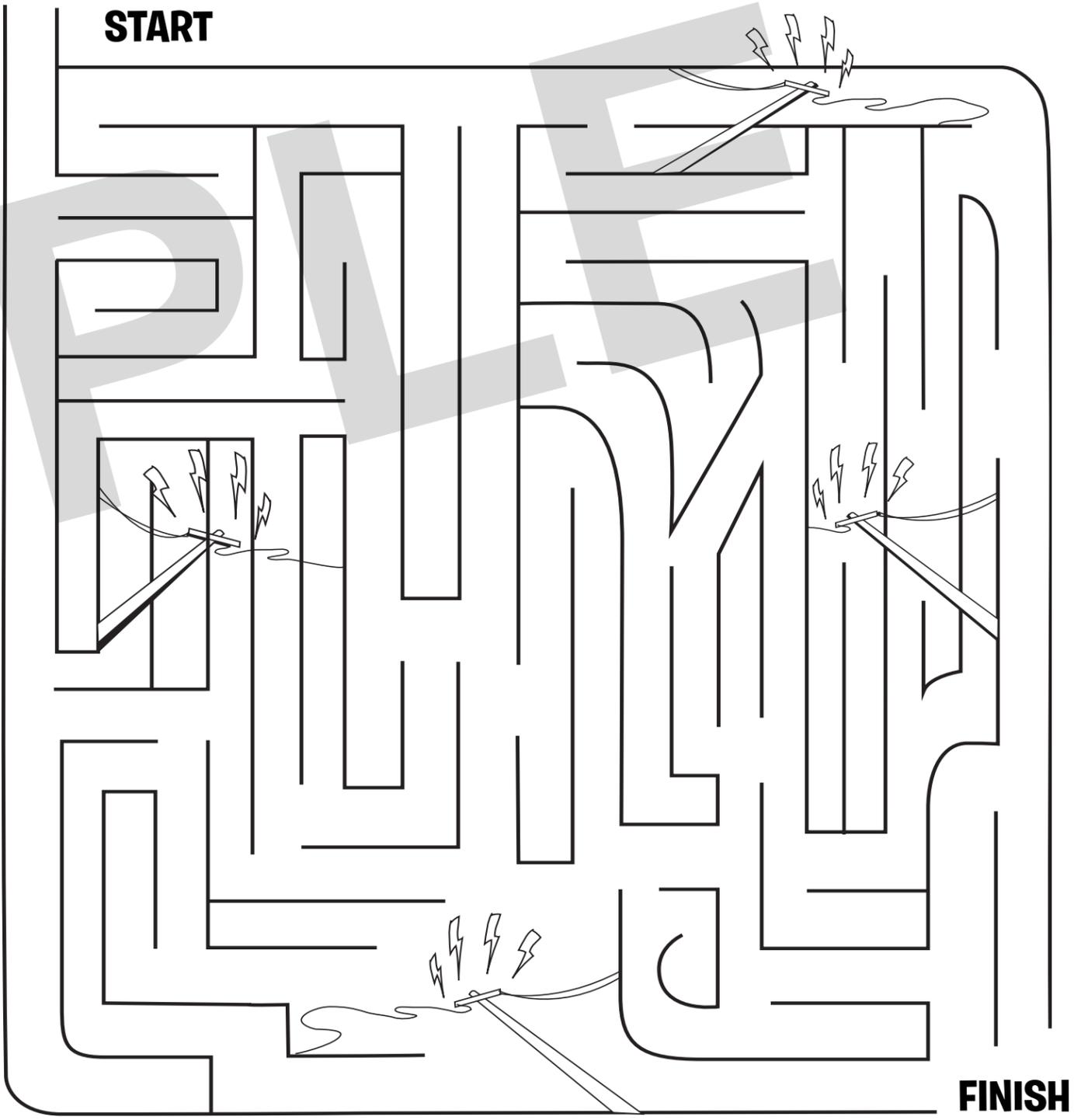
Luckily, there are people out there ready to fix problems whenever they crop up. They're called utility workers.



Utility workers fix broken power lines and electrical equipment even in big storms when it's dangerous to be outside. They work hard to get your power back on when there's an outage.



Electrical equipment is very dangerous, so you should never go near it, especially if it's damaged. Can you get through this maze without going near any damaged power lines?



Meanwhile, Oswald's dad brought out a small radio that doesn't need to be plugged in. It works when you crank it. They listened to the news and some music. Can you connect the dots to see what it looks like?

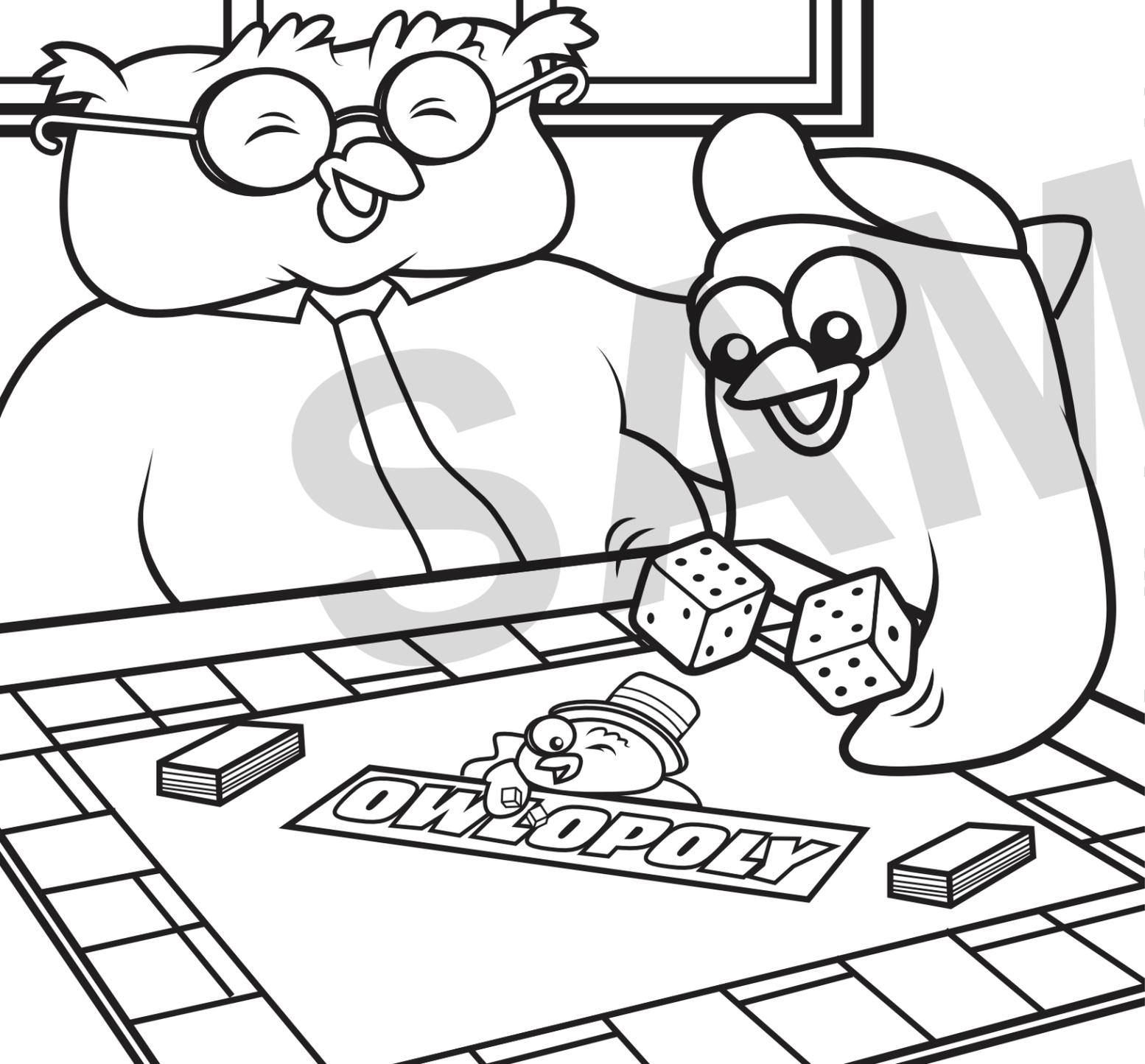
The Owl Family had lots of supplies to keep them safe. Here are some supplies you and your family can put in your emergency kit:

- Flashlights
- Bottled water
- Glow sticks
- Canned food
- Battery-powered lantern
- Batteries
- Hand-crank or battery-powered radio
- Blankets
- First aid kit

Can you color the items that you would put in your family's emergency kit and cross out the silly ones?



Oswald and his grandpa played a board game while they waited for the power to come back on. There's lots of fun stuff to do without electricity!



Oswald's mom told him not to open the fridge during a power outage because the food can spoil. Can you find all the food in this kitchen that they can eat?



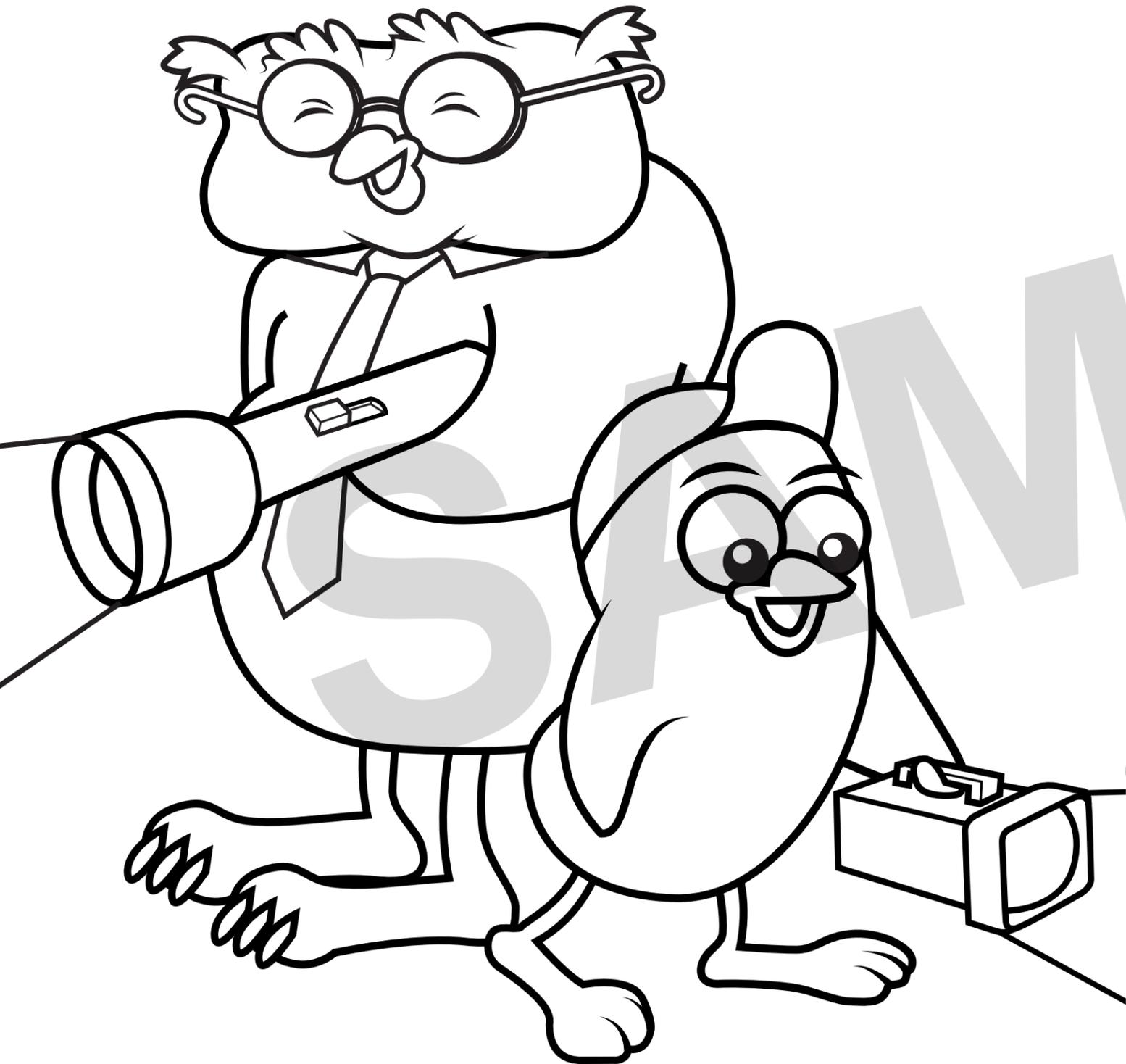
Oswald unplugged his computer. Sometimes electronics can be damaged by a power surge when the electricity comes back on!



It got a little cold in the house, so Oswald and his sister bundled up. Never use the stove to warm up during a power outage.



It can be dangerous to light candles, so instead use flashlights and battery-powered lanterns. There are lots of different kinds and sizes.



Then the lights came back on! Oswald and his family looked over their family emergency plan so they would be even more prepared next time.



Thanks to the utility workers, the power was back on and everything was okay. Oswald learned a lot about how to be prepared for a power outage.



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