

THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESENTS



**MIK & NERO** IN...



**THE CASE OF THE  
STRANGE HOUSE**

**COLORING & ACTIVITY BOOK**

# DEAR GROWN-UP,

**T**his coloring book tells the story of **Chloe**, a little girl who discovers a drug house in her neighborhood. She does the right thing and tells a sheriff's deputy at her school — setting into motion an investigation that results in the drug dealer being arrested.

In real life, many neighborhoods have problems with vandalism, drug trafficking, graffiti and other public safety issues. Here are some steps you can take to help keep your neighborhood safe:

- **Get to know the people who live in your neighborhood.** Having a close-knit community makes everyone safer. You're more likely to recognize a stranger if you know your neighbors, as well as having friends nearby who can help out if you have a problem.
- **Familiarize yourself with the cars that belong in your neighborhood.** If you see a vehicle you do not recognize parked in the driveway of your neighbor's house — especially when they aren't at home — it could be an indication of criminal activity.
- **Report all suspicious people and vehicles to law enforcement.** There aren't enough sheriff's deputies and police officers to be everywhere all the time. Often, criminals are arrested following tips from members of the community. Pay attention to people and activities that seem suspicious or out of place. A stranger on your street could be a thief, a burglar, a drug dealer or an ex-spouse looking to harm a neighbor.

If you suspect criminal activity, you can report it to the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office tip line at **503-723-4949**. If you see a crime happening or you need immediate help, call **9-1-1**.

**Drug houses can have a negative impact on an entire neighborhood.**

Indicators of drug activity at a residence include: frequent visitors who only stay for five to ten minutes and at odd times of the day and night; people behaving or walking strangely; and, money being exchanged for small packages through a car window.

Drug dealers are typically very antisocial, and may add security features to the home that seem out of place in the neighborhood, such as: metal exterior doors, bars on their windows or a dangerous-looking dog.

If you suspect drug activity, contact law enforcement. Provide as much information as possible, including descriptions of persons and vehicles visiting the house. Keep a record of license plates.

**Be patient.** Building a case to shut down a drug house is a complicated, time-consuming process for investigators. You and your neighbors will likely have to contact law enforcement several times and share detailed information about your suspicions before they can prove illegal activity.

**Form a Neighborhood Watch.** By working together with your neighbors, you can reduce the opportunity for crimes to be committed in your community. Help is available to from law enforcement to start a neighborhood watch. In Clackamas County, call the Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit at **503-785-5077**.

Working together, we can make a difference.



**Craig Roberts, Clackamas County Sheriff**

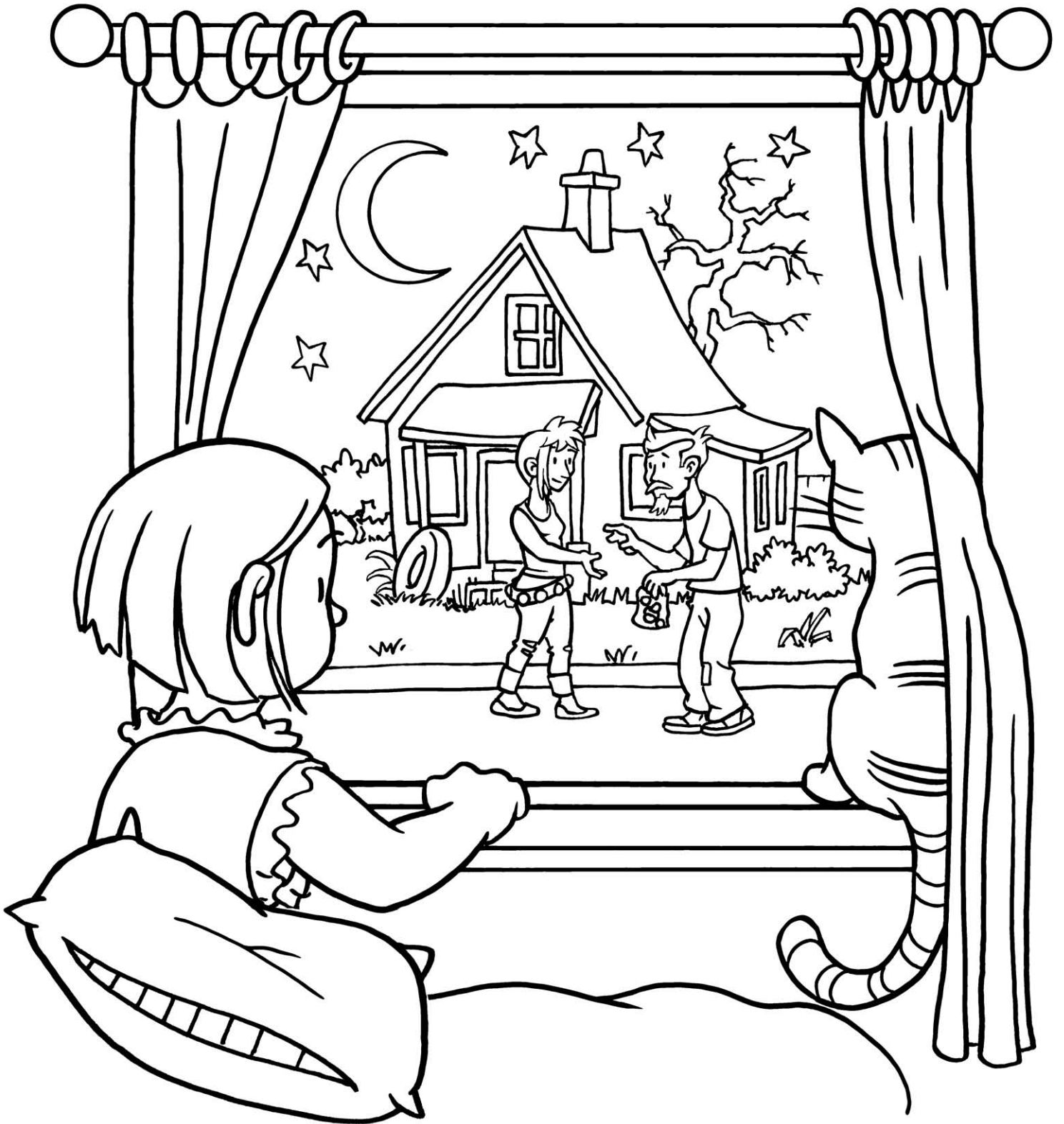


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This is  
Chloe.

Chloe lives in a house with her  
mom and her cat, Prince.



Chloe notices that there is one house in her neighborhood that isn't like all of the others.

People she does not recognize stop by to visit the strange house all the time — even in the middle of the night.



One day, while Chloe is walking to school, the man who lives in the strange house asks her if she wants to buy some pills. Chloe knows that you should only take pills that are given to you by a doctor, so she tells him “No!”



When she gets to school, Chloe tells the School Resource Officer what happened. School Resource Officers are police officers assigned to schools to help keep the students safe.



The School Resource Officer tells a Detective about what happened to Chloe.

Detectives are police officers who perform investigations to figure out when a crime has occurred.

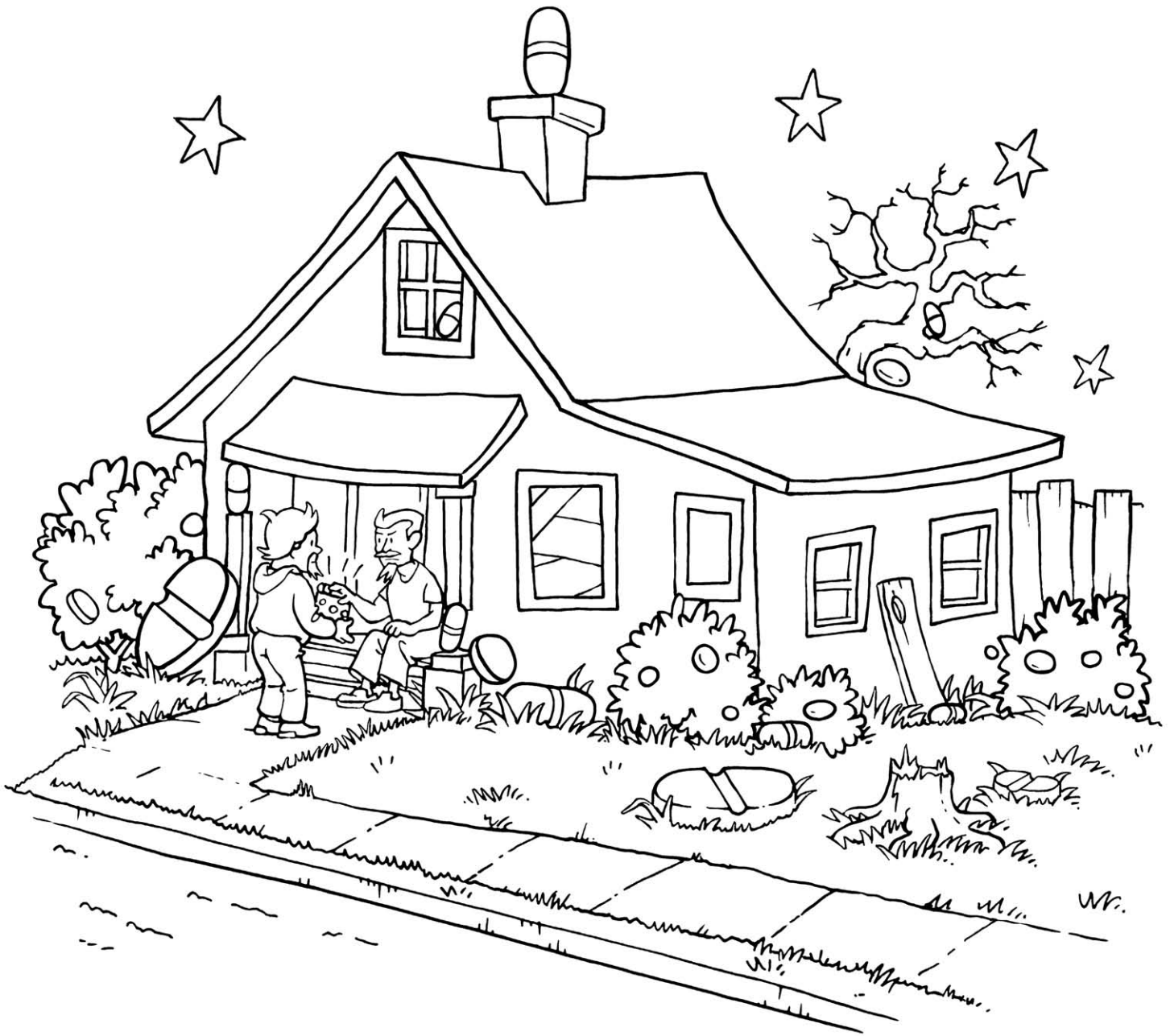


The Detective watches the strange house in Chloe's neighborhood. She makes notes about all of the people coming and going during the night.



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# **CLUE SEARCH!**



Help the Detective find clues that the man who lives in the strange house is selling drugs illegally.

Can you find all the pills hidden in this picture?



With your help, the Detective finds clues that drugs are being sold illegally at the strange house.

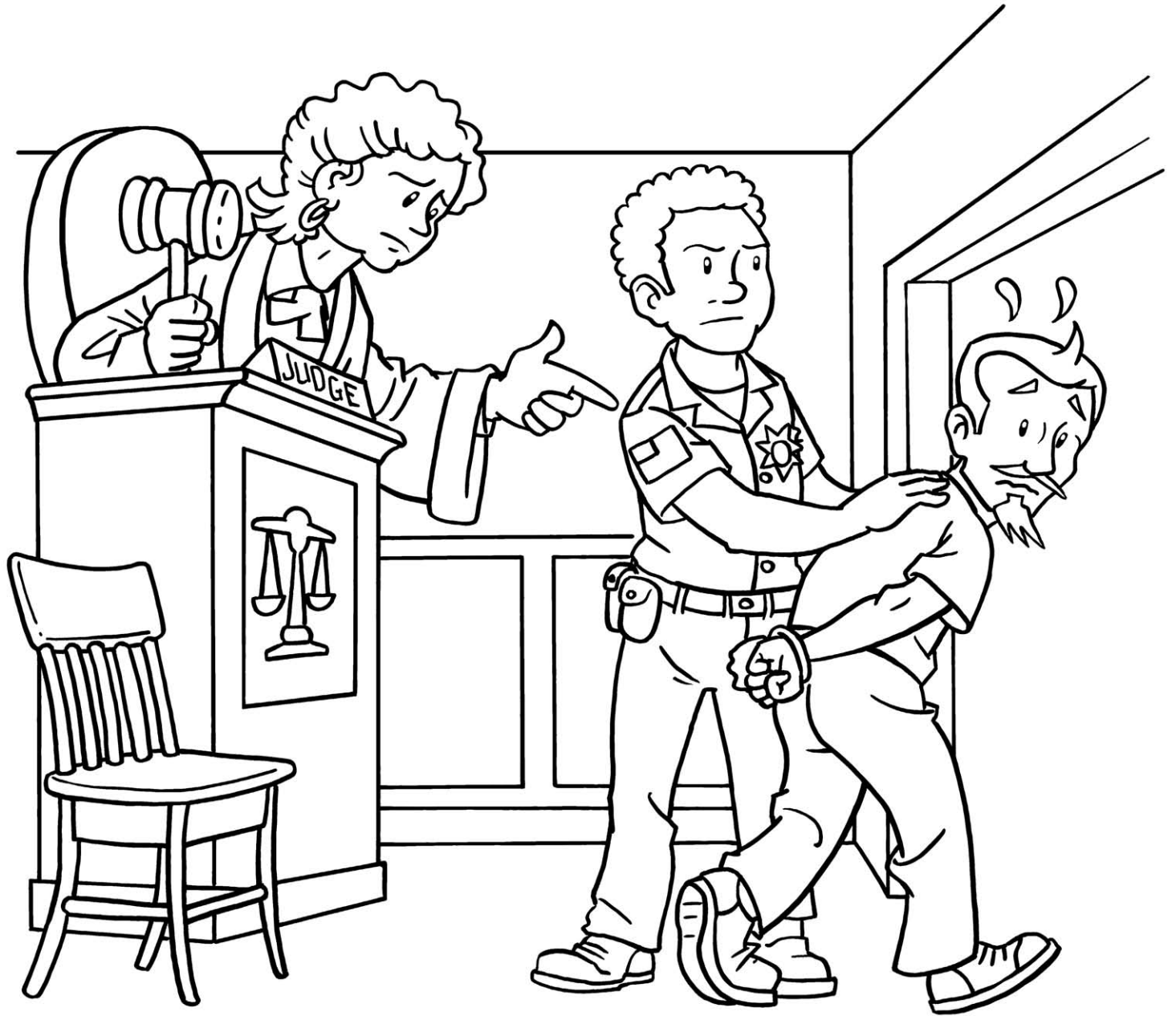
She calls the SWAT team, which enters the strange house and arrests the man living inside.

The police officers on the SWAT team have special training to arrest dangerous people.



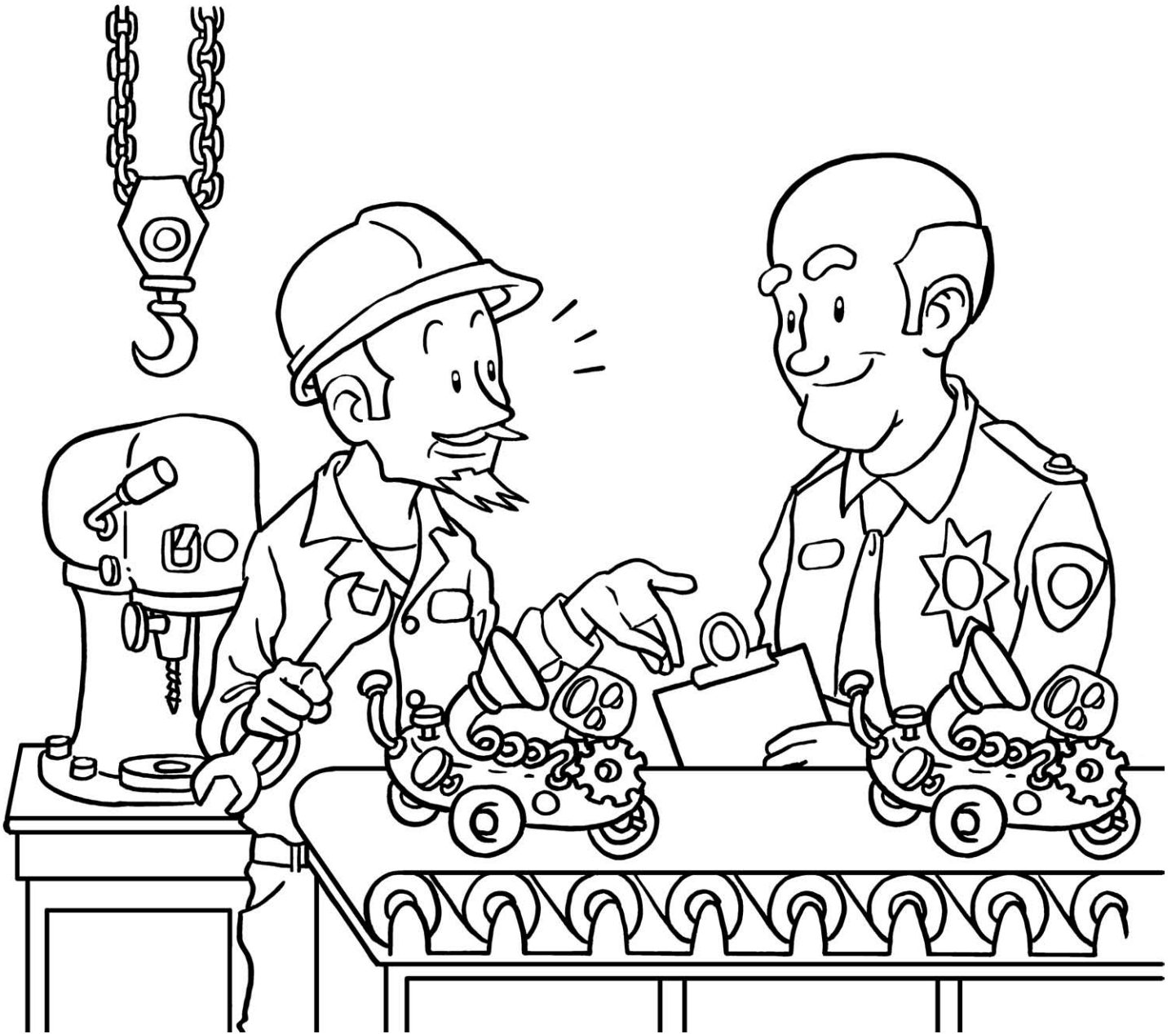
Police dogs like Mik and Nero are called K9s.

They help the police by sniffing out clues — including drugs — at the scene of a crime.



The man who lives in the strange house is convicted of selling illegal drugs.

The judge orders him to spend time in prison as a punishment for the crimes he committed.



After he is released from prison, the man who lived in the strange house gets help from his parole officer.

He stops taking drugs, finds a job and gets a new place to live.

Hooray for Chloe!



Chloe is honored as a hero — because she was brave and did the right thing by telling a police officer what happened to her.

The police were able to help Chloe because she helped them first!

# MIK & NERO'S TEACHING MOMENT!

IN THIS BOOK, YOU LEARNED HOW **YOU** CAN HELP POLICE FIGHT DRUG CRIME IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!



THESE WEBSITES EXPLAIN THE **DANGERS** OF ILLEGAL DRUGS - AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO SAY **NO** IF SOMEONE OFFERS THEM TO YOU!



**www.drugfree.org**

Resources for families fighting the problem of teen substance abuse!

**www.drugfreeworld.org**

Foundation for a Drug-Free World

**teens.drugabuse.gov**

NIDA for Teens: The Science Behind Drug Abuse

**www.abovetheinfluence.com**

Advice for kids on how to avoid pressure to drink, do drugs or do anything that goes against who you are!

"Drug Prevention 4Teens" booklet:

**www.justice.gov/dea/pr/multimedia-library/publications/prevention4teens.pdf**



**Mik and Nero** are two real-life K9s at the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office in Oregon. Their cartoon personas have become the office's ambassadors to children throughout the region and beyond. In a series of comics and coloring books, the pair deals with topics such as: pedestrian and traffic safety, drug abuse, underage drinking and more.

Professionally written and illustrated to appeal to today's media-savvy children, the "Mik & Nero" series addresses the real problems that young people face in an entertaining, engaging and approachable way.

For more information, visit:

**www.clackamas.us/sheriff/kids**



# **TROUBLE** IN THE **NEIGHBORHOOD!**

**Chloe thinks there may be a drug dealer living across the street! She does the right thing and tells the police — helping them to clean up her neighborhood!**

**In this coloring and activity book, K-9 Deputies Mik and Nero teach young readers how they can work with police to help keep the streets safe!**

