

WHAT HAPPENS TO ME NOW?



A handbook for Colorado children who are not living at home

Level I-recommended for ages approximately 3 through 6

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People who work in the court wrote this story for kids like you. The court is the building where the judges and other people work, the hearings (or meetings) are held, and all those papers are filed. We wrote this story because what happens in court can make a big difference in your life. There are lots of people working very hard for you.

Remember, you can always ask questions if you are confused or afraid of what goes on!

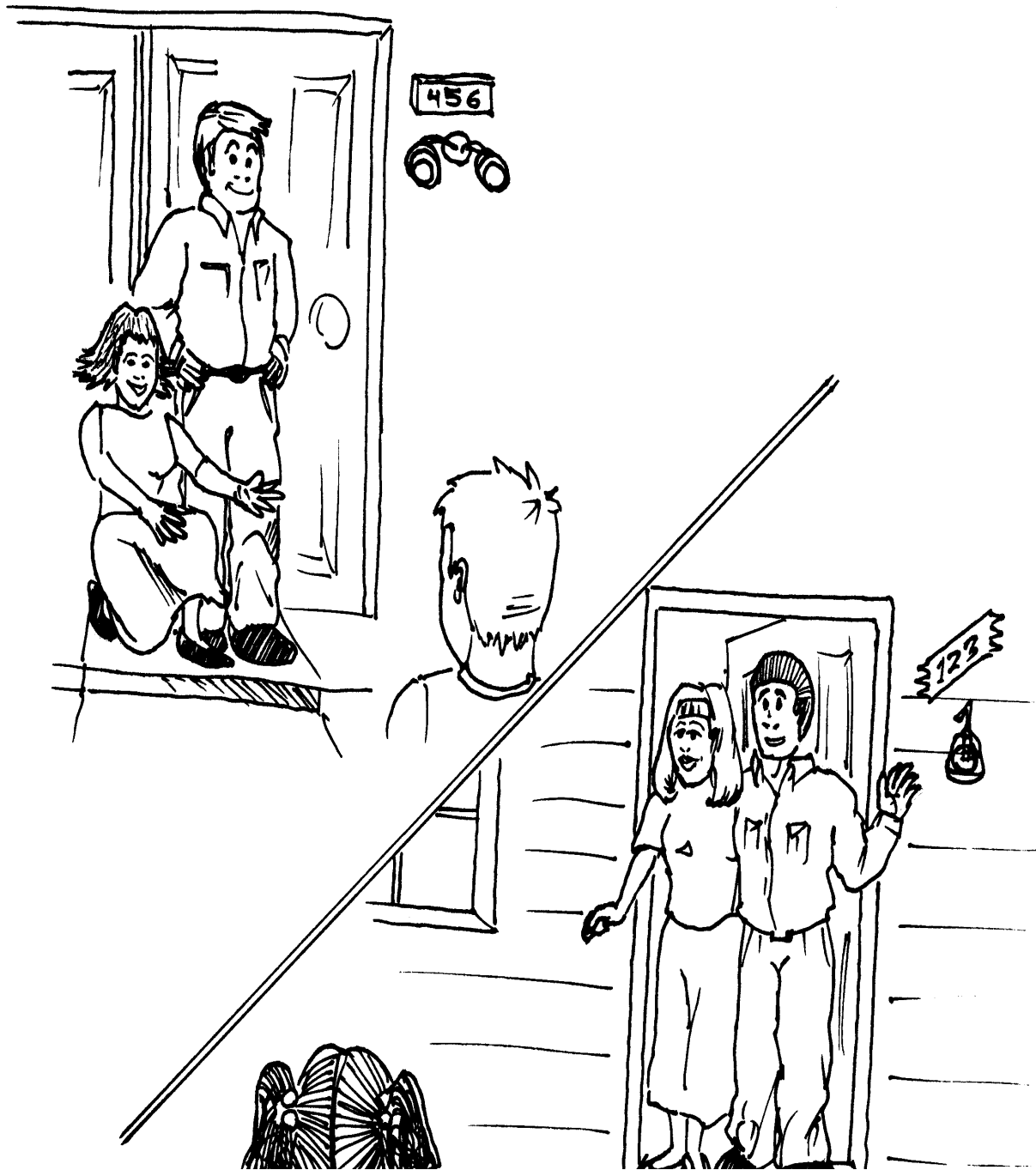


Sammy and Maria's families don't know how to take care of them.



This is not their fault.
But sometimes Maria
and Sammy feel bad
about it.



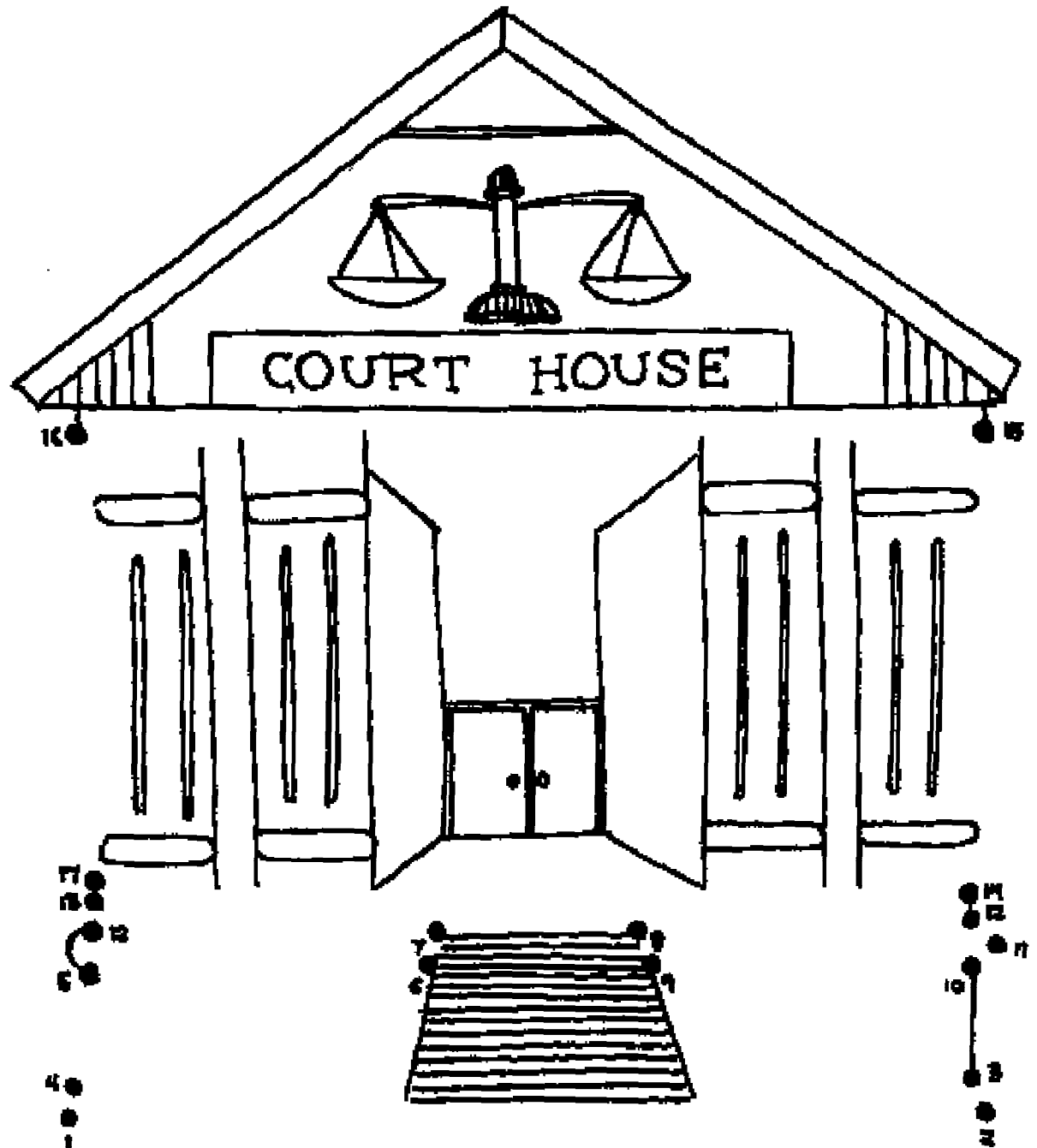


Sammy and Maria
may go to live with
other people.

Whose job is it to make sure
that Sammy and Maria are
safe and taken care of? It is
Judge Jennifer's job!



Judge Jennifer works in a court building and wears a special black robe.



Connect the dots to finish the court building.

Judge Jennifer has many helpers. Some of them are:



Lisa the Lawyer



Fran the Foster Parent



Carl the CASA

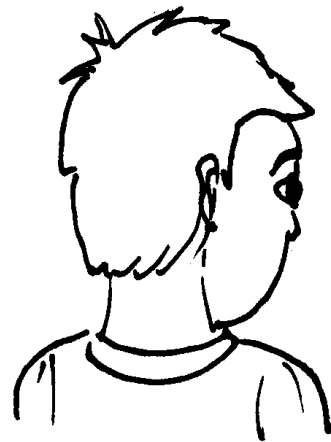


Tomás the Therapist



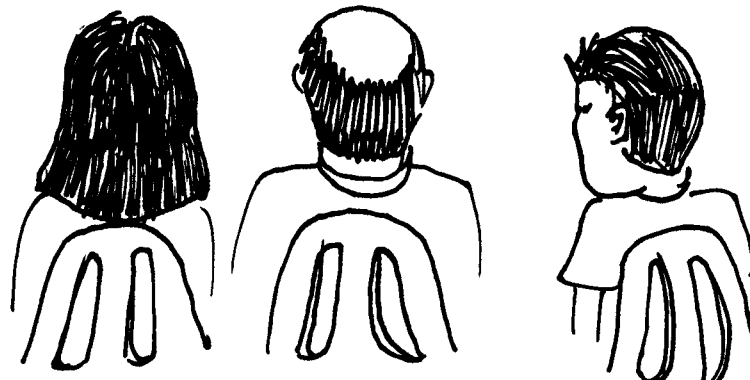
Carol the Caseworker

Carol the Caseworker comes to see how Sammy and Maria are doing. She talks to other people about them too.



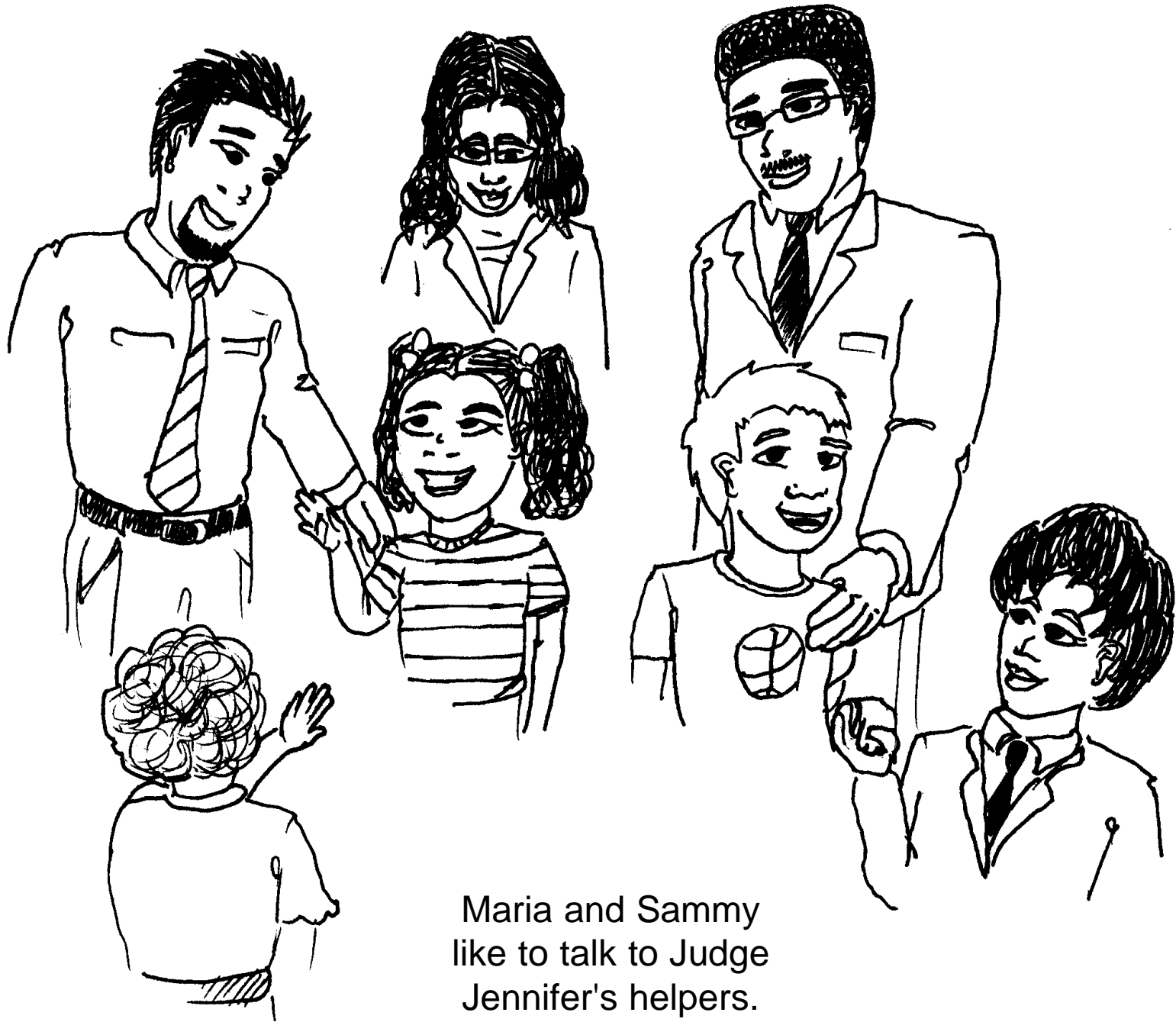


Carol the Caseworker
helps Sammy and
Maria's families.



Judge Jennifer and her helpers work hard to see where Sammy and Maria should live.





Maria and Sammy like to talk to Judge Jennifer's helpers.

Here are some pages just for you to work on. You can work on them
by yourself or ask for help.
Draw a picture of yourself and what you like.

What is your favorite color?_____

What color don't you like?_____

What is your favorite food?_____

What don't you like to eat?_____

What is one of your favorite things to do?_____

What is your favorite story, movie or TV show?_____

If you had three wishes, what would they be?_____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Draw a picture of your family.

Draw a picture about what happened to your family.

Draw a picture about what you want to happen in the future.

Names and Phone Numbers:

Caseworker: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Caseworker: _____

Phone Number: _____

Guardian ad Litem: _____

Phone Number: _____

CASA Worker: _____

Phone Number: _____

Judge/Magistrate: _____

Judge/Magistrate: _____

Other Names and Phone numbers:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____