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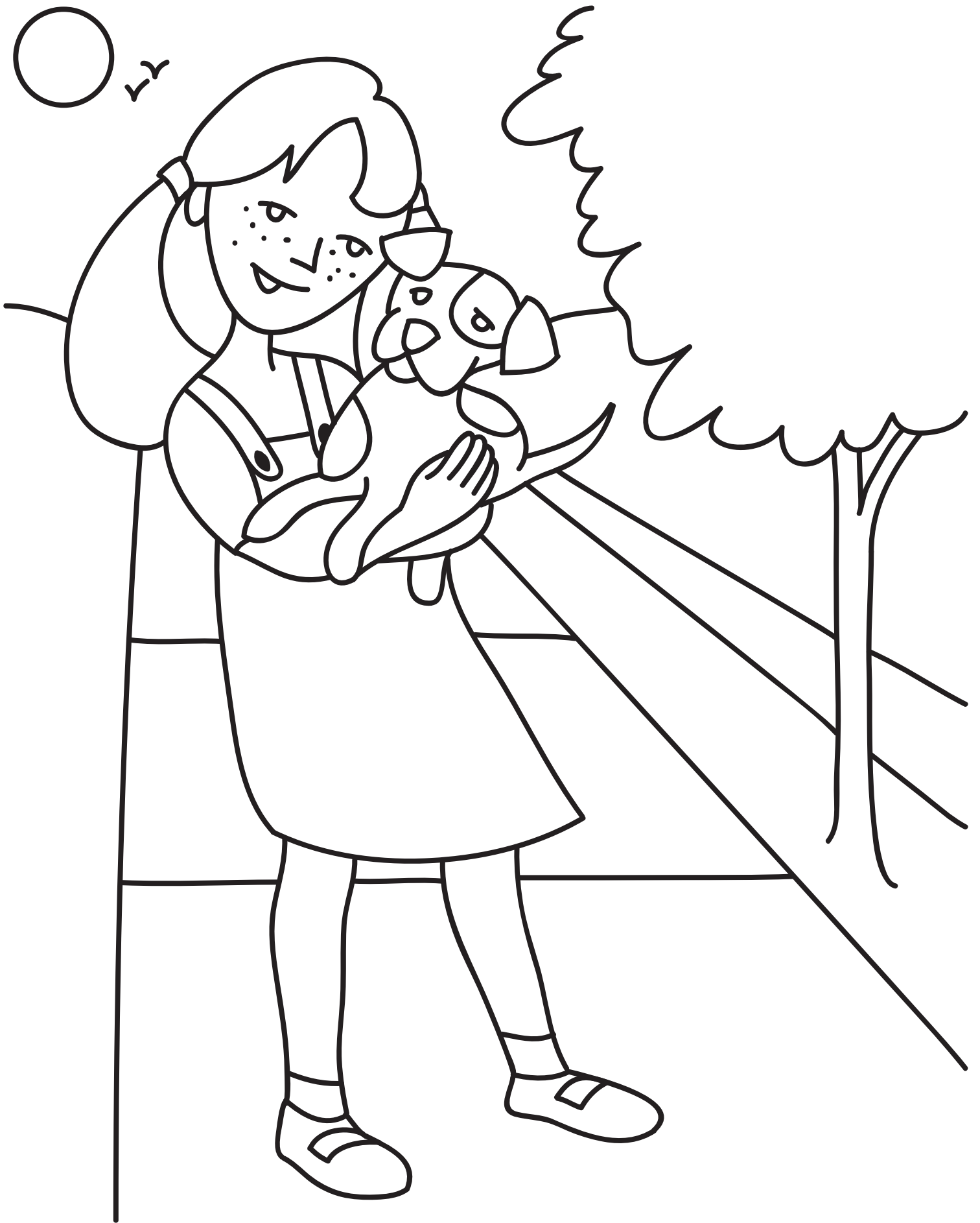
Molly *meets the* City Clerk



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This is Molly. She's 5 years old.



Molly has a new puppy named Wags. Molly loves Wag's big brown eyes.
Mommy says, "Wags needs a dog license from City Hall."



Molly loves City Hall! It is a busy, exciting place! Mommy ties Wags to a shady tree outside the building. "We won't be long," she says. "No dogs allowed in City Hall!"

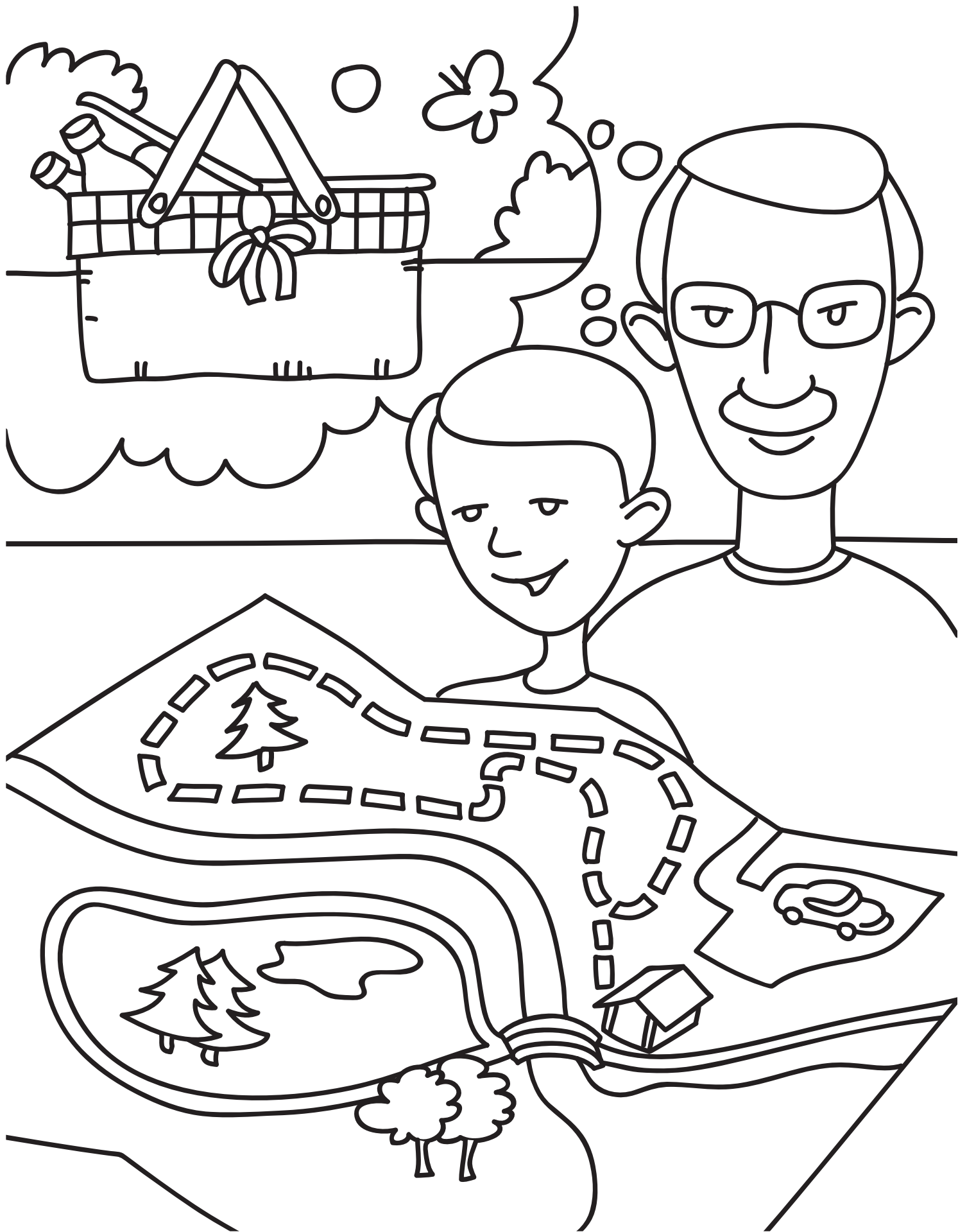


Inside City Hall is a counter for Ms. Bach, the City Clerk, and a long line of people waiting to see her.



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Molly listens closely while each person speaks to Ms. Bach.
Mr. Hashi and Ms. Zimmer want to pay their water bill.



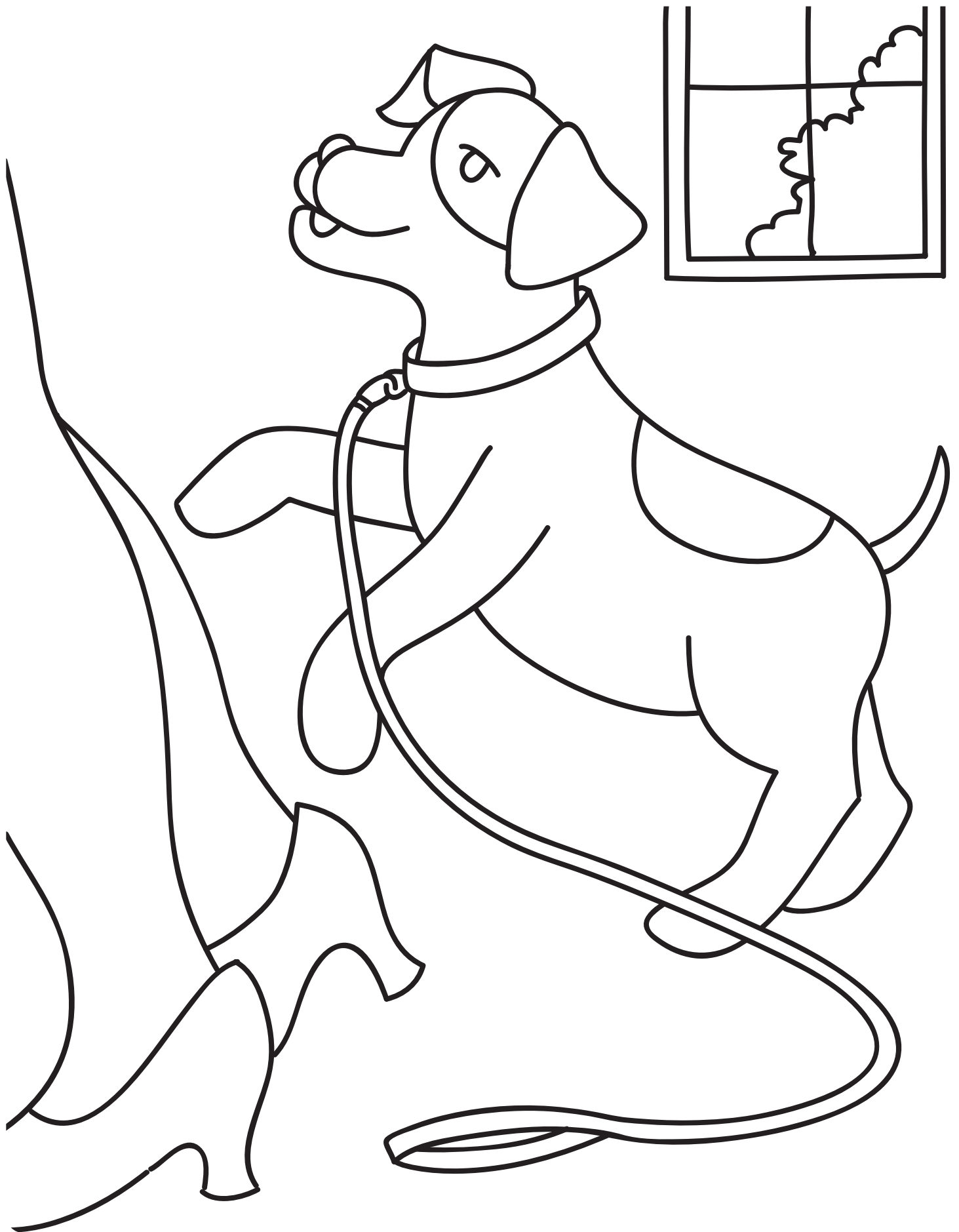
Mr. Carlson wants a map of the city parks, so he can take his grandson on a picnic.



Ms. Plum wants to know the rules for building a swimming pool in her backyard.



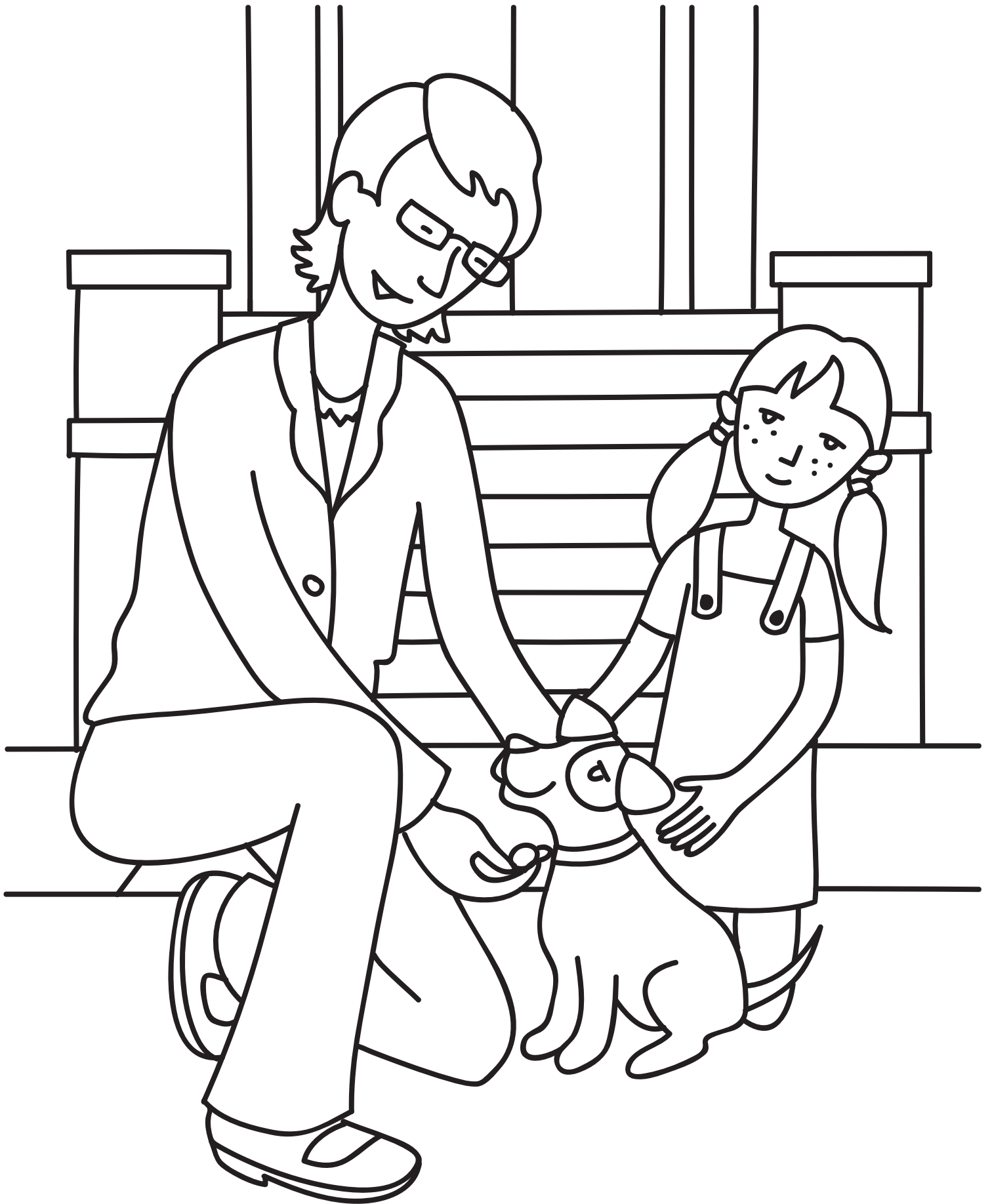
Ms. Bach is a busy lady! Finally, Molly and Mommy get their turn.
Ms. Bach explains that a dog license is a special tag for Wags to wear.
"If your dog gets lost, the police can read his tag and drive him home to you."



Suddenly Molly hears a dog barking inside City Hall. Wags has escaped and followed a lady with a big, red hat inside! Molly runs to catch Wags, before he jumps on the lady.



Ms. Bach laughs. "Don't worry," she says, "this is Mrs. Benitez from our Park Committee. She's here to help me pick out flowers to plant in our park." "Won't it be hard for you to pick out the prettiest flowers?" asks Molly.



"All in a day's work for a city clerk," Ms. Bach laughs, catching Wags and putting on his new dog tag. "Today it looks like I'm the city dog catcher too!"