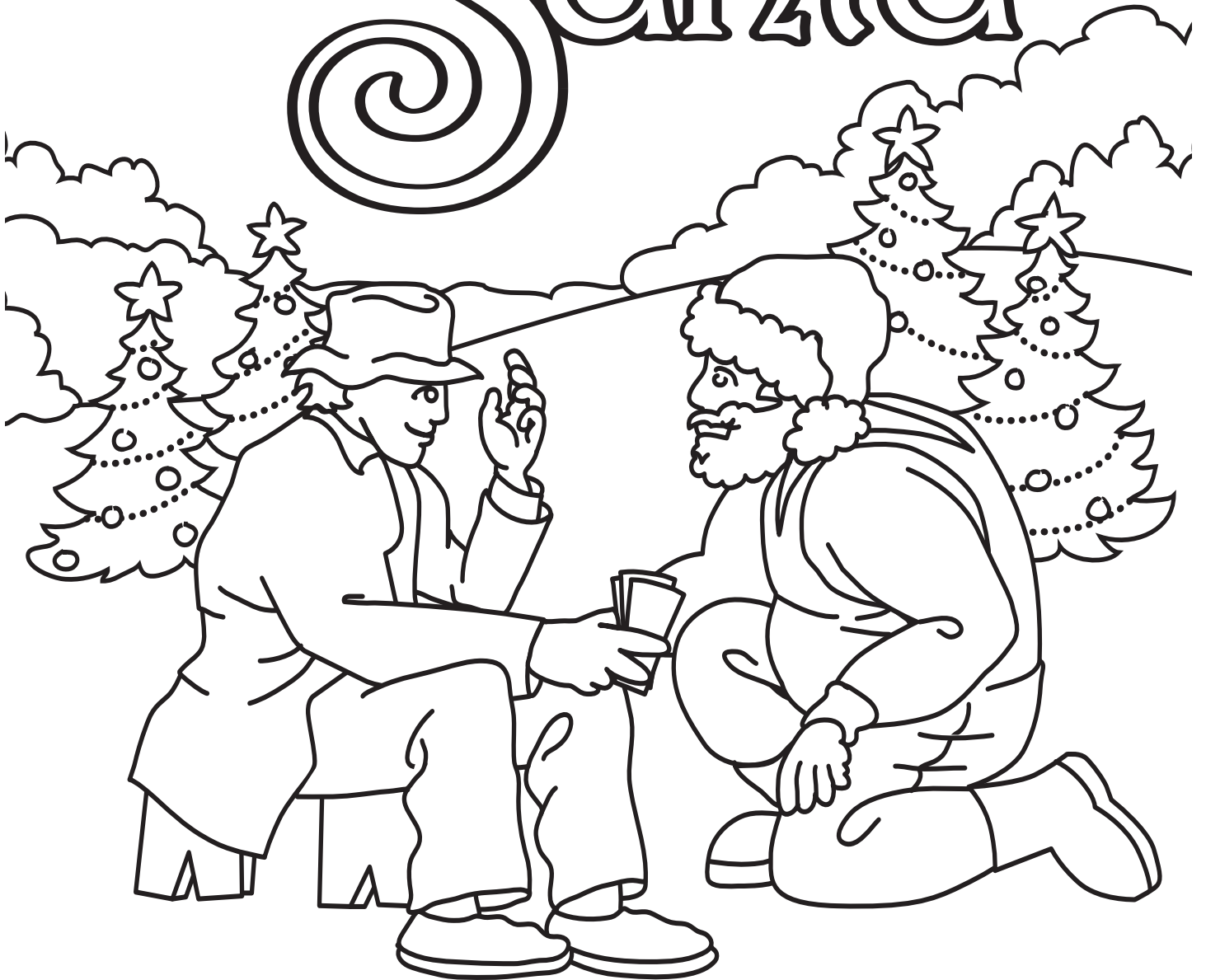
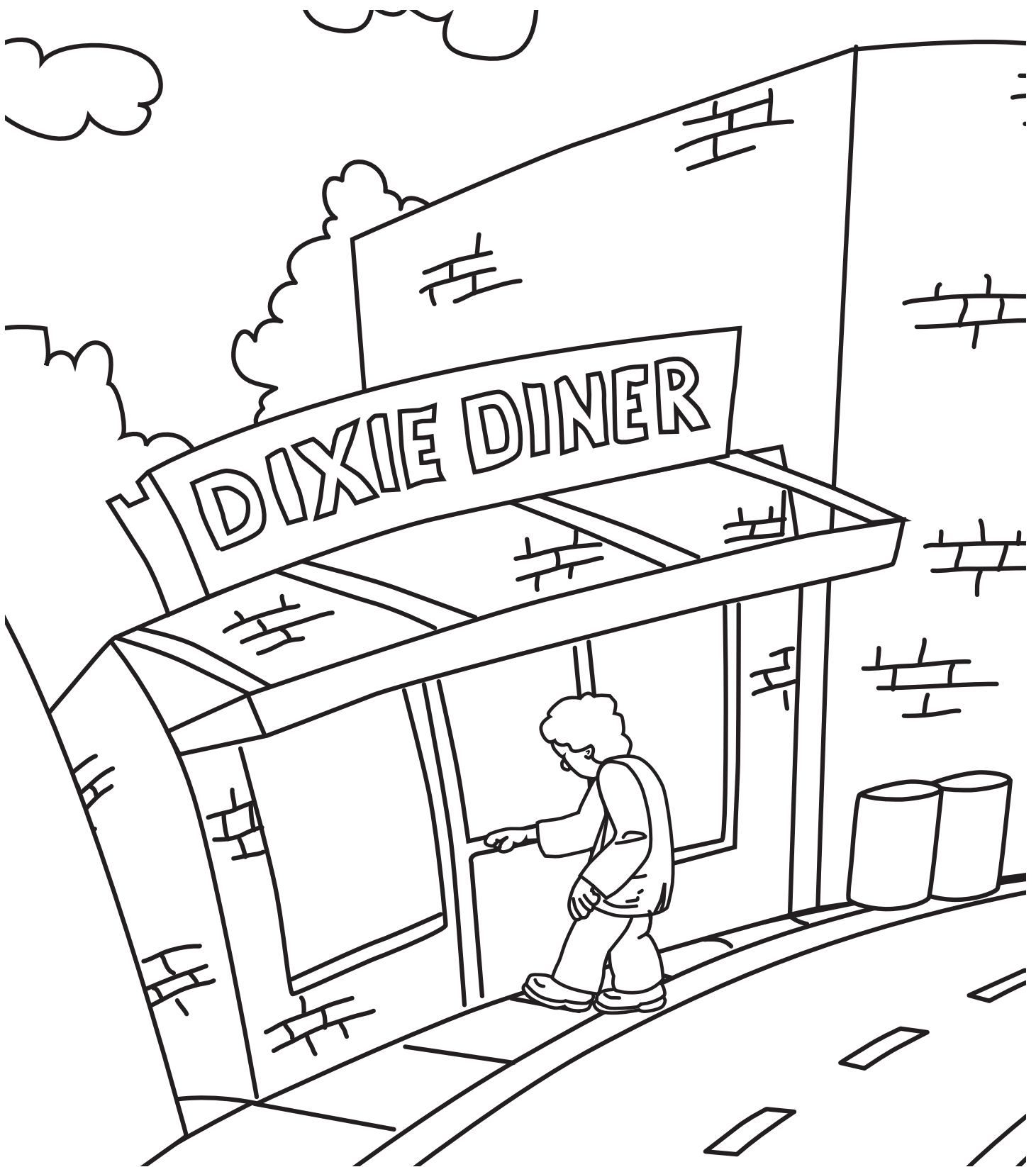


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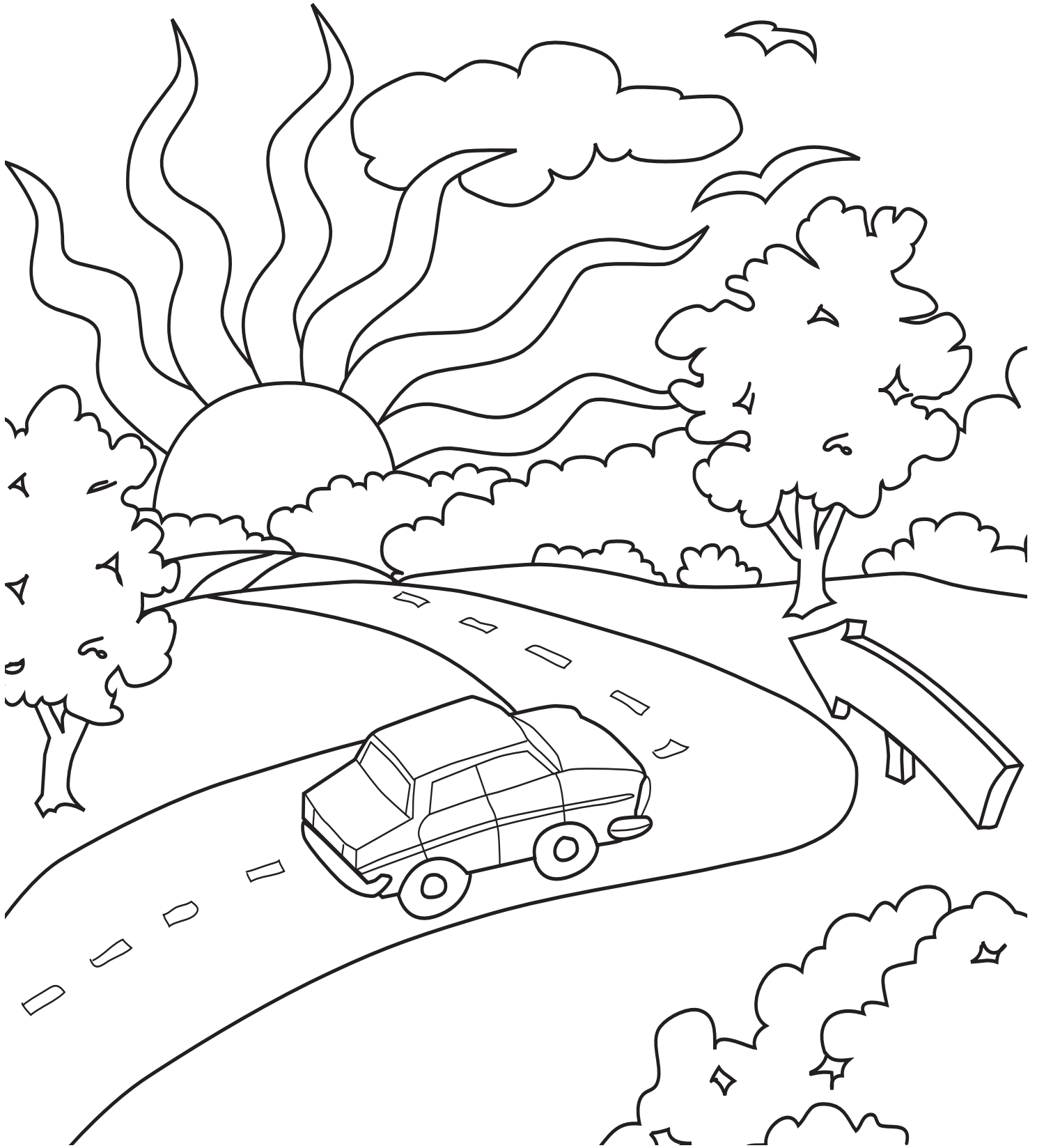
This is the story of Secret Santa – a man who made the world a better place with random acts of kindness for more than 25 years...
while keeping his true identity a secret.



Homeless, hungry and broke in 1971, Larry Dean Stewart entered the Dixie Diner in Houston, Mississippi, not knowing how he'd pay for a hot meal.



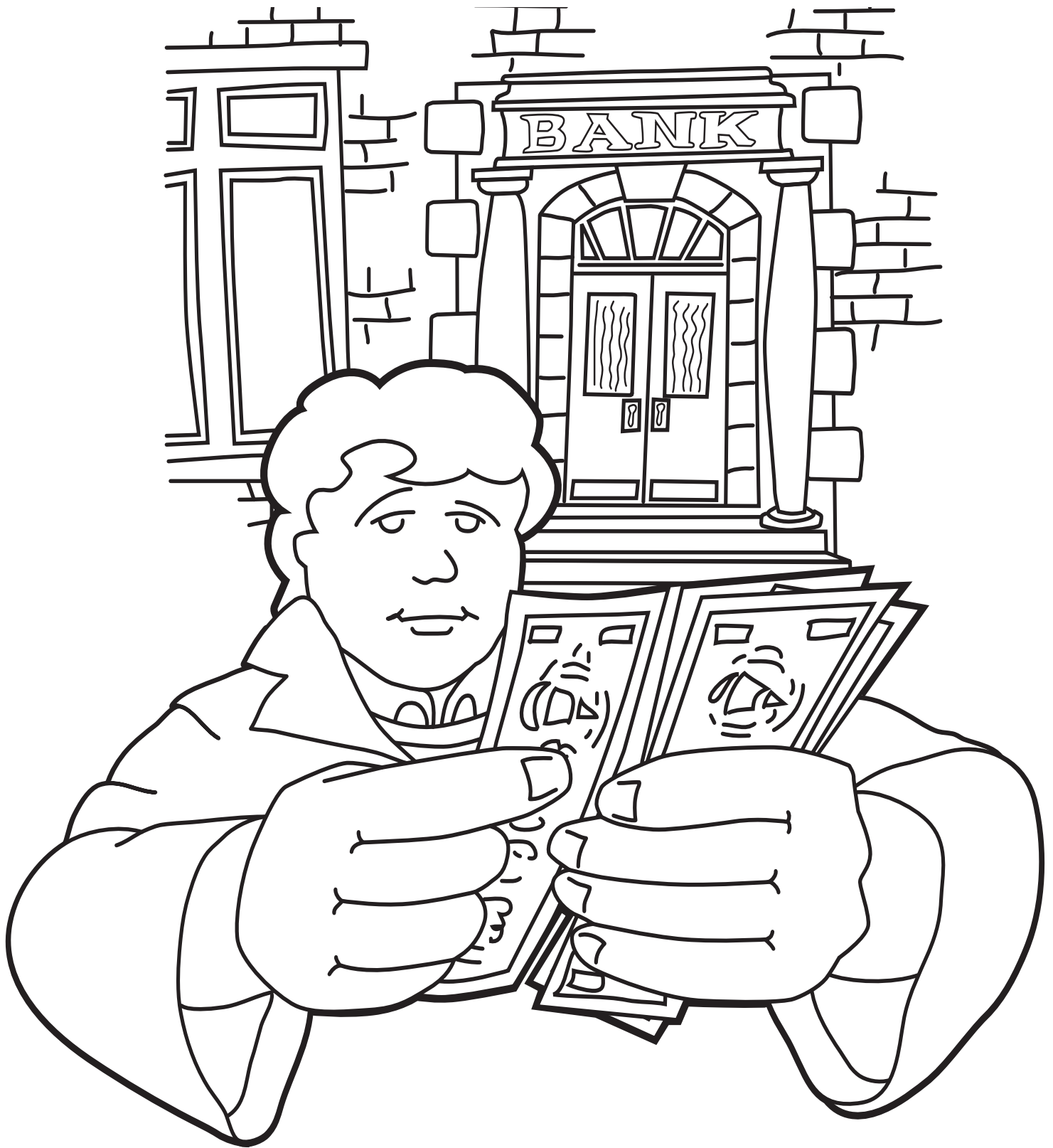
Realizing that Larry was in trouble, "Cookie" handed him \$20 – enough to pay for his food, fill his empty gas tank and leave town. "Here, you must have dropped this," Cookie said.



Driving away, Larry thanked God for Cookie's gift and promised that he would help others someday, too.



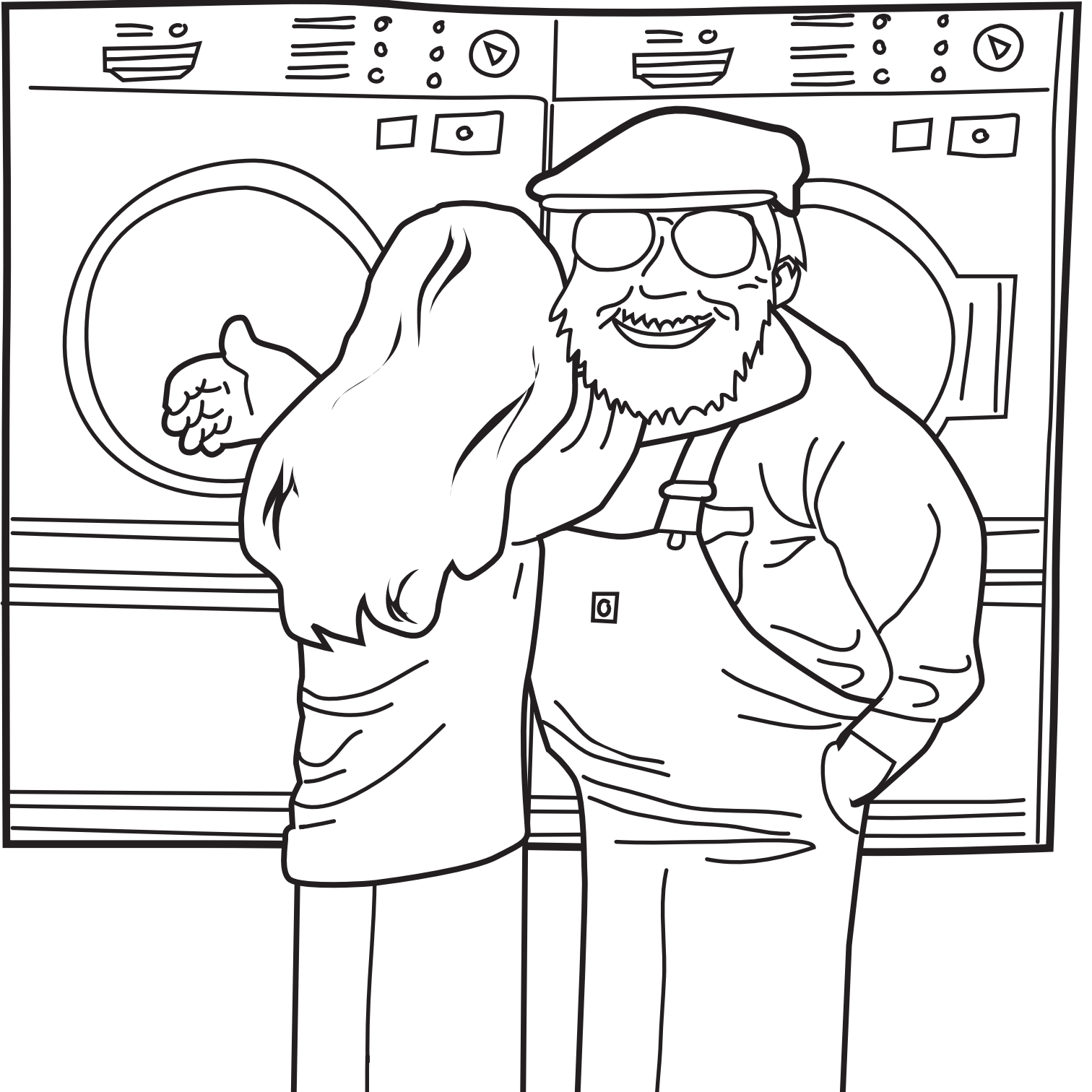
Eight years later in Independence, Missouri, recently fired from his job days before Christmas, Larry gave a big tip to a cold and tired waitress and remembered his promise.



Larry drove to his bank, withdrew a third of his savings and began handing out the money to people who looked like they needed a little boost. "Here, you must have dropped this," he said.



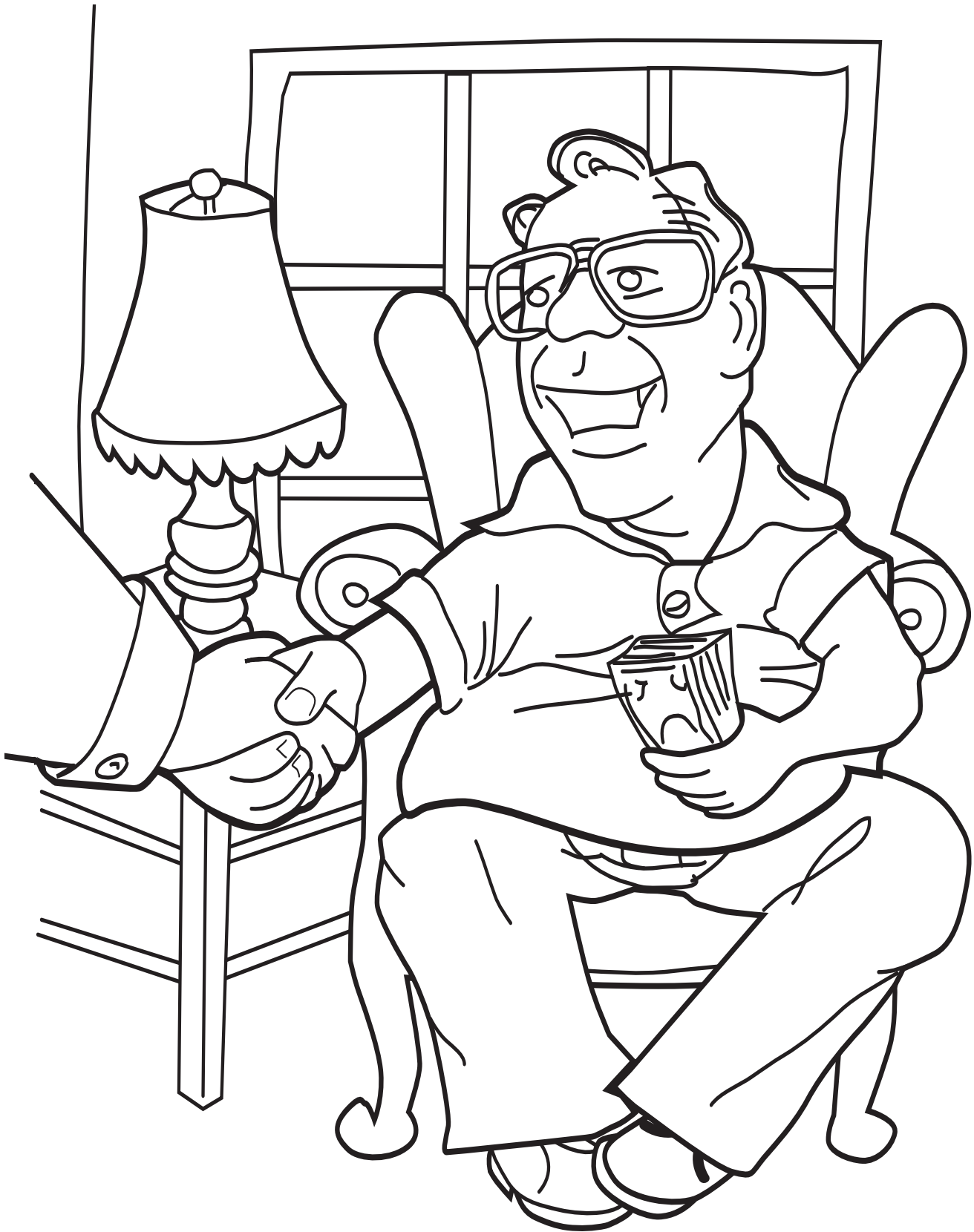
Within two or three years, Larry withdrew hundred-dollar bills from the bank to give away each Christmas. He became known to some as “The Hundred-Dollar-Bill man.” Others call him Secret Santa.



Recipients often thanked Secret Santa with a hug and tears.
He never told them his real name.



"Santa's elves" included firefighters and other friends who helped him look for people who needed help.



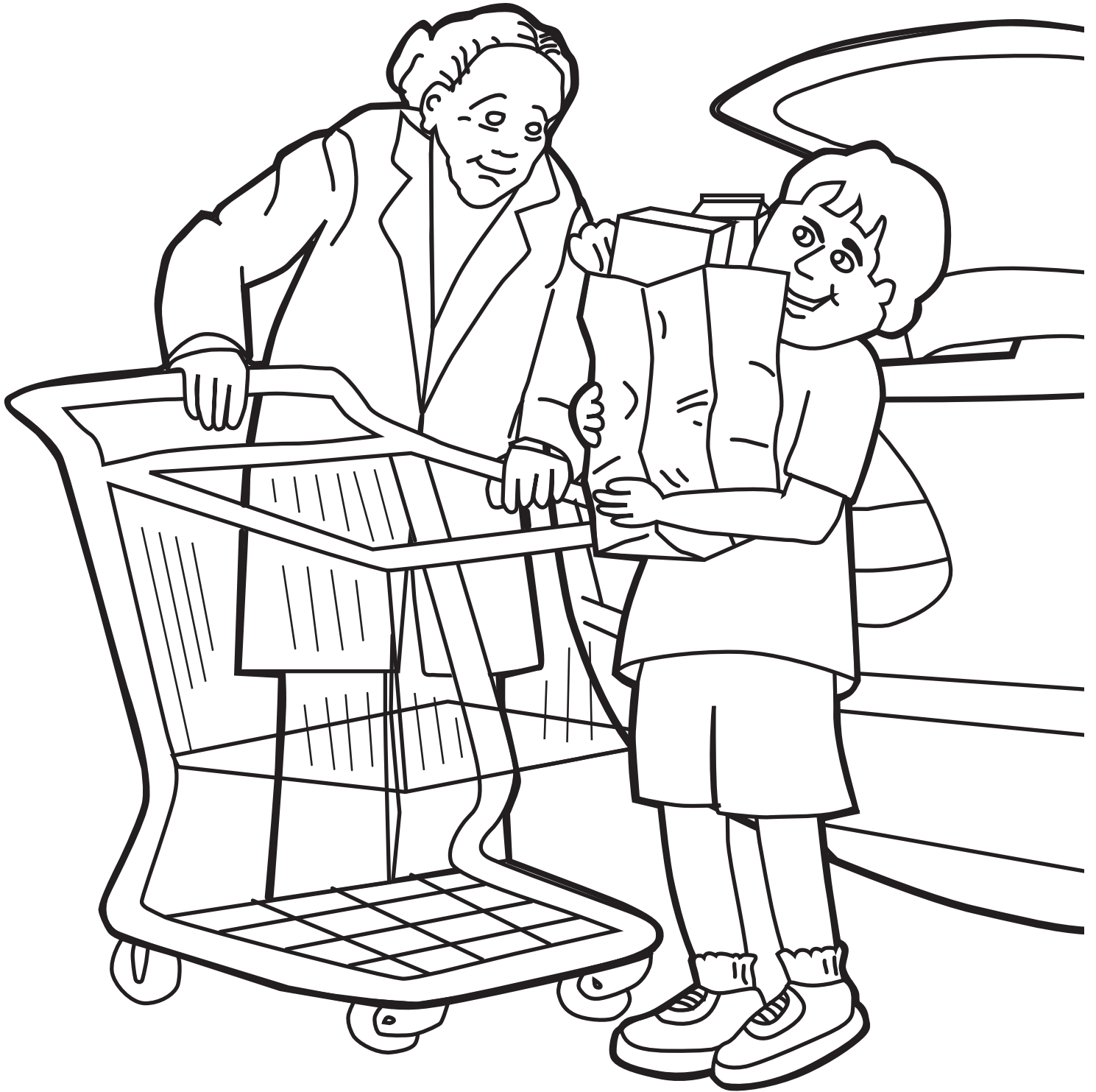
In 1999, Secret Santa tracked down "Cookie," whose real name was Ted Horn, in Mississippi and thanked him for rescuing him decades earlier.



Santa traveled to other cities, too – places like New York, Washington, D.C., San Diego, Florida and Mississippi – to help people hurt by terrorists, fires and hurricanes.



After 25 years of helping others, Larry started training other Santas to give away money, too. Today, new Santas carry on his tradition, helping others in cities across America.



Anyone can be a Secret Santa ... by offering a kind word, by doing a good deed or by helping someone when they need it.



The only thing Secret Santa ever asks of the people he helps is that they do a random act of kindness to help another person someday.