

A Lineman's Day with Lineman Larry



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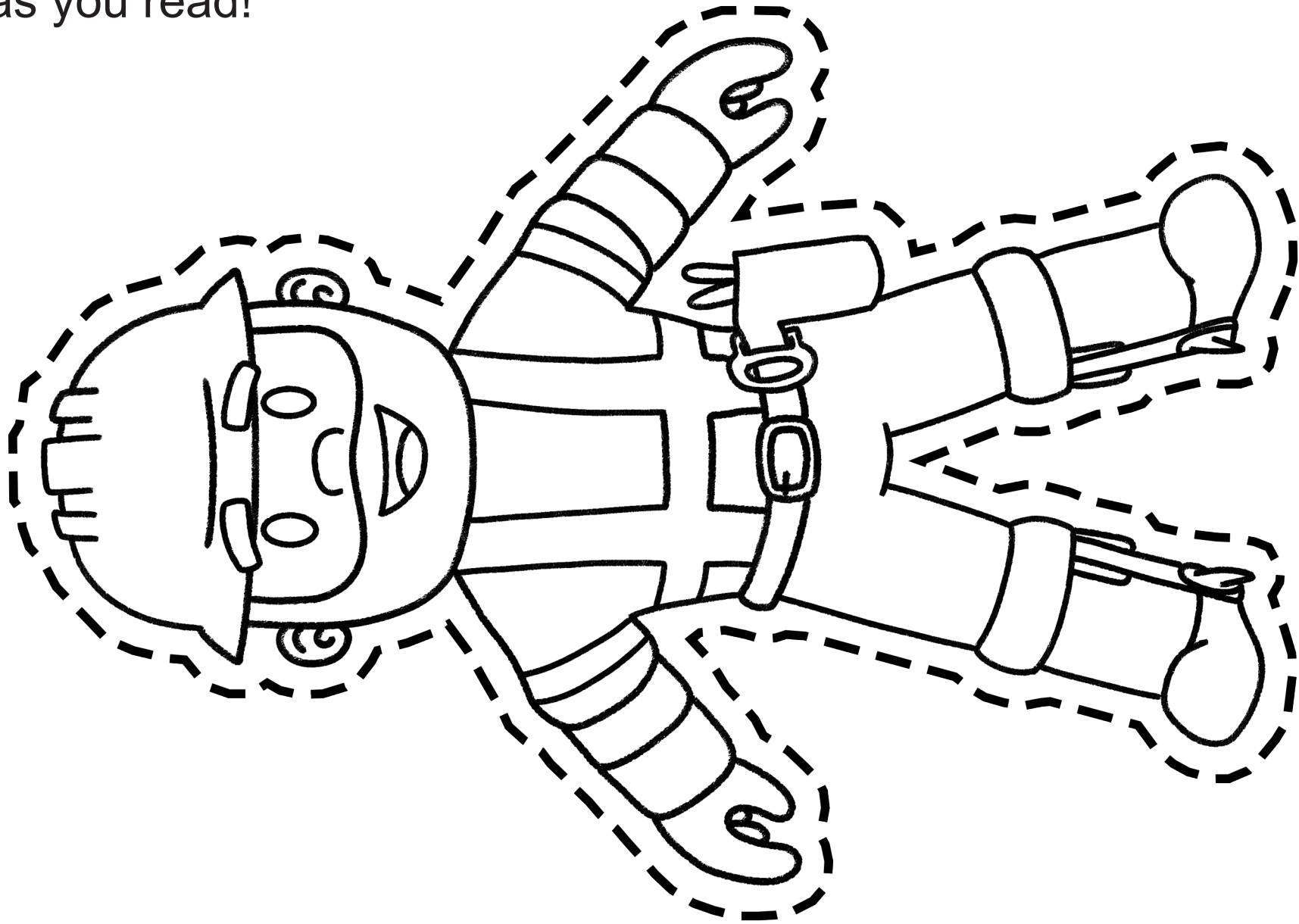
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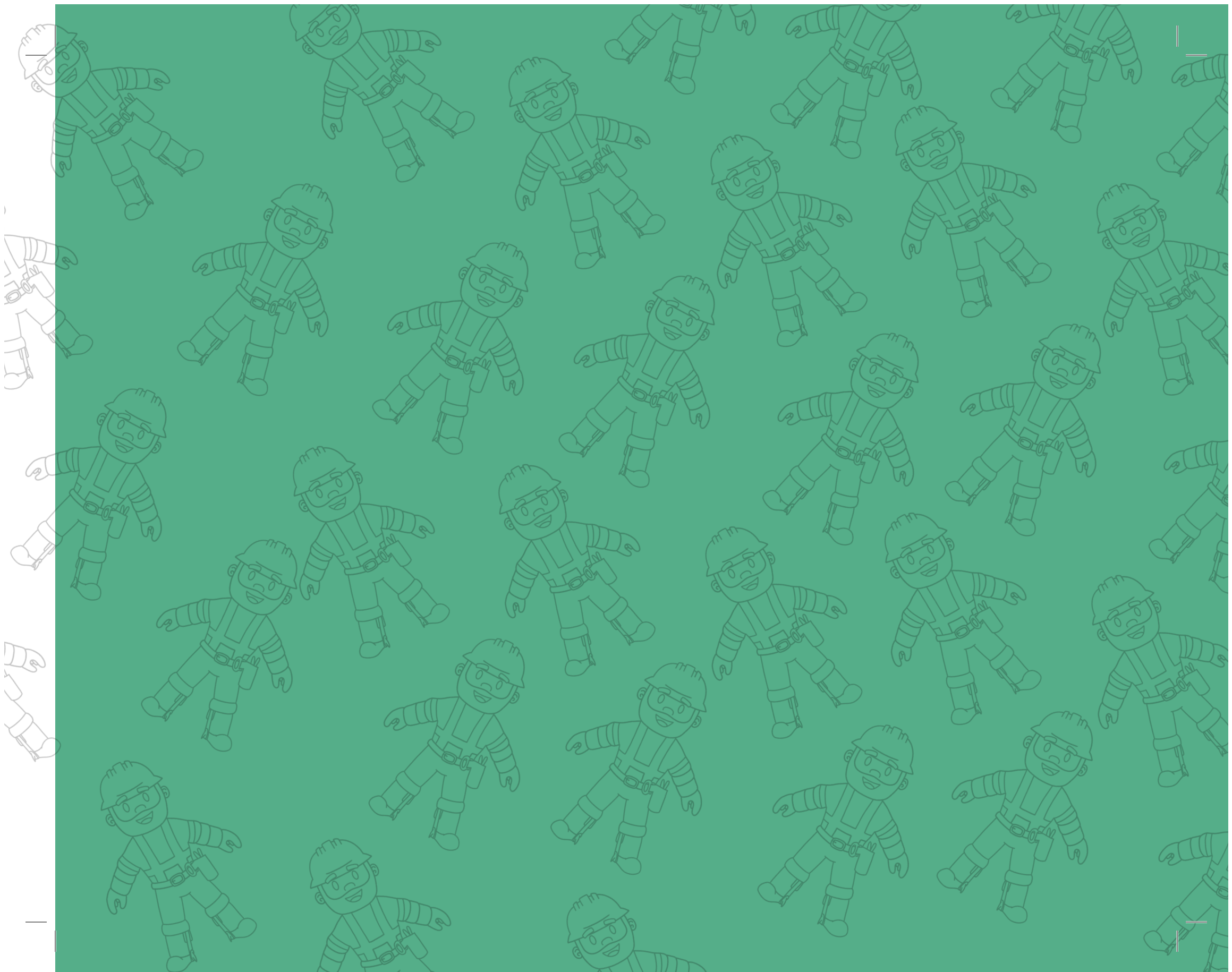
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Color Your Own Lineman Larry!

Make YOUR lineman the star of the show! Color him in, cut him out, and place him over all the Lineman Larry images in this book as you read!







Hello, reader! My name is Lineman Larry, and I am a lineman, just like my friend Danny over there! Today, Danny and I will show you what it is like to be a lineman!









What is a lineman? A lineman works on power lines to make sure we have electricity for our homes, schools, and businesses!

Before we roll out, we need to make sure that we have everything we need for the day! We also walk around the truck to check and make sure our truck is safe and everything is stored how it should be.





Linemen work with a bunch of cool tools to do their job!









We also wear protective gear to help make sure we stay safe while we work. We wear hard hats, clothes, or vests with reflective safety strips and insulated gloves that protect us from getting shocked by electricity while working on power lines.

After a safety inspection and making sure we have the tools we need we head out to our first job of the day!





Danny and I join up with the rest of our crew. Our first job is replacing a pole! This is a big job. We remove the old pole that is old or damaged and replace it with a new pole. These poles are heavy! Each one can weigh as much as a big horse! Before we start the job, we discuss how we are going to do it to make sure everyone knows their job and we all stay safe!





When we are working near a road, one of the linemen on our crew will be a flagger. That means they alert traffic on the road to slow down or stop. This keeps our team and the drivers on the road safe! Great job, Danny!









To make sure the hole is big enough for a new power line pole, we use a big drill on one of our trucks called an auger. You can see Danny working the remote controls to make the auger drill down and make the hole!





Once the pole is in the ground, we use a tool called a plumb bob to make sure the pole is straight. When the pole lines up with the string on the plumb bob, we know it is ready!

After the pole is straight, we fill the remaining space with dirt and pack it down to make sure the pole doesn't move!









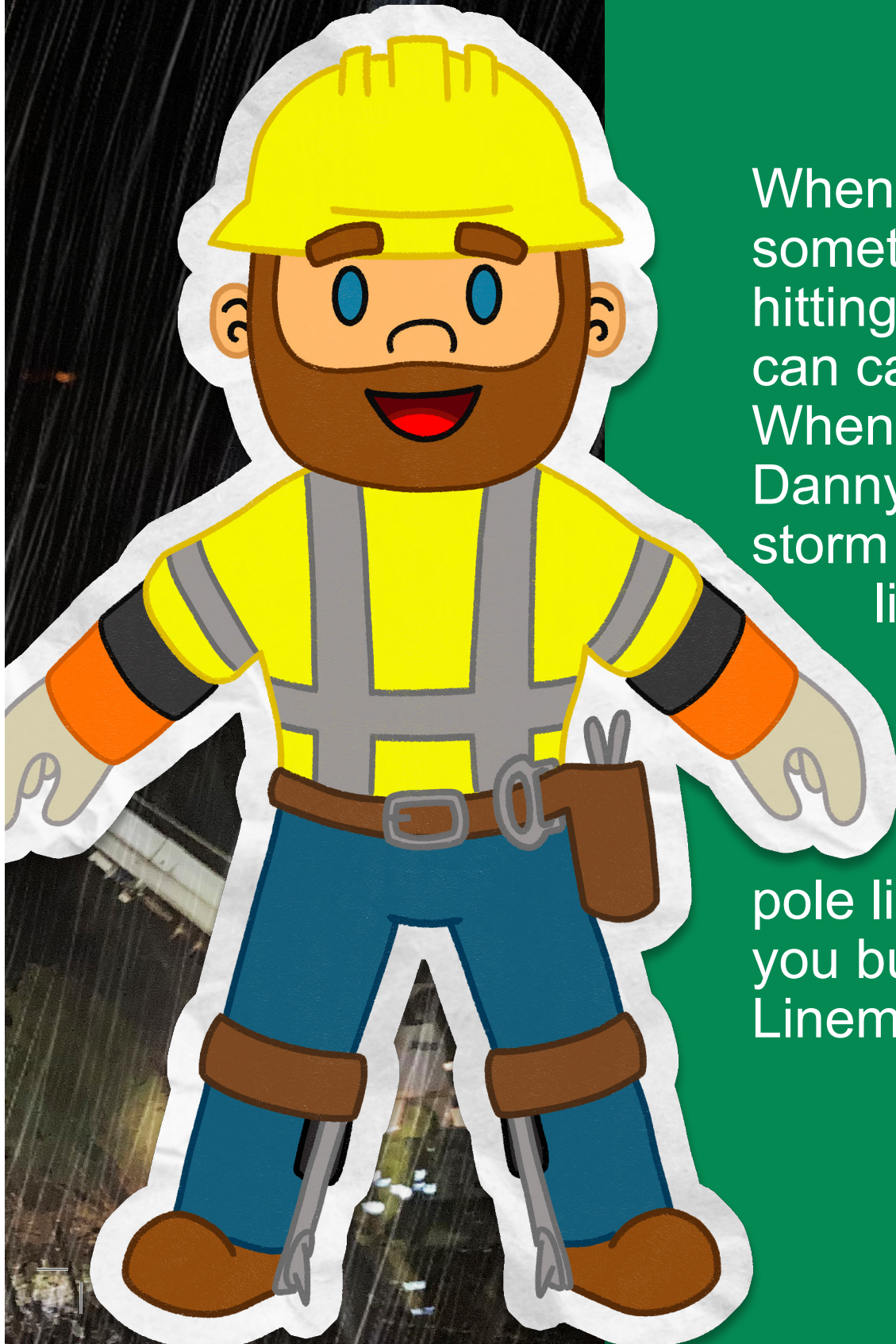
Once the hole is filled, we add a guy wire from the pole to the ground. This helps to support the pole especially in areas with strong winds!

Sometimes we work on poles that are too hard to drive our bucket trucks to. When that happens, we use our climbing hooks, belt, and gaffs to climb the pole. Gaffs are the straps and spikes we wear on our boots that help us climb up the pole safely.









When big storms happen, sometimes the wind or things hitting the power lines and poles can cause an electric outage. When that happens, linemen like Danny and our crew go out in the storm to fix the poles and power lines to get your power back on as quickly as possible.

Can you imagine doing a job like setting a pole like Danny and I just showed you but in the pouring rain? Linemen are like superheroes!!

It is a lineman's job to fix power lines, but if you see a power line on the ground like the one shown in this picture highlighted in blue, **DO NOT GET CLOSE TO IT!** Stay far away! Pretend there is a school bus between you and the power line on the ground. That is how far away you should stay. You should also tell an adult so they can call 911 and the local utility provider like us so we can turn the power off to that line and get it fixed!





As linemen, Danny and I also get to talk to the members we serve. We are proud to serve our community and love talking to people!





We love our community so much that we frequently participate in parades tossing out candy and help in town when people need a bucket truck to reach things way up high, like a flag on a flagpole!









Thank you for joining Danny
and me today to learn about
what it is like to be a lineman!



