



# A Better Mule

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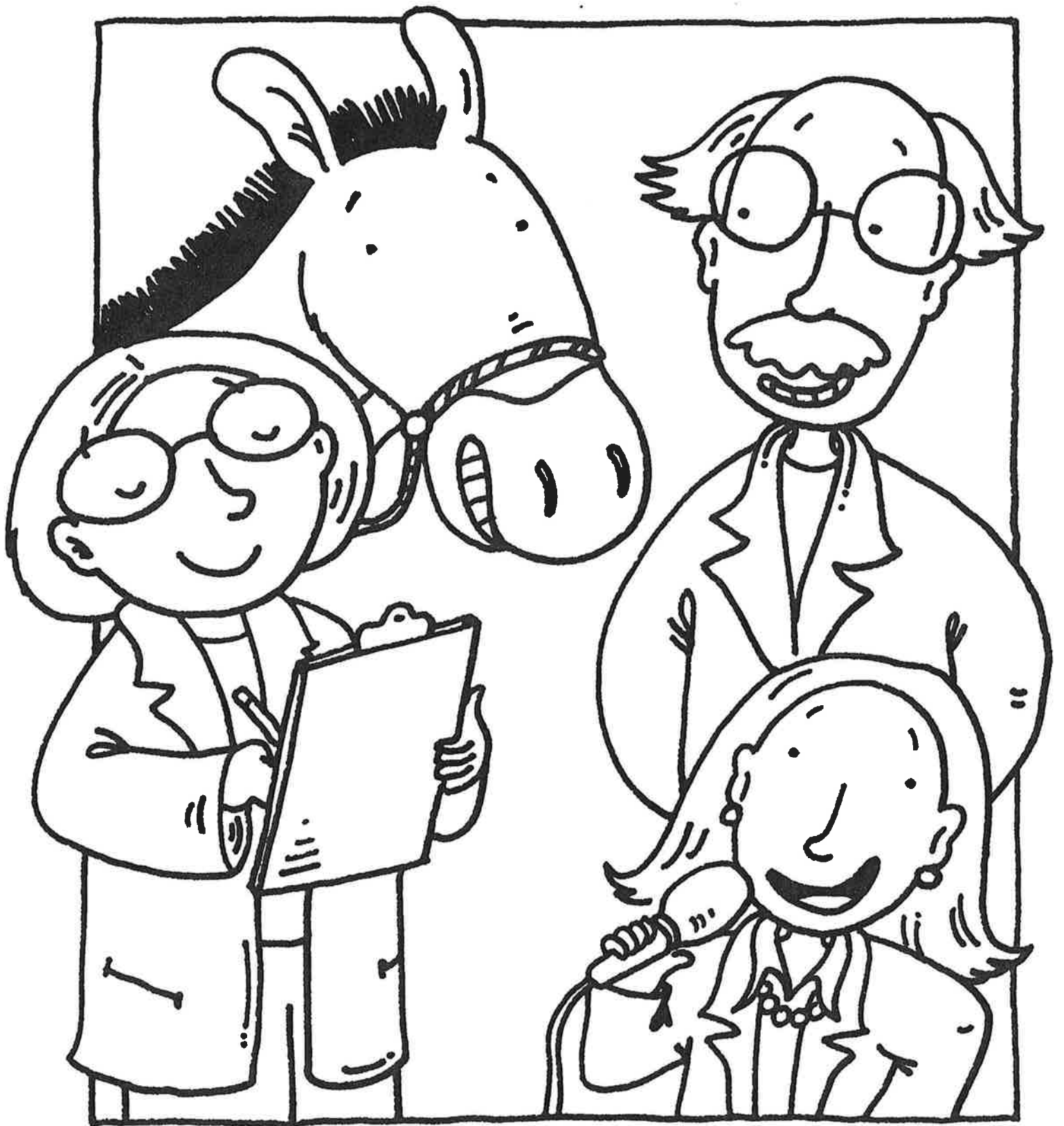
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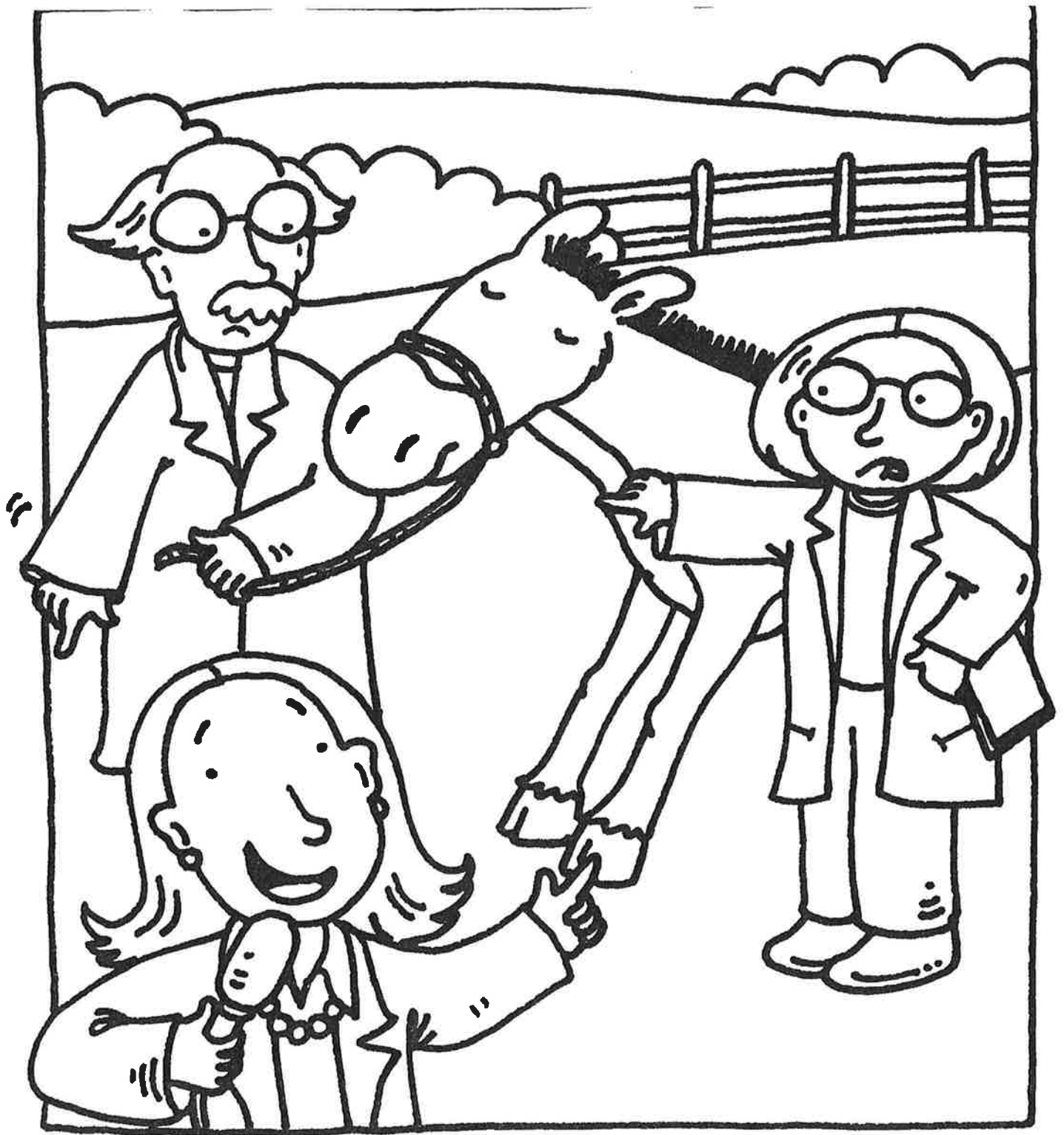
This is Doctor Hugo.  
And this is Rose, a pupil.



They make robots.  
They made a robot mule.  
What for?

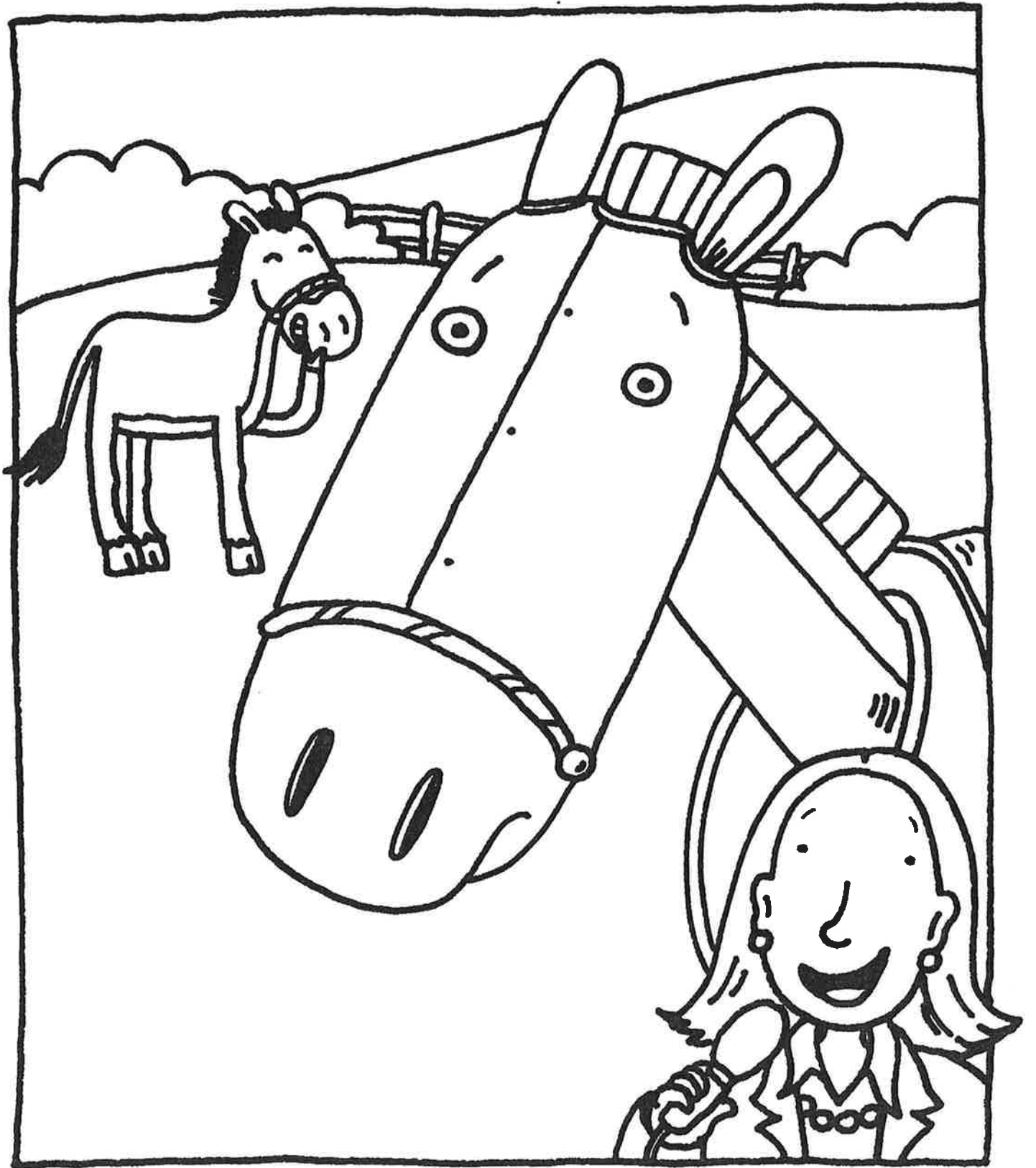


A live mule is cute.  
Will it do what humans tell it?



“Go!”

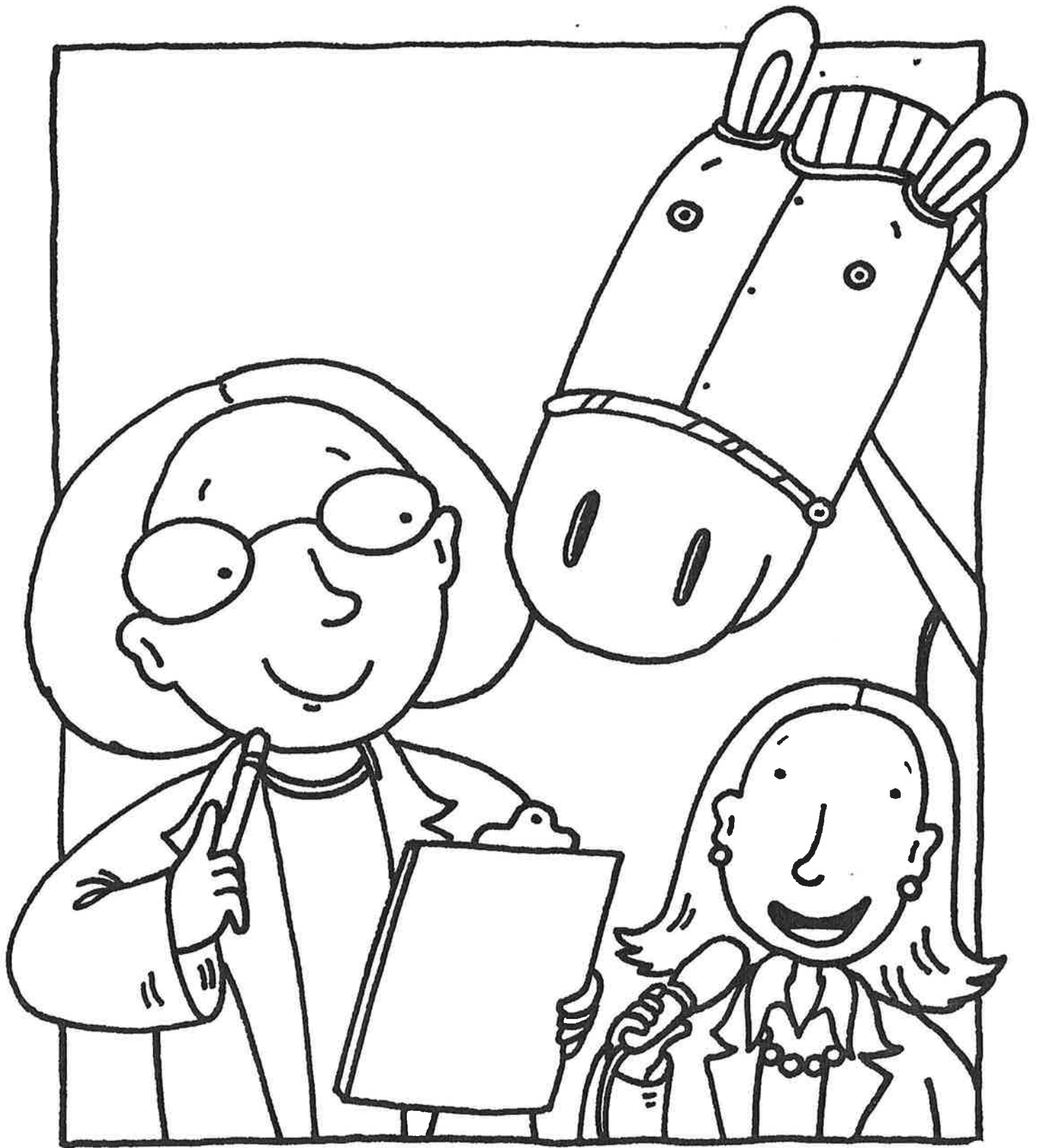
Nope! A live mule will not go!  
It is stubborn.



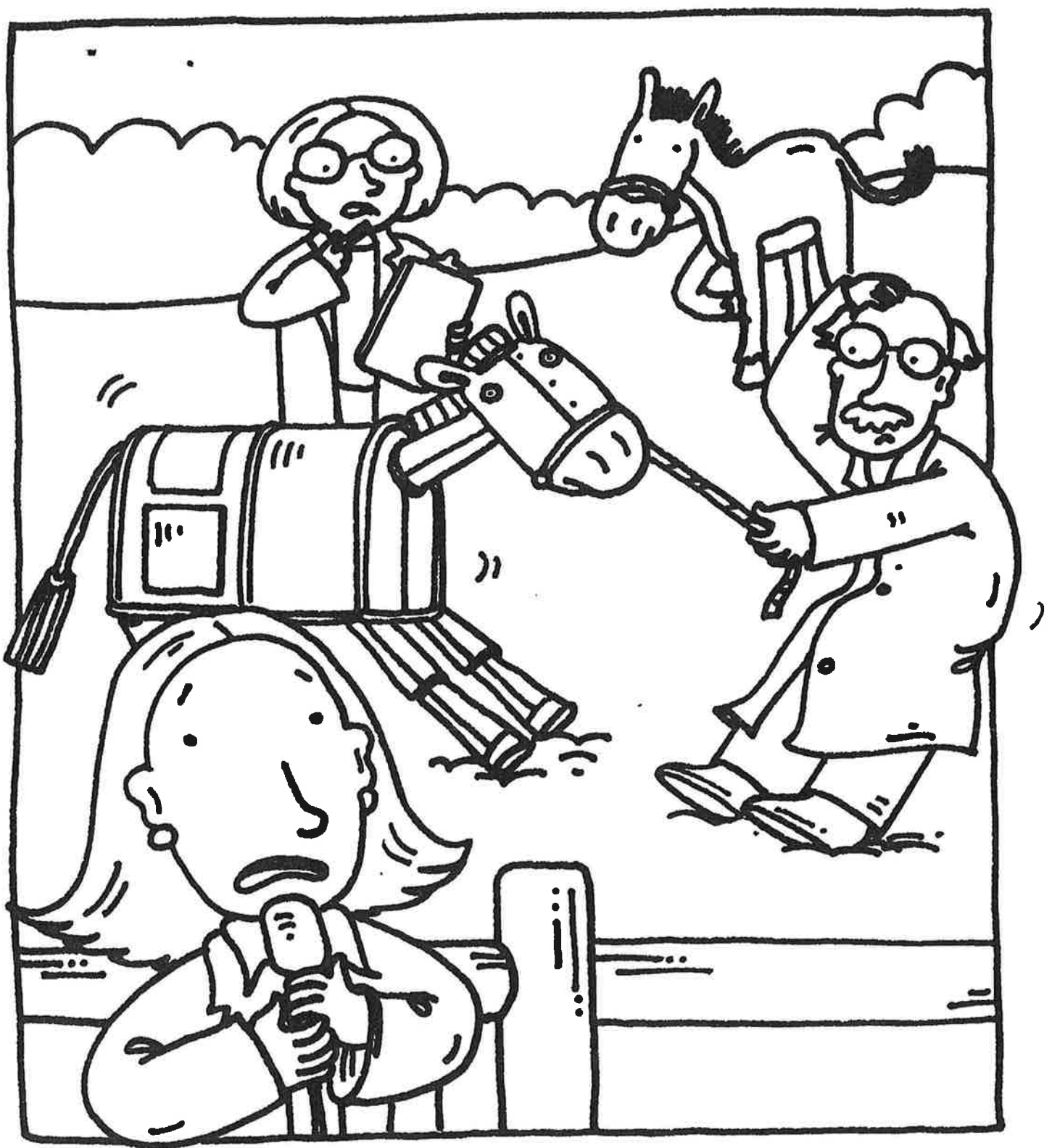
This is Doctor Hugo's mule.  
It is not cute.



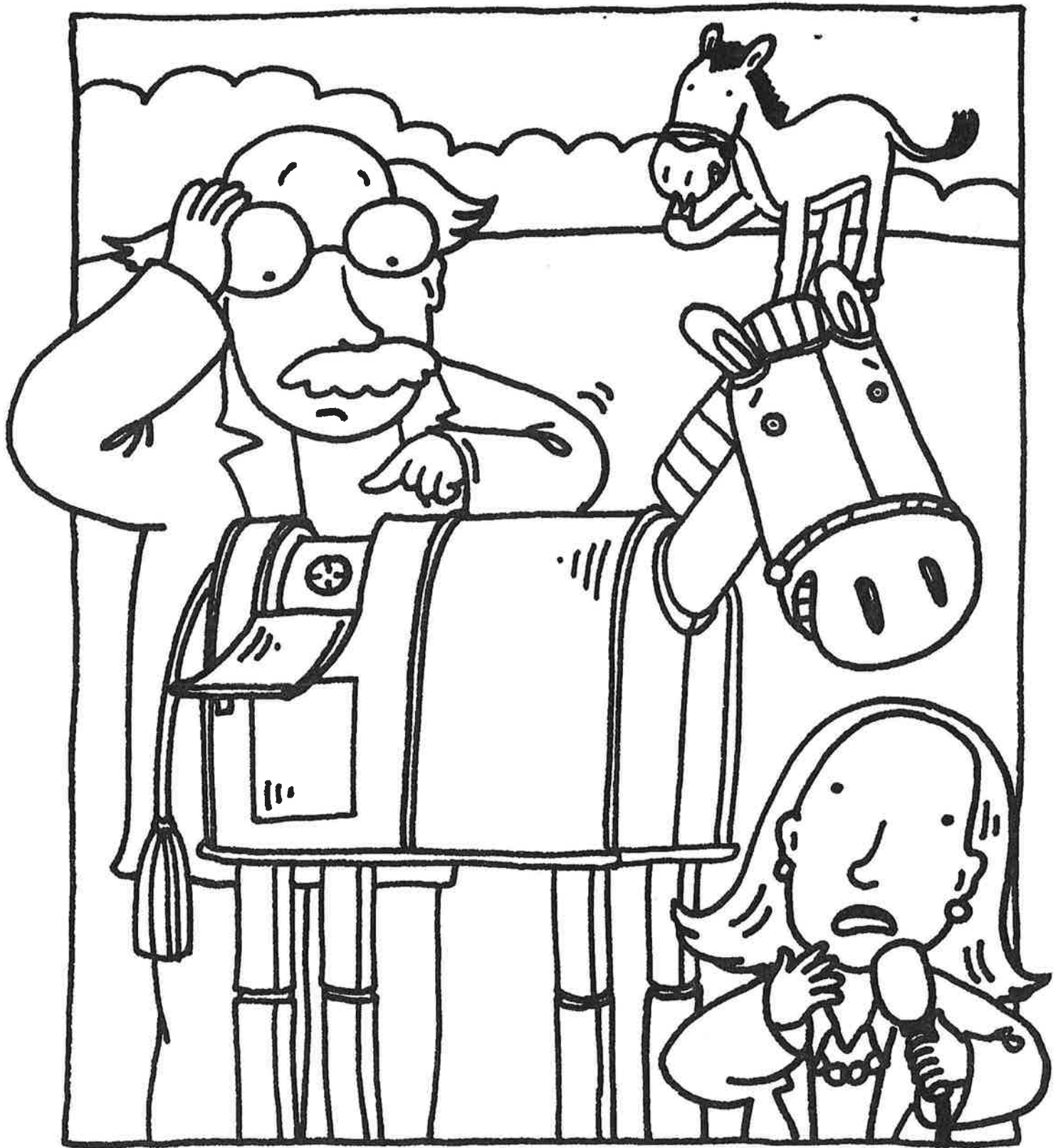
Is this robot mule stubborn?  
Will it do what humans tell it?



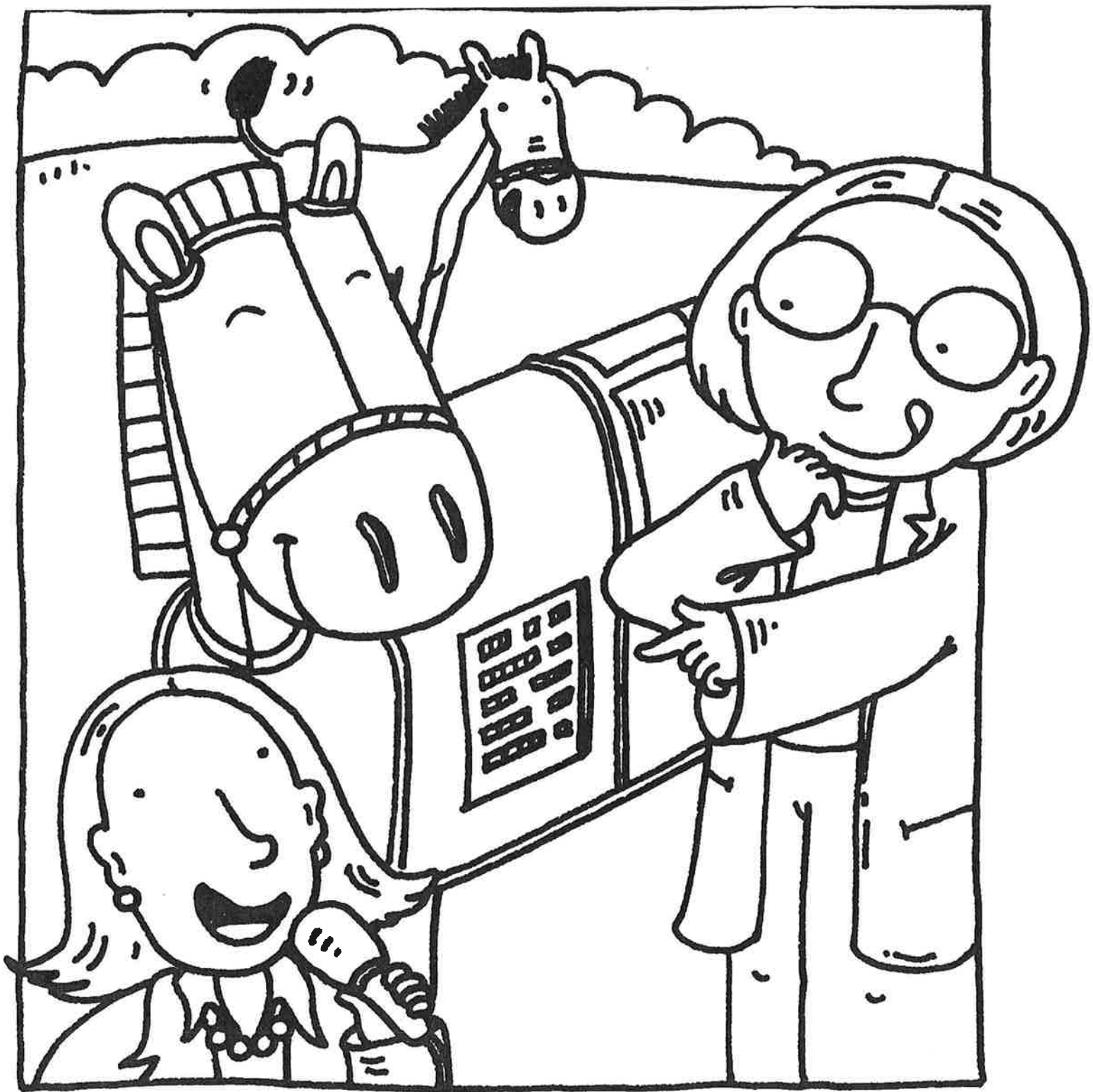
We will have a test.  
Rose will talk to the robot mule.



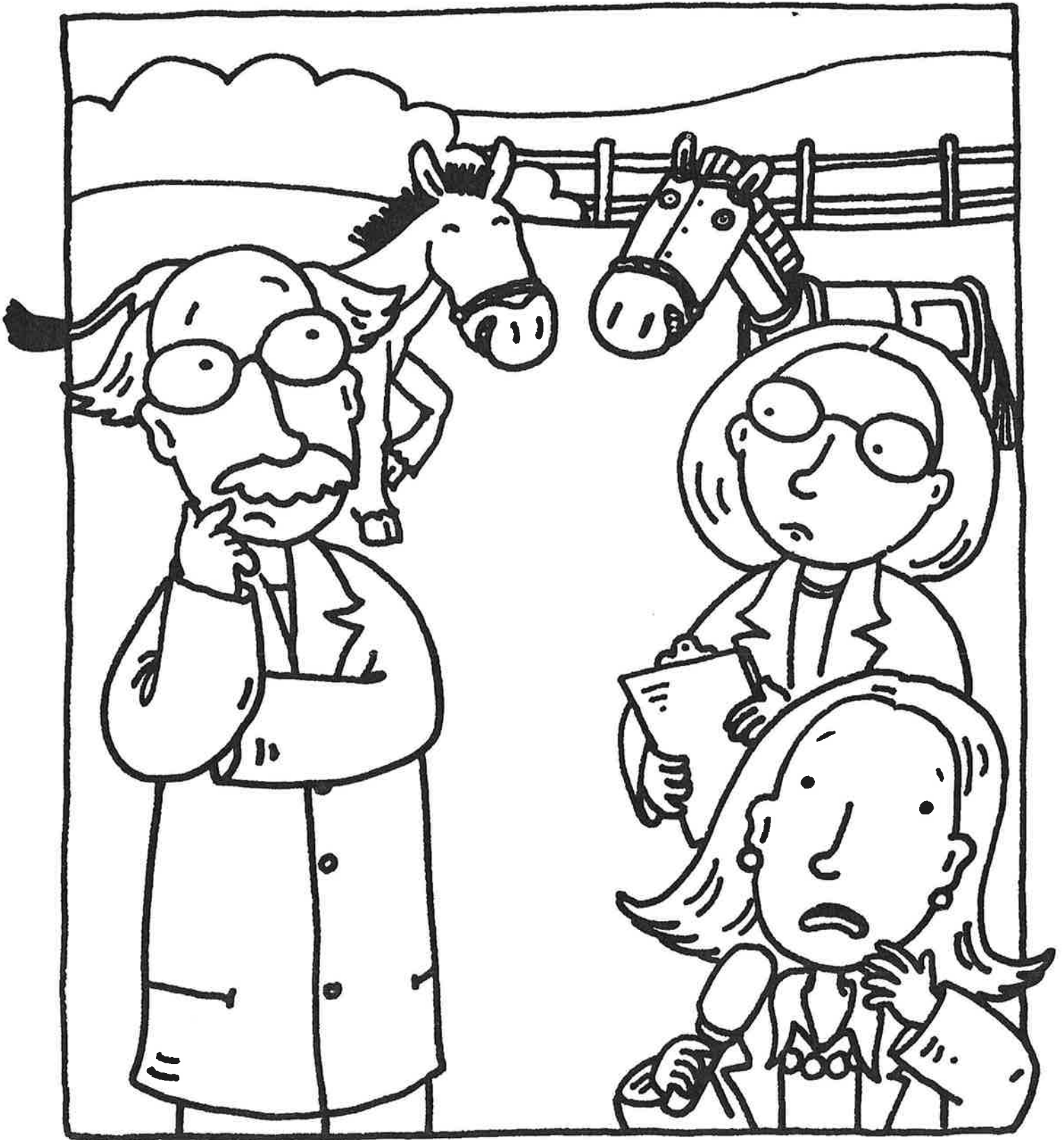
“Go! Go!”  
There is a problem.  
The mule will not go.



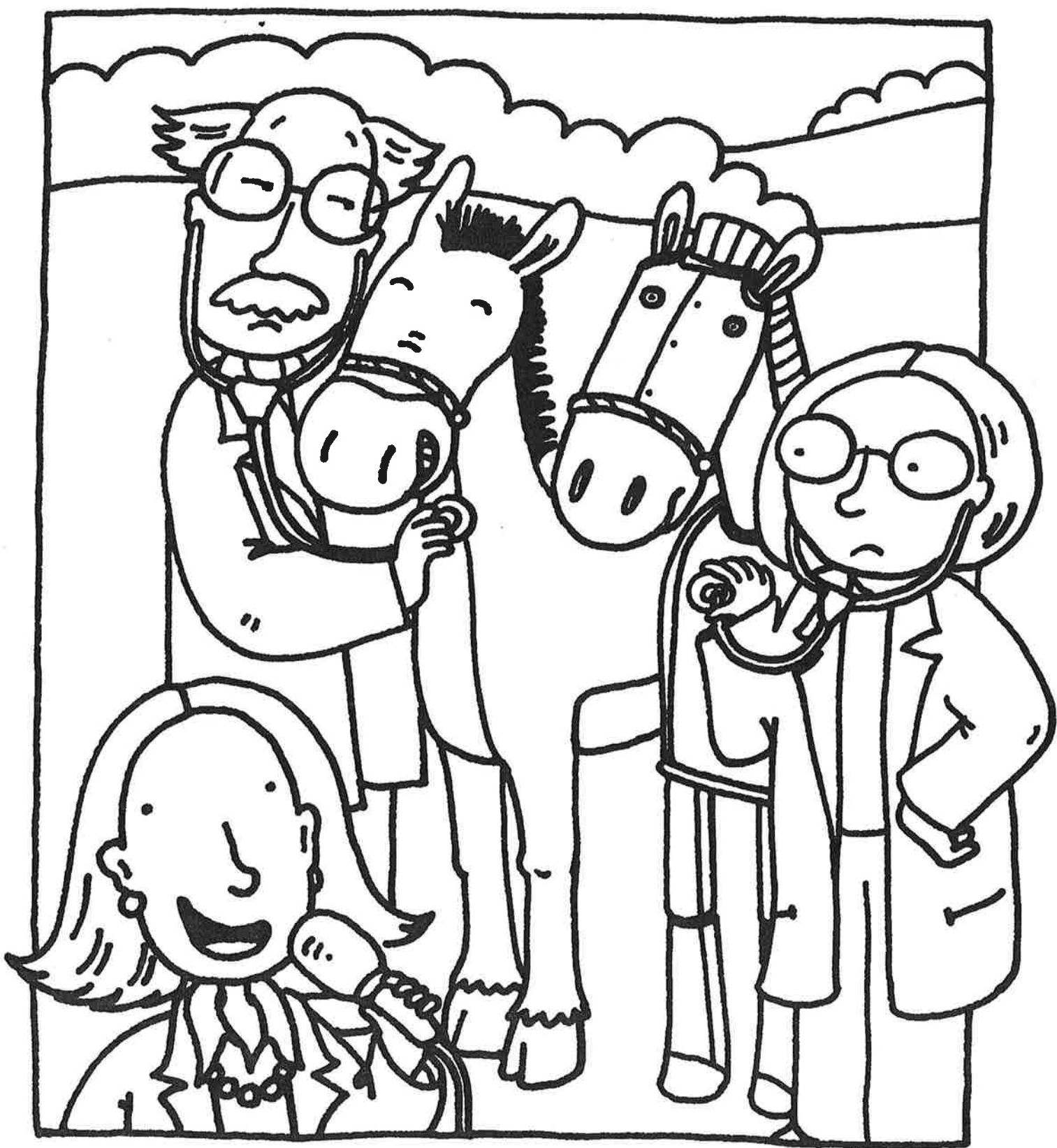
Doctor Hugo is checking the fuel.  
Is fuel the problem?



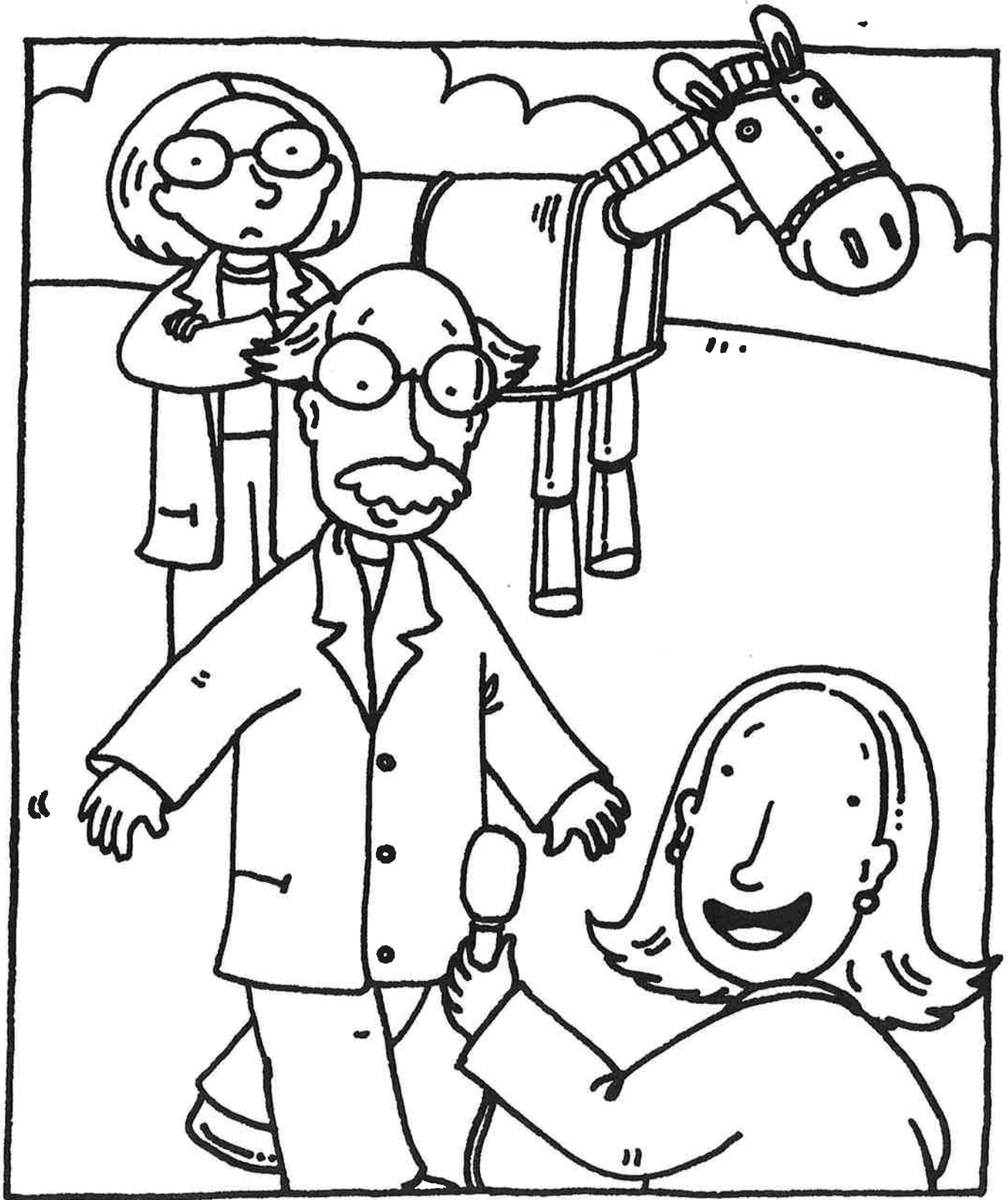
Fuel is not the problem.  
Is it a fuse?  
Rose opens the unit.



A fuse is not the problem.  
Is this robot unit broken?



Doctor Hugo and Rose check it.  
The robot unit is not broken.



What is the problem?  
Doctor Hugo will tell us.



“A live mule is stubborn.”

“A robot mule is also stubborn.”