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ACTIVITY BOOK

MASHA & THE BEAR



Many years ago in Russia, there lived an old man and an old woman. They lived in a little wooden cottage next to the forest with their darling granddaughter, called Masha. Masha was a clever girl. She was also very adventurous. One day, her two best friends, Maria and Katerina came knocking at her door.

"Hey Masha," said Maria, "we're going into the forest to collect berries."

"And mushrooms!" said Katerina. "Want to come?"

"Great idea!" cried Masha, and quickly snatched up her basket and ran out the door.

"Hold on!" said her grandmother, "where do you think you're going, Masha?"

"I'm just going to the forest, Granny. I promise, I won't be long, and I'll be very careful."

"Well, Ok. But please girls, stick together. Don't go wandering off alone. And be back no later than lunch time."

"Yes, Granny," said Masha, and she and her friends laughed as they went skipping into the forest.

They soon got to their favourite mushroom patch and were rather disappointed.

"Oh no," said Maria, "It looks like someone has already gathered mushrooms over here. There aren't any left!"





"We'll just have to find another patch," said Katerina. "Let's split up and search for one."

"Woah!" said Masha, "my grandparents said we should stick together."

"It's ok! It's ok!" said Katerina, "I have a plan. We can make sure that we're not too far from each other by making sounds every few seconds. I'll make an owl sound, like this - Hoo! Hoo!"

"Good idea!" laughed Maria, "I'll make a wolf sound, like this - awoooooooooooo!"

"And I'll make a monkey sound," said Masha. They laughed at the idea, and then spread out in different directions.

As Masha walked she could hear her friends, and then she made a monkey noise.

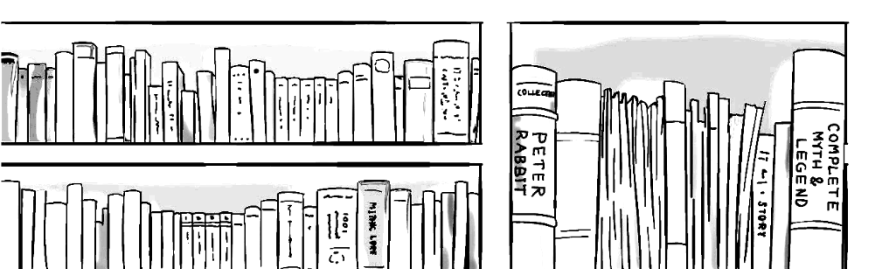
She heard them again a little later.....and then she heard them again, but a little softer.....and then.....she heard.....nothing!

She gave a loud monkey call.....no response!

She'd lost her friends! She ran back to where she had last seen them. She ran as fast as she could, tripping over roots, getting tangled in vines and stumbling over rocks. She ran and ran, but she could not find them!

After while she stopped to catch her breath. Something caught her eye! Through the leaves in the forest she saw a clearing, and in the clearing was an old wooden house. She ran to the house, hoping to find help. She loudly knocked on the door.....

"Hello.....?" but there was no answer!



She knocked even louder, and the door creaked open from the force of her knuckles.

"Hello?" she called again, as she stepped into the front room. The place was rather messy.

"Hello," she called again, but as she did so the door slammed shut, and standing between her and the door was a great, big, hairy bear!

"Aha!" it cried, "Just what I have been waiting for. I have got you where I want you, and there's nothing you can do about it!"

"Oh please, Mr.Bear," wailed Masha, "Please let me go!"

"No! You are my prisoner! I will never set you free! You will clean my house, and you will cook my meals!"

Masha was too terrified to refuse, so she picked up a broom, and began to sweep the house while the bear lay down on his sofa. Once she was done the bear said, "Very good. And now I would like you to make my dinner."

"Very well," said Masha, "I'll make you a pie!"

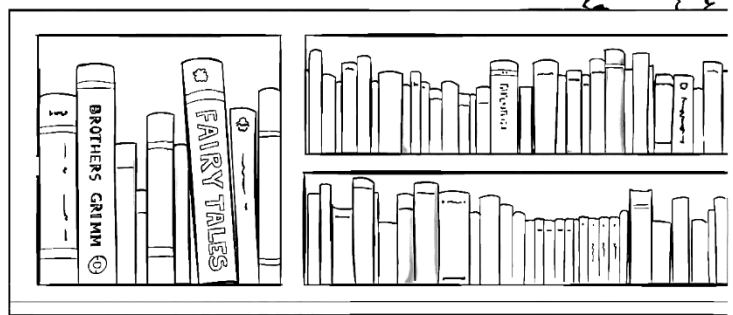
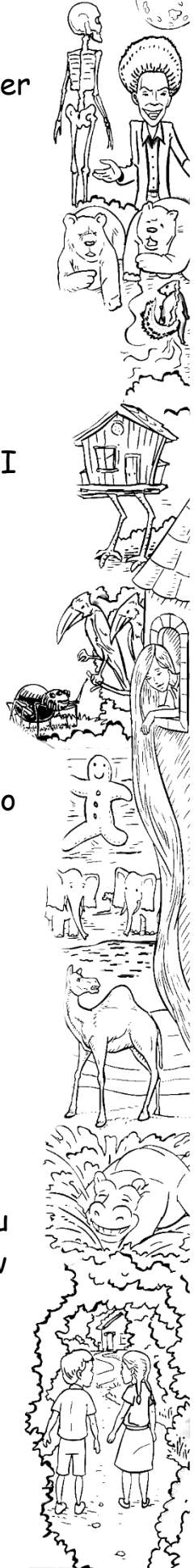
But then she had an idea.

"Um, Mr.Bear," she said, "My grandparents will be worried about me. If I don't come home, they will gather all their friends and send out a search party to come and find me. Why don't I make them some pies too, and you can bring it to their cottage with a message from me. Then they will know I am fine, and I can stay here with you for as long as you like.

The bear thought this was an excellent idea, so Masha began to cook her pies.

"When will they be ready?" asked the bear.

"In one hour."





"Well, I'm going to lie in the sun for a bit."

"Ok. When the pies are ready, I'll put them in a big basket and leave it in front of the door. But you must promise that will not eat the pie yourself. I will climb a tree and watch you, so I will know if you eat it. But don't worry, your pie will be even tastier, and you can have it when you get home!"

"I promise," said the bear, and he went outside for a nap.

When he woke up, he saw the basket standing in front of the door. He picked it up. It was very heavy! He set off for the grandparents' cottage.

After a while he stopped. He could not resist the delicious smells of the pie. He began to open the basket with one of his claws!

"Uh! Uh!" came Masha's voice. "I see you. No snacking, Mr.Bear."

The bear looked around in surprise.

"How can she see me all the way here?" he muttered. "She really has excellent eyes!"

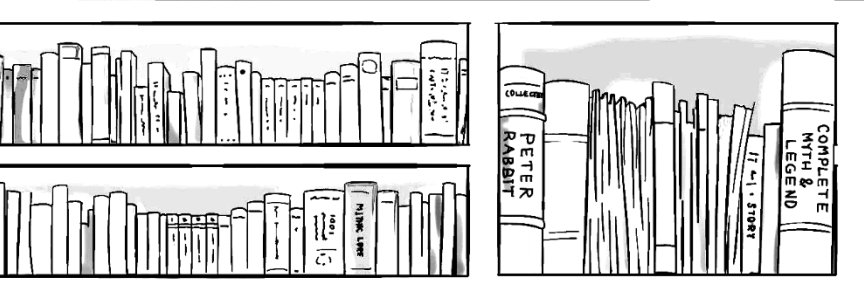
He picked up the basket and continued. It was quite a long way, and he was working up an appetite.

"I'll just have a little taste," he muttered as he began to lift the lid of the basket.

"No,no, no! Mr Bear. You promised!"

Again, the bear was shocked. Masha was clearly an extraordinary girl.

He sighed and heaved up the basket again and continued his journey.



At last he arrived at the grandparents cottage. They heard the bear coming, and wisely stayed inside. They peeped out of the windows and watched him. He came to the front door and put the basket down. He sniffed at the basket and groaned with hunger. He began to open it one more time when he heard Masha's voice.

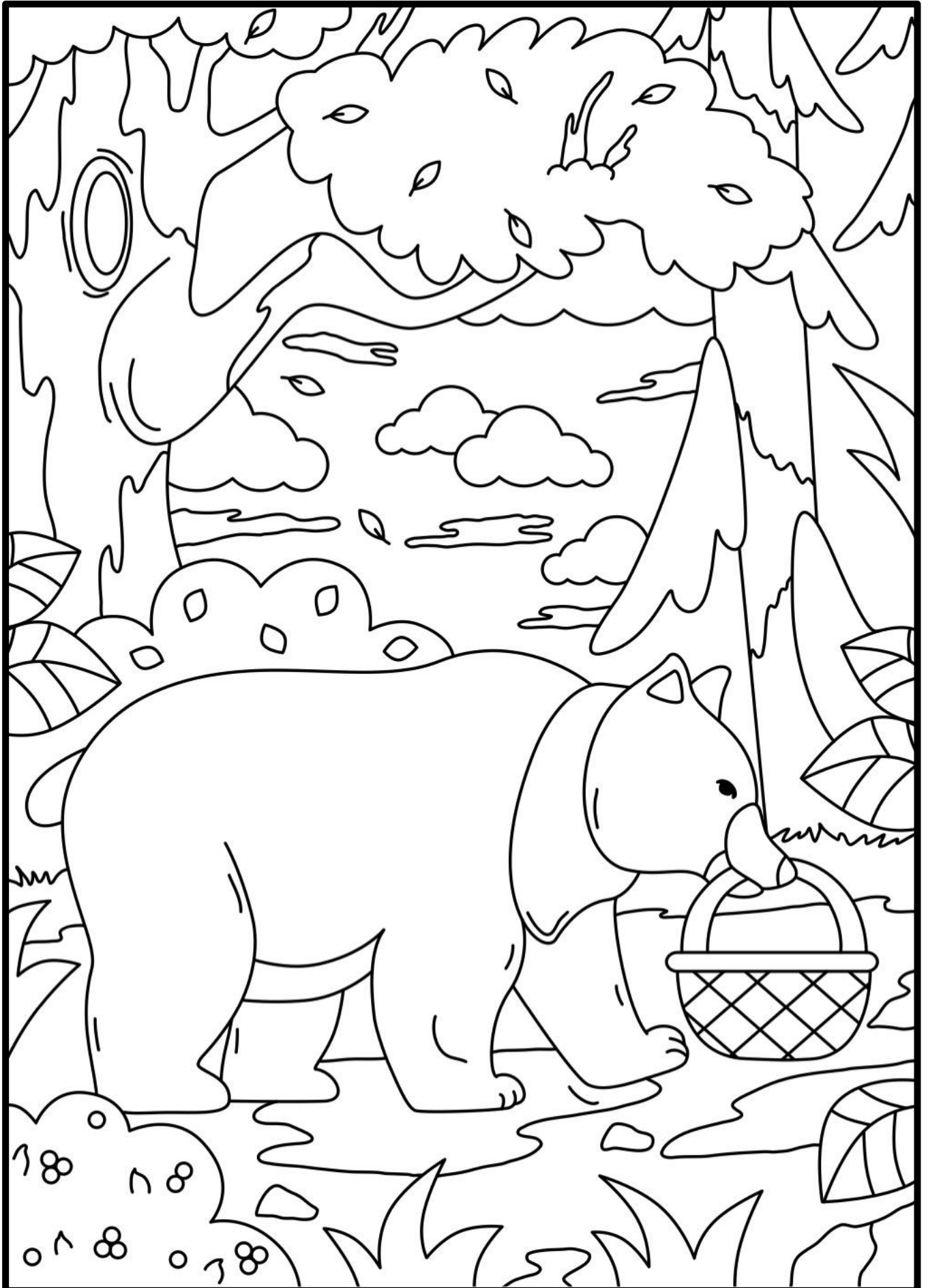
"Really, Mr. Bear! You were doing so well! Leave the basket and come home. Then you can have your own pie all to yourself."

The bear was amazed that she could see him from so far away. But, he was excited at the idea of eating his pie that he turned around at once and ran home as fast as he could. The grandparents opened the front door and looked at the basket. They opened it, and inside they found.....the pies, and.....Masha! The clever girl had been inside the basket all along. She told her grandparents all about her adventure. They laughed at how she had outsmarted the bear, and sat down to eat Masha's delicious pies!

THE END



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WORD SEARCH

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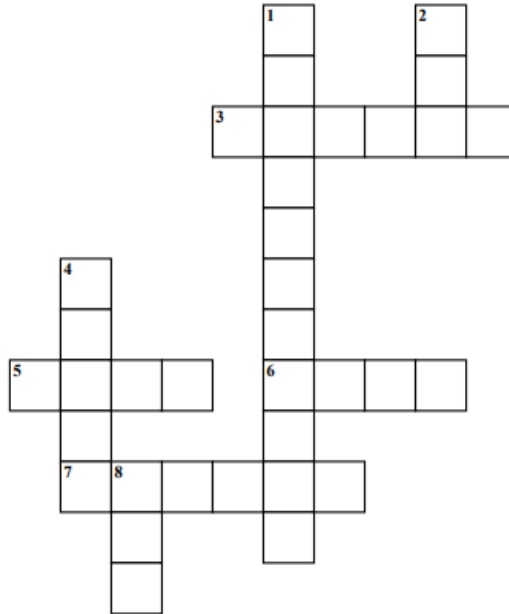
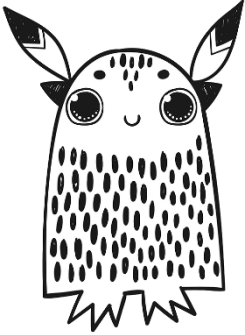
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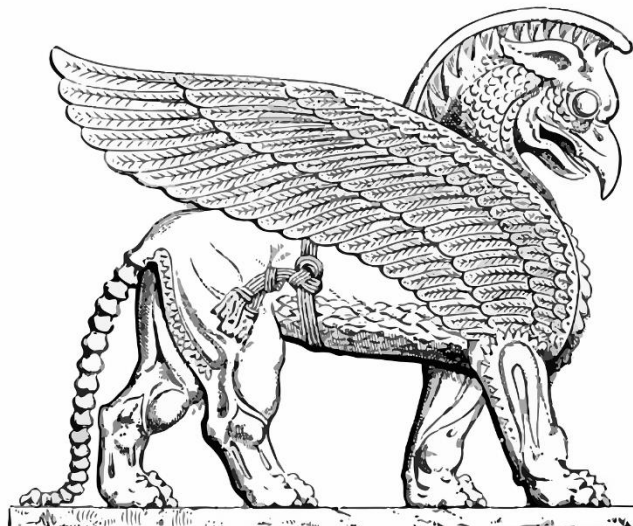


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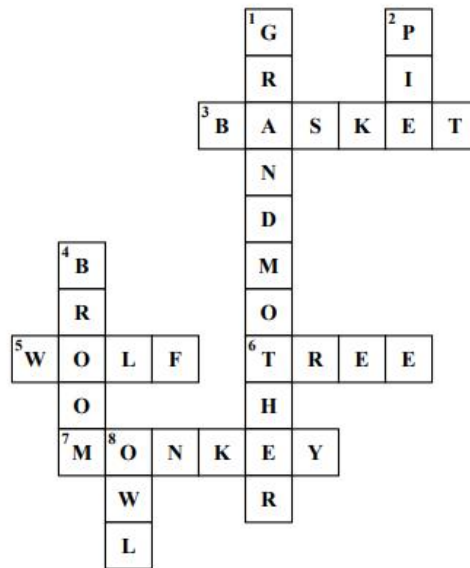
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