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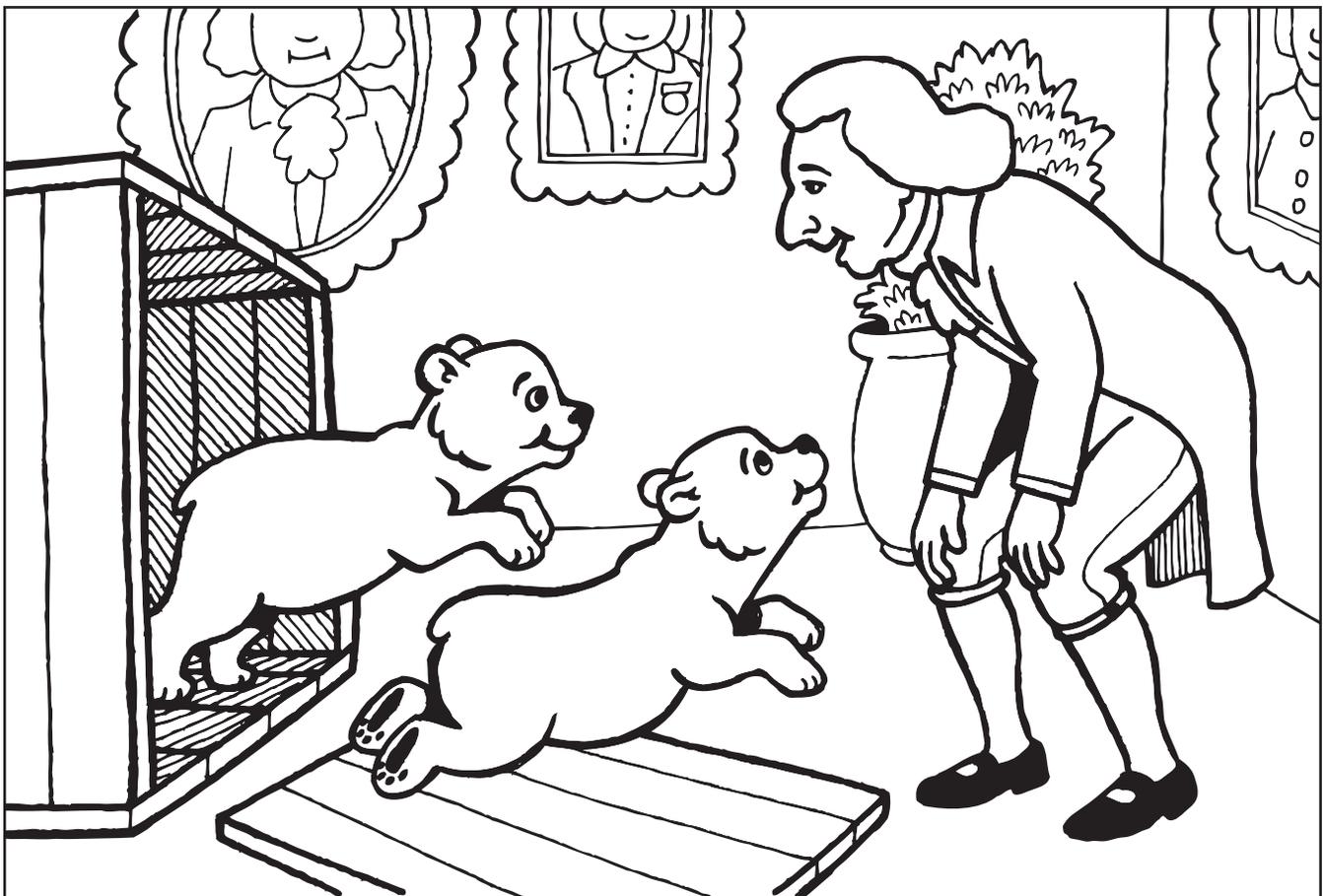
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Grizzlies at the White House

Thomas Jefferson was President. He was the third President. One day, a crate came to the White House. The White House is where the President lives. The crate was large. It was for Jefferson. It was a gift. The gift was from Lewis and Clark. Lewis and Clark were explorers. Jefferson had told the two men to explore the West.

Growls could be heard. The growls were coming from the crate. What could be making the sounds in the big box? Jefferson opened the crate. What did he find? He found bears! The bears were the ones making the growling noises. The bears were young. They were cubs. The bears were a type of bear Lewis and Clark had found in the West. They were grizzly bears.

Jefferson liked his bears. He kept the grizzly cubs as pets. He had a cage built on the White House lawn. Often, Jefferson would take his cubs out of the cage. He would walk them around the White House lawn. People began to call the White House lawn the "President's Bear Garden."



What Meg Had to Do

Meg said, "I have to do something. I have to buy a house. I have to buy a house for Dave. Dave needs a bigger house. I have saved my money. I have saved for a long time. Now I have enough money. Today is the day. Today is the day I am buying a bigger house for Dave."

Meg's friends stared at Meg in surprise. They could not believe what they had heard. Meg's friends said, "Meg, you are not telling the truth. How can you buy a house? You are a little girl. Only grown-ups buy houses. Houses cost a lot of money. You could not have saved enough money to buy a house."

Meg smiled at her friends. Meg said, "I am telling the truth. I am buying a bigger house. The house is not for me. The house is for Dave. Dave is not a person. Dave is my pet hermit crab. Hermit crabs make their homes in empty shells. Hermit crabs need to change homes as they grow. I need to buy Dave a bigger shell."



Show What You Know

Answer the questions based on “Grizzlies at the White House” and “What Meg Had to Do.” You may look back at what you have read if you need to.

1. A crate is a

- (A) cub.
- (B) box.
- (C) gift.
- (D) cage.

2. Dave needed a new home because

- (A) Meg had grown-up.
- (B) he was a pet hermit crab.
- (C) he had grown too big for his old one.
- (D) Meg had saved enough money to buy a house.

3. Both stories are about

- (A) types of animals.
- (B) types of bears.
- (C) types of gifts.
- (D) types of houses.

4. One cannot tell from the stories that

- (A) bears growl.
- (B) young bears are called cubs.
- (C) grizzly bears live in shells.
- (D) grizzly bears live in the West.

5. From the stories, you can tell that

- (A) Jefferson had seen grizzly bears before.
- (B) a shell costs less than a house for people.
- (C) Meg’s friends thought that Meg was a grown-up.
- (D) Lewis and Clark were Presidents after Jefferson.

