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THE BEARSKIN SOLDIER



WHAT IS IT?

Solve this puzzle by placing the point of your pencil or crayon on dot number 1 and drawing a line to dot number 2. Then you draw another line to dot number 3 and so on, until you have connected all the dots. After you have done this, you may use your crayons to color this surprise picture.

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ONCE UPON A TIME A SOLDIER SAT SADLY BENEATH A TREE

I HAVE NO MONEY,
WHAT AM I TO DO?



SUDDENLY HE HEARD A RUSTLING SOUND. HE TURNED AND SAW A WICKED ELF STANDING BEFORE HIM.

I KNOW THAT YOU NEED
MONEY. YOU SHALL HAVE
IT IF YOU ARE VERY BRAVE.



I WILL PROVE HOW BRAVE
I AM. WHAT DO YOU WISH
ME TO DO?





WHEN THE SOLDIER TURNED AROUND, HE SAW A LARGE, GROWLING BEAR



I WILL SAVE US!





THE SOLDIER WENT UP TO THE BEAR AND TICKLED HIS NOSE.



THE BEAR WAS SO SURPRISED, HE RAN AWAY.



YOU HAVE SHOWN HOW BRAVE YOU ARE. BUT IF I GIVE YOU THE MONEY, THERE IS ONE MORE THING YOU MUST DO.



**THE WICKED ELF
OPENED HIS SACK.**

YOU MUST WEAR THIS
BEARSKIN SEVEN YEARS.
IF YOU DO, AT THE END
OF THAT TIME, YOU WILL
BE FREE AND RICH.



BUT IF YOU TAKE IT OFF
BEFORE THE SEVEN YEARS
HAVE PASSED, YOU WILL
HAVE TO WORK FOR ME
FOREVER.



HOW WILL I LIVE IN A
BEARSKIN FOR SEVEN
YEARS WITHOUT ANY
MONEY?



IT IS A MAGIC BEARSKIN. WHENEVER
YOU PUT YOUR HAND IN THE POCKET,
YOU WILL FIND IT FULL OF COINS.

THEN I WILL WEAR IT
AND MAKE MY FORTUNE.



WHEN THE SOLDIER PUT ON THE BEARSKIN,
THE WICKED ELF DISAPPEARED.



THE ELF TOLD ME THE TRUTH
I HAVE ALL THE MONEY I
WILL NEED



AND SO THE
BEARSKIN
SOLDIER SET
FORTH INTO
THE WORLD.



EVERYWHERE HE WENT PEOPLE LAUGHED

HO! HO! LOOK AT THE BEARSKIN!



BUT THE BEARSKIN SOLDIER HAD A KIND HEART AND EVERYWHERE HE WENT HE GAVE MONEY TO THE POOR.



HE LOVED LITTLE CHILDREN, AND HE OFTEN DANCED FOR THEM.

LOOK! LOOK! A DANCING BEAR!



SOME NIGHTS WHEN HE WAS TIRED, HE SLEPT IN THE FOREST.



ONCE, TWO REAL BEARS CAME UPON HIM.

WHAT A STRANGE LOOKING FELLOW

I HAVE NEVER SEEN ONE LIKE HIM



SOME NIGHTS, HE SLEPT IN A ROOM AT AN INN.

WE HAVE NEVER HAD A GUEST LIKE YOU BEFORE!



FOUR YEARS PASSED. LATE ONE NIGHT, THE BEARSKIN SOLDIER CAME TO A LARGE INN



GOOD MA'N, GIVE ME A ROOM I AM WEARY AND NEED REST

I DO NOT GIVE ROOMS TO BEARS!

I WILL NOT HARM ANYONE HERE, I WILL PAY YOU AS MUCH AS YOU WISH

VERY WELL, YOU MAY SLEEP ABOVE THE STABLE



IN HIS SMALL ROOM, THE BEARSKIN SOLDIER WAS VERY SAD



NO ONE WANTS ME IN THIS BEARSKIN. HOW I WISH THE SEVEN YEARS WERE OVER!

SUDDENLY HE HEARD A MAN CRYING IN THE NEXT ROOM.

THERE IS SOMEONE WITH MORE TROUBLES THAN I. PERHAPS I CAN HELP HIM



HE FOUND AN OLD MAN SITTING ALL ALONE

WHAT IS WRONG, GIRL?



MY HOUSE WILL SOON BE TAKEN AWAY, FOR I HAVE NO MONEY. I CANNOT EVEN PAY FOR MY LOGGINGS HERE



I WILL GIVE YOU THE MONEY YOU NEED. TELL THE INNKEEPER TO COME AT ONCE.



THE OLD MAN BROUGHT THE INNKEEPER.

HERE IS THE MONEY THIS GOOD MAN OWES YOU.



THEN THE BEARSKIN SOLDIER GAVE THE OLD MAN A GREAT BAG FULL OF GOLD.

I HOPE THIS WILL BE ENOUGH TO PAY FOR YOUR HOUSE.



OH, THANK YOU!
THANK YOU! HOW
CAN I EVER
REPAY YOU?

YOU DO NOT HAVE
TO REPAY ME. I AM
HAPPY TO HAVE
HELPED YOU, SIR.



NO, YOU MUST HAVE A REWARD.
COME HOME WITH ME. I HAVE
THREE BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTERS.
YOU MAY CHOOSE ONE OF THEM
FOR A WIFE.



NONE OF YOUR DAUGHTERS
WILL WANT TO MARRY ME.

WHEN THEY HEAR OF
YOUR KIND HEART, THEY
WILL FORGET YOUR
STRANGE SKIN.



THE OLD MAN TOOK
THE BEARSKIN SOLDIER
TO HIS THREE DAUGHTERS

HERE IS A KIND FRIEND
WHO HAS SAVED US AND
OUR HOME. I HAVE
PROMISED HIM ONE
OF YOU AS HIS BRIDE.



THE ELDEST DAUGHTER
SPOKE FIRST

HOW STRANGE HE LOOKS,
FATHER! I CANNOT
MARRY A BEAR!



**THE SECOND
DAUGHTER
WAS NEXT**

I AM SORRY, FATHER, BUT
I CANNOT MARRY A BEAR!
WHAT WOULD ALL
MY FRIENDS SAY?



FORGIVE MY TWO FOOLISH
DAUGHTERS. THEY ARE TOO
PROUD.



WHAT ABOUT YOU, MY YOUNGEST
CHILD? WILL YOU BE AS VAIN AS
YOUR SISTERS?



NO, FATHER HE MUST HAVE
A KIND HEART TO HAVE
HELPED US. I WILL MARRY
HIM.



THE BEARSKIN SOLDIER WAS VERY
HAPPY. HE TOOK A RING HE CARRIED
AND BROKE IT IN TWO.



HERE IS HALF THE RING. I WILL
KEEP THE OTHER HALF WHEN WE
CAN JOIN THESE TWO HALVES
INTO ONE, WE WILL BE MAN
AND WIFE.





WHEN HE LEFT, THE TWO ELDER DAUGHTERS TEASED THEIR SISTER.

BEARS LIKE SWEET THINGS, HE WILL EAT YOU UP!



YOU MUST ALWAYS DO AS HE WANTS OR HE WILL GROWL AT YOU.



YOUR WEDDING WILL BE A MERRY ONE, SISTER I AM TOLD BEARS DANCE VERY WELL!



BUT THE YOUNGEST DAUGHTER DID NOT CARE WHAT HER SISTERS SAID.



FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS,
THE BEARSKIN SOLDIER TRAVELED
AROUND THE WORLD.



WHEREVER HE WENT, HE
CHEERED THE LONELY AND
SAVE TO THE POOR.



SOMETIMES, LATE AT NIGHT, HE THOUGHT
OF THE BEAUTIFUL MAID HE WOULD WED.

I WONDER IF SHE WILL CHANGE
HER MIND BECAUSE OF THIS
HORRID BEARSKIN.



FINALLY THE LAST DAY OF THE SEVEN YEARS DAWNED. THE BEARSKIN SOLDIER WENT AND SAT UNDER THE VERY SAME TREE WHERE HE FIRST SAW THE WICKED ELF.



SUDDENLY THE SKY GREW DARK. THERE WAS A CLAP OF THUNDER, AND THE ELF APPEARED.

YOU HAVE KEPT OUR AGREEMENT. I WILL HAVE TO SET YOU FREE.



**THE SOLDIER TOOK
OFF THE BEARSKIN.**

YOU PROMISED IF I WORE
THIS SEVEN YEARS, I
WOULD BE RICH.



TRUE, TRUE. HERE IS
A MAGIC BAG OF GOLD.
IT WILL ALWAYS BE
FILLED FOR YOU.



**THEN THE ELF
DISAPPEARED
AND THE SUN
SHONE AGAIN.**

THE SOLDIER WENT TO THE NEAREST TOWN AND BOUGHT A SPLENDID UNIFORM AND A VELVET GLOAK



THEN HE BOUGHT A CARRIAGE DRAWN BY FOUR WHITE HORSES, AND HE SET OUT FOR THE OLD MAN'S HOUSE.

I WONDER IF THEY WILL KNOW ME IN MY FINE NEW CLOTHES.



THE OLD MAN AND HIS DAUGHTERS DID NOT KNOW WHO HE WAS.

AH, IT IS AN HONOR TO HAVE A SOLDIER VISIT OUR HOME. COME IN, SIR, AND HAVE DINNER WITH US



YOU MUST SIT BETWEEN MY TWO ELDEST DAUGHTERS

MY PLEASURE, SIR, BUT WHAT OF YOUR YOUNGEST CHILD?



SHE WAITS FOR HER GROOM TO COME



THE TWO ELDER DAUGHTERS WERE EAGER TO PLEASE THE HANDSOME SOLDIER.

I WILL CARVE YOU A FINE SLICE OF MEAT

WOULD YOU LIKE MORE POTATOES?



HE IS THE HANDSOMEST MAN I HAVE EVER SEEN.

I WOULD LIKE HIM FOR A HUSBAND.



BUT THE YOUNGEST DAUGHTER NEVER RAISED HER EYES OR SPOKE A WORD TO HIM.





AT LAST THE SOLDIER WAS ALONE WITH THE YOUNGEST DAUGHTER, HE TOOK HIS HALF OF THE RING AND PUT IT IN A GOBLET.



THEN HE FILLED THE GOBLET WITH WINE

MAY I OFFER YOU THIS?

THANK YOU, SIR.



SHE DRANK THE WINE



AT THE BOTTOM OF THE GOBLET,
SHE SAW THE HALF OF THE RING.

YOU ARE THE
BEARSKIN
SOLDIER!



SHE TOOK THE OTHER HALF
OF THE RING FROM HER
POCKET AND JOINED THEM.

AND I AM TO
BE YOUR BRIDE!



TELL ME WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU. WHY ARE YOU SO CHANGED?

I MADE AN AGREEMENT WITH A WICKED ELF TO WEAR A BEARSKIN FOR SEVEN YEARS. THE TIME HAS PASSED, AND NOW I AM FREE OF THE ELF, AND VERY RICH.



NOW THAT YOU SEE ME AS I REALLY AM, WILL YOU MARRY ME?

OH, YES!



SUDDENLY THE TWO SISTERS AND THE OLD MAN RETURNED.

LOOK! THE HANDSOME SOLDIER HAS CHOSEN OUR YOUNGEST SISTER TO BE HIS BRIDE!

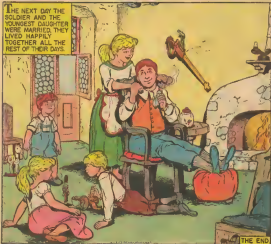


THEN THE HANDSOME SOLDIER
TOLD HIS STORY.

HOW WONDERFUL THIS IS!
BLESSINGS ON YOU, MY
CHILDREN.



THE NEXT DAY THE
SOLDIER AND THE
YOUNGEST DAUGHTER
WERE MARRIED. THEY
LIVED HAPPILY
TOGETHER ALL THE
REST OF THEIR DAYS.



THE END.

THE RED-BUD TREE

ONCE UPON A TIME, FOUR PRINCES HEARD OF A WONDERFUL, RED-BUD TREE. IT GREW IN A WOOD NOT FAR FROM THE PALACE.

I WONDER WHICH OF US WILL SEE THE RED-BUD TREE FIRST.



IN THE LATE FALL, THE ELDEST PRINCE WENT TO THE WOOD WHERE THE TREE GREW.

THIS CANNOT BE A RED-BUD TREE. THE BRANCHES ARE BARE.



IN THE WINTER, THE NEXT ELDEST PRINCE WENT TO THE WOOD WHERE THE TREE GREW.

THIS CANNOT BE A RED-BUD TREE. IT IS COVERED WITH SNOW.



IN THE SPRING, THE THIRD PRINCE WENT TO THE WOOD WHERE THE TREE GREW.

THIS CANNOT BE A RED-BUD TREE. IT IS COVERED WITH GREEN LEAVES.



IN THE SUMMER THE YOUNGEST PRINCE WENT TO THE WOOD WHERE THE TREE GREW. THIS TIME IT WAS COVERED WITH BRIGHT RED BUDS



THE YOUNGEST PRINCE HURRIED BACK TO THE PALACE TO TELL HIS BROTHERS



WE HAVE ALL SEEN THE RED-BUD TREE, BUT AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF THE YEAR. REMEMBER, MY BROTHERS, THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM.



THE END

THERE WAS A YOUNG LADY OF RUSSIA

By EDWARD LEAR

There was a Young Lady of Russia,
Who screamed so that no one could hush her;
Her screams were extreme--no one heard such a scream
As was screamed by that Lady of Russia.



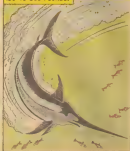
THE ANIMAL WORLD

THE SWORDFISH

SWORDFISH SWIM IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC OCEANS. THEIR SNOUTS OR SWORDS ARE SOMETIMES THREE FEET LONG. THEY ARE VERY STRONG AND SHARP.



SWORDFISH GROW FROM FOUR TO FIFTEEN FEET LONG AND WEIGH FROM 150 TO 800 POUNDS.



THEY EAT HERRING, MACKEREL AND OTHER SMALL FISH BUT THEY WILL GLADLY LEAVE THESE TO ATTACK A WHALE. IN THESE FIGHTS, THE SWORDFISH IS USUALLY THE WINNER.



SWORDFISH SHOOT THROUGH THE WATER WITH GREAT SPEED. SOMETIMES THEY ATTACK A SHIP THINKING IT IS A WHALE. THEY HAVE DRIVEN THEIR SWORDS TEN INCHES INTO THE COPPER AND TIMBER OF A SHIP.



COLOR THIS PICTURE WITH CRAYONS



