

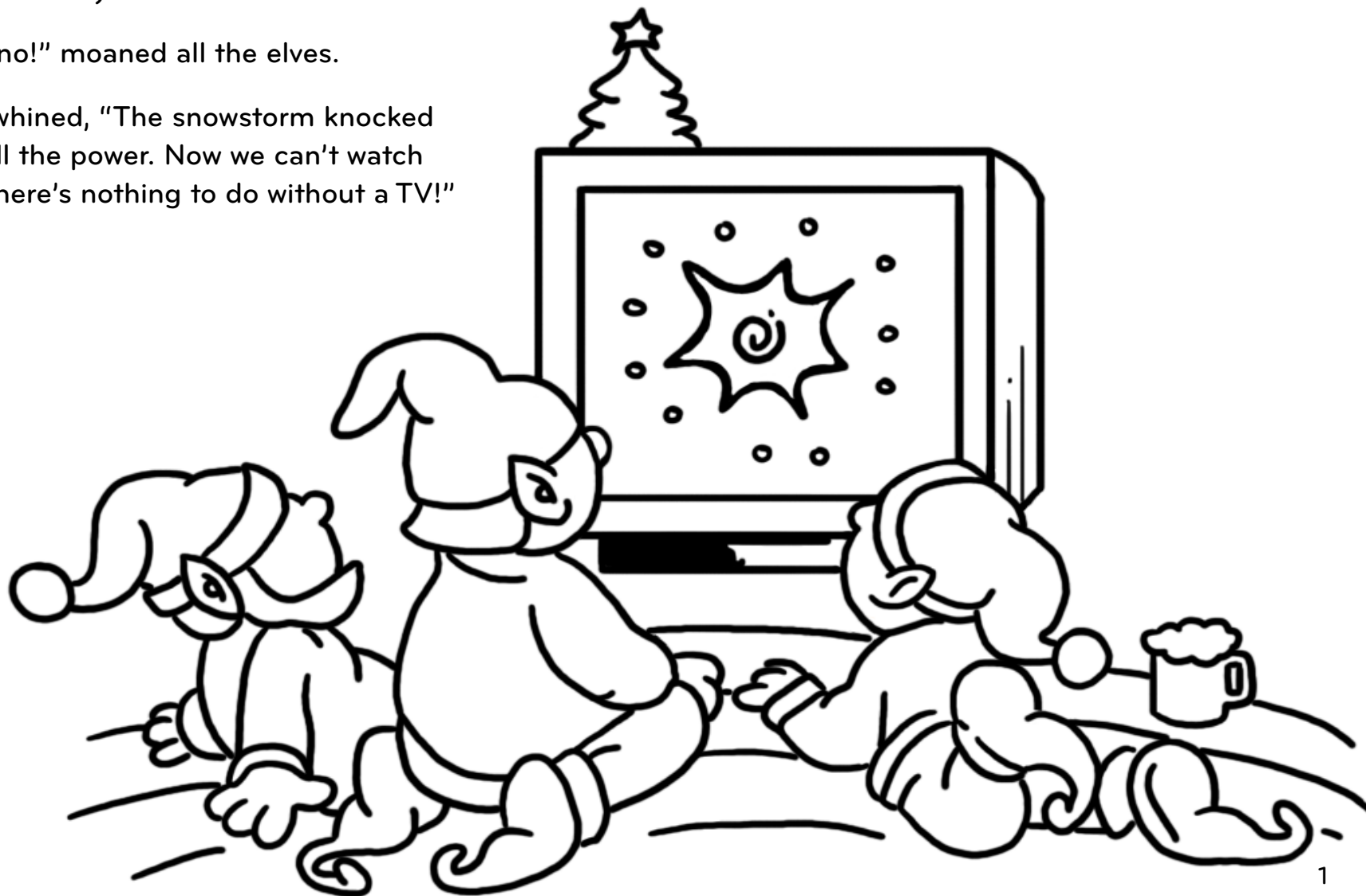
Use Your Imagination



Santa's elves were taking a break from making toys and were watching TV. Suddenly, a big snowstorm blew in and the electricity went out.

"Oh, no!" moaned all the elves.

Bud whined, "The snowstorm knocked out all the power. Now we can't watch TV. There's nothing to do without a TV!"



"Wait!" said Bif as he lit a lantern. "I have an idea! Let's read a book."

Bud shook his head and replied, "No, books are boring. You can't see any action like there is on TV."

Bif picked up a book and said, "Yes, you can! Just use your imagination, and you'll find that books can be even better than TV. Come on, everybody!"

The elves gathered around Bif and he started to read.



Bif began to read a book to the elves out loud.

“Once upon a time there was a family of polar bears: Mother Bear, Father Bear, and Baby Bart. Father Bear and Baby Bart were out playing one day when all of a sudden there was a fierce snowstorm. It was snowing so hard that Baby Bart got separated from his dad...”

Using their imaginations, the elves soon found themselves imagining the storm and Baby Bart all alone in the cold.

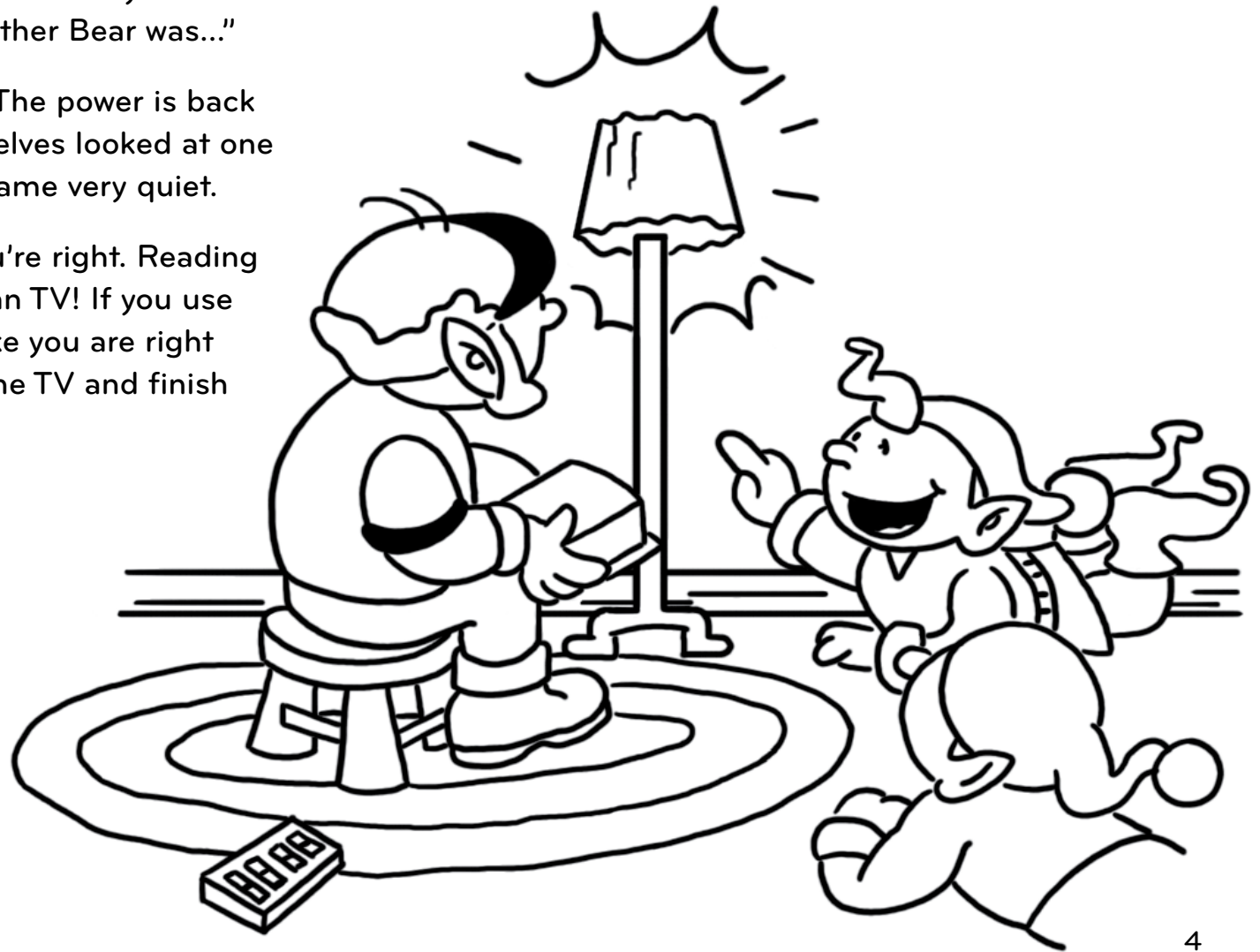


Bif continued.

“Father Bear called Santa right away for help. He knew that Santa found little boys and girls all over the world. Surely Santa could find Baby Bart! Father Bear was...”

“Oh, look!” cried Bud. “The power is back on!” Bud and the other elves looked at one other, and everyone became very quiet.

Then, Bud said, “Bif, you’re right. Reading stories can be better than TV! If you use your imagination, it is like you are right there! Can we turn off the TV and finish reading the story?”



"Yes! Keep reading the story!" the other elves exclaimed. "We want to see what happens to Little Bart!"

"Sure," Bif said with a great big smile. He turned off the TV and opened the book again.

"Now, where were we?"

THE END!

