



THE VILLAGE
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"We Nurture Dreams"

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Quiet Heroine

(This story takes place in a forested region of the eastern USA. Lyddie, the eldest daughter, is preparing breakfast one morning.)

Lyddie looked up from the pot of oatmeal she was stirring over the fire, and there in the doorway was a massive black head, the nose up and smelling, the tiny eyes bright with hungry anticipation.

"Don't nobody yell," she said softly. "Just back up slow and quiet to the ladder and climb up to the loft. Charlie, you get Agnes, and Mama, you take Rachel." She heard her mother whimper. "Shhh," she continued, her voice absolutely even. "It's all right as long as nobody gets upset. Just take it nice and gentle. I'm watching him all the way, and I'll yank the ladder up after me."

They obeyed her, even Mama, though Lyddie could hear her sucking in her breath. Behind Lyddie's back, the ladder creaked, as two by two, first Charles and Agnes, then Mama and Rachel, climbed up into the loft. Lyddie glared straight into the bear's eyes, daring him to step forward into the cabin. Then when the ladder was silent and she could hear the slight rustling above her as the family settled themselves on the straw mattresses, she backed up to the ladder and, never taking her eyes off the bear, inched her way up to the loft. At the top she almost fell backward on to the platform. Charles dragged her on to the mattress beside her mother.

The racket released the bear from the charm Lyddie seemed to have placed on him. He banged the door aside and rushed in toward the ladder, but Charles snatched it. The bottom rungs swung out, hitting the beast on the nose. The blow startled him momentarily, giving Lyddie a chance to help Charles haul the ladder up on to the platform and out of reach. The old bear roared in frustration and waved at the empty air with his huge paws, then reared up on his hind legs. He was so tall that his nose nearly touched the edge of the loft. The little girls cried out. Their mother screamed, "Oh my!" "Hush," Lyddie commanded. "You'll just make him madder." The cries were swallowed up in anxious gasps of breath. Charles's arms went round the little ones, and Lyddie put a firm grip on her mother's shoulder. It was trembling, so Lyddie relaxed her fingers and began to stroke. "It's all right," she murmured. "He can't reach us."



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1. Who is the main character in the passage?
a. Mama b. Charles c. Rachel d. Lyddie
2. What is Lyddie doing at the beginning of the passage?
a. Climbing a ladder b. Watching a bear c. Cooking oatmeal d. Talking to her family
3. What does Lyddie instruct her family to do when they see the bear in the doorway?
a. Yell loudly b. Climb up to the loft quietly
c. Run out of the cabin d. Approach the bear slowly
4. Who does Charles need to get when they are climbing up to the loft?
a. Lyddie b. Agnes c. Mama d. Rachel
5. How does Lyddie keep the bear from entering the cabin?
a. She yells at the bear. b. She threatens the bear with a weapon.
c. She dares the bear to come closer. d. She watches the bear closely.
6. What sound does the ladder make as Lyddie's family climbs up to the loft?
a. Squeaking b. Rustling c. Creaking d. Whistling
7. What does Charles do to prevent the bear from climbing up to the loft?
a. He hits the bear on the nose with the ladder. b. He feeds the bear.
c. He talks to the bear gently. d. He yells at the bear.
8. How does the bear react when Charles hits its nose with the ladder?
a. It becomes calm. b. It rushes toward the family.
c. It roars in frustration. d. It climbs up the ladder.

9. What does the bear do when it can't reach the family in the loft?
- a. It climbs up the ladder.
 - b. It gives up and leaves.
 - c. It roars in frustration.
 - d. It attacks Lyddie's family.
10. How does Lyddie comfort her mother in the loft?
- a. She tells her to be quiet.
 - b. She holds her firmly.
 - c. She scolds her for screaming.
 - d. She ignores her.
11. What does Lyddie say to reassure her family when the bear rears up on its hind legs?
- a. "It's all right, he's friendly."
 - b. "Don't move, he can't see us."
 - c. "Hush, you'll just make him madder."
 - d. "Run, I'll distract him."
12. What is the bear's initial reaction when it enters the cabin?
- a. It charges at Lyddie's family.
 - b. It calmly observes the family.
 - c. It stands on its hind legs and roars.
 - d. It sniffs the air.
13. What is the bear's size compared to the loft's edge when it rears up?
- a. The bear's nose nearly touches the edge of the loft.
 - b. The bear is shorter than the edge of the loft.
 - c. The bear's head is far above the loft's edge.
 - d. The passage does not provide this information.
14. What does Lyddie use to prevent the bear from climbing into the loft?
- a. A weapon
 - b. A rope
 - c. A ladder
 - d. A net
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