

FAR OUT
CLASSIC STORIES

THE JUGGLE BOOK

A GRAPHIC NOVEL

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INTRODUCING...

THE STRONGMAN

GLEE



THE TIGHTROPE WALKER

JUNO THE
JUGGLER

THE RINGLEADER

in...

One autumn, long ago, a little bear cub searched for a place to hibernate for the winter. He was all on his own.



The next den was taken too.

Sorry!

Yikes!

And the third was too crowded.

Oh, I'm
soooo
tired!

Finally, he found a warm,
dry place to sleep.

All set!
Let's head
south!

Zzzzz!

The little cub stayed
fast asleep all night.



Zzzzz!

The next day, a voice woke him up.



Well, well!
Who are
you?

Where am I?
Maybe if I smile,
they'll like me.



I think
this little cub
is lost.



Awww!
Can he stay
with us?

Only if he
joins the circus by
opening night.

He's such
a happy guy—
let's call him
Glee!



Welcome to
the circus, Glee!
I suppose we'd
better find you
something
to do.

This is much
more fun than
hibernating! I'll
try to stay
awake.

ALL ABOUT THE ORIGINAL STORY!

The Jungle Book is based on *The Jungle Book*, a collection of seven short stories by author Rudyard Kipling. The stories are set in a forest in India long ago. The main character is Mowgli, a young orphan boy who is raised by jungle animals. Mowgli's closest friends are Baloo the bear and Bagheera the black panther. They teach Mowgli how to survive in the jungle and overcome his enemies. One story tells how Mowgli defeats Shere Khan, a mean tiger who hates humans, with fire. In another, he escapes Shere Khan's claws thanks to a stampeding herd of buffalo. And after Baloo and Bagheera rescue Mowgli from a band of monkeys, he frees them from a spell cast by a python named Kaa.

Other stories from *The Jungle Book* are just as memorable. There's the tale of Rikki-Tikki-Tavi, a brave mongoose who saves his human family from two deadly cobra attacks. Kotick, a seal with unusual white fur, helps his pod escape from human hunters. And a young boy named Toomai is rewarded for his kindness to elephants. He is allowed to see them dance—something no human had ever seen before.

As endearing as these characters were, none was as beloved as Mowgli. In fact, Kipling wrote five more stories about him in *The Second Jungle Book*. Like all of Kipling's tales about the young boy raised by animals, they are packed with exciting adventures and share valuable lessons about discovering your place in the world.

A FAR OUT GUIDE TO THE STORY'S SHOW-STOPPING TWISTS



The orphan boy in the original tale is named Mowgli. In this version, the main character is a lonely little bear cub named Glee.



The Jungle Book takes place long ago in a forest in India. *The Juggle Book* is set in a traveling circus.



Mowgli's best friends are a bear and a panther. Glee's best friends are the strongman and a tightrope walker.



A mean tiger wants Mowgli to leave the jungle forever. A juggler named Juno doesn't want Glee to be in her act (but she changes her mind).

VISUAL QUESTIONS

Glee struggles to find a safe place to hibernate in the beginning. Finally, he thinks he has found a good place to sleep. Can you see any clues that his newfound den is actually a train car?

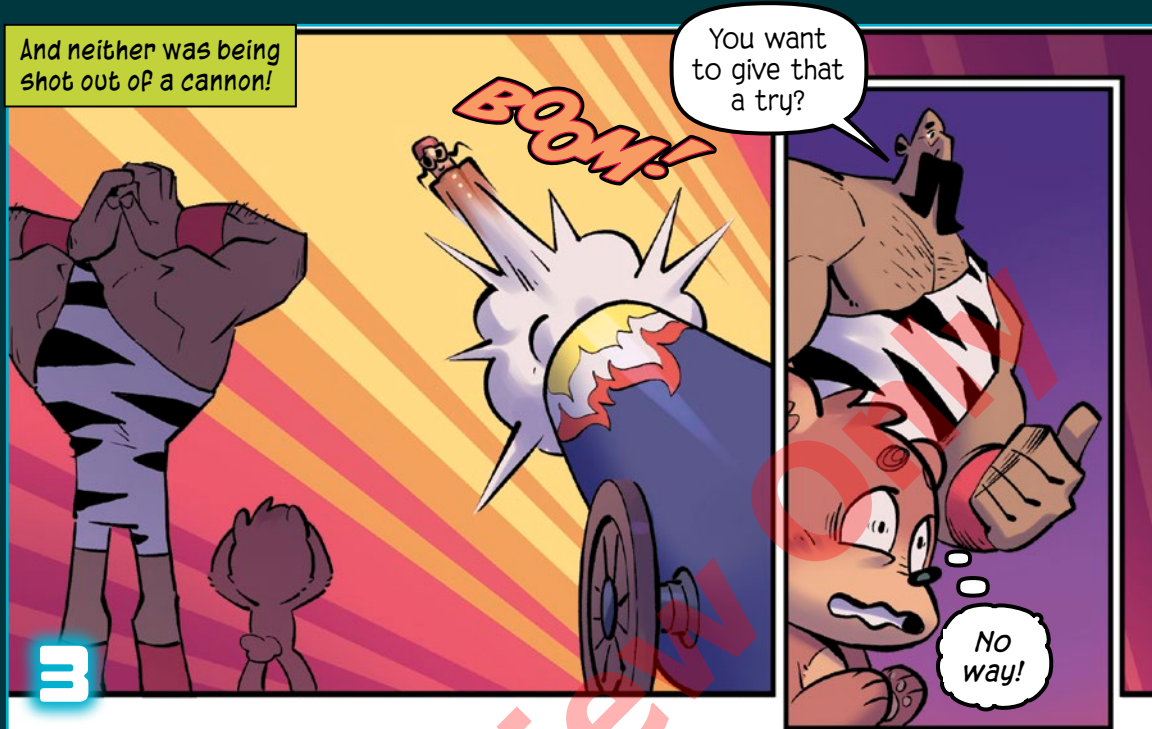


Illustrations can give hints about what might happen next in a story. Given the way this panel is drawn, what act do you think the performers will have Glee try next?



Illustrations can give readers clues about how a character is feeling. Glee can't speak, but how might the strongman be able to tell that Glee does NOT want to try being shot out of a cannon?

And neither was being shot out of a cannon!



Eventually, Juno agrees to include Glee in her juggling act. What events led up to her changing her mind? What visual cues in the story let you know she is changing her mind?

