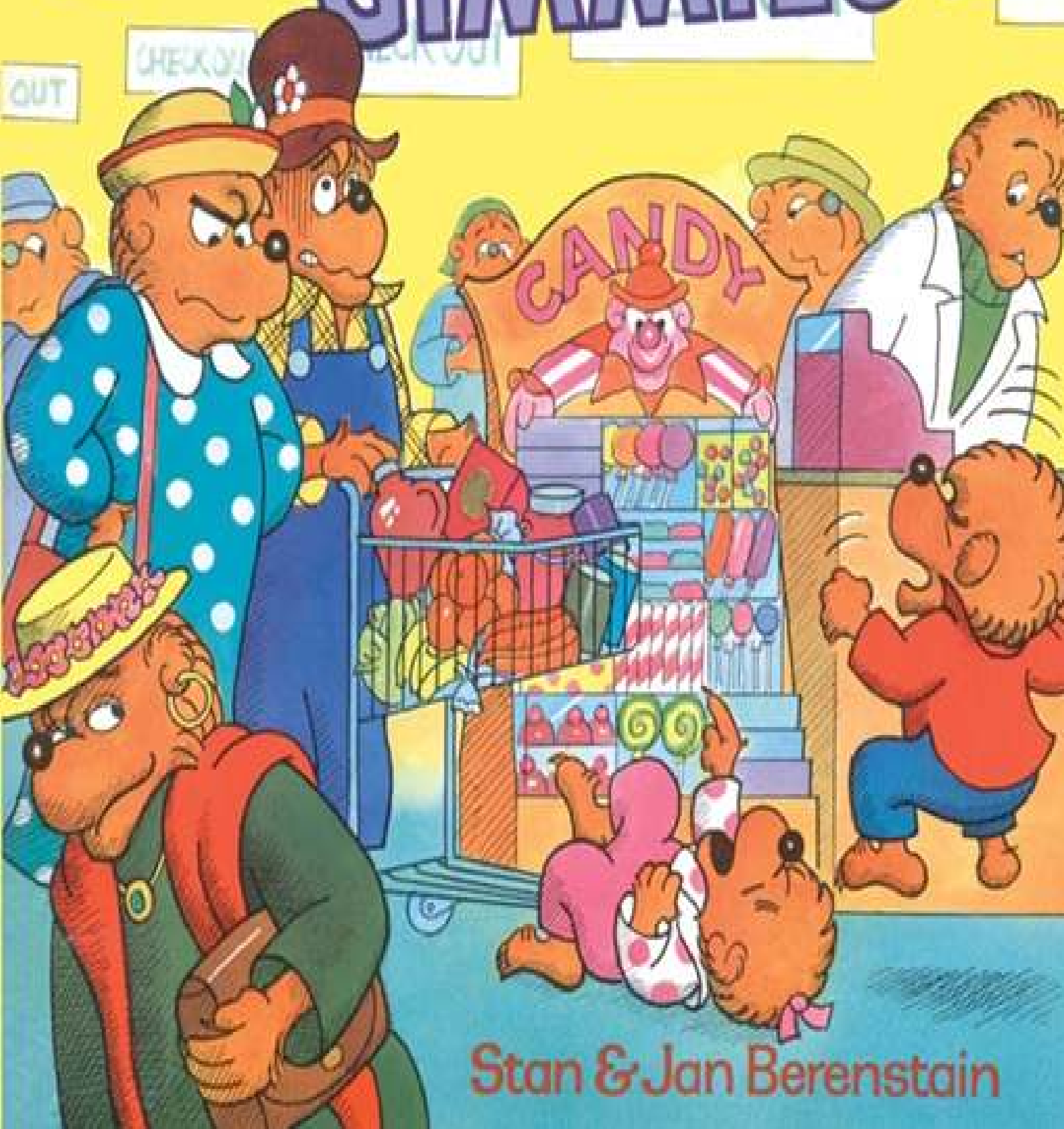


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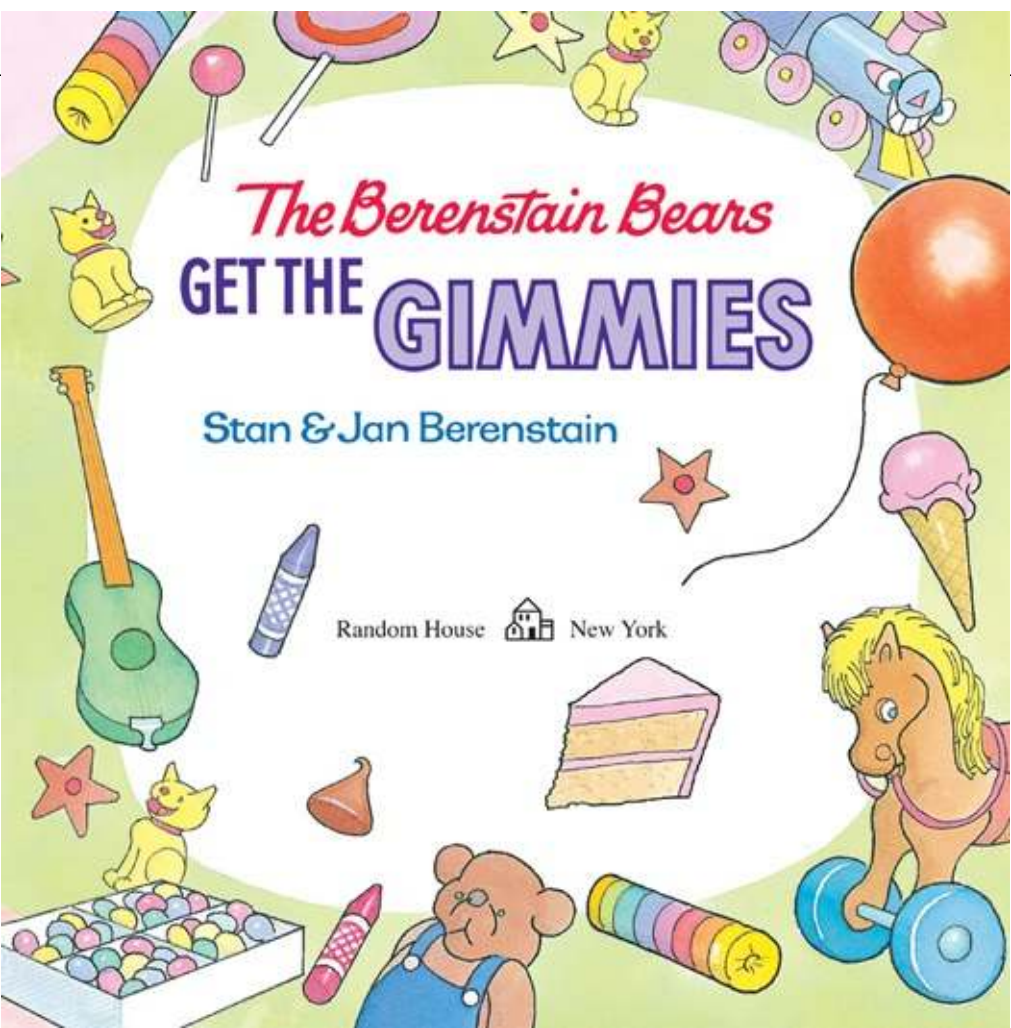


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When a cub's behavior
takes a turn for the worst,
it's hard for parents
to know what to do first.





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Of course, the members of the Bear family, who lived in the big tree house down a sunny dirt road in Bear Country, loved each other. They loved each other very much. Brother and Sister Bear loved their mama and papa. Naturally, Mama and Papa Bear loved their cub and, of course, they were nice to them—as nice as they could be.



But sometimes, sometimes they were a little too nice. Sometimes the cubs got too many treats, too many toys, and too many rides on the Bucking Duck at the mall.



Maybe that's why Brother and Sister Bear got the gimmies.



Or maybe it was because there were treats, toys, and fun things to do wherever they looked



—at the supermarket, at the mall, on TV, and just about every which-where.



Maybe that was why they began making a fuss to get what they wanted—especially at the supermarket checkout, where there were always stacks and stacks of candy and other goodies.



“Now, cubs,” Mama Bear said as the family got into the checkout line and she saw that o
gimmie gleam in their eyes, “we can’t have a big fuss every time we pass candy. I simp
won’t stand for it.”



“But, Mama,” whined Sister. “They have Gummy Gumballs! My favorite!”

“And Chewy Chompers! My favorite!” whined Brother.

“Now, hush!” said Mama. “I simply won’t listen to another word ...”



That's when Papa Bear smiled and said, "Now, Mama, you're only young once," and handed the cubs their favorite treats.



“It’s only too true,” said Mama as they were leaving the supermarket, “that you’re on your young once. But that’s all the more reason to learn proper behavior while you’re still young and I certainly think—”



“Look! Look!” shouted Sister. “A new ride!”

“Hey, a Bucking Frog!” shouted Brother. “That looks even better than the Bucking Duck. May we ride it, please? May we? May we? Please!”



Now, Papa had just bought them treats, and he thought that was enough for one day. But the cubs made such a fuss that he sighed, dug into his pocket, and put some money in the slot.



Papa looked at Mama and shrugged. "Cubs will be cubs," he said.



“It may be true that cubs will be cubs,” said Mama as they walked across the parking lot to their car. “But that’s no excuse for jumping up and down and making a scene every time they see something they want—”



“Look! Look!” shouted the cubs once again. “Little rubber cats that stick out their tongue
when you squeeze them!”



“Cubs,” said Mama, “that will be quite enough! I don’t want to hear another word ...”



“Oh please!” they shouted. “May we have them? Please! Please! Please!”

Papa decided it was time to put a stop to all the fussing.



“Stop that fussing!” he said in his loudest Papa Bear voice. But they were making such commotion they didn’t even hear him. Sister was jumping up and down so hard that she fell over backward and started kicking her feet in the air.



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