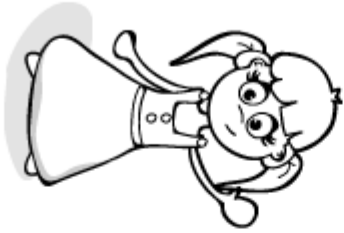


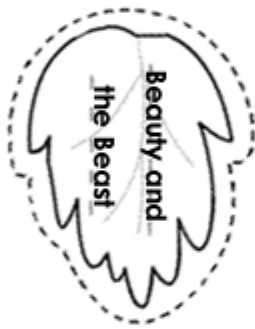


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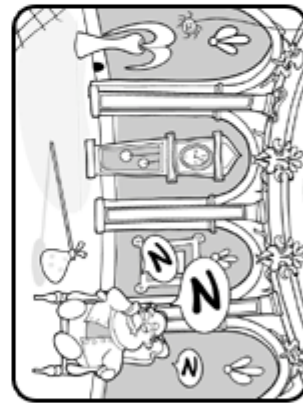
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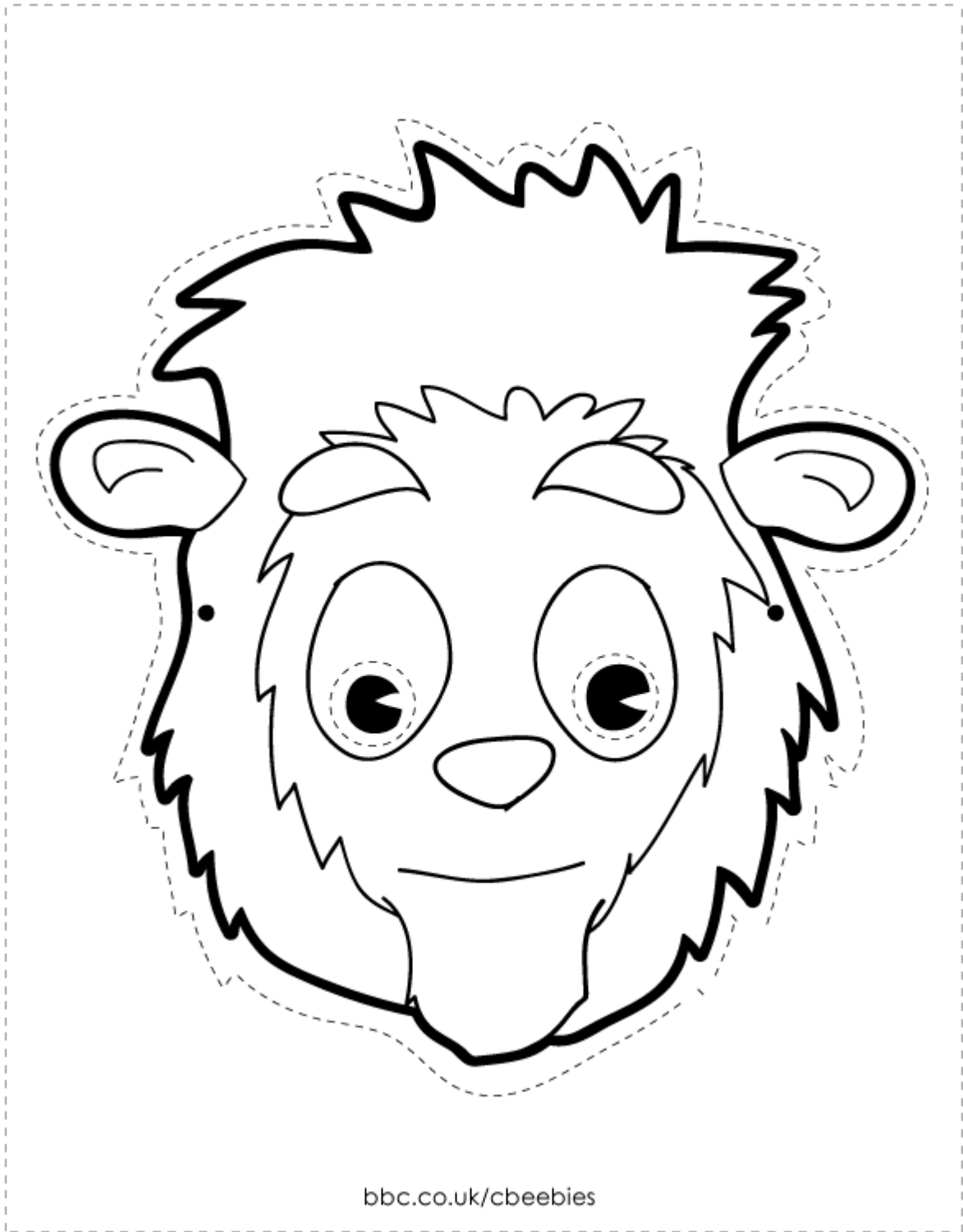


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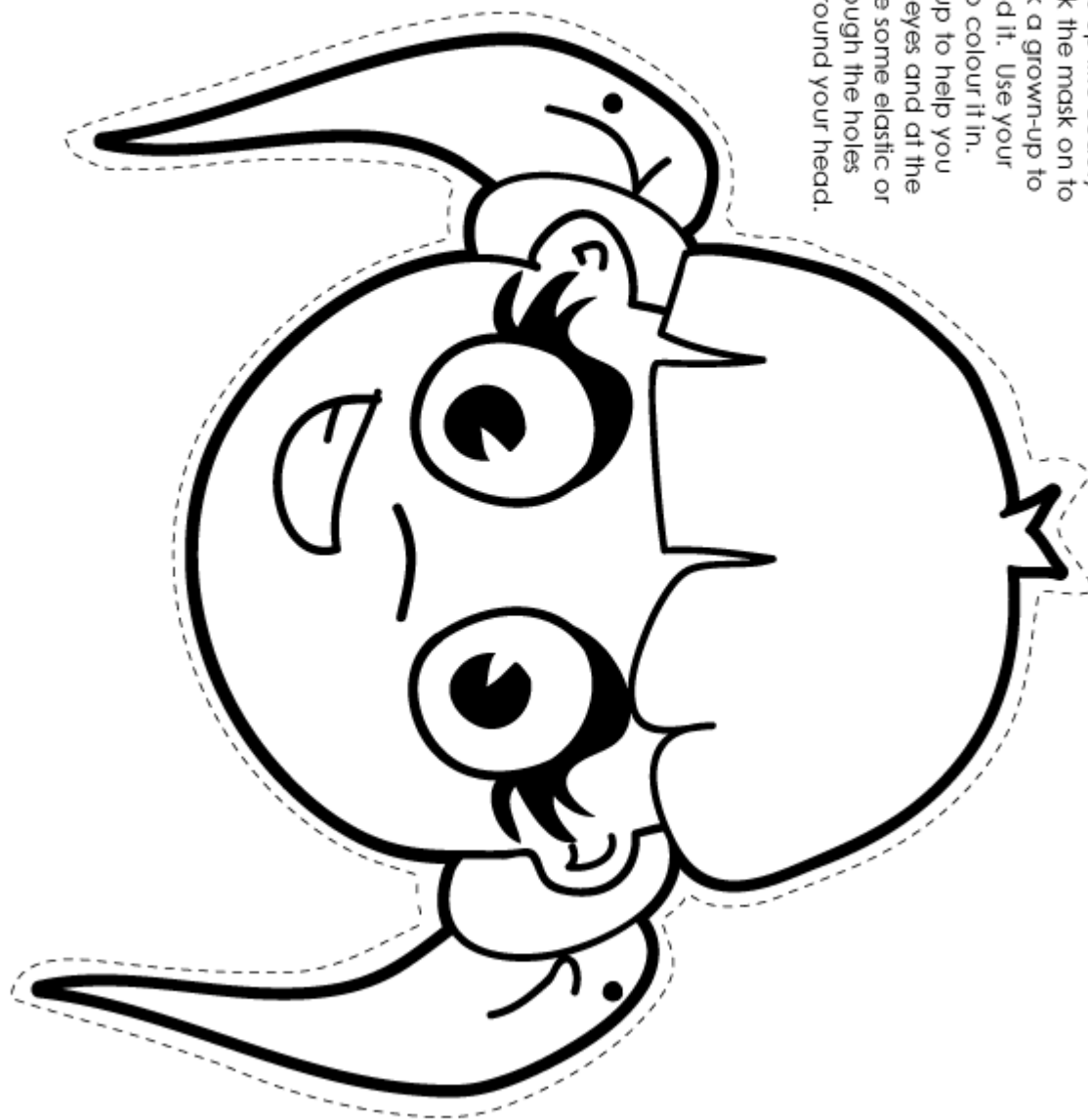
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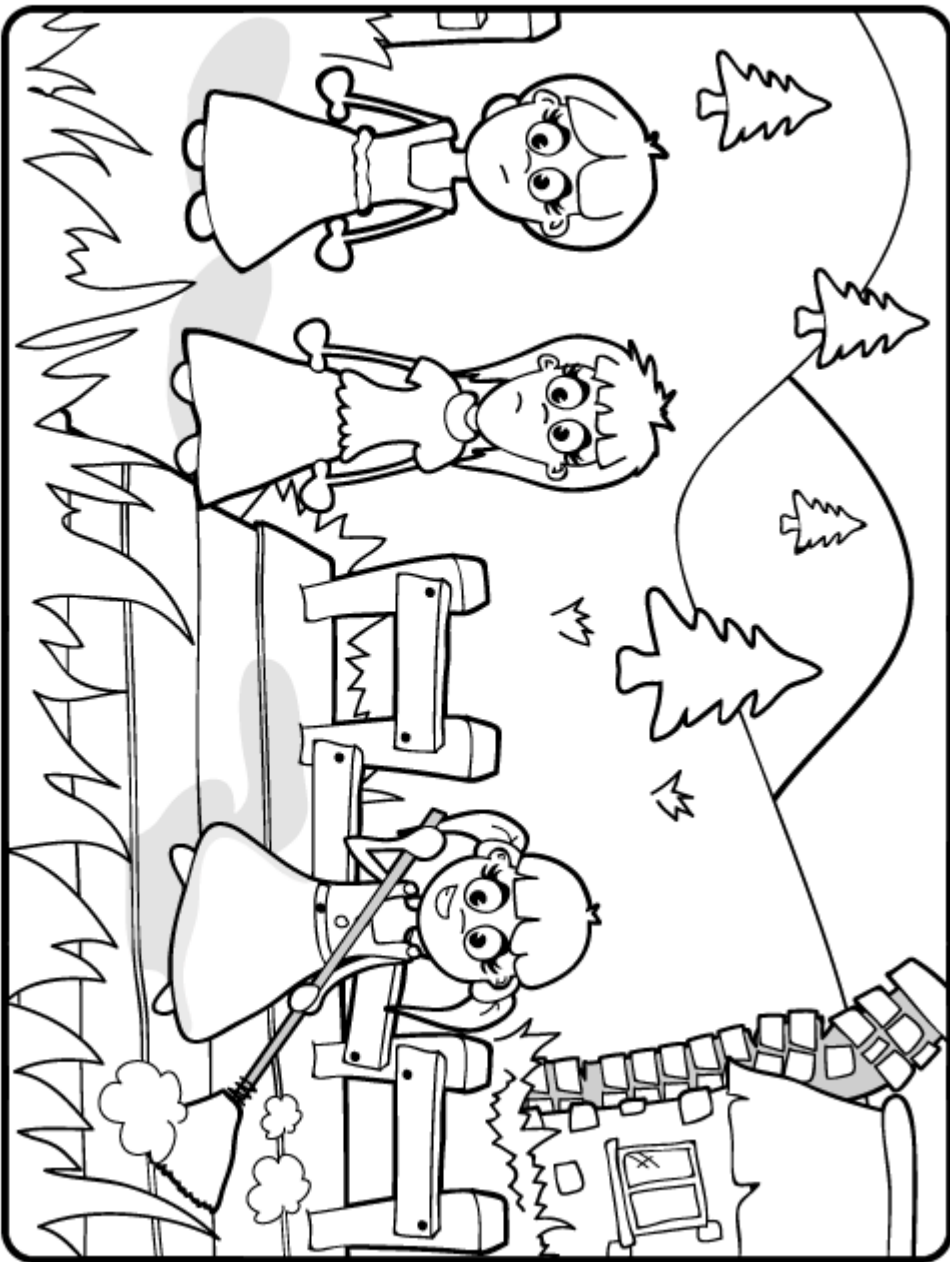
Why don't you dress up like Beauty and the Beast? Stick the mask on to cardboard and ask a grown-up to help you cut around it. Use your colouring pencils to colour it in. Now ask a grown-up to help you make holes for the eyes and at the sides as shown. Use some elastic or string to thread through the holes and tie the mask around your head.



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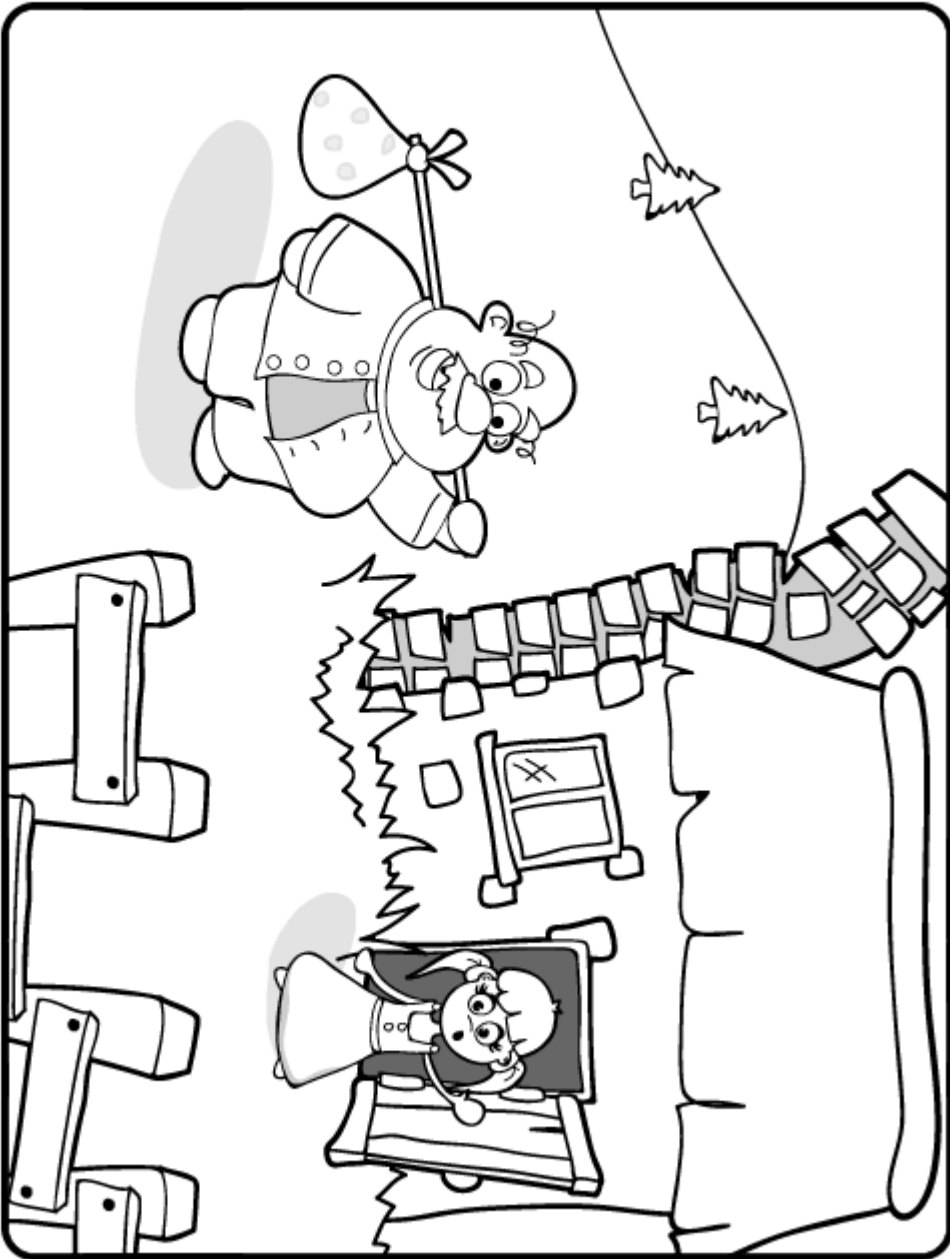
Once upon a time, there lived a merchant who had three daughters. The youngest was the most kind, clever and pretty of the three sisters. Her name was Beauty. The family lived in the country, but had only a little money. Beauty's sisters were always moaning about how poor they were, but Beauty did not once complain.



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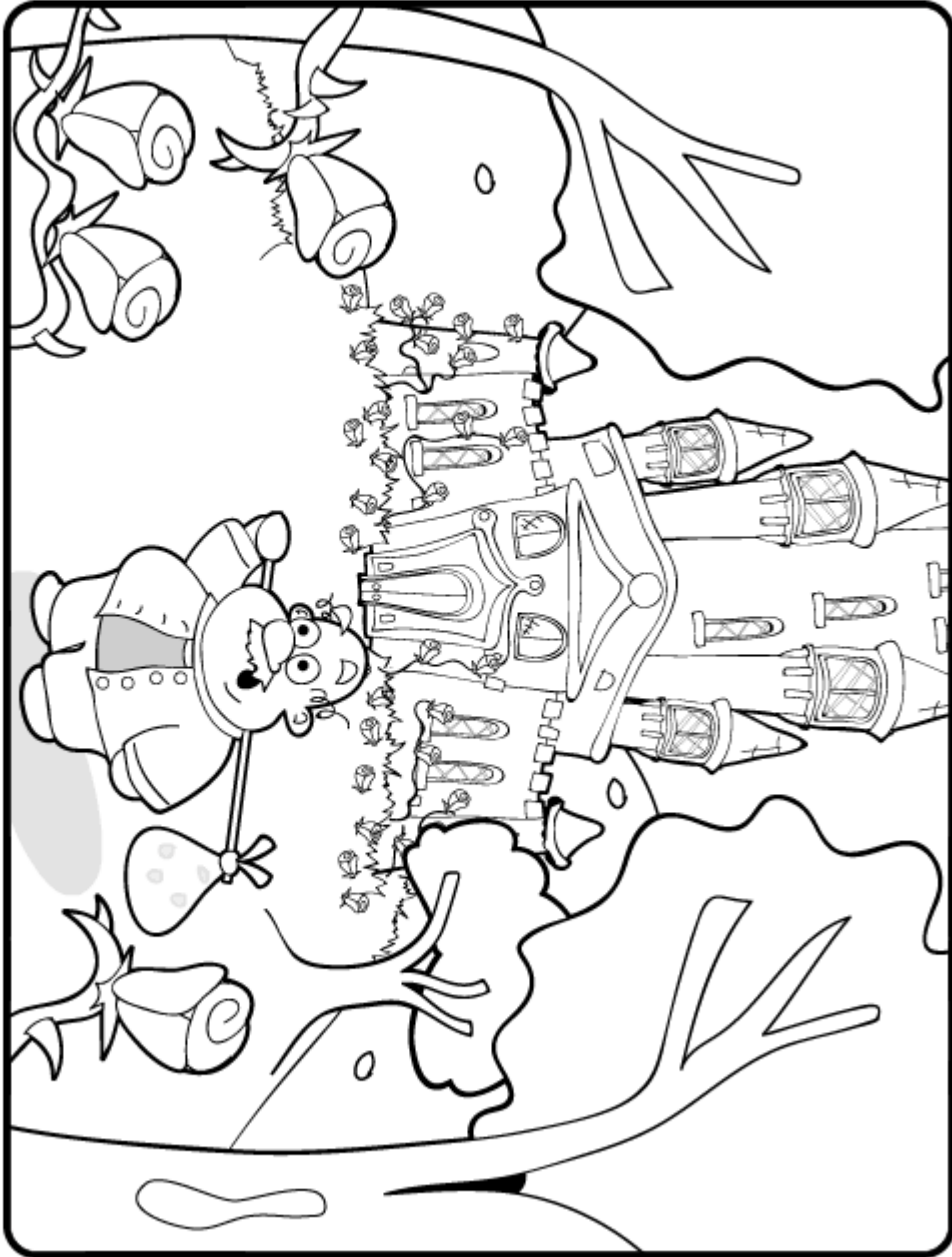
One day, before going to market, the merchant asked each of his daughters what they wanted him to buy. The first said a fine dress, the second asked for a pearl necklace. "All I will ask for," said Beauty, "is your safe return and one pink rose."



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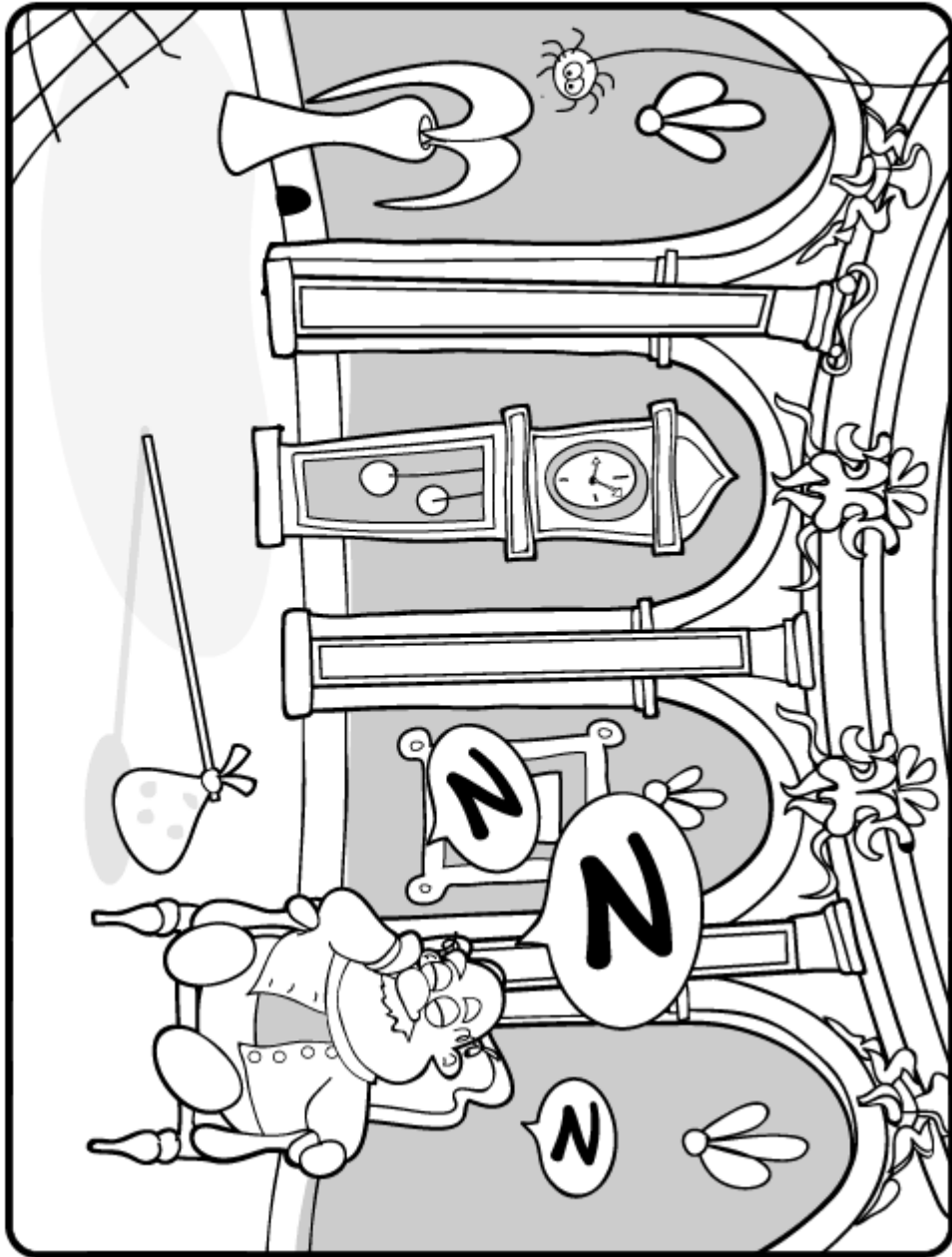
But the merchant could not sell anything at the market and came home as poor as before, without any presents for his daughters. On his way back to the cottage, he got lost in a dark forest and was terribly frightened. All of a sudden, he came across a large castle that was surrounded by flowers.



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The merchant entered the castle, but found no one at home. He waited for the master for hours, but at last he was so tired that he fell fast asleep.



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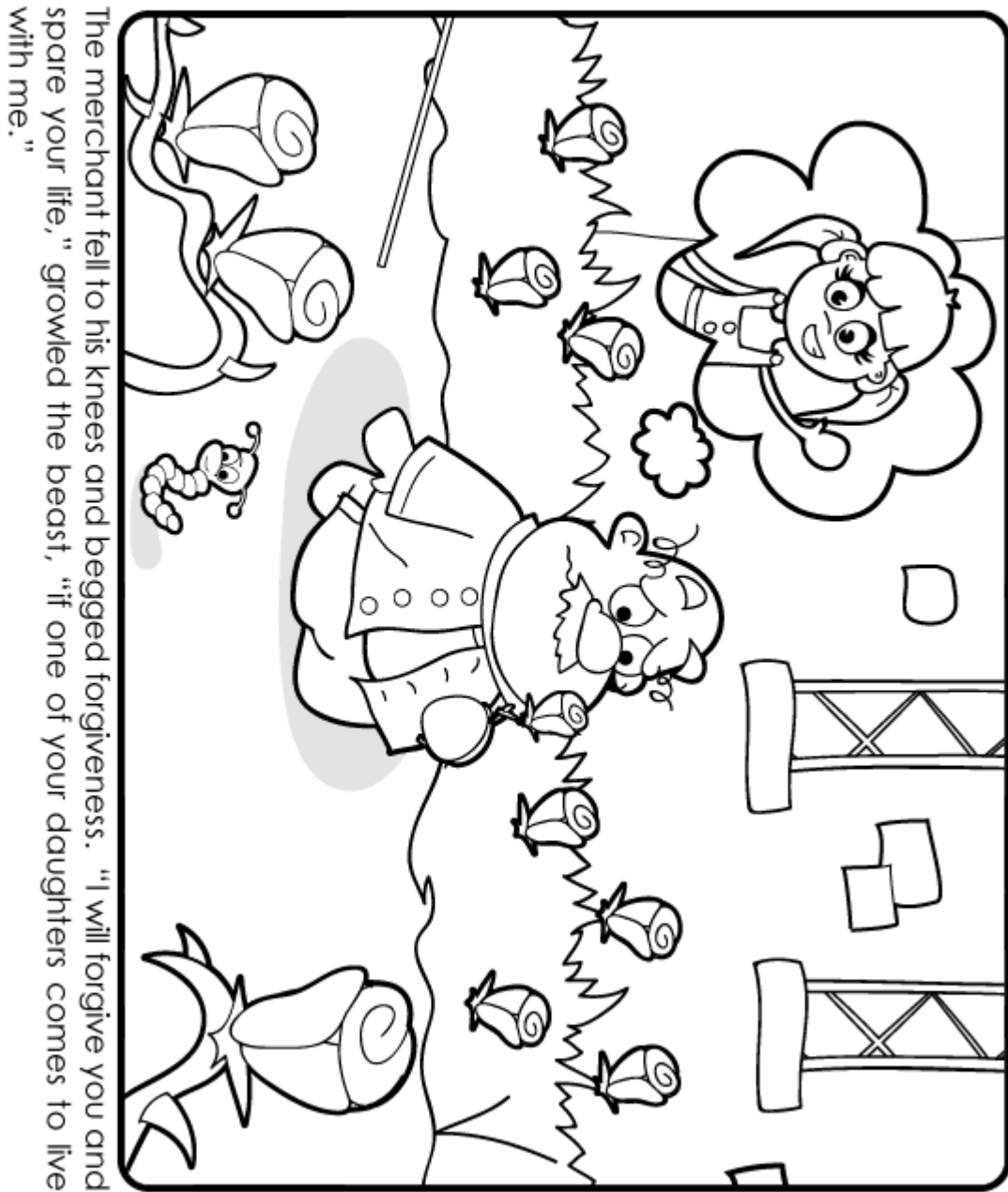
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In the morning the merchant went to leave, but as he did, he remembered his promise to Beauty and picked a lovely pink rose from the garden. As he picked the rose a frightful looking beast appeared.



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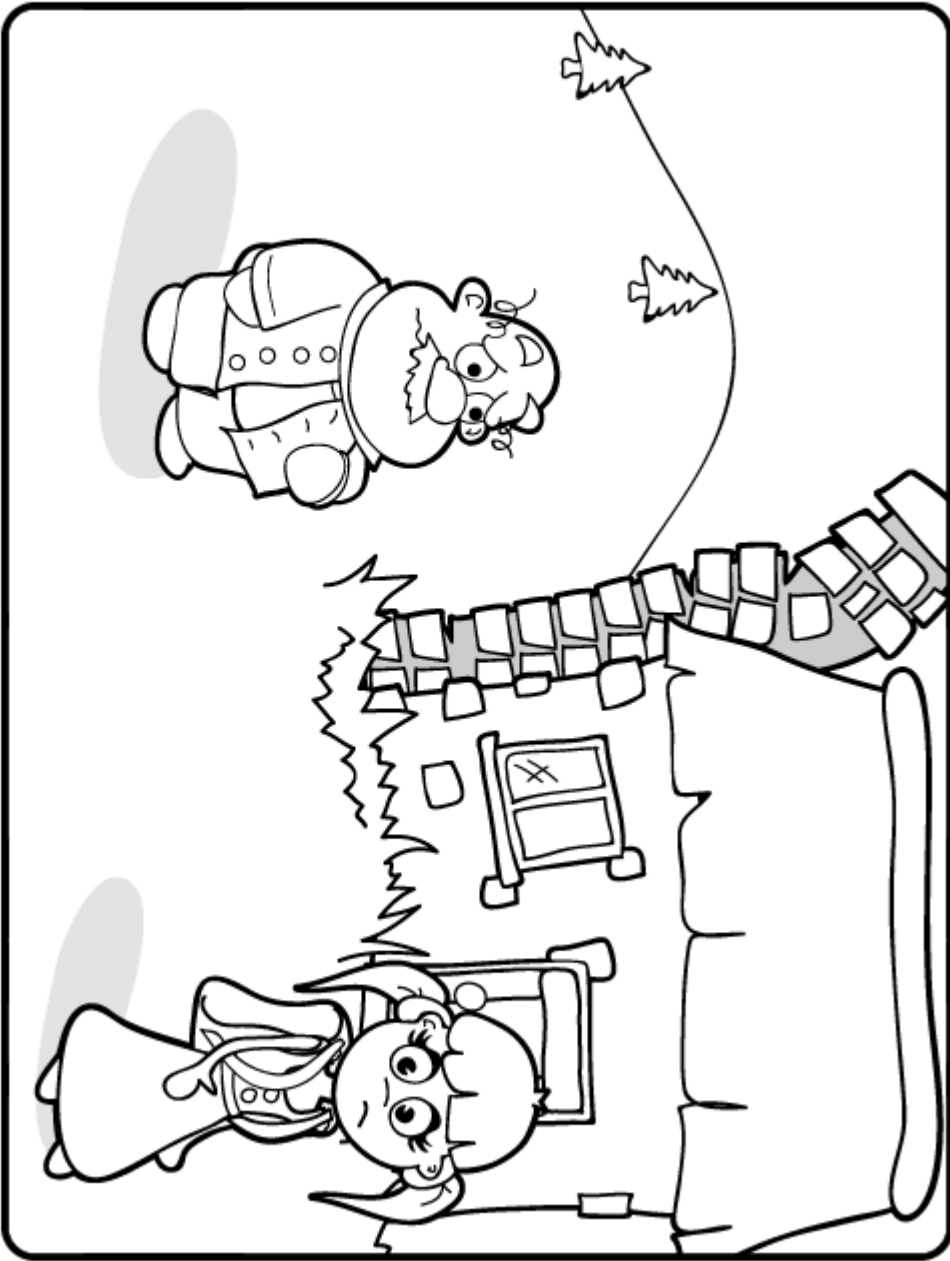
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The merchant fell to his knees and begged forgiveness. "I will forgive you and spare your life," growled the beast, "if one of your daughters comes to live with me."

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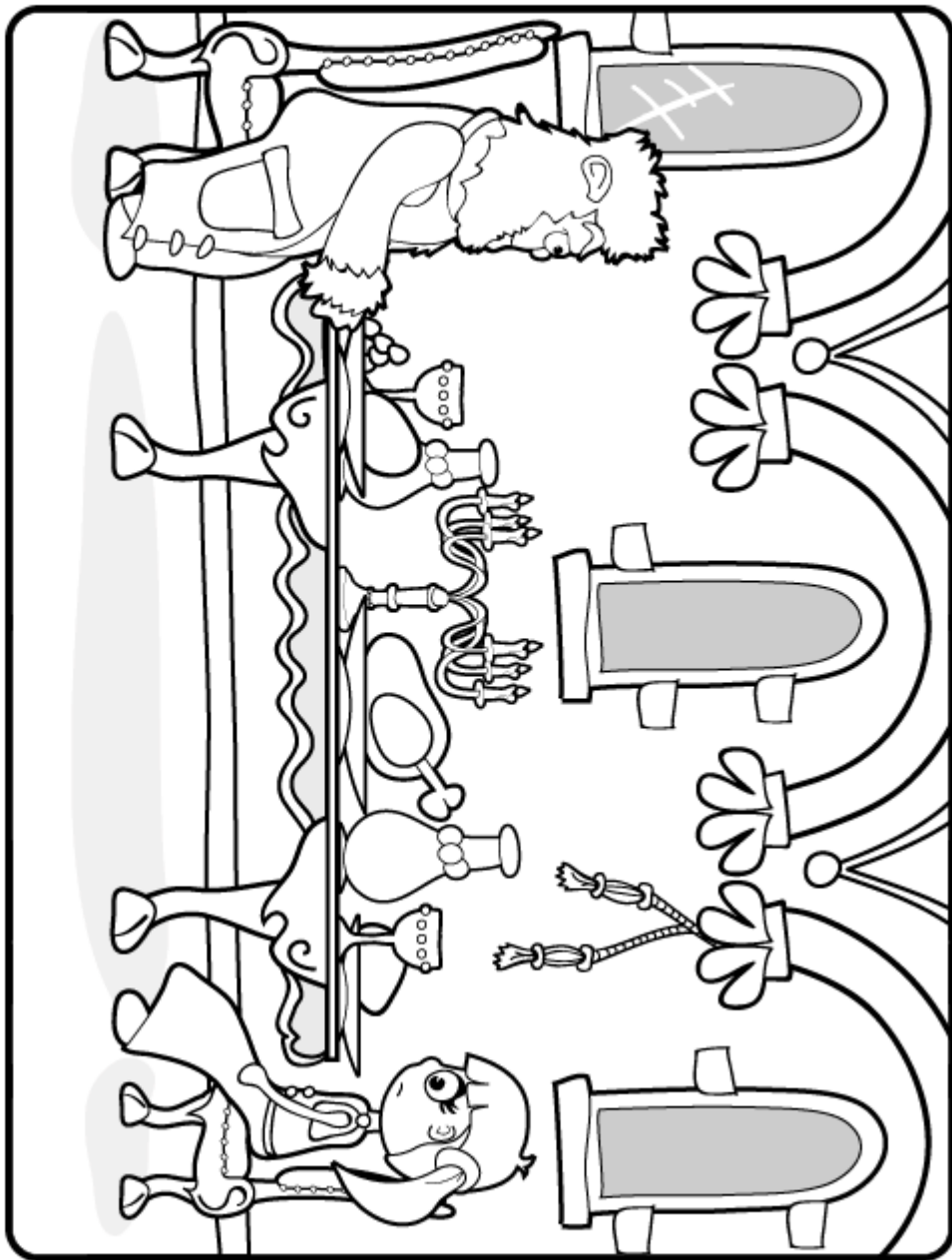
When the merchant arrived home, he told his daughters his unhappy tale. But Beauty was happy to save her father's life and agreed to go to the castle to live with the beast where she lived for many months.



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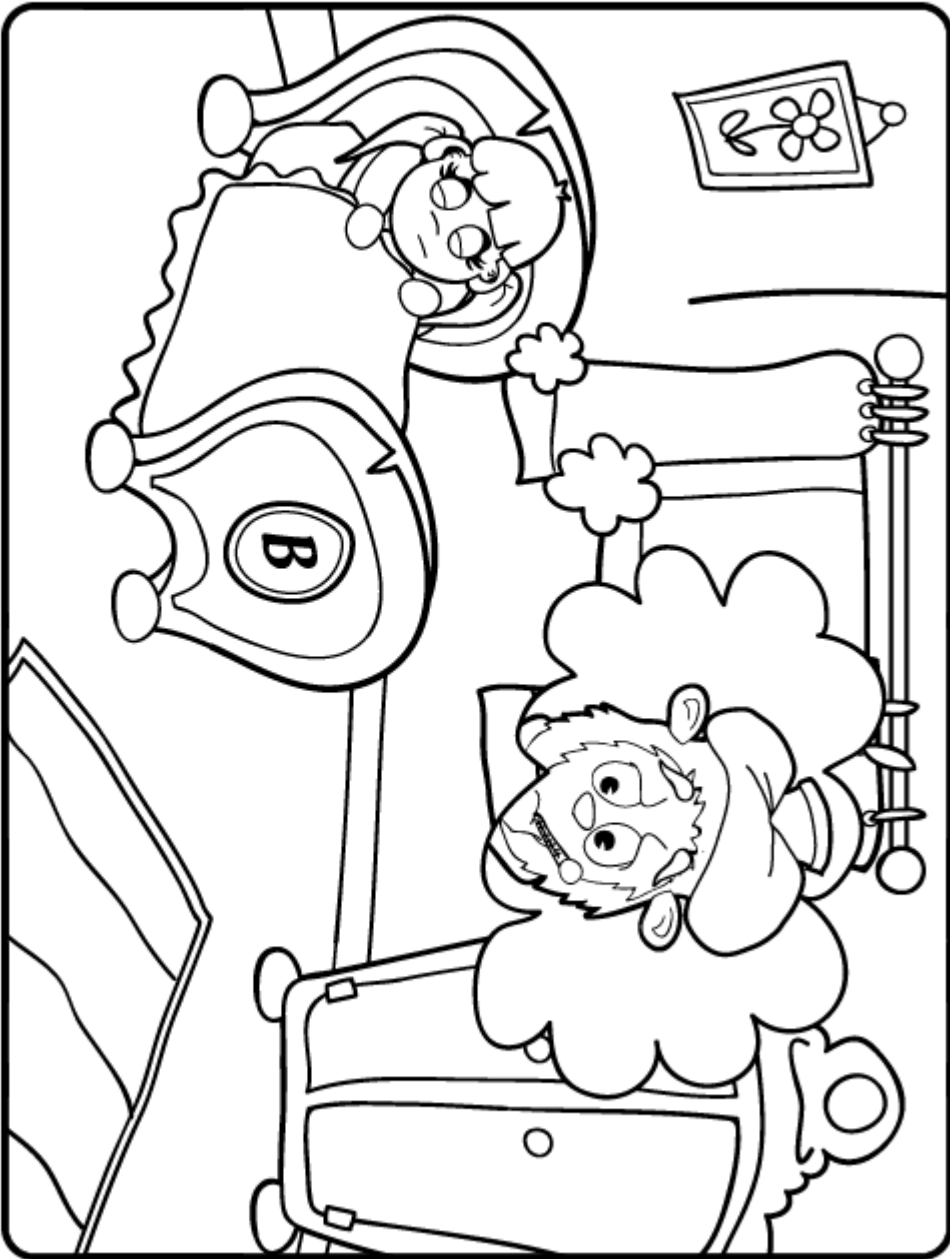
Every evening the beast came to visit her and each time he asked her to marry him. But although Beauty came to like him, she did not want to marry him. She became very homesick and begged her to let her visit her father. The beast agreed, as long as she returned after seven days.



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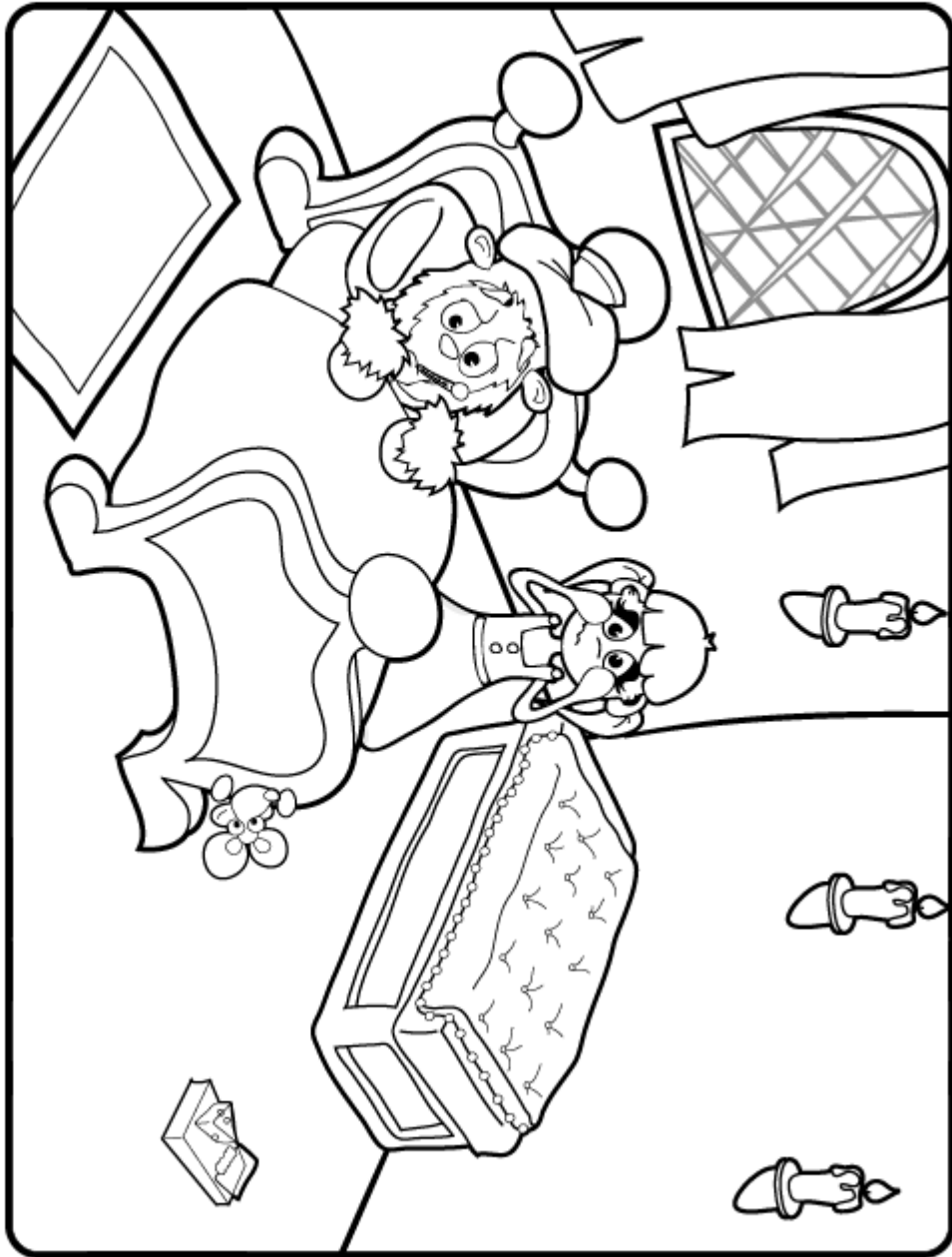
At home, her father was so pleased to see her that she did not want to leave and stayed for longer than she had promised. One night she had a strange dream that the beast was ill and she knew that she must return to the castle at once.



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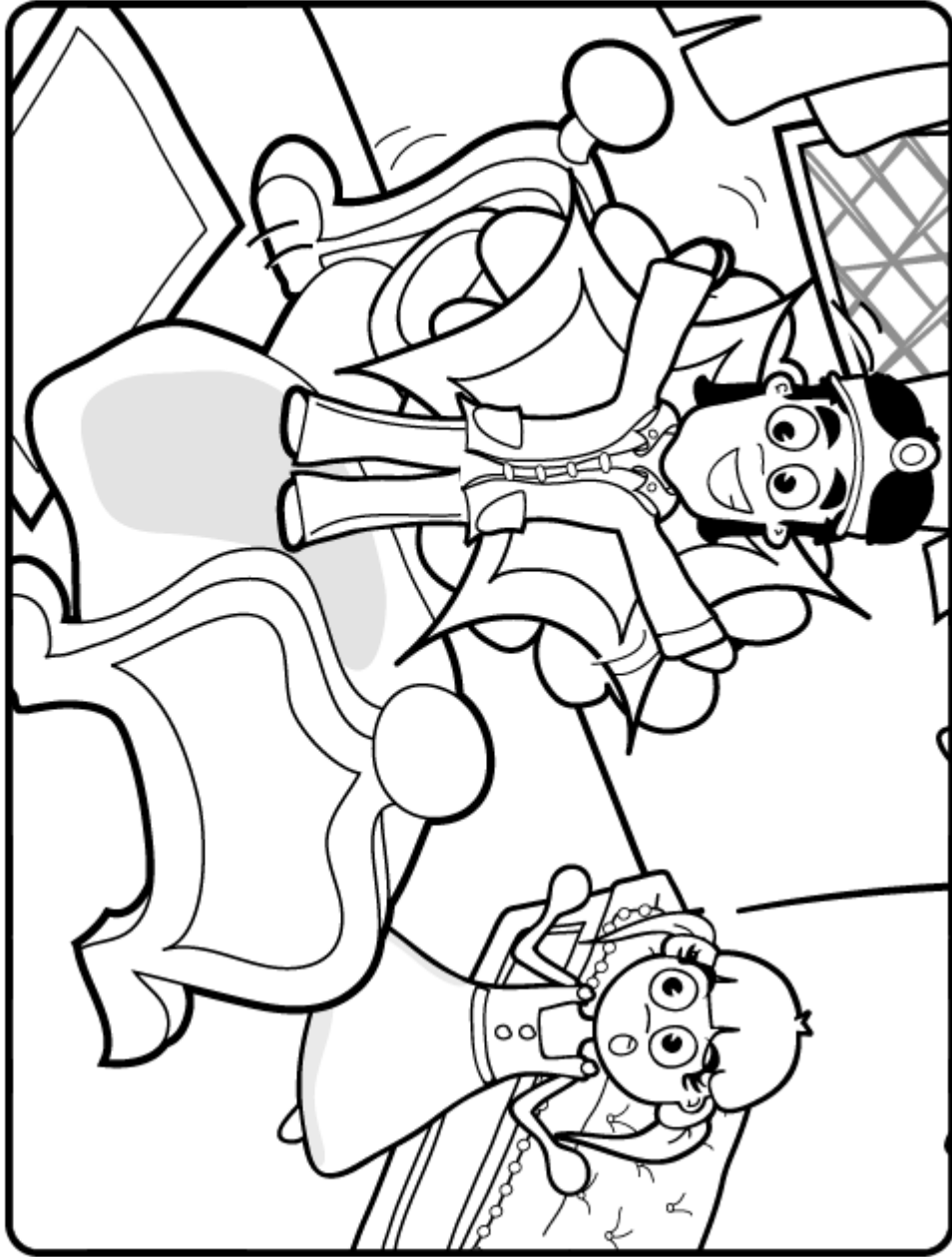
When she returned to the castle, Beauty found the beast dying because he was so lonely without her. "If only you would stay alive long enough to be my husband," wished Beauty, who realised how much she loved him.



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As she made her wish, the beast suddenly turned into a handsome prince.



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He told her of the spell a wicked fairy had cast upon him. He was set free because Beauty loved him for his goodness. Beauty and the beast were married at once and lived happily ever after in the castle together. The End.



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