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Illustrate a Story

Here's your chance to bring out the artist in you!

- 1 Print this PDF file.
- 2 Read the story on the following pages.
- 3 Draw the pictures that YOU think best fit the story.
(don't forget to do a picture of yourself on the last page)
- 4 Make a book to complete your great work!



How to make a book

Here is one of many different ways to make a book.



- Stack all the pages (face up) and line up the edges.
- Punch holes along the left edge of the pages.
- Lace the pages together with yarn, ribbon or a string.
- Tie the end into a knot or bow.
- That's it!

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The Last Panda

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I**N** the shrinking bamboo forest of mountainous China, a pregnant Panda bear moved slowly in circles. The warmer weather and blue skies signaled that the time was approaching. The birth happened quickly and without difficulty.

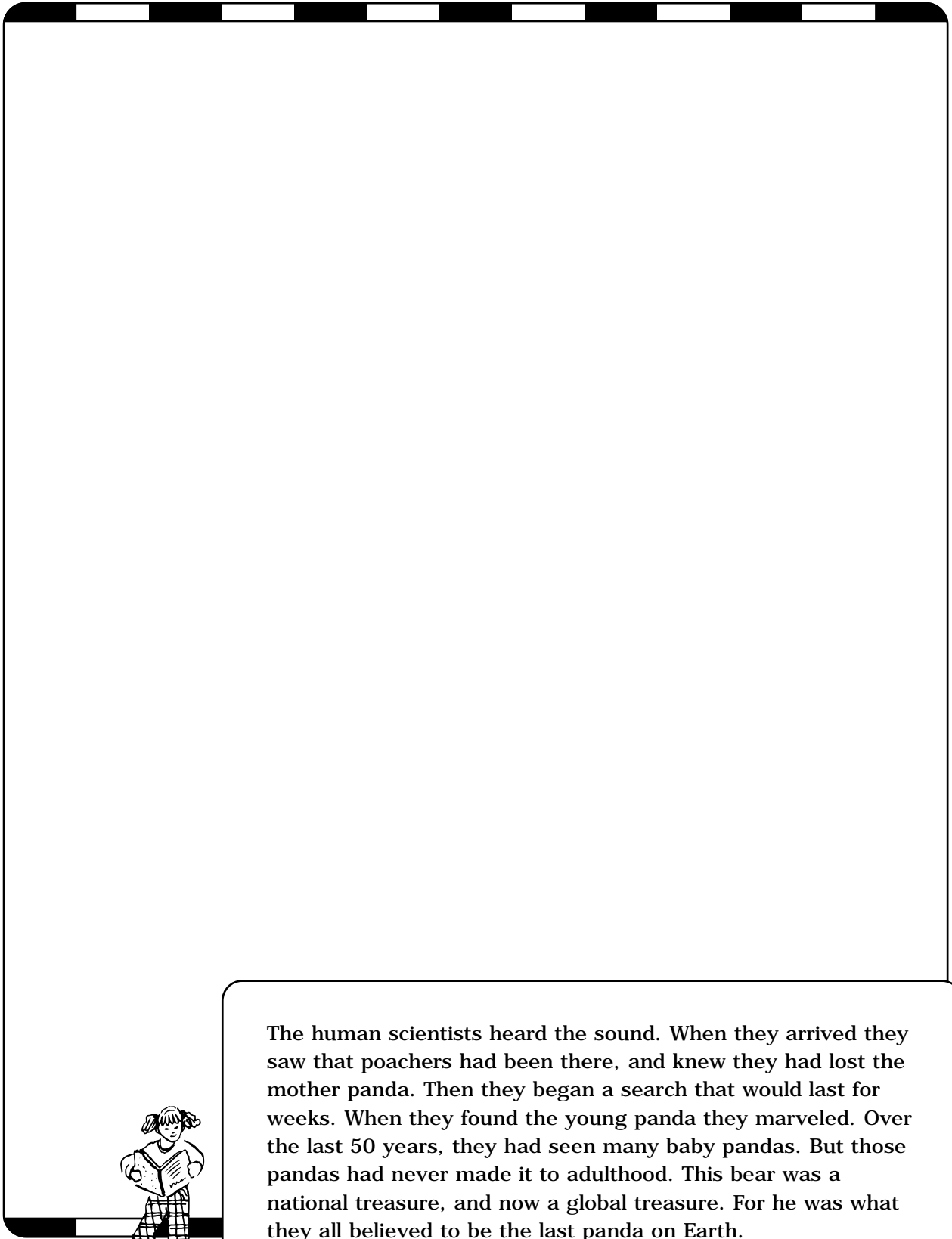




The tiny pink panda squeaked a greeting to his mother. She constructed an excellent hiding place for her little one, because she was nervous about all the humans intruding into the wild that had always been the panda bears' home. Her mate had trusted the humans, had even ventured onto a farm to gather something new to eat. But poachers caught him. She heard rumors that some humans took care of the panda bears they caught, but her experience had never confirmed this.

As the months went by, her baby gained the familiar black-and-white coloring of adult pandas, and he rolled around, making her laugh. The day came when it was time for her to go, leaving her baby on his own. Food was getting scarcer and scarcer. They would do better apart. They rolled together for a moment, and then she nuzzled him good-bye. She watched him wander off, but her guard was down. A group of humans threw a net over her and carried her off. She let out a loud noise.





The human scientists heard the sound. When they arrived they saw that poachers had been there, and knew they had lost the mother panda. Then they began a search that would last for weeks. When they found the young panda they marveled. Over the last 50 years, they had seen many baby pandas. But those pandas had never made it to adulthood. This bear was a national treasure, and now a global treasure. For he was what they all believed to be the last panda on Earth.

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