

Big Bad Wolf and The Masquerade Ball

By David Sherrin | Illustrated by Martín Morón

READING GUIDE

About the Book

In this new fairy tale mash-up from author David Sherrin, Big Bad Wolf helps the prince find the courage to embrace his inner self.

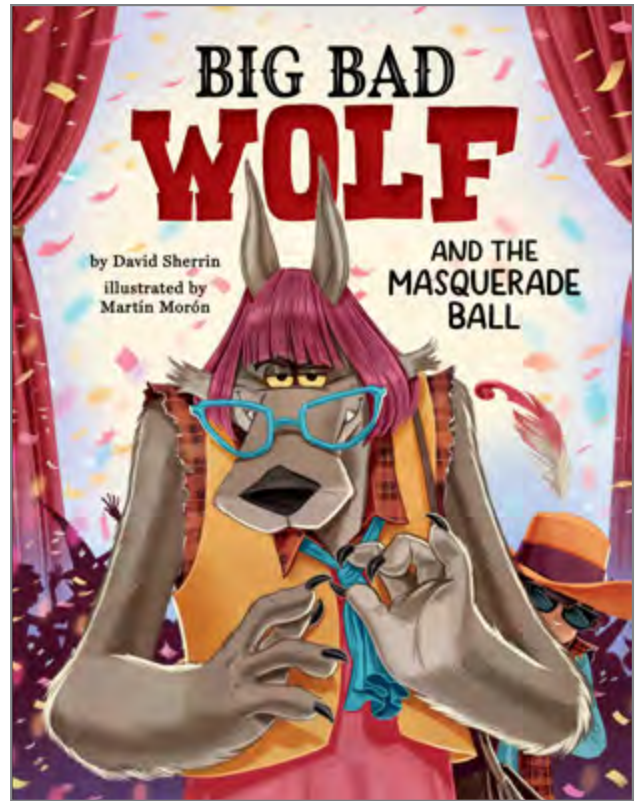
Everyone in town was buzzing with anticipation for the royal masquerade ball—except Wolf. He doesn't like treats, or costumes, or parties. He would rather crash the party and ruin it. Wolf disguises himself and goes to the ball, but before he can reveal himself and scare everyone, he meets the prince.

The prince is tired of royal life. He's not allowed to dance, eat dessert, or even dress up for his own costume party! He is supposed to be good all the time. What a nightmare!

Wolf abandons his plan to scare everyone and instead helps the prince disguise himself as a normal boy, and that's when they have some real fun together. Pulling pranks and eating plenty of treats, the prince can finally be himself without the pressure to be perfect. Turns out that a big bad wolf is just the friend the prince needed.

David Sherrin is a national-award-winning teacher at Scarsdale High School in Scarsdale, New York. His debut picture book, *Big Bad Wolf's Yom Kippur*, had featured reviews in Kirkus, Jewish Books for Kids, and the Jewish Book Council. He is also the author of several books about teaching history including *The Classes They Remember: Using Role-Plays to Bring Social Studies and English to Life*. David lives in Tarrytown, New York.

Martín Morón is the illustrator of more than fifty books for children including *Big Bad Wolf's Yom Kippur*, *The Baddest Wolf of All*, and *Surfing Past Fears*. He is the author and illustrator of many books as well, including *Un Señor de Negocios*, published in Spanish. He studied at the School of Visual Arts in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he lives.



Key Themes:

Being your truest self, Friendship, Importance of fun, Purim

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Ages 4–7 years

Use these questions to preface and conclude a reading of this book with children. Encourage them to share their observations as you read the book together, and take time to linger on pages or spreads that generate more discussion.

Before Reading

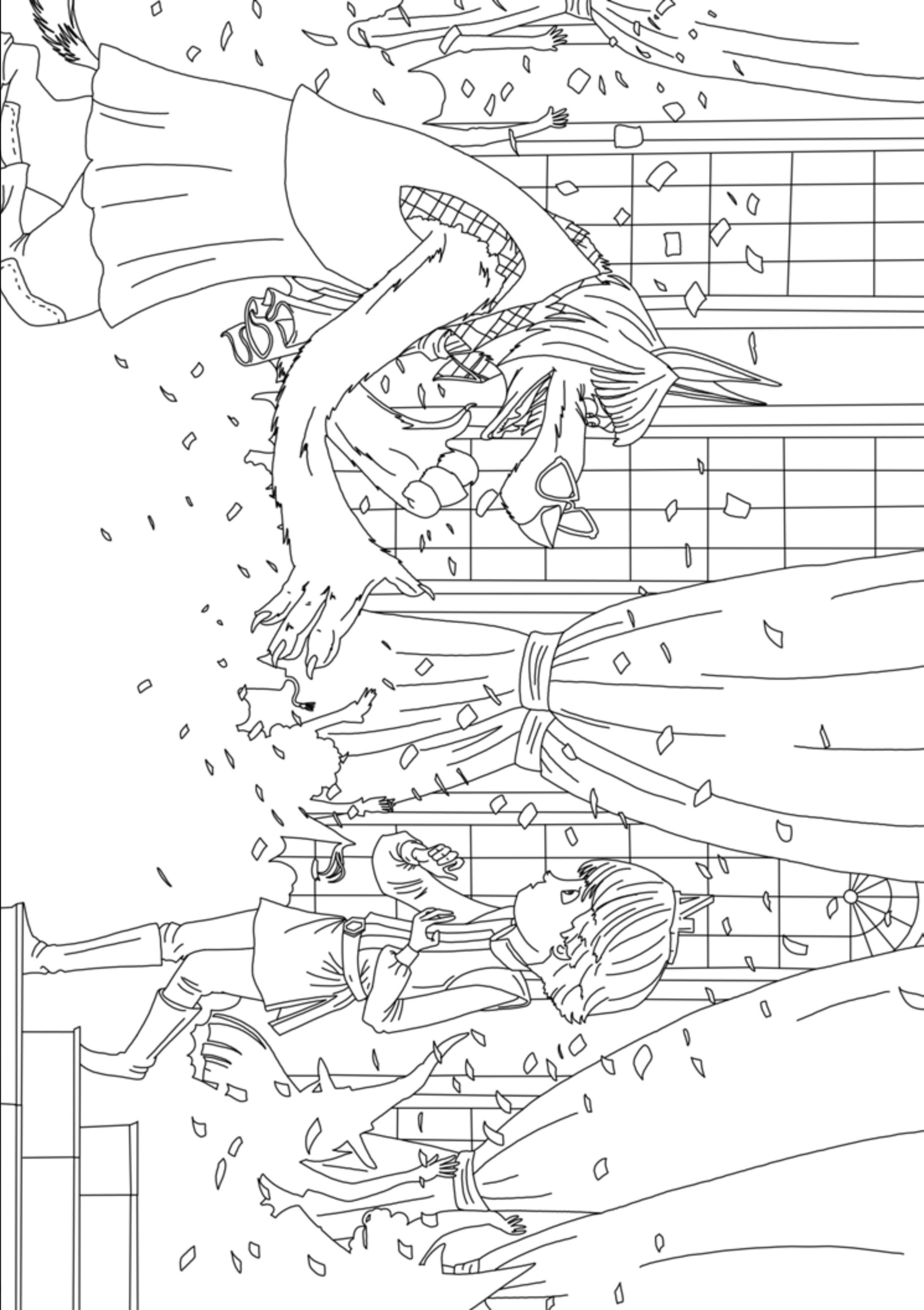
- Have you read Big Bad Wolf's Yom Kippur or Baddest Wolf of All? (the other books in this series). If so, what happens to Big Bad Wolf in those stories?
- A masquerade ball is a costume party. Which fairy tale character do you think Big Bad Wolf might meet at a big party? Keep your eye out for any famous fairy tale characters in the story.
- What costume would you wear to a masquerade ball?
- This story connects to the Jewish holiday of Purim. If you know anything about that holiday, see if you can find images that relate to Purim as you're reading.

After Reading

- Big Bad Wolf doesn't like to help people. So why do you think he decided to help the prince?
- A fractured fairy tale is when an author changes a traditional fairy tale. How does the author play around with and change the stories of Big Bad Wolf and Cinderella?
- What is one illustration you really loved in the book? Why?
- Why was Big Bad Wolf the perfect character to save the day in this story? Does he ever become "good" in this book? Why or why not?

Optional: Extension Activity

- Imagine next adventure that Big Bad Wolf and the prince have together. Write it down or act it out!





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Character Cut Outs

