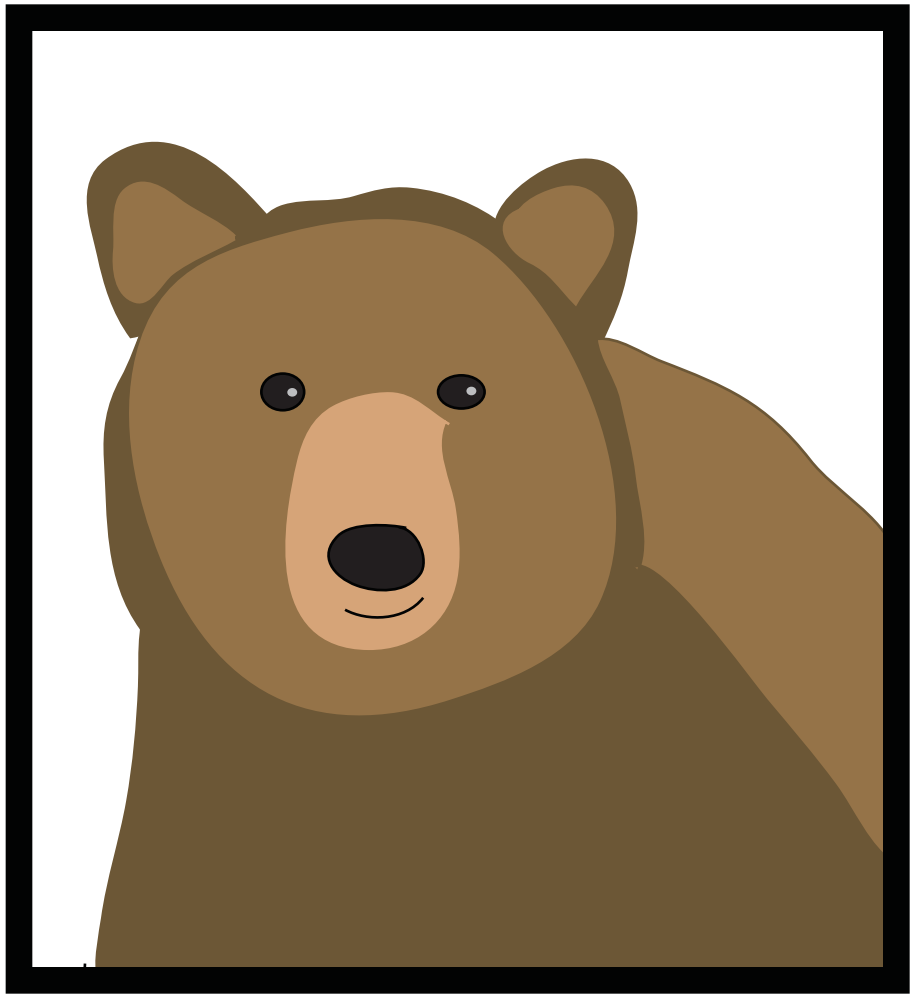

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"Hey, my best friend is a human," said Greg the Grizzly Bear, as he happily smacked on fresh salmon.

"What are you talking about?" asked Barry the Grizzly Bear. "Humans don't even like bears."

"Well, my human loves me," said Greg. "He feeds me fish and bread. He talks to me and he plays with me."

Barry did not believe Greg. In the past, Greg had been known to make up stories. Once he had lied and told everyone that he was moving to Australia to join the circus. "I don't believe you," said Barry. "You are not friends with a human. You are a liar."

"I am too friends with a human," said Greg. "And I don't even lie anymore."

"Well, prove it," said Barry.

"Okay, I am going to go to his house, right now," said Greg. "You can follow me."

Greg and Barry walked down the path until they saw a little wood cabin. "You stay here in the woods and watch me go up to the human's house," said Greg.

Barry watched as Greg went up to the human's house and knocked on the door. A human came to the door. He smiled and gave Greg a really huge hug. Then Greg walked into the house.

Oh, no, thought Barry. *He really is best friends with a human. I thought I was Greg's best friend.*

About an hour passed, then Greg came out of the house smiling. "I told you I was friends with a human," said Greg. "I told you I wasn't lying."

"Oh, who cares," said Greg. "I wouldn't want to be friends with a human. Humans are stupid."

“Oh, you are just jealous,” said Barry. “You are mad because you don’t have a human.”

“I’m not mad,” said Greg. “Human’s are so little and so stupid. They live in stupid little houses and they make stupid little noises. You can’t even understand what they are saying.”

“My human and I speak the language of friendship,” said Greg. “That’s all we need.”

“Whatever,” said Barry. “You’re talking crazy again. You’re not even making any sense.”

“Okay, whatever,” said Greg. “I’m tired of arguing. Let’s go play in the river.”

“Why don’t you go play in the river with your stupid little human?” asked Barry, as he walked off.

“Maybe, I will,” said Greg, as he walked back toward the human’s house.

The human looked surprised to see him, but he let him in. After a few hours of being with the human, Greg became bored. Greg loved his human dearly, but he just couldn’t do all of the things his bear friends could do. The human couldn’t climb trees, wrestle, or play in the river like his bear friends could.

After a few hours, Greg decided to leave the human’s cabin. He decided to go play in the river with Barry and the rest of the bears.

When Greg got to the river, Barry and the rest of the bears were playing and having a wonderful time. “Hey, guys, whatcha doing?” asked Greg. Barry and the other bears ignored him. Greg didn’t know what else to do, so he just sat by the river and watched the other bears play.

After a while, Barry came over to him. “I thought you were playing with your human friend,” said Barry. “I thought you were too good to play with bears.”

“I never said I was too good to play with bears,” said Greg.

“Well, that’s what you acted like,” said Barry.

“I’m sorry,” said Greg. “I do like hanging out with my human sometimes, but I know that you guys are my family.”

“Well, who’s your best friend?” asked Barry.

“You’re my best friend,” said Greg.

“Always and forever?” asked Barry.

“Forever and always,” said Greg.

Write a summary of the story.

The main character of the story is_____

He/She wants to_____

_____, but_____

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At the end of the story_____

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I liked /disliked this story because_____

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Answer the following questions about the selection.

1. What does Greg realize at the end of the story?

A. He needs both his human friend and his bear friends.
B. He does not like his human friend.
C. He does not like his bear friends.
D. He needs new friends.

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