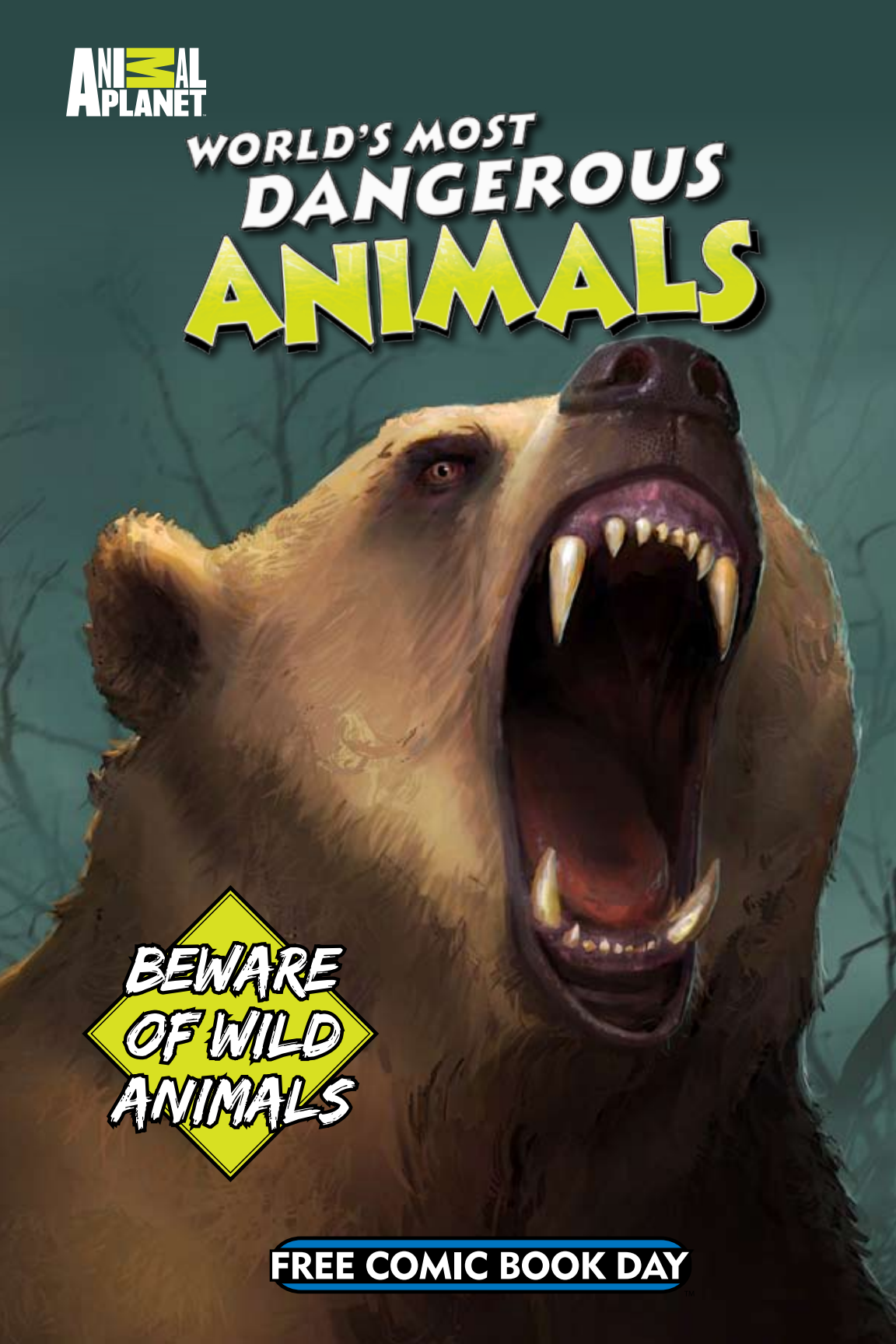


**ANIMAL
PLANET**

**WORLD'S MOST
DANGEROUS
ANIMALS**



**BEWARE
OF WILD
ANIMALS**

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

GRIZZLY BEAR



THE GRIZZLY, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SILVERTIP BEAR, IS A SUB-SPECIES OF THE NORTH AMERICAN BROWN BEAR.

FACT FILE

AVERAGE HEIGHT: 3.5 FEET AT THE SHOULDERS; 7 FEET TALL STANDING

AVERAGE WEIGHT: 500-1,000 LBS

TOP SPEED: 35 MPH

LARGEST RECORDED: IN ALASKA, 12.5 FEET TALL AND 1,600 LBS.

HABITAT: CANADA, NORTHWESTERN UNITED STATES, ALASKA.


DIET: LARGE MAMMALS LIKE MOOSE, DEER AND SHEEP, FISH, PLANTS.

HUMAN ATTACKS PER YEAR: 2

A SOLITARY HUNTER BY NATURE, THE GRIZZLY IS ONE OF THE LARGEST PREDATORY ANIMALS IN NORTH AMERICA.



GRIZZLY BEAR CLAWS ARE LONG, CURVED, EXCEPTIONALLY SHARP, AND USED AS DIGGING AND HUNTING TOOLS.




WHEN I HAD FIRST COME UP
HERE TO LIVE IN THE ALASKAN
WILDERNESS LATE LAST YEAR,
JUST ABOUT THE ONLY THING
ANYONE THOUGHT TO WARN
ME ABOUT WAS THE GRIZZLY
BEARS.

I WAS ASSURED THAT THE
CHANCES OF BEING ATTACKED BY
ONE OF THESE ALMOST ONE-HALF
TON CARNIVORES WAS SLIGHT ...
BUT THAT I SHOULD ALWAYS KEEP
A GUN HANDY.

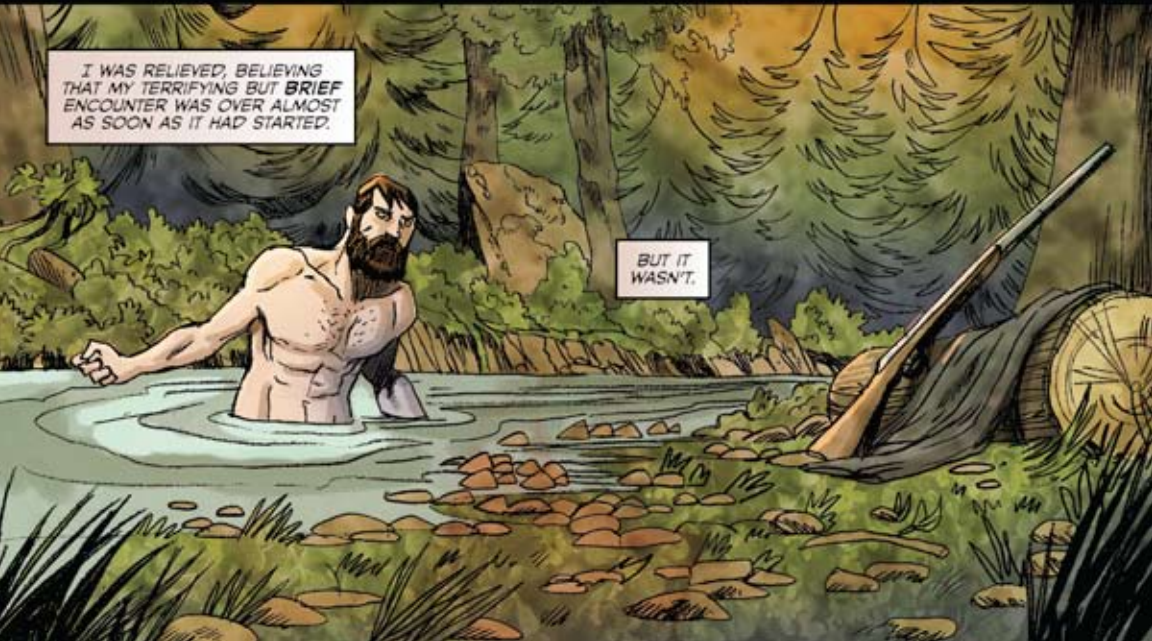
THE BEST ADVICE WAS, AS
LONG AS I KEPT FOOD IN
SEALED CONTAINERS AND
MY CAMP CLEAR OF TRASH,
THE GRIZZLIES WOULD WANT
AS LITTLE TO DO WITH ME
AS I DID WITH THEM.

THAT TURNED OUT TO BE
GOOD ADVICE ... UNTIL THE
LATE-SUMMER, WHEN I WAS
WASHING UP IN THE RIVER
THAT RAN BY MY CABIN.




UP UNTIL THEN, I HAD
SEEN A FEW BEARS
BUT ONLY FROM A
DISTANCE.

GRIZZLY BEARS
ARE VERY TERRITORIAL,
LONERS BY NATURE,
AND IN CONFRONTATIONS
WITH OTHER SPECIES,
THEY'RE USUALLY THE
AGGRESSORS.



I WAS RELIEVED, BELIEVING
THAT MY TERRIFYING BUT BRIEF
ENCOUNTER WAS OVER ALMOST
AS SOON AS IT HAD STARTED.

BUT IT
WASN'T.

A large brown grizzly bear is walking through a forest with many trees and fallen leaves on the ground.


THE GRIZZLY BEAR IS TAILOR-MADE FOR HUNTING. *URSUS ARCTOS HORRIBILIS* IS BIG, POWERFUL, AND FAST!

HE LIVES IN WOODLANDS, FORESTS, MEADOWS, VALLEYS, AND NEAR RIVERS AND STREAMS, WHEREVER FOOD IS AVAILABLE.


HIS SENSE OF SMELL IS AS ACUTE AS HIS EYESIGHT IS POOR, BUT ONCE THE GRIZZLY GETS THE SCENT, HE STALKS HIS PREY WITH STEALTH AND CUNNING.



GRIZZLY BEARS ONCE RANGED FROM ALASKA TO MEXICO AND ACROSS NORTH AMERICA, TO HUDSON'S BAY IN NORTHEASTERN CANADA.

A deer with large antlers is standing in a forest, looking down at the ground.

TODAY, THEY CAN BE FOUND ONLY IN ALASKA, THE NORTHWESTERN U.S., AND, MOST ABUNDANTLY, IN CANADA.

A grizzly bear is roaring with its mouth wide open, showing its teeth. A deer with large antlers is standing nearby, looking towards the bear.

THE GRIZZLY CAN RUN AT SPEEDS OF UP TO 35 MPH ...

... AND A MAN, AT HIS BEST, IS AROUND 27 MPH!



I GUESS MY PRESENCE HADN'T SCARED THE BEAR, BUT ONLY STARTLED HIM, BECAUSE IN JUST A FEW MOMENTS, HE WAS BACK.

AND HE WAS STALKING ME! THERE WAS NO WAY I WAS GOING TO OUTFRONT OR OUT-SWIM HIM.

MY ONLY CHANCE WAS TO HOPE HE DIDN'T CHARGE BEFORE I REACHED MY GUN!



MY LUCK HELD JUST LONG ENOUGH TO REACH THE BANK, THEN HE CAUGHT MY SCENT AND DECIDED I WAS EDIBLE.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT PROMPTED HIM TO ATTACK. GRIZZLY BEAR ATTACKS ON HUMANS ARE RARE...



...USUALLY OCCURRING WHEN SOMEONE SURPRISES THEM AT CLOSE RANGE, OR WHEN A MOTHER GRIZZLY IS PROTECTING HER YOUNG.

THEY POSSESS FEROCIOUS 5-INCH CANINES AND SHARP, 2-INCH CLAWS.

