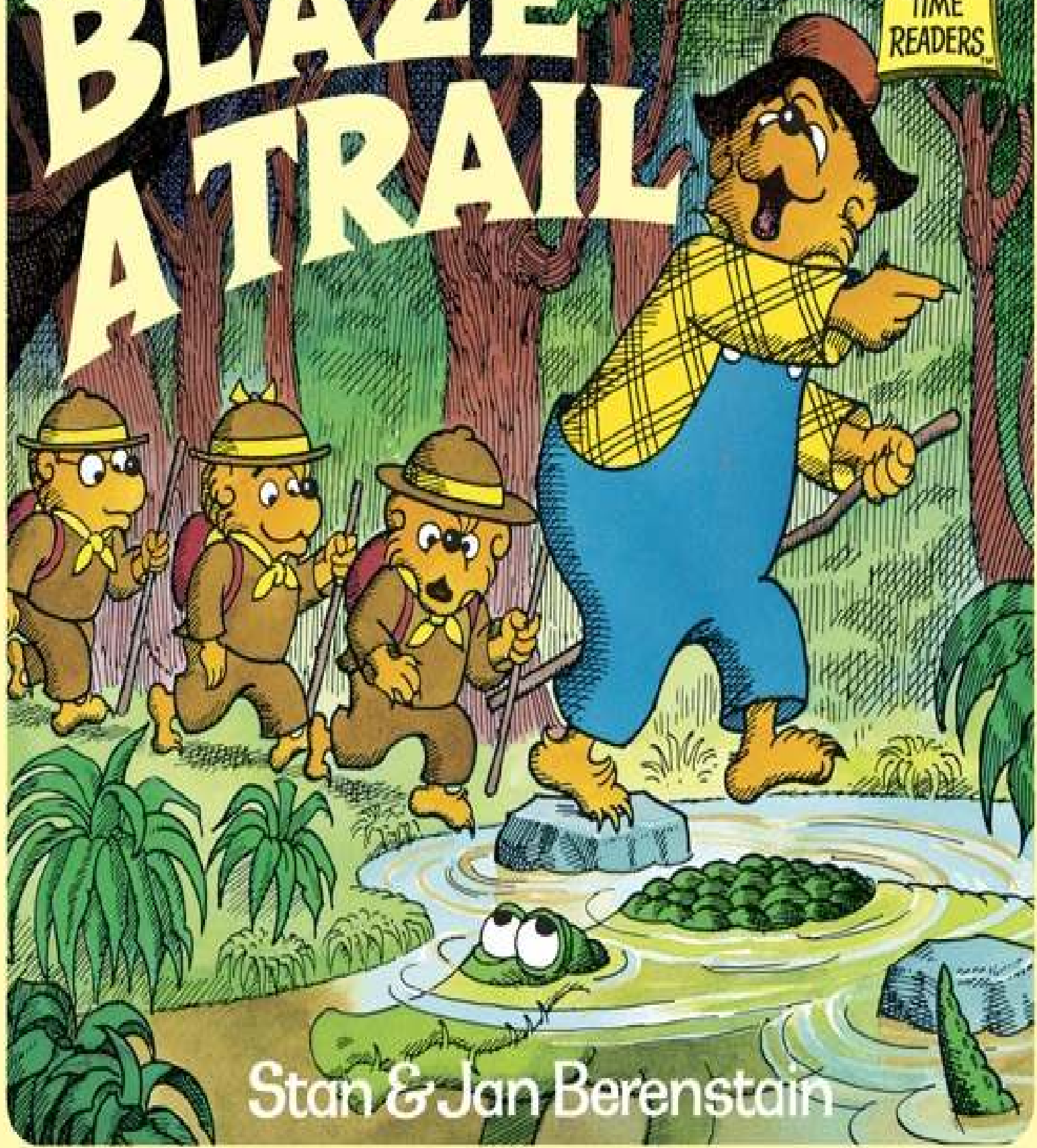


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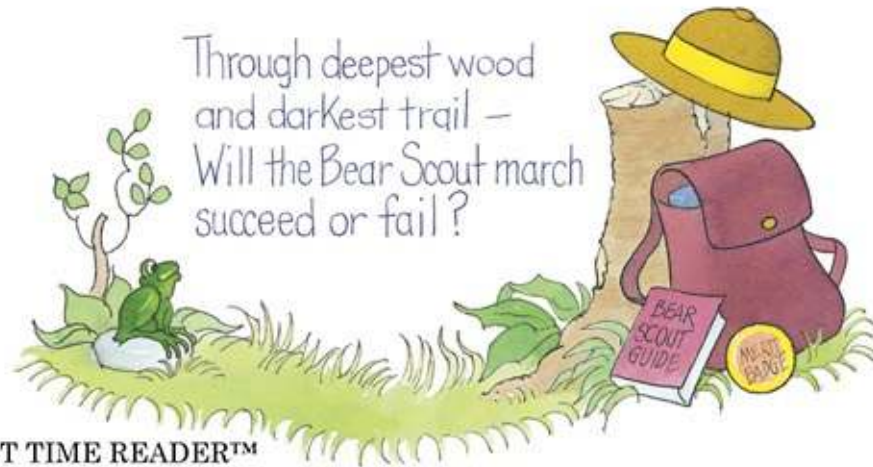


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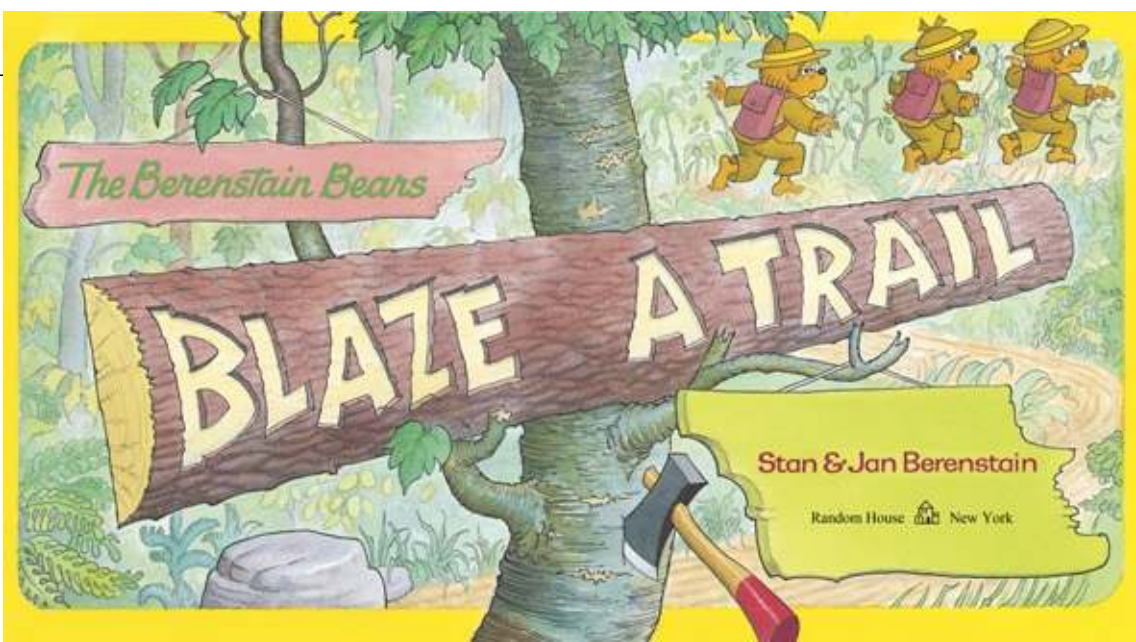
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
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“This way, Scouts!”

Brother Bear said.

“Let’s go while Papa
is still in bed!

Let’s blaze a trail

through the wood,

by ourselves,

the way Scouts should!”



But Papa was *not*
still in bed.

He was waiting for them
up ahead....

“This way, Scouts!

Let’s blaze that trail!

With me along
you cannot fail!”



“Wait,” said Brother,
“for Scout Leader Jane.



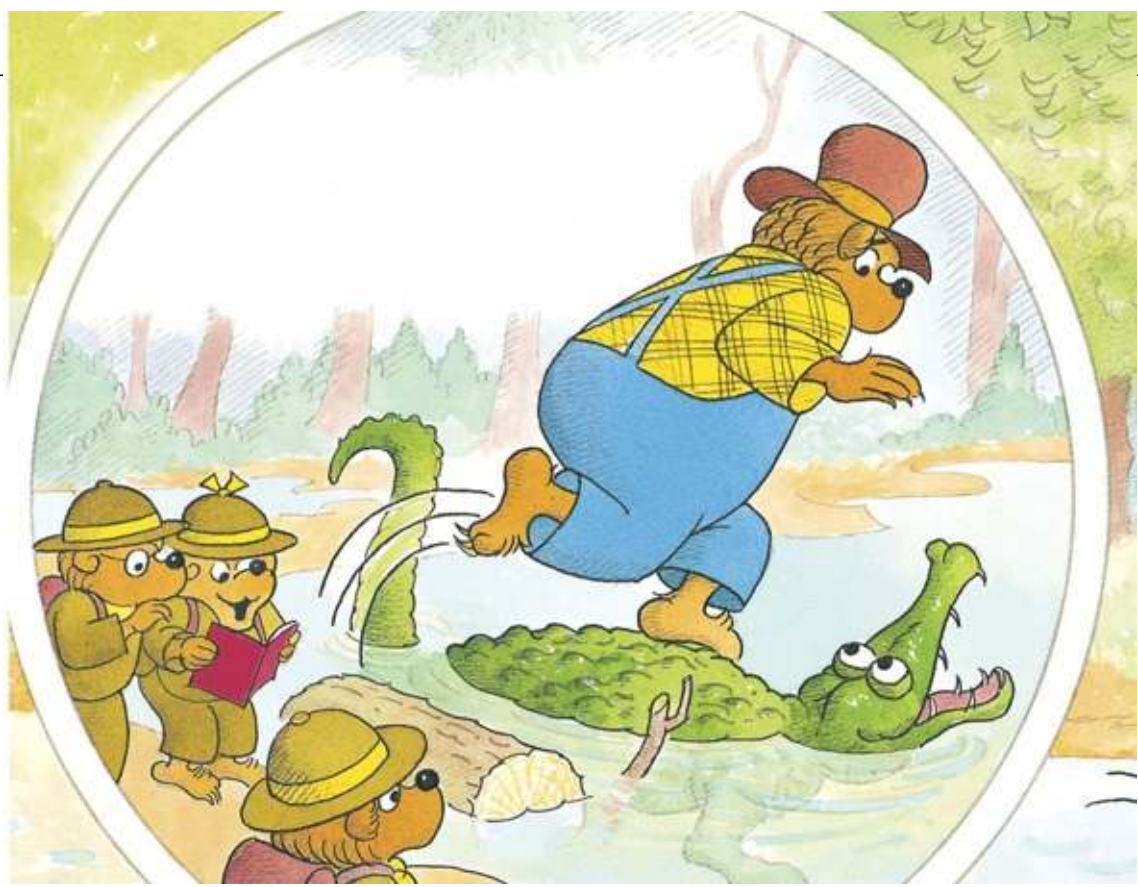
“Look! Here she comes now
in her plane.
She’s going to watch us
from the air!”
She wasn’t too pleased
to see Papa Bear.



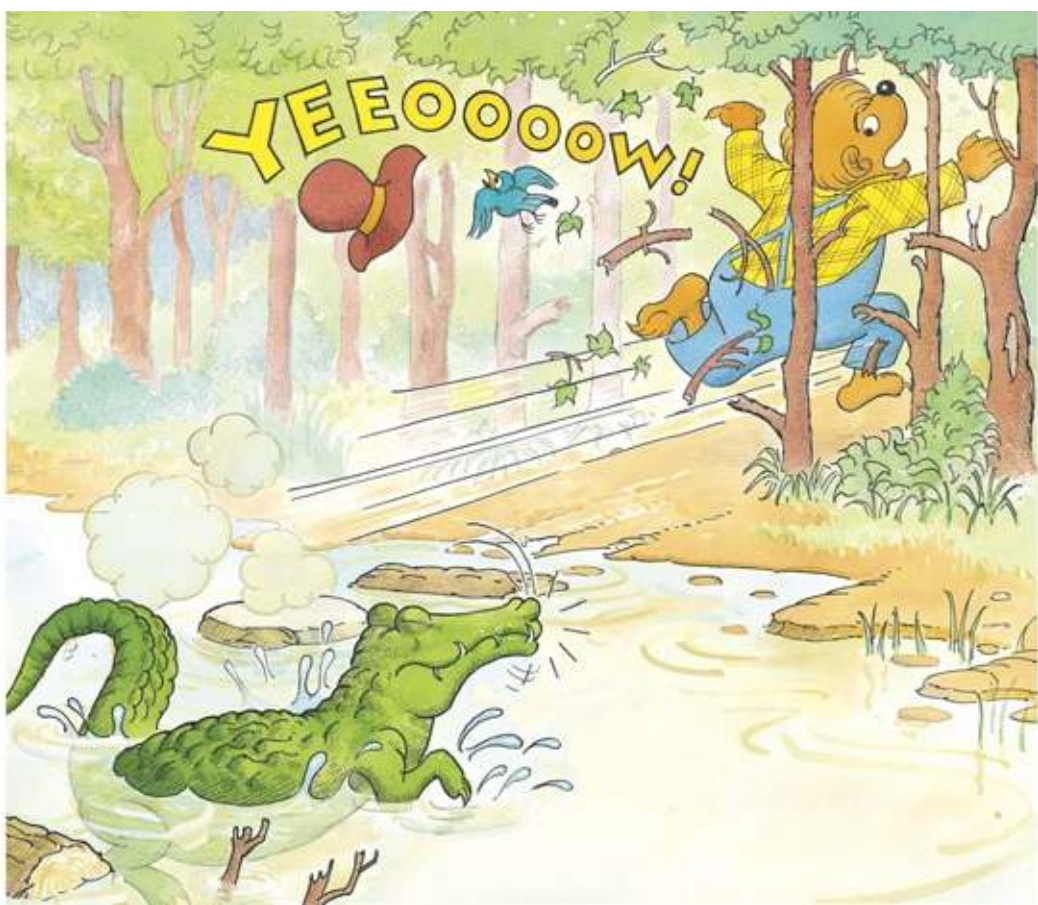
“What you Scouts need
is a guide like me!
I’ll get you those badges!
Come! You’ll see!



“This way, Scouts!
That way is wrong.
That twisty way
will take too long!”



“But, Papa! The guidebook says:
‘When blazing a trail
through swamp or bog,
NEVER step on a sunken log!...’”



“And that log,” said Sister,
“is a crocodile!”
Pa blazed that trail
Papa Bear style!



“Wow!” said Fred.

“This is good!

A whole new trail

right through the wood!”



“That,” bragged Papa,
“is a good lesson for you.
Just get up speed
and crash right through!”



“Now, mark the trail,”
Sister read from the book,
“so others can follow
the path you took.”



“Pooh!” said Papa.

“Twig signs are not for me.

Here! Watch this—

I use a tree!”



Then he went flying
through the air—
into a nest! An eagle's nest!



“Just thought I’d drop in,”
said Papa Bear.



The Scouts marched on
through the wood,
but soon the trail
was not so good.



“This won’t last,”
said Papa Bear.



“While I was up that tree
back there,
I could see
for miles around.
Come! This is the way
to higher ground!”



“This ground is good.
It’s higher and drier.
Just the place
for our cooking fire.”



“But, Pop,” said Brother.

“We don’t need to cook.

We have our trail rations.

Lots of them! Look!”

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