



English Dialogue: Suzanne and Clarence

Baby bear and Paddington

[Phone ringing]

Uncle Paddington Hello my German cousin! Baby Bear, is that you? It's me, Paddington.

Baby Bear Hello uncle Paddie! What's up?

Uncle Paddington Well...lots of things happened since the last time! As you know, the Brown family warmly welcomed me in their home in London and Mrs. Brown, the mother, just finished yesterday the adoption procedure for me!

Baby Bear Fantastic!

Uncle Paddington And how is life up in Schwarzwald?

Baby Bear Well... a teenage girl, named Goldidreadlocks is actually squatting in our home. She even stole my bed! She ran away from her mother's house because her mother has a drinking problem.

Uncle Paddington OKKKK...ohhh, pooooor girl. Oh! By the way! ... I have to tell you! There is a pandemic virus, it's a disaster! Our Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced a general lockdown for some weeks. At the time, I didn't imagine all the consequences this statement was going to have. Lockdown means you **MUST** stay at home and you can't go outside like you wish, here, because a virus is killing people outside. You can't imagine, it's just the beginning of the spring, and after having slept for several months, I can't go outside! Besides, I planned to visit my old beloved aunt in Peru! It's all over!

Baby Bear Oh, I think there is a lockdown here too because actually, humans still seem to hibernate: we don't see

them outside. In spite of all this, I go out: I go to nightclub with Snow White and the seven dwarves or I tease the 3 little pigs with my new friend: the Big Bad Wolf.

Uncle Paddington What!?! Be careful Baby Bear, behave yourself!

Baby Bear But I'm fed up! I want to be of age and get away from here! At home, I do ALL the domestic chores while papa bear and mama bear finish hibernating and ONLY wake up to eat! And Goldidreadlocks, doesn't do anything to help me: she spends her days scrolling on Facebook! It's so unfair! At least YOU have a family that takes care of you. Speaking of the wolf, Mama Bear is calling me to prepare the soup. Sorry I have to go, Bye!

[I've chosen to write this dialogue to invent the contemporary life of 2 major figures of mass culture who also would have the same problems as us: so, I dealt with Covid-19, becoming adult, the question of "what is a good behaviour?"]