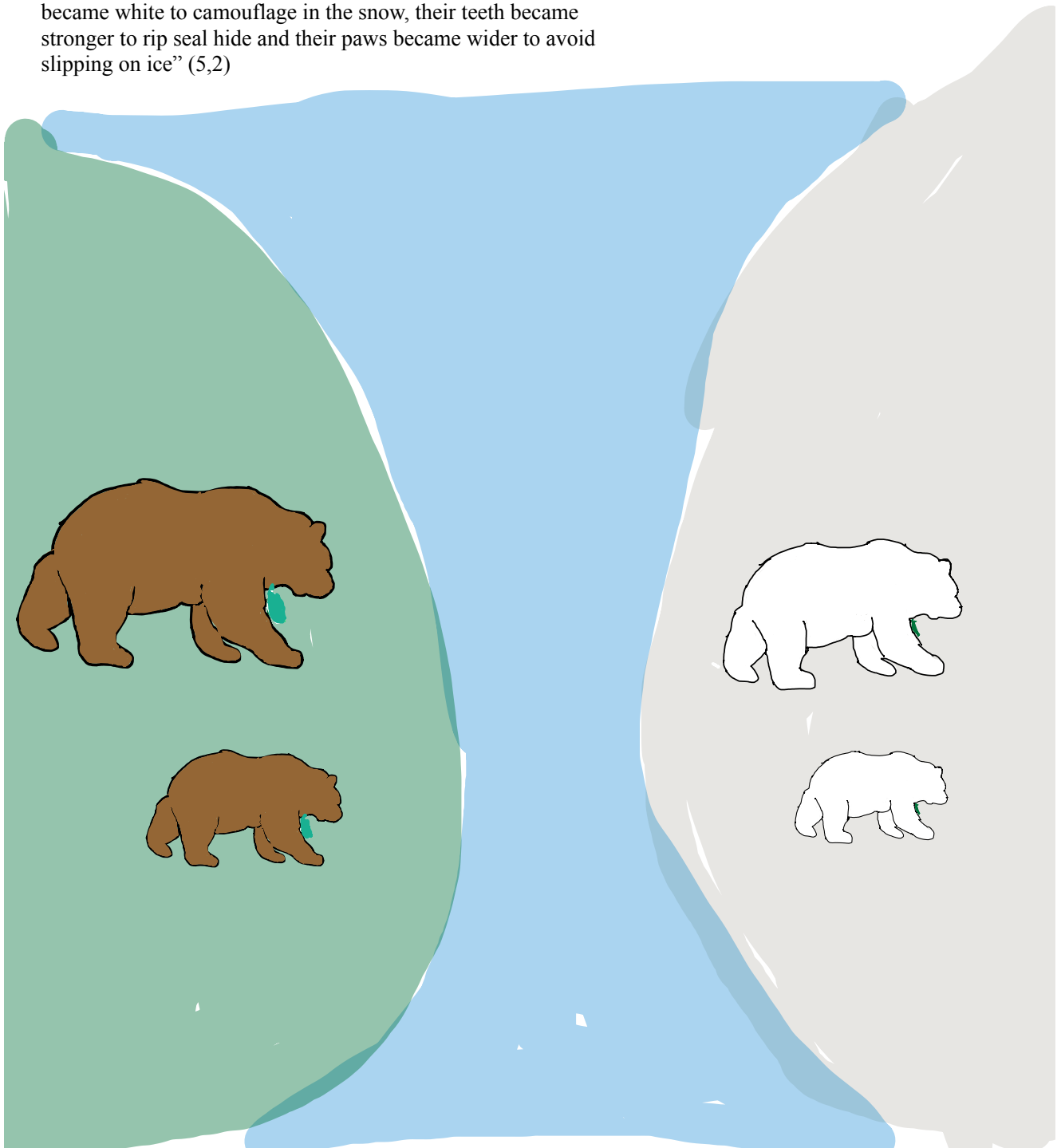


“I am?” Wally questioned.

“About 125,000 years ago it is believed that a group of Grizzly bears was cut off from the other herd and became trapped on a glacier. Bears with thicker coats and bred and overtime created a new species of bears. (5) These animals were larger, their fur became white to camouflage in the snow, their teeth became stronger to rip seal hide and their paws became wider to avoid slipping on ice” (5,2)

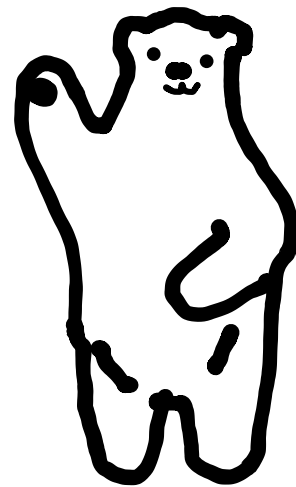
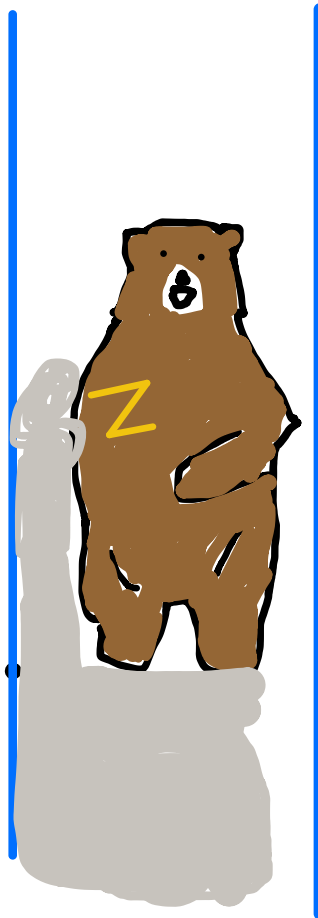
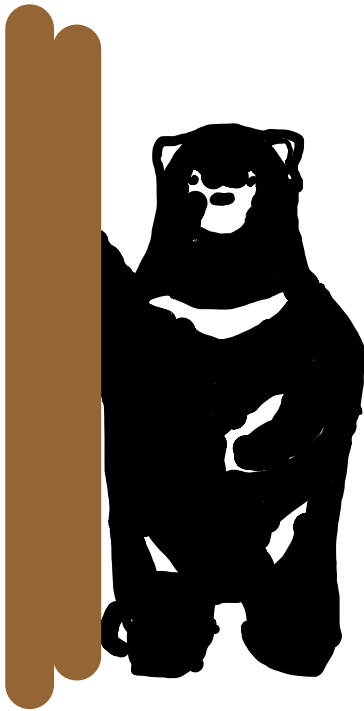


“Do we all have special powers like that?” asked Shaggy.

“Kind of,” chuckled Sunny. “ Shaggy, because you live in a forested climate you are a good tree climber like most other Asiatic Black Bears” (3)

“OOH ooh me me!!” cried Flash with excitement.

“Well, Flash you are a sloth bear meaning you cannot climb trees well because you live in a rocky climate. Your oddly shaped mouth was adapted to help you suck up ants and termites. (3) Now you see how all of us have come from the same ancestor but have our own variations because we live in a different climate. Because of these variations, we are able to survive but we are all bears and all family so can we please just get along.” The family grumbled in agreement then slowly began to return to their own conversations.



“Thank you for what you did,” Wally whispered.

“Oh no problem, sometimes they need a refresher.” The pair laughed.

“I agree with the polar bear,” A black and white ball said from behind them.

“Who are you?” questioned Wally.

“Oh hi,” said the bear sitting up, “I’m Bambi, the panda, I don’t really like these things so I usually stay hidden” They all laughed and continued on.

