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| **To Zoo or Not to Zoo**  |    |  |

 *(Penny and Peter are penguins at the South Pole about to be captured to be taken to a zoo in the United States.)*

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| **Penny:** |    | I'm so nervous. |

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| **Peter:** |    | What are you afraid of? |

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| **Penny:** |    | I don't want to be captured. |

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| **Peter:** |    | I think it might not be so bad. |

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| **Penny:** |    | Do you want to lose your freedom? I don’t. |

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| **Peter:** |    | I'm not sure. |

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| **Penny:** |    | What?! |

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| **Peter:** |    | Let me explain. |

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| **Penny:** |    | Please do. I am all ears. |

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| **Peter:** |    | *(laughs)* You'd look funny just being an ear, Penny. |

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| **Penny:** |    | *(rolling her eyes)* You know what I mean. Please get on with it. |

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| **Peter:** |    | Well, I hear they will be taking penguins to a zoo in the United States. |

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| **Penny:** |    | Yeah, so? |

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| **Peter:** |    | My uncle Paul was captured about a year ago. |

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| **Penny:** |    | Oh, no, Peter! I did not know that! |

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| **Peter:** |    | Oh, it's not bad. He really likes where he was taken. |

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| **Penny:** |    | Really? No kidding? |

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| **Peter:** |    | No kidding. |

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| **Penny:** |    | Why does he like it? |

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| **Peter:** |    | He says that he is in a clean atmosphere. The water is always crystal clear and cold. Doesn’t that sound nice? |

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| **Penny:** |    | Well, that’s not that great. The water feels nice and cold here. What else? |

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| **Peter:** |    | The penguins are fed every day. They don't have to find their food! Imagine not having to hunt, just getting to relax and have fun all the time Penny. |

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| **Penny:** |    | Yeah…but I bet they don’t get all the kinds of foods we can catch on our own. They probably get fed the same thing every day. What else makes it so great? |
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| **Peter:** |    | Plus, he likes how so many people come to admire him. All the people that come to the zoo point and smile at him. No one smiles at us here. I think I wouldn’t mind being smiled at every once and a while. Plus, he's in no danger of being eaten by a seal, either. |
| **Penny:** |    | Seals don’t scare me. |
| **Peter:** |    | *(laughing)* Oh, yes they do! I remember you running around screaming like a baby penguin the other day! |
| **Penny:** |    | True, but you still may decide freedom is still more important than comfort. Who wants to be stuck somewhere the rest of their life. |
| **Peter:** |    | *(shaking his head)* I think maybe I do. Let's see if we can find out what they plan for this group of captured penguins first before we decide! |