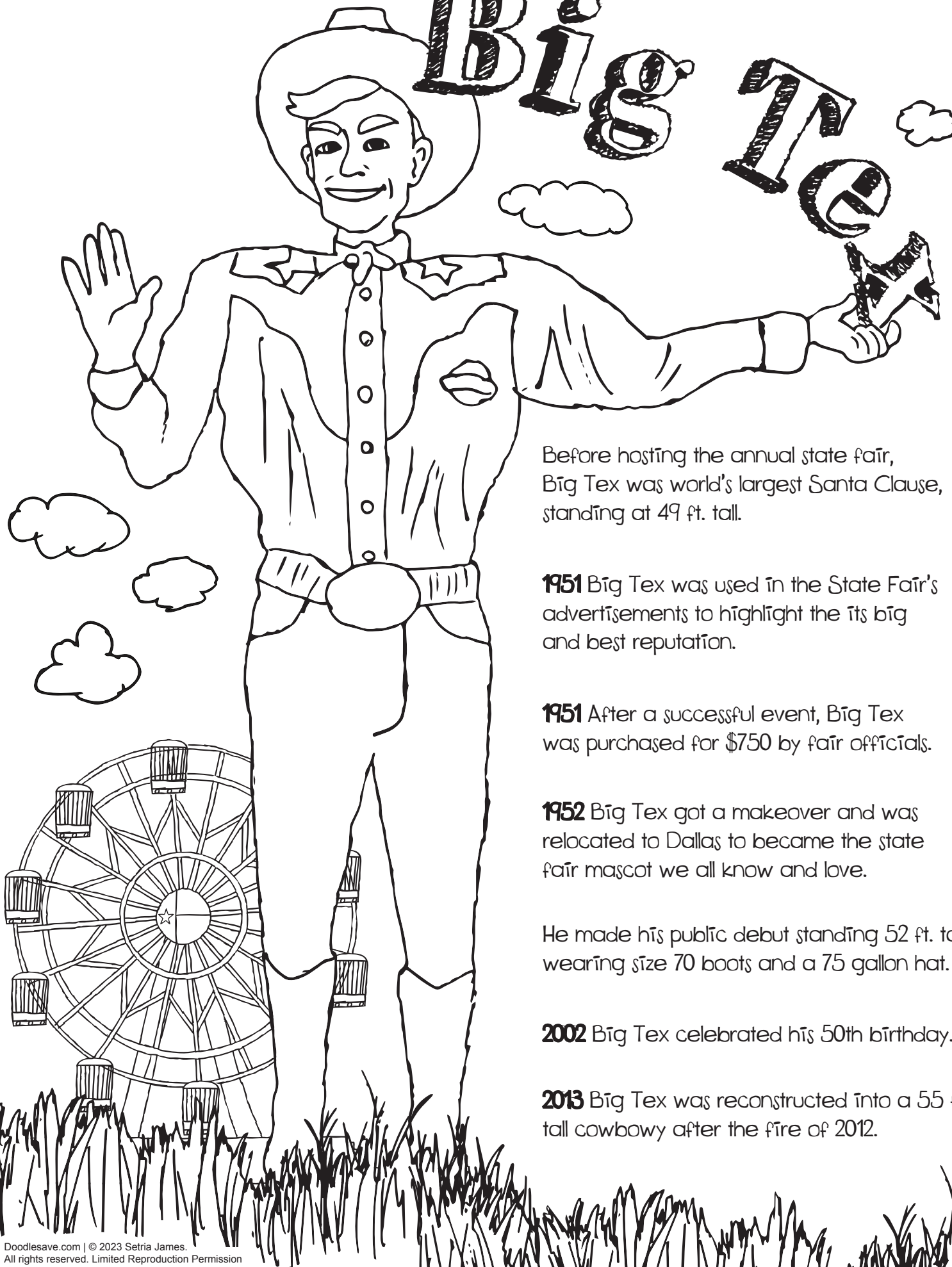


Big Tex



Before hosting the annual state fair, Big Tex was world's largest Santa Clause, standing at 49 ft. tall.

1951 Big Tex was used in the State Fair's advertisements to highlight the its big and best reputation.

1951 After a successful event, Big Tex was purchased for \$750 by fair officials.

1952 Big Tex got a makeover and was relocated to Dallas to become the state fair mascot we all know and love.

He made his public debut standing 52 ft. tall wearing size 70 boots and a 75 gallon hat.

2002 Big Tex celebrated his 50th birthday.

2013 Big Tex was reconstructed into a 55 ft. tall cowboy after the fire of 2012.