

Characters

- Goldilocks (F)** - A self-centred girl
- Mother (F/M)** - Goldilocks Mother
- Daddy Bear (M)** - A Grizzly Bear
- Mummy Bear (F)** - A Grizzly Bear
- Baby Bear (M/F)** - A Small Grizzly Bear

Scene 1 – Goldilocks’ House

(Goldilocks enters front of tabs, holding a piece of cheese)

Goldilocks: Hello boys and girls. My name is Goldilocks. I got my name because of my lovely blonde hair. **(shows her cheese to the audience)** I'm just having some cheese. What are you having? **(awaits audience reaction)** Have you not brought anything? Shame! I've got cheese and it's all mine. It's all for me!!

Mother: **(yelling from offstage)** Argh! Who ate all my cheese?

(Mother enters)

Mother: Goldilocks, do you know -

(Mother pauses as she sees Goldilocks with some cheese in her hand)

Mother: Is that my cheese?

(Goldilocks shoves the cheese in her mouth)

Goldilocks: **(with her mouth full)** No.

Mother: It is! That cheese was for my dinner and you've eaten it all. Now I've got nothing to eat.

Goldilocks: You should have put your name on it. How am I supposed to know it was for your dinner? I was hungry.

Mother: What did *you* have for dinner?

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Goldilocks: Sausages, beans and chips with chocolate pudding to follow. Oh, and a bit of cheese. **(Points to her mouth)**

Mother: A bit? You've eaten the whole block. I'm very disappointed in you. When are you going to learn that you're not to touch things that don't belong to you?

(Goldilocks looks sad)

Mother: Never mind. Look, you can make it up to me by going to the shop and buying me some more cheese. **(Mother hands Goldilocks some money)** And this is coming out of your pocket money this week.

Goldilocks: Alright mother. I'll go to the shop.

(Goldilocks rolls her eyes and exits)

Mother: **(to audience)** Let's hope this teaches Goldilocks not to take things that don't belong to her!

(Mother exits.)

Scene 2 – The Three Bears’ House

(Tabs open to reveal a backdrop of trees and the three bears' house. The first section has a dining table with three chairs and three bowls. The next section has three beds. Goldilocks enters.)

Goldilocks: **(Skipping and Singing)** If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise. **(halts and stops singing)** Ooh, look boys and girls - a house! What's a house like this doing so deep in the woods? **(thinks)** I wonder who lives here. **(she knocks on the door and waits)** There's nobody in. **(to audience)** I'm so curious as to who lives here. Do you think I should go in and take a look? **(awaits audience reaction)** But my mother said I should respect other people's property. I shouldn't go in unless I'm invited. **(thinks)** I'm so curious though. A little peek wouldn't hurt!

(Goldilocks opens the door slowly and looks inside)

Goldilocks: **(sniffs the air)** Ooooh, smell that! It's freshly cooked porridge! **(to audience)** my favourite. It's been ages since dinner time **(looks at watch)** well, ten minutes – and I'm starving. I wonder if I could have a little bit of porridge. **(looks around)** There's nobody here to ask... **(sees the bowls on the table)** Ooh, look, three bowls of porridge. Tell you what, I'll just have a little taste; nobody will know. I'll need to sit down though **(looks around and sees the chairs)** ah!

(Goldilocks sits on the biggest chair)

Goldilocks: Oh no, this chair is far too big. I'm not comfortable on here at all. **(she sits on the smallest chair)** Oh no, this one is far too small – I won't be able to reach the table. **(she sits on the medium sized chair)** ah, yes! This one is just the right size.

(Goldilocks takes the chair and positions it in front of the first bowl of porridge. She sits and takes a spoon of porridge and eats it)

Goldilocks: **(Yelps)** Aahh! Hot hot hot! Oooh! **(talking peculiarly)** That porridge is far too hot. I've hurt my tongue. **(she sticks her tongue out at the audience)**

(Goldilocks moves the chair to the next bowl and takes a spoonful of porridge and eats it)

Goldilocks: **(winces)** Eurgh! This one is too cold. I can't eat that – it tastes like wallpaper paste!

(Goldilocks takes the chair and positions it in front of the third bowl. She takes a spoonful of porridge and eats it)

Goldilocks: Ooooh yum! This one is just right. Ooh, Sweet Peppa Pig! It's delicious!

(She eats the whole bowl of porridge)

Goldilocks: **(A little guilty)** Oh – I was just going to have one spoon of porridge and I've gone and eaten the whole lot. Mother will be mad at me – but, she doesn't have to find out! **(yawns)** I'm tired after all that porridge and the shop is so far away, I'll just have a little sleep before I set off.

(Goldilocks moves into the bedroom and lies on the first bed)

Goldilocks: Oh this is awful. It's far too hard. It's like trying to get to sleep on an ironing board.

(Goldilocks goes to the next bed and lies down)

Goldilocks: Oh, this won't do either, it's too soft. It's like sleeping on a marshmallow!

(Goldilocks goes to the last bed and lies down)

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Goldilocks: Oh this is perfect. Just the right softness. I think I could fall asleep in – **(falls asleep instantly and begins to snore loudly. A few moments later she wakes up refreshed)** That was good. I'm all refreshed. I'm off to the shop! See you later boys and girls.

(Goldilocks exits on the same side she entered from. After a few moments Daddy, Mummy and Baby bear enter)

Daddy Bear: **(Growls)** That's the stuff! A lovely walk around the woods before dinner.

Mummy Bear: Yes and that's not all us bears do in the woods!

Baby Bear: I'm starving! What's for dinner?

Daddy Bear: Well, I made us some porridge before we went out and it should be just the right temperature for us to eat now.

(The three bears enter the house. Daddy Bear stops dead and sniffs the air)

Daddy Bear: Someone has been in here while we were gone.

Mummy Bear: Really? How can you tell?

Daddy Bear: Bears can smell up to three miles away. We've got very sensitive noses. I can tell something that wasn't a bear has been in here. Look **(he approaches the two chairs Goldilocks rejected)** Someone has been sitting in my chair!

Mummy Bear: **(approaches the chair next to Daddy Bear's chair)** And someone has been sitting in *my* chair!

Baby Bear: Look, my chair is at the table.

Daddy Bear: **(goes to the table)** Someone has been eating my porridge!

Mummy Bear: **(goes to her bowl)** Someone has been eating *my* porridge too!

Baby Bear: Somebody has eaten *all* my porridge. Look, there's none left!

Daddy Bear: Who would go into someone else's house, sit on their chairs and eat their food without asking?

Mummy Bear: Someone who was very naughty. Very naughty indeed.

(Baby Bear goes into the bedroom)

Baby Bear: Someone has been sleeping in my bed!

(Daddy Bear and Mummy Bear enter the bedroom)

Daddy Bear: Someone has been sleeping in *my* bed too!

Mummy Bear: And mine! What shall we do?

Daddy Bear: Well, I think we should teach them a lesson about respecting other people's property.

Baby Bear: How will you do that Daddy bear?

Daddy Bear: I'll bet they enjoyed my porridge so much, they'll come back for more tomorrow. I'll set up a trap to catch them and teach them a lesson!

(Tabs close.)

Scene 3 – Goldilocks’ House

(Goldilocks enters front of tabs holding a piece of cheese)

Goldilocks: (shouting) Mother!

(Mother enters)

Mother: Ah, Goldilocks there you are. Did you get lost? It's half seven at night. You left at lunch time.

Goldilocks: Oh, yes. I got lost in the woods and stuff. I got your cheese!

(Goldilocks hands Mother the cheese)

Mother: This is Gorgonzola. I don't like this, it's too smelly.

Goldilocks: Well, by the time I got to the shop, this was all they had left.

Mother: (reads the label) and it's out of date by two weeks.

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(Goldilocks shrugs)

Mother: I want you to go back to the shop tomorrow – early – and get me my favourite cheese. The one with the chives.

Goldilocks: (languidly) Yes mother. (aside) Ooh, I could have some more of that porridge I found in that house! (to mother) yes, I'll set off nice and early!

(Goldilocks exits)

Mother: That was weird.

(Mother exits.)

Scene 4 – The Three Bears’ House

(Tabs open to the woods and 3 bear's house scene. The chairs are back in their starting positions, there are three bowls of porridge and the beds are made. Goldilocks enters)

Goldilocks: I hope there's nobody home again today. That porridge was delicious. **(She knocks on the door and waits)** Nope! Nobody home! **(thinks)** But my mother said – **(has an attack of conscience for a moment before overcoming it easily)** – nah, the porridge was too nice.

(Goldilocks enters the house)

Goldilocks: Ah, there are the bowls! Yum yum! Right, I need to get the middle sized chair.

(Goldilocks goes to the mid-sized chair and sits down. SFX. Flatulence. Goldilocks looks embarrassed)

Goldilocks: **(To audience)** That wasn't me! Honest!

(Goldilocks inspects the chair and takes out a whoopee cushion.)

Goldilocks: What was this doing there? Never mind.

(Goldilocks takes the chair over to the table and positions it in front of the third bowl as she did in the previous scene. She takes a spoonful of porridge and eats it)

Goldilocks: **(yelling)** Argh! Hot hot! **(wafting her mouth with her hand)** It's not hot hot – it's spicy hot! Oh, I can't eat spicy food!

(Goldilocks sees a glass of water on the table and takes a drink)

Goldilocks: Ahh, that's better! **(calms down)** Oh boys and girls, after all that excitement I need a lie down.

(Goldilocks goes into the bedroom and pulls back the sheets on the comfy bed. She sees a big fake spider. If possible, it should be on a string and jump up and dance about in the air in front of Goldilocks)

Goldilocks: **(Screaming)** Ahhh! A big hairy spider! Help! Help!

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(Mummy Bear enters either from offstage or from out of a wardrobe)

Mummy Bear: I'll get it for you!

Goldilocks: **(Screaming more)** Ahhhh! A big hairy spider *and* a huge grizzly bear! Aaahh!! I don't know which one to be more scared of! Arrrghh!

Mummy Bear: **(Picking up the fake spider)** Look, there's nothing to worry about – it's not real!

Goldilocks: **(Immediately calm)** Oh! **(screams once more)** Aaahhrrgh! Help! Help! A huge grizzly bear. One that can talk! Aarggh!

Mummy Bear: Calm down, I'm not going to hurt you!

(Daddy Bear enters)

Daddy Bear: We're not going to hurt you. We're friendly bears and we don't mind sharing our porridge when people ask politely. We don't like sharing with people who come into our house uninvited and take without asking.

Goldilocks: **(Ashamed)** Oh. Yes – that was me. It was just that there was nobody in and I was curious to who lived here.

Mummy Bear: That's no excuse. You shouldn't have entered our house at all. You should have waited until we were here and asked politely. Then of course we would have shared our porridge with you.

(Baby Bear enters)

Baby Bear: We just wanted to teach you a lesson so I put the whoopee cushion on the chair and put chilli powder in the porridge and the fake spider in the bed.

Goldilocks: Well, I can say it certainly *did* teach me a lesson. My mother told me about not taking things that don't belong to me and I'll certainly never go into someone's home without being invited again. I'm sorry Mr and Mrs Bear; and little bear.

(Goldilocks exits)

Mummy Bear: (To audience) Remember boys and girls, if it's not yours, don't touch it. You wouldn't want people taking something that belongs to you, would you?

Daddy Bear: Right, who's for some lovely porridge?

Baby Bear: Me!

(Baby Bear takes a spoonful of porridge, forgetting about the chilli powder)

Baby Bear: **(yelling)** Aarrgh!! **(wafting his mouth)** I forgot about the chilli powder.

(Baby Bear drinks some water whilst Mummy Bear and Daddy Bear laugh. Tabs closed.)

Scene 5 – Goldilocks’ House

(Goldilocks enters with a shopping bag filled with items)

Goldilocks: (Shouting) Mother!

(Mother enters)

Mother: Yes Goldilocks?

Goldilocks: Here you go. I got you *all* the cheese.

Mother: (taking the shopping bag) Yes – it seems you have got me *all* the cheese.

Goldilocks: I got you the one with the chives in, the weird one with the bits of dried apricot and the one that comes in a tube which probably isn't cheese.

Mother: Oh, thank you Goldilocks. But what has made you so considerate and generous all of a sudden.

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Goldilocks: Oh nothing – I just realised that you should respect other people and that when I took your cheese I was being selfish because you ended up with no dinner. I'm sorry mother.

Mother: That's ok Goldilocks, as long as you learned your lesson.

(Daddy Bear enters)

Daddy Bear: She certainly did!

(Mother screams in fright. Lights off.)

THE END