Once upon a time, there was a sweet little girl who always wore a red cloak with a hood, so everyone called her Little Red Riding Hood.

One day, her mother asked her to bring some food to her sick grandmother, who lived in a cottage deep in the forest. Her mother said, “Go straight to Grandma’s house. Don’t talk to strangers!”

Red Riding Hood set off with a basket of goodies. On the way, she met a sly wolf who asked where she was going. Innocently, she told him about her grandmother.

The wolf took a shortcut, reached the cottage first, and swallowed the grandmother whole. Then, he dressed in her clothes and climbed into her bed, pretending to be her.

When Red Riding Hood arrived, she noticed something was strange.

“Grandmother, what big eyes you have!”

“The better to see you with, my dear.”

“Grandmother, what big ears you have!”

“The better to hear you with.”

“Grandmother, what big teeth you have!”

“The better to eat you with!”

Suddenly, the wolf jumped out of bed to eat her! In some versions, a brave woodcutter hears her screams, rushes in, and saves Red Riding Hood and her grandmother, either by scaring the wolf away or cutting her free from his belly.

From that day on, Little Red Riding Hood never strayed from the path again.