

Part 1: A Girl Named Goldilocks

ONCE UPON A TIME a girl named Goldilocks lived at the edge of the woods. In those days, curls of hair used to be called "locks" - this girl was called "Goldilocks" because golden locks of hair ran down her head and shoulders.

One morning Goldilocks was out for a walk when a beautiful bird flew right in front of her. The bird darted off into the woods and she followed it. Her mother had said many times she must never go into the woods. But Goldilocks didn't think of that.

Deeper and deeper into the woods she followed that bird. But then - where did it go? It was nowhere to be seen. Goldilocks looked around and with a pang, realized the truth - she was lost.

But a house was not far away. "I wonder who lives so deep in the woods," she thought.

Part 2: The House in the Woods

She knocked on the door. No answer. She knocked again. Still no answer. Goldilocks knocked a third time. This time the door opened, but no one was behind the door.

“Well, the door is already open,” said the girl. “I may as well go in.”

Goldilocks smelled a wonderful smell! On the table were three steaming bowls of oatmeal. All of a sudden she felt how very hungry she was.

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What Goldilocks did not know is that three bears lived in this house. In fact, that very morning the three bears had sat down to their breakfast of oatmeal but the cereal was too hot, so they decided to take a short walk. They said, “By the time we return home, our oatmeal will be perfect.”

Gazing now at the three steaming bowls of oatmeal, Goldilocks thought, “I’m sure whoever lives here won’t mind if I take just one sip.” She sat at the first chair took a sip from the bowl. “Ah!” she said, “it is too hot.”

Listen to Goldilocks and the Three Bears while you read along!

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