

Grimmly Speaking™ Little Red-Cap / Little Red Riding Hood - Stage 1

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Cast In Order Of Appearance:

Narrator
Mother
Red-Cap
Wolf
Grandmother
Hunter

NARRATOR at stand

RED-CAP center stage with cap on head

MOTHER up stage left, back to audience, holding wine bottle and cake

GRANDMOTHER up stage right, back to audience and wearing sleeping cap

On Table: scissors

NARRATOR : Once upon a time there was a little girl who wore a little red velvet cap that her grandmother had given her. She wore it all the time so everyone called her Little Red-Cap.

RED-CAP curtseys

NARRATOR : One morning her mother called to her.

MOTHER steps forward with wine bottle and cake

MOTHER : Here, Little Red-Cap, your grandmother is weak and ill. Take this piece of cake and this bottle of wine. Carry them in your apron. Do not go off the path or you might fall and break the bottle.

RED-CAP puts the cake and wine into her apron and curtseys

RED-CAP : Yes, Mother.

MOTHER exits

RED-CAP faces the audience, smiles and starts walking in place

NARRATOR : Her grandmother lived out in the forest, a half a league from the village.

German leagues contain about four geographical miles which have 6,082 feet per mile, or about 4.6 English statute miles which have 5,280 feet per mile, the same as an American mile.

So Little Red-Cap was about to walk a little over four and a half miles to get to her grandmother. Now if you consider her height and stride as a small girl, this journey would have taken at least an hour and forty minutes.

As Little Red-Cap entered the forest, a wolf appeared.

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WOLF enters and begins to circle RED-CAP

WOLF : Good day, Little Red-Cap. Where are you going?
RED-CAP : To my grandmother's.
WOLF : What have you got in your apron?
RED-CAP : Cake and wine.
WOLF : Where does your grandmother live?
RED-CAP : Farther on in the wood. Three large oak trees surround her house. Don't you know it?

WOLF steps down stage center

WOLF
(to audience) : She's nice and young. She'll taste better than her grandmother, but I want to catch and eat them both.

WOLF steps back and joins RED-CAP center stage, they both start walking in place

NARRATOR : The wolf walked with her for a bit and then said:
WOLF : Listen to how sweet the birds sing and see how pretty the flowers are. You walk as if you were going to school instead of through a merry wood.

WOLF and RED-CAP stop walking

NARRATOR : Little Red-Cap looked around and thought:
RED-CAP
(to audience) : I should pick some flowers for my grandmother. That would make her happy.

RED-CAP steps down stage left and begins picking flowers

NARRATOR : She then ran from the path to get some.

WOLF crouches, spreads his arms and turns full circle staying center stage

NARRATOR : Meanwhile the wolf went straight to the grandmother's house and knocked on her door.

WOLF knocks on table

GRANDMOTHER turns around and steps forward to center stage right

GRANDMOTHER : Who is there?

WOLF : Little Red-Cap. She has cake and wine. Open the door.

GRANDMOTHER : Lift the latch. I am too weak to get out of bed.

NARRATOR : The wolf opened the door -

WOLF opens door

NARRATOR : - went inside and devoured the grandmother.

WOLF pretends to eat GRANDMOTHER and takes her sleeping cap

GRANDMOTHER crawls under table

NARRATOR : Then he dressed in her cap and climbed into her bed.

WOLF puts on sleeping cap and stands with back to audience, center stage right

NARRATOR : Meanwhile, Little Red-Cap finally finished picking her flowers and soon after arrived at her grandmother's door.

RED-CAP puts wine and cake on table, then returns to center stage, and stands looking around

NARRATOR : The door was open and she was suspicious. She went inside and called:

RED-CAP : Good Morning!

WOLF turns around to face audience

RED-CAP takes one step closer to WOLF

NARRATOR : The wolf had the grandmother's cap pulled far down over his face.

RED-CAP : Oh grandmother, what big ears you have!

WOLF : The better to hear you with, my child.

RED-CAP takes one step closer to WOLF

RED-CAP : But grandmother, what big eyes you have!

WOLF : The better to see you with, my child.

RED-CAP takes one step closer to WOLF

RED-CAP : But, oh my, grandmother, what big hands you have!

WOLF : The better to hug you with, my child.

RED-CAP takes one step closer to WOLF

RED-CAP : Oh, but grandmother, what a terrible huge mouth you have!

WOLF : The better to eat you with!

NARRATOR : The wolf jumped out of bed and swallowed Little Red-Cap in one bite!

**WOLF pretends to eat RED-CAP
RED-CAP crawls under table**

NARRATOR : Then he laid back down on the bed, fell asleep and began snoring loudly.

WOLF, center stage right, turns his back to audience and snores loudly

NARRATOR : A hunter was passing by.

HUNTER enters with rifle to center stage left

HUNTER
(to audience) : Wow! She's really snoring today. I should see if she wants anything.

WOLF turns around to face audience, still snoring

NARRATOR : So he went into the house and found the wolf asleep in the grandmother's bed.

**HUNTER stops center stage and acts surprised
HUNTER aims rifle**

HUNTER : Ha! At last I have found you, you wicked wolf.

NARRATOR : But before he fired his rifle, it occurred to him that the wolf may have eaten the grandmother.

HUNTER puts rifle down and points to his head, as if thinking, then picks up scissors

NARRATOR : So instead, he picked up some scissors and began to cut open the wolf's stomach.

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HUNTER pretends to cut open WOLF

NARRATOR : First, Little Red-Cap popped out.

RED-CAP rolls out from under the table and jumps up to center stage and curtseys

RED-CAP : Oh thank you. It's very dark inside that wolf.

GRANDMOTHER rolls out from under the table and jumps up to center stage

NARRATOR : Then the grandmother came out.

GRANDMOTHER : And stuffy, too.

RED-CAP steps down stage center and pretends to pick up stones

NARRATOR : Little Red-Cap ran and gathered some stones.

RED-CAP, HUNTER and GRANDMOTHER pretend to dump stones into wolf and sew him up

RED-CAP, HUNTER and GRANDMOTHER move down stage left

NARRATOR : They filled the wolf's belly with the stones and then sewed him back up.

WOLF wakes up

NARRATOR : When he awoke and tried to run away, he collapsed and fell dead.

WOLF falls down dead, up stage center

NARRATOR : The hunter skinned the wolf and went home.

HUNTER pretends to skin WOLF with scissors

WOLF rolls under table

HUNTER exits

GRANDMOTHER goes and picks up wine and cake, then stands center stage right

NARRATOR : The grandmother ate the cake and drank the wine and felt better.

GRANDMOTHER raises wine and cake, smiles and exits

RED-CAP steps to center stage and faces audience, frowning

NARRATOR : But Little Red-Cap was angry with herself.

RED-CAP : I shall never leave the path when my mother has forbidden it.

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RED-CAP smiles, curtsseys and exits

NARRATOR : The End.