

Little Red Riding Hoodie

...a not so classic tale

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Characters (10):

Narrator 1

Penny Pig

Woodsman Jack

Narrator 2

Polly Pig

Grandmother

Mother

Peter Pig

Red Riding Hoodie

Wolf

Setting: Living Room at Red Riding Hood's house. Red is sitting, reading a book on stage frozen. Narrators are off to stage left. They stay on the whole time. Can sit on a bench or on stools when not speaking)

Narrator 1: Once upon a time there was a young girl who lived in the country with her dear mother.

Narrator 2 : Oh here we go again...why do you always pick the country? Every time we tell this story, the girl lives in the country. Can't she ever live in a cool, big city like New York or L.A.?

Narrator 1: (glares at Narrator 2)

Narrator 2: Sorry! Keep going.

Narrator 1: The girl was loved by all especially by her grandmother who lived just down the way from their house.

Narrator 2: On Park Avenue!

Narrator 1: Not long ago, her grandmother wanted to give the girl a special gift so she made her a beautiful red riding hoodie.

Narrator 2: And guess what? I happen to know that her grandmother is one of the fashion designers for the Hannah Montana show! **(giggles and claps)**

Narrator 1: That's not true!

Narrator 2: Sorry! I'm just trying to make things more interesting. **(looks back at**

Narrator 1 who is still glaring and shaking her head)

Narrator 1: The girl loved the hoodie so much that she wore it all the time.

Narrator 2: All the time? How tacky!

Narrator 1: Many in the country village started calling her Little Red Riding Hoodie.

Narrator 2: Not the best nickname if you ask me, but none the less, the COUNTRY girl didn't seem to mind.

Narrator 1: And so she became known as Little Red Riding Hoodie and this is our version of the classic story.

Narrator 2: With a twist!

(Narrator 1 glares again)

Narrator 2: That part is true!

(Both go sit on bench, which is on stage at all times)

(Mother walks on stage holding a basket. Red unfreezes when she enters)

Mother: It's a beautiful day today Red isn't it?

Red: Yes it is mother. A very beautiful day!

Mother: I've baked some muffins for your grandmother and I'm going to run them over to her.

Red: Ok. I hate that she's been so sick.

Mother: Don't worry, she'll get better soon. While I'm gone Red, do not open the door for anyone. You know that's not safe and I won't be long.

Red: I know and I won't.

(Mother gives Red a hug, goes to leave the house)

Mother: Lock the door behind me.

Red: Mother! I'll be fine! Give Grandma a big hug for me.

(Mother leaves and Red locks the door behind her. Red picks up a magazine and sits in the living room to read. Soon there is a knock on the door. Characters need to say the words "Knock, Knock" – not just make a knock sound on the door.)

Penny: Knock, knock!

Red: (Opens door) Mama is that you? Did you forget something? **(Penny Pig wearing a straw hat runs in and she is in a frenzy)**

Penny: Hi!

Narrator 1: FREEZE! (All characters on stage freeze in position and narrator continues to talk to the audience) What's wrong with this picture? **(Takes suggestions from the audience. Correct answer is...she opened the door)** Was she supposed to open the door? **(audience...no)** She did a very dangerous thing. Well I guess we just have to wait and see what happens next.

Narrator 2: Wait! I need to do one thing before we start again **(she goes up to Penny Pig, takes off her country straw hat and replaces it with a fancy city hat. Throws country hat off stage.)** OK, UNFREEZE!

(Narrator 1 looks at her in surprise and shakes her head)

(Penny and Red unfreeze. Both are now in a frenzy)

Red: Oh no! I thought you were my mother, who are you?

Penny: Hurry, close the door! HE'S GONNA EAT ME!

Red: Who's gonna eat you?

Penny: The big bad wolf!

Red: (slams the door shut) The big bad wolf?!

Penny: Yes, you see, my sister and brother and I set out into the world today. We all decided to build our own homes and I built mine out of straw. Soon a big, bad wolf came along and he huffed and puffed and blew my house down. I didn't feel like becoming a pig on a platter so I ran here!

Red: Dear me!

Penny: I hope you don't mind. I promise to leave as soon as he goes away.

Red: Well, ok I guess you can stay, but only until he goes away. My mother will be very angry if she finds out that I opened the door to a stranger. **(looks at Penny's hat with surprise)** Nice hat by the way!

Directors Notes:

This is a silly version of the classic story. Cast size is 10 – 5 female, 1male, 4 flexible. Pigs and wolf can be male or female – just change the names to suit either gender. Have fun! If you have any questions, need clarification or ideas e-mail us at kaleidoscope.theater@yahoo.com