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Imagine a very large, very dark wood somewhere in the country. Enormous trees grow there – often hundreds of feet high. Sometimes there are so many trees that on the floor of the wood there are no bushes, no grass and no flowers and it is silent – really silent – no small animals running through and no birds sitting on the branches of the trees singing.

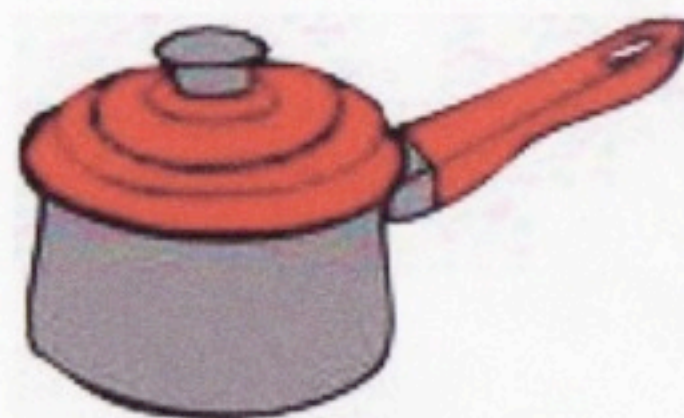
In the middle of this large silent wood there is a clearing. There are no trees growing here but there is a garden in the clearing. A very big garden with a high fence all around it. And, in the middle of this garden there is a cottage – white walls an orange roof- four square windows, a green front door and a high chimney with smoke puffing out. Yes, a very pretty cottage



Chapter Two

I can hear singing. Listen can you hear singing too? Somebody is singing in the house. It's a happy song. A song about honey. Honey? That's a strange song. Why a song about honey?

Look ! A window is open. I am going to peep in. Through the open window I can see a big kitchen. A wonderful fire is burning in the fireplace and a big saucepan is boiling over the fire.



“Honey, wonderful honey – it costs
a lot of money” sings the voice. Now
I can see who is singing. A bear! A
bear dressed in a bright green skirt, a
red blouse and shiny black shoes
and striped stockings. She’s a bit
fat and she is smiling as she sings
and cooks.

“I love honey on my toast and in my
tea, I love honey with cakes and on
the bread I bake”



Mrs. Bear (for that is her name) is putting some blue and white striped cups on the table. One is especially big, one is normal and one is very small. Now she is getting some plates from a cupboard. They have pink polka dots on them. Next to the pink and white plates there are some spoons, knives and forks and glasses.

What's the time? There is a grandfather clock standing in the kitchen. It's eight o'clock. It's eight o'clock in the morning and Mrs. Bear is making breakfast. She is laying the table for three. Where are the other two bears?



Chapter Three

I am going to peep into another window. Come on let's go together. What a noise! I can hear a terrible noise in this room! Snoring! Somebody is snoring very, very loudly!

The window is shaking!

Oh look! It's Mrs. Bear's bedroom. She is in the kitchen so who is this? I can see a bear sleeping on an enormous bed. The bear is enormous too and he is snoring. In and out- Snore Snore - out and in - Snore, snore, snore!

Mr Bear is wearing blue and white striped pyjamas and he has got a strange hat on his head. There are a pair of dark blue slippers on the floor next to the bed.



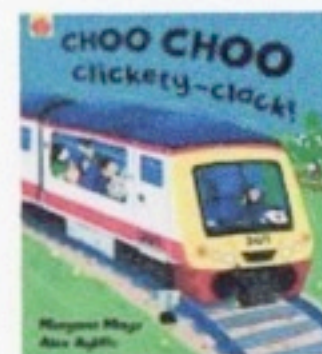
Mrs. Bears bed is next to her husband's bed. It's a bit smaller. Mrs. Bear's nightdress is on a chair near her bed.

What colour is it? It's pink! Hot pink!

I can see a small bear sitting on the carpet in front of the fire in the bedroom. He has got orange pyjamas and red slippers.

What has he got? Oh yes - he has got a toy train in his paw, He is playing with his train.

"Choo choo- choo choo"



Chapter Four

"Breakfast is ready" Mrs. Bear is calling from the kitchen. "Come on! Get up you two lazy bears" she calls. The little bear is running out of the bedroom into the kitchen. "I am up, mummy Bear I am up" He saying to his mother. "Where's your dad, Baby Bear? "He's in bed. He's sleeping and he is snoring! " Baby Bear answers his mum.

"Tell your dad that breakfast is ready. Tell your father to get up" Mummy Bear says. Mrs. Bear sits down at the table. She has got a nice cup of tea and she is putting four teaspoons of honey into the cup. Mrs Bear likes sweet things to eat and drink.

"This is nice" she says as she drinks her tea in her nice warm kitchen.



Chapter Five

On the other side of the wood there is another little cottage. It has got a red roof and white walls and a bright blue front door.

There is a number on the door. It's number 21. Number 21 Huntsford Lane. That is the address. Down the road there is a very small village with a village shop, a church, a pub. It is Huntsford Village.

Number 21 Huntsford Lane has a big garden too. There are a lot of fruit trees in the garden and a vegetable garden full of carrots, runner beans, potatoes, cabbages and tomatoes. There is a young man working in the vegetable garden. He is picking tomatoes. Tomatoes for sandwiches. The man's name is Mr Curry. He lives here.



A young woman is walking into the garden now. She has got a basket. She is putting the tomatoes into the basket and she is going into the house with it.

Now I am looking through the kitchen window. Where is the lady? Oh there she is! She is standing next to the kitchen table. There is some bread on the table and there is a dish of butter. Mrs. Curry is making sandwiches for her little girl, Goldilocks.

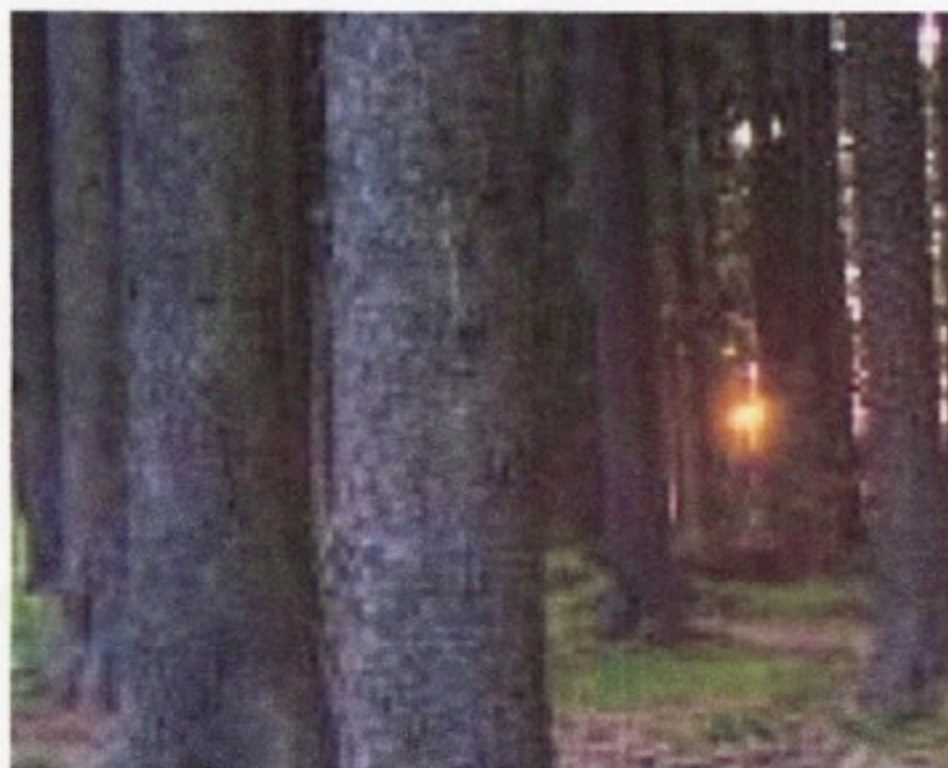


There is a little girl in the garden now. She is quite short and her hair is a bright blonde – gold really. Yes, it's Goldilocks. She is Mr and Mrs Curry's little girl. Her name is Janet but everybody calls her Goldilocks because her hair is gold.

Goldilocks is looking at her father picking tomatoes in the garden. They are beautiful tomatoes, very big and very red. "Can I have some tomatoes, Daddy, please?" "Why?" "I want to give some tomatoes to Granny. Granny likes tomatoes very much." Now Mr Curry is putting some big red tomatoes into a little basket and he's giving the basket to Goldilocks. Goldilocks is carrying the basket into the house and she is putting the basket on the table next to the sandwiches.



"Mummy, can I go to Granny's house today? I want to give Grandmother these beautiful, red tomatoes. Granny loves tomatoes." "No", Mrs Curry is saying. "No, you cannot go to Granny's house alone. It is dangerous in the woods. There is a family of very big bears in the middle of the woods and they like eating little girls with golden hair."



Now Goldilocks is crying. "But I want to go to Granny's", she sobs. Now Goldilocks is running out of the house, out of the garden and down Huntsford Lane. She is crying. She is very angry. She's got the basket of tomatoes in her hand and is leaving the road and the village. Still crying, she is running into the middle of the dark woods. Now Goldilocks is running out of the house, out of the garden and down Huntsford Lane. She is crying. She is very angry. She's got the basket of tomatoes in her hand and is leaving the road and the village. Still crying, she is running into the middle of the dark woods.



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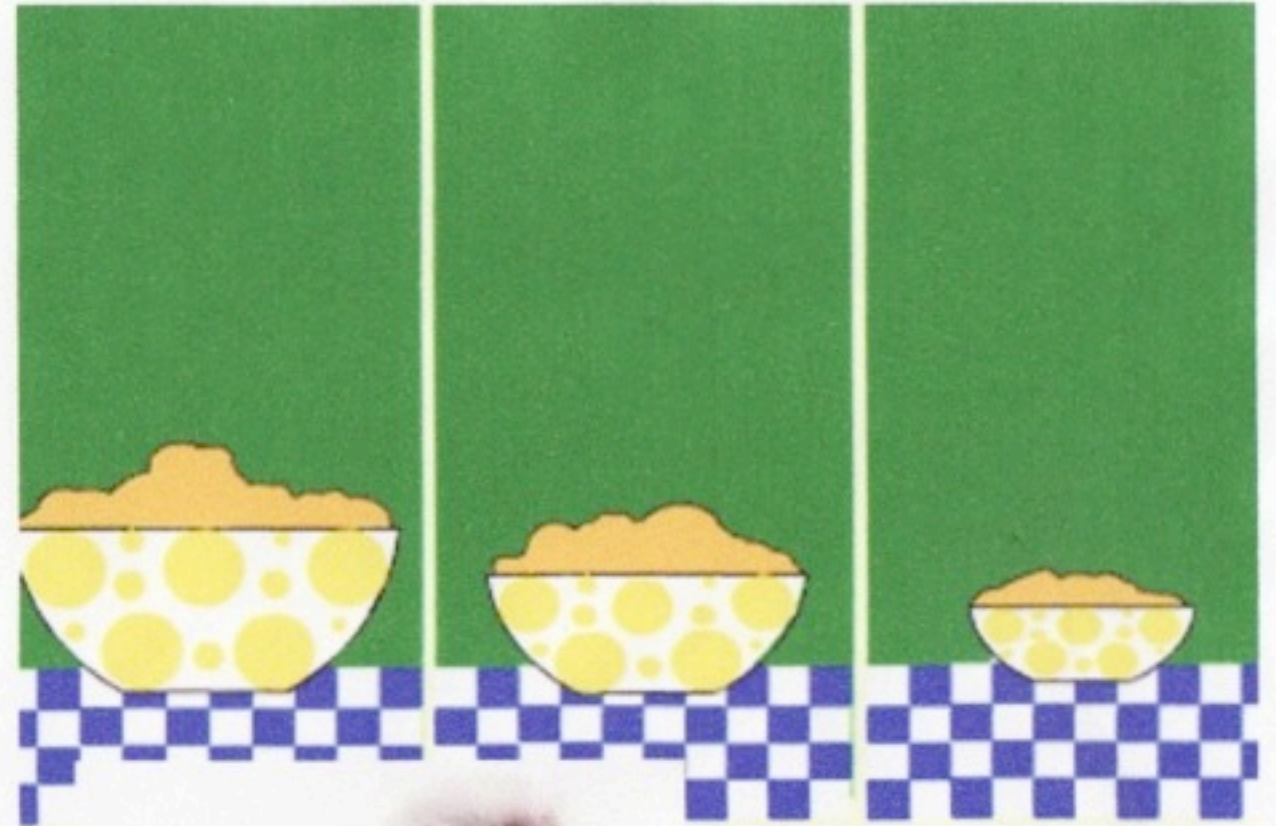
In Mr and Mrs Bear's house in the middle of the dark woods all the family are now in the kitchen. There are three bowls on the kitchen table. A very big bowl, a middle-sized bowl and a teeny weeny bowl. What is in the bowls? Porridge! Lovely hot porridge with a sprinkling of white sugar on the top and some delicious cream. Yum yum -that looks very good! It is also very, very HOT!

It's too hot to eat says Mummy.

Let's go for a walk until it is cool says Daddy.

Good idea says Baby Bear.

Off into the woods the Bear family walk- leaving the door of the house open.



CHAPTER EIGHT

In another part of the woods Goldilocks is sitting under a tree crying. She is frightened, cold and hungry. She wants her mummy and daddy and her beautiful safe house in the village. Now she is standing up and she is walking to the left, to the right, straight on – everywhere – but she is LOST.

Still crying Goldilocks arrives at the beautiful garden in the middle of the wood.

She can see the garden, she can see the house and she can SMELL the porridge! What a good smell and Goldilocks is VERY HUNGRY



Chapter Eight

Now Goldilocks is walking up the garden path to the pretty little house. She is going past the vegetable garden full of tomatoes, runner beans, cauliflowers, cabbages and marrows. She is passing the beautiful flower garden with tulips, daisies, roses and carnations. Now she is standing at the front door. The door is green and there is a bear's head for a knocker. Goldilocks is lifting the doorknocker 'BANG BANG BANG' – but nobody is coming to the door. 'BANG BANG BANG' – Goldilocks is knocking on the door again. But look! The door is not shut. It is open. The Bear Family is not at home but they left the front door open.



Goldilocks is still very hungry and there is a wonderful smell of porridge coming from the kitchen.

"Anyone at home?" she is calling. "Can I come in?" but nobody is answering her. Goldilocks is walking down the long corridor. At the end of the corridor she can see the open door of the kitchen where the smell is coming from. Now she is standing in front of the kitchen table. She can see three bowls on the table. There is a very big bowl - a middle-sized bowl and a very small bowl.

What is in the bowls? Yes, you're right there is some delicious sweet porridge with a sprinkling of white sugar on the top. She is so hungry that she is picking up the large spoon by the very big bowl and she is taking some porridge and she is eating it.

"Oh - it's really too hot for me" Now she is tasting the porridge in the middle-sized bowl.

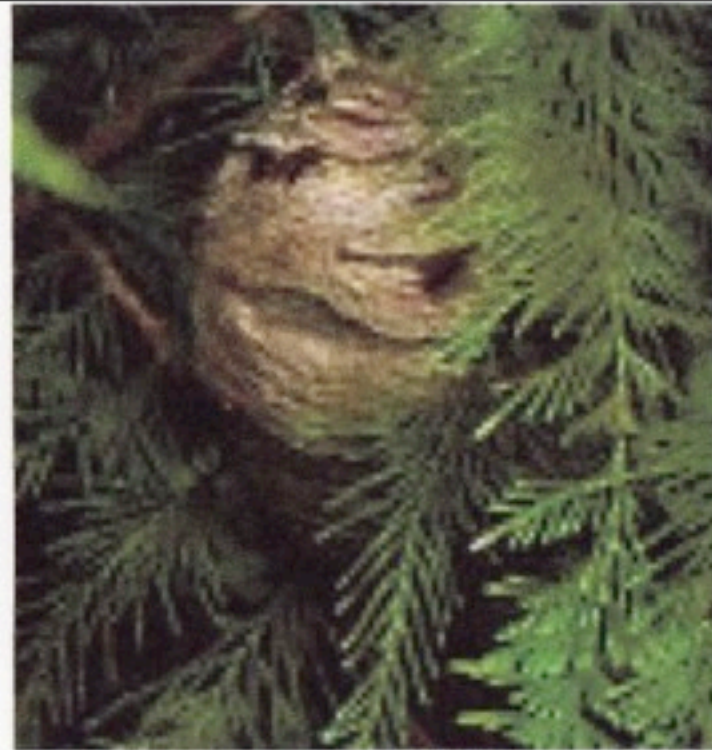
"Oh - it's really too cold for me" Now she is trying the porridge in the very small bowl. "Oh this is really good - not too hot or too cold! She eats it all up! Poor Baby Bear!



Goldilocks is tired now. She tries the very big chair but it is too big for her. Then she tries the middle-sized chair but it too low for her. Then she sits on the tiny chair at the end of the breakfast table and it is just right for her but as she sits down she breaks it and she falls to the ground. "I'm still very tired. I want to go to bed and have a nap" First of all she tries the gigantic bed but it is not comfortable because it is too hard. The second bed is too soft. Now she is getting into the little bed and this is very comfortable, in fact it is perfect and Goldilocks is soon sleeping!



In the middle of the dark woods the Bear Family are having fun. Dad is sleeping under a big tree and dreaming of a big apple tart. Mum is looking for a bees nest and honey and Baby Bear is running around and around saying "TooT TooT Toot toot!" He's a car today! "Let's go home - the porridge is just right now" says Mummy. The family is walking back to their house now - into the garden - through the front door - down the long corridor - into the nice warm kitchen.



“Who’s been eating my
porridge” says daddy
“Who’s been eating my
porridge” says mummy
“Who’s been eating my
porridge” says baby Bear
“and finished it all too!”

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Who's been sitting
on my chair" says
daddy
"Who's been sitting
on my chair" says
mummy
"Who's been sitting
on my chair" says
baby Bear "and
broken it too !"
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“Who’s been
sleeping in my bed”
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