

3.10 Goldilocks

Once upon a time there were three bears: a big Father bear, a middle-sized Mother bear, and a little Baby bear. The bears lived in a house in the middle of a wood.

One morning they made porridge for breakfast. Father bear poured the hot porridge into three bowls: a small bowl for Baby bear, a middle-sized bowl for Mother bear, and a big bowl for himself. But the porridge was too hot and the bears couldn't eat it. So they went for a walk in the woods while the porridge was cooling.

Just then a little girl called Goldilocks went into the bears' house. Goldilocks saw the three bowls of porridge. She tasted the porridge in the big bowl but that was too hot. She tasted the porridge in the middle-sized bowl and that was too cold. But when Goldilocks tasted the porridge in the little bowl it was just right, and she ate it all up.

Then Goldilocks saw three comfortable chairs. She sat on the big chair but that was too high. She sat on the middle-sized chair but that was too low. She sat on the little chair and that was just right but it broke into a hundred pieces!

Next Goldilocks walked into the bedroom. She saw three beds in a row. She lay down on the big bed, but that was too hard. She lay down on the middle-sized bed, but that was too soft. She lay down on the little bed, and it was just right. Goldilocks fell fast asleep.

When the three bears came home to have breakfast Father bear said: 'Someone has been eating my porridge!'

Mother bear said: 'Someone has been eating my porridge!'

And Baby bear said: 'Someone has been eating my porridge and has eaten it all up!'

Then the three bears saw their chairs. Father bear said: 'Someone has been sitting in my chair!' Mother bear said: 'Someone has been sitting in my chair!' and Baby bear said: 'Someone has been sitting in my chair and it's all broken!'

When the three bears went upstairs and saw their beds, Father bear said: 'Someone has been sleeping in my bed!' Mother bear said: 'Someone has been sleeping in my bed!'

And Baby bear said: 'Someone has been sleeping in my bed, and she's still there!'

The bears' voices woke up Goldilocks. She jumped out of bed and ran down the stairs and out of the front door as fast as she could. And Goldilocks never went back to the three bears' house again!