



READING THEATRE



Goldilocks
AND THE 3 BEARS

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Court proceedings - Goldilocks versus The Three Bears.

Characters:

Bailiff
Judge
Dad Bear
Mum Bear
Small Bear

Bailiff Welcome Judge. We are today residing over the case of the Bears versus Goldilocks. All have been sworn in.

Judge Thankyou (*he acknowledges the bailiff and then looks at the bears.*) How angry do the bears get if things don't go their way? (*The judge nervously smiles at the bears.*)

Bailiff They are big aren't they?

Judge Okay we are brought here today to see if you Goldilocks are guilty of the crimes you are accused of committing.

Small Bear Objection your honour.

Judge I haven't even started yet.

Dad Bear Sorry, he tends to get a little bit excited.

Judge The crimes that have been alleged against you Goldilocks are quite serious.

Goldilocks It's all untrue Sir. They just hate me because my hair is so soft (she flicks her hair) and their fur is so rough and well without being rude, unkept.

Mum Bear I object. I clean this fur every week. Well every second week. How dare she!

Judge Quiet in the court or you will be removed.

Mum Bear By who?

Judge If you speak again (*Mum Bear stands up*) then I'll ask you nicely to quieten down ok.

Dad Bear (*turns to Mum Bear*) That actually sounds fair.

Mum Bear Yeah okay.

Judge So Goldilocks you have been accused of breaking and entering, theft and the wilful destruction of property. How do you plead?

Goldilocks I plead not guilty your honour.

Small Bear Oh come on lady, don't put on that sweet voice. We all know you are nothing but a criminal.

Goldilocks - I object your honour.

Judge Object to what?

Goldilocks His breath! He smells like salmon, and I hate fish.

Judge Objection sustained: the young bear must use a breath mint.

Goldilocks Thank you your honour.

Judge (*Turns to the bears*) Do you wish to call your first witness?

Dad Bear I call my son to the stand.
(*Small Bear walks to the front*)

Dad Bear Is it true that you were the first back to the house and noticed that the door was wide open?

Small Bear Yes she broke into our house.

Goldilocks Objection your honour! He didn't see me. I mean if I was actually there.

Judge Objection overruled.

Goldilocks Why?

Judge Because the Mum Bear scares me.

Dad Bear What did you see son, when you entered the house?

Small Bear It was a mess. Everything was everywhere.

Goldilocks Don't blame me if your parents can't clean.

Mum Bear Why you smug little creature. If I was your mum I'd put you over my knee.

Goldilocks Can the court reporter please note that she is very violent.

Judge Yes please note that.

Mum Bear What? (*threatening*)

Judge I mean please don't note it.

Dad Bear What did you actually see?

Small Bear I saw my chair broken, my porridge eaten and my bed sheets smelt like, (*he pauses*)- girl. All because she broke into our house. She broke my favourite chair (*he starts to cry*)

Dad Bear (*looks at the jury*) You can see the distress that this has caused my young innocent son.

Goldilocks He's guilty alright, guilty of over acting. I've cried more cutting onions. This is a joke.

Judge Do you have any other witnesses?

Dad Bear My wife also witnessed this distressing scene.

Judge Please note that the mum saw exactly the same thing.

Dad Bear I call to the stand Goldilocks.
(*Goldilocks goes up the front*)

Dad Bear Where were you on the 21st of January? (*he stares at her*)

Goldilocks I was at my Grandma's house actually.

Mum Bear (*whispers loudly*) It was the 22nd not the 21st.

Dad Bear As I said, where were you on the 22nd of January?

Goldilocks I was at your house okay.

Mum Bear We rest our case.

Goldilocks But I didn't break in.

Mum Bear We don't rest our case.

Goldilocks I was lost and I wanted directions so I knocked on the door and it opened.

Dad Bear Don't you mean you kicked it in?

Goldilocks I'm a very small girl, Judge. I'm sure I wouldn't have been able to kick in such a big door.

Dad Bear So how did you get in?

Goldilocks By using my legs and walking in.

Dad Bear See she admitted to using her legs to get in.

Goldilocks How long is this going to take? I have a hairdresser appointment.

Mum Bear Yeh, in prison.

Goldilocks No actually I get it done really cheap at Gretel's house.

Judge She does a good job.

Dad Bear Anyway, do you admit to eating our porridge?

Goldilocks Yes and I must say you make an awesome porridge Mrs Bear.

Mum Bear Thank you. Yes it's all in the oats you use with a little bit of maple syrup, but don't use too much.

Dad Bear Dear please (*he turns back to Goldilocks*) So you admit to stealing it?

Goldilocks No, I didn't steal it. I ate it there. I didn't take it with me.

Small Bear In your belly you did Miss.

Judge Is this true?

Goldilocks Technically no it's not. I left it in the toilet not long after - embarrassing but true.

Small Bear I'm hungry Mum.

Mum Bear Well you can't eat anything because someone stole your porridge.

Small Bear (*cries again*)

Goldilocks Oh please Oscar award winner in the front row.

Dad bear Okay, did you break the chair?

Goldilocks It was ikea furniture.

Judge Is this true?

Dad Bear *(turns to Mum Bear and she nods)* Okay I retract that question. Did you sleep on the bed?

Goldilocks Absolutely not.

Dad Bear You are lying in this court.

Goldilocks No, I'm not lying here, but I was lying in your bed. But I didn't sleep because you came home and chased me out.

Mum Bear You're lucky we didn't catch you.

Goldilocks I was just waiting sir for the bears to come home to tell them the door was open and then I was almost hurt by their inferior furniture and almost burnt my mouth on the food. Then I had to run for my life as I was threatened to be killed. I am the victim here. They should be charged, not me *(she cries)*. You see, Small Bear that is acting.

Dad Bear *(turns to jury)* This little girl has done wrong and needs to be held accountable for her actions. She broke into my house.

Goldilocks *(Interrupts)* Walked in

Dad Bear Stole porridge.

Goldilocks Helped clean the dishes.

Dad Bear Broke the chair.

Goldilocks Ikea.

Dad Bear Then slept in our beds.

Goldilocks Used them as trampolines.

Dad Bear See *(he points at her)*

Goldilocks In my mind

Mum Bear Oh she is good.

Dad Bear You as the jury need to find her guilty of all charges and put her away. I thank you and know you'll make the right decision.

Goldilocks Oh I'm sure they will.

Dad Bear We rest your honour.

Judge And you Goldi?

Goldilocks Oh I already rested at their house.

Judge Well Jury it is up to you. Could you please go and deliberate your decision and then come back into court and deliver the verdict. We are now recessed.