

WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF?

Based on the opera *Don Giovanni* by Wolfgang Amadeus
Mozart and Lorenzo Da Ponte

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Scene 5

Little Red and the 3rd Little Pig enter. Outside the brick house.

3RD LITTLE PIG

Do we have everything we need?

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Here is the net that Granny knitted, *and* here is a fresh batch of cookies!

3RD LITTLE PIG

Excellent! Everyone else is already inside, and the Wolf will be here soon.

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Are you sure he will be here?

3RD LITTLE PIG

Definitely. I made *sure* he overheard us pick out this meeting spot.

The Wolf howls offstage.

That's him! He's almost here. Now, we will lure him to right underneath the roof with the smell of the cookies. Then, when he's distracted, we will drop the net and capture him!

They go inside the house. The Wolf enters. Little Red and the 3rd Little Pig appear on the top of the house and look down on him. The Wolf does not them.

The 3rd Little pig has a fishing rod with a cookie attached to the end of it. They are "fishing" for the Wolf with the cookie.

BIG BAD WOLF

Smelling the air They were just here! I can smell them... But wait... I smell something else... *seeing the cookie* Cookie!

The Wolf leaps forward. Right as he is about to get it, the cookie on the fishing pole moves away. It becomes a frantic "monkey in the middle." The Wolf gets very frustrated. The cookie continues to lead him around and around until the end of the aria.

BIG BAD WOLF

Music begins ("Finch' han dal vino").

FIRST IT WAS GRANNY,
THEN LITTLE PIGGIES,
NOW A BIG COOKIE
I'VE TRIED TO EAT.

I WANTED BACON,
I WANTED CAKE AND
ALL OF THE OTHERS
AS SPECIAL TREATS
FOR ME TO EAT.

SO, I'VE BEEN RUNNING—
ALL DAY BEEN HUFFING,

ALL DAY BEEN PUFFING
ALL THROUGH THE TREES.

OH, I'M SO HUNGRY AND SO FATIGUED!

I FEEL LIKE POUTING.
I FEEL LIKE SHOUTING.
I FEEL LIKE EATING ALL THAT I SEE—
I WILL EAT ALL I SEE!
EVERYONE I SEE!

To the cookie I'll get you my pretty!

He pounces on the cookie. Little Red and the 3rd Little Pig drop the net on top of him. Music begins ("Don Giovanni, cena teco..."). The wolf freaks out and begins to writhe, throwing a temper tantrum.

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD/3RD LITTLE PIG

YOU BIG BULLY!
NOW WE HAVE CAUGHT YOU!
SAY YOU'RE SORRY.
IT IS A VIRTUE.

BIG BAD WOLF

PLEASE JUST LET ME OUT OF THIS NET
OR YOU WILL BE FILLED WITH REGRET!

3RD LITTLE PIG

LITTLE RED, I THINK IT'S WORKING!

BIG BAD WOLF

I AM WAITING!

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD/3RD LITTLE PIG

STOP ALL YOUR WHINING!

NOW YOU KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE IN OUR SHOES.
SEE HOW BAD IT FEELS WHEN THE JOKE'S ON YOU.
WE WON'T BE AFRAID AND LET YOU FREE
UNTIL YOU SAY YOU ARE REALLY SORRY.

BIG BAD WOLF

I will never say that! I was taught to be big and bad and that's how I'll stay!

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

We won't give up. You need to learn your lesson.

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD/3RD LITTLE PIG

SAY THE WORDS!

BIG BAD WOLF

NO!

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD/3RD LITTLE PIG/BOY WHO CRIED WOLF

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD/3RD LITTLE PIG

SAY THE WORDS!

BIG BAD WOLF

NO!

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD/3RD LITTLE PIG

YES!

BIG BAD WOLF

NO!

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD/3RD LITTLE PIG

YES!

BIG BAD WOLF

NO!

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD/3RD LITTLE PIG

YES!

BIG BAD WOLF

NO... NO!

3RD LITTLE PIG

Then you leave us no choice. *To the others* Tickle him!

Little Red and 3rd Little Pig tickle him. As they do, the Wolf starts to cry. This moment can last for a few moments and be a great moment of physical comedy.

BIG BAD WOLF

Okay! I yield! I yield. I'm *sorry*. I'm sorry I chased you all day. I'm sorry I destroyed your homes and families.

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Do you actually mean that?

BIG BAD WOLF

Beat Yes, I think I actually do. But, don't tell anyone I just said that. If I'm not big and bad, how else will I ever get what I want?

3RD LITTLE PIG

It's quite simple really. Let's start small.

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

You're hungry right?

BIG BAD WOLF

Famished! *To 3rd PIG* I've been trying to eat *you* all day.

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Then... ask us to share this cookie.

BIG BAD WOLF

That won't work. You all hate me.

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD/3RD LITTLE PIG

Just ask us!

BIG BAD WOLF

Okay... Can I have a cookie?

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD/3rd LITTLE PIG/BOY WHO CRIED WOLF

Of course, you can!

Wolf is given the cookie.

BIG BAD WOLF

That was so simple! Is that really all it takes?

BOY WHO CRIED WOLF

Now try a more *important* question.

The Wolf thinks very hard.

BIG BAD WOLF

Okay... How about this: can we be friends?

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD/3RD LITTLE PIG

Of course you can!

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

See! You're not so scary now.

3RD LITTLE PIG

From now on, I'm going to call you the Big Good Wolf.

Music begins ("Finale").

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ALL

NOW NOT ME!

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF?

ALL

NOW NOT ME!

HE HAS CHANGED FROM BAD TO GOOD,
AND WILL TREAT OTHERS, AS HE SHOULD.

SO, WE NOW END THE OPERA:
HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE,
SO WE CAN LIVE IN HARMONY!

THE END

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