

BROWNILOCKS AND A BEAR
For two children to perform
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CHARACTERS:

BROWNILOCKS

BEAR

Setting: A cabin in the woods. The walls of the cabin are indicated by chairs, rope, or some other object that indicates the doorway and walls. The cabin takes up the right half of the stage. The door to the cabin faces left. A small table is downstage inside the cabin, to the right of the doorway. A pail or other container sits underneath the table. A bowl and spoon are inside the pail. A chair is next to the table. A stool is downright. A bed—indicated by a blanket or cushions—is upstage.

At Rise: Bear is asleep and just waking up.

BEAR: (yawning and stretching) What a great sleep. It's time to get the day started. First, I'll have breakfast. (sits at table; gets out a bowl and spoon) But there's nothing in the bowl. I'll have to cook something or go find berries. (thinks) A walk will do me good. I'll go find berries. (exits left)

BROWNILOCKS: (enters from left) I've never seen this cabin before. I wonder whose it is. (she looks at the cabin, then around the area; calling) Helloooo. Is anyone here? (knocks on pretend door) Knock, knock. (pause; in a different voice) Who's there? (own voice) Just me. (listens then sneaks into cabin) So I'm coming in because if someone were home they would have wondered who the crazy girl was who was talking to herself. (looks around) Small but nice. (sees bowl) Breakfast! (looks in) Aw, it's empty. (turns bowl upside down) I wish it were full. (sees stool) Nice. (sits on stool) Not nice; it isn't comfortable. (stands up and lays stomach-down on stool) This isn't either. (wiggles around trying to get comfortable but stool falls over) Ow. (sees bed) That looks good. (leaves stool lying on the floor; goes to bed and pushes on it) Not bad. (lays down on bed, facing audience) Too bad there's not a T.V. (pretends to pick up a remote and use it, as if TV is between bed and audience) Click. Click. (yawns) There's nothing good on. (slowly keeps clicking until finally falls asleep)

BEAR: (enters with a handful of berries) I should have brought my pail with me to collect these. (turns bowl right side up and puts berries in it) I'll go get some more. (picks up pail; exits left).

BROWNILOCKS: (wakes up suddenly) Oh! I'm hungry. I always eat when I watch TV. (looks at table) I wonder if there's anything in that bowl. (crosses to table and looks in bowl) Five berries? That's all. Well, it's better than a sock in the nose. (picks up bowl and sits down on bed; clicks the pretend remote; eats berries; gets tired; lays down; falls asleep)

BEAR: (enters with pail) That's more like it. This will be a great breakfast. (crosses to table; sees bowl is gone) My bowl? Someone's been eating my berries. (growls quietly; sees stool and crosses to it) Someone's been sitting on my stool. (growls a little louder; sees bed; crosses to foot of bed) Someone's been sleeping in my bed and there she is! (growls very loud)

BROWNILOCKS: (sits up suddenly) Aa! A bear!

BEAR: (angry) Who are you?

BROWNILOCKS: (stands up with back to door and facing bear) A talking bear!

BEAR: Did you eat my berries? (takes a step towards Brownilocks)

BROWNILOCKS: (takes a step back) Oh, were those your berries? I thought a kind fairy had left them for me because I was so hungry.

BEAR: (steps towards Brownilocks) Did you knock over my stool and then just leave it that way?

BROWNILOCKS: (steps back) Oo. Sorry about that. I thought some sweet elves would come and straighten up the room.

BEAR: (steps towards Brownilocks) Did you sleep in my bed?

BROWNILOCKS: And there's not a flea in it!

BEAR: (angry) Of course not! What is your name?

BROWNILOCKS: I forgot to introduce myself. (shakes bear's hand) I'm Brownilocks. I live just on the other side of the woods with my mom and dad and my older sister. (backs away again)

BEAR: Do your mom and dad know where you are?

BROWNILOCKS: Not exactly.

BEAR: Do they know you stole berries and vandalized a house?

BROWNILOCKS: (shocked) I didn't mean to. (runs to stool and picks it up) There and just a moment. (runs off left and enters with a handful of berries; puts in bowl; puts bowl on table) There. Your berries are replaced. No harm done.

BEAR: (growls long and loud) GRRRRRRR!

(Brownilocks runs off left, screaming)

BEAR: (looks after Brownilocks; then laughs) Scared her just like we did her sister. I haven't been to visit the Locks family in a while. I think I'll take them some berries right now, so I can meet their youngest daughter. (takes pail; exits left)

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