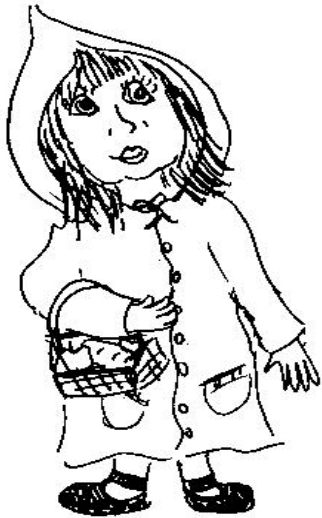# Little Red Riding Hood

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Penny was a kind, young girl. She always wore a red coat with a hood, so her parents called her "Little Red Riding Hood." Penny lived with her mother and father next to a dark, scary forest.

One day, she decided to visit her grandmother, who lived on the other side of the forest. Penny decided to take a basket of fruit and bread because her grandmother was old and sick. Penny said goodbye to her parents and started to walk through the forest.

Suddenly, she saw a big, ugly wolf. The wolf was hungry, and he wanted to eat Penny. He smiled and asked, "Where are you going, little girl?"

Penny was very polite, and she answered, "I am going to visit my grandmother, who lives on the other side of the forest. It's not far from here."

The wolf was sly. He said goodbye to Penny and ran ahead to the grandmother's house. There, he ate the old grandmother. Then he dressed himself in the grandmother's clothes and climbed into her soft, warm bed. And he waited.

A short while later, Penny arrived at her grandmother's house. She knocked on the door, and a strange voice said, "Come in."

Penny went inside and looked at the wolf in the bed. She was very surprised because her grandmother looked so different!
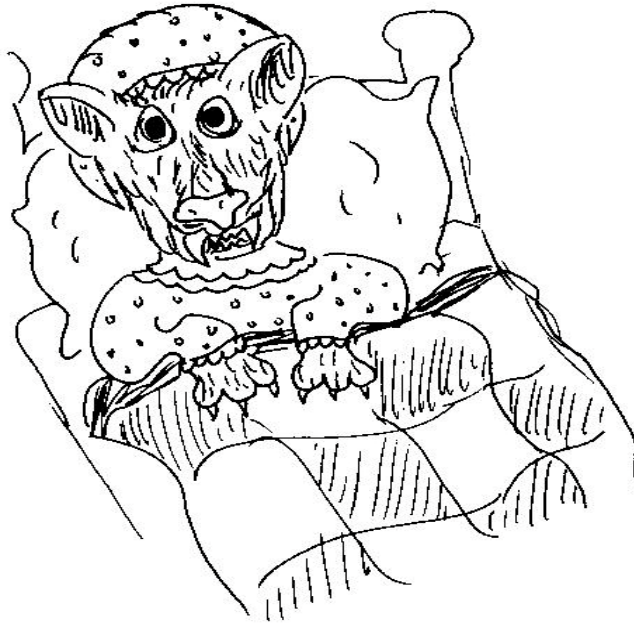
"Grandma!" she said. "What big eyes you have!"

The wolf answered, "The better to see you with, my dear."

Penny said, "But Grandma! What big ears you have!"

"The better to hear you with, my dear," answered the wolf.

"But Grandma!" exclaimed Penny. "What big teeth you have!"

And the wolf jumped out of bed and roared, "The better to eat you with, my dear!" He ate Penny and her basket of food, too. He was a very greedy wolf.

Fortunately, a hunter was hunting in the forest near the grandmother's house, and he heard Penny scream. He ran to the house and found a very fat wolf. He immediately cut the wolf open, and Penny and her grandmother jumped out. They were alive!

And they were very happy.