

Dialogue Sample from
THE SURPRISING STORY OF THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

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*[One of the THREE PIGS searches for a story
without a huffing and puffing wolf. He
stumbles upon the THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF.]*

PIG #1

Excuse me.

ALL BILLY GOATS

Aaaaagh!

PIG #1

Oh, sorry. I didn't mean to frighten you. I didn't know anyone was here.

BIG BILLY GOAT

Who are you?!

PIG #1

I'm from the pig story. You know - "The Three Little Pigs."
You've heard of it?

BIG BILLY GOAT

No.

PIG #1

Well, never mind. My, my, my. You are the three billy goats
gruff, right?

BIG BILLY GOAT

Who wants to know?

PIG #1

Just this little piggy. Anyway, I don't mean to interrupt your
story.

BIG BILLY GOAT

Well, you are interrupting.

MIDDLE BILLY GOAT

Well, actually, this is not the story. We're having a
discussion.

BIG BILLY GOAT

We're having an argument! And right in the middle of the story.

PIG #1

Now that's interesting ... the same thing happened to us.

ALL BILLY GOATS

Us?

PIG #1

The three pigs. We were going along nicely and then ... well, first I was hungry and I sat down to eat and then, well ... it just seemed to set everyone off.

BIG BILLY GOAT

They set off? I wish we would set off.

PIG #1

What I mean is my change of the normal routine seemed to get everyone's goat. Oh, no, no, I shouldn't put it that way. Well, what I mean to say is that the three of us started to butt heads - oh, dear - I'm really a muddle here. I didn't mean to horn in - oh, my - forgive me. It's just that I couldn't take it anymore.

LITTLE BILLY GOAT

You, too! I know what you mean!

BIG BILLY GOAT

Couldn't take what? The troll?

PIG #1

No, no. Our story has a wolf.

GOATS

A wolf?

PIG #1

He's a hairy, sneaky fellow with sharp, vicious teeth.

(GOATS shudder together.)

BIG BILLY GOAT

See, we don't have it so bad.

MIDDLE BILLY GOAT

Tell us more.

LITTLE BILLY GOAT

Yes, tell us your story.

PIG #1

Well ...

(PIG #1 acts out story with GOATS reacting.)

PIG #1 (Continued)

We three pigs say goodbye to our mother who has packed our snacks and we go out into the wide, wide world to make our fortunes.

LITTLE BILLY GOAT

Lucky pigs, they don't have to cross over a troll infested bridge for something to eat.

MIDDLE BILLY GOAT and BIG BILLY GOAT

Sssh!

PIG #1

At last we reach the wide, wide world and I build my house of straw.

LITTLE BILLY GOAT

Straw?! Ah ha!!!

MIDDLE BILLY GOAT and BIG BILLY GOAT

Sssh!

PIG #1

Then the wolf comes along and he huffs and he puffs and he blows my house down.

GOATS

Oh, no!

PIG #1

And I barely escape with that wolf nipping at my little piggy feet.

LITTLE BILLY GOAT

Horrible!

MIDDLE BILLY GOAT and BIG BILLY GOAT

Go on, go on!

PIG #1

I barely make it to my sibling's house of sticks. Not so charming

as my house of straw but certainly more substantial.

GOATS

Go on, go on!

PIG #1

Then the wolf comes.

GOATS

Oh, no!

PIG #1

And he huffs and he puffs and he blows the stick house down.

LITTLE BILLY GOAT

What a nightmare!

MIDDLE BILLY GOAT and BIG BILLY GOAT

Go on, go on!

PIG #1

So we run for our lives with that villain nipping at our little piggy feet and barely make it to our brother's house of bricks. Strong, warm but absolutely no charm --

GOATS

Go on, go on!

PIG #1

Once again that wolf tries his "Little pig, little pig, let me come in" bit. And we pigs answer, "Not by the hair of our chinny, chin, chin."

LITTLE BILLY GOAT

Oh, good one!

PIG #1

Well, of course we pigs are too smart to fall for that.

GOATS

And, and!

PIG #1

So the wolf retorts with, "Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in!"

LITTLE BILLY GOAT

(Covering his head, afraid to look)
Not again!

BIG BILLY GOAT

So what happens?!

MIDDLE BILLY GOAT

The wolf blows the brick house down?!

PIG #1

Oh, no. The brick house is too strong so the wolf tries to disguise himself in a sheep getup.

LITTLE BILLY GOAT

Do you fall for it?

PIG #1

No! No way are we intelligent pigs leaving our house of bricks.

MIDDLE BILLY GOAT

Then what happens?

PIG #1

The wolf gets another bright idea and climbs down the chimney to get us.

GOATS

Aaggh!

MIDDLE BILLY GOAT

Oh, mercy!

BIG BILLY GOAT

Doomed!

PIG #1

Well, of course not. We clever pigs have a pot of water boiling on the fire.

GOATS

Yes!

PIG #1

The wolf falls in, shrieks, and "zip" he's up that chimney and never seen again!

GOATS

Whew!

PIG #1

Until --

GOATS

Oh, no!

PIG #1

Once upon a time ...

GOATS

Once upon a time ...?

MIDDLE BILLY GOAT

That has a familiar ring.

PIG #1

So that's how our story goes - over and over and over again. Can you imagine the worry of it? The wolf trying to have us for his dinner and we pigs running for our very lives. So, when I found out there were other stories, I simply had to ... to ...

(Collapsing with emotion)

I had to find a story without a wolf. Could I ... could I please be in your story?