



A MINI PANTOMIME



CAST

Bluebell (Red Riding Hood's sister)

Red Riding Hood

Woodcutter (thinks he's a superhero)

Wolf (bossy)

Rat (Wolf's dopey sidekick)

Granny (difficult old lady)

Nurse (very girly fashion victim)

7 Speaking parts. No facility for non-speaking parts.

SCENE 1

(The curtains open to show Little Red Riding Hood's sister, Bluebell, packing up a basket of food)

BLUEBELL (calling)

Red Riding Hood, hurry up! We have to get all this food packed up and over to Grandma's house. Mum says Grandma is ill in bed and can't get out to the sho

RED RIDING HOOD (entering)

Alright, Bluebell, alright, I'm coming. What have you put in the basket, Bluebell?

BLUEBELL

Some cakes...some bread...some jam...some cheese...a pound of grapes...a pound of apples...and some sweets.

RED RIDING HOOD

Sweets? Let me have a look.

BLUEBELL

No, no, I've packed the basket now, you'll just mess it up...

RED RIDING HOOD

Aha! Just as I thought! There's only one sweet left! You've eaten all the others! You are so greedy!

BLUEBELL

Well, it was hard work packing up the basket - and you know I can't resist sweets.

RED RIDING HOOD

Well, you're going to have to get Grandma some more, otherwise I'll tell Mum.

BLUEBELL

Alright, alright. You go on ahead and I'll catch you up. Make sure you

stick to the path in the woods though. Don't you dare stray off it. (Bluebell exits)

RED RIDING HOOD

What a bossy boots! Just because she's my big sister she thinks she can boss me about all the time. Well, I'll show her! I'll take the short cut through the woods and I'll be at Grandma's house before she's even left the sweet shop. (Exits)

SCENE 2

(In the forest. Wolf and Rat come on opposite sides of the stage, backwards. They tiptoe backwards until they bump into each other. Wolf yells, spins round and pretends to do some kung fu.)

WOLF

Fool! What did you do that for?

RAT (He is rather dopey and speaks in a dopey way)

Sorry boss, I was looking for you.

(Rat picks himself up)

WOLF

What a lame excuse. I'm not going to get anything better out of you am I? Quick hide! A human's coming!

(Wolf pushes Rat offstage. Woodcutter leaps onstage on the opposite side and strikes a pose, with his hands on his hips. He is wearing a superhero costume, like Superman, with pants over tights and a cape but with a large W on his chest. He carries a plastic axe))

WOODCUTTER

Howdy folks! Business is terrible. I haven't chopped down any trees for weeks. No-one wants firewood anymore. Everybody's gone over to gas central heating! What a life!

(Little Red Riding Hood comes in carrying her basket)

RED RIDING HOOD

Hello there. Who are you?

WOODCUTTER

I'm Woodcutter, ma'am. No tree is too big for my axe.

RED RIDING HOOD

Hmm. Very impressive, I'm sure. I'm Little Red Riding Hood.

WOODCUTTER

Pleased to meet you Red.

RED RIDING HOOD

Are you doing anything at the moment?

WOODCUTTER

Absolutely nothing! Hey, have you by any chance got some work for me? I don't just chop down trees you know. No job is too small - building things...demolishing things...saving the planet....

RED RIDING HOOD

No, sorry, no work...but you could come with me to visit Granny.

WOODCUTTER

I'd love to. It'll be the most exciting thing I've done all week!

RED RIDING HOOD

She's not very well, so I'm taking her some cakes and other goodies.

WOODCUTTER

Oh good. Perhaps we can help her eat them!

(Red Riding Hood and the Woodcutter leave. Wolf and Rat re-appear)

WOLF

Did you hear that?

RAT

Hear what boss?

WOLF

Little Red Riding Hood saying that she's going to visit her Granny with lots of cakes! Yummy, yummy.

RAT

But I thought you said you've become a vegetable and vegetables don't eat anything...

WOLF

A vegetarian you idiot! I have not become a vegetable, I've become a vegetarian.

RAT

I can't cope with long words.

WOLF

Vegetarians do eat - they just don't eat meat. They just eat vegetables.

RAT

So you can't eat cakes then?

WOLF

Vegetarians can eat cakes.

RAT

What about sweets?

WOLF

And sweets.

RAT

Ice cream?

WOLF

Yes.

RAT

Peanut butter sandwiches?

WOLF

Yes. Will you stop going on about food! You're making me hungrier and hungrier!

We have to find a way of getting that basket off Red Riding Hood. I know! Let's run to Granny's cottage and get there before her!

RAT

Then what will we do?

WOLF

I'll think of something on the way. Come on, hurry up. (They run off)