



The Adventures of a Porridge Thief



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Once upon a time, there was a little girl called Goldilocks. On the day our story begins, she had fibbed to her Mum about attending school and had gone for a walk in the woods instead. She came across a lovely, neat little house and, being the curious type, decided to see who was home.

The owners of the cottage were a family of bears. They had gone for a stroll that morning, as the porridge that Mummy Bear had made for Daddy Bear and Baby Bear was far too hot to eat, so they thought they would leave it for a short while to cool down. Porridge was their favourite, always made in their magic pot!

In their absence, Goldilocks explored their home. She ate some of their porridge, sat in their chairs, and fell asleep in the smallest bed in the house. When the bears returned, they noticed that someone had been in their home and couldn't believe it when they discovered Goldilocks in Baby Bears' bed!

After a lot of screaming and rushing around, Goldilocks grabbed the magic porridge pot and ran off into the woods. Mummy and Daddy Bear decided it was time to tell Baby Bear all about her 'coming of age' quest and told her to head out into the woods, find Goldilocks, retrieve the porridge pot and secure her status as a "grown up bear".

She headed off, full of pride and feeling excited about her quest.

Goldilocks took the porridge pot all the way back to her family home, which was a beautiful golden colour. She lived there with her Mum, Little Red Riding Hood. Her Dad, Buzz Lightyear. Her Sisters and Brothers and her pet crocodile. When she arrived back they immediately started making porridge. Goldilocks knew the special words to START the porridge cooking but not to STOP it....

In a fairly short space of time, there was far too much porridge, which then turned to custard, which THEN turned into a volcanic eruption of hot lava, INSIDE their house!!

Meanwhile, Baby Bear had followed the trail of footprints to Goldilocks house. She arrived just as the volcano was erupting in the house. She was so scared that she ran away, into the woods. She ran at 100 miles an hour and stopped exactly 100 metres from the house. She watched the drama unfold. In the house, the family pet crocodile helped as much as he could be eating some of the volcanic lava but it didn't really help because there was just too much. From a safe distance, Baby Bear shouted the password, which was an exaggerated whisper. Goldilocks heard it and shouted it straight to the porridge pot. It worked immediately.

Baby Bear crept up to the house and said sorry to Goldilocks for running away but then grabbed the porridge pot and ran away again! Goldilocks and her family took chase. Halfway back to the bears house, the pot suddenly burst into flames. Fortunately, Goldilocks' brother had a hose which he grabbed and squirted at the flaming porridge pot, putting out the fire quickly. After everything that had gone on, they all decided that it would be best if the pot was divided into 2, so that both families had enough porridge to live on. Goldilocks Dad, Buzz Lightyear uttered his best spell, which was "To infinity and beyond" and the pot split into two perfect pots. Each family took one and they all lived Happily Ever After......