

Characters:

Captain Hook

Cinderella

Goldilocks

Little Red Riding Hood

The Big Bad Wolf

Narrator

*(Scene 1 -The scene is set to an office. Narrator is at a desk, reading from a story book.)*

Narrator: Once upon a time, goldilocks was snooping around the forest.

*(Goldilocks enters)*

Goldilocks: Hi, I'd like to file a complaint.

Narrator: What?

Goldilocks: You heard me. I want a different end to my story. Have you ever tried burning hot porridge? It's traumatizing. And not just one bear. But THREE?! I'm only a child!

*(Captain hook and Cinderella enter)*

Cinderella: We're here to also file our own complaints! Do you have any idea what glass slippers do to your heels? What about you, Captain Hook?

Hook: For the record, I prefer Captain Hand Replacement.

Narrator: Do you have a complaint too?

Hook: Yes! Why does Peter Pan always get to fly? I want to be young too! I have many happy thoughts!

Narrator: Come on guys, these stories have stayed the same for centuries!

Goldilocks: Exactly! We have been doing the same thing every day for centuries!

*(Little Red Riding Hood and The Big Bad Wolf enter)*

Big Bad Wolf: Excuse me.

Narrator: Let me guess – you guys are here to complain too.

The Big Bad Wolf: Just one sneeze, and now I'm a demolition expert.

Little Red: Every day is always the same. Bake some cookies, which I don't get to eat a single one, walk to grandma's house, then the wolf eats my grandma, then we scare the wolf off and we all live happily ever after.

The Big Bad Wolf: Why are wolves always the bad ones in fairy tales?

Hook: There are too many crocodile hazards in my story.

All but Narrator: We want a new ending!

Narrator: I love you guys' enthusiasm, but come on! These are classic fairy tales. You can't just go around changing them.

Little Red: Watch us.

*(All but narrator leave the stage)*

Narrator: What will I do with them?

*(Narrator exits)*

*(Scene 2 - Scene is set to a forest)*

*(All enter)*

Narrator: *(to Cinderella)* I'm just telling you, our budget cuts are too high for you not to clean the entire castle.

Cinderella: Do you know how long it takes to clean a castle?

Narrator: Gus and Jack are helping you, right?

Cinderella: Yes, but mice aren't as good of helpers as people.

Hook: In my story, could I have 2 hooks instead?

Big Bad Wolf: And could I be the poor, innocent wolf that is tortured by evil pigs and their bacon minions?

Narrator: That's completely absurd!

Little Red: *(muttering)* Every day.

Goldilocks: I think it's absurd that bears can talk! We need changes to our stories. They are ours, after all.

Narrator: You can't change the stories!

Little Red: Why not?

Narrator: *(Sighs)*

Narrator: Fine, but you have to write it yourselves.

Goldilocks: Alright.

*(Goldilocks goes offstage)*

*(She comes back onstage with 5 papers and 5 pens)*

*(Goldilocks passes them out)*

Goldilocks: *(under breath)* One for you, one for you...

*(Once they are all passed out, they all start writing)*

Cinderella: How about we all help each other with our stories.

Big Bad Wolf: Okay.

Hook: Let's start on my story.

*(They gather around Hook's piece of paper)*

Captain Hook: I want to have the ability to fly.

Little Red Riding Hood: How about in the end, you open a pirate-themed food truck?

Goldilocks: What if you're the good guy?

*(Awkward silence)*

All: NAH!

Hook: Wait a minute, didn't the narrator write us this way?

Cinderella: You made me scrub a castle!

Big Bad Wolf: You made me have severe allergies!

Little Red: You made me be helpless!

Hook: You made my hand get eaten by a croc!

Goldilocks: You made me accident prone!

Narrator: Now, guys. Don't get so ambitious!

Wolf: We're going to put you on trial!

*(All leave)*

*(Scene 3 - Scene is set to a court room)*

*(All enter)*

Narrator: You guys don't think I control you, do you?

All: Yes!

Narrator: Maybe you need to know the full story.

*(They all sit down with the Wolf as the judge)*

Wolf: Let the defendant speak.

Narrator: You all started a very long time ago...an author wrote you and you came to life.

Wolf: Interesting story. Let the accusers speak.

Goldilocks: I thought you made us this way.

Narrator: No, authors a very long time ago made you. But maybe the stories can change.

Little Red: That's what I thought.

Narrator: I may not be in total control, but I could help you rewrite them. Captain Hook, in the end, you *can* open a pirate-themed food truck.

Hook: Hooray!

Narrator: Little Red, you could be the one who scares the wolf away.

Little Red: I'm finally allowed to be brave!

Narrator: Cinderella, you can open a shoe making business so you don't have to be poor the first part of your life.

Cinderella: Shoes are life.

Narrator: Big Bad Wolf. You don't have to have severe allergies anymore.

Big Bad Wolf: I hate pollen.

Narrator: And Goldilocks, the bears will be delayed on their walk long enough for you to sneak out.

Goldilocks: Finally, a nice nap.

Narrator: You've always been in control of your own stories. You just have to be a good author.

Little Red: You mean, *I* can decide?

Hook: I want to make myself fly!

Cinderella: I want to go to college and be a NASA engineer!

Big Bad Wolf: I want to become a vegetarian butcher!

Goldilocks: I want all the porridges in the world to be *just right!*

Little Red: I want to wear green and be forever known as Little Green Riding Hood, instead!

Narrator: And I want to not work in the complaint department anymore and a raise!

Hook: Well, what about them? (*points to audience*)

Narrator: Who?

Hook: The readers. Our audience.

Goldilocks: Yeah! Can their endings change too?

Narrator: Yes! If your stories can change, so can theirs.

*(The Narrator points to the audience and all characters look toward them)*

Wolf: (*realizing*) Wait a second, Does that mean I don't get to eat bacon at the end of my story?

All: Yes!

*(Lights out)*