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# The Other 'Other' Tale of the Three Little Pigs

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## THE OTHER OTHER TALE OF THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

(A play for 40+ children)

Narrator 1 (serious)	Narrator 2 (comic)
Mother Pig	Mrs Wolf
1st Little Pig	Mr Wolf
2nd Little Pig	Wolfie (young wolf)
3rd Little Pig	Fairy Godmother
Jack (from Jack and the Beanstalk)	Cinderella
Cow	Mouse 1
Giant (strong person)	Mouse 2
Rock-bottom Bob (travelling salesman)	The Grim Reaper
Papa Bear	Safeway Check-out Person
Mama Bear	Coles Check-out Person
Baby Bear	Aldi Check-out Person
Goldilocks	Peter (Peter & the wolf)
Little Red Riding Hood	Red's Grandmother
Skeleton	Witch
Snow White	Dwarf 1
Dwarf 2	Dwarf 3
Dwarf 4	Dwarf 5
Dwarf 6	Dwarf 7
The Blind Mice Band (of at least 3)	Cinderella's animals (non-speaking parts)

Sets: Internal house backdrop, shop counter, forest backdrop.

Props: Pill bottle, cardboard credit cards, large cardboard cut out pumpkin, small wheelbarrow, wand, glitter, sign saying "FREE TO GOOD HOME", apple, harp, goose, bag of gold, axe, bit of vine, cabbages, 2-minute noodle packets, aluminium cans, house front of cabbage, house front of noodle packets, house front of cans, broken chair for Papa Bear, sythe for the Grim Reaper, tray of wares for Rock-bottom Bob.

## SCENE ONE : PIG HOUSE

(Narrators are in a position to address the audience. Pigs are standing still and silent in a very messy house awaiting their introduction from Narrator 2. Rock-bottom Bob is standing with a tray of wares in a prominent place amongst the audience or alternatively ready to do a walk across the stage. The Grim Reaper is also standing amongst the audience or ready to walk across stage. The Blind Mice Band is off to one side ready to perform short songs. Red Riding Hood, Grandma, Peter, and the Skeleton are seated somewhere off main stage where the audience can see them.)

Narrator 1: Once upon a time there were three little pigs ready to go out into the world. "Remember," said their mother, "there's a wolf out there. Build a house to keep you safe."

Narrator 2: *(Who has been frowning at Narrator 1, shakes his/her head)* Excuse me, but that's not quite how it went. *(Arm flourish to pigs)*

Mother Pig: Pick up your toys. Pick up your clothes. Pick up your shoes. I can't take it anymore. This place is a pigsty!

Rock-bottom Bob: *(Walking across stage or down main row of audience)* Vacuums! Get your vacuums here!

1st L Pig: But Mum, this IS a pigsty.

Mother Pig: Don't be cheeky! Get out and find your own house. I need peace and quiet!

2nd L Pig: But Mum, we're only piglets. We can't even outrun the Big Bad Wolf.

The Grim Reaper: *(Steps into view and rubs hands together eagerly)*

Blind Mice Band: *(Singing that famous tune)* Who's afraid of the big bad wolf, the big bad wolf, the big bad wolf. Who's afraid of the big bad wolf, yo, ho, ho, not me.

L Red Riding Hood: *(jumping up)* I am!

Grandma: *(jumping up)* I am!

Peter: (jumping up) I am!

Skeleton: (jumping up) I used to be!

*(Little Red Riding Hood, Grandma, Peter and the Skeleton sit down)*

Mother Pig: The Big Bad Wolf? Ohh.... they have pills to stop attacks of wolves these days. Here, *(hands over a bottle of pills)* take one a day. Now, good bye!

All L Pigs: Bye Mum! *(Leave stage, waving)*