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Scene 1 – Mother's Kitchen

Lights up.¹ The narrators², Big Rabbit and Little Rabbit, stand downstage.¹

Little Rabbit⁴: Big Rabbit, Big Rabbit, is it time for a story?³

Big Rabbit⁴: What story would you like?³

Little Rabbit⁴: Do you know the story of Little Red Riding Hood?³

Big Rabbit⁴: (*excited⁶*) Of course I do! Let me just think how it begins. Ah yes, I remember!³

Lights up on a cottage on the outskirts of a great forest. It is a spring day.

Big Rabbit⁴: Once upon a time – and a very fine time it was – a girl called Red lived with her mother, in a cottage on the outskirts of a great forest.³

Mother takes a batch of fresh cupcakes from the oven and places them on the table.⁵

Mother⁴: Little Red! (*bangs the rolling pin on the table⁶*)
Little Red! Time to get up.³

Red⁴: (*offstage¹*) Coming, Mother!³

Mother looks up at the clock (it's noon) and taps her foot angrily. Red enters the kitchen in a red cape. Seeing the cupcakes, she reaches out to take one, but her hand stops as Mother turns to glare.⁵

Is structured using numbered scenes

Explanation of where the scene takes place

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Red⁴: These smell delicious. (*backing away*⁶) You've been busy, Mother. Who are they for?³

Mother⁴: They're for Granny, so keep your mucky fingers off. I didn't raise you to steal from little old ladies. Why, your poor granny lives alone in the forest, surrounded by fearsome creatures. The least I can do is bake her a cupcake or two every now and then.³

Red⁴: (*rubbing her tummy*⁶) I wouldn't dream of touching Granny's cupcakes.³

*Mother piles the cupcakes into a wicker basket, then puts her hands on her hips.*⁵

Mother⁴: (*huffing*⁷) Now, you're to take this basket straight to Granny's. No dilly-dallying, keep to the path, and never ever talk to strangers. Do you hear me?³

Red⁴: (*sighing*⁷) Yes, Mother.³

*Red takes the basket and hurries from the kitchen.*⁵

Big Rabbit²⁴: And with that, Little Red Riding Hood hurried from the kitchen into the glorious spring sunshine.³

*Lights down.*¹

Starts a new line for each speaker

Narrator starts and ends each scene