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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

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Red4: These smell delicious. *(backing away6)* 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

Starts a new line for each speaker

Red4: *(rubbing her tummy6)* 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: *(huffing7)* 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: *(sighing7)* 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

Narrator starts and ends each scene

Lights down.1

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