

The Three Billy-Goats Gruff
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Parts(6): Storyteller 1 Storyteller 2 Billy-goat 1 Billy-goat 2 Billy-goat 3
 Troll



Storyteller 1: Three Billy Goats Gruff : A Norwegian Folktale
 Once upon a time there were three Billy-goats who wanted to go up to the hillside to make themselves fat. The name of all three was "Gruff."

Storyteller 2: On the way up was a bridge. And under the bridge lived a great ugly Troll, with eyes as big as saucers and a nose as long as a poker.

Storyteller 1: The littlest Billy-goat Gruff was the first to cross the bridge.

All: TRIP, TRAP! TRIP, TRAP!

Troll: WHO'S THAT tripping over my bridge?

Billy-goat 1: Oh, it's only I, the tiniest Billy-goat Gruff. I'm going up the hillside to make myself fat.

Storyteller 1: Said the first Billy-goat Gruff in his small voice.

Troll: Now I'm coming to gobble you up!

Billy-goat 1: Oh no! Please don't take me. I'm too little, that I am. Wait for the second Billy-goat Gruff. He's much bigger.

Troll: Well, be off with you!

Storyteller 2: A little while after came the second Billy-goat Gruff across the bridge.

All: TRIP, TRAP! TRIP, TRAP! TRIP, TRAP!

Troll: WHO'S THAT tripping over my bridge?

Billy-goat 2: Oh, it's the second Billy-goat Gruff. I'm going up to the hillside to make myself fat.

Storyteller 2: Said the second Billy-goat Gruff in his not-so-small voice.

Troll: Now I'm coming to gobble you up!

Billy-goat 2: Oh no! Don't take me. Wait for the third Billy-goat Gruff. He's much bigger, that he is!

Troll: Very well, be off with you!

Storyteller 1: Just then came the third Billy-goat Gruff.

All: TRIP, TRAP! TRIP, TRAP! TRIP, TRAP!

Troll: WHO'S THAT tripping over my bridge?

Billy-goat 3: IT'S I! THE THIRD BILLY-GOAT GRUFF.

Storyteller 2: Said the Billy-goat in his very loud voice!

Troll: Now I'm coming to gobble you up!

Billy-goat 3: Well, come along! I've got two spears, and I'll poke your eyeballs out at your ears. I've got besides two great, flat stones, and I'll crush you to bits, body and bones.

Storyteller 1: That was what the big Billy-goat said. And that was what the big Billy-goat did.

Storyteller 2: And after that he went up the hillside. There the three Billy-goats got so fat they could hardly walk home again. And if the fat hasn't fallen off of them, why they're still fat.

All: And so snip, snap, snout, this tale's told out.