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*Little Red Riding Hood* is perhaps the most popular of all of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales. Written as a contemporary retelling of the classic story, *Little Red Redux* (pronounced Re-do) is a hilarious one-act play best entered in Humorous Interpretation and may be performed by either a male or female; however, with clever blocking, this selection could be easily entered in Duo Interpretation or Duet Acting. With fifteen characters, this comedy is perfect for the actor(s) adept at creating lots of characters, both vocally and physically. If a performer can't create clear, distinct characters for each of the four reporters, the performer has permission to portray the four reporters as one reporter. *Little Red Redux* is an inspired tour de force for the comedic performer(s).

**Cast of Characters:**

Reporter 1

Reporter 2

Talk Show Announcer

Tamara Tomorrow, host of *Hello, America!*

Little Red

Mrs. Wolf, a talk show guest

Commercial 1

Announcer

Dave 'the Caveman' Cave, a news anchor

Ida Pinkston, spokesperson for GULP

Meredith Winters, spokesperson for GAWK

Reporter 4

Cassie Crosshairs, a fan of *Hello, America!*Frankie Forward, another fan of *Hello, America!*

Julia Snobberts

**Reporter 1:** Good evening. Tonight, we have breaking news from Sherwood Forest. It seems police received a 911 distress call earlier today from a 34-year-old man...identified only as...the Woodcutter, who, by his own admission, confessed to using an axe to fatally wound a renegade Wolf. When police arrived at the scene, they soon discovered the mutilated remains of a young girl wearing a red cape...and her grandmother. Both victims were successfully removed from the Wolf's stomach. According to doctors at Sherwood County Hospital, the grandmother was half digested...but is expected to recover...and live her life with only a minor gross deformity. So far, the Woodsman has not been charged with aggravated murder. As for the little girl, after confessing she ate nine pounds of delectable treats before being devoured by the Wolf, doctors are currently testing her for diabetes.

*(Theme music from a news organization is heard.)*

**Reporter 2:** The President shocked Congress today by introducing new legislation...that will *ban*...all Wolves from other forests...from entering Sherwood Forest. The ban, which will go into effect next month, has the media calling the President's actions today... "A politically motivated prejudice against all creatures with a canine heritage." And...according to FAKE NEWS sources...CNN news anchor, Wolf Splitzer, practically *howled* his disapproval.

*(A TV talk show theme is played.)*

**Talk Show Announcer:** Hello, America, hello! It's time for *...Hello, America!*... with your host, Tamara Tomorrow!

**Tamara Tomorrow:** Hello, America! Welcome to the one talk show that lets you, the viewing audience, say, "Hello, America!" and voice your opinion... so that everyone in America hears you loud and clear. Today, we're going to interview two people...whose lives...have been irrevocably changed after the recent, horrific Wolf devouring that occurred on the outskirts of Sherwood Forest. Our first guest, Little Red, was on her way to visit her grandmother with a basket of treats...when she was shockingly...*eaten*...by a Wolf. Little Red...can you tell us what went through your mind when you first encountered the Wolf?

**Little Red:** Well, my first thought was...this Wolf has obviously never purchased a breath mint in his life! Honestly, his breath could have melted plastic. And the media got most of the story wrong! They're telling everyone that I met the Wolf on my way to Granny's, but that's not true. The first time I saw the Wolf was actually in Granny's house, in her bed, and he was wearing Granny's clothes!

**Tamara Tomorrow:** Didn't you... suspect anything... when you saw how...*hairy*... he was?

**Little Red:** No. Our forest's health care system is all out of whack. I just thought Granny was having trouble affording her hormone medication.

**Tamara Tomorrow:** Prescriptions *are* expensive. Our next guest is the mother...of the fatally, hacked- to-death Wolf, *Mrs. Wolf*. Mrs. Wolf, what do you have to say on behalf of all the Wolves in our viewing audience?

**Mrs. Wolf:** First, on behalf of Wolves everywhere, I just want everyone in Sherwood Forest to realize...that before you start blaming Wolves for every 'devouring' that happens, you need to know the consequences of that sort of "Boy Who Cried Wolf" mentality. When you start assuming that every human devoured in Sherwood Forest was committed by a Wolf, then you'll be forcing all of the 'bad' Wolves to resort to their go-to defense: Being a Wolf in Sheep's clothing. America needs to understand...this could turn *Twilight*...faster than you can say *An American Werewolf in London*.

**Tamara Tomorrow:** And there you have it, America. Now we want to hear what you have to say. Call in, say 'hello', and let us know what you think about this hot button topic of 'Wolves and their predatory behavior.' And now it's time for a word from our sponsor.

**Commercial 1:** Are you a Wolf? Are your teeth sharp enough to tear through human flesh? If you answered yes to either of these two questions, we'd like to see you. At Wolf Dental...we'll help you get your growl on! And remember,

at Wolf Dental: Our bite...is way bigger than our bark.

*(The NEW NEWS theme music is heard.)*

**Announcer:** Live from Sherwood Forest, it's time for NEW NEWS...with Sherwood's favorite news anchor, Dave 'the Caveman' Cave.

**Dave Cave:** Hello, friends, and welcome to the *Cave*. Today, on NEW NEWS, we're talking about a dead Wolf, a decomposed Granny, and a little girl, who doctors, just moments ago, have confirmed that Little Red indeed HAS...Type 2 diabetes. Now, according to a recent poll, citizens of Sherwood Forest seem divided over Wolf devourings...resulting in two new political movements:

GULP and GAWK. Let's meet the spokesperson for GULP, Ida Pinkston. Ida?

**Ida Pinkston:** Dave, first, I want to thank you for inviting me to the *Cave*.

**Dave Cave:** You're welcome. Just don't eat any of the fresh guacamole donated by today's sponsor: Goldfish Guacamole, where there's nothing 'fishy' about their awesome avocado dips! Now, Ida, what does GULP stand for?

**Ida Pinkston:** Well, Dave, GULP is just an acronym for *Granny's Understand Lone Predators*, and we at GULP believe that everyone in Sherwood Forest is just overreacting. For example, did you know that Wolves devour less than 3% of the population each year? That gives everyone in Sherwood Forest a 97% chance of survival from a Wolf devouring each and every year of his or her life. Dave, if this were Vegas, I'd say I hit the jackpot!

**Dave Cave:** Better duck, Meredith! It looks like Ida is throwing around statistics today! Ladies and gentlemen, Meredith Winters is our next guest, and she is the spokesperson for the new political movement known as GAWK. Meredith, what can you tell us about GAWK?

**Meredith Winters:** Well, Dave, GAWK stands for *Granny's Against Wolves Killing*. Now, everyone in Sherwood Forest is aware of the horrible crime involving that little girl and her chewed up grandmother, but how many at home are aware of the tragedies that DON'T make the news.

**Dave Cave:** Can you give our viewers at home any examples?

**Meredith Winters:** Absolutely. Ida's organization, GULP, and my organization, GAWK, were born just days after the infamous 'devouring,' Our goal was to have GULP and GAWK serve as a forum, of sorts... to talk about Wolf crimes. I must say, however, that when five of my colleagues from GAWK agreed to meet with five members of GULP... five hungry Wolves showed up unannounced and devoured my colleagues from GAWK...leaving the members of GULP...to just...cover their eyes and... gulp.

**Dave Cave:** Meredith, I had no idea! Well, folks, that's all the time we have for NEW NEWS, but join us tomorrow when we'll discuss how Georgie Porgie is having a difficult time kissing girls ever since the #MeToo Movement began. In the meantime, all this talk about GULP and GAWK has me thirsty for a Big Gulp, so come on down to the Sherwood 7-11 if you want to GAWK at yours truly, Dave 'the Caveman' Cave...slurping down a Big Gulp of Cherry iciness. .

**Cassie Crosshairs:** Hello, America! My name is Cassie Crosshairs from Covington, Connecticut, and I just want to make a comment about that Wolf, who allegedly ate that little fat girl in the red cape and her dried up old granny. That