

PART 1 READING

SFX — VILLAIN THEME MUSIC IS HEARD.

(Audience — BOO!)

The Wolf struts from the trees, oozing confidence. He grins, soaking in the audience's boos like applause.

The Wolf enters.

WOLF

(grandly with confidence)

The Big Bad Wolf has returned!

Slowly, his expression shifts, his smile falters, his shoulders slump, and he lets out a heavy sigh.

But....

Not quite how you remember.

Who even is the Big Bad Wolf these days?

The Wolf explains his woes in more detail.

You see....

Once upon a time....

I was a feared villain.

I was the howl in the night.

The shadow in the woods.

The nightmare behind every nursery rhyme.

They'd scream....

"What big teeth you have!"

And then I'd eat them.

It was tradition.

It was dinner.

But these days....

(pause — softer tone)

These days.... no one runs.... no one hides. People are asking for selfies.

What's the point of being The Big Bad Wolf if nobody believes you're bad?

(sadder tone — looking for some love)

I'm just a old chapter in a book no one reads anymore.

(Audience: Aww)

(glances at them, deadpan)
Oh, don't pity me now.
You didn't care ten seconds ago.

SFX — SHEEP BLEATING CAN BE HEARD.

Bo Peep calling out off stage.

BO PEEP
 (over the top damsel in distress)
Help! Help! Somebody, please help me!

WOLF
Oh no! Not Bo Peep.
That's all I need.

Bo Peep enters.

With an over the top fake emergency vibe and tone.

BO PEEP
Help me, help me!
My precious little sheep have
vanished! I turned my back for one
teeny tiny moment, and they've all
disappeared.

My poor sheepy weepies!
A boo hoo! A boo hoo! So very sad.

She bursts into exaggerated sobs, posing dramatically.

The Wolf isn't falling for her antics and knows what's up.

WOLF
 (revealing he knows all about her)
Nice try! You don't fool me Bo Peep.
I know everything about you and your
"story".

(reciting the nursery rhyme)
Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep,
and can't tell where to find them,
leave them alone....
 (revealing the truth)
They'll never come home....
Because it's all been one big lie.
You haven't had any sheep for years.

BO PEEP
And that's the way it's going to
stay. Are we clear Mister Wolf?
 (MORE)

BO PEEP (cont'd)
(pats Wolf like a dog)
There's a good boy.

WOLF
(snarling)
Touch me again, and you'll be lunch.

Bo Peep continues to show her true form and drops the act.

BO PEEP
Oh please darling you don't scare me.
In fact, word on the street is you
don't have a very BAD reputation
these days.

Once a great threat to all, now just
a smelly old dog.

WOLF
(losing patience and suspicious)
Why have you returned to Storybook?
What are you up too?

BO PEEP
Simple really....
I have some unfinished business to
attend too.

Speaking of....
How would you like to be one of the
most evil villains across the land
once again?

WOLF
(getting very excited)
That would be music to my ears.
I can already hear the sounds of the
village people.

INSERT MUSIC GAG

BO PEEP
One more thing....
I've hired a police detective to keep
the peace. She's a bit expensive, but
comes highly recommend on dodgy cops
dot com.

WOLF
(suspicious)
A detective, you say?
It's not.... Detective Bribe, is it?

BO PEEP

That's the one! Do you know her?

WOLF

**Our paths may have crossed.
And she's never far from the smell of
cash.**

SFX — A BRIEF POLICE SIREN WAILS IN THE DISTANCE.

Detective Bribe enters.

PART 2 READING**WOLF**

(to detective with suspicion)
Alright.... out with it.
What are you up to Detective?

DETECTIVE BRIBE

**I've been investigating one of the
biggest criminal cases of my career.**

**So keep your nose and paws clean
because when this all blows up,
you'll want to be on the right page.**

Is that understood?

Good day to you Mister Wolf.

Detective Bribe exits.

Watches Detective Bribe leave and ponders his options.

WOLF

(quietly to himself)
**Maybe this Wolf's been playing the
wrong role all along.**

**Always the villain.
Always the baddie.
But never the hero.**

What if it's time for a change?
(to audience)
**Now that would be a plot twist,
wouldn't it?**

**I think it's time for this Wolf to
sniff out the truth.**

**And find out just what Bo Peep is up
to.**

(to audience)
**Until we meet again....
Ta ta for now.**

SFX - VILLAIN THEME MUSIC IS HEARD

(Audience - boo)

Oh boo yourself.

PART 3 READING

SFX - VILLAIN THEME MUSIC IS HEARD.

(Audience - boo)

The Wolf enters.

WOLF (cont'd)

(grinning)

Why if it isn't the birthday girl.
We really must stop meeting like
this.

RED RIDING HOOD

(flatly)

I'm not in the mood, Mister Wolf.
I've got bigger problems to worry
about.

WOLF

(amused)

My, my.... look who's all grown up.
You've still got a bit of bite to you
though. But if I were you girly, I'd
watch my step.

RED RIDING HOOD

(suspicious)

Is that a threat or a warning?

WOLF

(chuckling)

Depends how well you listen.

Be careful who you speak too and what
you hear my dear.

(steps closer)

Otherwise the next candle you blow
out might be your last.

(Pause - softer tone - still cunning)

Not everything is as it seems around
Storybook today and I'm very busy
trying to piece everything together.

Because this time....

I'm going to be a hero!

RED RIDING HOOD

(scoffs)

You? A hero?

Villains don't get to be heroes.

WOLF
(stops, glances back)
We shall see about that.
Ta ta for now.

He jumps towards her to give her a scare and then slinks off. No music this time around.

The Wolf exits.