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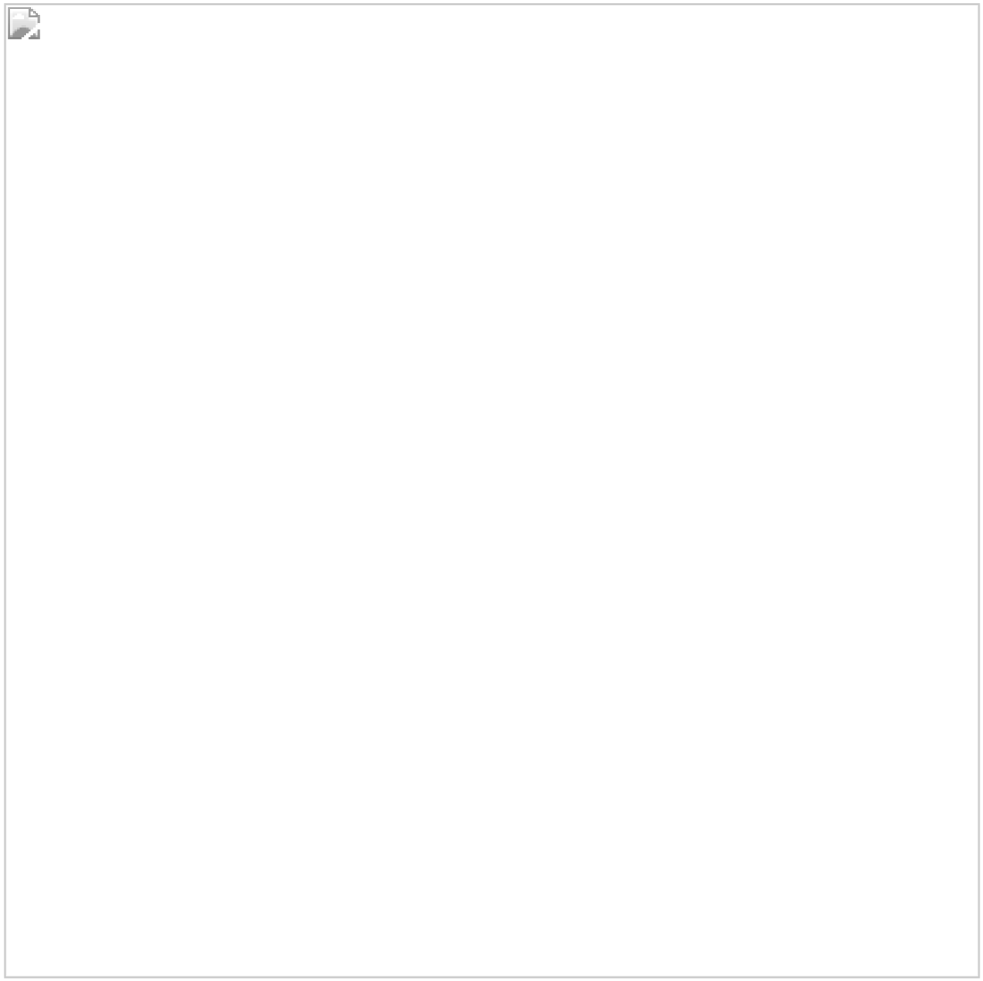
Little Red Riding Hood

Little Red-Cap, a Tale from the Brothers Grimm



In the Brothers Grimm's telling, her name is Little Red-Cap.

Once upon a time there was a dear little girl who was loved by every one who looked at her, but most of all by her grandmother. Once her grandmother gave her a little cap of red velvet, which suited her so well that she would never wear anything else. So she was always called “Little Red-Cap.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Everyone called her by the name of her cap. Is there a thing you love to wear every day?

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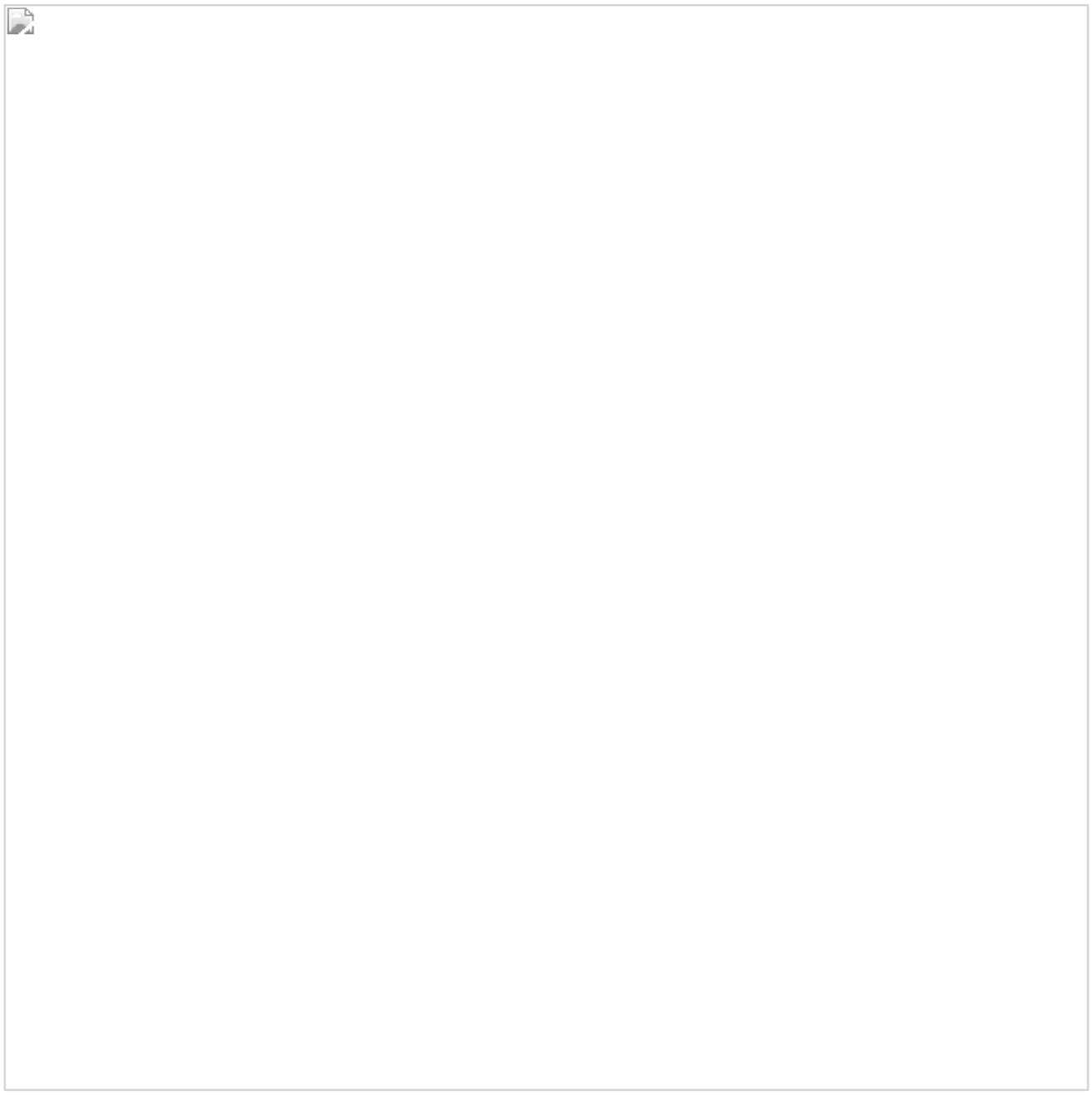
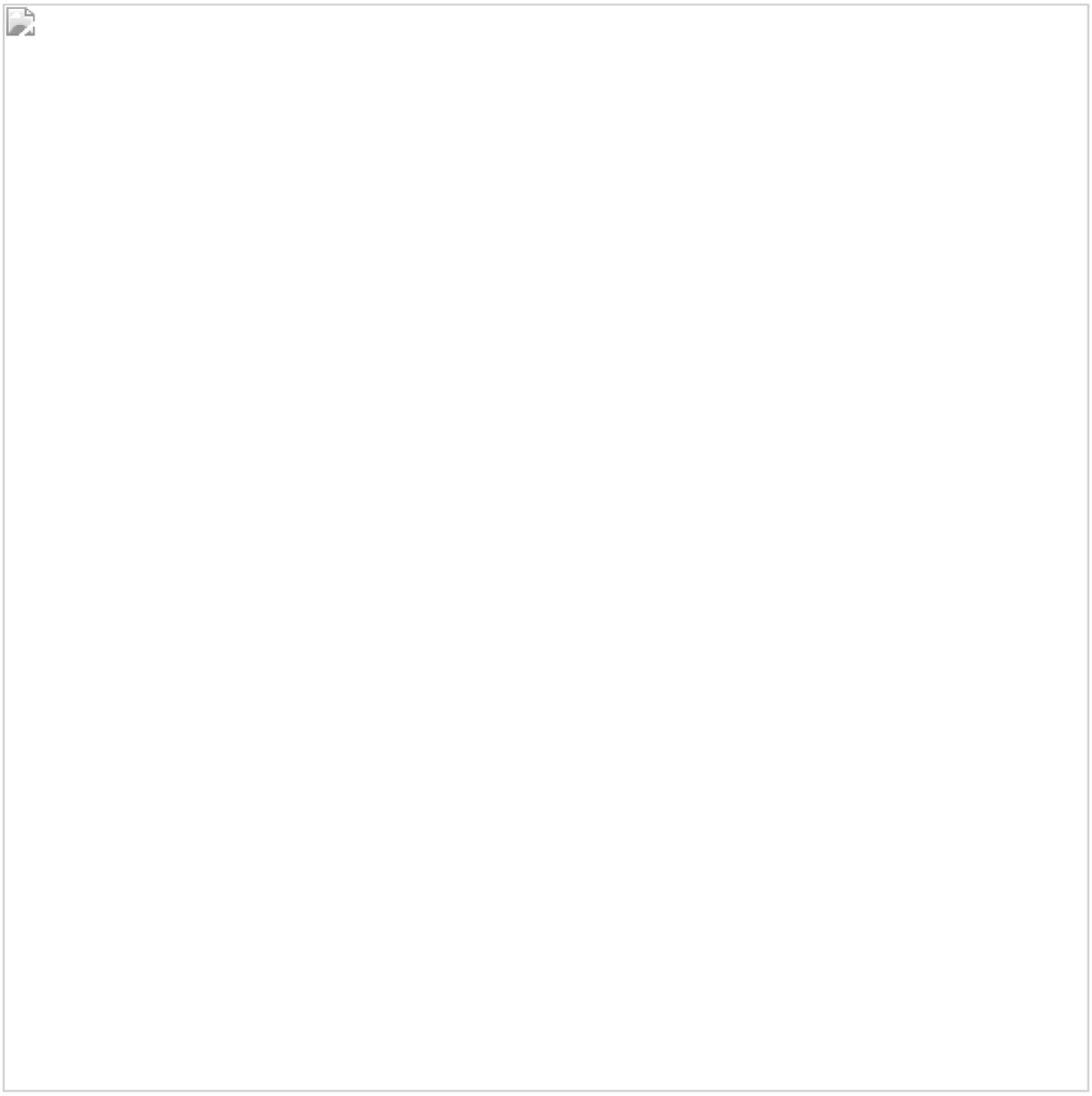
Little Red Riding Hood · another picture



A Basket for Grandmother



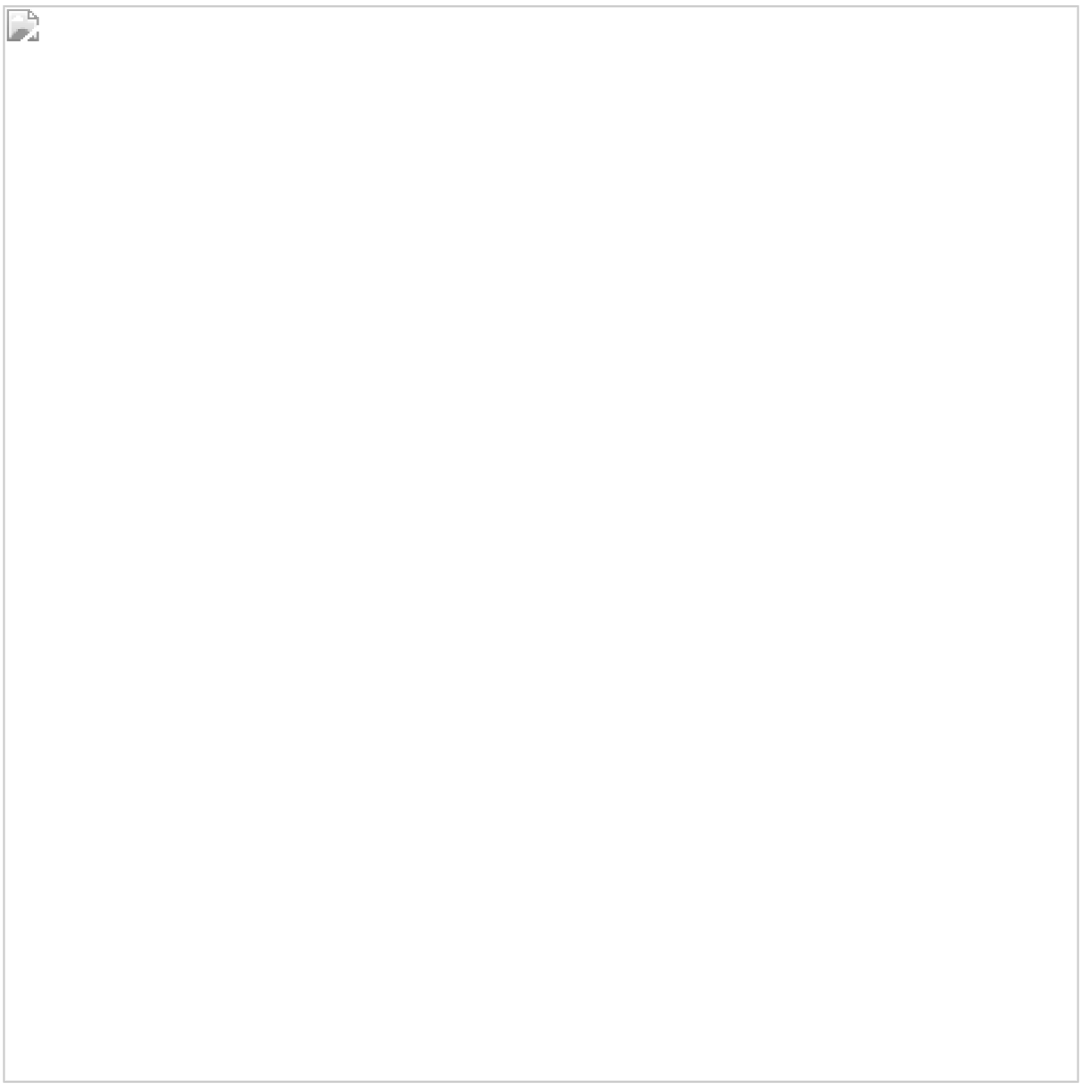
One day her mother said to her, “Come, Little Red-Cap, here is a piece of cake and a bottle of wine; take them to your grandmother, she is ill and weak, and they will do her good.”

“Walk nicely and quietly and do not run off the path, or you may fall and break the bottle, and then your grandmother will get nothing.”

“I will take great care,” said Little Red-Cap to her mother, and gave her hand on it.

TALK ABOUT IT

Red-Cap promised her mother. Why do you think her mother asked her to stay on the path?

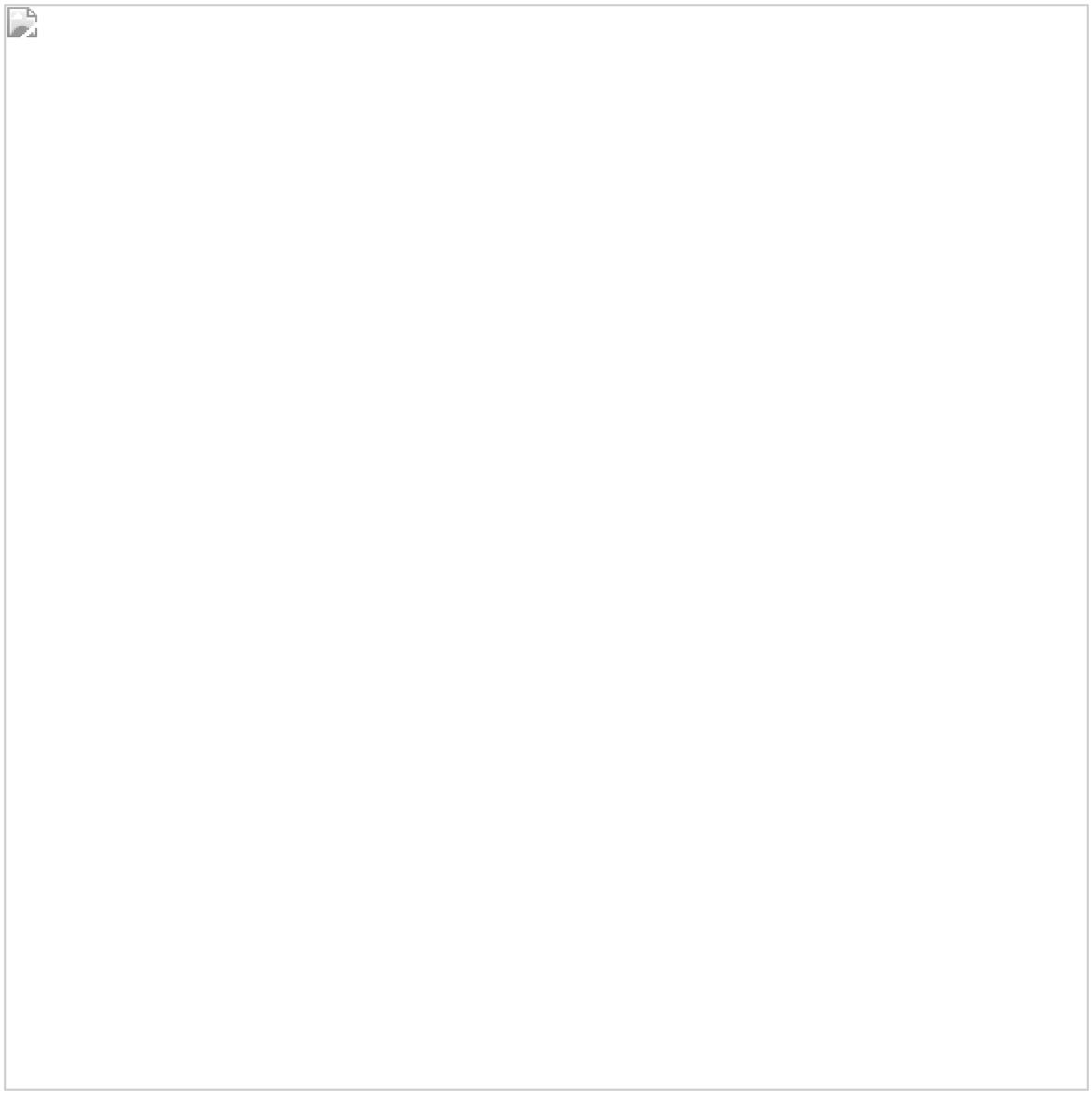


Think about it

1. What did Red-Cap carry to her grandmother?

- ○ Cake and wine
- ○ Apples and cheese
- ○ A new cap

The Wolf in the Wood



The grandmother lived out in the wood, half a league from the village. Just as Little Red-Cap entered the wood, a wolf met her. Red-Cap did not know what a wicked creature he was, and was not at all afraid of him.

“Good-day, Little Red-Cap,” said he.

“Thank you kindly, wolf.”

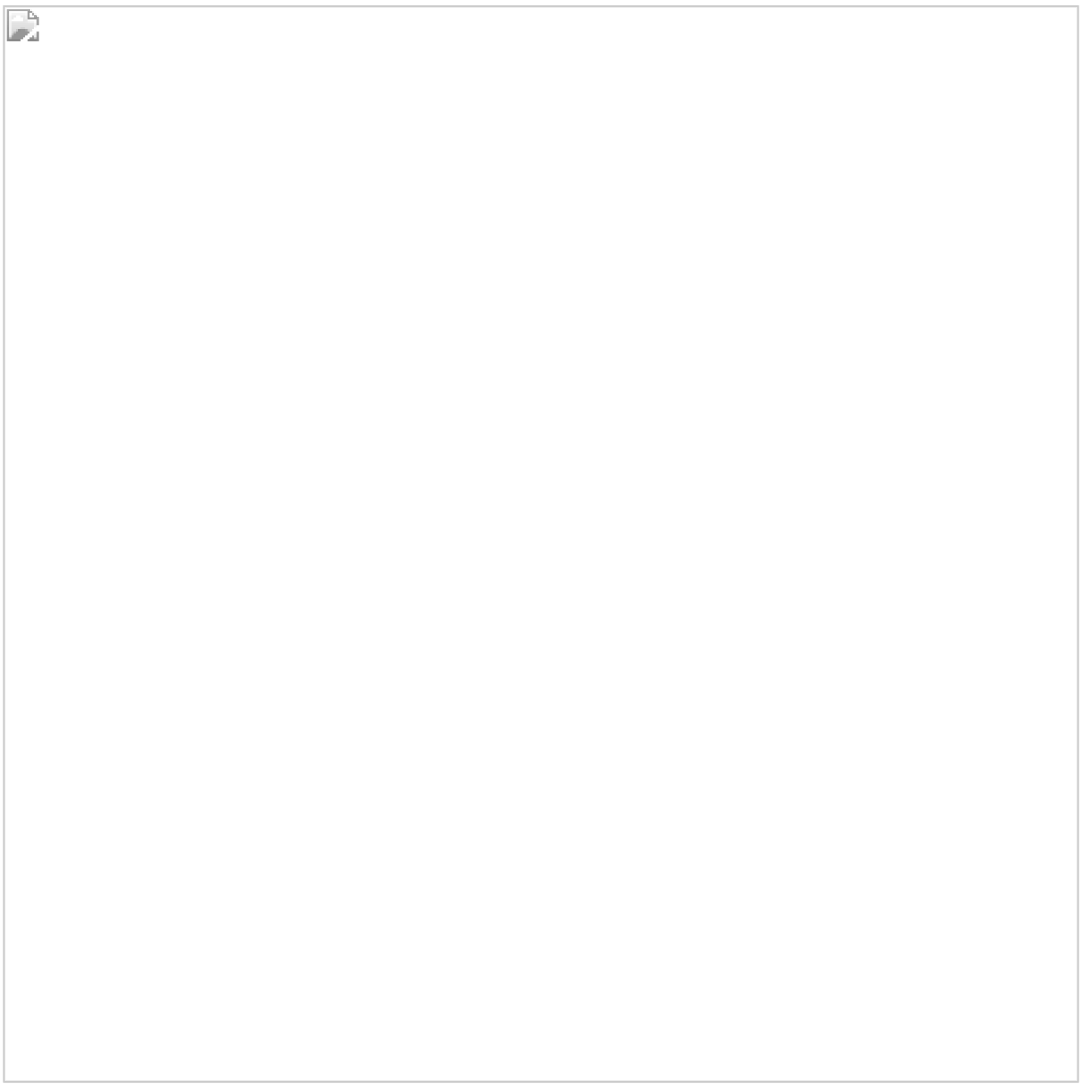
“Whither away so early, Little Red-Cap?”

“To my grandmother’s.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Red-Cap was kind to the wolf and not afraid. What do you think she should know about talking to strangers?

The Wolf in the Wood · another picture

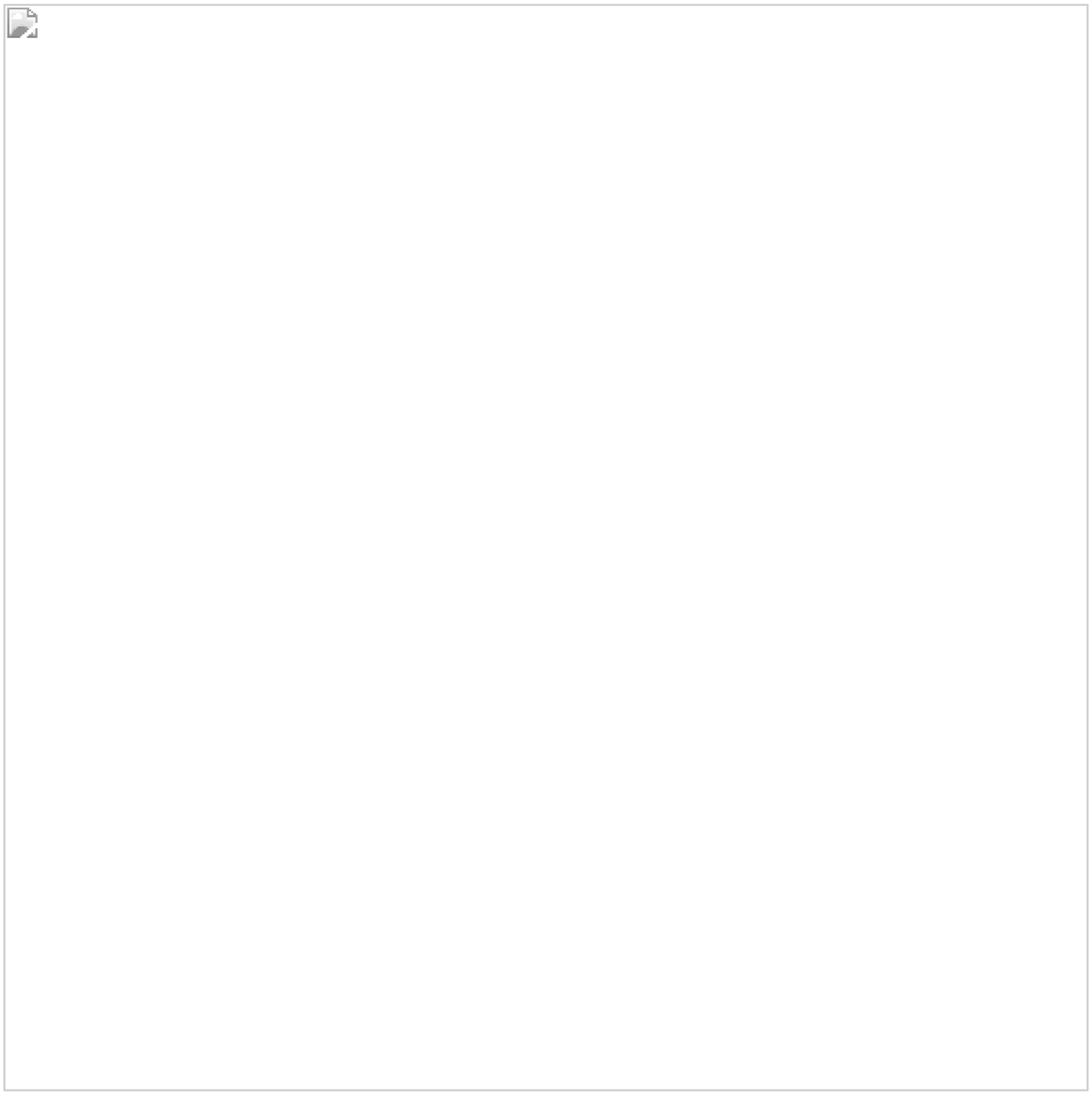


Think about it

1. Where was Red-Cap going?

- ○ To the market
- ○ To her grandmother's
- ○ To school

Under the Three Oak-Trees



“What have you got in your apron?”

“Cake and wine; yesterday was baking-day, so poor sick grandmother is to have something good, to make her stronger.”

“Where does your grandmother live, Little Red-Cap?”

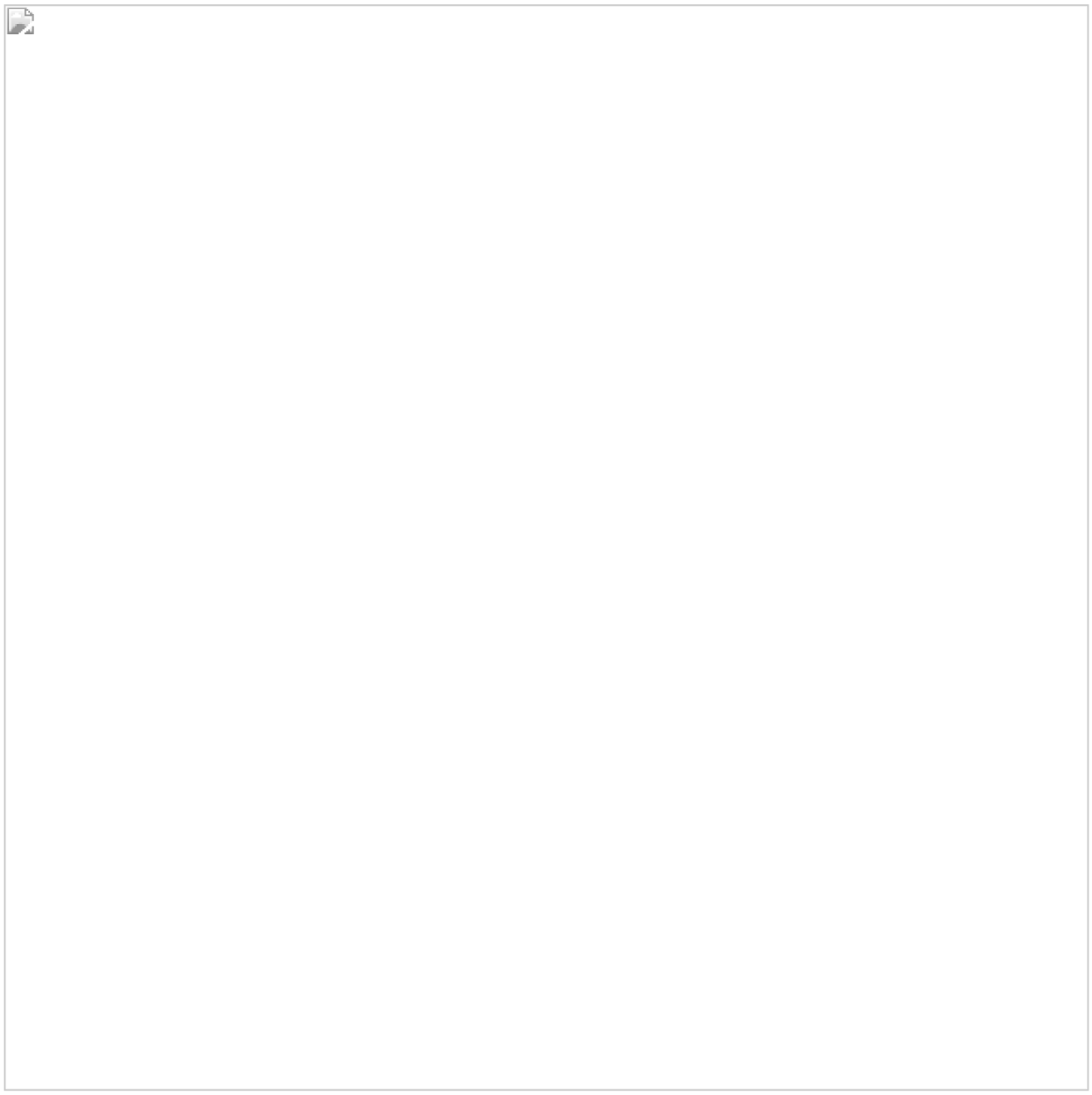
“A good quarter of a league farther on in the wood; her house stands under the three large oak-trees, the nut-trees are just below; you surely must know it,” replied Little Red-Cap.

The wolf thought to himself, “I must act craftily, so as to catch both.”

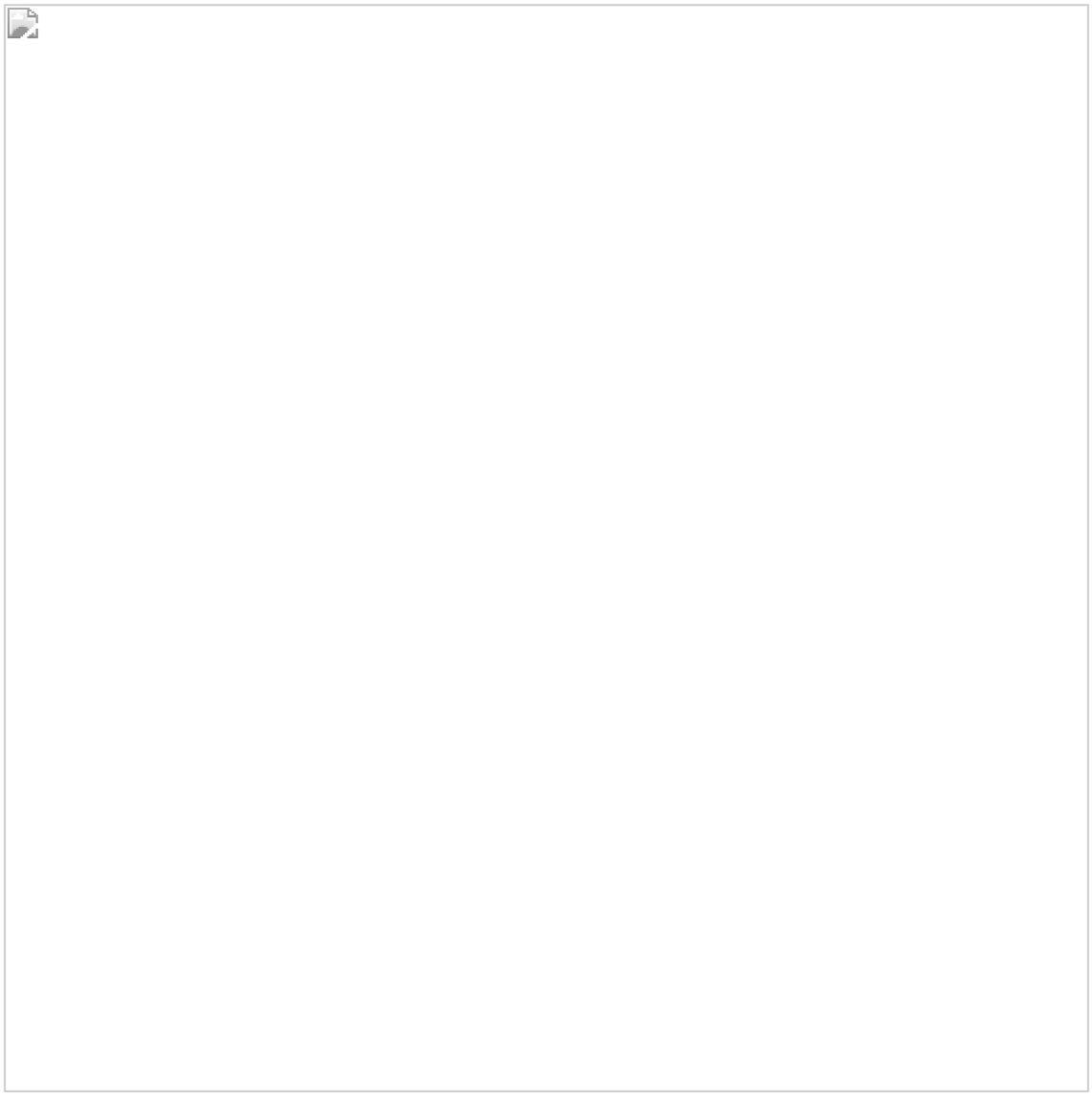
TALK ABOUT IT

Red-Cap told the wolf exactly where her grandmother lived. What do you think about that?

Under the Three Oak-Trees · another picture



Off the Path



The wolf walked a little way beside Little Red-Cap, and then he said, “See Little Red-Cap, how pretty the flowers are about here—why do you not look round? I believe, too, that you do not hear how sweetly the little birds are singing.”

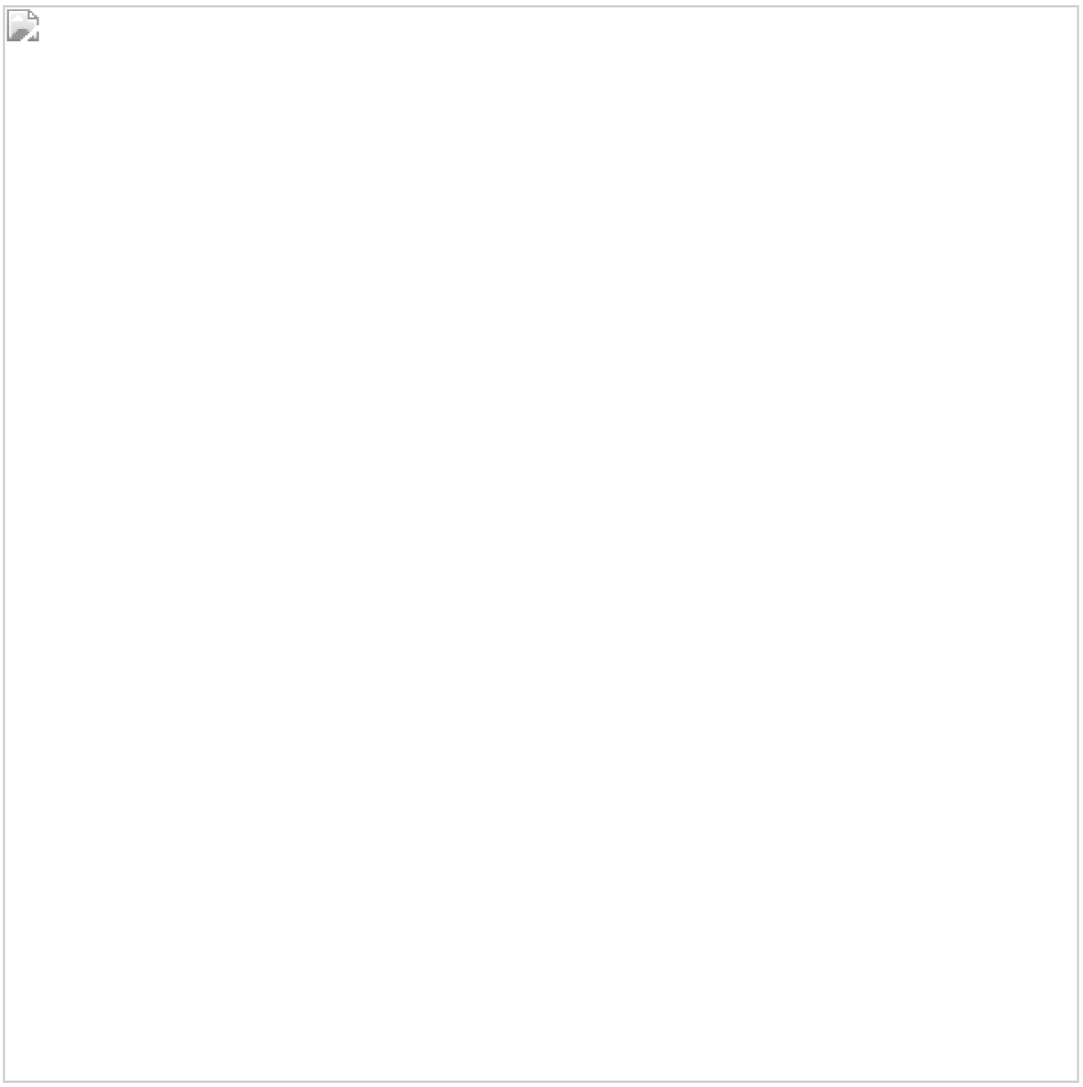
Little Red-Cap looked up. She saw the sunbeams dancing through the trees, and pretty flowers everywhere. She thought, “Suppose I take grandmother a fresh nosegay; that would please her too.”

So she ran from the path into the wood. Each time she picked a flower, she saw a prettier one farther on, and so she went deeper and deeper into the wood.

TALK ABOUT IT

Red-Cap wanted to please her grandmother with flowers. What would you pick for someone you love?

Off the Path · another picture

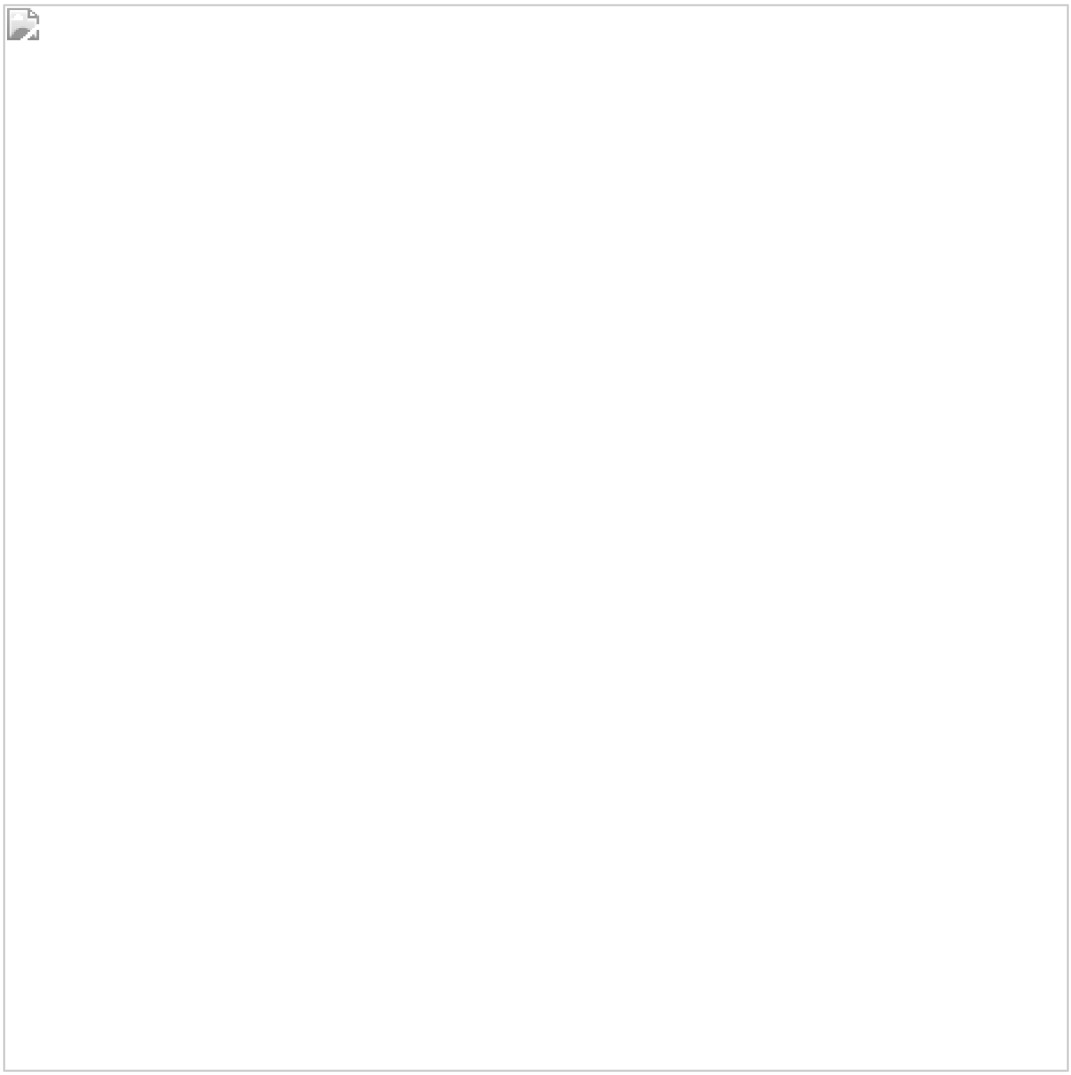


Think about it

1. Why did Red-Cap run off the path?

- ○ To pick flowers
- ○ To chase a rabbit
- ○ To find the wolf

Knock, Knock



Meanwhile the wolf ran straight to the grandmother's house and knocked at the door.

“Who is there?”

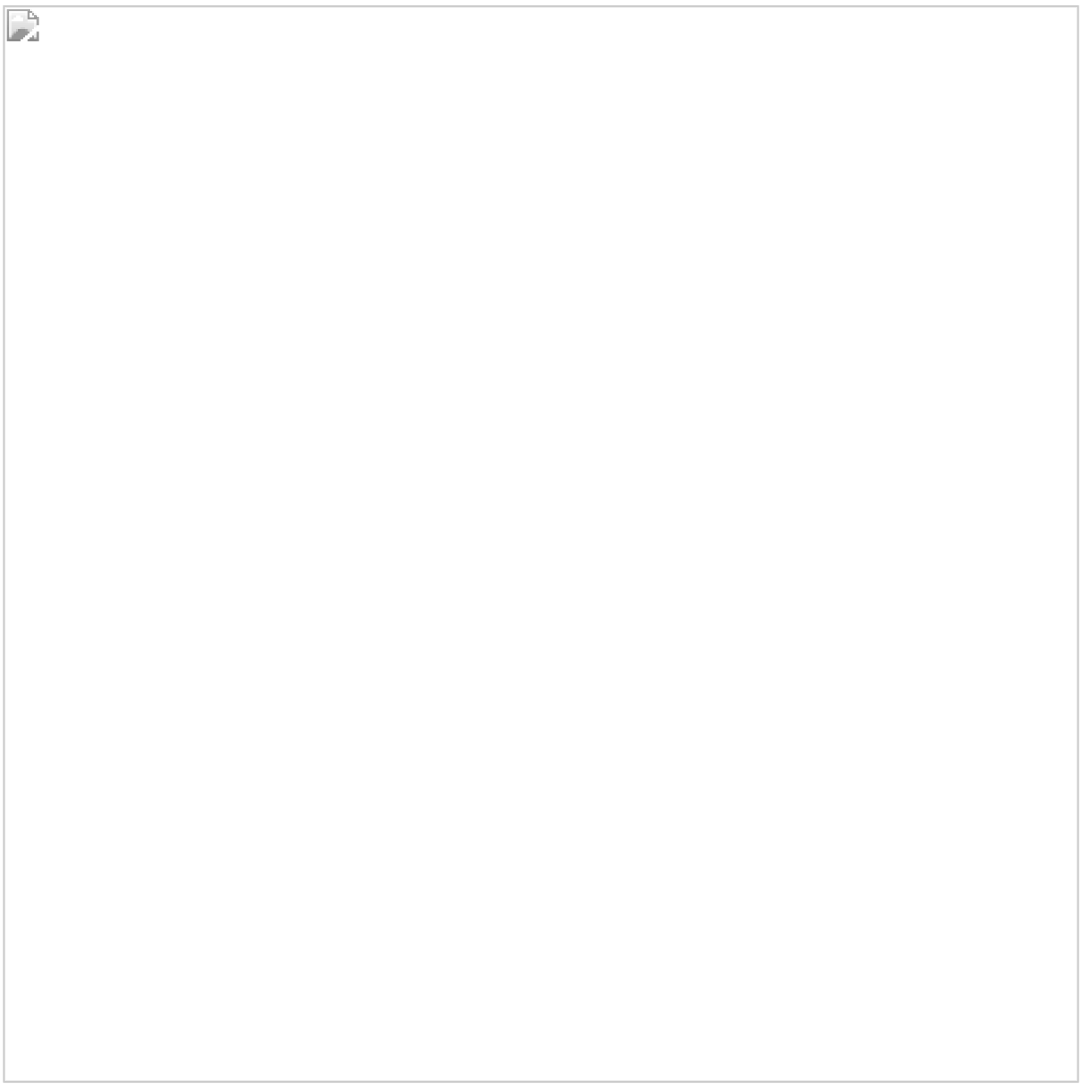
“Little Red-Cap,” replied the wolf. “She is bringing cake and wine; open the door.”

“Lift the latch,” called out the grandmother, “I am too weak, and cannot get up.”

The wolf lifted the latch, the door flew open, and without saying a word he went straight to the grandmother's bed, and swallowed her up. Then he put on her clothes, dressed himself in her cap, laid himself in bed and drew the curtains.

TALK ABOUT IT

That was not really Red-Cap at the door. What do you think the grandmother should have listened for?

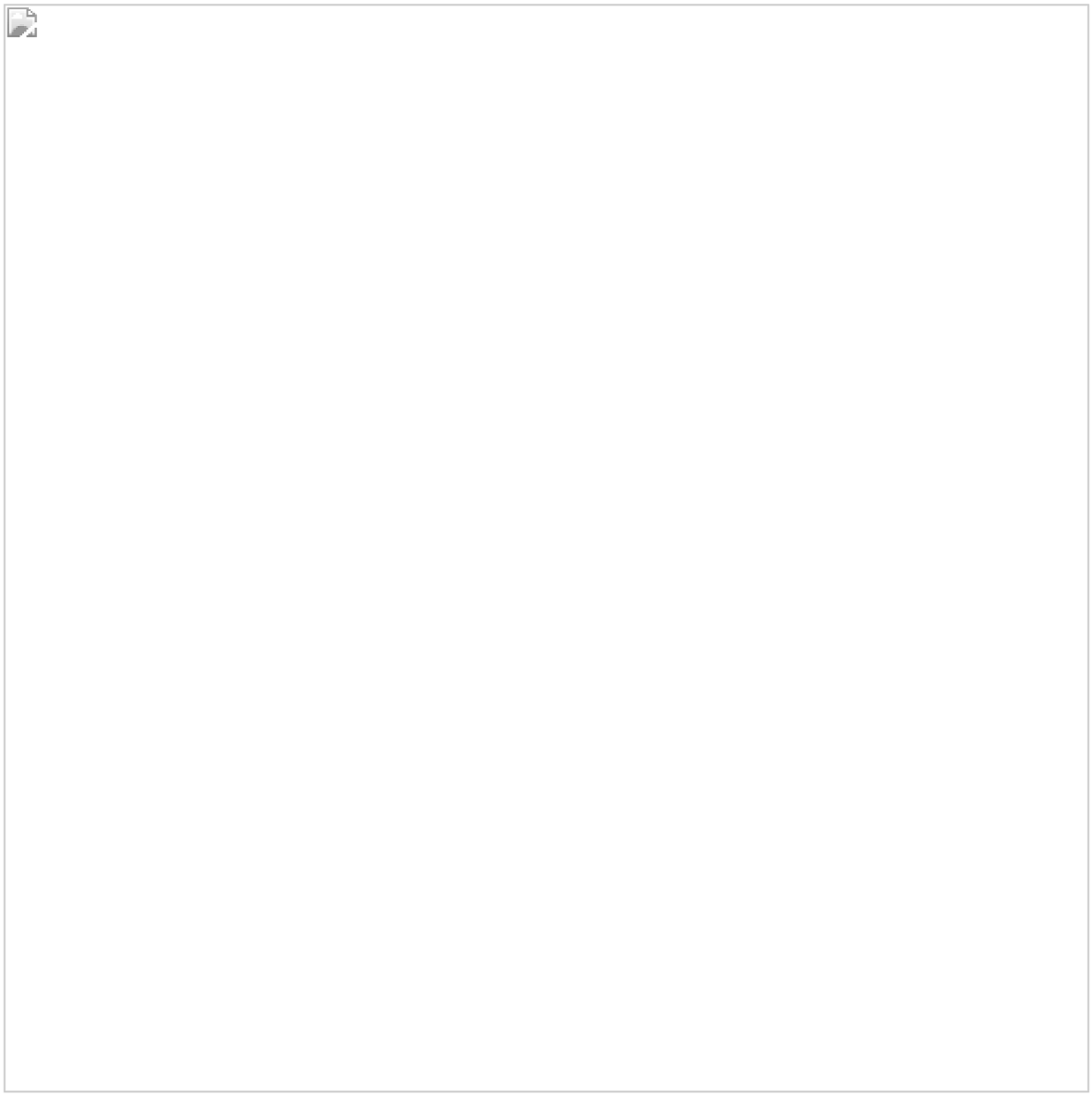


Think about it

1. Who knocked at the grandmother's door?

- ○ Red-Cap
- ○ The huntsman
- ○ The wolf

A Strange Feeling



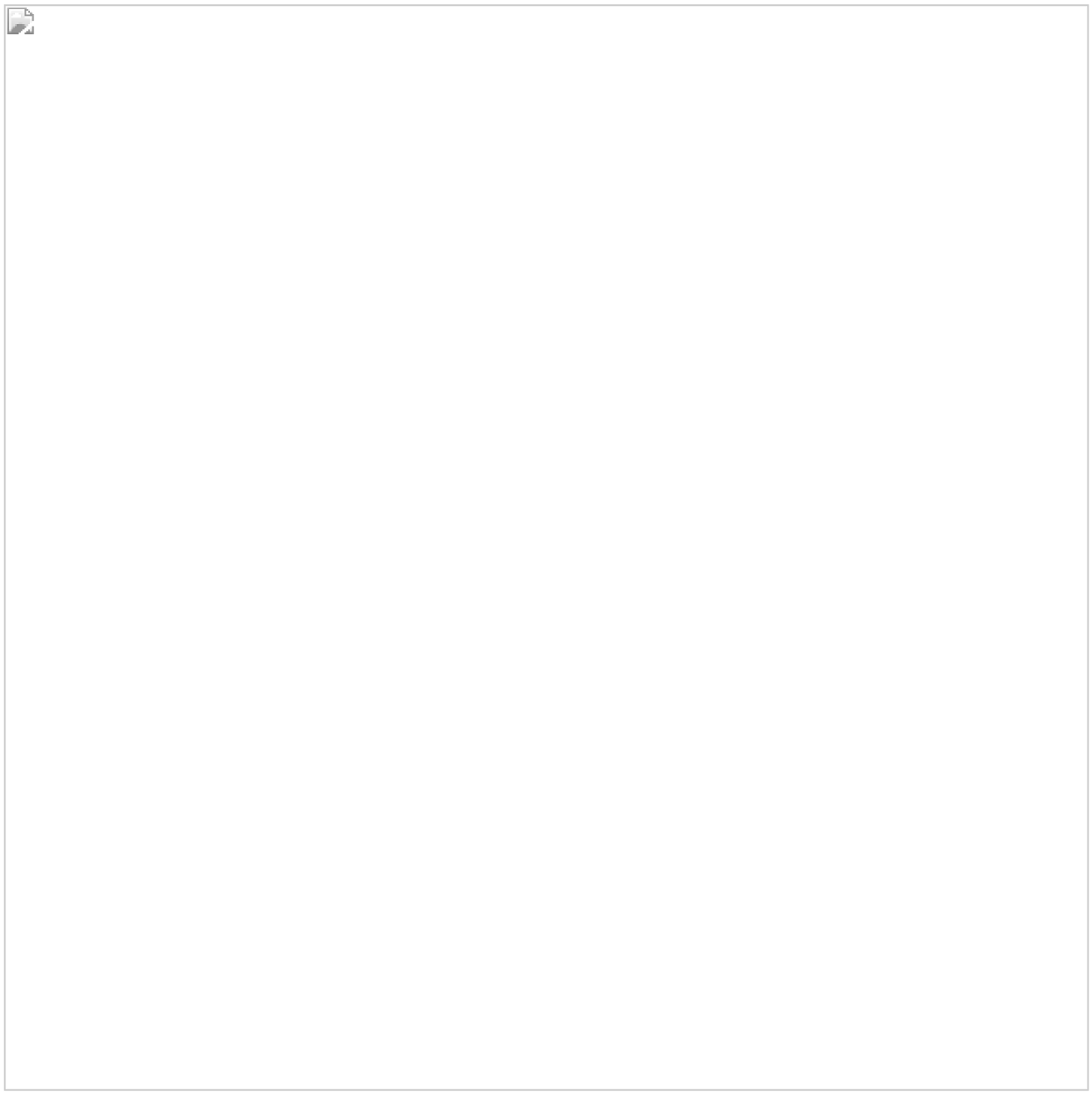
Little Red-Cap picked flowers until she could carry no more. Then she remembered her grandmother, and set out on the way to her.

She was surprised to find the cottage-door standing open. Inside, she had such a strange feeling that she said to herself, “Oh dear! how uneasy I feel to-day, and at other times I like being with grandmother so much.”

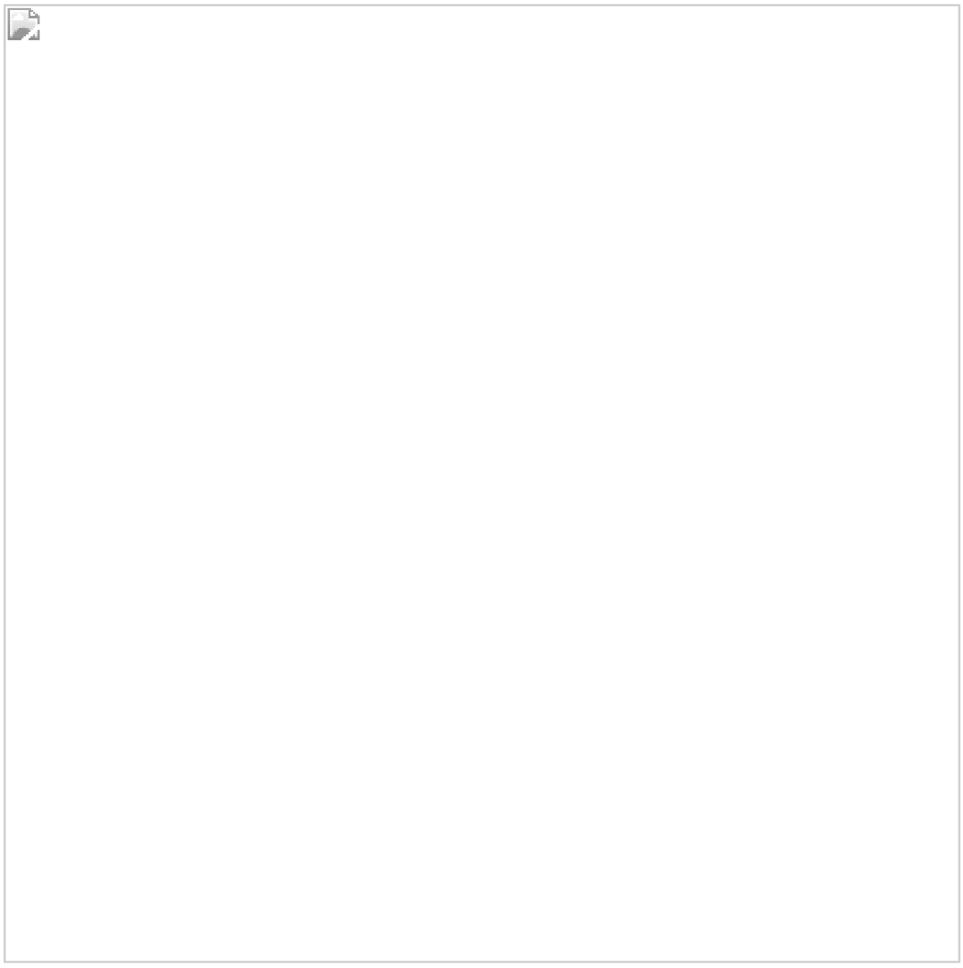
She called out, “Good morning,” but received no answer. So she went to the bed and drew back the curtains. There lay her grandmother with her cap pulled far over her face, and looking very strange.

TALK ABOUT IT

Red-Cap noticed that something was not right. What would you notice?



What Big Ears You Have



“Oh! grandmother,” she said, “what big ears you have!”

“The better to hear you with, my child,” was the reply.

“But, grandmother, what big eyes you have!” she said.

“The better to see you with, my dear.”

“But, grandmother, what large hands you have!”

“The better to hug you with.”

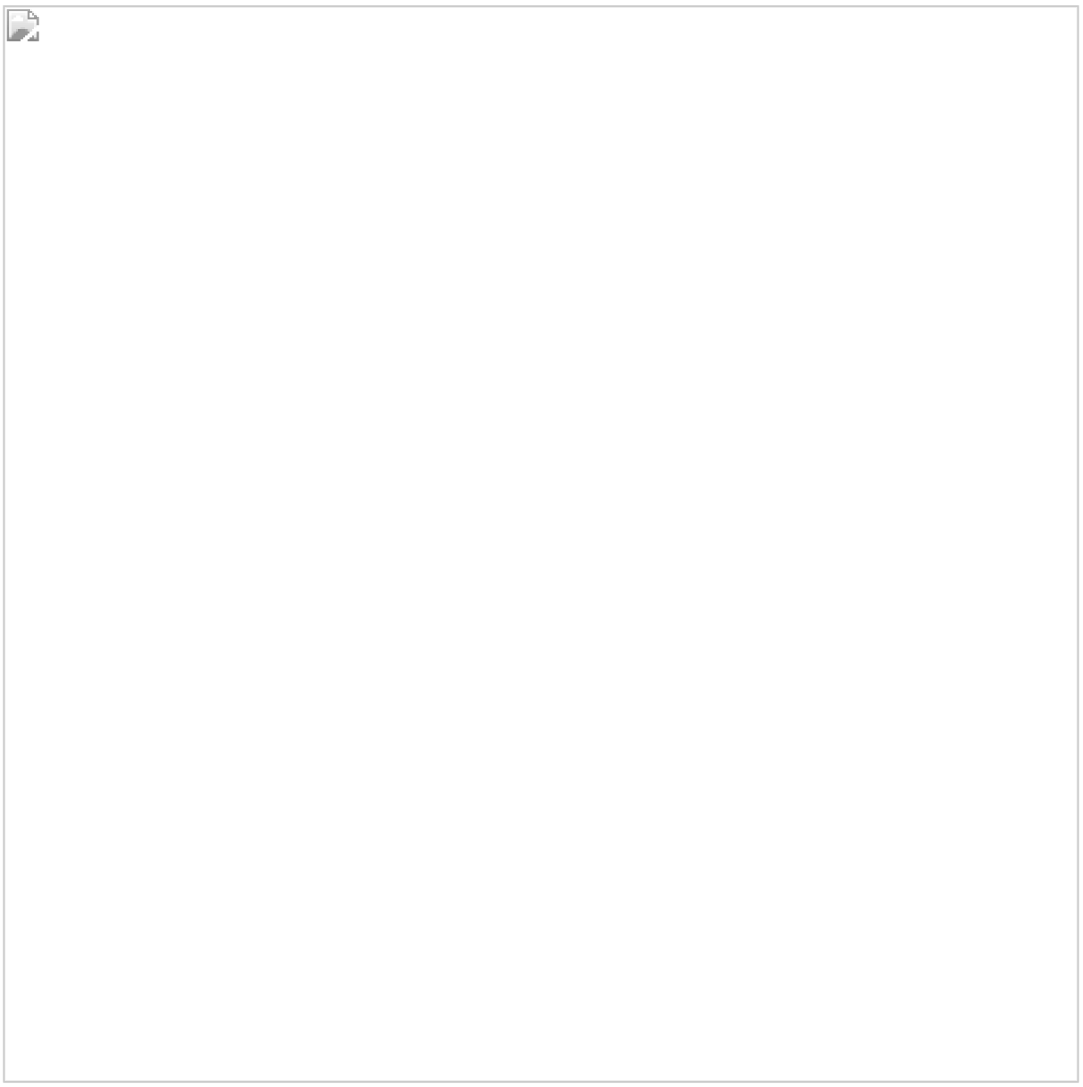
“Oh! but, grandmother, what a terrible big mouth you have!”

“The better to eat you with!”

And scarcely had the wolf said this, than with one bound he was out of bed and swallowed up Red-Cap.

TALK ABOUT IT

Red-Cap asked about the ears, the eyes, the hands and the mouth. Which one would you have asked about first?

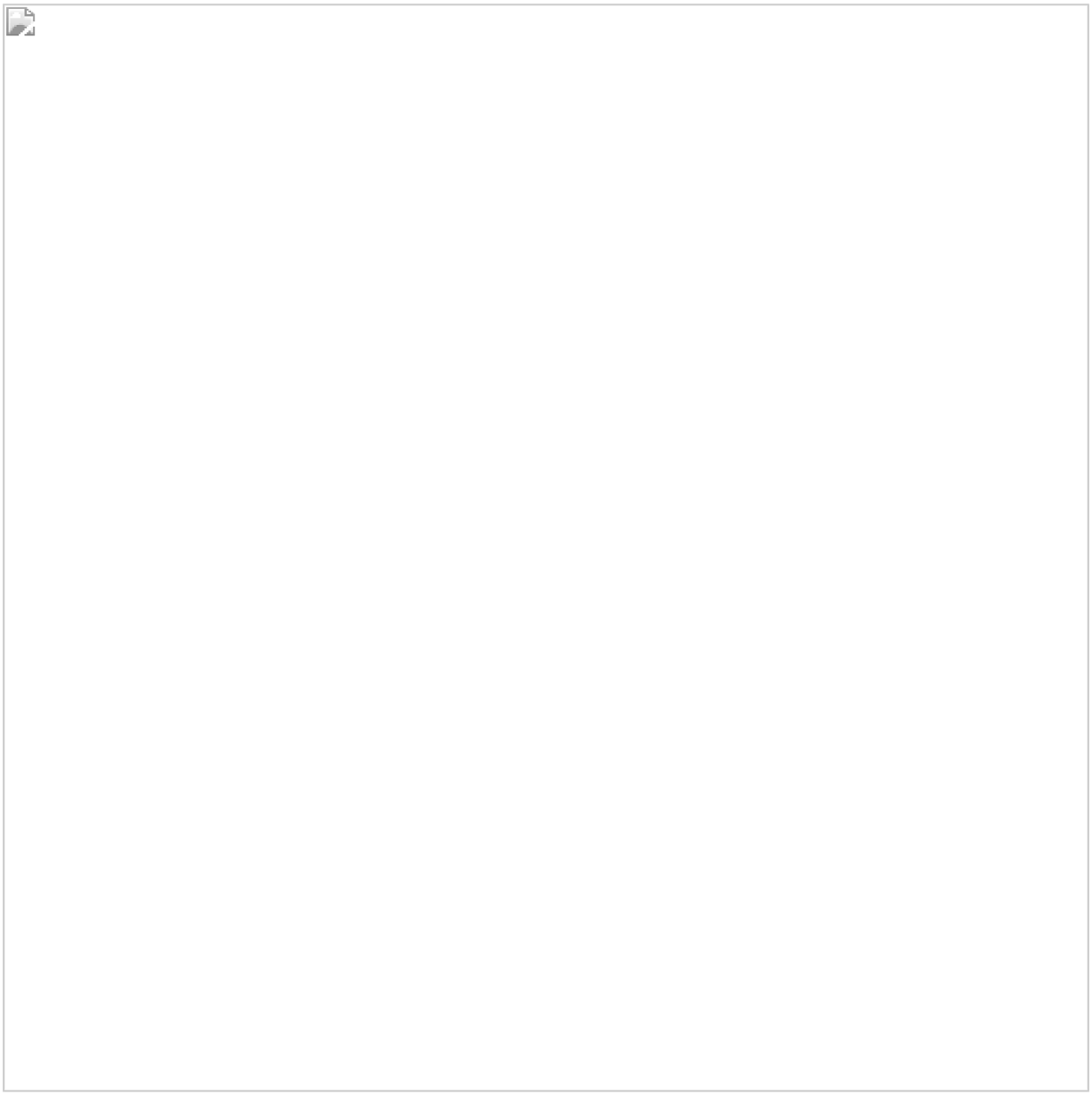


Think about it

1. What did the wolf say about the big eyes?

- ○ The better to see you with
- ○ The better to cry with
- ○ The better to read with

The Huntsman Passes By



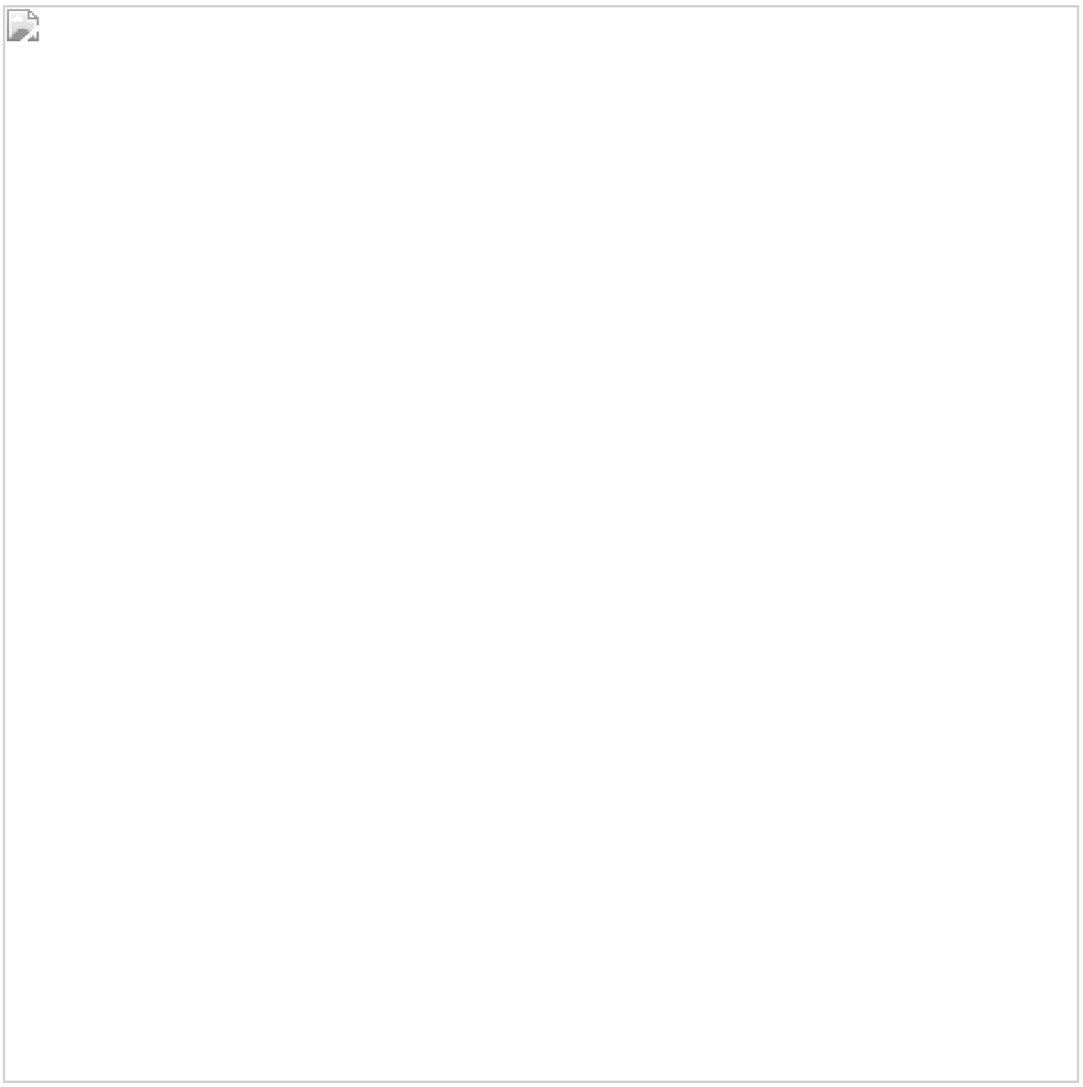
When the wolf was full, he lay down again in the bed, fell asleep and began to snore very loud.

The huntsman was just passing the house, and thought to himself, “How the old woman is snoring! I must just see if she wants anything.”

He went into the room, and when he came to the bed, he saw that the wolf was lying in it. “Do I find thee here, thou old sinner!” said he. “I have long sought thee!”

TALK ABOUT IT

The huntsman heard the snoring and stopped to look. What would you have done?

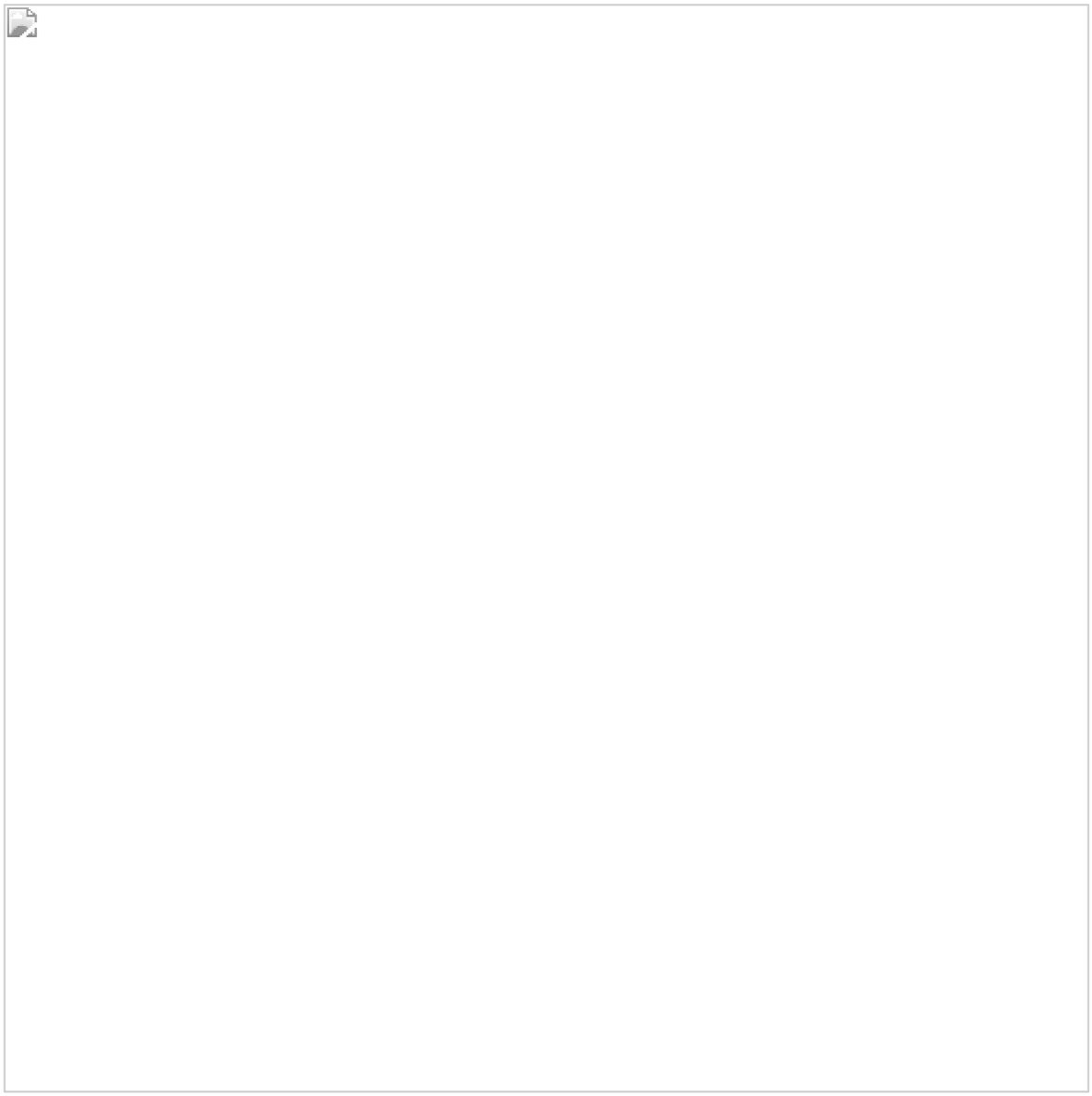


Think about it

1. What did the huntsman hear?

- ○ Loud snoring
- ○ A bell ringing
- ○ Someone singing

Out Again



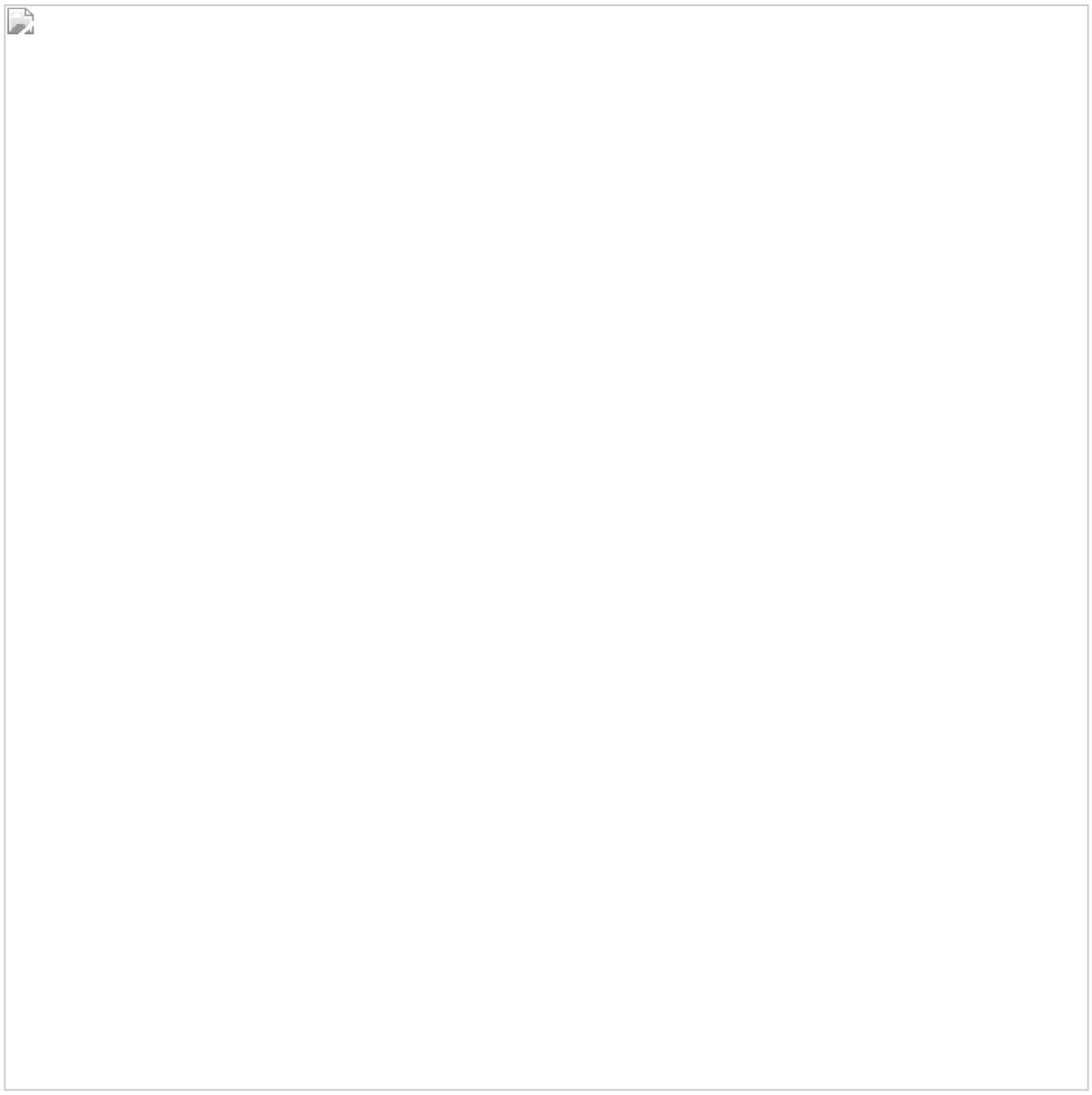
Just as he was going to fire at the wolf, it occurred to the huntsman that the wolf might have swallowed the grandmother, and that she might still be saved. So he did not fire. He took a pair of scissors, and began to cut open the sleeping wolf.

When he had made two snips, he saw the little Red-Cap shining. He made two snips more, and the little girl sprang out, crying, “Ah, how frightened I have been! How dark it was inside the wolf;”

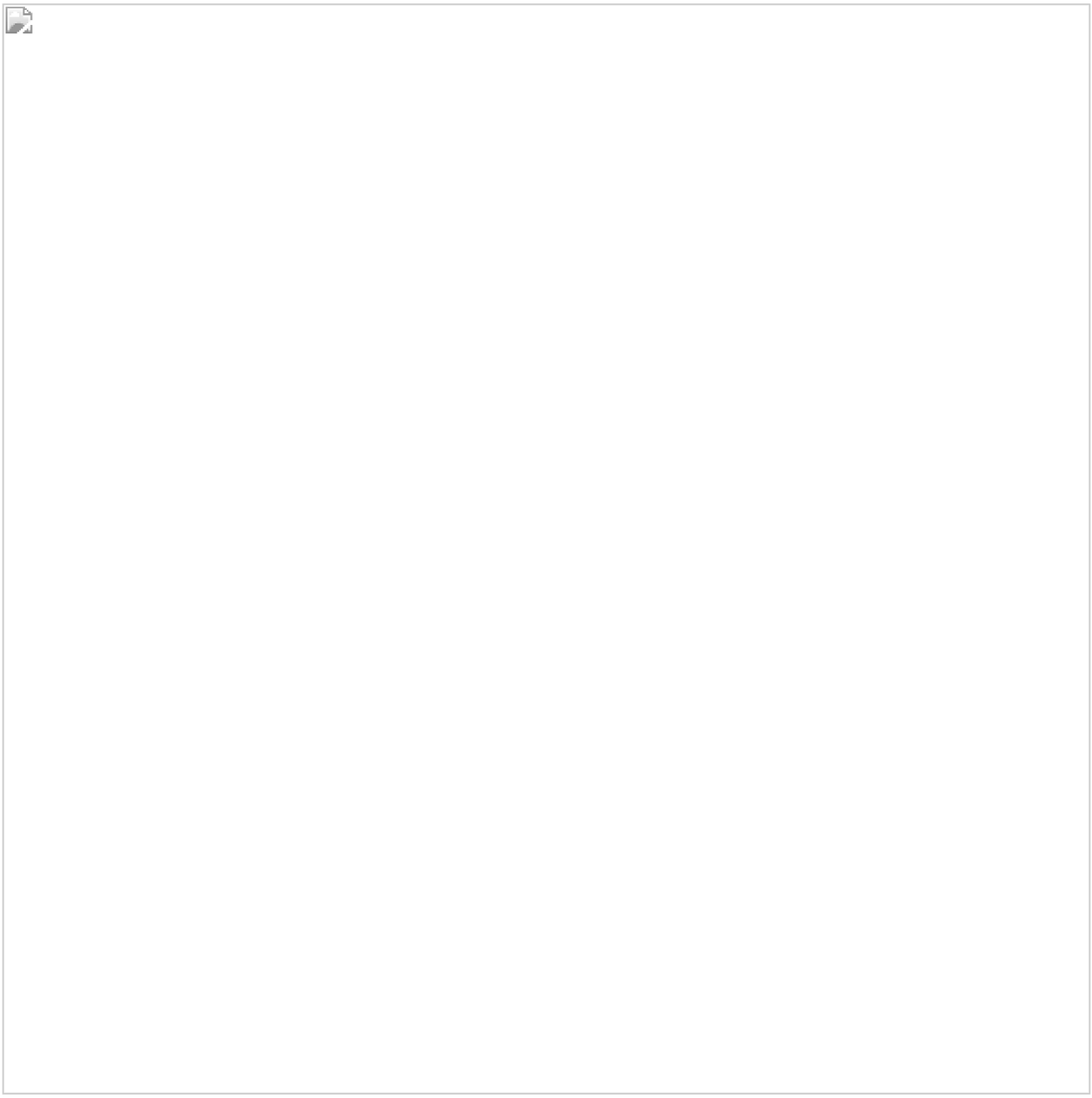
And after that the aged grandmother came out alive also, but scarcely able to breathe.

TALK ABOUT IT

The huntsman stopped and thought before he fired. What do you think about that?



Great Stones



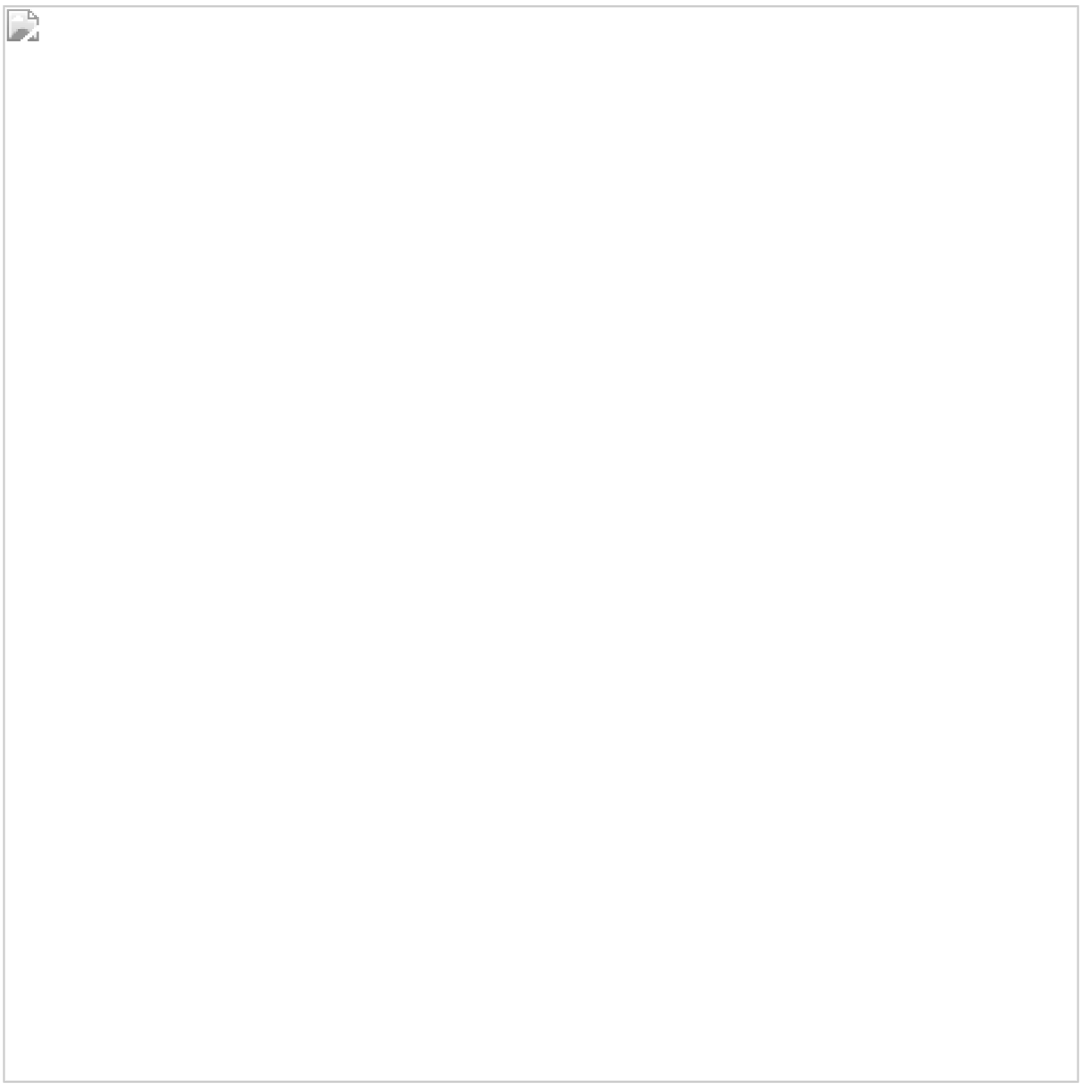
Red-Cap quickly fetched great stones, with which they filled the wolf's body. When he awoke, he wanted to run away, but the stones were so heavy that he fell down at once, and fell dead.

Then all three were delighted.

TALK ABOUT IT

Red-Cap's quick thinking helped here. What is something you can think up fast?

Great Stones · another picture

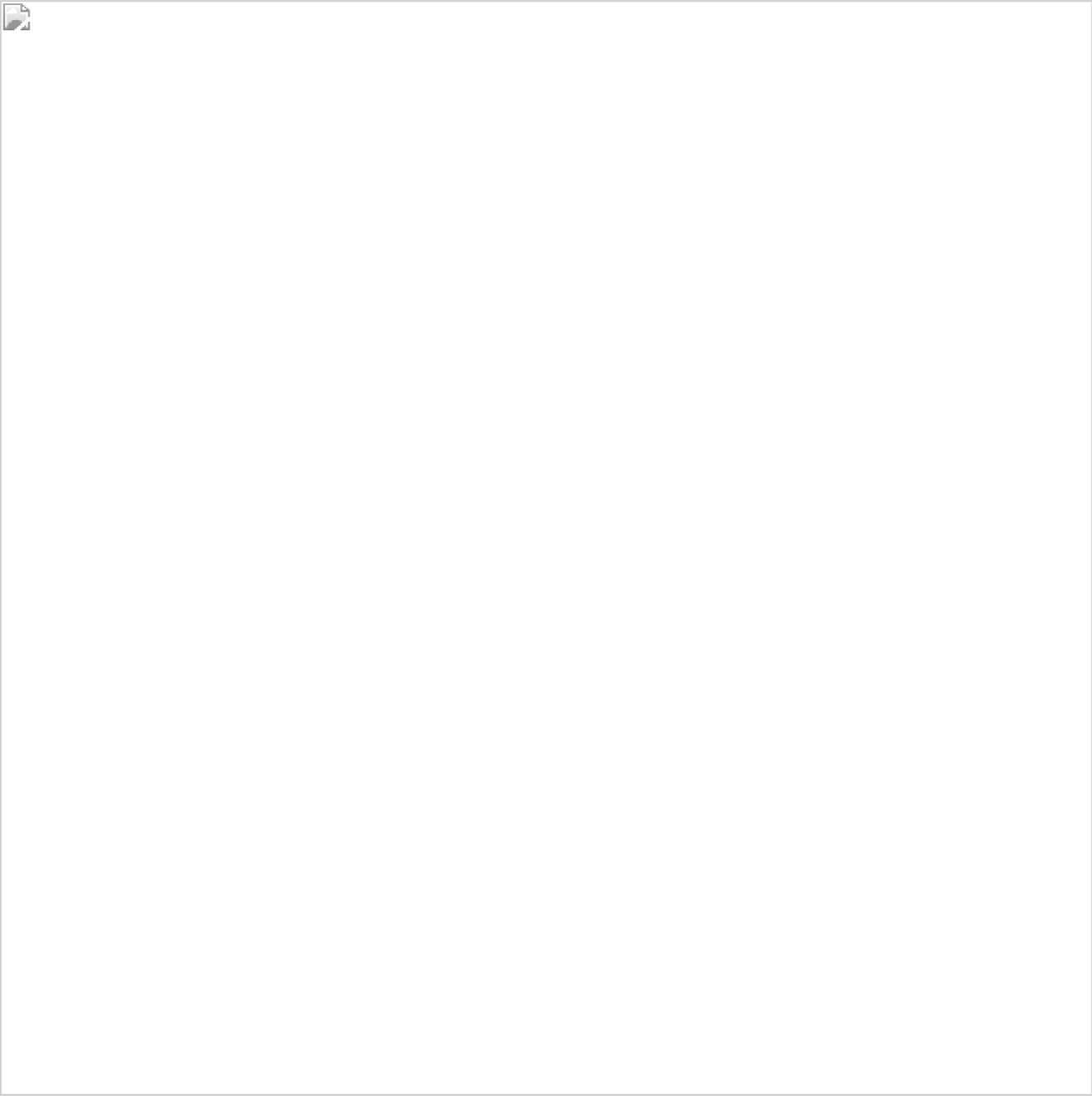


Think about it

1. What did Red-Cap fetch?

- ○ Great stones
- ○ A rope
- ○ A basket of flowers

Cake and Wine



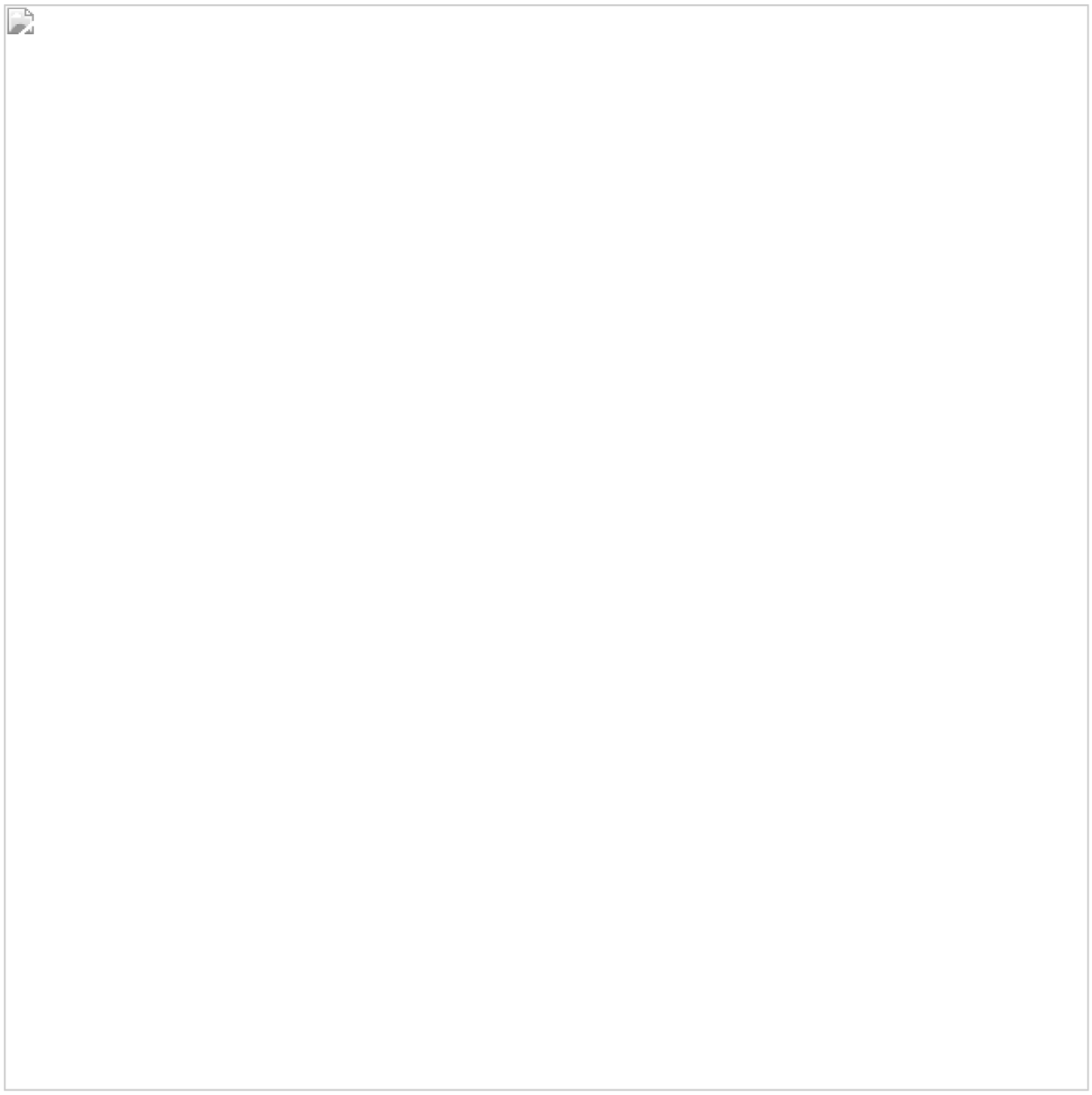
The huntsman drew off the wolf's skin and went home with it. The grandmother ate the cake and drank the wine which Red-Cap had brought, and revived.

But Red-Cap thought to herself, “As long as I live, I will never by myself leave the path, to run into the wood, when my mother has forbidden me to do so.”

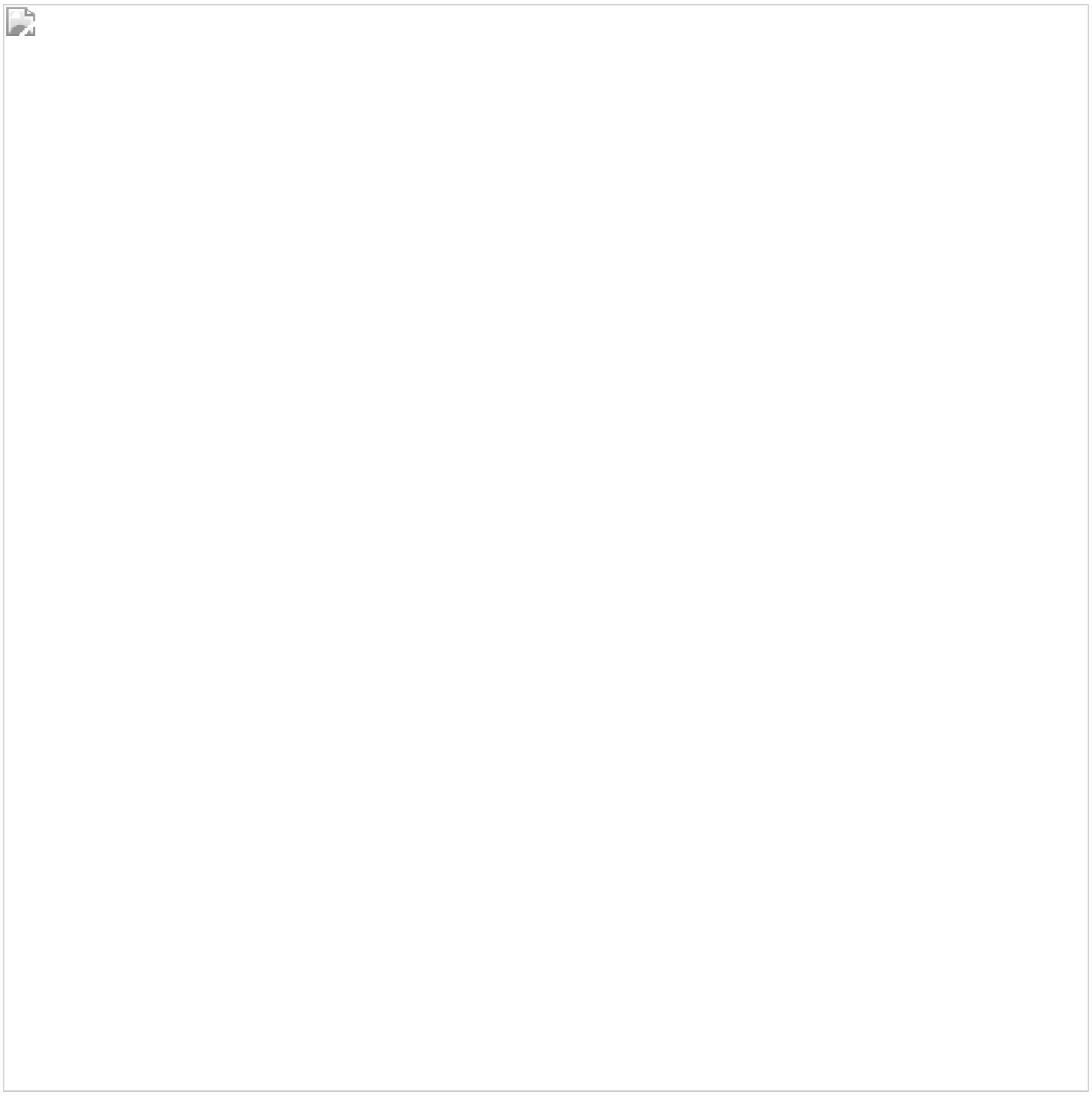
TALK ABOUT IT

Red-Cap made a promise to herself. What would you promise yourself after a day like that?

Cake and Wine · another picture



Another Wolf



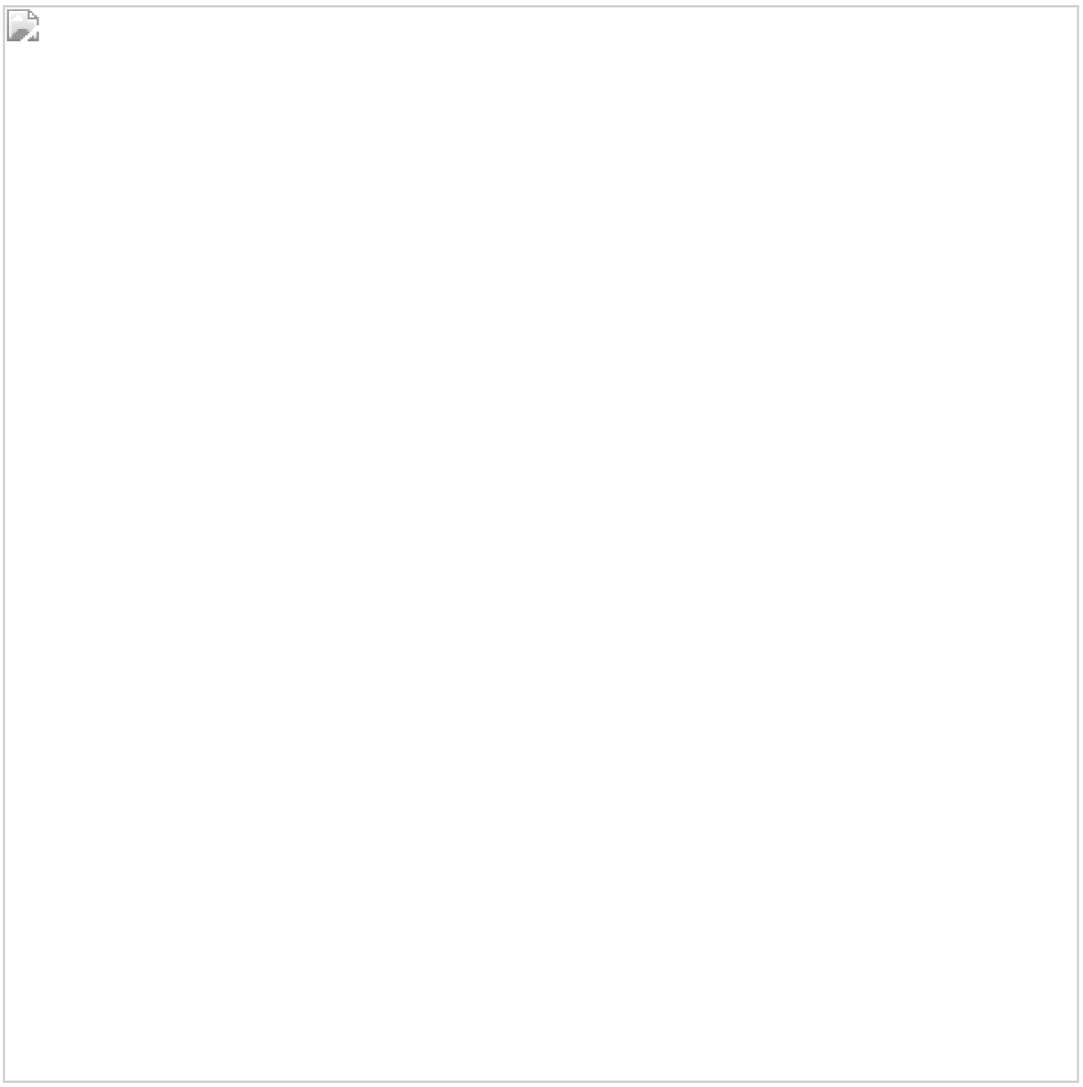
It is also related that once, when Red-Cap was again taking cakes to the old grandmother, another wolf spoke to her and tried to entice her from the path.

Red-Cap, however, was on her guard, and went straight forward on her way. She told her grandmother that she had met the wolf, and that he had said “good-morning” to her, but with such a wicked look in his eyes that if they had not been on the public road she was certain he would have eaten her up.

“Well,” said the grandmother, “we will shut the door, that he may not come in.”

TALK ABOUT IT

This time Red-Cap stayed on the path. How do you think she remembered?

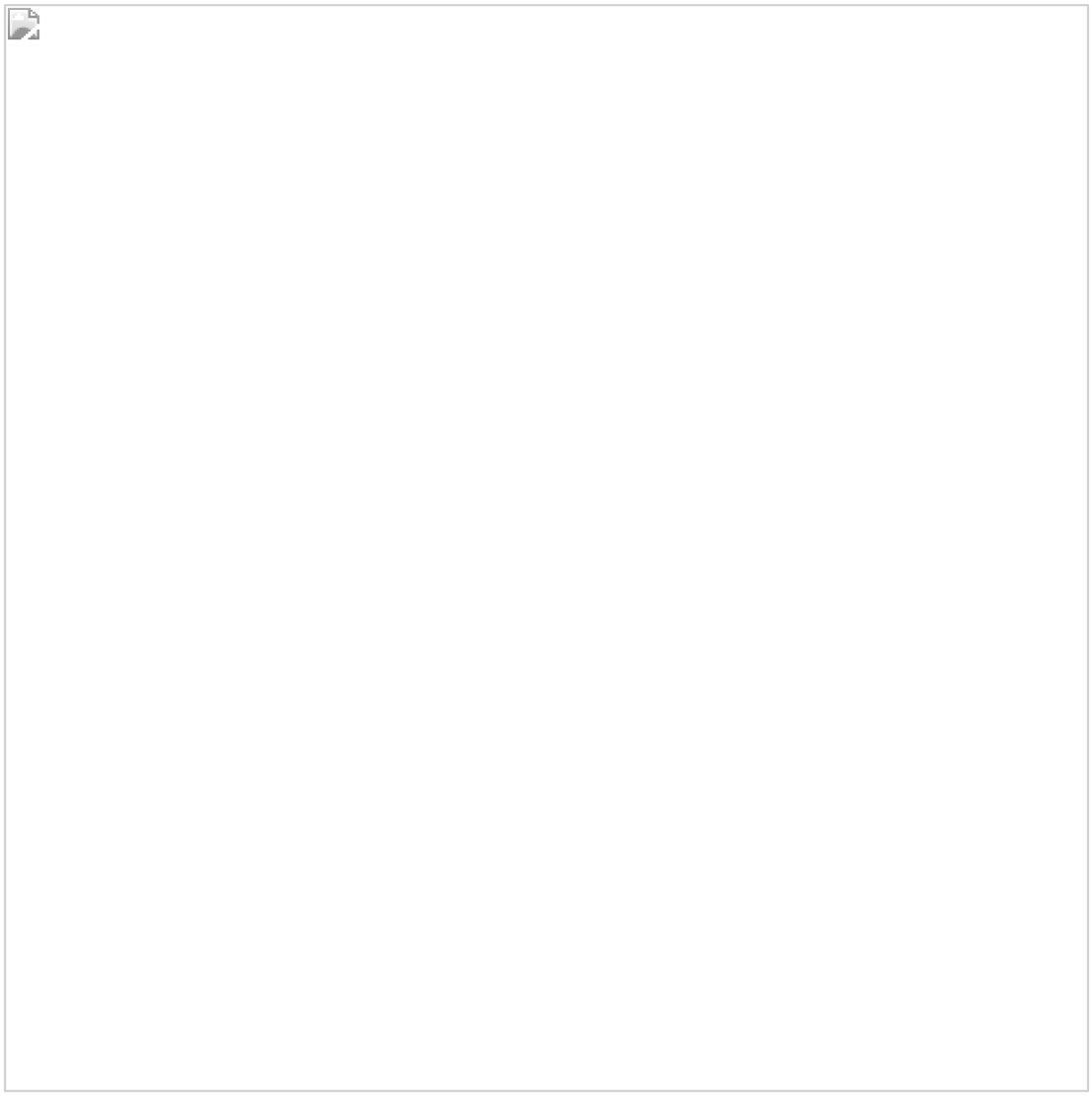


Think about it

1. What did Red-Cap do this time?

- ○ She went straight on her way
- ○ She picked flowers again
- ○ She talked with the wolf

The Great Stone Trough



Soon the wolf knocked and cried, “Open the door, grandmother, I am little Red-Cap, and am fetching you some cakes.” But no one opened.

He jumped on the roof to wait for Red-Cap. But the grandmother saw what was in his thoughts.

“Take the pail, Red-Cap; I made some sausages yesterday, so carry the water in which I boiled them to the trough.” Red-Cap filled the great stone trough.

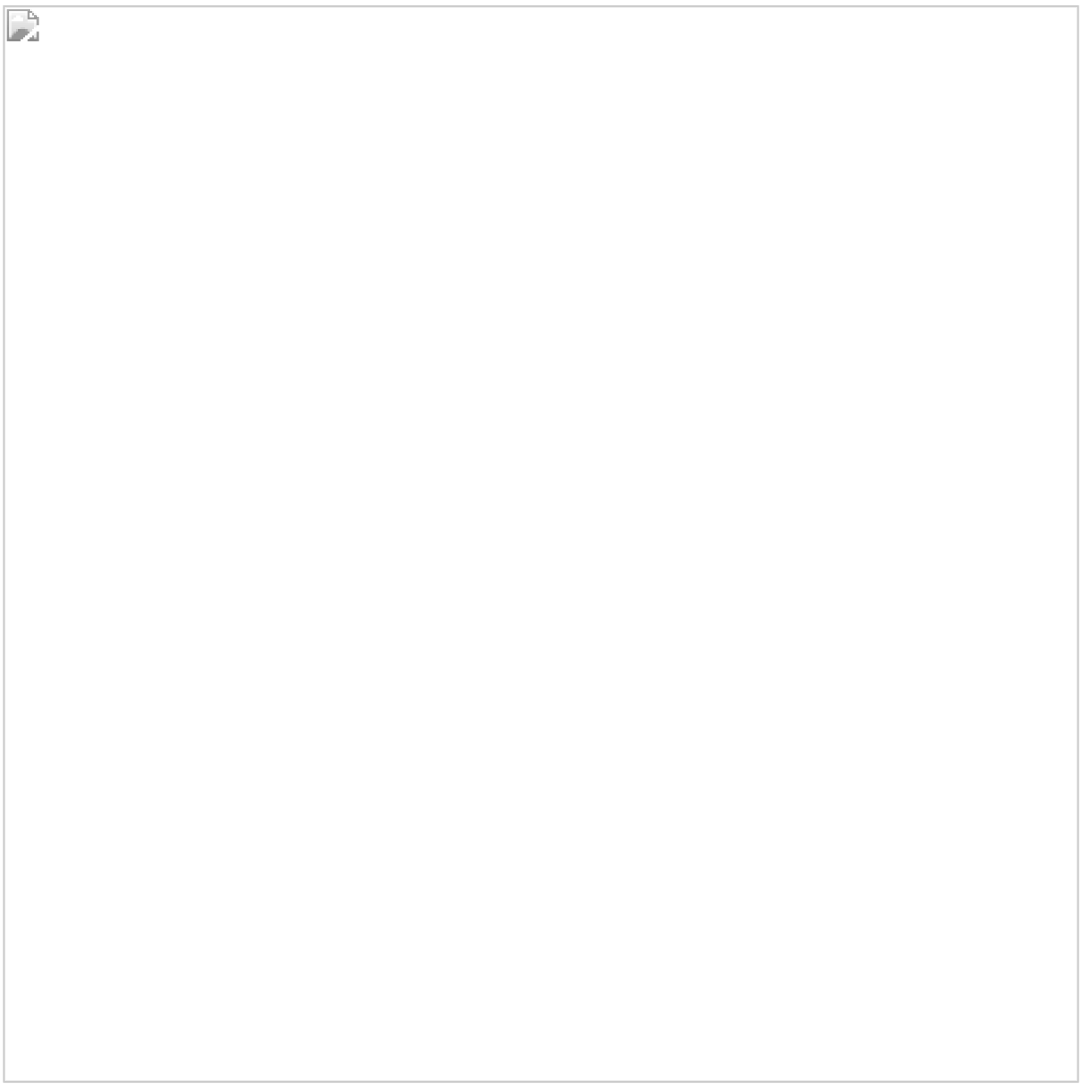
At the smell of the sausages, the wolf stretched his neck so far that he slipped off the roof into the trough. That was the end of him.

But Red-Cap went joyously home, and never did anything to harm any one.

TALK ABOUT IT

The grandmother saw what the wolf was thinking. How do you think she knew?

The Great Stone Trough · another picture



Think about it

1. What lured the wolf off the roof?

- ○ The smell of the sausages
- ○ A loud bell
- ○ A shining lamp

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— Yeshua HaMashiach

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