

*The
Storybook strike*



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Once upon a time, the three little pigs were in their house. "You know what?" Said pig #1, "I'm tired of being in the same old story over and over." "Yeah. And it's kind of horrifying... make that petrifying to be chased by a wolf with it's mouth watering," Said pig #2. "And we should do something about it!"



Meanwhile, in the big bad wolf's house (Who also was the wolf in Little red riding hood) was listing his complaints. "I've been in the hospital eighty-one times with a burned bottom because I was in a story!" He said.

Little red riding hood and her granny were mad because apparently the author had a hunter cut a wolf with an axe without checking with the humane society. It seemed that all of the Storybook characters had gripes.



So, they all gathered at their favorite restaurant. Rumpelstiltskin stood up. "We must do something about this!" He said. "Yes! We're not liking being in these stories, so what are we going to do?" Said Humpty Dumpty, standing up, too.

Puss in Boots stood up. "I have an idea!" He said, "We can go on strike!" "Yeah! Strike! Strike! Strike!" Everyone started chanting. Then they started hopping up and down on tables. "Strike! Strike! Strike! St-,"

"Excuse me, gentlemen," Said a waiter, "Please stop jumping on the tables."

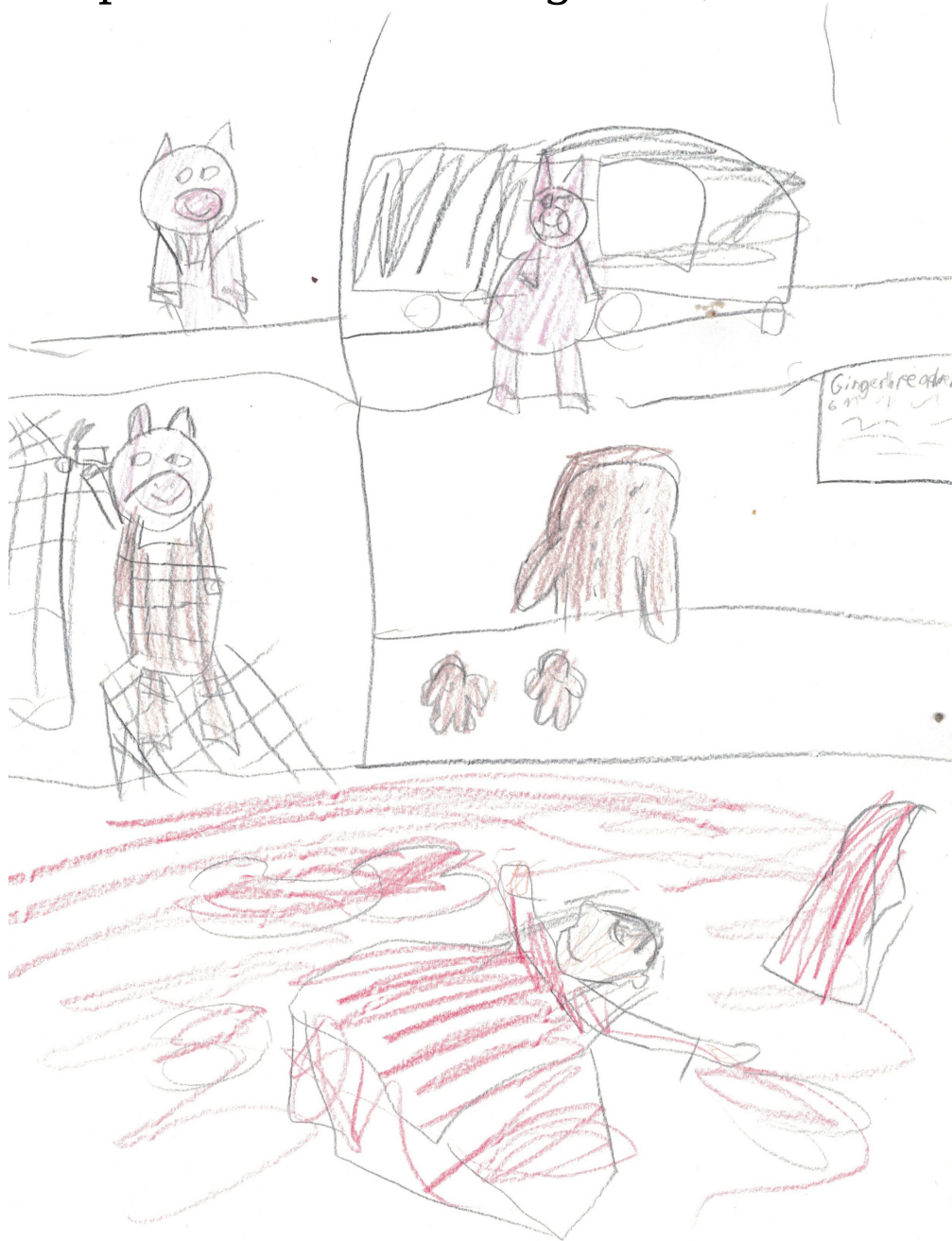


And so, they went on strike.

Pig #1 got a job at price chopper. Pig #2 went to Hollywood and became a movie star. Pig #3 became a builder.

The wolf opened up a "pigburger" restaurant. The gingerbread man got a job at a bakery that sold gingerbread men, gingerbread men, and gingerbread men. Chicken little became an author.

Everyone (except for little red riding hood, who retired) got a job.



Except that the author was very unhappy now. But then, he got an idea. He started writing a book about some book characters who went on strike.

In fact, you have that book. You're holding it right now.



