

**MYSTERIOUS MAN**

When is a white cow not a white cow?

**BAKER**

I don't know! Leave me alone!

**MYSTERIOUS MAN**

Haven't I left you alone long enough?

**BAKER**

Your questions make no sense, old man! Go away!

**MYSTERIOUS MAN**

*(Jingling sack of gold)*

In need of another cow?

#32 – *Underscore*

*(Drops sack of gold; BAKER turns around at the sound of the falling coins; MYSTERIOUS MAN EXITS as BAKER picks up money.)*

BAKER EXITS.

*JACK, carrying the HEN and a golden egg, comes upon LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD, who wears a cape made of wolfskins. SHE walks with a certain confidence and bravado)*

**Start: ->**

**JACK**

What a beautiful cape!

*(LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD swerves around with a knife)*

**LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD**

Stay away from my cape or I'll slice you into a thousand bits!

**JACK**

*(Stepping back)*

I don't want it! I was just admiring it!

**LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD**

*(Proud)*

My granny made it for me from a wolf that attacked us. And I got to skin the animal – and best of all, she gave me this beautiful knife for protection.

**JACK**

*(Competitive)*

Well, look what I have. A hen that lays golden eggs.

**LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD***(Suspicious)*

I don't believe that egg came from that hen. Where did you get that egg?

**JACK**

I stole this from the kingdom of the Giant – up there. And if you think this is something, you should see the golden harp the Giant has. It plays the most beautiful tunes without your even having to touch it.

**LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD***(Laughing at JACK)*

Of course it does. Why don't you go up to the kingdom right now and bring it back and show me?

**JACK**

I could.

**LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD**

You could not!

**JACK**

I could!

**LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD**

You could not, Mr. Liar!

*(Makes a hasty EXIT)***JACK**

I am not a liar! I'll get that harp. You'll see!

**Stop: ->** *(EXITS.**NARRATOR ENTERS)***NARRATOR**

After having cast out Rapunzel to a remote desert, the Witch returned to take the Prince by surprise. And as he leapt from the tower – the thorns into which he fell pierced his eyes and blinded him.

*(RAPUNZEL'S PRINCE ENTERS and stumbles about the forest, helpless. HE EXITS)***#33 – On the Steps of the Palace**

As for Cinderella, she returned from her final visit to the Festival.

*(NARRATOR EXITS. LIGHTS dim. CINDERELLA hobbles ONSTAGE, wearing but one shoe)*