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Two people--a father and daughter, a mother and son, or any combination of the four--get ready for a bedtime story.

CHILD: Daddy! Please read me a story!

DADDY: (Laughing) Okay, okay. Sit down here and we'll have a story.

CHILD: (Bouncing) A long one? A short one? One I already know? Did Grandma read this to you when you were little? Huh? Huh?

They both stand in front of their chairs.

DADDY: (To audience) Some Bedtime Story!

CHILD: (To audience) By Peg Ratliff.

They settle in.

DADDY: Okay, here's a story called "Little Red Riding Hood".

CHILD: Oh goody! Is it the one with the girl and her grandma? Or the one with the girl and the three bears? Is it--

DADDY: (Laughing) Let me read and you'll see.

CHILD: (Stops bouncing) Okay.

DADDY: Once upon a time there was a little girl who lived with her mother at the edge of the woods.

CHILD: Where's her dad?

DADDY: I don't know, dear.

CHILD: Does he commute to the coast during the week?

DADDY: Ummm, I don't think we ever--

The child suddenly begins to wail loudly.

DADDY: What is it?

CHILD: He's dead! I just know it.

DADDY: Now, dear, I'm sure he's not--

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