

KIDS' COURT
B.B WOLF v. CURLY PIG
RENO JUSTICE COURT
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BEFORE THE ACTUAL COURTROOM EXPERIENCE

TEACHERS: IT IS IMPORTANT TO SPEND SOME TIME ADDRESSING THIS LESSON *IN CLASS* PRIOR TO COMING TO THE COURTHOUSE.

LESSON GOALS

The goals related to this lesson include:

1. To help students develop an understanding of the American legal system.
2. To help students learn the process of making rational and socially responsible decisions.
3. To provide students with an opportunity to apply the concepts they will learn about criminal law and civil liability in a simulated, but relevant situation.
4. To create opportunities where students must consider decision making, consequences of actions, and the collection and consideration of data in light of legal rights and responsibilities.
5. To create opportunities where students develop an understanding of the legal system as one which involves citizen understanding and participation, rather than blind obedience.
6. To inculcate in the students a regard for and discernment of civil legal proceedings.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

During and/or at the end of this lesson, each student should be able to:

1. Participate in group decisions where a consensus is important.
2. Examine real court cases and describe the processes used.
3. Name orally and/or list the terms in each of the lessons.
4. Report to the class individually or in small groups the findings or recommendations of the group.
5. Make a judgment without the effect of stereotyping, given a written situation with misleading distracters.
6. Understand and apply the elementary aspects of civil liability and responsibility to a new situation.
7. Write definitions, in a paragraph, which demonstrate the knowledge that a decision in a civil suit is obtained by a majority rule of the jury.

Two important goals of law-related education programs are the acquisition of knowledge about the law, the legal processes, and the development of decision-making skills. “B.B. Wolf v. Curly Pig,” is a fictional account of a civil trial and can be a useful resource for furthering these goals. Since students are likely to be unfamiliar with the nature and purpose of the trial court system, “B.B. Wolf v. Curly Pig” is best used within a broader context, one which includes the different kinds of courts, the nature and process of a civil trial which includes a preponderance of the evidence and the nature of process of decision-making skills.

Different Types of Courts

“B.B. Wolf v. Curly Pig” is used most effectively when the student have first been introduced to the different kinds of courts in the American legal system. Courts interpret the law, resolve disputes under it, and make sure that it is always equal and impartial for everyone.

Juvenile courts are courts of law that serve children, not as criminal but as children in need of aid, guidance, and encouragement. Juveniles are young people who are usually under the age of 18.

The other different trial courts have varying names and jurisdictions (areas of authority). These courts hold trials, hear the testimony (statements) of witnesses, decide the case and render a verdict. They may be called District Courts, Circuit Courts, Municipal Courts, or Traffic Courts. The Appellate Courts are usually called Courts of Appeals or Supreme Courts. The Judges, without the benefit of juries or witnesses, review decisions made in trial court to see if the verdicts were made according to the laws.

The Civil Lawsuit

Since “B.B. Wolf v. Curly Pig” involves a civil trial, students will need to have a general understanding of how civil cases begin, what kind of evidence is required and what happens when the trial is finished. The handout included herein titled, “The Civil Lawsuit,” should be duplicated and provided to each student. It should be read and discussed by the whole class. Further explanation may be required and additional time should be taken for this purpose.

Review the Story of “The Three Little Pigs”

It is advisable to review the story of “The Three Little Pigs.” One of the students could be asked to recall the story. A discussion of the story should follow in which the students are asked to identify the facts of the story and the problem that resulted when the wolf climbed down the third little pig’s chimney. Students may be asked to respond to such questions as: (1) Is it right for someone to cause harm to another while protecting their home? (2) Could the wolf have been punished for breaking and entering? (3) How would you feel if someone you did not know came into your home through the chimney?

Decision Making

Review with the students the importance of making decisions based on fact. Have them suggest instances where a wrong decision was made because of a lack of information; incorrect information; or making a decision too quickly. Introduce the steps of the decision making process (identification of the decision, definitions of alternatives and their consequences, collection and consideration of data, and deciding on a course of action.

Large Group Activity/Discussion Option

Explain to the students that in most fables, fairy tales, and nursery rhymes, the wolf is depicted as the “bad guy.” This being the case, our opinion about the wolf had already been formed before the facts are known. Even Curly Pig’s preconceived ideas about the wolf made him/her suspicious and intolerant of everything the wolf did.

INTRODUCE THE TERMS

VERDICT: The finding of fact requiring an order to make it happen (guilty or not guilty in criminal cases and verdict for plaintiff or verdict for defendant in civil cases)

CIVIL CASE: All legal proceedings which are not criminal actions.

CRIMINAL CASE: A legal proceeding involving a public wrong, a crime for which the defendant is found guilty and could receive a fine or be ordered to jail/prison.

JUDGMENT: A court order following a verdict.

JURY INSTRUCTIONS: The laws provided to the jury by the judge that the jury must follow in making their decision (verdict).

PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE (civil cases): The degree of proof required to prevail in a civil action, being more weighty and believable evidence for than against if even only a tiny fraction.

BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT (criminal cases): The degree of proof in a criminal action required to prove guilt. It is the highest degree of proof. The evidence must be so weighty as to exclude reasonable doubt.

EVIDENCE: Anything that might prove or disprove issues of a case. Evidence can be records documents, objects, blood samples, etc.

OBJECTION TO EVIDENCE: One of the parties does not want the Judge or Jury to see or hear certain evidence. For example, a witness generally cannot testify about what someone else said because it is hearsay or a rumor.

OBJECTION SUSTAINED: The Judge agrees with the person who does not want certain evidence/testimony seen or heard. The Judge “sustains the objection” and does not allow the evidence/testimony to be presented.

OBJECTION OVERRULED: The Judge will allow the evidence/testimony to be presented even though one of the parties does not want it introduced.

THE CIVIL LAWSUIT

The civil case begins when the plaintiff (the person who brings a suit into a court of law) files, a written, statement of his claim. This document is called a “COMPLAINT” and is included at “Attachment A.” The defendant must then be notified of the lawsuit and given an opportunity to challenge the complaint. The defendant must file an answer to the complaint. He may deny everything in the complaint, he may admit to some of the plaintiff’s claim, or he might admit to most or all of the plaintiff’s claim.

If the defendant denies the basis for the claim, a trial date is set. The trial is designed to find facts and reach a decision on these facts. The procedure includes: selection of a jury, opening statements by the attorneys, presentation of witnesses and evidence, closing arguments by the attorneys, instructions by the judge to the jury, and deliberation and decision by the jury. During the trial the judge acts a a referee and decides what laws are applicable. The parties present the evidence and the jury must listen to the facts and reach a verdict.

In a civil case, the burden falls on the plaintiff. The plaintiff must first establish the case. Evidence must be produced which shows to what he/she is entitled. Then it is up to the defendant to deny the plaintiff’s evidence, explain it, place it in its proper light, or produce evidence of his/her own.

In most civil cases, the side who wins has evidence that is more believable than the evidence on the other side. Remember, the burden of proof must be met by the plaintiff. The plaintiff must establish the claim by a preponderance of the evidence. If this fails, the decision must go against the plaintiff and the defendant is found not liable.

Jury Trial

Review the procedures for jury trials, the terms plaintiff and defendant and other individuals who participate in a trial. Check the students’ understanding by describing the Wolf v. Pig case and have the students briefly describe the court procedures and roles of the individuals, including:

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| Judge | Court Reporter |
| Plaintiff’s Attorney | Court Clerk |
| Plaintiff B.B. Wolf | Bailiff #1 |
| Defendant’s Attorney | Bailiff #2 |
| Defendant Curly Pig | |
| Witness Huey Horgan | |

TEACHERS: PLEASE BE SURE TO ASSIGN ROLES TO STUDENTS AND PROVIDE EACH WITH A SCRIPT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT THE COURTHOUSE FOR THE MOCK TRIAL.

ATTACHMENT A

IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

B. B. WOLF,

Plaintiff,

CASE NO. 123456

v.

CURLY PIG,

Defendant.
_____)

COMPLAINT

COMES NOW Plaintiff B. B. WOLF and says as follows:

1. On or about August 19 of this year, Plaintiff B.B. WOLF (hereinafter "WOLF") did stop by the home of Defendant CURLY PIG (hereinafter "PIG")
2. PIG stated to WOLF that PIG's door was stuck and would not open.
3. WOLF indicated to PIG that he would climb down the chimney to help open the door.
4. WOLF landed in a cauldron of boiling water that PIG set out for the purpose of boiling WOLF.
5. WOLF suffered serious injuries.

WHEREFORE, WOLF seeks Judgment against PIG in the amount of three thousand one-hundred dollars (\$3,100.00) for hospital and medical expenses.

B.B. Wolf

B.B. WOLF, PLAINTIFF

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Mock Trial Script

American Bar Association Law Day Mock Trial Script revised for grades 3 through 6 by Judge William R. McMahon, Fostoria Ohio Municipal Court Judge and Joseph R. DeRose, Superintendent Evergreen Local Schools and the Exchange Clubs of America. Further revision by Judge Janet J. Berry.

Participants (**teacher to assign one student to each of the following speaking parts**):

Judge
Plaintiff's Attorney
Plaintiff B.B. Wolf
Defendant's Attorney
Defendant Curly Pig
Witness Huey Horgan
Court Reporter
Court Clerk
Bailiff #1
Bailiff #2

Additional Participants (non-speaking role assigned to the remainder of the class):

Jurors

SCENE: Second Judicial District Court - Courtroom

Bailiff #1: (Judge enters courtroom by door near the bench). All rise. Second Judicial District Court in the County of Washoe is now in session, the Honorable Judge _____ now presiding. (After Judge sits down) Please be seated.

Judge: This is the case of Wolf versus Pig. As I understand the pleadings, the claim of Mr. Wolf against Ms. Pig is for money. Mr. Wolf claims Mr. Pig allegedly tried to cook Mr. Wolf, causing Wolf to be burned and incur medical bills. Now, are there any opening statements?

Atty for Wolf: Your honor, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, we will show that last August 19, the defendant, Ms. Pig did indeed attempt to cook the plaintiff. We will show that she placed a steaming cauldron of boiling water in a spot where she was sure Mr. Wolf would show up. Ms. Pig invited my client to enter by the chimney and, when my client did, he burned his fur. Mr. Wolf paid \$3,100 for his

doctor and hospital bills. Further, we will show Ms. Pig intended to harm Mr. Wolf. The evidence will show that Ms. Pig, the defendant, had her cookbook open to the recipe for Poached Wolf. Thank you your Honor.

Judge: Does the attorney for Curly Pig have any opening statements?

Atty for Pig: Your Honor, Mr. Wolf's charge is ridiculous. We will show that the cauldron was inside Ms. Pig's home – a home Mr. Wolf was trying forcibly to enter. We will show that Curly Pig thought she was merely protecting her home and life. Thank you, your Honor.

Judge: Very well, call your first witness.

Atty for Wolf: I call BB Wolf as my first witness.

Bailiff #1: Raise your right paw. (BB Wolf does so)

Bailiff #1: Do you swear that the statements you are about to give are the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

Wolf: I do.

Bailiff #1: Please be seated. (BB Wolf sits in witness chair)

Atty for Wolf: Please state your name.

Wolf: My name is BB Wolf. Most of my friends just call me BB.

Atty for Wolf: Where do you live?

Wolf: Oh, I've got a nice little den in the woods outside the city. You know, it's got redwood paneling, a mud bath, a Wii, and I've got a pretty nice stereo too.

Atty for Wolf: Ah, yes. Well, let's move on to the morning of August 19 of last year. Do you recall your whereabouts on that morning?

Wolf: Yes, I do. Quite clearly, actually. I was taking my usual morning stroll and I passed the house of my old pal, Curly Pig. I thought I would ask her to go to Farmer Brown's farm and pick some apples with me. I knocked on the door.

Atty for Wolf: What happened then?

Wolf: No one answered. So I called out her name and knocked a little louder. Curley finally answered and said the inside latch was stuck on her door and she couldn't lift it to get the door open.

Atty for wolf: What happened next?

Wolf: Well, Curley doesn't have any other doors and there aren't any windows either. I told Ms Pig I'd like to help but I'd have to get inside to help lift the wood bar latch from the door. I didn't know how to get in.

Atty for Wolf: What did Curly Pig say?

Wolf: She asked me to climb down the chimney.

Atty for Wolf: And so did you?

Wolf: Well, yes and no. That is, I started to, but when I got almost all the way down, suddenly someone took the lid off a cauldron of boiling water down there. I think that someone wanted me to fall into the kettle filled with boiling water.

Atty for Pig: OBJECTION! The witness is guessing at my client's motives.

Judge: I agree. Objection sustained. Continue Mr. Wolf, but stick to the facts.

Wolf: Well, lucky for me, the steam was so powerful – it just sort of WHOOSHED me right up and out of the chimney. I took off like you would not believe! The fur on my backside was burned so I went to the local hospital. They only charged me \$3,100 for the fur grafts and hair transplants. Those doctors are miracle workers.

Atty for Wolf: I have no further questions.

Judge: Does the Attorney for Ms. Pig have any questions?

Atty for Pig: Yes, I do your honor. Mr. Wolf, how long have you known Curly Pig?

Wolf: Well, I just moved here last July and I met Curly the week I moved to town. The week I moved in, I got caught out in a storm. I knocked on her door, but I guess she didn't hear me because she had her TV on so loud.

Atty for Pig: So you only knew Curly Pig about one month before this incident?

Wolf: Yes, that's right. She seemed sort of scared of me. I tried to make her my friend, but I have now decided that Curly Pig is no friend of mine.

Atty for Pig: I have no further questions.

Atty for Wolf: Have you paid all of your medical bills for the fur grafts?

Wolf: Yes, I used up all my savings.

Atty for Wolf: I have no further questions.

Judge: Mr. Wolf, you may step down and thank you for testifying.

Atty for Wolf: Your honor that is all of our evidence. The Wolf rests its case.

Judge: Very well. We will now hear Curly Pig's side of the case.

Atty for Pig: Your honor as my first witness, I call Mr. Huey Horgan.

(Huey Horgan is called by Bailiff #1, enters the courtroom, stands in front of the Bailiff, raises right hand.)

Bailiff #1: Do you swear the statements you are about to give are the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

Horgan: I do.

Atty for Pig: What is your name?

Horgan: My name is Huey Horgan.

Atty for Pig: What is your occupation?

Horgan: I run the Commercial Hardware Company here in Reno, Nevada.

Atty for Pig: Mr. Horgan, are you familiar with the Pig family?

Horgan: Well, I got quite a few Pigs among my customers. There's Porky, Higgeldy Piggeldy and, of course, Miss Piggy Pig.

Atty for Pig: Then let me be more specific. Are you familiar with the Three Little Pigs – Larry, Moe and Curly?

Horgan: Ah yes. Now there's a sad story for you.

Atty for Pig: Just how is it you came to know the Three Little Pigs?

Horgan: Well, when their poor mother sent them out into the world to make their own way, they each came to me for building materials for their houses. The first brother, Larry, came to me and asked me for a bundle of straw to build a house. I told him “Kid, this isn’t going to give you the tightest security”, but he insisted on straw and so I sold him a bundle.

Atty for Pig: Do you know if that house ever got built?

Horgan: Oh, it got built all right, but it didn’t last long.

Atty for Pig: Just what do you mean by that?

Horgan: Well, right after he got it built – I think it was the day after that nice little house-warming party he had – that old wolf over there (point to the Wolf) was up to no good. Why it wasn’t a week before that, he was over on the other side of the forest making trouble for Little Red Riding hood and her poor granny!

Atty for Pig: OBJECTION! This testimony about Little Red Riding Hood is completely irrelevant to the case at hand.

Judge: Objection sustained. Mr. Wolf’s attorney is correct. Proceed, Mr. Horgan, but try to stay on track.

Horgan: Harumph! (Rolls eyes) Well, the wolf came over to Larry Pig’s house and said “Little Pig! Little Pig! Let me come in!” and the pig said “Oh no, not by the hair on my chinny chin chin!” So the wolf got mad and said “Then I’ll huff and I’ll puff and I’ll blow your house in!” So he huffed and he puffed and down came the house and he ate up the little pig.

Atty for Pig: Did I hear you correctly Mr. Horgan? Did you say he ate the little pig?

Horgan: Yes, indeed. We are talking MAJOR PORKICIDE!

Atty for Wolf: OBJECTION! I don’t think we need to engage in character assassination from the witness, especially since he is talking about a supposed friend of Mr. BB Wolf.

Judge: Objection sustained. Mr. Wolf’s attorney is correct. Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, you will ignore the witness’s last statement.

Atty for Pig: Mr. Horgan, did you also sell building materials to Curly Pig's other brother Moe?

Horgan: Sure did! He wanted to build with sticks. I tried to talk him out of it. I said "You know Kiddo, you're going to have a lot of draft problems", but he was set on a twig cabin, so I sold him a load.

Atty for Pig: Can you tell the Court the present state of that house?

Horgan; I guess you'd call its present stage gone. I've heard that BB Wolf pulled that "Little Pig! Little Pig! Let me come in" routine again and ate poor little Moe after blowing his house in. At this point, everyone was beginning to get the picture that BB Wolf didn't have any good intentions toward those little pigs. I, for one, was glad when curly came to me and wanted to build her place entirely out of bricks with one door and no windows.

Atty for Wolf: I really must object to this entire line of questioning your Honor. The witness's testimony is not relevant and is pure hearsay and rumor. He never actually saw any of these things happen. They are all rumors of another, not my client. And, in fact, the Official Report on Moe and Larry's disappearance was from a tornado.

Judge: Sustained. (Looking at Pig's Attorney) Counselor, perhaps you could move to another line of questioning and stick to the facts.

Atty for Pig: Actually, your Honor, I'm through with this witness.

Judge: You may step down Mr. Horgan. Thank you for testifying.

Atty for Pig: I'd like to call my client, Curly Pig, to the stand. (Curly Pig comes to the stand)

Bailiff #1: Would you please raise your right hoof to be sworn? (Curly Pig does so). Do you swear the statements you are about to give are the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

Pig: I do. (Pig sits down)

Atty for Pig: Please state your name.

Pig: Curly Pig.

Atty for Pig: What is your address?

Pig: I live at 283 Sty Lane, just off Mud Avenue

Atty for Pig: Now, Ms. Pig, are you familiar with the plaintiff in this case, Mr. BB Wolf? Are you, as he testified, a good old pal of Mr. Wolf's?

Pig: Are you kidding? That wolf in sheep's clothing?

Wolf: Now wait a minute. Just because I'm wearing my sheepskin suit. Is there a law against that?

Pig: He's just trying to look innocent. But he's NOT, let me tell you.

Judge: Ladies and gentlemen, please, if you don't stop this bickering, I'll have to hold you both in contempt of court. Let's proceed with the questioning.

Atty for Pig: Going back a bit then, Ms. Pig – How did you first come to know Mr. Wolf?

Pig: Well, not under the friendliest of circumstances: I started knowing of him when he or a wolf friend of his huffed and puffed and blew in the houses of my brothers Larry and Moe. I mean talk about excessive? Nobody told this guy breaking and entering doesn't mean breaking down the whole house and then entering it.

Atty for Pig: When did you come to know Mr. Wolf personally?

Pig: About four months after what happened to my brother, I guess BB thought I'd be easy pickings. One day, there was a storm outside I heard him knocking on my door asking to come in. I kept right on watching TV Super Scary Triple Feature movies. I never miss it. I watch them every day. I could hear him huffing and puffing. I went into my kitchen during a commercial and made myself a snack. Just a small one. I don't like to make a wolf of myself. Anyway, I could still hear him huffing and puffing, I made sure he wasn't going to get in, so I ignored his knocking and kept watching TV.

Atty for Pig: And was that the last you ever saw of Mr. Wolf?

Pig: Are you kidding? That was only the first I heard from him. About a week later, he came by and said – real sweetly – “oh Little Pig, I know where to find the loveliest sweet turnips”. He must have known pigs are fools for turnips. Anyway, I asked him where. “Oh” he said, “Farmer Brown's garden. Farmer Brown said he would pick some for us tomorrow morning. I'll come by for you

and we can go together and get some for our dinner.” Boy, that wolf must think I’m dumb. I know that those turnips were only going to be the side dish for his dinner. And I knew just who he had in mind for the main course. I watch a lot of TV and I know what he was thinking.

Atty for Pig: Did you go with Mr. Wolf?

Pig: No, I didn’t answer the door when he came by. Mr. Wolf stopped by a few more times after that and asked me to go with him. Once he said real sweetly, “Oh Little Pig, I know where to find the juiciest red apples.” Being a curious pig, I asked him where. “Farmer Brown said he’d let us pick some in the morning. I’ll take you there.” I said fine. Of course, the next morning, I was up and off to Farmer Brown’s at four.

Atty for Pig: And back home eating apple pie at five?

Pig: Nope. Old Wolfe is pretty smart. He had me figured out by then. So he got up at four too. I had just finished picking and was about to come down out of the tree with a big bag of red apples when I looked down and saw old BB who was in his jogging suit, looking up at me, grinning with those rather largish choppers of his.

Atty for Pig: So, what did you do?

Pig: Well, I tried to do some fast thinking. He said, “Good Morning Curly. My, but you’re up early. How are the apples?” A real cool cucumber like I told you. But I can be cool too. I said, “They’re delicious. Wait a moment and I’ll throw one down to you.” And I threw it so far that I was practically home by the time he found it.

Atty for Pig: And was that he last time you saw Mr. Wolf before August 19?

Pig: Yes.

Atty for Pig: Tell the court what happened on August 19th.

Pig: On August 19, Wolfe was at it again. He had some line about going to Farmer Brown’s farm to get corn. I was watching the morning Super Scary Triple Feature movies. I yelled to him I couldn’t get the door opened.

Atty for Pig: What happened then?

Pig: It was at a commercial and I went to the fireplace and took the lid off the big pot of water that was boiling for my tea. How was I to know he was already climbing down the chimney?

Atty for Pig: Thank you Ms. Pig. That's all the questions I have.

Atty for Wolf: I'd like to cross examine the witness if I may. (The attorney steps forward to the stand). Ms. Pig, I've been listening to this account of you dealing with Mr. Wolf and it seems to me that you were doing an awful lot of teasing and baiting of my client. Wouldn't you say that's true?

Pig: Well, maybe I was having a little fun with the old boy, but seeing as I felt he was trying to eat me, that doesn't seem like such a great crime, does it?

Atty for Wolf: I'll ask the questions here if you please. What about the reprot that the cookbook next to your fireplace was found open to the recipe for Poached Wolf? I would like to take a moment and have the Court Clerk mark the cookbook as Plaintiff's Exhibit A.

BAILIFF #1: GET COOK BOOK FROM ATTY AND GIVE TO COURT CLERK FOR MARKING AND WAIT FOR CLERK TO GIVE IT BACK TO YOU AND RETURN IT TO THE ATTY

Court Clerk: TAKE COOK BOOK FROM BAILIFF #1 AND PLACE EXHIBIT STICKER ON IT AND GIVE TO THE BAILIFF (EXHIBIT STICKER WILL BE PROVIDED AT TIME OF MOCK TRIAL)

Atty for Wolf: Do you recognize this cookbook?

Pig: Yes. It's my Hog Heaven Best Recipe Cookbook.

Atty for Wolf: Is it true that this is the same cookbook that was found open to the Poached Wolf recipe next to your fireplace on August 19? I move to introduce the cookbook on behalf of the Plaintiff. (Attorney shows cookbook to pig, then hands cookbook to court clerk)

Judge: Is there any objection from the defense?

Atty for Pig: No objection your Honor.

Judge: The Cookbook will be admitted as Plaintiff's Exhibit A.

Court Clerk: Your Honor, the exhibit has been duly admitted.

Pig: It's not how it seems. I enjoy fine dining and I had it open to Wiggly Worm Apple Pie. I was going to bake one with my apples. But then, when I took the lid off the cauldron, I guess the shot of steam must've flipped a few pages forward to Poached Wolf.

Atty for Wolf: What about Mr. Wolf's testimony that you asked him to go down the chimney? Is that true?

Pig: I was watching TV. I don't remember saying that. You can't believe that Wolf. Look what he did before that day.

Atty for Wolf: You expect the court to believe that?

Pig: Well, it's the truth, by the hair on my chinny chin chin.

Atty for Wolf: I have no further questions.

Atty for Pig: The Defense rests.

Judge: Thank you Ms. Pig, you may step down. (Pig returns to chair next to her attorney) Does that conclude the evidence?

Both Attys: Yes it does.

Judge: Are there any closing statements?

Atty for Wolf: Your Honor, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, we have shown that Ms. Pig has a vivid imagination and that Mr. Wolf never meant Ms. Pig any harm. We have shown that Ms. Pig did, on August 19, lift the lid off a pot of boiling water when Mr. Wolf was coming down the chimney to help Ms. Pig. We have shown that the defendant had her cookbook open to the recipe for Poached Wolf. Those facts speak for themselves. Mr. Wolf was injured and paid \$3,100 for his bills. I'm sure the jury agrees that Ms. Pig was attempting to do harm to Mr. Wolf and that he is entitled to have Ms Pig pay for the bills of \$3,100.

Atty for Pig: Your Honor, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, we have shown that Mr. Wolf was up to no good all of the times he came over to Curley Pig's house. Ms. Pig is a law-abiding citizen who was minding her own business when Mr. Wolf was harassing her. If she teased Mr. Wolf, well, she certainly was egged on to it. I'm sure the jury will agree that her lifting the lid off the kettle and her cookbook opening to the wolf recipe just as Mr. Wolf came down

the chimney were mere coincidence. She did not mean any harm to come to Mr. Wolf.

Judge: (Turn to the Jury) Ladies and Gentlemen you have heard the evidence. Now it is your job to first discuss all of the evidence presented and then decide if Ms. Pig was trying to poach Mr. Wolf and should pay Mr. Wolf's medical bills of \$3,100. If you decide yes, sign the verdict for the Plaintiff. If you decide no, sign the verdict for defendant. Will you please go with the Bailiff #2 who will come back and inform the court when you have reached your verdict.

BAILIFF #2: (Go stand by the Jury so that you can lead them into the jury room)

BAILIFF #2: (Once the jury has reached a verdict come to the courtroom and inform the Judge) Your Honor, the jury has reached its verdict and are ready to return. (Jury then follows Bailiff #2 back to the Jury box)

Judge: (Wait until the jury has been seated back into the jury box) who is the jury foreman?

Foreman: I am your Honor.

Judge: Have you reached a verdict?

Foreman: Yes, your Honor. We the Jury find_____.

Judge: On behalf of the Court and all the parties, we'd like to thank the jurors for their good work. This court will stand in recess.

Bailiff #2: All rise (Judge leaves courtroom). The Second Judicial District Court is now adjourned.