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Goldilocks and the Three Crocodiles



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A girl with long, flowing blonde hair is seen from behind, wearing blue overalls over a white shirt. She stands on a sandy dune with some sparse grass. A small white dog with black ears is sitting next to her. In the background, there is a bright blue sea under a blue sky with wispy clouds and several birds flying. A wooden post with a rope is visible on the left.

Soon they got to a beach.
A long, long
long, long
long, long beach.
And now they could hear
the song even louder.

*"Pershooo, persheee,
Pershooo, persheee.
I am the sea,
The sea is me.
The sea is me,
I am the sea."*

"It's the song of the sea!" said Tiddles.

... a table!

And next to the table there were three chairs.
Not ordinary chairs.
These chairs were fish.

Fish chairs!



Goldilocks hopped up and sat on one of
them. Tiddles hopped up on to her lap.
And it was -

yerrchhhhhhh!

- much too slimy and slippery.



So Goldilocks sat on the
next one. Tiddles hopped
up and sat on her lap and -

yerrchhh!

- it was still too slimy and slippery.

So Goldilocks sat on the next one.
Tiddles hopped up and sat on her lap and -

ahh!

- it was just right.



... and they saw a ...



... baby crocodile -

and behind the baby crocodile there was a

bigger
crocodile,

and behind that crocodile there was a

huge,
enormous,
gigantic
crocodile ...

