For Matthew,
Sue and Orange Beak Studio –
thank you for believing in this idea.

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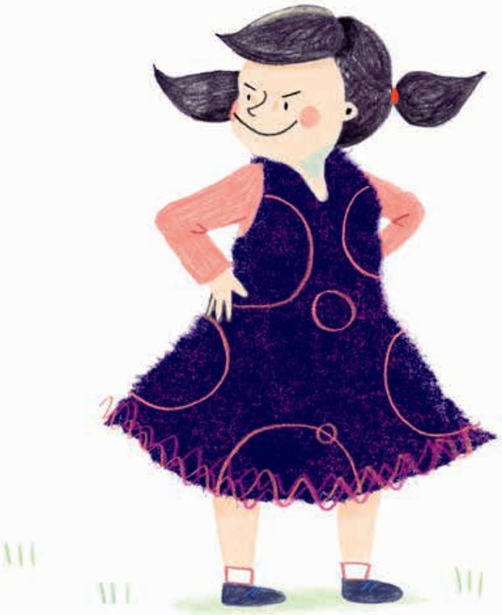
A CAUTIONARY TALE



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Alberta did all sorts of **dreadful** things.
For a start, she never listened, so on the day
Mum said, "Don't go into the woods,
the woods are **wild** and **dangerous**,"

Alberta immediately took a good look.
She could see a Very Interesting Person who
looked far too small to be **wild** and **dangerous**.

Alberta had already been dreadful **13** times that day.

She'd added salt to **6** sugar bowls,

upset **5 people** by singing really, really loudly,

and chewed up **2 books,** but she **never** got into trouble.

Why not? That's outrageous! Well, Alberta knew a really **silly dance**

and she could **smile** sweetly

. . . and sometimes she **cried** and **cried** until she got her own way.

So it's no surprise Alberta planned to do lots of **dreadful** things when she scrambled over that fence . . .

"Hello! I'm Alberta," she said, "who are **you?**"
"I'm Red Riding Wolf," said the Very Interesting Person. "I'm picking flowers while Granny's birthday **cake** is cooling."

Alberta licked her lips.
"I'll help you pick flowers," she said.