



BEWARE, BEWARE OF THE BIG BAD BEAR!

Puppet Theater Script

By Dianne de Las Casas

Illustrated by Marita Gentry

©2012 Pelican Publishing Co.

Characters:

Storyteller(s)

Maw Maw

Paw Paw

Beau

Belle

Squirrel

Big Bad Bear



STORYTELLER 1: Once there lived Paw Paw, Maw Maw, Beau, Belle, and their pet, Squirrel. One day, Maw Maw wanted to bake beautiful, buttery biscuits, but she was out of sody sallyraytus. So she told Beau to go the store, but before he went, Maw Maw said,

MAW MAW: “Beware, beware of the big bad bear!”

STORYTELLER 1: When Beau got to the store, he said,

BEAU: *“I need sody sallyraytus, lickety-split.
Maw Maw’s going to bake some biscuits with it.”*

STORYTELLER 2: After he bought the sody, Beau started to cross the bridge, but underneath lived the *big bad bear*. The bear said,

BIG BAD BEAR: “I’m going to eat you up—you and your sody sallyraytus.”

STORYTELLER 2: He opened his big bear mouth and he gobbled Beau up, just like that.

When Beau did not come home, Maw Maw said, “That boy is taking too long!” So Maw Maw sent Belle to the store, but before she went, Maw Maw said,

MAW MAW: “Beware, beware of the big bad bear!”

STORYTELLER 3: When Belle got to the store, she said,

BELLE: *“I need sody sallyraytus, lickety-split.
Maw Maw’s going to bake some biscuits with it.”*

[Type text]

STORYTELLER 3: After she bought the sody, Belle started to cross the bridge, but underneath lived the *big bad bear*. The bear said,

BIG BAD BEAR: “I ate the little boy and now I’m going to eat you up—you and your sody sallyraytus.” He opened his big bear mouth and gobbled Belle up, just like that.

STORYTELLER 3: When Belle did not come home, Maw Maw said, “That girl is taking too long!” So Maw Maw sent Paw Paw to the store, but before he went, Maw Maw said,

MAW MAW: “Beware, beware of the big bad bear!”

STORYTELLER 4: When Paw Paw got to the store, he said,

CHORUS: *“I need sody sallyraytus, lickety-split.
Maw Maw’s going to bake some biscuits with it.”*

STORYTELLER 4: After he bought the sody, Paw Paw started to cross the bridge, but underneath lived the *big bad bear*. The bear said,

BIG BAD BEAR: “I ate the little boy, I ate the little girl, and now I’m going to eat you up—you and your sody sallyraytus.”

STORYTELLER 5: He opened his big bear mouth and gobbled Paw Paw up, just like that.

When Paw Paw did not come home, Maw Maw said,

MAW MAW: “That old man is taking too long! I’ll fetch it myself.”

STORYTELLER5: So Maw Maw went to the store, but before she went, Squirrel said,

SQUIRREL: “Beware, beware of the big bad bear!”

STORYTELLER 6: When Maw Maw got to the store, she said,

MAW MAW: *“I need sody sallyraytus, lickety-split.
Maw Maw’s going to bake some biscuits with it.”*

STORYTELLER 6: After she bought her sody, Maw Maw started to cross the bridge, but underneath lived the *big bad bear*. The bear said,

BIG BAD BEAR: “I ate the little boy, I ate the little girl, I ate the old man, and now I’m going to eat you up—you and your sody sallyraytus.”

[Type text]

STORYTELLER 7: He opened his big bear mouth and gobbled Maw Maw up, just like that.

STORYTELLER 7: Now Squirrel was getting hungrier and hungrier. She said,

SQUIRREL: “They are all taking too long. I’ll fetch it myself.”

STORYTELLER 8: So Squirrel went to the store. When Squirrel got to the store, she said,

SQUIRREL: *“I need sody sallyraytus, lickety-split. I’m a-going to bake some biscuits with it.”*

STORYTELLER 8: After she bought her sody, Squirrel started to cross the bridge, but underneath lived the *big bad bear*. The bear said,

BIG BAD BEAR: “I ate the little boy, I ate the little girl, I ate the old man, I ate the old woman, and now I’m going to eat you up—you and your sody sallyraytus!”

STORYTELLER 9: Squirrel shook her tail, threw her sody sallyraytus at the bear, and said,

SQUIRREL: “Oh no you won’t!”

STORYTELLER 9: Lickety-split, she scampered up a nearby tree. The big bad bear followed and began climbing the tree too.

Squirrel scampered to the end of a branch and teased,

SQUIRREL: “Na-na-na-na-na-na!”

STORYTELLER 10: The bear growled,

BIG BAD BEAR: “If you can do it with your little legs, then I can do it with my big legs!”

STORYTELLER 10: But the small branch could not hold the big bad bear, and it broke. Squirrel jumped to another branch, and the big bad bear fell . . . doooowwwn. *Thud!*

STORYTELLER 11: The bear landed so hard that out bounced Beau, Belle, Maw Maw, and Paw Paw. And out bounced four boxes of sody sallyraytus! They had enough sody to bake a big batch of beautiful, buttery biscuits. They sang a song on the way home.

[Type text]

ALL:

*“We got sody sallyraytus, lickety-split.
Maw Maw’s going to bake some biscuits with it.”*

STORYTELLER 12:

When they got home, sure enough, Maw Maw baked a big batch of beautiful, buttery biscuits. The family opened their big hungry mouths and gobbled the biscuits up, just like that.

