

BALDILOCKS AND THE THREE CARS

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One day, Papa was walking in the woods and came to a used car lot. He was tired of walking and said "I would like to ride in a car and not walk so much."

Papa got into a big car that had lots of room and seats that were very soft. He had a sack lunch that he ate as he sat in the big car to see if he wanted to buy it. As he ate, he thought "This is a very nice car, but I bet it costs a lot of money. It might be hard to park, and would use a lot of gas, so I think I will not buy this one." Papa ate the last of his lunch and got out of the big car.

Next to the big car was a small but very fast sports car with a roof you could open. Papa said "Oh boy, I want to drive a fast car like this!" He tried to get into the car by the door, but he was too big. So, he opened the roof of the car and slid into the seat. He made fast car noises "Vroom! Vroom! Vroom!", and had a lot of fun. But it was also hard for him to get out of the car, so he said "This car costs even more than the big car, and I do not want to get stuck in it some time, so I will not buy this one."

The last car was not too big and not too small - it was just right. Papa said "This car is a good size for me, the seats are soft, and it does not cost a lot, so I will buy it. But first I want to take a nap after my long walk, and it looks like it will rain." So, he lay down on the seat and went to sleep.

It did rain for the rest of the day, but Papa did not hear it as he was in a deep sleep. By then, it was time for the car lot to close and the men who work there came out to drive home. When they got to their cars, they got a big surprise. Someone had been in them!

The man with the big car said, "Someone ate their lunch in my car and left their sack and bread crumbs and an apple core on the seat!" The man with the sports car said, "Someone left the roof open and my car is full of rain water!" The last man looked into his car and said "Someone has been sleeping in my car and he is still here!" So he blew the very loud car horn and Papa sat up so fast that he hit his head on the roof.

The men were very mad at Papa, who got out of the car fast and ran all the way home. He said "I think I will walk in the neighborhood from now on, as it is better for my health." And he also took all his naps at home.

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