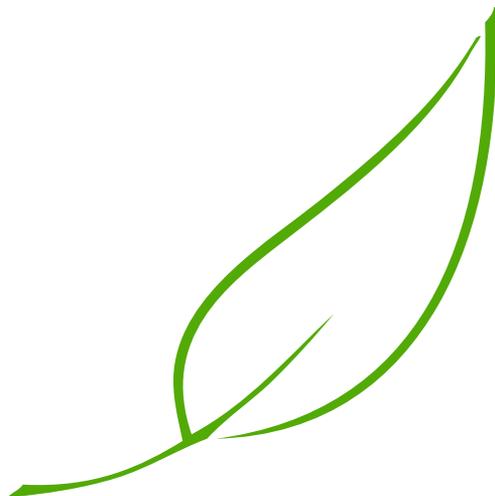


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SILVERSTEIN: You did what?!

GOLDILOCKS: I broke a chair. That's all! I just broke a chair!

SILVERSTEIN: You purposely walked into their house and broke one of their chairs?

GOLDILOCKS: It wasn't on purpose! I was tired! I sat down! The chair broke! It was an accident.

SILVERSTEIN: Look, Goldie ...

GOLDILOCKS: Goldilocks. My name is Goldilocks.

SILVERSTEIN: That's your first or last name?

GOLDILOCKS: Both.

SILVERSTEIN: (*sighing as he or she writes*) Great. "Goldi." That's lox as in bagels?

GOLDILOCKS: That's "locks" as in padlocks.

SILVERSTEIN: If the bears would have had one, you wouldn't be in this mess. Look, I don't know, Goldi. I'm a good lawyer, but this is gonna be tough. I mean, you've got three bears willing to testify that you purposely broke into their house ... that's enough to hang you in these forest courts ... then you go busting up their furniture. This won't be easy.

GOLDILOCKS: What about the porridge?

SILVERSTEIN: I just ate.

GOLDILOCKS: I mean the porridge charge.

SILVERSTEIN: There's more? (*flips through papers*) Holy cow! I didn't see that! (*reading*) "... and the defendant did willfully and with fore-thought eat the plaintiffs porridge." Oh, no. Breaking and Eating.

GOLDILOCKS: I was hungry.

SILVERSTEIN: Look, did it ever occur to you to maybe sit in your own chair and eat your own porridge? What are you, homeless?

GOLDILOCKS: No, I was lost.

SILVERSTEIN: Listen, I've been lost. I spent two days in Paris just trying to find a restroom. I got up in the middle of the night last night and couldn't find the kitchen. But I'll tell you one thing, Sister ... just because I get a little confused I don't go breaking into strange bears' houses and start raiding the fridge and busting up furniture. I think you need counseling.



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