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NARRATOR: Once upon a time there was a girl who lived with her mother. They lived in Canada, on an island called Prince Edward Island.

CHILD 1: They were very very poor.

NARRATOR: The girl and her mother lived in a little shack which sat beside the forest and just down the path from a small seaside village.

CHILD 2: One day there was nothing left to eat in the little shack.

CHILD 3: So the girl went into the forest to pick some berries for her mother's breakfast.

CHILD 4: She found a blackberry bush and began to pick berries. She picked and she picked and she picked.

NARRATOR: But all of a sudden the girl noticed something out of the corner of her eye. When she turned, she saw a little old lady coming toward her.

CHILD 5: The little old lady had a wrinkled face.

CHILD 6: She walked with a crooked walking stick.

CHILD 1: She wore a long black cape.

NARRATOR: The little old lady came closer and closer and closer until she stopped just beside the berry bush. Then the little old lady said something. She said this,

3/OLD LADY: "HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE! HELLO DEARIE!"

NARRATOR: Oh, did we scare you? (to listeners) Well the girl was scared too. But she had been taught never to speak to strangers, so she didn't say a thing.

CHILD 2: The little old lady said something, though. She said,

3/OLD LADY: "Tell me, my dear, what is a girl like you doing out here in the forest all by herself?"

CHILD 4: The girl thought maybe she should answer, so she said,

1/GIRL: "I - I - I am picking berries so my mother and I will not starve. We are poor and have nothing left to eat."

NARRATOR: Then the little old lady did something unexpected. She reached inside her long black cape and pulled out – a cooking pot. Now, it wasn't a new cooking pot. No, it was old and black, and had a crooked handle. But the little old lady said,