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[Teaching a moral to children]

Little Red *Riding Hood is an Indo-European *fairy tale loaded with scary images to impress its lesson on small children: Never talk with strangers. It contrasts the playful innocence of the child with the cunning and cruel savagery of a stalker. The story ends differently in different versions. In one, the child who disregards her mother's warning not to talk with strangers is eaten up by the wolf; clearly the moral is unequivocal. In another, a kindly woodsman finds the wolf, chops it open, and lets the child escape completely unharmed, presumably having thoroughly learned her lesson.

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