

1.1 **Sherlock Holmes** (or anyone _____ if he isn't present, say "I heard Sherlock Holmes say"): I have a stomachache. It must be something I've eaten. And no – I haven't eaten the cookies. Let's have each of you tell us your story. Alice has fanciful imagination. Surely a sweet girl like you wasn't involved in this crime? Is it true you were planning to become small & go through the lock into the cupboard?
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1.2 **Alice:** It was a wonderful dream. I saw a White Rabbit & I followed it down a rabbit hole. Oh there is so much to tell about the people I met. The Queen of Hearts & I often play hide & seek. I came out of my book holding the bottle labeled 'Drink Me' & I did drink it. I had to squeeze in through the lock so I couldn't carry anything with me. I didn't go around shouting 'Off with her head' or anything silly.
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1.3 **Cinderella:** The palace was across the canal from where I lived. When my mother died, my father married a widow with two grown daughters. Alas, when I met them, they treated me as a slave rather than as a stepsister. They were horrible to me. My stepsisters saw me covered in cinders after cleaning the fireplace and, my name being Ella, they gave me the nickname of 'Cinder-ella'.
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1.4 **Snow White:** My stepmother asked a hunter to do away with me. He let me run away & I came to the house of the dwarfs. I ate some porridge, cleaned the house & fell asleep. Later they asked me to stay & take care of them. My stepmother asked her looking-glass 'Who is the fairest of us all?' & it told her: 'Snow-white living in the glen, With seven little men, Is a thousand times more fair.' So she plotted to get rid of me. © MerriMysteries.com 2018

1.5 **Peter Pan:** I come from Never Never Land. I am the boy who never grew up. I live on an island where there are pirates, mermaids, fairies and Indians. I taught the three children of the Darling family to fly so they could return with me to the island. We were trying to stop the evil pirate Captain Hook from going about his wicked ways. But then Captain Hook plotted to do away with me and he captured Wendy Darling.
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1.6 **Dorothy:** After I defeated the Wicked Witch of the West, I came back to the Wizard of Oz only to find out he had no powers at all. The Wizard offered to take me back to Kansas in his balloon, but then he took off without me. Fortunately, Gilda told me to use my magic ruby slippers to take me back to my farm. After I returned home, I told my family and friends how there's no place like home.
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1.7 **Goldilocks:** I ate porridge at the bears' house. The bears hadn't locked their front door, so that's permission to eat their porridge, isn't it? Then I tried to find a comfortable chair to sit on, but Great Big Bear's chair was too hard, Middle-sized Bear's chair was too soft and Tiny Little Bear's chair broke on me. I was getting tired after all this, so I went upstairs to find a bed to rest on.
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1.8 **Aladdin:** A 'stranger who said he would pay me a silver penny if I went down a manhole for him'. I went in a 'chamber... (filled with) glittering jewels, pots of gold & ...priceless gems.' 'Put out the flame & bring me the lamp!' he said. When I hesitated, he 'left me in there, dropping his ring in the chamber as he did so. Terrified, I put the ring on my finger & 'twisted it round... 'a great genie ... appeared on a cloud'.
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1.9 **Little Red Riding Hood:** I was on the way to visit my Grandmother when I met the wolf. We chatted about how I was visiting my Grandmother and I told him where she lived. Then he left me and I went to my Grandmother's cottage. I won't bore you with the rest as you have probably all heard the story.
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1.10 **Investigator** (or anyone _____ except Alice if there aren't any investigators present):
 Alice – what were you up to in the early part of the evening when the cookies disappeared? What did you do in the library at night?
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1.11 **Alice:** At night I like to skip around the library singing tunes to amuse myself. That takes a lot of energy. That’s why I needed the cookies. But whether I got them is a secret. My singing annoyed Little Red Riding Hood’s grandmother. She was always telling me to keep quiet. But I found it awfully boring to be quiet. And after all, the library is the only place I get to play in besides Wonderland.

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1.12 **Anyone** _____ (*except Alice*): In her book, Alice came to a tiny passage leading to the ‘loveliest garden’ & a bottle saying ‘Drink Me’, but ‘the bottle was not marked poison’, so she drank it. She ‘shut up like a telescope’ till she was only ‘ten inches high’. Then she found a cake marked ‘Eat Me’ & she ate it & grew tall. Maybe Alice used a potion like this to help her steal the cookies from the cupboard?

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1.13 **Anyone** _____ (*except Alice*): At the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party Alice never got to eat anything as they kept moving to the next chair, so even after she had eaten the cake marked ‘Eat Me’, Alice was still hungry. That’s why she wanted to steal the cookies from the cookie cupboard.

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1.14 **Anyone** _____ (*except Alice, Little Red Riding Hood or her Grandmother or Mrs. Bookworm*): One time Alice was hiding and Little Red Riding Hood and her Grandmother came along. They were talking about how they planned to steal the key to the cupboard from Mrs. Bookworm’s pocket when she wasn’t looking. But then Little Red Riding Hood noticed Alice listening to them.

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1.15 **Anyone** _____ (*except Little Red Riding Hood & Alice*): Little Red Riding Hood found Alice had been listening in to her conversation & call her a spy. Alice had come out of her book when she was ‘nine feet high’ & hiding wasn’t easy. While Alice was bending down, Little Red Riding Hood grabbed Alice’s pigtails & pulled them till she cried. Luckily I stopped her so that her tears didn’t cause any flood damage.

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1.16 **Anyone** _____ (*except Cinderella or her Fairy Godmother*): The ladies of Cinderella’s household were invited to the ball. But her stepmother said she could not go unless her chores were done. Of course, she gave her so many chores so that this could never be. Fortunately, Cinderella’s Fairy Godmother came to her aid. Maybe her Fairy Godmother helped her steal the cookies?

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1.17 **Investigator** (*or anyone* _____ *except Cinderella if there aren’t any investigators present*):

Cinderella – did you come to the library late because you had been out dancing at the Ball?

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1.18 **Cinderella:** You are right. I was late. And by then I was a bit tired and very hungry. I asked my Fairy Godmother if she could turn my pumpkin into some cake, but she reminded me that her magic didn’t work after midnight.

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1.19 **Anyone** _____ (*except Cinderella*): Cinderella was so busy dancing with the Prince at the ball that she forgot to eat anything. So when she returned home she desperately wanted a midnight snack, so that’s why she wanted to steal the cookies from the cookie cupboard.

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1.20 **Anyone** _____ (*except Cinderella and Aladdin*): You are a wonderful friend of Cinderella, aren’t you Aladdin? She asked you if you could ask your Genie to bring her some cake, but you said your Genie was having a rest day and was spending time in his bottle. That’s why she wanted to steal the cookies – because she was hungry.

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