

THE THREE LITTLE GIRLS AND THE BIG BAD PAPA

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Once upon a time, there were three little girls named Audrey, Sofia and Kapri. They liked to run and laugh and play. They also liked to read with their Momo, who gave them orange fishy crackers that they loved to eat.

One day, they decided to build play houses in the yard. Kapri built her house out of straw, Sofia built her house out of sticks, and Audrey built her house out of bricks. Then, they would sit on the grass in front of their houses and laugh and joke and eat fishy crackers.

Not long after they finished their houses, along came the Big Bad Papa. He loved fishy crackers even more than the girls did, and they knew it. As soon as they saw him, the girls took their fishy crackers and ran into their houses. This made Papa mad because he was very hungry and really wanted those fishy crackers.

First, he went to Audrey's house of bricks and said in a loud voice, "Little kid, little kid, let me come in!" Audrey laughed and said "Not by the hair on your chinny chin-chin!" (Papa had not shaved that day, so he had a scratchy beard on his chinny chin-chin.)

So, Papa said "Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in!" Audrey laughed again, and said "Good luck, you old wind bag!" This really got Papa's goat*, so he took a deep breath, and blew against Audrey's house with all his might. After a few tries, he was dizzy, and had not made a dent in the house. Audrey laughed and ate some more fishy crackers.

Papa thought, "Trying to blow down a brick house was not very smart. I will try to get fishy crackers from Sofia or Kapri." But when Papa said to let him in, they told him "No!" So he huffed and he puffed and did not blow down their houses either.

By this time, Papa was tired and hungry, so he sat down and was very sad. The girls saw Papa and felt sorry for him. So, they went to him and said "If you ask nicely, we will share our fishy crackers with you."

Papa saw that he had not made good choices, so he said "Please may I have some of your fishy crackers?" The girls were happy to share, and they lived happily ever after, except that Papa got really fat from eating all those fishy crackers and had to go to the gym.

THE END

* Not the one in the other story "Papa and the Goat".