

**Information for *The Three Wishes*  
when performed as a play.**

**Cast**

<b>Woodcutter</b>	dressed in casual clothes and carrying an axe
<b>Elf</b>	dressed in elfin clothes
<b>Wife</b>	with blackened eyebrows, red cheeks and frown lines
<b>Two Storytellers</b>	each wearing a hat labelled Storyteller 1 / 2

## **Props (optional)**

<b>Axe</b>	for woodcutter - made from painted card or balsa wood
<b>Sausages</b>	pantyhose tubes filled with cotton wool
<b>Sticky tape</b>	for attaching sausage to nose
<b>Small table and plate</b>	for sausages
<b>Cloth</b>	to cover sausages (tea towel or small tablecloth)



S 1

Once upon a time there was a poor Woodcutter and his Wife. They lived in a tumble-down cottage at the edge of a pine forest.

While the pile of bills was growing higher day by day, the money-jar was becoming emptier.

It wasn't long before the Wife said in a very cross voice ...

<b>Wife</b>	<p>I'm not at all happy, Husband. In fact, I'm very annoyed. We have only enough money for a few more days.</p> <p>Take your axe and chop down a large leafy tree today to sell for lumber, unless, of course, you want us both to starve to death.</p>
<b>Wood cutter</b>	<p>Of course not, Wife!</p> <p>Sometimes I think your sharp tongue will get us into all sorts of trouble.</p>
<b>S 2</b>	<p>The woodcutter and his wife were not to know how much trouble was in store because of this sharp tongue.</p>
<b>S 1</b>	<p>Let us see what happens next. This Wife was a grumpy woman 24/7, and today was no exception.</p>

<b>Wife</b>	<p>Here is a sandwich for your lunch, Husband. It's dry bread and mouldy cheese, but I can't make gourmet from last week's leftovers.</p> <p>Make sure you sharpen you axe or you'll take all day. And now, pray tell, what is your tree-chopping plan?</p>
<b>Wood cutter</b>	<p>Well, I noticed a fine spruce in amongst the ordinary pinewood trees the other day. I have never seen it before because spruce doesn't usually grow around here.</p>
<b>Wife</b>	<p>A spruce? You've always talked about finding a spruce. Maybe you'll be able to earn good money at last instead of putting us both in the poor house.</p>