

# Energilocks and Close Encounters of the Third Kind

**CAST:** Energilocks  
Three people: Caretaker, Jack-Be-Nimble and Simple Simon  
Three Bears: Mama, Papa and Baby  
Three Men in a Tub: Ruba, Dub and Dub  
The Big Bad Wolf

**ENERGILOCKS:**

My name is Energilocks, and there is an energy problem in Storyland. It is my job to make sure that all the characters in Storyland are energy savers. I have a three o'clock appointment with the three bears to do an energy survey of their new house. I walked over to the bus stop to use public transportation to save energy. I was not surprised to see three other people waiting for the bus that would take me the three miles to the three bears' house.

*(Three people at the bus stop recognize Energilocks—all shout about their energy problems at once.)*

**ALL THREE:**

Aren't you Energilocks? I've got an energy problem. You've got to help me, me first, no, me first, I was here first.

**ENERGILOCKS:**

Wait a minute? I can't help all of you at once. One at a time! Now what's your problem?

**CARETAKER:**

I'm the caretaker of Sleeping Beauty's drafty castle. Sleeping Beauty has been asleep in her room for two years. The king is going broke. Heating that castle uses a lot of energy. In fact, it's the number one energy consuming job in all castles. If Prince Charming doesn't show up soon, we are going to be in trouble.

**ENERGILOCKS:**

The solution is simple. Install programmable thermostats in the castle to control the heat for time of day and season. Cover her with lots of blankets and you won't have to set the temperature very high while she sleeps.

**CARETAKER:**

Good idea, thanks for your help.

**JACK-BE-NIMBLE:**

I'm Jack-be-Nimble. You know, like Jack-be-Nimble, Jack-be-Quick, Jack jumped over the candle stick.

**ENERGILOCKS:**

Now, what's your problem?

**JACK-BE-NIMBLE:**

When I was younger, it was candles. Now it's Jack-is-Feeble, Jack-gets-Cramps, Jack jumps over incandescent lamps. Those light bulbs are too hot for me. Is there a more efficient light bulb that doesn't give off so much heat?

**ENERGILOCKS:**

Your problem is over, Jack. Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs. They use one-fourth the energy, give off just as much light, and are cool to the touch.

**JACK-BE-NIMBLE:**

Thank you, Energilocks, you sure know your energy. Here is my friend, Simple Simon. Can you help him? He needs advice about energy savings on the way to the pieman.

**SIMPLE SIMON:**

I'm always on the road and it's costing me a fortune in fuel. How can I save energy?

**ENERGILOCKS:**

Sure, keep your car tuned, don't drive over the speed limit, remove unnecessary pies from the trunk, and never make jack rabbit starts and stops.

**ALL THREE:**

*(Walking off.)* Thank you so much.

**ENERGILOCKS:**

You're welcome. *(Looks at watch.)* Oh dear. It's 3:33. I was supposed to be at the three bears' house at three o'clock. I hope they waited for me. *(Runs off.)*

*(Three bears in car enter.)*

**MOMMA BEAR:**

What's the matter, Papa? We are BEARly moving.

**PAPPA BEAR:**

The car just stalled. Oh, I can't BEAR being late for our energy survey appointment with Energilocks.

**BABY BEAR:**

Do you think it has any BEARING on the old gas and air filters I told you to change last week?

**MOMMA BEAR:**

It's emBEARassing to break down like this, especially when all you need is a tune up.

**BABY BEAR:**

Last week, Energilocks came to our school. She said clean oil and air filters save energy. Checking your tire pressure every two weeks helps save gasoline, too.

**MOMMA BEAR:**

Now our porridge is going to get cold and be BEARly edible by the time we get home.

*(At the Bears' house. Energilocks knocks. No answer.)*

**ENERGILOCKS:**

What's this, a note?

*(Reading.)* Took Baby Bear, went to pick up Momma Bear, who carpools to work with the Three Blind Mice. If we are late, BEAR with us and please wait inside. The door is unlocked. Papa Bear. *(Enters house.)*

*(A moment later there is pounding at door.)*

**ENERGILOCKS:**

Who could that be? Yes?

**WOLF:**

Open up in there, or by the hair of your chinny chin chin, I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in.

**ENERGILOCKS:**

Who are you and what do you want?

**WOLF:**

It is I, THE BIG BAD WOLF, and I am looking for the third little piggy!

**ENERGILOCKS:**

*(Letting him in.)* Well, this is not the third little piggy's house. It's the three bears' house.

**WOLF:**

Well, that's a relief!

**ENERGILOCKS:**

Why do you say that?

**WOLF:**

This house looks strong and well insulated, I'm not sure I could blow it down. The two pigs' houses were a breeze.

**ENERGILOCKS:**

I don't doubt it. I warned those pigs that they needed to install weatherstripping and caulking around their windows and doors to keep energy in and trouble out.

**WOLF:**

Today, it's the third little piggy's turn.

**ENERGILOCKS:**

How many times have I told you characters you can save energy if you plan your trips carefully. Was this third trip to the forest really necessary? You could have huffed and puffed and blown all their houses down in one energy saving trip.

*(Door opens)*

**RUBA-DUB-DUB:**

Oh, hi, Energilocks. We were looking for you.

**WOLF:**

I'm the BIG BAD WOLF. Who are you?

**RUBA-DUB-DUB:**

How do you do, my name is Ruba, this is my brother Dub, and this is my other brother Dub.

**ENERGILOCKS:**

How can I help you?

**DUB AND DUB:**

You know the three of us promote saving energy in our plumbing and bathroom supply business. *(Hand a card to Wolf.)* Here is our card.

**WOLF:**

*(Reading.)* THREE MEN IN A TUB!

**RUBA:**

We were only thinking about saving the energy used to make hot water—that's about one-fifth of a home's energy budget.

**ENERGILOCKS:**

Well, I must say that the three of you know many good ways to save energy when heating water.

**RUBA-DUB-DUB:**

We give everyone we meet advice on how to save energy. Like don't take long hot showers, and use cold water whenever possible.

**ENERGILOCKS:**

Did you guys finish that job over at the third pig's house?

**RUBA-DUB-DUB:**

Yes, we just installed an insulating blanket around the hot water heater to save energy. In fact, his house is one of the most energy efficient houses in Storyland. He told me and my brother Dub and my other brother Dub that we could show it to Storyland characters who want to save energy. It has plenty of insulation in the walls and attic, too.

**WOLF:**

Are you telling me that his house is so well built and energy efficient that my huffing and puffing can't blow it in?

**ENERGILOCKS:**

Exactly. Let's go over to the pig's house and see all the ways he saves energy.

**WOLF:**

Is anyone hungry?

**ENERGILOCKS:**

The three bears did leave these bowls of porridge cooling here on the table. But the porridge is too cold.

**RUBA-DUB-DUB:**

The three bears have the latest energy saving appliances. We can heat the porridge up efficiently in the microwave.

**WOLF:**

Do you think they'll mind if we have just a little?

**ENERGILOCKS:**

I don't think they'll mind...do you?