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or *Other People's Letters*



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Once upon a bicycle,
So they say,
A Jolly Postman came one day
From over the hills
And far away . . .

With a letter for the Three Bears.



Mr and Mrs Bear
Three Bears Cottage
The Woods





So the Bears read the letter (except Baby Bear),
The Postman drank his tea
And what happened next
We'll very soon see.





Off went the Postman,
Toodle-oo!
In his uniform of postal blue
To a gingerbread cottage –
And garage too!

With a letter for the Wicked Witch.





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So the Witch read the letter
With a cackle of glee
While the Postman read the paper
But *left* his tea. (It was green!)





Soon the Jolly Postman,
We hear tell,
Stopped at a door with a giant bell
And a giant
Bottle of milk as well,

With a *postcard* for . . . guess who?

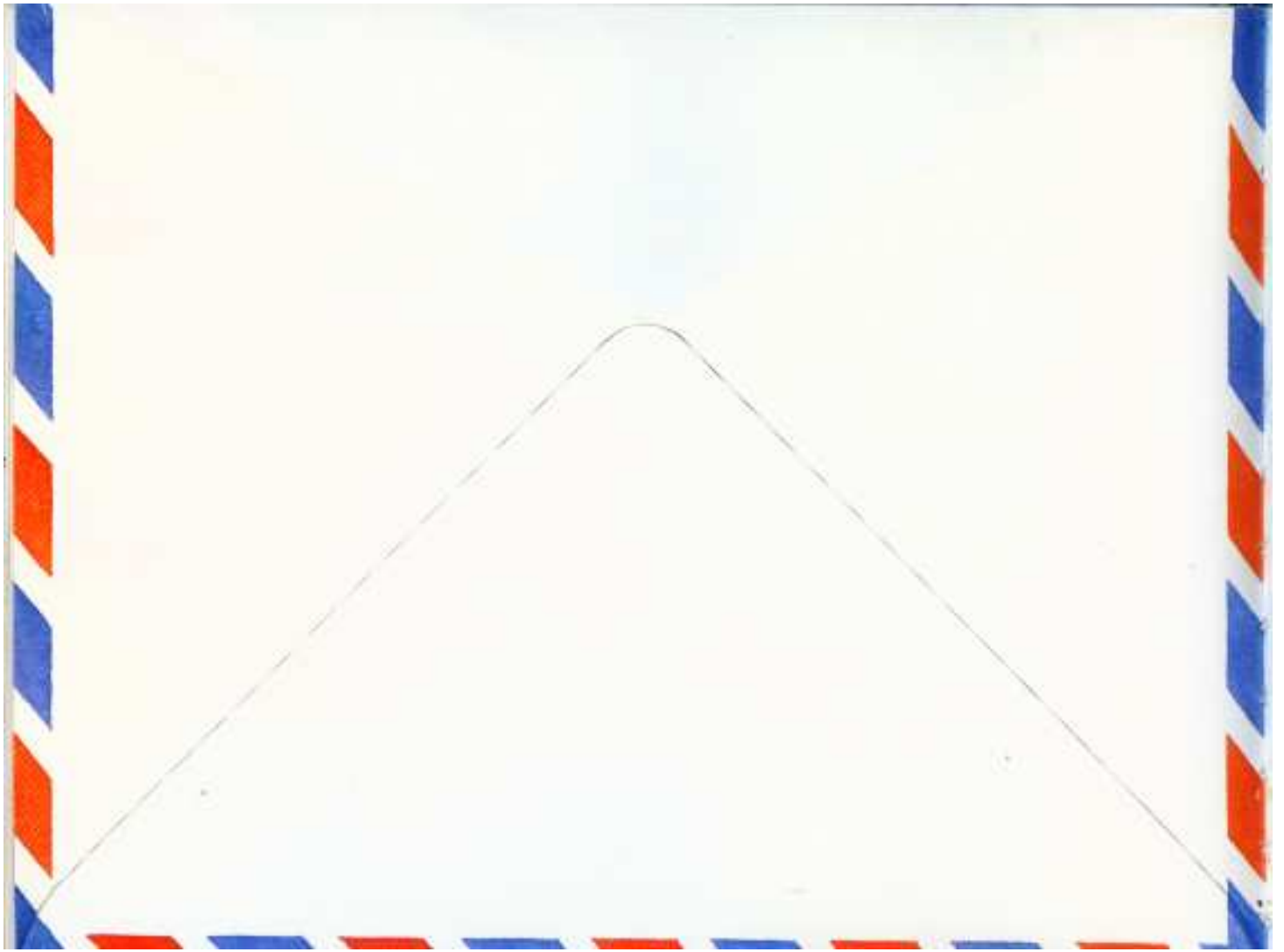




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So the Giant read the postcard
With Baby on his knee,
And the Postman wet his whistle
With a thimbleful of tea.



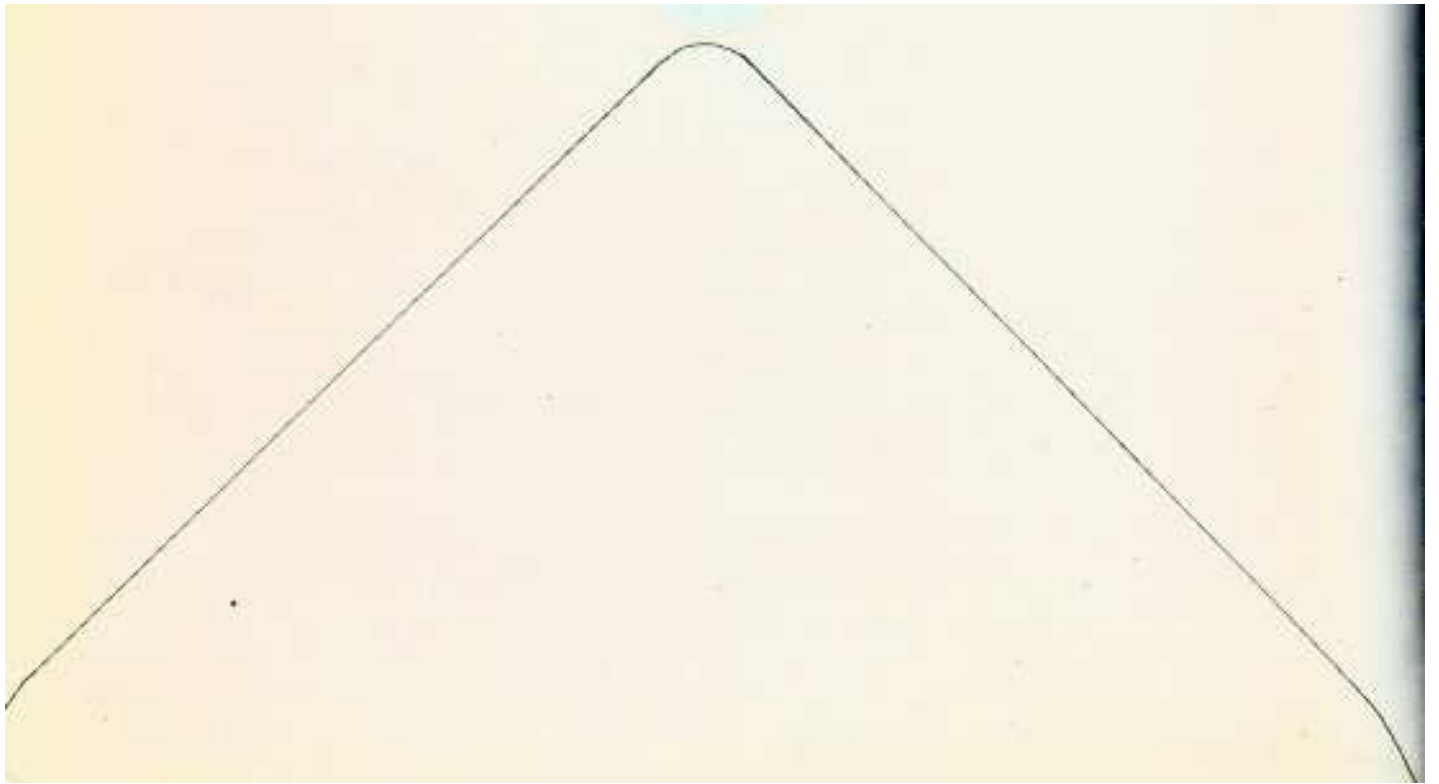


Once more on his bicycle
The Postman rode
To a beautiful palace, so we've been told,
Where nightingales sang
And a sign said 'SOLD',

With a letter for . . . Cinderella.
(There's a surprise!)



*H.R.H. Cinderella
The Palace
Half Kingdom Road*





So Cinderella read her little book,
The Postman drank champagne
Then wobbled off
On his rounds again
(and again and again – Oops!)



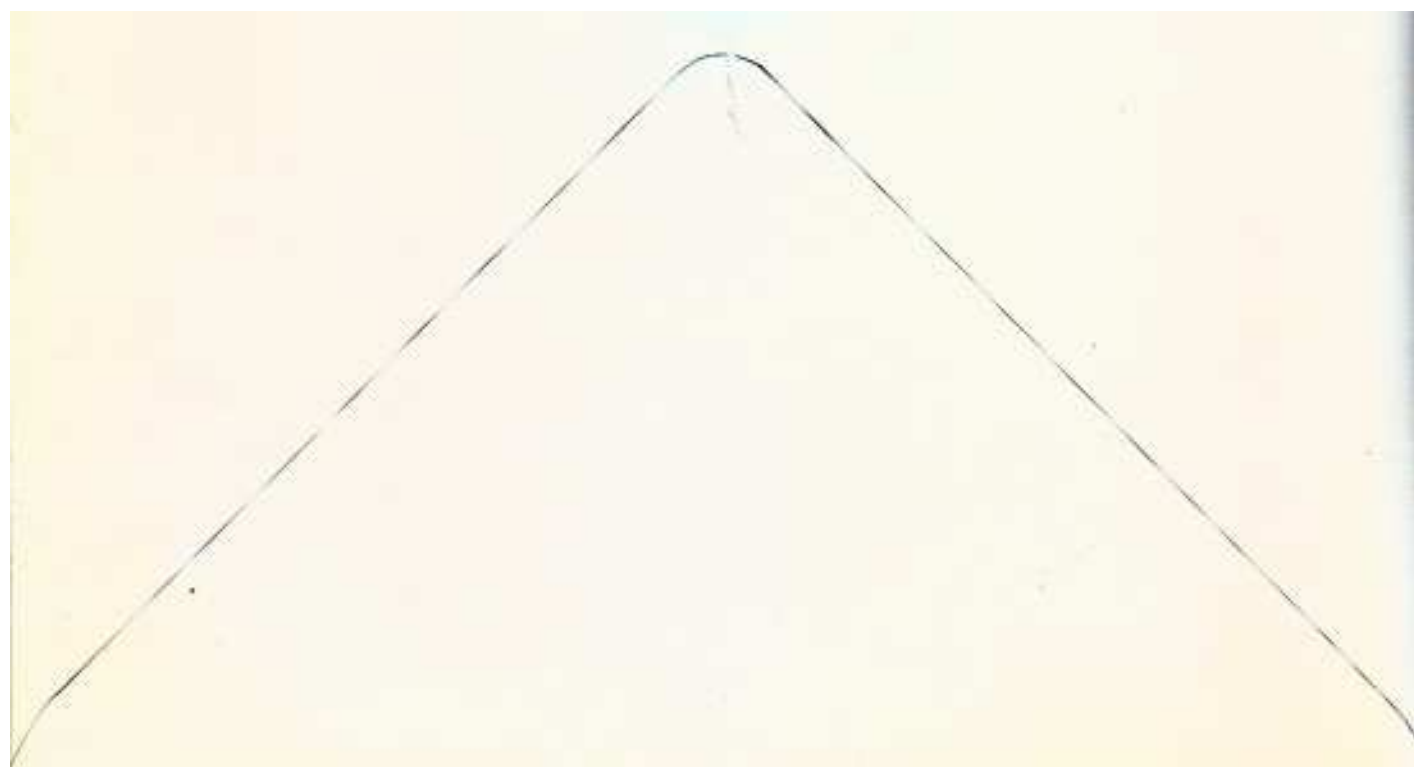


Later on, the Postman,
Feeling hot,
Came upon a 'grandma' in a shady spot;
But 'Grandma' –
What big *teeth* you've got!

Besides, this is a letter for . . . Oooh!



B. B. Wolf Esq.
C/o Grandma's Cottage
Horner's Corner





So 'Grandma' read the letter
And poured the tea,
Which the not-so-Jolly Postman
Drank . . . nervously.



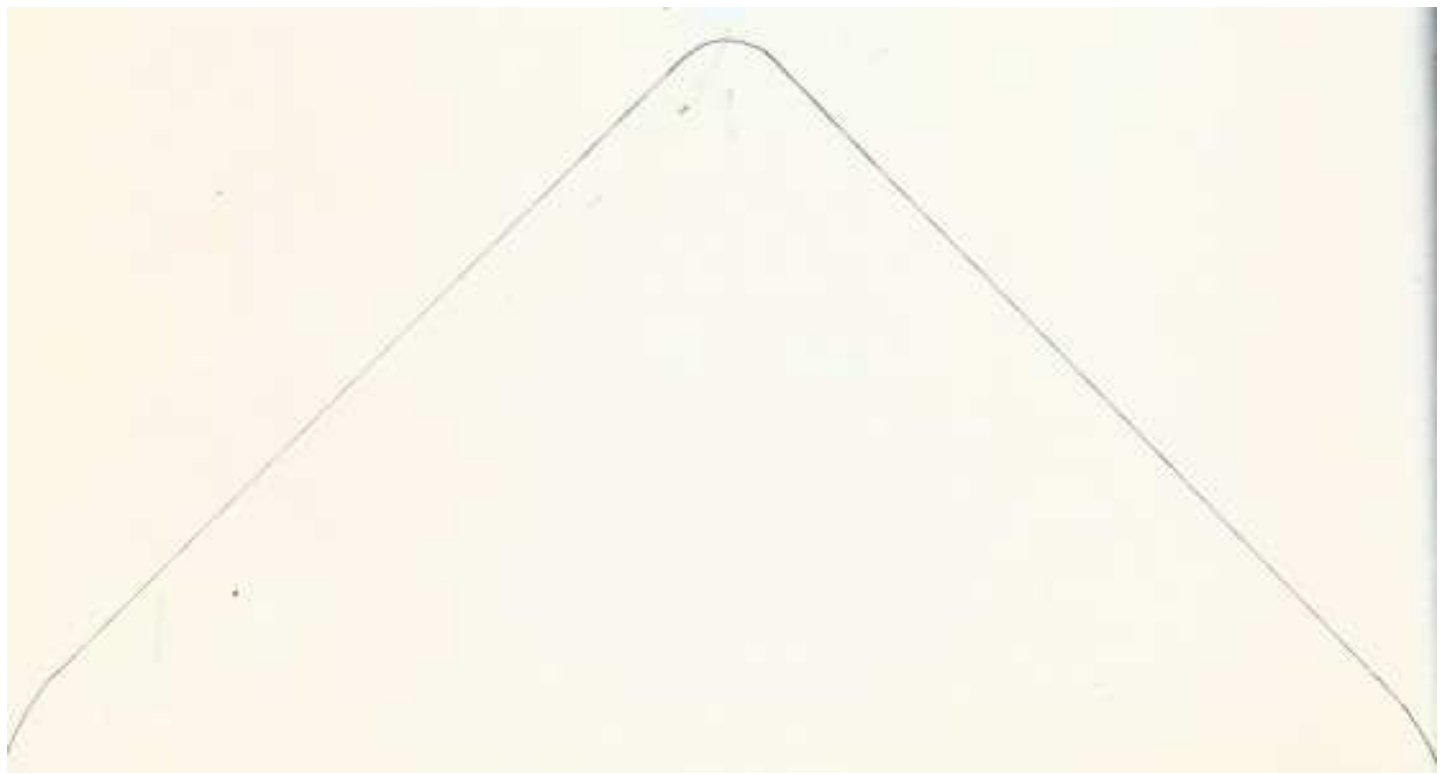


Now the Jolly Postman,
Nearly done (so is the story),
Came to a house where a party had begun.
On the step
Was a Bear with a bun.

But the letter was for . . . Goldilocks.



To
Goldilocks
24 Blackbird Road
Banbury Cross





So Goldilocks put the money
In the pocket of her dress,
Asked the Postman to her party
And, of course, he answered, "Yes!"





Once upon a bicycle,
So they say,
A Jolly Postman came one day
From over the hills
And far away . . .



And went home in the evening – for tea!





The End

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