The Trial of Miss Locks

We are in a courtroom.

A lawyer is cross-examining a witness.

The witness is a young lady.

A rather nervous young lady.

She is standing in the witness box.

The lawyer is asking her questions.

Cross-examining her.

Presenting the case for the prosecution.

Let us listen to the cross-examination.

Is she guilty, or innocent?

And what of?

Tutor: Good morning, Miss Locks.

*Student: Good Morning.*

Miss Locks, will you tell the court your address, please?

*Yes. I live at 12 Oak Road, Wood Hill.*

Will you tell the court your name, Miss Locks?

*My name is Miss G. locks.*

Miss G. Locks?

*Yes.*

What does the G in your name stand for, Miss Locks?

*It stands for Goldie.*

Goldie?

*Yes.*

Your first name is Goldie?

*Yes. It is.*

So, Miss Locks, your full name is what, exactly?

*My full name is Goldie Locks.*

Thank you, Miss Locks.

*Thank you.*

Miss Locks, were you living at 12 Oak Road on the 24th of March?

*Yes. I was.*

Miss Locks, could you tell the court what you did on that date?

*On the 24th of March?*

At about 2 o’clock, Miss Locks.

*About 2 o’clock on the 24th March?*

Could you tell us what you were doing at about that time, Miss Locks?

*I was walking home from the park.*

And you came past a house called The Honey Pot, I think?

*Yes. I did.*

Miss Locks, can you tell us what you saw?

*What I saw?*

Can you tell us what you saw when you walked past this house?

*Yes. I can. I saw that the door was not quite shut.*

The door was not quite shut?

*No.*

And what did you do when you saw that the door was not quite shut?

*Well, I knocked at the door.*

You knocked at the door, Miss Locks?

*Yes.*

Why did you do that, Miss Locks?

*Well, I thought they might not know.*

Who, Miss Locks? You thought who might not know?

*The people who lived there.*

And you thought they might not know what, Miss Locks?

*They might not know that their door was open.*

So you wanted to tell them?

*Yes. I did.*

You wanted to tell them that their door was open?

*Yes.*

Miss Locks, did you find anybody at home when you knocked?

*No. It looked as if there was nobody at home.*

Nobody answered when you knocked?

*No. Nobody answered.*

So what did you do then, Miss Locks?

*Well, I pushed the door open and called “Hello?”*

And did anybody answer when you called “hello”?

*No. Nobody answered.*

What did you do then, Miss Locks?

*I went in.*

You went into the house, Miss Locks?

*Yes. I went into the house.*

It’s not your house, is it, Miss Locks?

*No, it’s not my house.*

But you still went in?

*Yes.*

Miss Locks, why did you go into the house?

*I wanted to see if anyone was home.*

But nobody was, Miss Locks!

*No.*

Nobody answered when you knocked.

*No.*

Nobody answered when you called “Hello”.

*No.*

Which room did you find yourself in, Miss Locks?

*When I first went in to the house?*

Yes, Miss Locks. Which room did you find yourself in?

*The kitchen.*

Thank you Miss Locks. Was anybody in the kitchen?

*No. There was nobody in the kitchen.*

What did you find in the kitchen, Miss Locks?

*The table was set for three people.*

The table was set for three people?

*Yes. There were three bowls of porridge on the table.*

And what did you do then, Miss Locks?

*Well, I suddenly felt really hungry.*

Hungry, Miss Locks?

*Yes.*

So what did you do next?

*I sat down and ate the porridge.*

All the porridge, Miss Locks?

Umm…

Did you eat all three bowls, Miss Locks?

*Well, no.*

Miss Locks, exactly how much porridge did you eat?

*One bowl.*

One bowl, Miss Locks?

*Yes. One bowl.*

Why only one bowl, Miss Locks?

*Well, one bowl was too hot.*

Too hot?

*One bowl was too cold.*

And the third bowl, Miss Locks?

*The third bowl was just right.*

So you ate that bowl?

*Yes. I ate that bowl.*

Thank you, Miss Locks.

*Thank you.*

Now let us see, Miss Locks. You are in the kitchen.

*Yes.*

You have eaten a bowl of porridge.

*Yes.*

Miss Locks, can you tell the court what you did next?

*I went upstairs.*

Upstairs, Miss Locks?

*Yes, I went upstairs.*

Can you tell the court why you did that, Miss Locks?

*I think I just wanted to see upstairs.*

You just wanted to see upstairs?

*Yes.*

Miss Locks, what did you find when you went upstairs?

*Well, there was a big bedroom.*

A bedroom?

*Yes.*

Did you go into it, Miss Locks?

*Yes, I went into the bedroom.*

What did you see in there?

*There were three beds in there.*

Three beds, Miss Locks?

*Yes. Three beds.*

Can you describe these beds for the court, Miss Locks?

*There were two big beds, and one small one.*

So, Miss Locks, there you were, all alone in this big bedroom.

*Yes. I was alone.*

All alone with three beds.

*Yes.*

Can you tell the court what happened next, Miss Locks?

*I felt really tired and sleepy.*

Tired and sleepy, Miss Locks?

*I could hardly keep my eyes open.*

You could hardly keep your eyes open, you say.

*I was really tired and sleepy.*

And what did you do then, Miss Locks, when you were so tired and sleepy?

*Well, I lay on one of the beds.*

You lay on one of the beds?

*One of the big beds.*

Thank you, Miss Locks.

*It wasn’t comfortable, though.*

Not comfortable, Miss Locks?

*No.*

In what way was it not comfortable, Miss Locks?

*It was too big.*

You weren’t comfortable on that bed, Miss Locks?

*No, it was too big.*

Miss Locks, what did you do then?

*I tried the next bed.*

And was that comfortable, Miss Locks?

*No. It was too big.*

Thank you, Miss Locks. And the third bed?

*The third bed was just right.*

So you lay on the third bed, Miss Locks?

*Yes. I lay on the little bed.*

You say you were tired, Miss Locks.

*Yes, I was very tired.*

Tired and sleepy, I think you said?

*Yes. I was tired and sleepy.*

Can you tell the court, Miss Locks, what happened next?

*I suppose I fell asleep.*

You suppose you fell asleep, Miss Locks?

*Well, I did fall asleep.*

On the little bed, Miss Locks?

*Yes. I fell asleep on the little bed.*

Miss Locks, can you tell the court what happened next?

*Well, I was woken up by a little bear.*

You were woken by a little bear?

*Yes.*

What was the little bear doing, Miss Locks?

*He was crying.*

The little bear is called Baby Bear, I believe.

*Yes. The little bear is called Baby Bear.*

What did he do, Miss Locks? Apart from crying, I mean?

*He called for his mum and dad.*

He called for Mr and Mrs Bear?

*Yes. His mum and dad.*

Were Mr and Mrs Bear in the big bedroom, Miss Locks?

*No. They were downstairs.*

Did they come upstairs when they heard Baby Bear calling?

*Yes. They came running upstairs.*

They must have been surprised, Miss Locks, to find you in Baby Bear’s bed?

*Yes. They were very surprised.*

And to find Baby Bear crying?

*They were very unhappy because he was crying.*

I think they were probably angry, too, Miss Locks!

*Yes, they were angry, too.*

Why do you think they were angry, Miss Locks?

*They were angry about the porridge, I think.*

And angry about finding you in Baby Bear’s bed, too?

*Yes. That too.*

Did you speak to them at all, Miss Locks?

*Yes. I tried to explain.*

It’s not very easy to explain, Miss Locks, is it?

*No. It isn’t.*

Did Mr and Mrs Bear listen to you, Miss Locks?

*At first they were too upset.*

Of course they were upset, Miss Locks.

*They were very upset.*

Can you tell the court what happened next?

*Yes. Mr Bear went downstairs and rang the police.*

And the police came at once?

*Yes. They did.*

And then what happened?

*They put me in the back of their car.*

Thank you, Miss Locks. And then?

*Then they took me to the police station.*

What happened there, Miss Locks?

*They asked me a lot of questions.*

Did you answer their questions, Miss Locks?

*Yes. I did.*

And then, Miss Locks? Can you tell the court what happened after that?

*They charged me.*

They charged you, Miss Locks?

*Yes, they did.*

Miss Locks, can you tell the court what they charged you with?

*The charged me with breaking into Mr and Mrs Bear’s house.*

And what else did they charge you with, Miss Locks?

*They charged me with eating porridge which was not mine.*

Thank you, Miss Locks. Anything more?

*They charged me with using a bed which was not mine.*

Thank you, Miss Locks.

*Thank you.*

Do you understand the crimes you have been charged with, Miss Locks?

*Yes. I do.*

You were asked to tell the court whether you were guilty or innocent, Miss Locks.

*Yes.*

What did you say to the court, Miss Locks?

*I said I was guilty.*

You know what that means, do you, Miss Locks?

*Yes. I know what that means.*

It means that you admit that you went into Mr & Mrs Bear’s house.

*Yes. I admit that.*

When they were out, Miss Locks.

*Yes. I admit that too.*

Without their permission, Miss Locks.

*I admit that as well.*

You ate their porridge, Miss Locks.

*Yes. I did.*

Without their permission, Miss locks.

*Yes.*

And you slept in a bed in their house?

*Yes.*

Without their permission, Miss locks.

*I admit all that.*

Thank you, Miss Locks.

*Thank you.*

Miss Locks, have you anything more you wish to say to the court?

*Yes. I don’t know why I did it.*

Miss Locks, what do you mean by that?

*It’s not like me at all.*

Not like you at all, Miss Locks?

*No. It’s not like me at all.*

You do not, Miss Locks, make a habit of doing such things?

*No. I never do such things.*

You have never, Miss Locks, done such things before?

*No. I’ve never done anything like that before.*

Do you intend to do anything like this again, Miss Locks?

*Oh no.*

Thank you, Miss Locks. No further questions, your honour.