The Gruffalo

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<u>Scene 1</u>

Narrator: A mouse took a stroll through the deep, dark wood. A fox saw the mouse and the mouse looked good.

Fox (Reem): "Where are you going to, little brown mouse? Come and have lunch in my underground house."

Mouse (Mudar): "It's terribly kind of you, Fox, but no - I'm going to have lunch with a gruffalo."

Fox (Reem): "A gruffalo? What's a gruffalo?"

Mouse (Mudar): "A gruffalo! Why didn't you know? He has terrible tusks, and terrible claws, and terrible teeth in his terrible jaws."

Fox (Reem): "Where are you meeting him?"

Mouse (Mudar): "Here by these rocks.... And his favorite food is roasted fox!"

Fox (Reem): "Roasted fox! I'm off Oh, my! Goodbye, little mouse."

Narrator: "And away he sped."

Mouse (Mudar): "Silly old Fox! Doesn't he know? There's no such thing as a gruffalo!"

<u>Scene 2</u>

Narrator: "On went the mouse through the deep dark wood. An owl saw the mouse and the mouse looked good."

Owl (Abdulrahman): "Where are you going to, little brown mouse? Come and have tea in my treetop house."

Mouse (Sara): "It's frightfully nice of you, Owl, but no - I'm going to have tea with a gruffalo."

Owl (Abdulrahman): "A gruffalo? What's a gruffalo?"

Mouse (Sara): "A gruffalo! Why didn't you know? He has knobbly knees, and turned-out toes. And a poisonous wart at the end of his nose."

Owl (Abdulrahman): "Where are you meeting him?"

Mouse (Sara): "Here by this stream, And his favorite food is owl ice cream."

Owl (Abdulrahman): "Owl ice cream? Toowhit toowhoo! Goodbye, little mouse."

Narrator: "And away Owl flew."

Mouse (Sara): "Silly old Owl! Doesn't he know? There's no such thing as a gruffalo!"

Scene 3

Narrator: "On went the mouse through the deep dark wood. A snake saw the mouse and the mouse looked good."

Snake (Abdullah Saleh): "Where are you going to, little brown mouse? Come for a feast in my log-pile house."

Mouse (Basima): "It's wonderfully good of you, Snake, but no - I'm having a feast with a gruffalo."

Snake (Abdullah Saleh): "A gruffalo? What's a gruffalo?"

Mouse (Basima): "A gruffalo! Why didn't you know? His eyes are orange, his tongue is black; He has purple prickles all over his back."

Snake (Abdullah Saleh): Where are you meeting him?

Mouse (Basima): Here by this lake... And his favorite food is scrambled snake.

Snake (Abdullah Saleh): Scrambled snake? It's time I hid! Goodbye, little mouse.

Narrator: And away Snake slid.

Mouse (Basima): "Silly old Snake! Doesn't he know? There's no such thing as a gruffal... Oh!"

<u>Scene 4</u>

Mouse (Hibba): "But who is this creature with terrible claws; And terrible teeth in his terrible jaws? He has knobbly knees and turned-out toes; And a poisonous wart at the end of his nose. His eyes are orange, his tongue is black; He has purple prickles all over his back. Oh help! Oh no! It's a gruffalo."

Gruffalo (Kareem): "My favourite food!"

Narrator: "The Gruffalo said"

Gruffalo (Kareem): "You'll taste good on a slice of bread!"

Mouse (Hibba): "Good? Don't call me good! I'm the scariest creature in this wood. Just walk behind me and soon you'll see, everyone is afraid of me."

Gruffalo (Kareem): "All right. You go ahead and I'll follow after."

<u>Scene 5</u>

Narrator: "They walked and walked till the Gruffalo said..."

Gruffalo (Kareem): "I hear a hiss in the leaves ahead."

Mouse (Hibba): "It's Snake. Why, Snake, hello!"

Snake (Abdullah Saleh): "Oh crumbs! Goodbye, little mouse."

Narrator: "And off he slid to his logpile house."

Mouse (Hibba): "You see? I told you so."

Gruffalo (Kareem): "Amazing!"

<u>Scene 6</u>

Narrator: "They walked some more till the Gruffalo said..."

Gruffalo (Kareem): "I hear a hoot in the trees ahead."

Mouse (Hibba): "It's Owl. Why Owl, hello!"

Owl (Abdulrahman): "Oh dear! Goodbye, little mouse."

Narrator: "And off he flew to his treetop house."

Mouse (Hibba): "You see? I told you so."

Gruffalo (Kareem): "Astounding!"

<u>Scene 7</u>

Narrator: "They walked some more till the Gruffalo said..."

Gruffalo (Kareem): "I can hear feet on the path ahead."

Mouse (Hibba): "It's Fox. Why Fox, hello!"

Fox (Reem): "Oh help! Goodbye, little mouse."

Narrator: "And off he fled to his underground house."

<u>Scene 8</u>

Mouse (Hibba): "Well Gruffalo... You see? *Everyone* is afraid of me! But now my tummy's beginning to rumble. My favourite food is - gruffalo crumble!"

Gruffalo (Kareem): "Gruffalo crumble!"

Narrator: "The Gruffalo said. And quick as the wind he turned and fled. All was quiet in the deep dark wood. The mouse found a nut and the nut was good."