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Once upon a time there was a goat that was as white as milk, and this goat had seven very lively kids. Six of them were just as white as she was, but the seventh was coal-black. One day she put her back basket on her back and said: "Dear children, I am going to town to buy some juicy

cabbage and fresh grass on the market and I am going to leave you home alone because it is a long journey. Lock yourselves in and do not open to anyone because there is a bad wolf wondering around." "Do not worry, mommy," they all called. "We will lock the door and do not let anybody in!"

The wolf ran away but he did not want to give up. He ate some chalk and his voice suddenly sounded soft. He also put some white flour on his paw. Then he came back to the cottage. "Open the door, little kids, it is me, you mommy! I just got back from the market and I have a back basket full of delicacies." His voice was soft, but the kids felt that something was not quite right. The oldest kid called: "Show us your paw." The wolf put his snowwhite paw through the window. The kids felt assured and opened the door. They were horribly surprised when the grey wolf appeared in the room.

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Once upon a time there were some baby goats who disobeyed their mum and opened the door to the wicked wolf. Can you guess what happened next? It wasn't good. The wolf was pretty hungry ... Do you want to know more? Are you wondering how the whole thing ended up? Then why not find out? The classic fairy tale is waiting for you in a delightful pop-up book by celebrated Czech artist Vojtěch Kubašta, whose works have been enjoyed by generations of Czech and Slovak children.

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