

A Review of Petite Rouge
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When the little duck Petite Rouge's Grandmere comes down with the flu, her mother reluctantly sends her to bring her Grandmere her favorite food, Gumbo with Volcano Paste Hot Sauce. Despite Rouge's promises that she won't get lost or wander off on the bayou, her mother sends her friend TeJean with her, to keep an eye on her. As soon as they get out on the lagoon, they run into Claude, a mean alligator looking for some lunch, who pretends to be nice in order to befriend the unsuspecting Petite Rouge and lead her to Chez Claude, where he plans to have her for lunch. But with the help of some alligator trappers, carnival musicians, and her friend TeJean, Rouge escapes the clutches of Claude (and with some very spicy gumbo, Claude gets his just desserts!).

Petite Rouge is a wonderfully performed, perfectly cast play that is showing now at the Growing Stage Theater in Netcong. The actors were all great (I think that James Scoville, who played Claude, was especially expressive!), the music had us tapping our feet to the beat, and the set and costumes were beautiful. In case you hadn't figured it out by now, it is also remarkably funny! This imaginative adaptation of Little Red Riding Hood is definitely worth a look.