



This 1939 cartoon was drawn for the American public by the US cartoonist Herb Block. He was a liberal, who hated the dictators, but cared most about America's interests. Block, further away in America and therefore more detached, NEVERTHELESS still thought the Nazi-Soviet Pact self-serving, cynical and disgraceful.

- A small girl, labelled 'Poland' is confronted by two fairy-tale predators. The little girl is vulnerable, weak and there-to-be-eaten; to attack a little girl is a disgusting thing to do. Poland is in danger.
- The words 'Nazi-Germany' are on the wolf's pillow; the wolf has a 'Hitler' hair-style. The words of the fairy-tale: 'all the better to EAT you with!' Nazi Germany is a ravenous wolf (= an aggressive predator state) wanting to devour (= annex) Poland.
- The words 'Soviet Russia' are on the bear's pillow; the bear has a look of Stalin. The bears tried to kill Goldilocks in the fairy-tale. (Also, 'the bear' is a traditional symbol of Russia). Stalin's Russia is an frightening bear (= a dangerous predator state) wanting to kill (= destroy) Poland.
- The wolf and the bear have got into bed together in order to catch the little girl. 'Getting into bed with' is a slang term for making an alliance, uniting with. Hitler and Stalin have united to conquer Poland.
- The cartoon is a reaction of disgust to the Nazi-Soviet Pact.