Don't Look Back; The Wolf is Coming!

This is a children's game from Romania (or a party stunt) which was taught by Andor Czampo during Folk Dance Camp at the University of the Pacific in 1967. Any number of persons may play.

All stand in a circle, shoulder to shoulder (close), facing center (don't look back; the wolf is coming!) each with hands clasped behind own back, R hand on top, palm up. An extra person (#1) walks CCW around outside of circle, carrying in his hand a large handkerchief. Without stopping he places handkerchief in open palm of one of the participants (#2) who does not let on that he has it. #2 now quietly slips handkerchief into hand of the person on his R (#3), and #3 at once begins to flail the next person on HIS R (#4) with the handkerchief. #4 must run CCW around the outside of circle, chased by #3, and still being hit with the handkerchief. #4 is "safe" when he has regained his place in the circle. Meanwhile, #1 has also slipped into his place. #3 now begins the game all over again.

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