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Hansel and Gretel



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Synopsis

Abandoned in the forest due to their family's extreme poverty, Hansel and Gretel must use their wits to survive.



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AGE	CATEGORY	READING TIME
3-10 years	Classic	3 min

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Once upon a time, there were two siblings, Hansel and Gretel, the children of a poor woodcutter. During a time of great scarcity, their stepmother convinced their father to abandon them in the forest, as there wasn't enough food for everyone. The children overheard this terrible plan from the darkness of their bedroom.





Clever Hansel gathered white pebbles and dropped them along the path as they were led into the woods. When night fell and their parents left them behind, the moonlight reflecting off the stones guided the siblings safely back home, thwarting the stepmother's plan.



The second time, the door was locked, so Hansel used breadcrumbs instead. However, birds ate them all, leaving the two children completely lost in the vast, dark forest. Not knowing where to go, they wandered for days—tired, frightened, and hungry.



Suddenly, they spotted a magical little house made entirely of sweets, cakes, and sugar. Delighted, they began eating the roof and windows to satisfy their hunger. That was when an old woman opened the door with a kindly smile and invited them inside.



The old woman was actually an evil witch who loved eating children. She locked Hansel in a cage to fatten him up and made Gretel work hard cleaning the house. Every day, the witch checked to see if the boy was ready for the large oven.



Since the witch had very poor eyesight, Hansel tricked her by holding out a small chicken bone whenever she asked to see his finger. The witch couldn't understand why the boy never gained weight. Tired of waiting, she decided she would roast the boy the very next day, regardless.



As she lit the oven, the witch asked Gretel to test the temperature. Sensing the trap, the clever girl pretended not to know how to do it. When the witch bent down to show them, Maria pushed her into the fire, locked the door, and ran to free her brother.



Once free, they found chests filled with pearls and precious stones in the attic. With their pockets full, they found their way back home. Their father welcomed them, weeping with remorse, for the stepmother had died. With the treasure, they lived happily ever after.



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