

# Hansel and Gretel



Story retold by Bev Evans



Once upon a time there  
were two children called  
Hansel and Gretel.

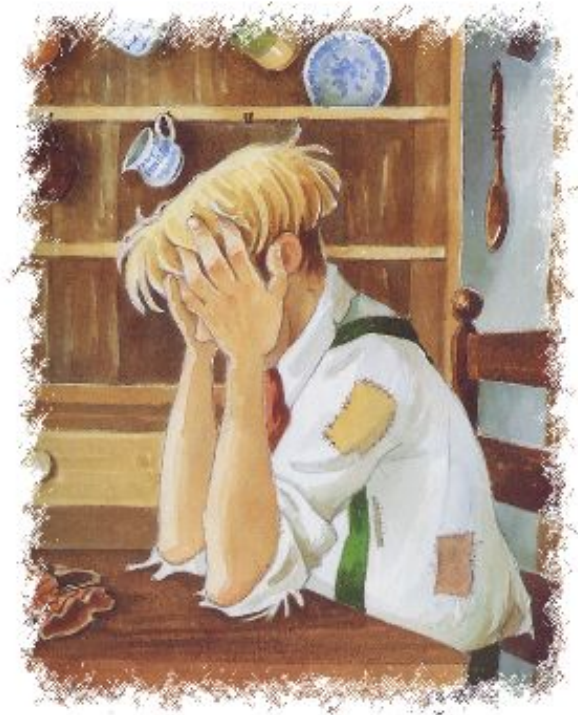
They lived in the forest  
with their father and  
stepmother



Hansel and Gretel's father worked as a woodcutter.

A woodcutter did not get much money, and Hansel and Gretel's stepmother liked to go shopping.

They were very short of money and Hansel and Gretel's father was very worried.



One day he came home from work and sat at the table with his head in his hands.



But his wife had a plan.



She told the woodcutter  
he must get rid of his  
children.

With two less mouths to  
feed their money worries  
would be over.

Hansel and Gretel were  
listening at their  
bedroom door.



They knew that their  
stepmother always got  
her own way and they  
were very frightened.

Hansel had an idea.

The next morning he  
went out and collected  
some stones.

After  
breakfast  
Hansel and  
Gretel's  
stepmother  
suggested  
they all go  
for a walk in  
the forest.



While they were walking  
Hansel dropped the  
stones along the path.



When they were deep in the forest their stepmother told them to sit and wait.

She told them that she was taking their father to pick some berries for a picnic.

She was not telling the truth! Soon night came and Hansel and Gretel were alone in the forest.



But Hansel's plan had worked. They could follow the stones all the way home.



When they arrived home, the woodcutter was overjoyed!



Their stepmother, however, was very cross!



Later that night, she told the woodcutter he must try to get rid of the children again!

The following day the children were locked in the cottage all morning.

Their stepmother did not want Hansel collecting stones again!

At lunch time their father took them for a walk in the forest again.

Hansel quickly out something in his pocket.

As they walked along  
Hansel dropped  
breadcrumbs along the  
path.







The woodcutter was very sad to leave his children in the forest, but he did not want to upset his wife.

He led the children to a place in the forest with plenty of shelter and berries to eat.

Finally he walked away.

Hansel was not worried!

He told Gretel what he had done but, when they looked along the path, there was no sign of the bread crumbs.

They had been eaten by the birds and animals in the forest.

This time Hansel and Gretel had no way of getting home!





Hansel and Gretel walked  
and walked through the  
forest.

Eventually, they came to  
an amazing house!

The house was made of  
gingerbread and  
decorated with sweets,  
icing and lollipops.

And standing by the  
house was a strange old  
woman.



The woman invited the  
children inside.



But the old woman was  
very cruel.



She locked Hansel in a  
cage: she wanted to  
fatten him up and eat  
him!

She showed Gretel the  
oven where she was  
going to cook Hansel.



Gretel decided to trick  
the old woman!



She told the old woman  
that Hansel was too big  
to fit in the oven.

The old woman leaned  
forward to take a closer  
look...



...and Gretel pushed her  
into the oven!

Gretel unlocked the cage  
so Hansel could get out.



They had a quick look  
around the gingerbread  
house.

Gretel found a chest full  
of gold coins.



The children decided to  
set out for home, bringing  
the chest with them.



After a long walk  
through the forest,  
Hansel and Gretel  
eventually found a path  
they recognised.

They ran excitedly along  
the path and finally saw  
their home in the  
distance.

There, outside the  
cottage, was their  
father.



Their stepmother had  
left. Now the three of  
them could, finally, live  
happily ever after.

# The End

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