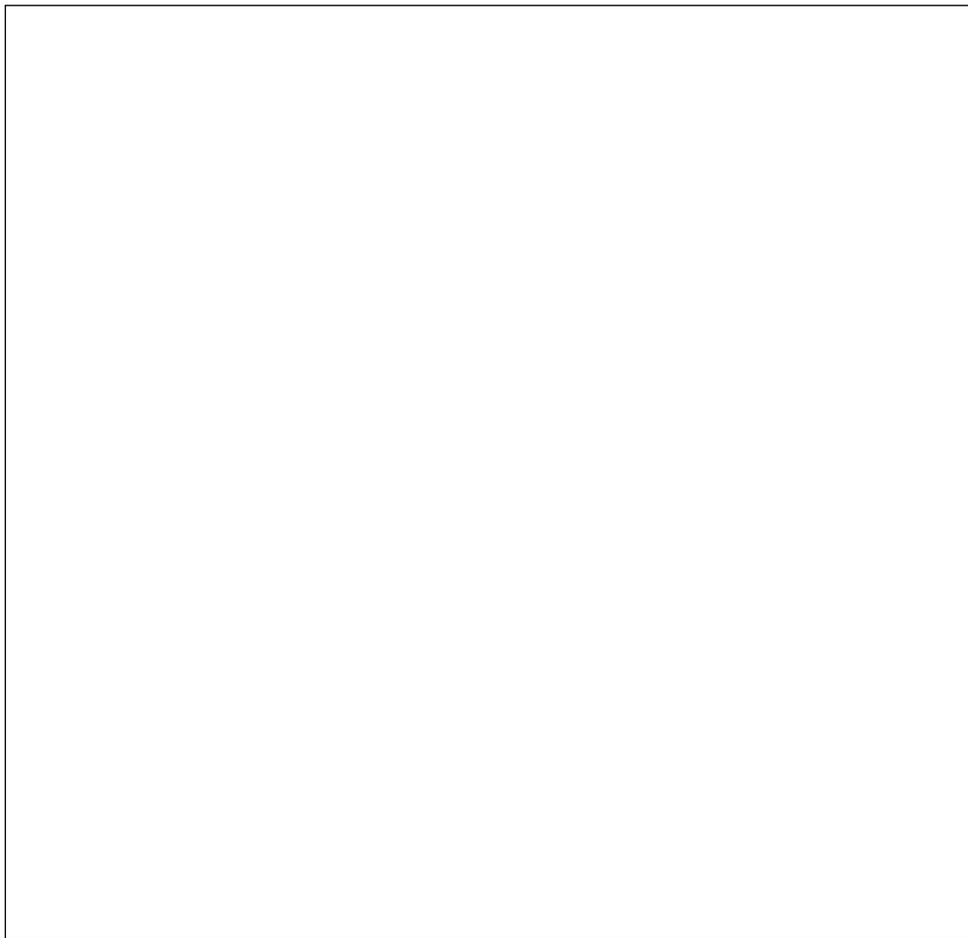


Hansel and Gretel

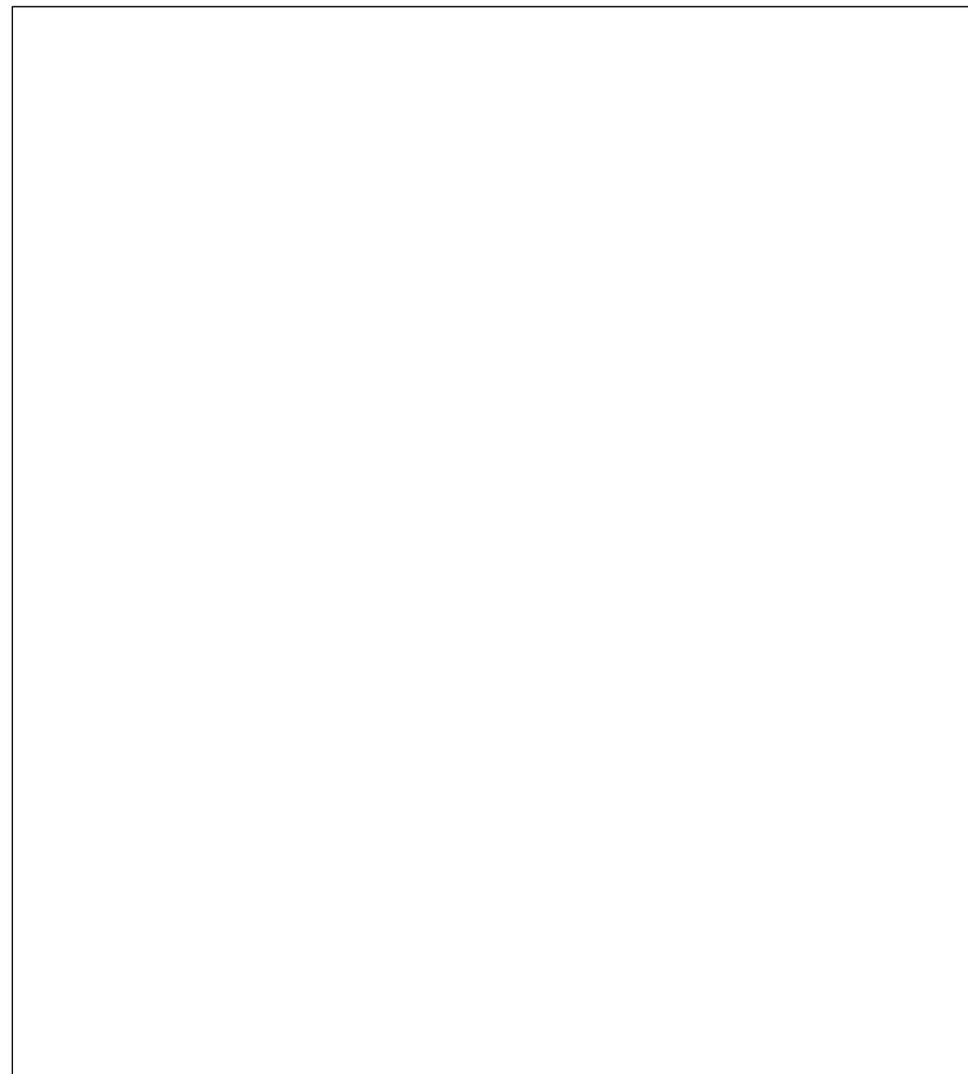
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Once upon a time there was a brother and a sister called Hansel and Gretel. They lived with their father and stepmother. Their father was a woodcutter and they were very poor.

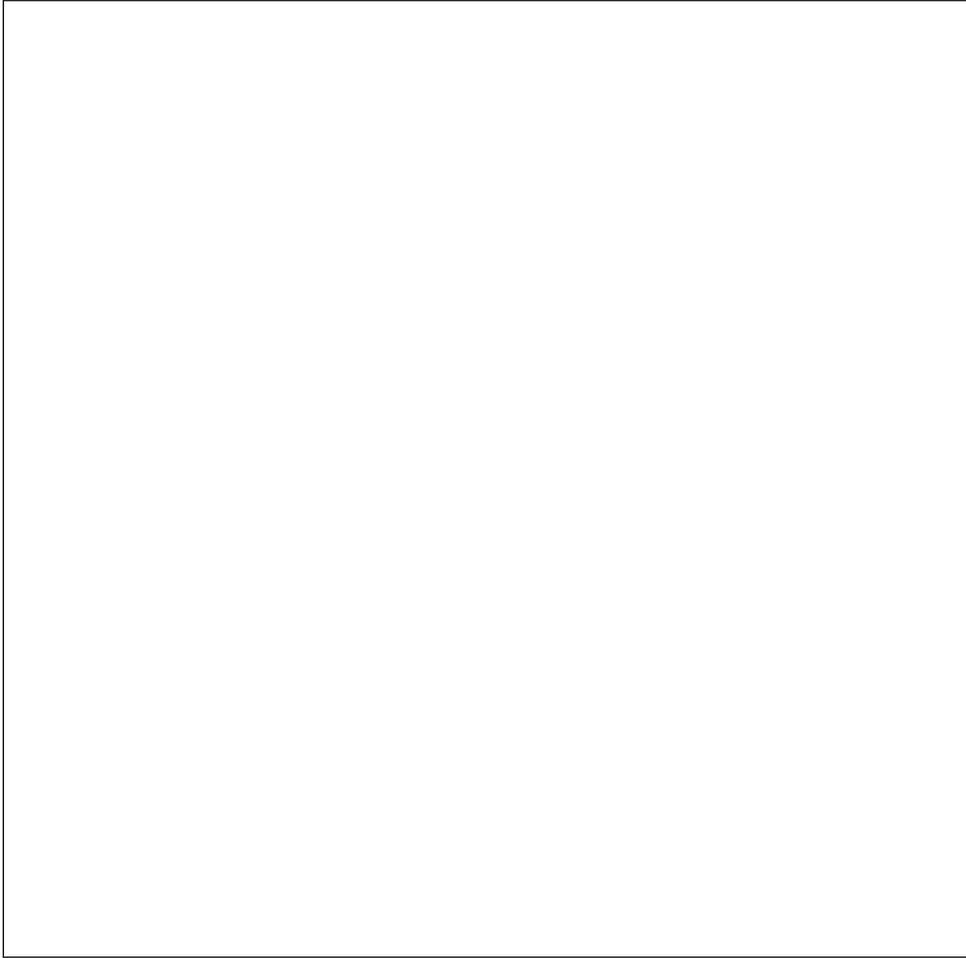


To save money, the stepmother wanted to take the children into the forest and leave them there. The woodcutter was very sad, but he finally agreed.



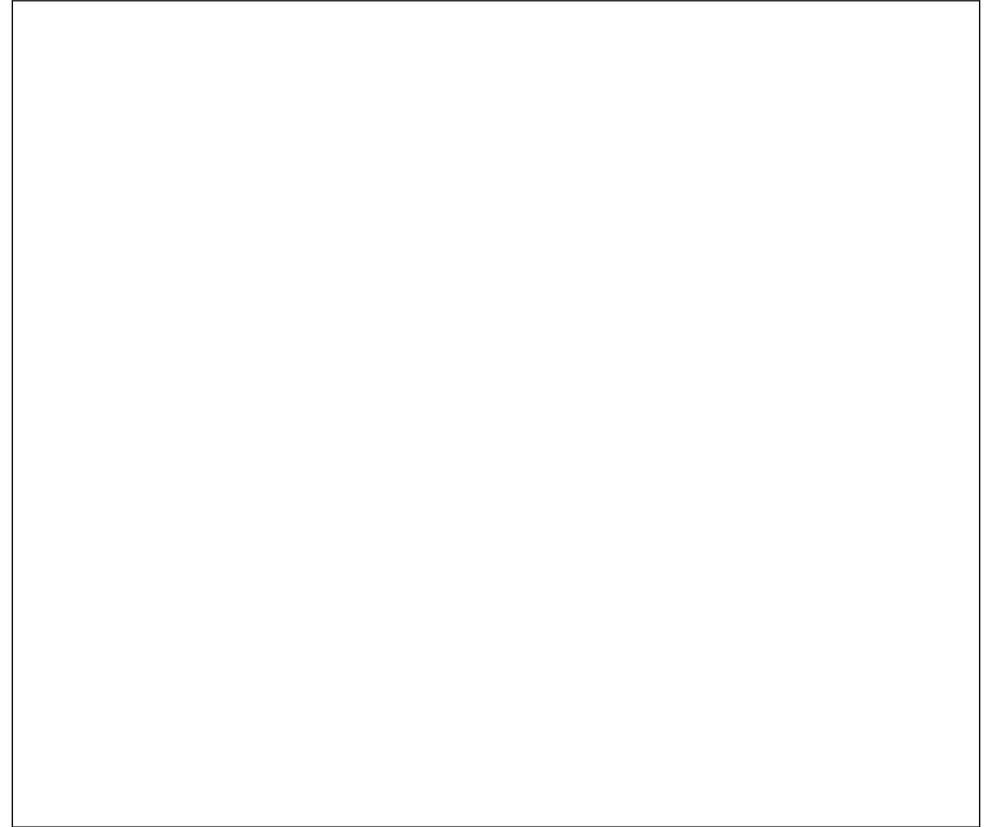
Hansel and Gretel found the witch's treasure. After days of walking through the forest they found their home. Their father was so happy to see them and their stepmother had left. Hansel and Gretel were home at last and the wicked witch had gone.

The witch waited and waited for Hansel to get fatter, but one day she couldn't wait any longer. "I'm going to eat you anyway," she said. "I'll cook you in my fire."

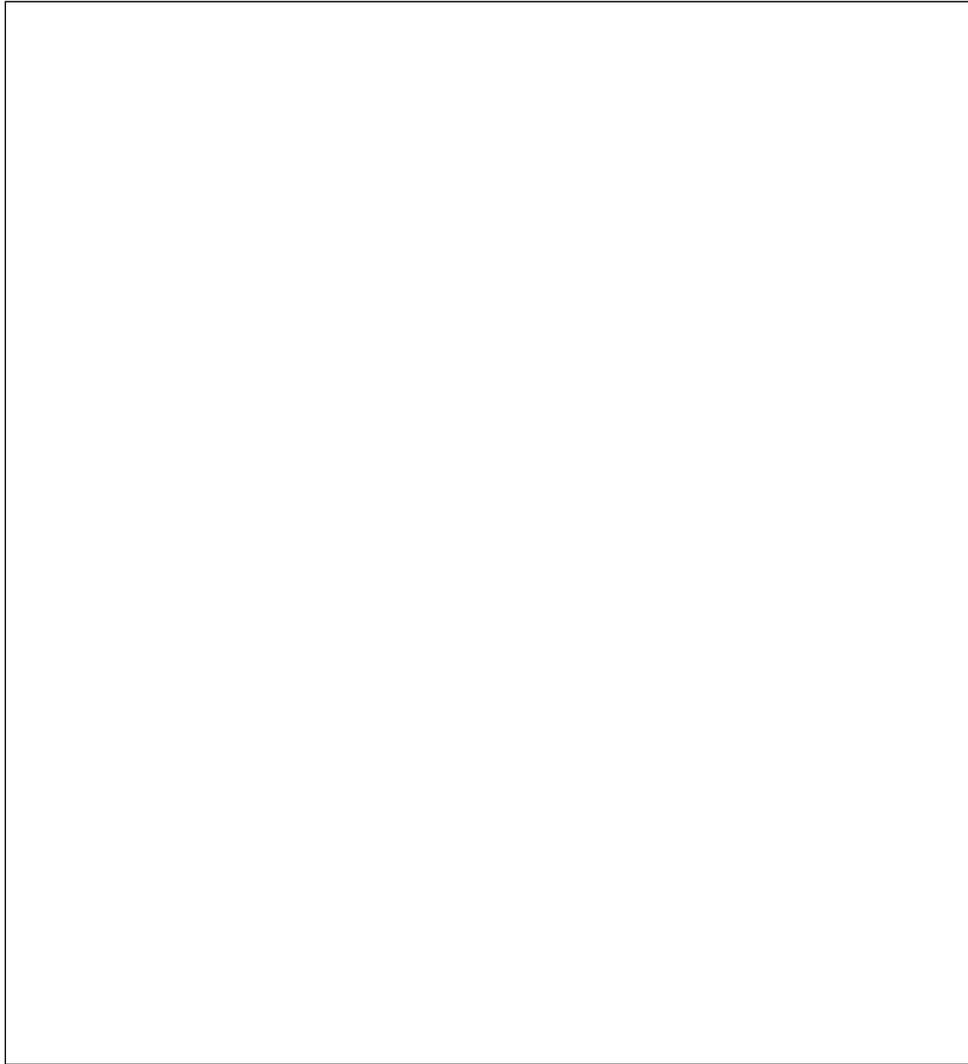


When Gretel asked where the fire was, the witch led her to the oven. When she opened the door, Gretel pushed the witch in. Then she ran to let Hansel out of the cage.

Gretel was very frightened, but Hansel had a plan. On the way to the forest, he dropped little white pebbles on to the path. When they were alone, Hansel and Gretel followed the pebbles all the way home.



Their father was so happy to see them, but their stepmother made the woodcutter take them deeper into the forest. Hansel crumbled up bread as he walked, but the birds ate the crumbs and they couldn't find their way home.



Hansel and Gretel walked and walked until they saw a strange house made of sweets and cakes. Hansel ate some of the wall. “Mmm, gingerbread,” he said. Gretel ate a piece of the door. “Mmm, chocolate,” she said. What a wonderful house!

But a wicked old witch lived in the house and she grabbed the children and locked Hansel inside a cage. She gave him lots of food to make him fat so that she could eat him.



Every day the witch checked to see if Hansel was getting fatter. “Let me feel your finger,” she said to Hansel. So Hansel put a chicken bone through the cage. The witch couldn’t see well, so when she felt the bone she thought Hansel was too thin.