


Hansel

&

Gretel



A watercolor illustration of two children, Hansel and Gretel, standing in a forest. Hansel is on the left, with short blonde hair and a white shirt. Gretel is on the right, with long blonde hair and a pink shirt. The background is a vibrant, abstract watercolor wash of blues, greens, and purples, suggesting a dense forest. The text is overlaid on the top left and bottom right of the image.

Once upon a time, there were two children named Hansel and Gretel. They lived in the woods with their father and stepmother.

Their father was a woodcutter, and he was very poor.

One night, Hansel and Gretel's father said to his wife, "We have no money left. There is no more food for us to eat."

"Then Hansel and Gretel cannot live here," his wife replied.

"Tomorrow we must leave them in the middle of the wood."

"No!" said the woodcutter. But his wife said, "We must!"





**Early next morning, they all
went deep into the wood.**

Hansel dropped breadcrumbs on the path.

**“Wait here,” said their stepmother.
“We are going to collect wood.”**

**Hansel and Gretel waited all day,
but their father and stepmother
did not come to take them home.**



**Then they looked for the breadcrumbs
on the path. But the birds had
eaten all the breadcrumbs.**

Hansel and Gretel went deeper into the wood. They walked for a long time.

In the middle of the wood, they found a small house made of cakes and sweets.



**In the house lived a witch.
The witch planned to eat
Hansel and Gretel.**



The witch locked Hansel in a cage and gave him lots of food.

“Soon he will be fat enough to eat,” said the witch. “Then I will cook him in my fire.”

“Where is the fire?” asked Gretel.

“In here,” said the witch, leading Gretel to show her the oven door.



**The witch opened the oven door.
Gretel pushed her into the oven
and locked the door.**



Gretel quickly ran to let Hansel out of the cage.

“Look at all this money!” said Gretel.

“We can take this home and buy food with it.”

“We can take some of the cakes and

sweets back home with us too!” said Hansel.



After a long walk Hansel and Gretel found their way home. Their father was very glad to see them.

“Your stepmother has gone,” said their father. So Hansel and Gretel and their father all lived happily ever after.





