

# HANSEL AND GRETEL

## *Scene 1*

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HANSEL: ENTER STAGE

GRETEL: ENTER STAGE

Once upon a time in a tiny forest, there lived a poor woodcutter and his two children Hansel and Gretel. One day, when there was not enough food in the house, the poor woodcutter pleaded with his two children to go find some berries. As the children left, the woodcutter told them that they could return home only once their baskets were filled with food. Hansel and Gretel smiled and off they went into the forest.

HANSEL and GRETEL: WALK AROUND ON STAGE

The further into the forest they walked, the harder it became to see their house and pretty soon Gretel became frightened.

GRETEL: Hansel, what if we get lost in the forest?  
Then we'll never see Papa again.

HANSEL: Don't worry Gretel.  
I have a plan.  
We'll leave a trail of breadcrumbs behind us.  
If we get lost, we'll follow the trail back home.

GRETEL: OK, if you say so.

HANSEL and GRETEL: WALK AROUND

And so they walked deeper and deeper into the forest, hoping to find a field full of berries.

When nighttime fell and their baskets were full, Hansel and Gretel were ready to return to their home. But when they turned around, they saw that all the crumbs had disappeared.

**HANSEL** and **GRETEL**: STOP WALKING

**GRETEL**: What happened? Where are all the breadcrumbs?

**HANSEL**: Oh no! The birds must have been hungry.  
Oh no! They ate them all.

Now even more frightened than before, Gretel began to cry.

**GRETEL**: CRY

**GRETEL**: Hansel. I'm hungry and cold.  
I'm scared and I want to go home.

**HANSEL**: Gretel, don't cry.  
I'll take care of you.

We'll just have to sleep under this tree tonight and tomorrow we'll find our way back home.

So that night Hansel and Gretel huddled together for warmth and comfort, waiting for daylight to arrive.

**HANSEL** and **GRETEL**: PRETEND TO SLEEP

## *Scene 2*

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When the sun came up, Hansel and Gretel began to wander about, trying to find the trail that would lead them back to their house.

**HANSEL** and **GRETEL**: WALK AROUND

**GRETEL**: Hansel, I'm tired and my feet hurt.

**HANSEL**: I'm tired too but we have to keep walking.  
We have to find our house.

And so they walked and walked and walked. They walked until suddenly they came upon a strange looking house.

As they moved closer they saw that the house was made of candy.

**HANSEL**: LOOK! This wall is made of chocolate.

**GRETEL**: And look at all this yummy icing sugar.

Starving, the children devoured the candy that was on the house.

**HANSEL** and **GRETEL**: PRETEND TO EAT

**HANSEL** and **GRETEL**: Yummy!!

## *Scene 3*

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They were happily enjoying their candy, when all of a sudden the door to the candy house swung open and an old lady peered out.

OLD LADY: ENTER STAGE

OLD LADY: Well hello there my dear children.  
Are you hungry?

HANSEL and GRETEL: YES!

OLD LADY: Well why don't you come in and  
I'll make you some delicious candy soup.  
Come on don't be scared.  
There is nothing to fear.

So Hansel and Gretel followed the old lady inside the house and into her  
kitchen.

OLD LADY: WALK AROUND

HANSEL and GRETEL: FOLLOW OLD LADY AROUND

#### *Scene 4*

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Once inside the kitchen, the old lady locked poor little Hansel into a cage.

OLD LADY: PUSH HANSEL

OLD LADY: AH HA I got you.  
I am going to feed you everyday until you grow big.  
Then I'm going to eat you. HA HA HA!

And then she turned to face Gretel,

OLD LADY: And you my little girl will have to do the housework.

I'm getting too old and lazy to do housework.  
And when all the housework is done, I am going to eat you too.

**GRETEL:** EXIT STAGE

Lucky for the two children, the mean old lady had very bad eyesight and couldn't see very well. Everyday she fed Hansel a hearty meal hoping that he would grow to be fat and juicy.

**OLD LADY:** Hear you go Hansel.  
I cooked you a big ham.

**HANSEL:** Thank you.

And every day the mean old lady went to check Hansel's finger to see if it had grown fatter.

**OLD LADY:** Let me see your finger.

And everyday, Hansel would hand out a chicken bone that his sister Gretel had given him. The mean old lady with her poor eyesight soon became frustrated.

**OLD LADY:** OK. I can't take this anymore.  
You, my little boy, are not getting any fatter.  
I think I'll just have to eat you anyway.  
Right this instant.

**HANSEL:** EXIT STAGE

And so the mean old lady ordered Gretel to go warm up the oven.

## Scene 5

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**GRETEL:** ENTER STAGE

**OLD LADY:** Gretel, go warm up the oven.  
We are going to have a juicy little boy for dinner tonight.

**GRETEL:** Whatever you say mean old lady.

**GRETEL:** WALK AROUND

Gretel walked slowly towards the oven thinking of what she could do to save her big brother from being eaten. Suddenly she thought to herself,

**GRETEL:** I know. First I'll pretend that I heated up the oven.  
Then I'll make the mean old lady check to see if the oven is hot enough.  
And when the old lady is not looking, I will push her in.

And so Gretel went to the oven and a few minutes later she returned and said to the old lady,

**GRETEL:** I don't know if the oven is hot enough.

**OLD LADY:** You Lazy little child.  
I'll go and check it myself.

**OLD LADY:** WALK AROUND

**GRETEL:** FOLLOW OLD LADY

The mean old lady got up from her chair and slowly walked to the oven.

As she bent over to peer inside, Gretel gave her a great big shove and locked the old lady into the oven.

**GRETEL:** PUSH OLD LADY

**OLD LADY:** EXIT STAGE

*Scene 6*

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**HANSEL:** ENTER STAGE.

Gretel then ran over to her brother and freed him from the cage.

The two children stayed there for hours and hours, eating all the candy that would fit into their bellies.

**HANSEL** and **GRETEL:** PRETEND TO EAT

To their surprise, in one of the chocolates, there was a chest full of gold.

Hansel looked inside the chest and counted the pieces of gold.

**HANSEL:** one, two, three...

He then looked at Gretel and said,

**HANSEL:** Look Gretel, look at all these coins.

**GRETEL:** We're rich.

**HANSEL:** Let's go home and tell papa what we've found.

And so the children left the mean old lady in the oven and they ran as fast as they could.

HANSEL and GRETEL: RUN AROUND THE STAGE

They ran for hours and hours until finally they came upon their long lost home.

Both Hansel and Gretel ran into their house and into their father's arms.

Hansel then opened the chest and said to his father,

HANSEL: Look papa, gold coins.  
We'll never run out of food again.

And so the woodcutter and his two children Hansel and Gretel lived happily ever after.

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