



Hansel and Gretel

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When the children awoke the next morning, they couldn't believe their eyes. The kind old lady had changed completely! Having locked Hansel in a cage, she said to Gretel: "Tidy the room, fetch water and cook a meal for your brother. We need to fatten him up before I eat him!"

Every morning the witch measured Hansel's finger, to see if he was fat enough to eat. As her sight was poor, she didn't realize that clever Hansel was sticking not his finger but a twig out of the cage. Many days passed and Hansel gained no weight, but the witch decided she would eat him anyway.



Hansel and Gretel gathered goodies into a bundle, along with precious stones that were hidden in the cottage. Then they ran away into the woods, where they pulled up short at a rushing river – and there was no bridge in sight! But then some white swans swam up, and they ferried the

children to the opposite bank. Soon the children heard the sound of their father's axe. They had found their way home! The children and their father were overjoyed to see each other. And because the children had brought food and precious stones, the family never wanted for anything again.



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Have you heard of the strange little cottage in the woods that is made entirely of gingerbread? Lost in those woods, Hansel and Gretel have happened upon that very cottage. Who lives there? Will they find their way home soon? Fall in love all over again with the classic tale in a unique version by celebrated Czech artist Vojtěch Kubašta, whose innovative pop-ups have given inspiration to paper engineers all over the world!

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