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Hansel and Gretel. They lived in a tiny little village with their faithful dog Spotty. All three of them would spend their days running around the village square, seeking new adventures. Soon enough, they grew tired of the village. "How about we go out into the woods, Gretel?" said Hansel one day. "But isn't it dangerous?" worried the girl. But Hansel and Spotty were already striding towards the forest.



There were so many new, interesting things in the forest! Look, Spotty, a rabbit's zooming by! Gretel, can you hear the forest rustle? But night falls quickly among robust spruces. "Hansel, which path do we take to get back home? Could you climb the highest tree to see where our village is?" begged the frightened girl. Hansel agreed. "Calm down, Gretel, there's a light over there! Let's go closer, I'm sure it will guide us to safety."



the most peculiar little house they'd ever seen. It was built entirely out of gingerbread, from the foundations to the roof. Hansel's stomach rumbled and so he didn't hesitate and climbed the delicious roof to munch on it. "Here, Gretel, have some, too!" Even Spotty was eager to see whether the children would give him a few tasty crumbs. And then a hoarse voice spoke up. "Who is nibbling at my house?"



An angry witch peeked out of the house, a woman as ugly as sin. As soon as she noticed the startled children, she changed her tune and said, honey-sweet: "Do not be afraid of me! Come in, there are even better goodies inside!" Not hesitating, Hansel and Gretel went through the door, sat down at the table happily, and began feasting. Only Spotty wasn't so sure about all this ... Why did the old witch lock the door behind them, woof? And why did her eyes gleam so ominously? Bow wow! Imagine that you're lost in a dark forest and instead of finding your way you stumble upon a house built out of gingerbread. When the same thing happened to Hansel and Gretel, they sampled the gingerbread without hesitation, not realising what kind of adventure the house had in store for them. Enjoy this classic tale in a unique three-dimensional rendition by the famous Czech artist Vojtěch Kubašta.

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