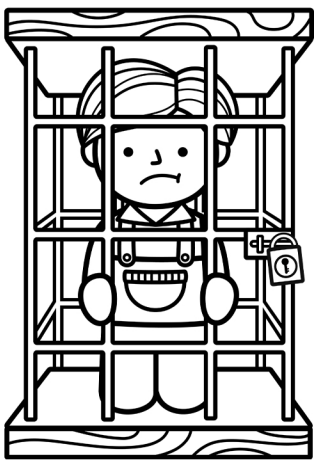
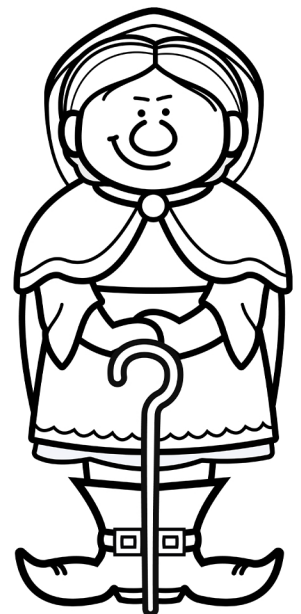


Once upon a time, in a small cottage near the edge of a large forest, lived a brother and sister named Hansel and Gretel. Their family was very poor, and when a great famine swept over the land, their stepmother convinced their father to leave the children in the forest, hoping they would get lost and not return, so there would be less mouths to feed. Hansel and Gretel overheard their parents' plan, and Hansel collected shiny pebbles to drop along their path so they could find their way back home. The next day, as their father led them deep into the forest, Hansel left a trail of pebbles. By moonlight, they followed the pebbles back home, much to their stepmother's displeasure.



The stepmother, determined to be rid of the children, took them even deeper into the forest. This time, Hansel left a trail of breadcrumbs, but the birds ate them, and the children could not find their way back. Lost and hungry, Hansel and Gretel wandered through the forest until they stumbled upon a cottage made of candy and gingerbread. Enchanted by the delicious house, they began to eat its walls and roof. Suddenly, an old witch who lived inside the candy house captured them, planning to eat them. She locked Hansel in a cage and made Gretel do chores, intending to fatten Hansel up for a feast.

Gretel, clever and brave, devised a plan to save them. When the witch asked her to check the oven's temperature, pretending she was going to bake bread, Gretel pretended not to understand how to do it. The witch, growing impatient, demonstrated, and at that moment, Gretel pushed her into the oven and locked the door, saving her brother and herself. The siblings discovered the witch's treasure, filled their pockets with gold and jewels, and set off through the forest to find their way home. After several days, they found their father, who was overjoyed to see them and regretted letting them go. Their stepmother had left, and with the treasure they brought back, they never had to worry about being hungry again.

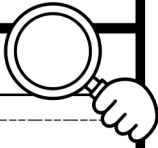


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Resourceful, doesn't give up

Where did the witch live?

Deep in the forest in a candy house.

How did the siblings find their way home?

They left a trail of shiny pebbles

How did the father feel when Hansel and Gretel finally made it back home?

Overjoyed and regretful.

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