



SHORT STORIE

# HANSEL AND GRETEL:

  
*The caramel witch*

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"ONCE UPON A TIME IN A FARAWAY LAND, A HAPPY FAMILY LIVED IN A FOREST. EVERY AFTERNOON, HANSEL AND GRETEL WENT OUT TO PLAY, BUT ONE DAY THEY DECIDED TO EXPLORE THE VAST, DARK FOREST. HANSEL, THE OLDER SIBLING, BEGAN TO USE BREADCRUMBS TO MARK THE WAY BACK HOME, WHILE GRETEL, THE YOUNGER SIBLING, PLAYED NEARBY.

AFTER HOURS OF WALKING, THEY BEGAN TO GET HUNGRY. UNFORTUNATELY, HANSEL HAD ALREADY USED ALL THE BREADCRUMBS. THAT'S WHEN THEY SMELLED A DELICIOUS CARAMEL SCENT THAT PULLED THEM DEEPER INTO THE FOREST, LEADING THEM TO A SECLUDED GINGERBREAD COTTAGE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY BRIGHTLY COLORED CANDY.

SEEING THIS, THEY RAN TO THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE AND BEGAN TO EAT DESPERATELY. SUDDENLY, A VERY ANGRY OLD WITCH IN A BLACK, DUSTY DRESS EMERGED. SHE WAS FURIOUS THAT THEY WERE EATING HER HOUSE AND SCREAMED AT THEM. THE SIBLINGS, TERRIFIED, APOLOGIZED TO THE WITCH, BUT SHE REFUSED TO FORGIVE THEM. RED WITH FURY, SHE DEMANDED COMPENSATION. SINCE HANSEL AND GRETEL HAD NO MONEY, SHE DECIDED THEY WOULD WORK FOR HER, MAKING CANDY FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

THEY WORKED FOR THE OLD WITCH, BUT SHE MISTREATED THEM. TIRED OF THIS, THEY DEVISED A PLAN TO ESCAPE. EVERY MORNING, THE WITCH LIT A LARGE CAULDRON WITH BOILING WATER AND SUGAR TO MAKE HER CANDIES. ONE DAY, GRETEL SAW AN OPPORTUNITY TO FREE HERSELF AND HER BROTHER FROM THE WITCH'S CRUELTY. SHE TOLD THE WITCH THAT A BUG HAD FALLEN INTO THE CAULDRON. WHEN THE WITCH BENT DOWN TO REMOVE THE BUG, GRETEL PUSHED HER INTO THE CAULDRON WITH ALL HER STRENGTH, CAUSING HER TO MELT AND BECOME CARAMELIZED IN HER OWN CANDY.

THIS IS HOW THEY GOT RID OF THE WITCH AND TOOK OVER HER BUSINESS. HANSEL AND GRETEL GREW UP AND EARNED A LOT OF MONEY, WHILE THE WITCH REMAINED CARAMELIZED LIKE A STATUE SOMEWHERE DEEP IN THE FOREST."