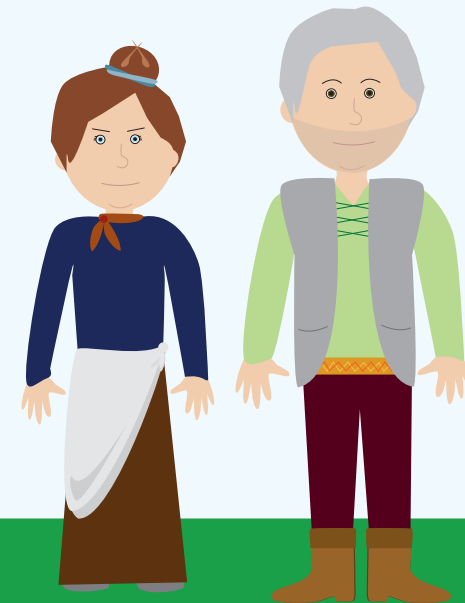


Hansel and Gretel



Hansel and Gretel lived with their father and stepmother. They were very poor.



One night their stepmother decided to take the children into the forest because they were running out of food.



Hansel heard what their stepmother had said. So he decided to collect some shiny pebbles to take with them the next morning.



Hansel and Gretel followed their parents deeper into the forest. Hansel left a trail of pebbles so that they could follow them home.



Later that night, after Hansel and Gretel were left in the forest, they followed the trail of pebbles home.



When they arrived home their stepmother wasn't very happy to see them, and decided to take them much deeper into the forest this time.



This time they were left deeper in the forest. Hansel had taken a slice of bread with him and left a trail of crumbs to follow home.



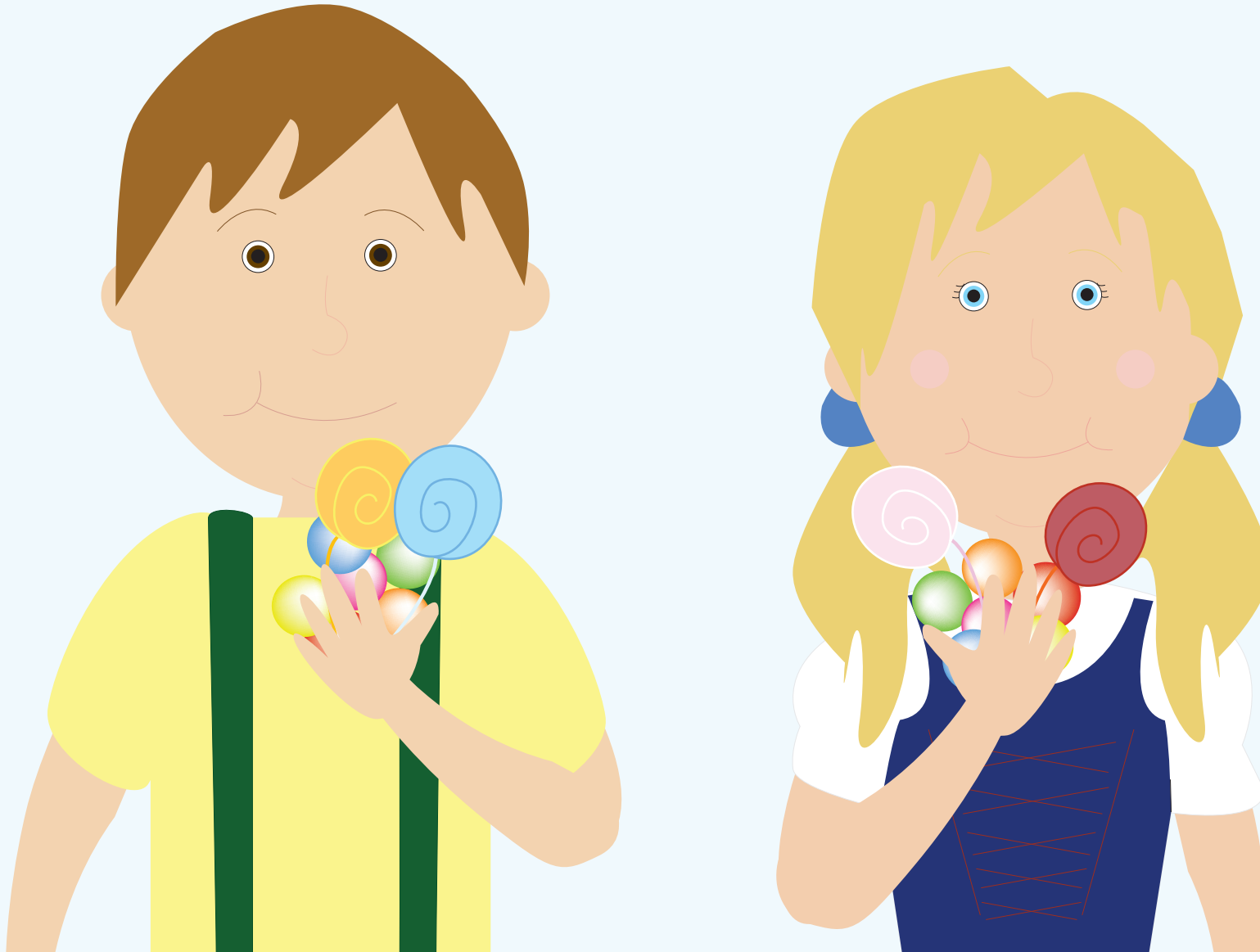
Hansel and Gretel found that birds had eaten the crumbs, and so they were lost in the woods for days.



After a few days, they followed a pretty white bird, which led them to a house made of gingerbread and covered in sweets.



Hansel and Gretel were so excited to have something to eat, they started eating parts of the house.



Out of the house came an old woman, and offered Hansel and Gretel a warm bed to sleep. Hansel and Gretel don't know that she is a wicked witch.



The next morning, the wicked witch locked Hansel in a cage, and made Gretel work. She fed them to try and fatten them up to eat.



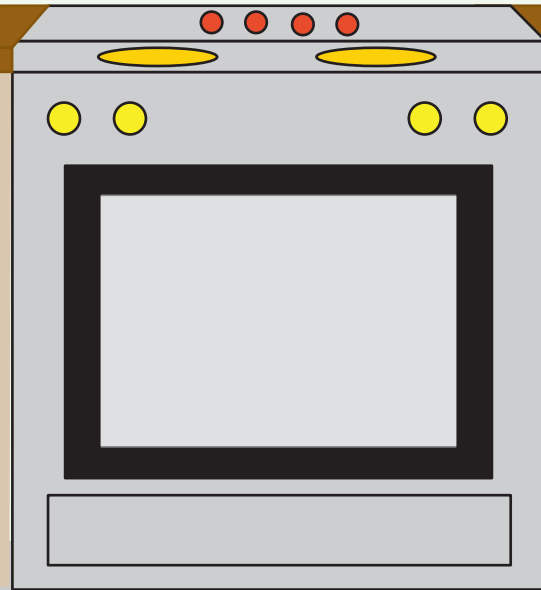
Hansel found an old bone he used to trick the witch, to make her think he is still too skinny to eat. The witch was fed up and hungry.



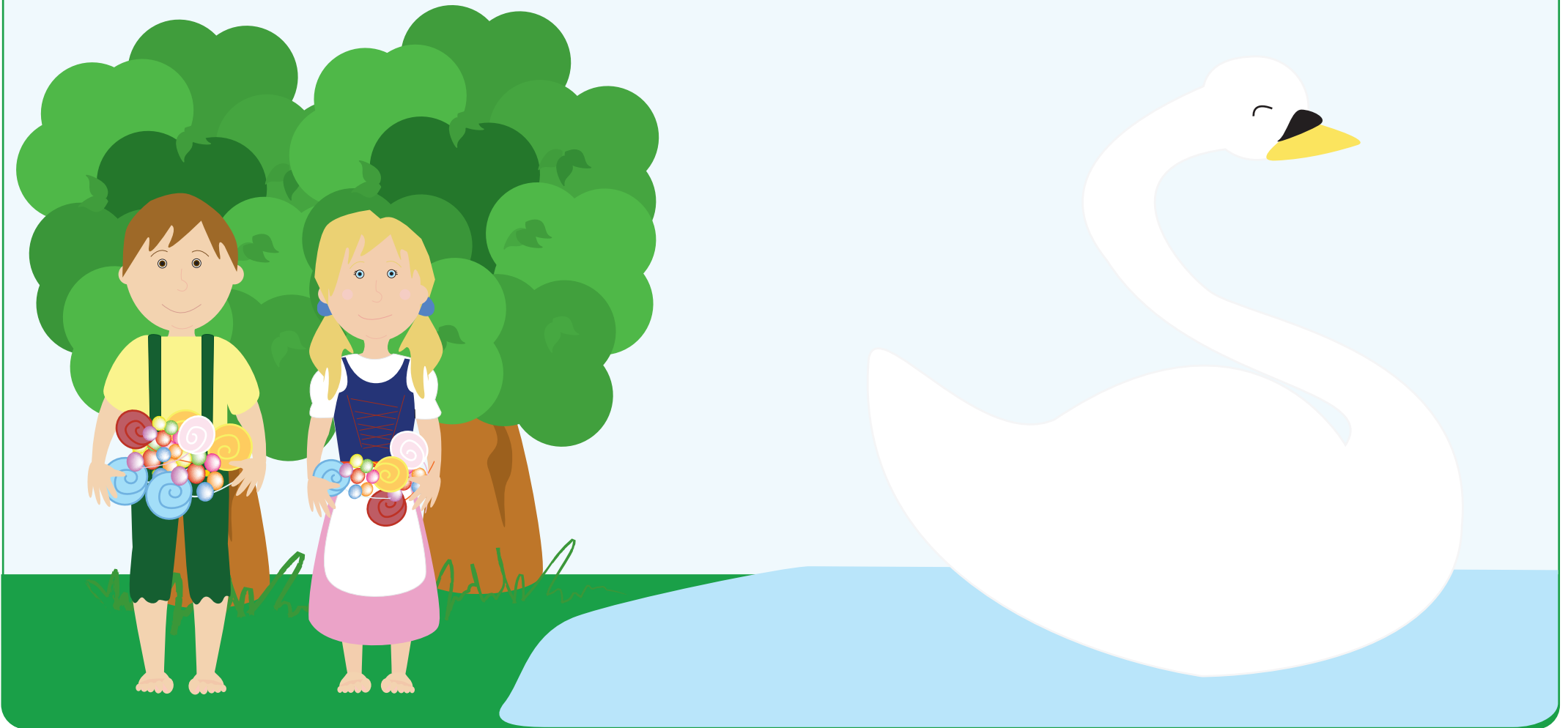
The witch decided to eat both Hansel and Gretel, and went to heat up the oven. When the witch was gone, Gretel let Hansel out of the cage.



They found the witch heating up the oven. Before she saw them, Hansel and Gretel pushed the witch in the oven and locked the door.



Hansel and Gretel took all the food and treasures they could find and took them home. They rode home down a river on a big white swan.



When they arrived home their father was very happy to see them, and their stepmother was no where to be seen. They lived happily with their father.

