

Cast In Order Of Appearance:**Narrator****Hans****Gretel****Mother**

NARRATOR : One day, a boy named Hans leaves his house to visit a girl named Gretel. Gretel gives Hans a needle.

HANS : Good-bye, Gretel.

GRETEL : Good-bye, Hans.

NARRATOR : Hans sticks the needle into a passing hay-cart and follows the cart home.

HANS : Good evening, Mother. Gretel gave me a needle.

MOTHER : Where is the needle, Hans?

HANS : I stuck it in a hay-cart.

MOTHER : That was stupid, Hans. You should have stuck the needle in your sleeve.

HANS : Never mind. I'll do better next time.

NARRATOR : The next day Hans again goes to Gretel. Gretel gives Hans a knife.

HANS : Good-bye, Gretel.

GRETEL : Good-bye, Hans.

NARRATOR : Hans sticks the knife in his sleeve and goes home.

HANS : Good evening, Mother. Gretel gave me a knife.

MOTHER : Where is the knife, Hans?

HANS : Stuck in my sleeve.

MOTHER : That was stupid, Hans. You should have put the knife in your pocket.

- HANS : Never mind. I'll do better next time.
- NARRATOR : The next day Hans again goes to Gretel. Gretel gives Hans a young goat.
- HANS : Good-bye, Gretel.
- GRETEL : Good-bye, Hans.
- NARRATOR : Hans ties the goat's legs and puts it in his pocket. When he gets home, the goat has suffocated and is dead.
- HANS : Good evening, Mother. Gretel gave me a goat.
- MOTHER : Where is the goat, Hans?
- HANS : I put it in my pocket. It died.
- MOTHER : That was stupid, Hans. You should have put a rope around the goat's neck and brought it home.
- HANS : Never mind. I'll do better next time.
- NARRATOR : The next day Hans again goes to Gretel. Gretel gives Hans a big slab of bacon.
- HANS : Good-bye, Gretel.
- GRETEL : Good-bye, Hans.
- NARRATOR : Hans ties a rope around the bacon and drags it home. The dogs follow him and eat up all the bacon.
- HANS : Good evening, Mother. Gretel gave me a big slab of bacon.
- MOTHER : Where is the bacon, Hans?
- HANS : I tied a rope around it and dragged it home. The dogs ate it.
- MOTHER : That was stupid, Hans. You should have carried the bacon on your head to keep it from the dogs.
- HANS : Never mind. I'll do better next time.
- NARRATOR : The next day Hans again goes to Gretel. Gretel gives Hans a baby cow.

- HANS : Good-bye, Gretel.
- GRETEL : Good-bye, Hans.
- NARRATOR : Hans puts the baby cow on his head and the baby cow kicks his head all the way home.
- HANS : Good evening, Mother. Gretel gave me a baby cow.
- MOTHER : Where is the baby cow, Hans?
- HANS : I set it on my head and it kicked my face.
- MOTHER : That was stupid, Hans. You should have led the baby cow with a rope and put it in the barn.
- HANS : Never mind. I'll do better next time.
- NARRATOR : The next day Hans again goes to Gretel. She is depleted of gifts.
- GRETEL : Good day, Hans. Have you finally brought me something?
- HANS : No.
- GRETEL : Then I will go with you.
- NARRATOR : Hans takes Gretel, ties her with a rope, and leads her to the barn next to his house. Then he binds her to the stall inside.
- HANS : Good evening, Mother.
- MOTHER : Good evening, Hans. Where have you been?
- HANS : With Gretel.
- MOTHER : What did she give you this time?
- HANS : Nothing. She came with me.
- MOTHER : Where have you left Gretel, Hans?
- HANS : I led her by a rope and then tied her to the stall in the barn. I even scattered some grass for her.
- MOTHER : That was stupid, Hans. You should cast friendly eyes upon her.

HANS : Okay.

NARRATOR : Hans goes to the barn, cuts out all the barn animals' friendly eyes and casts them upon Gretel.

Gretel then becomes angry, tears herself loose and runs away screaming into the forest.

GRETEL : Ahhhhh!

HANS : Oh, never mind. I'll do better next time.

NARRATOR : The end.