

Hangry and Greedy

Adaptation of Hansel and Gretel

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Once upon a time there was a boy named Hangry and a girl named Greedy. They lived with their very strict parents in the middle of the woods. They were poor and hungry. Hangry and Greedy's father was an expert woodcutter, but they didn't get many customers because they lived in the middle of the woods. He was not very bright because he put his house in the middle of the woods.

Hangry wasn't always hangry until he was about two years old. Hangry became cranky after his parents became strict, and his sister Greedy started stealing all of his already tiny meals. Being hangry made him hate almost everything. Speaking of Greedy, she was, well, a very greedy kid. She hated all things. And she used karate moves on everyone she saw. That's pretty much it.

One spring day Hangry and Greedy were listening to what their parents called a "private talk." They were planning on kicking them out of the house so they had two less mouths to feed! So that night Greedy was so angry, she stole all of the lollipops she could find, including the ones that she and Hangry had been stashing. She had already eaten three lollipops before the night had fallen.

Sure enough, their parents kicked them out the next day, saying, "You two are so greedy and hangry all of the time, and we don't have enough food to feed you. Go to the end of the woods, and you may find a candy house. Don't come back until you've learned your manners."



So, as they left, Greedy made a trail of the lollipops she still had in her pocket so they would find their way back to their house. But, after only thirty minutes, they were so hangry and greedy they gave up and returned home. Their parents were SUPER angry. They kicked them out and then slammed the door, telling them, “Go far and never come back!” This time, Greedy made a trail of cookies back to their house. They waited for two hours, but then got hangry and greedy again so they headed back home. When they started to turn back, they realized all the birds had eaten the cookies.

Hangry and Greedy knew they couldn't find their way back. So they kept going down the trail toward where their parents said they may find a candy house. About two hours down the trail, they came upon a house, but it wasn't made of candy. It was completely made of vegetables.

Hangry turned to Greedy and said, “Why couldn't we have come across a candy house???”

“Well, let's see if someone inside can help us,” Greedy responded.

“Good idea. But it is not just a house. THERE'S A WHOLE VILLAGE OF VEGETABLE HOUSES!!!!!!!!!!!!!! AND VEGETABLE GARDENS AND VEGETABLE FENCES AND VEGETABLE PEOPLE AND...” Screamed Hangry.

“Chill out, Hangry! People are not made of vegetables!” Greedy said, sounding annoyed.

“How do you know???”

“There's a lady over there, Hangry. Let's go see if she can help.” So they walk over to a fairly large woman, who was picking lettuce from her garden and humming a tune they had never heard before.



“Hello kids,” she said as she looked up at them. “Oh, you look lean. Why don’t you come over for dinner tonight?”

“Yes! That would be great!” Greedy said.

“Thank you,” Hangry added. “When should we come over?”

“About 5:30 clock would be fine by me!” the jolly woman responded.

“Ok!” Hangry says as they walked away.



So at 5:29 they headed back to the old vegetable lady’s house, which they had noted was 17 Veggie Street. When they rang the carrot doorbell, they were greeted by the cheerful lady at the door.

“Children, what a wonderful joy to see you for dinner at my house today. Dinner is just about ready over there on the fire pit. Now would you like an eggplant hot dog or green bean pizza?”

“NOOOOOOOO! WHOEVER HAS HEARD OF EGGPLANT HOTDOGS AND GREEN BEAN PIZZA!” Hangry screamed and whined.

“Wow, well, that’s rude,” the woman said in surprise. “Well maybe I can get you something el...”

“I’ll take his portion, and your portion too!” Greedy interrupted. “I want it all!”

“I’ve never met two children more hangry and greedy than you two,” the woman said. “Maybe I should teach you some manners. I’ll give you the dinner you want, but only after you learn to cook for yourselves. Come with me, and I’ll show you what to do. You two will make all three of our dinners”

“You’re making us do all the work?” Hangry replied.

“Maybe it’s you who needs a lesson for being mean to us poor children!” Greedy exclaimed.

Hangry and Greedy looked at each other and knew what they were going to do. They walked over the woman at the fire pit. As she was

starting to explain how to season the tomato for the vegetable pizza sauce, Hangry and Greedy suddenly pushed her toward the fire. The lady understood what was happening, and quickly sidestepped out of their way. Hangry and Greedy stumbled into the fire! They yelped and jumped out, making a run for the door.

“I hope you’ve learned your lesson!” the woman called after them.

Ten years later and after many years of fending for himself, Hangry realized that being hangry wasn’t a good thing. Having to tend to himself taught him that there was no time to be hangry. He grew up and had a nice house and a good job.

Greedy, on the other hand went, had built herself a house out of candy, but had not shared her shelter with her brother hangry. No one ever visited her since she continued to keep all of the candy for herself and couldn’t keep any friends. Then one day, about twelve years after leaving the vegetable woman’s home, she got a knock on her door, and was surprised to find two children, a little boy and a little girl.

“Hello,” the girl says. “We’re lost. Can you help us?”

Greedy smiles, and invites them in...

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