

Sides:

The Gingerbread Haus

Side 1

Characters: Hansel, Gretel, Young Woman

GRETEL

But Hansel. If we leave here now.
Does that mean we're going to be
like this for the rest of our
lives?

HANSEL

I don't know. We could ask Luis.

GRETEL

Luis is imaginary.

HANSEL

I guess he is.

GRETEL

I was just thinking. I know it's
dangerous. But I was just
thinking. Maybe... maybe if we go
back into the house—

HANSEL

What?!

GRETEL

Maybe! I'm just thinking, maybe
if we go back inside, maybe we can
figure out--

But she stops dead, at a sound - the sound of the door knob rattling again.

They both turn and stare at the door. The knob rattles again. The door starts to slowly open. Hansel and Gretel hold each other, terrified. They watch as...

An attractive YOUNG WOMAN dressed in black emerges from the door. She glances furtively around, then closes the door behind her.

Only THEN does she spot Hansel and Gretel watching her.

YOUNG WOMAN

Oh! Oooooooooohh!! Help me! You

must help me!

HANSEL

Why, what's wrong?

GRETEL

Quick, come away from there!

YOUNG WOMAN

(approaching them)

I don't know what's happened
to me!

GRETEL

Really? You look pretty good...

YOUNG WOMAN

I was just a mouse! A little
gray mouse, living in a hole in
the floor, with my little
mouse family. But then a Witch
trapped me in a cage! And she fed
me delicious licorice cake and
sweet orange candy that somehow
turned me into a strikingly
beautiful woman.

GRETEL

Well...

HANSEL

Was it an ugly old witch?

YOUNG WOMAN

Yes! An ugly old witch!

HANSEL

We know her!

YOUNG WOMAN

I was scared! I was so scared! But I
somehow escaped! Now we must get away
from here! Far, far away, before the
Witch captures us again!

HANSEL

We were trying to get away!

GRETEL

But then we weren't so sure—

HANSEL

We hoped we might follow this
stream to the village.