

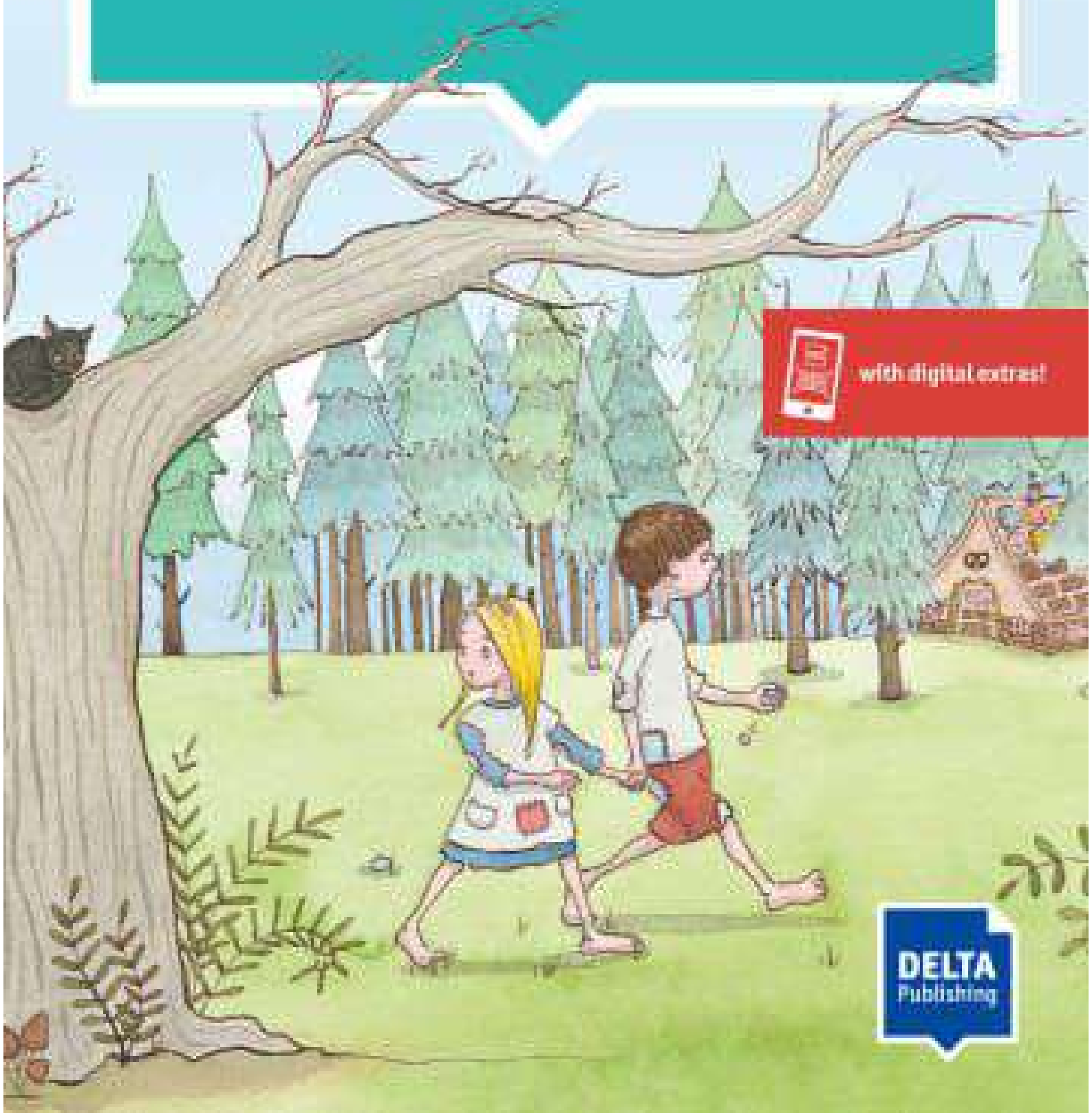
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Hansel and Gretel



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In a house in a forest lived a **poor woodcutter**. He had a wife and two children. The boy was called Hansel and the girl was called Gretel. Often the family was very **hungry**. The father was very **worried**. "What shall we do?" he asked his wife.



poor: when you don't have much money or much food to eat
woodcutter: a person who cuts wood
to be (was) hungry: to want or need to eat
to be (was) worried: to think about problems

The children were in bed. "Tomorrow we will take the children into the forest," said the wife. "We'll make a **fire** and give them some bread. Then we'll **leave** them in the forest. If we don't leave them, we'll **starve**." The father was very sad, but he **agreed**.



fire: something hot and keeps you warm: it is red, yellow and orange
to leave: to go away
to starve: to be very hungry because you don't have enough to eat
to agree (agreed): to say yes

The children heard what the **stepmother** said. Gretel cried. "Don't cry. I have an idea," said Hansel quietly. When everybody was asleep Hansel went outside. He **collected** white **stones** and put them in his trouser pocket.



stepmother: when your father marries again his new wife is your stepmother

to collect (collected): to keep many things

stone: a small round rock

