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An Art Deco Love Story

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IN a time not too long ago and in a land much like our own, there lived a young and beautiful girl. Her name was Greta. She lived alone with her father because her mother had died many years before.







Greta's father was a kind man. He could be quite forgetful and could not see anything at all without his glasses. One day he gathered up his papers and set off for the city to attend an important meeting. "Goodbye, Greta dear, I shall be back in two days," he called. When he finally returned after two *weeks*, he had a big surprise.





In the city he had met a woman whose beauty was such that it could only be recognized by a few (particularly those who had lost their glasses). He married the woman straight away in a church that was cold and hard, rather like his new wife's heart. She had two daughters, Elvira and Ermintrude. Elvira was as wicked as Ermintrude was dim, and Ermintrude was very, very dim.

