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### ALLEGORY

Humpty Dumpty is a man's head; an allegory about a man cracking up, as it were. Then all the king's horses and all the king's men can't put Humpty Dumpty back together again.

Who are these horses and men? Why, they're psychiatrists. Just as Hansel and Gretel are two evil children who murder an old woman in a wood. Hansel rapes her while his sister holds her down. The old woman cries, that it should have come to this!

Then they kill her and eat her house.

Hansel and Gretel are really termites disguised as children.

What does it mean? It means that nothing is as it sometimes seems. For instance, do you really think Little Jack Horner stuck his thumb in a pie?