

The Elves and the Shoemaker

Once there was a poor shoemaker. He was honest and hardworking, but he had very little money. One day, he discovered that he had only enough leather to make one pair of shoes.

He carefully cut the leather and placed the pieces on his workbench. Then he went to bed, planning to finish the shoes the next morning.

When he woke up, he was surprised. A beautiful pair of shoes stood on the table. They were perfectly made. Soon, a customer arrived and bought the shoes for a good price.

With the money, the shoemaker bought enough leather for two pairs of shoes. Again, he prepared the leather and went to bed. The next morning, two pairs of wonderful shoes were waiting for him.

This continued night after night. The shoemaker became successful, but he could not understand who was helping him.

One evening, he and his wife decided to stay awake and discover the secret. At midnight, two tiny elves appeared. They worked quickly and skillfully, making beautiful shoes before disappearing into the night.

The shoemaker and his wife were grateful.

"We must thank them," said the wife.

They made warm clothes and small shoes for the elves. On Christmas Eve, they left the gifts on the workbench.

That night, the elves arrived as usual. They found the presents and were delighted. They danced with joy and put on their new clothes.

After that, the elves never returned. Although the shoemaker missed them, he was thankful for their kindness.

He continued his work and lived happily for many years, always remembering the little friends who had helped him when he needed it most..