

# THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER

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The shoemaker told his wife that he finally wanted to understand who came every day and did the job for him. The workshop was going to be closed the other day, so he could stay up all night. His wife agreed and in the evening they left a candle in the workshop, so they could see better. At midnight, the man hid behind the curtains and waited.



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He prepared the leather for eight pairs of shoes and went to bed again. In the morning he found eight pairs of perfectly sewn and polished shoes on his bench. This continued for quite a long time and the shoemaker and his wife became incredibly rich. A day before Christmas, the shoemaker and his wife were sitting and having breakfast.



He was a poor and honest man and he went to bed with a light heart. That night he prepared his leather as usual and fell asleep as usual. When he woke up in the morning and sat on his work bench, he could not find his leather. Instead, he found a new pair of shoes, already made. The man could not understand how it had happened.



Then he saw two naked elves come into the room. They were very cheerful and happy. They sat on the shoemaker's bench and started making nice pairs of shoes quickly. They didn't stop for a second. They finished their job long before dawn and then disappeared into thin air. The shoemaker and his wife were so thankful to them.



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