

# THE TIN SOLDIER

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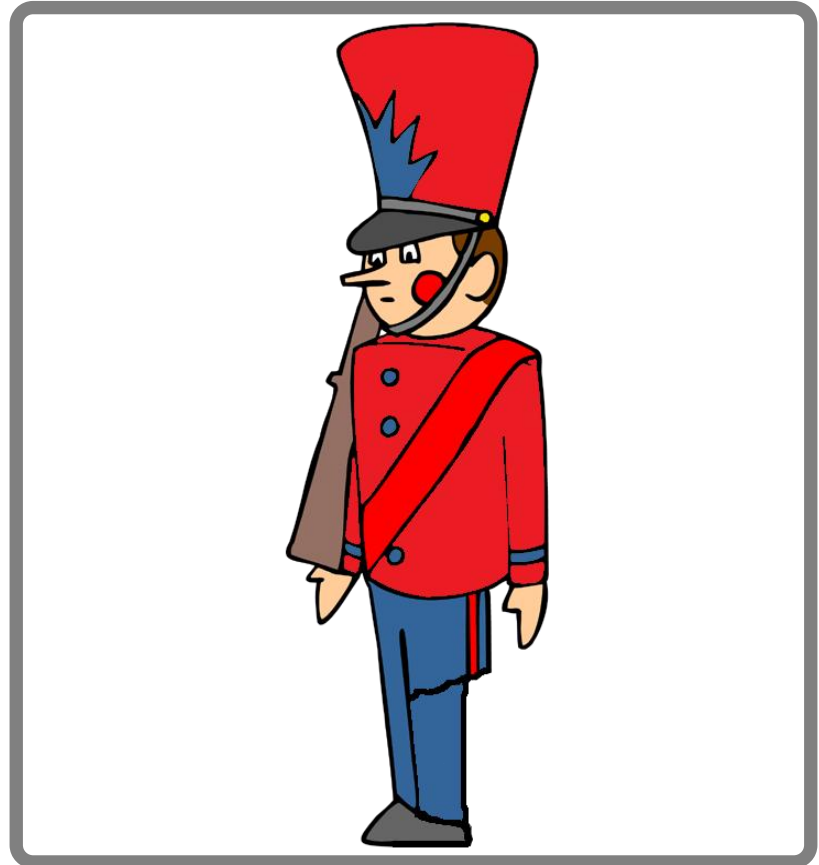
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The next day the boy started playing with his toys and for a moment the tin soldier was so close to the ballerina that he thought he could introduce himself to her. But the next moment the boy put him on the window to guard. No one knew whether it was the wind or the troll who pushed the tin soldier out of the window, but he began falling.



A little boy, who was given his birthday present was very excited. He opened the box and saw twenty-five tin soldiers in it. He arranged them happily on the table. All of them looked exactly the same, but the last one was missing a leg. He stood just like his brothers. When night came he could finally take a look at the other toys in the room.



Furiously he took the tin soldier and sent him right into the fire. Just as he started feeling the heat, the ballerina was also thrown into the fire with him. He was happy to see the ballerina again even though it was a short glance. The next morning the maid took the ashes out of the stove and found a small tin heart in the ashes.



He noticed the tin soldier and gulped him at once. This was when the tin soldier started losing his hope of ever seeing the ballerina again. Luckily it was the season for fishing and fishermen were waiting around every bend. One of them caught the fish which had the tin soldier in its tummy and went to the market to sell it.



They were all organized and each had its place. Then he saw a paper ballerina, who was also standing on one leg just like him. He fell in love with the little dancer. Suddenly he heard a green-haired troll telling him to keep away from the ballerina while the boy is playing with them, but he did not pay any attention to him.



Suddenly a huge rat appeared, but the water was faster than the rat and he whizzed past. He sailed on, but his ship disintegrated in water. The tin soldier kept on travelling without his boat. Later he realised that the water from the channel flowed into the river. At the same time, a fish was quietly swimming down the river.

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