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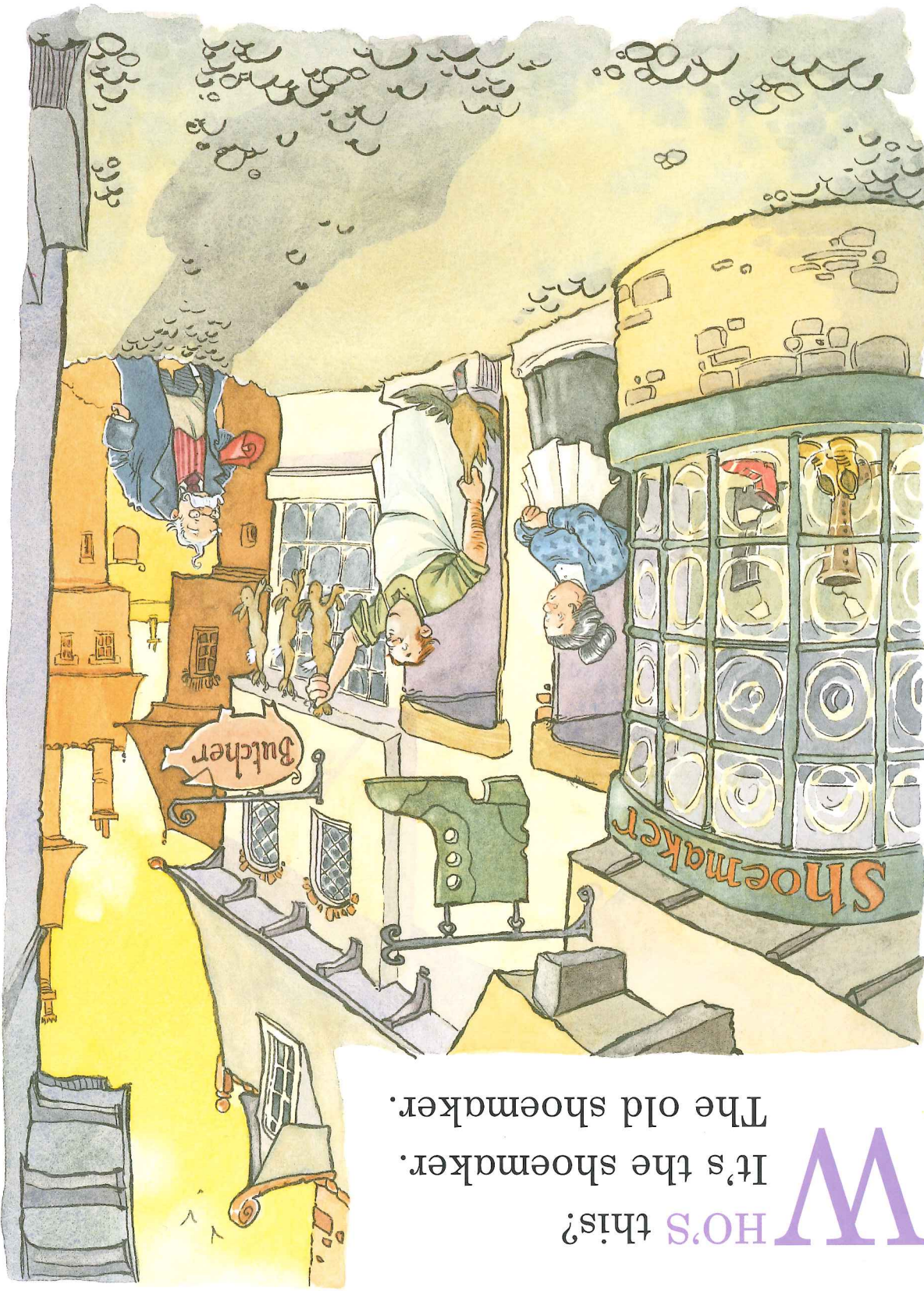
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It's the shoemaker.
The old shoemaker.



And here's his shop.
The old shoe shop.
It isn't a very
good shop.
It doesn't make
much money.



'It's late,' says his wife.
'Make them in the morning.'



'One last pair of shoes,' says the old shoemaker. 'That's all I can make.'



In the morning, they come down.
There's something on the table!
It's the shoes!

'Look!' cries the shoemaker. 'Magic!'



Here are three gold coins.'

I must buy them.

'What beautiful shoes!

'Ah! shoemaker,' says the lady.



What beautiful shoes!

A lady sees them.

He puts the shoes in the window.



'Three gold coins!' says the shoemaker. 'I can make more shoes now. Two more pairs.'

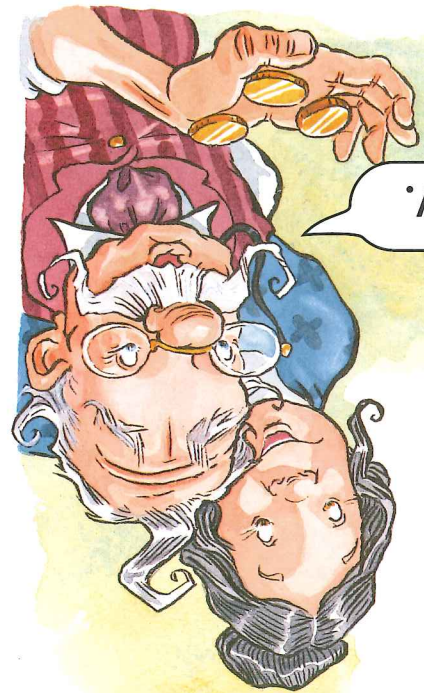
He goes out and he buys some more leather.

'I have some money,' he says. 'Look! Three gold coins!'

I have some money. Look!



I can make more shoes now.



'It's late,' says his wife.
'Make them in the morning.'



'Two more pairs
of shoes,' says
the shoemaker.
'I can make two
more pairs now.'

I can make two more pairs now.

Make them in the morning.

In the morning they come down.
There's something on the table!
Two pairs of shoes.
'Look!' cries the shoemaker.
'More magic!'



Look! More magic!



Here are six gold coins.

Here are six gold coins; I must buy them.

'What beautiful shoes!

'Ah! shoemaker,' says the man.

He puts the shoes in the window. A man sees them.



Look! I have some money.

He goes out and he buys some more leather.

'Look!' he says. 'I have some money. Six gold coins!'

'Six gold coins!' says the shoemaker. 'I can make more shoes now. Three more pairs.'

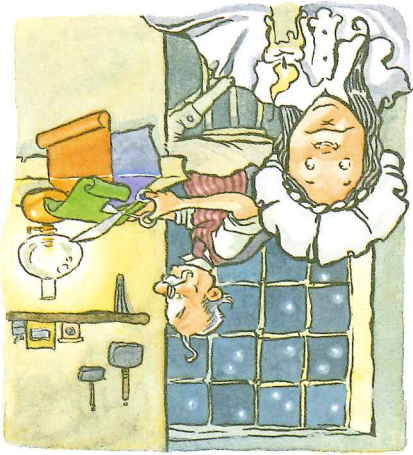


'Look!' cries the shoemaker.
'Magic again.'

In the morning they come down.
There's something on the table!
Three pairs of shoes.



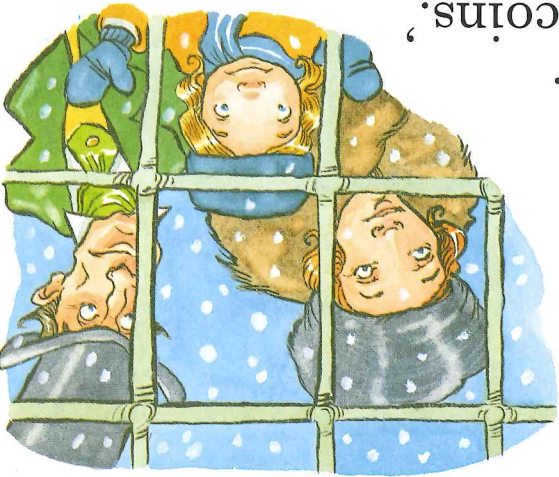
'I can make three pairs
of shoes,' says the
shoemaker.
'It's late,' says his wife.
'Make them in the
morning.'



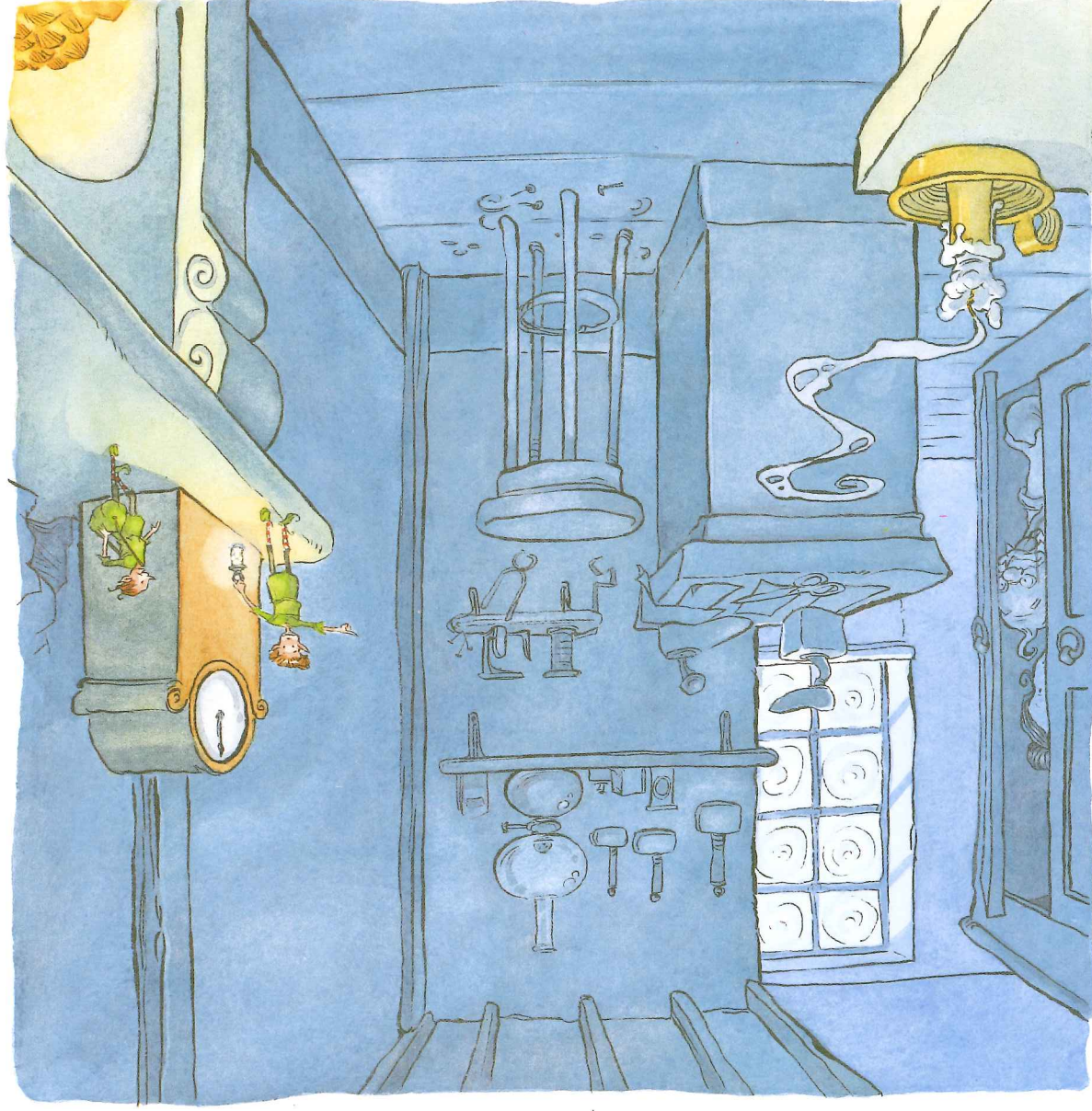
'Nine gold coins!' says the
shoemaker.
'But . . . who is making all
these shoes?'



A family sees
the shoes.
'What beautiful
shoes!' they say.
'We must buy them.
Here are nine gold coins.'



That night the shoemaker hides.
He and his wife hide.
And they wait.



At midnight they see two little elves!

The little elves run in.
They jump onto the table.
'Here's the leather!' they say.
'Let's work! Let's make some
beautiful shoes!'



All night they work.

They work and work and work.

The shoemaker and his wife watch.

'Now we know,' says the shoemaker.
'We know who helps us.'
'Yes,' says his wife. 'Two little elves.
But what can we do for them?'



But what can we do for them?

In the morning the elves run away.
But there's something on the table.
Four beautiful pairs of shoes!



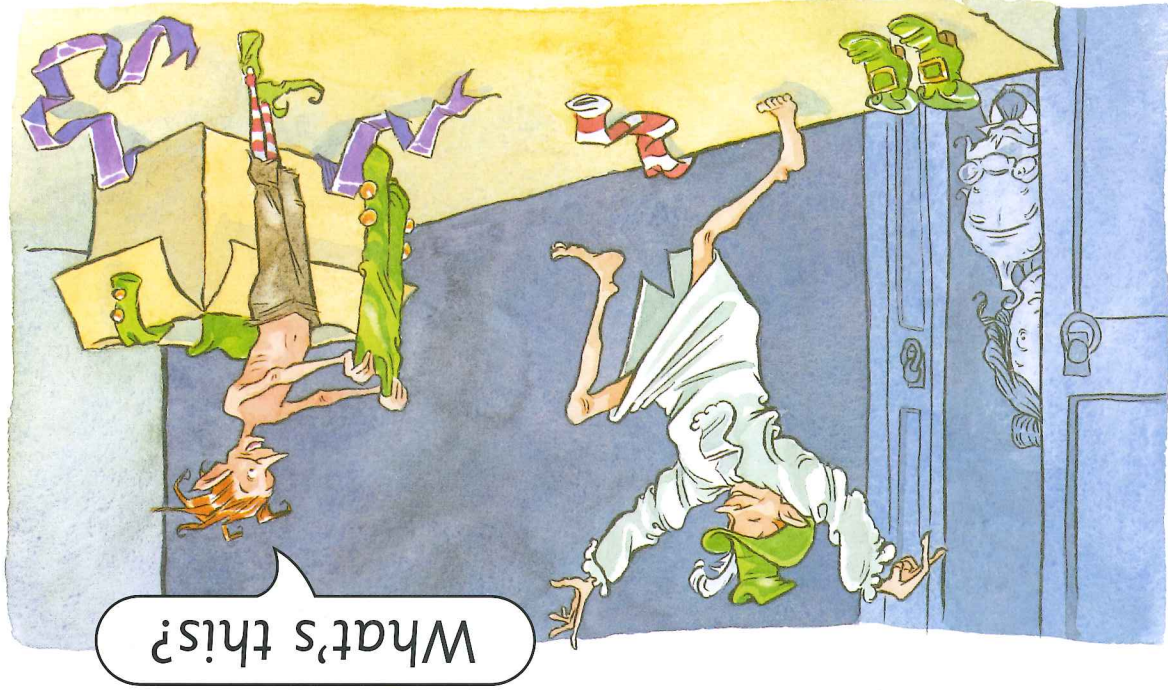
'I know,' says the shoemaker.
'Let's make some clothes for them.'
'Oh, yes!' says his wife. 'Yes!'



Let's make some clothes for them.

Oh, yes! Yes!

'What's this?' they say.
'Something for us? For us?
Oh, yes! It's something for us!
They put on the new clothes and
they dance. Dance, dance, dance!



Night comes.
They leave the clothes
on the table.
Then they hide.
At midnight the little
elves run in.

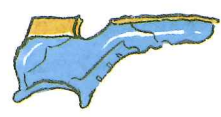
The elves never come back.
But now the shoemaker makes
good shoes. He works hard.
Now his shop is a good shop.
And he is happy.



'Now it's time
for us to go.
Because they know!
Because they know!
'Goodbye, shoemaker!'

Exercises

1 How many?



1 one shoe



3 gold coins



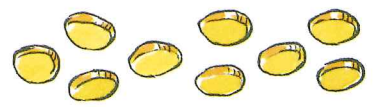
5 shoes



2 shoes



4 little elves



6 gold coins

2 What do they say?

1 'One last pair of shoes.'

2 'It's late. Make them

in the morning.'

3 'Look! Magic!

4 'What beautiful shoes!'

5 'I have some money. Look!'

a



b



c



d



e



3 Fill in the gaps.

1 'Ah! shoemaker,

what shoes!

I must buy them. Here

are gold

.....

2 '..... gold coins!

says the shoemaker.

'I can more

..... now.'

3 'I have some

....., he says.

'Look! gold

.....'

4 'Here's the

.....' they say.

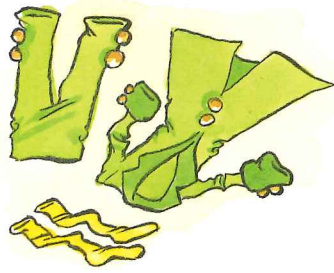
'Let's some

..... shoes!'



Glossary

clothes



dance



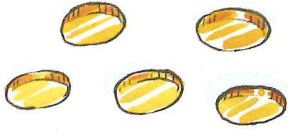
elves



family



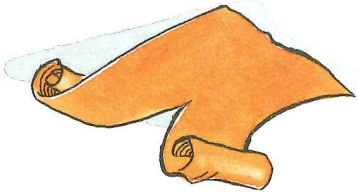
gold coins



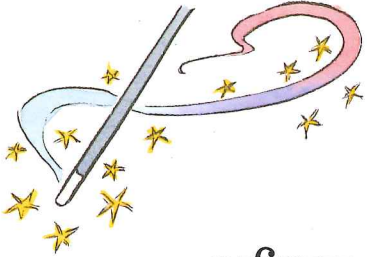
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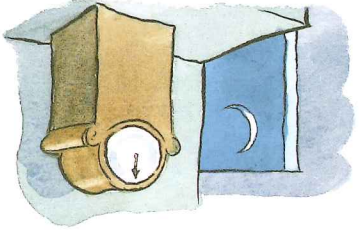
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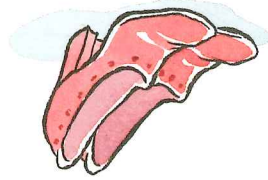
magic



midnight



pair of shoes



run away



shoemaker



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