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elves & the shoemaker

storybook





Meet a poor and hard-working shoemaker called Bertie and his wife Bettina.



They give away their last pair of shoes and food to help a poor beggar lady.



One night while Bertie and Bettina sleep, along come two cheeky little elves, Tap and Stitch.



The elves have come to help make some shoes.



The next morning Bertie is amazed to find that a beautiful pair of shoes has magically appeared.



Soon Bertie and Bettina have lots of visitors, excited to buy the marvellous shoes that the elves make each night.



But these aren't just any ordinary shoes...

These are dancing shoes!



The shoes become very popular and one day Bertie and Bettina have a royal visit from Princess Pearl and Prince Edward.



The Princess and the Prince are delighted with the shoes and give Bertie a generous bag of golden coins.



Bertie and Bettina are very thankful for the help that the little elves have given them and want to do a good deed for Tap and Stitch. They make each of the elves a set of their own clothes and a pair of boots to keep them warm.



In return for their clothes the elves give the kind couple a bag of the magic dust so that Bertie can continue to make the magical dancing shoes, and they all live happily ever after.

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