

THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER



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STAGE SCRIPT

The Elves and the Shoemaker



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Logline:

When struggling cobblers Mr. and Mrs. Winklepicker discover that a group of displaced North Pole elves are secretly saving their business, they set out to uncover their helpers' identities—leading to an unexpected partnership that proves generosity and teamwork can create magic of their own.

Character List:

- Narrator
- Mr Winklepicker
- Mrs Winklepicker
- Twinkle
- Hatch
- Loops
- Cherry

Synopsis

In *The Elves and the Shoemaker*, Mr and Mrs Winklepicker, struggling cobblers on the brink of losing their shop, find an unexpected lifeline when a group of mysterious elves secretly crafts a perfect pair of shoes overnight. As the couple discovers new shoes appearing daily, their fortunes turn around, allowing them to rebuild their business and escape financial ruin.

Curious about their secret helpers, the Winklepickers uncover the elves' identity and learn they are part-time North Pole workers displaced by Santa's modern machinery. In gratitude, the Winklepickers offer them a home and a place to work. Together, they form a unique partnership that redefines their future. This heart-warming tale of generosity, teamwork, and the magic of helping others brings a festive twist to a classic story.

Have fun with it!



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NARRATOR

It was not the night before Christmas,
Christmas had past and so had all the
celebrations of New Year's Eve, it was
January!

ACTOR

We're meant to be reading Christmas
stories

NARRATOR

This is a Christmas story, it may not
have all your fancy bells, pixie dust
and glitter everywhere, but this is my
Christmas story. Now where was I?
Ah, it was January! Everyone had
eaten too much over the holiday,
everyone had already broken their
New Year's resolutions, everyone was
glad to see the backs of their relatives
and everyone was broke! But none
more so than Mr. and Mrs.
Winklepicker. They were flat broke
and their shoe shop, "The
Winklepicker of Wimbledon" was
hanging on by a thread

MR WINKLEPICKER

Why do you come from such a large
family, we have hardly any money left
after the holidays. We need to stop
buying everyone and their dog a
present for Christmas. All I got from
your family is this ridiculous Christmas
jumper, even our own kids didn't buy
us anything

MRS WINKLEPICKER

It's not about the receiving it's about
the giving

MR WINKLEPICKER

Well I'm far too giving

MRS WINKLEPICKER

I think you'll find I'm the giving one, we
have five children that's proof of that

MR WINKLEPICKER

And not a present from one of them

MRS WINKLEPICKER

They have children of their own to provide for, we can't be expecting presents from them. What would we need anyway?

MR WINKLEPICKER

Leather!

MRS WINKLEPICKER

I beg your pardon?

MR WINKLEPICKER

Leather to make shoes with. I have enough leather to make one more pair of shoes and if I don't make a pair of shoes out of them soon and sell them we will lose the shop and be living on the streets

MRS WINKLEPICKER

I'm sure my aunt Mavis will have us

MR WINKLEPICKER

I am not living with that old woman

MRS WINKLEPICKER

Don't call her an old woman

MR WINKLEPICKER

Why not? Everyone else does. There was an old woman who lived in a shoe, she had so many children she didn't know what to do, she gave them some broth without any bread, and whipped them all soundly and put them to bed. Now that would be ironic, we lose our shoe shop and end up living in a shoe.

MRS WINKLEPICKER

Stop being such a grump, that's not going to happen. Now go and make those shoes and I'll make dinner