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むかし、とある<sup>まちはず</sup>町外れに、<sup>しょうじきもの</sup>正直者の<sup>や</sup>くつ屋の  
<sup>ふうふ</sup>夫婦が<sup>す</sup>住んでいました。

くつ屋は<sup>や</sup>貧しく、<sup>まず</sup>商売も<sup>しょうばい</sup>うまくいっていなかっ  
たので、あと一足だけ<sup>いっそく</sup>くつを<sup>つく</sup>作ったら、<sup>みせ</sup>お店を<sup>し</sup>閉  
めることにしました。

「ああ、さみしいなあ。これが<sup>さいご</sup>最後の<sup>しごと</sup>仕事  
か・・・」

「<sup>しかた</sup>仕方ありませんよ。<sup>あした</sup>明日の<sup>あさ</sup>朝、<sup>しあ</sup>仕上げにとりか  
かりましょう」

<sup>ふたり</sup>二人は、くつの<sup>かたち</sup>形に<sup>き</sup>切った皮を<sup>かわ</sup>テーブルの<sup>うえ</sup>上に  
<sup>お</sup>置いて、<sup>しごとば</sup>仕事場の<sup>あ</sup>明かりを<sup>け</sup>消しました。



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よくあさ しごとば はい ふたり め うたが  
翌朝、仕事場に入った二人は、目を疑いました。  
た。

なんと、くつがすでに出来上がっていたので  
す。

それも、とてもすばらしい、立派なくつでし  
た。

「これはいったいどういうことだ・・・」

「まあ、信じられないわ・・・」

ふたり て と め まる  
二人はくつを手に取り、目を丸くしました。

そのくつは、とても高い値段で売れました。



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Once upon a time, there was a very honest shoemaker couple who lived on the outskirts of the town.

They were poor and their business was not going well. They barely earned enough to live on. Things were so bad that they decided to close their store after making their last pair of shoes.

“Ah, I’m going to miss this. So, this is our last pair....”

“It can't be helped. There's nothing else we can do. So let’s finish making these shoes tomorrow morning.”

They cut the leather into shapes that would be made into shoes, and leaving them on the table, they turned off the lights in their workshop.



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When the couple went into the workshop the next morning they couldn't believe their eyes.

The shoes they were going to make were already completely finished!

And what wonderfully well-made shoes they were!

"What happened here?!"

"I can't believe this...."

They held the shoes and looked them over in wonder.

Those shoes were sold, and they fetched a very good price.

