

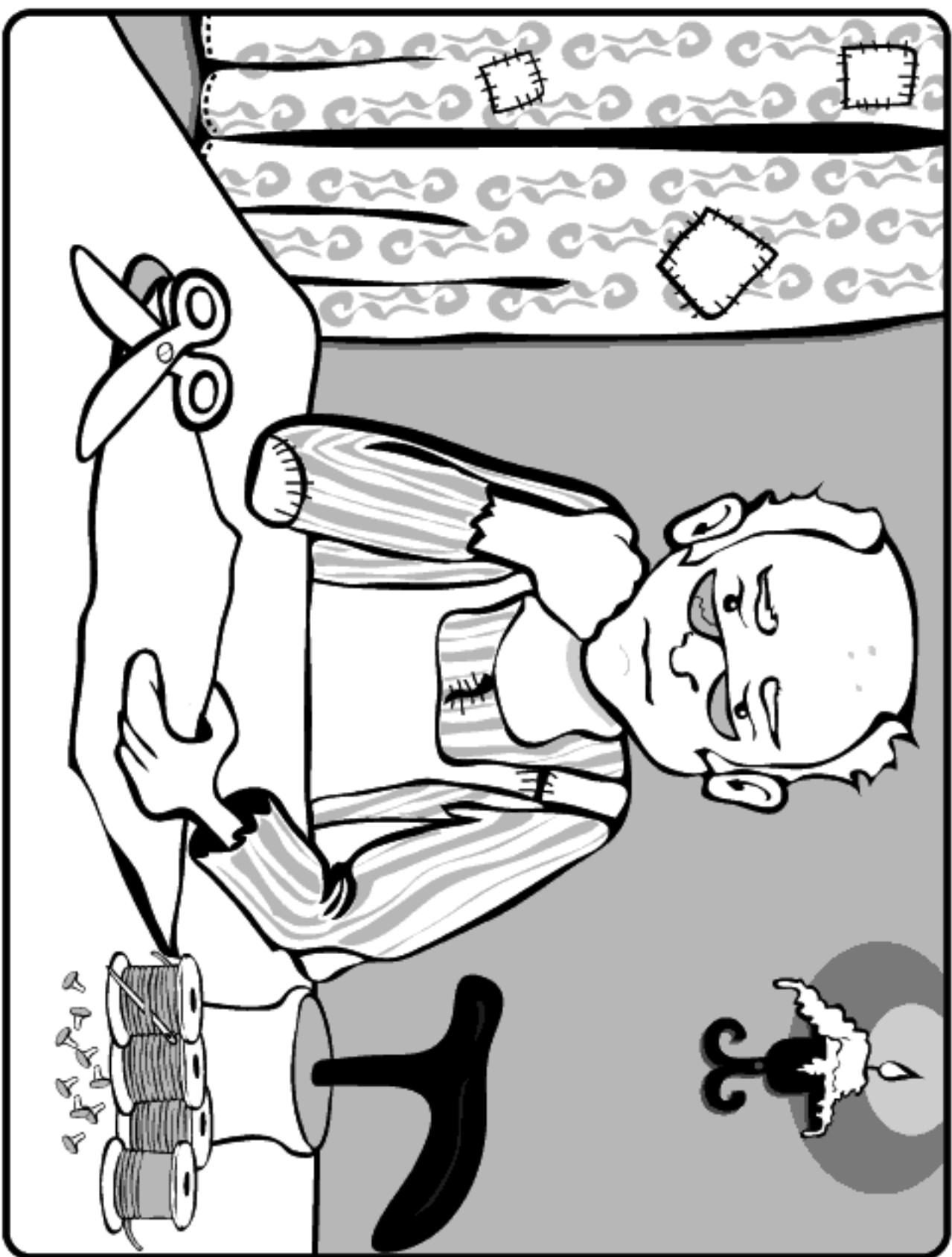


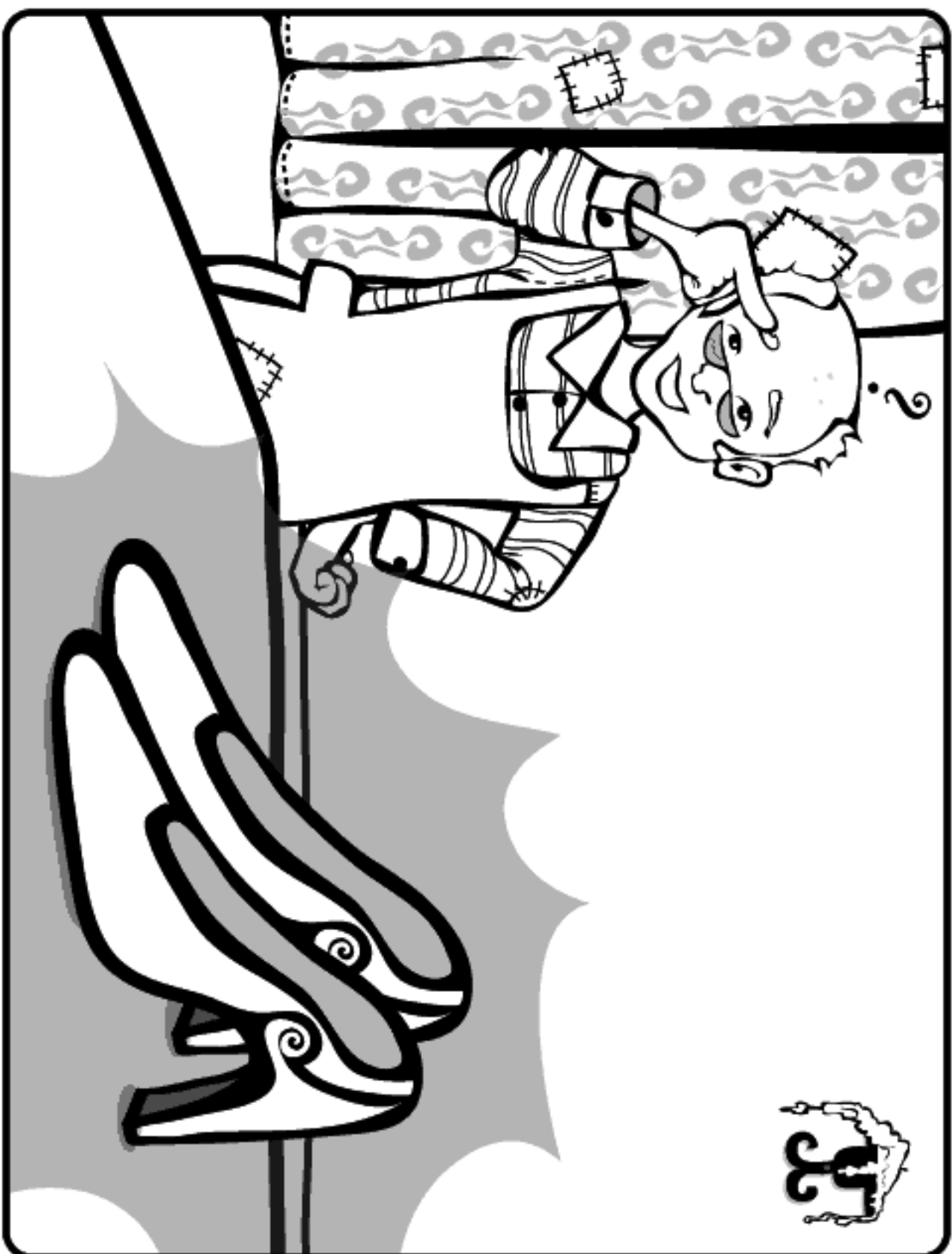
The Elves and the Shoemaker



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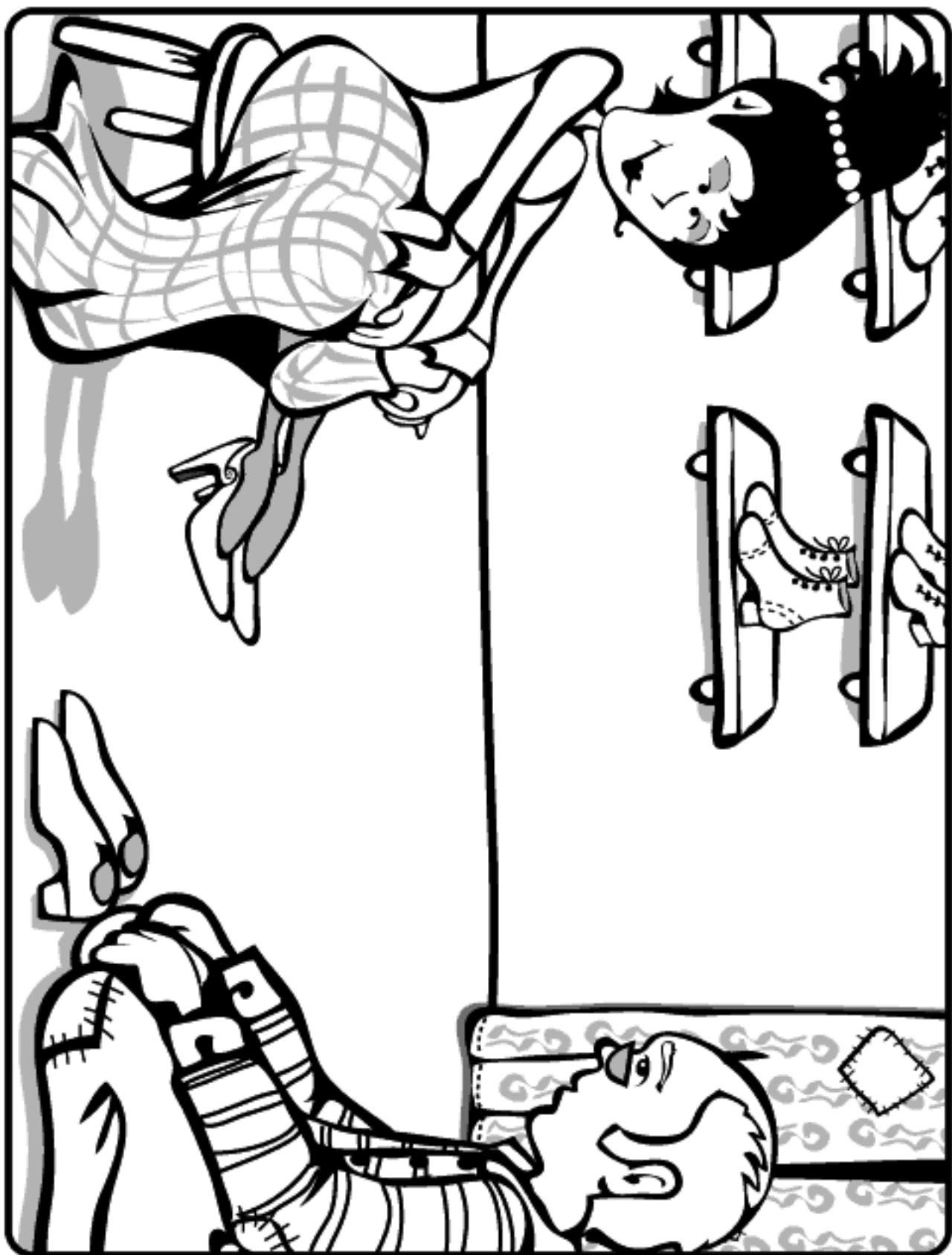
Once upon a time lived a very poor shoemaker. He only had enough leather left to make one pair of shoes. One night before he went to bed, he cut out the shoes so he could start work on them the next day.



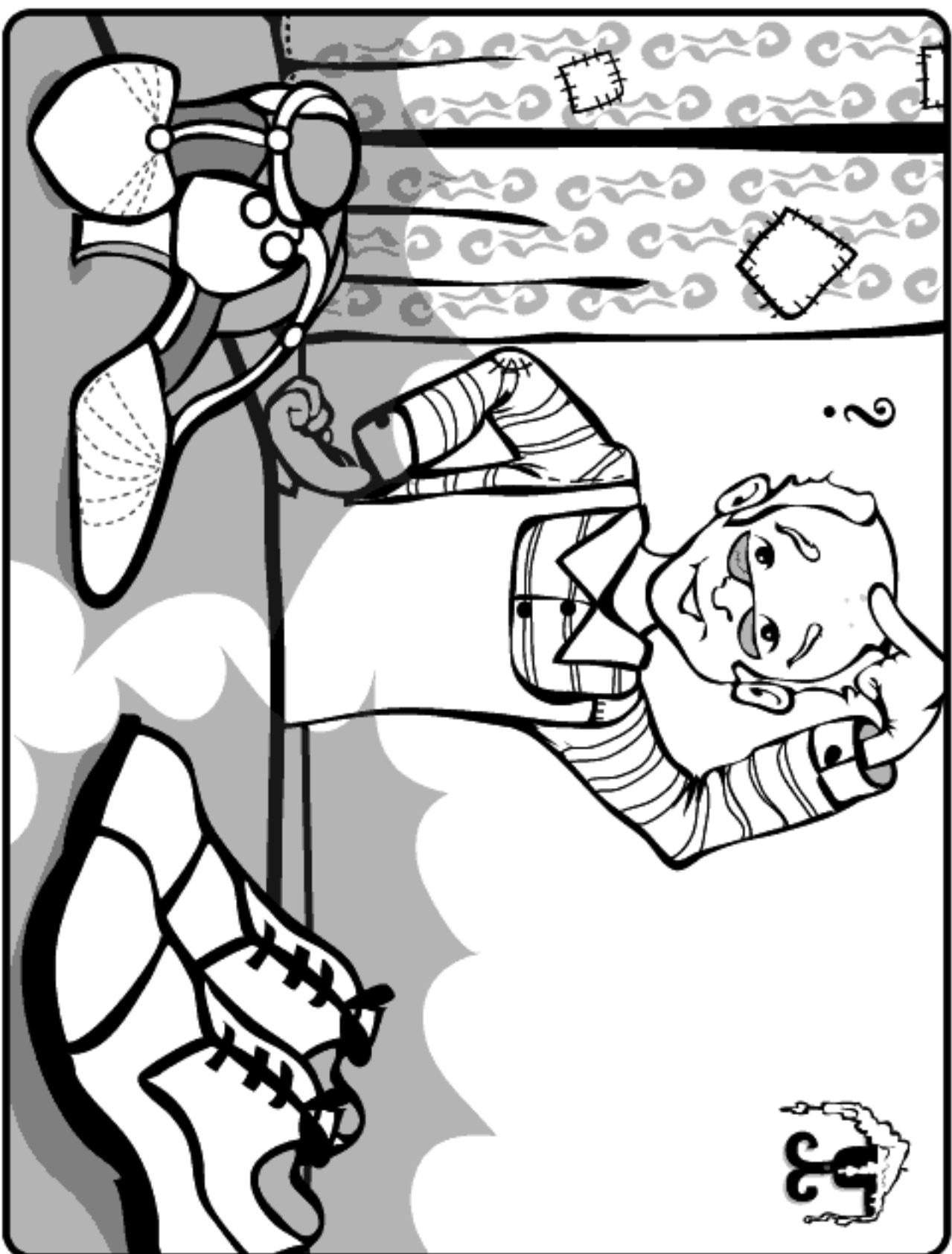


The next morning, when the shoemaker woke up, he was amazed to find a beautiful pair of shoes standing on his table, where he had left the leather. They were made perfectly!



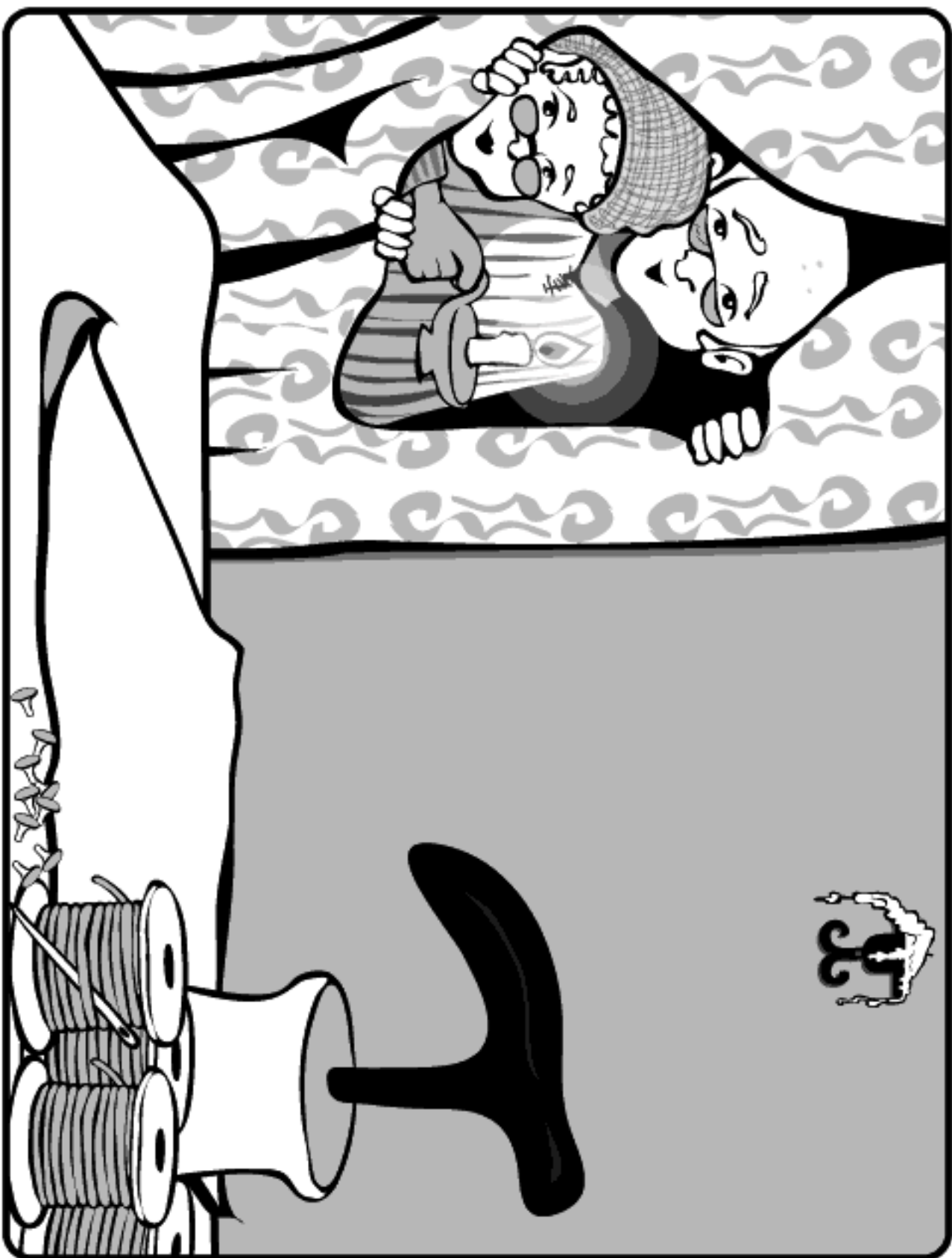


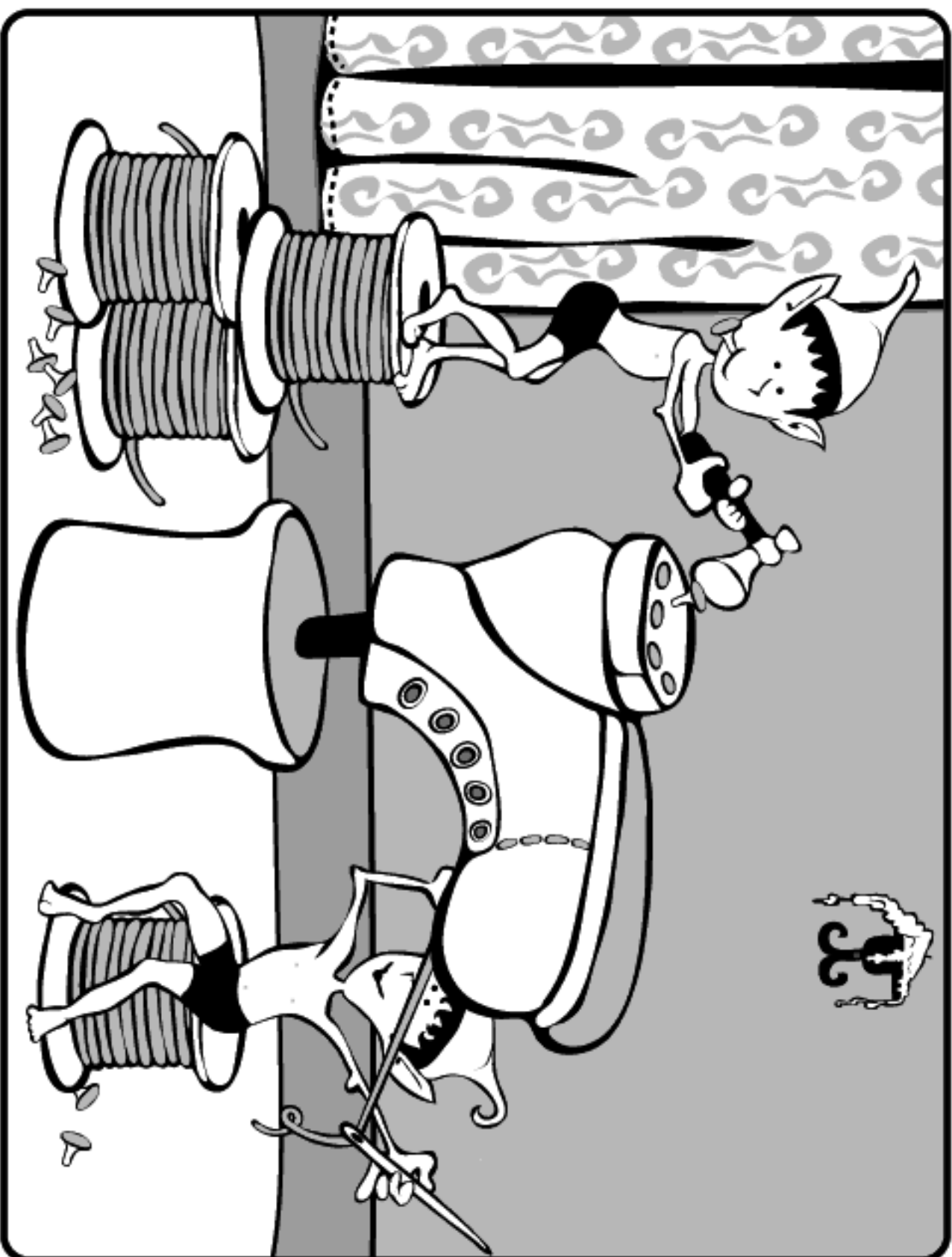
In fact, the shoes were so beautiful that when someone came to try them on they paid twice as much as the shoemaker asked for them! The shoemaker could now buy enough leather for two pairs of shoes.



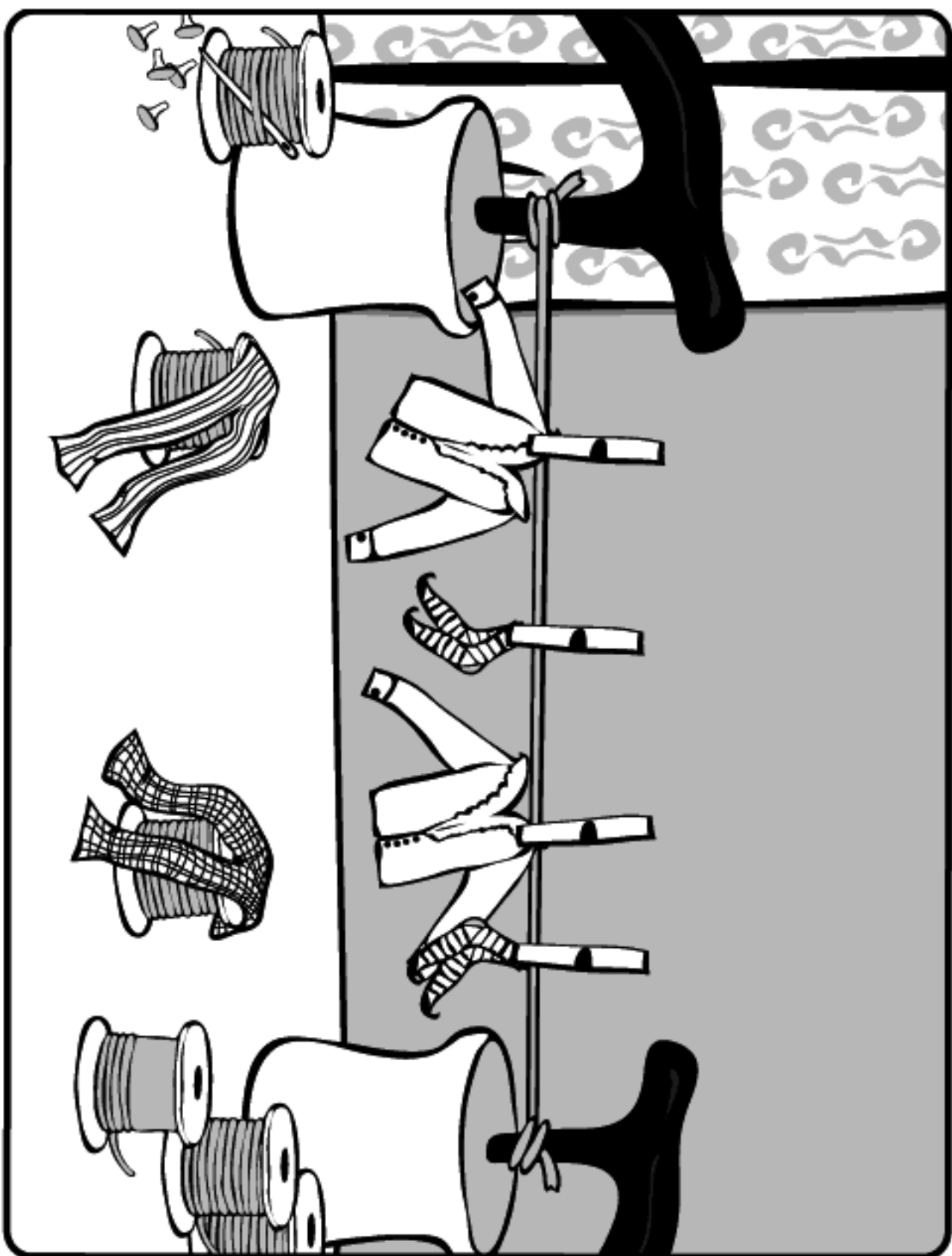
Before going to bed, he laid out the leather for the two pairs of shoes. When he woke up – lo and behold – there were two wonderfully made pairs of shoes standing on the table!

Soon the shoemaker became a very rich man. One night the shoemaker and his wife decided to stay hidden in the shop to see who crept in to make the beautiful shoes.



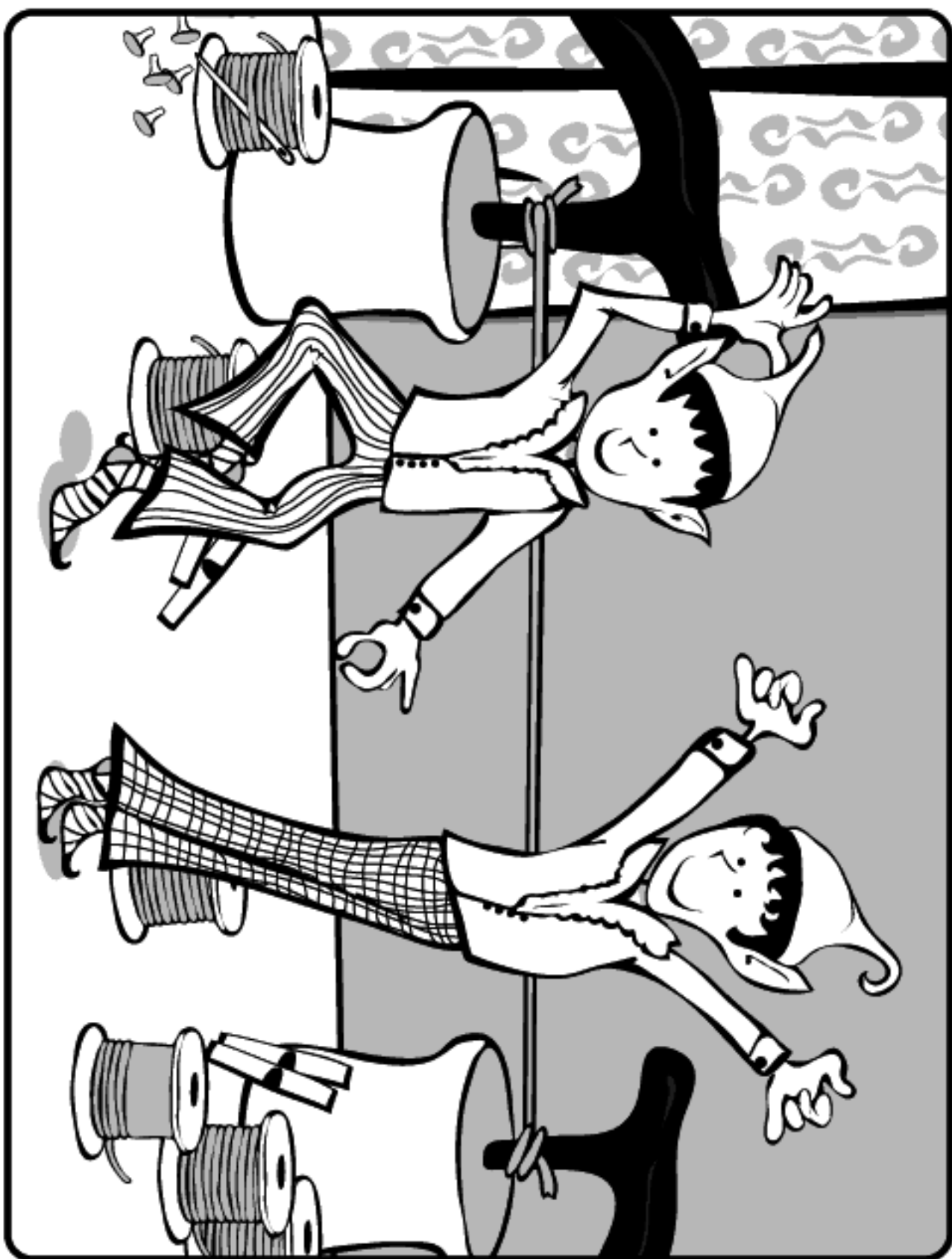


They were very surprised to see two very little elves that came into the shop and stitched the shoes together very carefully. The peculiar thing about the elves was that they wore no clothes.

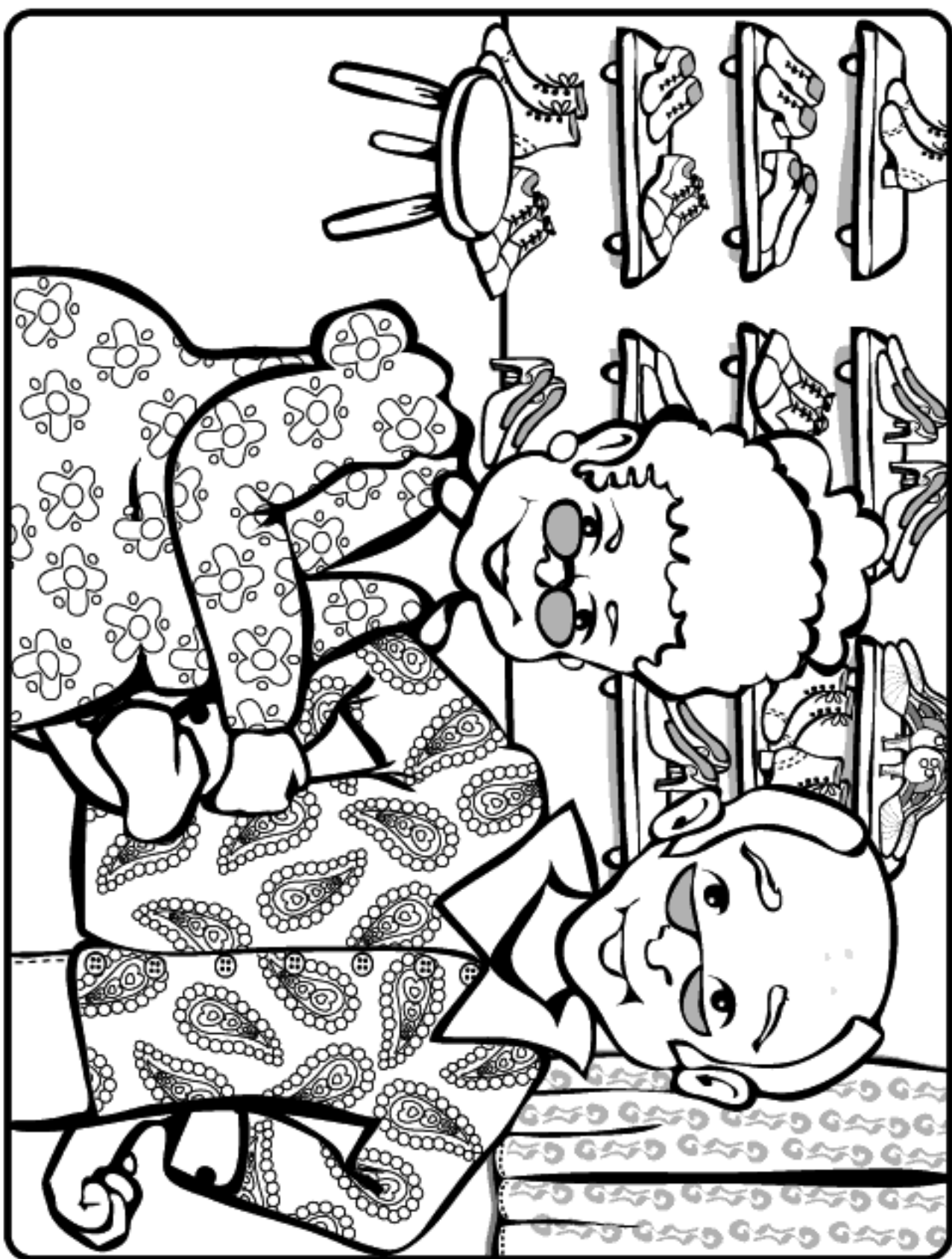


The shoemaker's wife wanted to show the little men how grateful they were for their help so she decided to knit them little socks, sew little trousers and shirts and leave them for them the following night.

When the elves crept into the shop that night and saw the lovely little clothes they were overjoyed. They leapt about and sang with delight!

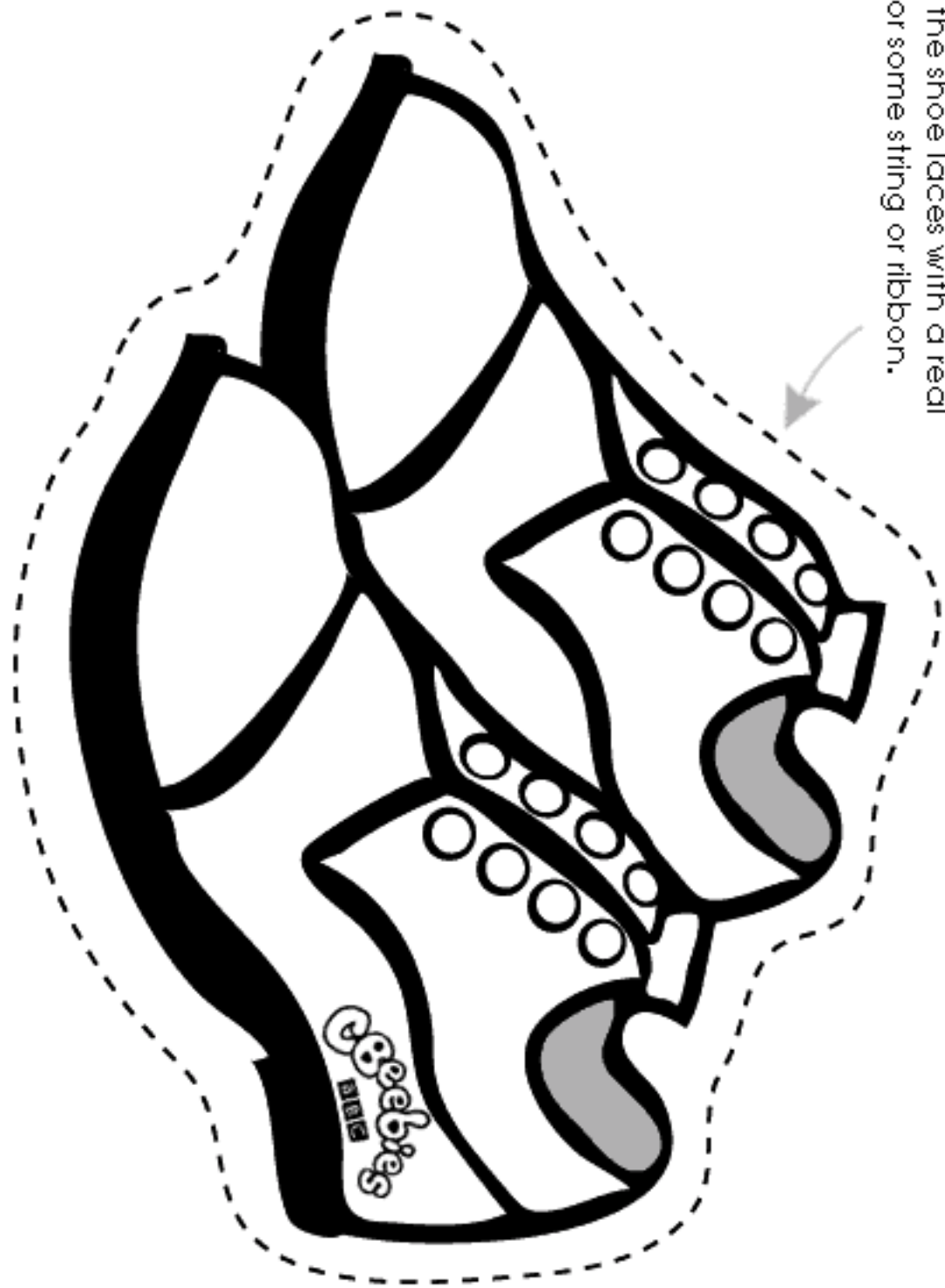


The shoemaker and his wife never saw the elves again. But they would always be grateful to them for showing them how to make such beautiful shoes.



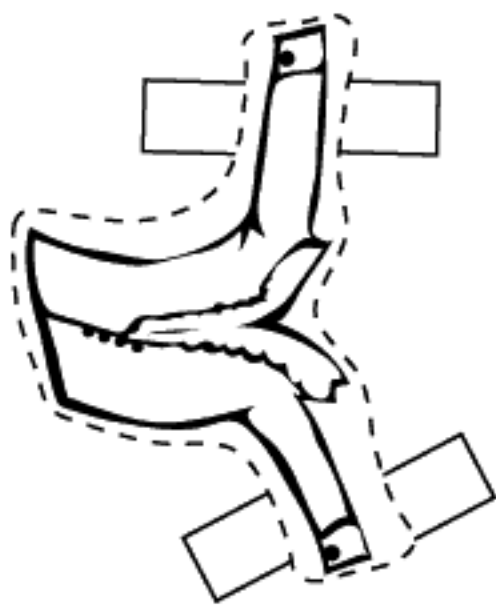
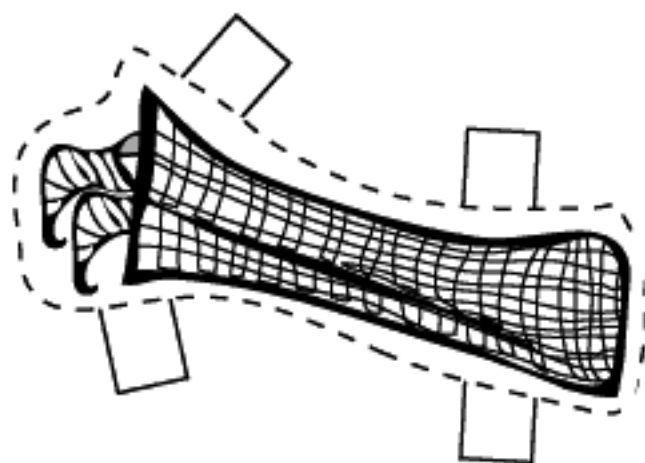
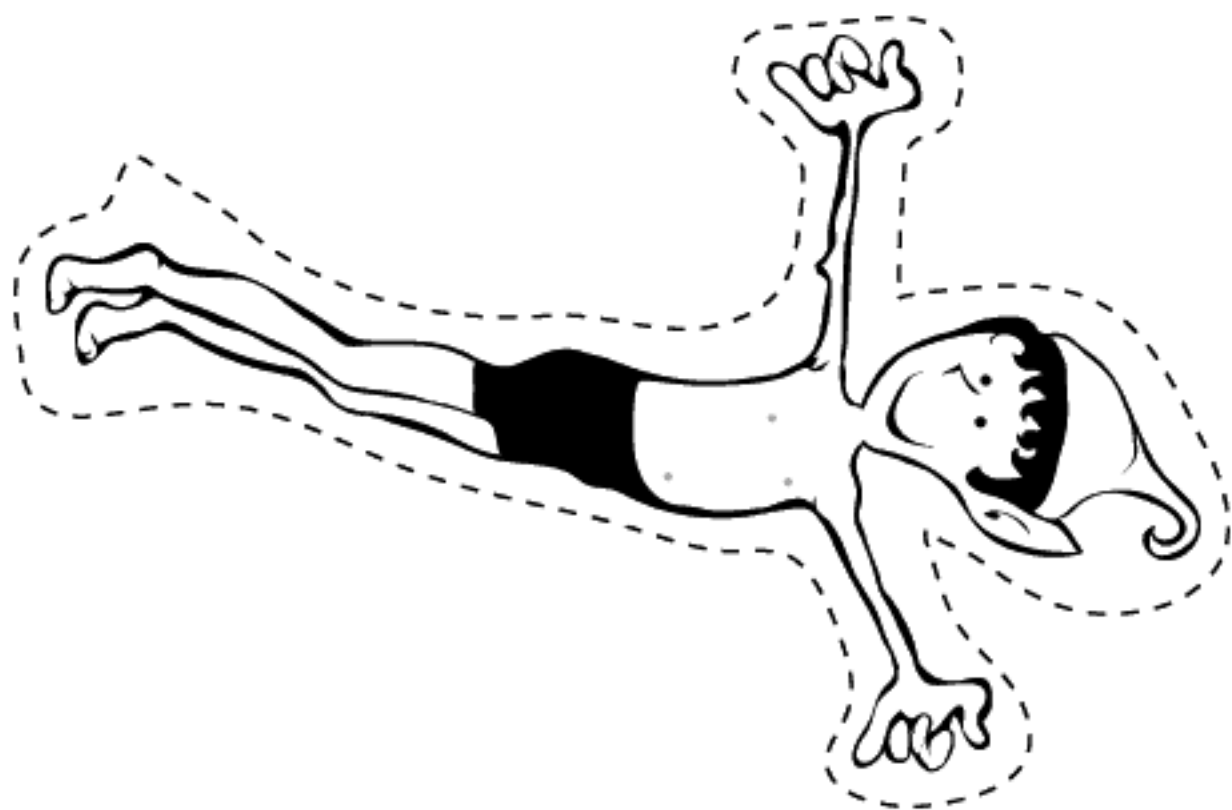


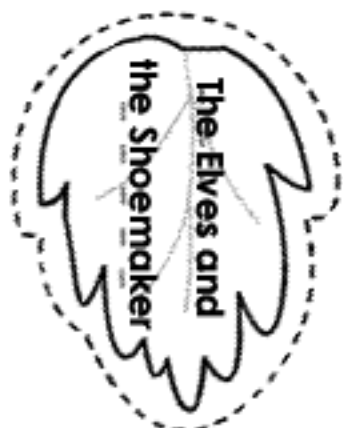
Use a blunt pencil to make holes in the circles and try tying the shoe laces with a real lace or some string or ribbon.





Why not stick them on a lolly stick or pencil and make them twirl and dance?





Cut out leaf and add to your
Cbeebies Story Circle tree.

