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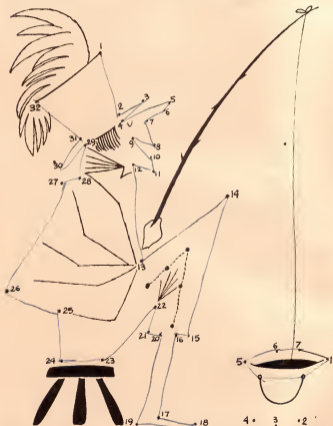
# THE ELF MOUND

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN



# WHAT IS IT?

Solve this puzzle by placing the point of your pencil or crayon on dot number 1 and drawing a line to dot number 2. Then you draw another line to dot number 3 and so on, until you have connected all the dots. After you have done this, you may use your crayons to color this surprise picture.



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SOMETHING MYSTERIOUS WAS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE AT THE ELF MOUND. THE LIZARDS WHO LIVED NEARBY DARTED IN AND OUT OF THEIR HOLLOW TREE, WONDERING WHAT ALL THE EXCITEMENT WAS ABOUT.

THERE IS SURELY SOMETHING AFOOT AT THE ELF MOUND! HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW NOISY IT IS?

IT RUMBLES AND BUZZES SO MUCH THAT I HAVEN'T SLEPT A WINK FOR TWO NIGHTS.



I'VE HEARD THEY ARE EXPECTING SPECIAL VISITORS. BUT NO ONE SEEMS TO KNOW WHO THEY ARE.

LISTEN TO THE HUSTLE! LISTEN TO THE BUSTLE! WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?



LOOK! THERE IS THE OLD MAID WHO KEEPS HOUSE FOR THE KING OF THE ELVES.

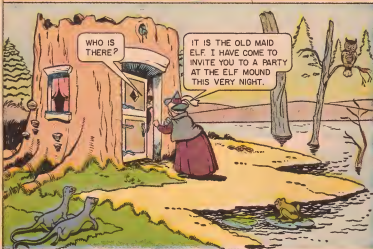
WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE SHE IS GOING?



COME, LET US FOLLOW HER AND SEE.



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THE OLD MAID ELF HURRIED AND SCURRED, TRIP-TROT, TRIP-TROT, TO THE HOME OF THE NIGHT RAVEN DOWN IN THE MARSH.



WHO IS THERE?

IT IS THE OLD MAID ELF. I HAVE COME TO INVITE YOU TO A PARTY AT THE ELF MOUND THIS VERY NIGHT.

WHO IS THE PARTY FOR?

WE SHALL HAVE SOME VERY SPECIAL VISITORS--GOBLINS OF RANK, LET ME TELL YOU.

AND NOW, IF I MAY ASK A FAVOR OF YOU, WILL YOU PLEASE DELIVER THESE INVITATIONS FOR US?

HMM! THE OLD MAN OF THE SEA AND HIS DAUGHTERS, THE OLD TROLLS OF THE FIRST DEGREE, THE CHURCH DWARF, THE BROWNIES. CRA! THEY ARE VERY SPECIAL GUESTS, INDEED. I WILL BE HAPPY TO DELIVER THE INVITATIONS FOR YOU.



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THEN THE OLD MAID ELF SCURRED, TRIP-TROT, TRIP-TROT, BACK TO THE ELF MOUND.  
THERE THE ELF MAIDENS, WITH THEIR SCARVES OF MIST AND MOONLIGHT, HAD ALREADY  
BEGUN TO DANCE.



WHEN THEY HAD FINISHED

THAT WAS VERY GOOD,  
MY DAUGHTERS. VERY  
GOOD INDEED.



TONIGHT YOU MUST  
DANCE BETTER THAN  
YOU HAVE EVER  
DANCED BEFORE.

DEAR PAPA ELF,  
WILL YOU TELL US  
NOW WHO THE  
GUESTS OF  
HONOR  
ARE TO BE?



WELL, IT'S HIGH TIME THAT I TOLD YOU. I HAVE MADE A MATCH FOR TWO OF YOU. THE BRIDEGROOMS ARE COMING THIS VERY NIGHT.

BRIDEGROOMS? WHO ARE THEY?



THE GOBLIN CHIEF OF NORWAY IS COMING WITH TWO OF HIS SONS, AND EACH SON IS LOOKING FOR A WIFE.



THE GOBLIN CHIEF IS AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE. HIS SONS, THEY SAY, ARE A BIT ROUGH AND ROWDY. BUT I AM SURE THAT MARRIAGE WILL IMPROVE THEM.



JUST THEN, TWO WILL-O'-THE-WISPS CAME TUMBLING ALONG.

HERE THEY COME! HERE THEY COME! THE GOBLIN CHIEF AND HIS SONS!

QUICK! LET ME STAND IN THE MOONLIGHT SO MY BEAUTIFUL CROWN WILL SHINE.



THE DAUGHTERS LIFTED THEIR LONG SCARVES AND CURTSIED PRETTILY AS THE ELF KING WELCOMED THE GOBLIN CHIEF AND HIS SONS.

SO THESE ARE YOUR DAUGHTERS, EH, OLD FRIEND?

YES, AND THESE I KNOW ARE YOUR SONS.



IS THIS THE ELF MOUND, FATHER? IN NORWAY WE WOULD CALL IT A HOLE.

SON! MOUNDS COME UP AND HOLES GO DOWN. HAVE YOU NO EYES IN YOUR HEAD?



DON'T MAKE TOMFOOLS OF YOURSELVES, OR THE ELF MAIDENS WON'T WANT TO MARRY YOU.





SOON THE OTHER GUESTS BEGAN TO ARRIVE. FIRST CAME THE PIXIES AND THE BROWNIES.



NEXT CAME THE OLD TROLLS OF THE FIRST DEGREE.

HOW CAN YOU TELL THEY ARE TROLLS OF THE FIRST DEGREE?

BY THEIR TAILS, SILLY!



THEN CAME THE OLD MAN OF THE SEA AND HIS DAUGHTERS.

I TRUST YOU HAVE PREPARED SOME COMFORTABLE WET STONES FOR US TO SIT ON?



I HAVE DONE BETTER THAN THAT! HERE IS A SPECIAL TABLE FOR YOU. YOU MAY SIT IN THE WATER WHILE YOU DINE.

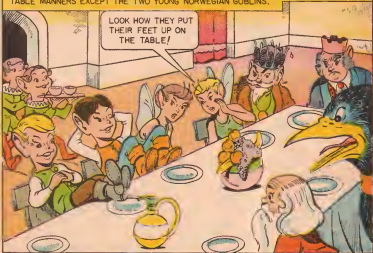
SPLENDID! SPLENDID!



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WHEN THE GUESTS WERE ALL ASSEMBLED, THE BANQUET BEGAN. EVERYONE HAD GOOD TABLE MANNERS EXCEPT THE TWO YOUNG NORWEGIAN GOBLINS.

LOOK HOW THEY PUT THEIR FEET UP ON THE TABLE!



TAKE YOUR FEET OUT OF YOUR PLATES!

BUT OUR BOOTS ARE HEAVY, FATHER. WE HAVE TO MAKE OURSELVES COMFORTABLE SOME WAY.



THEN THEY HAD AN IDEA. THEY PULLED OFF THEIR BOOTS



... AND GAVE THEM TO THE LADIES TO HOLD.

HERE, HOLD THIS FOR ME. WHEN YOU GET TIRED, PASS IT ON.



UNLIKE HIS SONS, THE OLD GOBLIN CHIEF WAS VERY POLITE.



AND HE TOLD FINE STORIES ABOUT THE WONDERS AND GLORIES OF NORWAY.

EVEN THOUGH THE WORLD SHOULD FALL, THE ROCKS OF NORWAY WOULD STILL STAND TALL.



AT THE END OF EACH STORY, THE ELF MAIDENS BEGGED FOR MORE. BUT AT LAST . . .

NOW IT IS YOUR TURN TO ENTERTAIN ME. IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO SHOW ME HOW YOU DANCE.



THEN THE ELF MAIDENS STARTED THEIR DANCES.

AH! I LIKE THE WAY THEY STAMP THEIR FEET. THEY ARE ALL SO LIVELY AND GAY.



AROUND AND AROUND THEY TWIRLED, FASTER AND FASTER.

I CAN'T TELL ONE FROM ANOTHER. WHOSE LEG IS WHOSE?

WHICH ARE ARMS AND WHICH ARE LEGS? IT MAKES ME DIZZY JUST TO WATCH THEM!



WHIR-R-R! YOUR DAUGHTERS ARE LIVELY ENOUGH, OLD FRIEND. BUT WHAT CAN THEY DO BESIDES SPINNING LIKE TOPS?

WAIT! WAIT! I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT THEY CAN DO.



THE ELF KING TOLD HIS DAUGHTERS TO STOP DANCING. THEN . . .

EACH OF MY SEVEN DAUGHTERS IS MORE TALENTED THAN THE NEXT.

AH, THIS I MUST SEE.



FIRST THE ELF KING CALLED UPON HIS YOUNGEST DAUGHTER. SHE WAS AS FAIR AS MOONLIGHT.

DO YOU SEE THIS WHITE WAND I AM HOLDING? WATCH CLOSELY, NOW, FOR I SHALL MAKE IT DISAPPEAR.



SHE PUT THE WAND IN HER MOUTH.



AMAZING!

INCREDIBLE!  
THE WAND HAS  
DISAPPEARED!



THIS IS ALL VERY WELL. BUT A GIRL WILL NEED MORE THAN THAT TO MAKE A GOOD WIFE. I REALLY DON'T THINK THIS GIRL WILL DO.



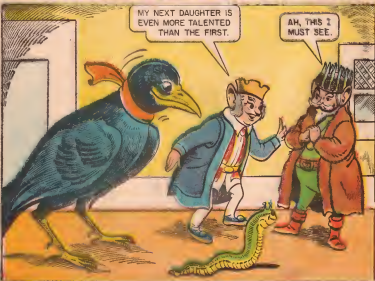
NOR I, FATHER!

NOR I!



MY NEXT DAUGHTER IS EVEN MORE TALENTED THAN THE FIRST.

AH, THIS I MUST SEE.



THEN THE ELF KING CALLED UPON HIS SECOND DAUGHTER.

YOU MUST WATCH ME VERY CAREFULLY, NOW



I WILL WALK ALONGSIDE MYSELF AS IF I HAD A SHADOW.

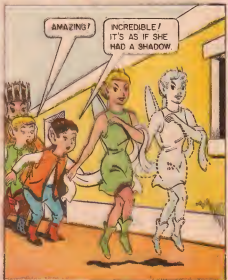


AND WITH A WAVE OF HER SCARF...



AMAZING!

INCREDIBLE!  
IT'S AS IF SHE HAD A SHADOW.



THIS IS ALL VERY WELL.  
BUT A GIRL WILL NEED  
MORE THAN THAT TO  
MAKE A GOOD WIFE.  
I REALLY DON'T THINK  
THIS GIRL WILL DO.



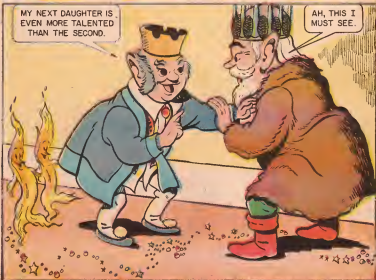
NOR I,  
FATHER!

NOR  
I!



MY NEXT DAUGHTER IS  
EVEN MORE TALENTED  
THAN THE SECOND.

AH, THIS I  
MUST SEE.





THEN THE ELF KING CALLED UPON HIS THIRD DAUGHTER.

YOU MUST WATCH ME CAREFULLY, NOW, FOR I HAVE STUDIED COOKING WITH A SWAMP WITCH.



SHE TOOK A HANDFUL OF CHOPPED ALDER STUMPS AND SEASONED THEM WITH GLOWWORMS.

I WILL MAKE A DELICIOUS BROTH RIGHT BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES.



AND WHEN THE BREW WAS READY



AMAZING!

INCREDIBLE! AND TO THINK THAT SHE MADE IT RIGHT BEFORE OUR VERY EYES.





THIS IS ALL VERY WELL BUT A GIRL WILL NEED MORE THAN THAT TO MAKE A GOOD WIFE. I REALLY DON'T THINK THIS GIRL WILL DO



NOR I, FATHER!

NOR I!



MY NEXT DAUGHTER IS EVEN MORE TALENTED THAN THE THIRD.

AH, THIS I MUST SEE.

**T**HEN THE ELF KING CALLED UPON HIS FOURTH DAUGHTER. SHE SAT DOWN BESIDE A TALL, GOLDEN HARP.



**N**OT I! I DON'T FEEL LIKE DANCING. **N**EITHER DO I.



**B**UT AS SOON AS SHE FINGERED THE FIRST STRING, EVERYONE KICKED UP HIS LEFT LEG.

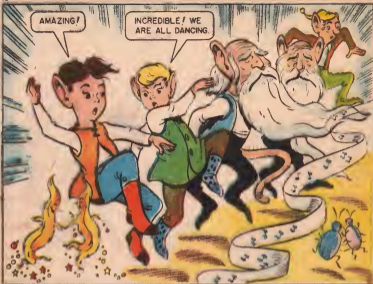


**A**ND AS SOON AS SHE FINGERED THE SECOND STRING, EVERYONE KICKED UP HIS RIGHT LEG.



AMAZING!

INCREDIBLE! WE  
ARE ALL DANCING.



WHAT A DANGEROUS  
WOMAN! YOU COULD  
WEAR YOUR LEGS TO  
THE BONE IN NO  
TIME AT ALL!



THIS IS ALL VERY WELL.  
BUT A GIRL WILL NEED MORE  
THAN THAT TO MAKE A GOOD  
WIFE. I REALLY DON'T THINK  
THIS GIRL WILL DO.



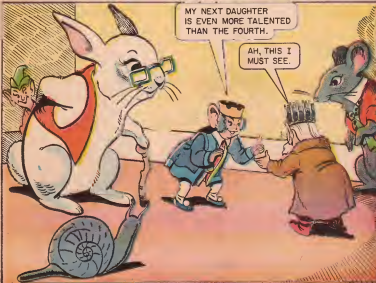
NOR I,  
FATHER!

NOR  
I!



MY NEXT DAUGHTER  
IS EVEN MORE TALENTED  
THAN THE FOURTH.

AH, THIS I  
MUST SEE.



THEN THE ELF KING CALLED UPON HIS FIFTH DAUGHTER.

I CAN MARRY ONE OF YOUR  
SONS, IF HE WILL HAVE ME,  
FOR I HAVE LEARNED  
TO LIKE NORWEGIANS.



IN FACT, I WILL  
NEVER MARRY  
UNLESS I CAN  
LIVE IN  
NORWAY.



BUT THE YOUNGEST DAUGHTER SPOKE UP.

MY SISTER ONLY SAYS  
THAT BECAUSE OF THE  
OLD NORWEGIAN SAYING  
THAT EVEN IF THE  
WORLD SHOULD FALL,  
THE ROCKS OF NORWAY  
WOULD STILL  
STAND TALL.

HEE! HEE!  
YOU'VE LET  
THE CAT  
OUT OF  
THE BAG!



THIS IS ALL VERY WELL. BUT A GIRL WILL NEED MORE THAN THAT TO MAKE A GOOD WIFE. I REALLY DON'T THINK THIS GIRL WILL DO.



NOR I, FATHER!

NOR I!



MY NEXT DAUGHTER IS EVEN MORE TALENTED THAN THE FIFTH.

AH, THIS I MUST SEE. SHOW US WHAT THE SEVENTH CAN DO.



THE SIXTH COMES BEFORE THE SEVENTH. I SEE YOU ARE NOT VERY CAREFUL ABOUT YOUR ARITHMETIC.



THEN THE ELF KING CALLED  
UPON HIS SIXTH DAUGHTER.

YOU MUST LISTEN VERY  
CAREFULLY, NOW, FOR MY  
TALENT IS SPEAKING  
THE TRUTH.

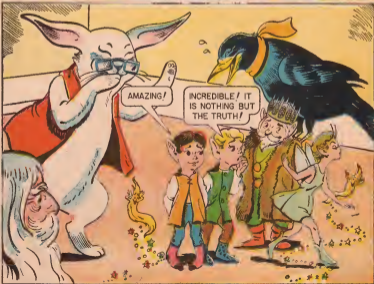


AND SURE ENOUGH,  
EVERY WORD SHE SPOKE  
WAS TRUE.

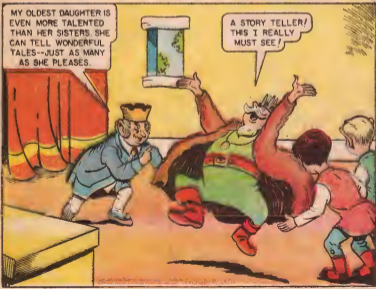
YOUR SONS ARE  
AS FOOLISH AS  
THE DAY IS LONG.



I HOPE THEY DON'T  
WANT TO MARRY ME  
BECAUSE I DON'T  
WANT TO  
MARRY THEM.







THEN THE ELF KING CALLED UPON HIS SEVENTH DAUGHTER, WHO WAS THE OLDEST AND THE WISEST AS WELL.

LISTEN CAREFULLY, NOW, FOR I WILL TELL A TALE SO MERRY YOU WILL LAUGH UNTIL YOU CRY.



AND SURE ENOUGH, HER STORY WAS SO FUNNY, THEY ALL LAUGHED . . .



. . . AND LAUGHED . . .



. . . AND LAUGHED UNTIL THE TEARS RAN DOWN THEIR CHEEKS.

AMAZING!  
HO! HO! HO!

INCREDIBLE!  
HE! HE! HE!



**T**HE OLD GOBLIN CHIEF TOOK THE HAND OF THE OLDEST DAUGHTER.

A MAID WHO TELLS SUCH STORIES IS A MAID WORTH MARRYING.



I WILL MARRY YOU MYSELF, IF YOU WILL BE MY WIFE.

DON'T YOU WANT TO HEAR MORE STORIES, FIRST?



NO, NOT NOW. WE SHALL SAVE THE REST UNTIL WINTER, WHEN WE'LL SIT IN MY GREAT STONE CASTLE AND TELL STORIES ALL DAY LONG.



**T**HEN EVERYONE LOOKED AROUND AND SAW THAT THE TWO BOYS HAD DISAPPEARED.

NOW WHERE CAN THEY HAVE GONE?



EVERYONE HURRIED OUTSIDE TO SEARCH FOR THEM.

LOOK! LOOK!  
HERE COME THE  
WILL-O'-THE-WISPS  
IN THEIR  
TORCHLIGHT  
PARADE.



AND THERE ARE  
THOSE SONS  
OF MINE.

STOP THEM! STOP  
THEM! THEY ARE  
BLOWING OUT THE  
WILL-O'-THE-WISPS!



IS THIS A WAY  
TO BEHAVE?



THEN THEY ALL WENT BACK INTO THE ELF MOUND.

MY BOYS, I HAVE CHOSEN A STEPMOTHER FOR YOU. NOW YOU MUST CHOOSE WIVES OF YOUR OWN.



WE HAVE CHANGED OUR MINDS, FATHER.

WE HAVE DECIDED NOT TO MARRY.



THE TWO SONS TOOK OFF THEIR COATS AND LAY DOWN ON THE TABLE TO SLEEP.

THEY HAVE NO MANNERS AT ALL.



THEN THE OLD GOBLIN CHIEF EXCHANGED BOOTS WITH HIS BRIDE, WHICH WAS MORE FASHIONABLE THAN EXCHANGING RINGS, AND THEY DANCED ALL THE REST OF THE NIGHT.



THE END

# AESOP'S FABLES

## THE SHEPHERD GOES TO SEA

**T**HERE ONCE WAS A SHEPHERD WHO TENDED HIS SHEEP ON A HILLSIDE NEAR THE SEA.

HOW BEAUTIFUL AND CALM THE WATER IS! A LIFE ON THE SEA MUST BE A WONDERFUL LIFE.



**T**HE MORE HE THOUGHT ABOUT IT, THE MORE HE WANTED TO GO TO SEA.

I WILL SELL MY FLOCK AT ONCE AND BUY A SMALL BOAT.



**T**HE NEXT MORNING, HE TOOK HIS SHEEP TO THE MARKETPLACE.

A LIFE UPON THE SEA IS A CALM AND PEACEFUL LIFE. I HAVE DECIDED TO SELL MY SHEEP AND BECOME A TRADER ON THE SEA.

I WILL GLADLY BUY YOUR SHEEP, BUT YOU MAY BE SORRY. THERE IS MORE TO THE SEA THAN MEETS THE EYE.



**A**FTER SELLING HIS SHEEP, THE SHEPHERD BOUGHT A BOAT.

A LIFE ON THE SEA IS A CALM AND PEACEFUL LIFE.

I WILL GLADLY SELL YOU A BOAT, BUT YOU MAY BE SORRY. THERE IS MORE TO THE SEA THAN MEETS THE EYE.



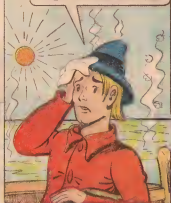
**T**HE NEXT MORNING, THE SHEPHERD SET SAIL WITH A CARGO OF DATES FOR TRADING.

WHAT A WONDERFUL LIFE!  
IT IS EVEN MORE PLEASANT  
THAN I IMAGINED.



**A**FTER A TIME, THE WIND DIED DOWN. THE SUN WAS HOT AND THE AIR WAS STILL.

THIS IS DREADFUL! I WILL  
PERISH FROM THE HEAT IF A  
BREEZE DOES NOT BLOW SOON.



**T**HEN A TERRIBLE STORM BEGAN TO RAGE.

I MUST THROW THE  
DATES INTO THE WATER  
TO LIGHTEN  
THE BOAT.



**B**UT EVEN WITHOUT THE DATES THE BOAT BEGAN TO SINK.

HELP!  
HELP!



JUST THEN A LARGER SHIP APPEARED, AND THE SHEPHERD WAS SAVED.



I AM RUINED!  
I HAVE LOST  
MY BOAT AND  
ALL MY CARGO.

WHEN HE RETURNED TO LAND,  
THE SHEPHERD HAD NO MONEY. HE  
WENT TO THE MAN WHO HAD  
BOUGHT HIS SHEEP.

CAN YOU GIVE  
ME A JOB  
TENDING YOUR  
FLOCK?

GLADLY. BUT I  
AM SURPRISED  
TO SEE YOU  
BACK SO SOON.  
DIDN'T YOU FIND LIFE  
UPON THE SEA AS  
PEACEFUL AS  
YOU THOUGHT?



MY VOYAGE MAY HAVE BEEN  
BRIEF, BUT I HAVE LEARNED  
A GREAT DEAL. BELIEVE ME,  
MY FRIEND, THINGS ARE NOT  
ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM.



THE END



# THERE WAS AN OLD MAN IN A TREE

By Edward Lear

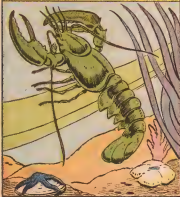
There was an Old Man in a tree,  
Who was horribly bored by a Bee;  
When they said, "Does it buzz?" he replied, "Yes, it does!  
It's a regular brute of a Bee."



# THE ANIMAL WORLD

## THE LOBSTER

LOBSTERS MAY BE FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF SHALLOW WATERS ALONG MANY OF THE WORLD'S SEACOASTS. THEY ARE COUSINS OF THE CRAWFISH AND THE CRAB.



THE LOBSTER IS COVERED WITH HAIRS THAT WARN HIM WHEN ENEMIES ARE NEAR.



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