



What beautiful shoes!

A family sees the shoes.

'What beautiful shoes!' they say.

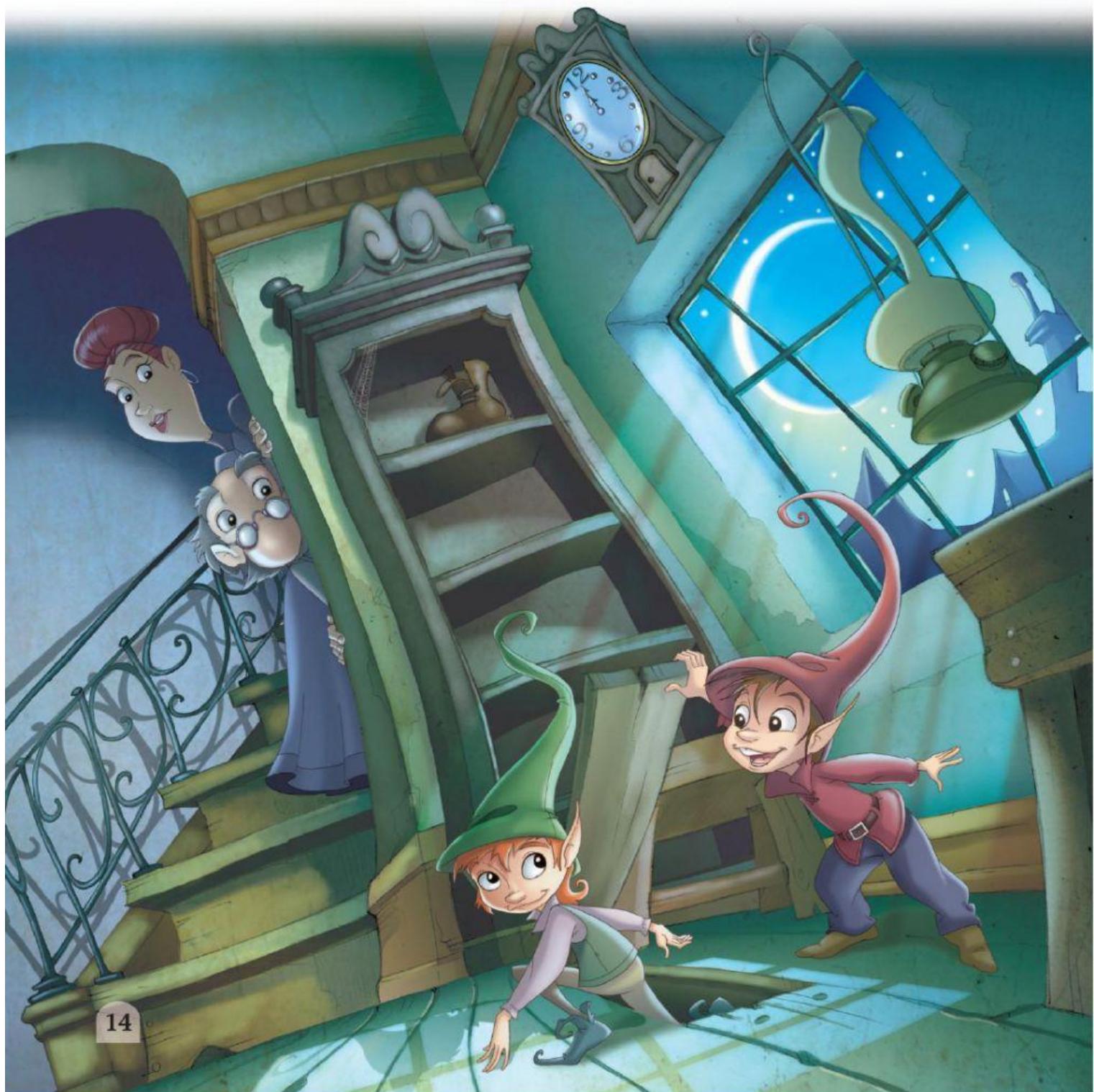
'We must buy them. Here are nine gold coins.'

'Nine gold coins!' says the shoemaker.

'But ... who is making all these shoes?'

That night the shoemaker hides. He and his wife hide. And they wait.

At midnight they see two little elves!



The little elves run in. They jump onto the table.

'Here's the leather!' they say. 'Let's work! Let's make some beautiful shoes!'

All night they work. They work and work and work. The shoemaker and his wife watch.



A colorful illustration of a shoemaker and his wife in their workshop. The shoemaker, an elderly man with a blue beard and a white shirt, stands on the left, looking at a wooden workbench. The wife, a woman with a red bun hairstyle and a blue dress, stands behind him, also looking at the workbench. On the workbench, there are four pairs of shoes: a purple pair, a red pair, a green pair, and a brown pair. In the background, there is a window, a wooden cabinet, and a pegboard with tools.

Now we know.

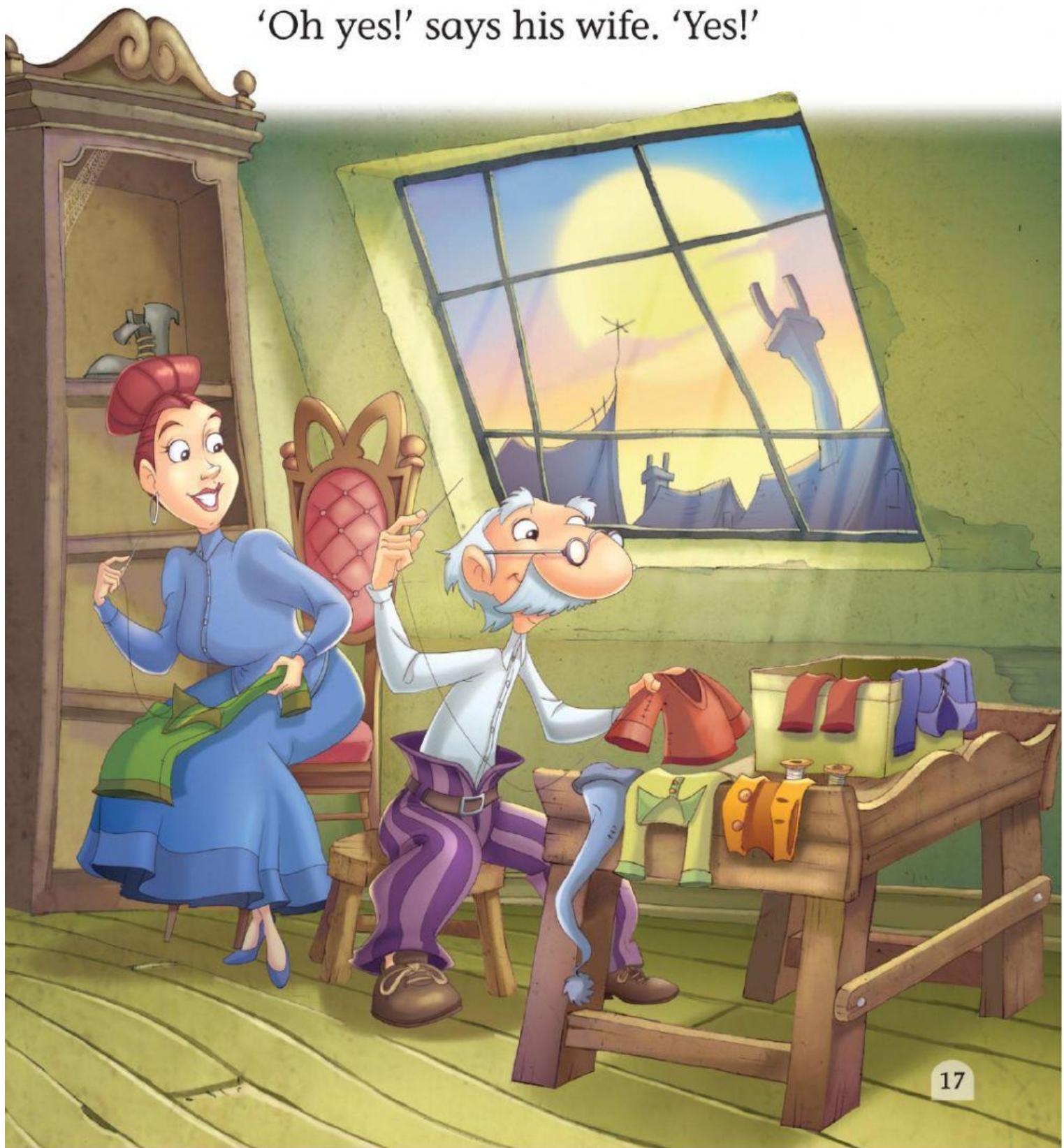
In the morning the elves run away.
But there's something on the table.
Four beautiful pairs of shoes!

'Now we know,' says the shoemaker.
'We know who helps us.'

'Yes,' says his wife. 'Two little elves.
But what can we do for them?'

'I know,' says the shoemaker. 'Let's make some clothes for them.'

'Oh yes!' says his wife. 'Yes!'

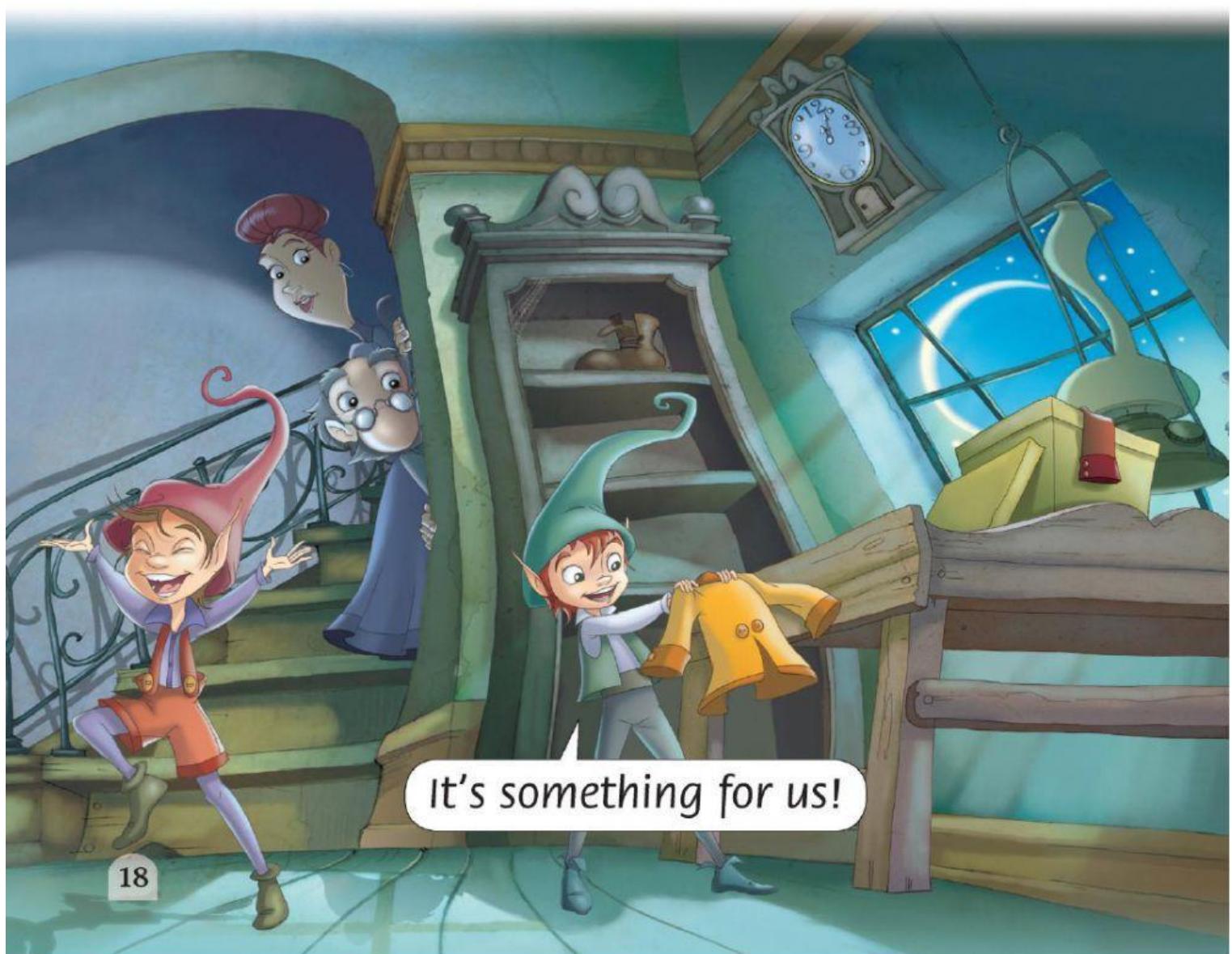


Night comes. They leave the clothes on the table. Then they hide.

At midnight the little elves run in.

‘What’s this?’ they say. ‘Something for us? For us? Oh yes! It’s something for us!’

They put on the new clothes and they dance. Dance, dance, dance!



'Now it's time for us to go. Because they know! Because they know!' say the elves. 'Goodbye, Shoemaker!'



The elves never come back. But now the shoemaker makes good shoes. He works hard.

Now his shop is a good shop. And he is happy.



Exercises

1 Write the words.

two pair pairs four some one

1



one shoe

2



a _____ of shoes

3



leather

4



gold coins

5



two _____ of shoes

6



little elves

2 Circle the correct words.

- 1 The shoemaker's shop doesn't make much money / leather.
- 2 The lady buys the shoes because they are old / beautiful.
- 3 The shoemaker buys shoes / leather with the gold coins.
- 4 The elves work at night / in the morning.
- 5 The shoemaker and his wife make shoes / clothes for the elves.

3 What do they say? Write the words.



Three gold _____ !

I can make two more
now. _____



Make them in the _____.

Let's _____ !

4 Answer the questions. Write Yes or No.

- 1 Are the shoes beautiful? _____ Yes.
- 2 Are the shoes in the shop window? _____
- 3 Does a man see the shoes? _____
- 4 Does the lady buy them? _____
- 5 Does she buy them for two gold coins? _____

