

The Pied Piper of Hamelin

A classic tale for children

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Once upon a time in the north of Germany there was a town named Hamelin. The citizens of Hamelin were honest and industrious people, and as the years went by, they became very rich.

One day the town was invaded by a plague of rats. The terrified citizens went to the mayor's house for help, but nobody knew what to do. "We need help!" said the mayor in despair.

Suddenly, a tall thin man appeared with a hat and a gold flute. "I can help," he said, "but it will cost you." "Whatever the price, we will pay," replied the mayor.

