

SLIPPER KEEPER KITTY

In the tiny village there are tiny white houses with red roofs and green shutters on the windows. Everything is just right, except for the children who are messy. When they go to bed, they never put their slippers away. When they wake up, they look for them everywhere inside and outside the house.

One morning, when they all woke up, they didn't find any of their slippers.

Johnny, Betty, Martin, Nina, Tonka, Pewee, Joey - they all asked their mothers where their slippers are and they all responded by saying: "Kitty took them." or "If you don't put them away at night, Kitty takes them."

Children sat barefoot at the table eating breakfast and then went to the door and called other children to come over. They would like to, but they couldn't because Kitty took all of their slippers.

Eventually, all the doors of all the houses were opened, and all the children stood barefoot saying that Kitty took their slippers. "Where did Kitty take our slippers to?" they wondered. And they decided to find Kitty's home.

They left the road and walked along the grass to the forest. They walked on moss and searched the bushes. In the middle of the forest they came upon a tiny white house with a red roof. The sign on the doors said: "SLIPPER KEEPER KITTY".

Kitty heard the children, opened the door and asked: "Dear children, what are you looking for?"

"Our slippers", the children replied. She invited them inside the house where there were rows of shelves and blue and red slippers on them. The house was so tidy!

"Each of you should take your own slippers", Sleeper Keeper Kitty said. That wasn't easy. The slippers were washed and mended and the children could hardly recognise them.

Pewee was the smallest of them and couldn't find his slippers. His slippers were tattered, but there were no tattered slippers on the shelves. "If you don't find your slippers, you will have to walk home barefoot," said Sleeper Keeper Kitty. Children began leaving the house and Pewee's feet were cold.

Kitty realised that he could catch a cold, so she brought him his cleaned and mended slippers. She promised him, that she will make him a new pair when it starts to snow. The other children overheard her saying that to him, so they also wanted new pairs.

She promised to make pairs for others too. When they were leaving Kitty was thinking to herself what kind of slippers will she make for each and every one of them, so everyone will get slippers they like most and she will please them all.

It's snowing today, and Sleeper Keeper Kitty is making slippers for the children from tiny village. She will line them with rabbit fur to make them warmer. But who knows if the children will put them away before they go to bed?