À mon doudou à moi.
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The Toys' Christmas



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It is the night before Christmas. Noah is supposed to be going to sleep, so that Santa Claus can come in the night to deliver his presents, but something is wrong. His favourite toy Fanfan the elephant, who has fleecy soft ears that are perfect for cuddling, is missing! His mum tells him she's sure Fanfan will be back soon, but Noah is very worried.

Where could Fanfan be?



Outside in the dark, Fanfan is walking in the snow, his trunk leading the way. Because every year, on Christmas Eve, has has to go to a meeting. A very important meeting.

The snow has stopped falling. Tiny crystals shine on the path like diamonds.

Suddenly a voice calls out, "Fanfan! Help!"

It's Mr Long Ears, sitting on the side of the path.
"Look," he says, showing Fanfan his leg. "I can't go very fast
because my owner Zoë chewed on my foot. I don't know what to do!
I'll never make it in time."
Fanfan kneels down. "Climb on my back," he says kindly.
"I'll take you."

Soon, Fanfan and Mr Long Ears reach a clearing filled with other toys.
There are grumpy-looking bears, smiling dolls, friendly hippos,
little clowns and even unicorns!

The oldest toy of all, Slowpoke the Tortoise, speaks.
"Welcome, friends! Here we are again gathered for our long journey.
The stars and the moon will light our way. Is everybody ready?
Then let's go!"

