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With very little business, they were running out of money. Soon, the shoemaker could only afford enough leather to make one more pair of shoes.

I'm ruined!



He cut out the shoe shapes and laid them on his work table. Then he yawned.

"I'm too tired to sew these today," he sighed.