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One morning in early summer, many years ago, Sir Thomas Magpie was getting out of bed. He was unhappy because he'd just found that, in the night, the mice had been eating his boots again.

"Snuff!" he shouted. "SNUFF!"

Who was Snuff?



Snuff was Sir Thomas Magpie's page. A page is a boy who goes to live with a knight as his servant and also to learn how to be a knight himself when he grows up. Snuff very much wanted to be a knight but, unfortunately, although he tried his best, he didn't always get things right.

Snuff was sitting on the roof in the sunshine, feeding the pigeons. As he scattered the crumbs his mind was far away, imagining what it was like to be a knight and have all kinds of adventures.