

Appendix 5: Stories

Story 1 *Enry Elf*

Once upon a time in the woods, there were lots of elves and pixies. Most of them helped each other, but some argued a lot. Father Elf drank too much Foxglove wine. This made him angry. He gave some to Mother Elf and it made her sleepy. When she hadn't got his dinner ready, he lost his temper. The children hid from him but got hurt. Enry was scared. He tried to look after his mum but it was very hard. The other elves told Santa about Enry and his brothers and sisters' plight. Santa said, '*It's wrong to hurt children. And so near Christmas too!*' Of course, Santa was kind so he asked around to see who could help. Some pixies he knew said they would look after the young elves. Santa got his reindeers ready and took the children to the pixies' houses. Enry and his brothers and sisters went to different homes because there wasn't enough room in the pixies' toadstool homes to fit them all in under just one roof.

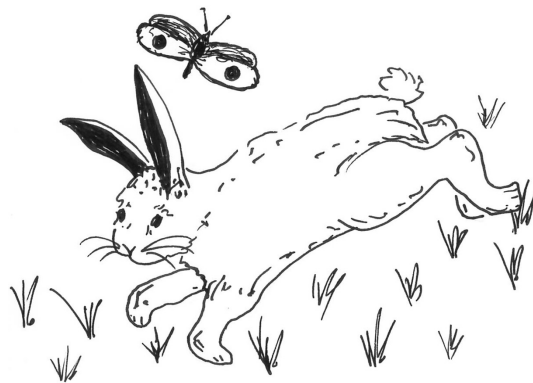


Mother Pixie showed Enry his new bed. She was kind but he found everything so different. Enry was scared he'd forget what to do or lose his way. He had to keep asking and it was really tiring. At times the pixies got fed up with all his questions.

Mother Pixie was busy getting things ready for Christmas and asked Enry to look for acorns. He said, 'Yes' but by the time he got outside he'd forgotten what she'd asked him to do. Enry wailed, '*I can't do anything right!*' Luckily one of Santa's helpers heard him and told Santa that Enry was sounding worried and upset. Santa arranged for Enry to see his brothers and sisters. Santa asked each elf and pixie to suggest a game they could all play and food they liked. The helpers made a list and the mother pixies brought the elves' favourite snacks along. Everyone had a lovely time. When they got home, Mother Pixie made a calendar for Enry. It showed photos and pictures of events planned for Christmas so Enry would know what would happen and when. Enry stopped panicking now he knew what to expect. He looked forward to eating Mrs Pixie's pumpkin pie and playing games he knew.

Story 2 *Hopscotch*

Once upon a time a young bunny was feeling very sad. You see, Mummy bunny had left her with some hares to look after her. Wise Owl heard about it and found a family of rabbits to look after the young bunny. It was a big family, who bunny liked, but all of a sudden several of them left home. The bunny was upset because now she had lost even more people she had come to like.



The grown-up rabbits felt sad to see the young bunny so unhappy. Then Mummy Rabbit had a bright idea. She said, '*Let's play hopscotch!*' Well, bunnies are very good at hopping, so this made the young bunny very happy. They played hopscotch every day, and the little bunny grew to love her new family very much.

Story 3 *A Brave Kitten Called Jingle*

When Jingle was born, Mummy Cat was very happy. She loved her kitten's pretty eyes and licked him all over. The cats lived in a back yard where lots of rubbish piled up. Most days Mummy Cat went off on the prowl and met other tomcats – she enjoyed parties and singing as cats do. But there were dangers in their alley. Sometimes rats from the sewers joined them. Then snakes came along and gave them snake juice. It made Mummy Cat happy at first, but tired and sick later. She kept forgetting about her kitten. Jingle rode on milk floats hoping for milk.



He searched in dustbins and cut his paws on tins. He followed Mummy Cat into the sewers and got covered in muck. Insects stuck to his fur and made him feel quite sick. Mummy Cat met another alley cat, and before long Jingle had a sister kitten. But she carried on partying because she enjoyed it so much and loved the snake juice as well. Lots of cats fought in the alley. Mummy Cat wasn't very good at knowing which cats she could trust. Now he had a baby sister, Jingle went looking for food for both of them. At night the kittens were cold and wet. They mewed all night long. Fed up, Mummy Cat gave them snake juice to keep them quiet. One day a kind lady heard the kittens crying and was very sad to see the mess they were in. She took them to a Cat Home then went back to Mummy Cat and told her '*Go to the Animal Sanctuary and learn how to be a good mother!*' But Mummy Cat didn't go. The kind lady was worried and told Wise Owl about the kittens. He decided they needed a kind family to look after them properly. The lady found a kind family of marmalade

cats for the kittens to live with. Jingle still worried about Mummy Cat but was happy now that he could play all day long. He liked feeling safe and warm and not having to look for food.

Story 4 *The Star that Lost its Shine*

Once upon a time, a bright star in the sky was stuck in a dark cloud full of chilly raindrops. The star couldn't find a way out and thought sadly, '*I've lost my shine!*' The moon couldn't see the star and wondered where she'd gone. The bright star was worried because she knew there were ships that wanted her light to guide them into the harbour, but she was well and truly stuck. Clouds gathered and lightning flashed across the sky. Waves crashed against the shore and harbour wall. People on the ships were scared. No one knew what to do on this darkest of nights as the rain poured in torrents. Suddenly, the star dropped into the ocean, feeling very scared indeed.



Just then a fisherman cast his net. Seeing the star caught in it, the fisherman grasped his rope and threw it to the hooks on the quayside. He fastened his boat and released the star from his net. '*Thank you*' said the star. As the star rose into the sky, Mother Nature got the clouds to part and said to the star, '*Thank goodness you are back where you belong! We need your light!*' The little star shone brightly and said '*From now on I shall take care of myself!*' The Moon agreed to help the star keep out of the rain clouds. The star shone ever more brightly from that time on!

Story 5 *The Brave Warrior*

Once upon a time, in an empire among the stars, fierce battles raged between evil guys and good people. Some of the planets were swampy and smelly, infested with creepy crawlies. Jonny Star had left his auntie and uncle on one of these swampy planets. He had found out that Auntie was actually his mum, but he didn't believe it. Most of the time, Auntie smelled vile and



wobbled unsteadily. Both she and his uncle had been really mean to him. They made him do everything, treating him as a slave. Jonny kept wondering who his real dad was. He met a Dark Wizard who was head of the baddies, and who told Jonny, *'I am your father! Come with me!'* He wanted Jonny on his team.

Jonny knew the Dark Wizard was a bad guy who'd captured Princess Lucy. She had been trying to look after people whose homes were destroyed. A kind knight told Jonny *'Princess Lucy is your sister. Your real dad is Arras Star.'* Jonny decided to fight the evil guys. He made friends with some robots, who gave him a light sabre then he told the Sky Police to make lightning. Jonny won the battle and was about to kill the Dark Wizard but then he thought, *'That will only make me as bad as he is'*, so he didn't. It turned out that the he Dark Wizard was Arras Star all along but Jonny wasn't sure. He took the mask off his father's face and saw in his eyes that his Dad still had some good in his heart.

The battles were not over yet. The Dark Wizard told the Emperor that Princess Lucy was plotting against him. They captured her and kept her prisoner on the Dark Wizard's space ship. Jonny asked his mate for help. They crept onto the space ship and rescued her. Jonny made a jewel-encrusted light sabre. He was ready when the evil guys came for him.

Jonny leaped into a chasm and found himself in a deep hole. The horrible stink reminded him of his aunt and uncle, who screamed at him and blamed him for everything that went wrong. He felt glad he'd got away from them. Eventually, Jonny climbed out of the hole and leapt onto a boat, gripping the mast for dear life, scared he'd fall and drown or get killed. Luckily Princess Lucy was passing by on her ship and spotted him. She turned the ship round as quickly as she could and rescued him. *'Thanks!'* said Jonny. *'You are the bravest hero I've ever met!'* said Princess Lucy.

She and Jonny got all the good people in the empire together and they sent the Dark Wizard to a different universe. Others were warned that they'd be sent there too if they didn't follow the good people's rules. Luckily most of them did. So Jonny and Princess Lucy lived in peace from that time on.