

The Elf



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Tina has a lot of jobs to do each day. She just wants to play. Her mum tells her that she needs to finish her work before she can have fun.

She likes to sing as she works.
It makes her jobs a bit less of a
chore. Tina makes up her own
songs about what she is doing.





She hears somebody singing her song back to her. She goes into the field of corn to look for them. She sees an elf sitting on an ear of corn.



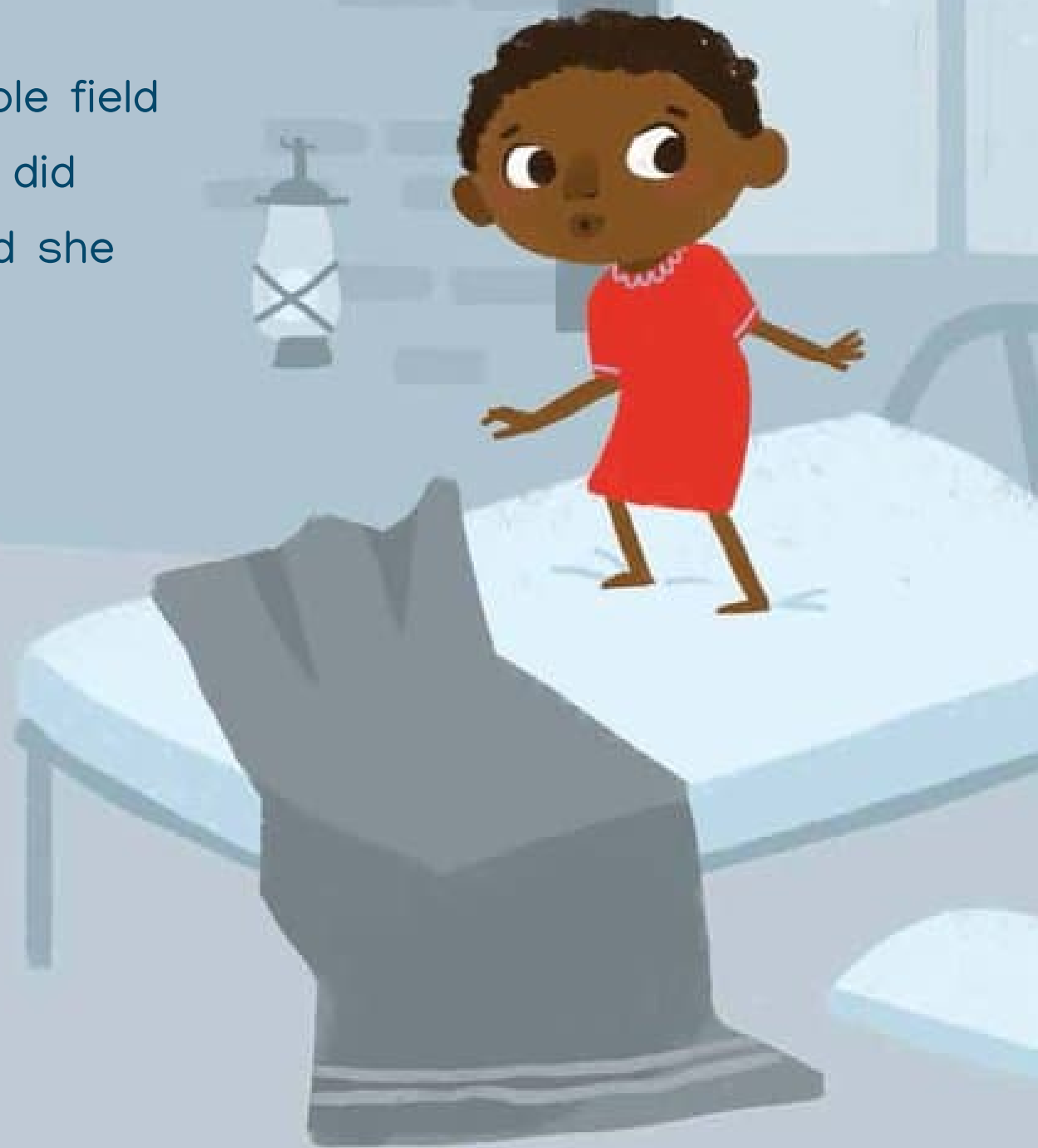
The elf can do a number of Tina's jobs in a flash. The elf helps her get some water to do the dishes. When they are done, they go outside and play.





When Tina woke up in the night, she saw that the elf was not there. She took the blanket off of her bed and looked around her room, but it was no use. The elf had left.

Tina went through the whole field of corn the next day. She did not get her jobs done, and she did not find the elf either.



She tried wishing for the elf to come back, but that did not work either. When it got dark, she had to go home and face her mum.





One day when Tina went out to pick corn, the cobs jumped off their stalks and landed right in her basket like it was a magnet. It saved a lot of time.





The elf was back!

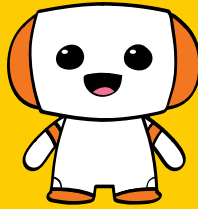
Tina could not believe her luck. Now she would not have to do as much work. They could have fun instead!

Tina gave the elf a hug and told her how much she was missed. Then she told the elf all of the chores that she needed help with.



The elf told Tina that she did not want to do all of her jobs. Tina got it. She said sorry to the elf. She could do her own chores. They could just hang out as friends and sing. The elf was glad.





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