

## An Elf in the Swiss Alps

This is me on my trip to the Swiss Alps.

The Alps go up, up, up into the sky!

I have soft mittens, thick socks, and a hat to block the strong wind.



I met Ed in the Swiss Alps.

Ed is an elf. He has a red hat with a bell.

Ed is shy, but he is fun to be with.



Ed has a pet ostrich that he got  
as a chick.

Oz the ostrich was just a bunch of  
fuzz back then. She snacks on insects.  
She got big fast!



Oz has big wings but cannot fly.

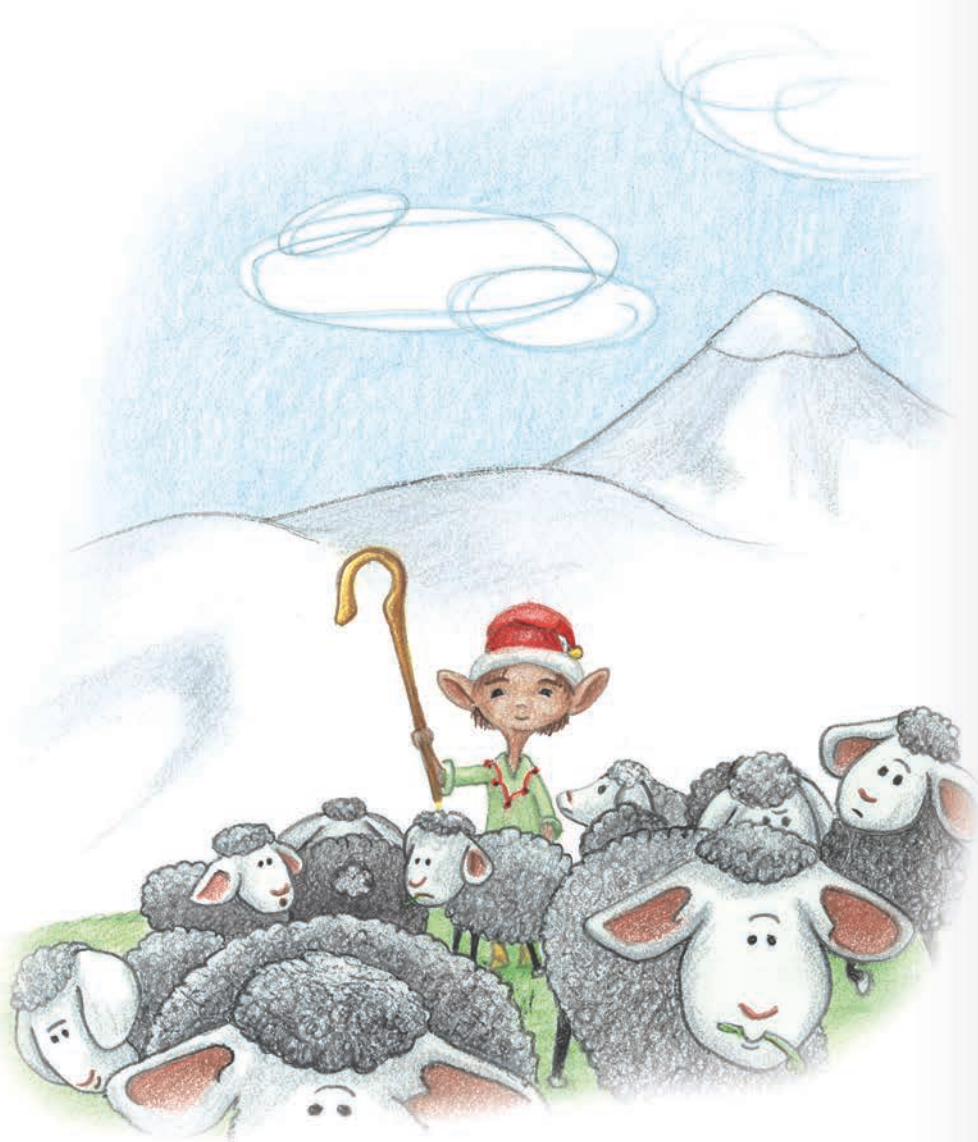
She runs fast with her long legs.  
That ostrich is so quick!

Ed sits on her back as I sled by.



Ed tends his flock in the glen.

The flock is content to munch on grass.



Ed and I have a picnic on the bluff.

He invents a lunch with ham and nuts.  
Yuck!

Ed insists I try it. It is not bad!

Ed can do fun tricks.

He can twist and flip and  
do the splits.

He can spring into a handstand.

I do a handstand next to Ed.



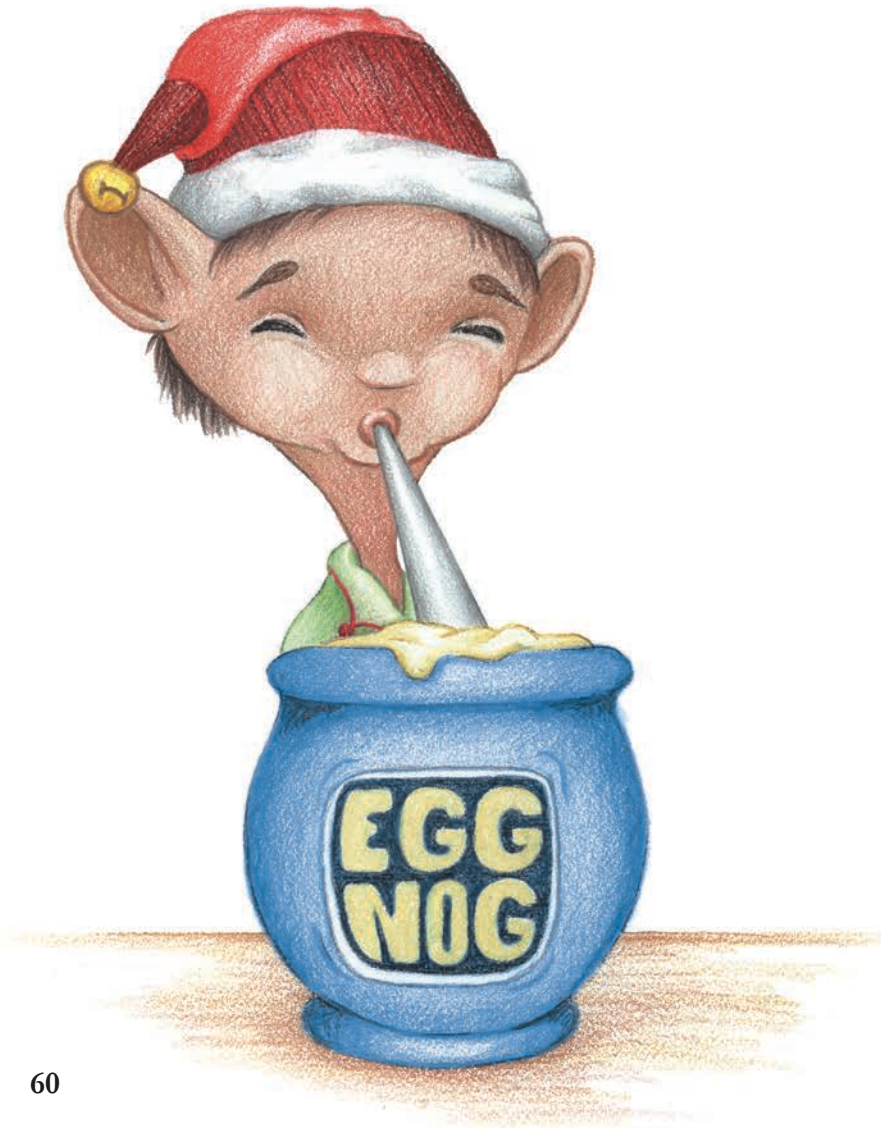
Ed tells me it is fun to jump  
in the slush. I try it with him.

**STOMP! SPLASH!** It is a blast!

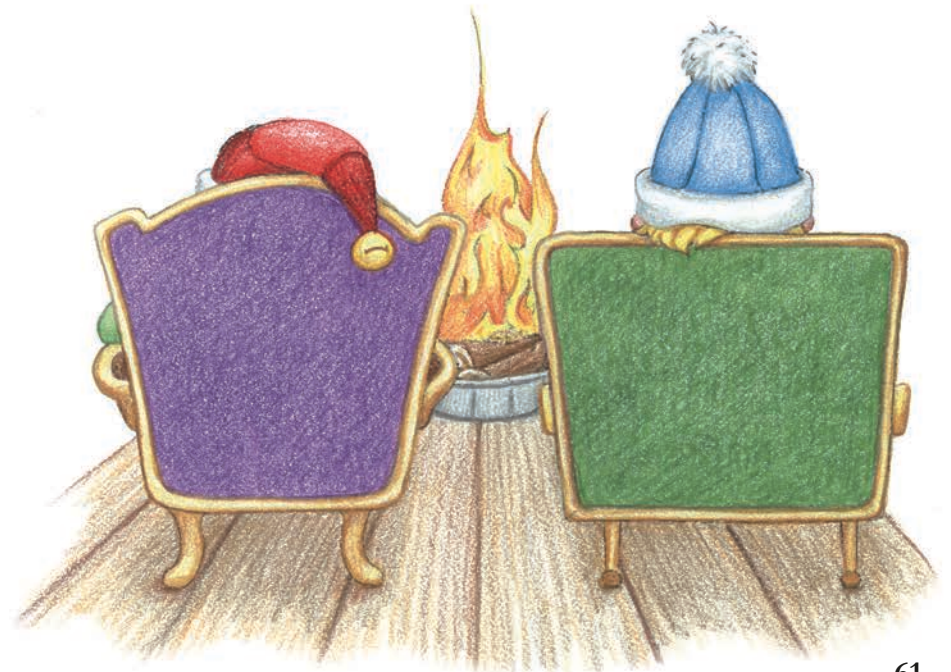
My socks get wet.

We stop at an inn to rest.

We drink a cup of eggnog with nutmeg.



Then we hang up the wet socks.  
We sit with a snack as the socks dry.



I am sad that my trip must end.  
I had a lot of fun, but I must go.

I will miss Ed, his ostrich, and his  
flock. And I will miss the Swiss Alps!



**The End**





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