

TWELVE DAYS OF GRINCHMAS

A Grinchy Tale

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Reading Tips

Top tips to help families
discover the magic of reading

The National Literacy Trust is a charity that changes life stories through literacy. We want to get more families reading. It's fun and children who read in their own time do better at school and later in life. When families read stories together, the possibilities are endless.

Here are some top tips from the National Literacy Trust to help families bring this story, and others, to life at home:

- Make story time fun by using different voices for characters and acting out your favourite parts.
- Children love to make up their own stories, so stop at an exciting part of a book and ask them to imagine what happens next.
- Pick books about things your child is interested in. Whether they love dinosaurs, ballet or football, there's a story for every child to enjoy.
- Stories come in all shapes and sizes, from books and comics to magazines and newspapers. All reading counts so get exploring.
- Why not give audiobooks and storytelling videos a try? They can be really fun and are also great for children who aren't keen on reading.
- Make time to share stories as a family as often as you can. You could try reading a bedtime story together or listening to an audiobook on a car journey.



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The Grinch lives in a cave just north of Who-ville with his trusty dog Max. The Grinch never used to like Christmas or the whole Christmas season. Fortunately, Cindy-Lou Who and the Whos down in Who-ville taught the Grinch the true meaning of Christmas. Now he loves having festive fun... most of the time.

Cindy-Lou Who

is a tiny sweet Who from Who-ville. Everyone in Who-ville loves Christmas – the presents, the decorations, the singing – but especially spending time with one another.



Max is the Grinch's loyal dog. He lives with the Grinch in his cave just north of Who-ville. One time Max even dressed up as a reindeer and led the Grinch's sleigh!

On the 1st day of Grinchmas

the Grinch and Cindy-Lou went to get a Christmas tree for Grinch's cave. The Grinch wanted to pick the very first one they found...

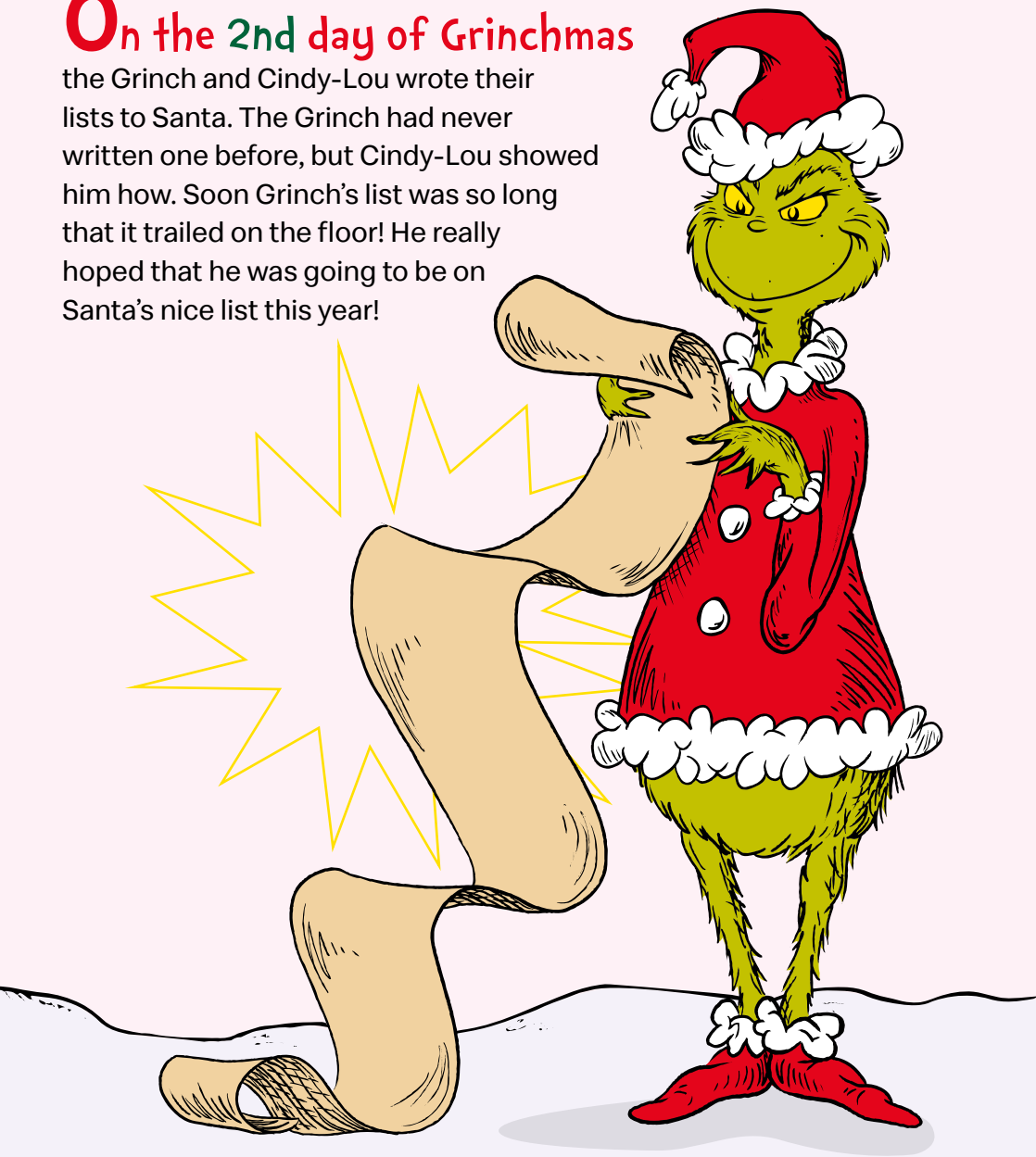




But Cindy-Lou convinced him to keep looking until they found the perfect tree – not too tall, not too short, it was just right! Then all the Whos balanced on each other like acrobats as they decorated it with colourful baubles and put a shining star on the top. Even the Grinch had to admit that it looked very festive!

On the 2nd day of Grinchmas

the Grinch and Cindy-Lou wrote their lists to Santa. The Grinch had never written one before, but Cindy-Lou showed him how. Soon Grinch's list was so long that it trailed on the floor! He really hoped that he was going to be on Santa's nice list this year!

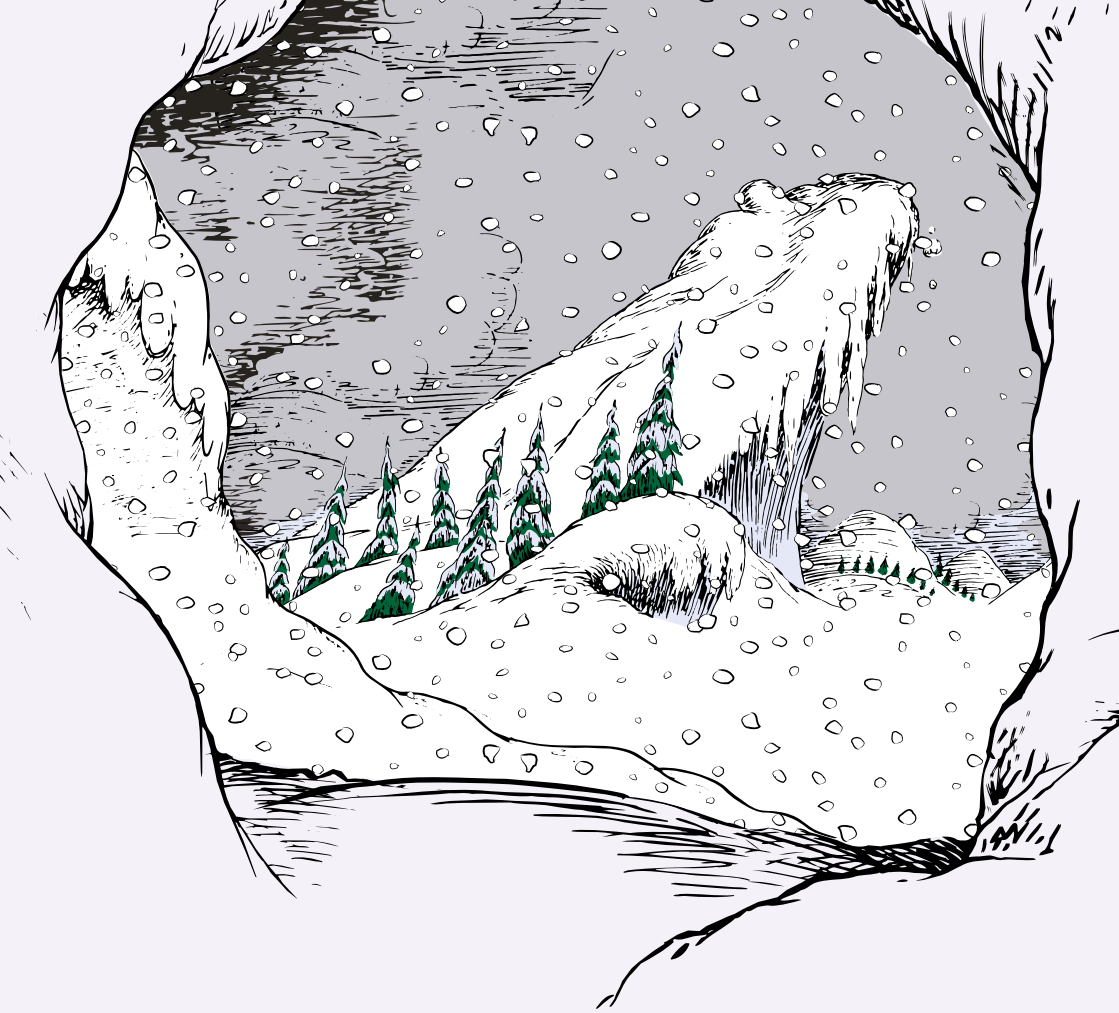




On the 3rd day of Grinchmas

the Grinch and Cindy-Lou knitted Christmas scarves
– one each for them and one for Max too.

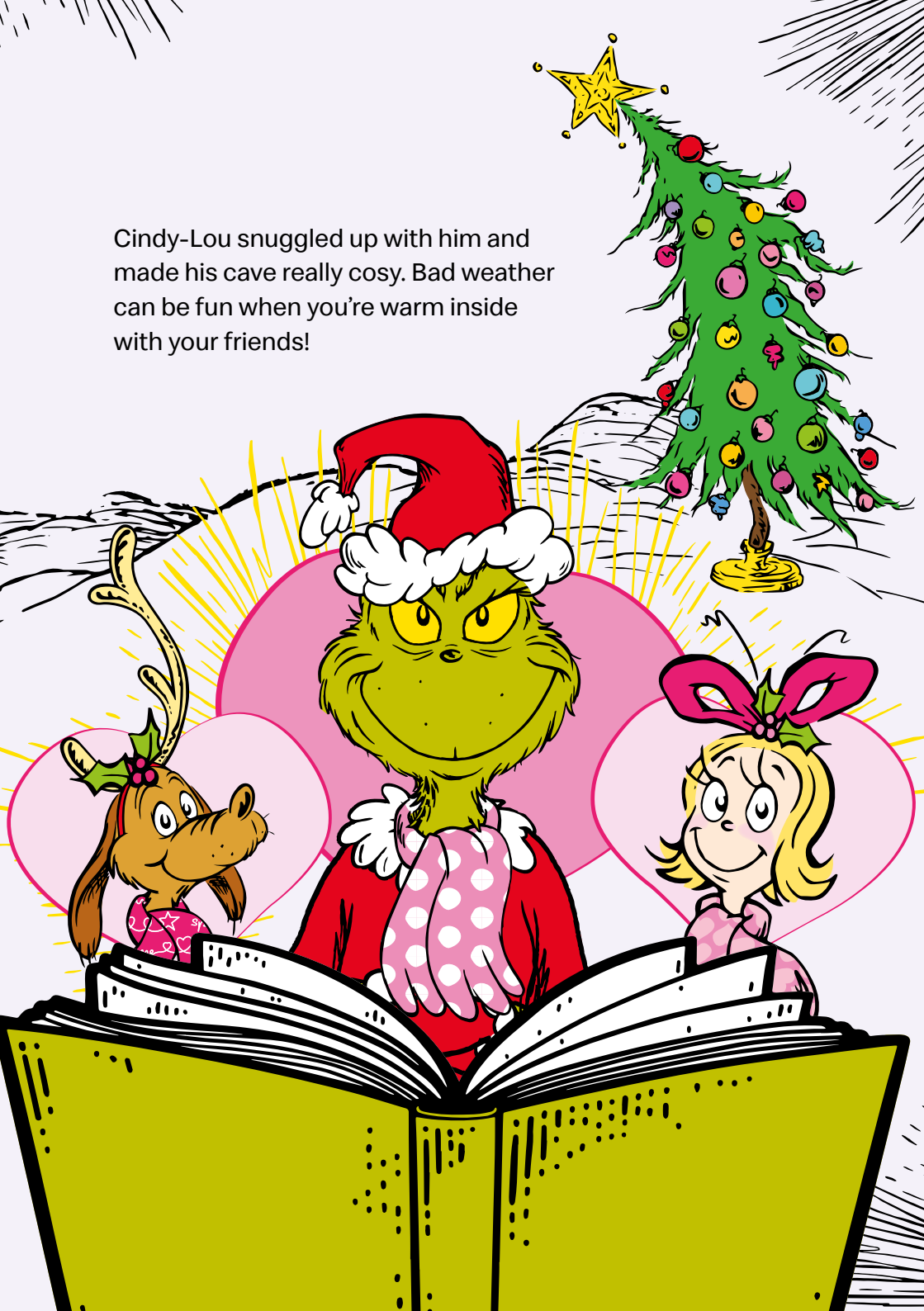
The Grinch dropped a ball of wool and it rolled out of his cave and all the way down Mt. Crumpit! Grinch was NOT happy as he chased after it, but Max was woofing delightedly – he thought it was a brilliant new game!



On the 4th day of Grinchmas

the Grinch and Cindy-Lou read a Christmas story. The Grinch was grumpy because he wanted to go outside, but the snow was falling and the wind howled around Mt. Crumpit.

Cindy-Lou snuggled up with him and made his cave really cosy. Bad weather can be fun when you're warm inside with your friends!





On the 5th day of Grinchmas

the Grinch and Cindy-Lou taught Max some fun new tricks. Soon he could roll over, sit, and fetch. But Max's favourite trick was wearing his antlers and pretending to be a reindeer!





On the 6th day of Grinchmas

the Grinch and Cindy-Lou made colourful home-made baubles. Grinch grumbled that the paint was too messy, but he secretly had fun. At the end his fur was so speckled with splats of paint that he wasn't just green – he was green with multicoloured spots!



On the 7th day of Grinchmas

the Grinch and Cindy-Lou went down to Who-ville to sing Christmas carols. Grinch moaned about the noise and put his hands over his ears...





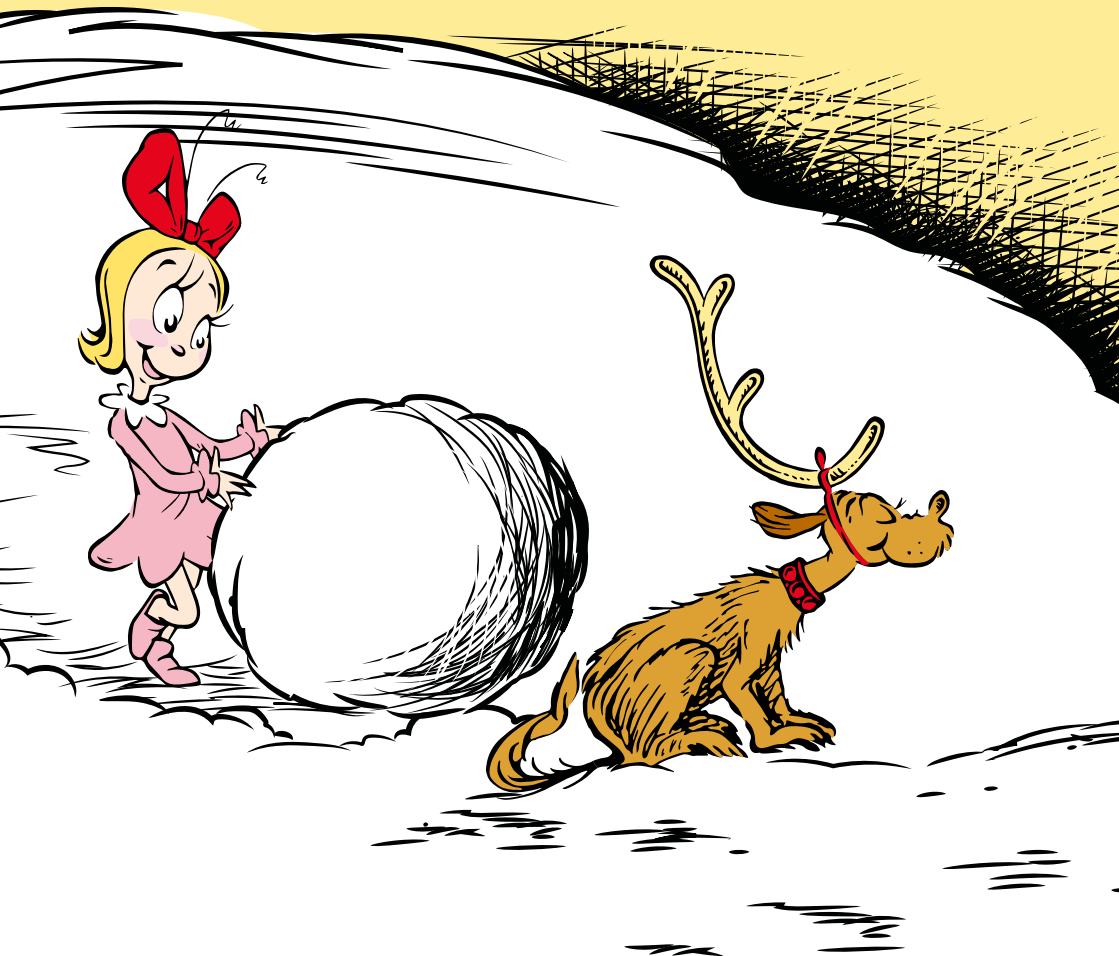
But, when no one was looking, Cindy-Lou saw him singing along. All the Whos held hands and sang as loud as they could, filling the whole of Who-ville – and the Grinch's heart – with Christmas cheer.

On the 8th day of Grinchmas

the Grinch and Cindy-Lou played out in the snow.

Grinch complained that it was cold, but Cindy-Lou showed him how to make a snowman. She showed him how to roll the snow into big balls to make a body and a head and pat it into a shape. The Grinch gave a mischievous grin.

When Cindy-Lou turned her back, he made the snowman into a Snow Grinch! Much better!

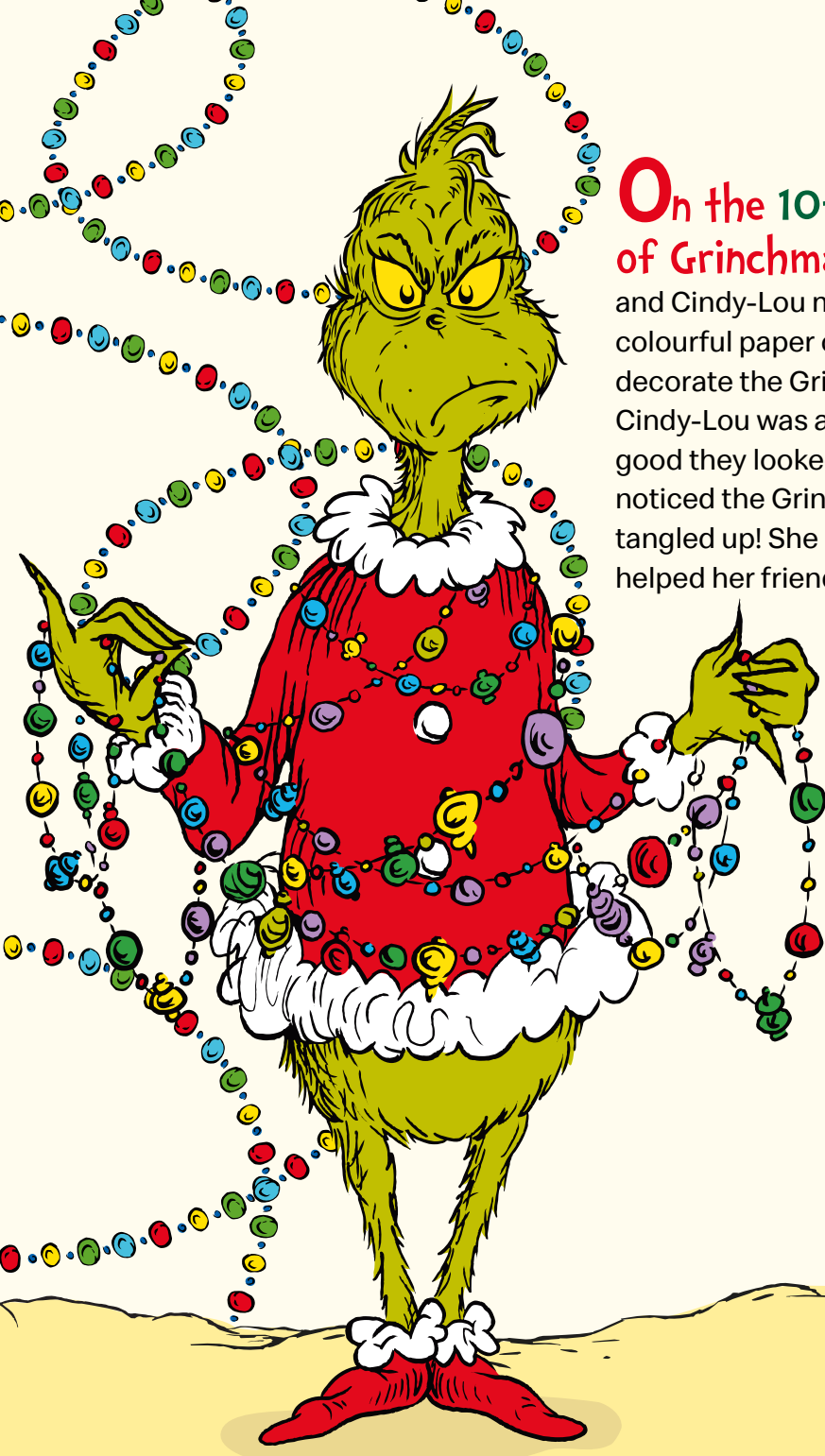




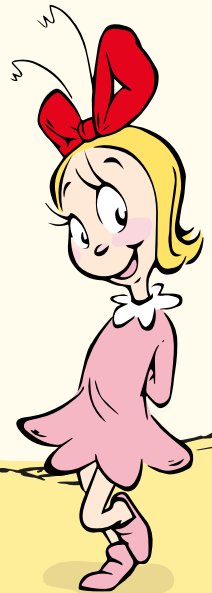
On the 9th day of Grinchmas

the Grinch and Cindy-Lou went to surprise everyone down in Who-ville. Grinch wore his Santa outfit and Max wore his antlers, and they gave all the Whos sleigh rides down Mt. Crumpit. Wheeee! It was so much fun.





On the 10th day
of Grinchmas the Grinch
and Cindy-Lou made long
colourful paper chains to
decorate the Grinch's cave.
Cindy-Lou was admiring how
good they looked when she
noticed the Grinch was all
tangled up! She laughed and
helped her friend get free.



On the 11th day of Grinchmas

the Grinch and Cindy-Lou played a snowy game of hide and seek with all the Whos.

The Whos were very good at hiding, but the Grinch was the best of all. He hid in his bed and pretended to be asleep until everyone had gone home. Silly old Grinch!







On the 12th day of Grinchmas the Grinch and Cindy-Lou wrapped their presents and put them under the Christmas tree.

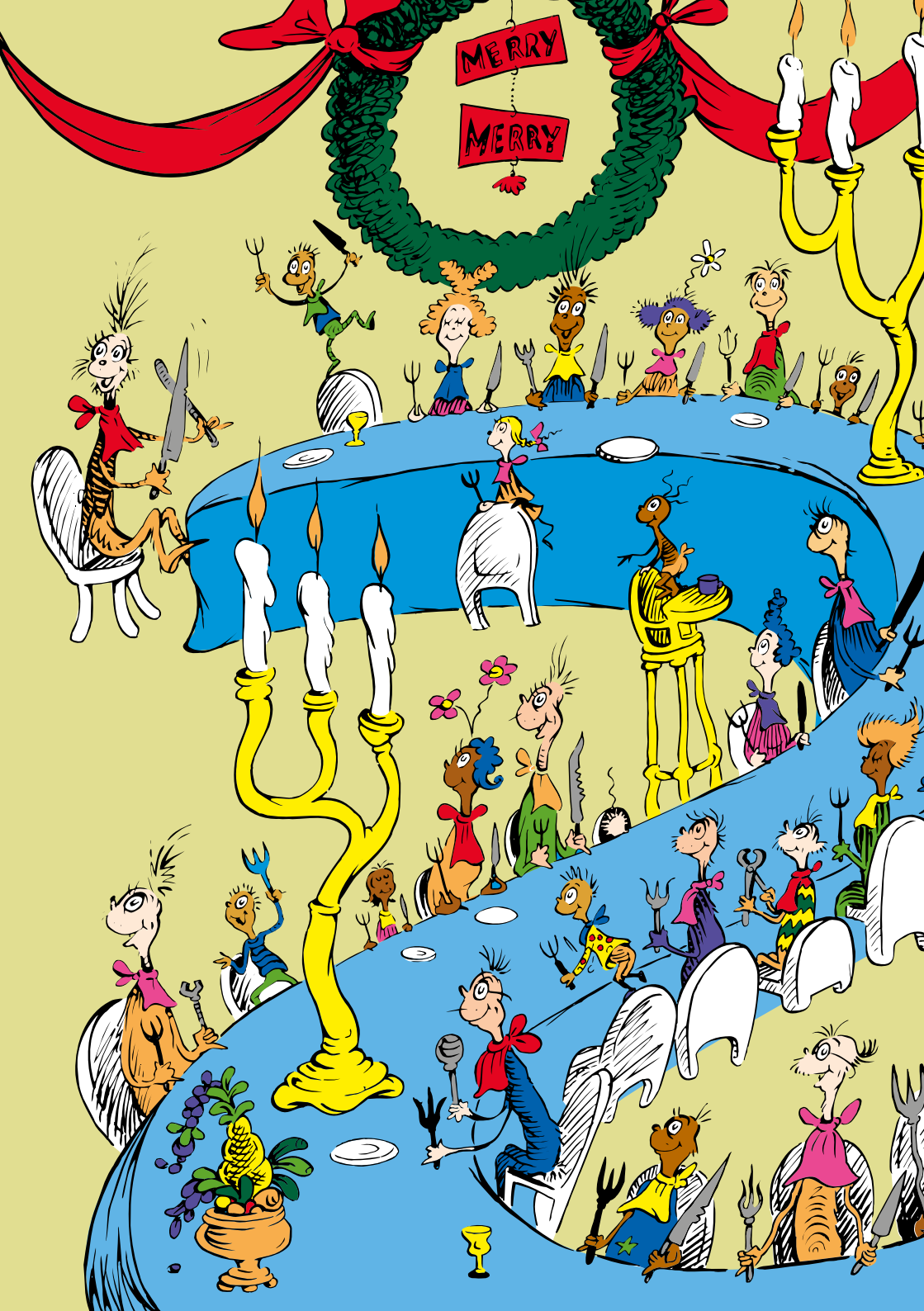
They couldn't wait to give them to their friends on Christmas Day, because they knew the very best thing about Christmas was being together.







Merry Christmas, everyone, from
the Grinch and Cindy-Lou too!





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Join the Grinch and
Cindy-Lou Who for the
twelve days of Grinchmas
in this charming Grinchy
tale full of festive fun!

