

## LITTLE ONE-INCH

Little One-Inch became the companion of the princess. They soon became good friends.

One day Little One-Inch and the princess went to visit a temple near the lord's house. Suddenly, a terrible green devil appeared, carrying a magic hammer. When the devil saw the princess he ran toward her to carry her off.

Little One-Inch quickly drew his needle-sword and began sticking the green devil's toes with it. But the devil's skin was so thick that the tiny sword couldn't go through it. As the devil got closer to the princess, Little One-Inch climbed up the devil's body and out onto his arm. Then he waved his sword at the devil's nose. This made the devil so angry that he opened his mouth wide to let out a roar.

At that moment Little One-Inch gave a big leap and jumped right onto the green devil's face and began poking his nose with the sword. Now the devil's nose was very tender and the needle hurt very much. He was so surprised that he jumped up, yelled and went running away. He even dropped his magic hammer.

The princess said, "Thank you, Little One-Inch," and picked up the magic hammer. "Now we can use this to make a wish!" She shook the hammer in the air and said, "Please let Little One-Inch grow taller!" Sure enough, each time she shook the hammer, Little One-Inch grew one inch taller. The princess kept shaking it until he was just as tall as she was. They were both very happy, and the lord was very grateful when he heard what Little One-Inch had done.

When they were a few years older, Little One-Inch and the princess were married, and they lived very happily ever after.

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