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HEART OF STEAL

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Elliot Watchshop wasn't famous; his name didn't mean anything for the world or for anyone outside of the Italian town of Arezzo until the day of his heart attack.

He was born there and in contrast to the rest of his friends from school who left the town expecting to conquer the modern world, he decided to stay living there. But this brought him unexpected trouble when his father died, leaving him the responsibility to sustain his family economically. What could he do? He hadn't studied any career and there weren't that many opportunities in a small town such as Arezzo.

Suddenly, one day he saw the answer to all his problems: It was somewhere hidden in the two things his father had left him: his last name (Watchshop) and an old clock. The solution was that by observing his father's watch he could learn how to build one and create a business to sell them.

With this hope he founded "Elliot's Watch-Shop" and started selling all kinds of watches. He became quite popular in his town and almost all of its inhabitants owned one of his watches.

His fame didn't last long though, because there was a steel shortage in Italy so he had to stop the production of watches. To add up to this crisis, something else happened that changed his life. One Thursday morning as he was attending his shop trying to sell the few watches he had left, he had a heart attack and a customer found him lying on the floor and took him to the local hospital.

Three days later when he finally woke up the doctors informed him about his situation: He had had a really strong heart attack and he was lucky to be alive, but if he didn't want this horrible episode to be repeated he needed a heart transplant.



The surgery was scheduled for the following week. The day finally arrived and Elliot was taken into the OR, but when the doctors opened his chest they were shocked to find what was bothering his heart: it was made of steel. It was amazing to imagine how he could have lived so many years under that condition.

The doctors didn't see any other solution than to remove the heart as they had planned, even if the consequences and conditions were unknown. So they did, and surprisingly there weren't any complications during the procedure.

A few hours after the surgery had ended and Elliot woke up, he was told about his condition and he was pretty amazed too.

The news became known worldwide, doctors from all around the world came to the conferences and tests done to Elliot's heart to learn about this medical phenomenon and miracle. The way it worked was more amazing than its appearance: it was covered by steel, but contained a real heart inside which worked perfectly, and the most amazing thing about it was that when the doctors tried to remove the steel crust covering the heart it grew back again after a few seconds.

After the news had been forgotten and foreign visitors stopped visiting Arezzo to witness this medical miracle, Elliot was given back his heart and he had the greatest idea of all to make it useful: he could use the everlasting steel covering his previous heart to reboot his business and keep on producing watches, and he even changed the name of his Watch Shop to: "Watches from the heart", which became popular all around Europe soon enough.