

## Pettson and Findus: The Tomte Machine

By Neal Wimmerstedt

This animated movie [Pettson and Findus: the Tomte Machine] had pretty cheesy effects. Most people I asked said two and a half stars. It was funny but had a predictable storyline, stereotypical characters and a recurring problem. It did however give people a good wholesome laugh or two with its whimsical jokes. It wasn't the best drawing I've seen but it wasn't the worst. Crazy and then and then and then type of story with the bulk of it about how the cat feels and not the Swedish inventor's invention.

The story takes place in Sweden during Christmas as a troubled inventor named Pettson is forced to carve 100 wooden tomtes (elves that give presents.) To complicate it, his cat Fingus demands a visit from the "real" tomte, which Fingus doubts exists. Pettson is thrust into making a tomte machine that will activate a look-alike of a tomte plus he has to make a hundred of them out of wood. Any way, doesn't that sound sorta predictable to a point? Of course you've gotta love the jokes i.e. sausage language, crazy metallic tomtes that blast smog at people. Overall I rate it (drum roll) C-, it's all right, not great. So I do recommend watching it once, not twice, once.

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By Dannie Mei Finch And Jessica Coke

Do you speak sausage?

Fengus is a clever and curious cat that chases muckles obsessively to get back items that were stolen by them. He is very upset that the tomte never come to their house for Christmas. He tries making a wish list and builds a snow lantern. If the snow lantern melts by morning the tomte will come. Pettson is an old inventor, who is also Fingus's owner. When he promises that the tomte will come, he is very concerned that the tomte won't come so he attempts to build a tomte machine in secret.

This fun family cartoon is appropriate for all ages. Pettson and Fingus and the Tomte Machine has great cinematography. I especially liked it when Fingus sat on top of Pettson's head and looked at him upside down. It's not that fantastic sound. It is hard to understand at first, but starts making sense at a certain point.

Here are comments from our top critics. Very top critic Kiki Abrahamson gives this cartoon a nine on a scale from 1-10, she says, "I liked it because the kids in the classroom were so engaged and thought it was so humorous." Top critic Brendan Greeley says, "My favorite part of the movie was when they spoke sausage." On a scale from 1-10 Brendan gives it a 5. Top critic Cassidy Sheffler-Brenand Says that the characters are lousy but the story line was good.

Will the tomte come? Will every thing turn out right? We recommend this movie. Bring your family! It is a movie that your kids will love!

It's amazing what a little beard can do!

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Pettson & Findus: The Tomte Machine  
By Paul Trowbridge & Kenneth Schneider

The movie The Tomte Machine was very interesting with some funny parts in it. This movie is an animated movie and it takes place around Christmas time in Sweden.

The characters were Pettson & Findus. Pettson was an old man who invented things and Findus was a cat who got into trouble a lot. Our favorite character was the nutmuckle because he was funny when he stole Pettson's nuts and racket ball. The cat Findus was basically the main character. We thought that Findus acted with fine personality.

Our favorite scene was Pettson's dream because it was so funny. It was a well made movie because the animators had great drawings, the frames flowed smoothly and they used different perspectives in the scenes.

The movie kept us engaged and it was not too predictable. We recommend this movie for mostly kids and some adults. We think it's rated PG. We think it is a five star movie.

