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For Natalia and Yuri, my parents, who always supported my love for drawing. Your daughter, V.

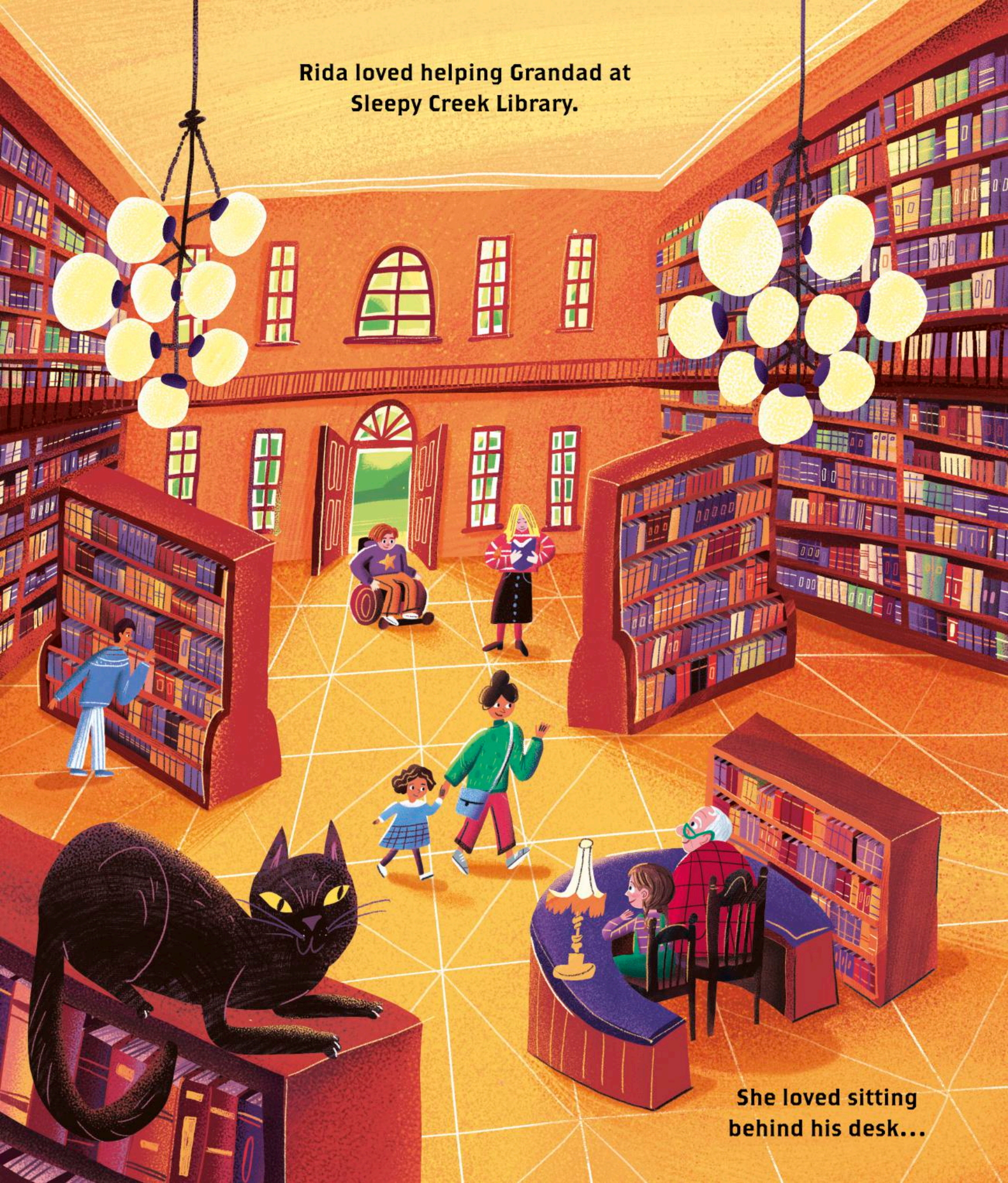
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THE AWESOMELY ADVENTUROUS LIBRARIANS

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Rida loved helping Grandad at
Sleepy Creek Library.
She loved sitting
behind his desk...

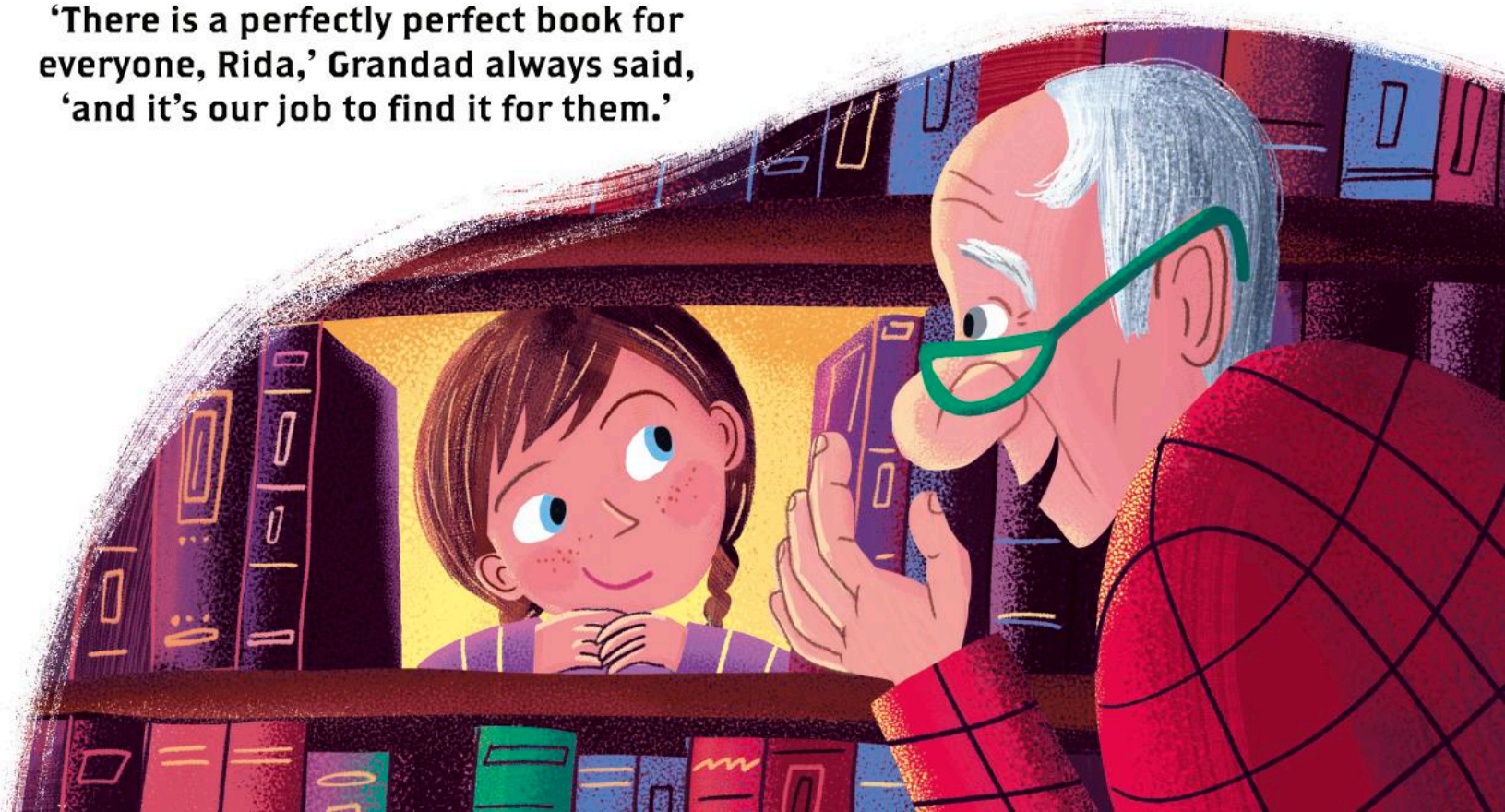
...quietly dusting the bookshelves...



...and finding books for all of their visitors.



'There is a perfectly perfect book for everyone, Rida,' Grandad always said, 'and it's our job to find it for them.'




So, Rida watched the visitors, she listened to them, and she carefully made a list.
We need some bedtime stories.
I want to learn about fish!
What's the smallest animal in the world?


Because, when everyone had gone home,
Rida passed the list onto Grandad.
Grandad would slide back
the largest bookshelf, scurry
down the secret passageway,
climb up the steepest steps
until he was in...


...THE LAND
OF BOOKS.