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In memory of my Dad, who first inspired me to draw R.S.

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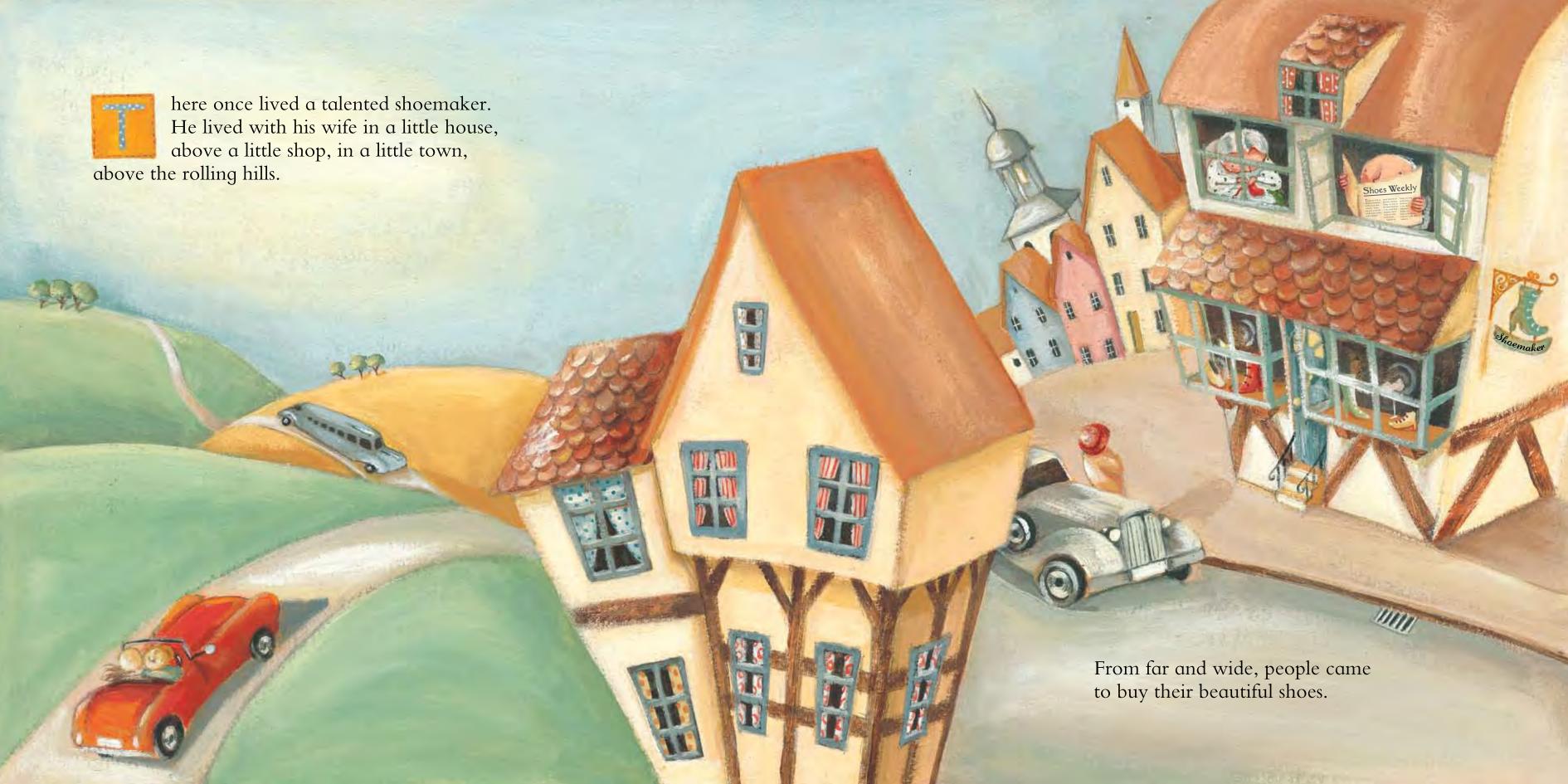
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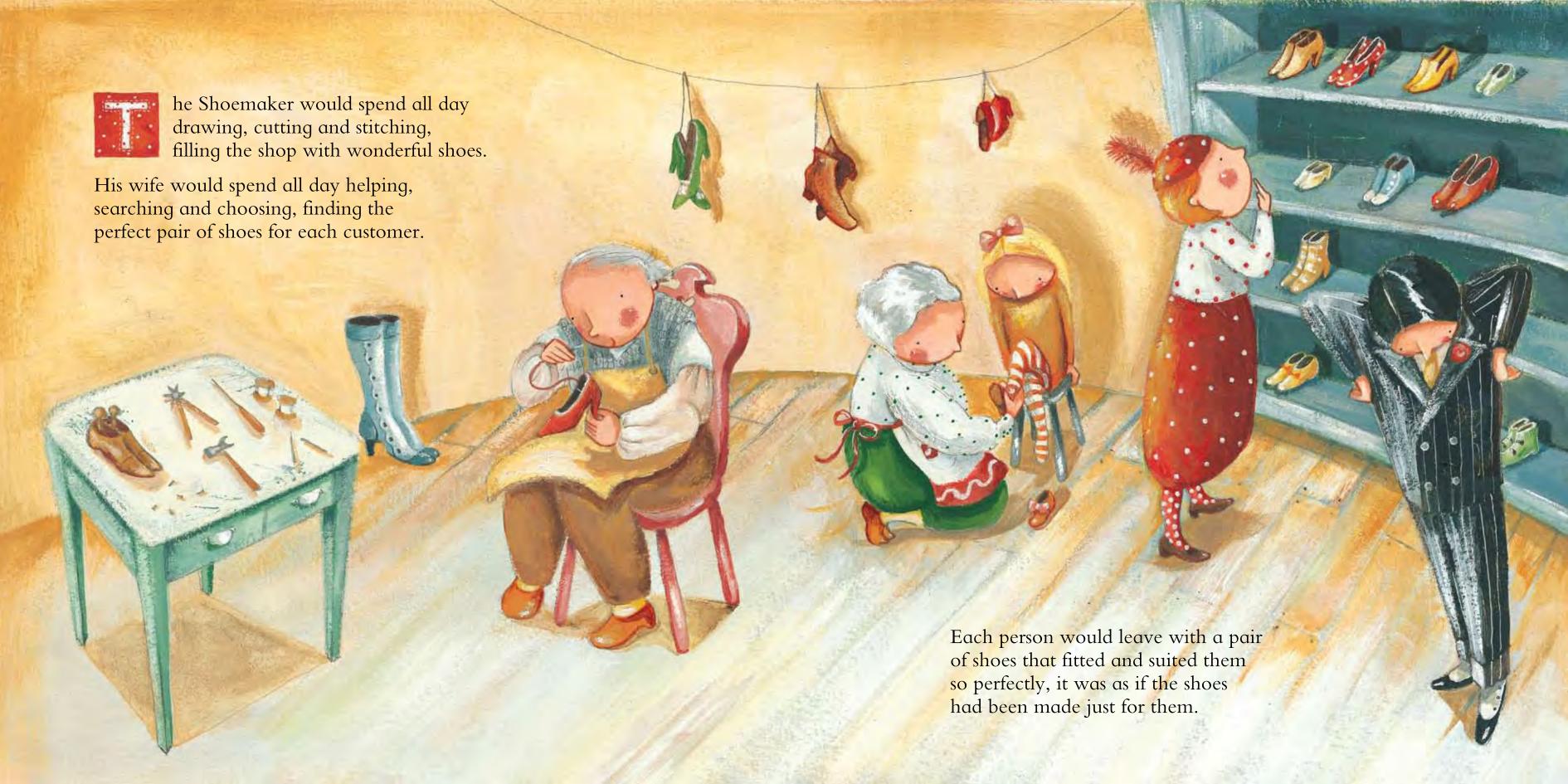


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he years passed happily, and as they passed, the Shoemaker grew older.

But as he grew older, his fingers did too. He could no longer work as quickly as he had once been able to.

Soon, a day came when they sold their last pair of shoes.

The Shoemaker could only afford enough leather to make one last pair.