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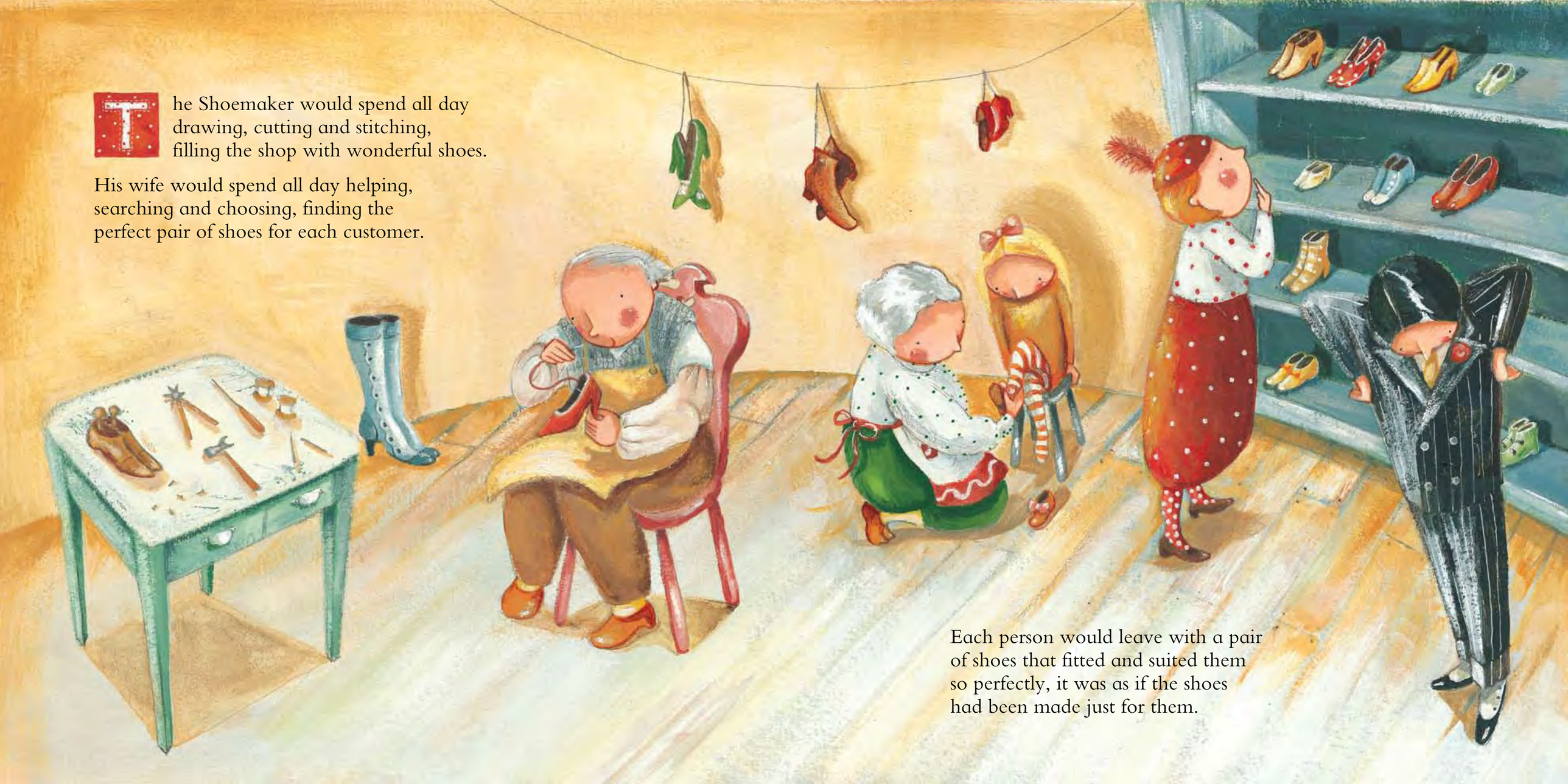


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There once lived a talented shoemaker. He lived with his wife in a little house, above a little shop, in a little town, above the rolling hills.



From far and wide, people came to buy their beautiful shoes.



The Shoemaker would spend all day drawing, cutting and stitching, filling the shop with wonderful shoes.

His wife would spend all day helping, searching and choosing, finding the perfect pair of shoes for each customer.

Each person would leave with a pair of shoes that fitted and suited them so perfectly, it was as if the shoes had been made just for them.

The 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.