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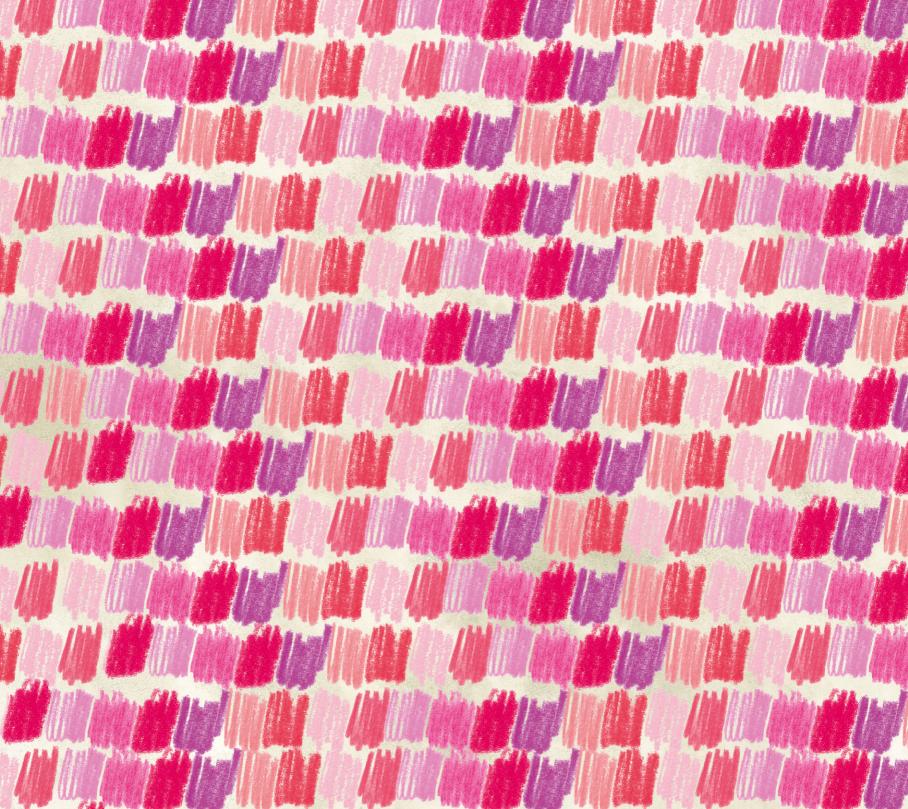
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Once upon a time, there was an old man.



He frowned often, didn't like people much, and people didn't really like him. He never bought roses for his wife on her birthday.







Even though he knew this made her sad.



He never allowed anyone to drain the bathtub until he filled two large buckets with the water.



He kept the buckets of water next to the toilet for flushing.

When visitors came, his wife felt ashamed.

After he took out the trash, he brought back the plastic bin bag and returned it to the bin.

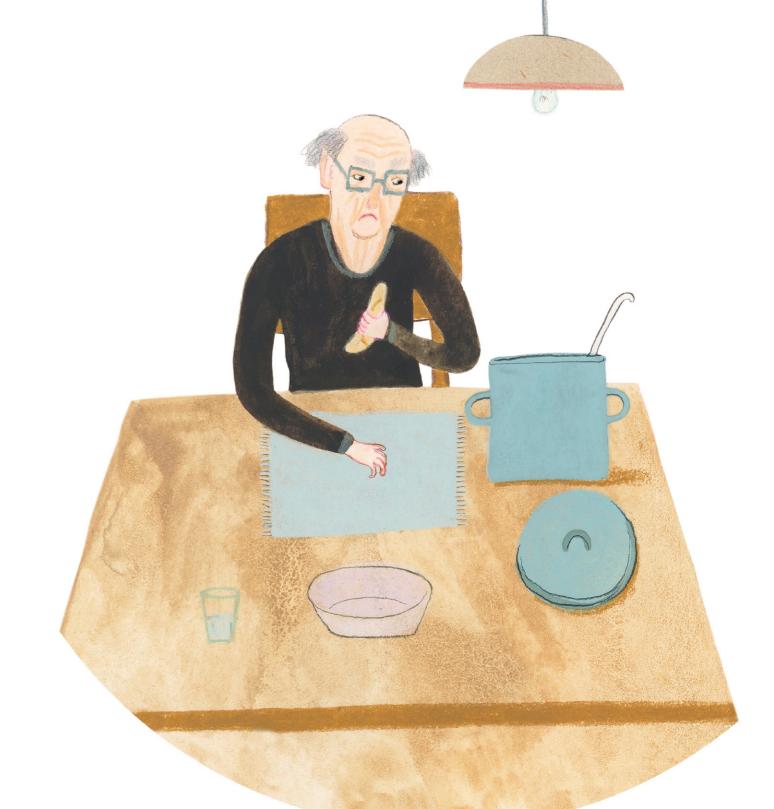




Even though he knew that the bag was smelly and that his wife was disgusted by it.

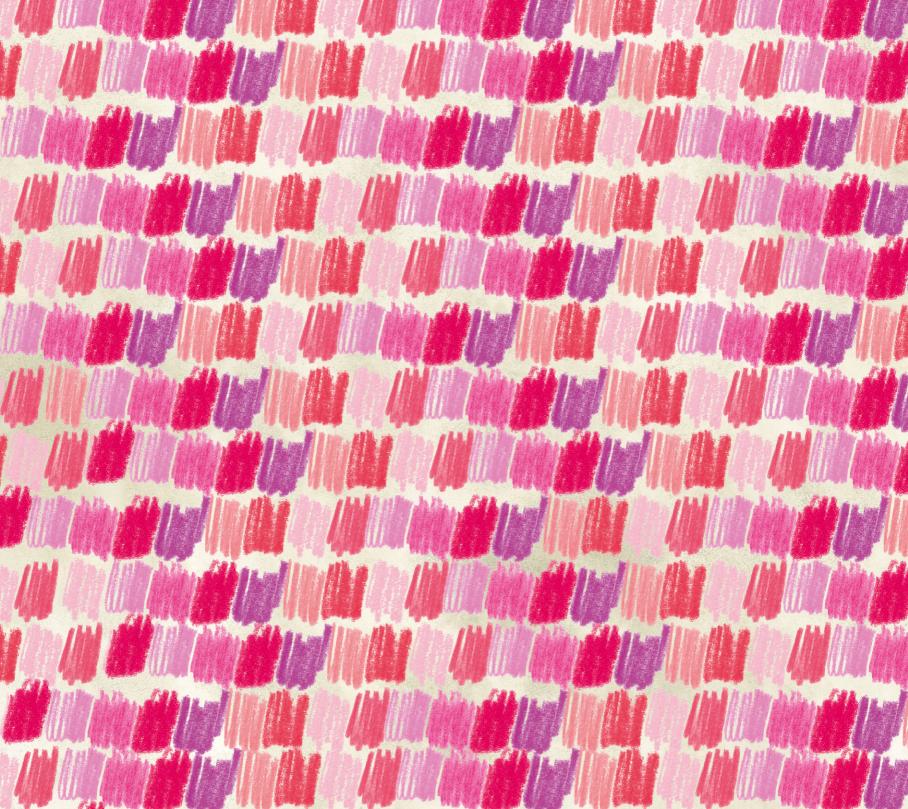
Whenever his wife asked what he wanted for dinner, his answer was the same:

"I'll eat what needs to be eaten."





If he happened to find out that she had thrown away an out-of-date yogurt, he would get angry.



The grandfather of our story isn't like other grandparents. He wears pink trousers! And that's not all that's strange about him. People say that he's a strange old codger altogether. Some even think that he's grumpy. But as his grandson grows up, he comes to understand why Grandad does strange things, like refusing to give up his silly pink trousers. The child reader of this thought-provoking story will learn that quiet heroism can be more effective than a thousand grand gestures.

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