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God's



Plan

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**H**ow did we get to be so different?  
Why do people speak so many different languages?  
Wouldn't it be easier if we were all alike?

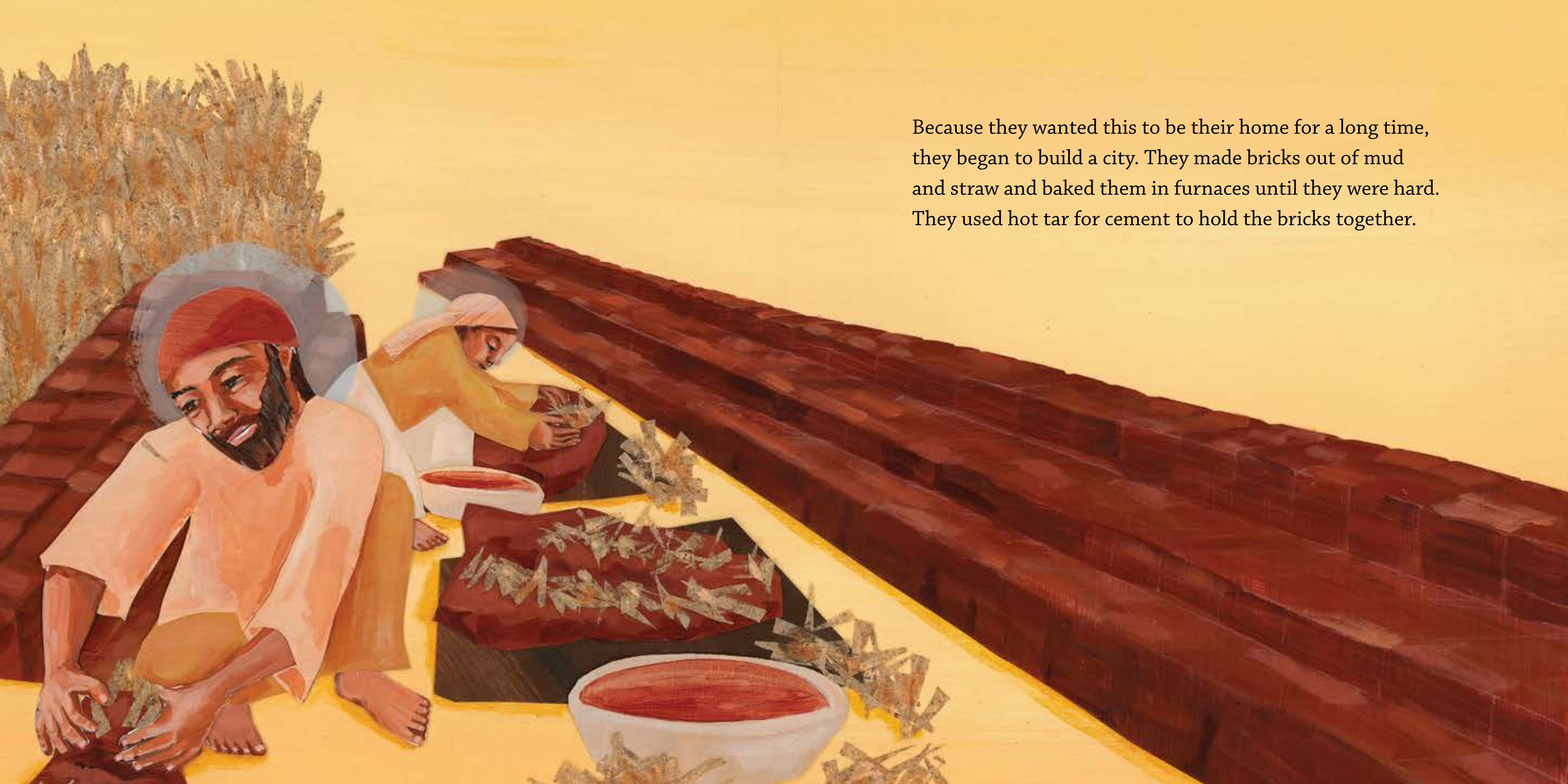
This is the story of the people of God  
found in the book of Genesis—  
people who were all alike  
and liked it that way.  
Then, God surprised them.



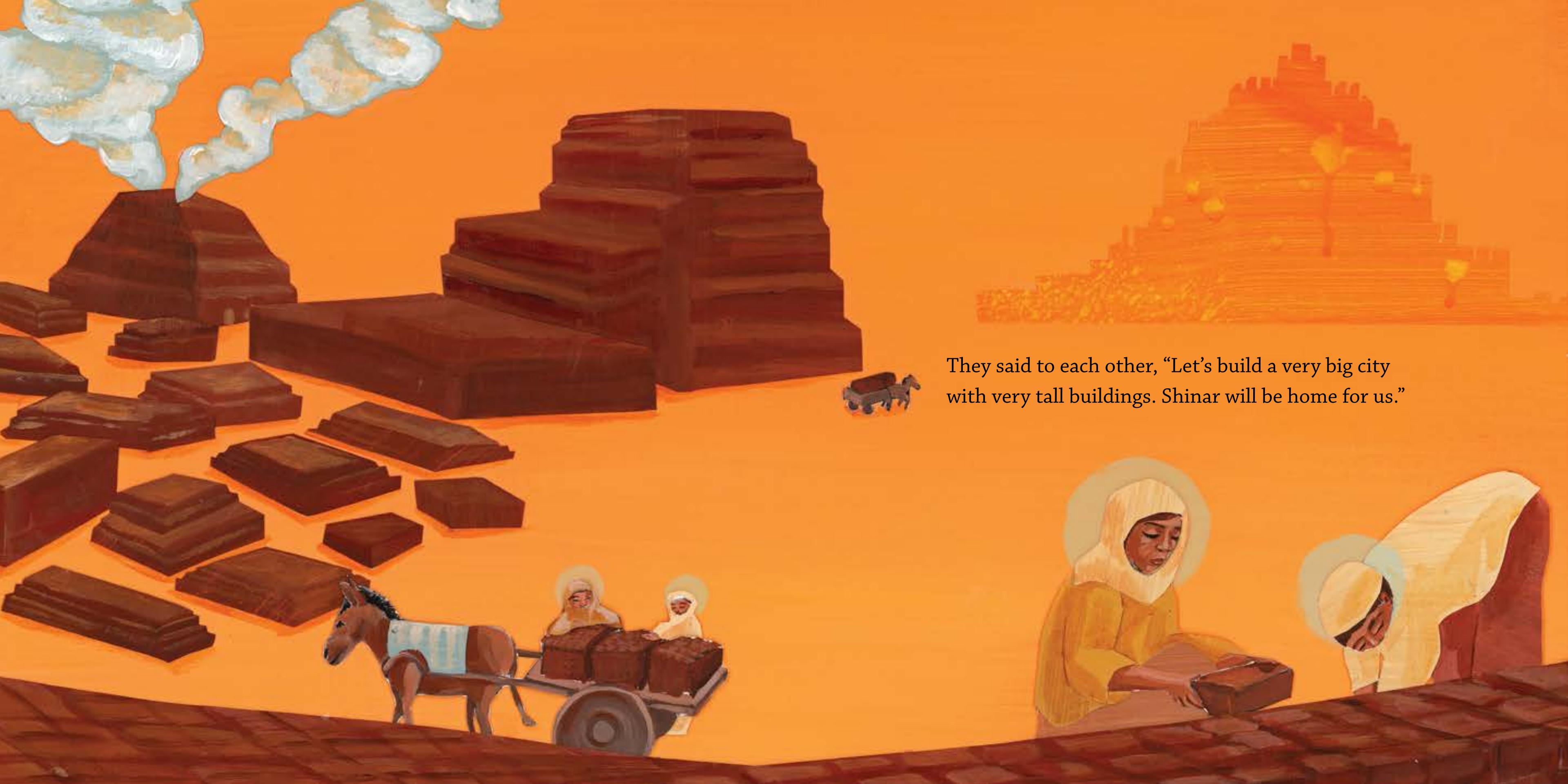
When the world started again after the flood, the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Noah and Naamah and all their descendants moved to a place called Shinar.

Everyone in this very large family spoke the same language and lived together in the same place.

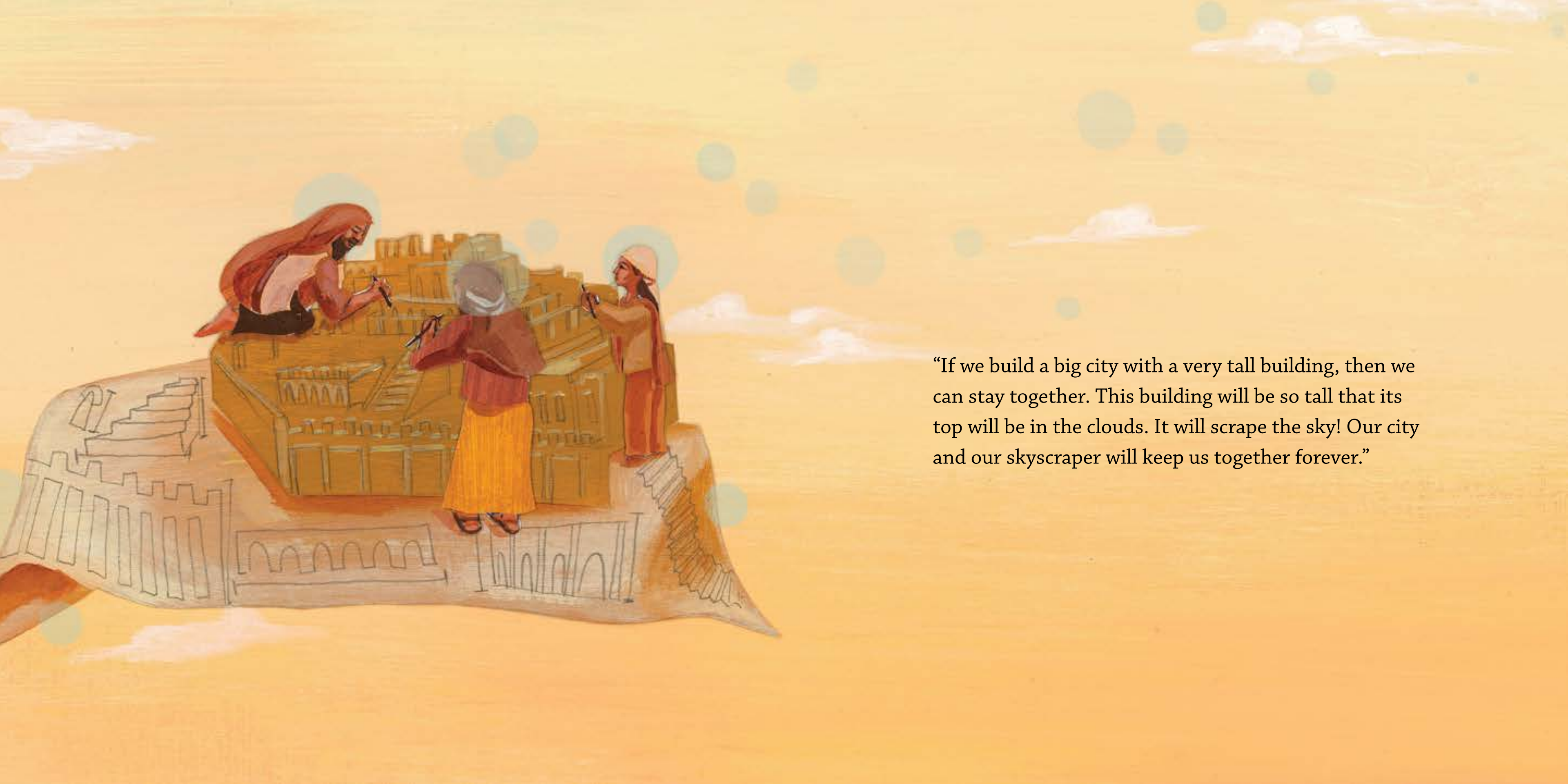




Because they wanted this to be their home for a long time, they began to build a city. They made bricks out of mud and straw and baked them in furnaces until they were hard. They used hot tar for cement to hold the bricks together.



They said to each other, "Let's build a very big city with very tall buildings. Shinar will be home for us."



“If we build a big city with a very tall building, then we can stay together. This building will be so tall that its top will be in the clouds. It will scrape the sky! Our city and our skyscraper will keep us together forever.”