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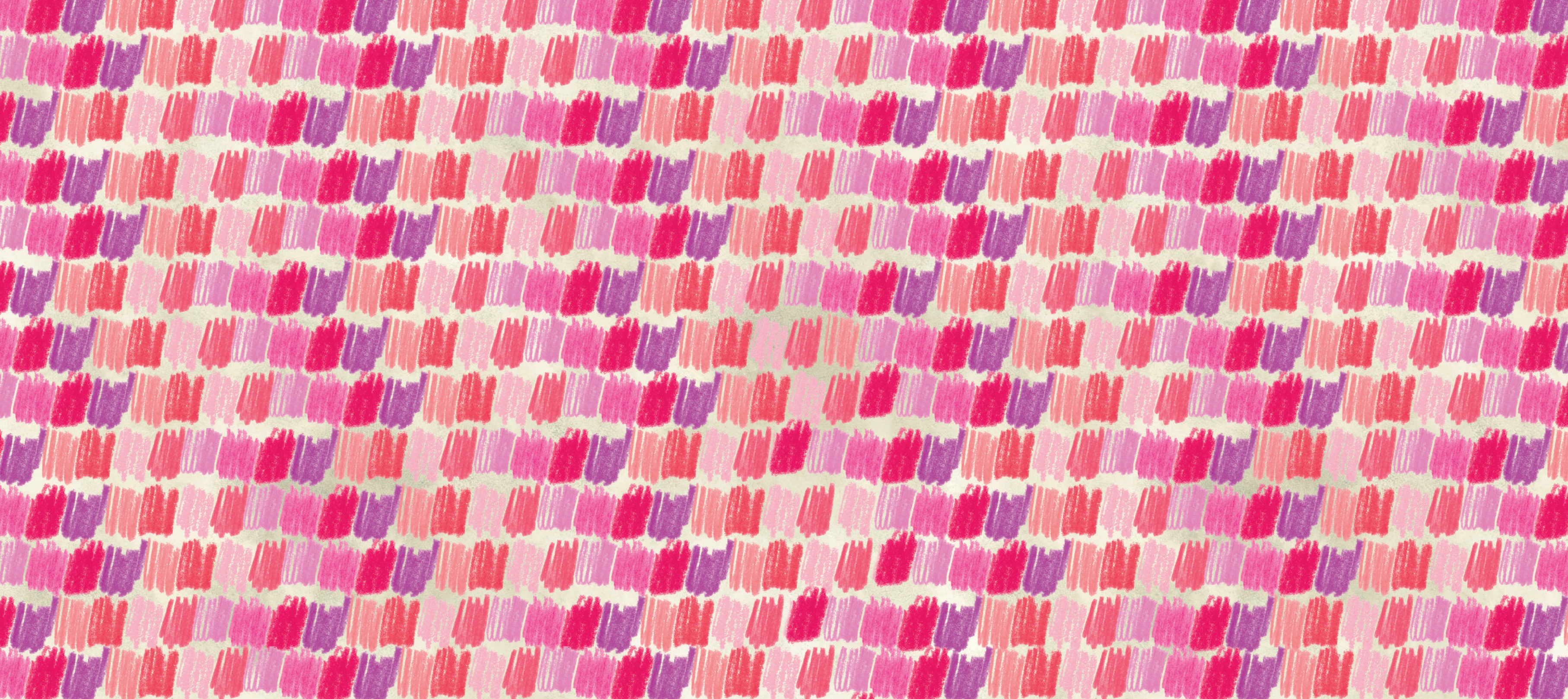
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*To Dad with Love*

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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.





Once, when the boy was a little older, he looked up at the man and asked, “Grandad, why are you nice to me and grumpy to others?”



The man was taken aback.  
“Why don’t you buy roses for Grandma?”  
the boy asked.

“Why does she have to flush with water  
from a bucket? And why don’t you let her  
throw away those old trousers?”







The man thought before answering.  
“It’s like this,” he said at last.  
“Those roses travel halfway across the world  
to our shops. That’s bad for the climate.

And the growers treat them with a special spray  
to make them look fresh longer. This spray makes  
people who live nearby seriously ill.”



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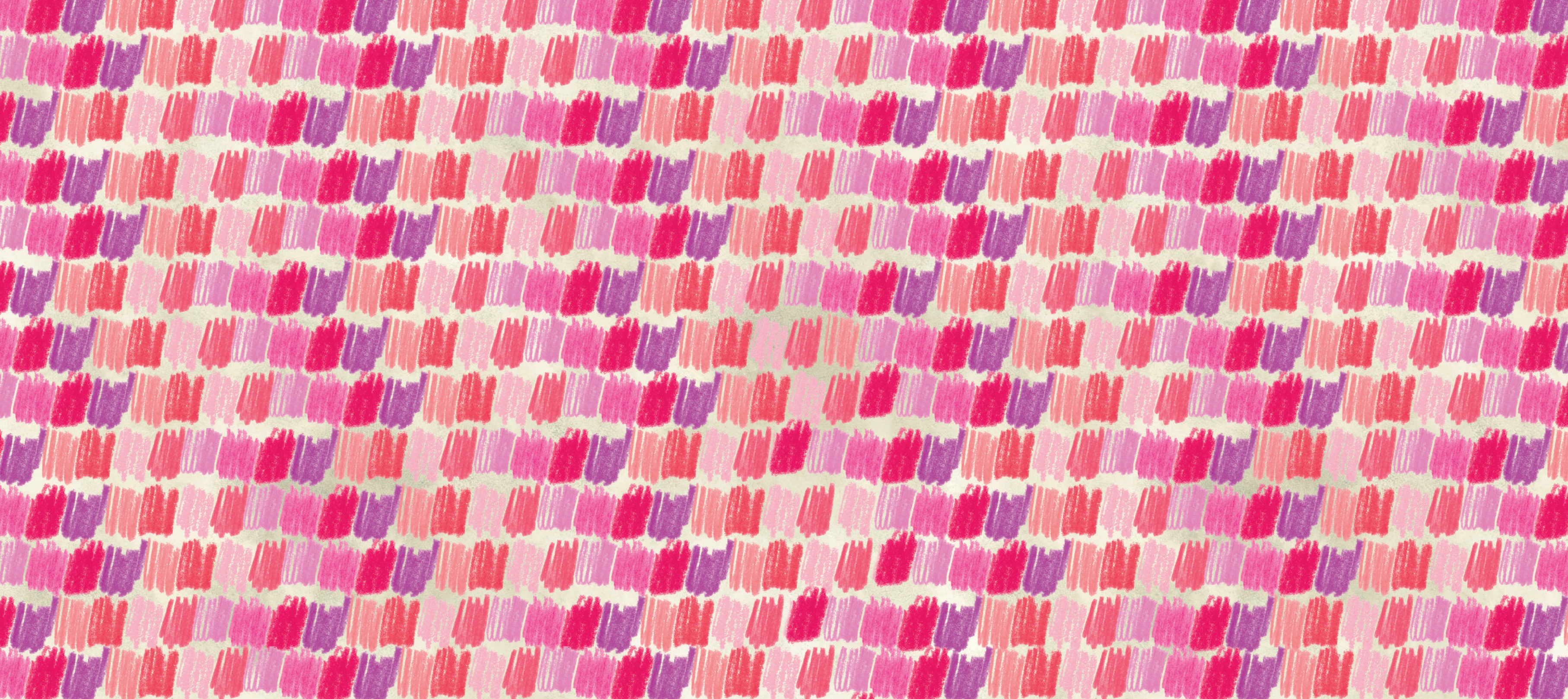
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The grandfather of our story  
isn't like other grandparents. He wears pink trousers!  
And that's not all that's strange about him. People say  
that he's a strange old codger altogether. Some even think  
that he's grumpy. But as his grandson grows 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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
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