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# Strega Nona

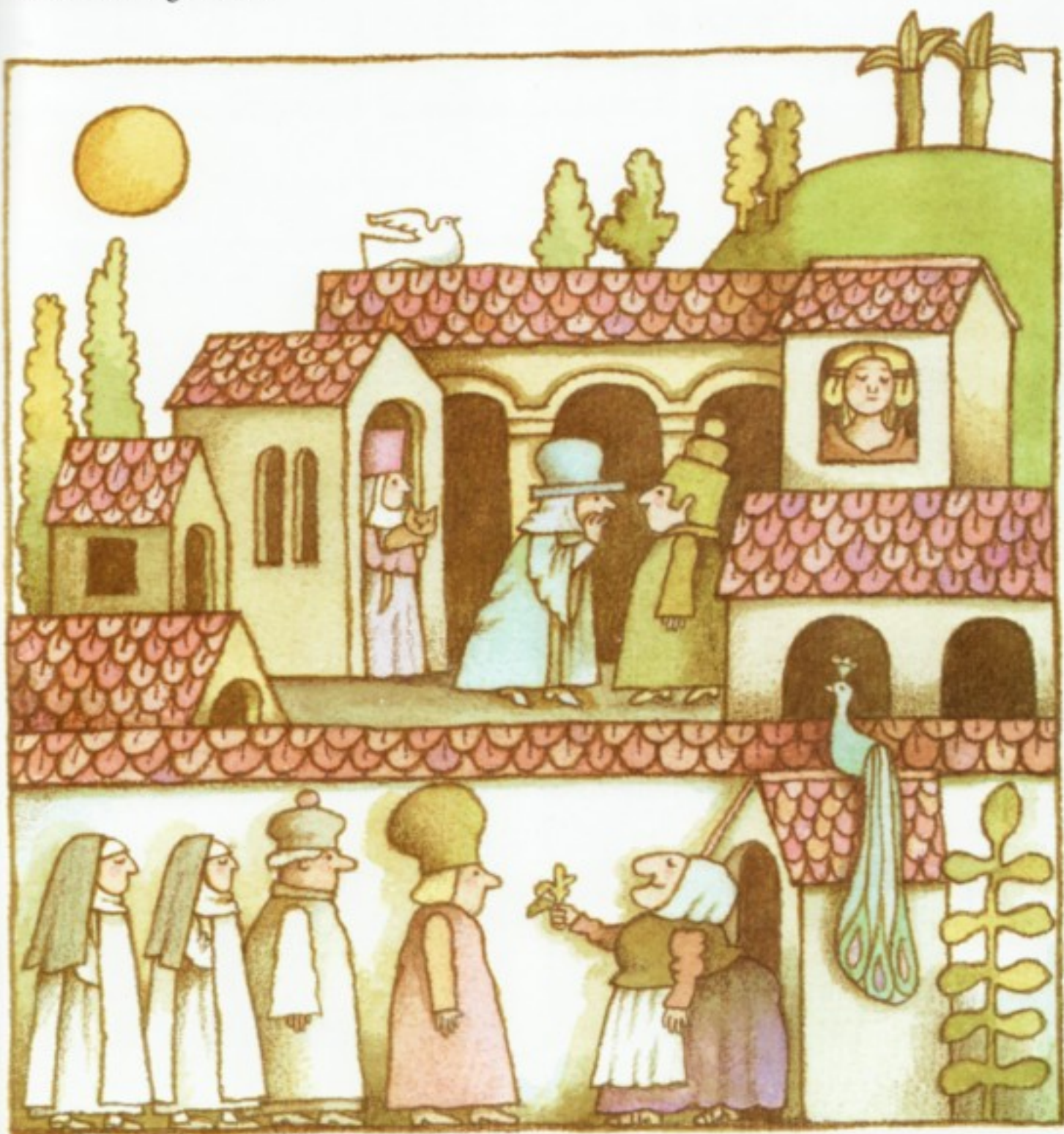


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**I**n a town in Calabria, a long time ago, there lived an old lady everyone called Strega Nona, which meant "Grandma Witch."

Although all the people in town talked about her in whispers, they all went to see her if they had troubles. Even the priest and the sisters of the convent went, because Strega Nona *did* have a magic touch.







She could cure a headache, with oil and water and a hairpin.



She made special potions for the girls who wanted husbands.



And she was very good at getting rid of warts.



But Strega Nona was getting old, and she needed someone to help her keep her little house and garden, so she put up a sign in the town square







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