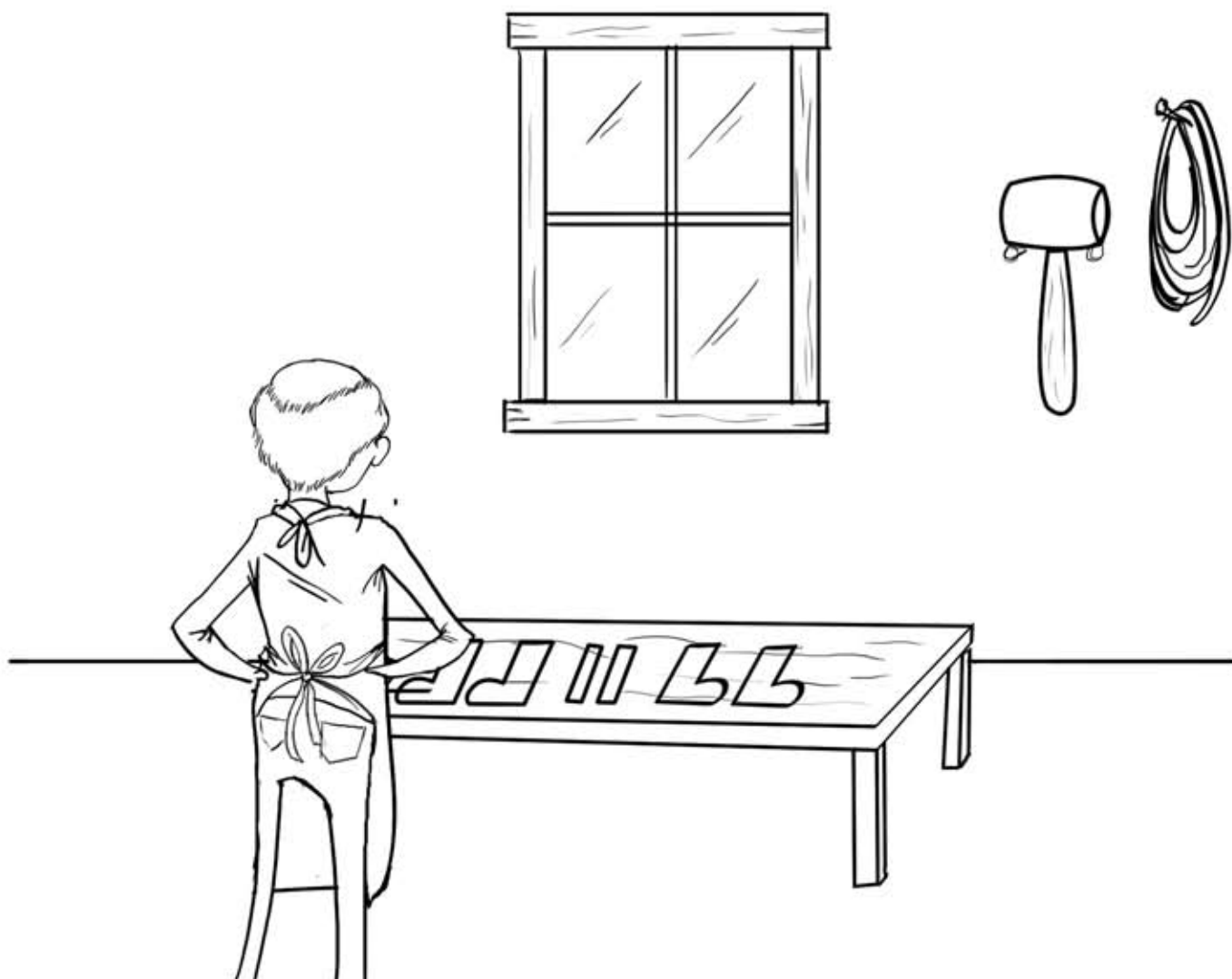


The shoemaker was ecstatic! He immediately went out to buy plenty of food for his family, and some more leather too. That afternoon, he cut out two pairs of shoes and laid them out on the bench so he could sew them the next day. Low and behold, the next morning he found two more pairs of beautifully finished shoes on his workbench.

“Who could make such fine shoes - and so quickly?” he thought.



For weeks, and then months, this continued. Whether the shoemaker cut leather for two pairs or four pairs, the finest new shoes were always ready in the morning. Soon his little shop was producing the most beautiful and expensive looking shoes in the land. The shoemaker and his family became very rich indeed.