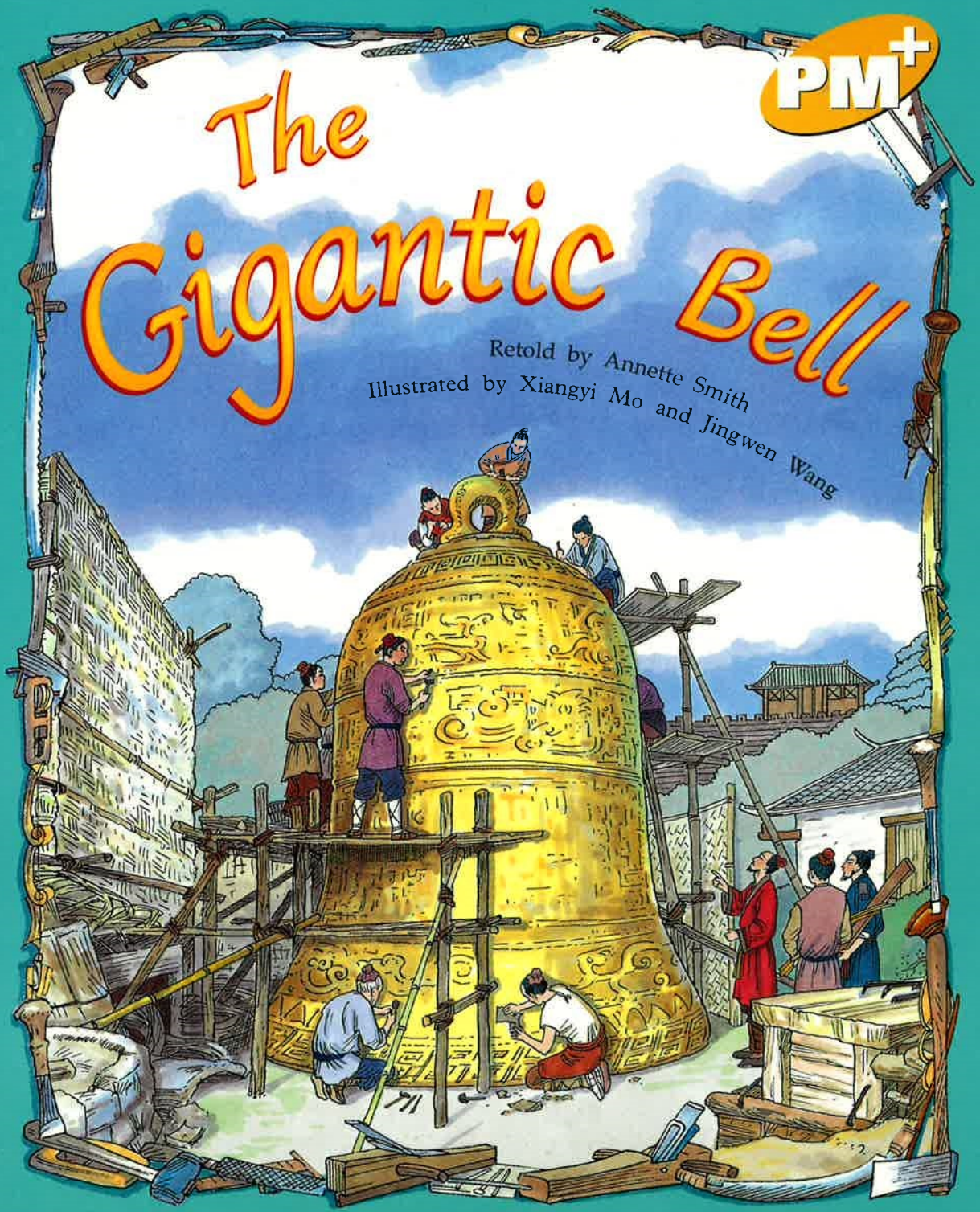
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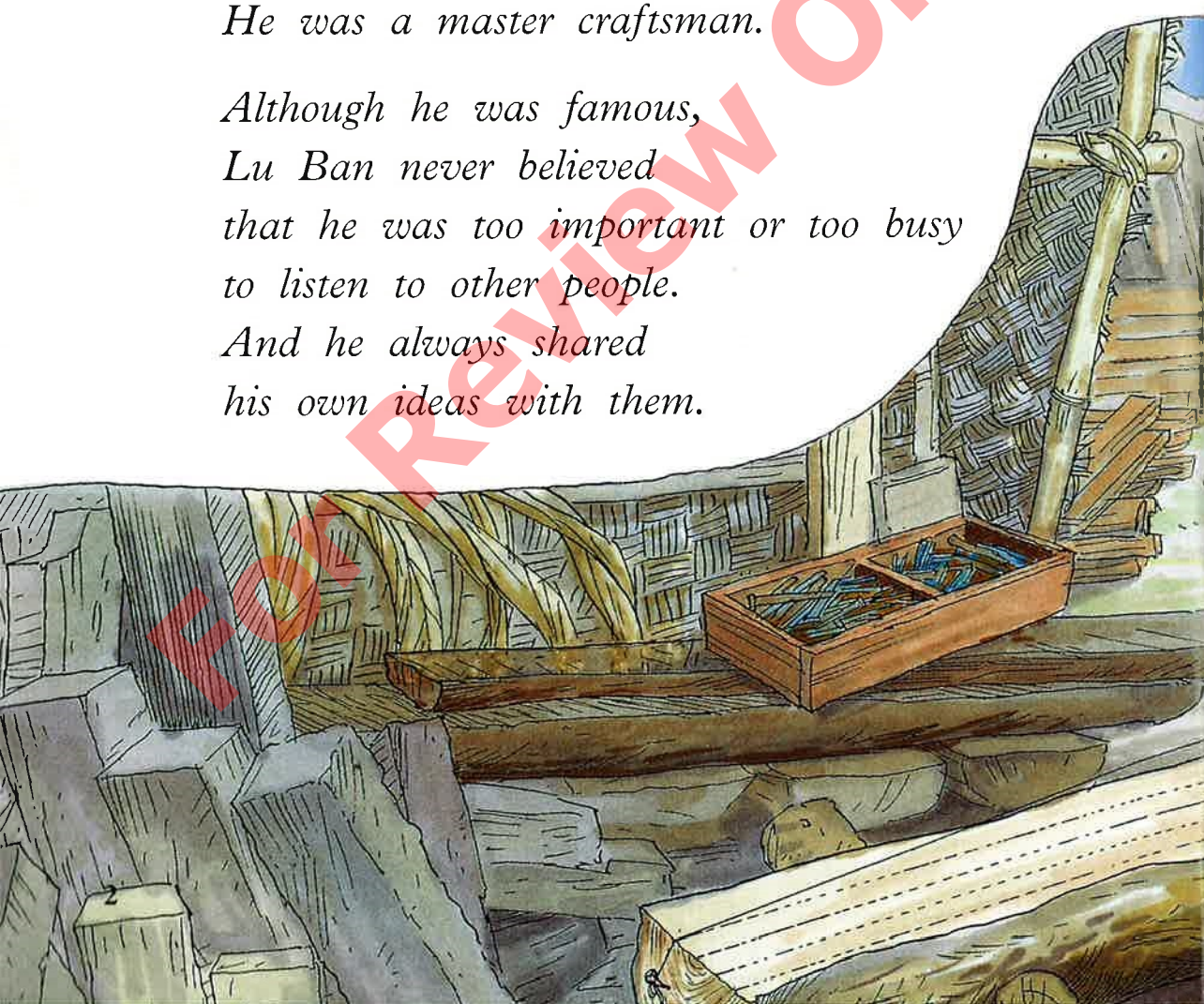
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Long, long ago,
in an old city in China,
there lived a wise man called Lu Ban.
He was known far and wide
for the magnificent houses and bridges
that he had built.
He was a master craftsman.

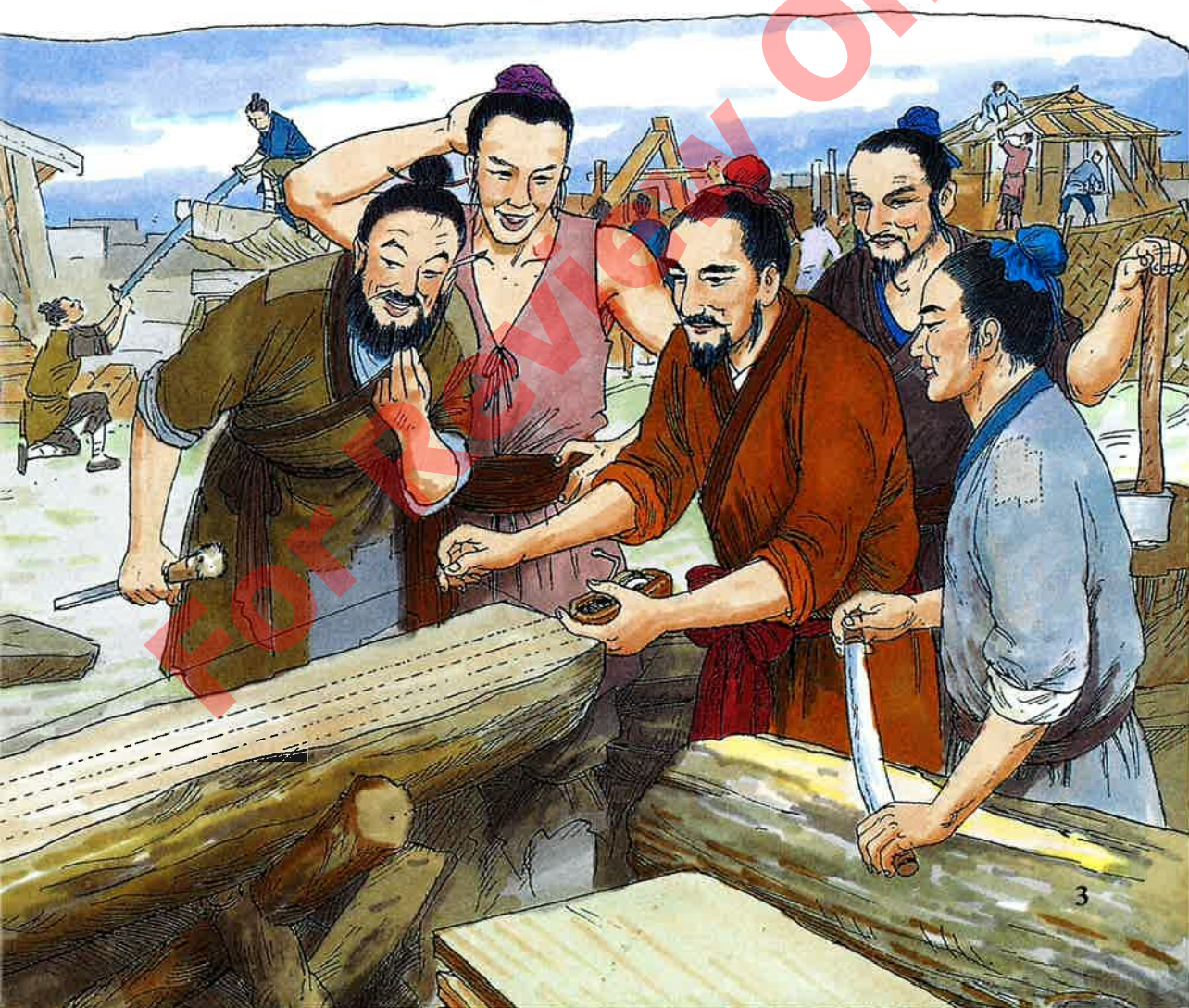
Although he was famous,
Lu Ban never believed
that he was too important or too busy
to listen to other people.
And he always shared
his own ideas with them.



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Long after he died, Chinese craftsmen remembered the great work of Lu Ban. They wanted to be as wise as he had been.

This is a story about some craftsmen who made a gigantic bell.



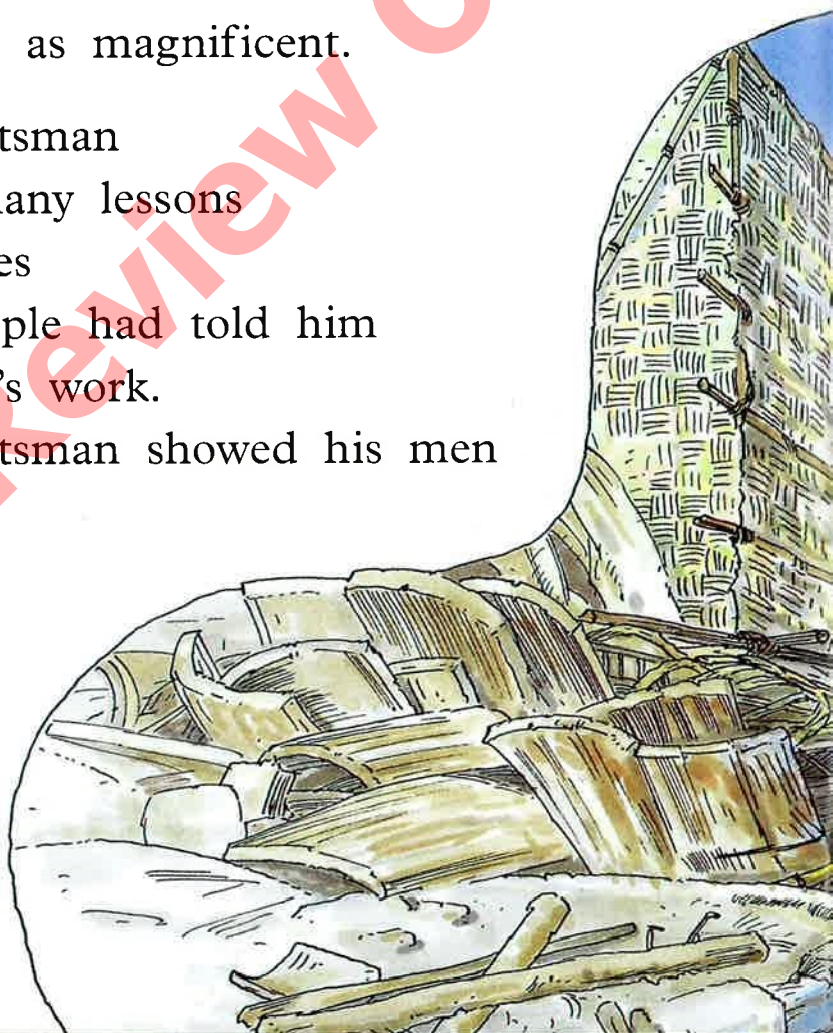
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The Story of the Gigantic Bell

Some craftsmen
were asked to make a gigantic bell
for a beautiful temple outside the city walls.

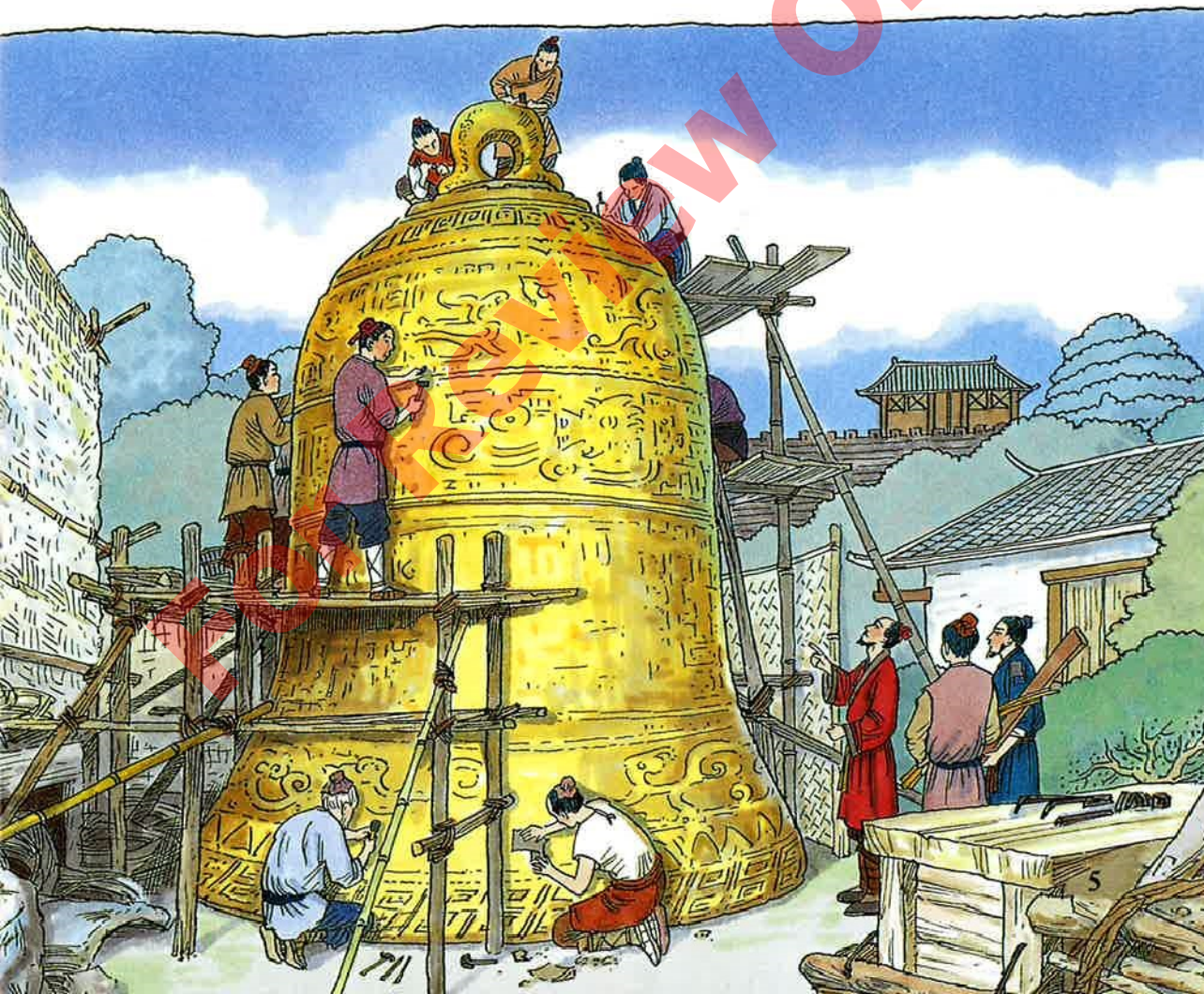
The temple was so beautiful
that they knew the bell
had to be just as magnificent.

The head craftsman
had learned many lessons
from the stories
that other people had told him
about Lu Ban's work.
The head craftsman showed his men
what to do.



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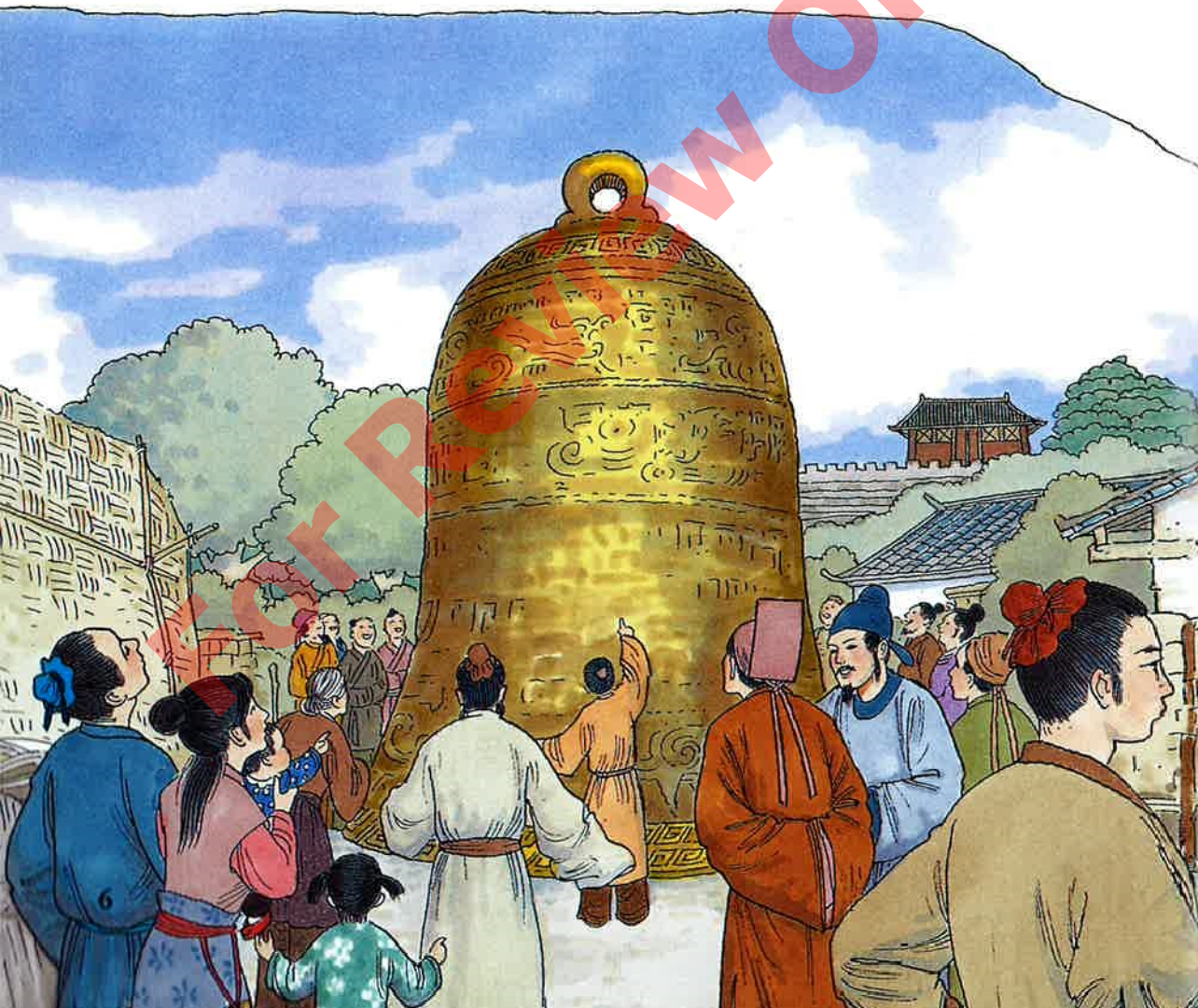
For months and months,
the men all worked together
making the bell.
It was huge!
It was about three times
as tall as a man.



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When at last the gigantic bell was finished, the craftsmen stood back to admire their work.

The men were so proud of the bell because it had beautiful patterns.



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