

Living Traditions

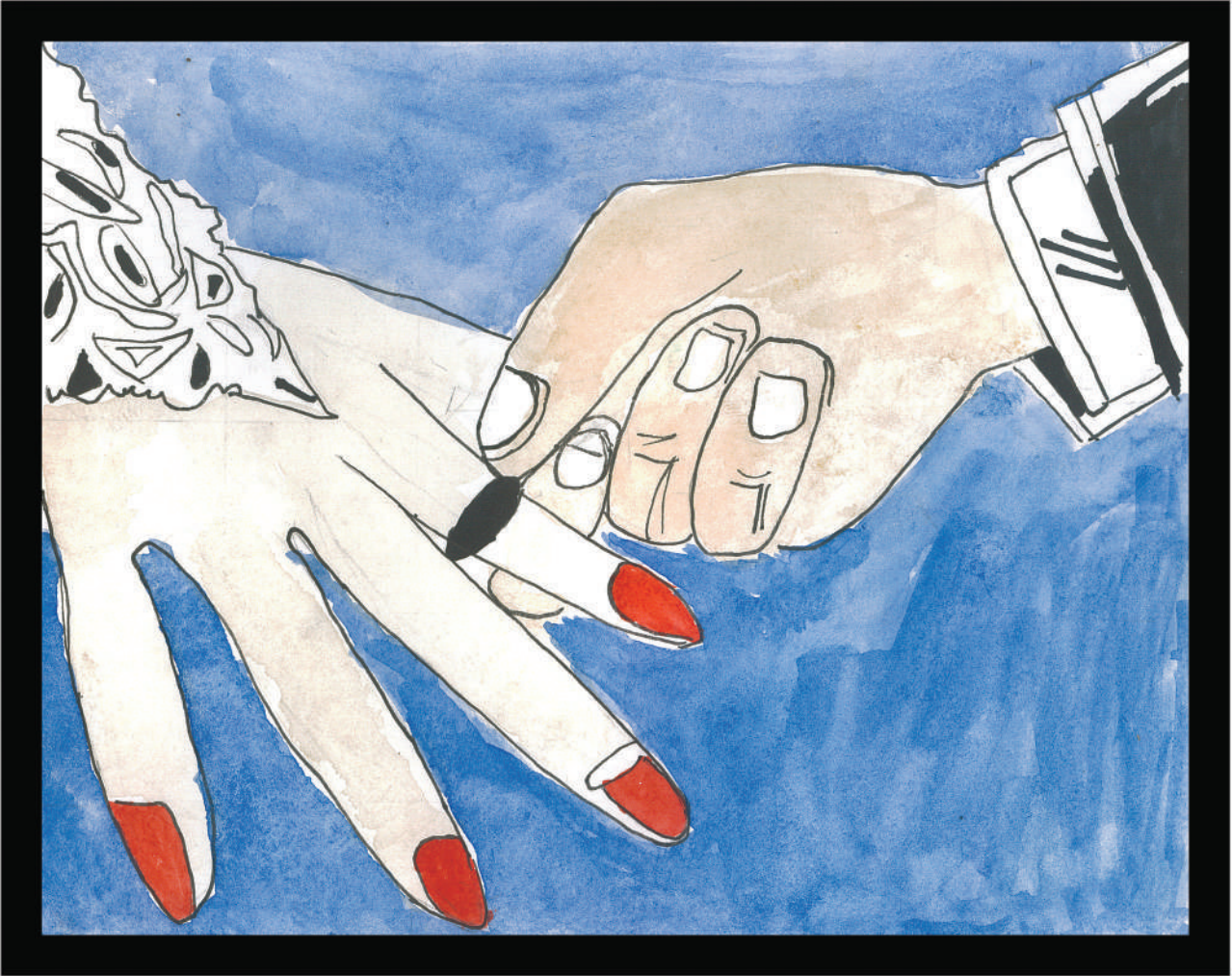
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**Selina sat daydreaming while
watching her friend get married.**

**The wedding was big and modern;
nothing like Selina wanted
for her own wedding.**

**She dreamed of having
a traditional Palestinian wedding,
with a small band and folk dancing.**





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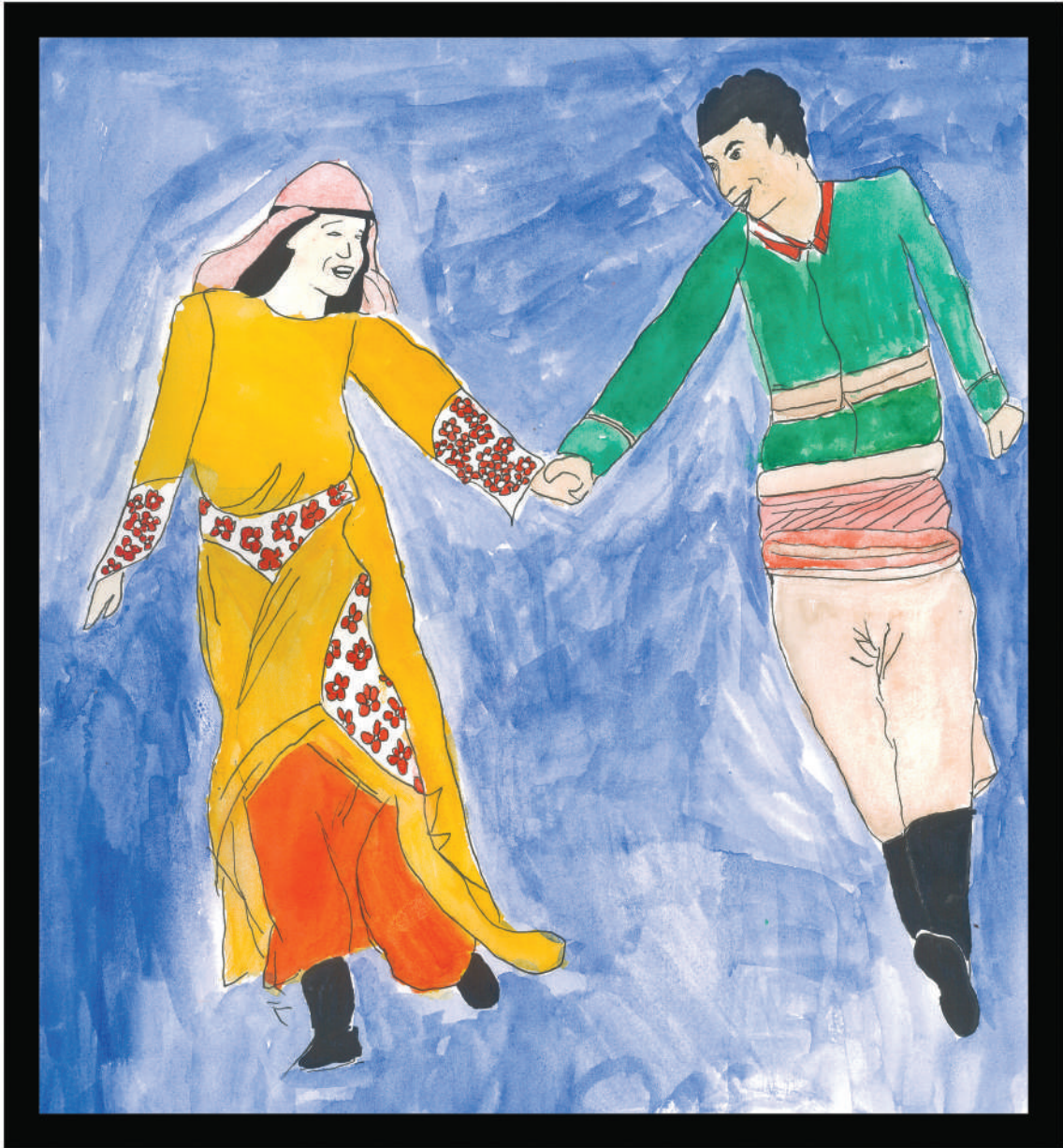
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**George's mother had always wanted
a daughter,
and she really liked the way
Selina helped her son.**

**Selina also helped around the house
with various chores, even with the
difficult job of harvesting olives in the fall.**

**Selina really liked his mother as well,
for she was a truly
traditional Palestinian woman.**

**The customs of her heritage captivated Selina,
and she tried to fill her time
with these things.**

**She joined a band that focused on
Arabic music, and began to dance in a
Debkeh group.**





**George was so fascinated by Selina,
and loved how unique she was.**

**With his mother's encouragement
he asked for
Selina's hand in marriage.**

**Selina said, "Yes! Yes! Yes!"
and began planning her
dream wedding right away.**

***The first thing she did was hire her
Arabic band to play at the wedding.***

***She then asked all of her friends
to come dressed in classic
Palestinian clothing.***





**Everyone came dressed and
ready to dance the night away.**

**Selina finally had the
wedding she dreamed of.**

**Her wedding party danced
and sang around her.**

She and George lived happily ever after.

