Option Explicit

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Sub SplitDataIntoWorkbooksByCategory()
  Dim ws As Worksheet
  Dim categoryCol As String
  Dim lastRow As Long
  Dim rng As Range, cell As Range
  Dim dict As Object
  Dim key As Variant
  Dim newWb As Workbook
  Dim header As Range
  Dim savePath As String
  Dim cleanedKey As String
  ' === CONFIGURATION ===
  categoryCol = "D" ' Column where Category is present
  savePath = "C:\Your\Desired\Folder\Path\" ' <-- Change this to your folder path</pre>
  'Create dictionary to store unique categories
  Set dict = CreateObject("Scripting.Dictionary")
  'Work with the first sheet (adjust if needed)
  Set ws = ThisWorkbook.Sheets(1)
  ' Find last row in category column
  lastRow = ws.Cells(ws.Rows.Count, categoryCol).End(xIUp).Row
  'Store headers
  Set header = ws.Rows(1)
  'Loop through each cell in Category column to store unique keys
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If Not dict.Exists(cell.Value) And cell.Value <> "" Then
      dict.Add cell.Value, Nothing
    End If
  Next cell
  'Loop through each unique category and create a workbook
  For Each key In dict.Keys
    cleanedKey = CleanFileName(key)
    ' Create a new workbook
    Set newWb = Workbooks.Add
    header.Copy Destination:=newWb.Sheets(1).Rows(1)
    ' Filter and copy rows
    ws.Rows(1).AutoFilter Field:=ws.Range(categoryCol & "1").Column, Criteria1:=key
    ws.Range("A1:A" & lastRow).EntireRow.Copy Destination:=newWb.Sheets(1).Rows(2)
    ws.AutoFilterMode = False
    ' Save the workbook
    Application.DisplayAlerts = False
    newWb.SaveAs savePath & cleanedKey & ".xlsx"
    Application.DisplayAlerts = True
    newWb.Close SaveChanges:=False
  Next key
  MsgBox "All files have been created successfully!", vbInformation
End Sub
Function CleanFileName(strName As String) As String
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'Replace invalid filename characters with underscore

For Each cell In ws.Range(categoryCol & "2:" & categoryCol & lastRow)

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Dim invalidChars As Variant
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Dim i As Long

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invalidChars = Array("\", "/", ":", "*", "?", """", "<", ">", "|")
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CleanFileName = strName

For i = LBound(invalidChars) To UBound(invalidChars)

CleanFileName = Replace(CleanFileName, invalidChars(i), "_")

Next i

End Function