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“Yeah, we made it!” cried Liteng. She and her family had just arrived in Port Vila after travelling by ship for two days. They were happy to be there.





Liteng had lived on the islands all her life. This was her first time visiting Port Vila, and she couldn't wait to see everything.





They hopped on a bus that took them into town. When they got off the bus, Liteng's eyes grew wide with amazement. There were so many cars everywhere!





She turned around and saw a large crowd of people, all wearing colourful clothes. She couldn't believe how busy the town was.



Jamaica
Blossom



An illustration of a street scene. In the background, a tall, white, modern building with many windows stands against a clear blue sky. A street lamp is visible. In the foreground, three people are walking. On the left, a young girl with brown skin and curly hair, wearing a blue shirt with a yellow bird and leaf pattern, is winking. In the center, a woman with dark skin and black hair, wearing a yellow dress with a purple floral pattern, is looking up at the building. On the right, an older woman with grey hair, wearing a white shirt with a pink and green floral pattern, is walking. A hand is visible holding a brown bag. A sign on the wall behind the people has a drawing of a smiley face and some text. The ground is a mix of orange and red stripes.

Then, Liteng looked up at the tall, scary buildings. They seemed to be watching her. It was so different from the island where she lived.







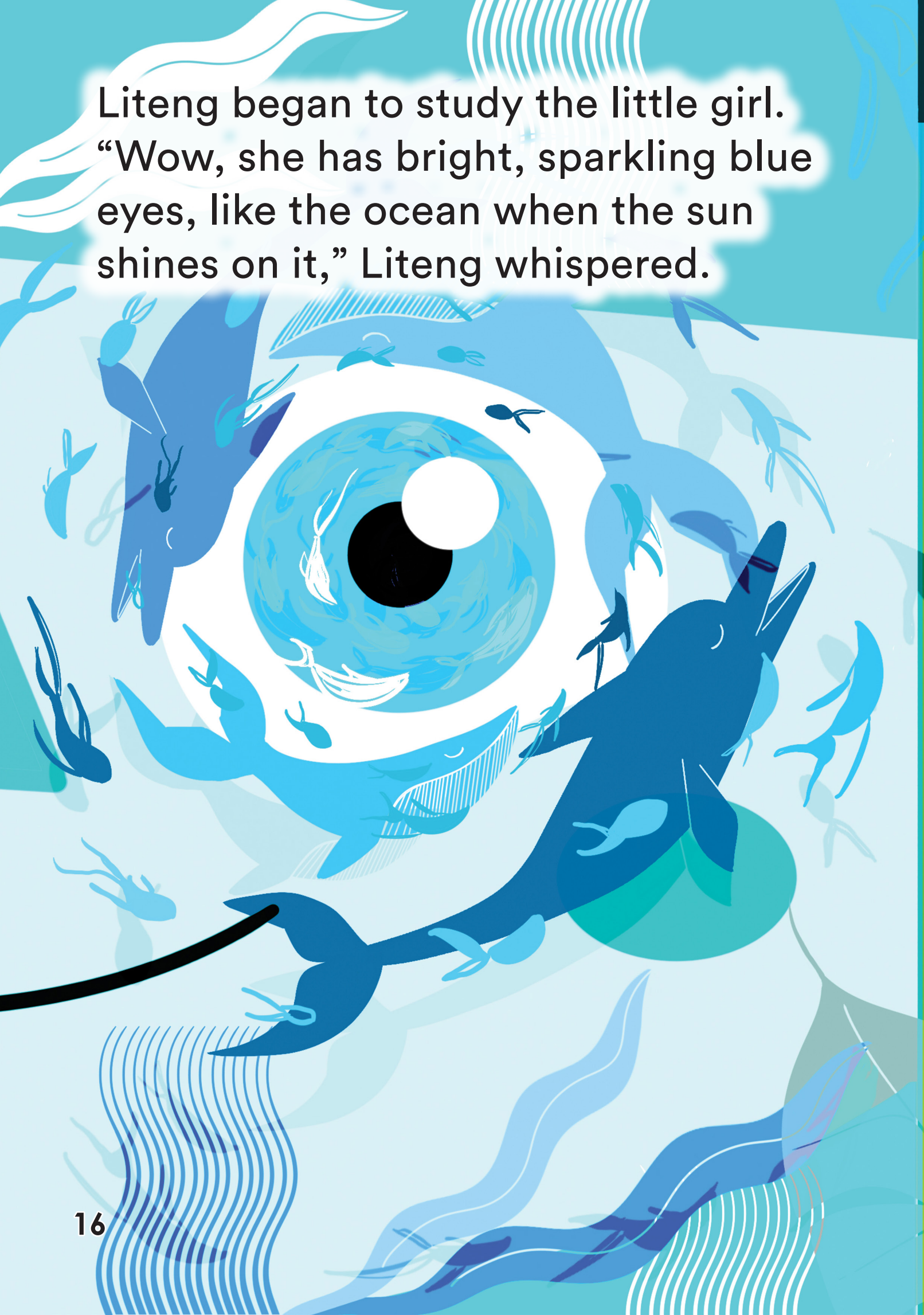
Nearby, some tourists were talking loudly in a strange language. Liteng watched them curiously.



Suddenly, Liteng's eyes caught sight of a young girl. She looked about the same size as Liteng, but something about her seemed so strange.



Liteng began to study the little girl.
“Wow, she has bright, sparkling blue eyes, like the ocean when the sun shines on it,” Liteng whispered.





“My eyes are dark brown,
like tree bark.”

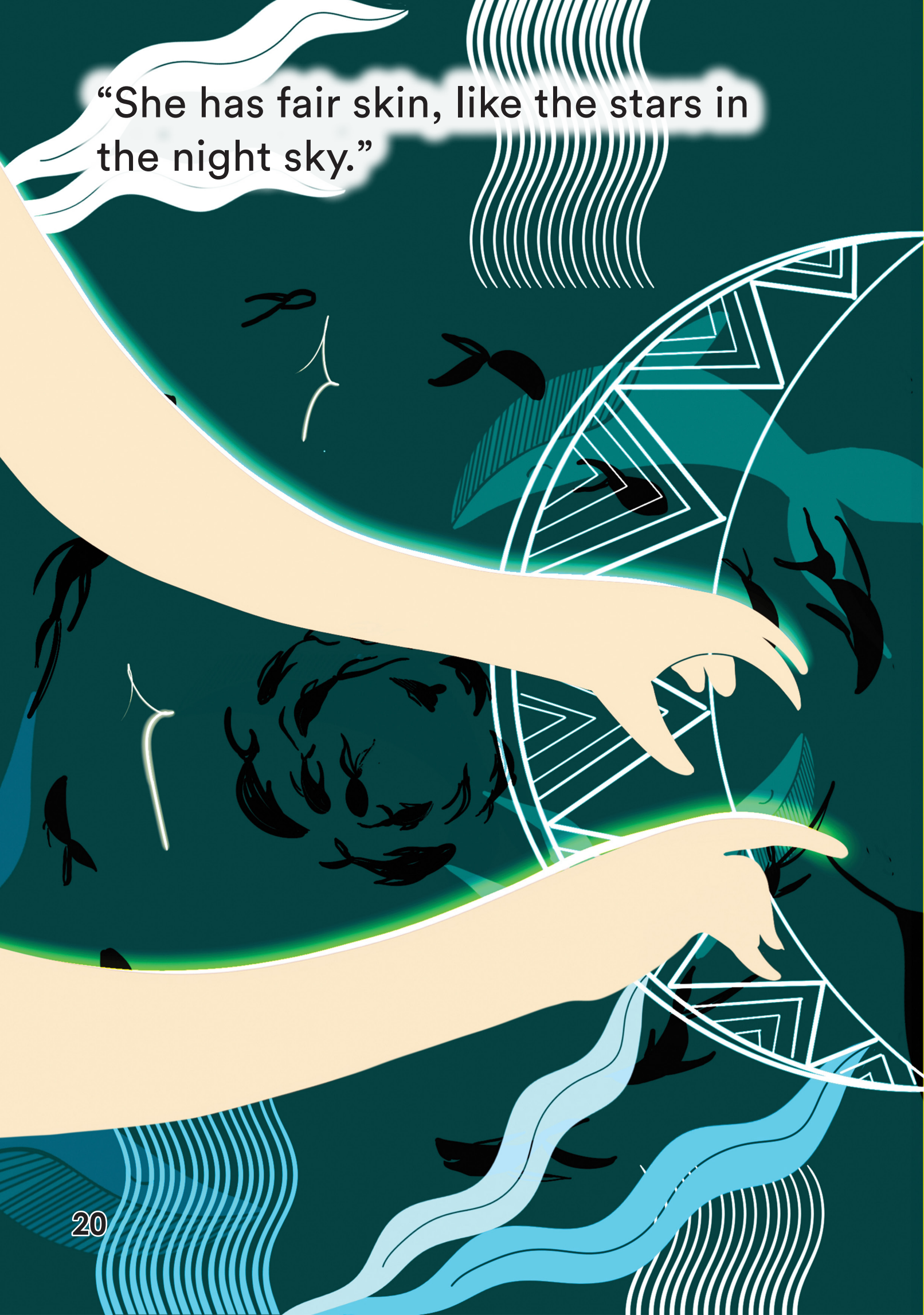


“She has long,
silky hair, like
a doll’s hair.”

A stylized illustration of a person's face and hair. The face is a warm, reddish-brown color with simple, dark outlines for the eyes, nose, and mouth. The hair is a thick, dark brown mass on the left side of the head. The background is a light blue with faint, larger-scale leaf patterns. Scattered around are various autumn leaves: some are white with blue outlines, and others are red with blue outlines. There are also vertical white lines on the left and right sides, suggesting rain or falling leaves. The overall style is flat and graphic.

“My hair is short, fuzzy,
and messy, like brown
steel wool.”

“She has fair skin, like the stars in
the night sky.”



“My skin is darker, like the dirt
on the ground.”

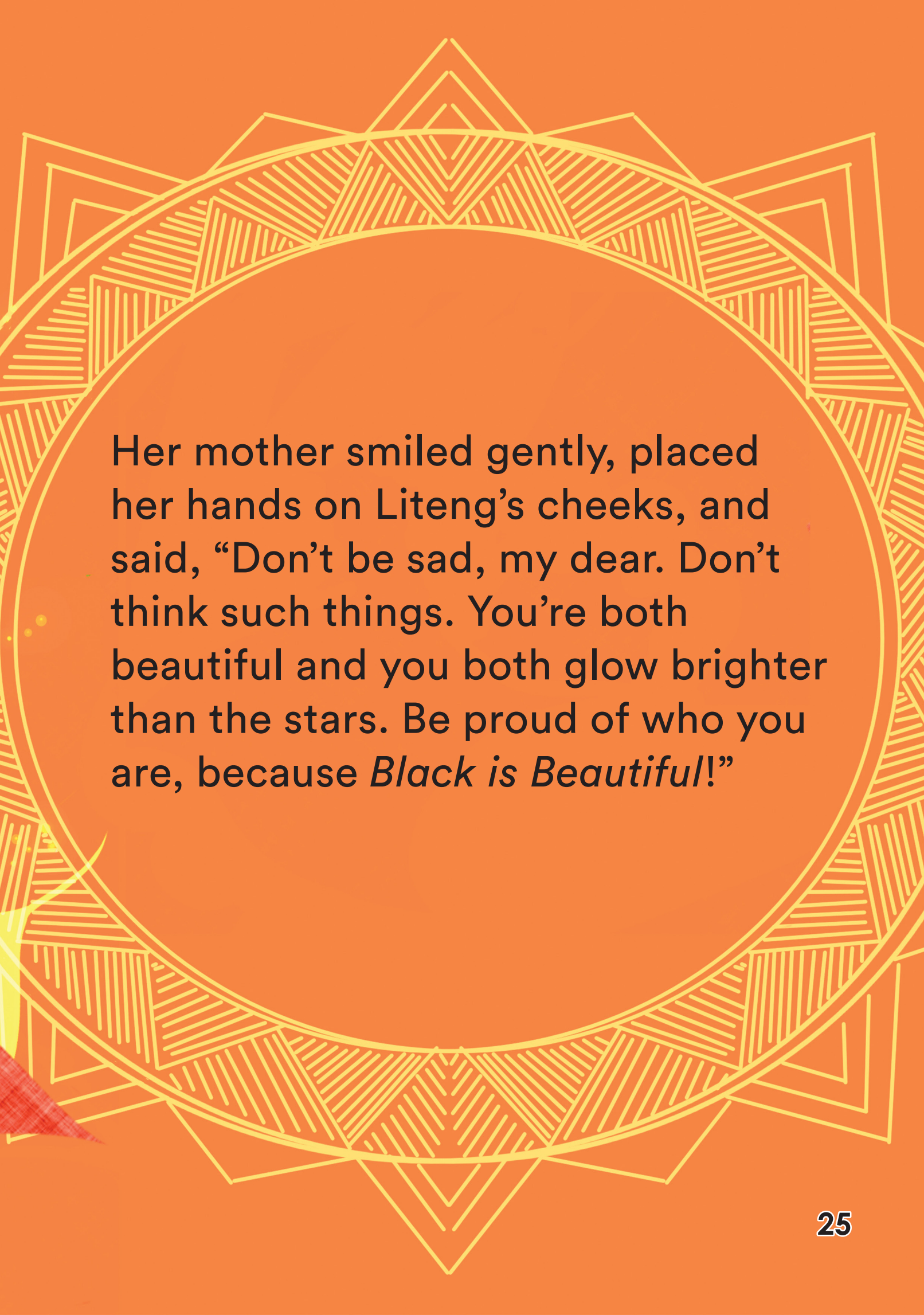




Liteng was sad. “She looks so beautiful, almost perfect. Why can’t I look like her?” she asked her mother, pointing at the little girl.







Her mother smiled gently, placed her hands on Liteng's cheeks, and said, "Don't be sad, my dear. Don't think such things. You're both beautiful and you both glow brighter than the stars. Be proud of who you are, because *Black is Beautiful!*"

**You can use these questions
to talk about this book with
your family, friends and
teachers.**



**How did Liteng and her family arrive
in Port Vila?**



**What made Liteng feel sad when
she saw the little girl in Port Vila?**



**How did Liteng's mother make her
feel better when she was sad?**



**Create a 'Black is Beautiful' poster.
Draw a picture of yourself or someone
you admire in the middle of the paper.
Write the words 'Black is Beautiful'
around the drawing.**

About the author

Cloe Tate was born in Port Vila and lives there still. She wanted to write stories for children because she is a mother who loves reading to her own children. As a child, her favourite stories were custom stories. Cloe enjoys going for picnics with her family and friends.



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Liteng has just arrived in Port Vila where there are many people who look different from her. At first, Liteng is worried she is not as beautiful as the other girls. Her mother reassures her!



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