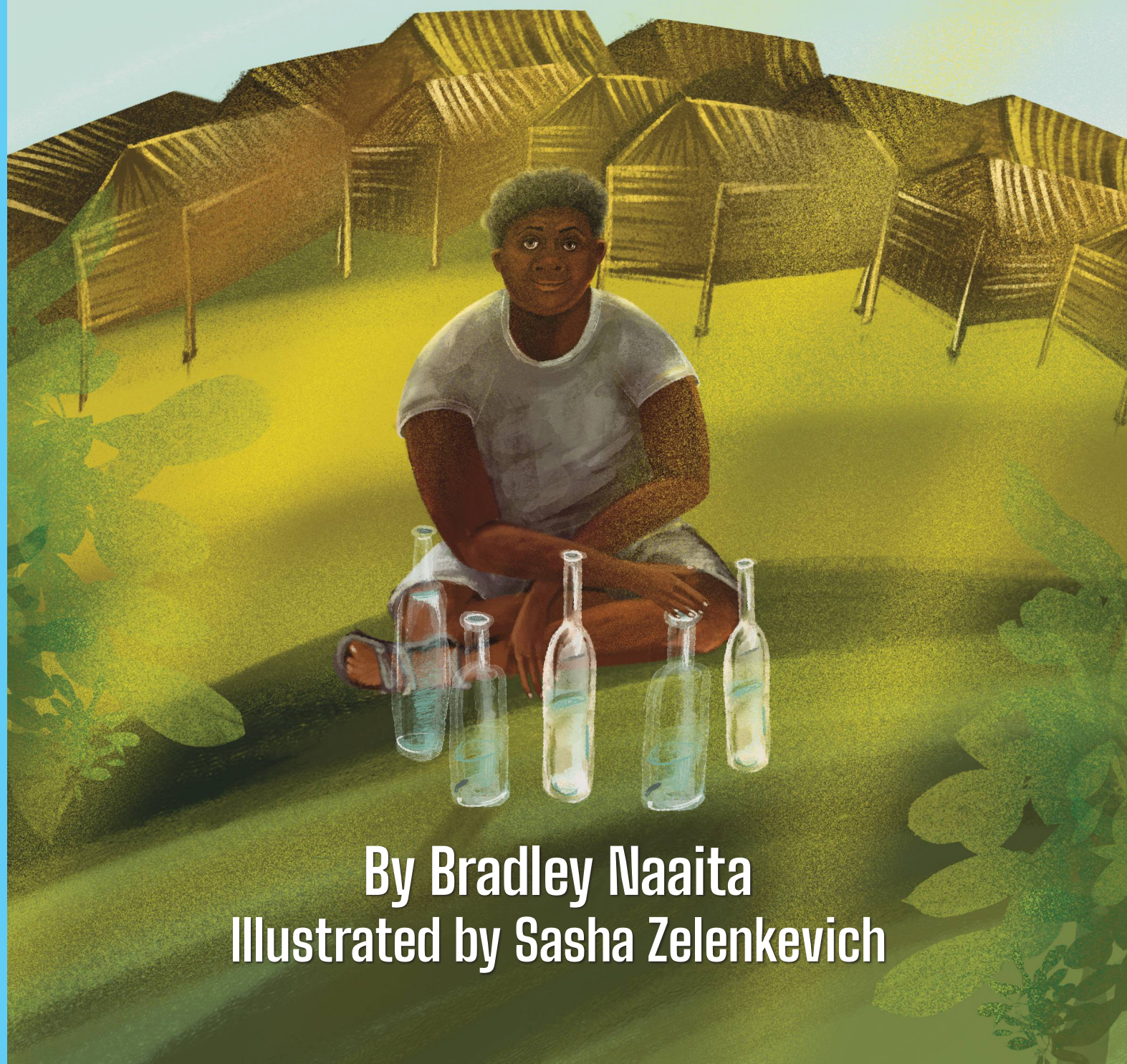


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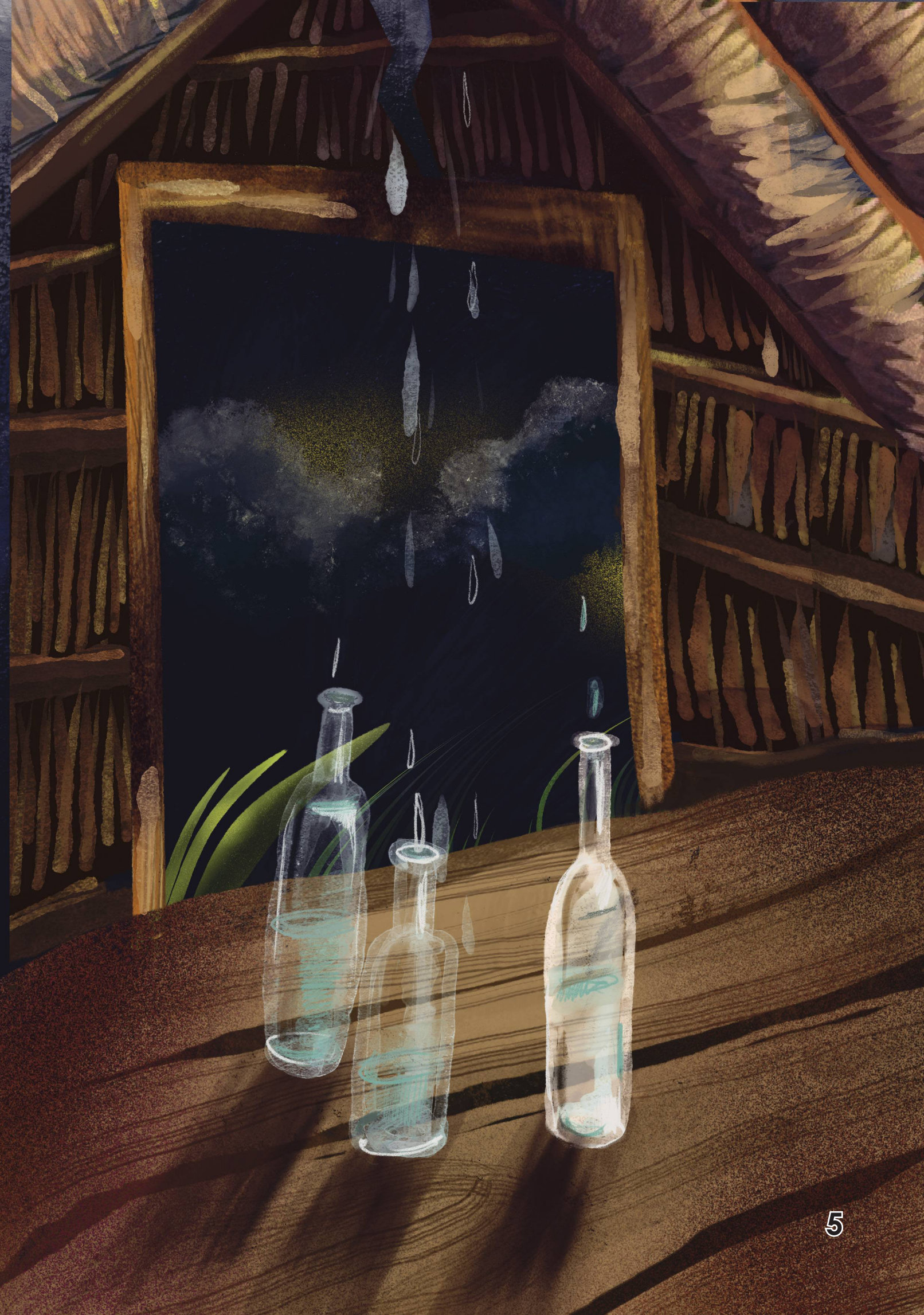
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Loud roaring thunder knocked
Mr Tom out of his deep sleep. He
noticed that the heavy rain was
dripping through the thatched roof
of his house, wetting his furniture.

“What a wonderful day,” Mr Tom said cheerily. He got up and started putting empty bottles under each drip, catching the water. Then, he went back to sleep.





But soon he was awoken again by another roar of thunder and an explosion of lightning. The rain pounded down even harder against his thatched roof.

He'd been having such a good dream, too!

"Hey!" he yelled at the sky. "Stop it, I'm trying to sleep!"

He wanted to say more, but stopped.
He'd heard a new noise.





It didn't take him long to find out where the sound had come from: the empty bottles he'd put down to catch the leaks from his roof. Another drop of rain pinged off the bottle, ringing like a musical instrument.

"I apologise," Mr Tom told the storm.
"You've just inspired me to make some music."

Mr Tom gathered the bottles and put them outside until they were full of water. Then, he tipped a bit out of all but one, until the water levels were different in each.

“There,” he said. “I’ve tuned my new instrument.” Each bottle matched part of the D.R.M.F.A.L.T.D. tuning method. Tracing his wet finger around the lips of the bottles, Mr Tom heard the musical sound again.





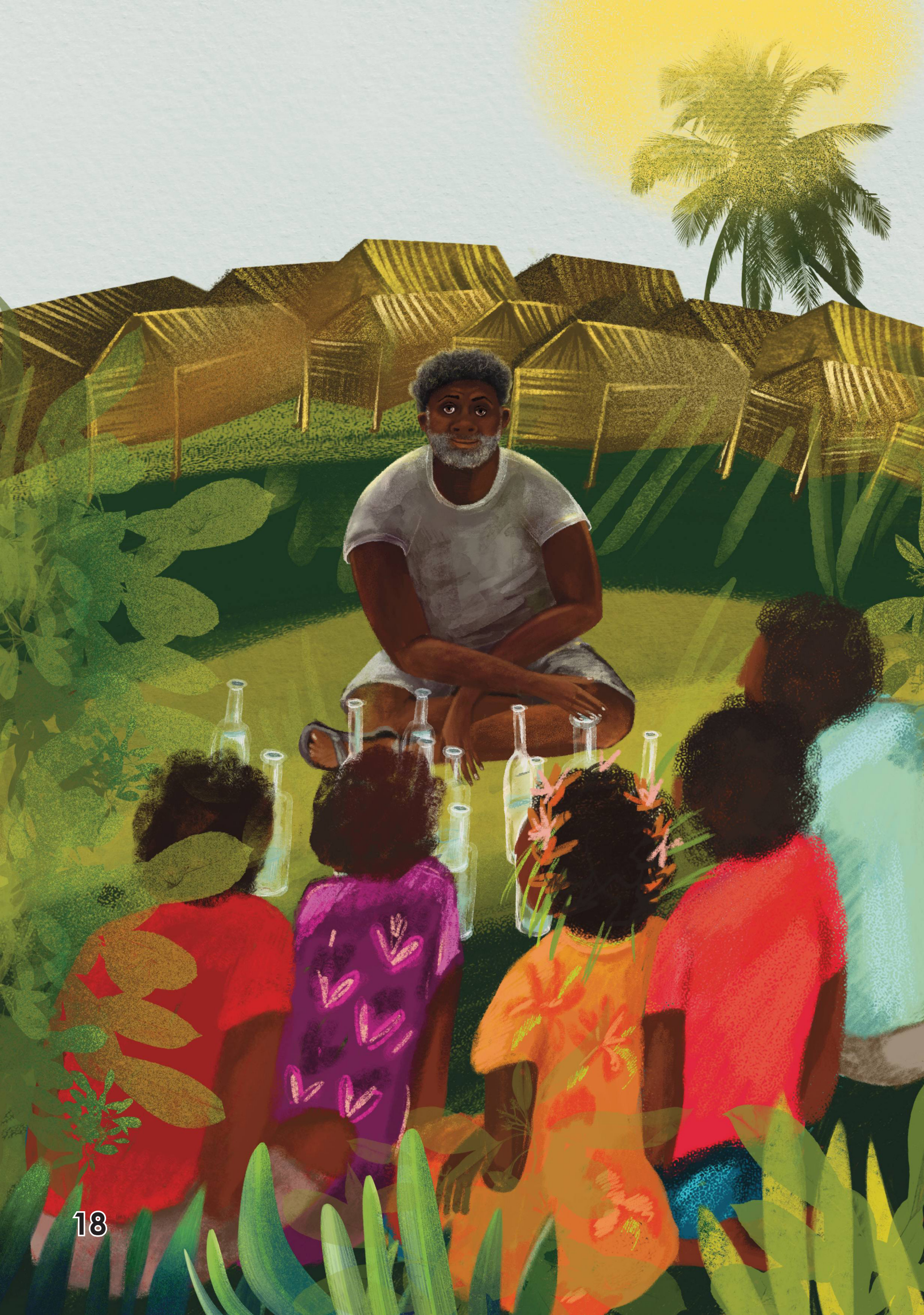
Before long, Mr Tom's village held a function. Mr Tom offered to play his new instrument for the people there, and everyone was amazed with the music he made using a few bottles of water.

"How did you think of this?" asked one person.

“A very loud storm inspired me,”
he replied, laughing.

Mr Tom spent years mastering and
teaching his new instrument and even
invented another one out of bamboo.





Although Mr Tom passed away in 1985,
his legacy still lives on.

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



**When did Mr Tom first realise the
bottles of water were making music?**



**How were the bottles of water
making music?**



**Why did different amounts of water
create different notes?**

Have you ever played an instrument?



**Try to make a version of Mr Tom's
instrument for yourself using some
glass bottles and water.**

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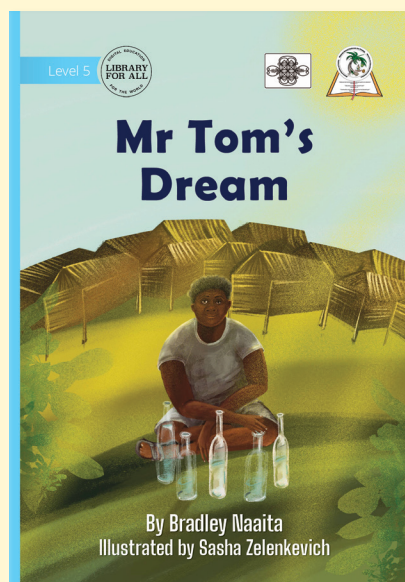
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