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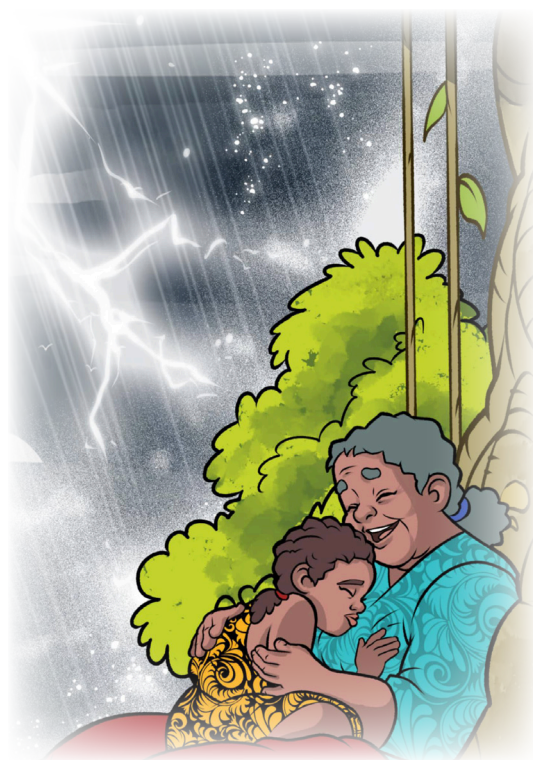
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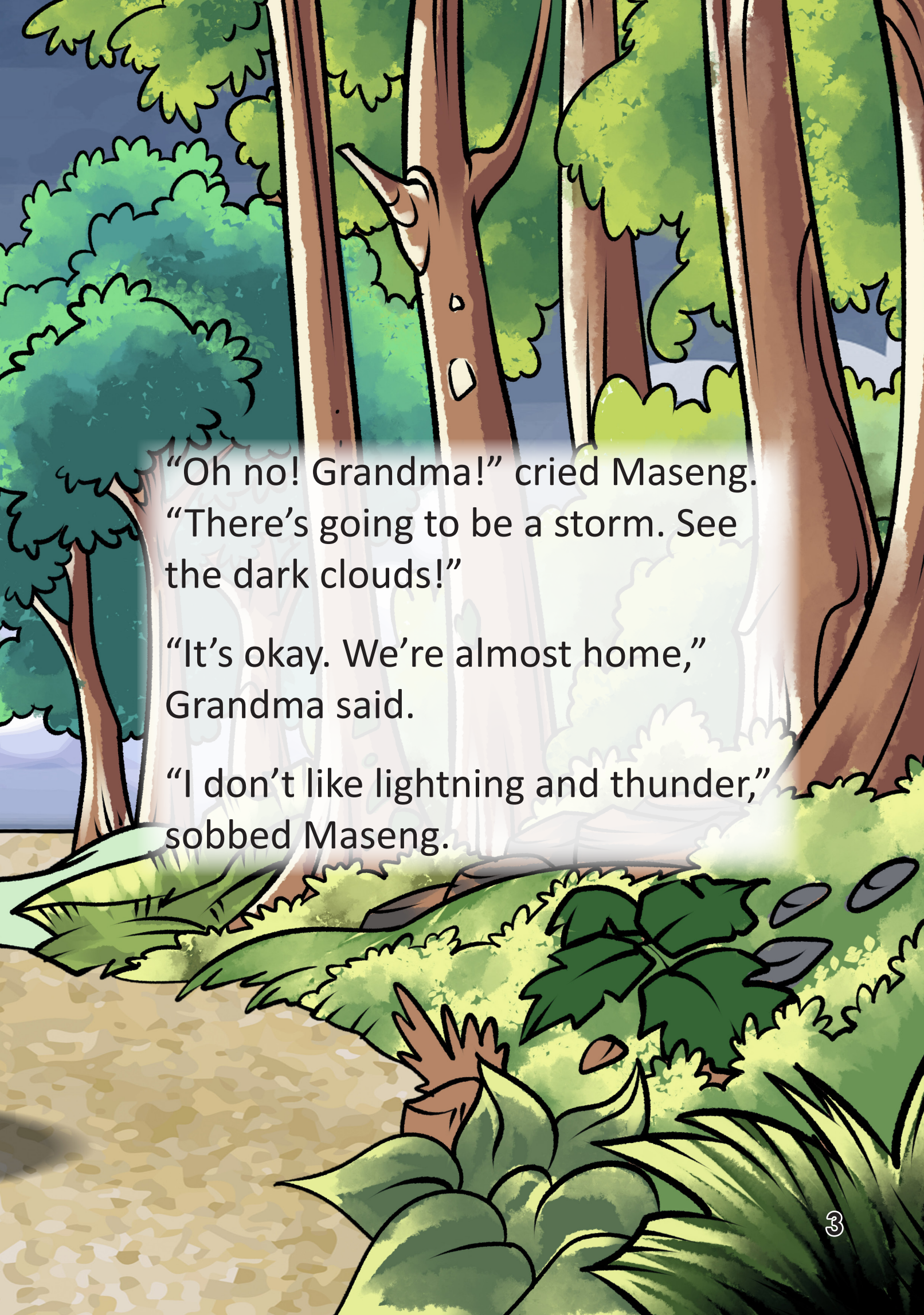
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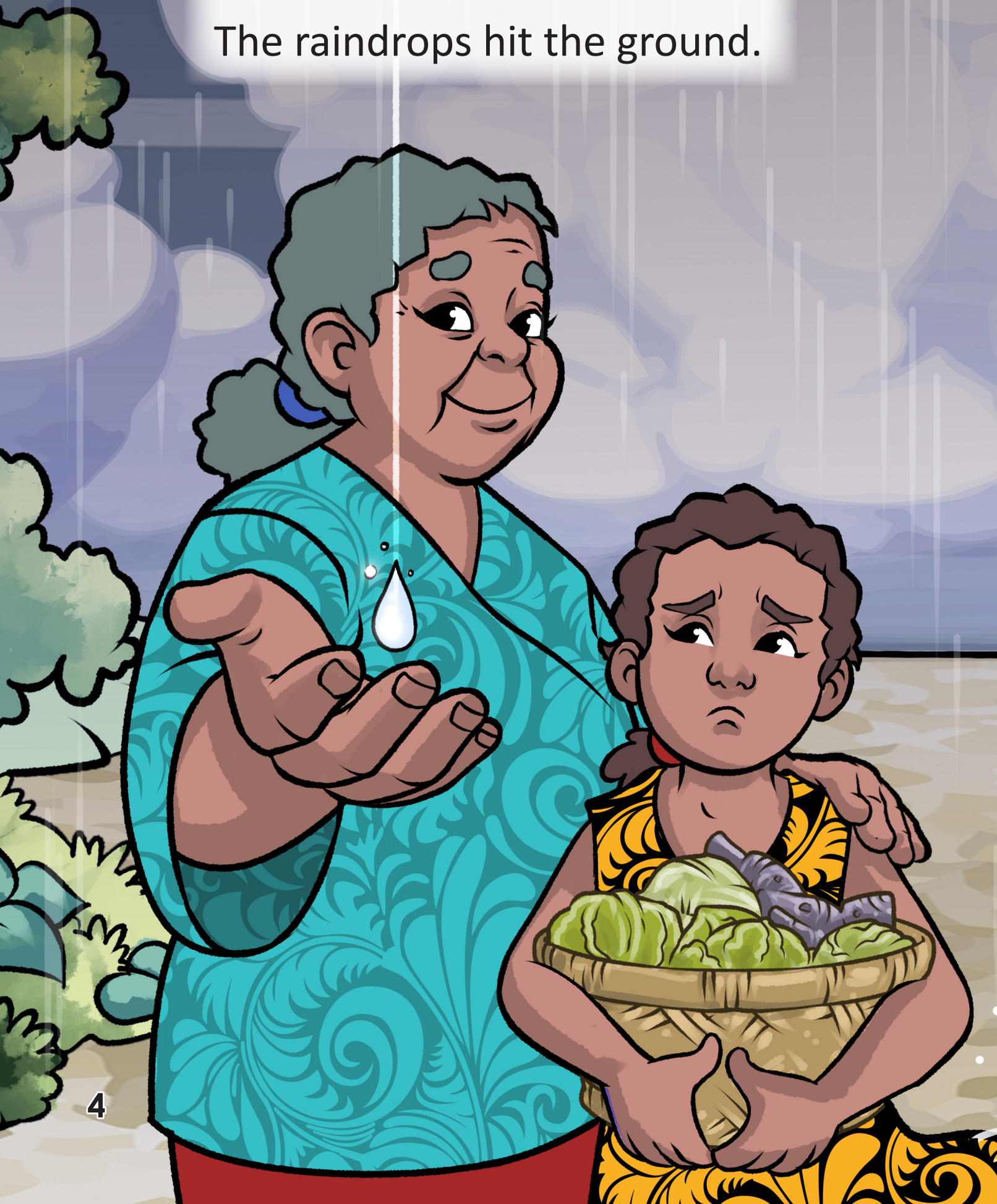
"Oh no! Grandma!" cried Maseng.
"There's going to be a storm. See
the dark clouds!"

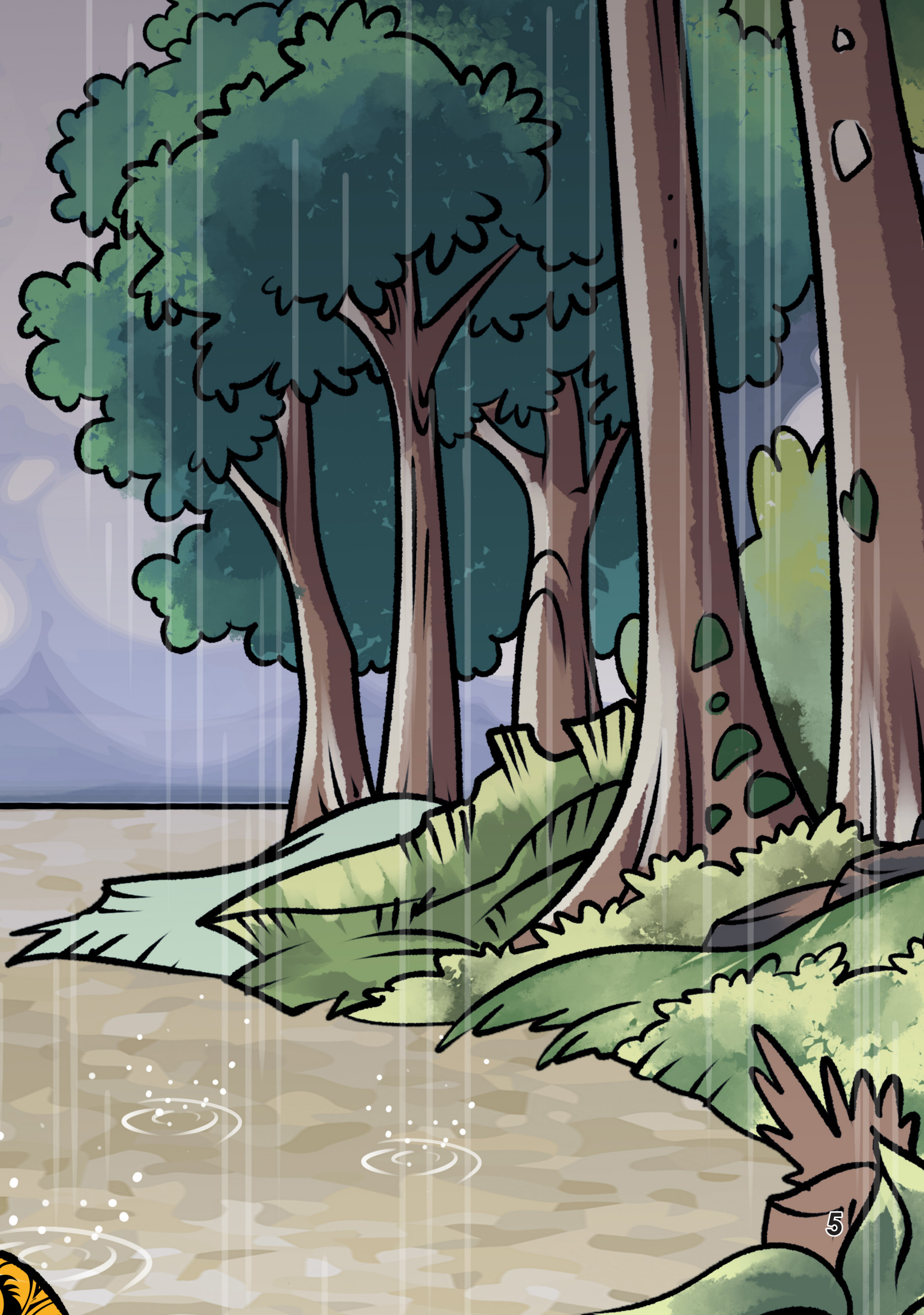
"It's okay. We're almost home,"
Grandma said.

"I don't like lightning and thunder,"
sobbed Maseng.

Pitter! Patter!

The raindrops hit the ground.







A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a forest. Tall, brown tree trunks stand prominently, with lush green foliage and canopies filling the background. In the foreground, a dirt path leads through the woods, flanked by large, green, leafy plants. Small white circles on the path suggest rain or water droplets. The overall scene is bright and cheerful.

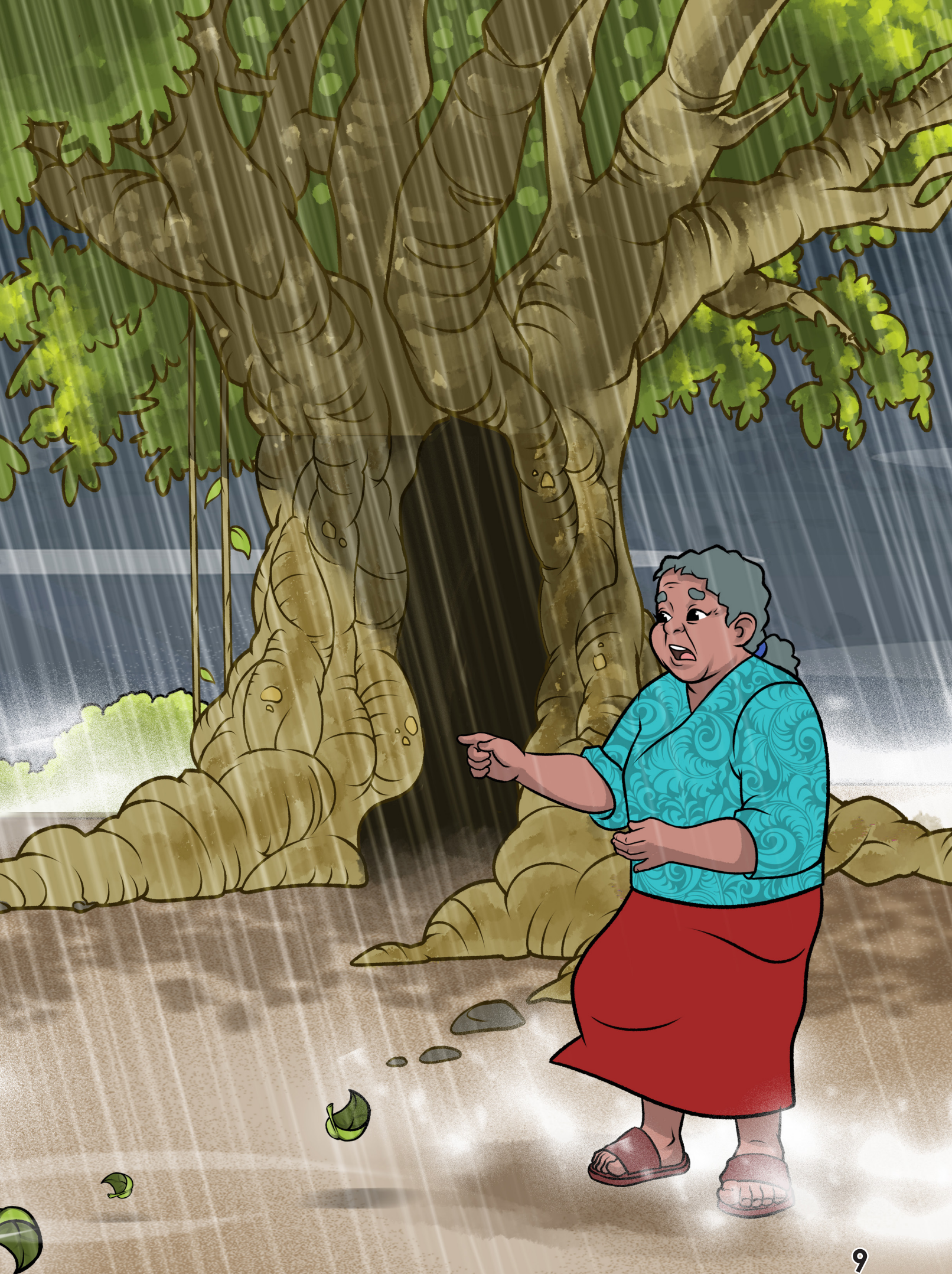
Maseng and Grandma were on their way home from the far garden.

Maseng carried a basket of yams and some island cabbage that she and Grandma had gathered.

Pitter! Patter!

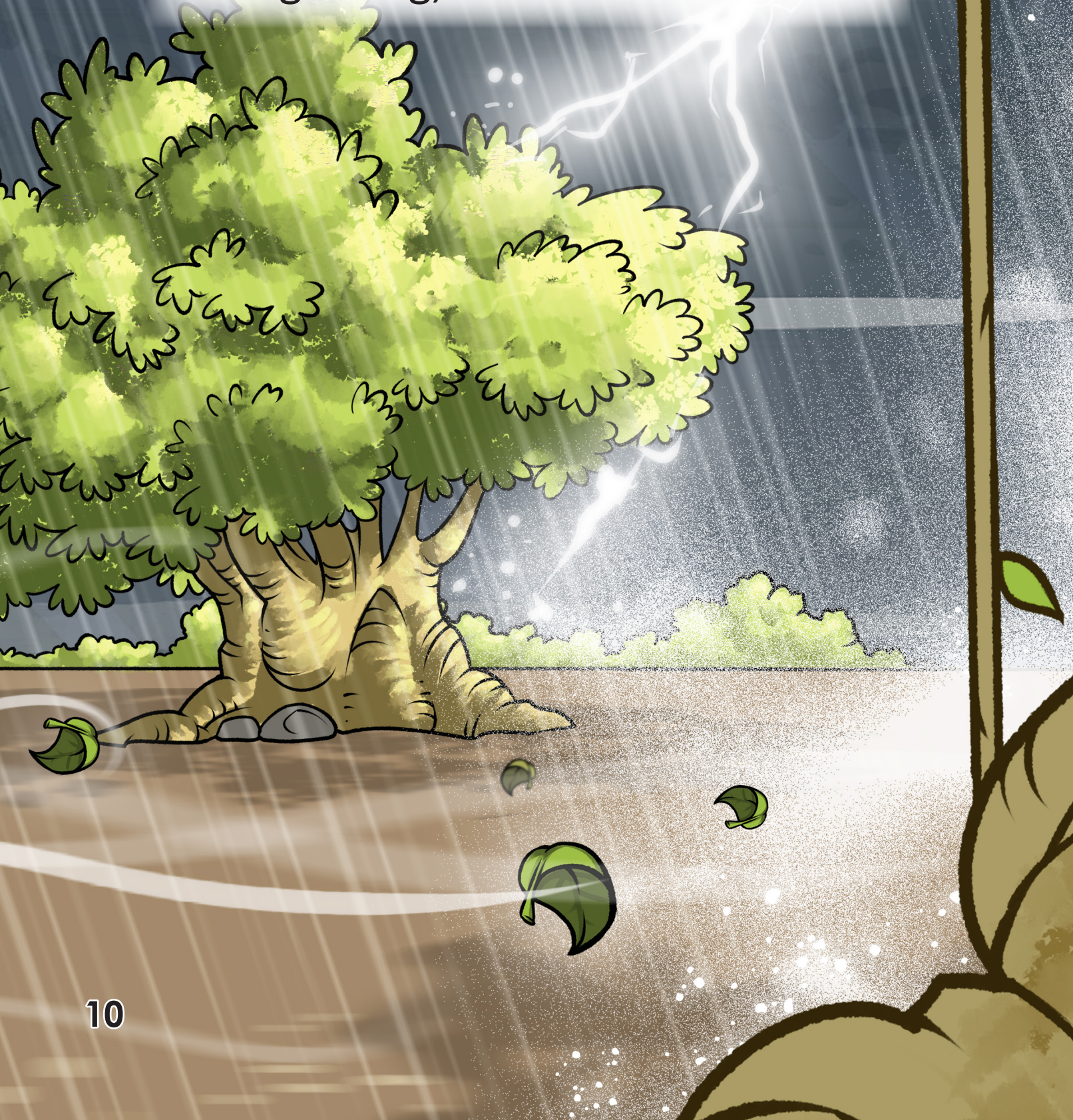
The raindrops got heavier.





“Run, Maseng! To the nabanga!”
called Grandma.

Snuggling safely in the roots of the
nabanga, they watched the rain,
the lightning, and the thunder.





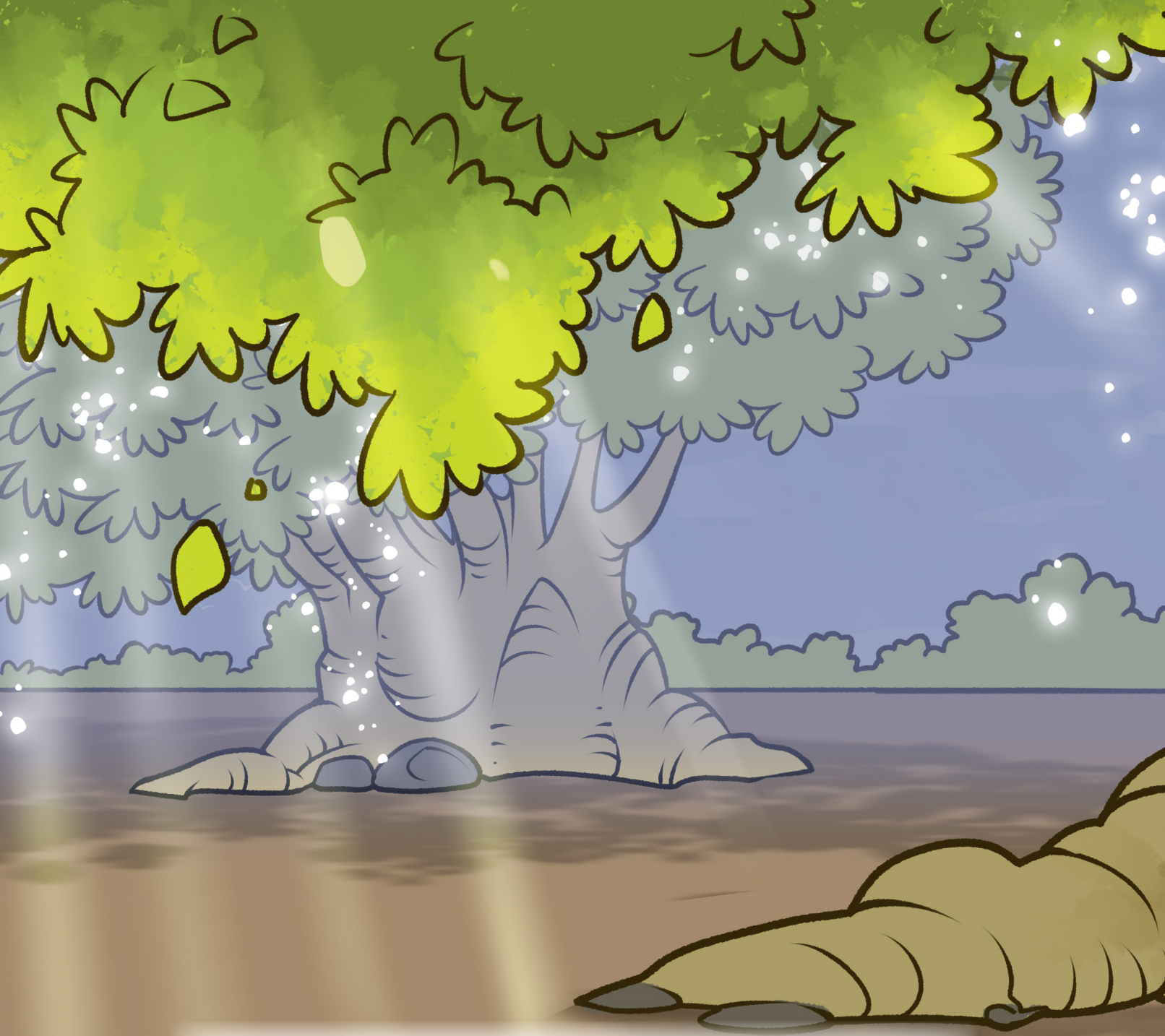


Maseng was terrified.

But soon, Grandma started singing.

Her beautiful voice drowned out all the noises happening around the tree.





Maseng soon fell asleep.

She dreamed she was laying on
her warm bed at home.

“Wake up, Maseng. It’s time to go
home,” whispered Grandma.





There was no more rain.

No more lightning.

No more thunder.



Maseng and Grandma crawled out from their safe space in the banyan tree roots.

They headed home in the cool, wet afternoon, safe and sound.





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



What was Maseng afraid of?



**Why does the nabanga tree's roots keep
Maseng and Grandma safe and dry?**



**Why might Maseng be afraid of being
outside in the storm?**

Are you afraid of being out in storms?



**Make a plan for where you might
shelter from the rain if you were
outside your house in a storm.**

About the author

Nancy Lagdom was born in Mount Hagen in Papua New Guinea and now lives in Port Vila. She hopes to inspire children to have more adventures through her stories. Nancy loves sharing a cup of tea and stories with her family. Her favourite stories as a child were the legends her father always told her about how people created fire.



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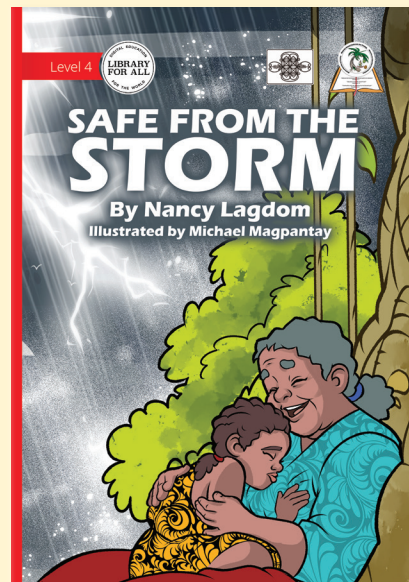
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