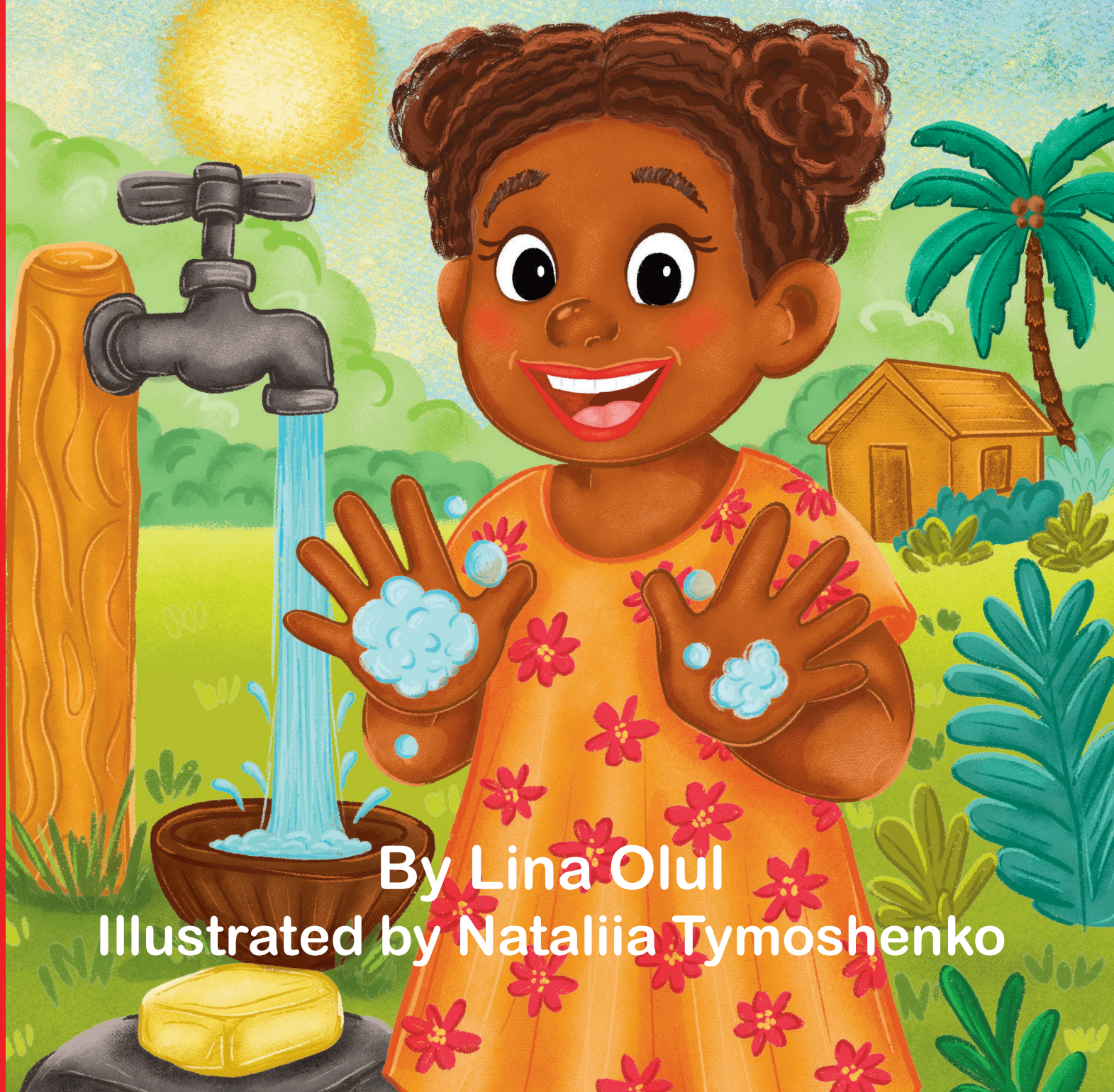


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Drip, drip, drip.

Water dribbled from the tap.
There was a fresh bar of
sweet-smelling coconut soap
beside it.





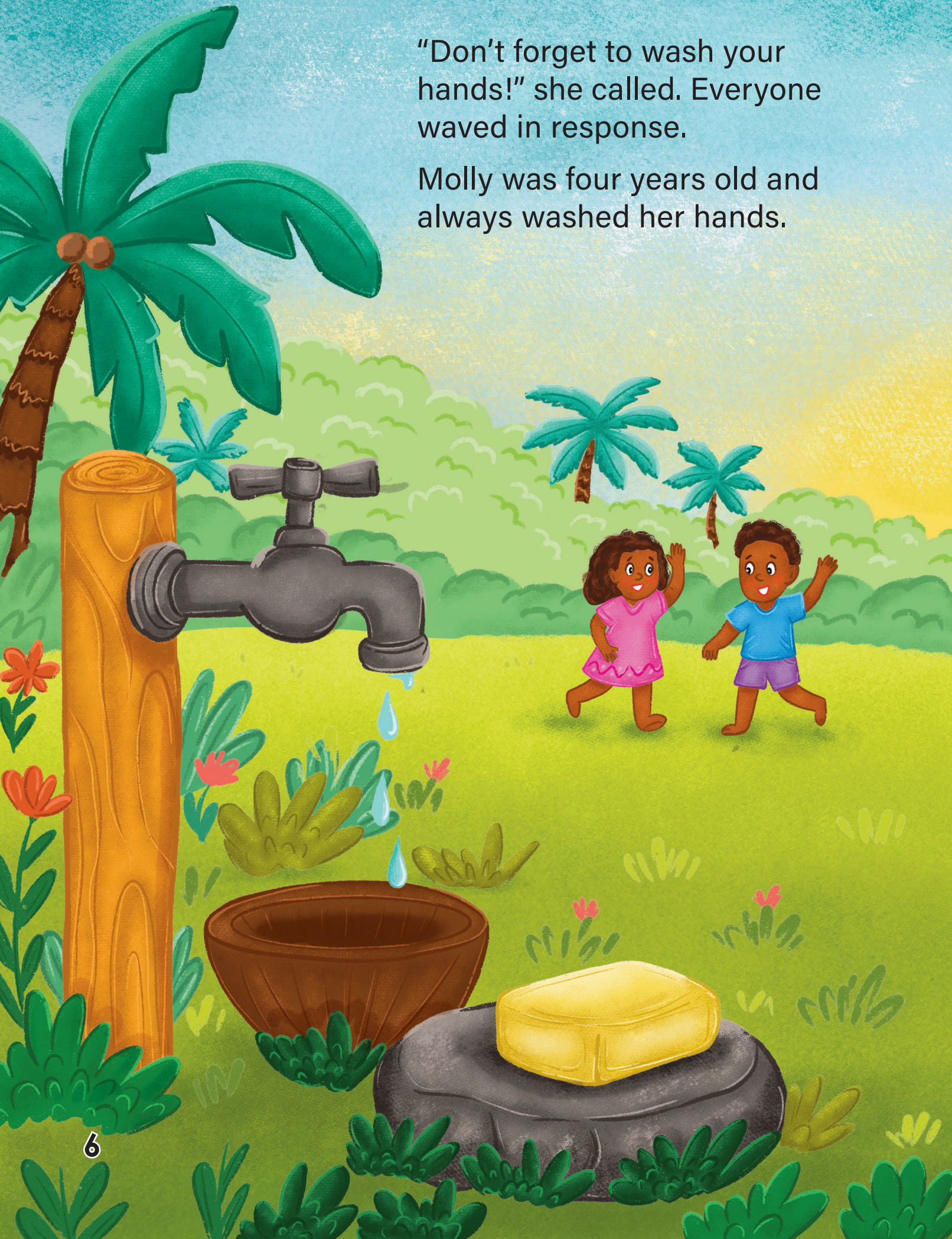


Molly ran to the tap and called out to her friends, who were still playing in the field. It was dusty and dirty today.



"Don't forget to wash your hands!" she called. Everyone waved in response.

Molly was four years old and always washed her hands.







She turned on the water,
rubbed the soap between her
hands, and scrubbed.



Molly always washed her hands. She washed before eating and after eating.

She washed before going back to the classroom.







She washed after playing with her friends.
She definitely washed after using the toilet.
“Everything we touch has germs on it,
and they can make us sick,” Molly said very
seriously to her friends.

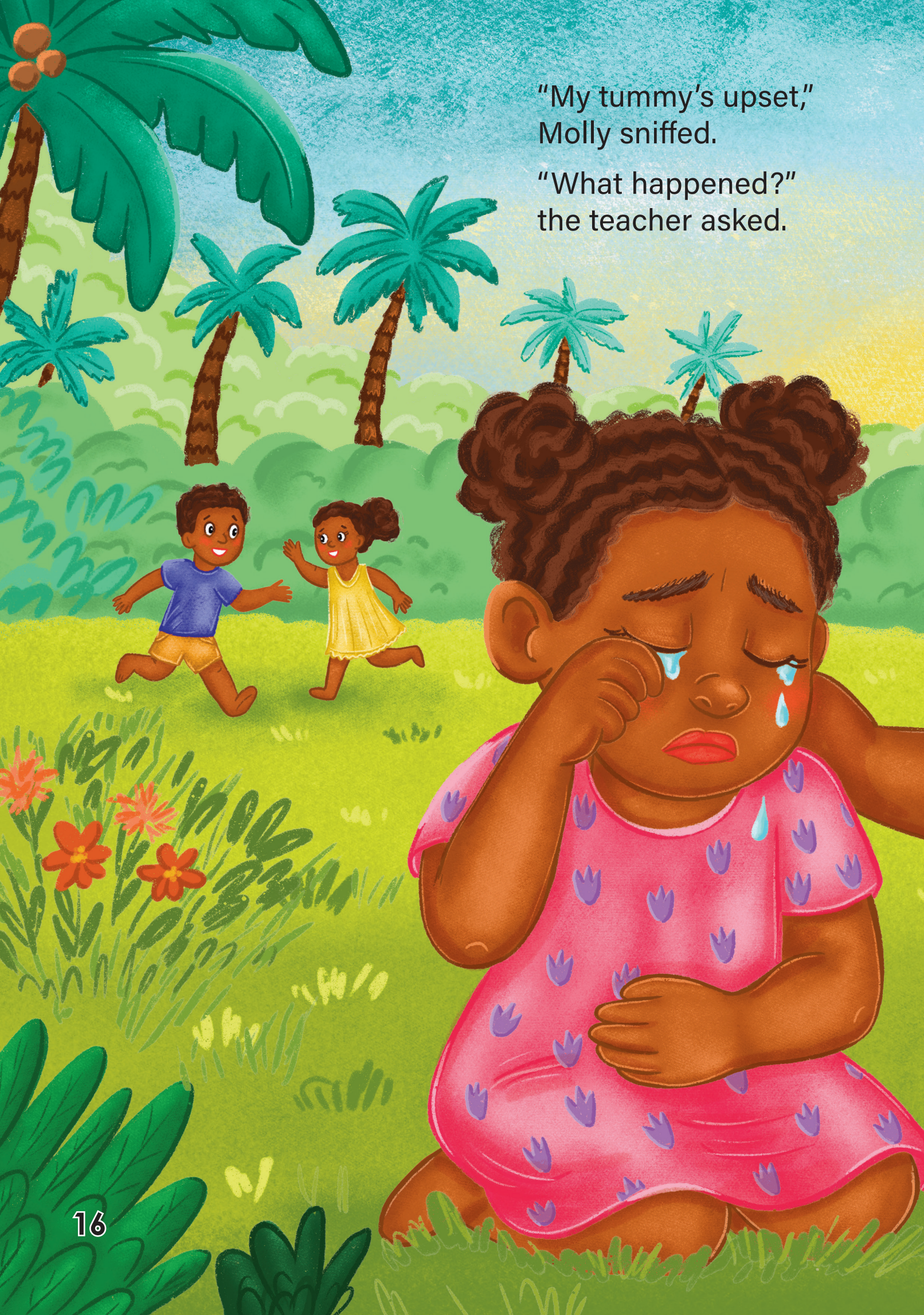




One day, Molly wasn't playing
as usual. She didn't feel well.

"Are you okay, Molly?" a
teacher asked.





"My tummy's upset,"
Molly sniffed.

"What happened?"
the teacher asked.



A young girl with dark skin and curly hair in two buns is crying. She has large, expressive eyes and tears are falling from her face. She is wearing a pink dress with purple tulip-like patterns. Her hands are held up in front of her chest. The background is a tropical landscape with a large palm tree on the left, a smaller one in the distance, and green foliage. The sky is a mix of blue and yellow, suggesting a bright day.

Molly had a terrible thought.
"Teacher," she said, "I think
I forgot to wash my hands
yesterday."

"Well, now you know better
for next time!" the teacher
said.





Molly was feeling much better after a few days and happily returned to playing.

Always wash
your hands!



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



What does Molly always do?



Why is washing hands important?



**How would not washing her
hands make Molly sick?**



**Pay attention next time you wash your
hands and count to 20 before you wash
the soap off.**

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Lina Olul was born on Pentecost Island and now lives in Port Vila. She loves seeing children read and hopes that they enjoy her story. When Lina's with her family she likes to cook and tell stories. As a child her favourite story was *Aladdin and the Magic Lamp*.



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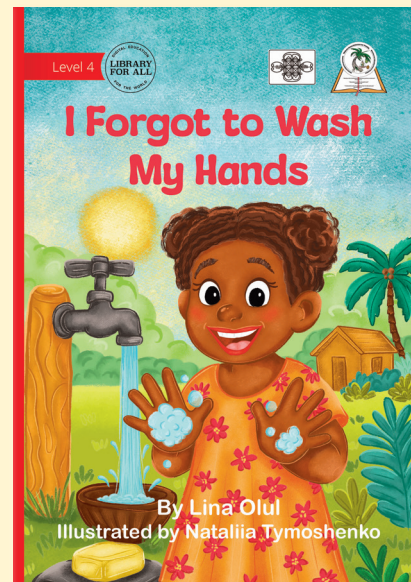
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