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Come sit down, kids. It's story time!

Long ago, there was a princess named Na-mis-is-is Jessil. Her sparkly wings glittered in the sunlight when she flew, and her people adored her.



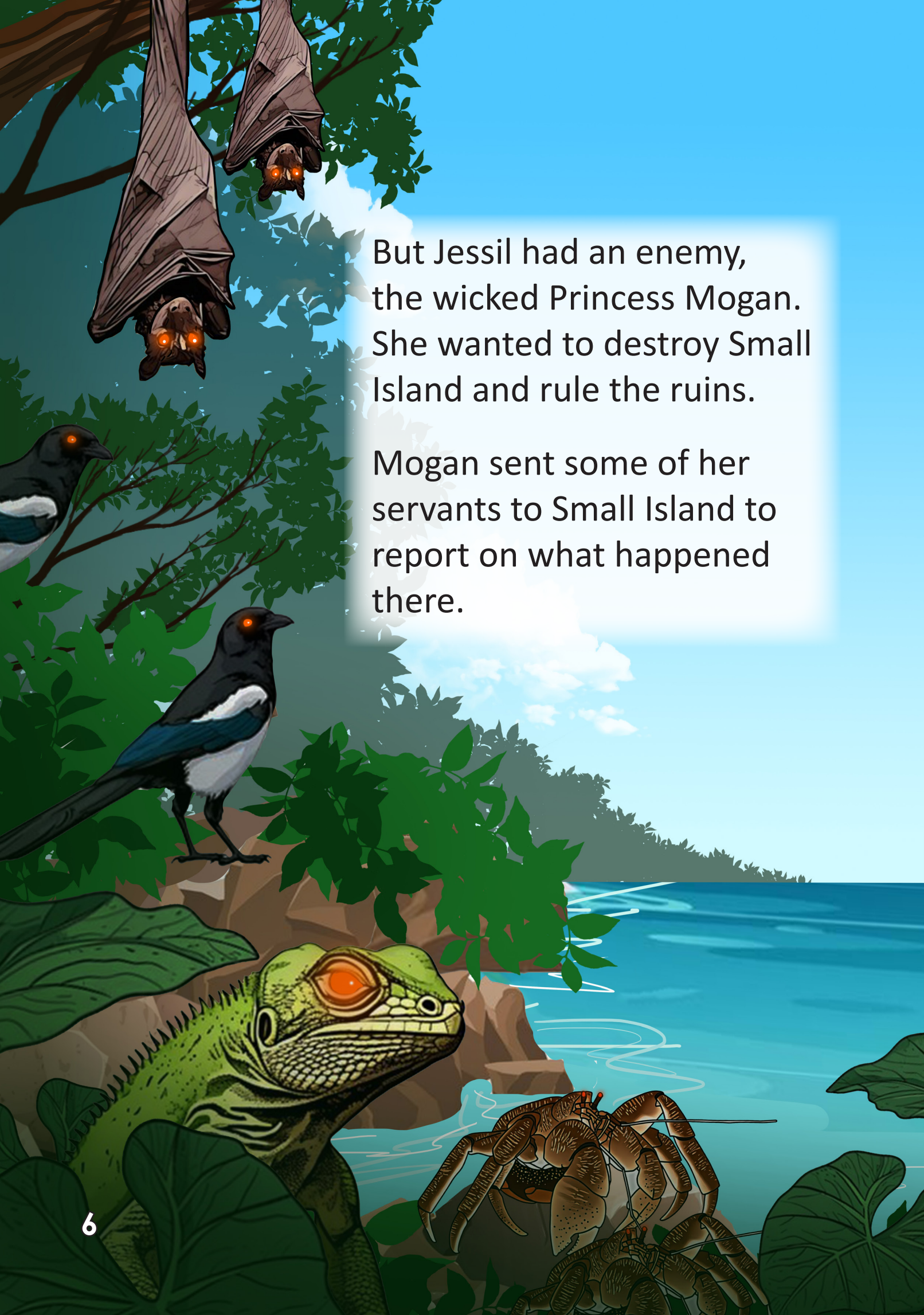




Jessil lived on the magical Small Island with her friends and the beautiful creatures that filled it.

There were waterfalls, flowers along the riverbank, tall trees, and colourful birds.





But Jessil had an enemy,
the wicked Princess Mogan.
She wanted to destroy Small
Island and rule the ruins.

Mogan sent some of her
servants to Small Island to
report on what happened
there.



A vibrant illustration of a group of approximately 12 people, mostly young adults, celebrating on a tropical island. They are gathered around a long, low wooden table laden with various dishes, including roasted meats, green-wrapped items, and bread. The people are dressed in traditional-style clothing, such as skirts and headbands, and many are clapping and smiling. The scene is set against a warm, orange-hued sunset sky. In the background, there are palm trees and thatched-roof huts. In the foreground, a black and white bird with a glowing orange eye is visible in the bottom left corner, and a small, glowing orange object hangs from a tree branch in the top left.

Mogan's servants sneaked onto Small Island and found a group of people celebrating.

Princess Jessil was hosting a dance. “Wow!
“Woah!” the crowd cheered and laughed,
as they sat at a long table full of food.





Returning to Princess Mogan, the servants told her, “They’re having a party.”

“Then we’ll ruin it for them,” Mogan decided. She took her servants to the celebration.



Princess Jessil was still performing when her guards suddenly shouted. “Princess Mogan is here! She’s attacking!” The guards stood between the wicked princess and the crowd, who began to run away and hide.







But they weren't fast enough. Princess Mogan lifted her hands and cast a spell.

The people running tripped and fell, then fell fast asleep. Soon, Princess Jessil was the only one left awake.







“What did you do?” Princess Jessil cried. Tears flowed down her face as she tried grabbing Princess Mogan. “Why did you hurt my people?”

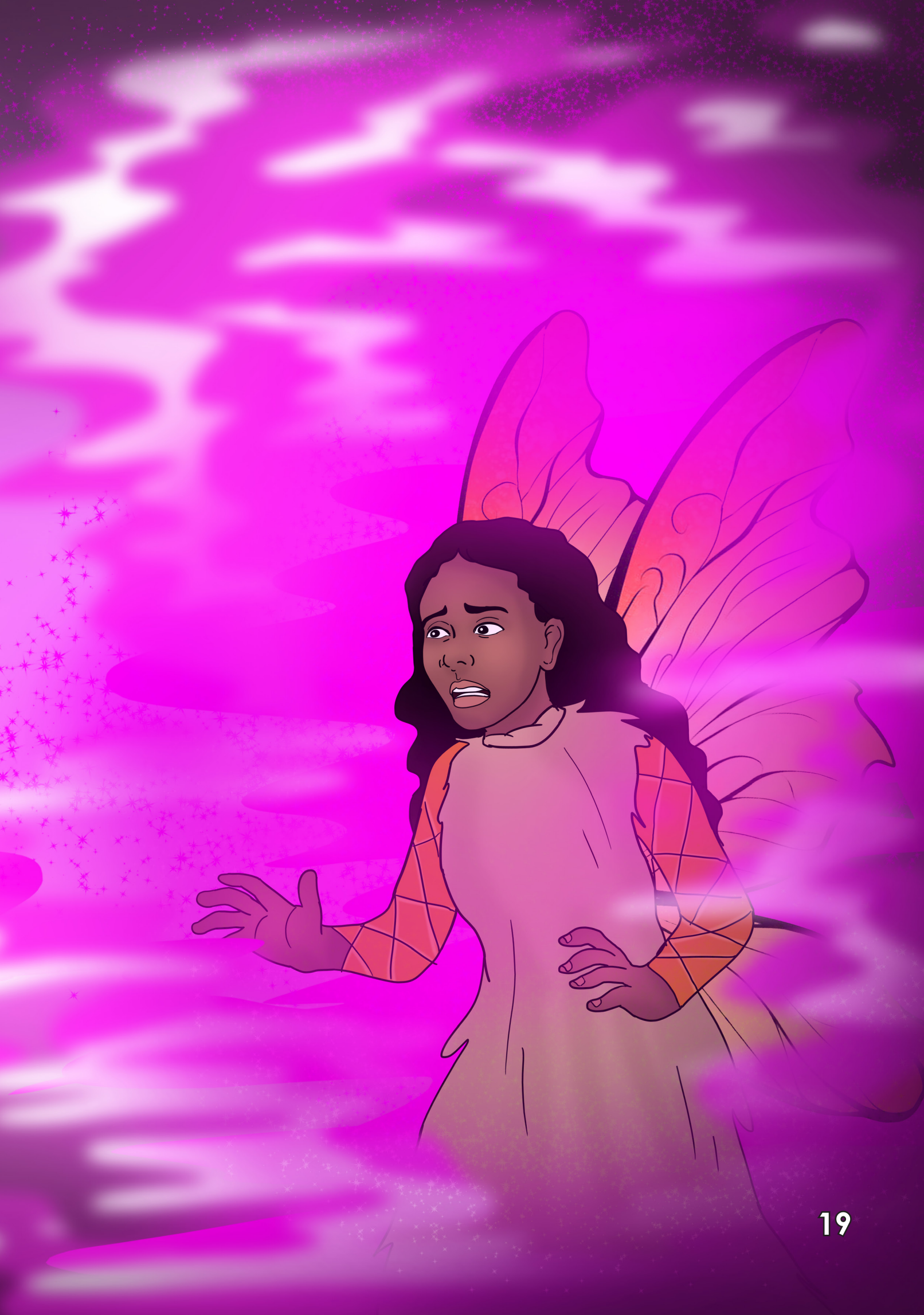
“I’m going to destroy this island,” Princess Mogan declared.

“No!”

A thick pink smoke swirled around Princess Mogan. It grew taller and taller. She didn't realise she was in danger until Princess Jessil stood up, her hands raised.

The pink smoke covered her. When it disappeared, Princess Mogan had vanished with it.

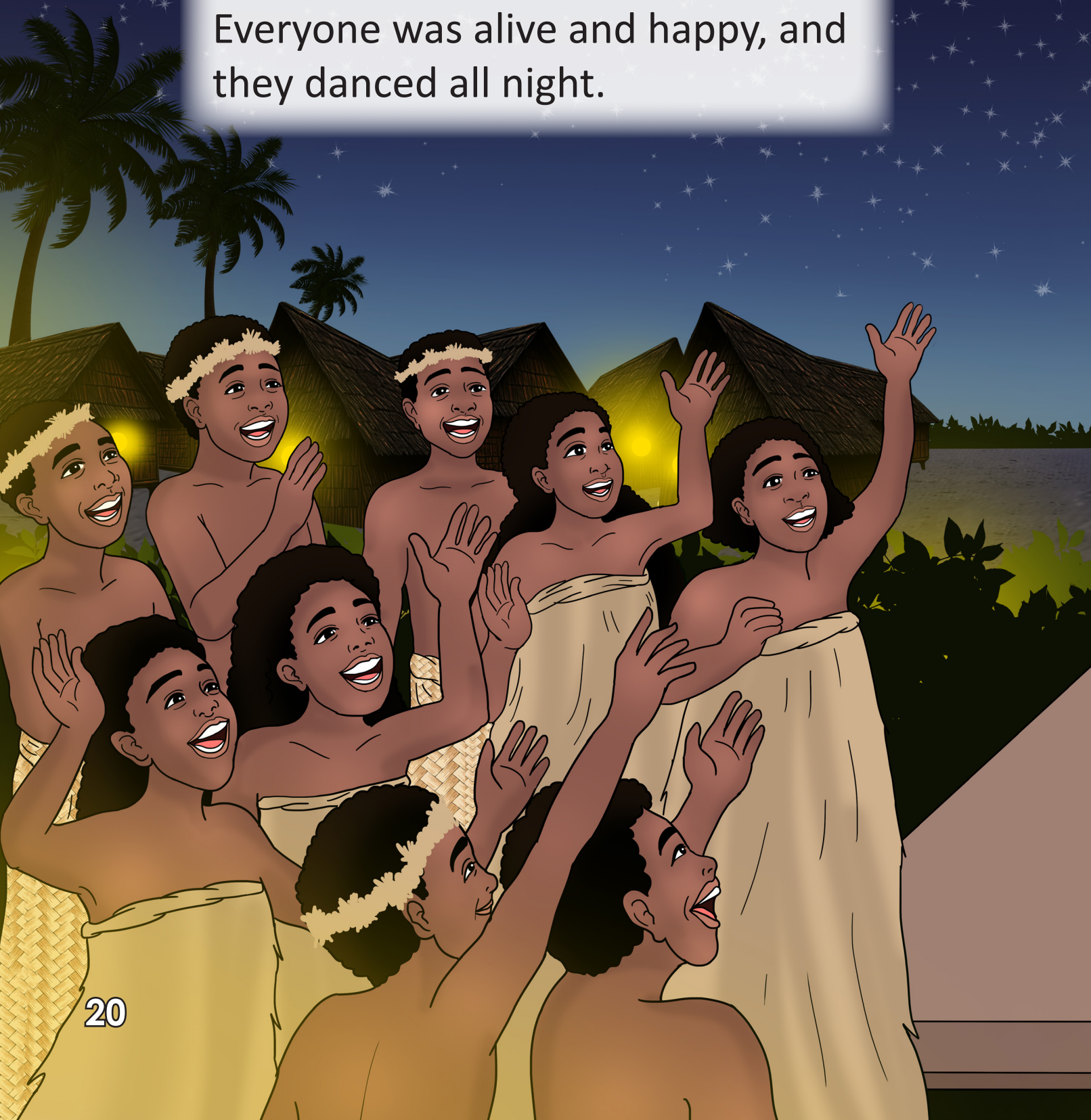




Princess Jessil's people woke up.

She told them what happened with Princess Mogan and, before long, the party started again. This time, celebrating Princess Jessil's victory.

Everyone was alive and happy, and they danced all night.





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



How did Princess Jessil make Princess Mogan disappear?



Why did Princess Mogan want to beat Princess Jessil?



Why would Princess Jessil's people love her?

Why do you think Princess Mogan wanted to destroy Small Island?



Draw or describe your own magical island like Small Island.

About the author

Jessil was born in Tanna, but she now lives in Port Vila. She wanted to write a story because she loves to read and to listen to her mum read stories to her. When she was younger, her favourite stories were *Moana* and the Bible Story, the Little Maid. When spending time with friends and family, Jessil likes to go on beach picnics.



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