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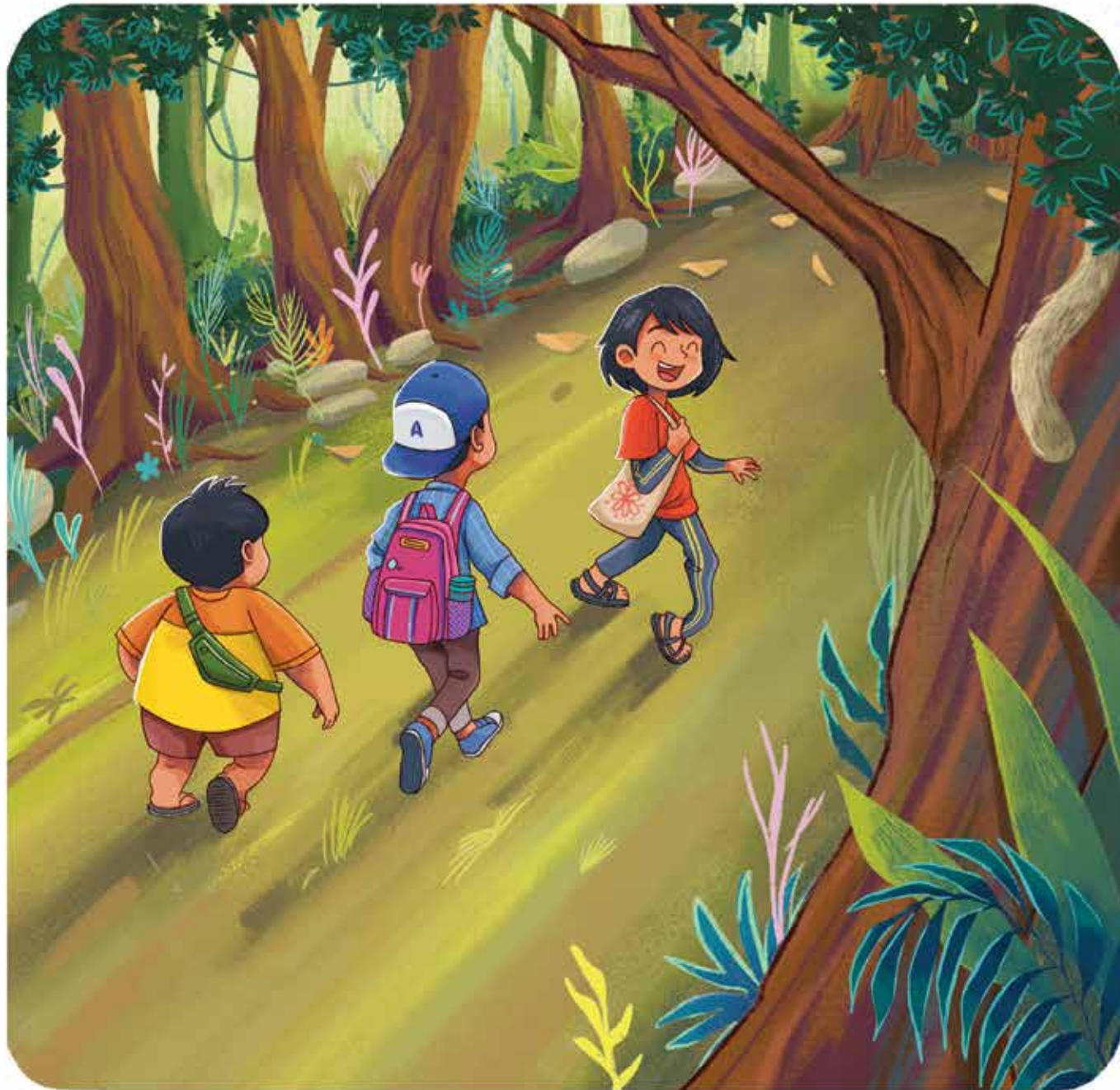
In Cisupa Village The lion dance is
about to begin in Cisupa village.
Tia, Kaep, and Ade want to watch it.

Cisupa village is far away, so they
leave after breakfast.
Tia's father gives them *uras* and
bananas for lunch.

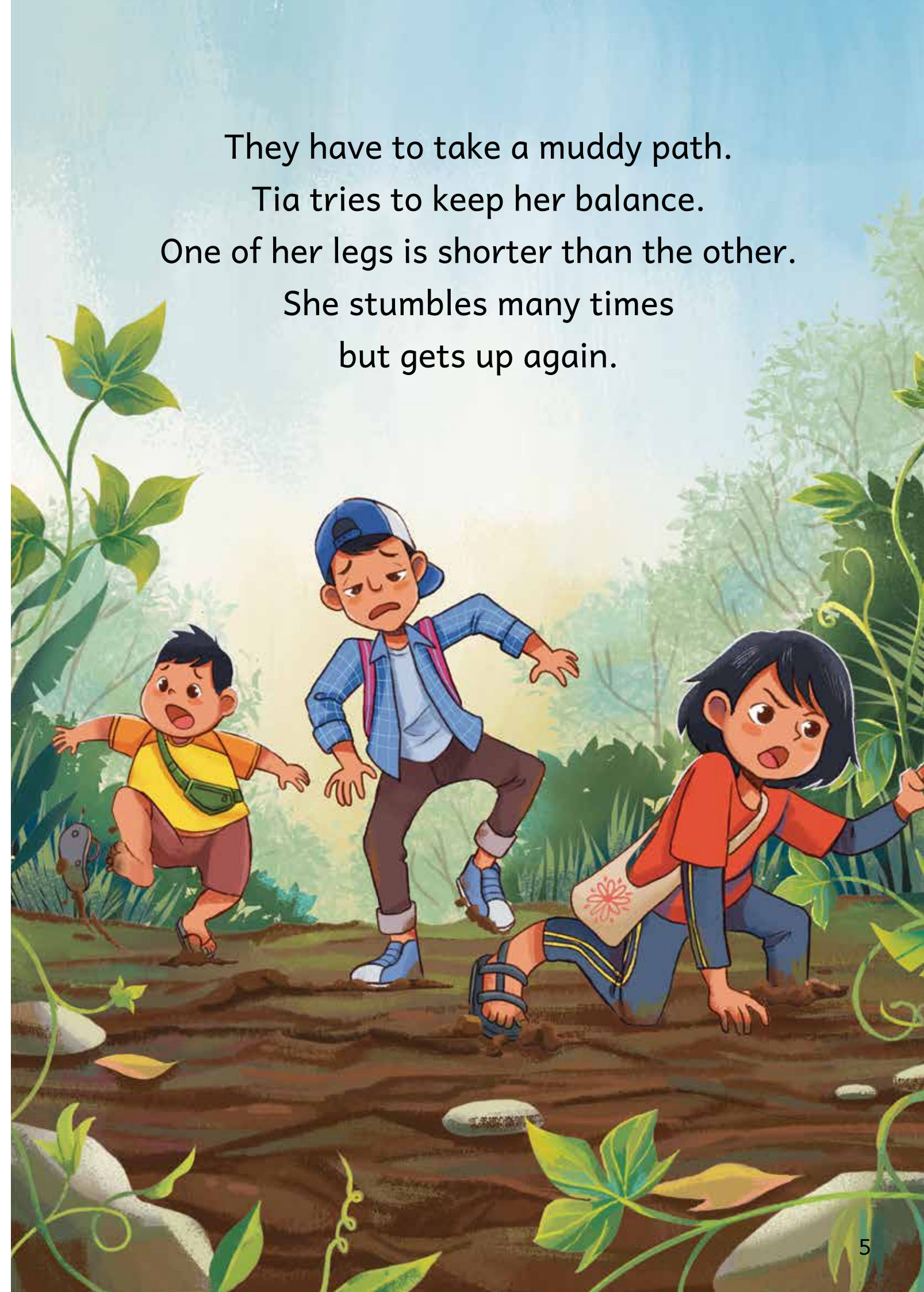
uras = rice steamed rice covered banana leaves



Tia chooses a shortcut through the dark side
of the forest. Kaep and Ade are scared!
They worry about bumping into
a monster. Tia laughs at them.



They have to take a muddy path.
Tia tries to keep her balance.
One of her legs is shorter than the other.
She stumbles many times
but gets up again.



WHOOSH!

CRACK!

CRACKLE!

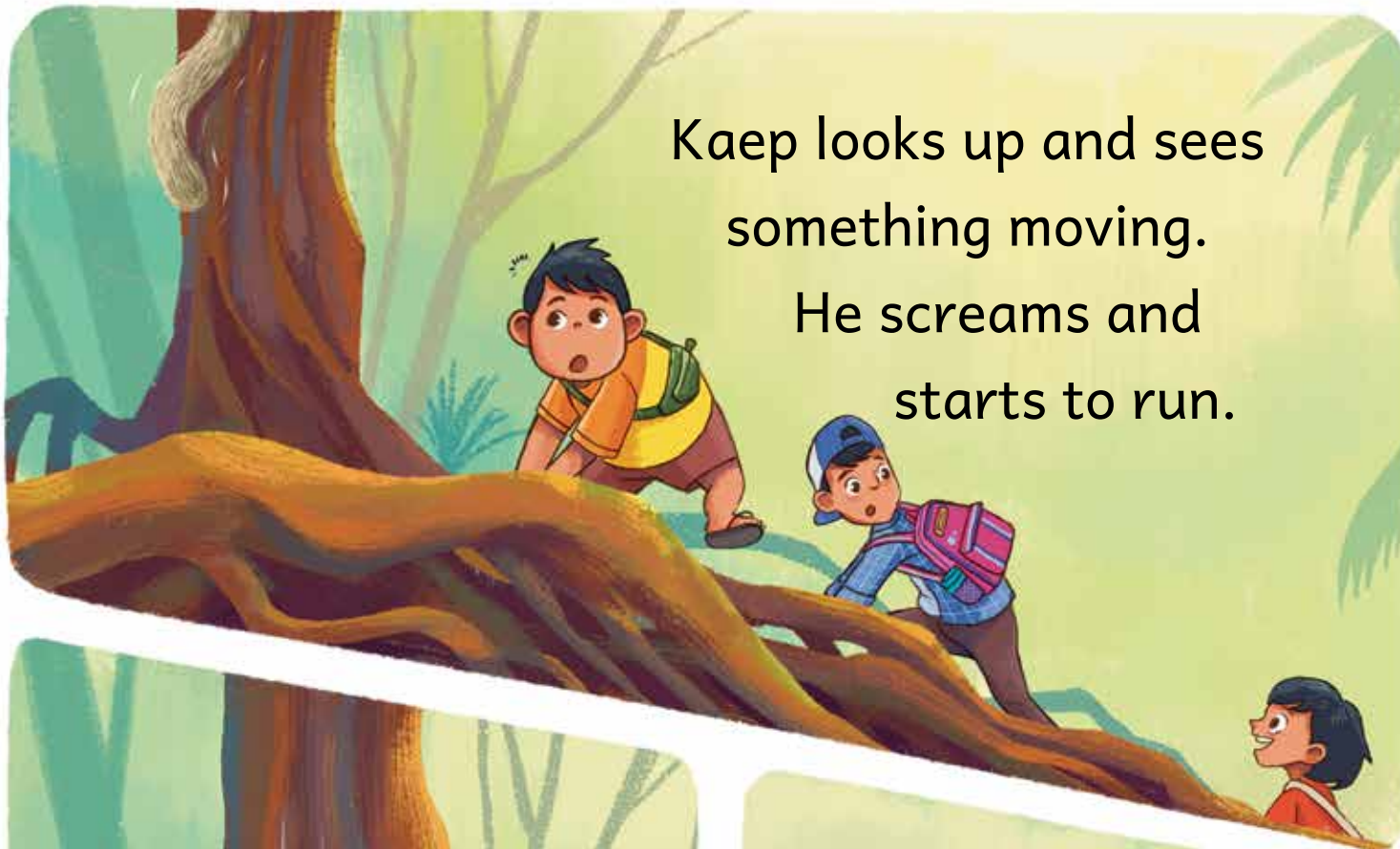
Kaep turns pale.

What are those strange noises?

He walks faster and Tia
laughs again.



Kaep looks up and sees
something moving.
He screams and
starts to run.



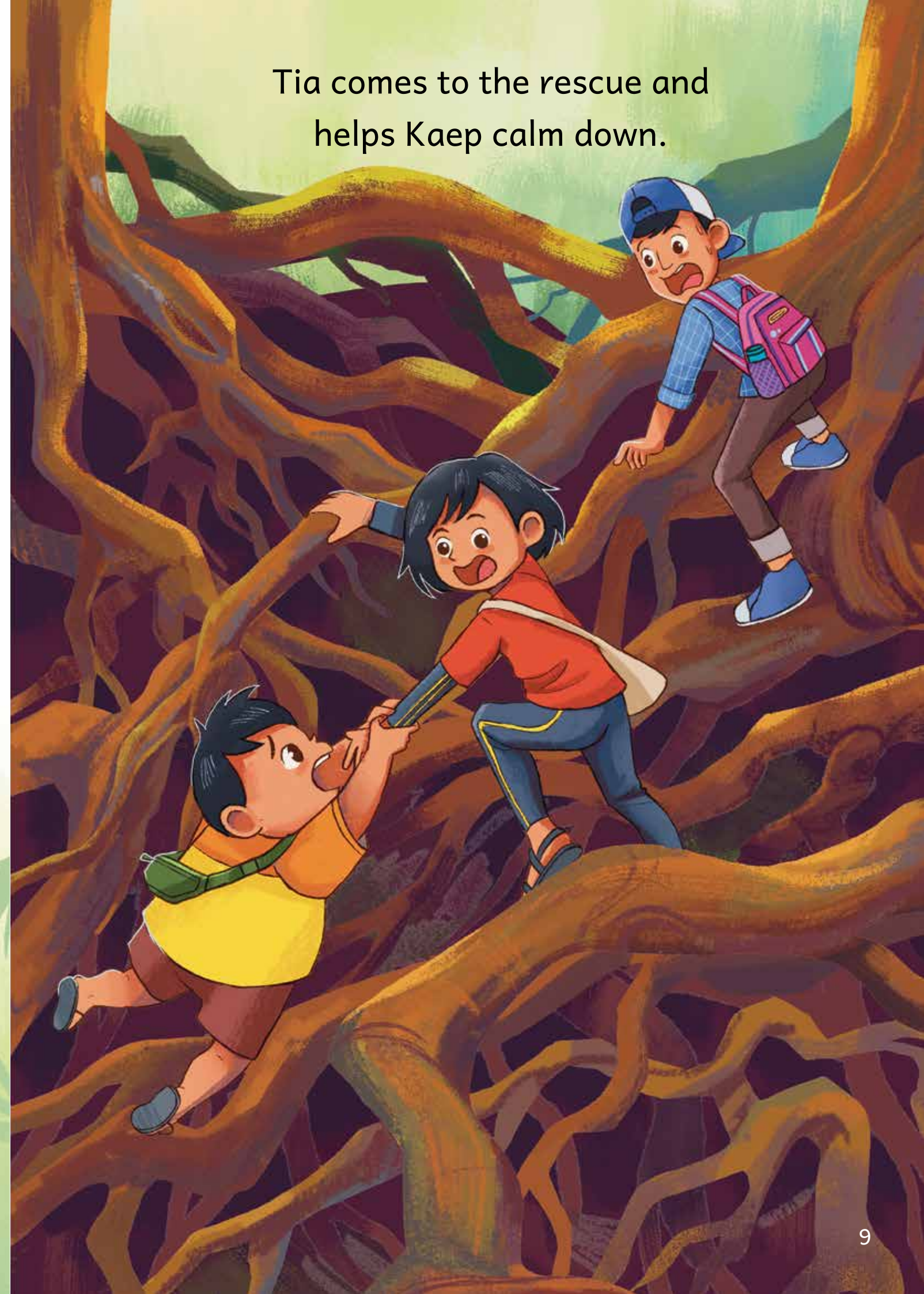
But he slips down
a big tree.



WHOOOP



Tia comes to the rescue and
helps Kaep calm down.



They arrive at a creek. Tia jumps over a stone easily. Her exercise routine is paying off.



Soon she's standing on the other side of the creek.





They take a rest and eat
their uras and bananas.



Uh oh! One banana is gone.
Who took it?

Was it a monster?



They now start to believe
that there really is a monster! Suddenly...

Ouch!
Something hits Kaep on the head.



here's something behind that stone!
It waves. Aaaah...

CRACKLE!
BOING! BOING!

MONSTER!

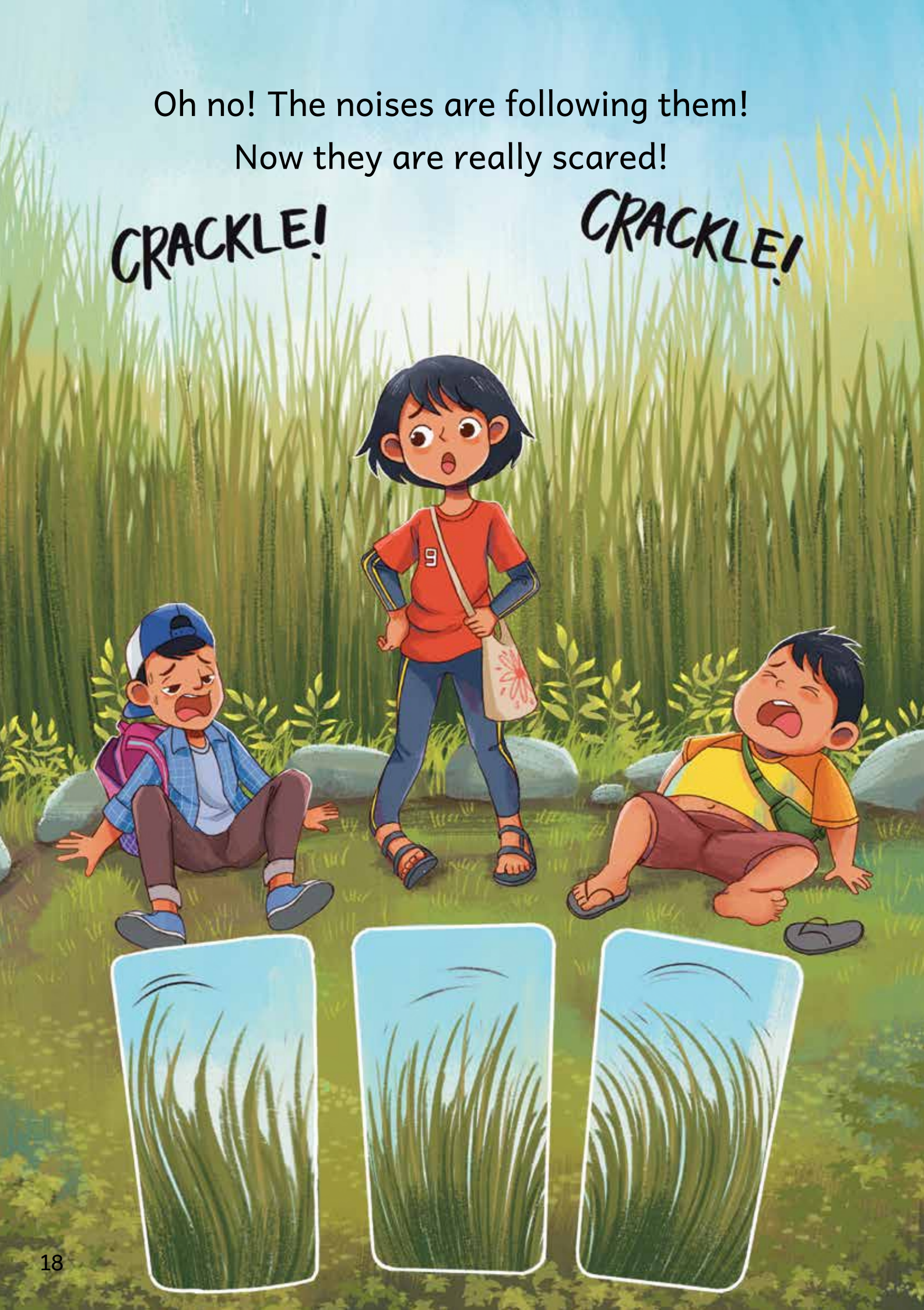


Oh no! The noises are following them!

Now they are really scared!

CRACKLE!

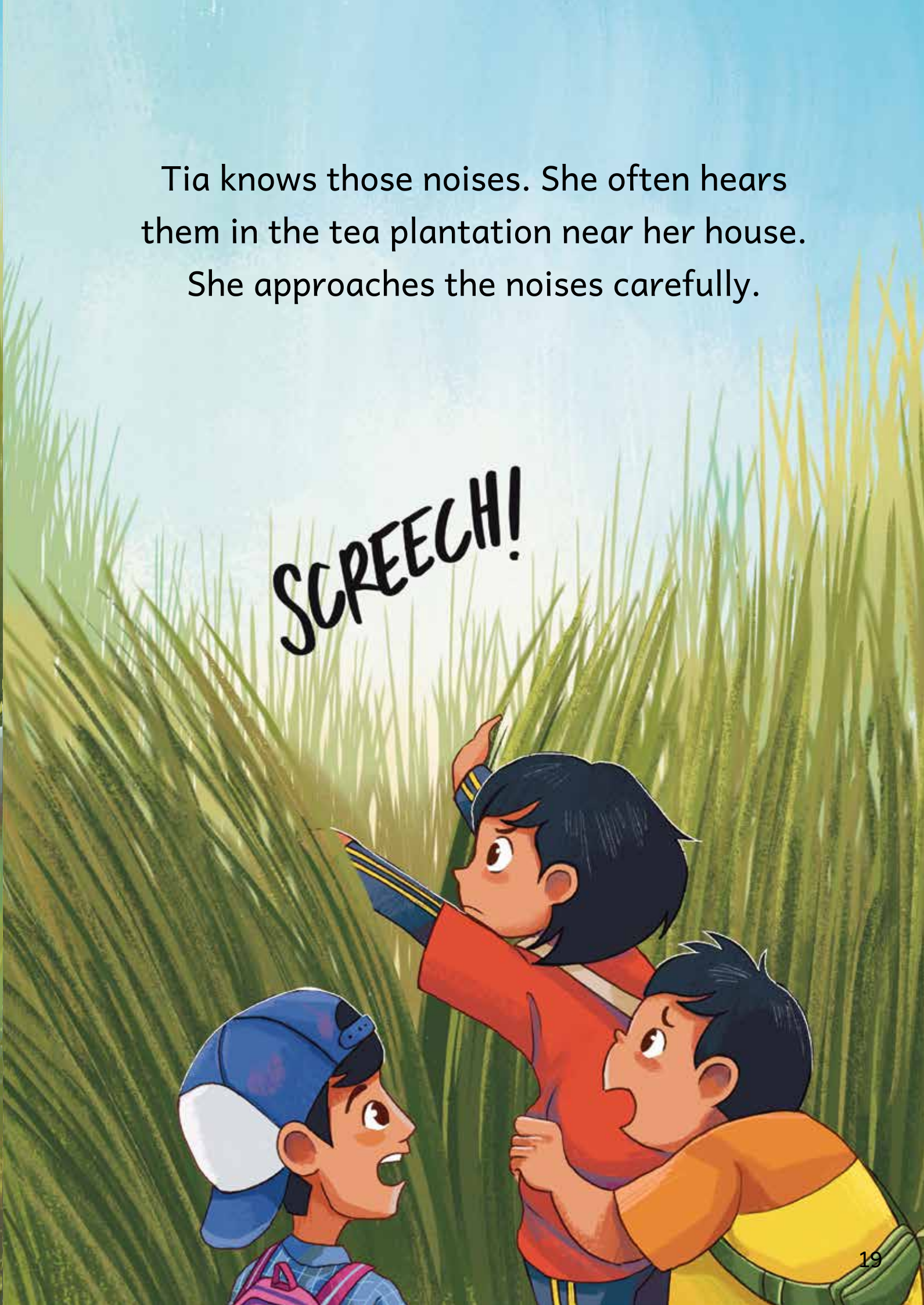
CRACKLE!



Tia knows those noises. She often hears them in the tea plantation near her house.

She approaches the noises carefully.

SCREECH!



Tia looks through the tall grass. She is right!

SCREECH!



It's a long-tailed monkey.
Everyone is relieved and they
all laugh together.



Finally, they arrive
at Cisupa village.

Yeay!

The sounds from the drums and
trumpets welcome them.



The lion dance performance is fun.

The dancers carry a big wooden lion.
Tia, Kaep, and Ade dance along
as the lion shakes its head.



A Message to Our Readers

Dearest readers!

The story of Tia and her friends' adventure is fascinating, isn't it? Did you know that the Lion dance performance and uras are originally from West Java Province. They are examples of local cultures in our country. They make our country rich with different cultures.

We have to preserve our local cultures.

So, what examples of local cultures do you have where you live? Let's find out.

Regards,

Laksmi & Aira

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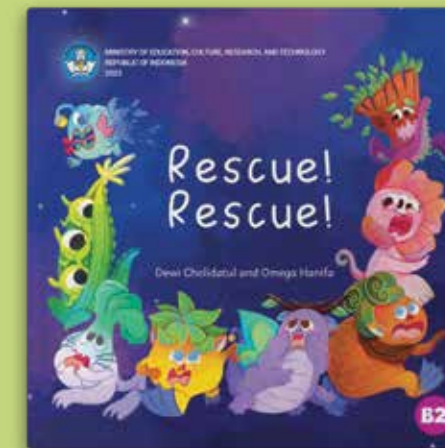
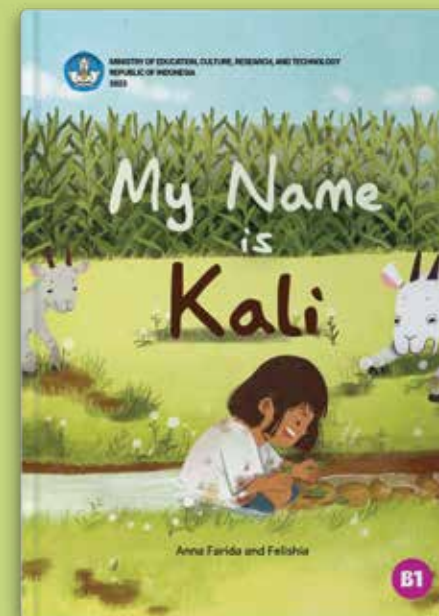
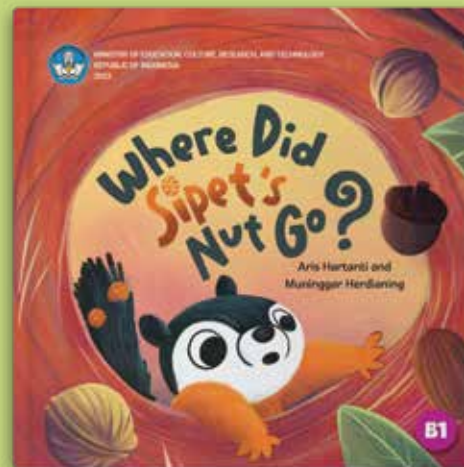
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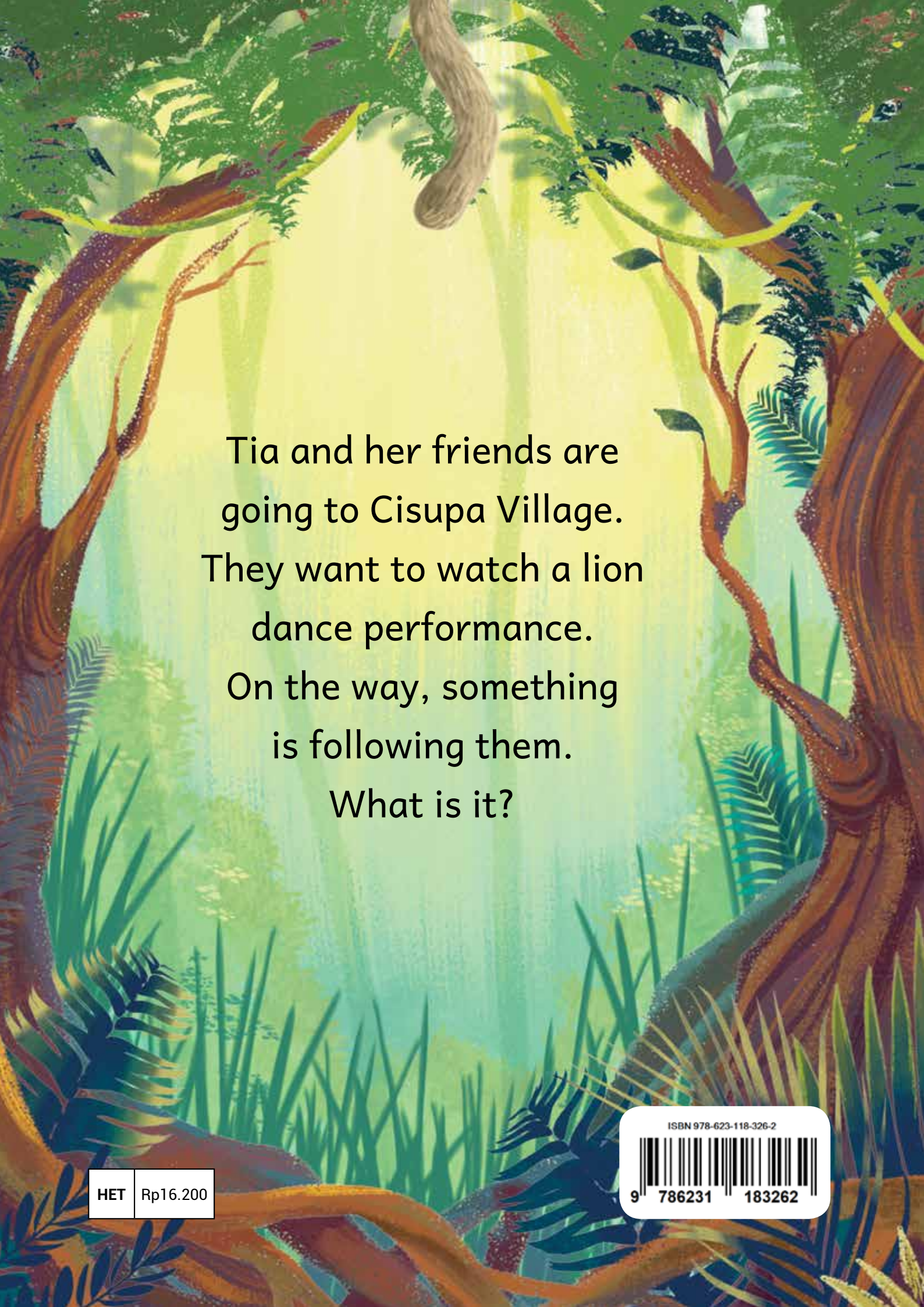
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Tia and her friends are
going to Cisupa Village.
They want to watch a lion
dance performance.
On the way, something
is following them.
What is it?

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