

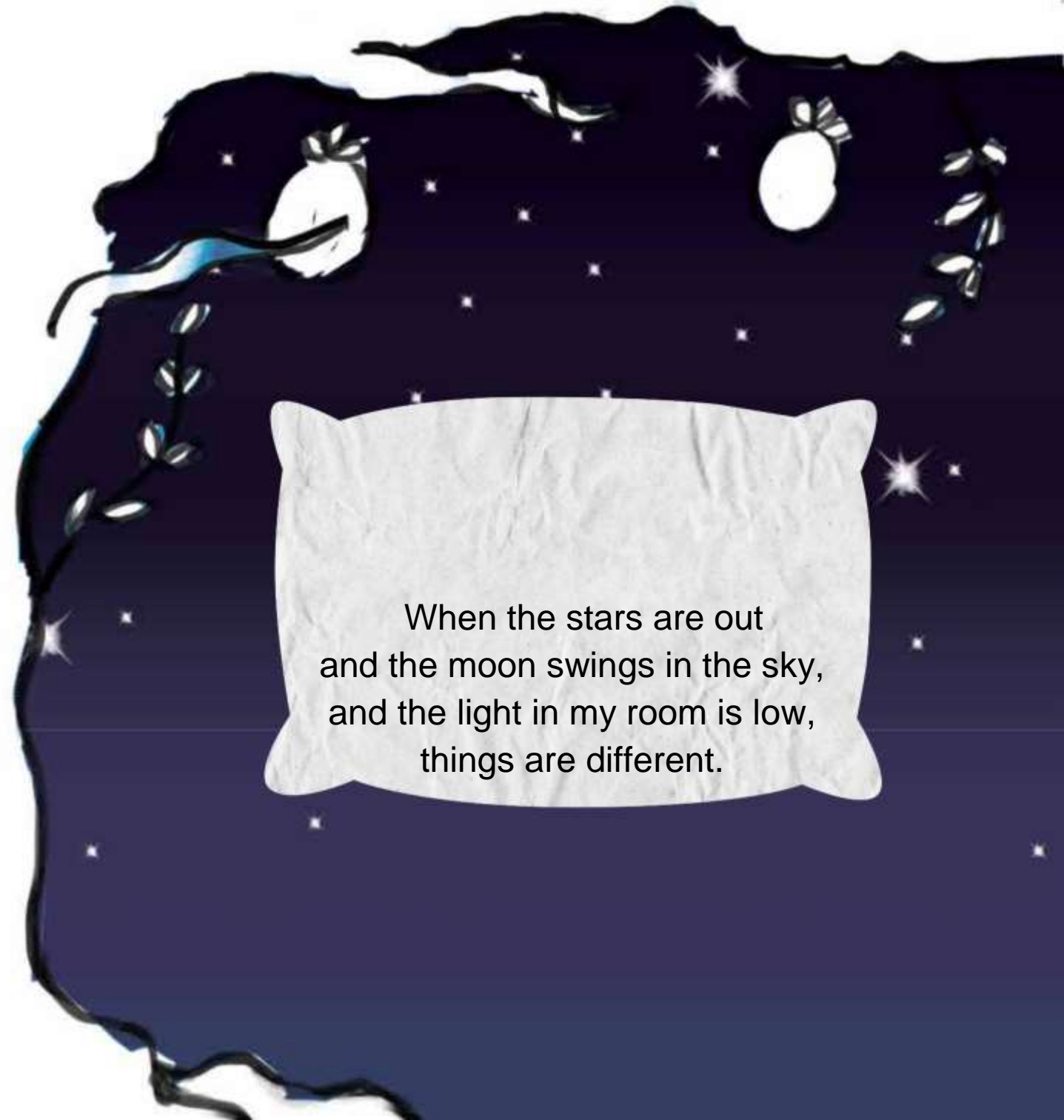
Pillow of Dreams



This book belongs to








When the stars are out
and the moon swings in the sky,
and the light in my room is low,
things are different.



The pirate puppet waves his sword.
The mango tree bends its branches.
Even my teddy becomes a
different sort of bear.



I keep very still in my
cave of blankets or I call,
“Maaamaaa! Daaaddy!”
or I jump into their bed.

I tell Mama about Pirate
and Tree and Bear.



A whimsical illustration featuring a woman with short, curly blonde hair, wearing a white long-sleeved dress with a dark collar, sitting on a white bench. She is looking towards a young child with curly blonde hair who is sitting on a white bed. The child is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and white pants, and is gesturing with their hands as if explaining something. They are positioned under a large, gnarled tree with a thick, reddish-brown trunk. Several green vines with red tomatoes hang from the tree's branches. The background is a dark blue night sky filled with white stars. A large, bright, glowing orb, resembling a full moon or a large planet, is visible in the upper left corner. The overall style is that of a children's book illustration.

“You had a really bad dream.”

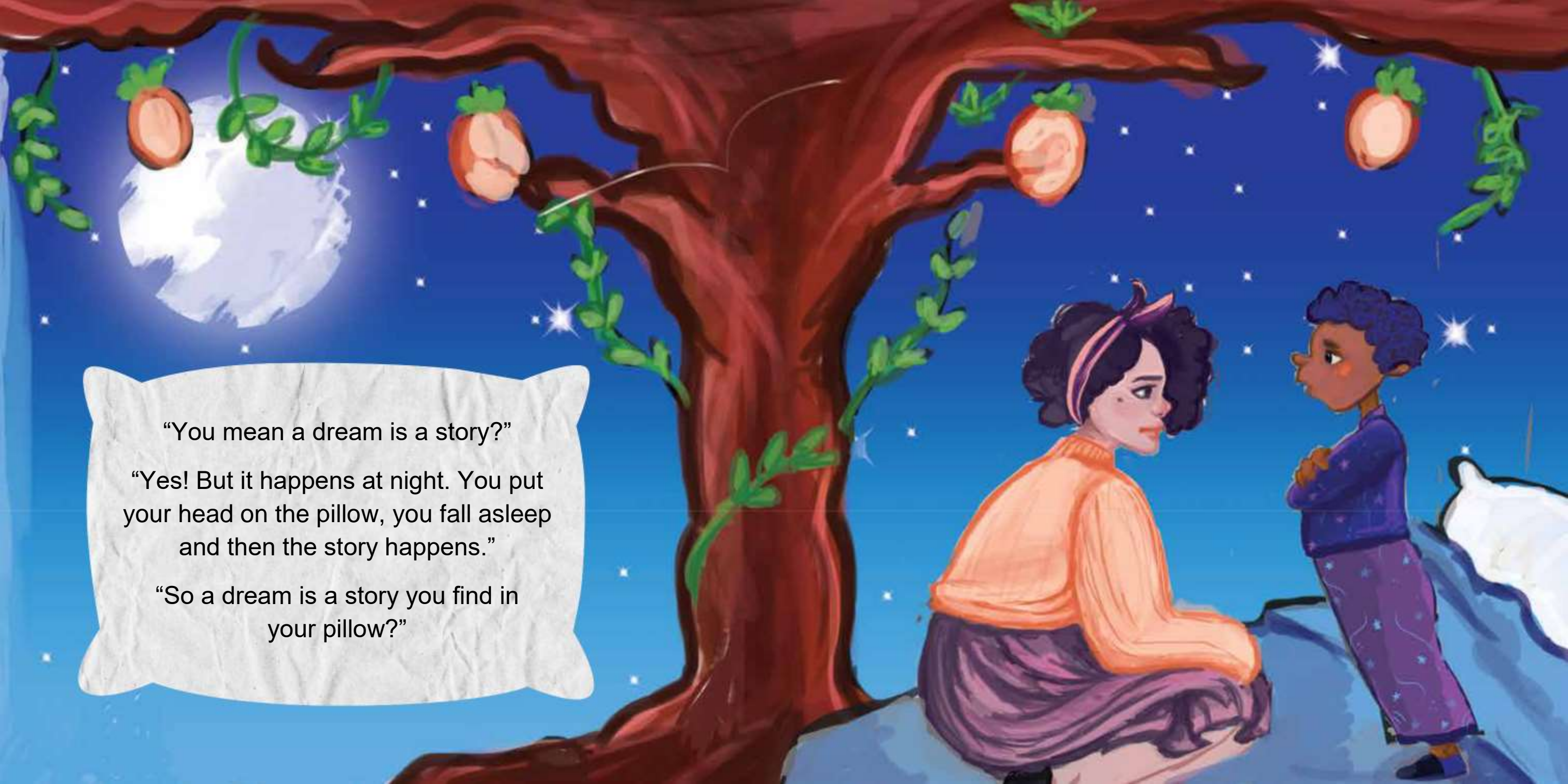
“What’s a dream?”

“When we sleep we think about
our day, but everything gets
mixed up. It feels real, but it’s
not real.”

A woman with dark curly hair, wearing an orange sweater and a purple skirt, is sitting on a large rock. She is holding a soccer ball in her right hand. A young child with dark curly hair, wearing a blue shirt, is sitting on the ground next to her, looking up at the soccer ball. The background is a dreamlike landscape with a large, glowing full moon in a dark blue sky. There are several orange fruits hanging from the branches of a tree. A small, white teddy bear is floating in the air. A large, pink rock formation is in the background, and a small, black and white cartoon character is visible on it. The overall scene is surreal and whimsical.

"It *is* real!"

"You know when we read a story
together, it's made up, but we
laugh, or get scared or excited?
A dream is the same."

An illustration of a woman with dark curly hair and a pink headband, wearing an orange sweater and a purple skirt, kneeling on a blue surface. She is looking at a young child with dark curly hair, wearing a purple long-sleeved shirt and purple pants with white stars. The child is standing and looking back at the woman. They are under a large, gnarled tree with a thick brown trunk. The tree has green leaves and several round, orange fruits hanging from its branches. The background is a dark blue night sky with a large, bright white moon and many small white stars. A white pillow is visible on the right side of the image.

“You mean a dream is a story?”

“Yes! But it happens at night. You put your head on the pillow, you fall asleep and then the story happens.”

“So a dream is a story you find in your pillow?”

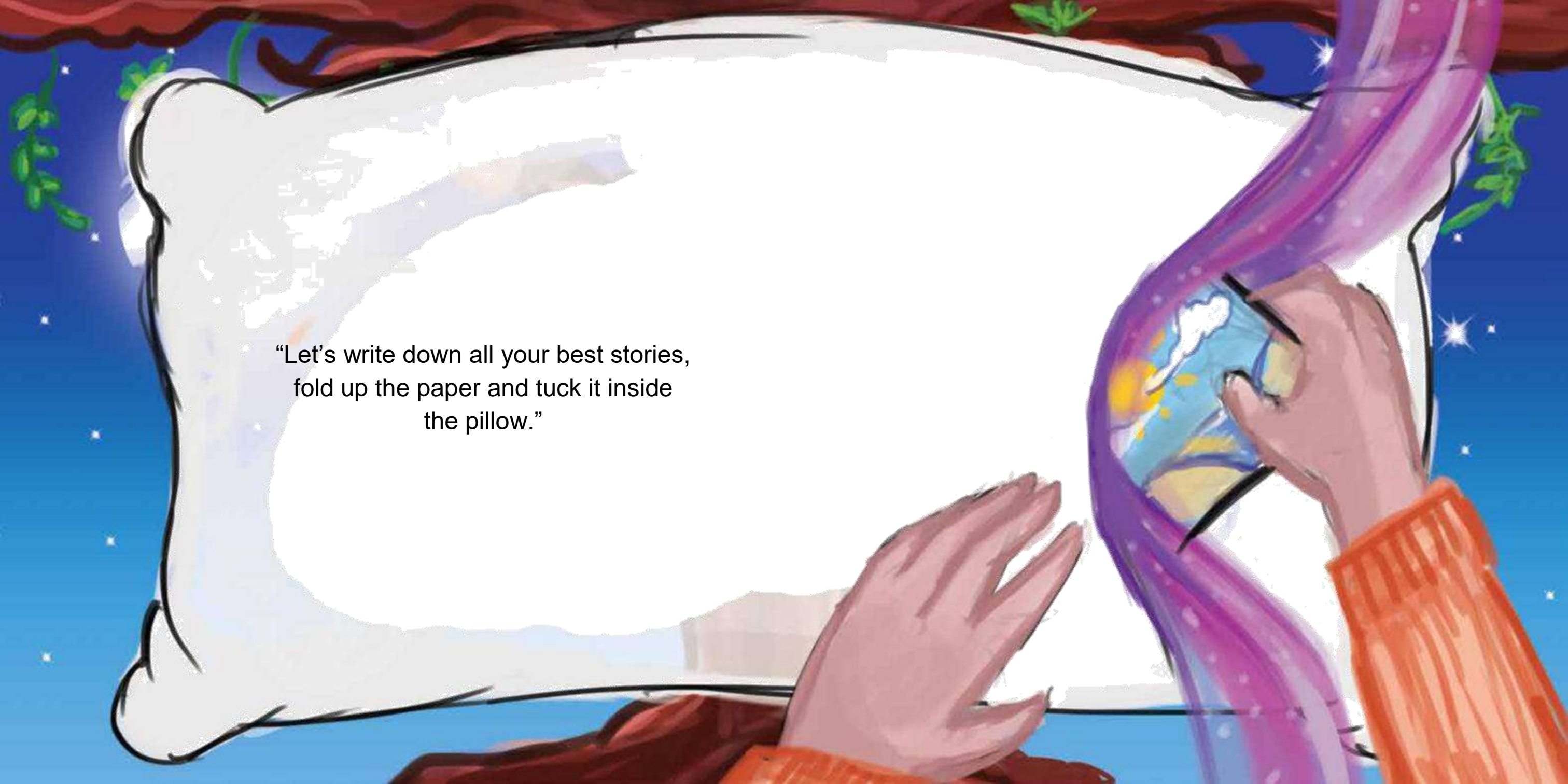
“Yes!”

“Can I put the stories in my pillow?”

“You can.”

“How?”

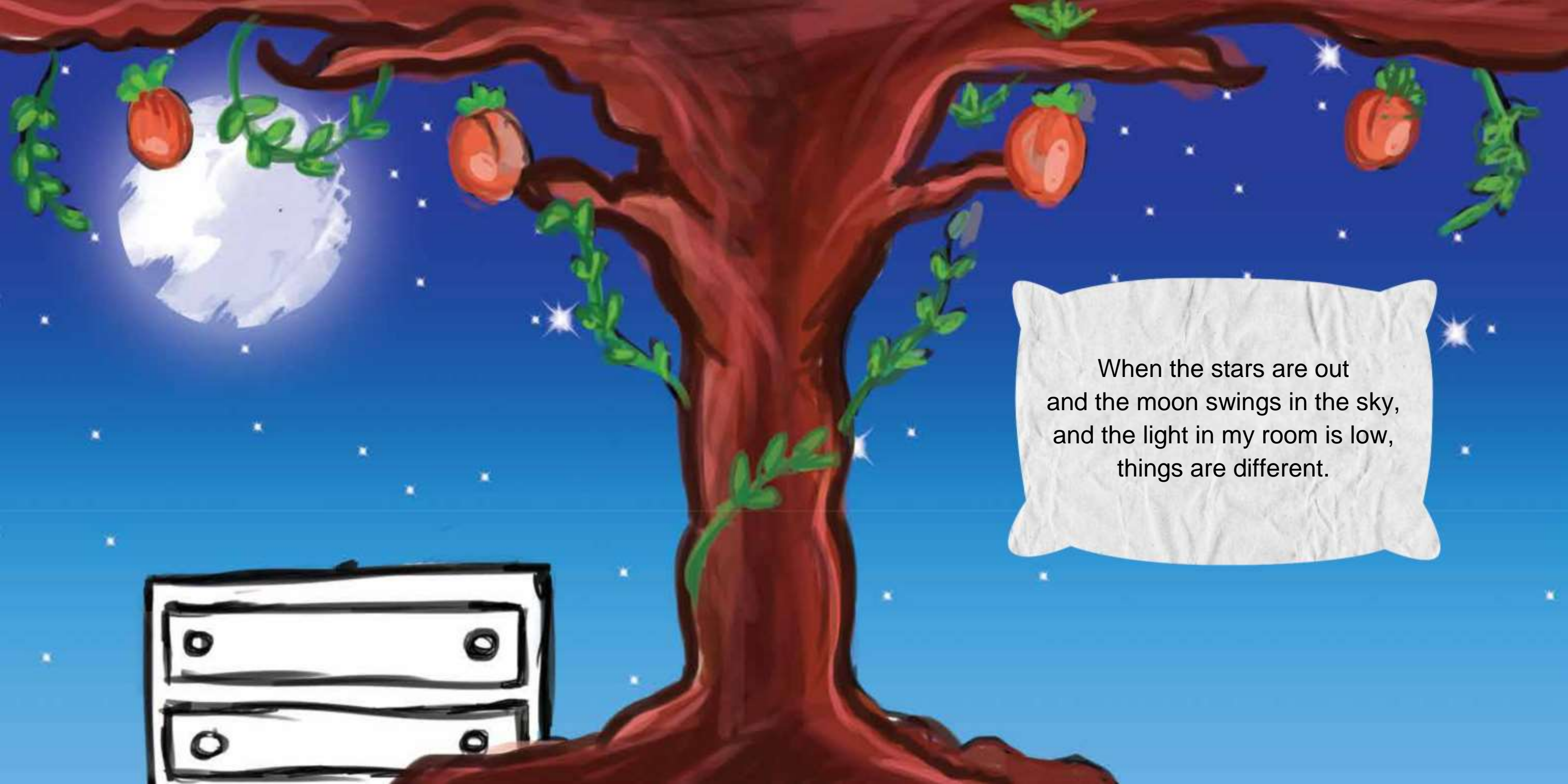


An illustration of a child's hands tucking a piece of paper into a pillow. The paper features a drawing of the Earth with a sun and clouds. The pillow is white and fluffy, set against a dark blue background with stars and green foliage. The child is wearing an orange long-sleeved shirt.

“Let’s write down all your best stories,
fold up the paper and tuck it inside
the pillow.”







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