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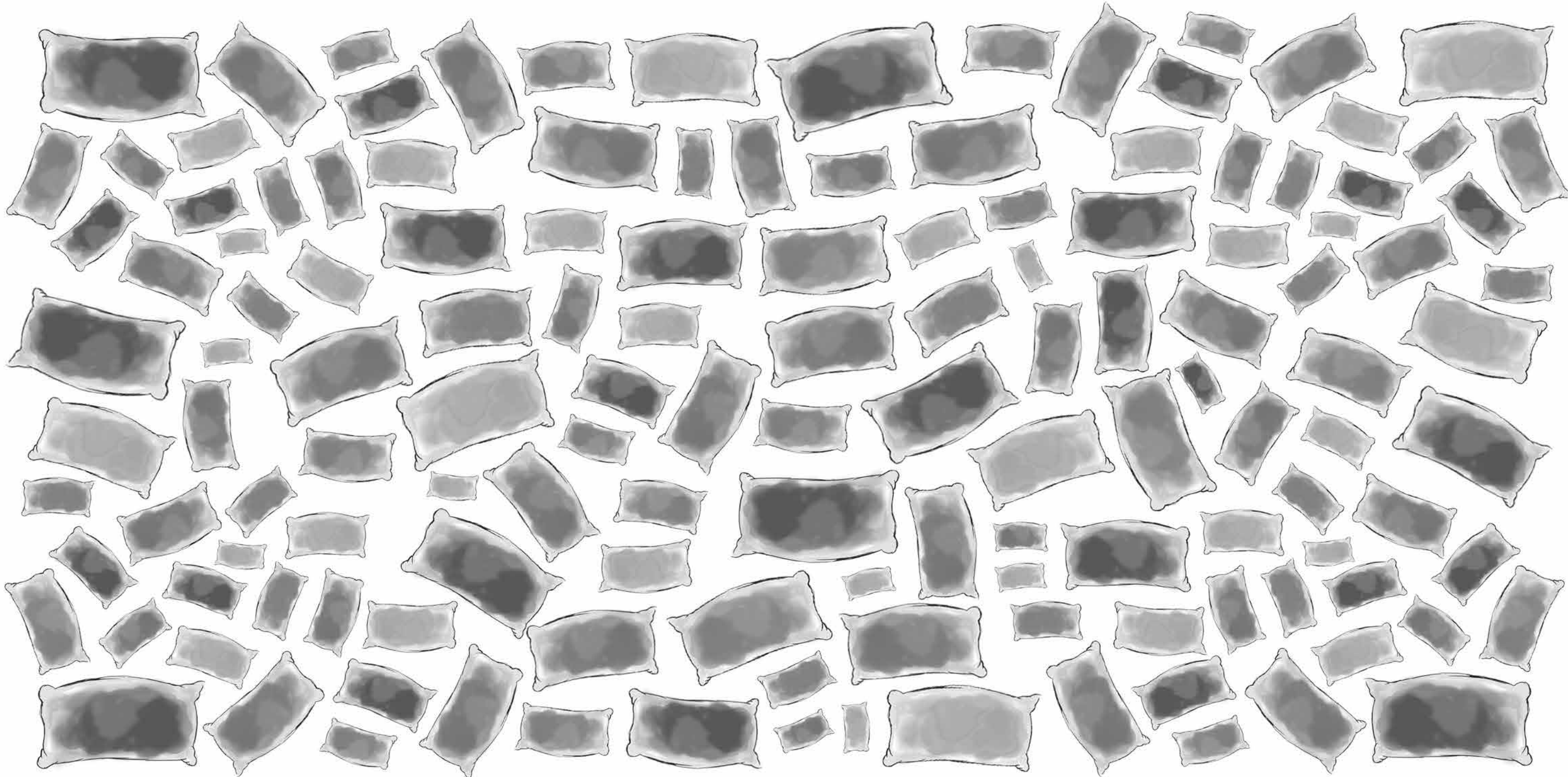


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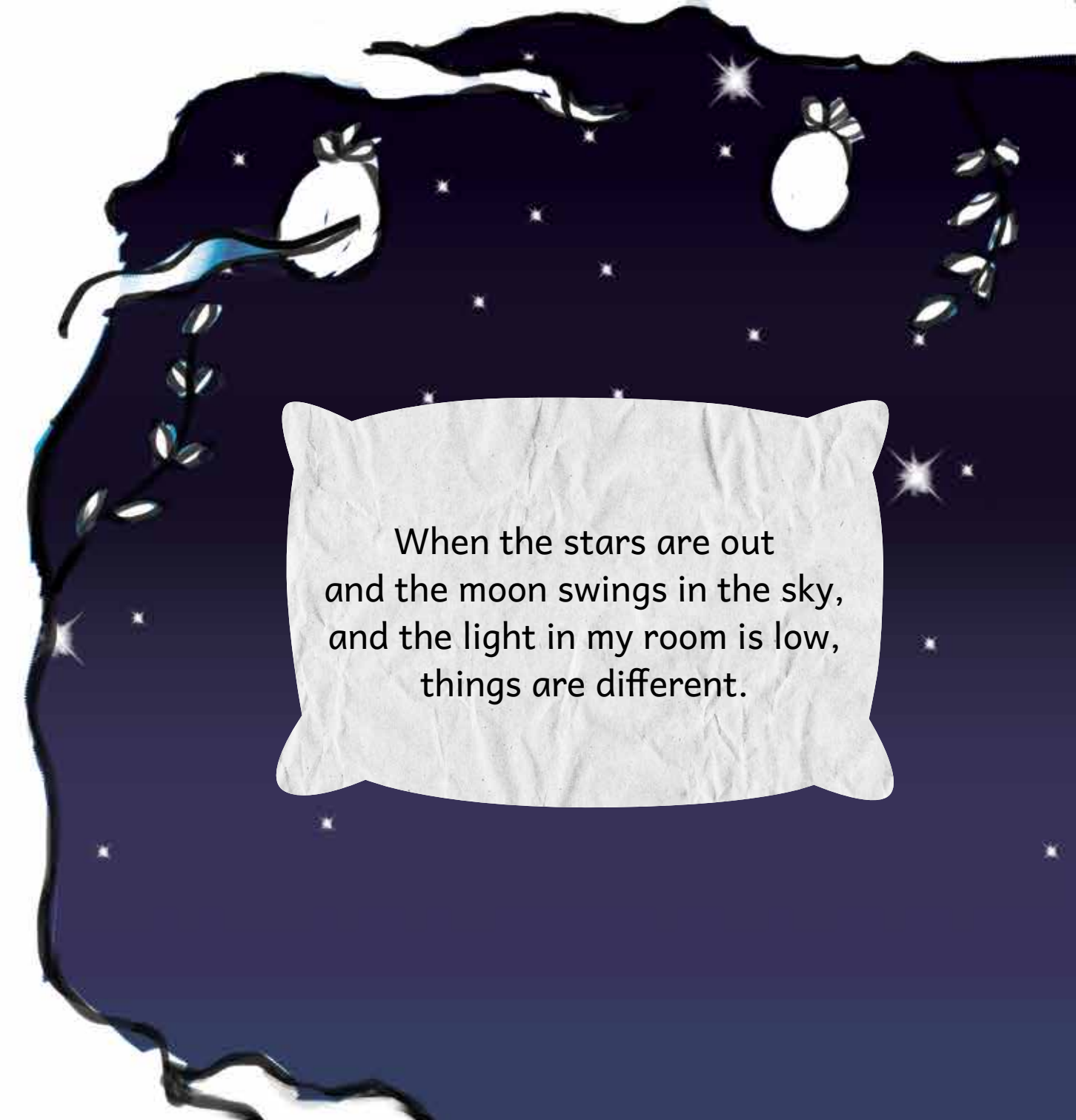
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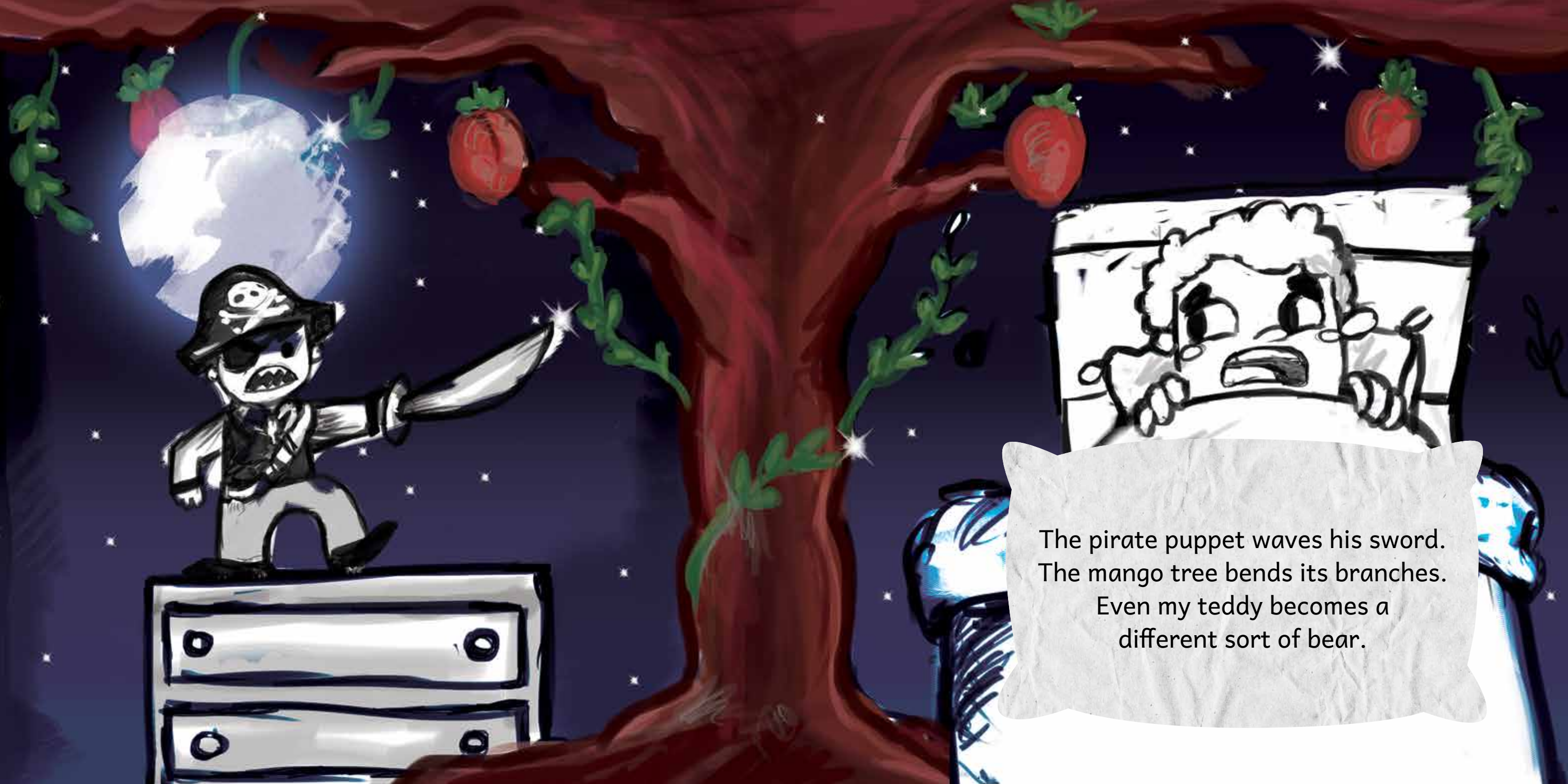
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When the stars are out  
and the moon swings in the sky,  
and the light in my room is low,  
things are different.



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 of a woman and a child sitting on a bench under a large, gnarled tree with thick, reddish-brown branches. Several bright red tomatoes with green leaves are hanging from the branches. The background is a dark blue night sky with a large, glowing white moon and several small white stars. The woman, on the left, has short, curly white hair and is wearing a white dress with a dark collar. She is looking towards the child. The child, on the right, has curly white hair and is wearing a white shirt and pants. The child is sitting on the bench, looking up at the woman with a surprised expression. The bench is simple and white. The overall style is a mix of hand-drawn and digital art.

“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.”





“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 and a child under a large tree at night. The woman is kneeling on the left, wearing an orange sweater and a purple skirt. The child is standing on the right, wearing a purple long-sleeved shirt and purple pants with white stars. The tree has a thick brown trunk and branches with green leaves and several round, orange fruits. The background is a dark blue night sky with a large white moon and many small white stars. A white pillow is visible on the right side of the scene.

“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!”

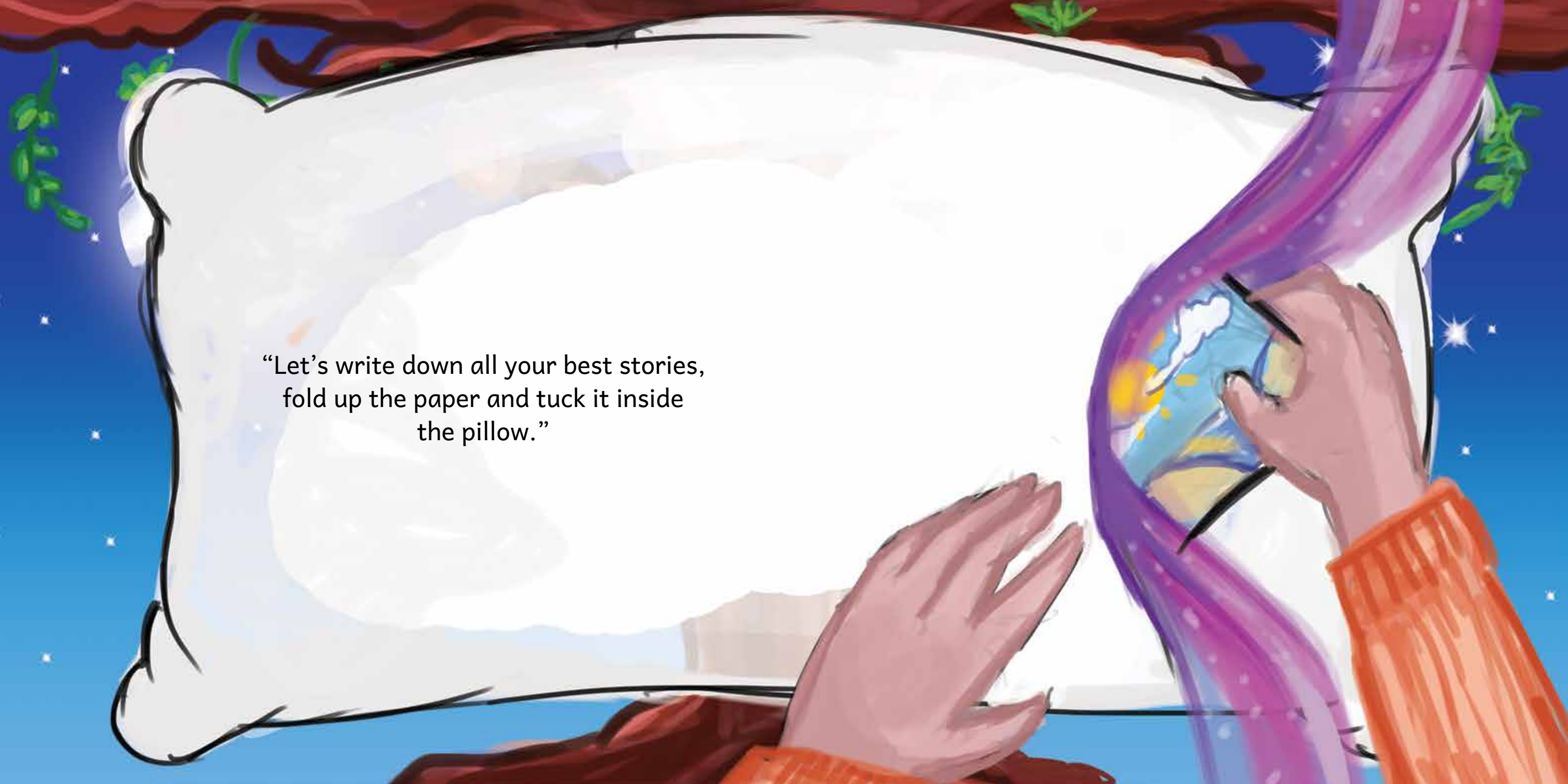
“Can I put the stories in my pillow?”

“You can.”

“How?”





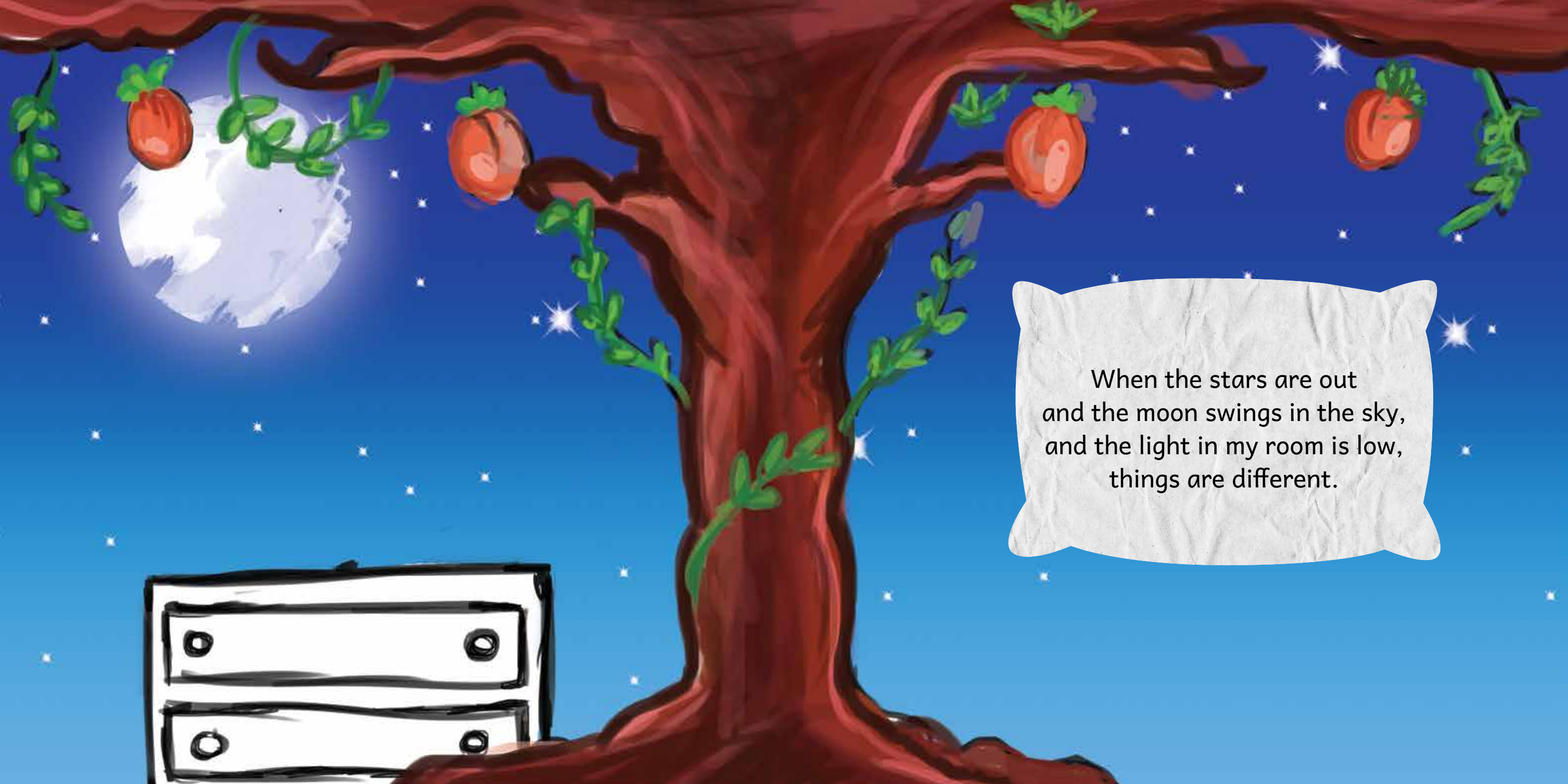
An illustration showing a person's hands in orange sleeves tucking a small globe of the Earth into a white pillow. The pillow is on a bed with a purple blanket and a blue night sky with stars in the background. The globe shows continents in yellow and green and oceans in blue. The pillow has a faint landscape scene on its surface.

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



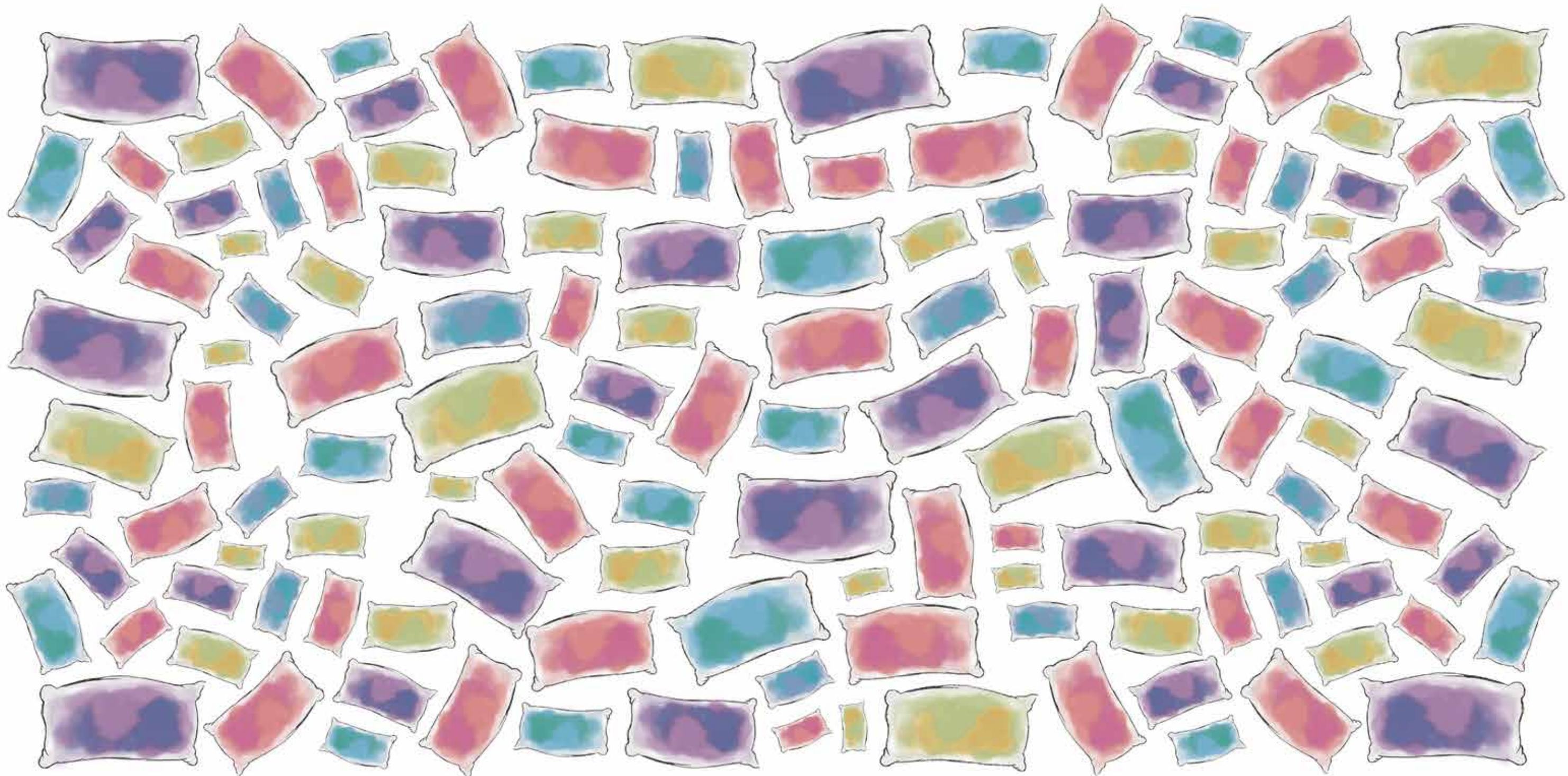






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