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A new neighbor from Waigeo Island, Raja Ampat, moved into an empty yard near Rino's house. His name was Mr. Kusno.

Among Rino's friends, rumors spread that Mr. Kusno never left his house, had a large body, and only appeared at night.

"Eeeek... Actually, Rino really wants to meet Mr. Kusno, since he's heard all these stories," said one of his friends.



Badu, on the other hand, was very curious. He often asked his father to visit Mr. Kusno's house, but he was never allowed.

"Hmmm, why won't Dad let us visit him after school?" Rino wondered.



"Rino, can you help Mom?" asked Mom one night.

"Sure, Mom. What do you need?" Rino was always happy to help.

"Recently, we've been cooking using the stone-burning tradition, like what Mr. Kusno does."

"What is that?" Rino asked curiously.

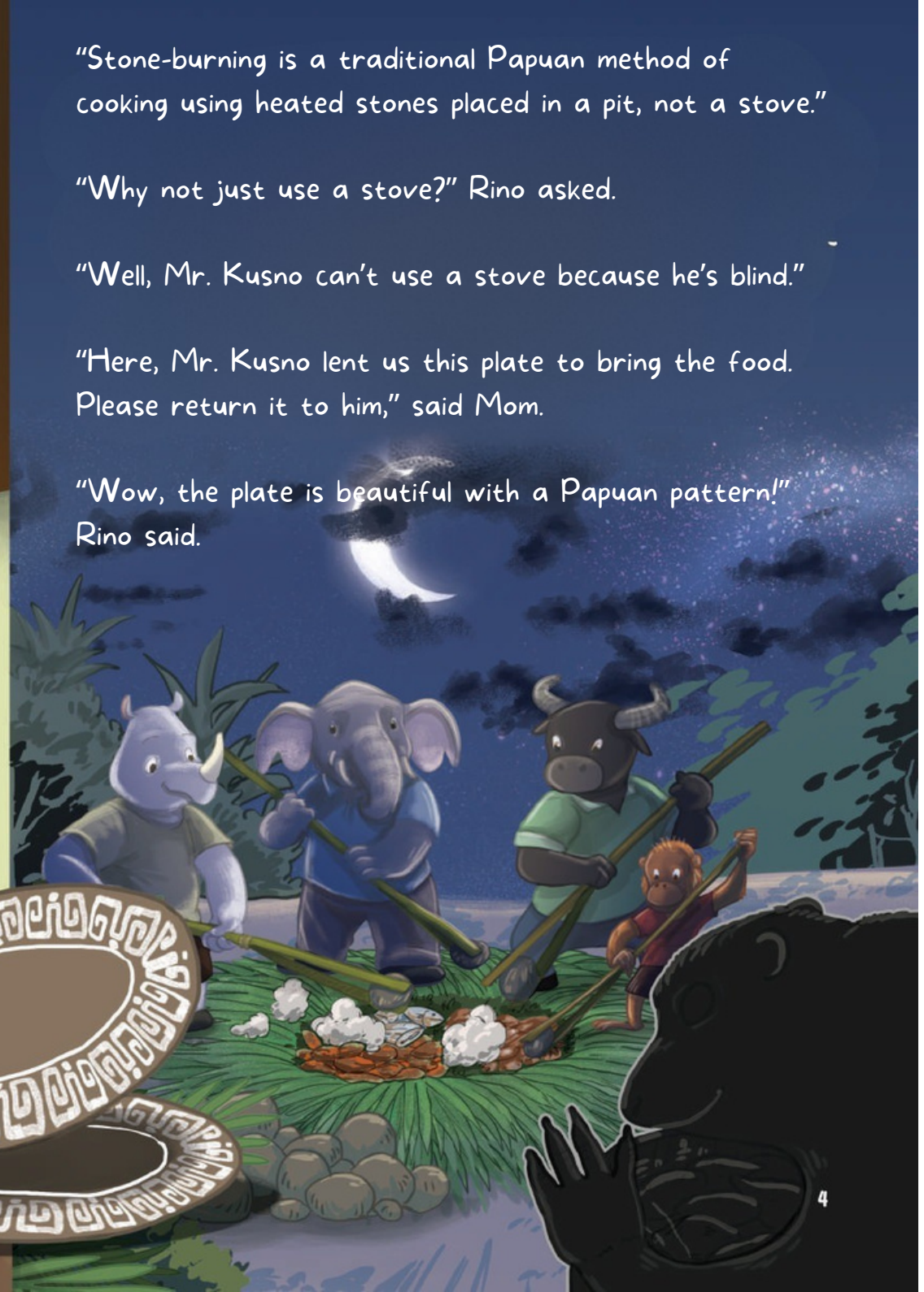
"Stone-burning is a traditional Papuan method of cooking using heated stones placed in a pit, not a stove."

"Why not just use a stove?" Rino asked.

"Well, Mr. Kusno can't use a stove because he's blind."

"Here, Mr. Kusno lent us this plate to bring the food. Please return it to him," said Mom.

"Wow, the plate is beautiful with a Papuan pattern!" Rino said.



Suddenly, Rino turned pale and uneasy.

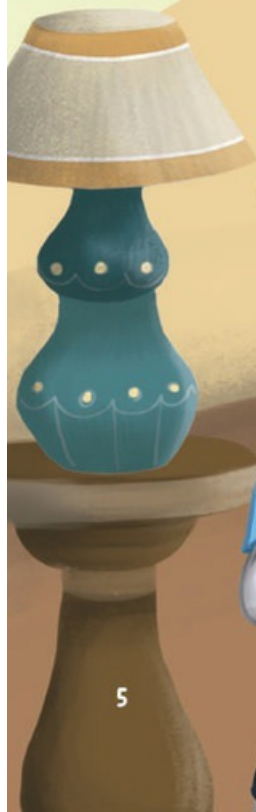
"Uh... does it have to be tonight, Mom? Can I do it tomorrow morning?" he tried to delay.

He was afraid to go to Mr. Kusno's house at night.

Meanwhile, Badu jumped out excitedly, "Yay! I'll come too! It's our first visit to the mysterious Mr. Kusno's house!"

"Shhh, Badu, it's already nighttime, don't be loud," Mom reminded.

"It has to be tonight, Rino," Mom insisted.  
Rino became even more confused and scared.



Rino and Badu walked while carrying two plates. The path to Mr. Kusno's house was dark and quiet. His house was tightly closed.

"It doesn't look like anyone's home, Badu. Let's just go back," Rino said, afraid.

"But we haven't even knocked yet," Badu insisted.



Rino took a deep breath and finally knocked.

Suddenly, they heard a "sirr..." sound and saw a large shadow behind them. Rino turned slightly and saw two red eyes moving closer.

"Aaaaaaah!" Rino screamed in fear. He dropped the plate and grabbed Badu's hand, running as fast as he could.



"Why did we run, bro?" Badu asked.

"Didn't you see that big creature with red eyes?" Rino replied.

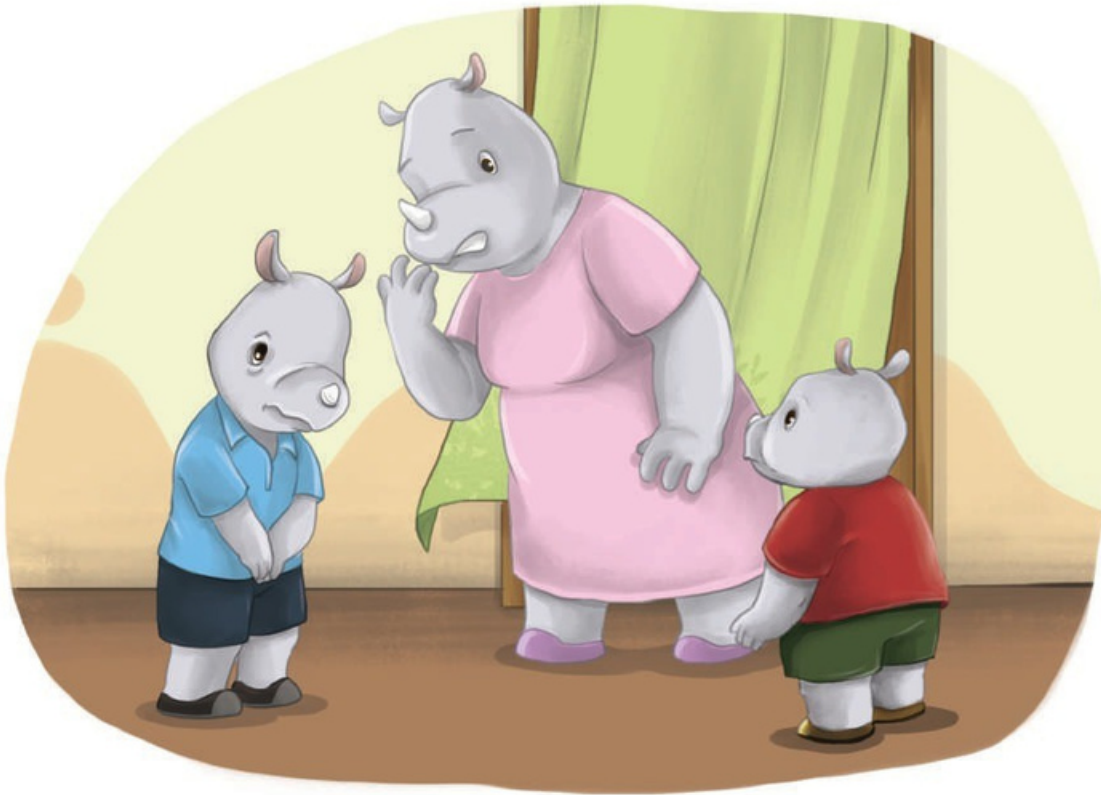
"What? After the garden light turned on, I only saw a short person coming toward us," Badu said.

"Oh no... the plate, where is it?" Badu asked.

Rino held his head in regret. He realized he had dropped the plate in front of Mr. Kusno's door.

He felt disappointed in himself. His fear had made him misunderstand what he saw, and he had also broken Mr. Kusno's plate.





"Mom, I'm sorry. Rino and I accidentally dropped Mr. Kusno's plate," Rino said, bowing regretfully.

"Why did that happen?" Mom asked patiently. "I saw a big creature with red eyes at Mr. Kusno's house," Rino said.

"But I saw a short person," Badu added.

"Hahaha!" Mom laughed.

"Well, you were brave enough to go. But you still need to take responsibility and replace the plate."

"Yes, Mom," Rino nodded.

Mom then cut some of Rino's savings to buy a replacement plate. Rino smiled in Mom's hug.





After buying a new plate, Rino invited Badu to return to Mr. Kusno's house.

Knock... knock...

"Good evening, sir. I'm Rino. We want to return the plate," Rino said nervously.



"Oh, come in, Rino," Mr. Kusno replied kindly.

"I'm sorry, sir. Yesterday I accidentally broke your plate."

"That's okay, Rino. I'm sorry too for surprising you," Mr. Kusno said.

"This is a replacement plate," Rino added. Mr. Kusno accepted it gratefully.



"Now, who is this?"  
Mr. Kusno asked.

"I'm Badu, Rino's  
younger sibling," Badu  
said excitedly.



"Can I play in your yard?" Badu asked.

"Of course! You can come play here anytime.  
Invite your friends too," Mr. Kusno said.

"Yay! Thank you, Mr. Kusno!"



Rino, Badu, and their friends visited Mr. Kusno's house on a Saturday night. Mr. Kusno welcomed them warmly.

They played together happily.

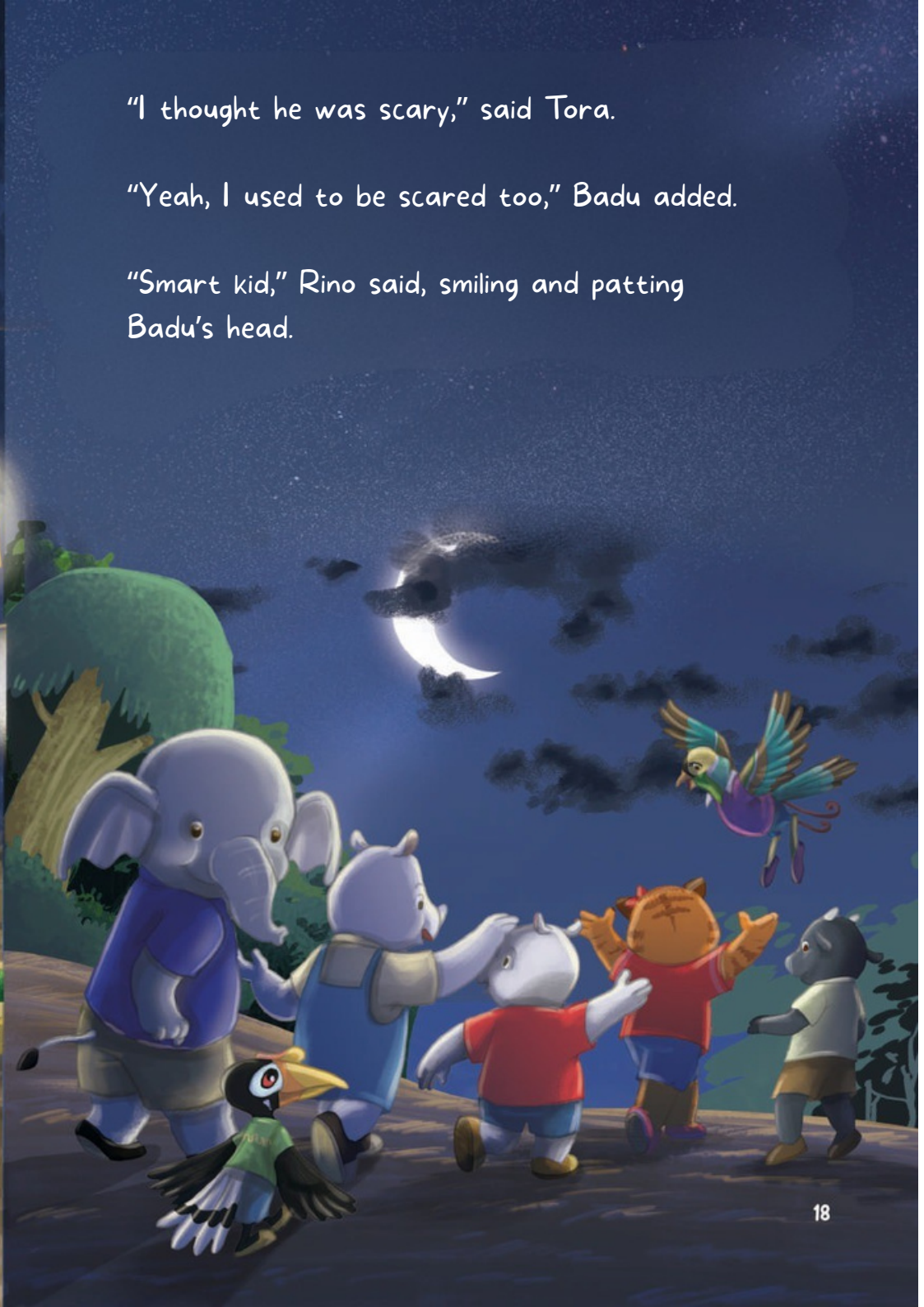
"Rino, Mr. Kusno is actually very kind!" said Cindra.



"I thought he was scary," said Tora.

"Yeah, I used to be scared too," Badu added.

"Smart kid," Rino said, smiling and patting Badu's head.



Who would have thought Mr. Kusno was actually so friendly?  
Who would have thought his yard was so beautiful?  
Who would have thought Rino and his friends could play there?  
Who would have thought Rino experienced something fun  
after daring to try?



If Rino hadn't encouraged himself, they  
wouldn't have gotten to know and play at  
Mr. Kusno's house.

It truly was a fun night. Rino felt proud  
because he had finally overcome his fear.



## A. Reading Comprehension

1. Why did Rino feel anxious when returning the plate to Mr. Kusno?
2. What did Rino do after breaking the plate?
3. What acts of courage did Rino show in the story?
4. Why could Rino and Badu only visit Mr. Kusno at night?
5. How did Rino feel after overcoming his fear?
6. In your opinion, what is interesting about the stone-burning tradition?

## B. Find Ten Differences



## C. Interesting Facts About Cuscus (Eastern Indonesian Animal)



### Did you know?

- Cuscus are only found in Eastern Indonesia.
- The cuscus in Rino's story is the Waigeo spotted cuscus (*Spilocuscus papuensis*), native to Waigeo Island, Raja Ampat, West Papua.
- They have long, strong tails used for gripping branches and for protection.
- As marsupials, cuscus have pouches where their babies grow until they are ready to survive on their own.