

The Mighty Little Lion Hunter

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For my daughter Kellie. You are my joy and inspiration.

—J. C.

For Bob Call, The Mighty Little Junk Hunter.

—B. S.



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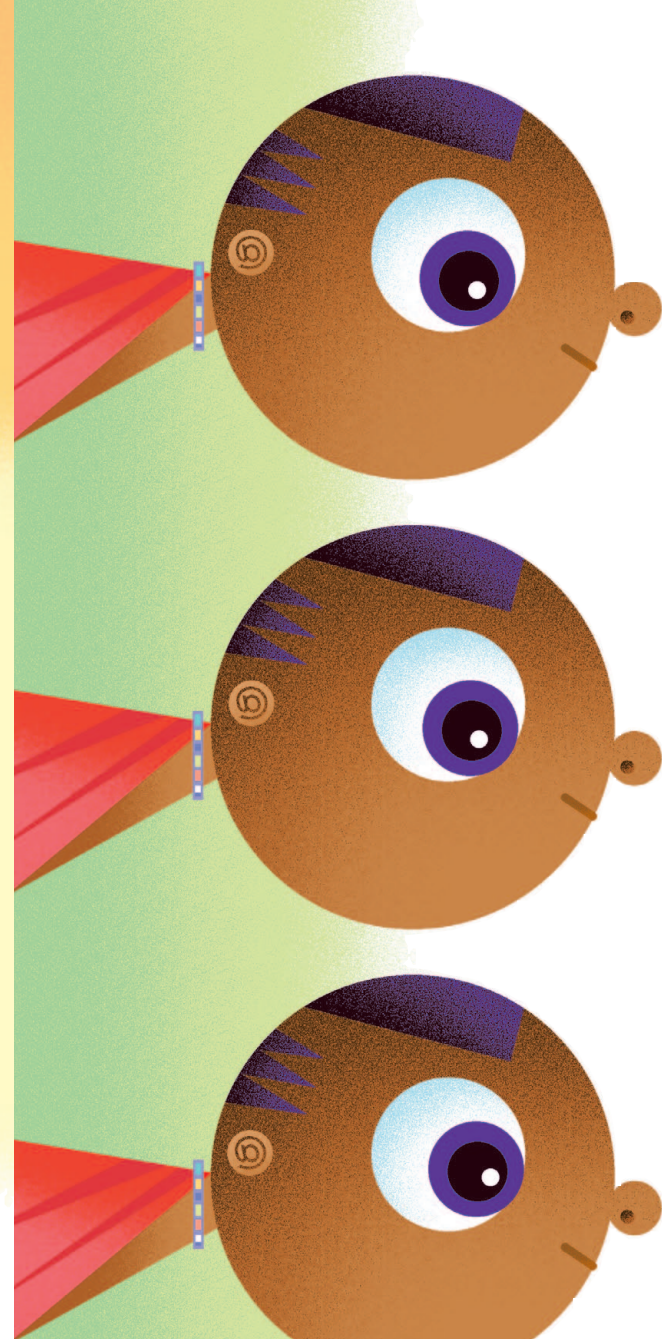
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This is a story about **Kibu**.

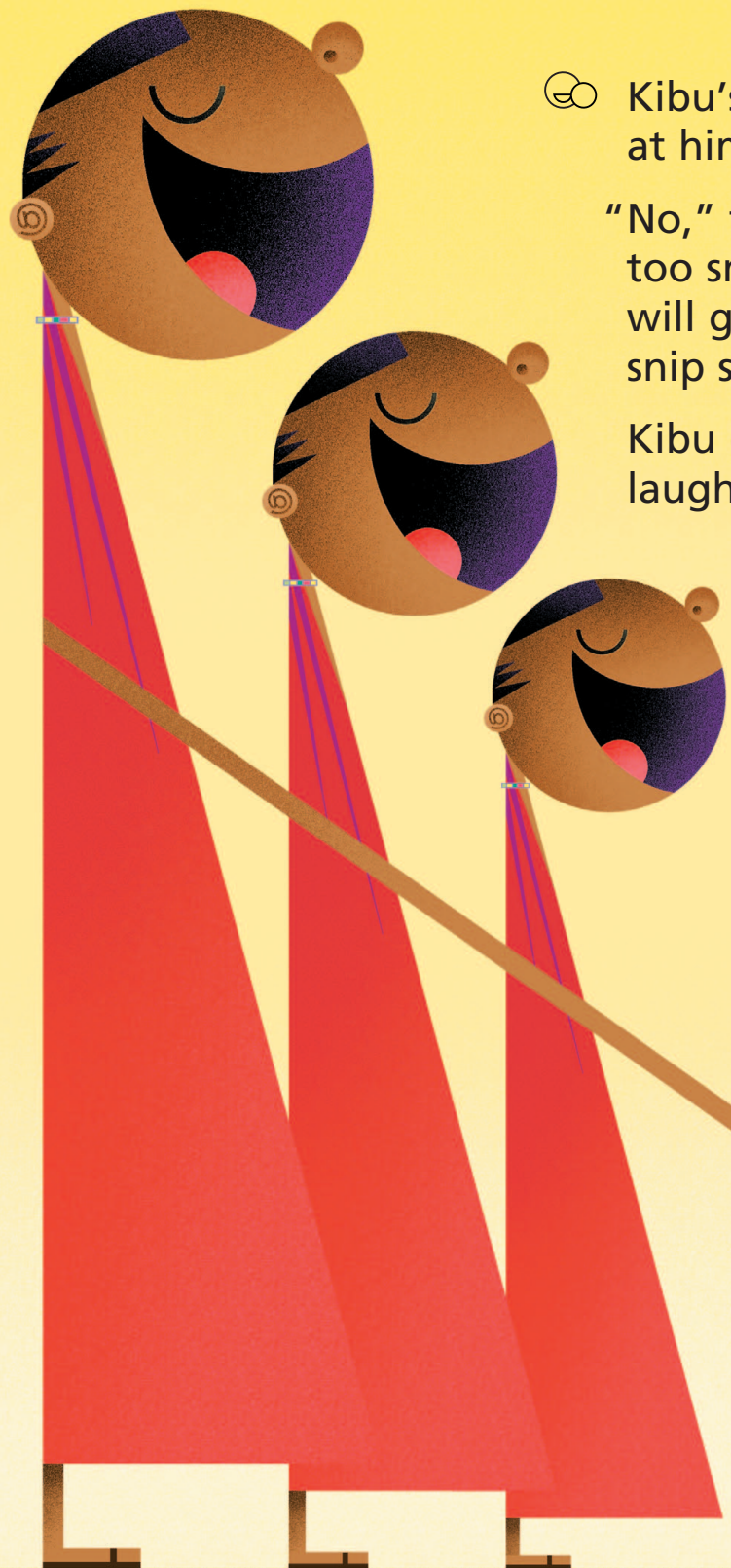
Kibu was a proud member of the Masai tribe in East Africa.

One day, **Kibu's** big brothers were going off to **hunt** for lions. **Kibu** wanted to be a mighty lion hunter too.



Kibu said,
"I want
to go.
I want
to hunt."





☹ Kibu's brothers laughed at him.


"No," they said, "you are too small. Father **Lion** will gobble you up—snip snap!"

Kibu did not like being laughed at.



☹ Kibu said, "I will get a lion. You will see."






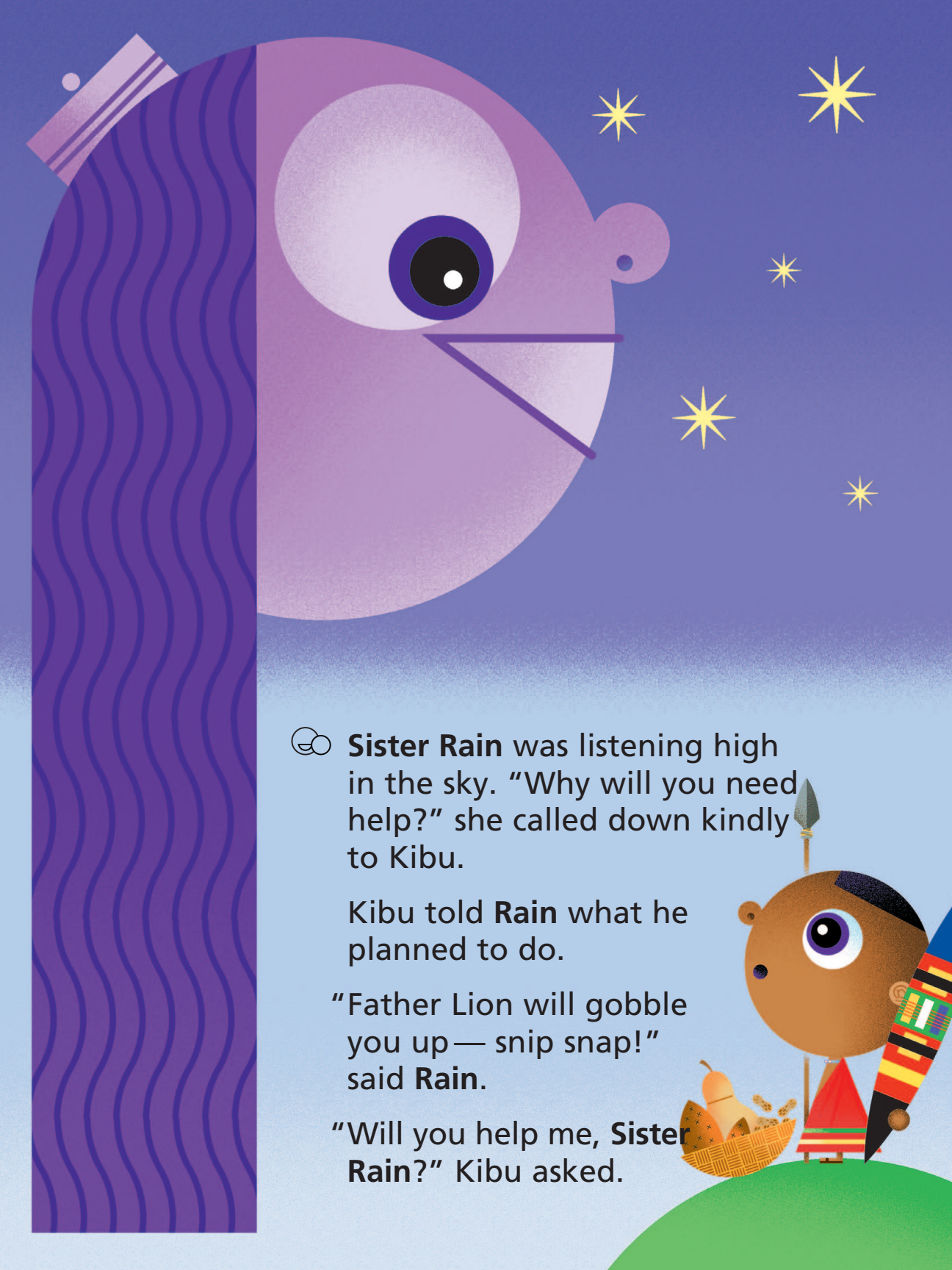
Kibu told his mother he was going to hunt for a lion.

"Little lion hunters **need** food," Kibu's mother said as she handed him a basket filled with yams, peanuts, and sour milk.

Kibu took the basket and set off into the jungle. As he walked, he talked to himself.

Kibu said,
"I will **need**
help. Who
will help
me?"






☞ **Sister Rain** was listening high in the sky. “Why will you need help?” she called down kindly to Kibu.

Kibu told **Rain** what he planned to do.

“Father Lion will gobble you up — snip snap!” said **Rain**.

“Will you help me, **Sister Rain**?” Kibu asked.



☞ **Sister Rain** said, “What will you give to me?”



☞ "I will give you my shield to protect you from Lightning when he throws his white spears to Earth," Kibu answered.

☞ "I accept your gift," said Rain.
"And when you need my help,
I will give it."

☞ Kibu continued his hunt for a lion. As he walked, he talked to himself.

☞ Kibu said,
"I will need
help. Who
will help
me?"

