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Grumble - Grumble



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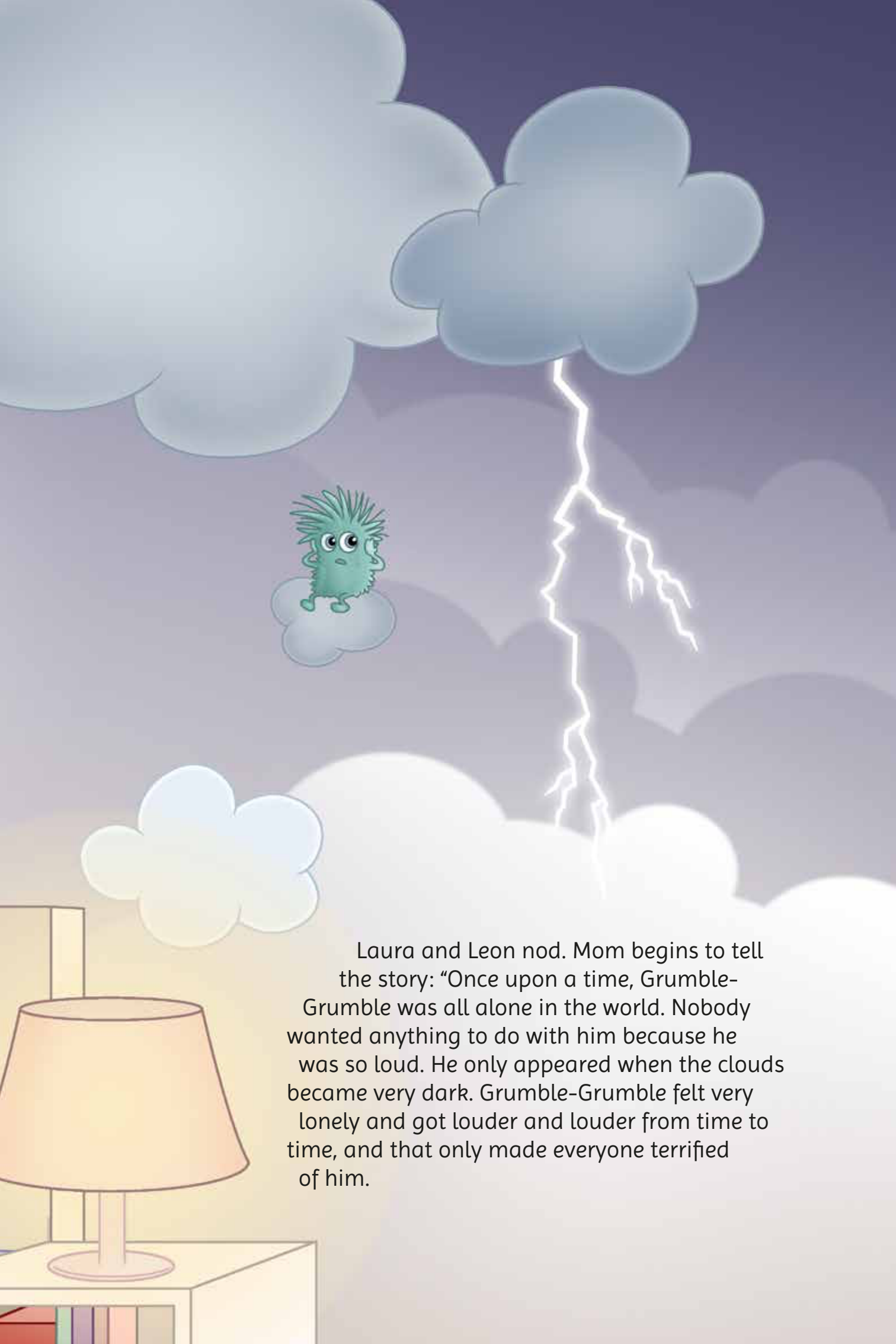
Suddenly, it starts to thunder and rumble outside! In a flash, the twins pull their blankets over their heads and hug Mom tightly.

“Oh, now you aren’t afraid of Grumble-Grumble, are you?”, Mom asks.

Laura and Leon peek curiously from under the blanket.

“Should I tell you the story of Grumble-Grumble?”, Mom asks.

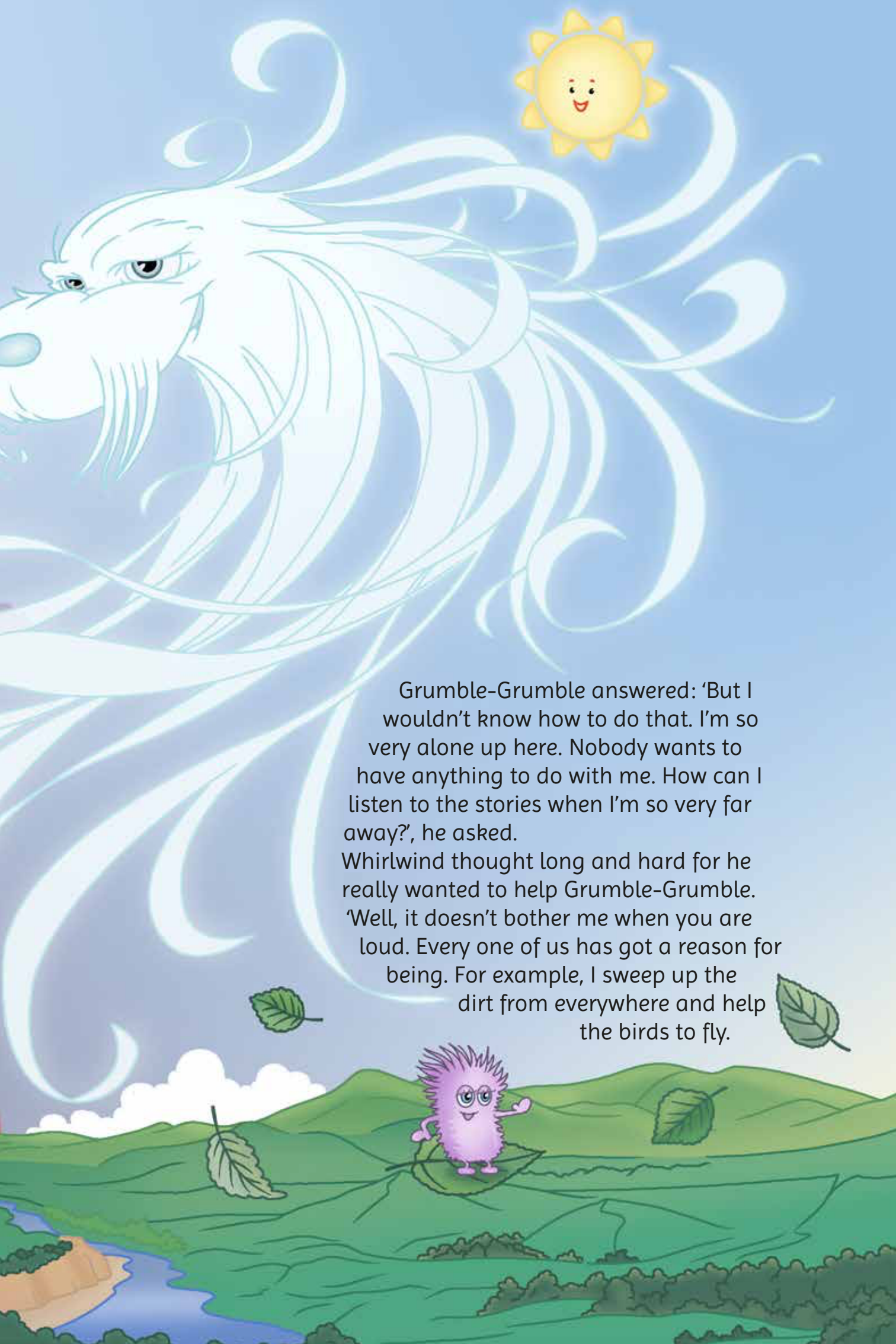




Laura and Leon nod. Mom begins to tell the story: "Once upon a time, Grumble-Grumble was all alone in the world. Nobody wanted anything to do with him because he was so loud. He only appeared when the clouds became very dark. Grumble-Grumble felt very lonely and got louder and louder from time to time, and that only made everyone terrified of him."

Then one day, when Grumble-Grumble was rumbling away, feeling so very lonely, he met up with Whirlwind who said: 'Hey there, I'm Whirlwind! I come from way up high and I'm at home all over the world. I fly with the birds, climb to the highest mountain tops and love letting the leaves fall. But what I really like best is eavesdropping at people's windows when they are reading to their children. I listen to their stories and that calms me down very quickly, especially when I've picked up too much speed. Have you ever tried that?', asked Whirlwind.





Grumble-Grumble answered: 'But I wouldn't know how to do that. I'm so very alone up here. Nobody wants to have anything to do with me. How can I listen to the stories when I'm so very far away?', he asked.

Whirlwind thought long and hard for he really wanted to help Grumble-Grumble. 'Well, it doesn't bother me when you are loud. Every one of us has got a reason for being. For example, I sweep up the dirt from everywhere and help the birds to fly.

“It’s a deal!”, exclaims Mom, “Let’s keep the story of Grumble-Grumble going and read good books to fall asleep to every night so that the two friends never run out of stories for other children”, says Mom in the end.

Mom tucks in Laura and carries Leon to his bed on the other side of the room.

Leon slips under the covers with his cuddly toy.

At the door, Mom blows the twins a kiss and whispers lovingly: “Good night, sleep tight and dream sweet dreams!”





Laura and Leon say “Night night!”
and close their eyes.
The twins listen to
Grumble-Grumble’s words until
they fall asleep peacefully.

Grumble-Grumble wishes
you Good Night and
Sweet Dreams!