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The Light for Tuki

A rainforest good-night adventure with Lina, Sami, and one very soggy toucan.

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CHAPTER 1

Last Night in the Leaves

Lina folded her yellow shirt into a neat square. Sami tucked the glossy leaf-map deep in his satchel. Tomorrow, they would climb down from Uncle Bo’s weather station and go home. That thought felt warm, like cocoa—and a little wobbly, too. Outside the round rain window, Tuki balanced on a branch. His rainbow beak tapped the glass once. “Last night in the leaves,” Lina whispered.

A Sky Like Bruised Fruit

Then the sky changed.

Blue clouds piled over the treetops, dark as a bruised plum. The far hills disappeared behind a curtain of rain.

Uncle Bo swung the wooden shutters closed. His hands did not hurry.

“We’ll stay snug in here tonight,” he said. “This station was built for rain.”

Sami listened to the first drops drum on the roof. Lina held the window edge until Uncle Bo smiled at her.

Safe inside, she let go.

> **WOW FACTS**
> Really true: rainforest storms can bring heavy rain very quickly, especially in warm, humid air.

IN THIS PICTURE
Clouds gather over the treetops while shutters close snugly.



IN THIS PICTURE
Tuki finds shelter beneath the orchids, across the rainy gap.



Tuki in the Orchid Tower

Rain began to patter, then pour.

Tuki gave one sharp squawk and flew across the gap. He landed beneath the orchid tower, where thick roots and dangling flowers made a dryish roof.

“That’s clever,” Sami said.

But Lina leaned from the big bird door. The tower was nearby, yet suddenly it looked very far away.

Tuki ruffled his feathers against the rain. He peered back at the station.

Lina’s brave feeling stood up quietly inside her.

> **WOW FACTS**
> Really true: toucans use their large beaks to reach fruit on branches.

The First Boom

BOOM!

The sound rolled through the tree trunk. Lina and Sami jumped so high, Sami’s satchel bounced.

Uncle Bo turned the hand crank. Inside the lamp, a little wheel spun. Golden light filled the room, then shone from the round window toward the orchid tower.

Through the rain, Tuki lifted his bright beak.

“He can see us!” Sami said.

Lina watched the warm glow hold steady in the storm. “Let’s make sure it keeps shining,” she said.

Outside, another rumble answered.

> **WOW FACTS**
> Really true: thunder is the sound made when lightning heats air so fast that the air expands.

IN THIS PICTURE
A warm lamp sends a bright welcome through the rain.





CHAPTER 2

The Winding Job

Thunder rolled above the treehouse. Then every bulb blinked out. “Hush,” said Sami. Uncle Bo lifted a lamp with a turning handle. “This one needs people-power.” Lina looked toward Tuki’s wet orchid tower. “We can do that.”

Lina’s Turn

Lina gripped the handle with both hands.

Round and round it went. The lamp woke with a tiny golden glow.

“Again,” Uncle Bo said softly.

Lina turned the handle once more. Her arms worked like little pump handles at a village well.

The glow grew brighter. It stretched across the rainy room, then out toward Tuki.

Brave, Lina thought, can be one small turn. Then another.

IN THIS PICTURE
Lina’s steady hands wake a warm light.



IN THIS PICTURE
Sami takes a turn while Lina rests nearby.



Sami’s Turn

After many turns, Lina’s shoulders drooped.

“I need a rest,” she said.

Sami climbed onto a stool. “My turn!”

His small hands wrapped around the handle. Round and round.

The handle felt stiff at first. Sami puffed his cheeks. Lina sat beside him and smiled.

“You’re keeping the light alive,” she said.

Sami stood taller. Somewhere through the rain, Tuki waited for their glow.

Squawk in the Rain

The lamp shone warm and strong.

Across the gap, a black shape hopped inside the orchid tower.

“SQUAWK!” called Tuki.

Sami stopped turning for one surprised blink. Then he laughed.

“He sees us!” Lina said.

Tuki shook raindrops from his giant beak. The drops flashed gold in the beam.

Outside, the storm still rumbled. But now a bright path joined the two shelters.

And something else was moving along that path.

WOW FACTS

Really true: toucans use their large beaks to reach fruit on branches.

IN THIS PICTURE

Tuki answers the lamp from his rainy shelter.





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CHAPTER 3

All Night, Little Light

Rain drummed on the roof. Frogs called from the dark below. Lina turned the crank. Sami watched the lamp glow. Then Sami took his turn. Lina listened to the rain song with him. Uncle Bo made warm cocoa. “One turn at a time,” he said. Far beyond the round bird door, Tuki gave a small, hopeful squawk.

A Secret Shimmer

The big leaf-map lay still beside the lamp.

Then a blue line blinked inside it.

Sami leaned close. “Did you see that?”

Gold light slipped along another vein. A vein is a tiny path inside a leaf, like a road in a map.

Lina held her breath.

The forest was listening. And somehow, it was answering.

IN THIS PICTURE

Blue and gold glow travel through the leaf-map's shining veins.



IN THIS PICTURE

Sleepy helpers keep the little lamp glowing together.



Heavy Eyelids

Sami’s crank went round... slower... slower.

“My arms feel like soggy noodles,” he whispered.

Lina smiled. “I can help.” She placed her hands over his.

Together, they finished his turn. The lamp stayed bright.

Uncle Bo tucked a blanket around their shoulders.

When Lina began the next turn, Sami lifted the blanket edge. “Your hands might get chilly.”

Lina laughed softly. “Good thinking.”

One More Turn

At last, the rain became a whisper.

Dawn made the clouds pale blue.

“Just one more turn for Tuki,” Lina said.

Sami nodded. They wound the crank together, cheek to cheek.

The lamp gave one brave golden glow.

From the orchid tower, a rainbow beak peeked out. Tuki squawked so loudly that Uncle Bo nearly dropped his cocoa cup.

But behind Tuki, the orchids shimmered with little lights.

> **WOW FACTS**
> Really true: fireflies make their own light with a natural chemical reaction inside their bodies.

IN THIS PICTURE
Tuki peeks out as dawn and tiny lights arrive.





CHAPTER 4

A Door Big Enough

Morning slipped through the clouds at last. Every leaf wore a bright raindrop. Lina, Sami, and Uncle Bo hurried onto the platform. From the orchid tower, Tuki lifted his rainbow beak and swooped toward them. “Home!” called Sami. Tuki landed with a pleased squawk. The storm was gone. The rainforest seemed to sparkle all the way to the farthest trees.

The Too-Small Door

Tuki marched to the round bird door. He tucked his wings. He leaned forward very carefully.

Bonk!

His huge beak stopped at the doorway.

For one quiet second, Tuki blinked. Then Sami made a snorty laugh. Lina covered her smile, but it escaped anyway. Even Uncle Bo’s beard shook with a chuckle.

Tuki gave a grand, patient squawk, as if to say, “Well? I am waiting.”

> **WOW FACTS**
> Really true: a toucan’s big beak is surprisingly light because it has a honeycomb-like structure inside.

IN THIS PICTURE
Tuki’s magnificent beak has found a very ordinary problem.



IN THIS PICTURE
The best welcome is one that makes room.



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Uncle Bo’s Surprise

“Aha,” said Uncle Bo. “That door was never meant for you.”

He reached behind a curtain of vines and pulled open a second door. It was wide and tall, shaped for a toucan with a truly enormous beak.

Tuki hopped back. He tilted his head. Then he strutted through in one proud step.

Inside, he shook rain from his feathers and perched by the lamp.

“There,” said Lina. “Now Tuki is expected.”

A Thousand Answers

That night, the hand-crank lamp glowed again. But it was not alone.

Fireflies winked between the trees. Mushrooms shone softly near the roots. Swifts curved above the canopy, and frogs sang from puddles below.

Lina and Sami held the leaf-map. Its veins gleamed blue, gold, green, and red.

Tuki perched in his big doorway, safe and dry.

“All those lights,” whispered Sami.

Lina smiled. “They answered our welcome.”

The rainforest glittered around their little home.

> **WOW FACTS**
> Really true: some mushrooms glow because of a natural light-making process called bioluminescence.

IN THIS PICTURE
A kind light becomes a whole rainforest celebration.



Check your wonder

1 **Why did Lina and Sami keep turning the hand-crank lamp?**

- **A.** To help Tuki see a safe way through the rain
- **B.** To make the weather station warmer
- **C.** To call Uncle Bo from far away

2 **How did Lina and Sami help each other during the long night?**

- **A.** They took turns winding the lamp when one felt tired
- **B.** They each waited alone in a different room
- **C.** They packed their bags before dawn

3 **How did Tuki get home safely in the end?**

- **A.** He followed the lamp's light to the weather station
- **B.** He hid in the orchid tower until the next week
- **C.** He flew above the storm clouds by himself

4 **How did Lina and Sami feel when many little lights answered their welcome?**

- **A.** Happy and amazed
- **B.** Angry that the storm had ended
- **C.** Bored by the quiet rainforest

ANSWERS 1-A 2-A 3-A 4-A

1. Their bright beam helped Tuki find his way through the storm. 2. Taking turns helped them stay steady and keep the welcome light shining. 3. Tuki saw the friendly light and came back to the weather station. 4. The glowing rainforest showed them that their kind light had welcomed many neighbors.

New words

weather station
A place where people watch rain, wind, clouds, and other weather.

orchid
A flower that can grow high on a rainforest tree.

toucan
A rainforest bird with a large, colorful beak.

dawn
The early time when night starts turning into morning.

rainforest
A warm, wet forest with lots of tall trees, plants, and animals.

hand-crank lamp
A lamp that shines when you turn its handle by hand.

beam
A bright path of light shining from a lamp.

firefly
A small beetle that makes its own little light.

Where we looked

This story came straight from imagination, made just for you.

Goodbye, Lina, Sami, Uncle Bo, and bright-beaked Tuki! Imagine the next rainy night: what friendly lights might shine in the rainforest then?

THE END

If you left a little light shining in the dark, who might answer from the forest?

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