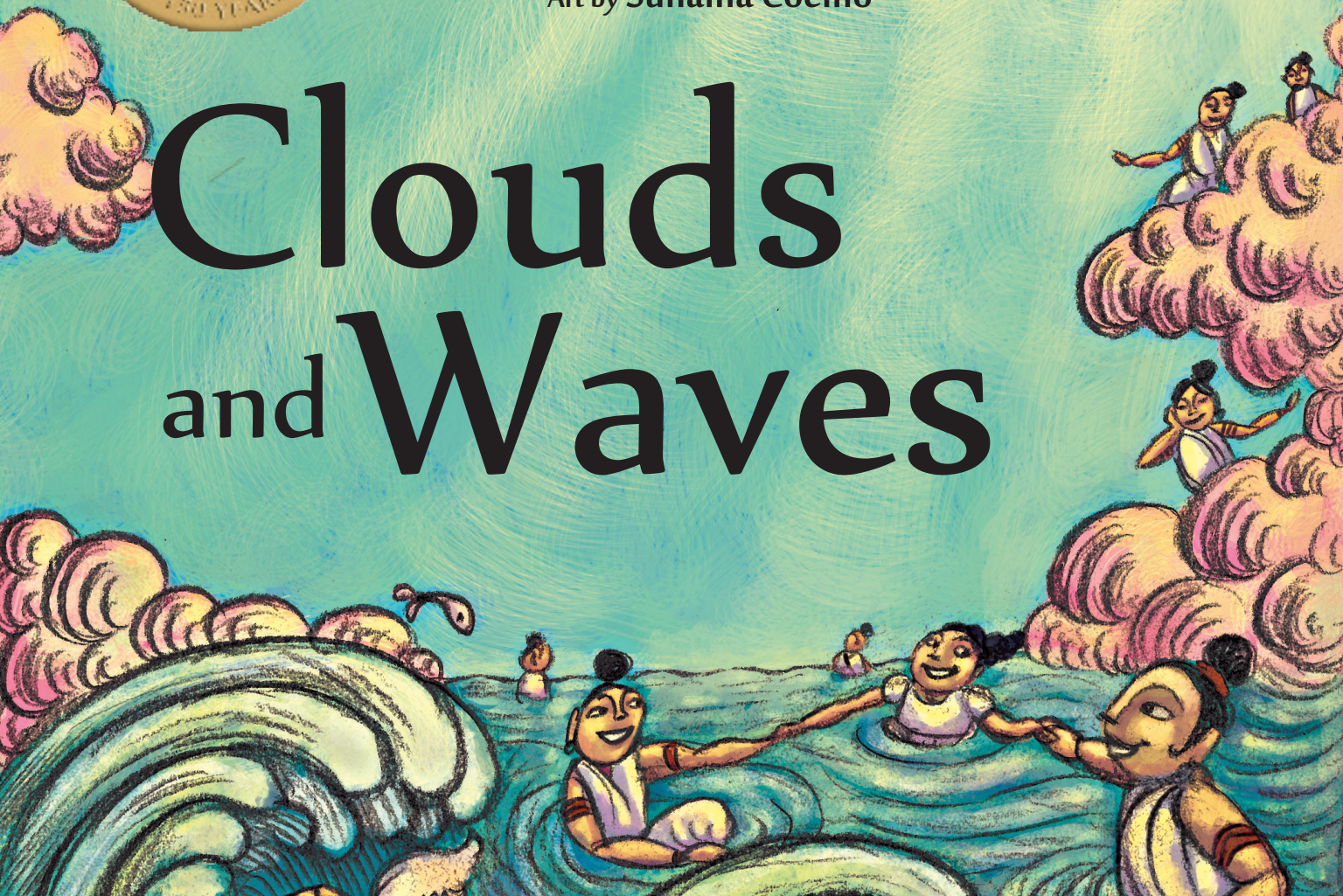




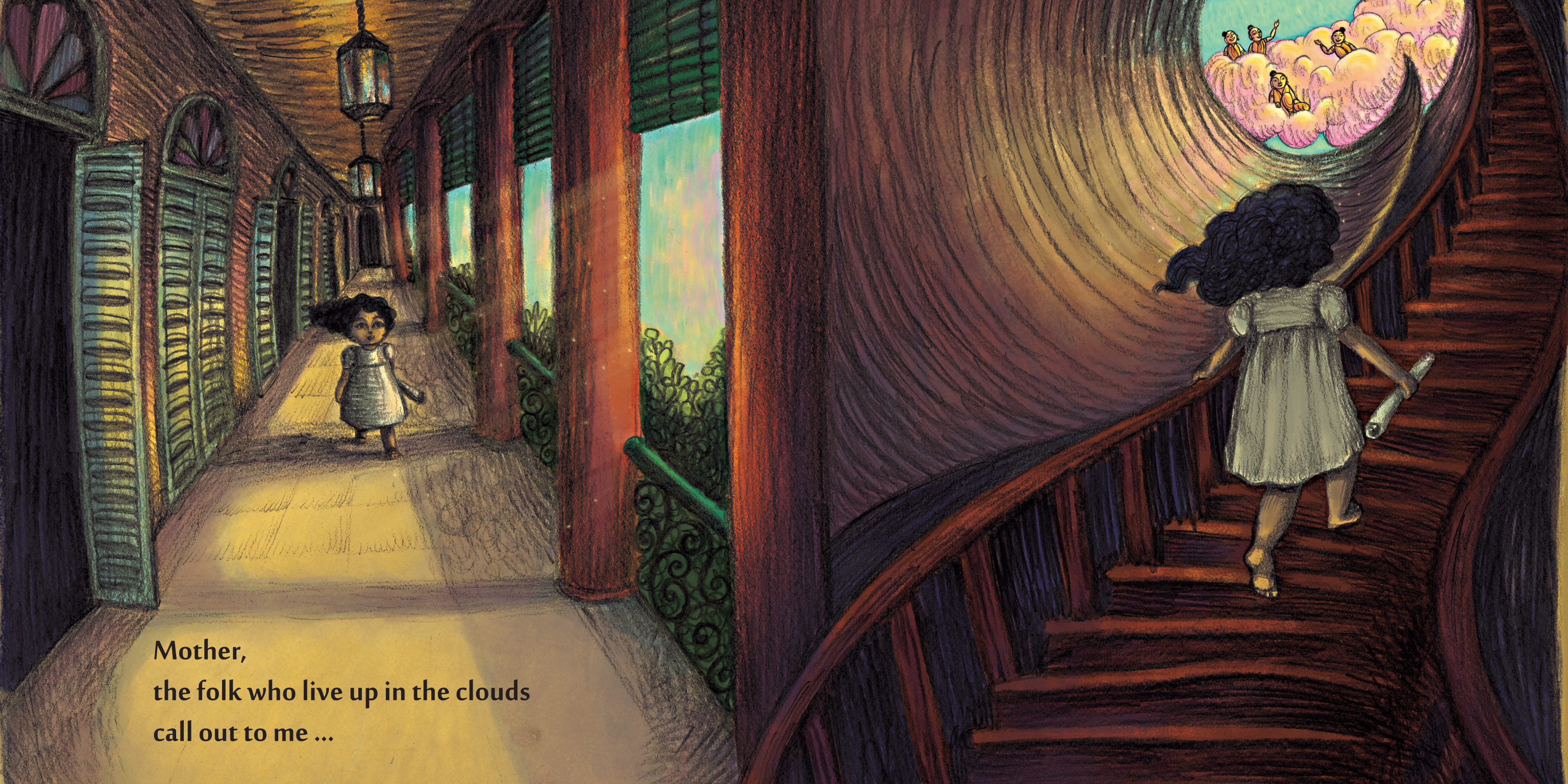
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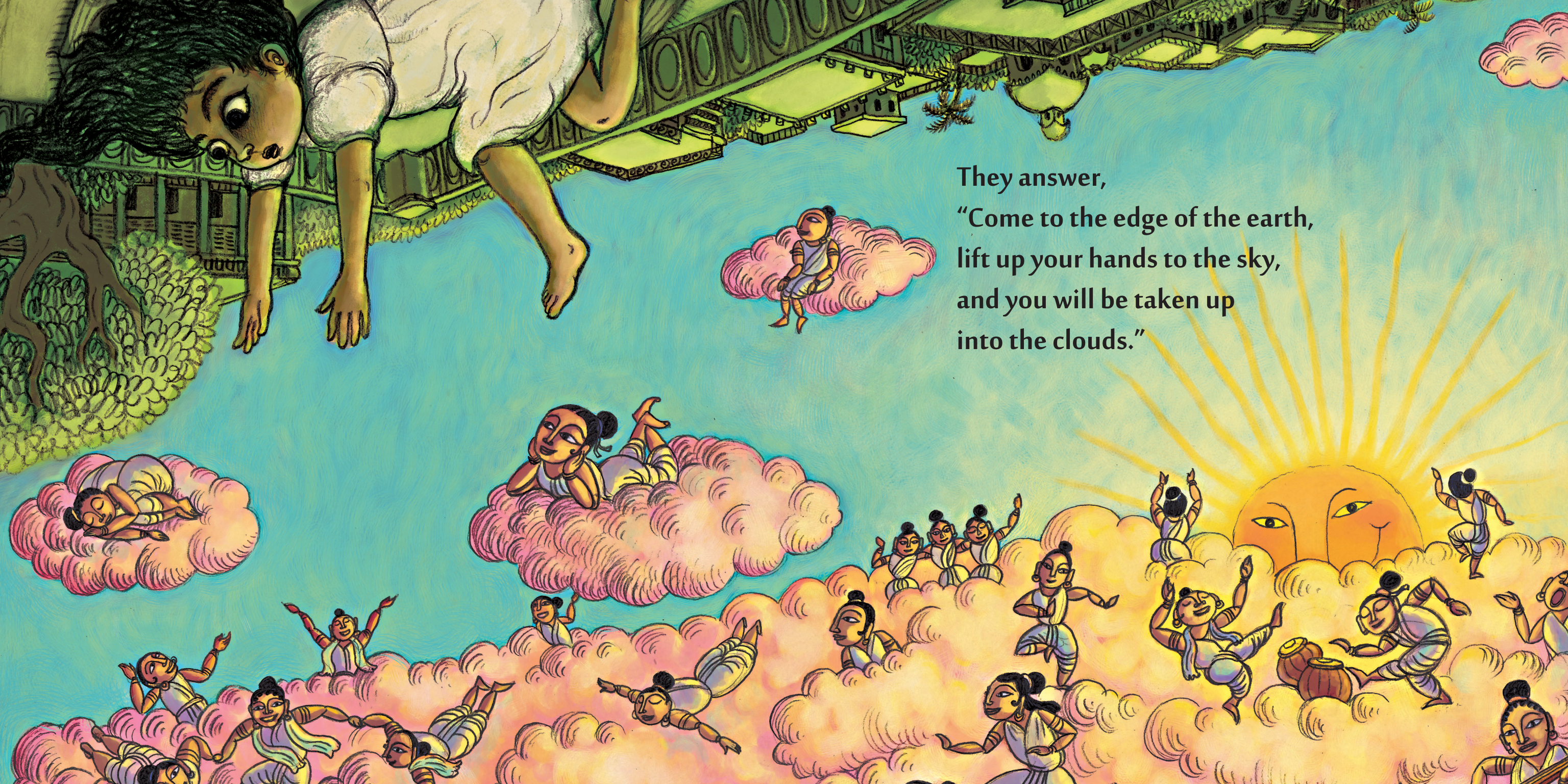
Mother,
the folk who live up in the clouds
call out to me ...



“Come!
We play from the time we wake
till the day ends.
We play with the golden dawn
and the silver moon.”



I ask,
“But how am I to get up to you?”



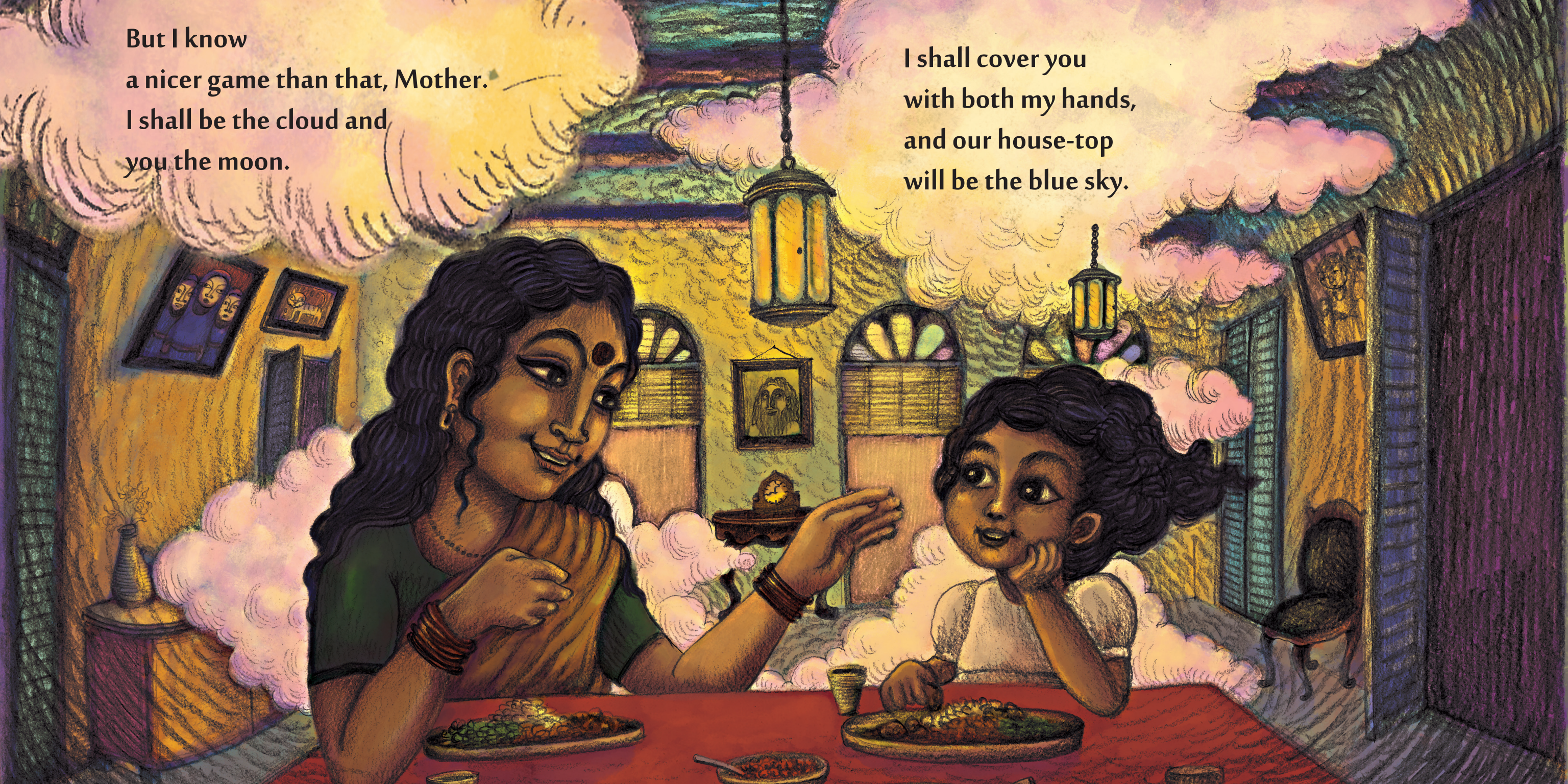
They answer,
“Come to the edge of the earth,
lift up your hands to the sky,
and you will be taken up
into the clouds.”

"My Mother is waiting for me at home."
I say, "How can I leave her and come?"
Then they smile and float away.



But I know
a nicer game than that, Mother.
I shall be the cloud and
you the moon.

I shall cover you
with both my hands,
and our house-top
will be the blue sky.



The folk who live in the waves
call out to me ...
“Join in!
We sing from morning till night;
on and on we travel and
know not where we go.”






I ask,
"But how am I to join you?"

They tell me,
"Come to the edge of the shore
and stand with your eyes tight shut,

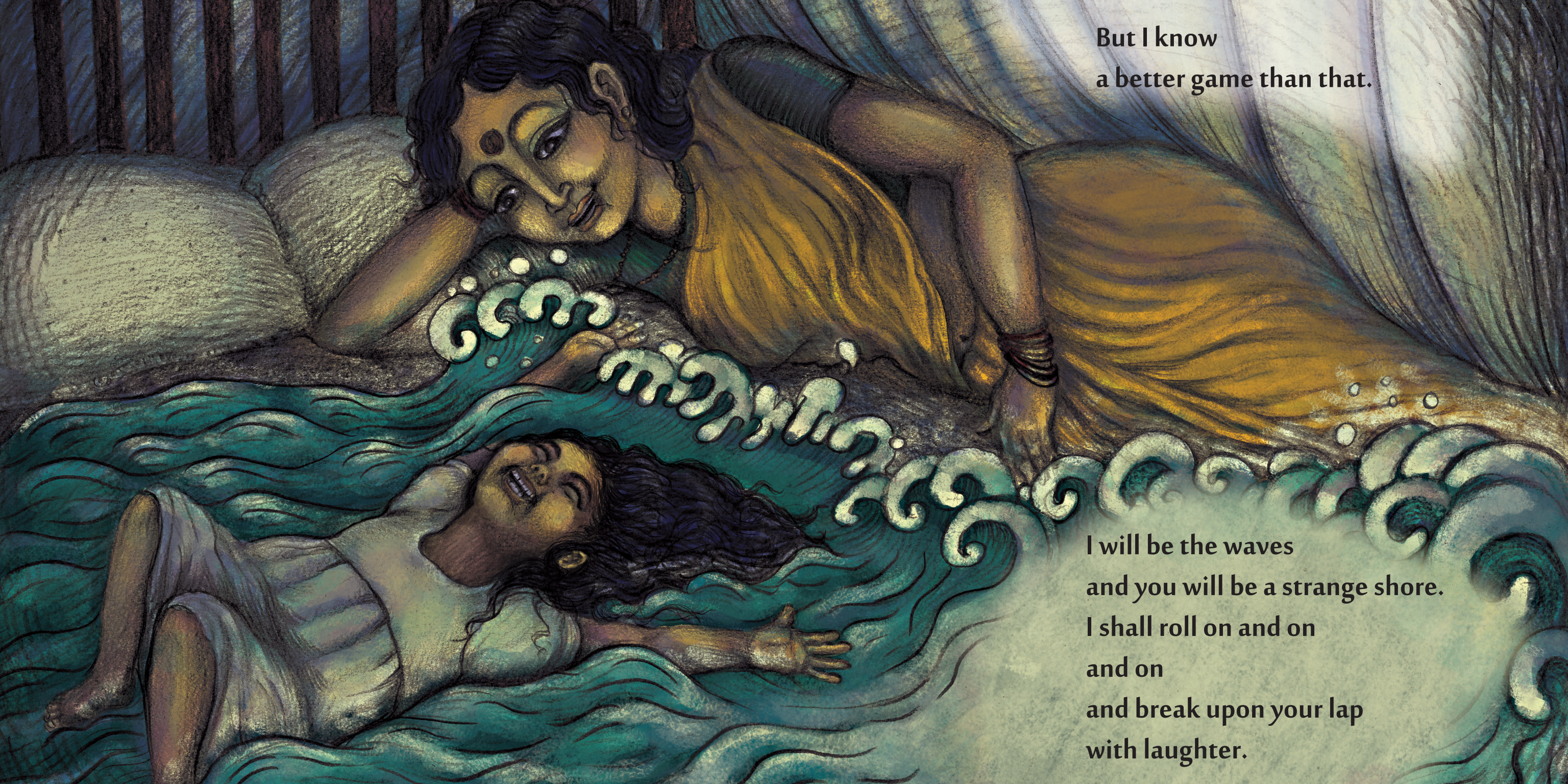
and you will be carried
out upon the waves."





I say,
“My Mother always wants me at home
in the evening.
How can I leave her and go?”

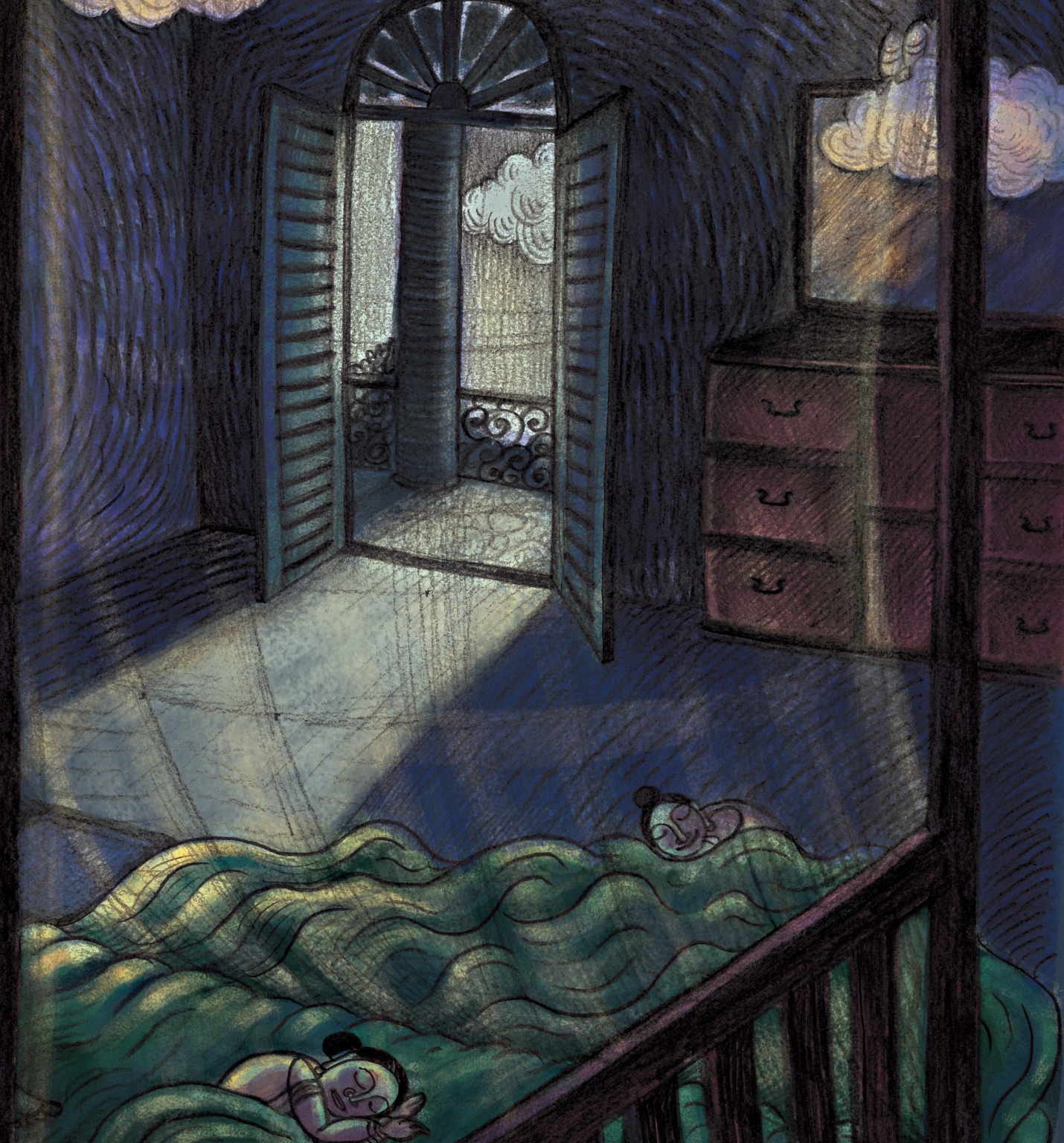
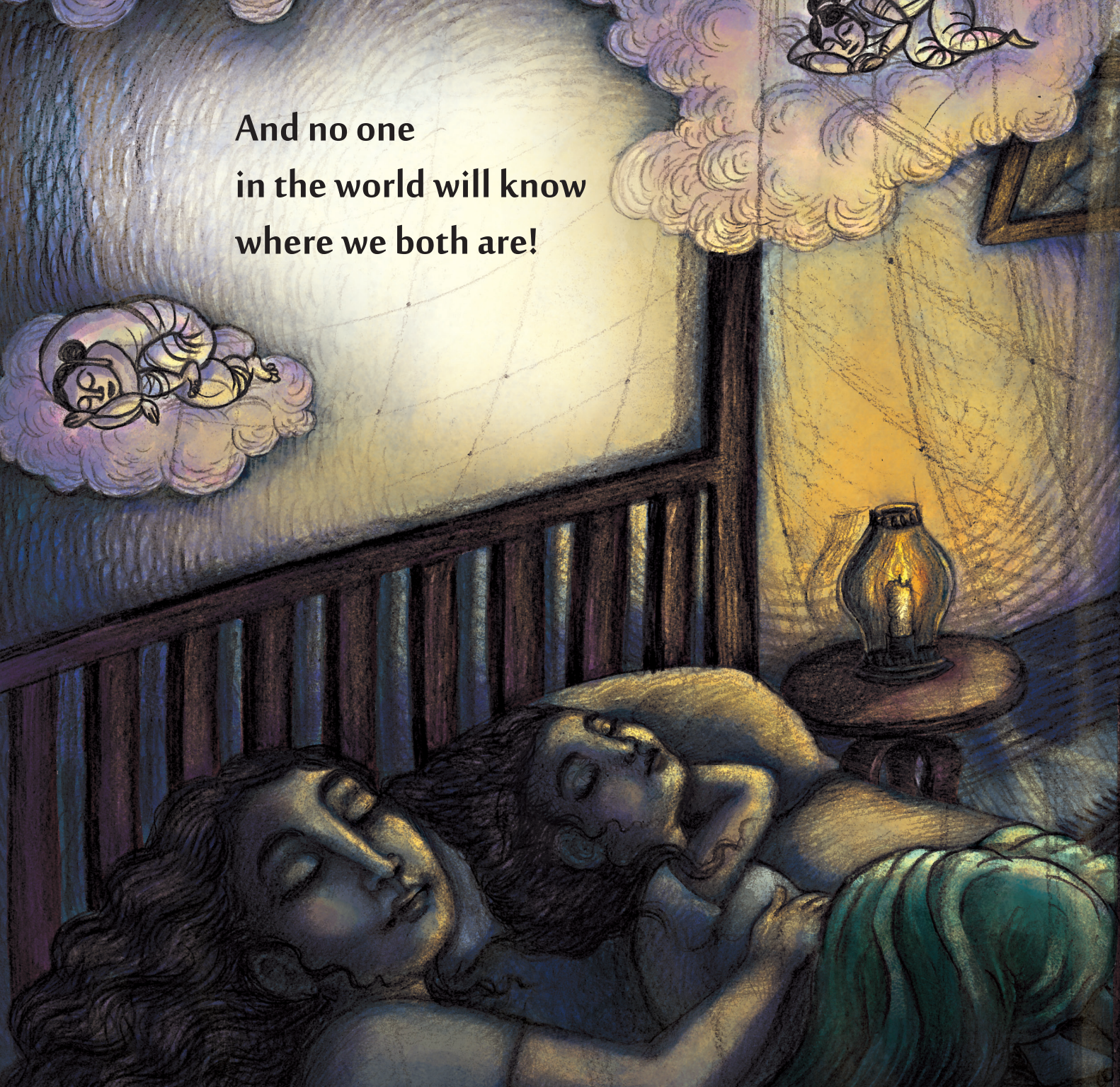
They smile, dance
and pass by.



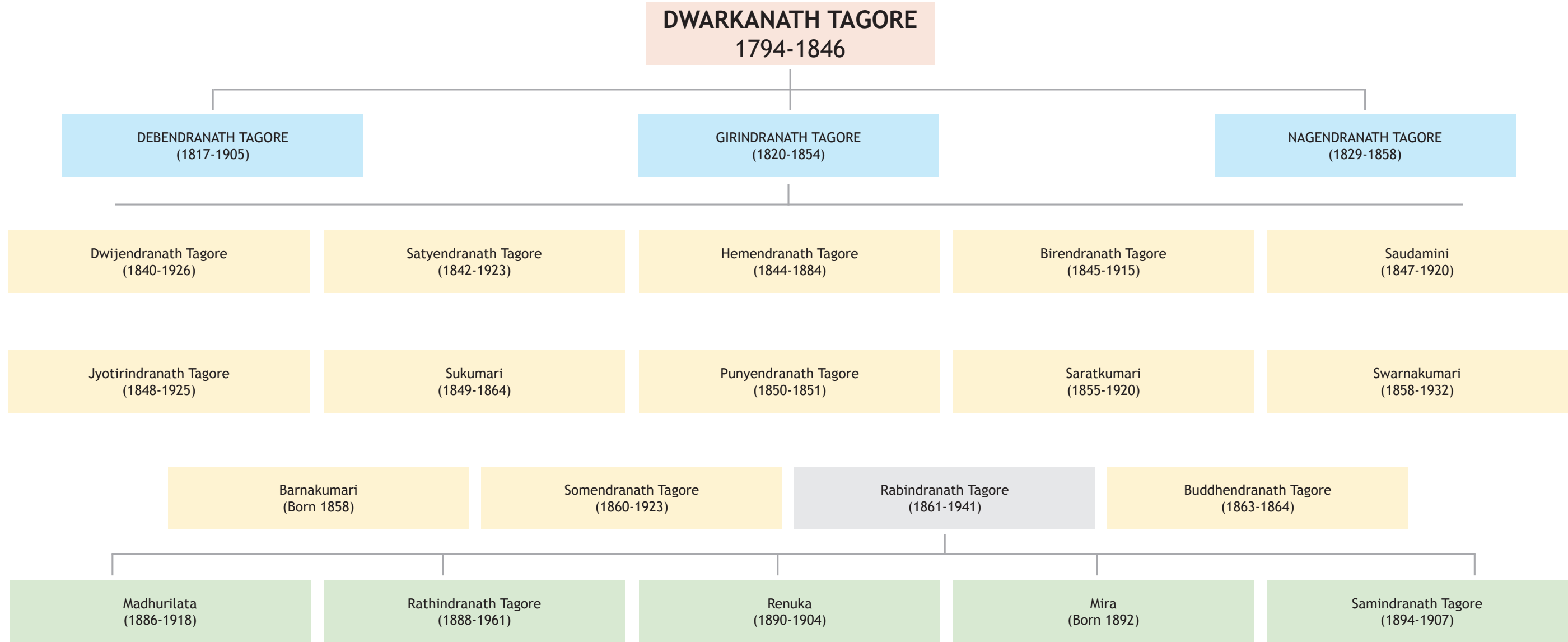
But I know
a better game than that.

I will be the waves
and you will be a strange shore.
I shall roll on and on
and on
and break upon your lap
with laughter.

And no one
in the world will know
where we both are!



RABINDRANATH TAGORE'S FAMILY TREE



Rabindranath Tagore, lovingly called Gurudev, was born on May 7, 1861 in Calcutta. His father Debendranath Tagore was a Sanskrit scholar. Gurudev's early education was imparted at home. In school, while others used to learn their lessons, he would slip into the more exciting world of dreams. He wrote his first poem when he was seven. At the age of seventeen, his first book of poems, was published. His writings, with their magic and lyricism, stir deep emotions and make one marvel at the ease of words and the flow with which he weaves them together. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913 for his collection of well-known poems *Gitanjali*.

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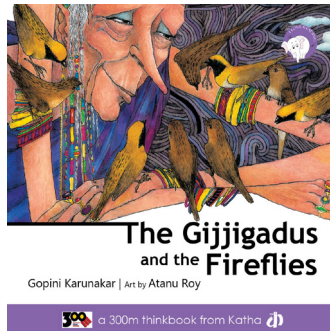
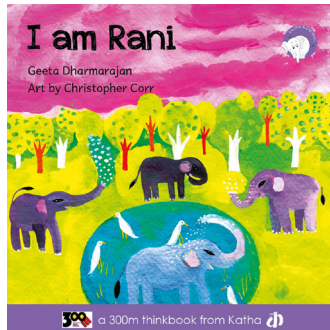
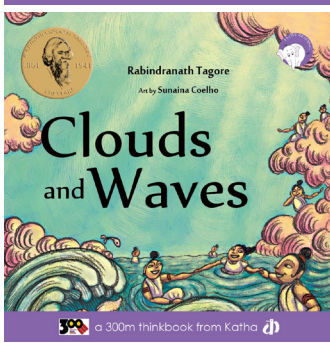
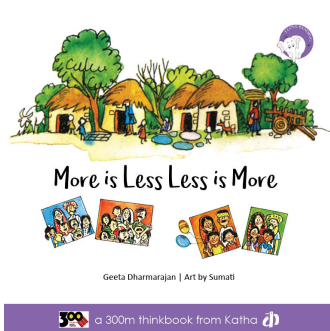
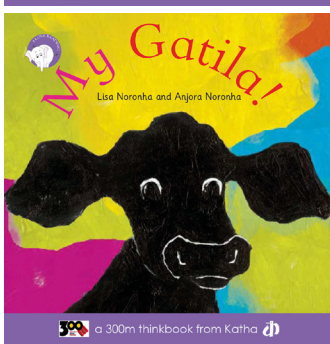
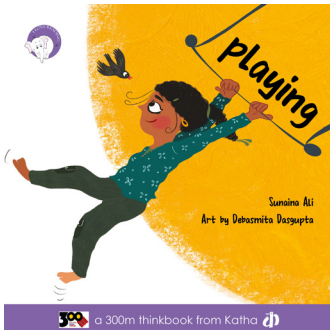
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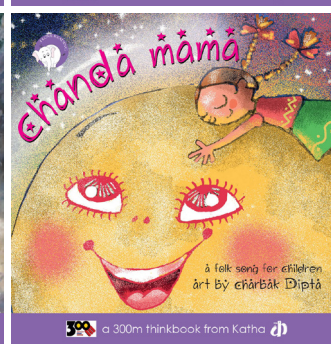
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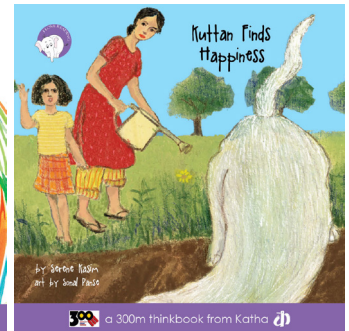
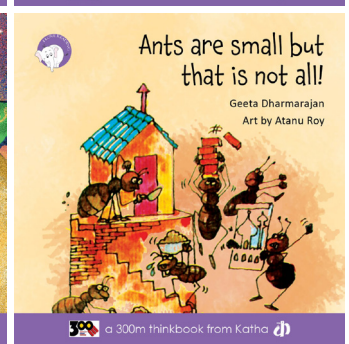


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