

# AGUNG & JUNA

## THE SECRET OF THE SHINY STONE



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# CHARACTERS



**AGUNG**



**JUNA**



**AFTER SCHOOL, AGUNG AND JUNA WALK HOME ALONG THE RIVERBANK. JUNA SKIPS STONES WHILE AGUNG SKETCHES INSECTS IN HIS NOTEBOOK. SUDDENLY, JUNA SPOTS SOMETHING SHINY GLIMMERING BENEATH THE WATER.**





THEY PULL OUT A SMALL, GLOWING BLUE STONE. JUNA IMMEDIATELY CLAIMS IT'S "A WISHING GEM." AGUNG, LIKE A SCIENTIST, SAYS IT'S PROBABLY A MINERAL REACTING TO SUNLIGHT.



JUNA INSISTS TO TAKE THE STONE HOME. AGUNG WANTS TO LEAVE THE STONE. THEY ARGUE. BUT END UP LAUGHING, DECIDING TO KEEP IT TOGETHER "AS BROTHERS' TREASURE."



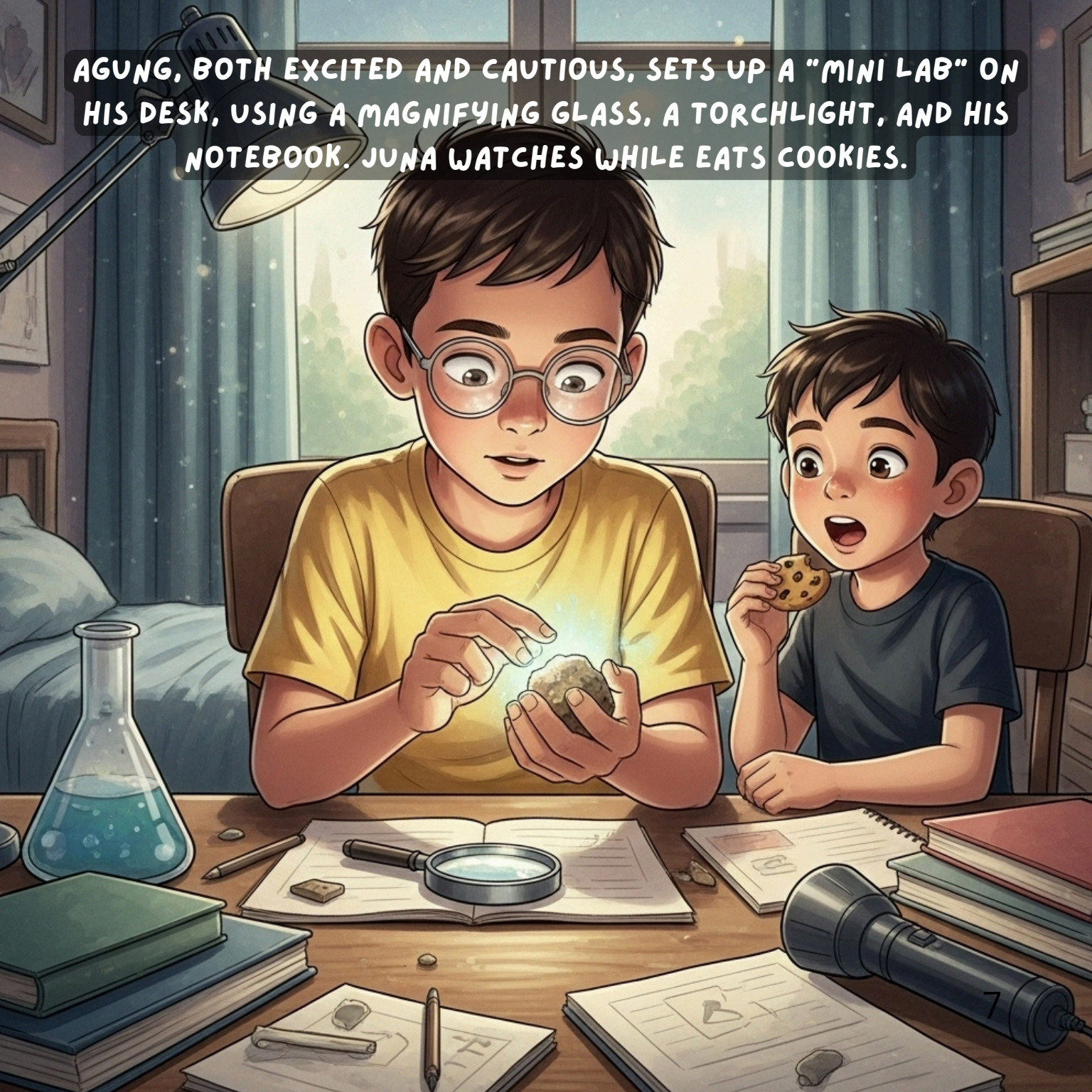


**THAT NIGHT, THE STONE GLOWS BRIGHTER. TOYS MOVE, THE LIGHTS FLICKER, AND JUNA'S BLANKET FLOATS IN THE AIR! HE RUSHES INTO AGUNG'S ROOM SHOUTING, "IT'S HAUNTED!"**





AGUNG, BOTH EXCITED AND CAUTIOUS, SETS UP A "MINI LAB" ON HIS DESK, USING A MAGNIFYING GLASS, A TORCHLIGHT, AND HIS NOTEBOOK. JUNA WATCHES WHILE EATS COOKIES.



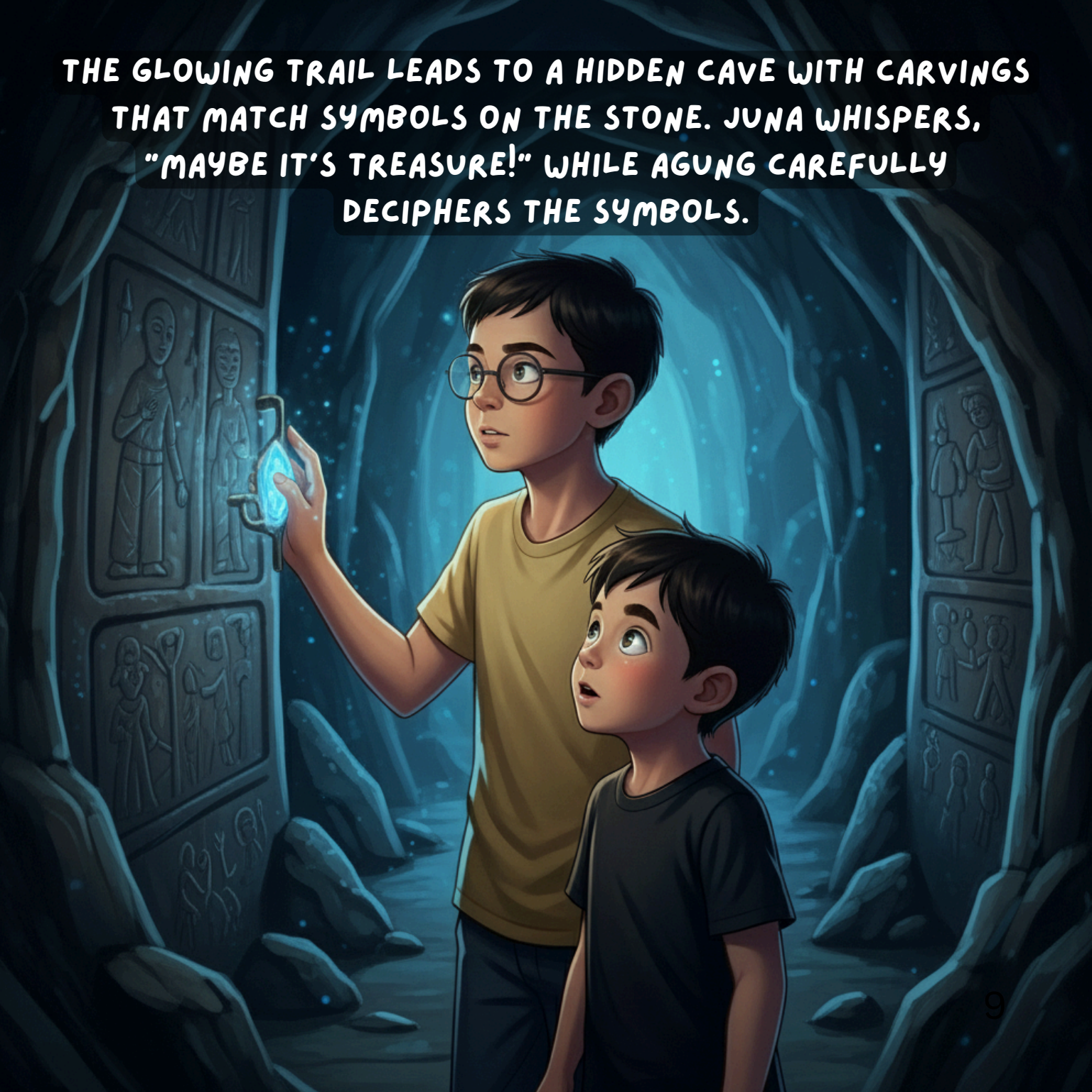


THE NEXT MORNING, THE STONE HUMS AND SHINES EVEN MORE. WHEN AGUNG HOLDS IT, IT POINTS TOWARD THE NEARBY FOREST. LIKE A COMPASS MADE OF LIGHT. THE BROTHERS DECIDE TO FOLLOW IT.





THE GLOWING TRAIL LEADS TO A HIDDEN CAVE WITH CARVINGS  
THAT MATCH SYMBOLS ON THE STONE. JUNA WHISPERS,  
"MAYBE IT'S TREASURE!" WHILE AGUNG CAREFULLY  
DECIPHERS THE SYMBOLS.





A GENTLE FOREST SPIRIT APPEARS, SHIMMERING LIKE MIST  
AND MOONLIGHT. IT THANKS THE BROTHERS FOR RETURNING  
ITS HEARTSTONE, WHICH KEEPS THE FOREST ALIVE.





THE SPIRIT TELLS THEM THAT CURIOSITY AND IMAGINATION MUST WALK TOGETHER, JUST LIKE BROTHERS WHO BALANCE EACH OTHER. JUNA APOLOGIZES FOR BEING SELFISH, AND AGUNG SMILES, HUGGING HIM.





THEY PLACE THE STONE BACK INTO ITS RESTING PLACE. THE FOREST BLOOMS WITH LIGHT AND COLOR.





AS THEY WALK HOME, JUNA SAYS, "NEXT TIME, I'LL FIND THE ADVENTURE FIRST!" AGUNG LAUGHS, "ONLY IF YOU BRING YOUR BIG BROTHER."





*I dedicate this story to my kids.*

**THE END**