



Aunt Jessie's Magic Glitter

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Aunt Jessie peers out into the night sky. 'Hmm . . . let's see, who shall I visit tonight? Is anyone looking for me yet?'

Tottering in glittery shoes, Aunt Jessie prepares to head out. Another busy night of work awaits.



Aunt Jessie can hear the cries of children, no matter where they are in the world. She always listens closely for the cries of those who cannot sleep at night.



'Oh, I hear something now!'
Aunt Jessie's ears twitch as she listens more carefully.
"Someone is calling out in the night. I've got my dream dust ready."

With just a sprinkle of her dream dust, she can send anyone into a deep sleep. Within seconds they will be on their way to dreamland, floating through joyous adventures.



Tonight, Aunt Jessie hears the voice of Absala, who is preparing to sleep in a refugee camp. Absala lost her mother in a civil war and is having trouble sleeping again.

'Mommy? Where are you? I miss you so much, Mommy. Can I please see you in my dreams tonight?' she asks.



With a wish and a poof, Aunt Jessie sprinkles her dream dust. "Lovely Absala, go and meet your mother in your dreams tonight.'

Absala finally closes her eyes, and smiles as she dreams of being in her mother's warm embrace.



Linda's home and beloved piano were recently destroyed by a terrible typhoon. Tonight she lies wide awake as she remembers the wind howling and the walls breaking. She squeezes her eyes tight as she tries to picture herself playing the piano.

"My dear Linda, let me sprinkle some dream dust so you can drown out those



scary noises with your piano.'

Poof!

Linda soon falls into a deep sleep, and dreams of twirling around on the keys of a new piano in her new home.



Deep into the night, curly haired Paul is having trouble sleeping. He keeps hearing the mocking voices of people who have tried to hurt him. His heart is cold and bitter.



Poof!

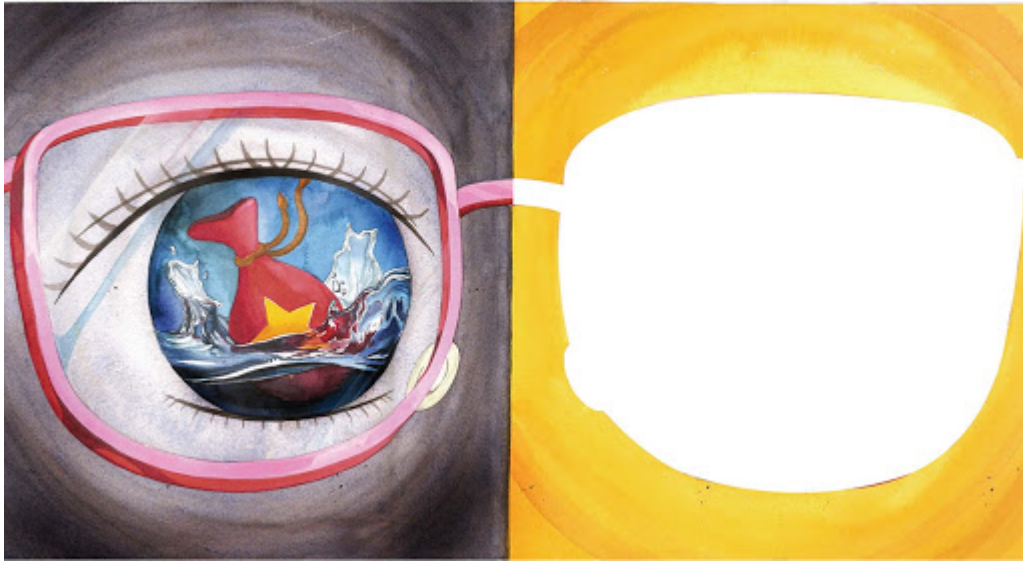
"Sweet Paul. Here is some dream dust for you. Let forgiveness and love flow through your dreams tonight."

Paul can't remember the last time he's slept so peacefully. He dreams of those who tried to hurt him. They ask him for forgiveness and apologize. For the first time in a long time, Paul smiles.



Soon the sun peeks up from behind the clouds. But there is still so much to do.

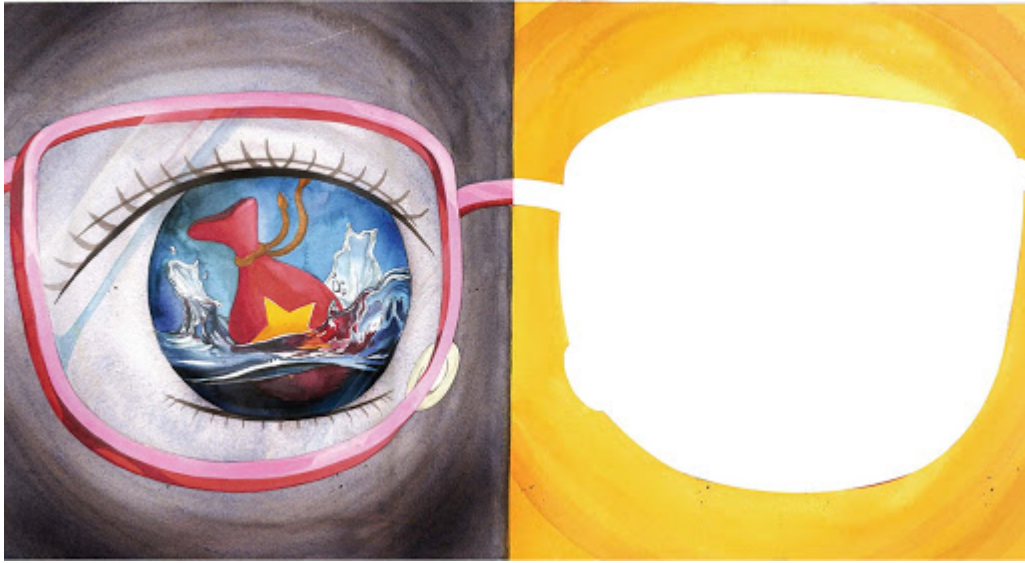
'I have time for one more.'
Aunt Jessie insists as she hops across the ocean from star to star.



Soon Aunt Jessie feels a large splash on her forehead. "What is that? Rain?"

Raindrops soon pour from the sky. Aunt Jessie pushes off quickly, and her foot slips on the star's slippery surface. She flies into space and, "Ouch!" lands on her bottom with a thunk.

The bag of dream dust flies out of her hand and falls down into the ocean with a



splash.



Aunt Jessie's eyes well up with tears. But dream dust or not, she must go on. The children are waiting. She cannot leave Sujan behind. Sujan just suffered through a massive earthquake. Her home and her family are all gone.

Aunt Jessie no longer has magic dust, but she can still comfort Sujan with a tender hug.



'Will you look at that!' she exclaims after Sujana falls asleep. "I don't need magic dust after all! All these children need is someone to let them know that they are loved.'

With a smile, Aunt Jessie hitches a ride on an early morning star, and whistles all the way home.



So if you are ever feeling sad, and cannot sleep at night, look up at the sky.

Poof! That sound you hear? It's Aunt Jessie hopping from star to star. Just close your eyes and make a wish.

Someone is listening. Ask, and they will come into your dreams tonight.



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