

Night Lights

Chase cheeky monkeys, search for fireflies,
or jump over giant monitor lizards.
It's a magical journey into the hot, fun-filled days
of childhood in the Malaysian jungle.



*Do you know where
Malaysia is on the
world map?*

Night Lights is set in the Muar district of Johor, in southern Malaysia.

The boisterous children live with their grandparents in a traditional Malay house. It is not on stilts like many of the homes, but it has big wooden doors, stained glass panels and shutters on the windows.

Beyond Tok-Bah's (Grandfather) beautiful garden is a jungle full of bamboo and giant banyan trees. It is the perfect place for the children to chase geckos, lizards and monkeys, but there are also many other magical things to find.

***What other insects and
animals live in the Malaysian
jungle?***



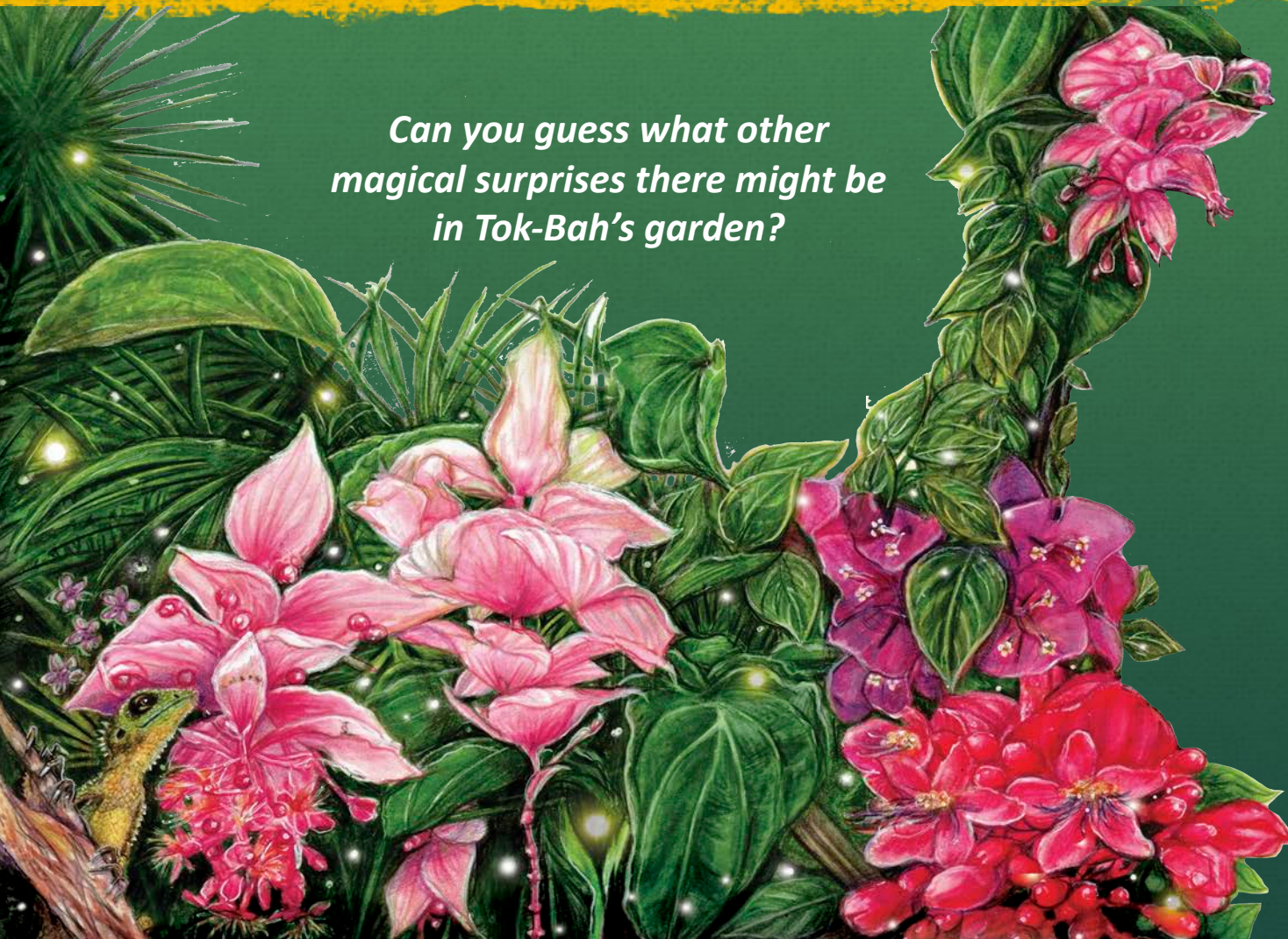
Tok-Bah's Garden

There is a beautiful garden around the house. Tok-Bah spends many hours working in the garden, he is very proud of his beautiful orchids and bougainvilleas. The scent on the evening breeze is wonderful.

The children love to follow Tok-Bah and his huge lantern through the garden to see wonderful surprises

*Can you guess what other
magical surprises there might be
in Tok-Bah's garden?*

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magical garden.*



Surprise! Nature's Flash Dancers - Fireflies

Fireflies or Lightning Bugs are one of nature's most magical things to see. Despite their common name, fireflies are not flies or bugs, but beetles and there are over 2,000 species of these nightly wonders.

They can be found all around the world, but they prefer to fly in warm and damp forests where there is plenty of food.



How do these glitterbugs get their gleam?

Fireflies have a light organ in their lower abdomen.

From here they carefully release chemicals that react with oxygen in the air which produces the magical blaze of light. This is called 'bioluminescence'. The light is cold and can be green, yellow or orange.

Fireflies use these flashing lights to attract their mates and also to ward off predators that might like to eat them.

The regularity and brightness of the flashing helps them to easily identify males and females.



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Plants and Wildlife in tropical Malaysia

Johor is a state rich in different types of plants including the Lobster claw Bird of Paradise, giant Guava, Banyan trees, Orchids and Bougainvillea. It is also rich in wildlife such as Leaf Monkeys and Long-tailed Macaques, Monitor lizards, Geckos, Eagle owls and Flying frogs.

Many of these appear in the jungle gardens of *Night Lights*. Others, however, simply live in Tok-Bah's magical stories.

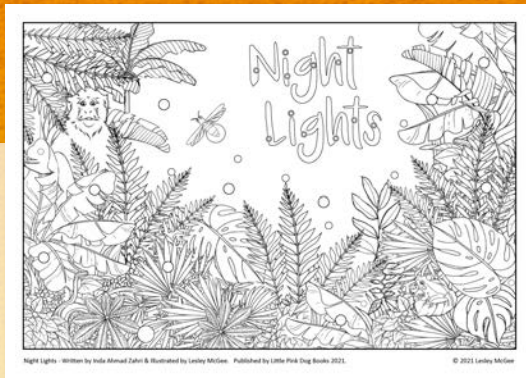


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