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# Preface

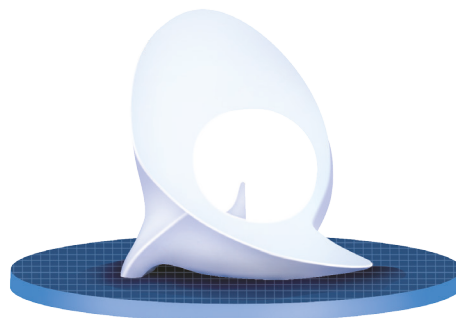
Thailand Knowledge Park (TK park) mission in society is to develop a love of reading and give people equal opportunities to experience modern learning centers which speak to their interests. TK park has been cooperating with local administrators in many regions of Thailand to build living libraries as a way to achieve its mission.

Bringing local knowledge to children, in a modern and fun way is an important tool to inspire them to read and explore. The idea is to create books which reflect local wisdom, together with morality and ethics, for children aged 3 – 12.

The books in the Phuket and Krabi Set were developed by TK park, writers, and local scholars. Children and adults will get to know about Phuket and Krabi and be proud of the unique traditions found there. Moreover, the books also foster better understandings of and tolerant attitudes toward others from different cultures and societies.

TK park hopes the books will be another learning tool to help encourage Thai people to read more and maximize their learning. TK park aims to make the books fun and easy to read. Readers can enjoy them and appreciate their own hometowns, regions, and country.

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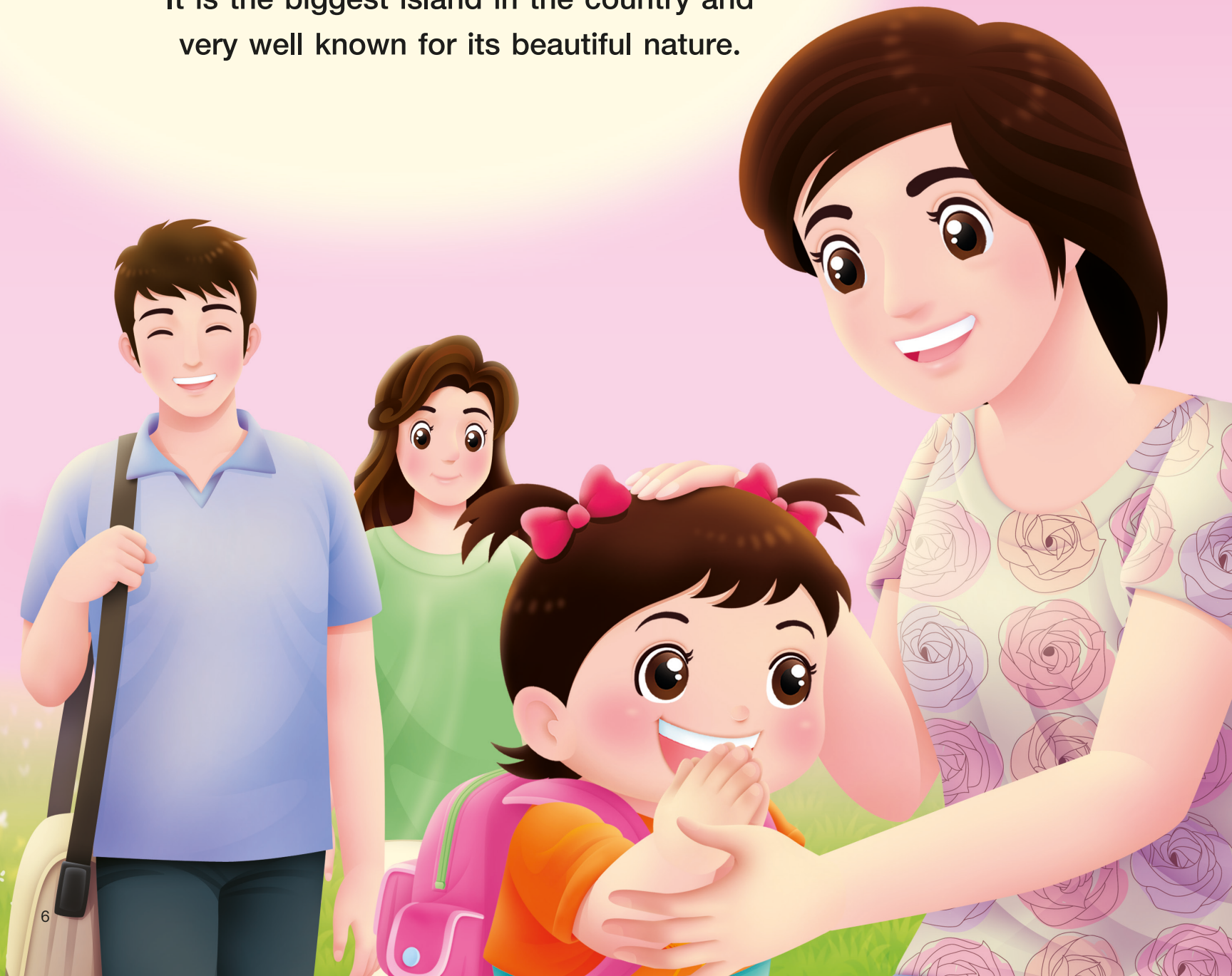
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Kung King, an adorable little girl with rosy cheeks,  
visited her aunt's home in Phuket Province.  
Phuket is in the southern part of Thailand.  
It is the biggest island in the country and  
very well known for its beautiful nature.







Kung King rode in a local minibus  
called “Pho Thong”.  
On the way, she stopped to pay homage to  
the heroin’s monument of  
Thao Thep Kasattri and Thao Sri Sunthon.







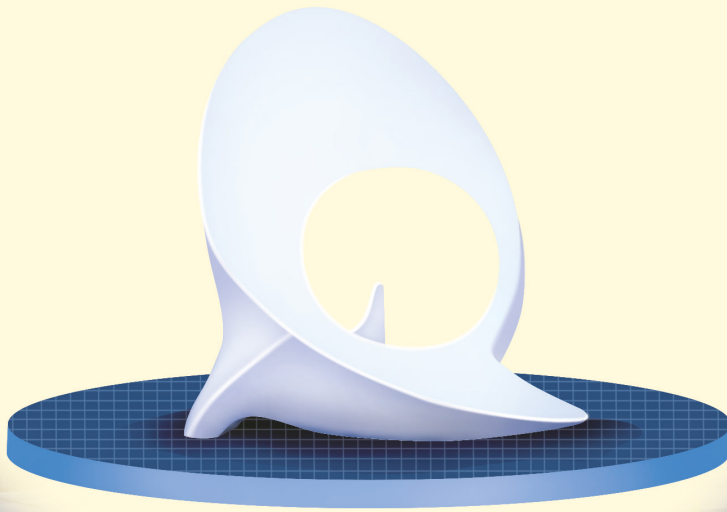


Kung King visited Chalong Temple,  
the most respectable temple in town.  
She paid respect to the sacred statue of Luang Por Cham  
and the great pagoda which holds  
an actual bone splinter of the Buddha.





A popular seaside park  
called “Saphan Hin”  
is where people go for relaxing and enjoying  
the cool and pleasant scenery.  
In the past, this park used to be  
the most important commercial seaport in Phuket.







Kung King really enjoyed the trip.  
She visited “Phuket Thai Hua Museum”  
where she could learn many things such as  
the history of the first Chinese settlers,  
local lifestyle, culture and folk wisdom.







PHUKET THAI HUA MUSEUM

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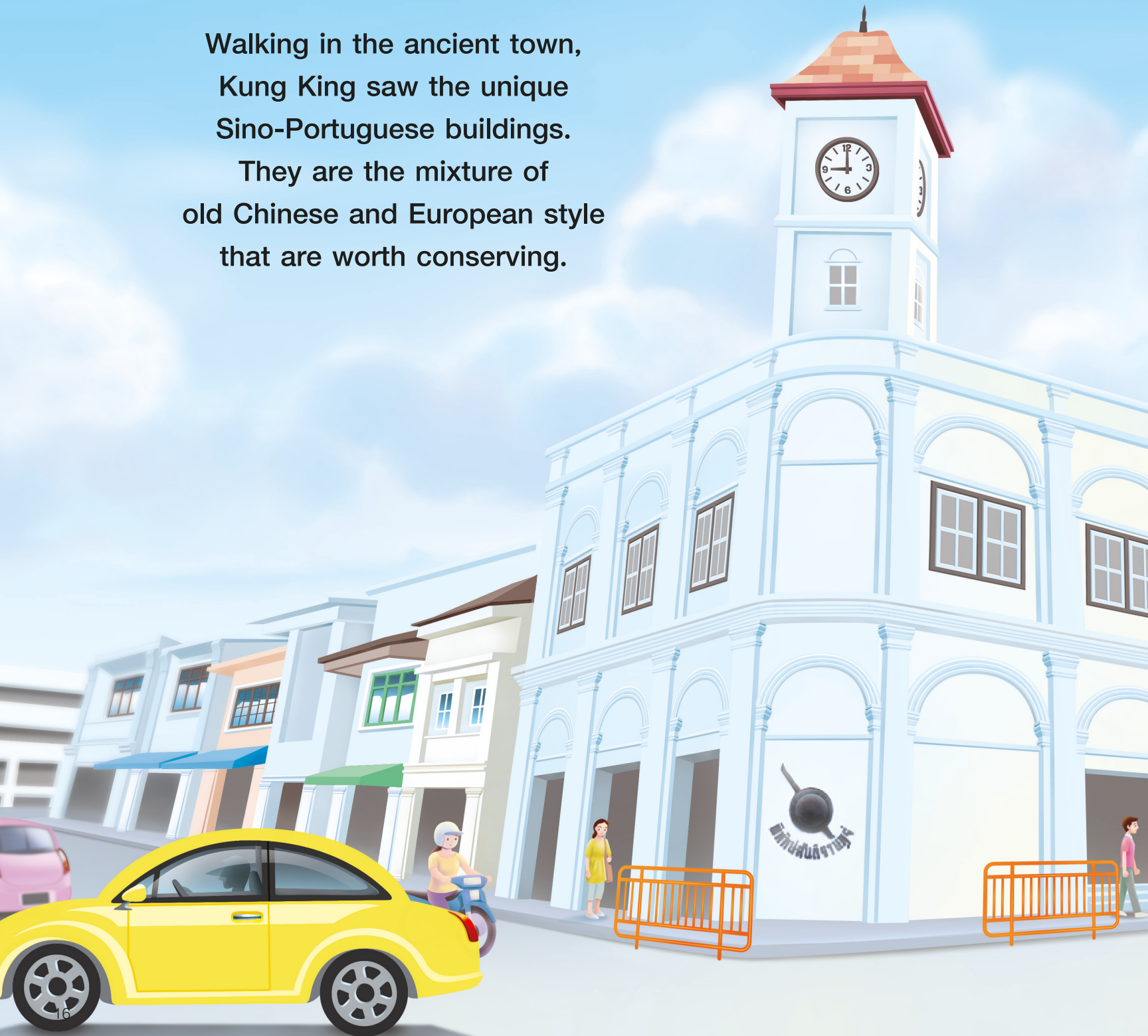
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Walking in the ancient town,  
Kung King saw the unique  
Sino-Portuguese buildings.

They are the mixture of  
old Chinese and European style  
that are worth conserving.









Back when Chinese people came to settle in Phuket,  
their cultures combined with Thai's. The descendants of  
Chinese and local people are called Baba.





Kung King tried many well-known local foods of Phuket  
such as roti with curry chicken,  
Hokkien noodles, spicy dried shrimp paste,  
Lo Ba, Mee Hoon Pa Chang and Oh-Aew.



Hokkien noodles: Fried delicate with pork and seafood Lo Ba: Deep-fried pork entrails boiled in five-spice mix

Mee Hoon Pa Chang: Fried thin rice noodles in soy sauce served with pork rib clear soup

Oh-Aew: Jelly-like dessert made from banana mixed with Oh-Aew seed mucilage







Kung King went to “Khao Rang”.  
It is a popular view point with attractive scenery.  
There are many great food shops and beautiful parks.  
Here you can also find the monument of  
“Phraya Ratsadanupradit Mahisaraphakdi”  
or “Kaw Sim Bi”.









The “Phuket Vegetarian Festival”  
is famous around the world.  
During this celebration,  
people will not eat meat.  
They only eat vegetarian foods, to pay  
respect to the nine Emperors of the god.





Kung King also visited many beautiful beaches such as Patong Beach, Rawai Beach, Mai Khao Beach, Karon Beach, Kata Beach, Surin Beach and Nai Harn Beach.





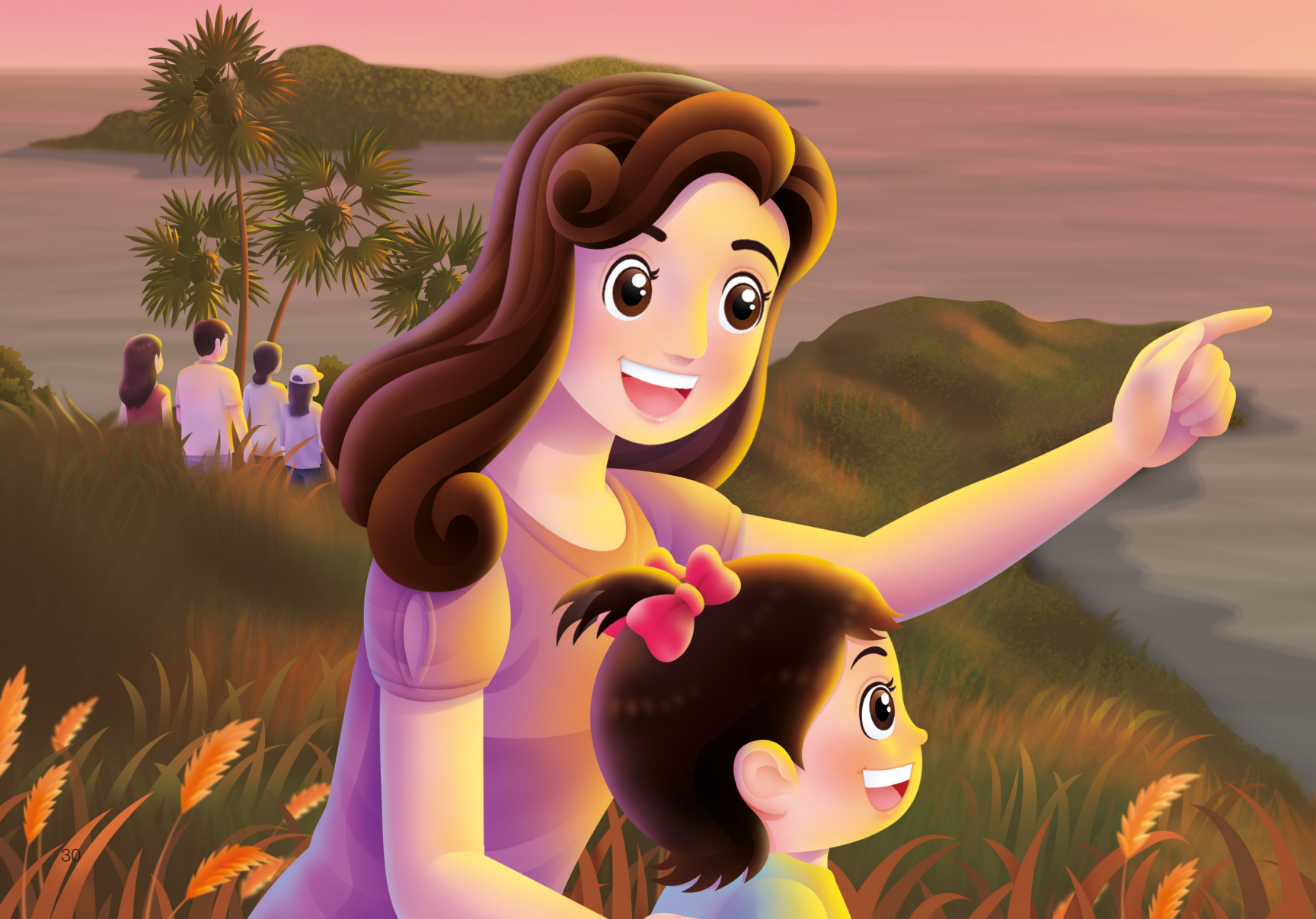


Apart from the beautiful beaches,  
Kung King had a great time  
on several islands such as  
Hae Island, Khai Island, Lone Island,  
Racha Island, Rang Yai Island,  
Mai Thon Island, Yao Island and  
Maprao Island, where the sea water  
is so clear that she could see the fish.





Kung King went to “Prom Thep Cape”  
to watch the most beautiful sunset.  
It was such an unforgettable trip for her.  
Phuket is rich in valuable cultures.  
It is the great place to visit.









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Obtained the secondary education from Sainampeung School and later held the bachelor's degree in Children Literature from the Faculty of Humanities, Srinakharinwirot University, and the Master Degree in Communication Arts from Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University. Fang has created and written the basic health care boost stories for kids with the main character named “Kung King,” a little girl, who is very well-known and adored by children nationwide. At present, Fang works as the editor-in-chief for Happy Kids Publisher.



**Illustrator: Noppadol Kamjornpaisal (Atom)**

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**Illustrator: Nucharee Pidej (Rose)**

After obtained the bachelor's degree and the master degree from the Faculty of Painting, Sculpture, and Graphic Arts, Silpakorn University, Rose has won many awards involved with the arts e.g. the PM's Creative Award for the best performance of mass media in 2011 from the Buddhist historic cartoon titled “Birth of the World's Great Man.” Currently, Rose has continuously created the outstanding works with Plan for Kids.

**Translator: Chantana Nipiwan (Chan)**

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