

NUPPINS

THE LOST LIGHTS OF MANTARYA

Preparations had begun for the brightest night of the year in Mantarya...



Right on time!
Come on, everyone.
Let's get ready!



...When the last
light came on, the
Night of Lights
would begin.

Every evening, the Glowbugs followed the village's glowing path.

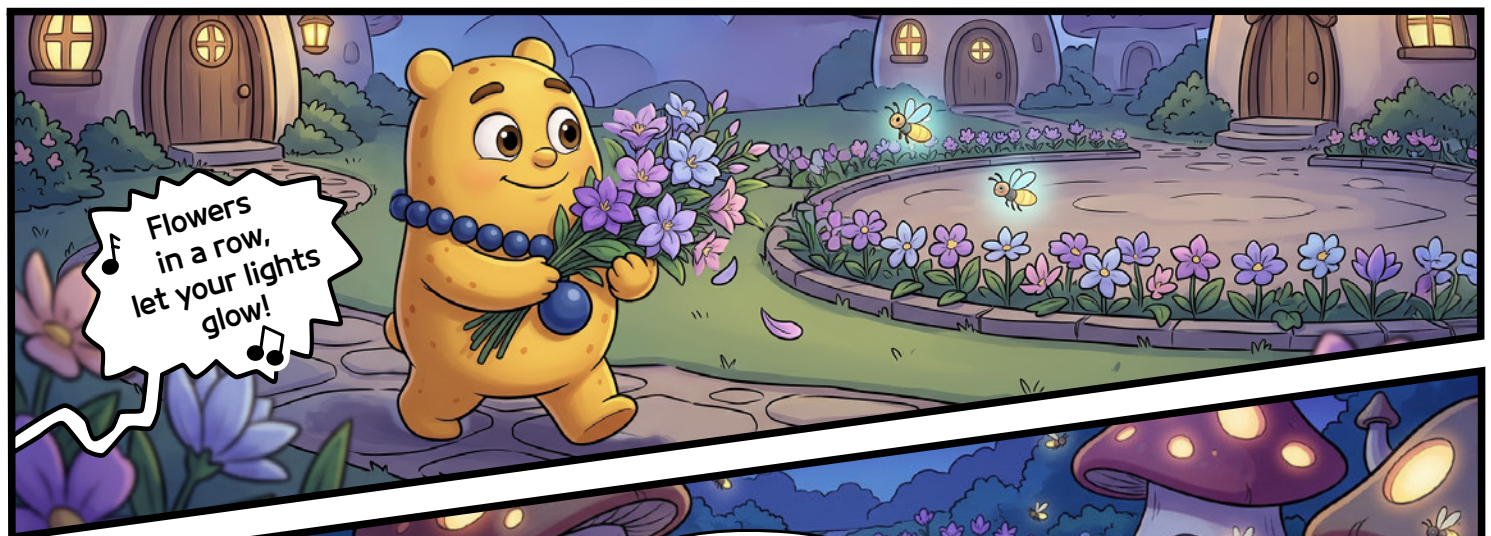


Then they landed on top of the mushroom houses...



...and the glowing spots woke up one by one.







Here's our big surprise for this year!

We're going to build a giant lantern in the village square!



That thing looks powerful!



When you said "giant" you really meant GIANT!

It's almost as big as a mushroom house!



Louie, that light might be too powerful.

It might confuse the Glowbugs and make them lose their way.



Don't worry. Everything is under control.

This year's Night of Lights will be unforgettable!



But not everyone was as confident as Louie.

Before long, the giant lantern had been built right in the middle of the village square.

Even I look tiny next to this thing!

And... the last connection is done!

Just don't turn it up too quickly, okay, Louie?

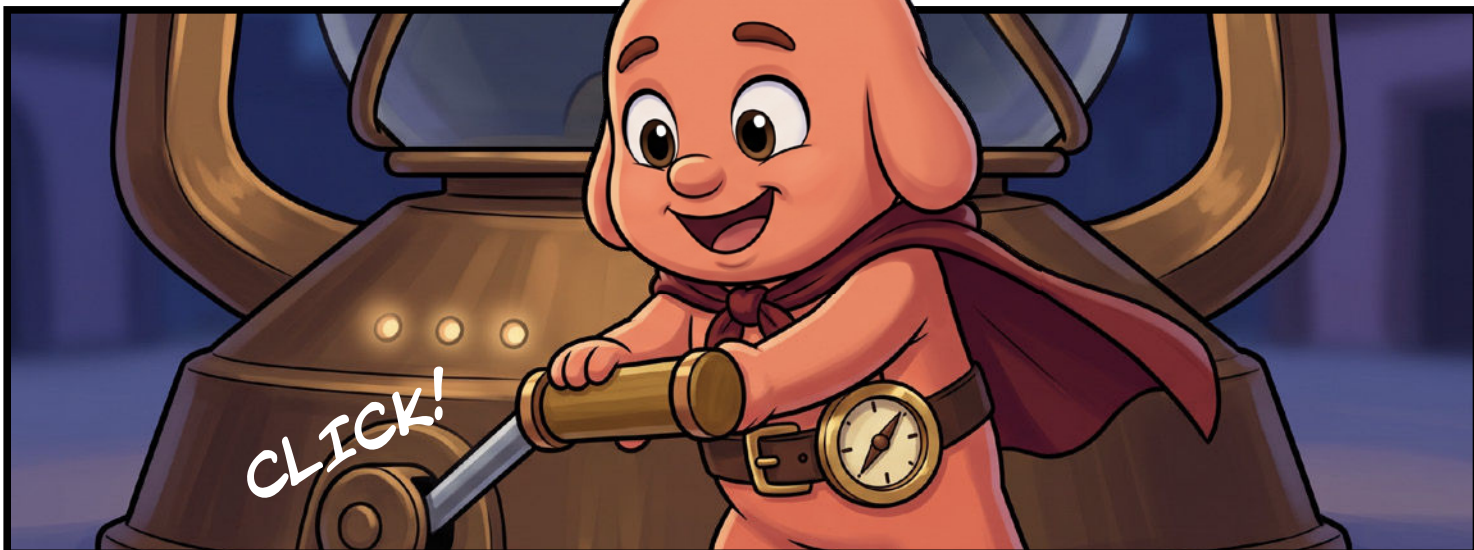
TICK!

BZZZ...

BZZZ...

Is everyone ready?

READY!







As the Glowbugs flew away,
the first mushroom house
outside the village went dark.



Soon, the lights of another nearby
house began to fade.



Why did our
lights go out?

They were all
glowing a moment
ago!



The houses
are going dark
one by one!

Uh-oh!

Finn inspected the glowing spots on the first mushroom house that had gone dark.

Someone's holding the ladder, right? I'd rather find the problem before I find the ground!

We're watching you, Finn!

This problem is playing hide-and-seek with me.

Hmm...
No cracks...
No loose parts...

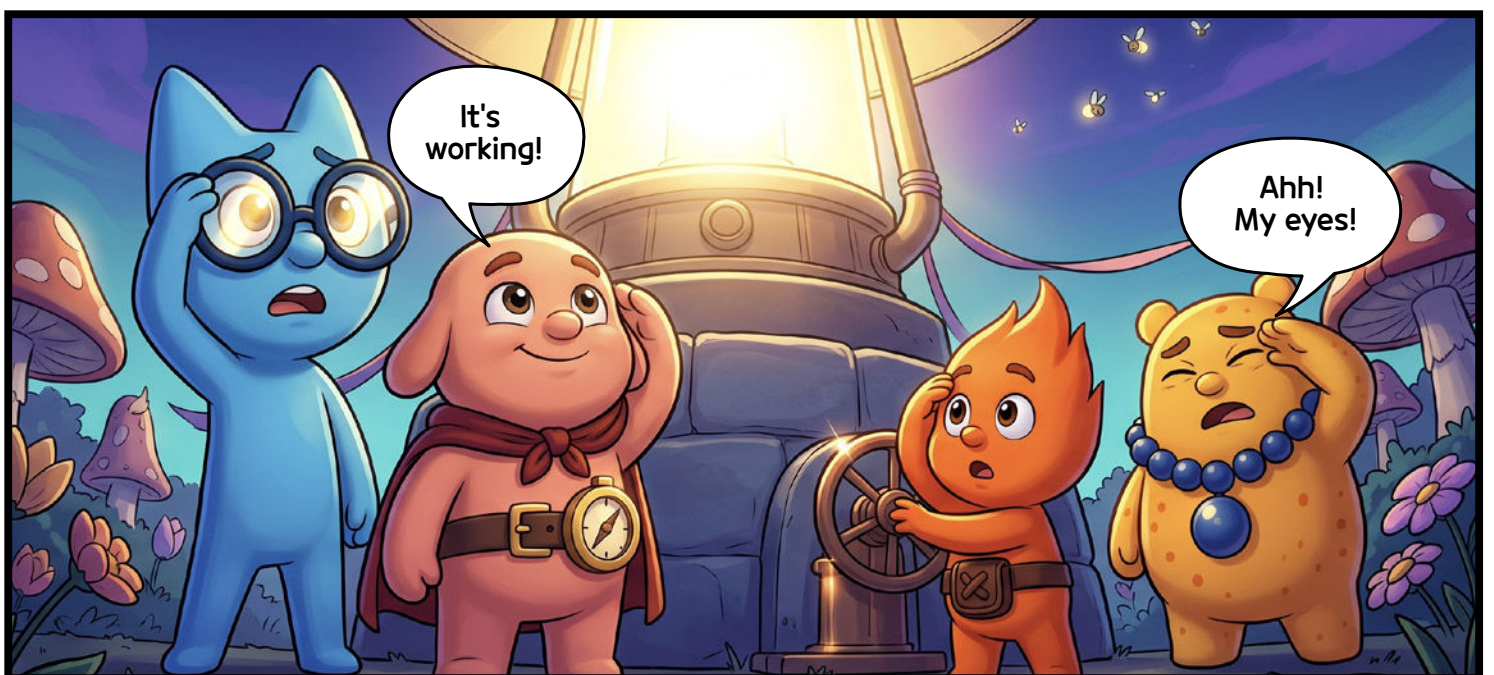
Nothing is burnt or broken...

The glowing spots are perfectly fine!

Our lights went out too!

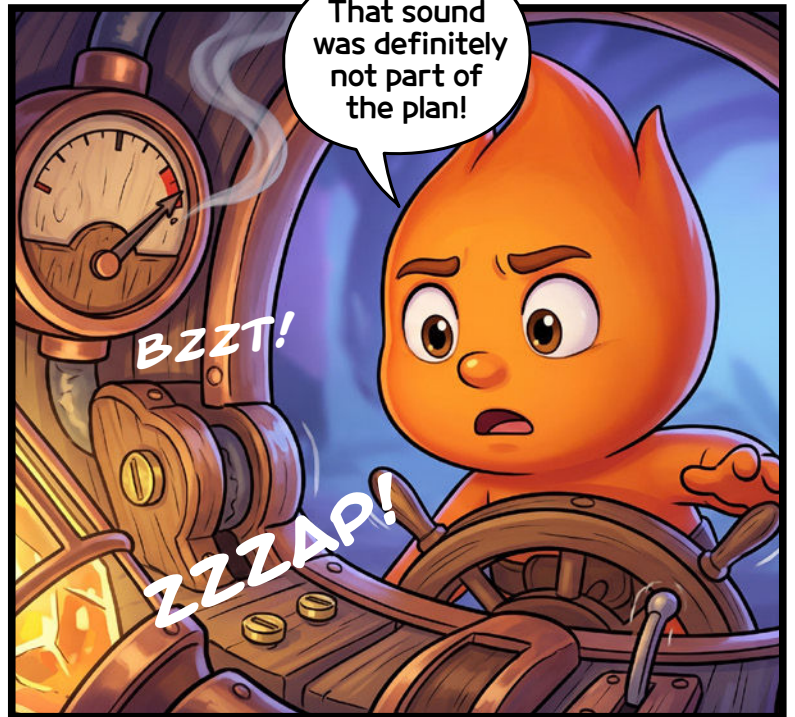
Starting outside the village, the darkness moved from house to house toward the center.







The stronger light scared away the last Glowbugs still inside the village.



Suddenly, the giant lantern went out too...



And all of Mantarya was left in darkness.



The four friends followed the faint trails of light into the dark forest.

This forest looked a lot smaller from the village...

Don't worry. We're on the right path!

The trail ends here... The Glowbugs

must have changed direction.

Wait a minute... Do I smell jasmine?

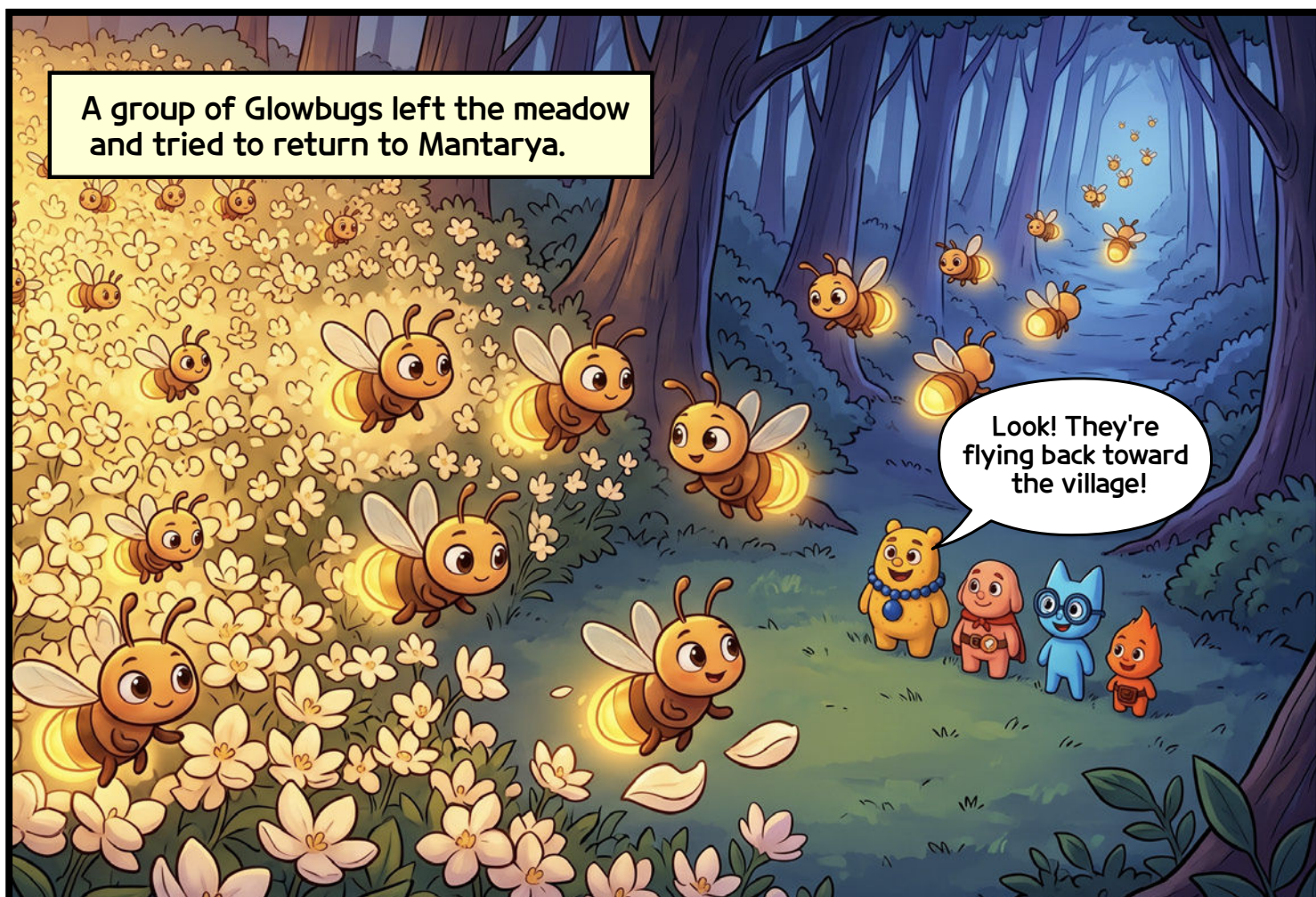
AHA! FOUND IT!

Maybe the Glowbugs followed this smell!

Then we'll follow the flowers.

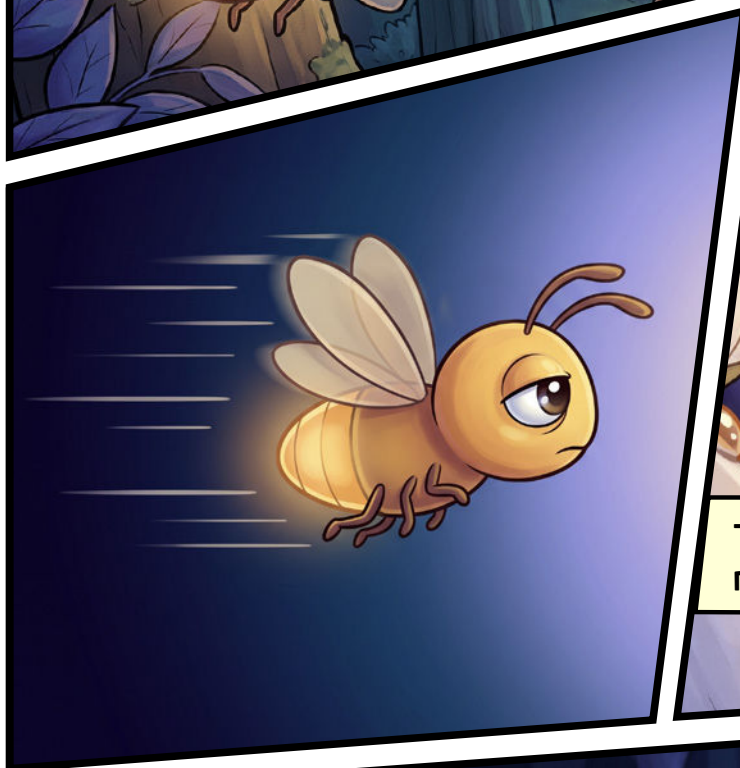








But in the darkness,
there were no lights
for them to follow.

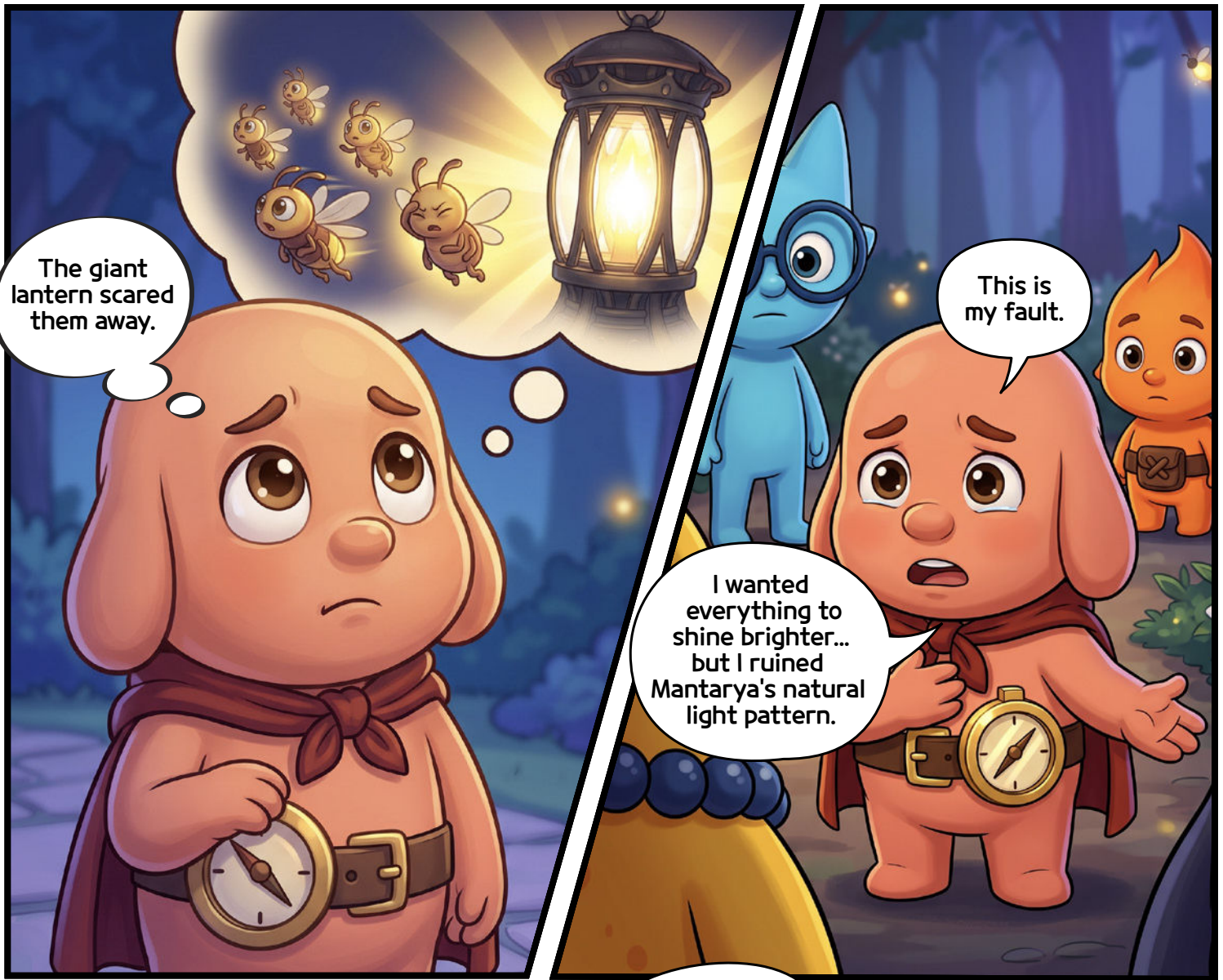


They lost their way and
returned to the night flowers.



They want to
go back...

But they
can't find the
way home!



The giant lantern scared them away.

This is my fault.

I wanted everything to shine brighter... but I ruined Mantarya's natural light pattern.



It's okay, Louie. This time, we're removing the word "giant" from the plan.

Let's place small lights along the route for the Glowbugs to follow.

And the smell of the flowers can show them the way back to the village!



First, one Glowbug noticed the path.



Then the others followed the soft lights and the scent of jasmine.



Soon, hundreds of Glowbugs flew toward Mantarya like a glowing river.



As the Glowbugs returned to their homes, Mantarya began to shine again.





The Night of Lights began again—this time with Mantarya's own natural glow.



The little lanterns did their job!

And no one was blinded this time.



Mantarya looks better with its own light. I won't ask for anything brighter again!



I can't leave without smelling one more jasmine flower!



