



Thandi and the Tooth Fairy



Thandi's tooth popped
out with a wriggle.
She gave a great, big,
gapped-tooth giggle.

But under her pillow, it
did not go,
For she had a sweet plan
for the fairy to know.





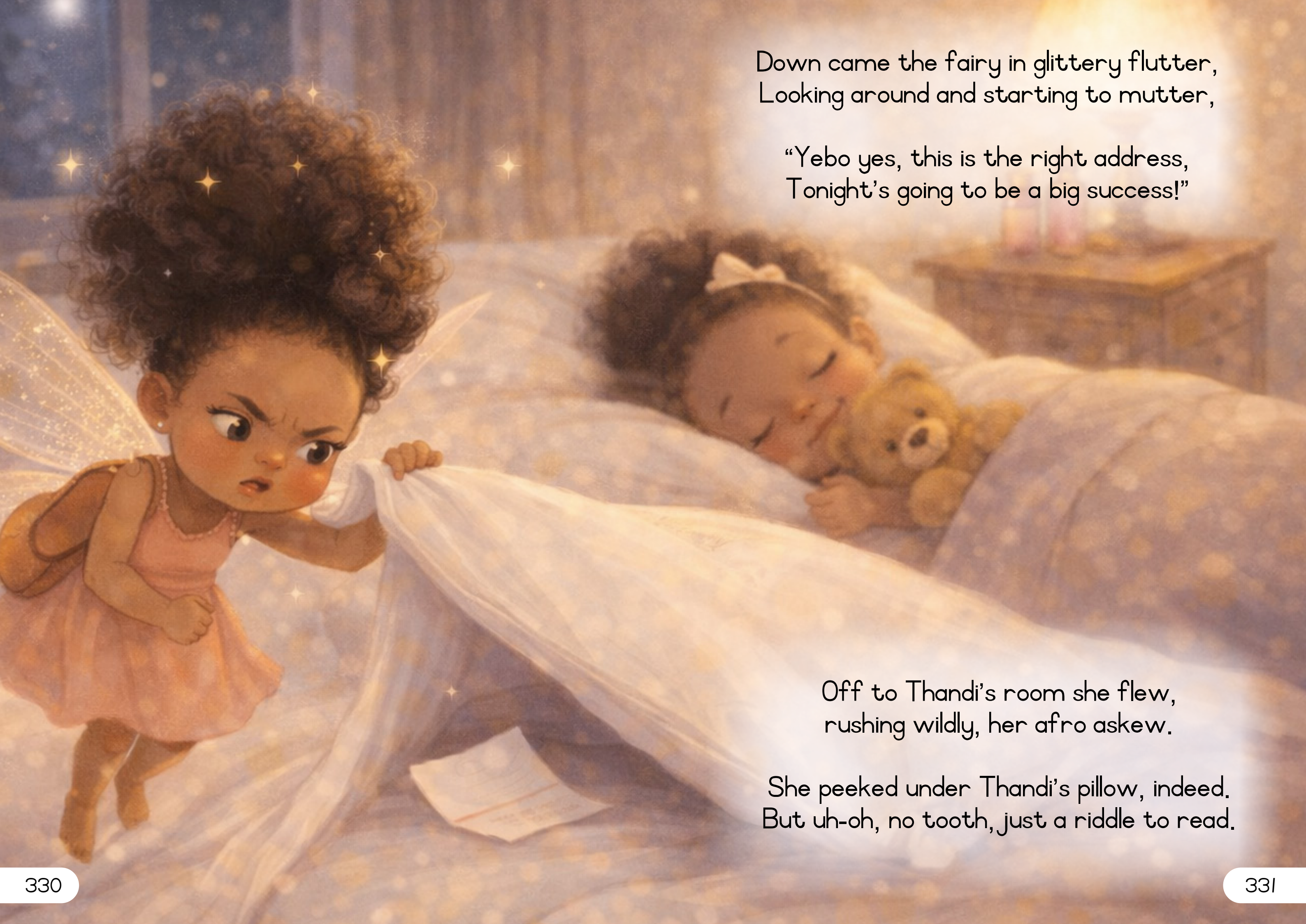
Children had whispered near and far,
Of a fairy so sneaky, strange and
bizarre.

“Trick her once, and she’ll leave you
more,
Outsmart her, and you will win for
sure!”



So Thandi tucked a
riddling note in place,
And waited patiently, a
smile on her face.

She closed her eyes, but
not to sleep,
She'd follow that fairy,
without a peep.



Down came the fairy in glittery flutter,
Looking around and starting to mutter,

“Yebo yes, this is the right address,
Tonight’s going to be a big success!”

Off to Thandi’s room she flew,
rushing wildly, her afro askew.

She peeked under Thandi’s pillow, indeed.
But uh-oh, no tooth, just a riddle to read.

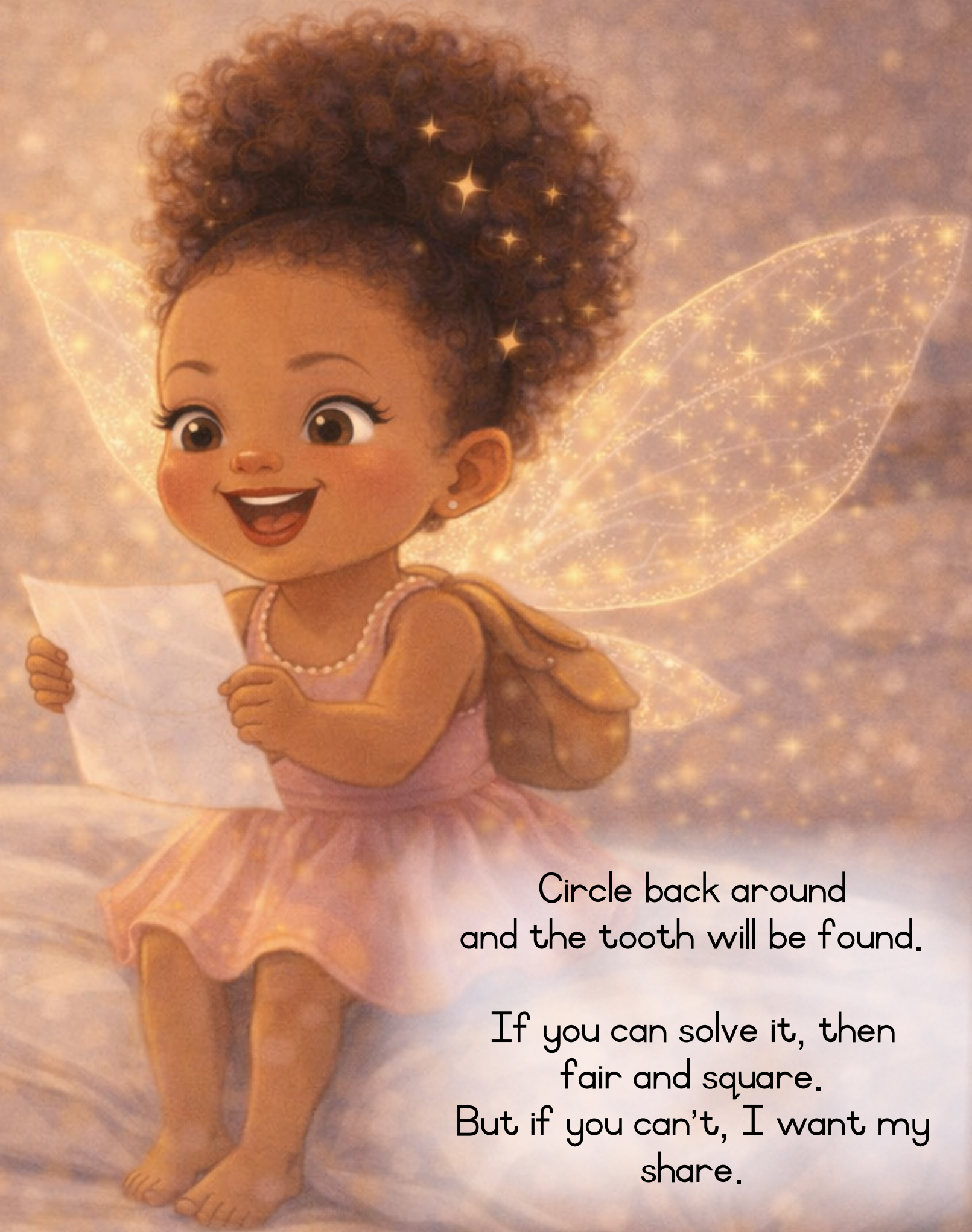
Gold marks the spot, but
don't be too quick,
that tooth is quite
tricky, not the right pick.

Metal twinkles so shiny
and bright,
try if you dare but it
won't budge tonight.

Try to search where
Gogo lay
and you'll have a soggy
price to pay.

Circle back around
and the tooth will be found.

If you can solve it, then
fair and square.
But if you can't, I want my
share.





Off zipped the fairy to
Mum and Dad,
A gold tooth shining made
her glad.

She grabbed with a
shout, "Aha! My prize!"
Then drool poured out -
yoh, what a surprise.

Her face turned red, "Haibo! No ways!"
So off she sped through midnight haze.

Big brother Xolani's braces gleamed
silver-bright,
"Metal!" she cheered. "This must be
right!"



One hand on a tooth and
one on a brace,
One foot slipping, afro in
her face.

One tug, two tugs, three
tugs, four,
Until the Tooth Fairy
couldn't tug anymore.

Next, Tooth Fairy tiptoed to Gogo's bed
finding a full set of dentures ahead.

She thought, "This must indeed be the
prize!"
but she was in for a nasty surprise.

"Sies! Look at this great big mess.
Aikona! It's gotten all over my dress."



Her wings were wet, she couldn't fly.
But no, it wasn't yet time to say
goodbye, for Tooth Fairy still had one
more try.



Up ahead, the family
dog slept tight,
Soft little snores in
the quiet night.

“I must be brave and
have no fear,
That sneaky tooth is
hiding near!”



But little did Fairy know
the wind would blow,
As Fluffy rolled over, slow
and low.

He puffed out a toot - so
mighty, so loud
It launched her away in a
big, smelly cloud!



Tumbling and turning all over the place,
The little tooth fairy spun through space.

She cried out once, then once more too.
“Haibo! This is not what fairies do!”
The fairy landed on Thandi’s bed feeling blue,
But she was so close to the clue that was true.

She shook her head, “This riddle is tough...”
Then Thandi sat up and giggled, “Enough!”



Thandi chuckled, her eyes all bright,
“The tooth was in my teddy all night!”

The fairy grinned, “Fair enough, my
dear -
Chommie, stay smart because I’ll see
you next year!”

The End