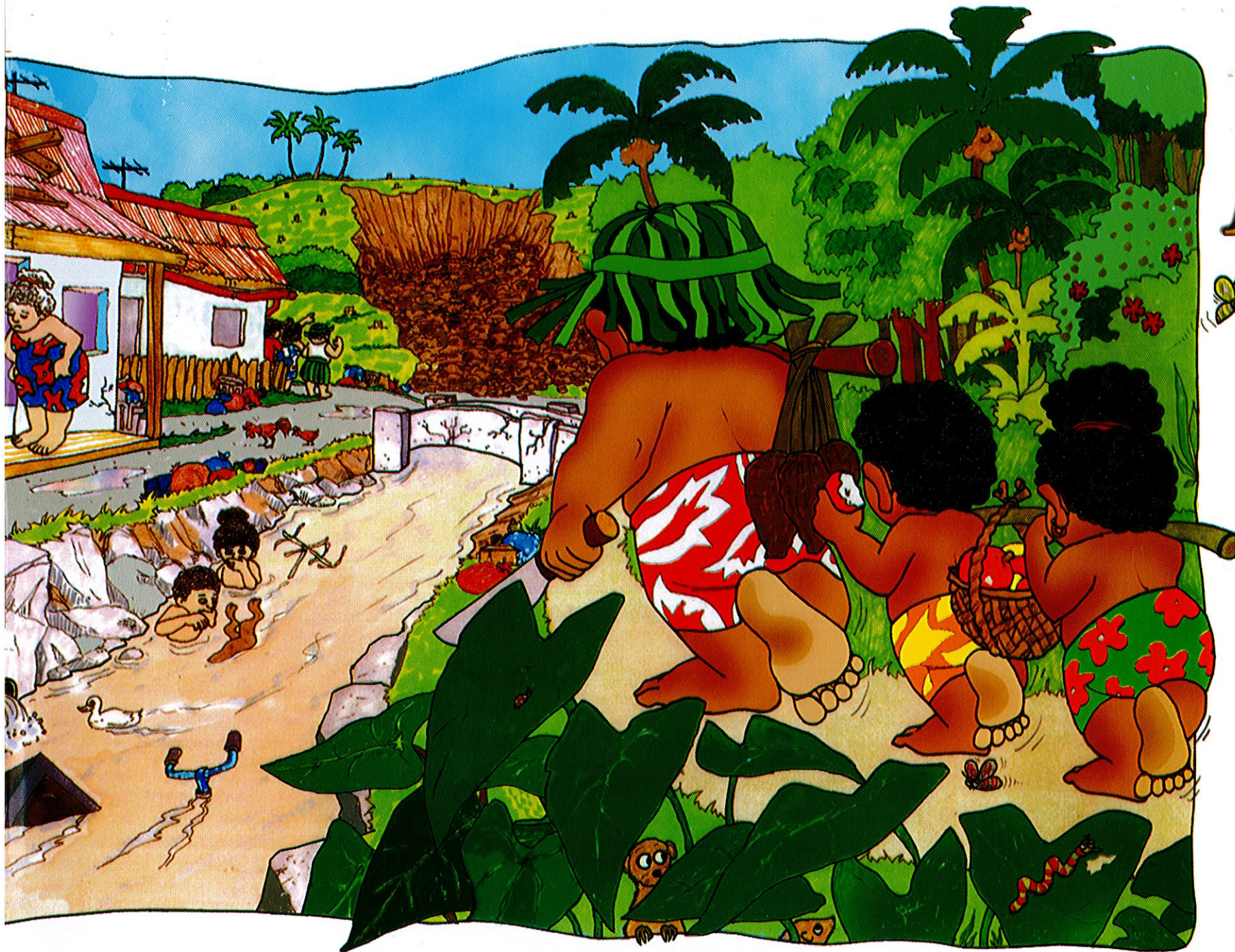


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A picture-book for young people on the importance of forests for our lives



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Dear Boys and Girls,

Whenever we displayed the pictures of the story *The Lost Paradise* in primary and secondary schools, many children asked if they could have and keep them. Finally, during the last Arbor Week exhibitions, copies of *The Lost Paradise* pictures suddenly went "missing". We took this as a sign that there was a need to do something and decided to produce this little book for you.



The story of *The Lost Paradise* tells us what happens if we are only concerned about money and forget about the more important things in life. It shows us that we need to look after our environment. Forests provide us with food, clean water, traditional medicine, fuel wood, timber and many other products. Forests protect the soil against erosion, and are a home for many plants and animals. Therefore, forests are important for our lives. We depend on them.

Your own children and grandchildren will only have the same benefits from our forests if we all take care and do not take out too much from them or even destroy them. We are sure you, your friends and your parents will all help to maintain our "paradise", so we will live happily ever after . . .

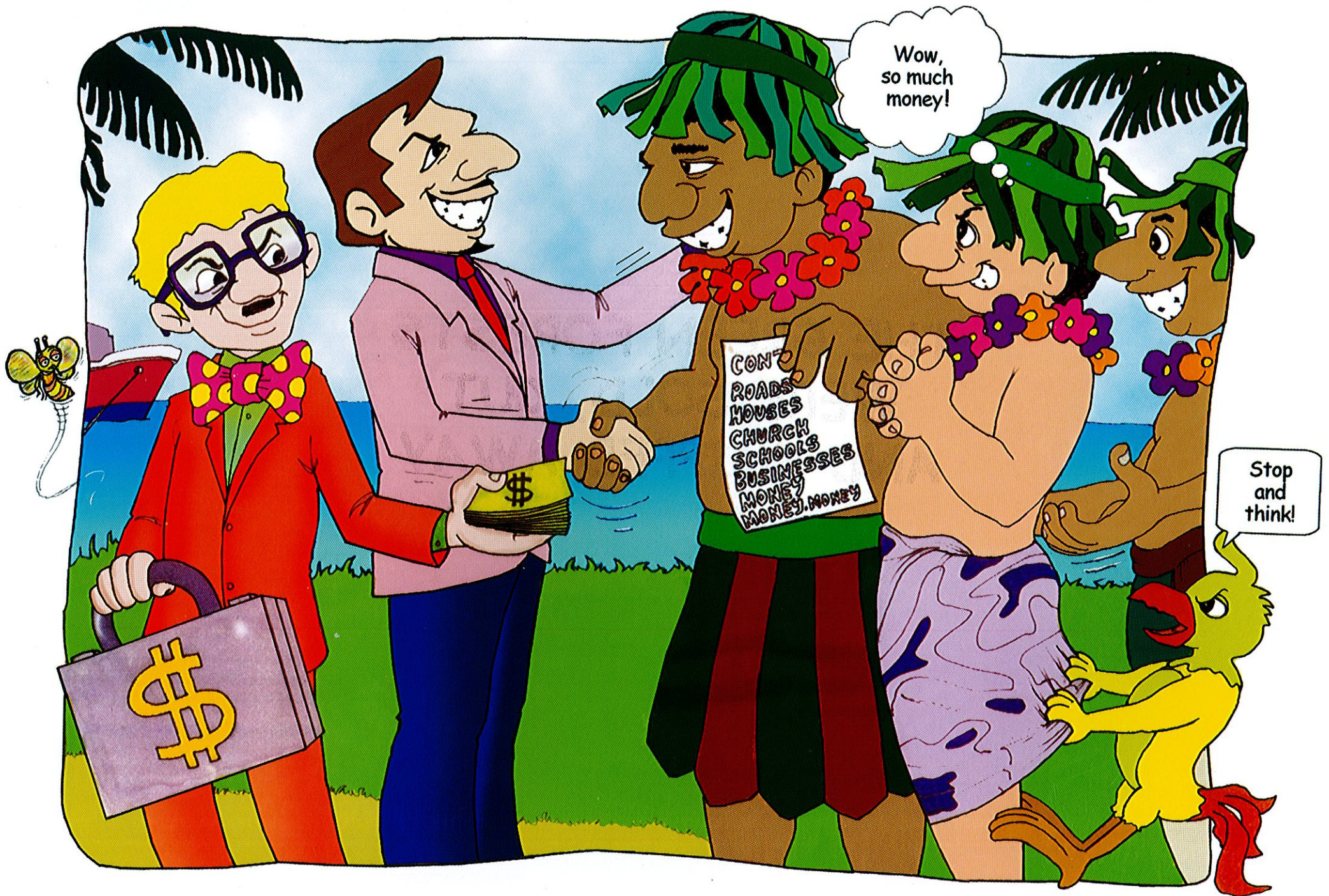
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**ONCE UPON A TIME
THERE WAS A LAND CALLED
"PARADISE"**



**ONE DAY SLICK MEN ARRIVED
AND OFFERED LOTS OF MONEY
TO CUT DOWN THE FORESTS**



**THE GREEN FORESTS
WERE SOLD, CUT
AND SHIPPED AWAY**



EVERYTHING DISAPPEARED

THE TREES ...



**... THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS
HAD TO LEAVE ...**



**... AND THE MONEY
WAS SOON GONE, TOO.**

THEIR PARADISE WAS LOST!



**LIFE IS HARD
WHEN FORESTS ARE ONLY A MEMORY**



**THAT'S WHY PEOPLE ARE NOW
PLANTING TREES,
FOR THEIR NEW "PARADISE".**





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Dedication

This book is dedicated to the late Mr Peni Qioniwasa.

Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees.

Revelation 7:3

