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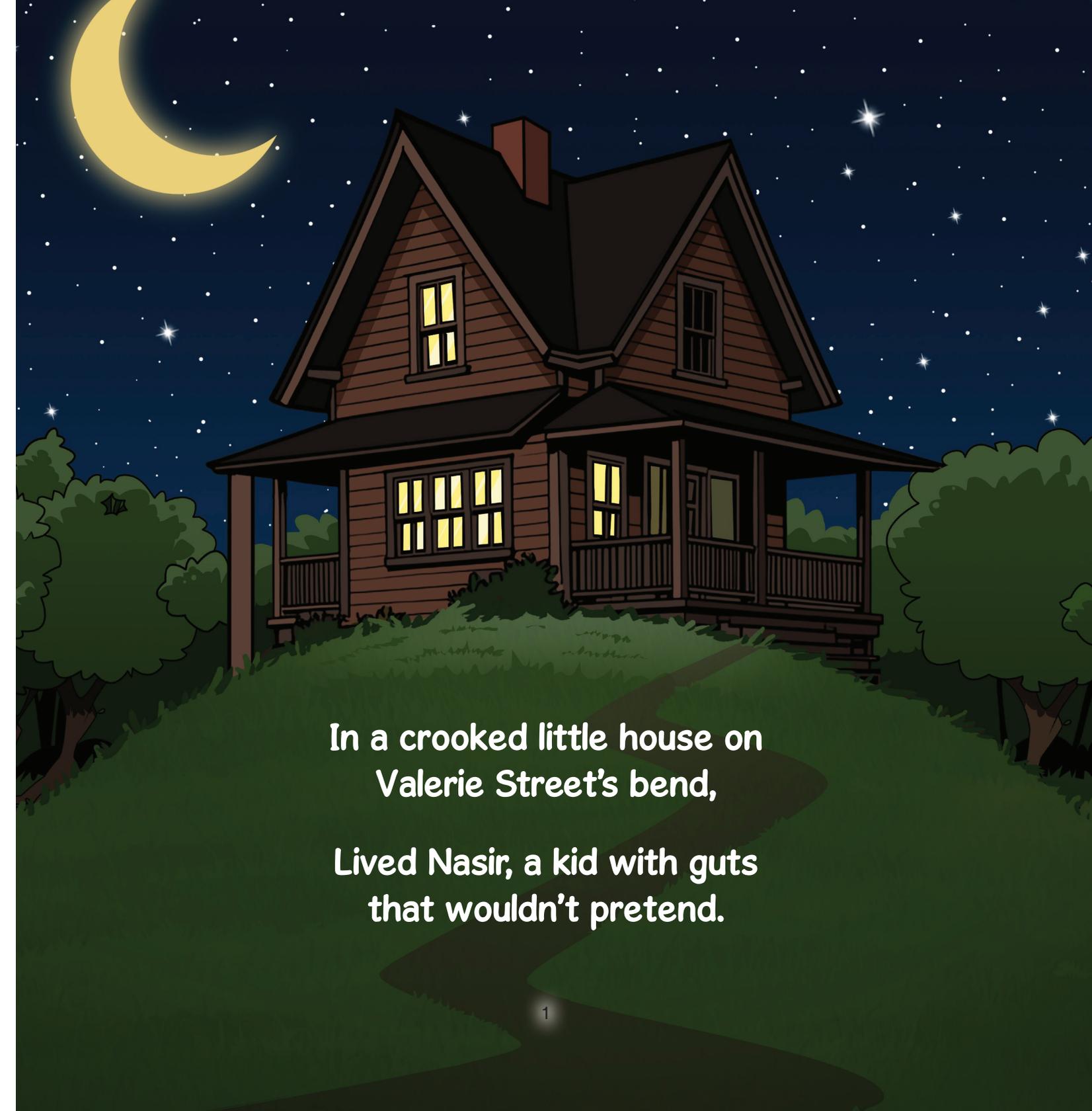
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In a crooked little house on
Valerie Street's bend,

Lived Nasir, a kid with guts
that wouldn't pretend.

A cartoon illustration of a child's bedroom at night. A young boy with dark skin and curly hair is sitting up in bed, looking towards the viewer with a slightly worried expression. He is tucked under a dark red blanket with a pattern of stars and planets. The bed has a wooden headboard and footboard. To the left, a window with red curtains featuring a star and planet pattern looks out onto a night sky with a large yellow crescent moon and several stars. Above the bed, a bookshelf holds several books, a green dinosaur figurine, a red rocket, a yellow superhero figure, and a pink piggy bank. On the right wall, there are three framed pictures: a UFO with a beam of light, a silhouette of a person jumping, and a silhouette of a person in a dynamic pose. A red lamp with a white shade sits on a grey nightstand next to the bed, with a small blue and red robot on top. Two small green lights are on the floor near the bed. A laptop is open on the floor to the left of the bed. The floor is wooden, and a large, dark red circular rug is in the foreground.

His room was a fortress—
bright, loud, and proud,
But each night, a monster
crept in like a cloud.



This bastard was ugly, with
claws sharp as shame,
Growling fears that whispered
Nasir's name.

Nasir curled tight beneath his
blanket's thin shield,

Heart thumping hard as the
darkness revealed.



“Why me?” he whispered,
voice shaky and low,

“That fucker’s back—right
under my pillow.”





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