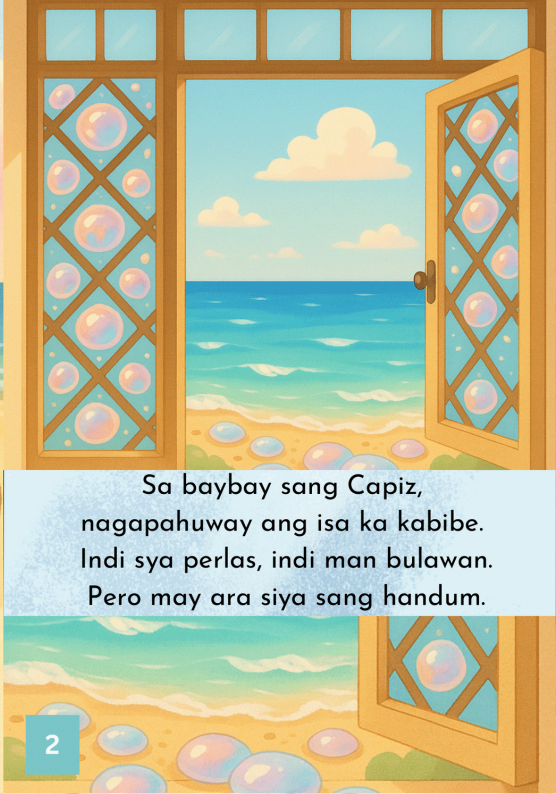


Ang Kabibe nga Naga Handum

A Visayan Fable
Ni Felicity Anne Arcilla A. Dorado

A colorful illustration of a beach scene. In the foreground, several large, smooth, light blue stones with iridescent highlights are scattered on the golden sand. To the right, there are two more stones, one large and one small, both a warm tan color. In the background, the ocean has gentle waves with white foam washing onto the shore. A small green island with two palm trees sits on the horizon under a soft, hazy sky. Distant mountains are visible on the right side of the horizon.

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"Luyag ko nga mangin bintana nga nagasulod sang kasanag."



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"Bal-an mo, kabibe," siling sang perlas,
"Kami ya ginabutang sa alahas. Ikaw?"



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About the Author and Message

This story is inspired by the capiz shell – a gift of nature and light from the Philippines. May every child know that even the simplest dreams can shine bright.

The author is a proud Capizena who finds joy in telling stories rooted in local culture and everyday wonder. She loves cultural and language learning, and is a certified English teacher with a heart for children and creative expression. Through this zine, she hopes to spark curiosity, imagination, and pride in one's heritage – one page at a time.

In Hiligaynon

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In English

The Shell that Dreams
Capiz Shell Inspired Fable

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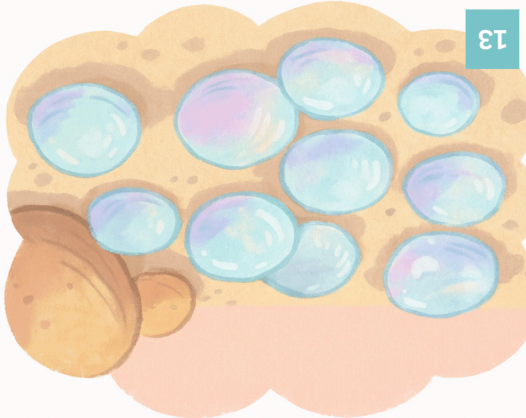
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Did you know?

These shiny, round shells are called Capiz shells! They come from the sea and are so clear and smooth that people in the Philippines use them to make windows, lamps, and decorations that sparkle in the light.

Imagine if one of these shells became a window or a necklace... what would it look like?

👉 Draw your shiny shell creation on the next page!



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Did you know?

Ang kabibe nagyuhom lang.
"May handum ako."



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"Handum?"
sabat sang isda.
"Daw indi pwede."

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Isa ka bata ang nagapanago sang mga
kabibe.
Ginkuha niya ang kabibe kag ginpauli.

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Ang iya lolo, isa ka panday sang bintana
nga may capiz.
"Lolo, nami ni. Pwede ni siya?"

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Bisan kabos ukon hilom, may handum
kita tanan.
Bisan kabibe lang ako, mahimo ako
nga kasanag sang balay.
Kag ikaw man – may lugar ka sa
kasnag sang kalibutan.

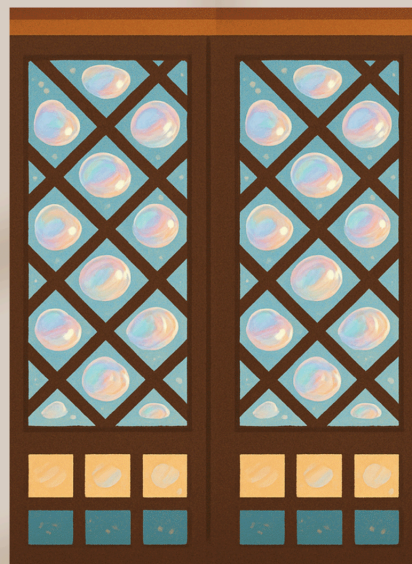
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Ang kabibe nagahambal, "Natuman
guid ang akon handum."

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Sa gab-i, nagasidlak ang bulan
paagi sa iya.



Ginbuligan siya nga mahimo nga bintana.
Sa adlaw, nagapasulod siya sang
kasnag.

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