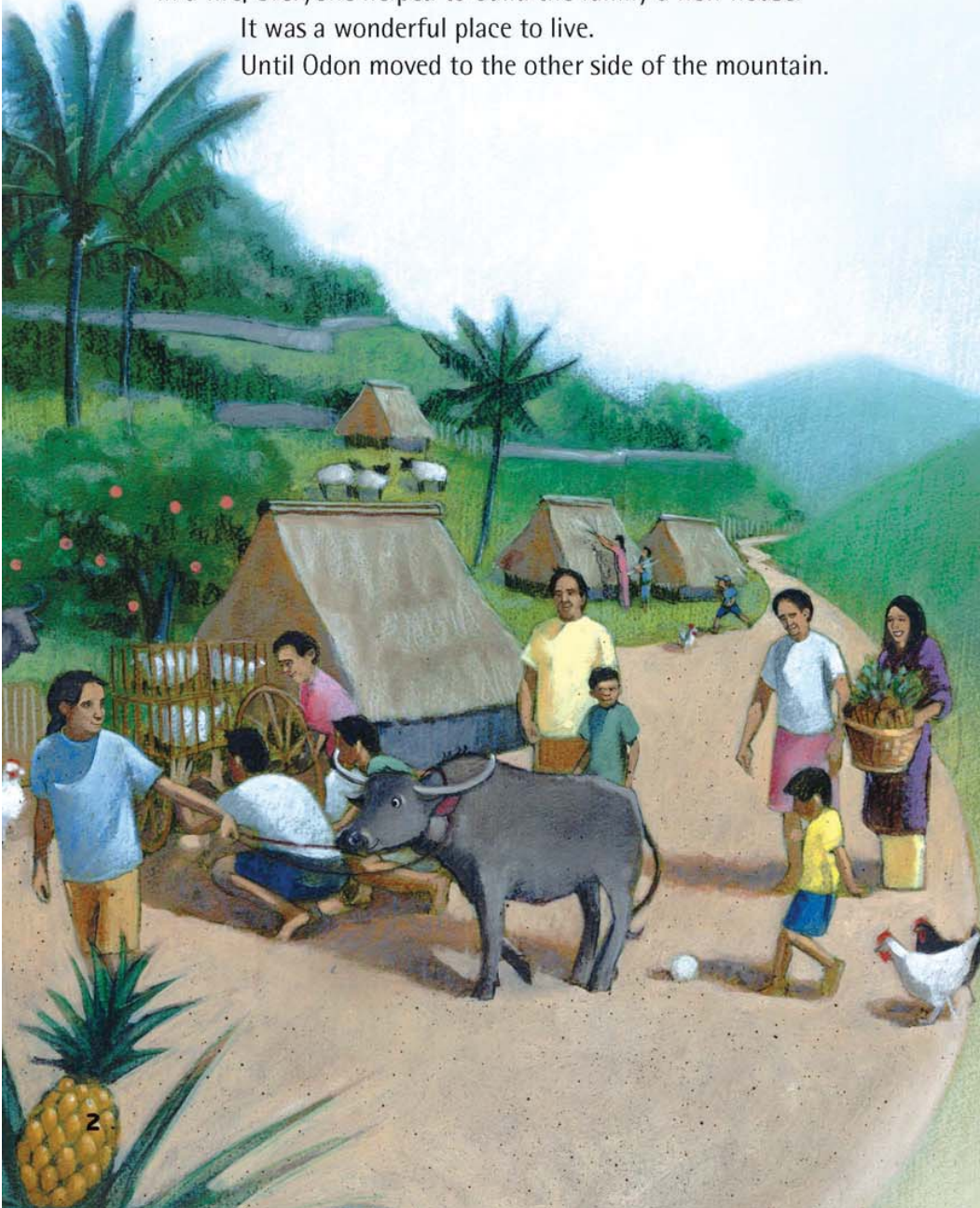


A long time ago in the Philippines, there was a village in the jungle on a mountainside. The village was a quiet, peaceful, little place. All the people were friends and they always helped one another. If one person in the village was ill, other people in the village looked after that person. If a family's house was destroyed in a fire, everyone helped to build the family a new house.

It was a wonderful place to live.

Until Odon moved to the other side of the mountain.



Odon was not quite human. He was a big, terrifying, angry giant. He was taller than three adult giraffes and about as wide as two big elephants. His voice was so loud, he scared all the animals in the jungle even when he whispered. And he was always – ALWAYS – in a terrible, angry mood.

Every morning, Odon left his cave on the other side of the mountain and hiked over to the village. Then, he stomped through the streets, knocking over houses, gobbling up people's fruit trees and taking their cows, sheep and chickens for his breakfast.

## Facts About Tiny Creatures

There are over eight million species of animals in the world. With so many species, there are animals of all shapes and sizes. There are, of course, big ones and small ones. But there are also some really, really tiny ones.

**Pygmy marmosets** are the smallest monkeys in the world. The length of the average adult pygmy marmoset is about 127 millimetres (5 inches). This means that they aren't even as long as the average pencil. They weigh about 119 grams (4.2 ounces). These tiny monkeys are found in tropical rainforests of Central and South America, living in groups of two to nine. As small as they are, these monkeys can leap up to 5 metres (16.4 feet)!



The **pipistrelle bat** is the smallest known bat in Europe. The head and body of this tiny bat is between 3.5 and 5.2 centimetres (1.4 and 2.0 inches) and it weighs about 3.5 to 8.5 grams (0.12 to 0.30 ounces). One pipistrelle may eat up to 3,000 insects in one night!

The **brookesia micra chameleon**, the smallest chameleon in the world, was found on an island of Madagascar by German scientists in 2012. From its nose to the end of its tail, the females are 3.4 centimetres (1.3 inches) long and the males are 2.8 centimetres (1.1 inches) long. This chameleon lives in the leaves on the forest floor during the day and crawls up to tree branches to sleep at night.

