



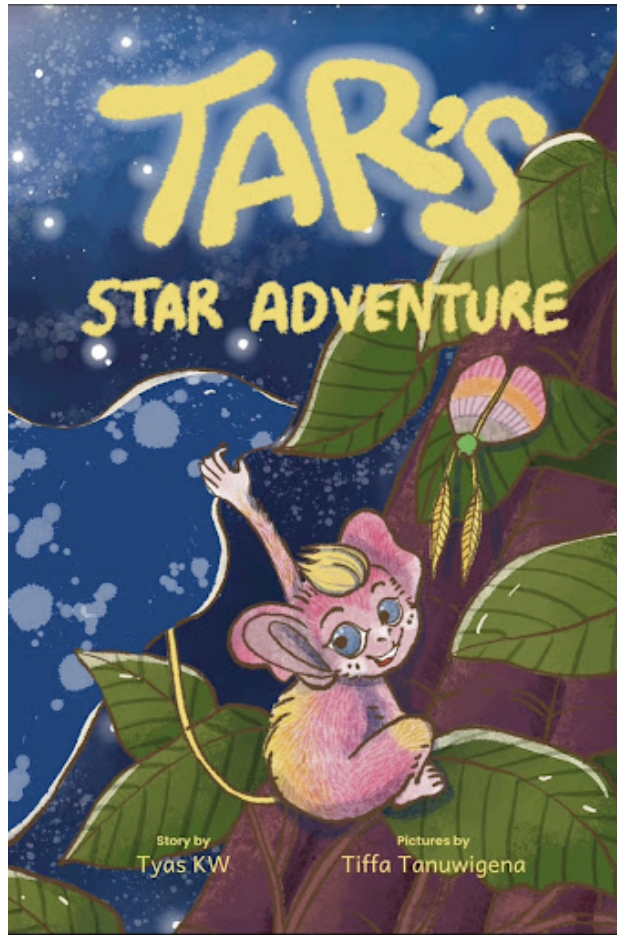
# Tar's Star Adventure

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**Book 25 Level 7 - Growing Reader**

**Focus sounds:** R-controlled Vowels: ar

**Target words:** Tar, star, barn, farm, scarf, cart, arms, stars, hard, darn, start, art

**High-frequency words:**

\*includes high-frequency words from previous levels

**Vocabulary and challenge words:**

**</i>** along, oh, view, new, over, paint, phew,  
until, blows, sky, rain, want, holds, slides,  
down, splash, make, wherever, goes



Tar has a plan!  
He will go to see a big star.  
Can Moth go with him?



Tar hops and jumps to the top.  
Moth tags along.  
Oh no! The barn blocks the view.  
They will have to go to the farm.



But Moth can not go on.  
She stops to rest her wings.  
Tar will think of a new plan.





He spots a scarf.  
Tar puts it on his neck for Moth to hang on.  
Off they go!



Tar jumps over a jar.  
Moth does not let go.





Then he jumps over a big cart.  
It has cans of paint.



The barn is not too far.  
Tar jumps and then slips.  
Uh oh!



Phew! Tar hangs on to the scarf.  
His arms go up and up until they get to the  
top of the barn.



But where are the stars?  
The fog blocks them.



Tar and Moth are sad.  
Their plan did not go well.



A gust of wind blows hard.  
It gets rid of the fog.





The sky is lit up with stars!  
Darn! Is that a drop of rain?



Tar does not want to get wet.  
They start on their trip back.  
Moth holds on to the scarf.



Tar slides down the walls of the barn.  
It is all wet!



Tar jumps over the cart.  
A big splash of paint hits his scarf.



Ack! What a big mess!

Tar is sad about the spill on his scarf.



But Moth does not let Tar make a fuss.  
She can see the art on his scarf.





The stars are with Tar wherever he goes.



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This story depicts the unique biodiversity and culture of Indonesia. Tar is a tarsier, an endemic animal of Indonesia that lives in the forests of Borneo, Sumatra and other nearby islands. Tar is a nocturnal animal, just like his friend, Moth. The star motifs on Tar's scarf represent batik jumputan, a special type of batik art. Batik is a traditional art form and textile design technique that is an invaluable

cultural heritage of Indonesia.

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