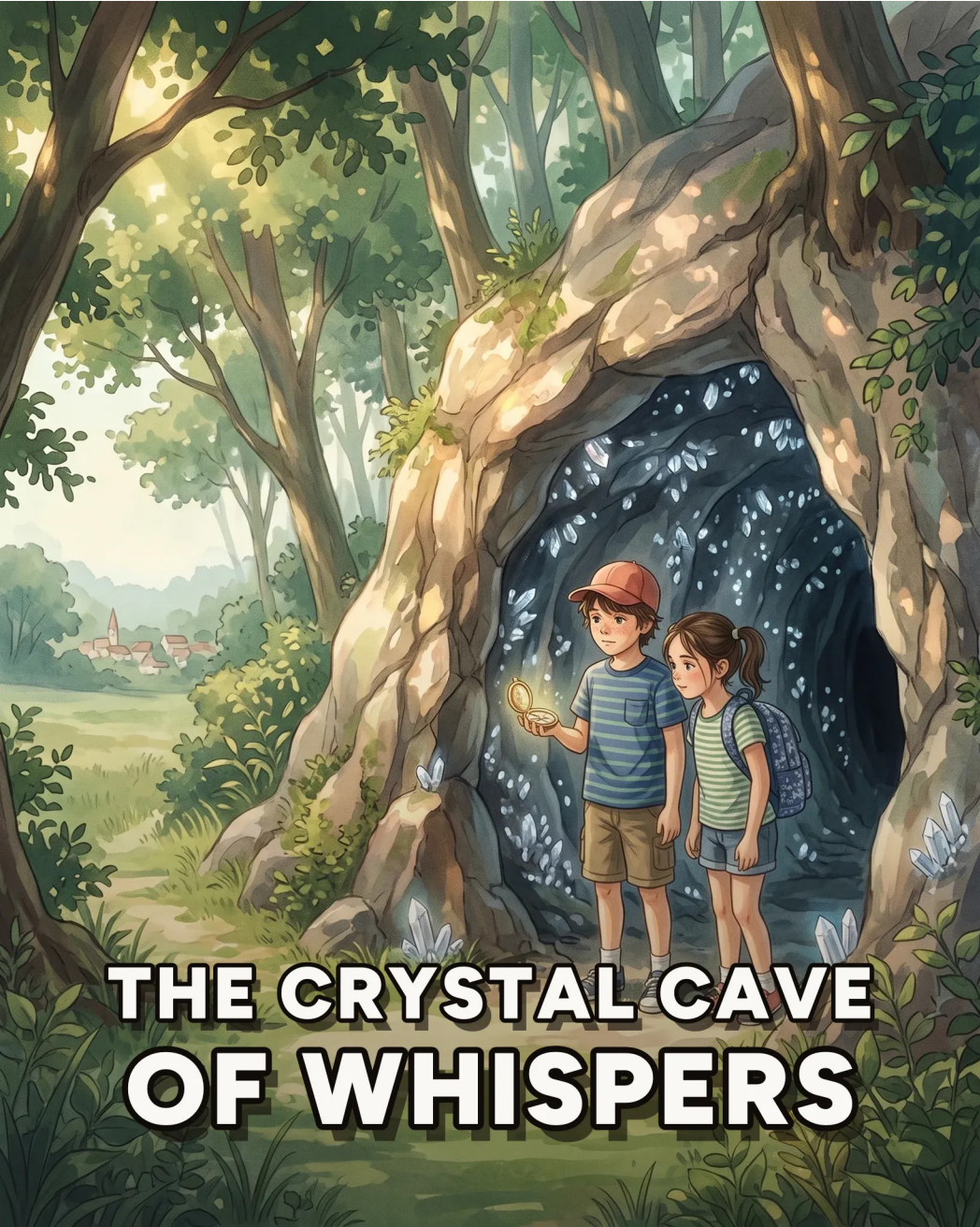




THE CRYSTAL CAVE OF WHISPERS



One sunny afternoon, Leo and Maya grabbed their bikes and pedaled into the woods. "Let's explore!" Leo said.



Behind a tangle of vines, they found a dark cave. Inside, tiny lights twinkled. "What is that?" Maya whispered.



The cave walls sparkled with crystals—blue, green, and pink. They hummed softly, like a song.



A shimmering spirit appeared, its voice like wind chimes.
"To find the treasure, answer my riddle."



"I whisper but never speak. I show the way but never move. What am I?" Leo and Maya thought hard.



Maya gasped. "A compass!" The spirit nodded. "You are wise. The treasure is yours."



The compass was golden and warm. "Make a wish," Leo said. Maya whispered, "For our family to always be happy."



They biked home just as the stars came out. Dinner was waiting, and they felt safe, happy, and full of adventure.