



**CAN NOT
BE SOLD**

Varijatsy and Andrianina

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Once upon a time there was a lemur
which was called Varijatsy.



He was different from the others : he had a bright nose.

It amused the other lemurs
who kept laughing at him.



Varijatsy was sad, so sad that he cried.

His mother took him in her arms and said:

" We're all different.

We all have strengths and weaknesses.

What matters is not
our physical appearance
but what we have
in our hearts".



Varijatsy grew up and
thanks to his mother,
he had gained
confidence in himself.



One day, as he was out
picking fruit in the forest,
he heard his mother scream.



He hurried back to her.



But he saw that
a poacher
had caught
his whole family.





He followed them. He saw the poacher take them to the top of the mountain and into a cave.

He made sure
the poacher had gone and
waited it was dark to get in.



It was very dark but Varijatsy had an advantage, he had a little nose that lit up.



Thanks to his nose, he moved quickly.

He found his family locked
behind a gate.



Varijatsy saw the key hanging on the wall.
He took it to open the gate.

It was then that the poacher appeared behind him and sent him to join the others.



He was glad he had captured another lemur and left.

Varijatsy's family was crying. He was thinking.

He knew that his friend Andrianina, the son of the forest manager, could help them.



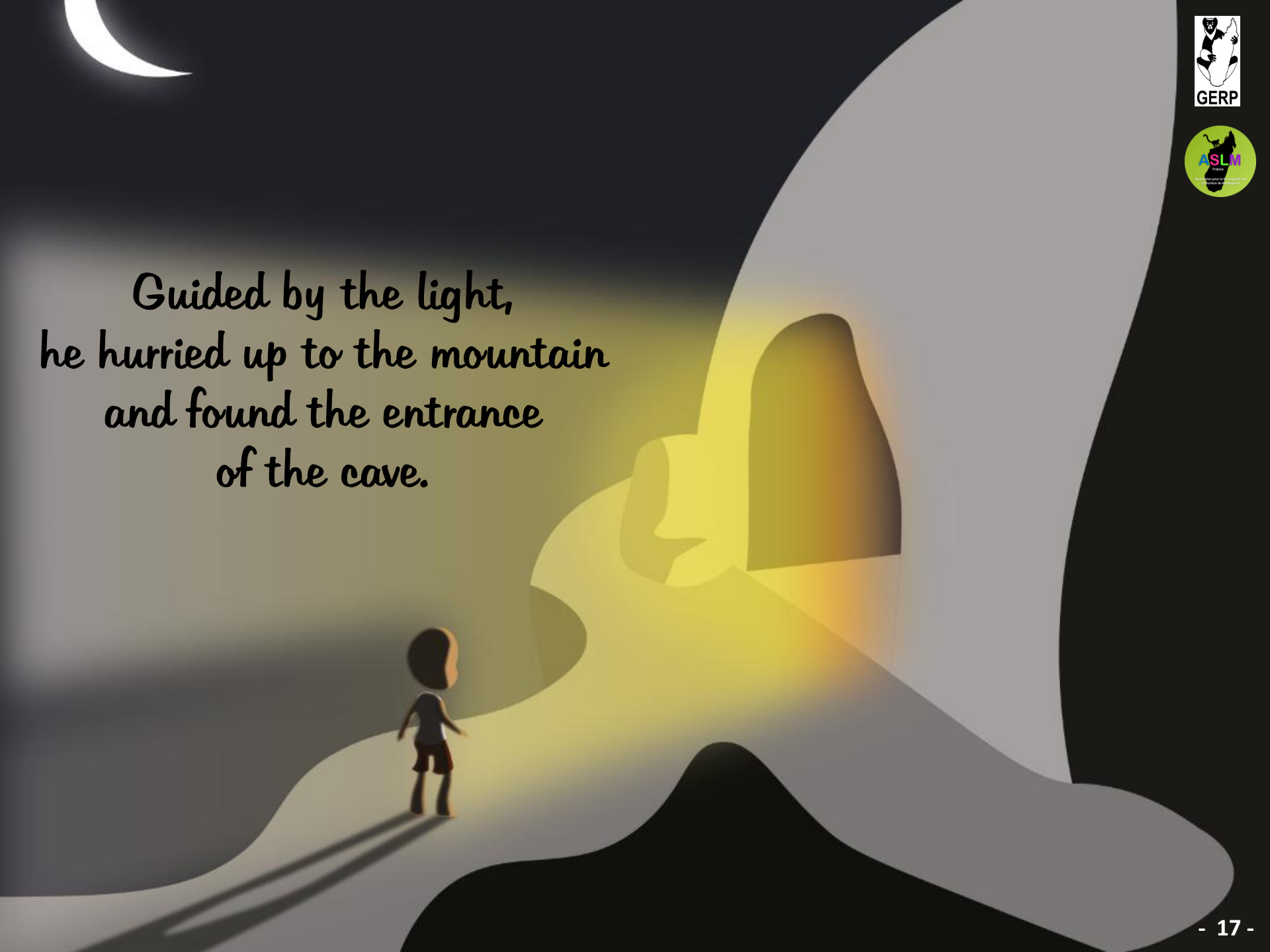
To signal his presence to Andrianina, he made his nose shine.



His nose glowed so bright that light filtered
out of the cave and lit up the sky.



Andrianina saw the light.
He understood that Varijatsy was in danger.



Guided by the light,
he hurried up to the mountain
and found the entrance
of the cave.

He entered and found his friend surrounded by his family.



He delivered them and they hurried out of the cave.



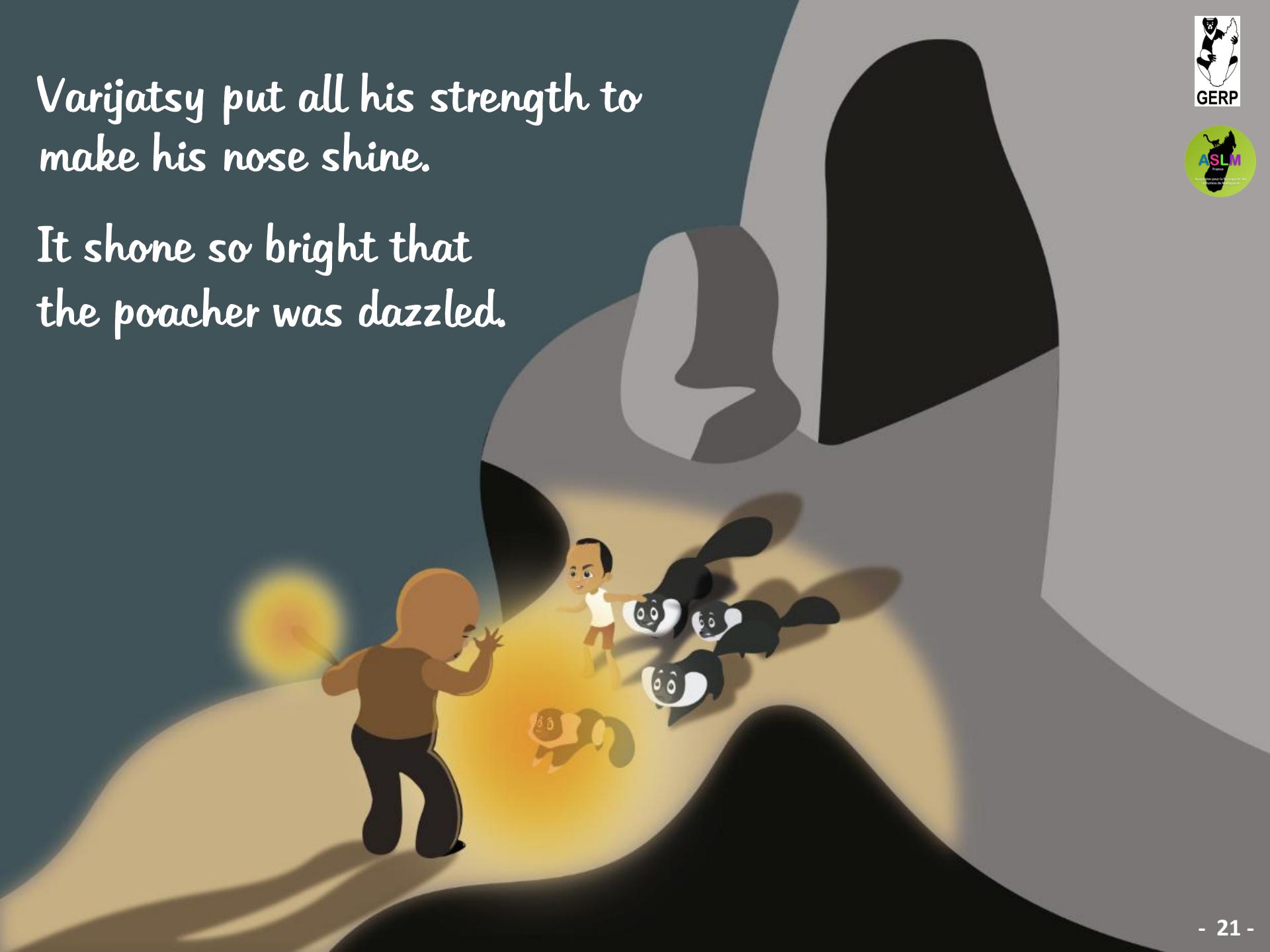
The poacher had also seen the light and he had come immediately.



He appeared
in front of them very angrily.

Varijatsy put all his strength to
make his nose shine.

It shone so bright that
the poacher was dazzled.



He lost his balance and
fell on the side of the mountain.
He begged them to help him.



With the help of Varijatsy and his family, Andrianina rescued the poacher.



To thank them for saving his life, he promised them that he would never capture the lemurs again and help Andrianina's daddy to protect them.



As for Varijatsy, he found his mother's arms and
no one laughed at his nose anymore.

Indeed, thanks to his courage, Varijatsy had saved them all.



***Protecting Madagascar's biodiversity for future generations
requires knowledge of the Malagasy flora and fauna.***



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**Lemurs are unique animals in the world because
they only live in Madagascar.**

**Despite the ban, poachers capture them and sell them as bushmeat or as pets.
This accelerates their extinction.**

**Lemurs are important to the general population.
By capturing lemurs, these poachers deprive the population of their wealth.**

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