The Mahabharatham for Little Listeners

A Colourful Read-Aloud Journey
of Choices, Courage and Compassion

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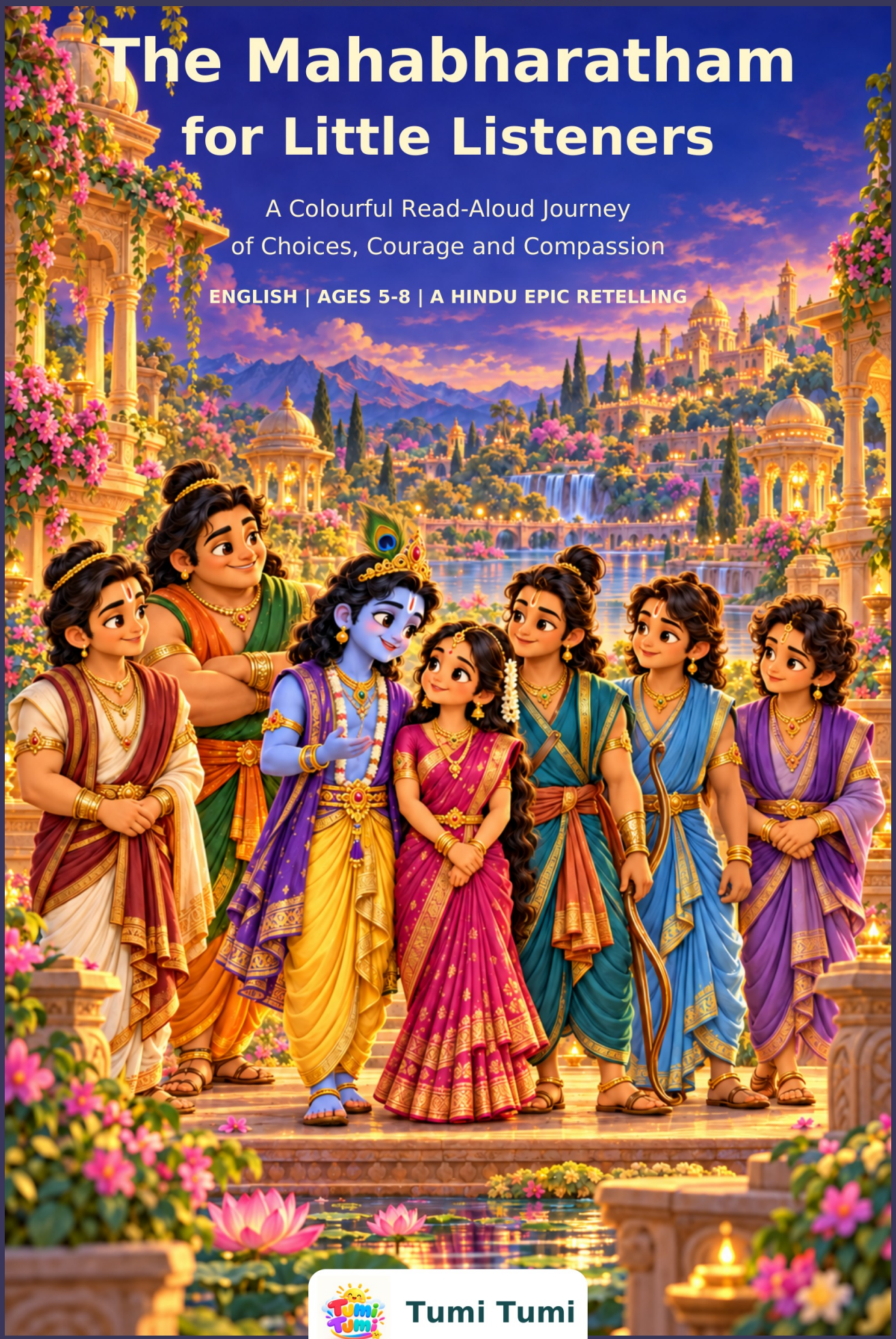

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Cousins of Hastinapura



In the city of Hastinapura, two groups of cousins grew up in one royal family. They shared teachers, courtyards and a kingdom whose future would become a difficult question.

CHAPTER 01 | THE STORY CONTINUES

Cousins of Hastinapura

Five brothers were called the Pandavas: Yudhishthira, Bhima, Arjuna, Nakula and Sahadeva. After their father Pandu died, Kunti brought them to the family home. The younger twins had also lost their mother, Madri.

Their uncle Dhritarashtra was king. He and Queen Gandhari had many sons, including Duryodhana. These cousins were called the Kauravas in the story. Bhishma, an older family member, watched over the princes as they grew.

The children learned and played, but their feelings were not always peaceful. Bhima was strong. Arjuna was skilful. Duryodhana worried about the place he would have when the cousins became grown-ups.

A large palace could hold many rooms and still have too little room for jealousy. Small quarrels began to grow. The family would need more than cleverness or strength to keep everyone safe.

LET'S THINK TOGETHER

What helps children feel included when several people share a place?