





Under My Bed / मेरे पलंग के नीचे

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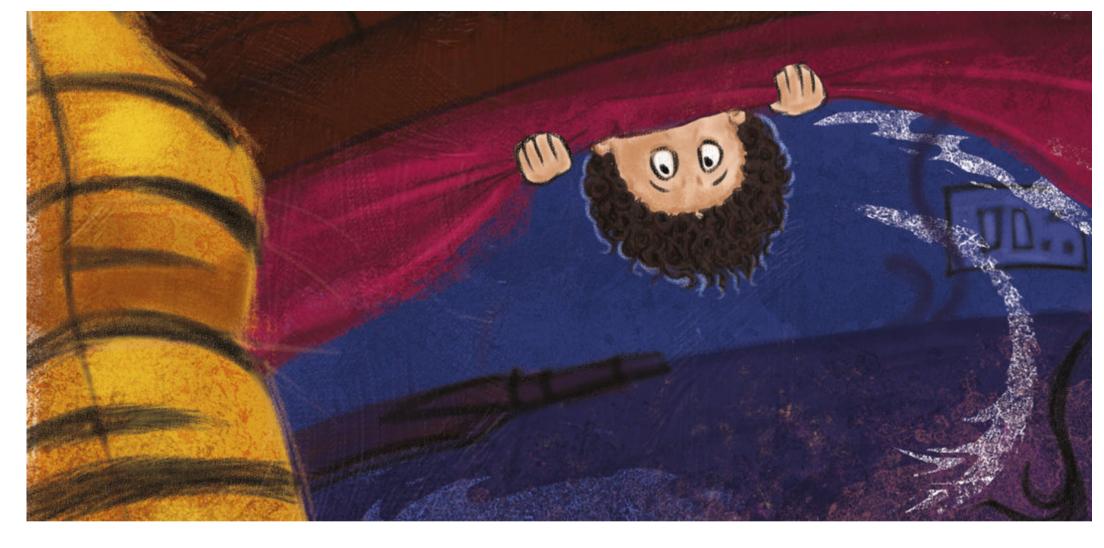
I wake up at night feeling thirsty. I want to get some water. I start looking for my slippers under the bed.

मेरी आँख खुली। मुझे प्यास लगी थी। पानी लाने के लिए मैंने अपनी चप्पल ढूँढी।



Oh my God! There is a tiger under my bed.

हाय! मेरे पलंग के नीचे शेर है!



Now what should I do?

अब क्या करूँ?



Should I call Ma? What if the tiger roars?

माँ को बुलाऊँ? कहीं शेर दहाड़ने लगा तो?



Should I just go back to sleep? But I am not sleepy any more.

फिर से सो जाऊँ? मगर नींद नहीं आती।



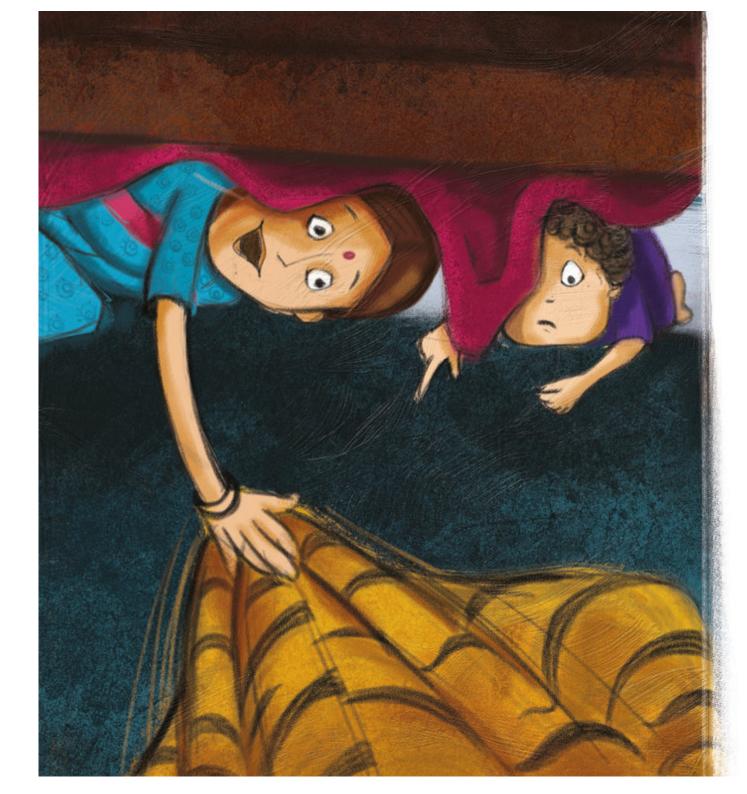
Then someone turns on the light. Ma is standing at the door.

अचानक किसी ने बत्ती जलाई। दरवाज़े पर माँ खड़ी हैं।



"What happened dear?" "Did you call me?" asks Ma.

"क्या बात है बेटा?" माँ कहती हैं। "मुझे बुलाया था?"



I point towards the tiger. Ma bends and pulls the tiger out from under the bed!

मैं शेर की ओर इशारा करता हूँ। माँ झुकती हैं और शेर को खींचकर बाहर निकालती हैं।



Hey, this is no tiger. This is my thick yellow and black sweater. Its buttons shine like a tiger's eyes.

अरे! कोई शेर-वेर नहीं है! यह तो मेरा मोटा पीला-काला स्वेटर है। इसके बटन शेर की आँखों की तरह चमकते हैं।



I got scared for nothing! Ma gets me some water.

मैं तो ऐसे ही डर गया! माँ मुझे पानी पिलाती हैं।



Now I will sleep. And dream about real tigers in a jungle!

अब मैं सो जाऊँगा। जंगल में असली शेरों के सपने जो देखने हैं!



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(English-Hindi)

Sometimes strange things lurk under my bed. Would you like to know what I found the other night? / कभी मेरे पलंग के नीचे क्या कुछ नहीं छिप के बैठा रहता है! क्या आप जानना चाहेंगे कि पिछली रात को मुझे वहाँ कौन मिला?

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