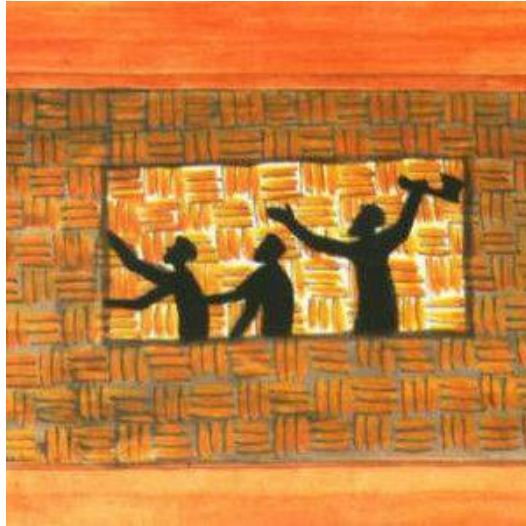


A Terrible Night - SL



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”Help!”, I screamed. Then, “Oh gosh. What a relief I had just woken from a nightmare and was lying alone in my room. My clock said 1:00am. I closed my eyes and tried to sleep

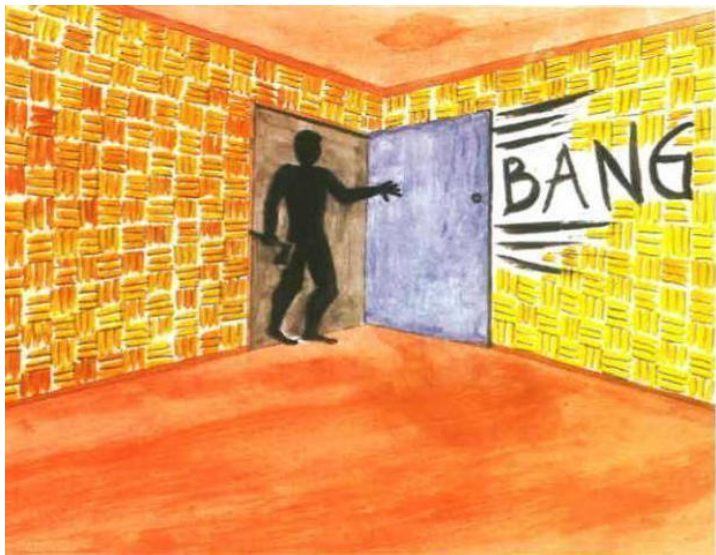




Suddenly there was a loud BANG! I almost jumped out of bed. Shadows started moving across my wall.

"Oh, please help me," I thought. "Some masalai is out





A shadow came on the wall again, crouched, ready to spring on me. I heard the gritting of teeth, and a voice, "Wait till I catch you!" "Aaaaaahhh" I screamed. But it





"Help! Help" I shouted with all my might. I closed my eyes.

Then it grabbed me. It shook my shoulder. "Esi! Esi! Wake up! It's only a dream!"



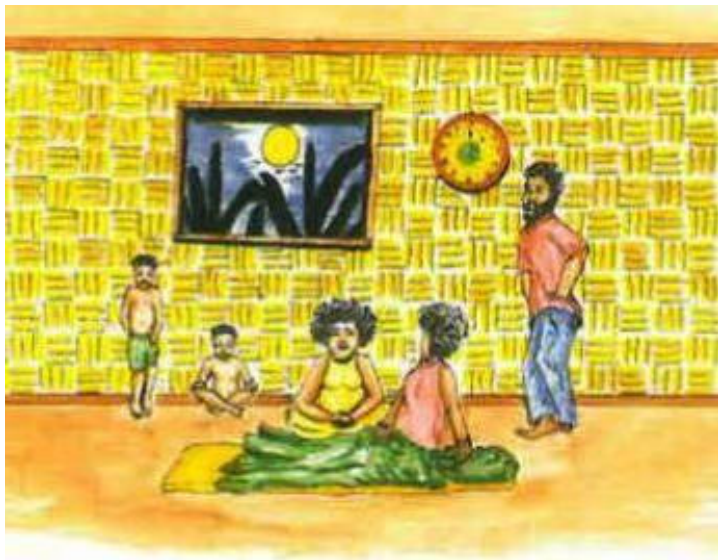
My mum and my brothers came in.
"What's wrong?" my mother asked.

"I heard a voice and saw shadows on
the wall. A masalai was trying to
get me. It said it was going to catch
me."

"And when I came in with the axe,
you thought I was the masalai," said
Dad.

"Yes," I said, "but" ... My brothers
started laughing.





I pointed at the wall and laughed. The moon had come out from behind a cloud and the shadows of the banana trees waved their arms like masalai.





Mum went and blew on the embers of the kitchen fire and quickly made us all a cup of tea. And then I really did go back to sleep.



Check Your Understanding

1) Why did Esi wake up?

- a) She was cold
- b) She wasn't tired
- c) She had a nightmare
- d) Her room was quiet

Check Your Understanding

2) What was dancing across Esi's wall?

- a) Rats
- b) Banana leaves
- c) Shadows
- d) The wind

Check Your Understanding

3) Had Esi and her family lived in their house for a long time?
How do you know?

Check Your Understanding

4) Who did Esi think was the masalai?

Check Your Understanding

5) Why did Esi's dad have an axe in his hand?

Check Your Understanding

6) Was there a clear night's sky? How do you know?

Check Your Understanding

7) How did Esi feel after she had a cup of tea? How do you know?

Check Your Understanding

8) Have you ever had a nightmare or a dream? Write a short story about a dream or nightmare you've had.

Secretary's Message

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