



Nadhah Saves the Day

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Nadhah is a real person. This story is a fiction. The story was created around this delightful Malaysian school girl. Most of the illustrations are by the author, using an iPad app called Wasabi Paint. The lovely village illustration is by Nadhah.

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It was getting harder to breathe. The lady in the burning building was calling.

As she clung on tight to the window ledge, she wished she knew how to shoot webs from her hands like Spiderman.



She was clinging to the side of the burning building.



She fell asleep in her mother's favourite chair.

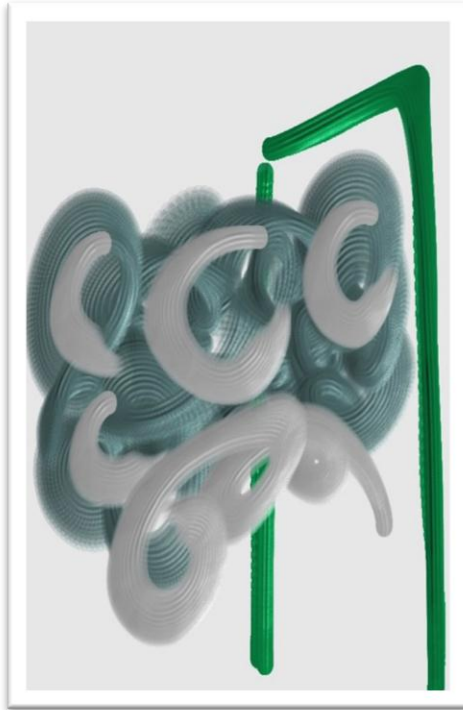
The woman was calling her name, she must save her. Her hands were cramping from holding on so tight, and the smoke made her cough.

Coughing woke her up ...

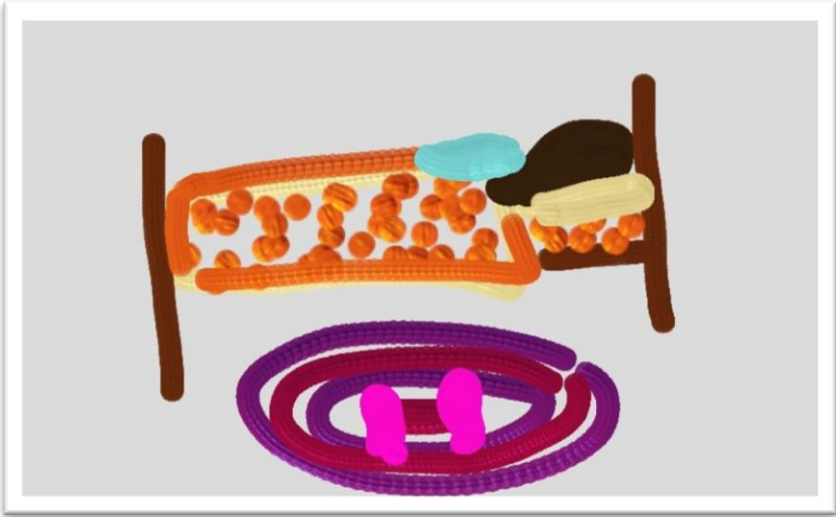
Oh! It was all a dream!

She was sitting in her mother's favourite chair, holding tight to the arm rests.

Smoke was pouring through the kitchen door. That was why she had that dream.



Smoke was pouring out of the kitchen.



Her mother was sick in bed.

Her mother was sick in bed, and was calling her name.

And poor Nadhah was so tired. She had already done her usual chores. But now that Mum was sick she had so much more to do.

Every day she had to sort and fold all of the clean clothes.



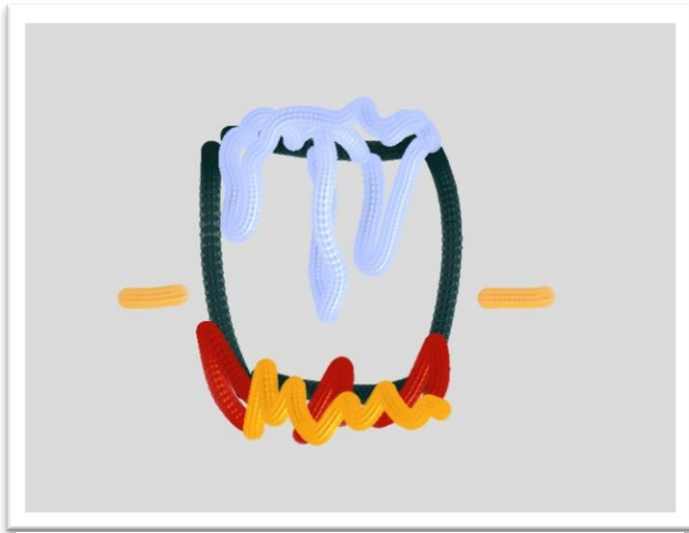
She had to sort and fold the clothes.

There were always so many clothes, and it took so long to do.

She had to sweep the floors, and clean the kitchen.

And today Mum had asked her to cook the rice.

It wasn't difficult. She put the rice on to cook ...



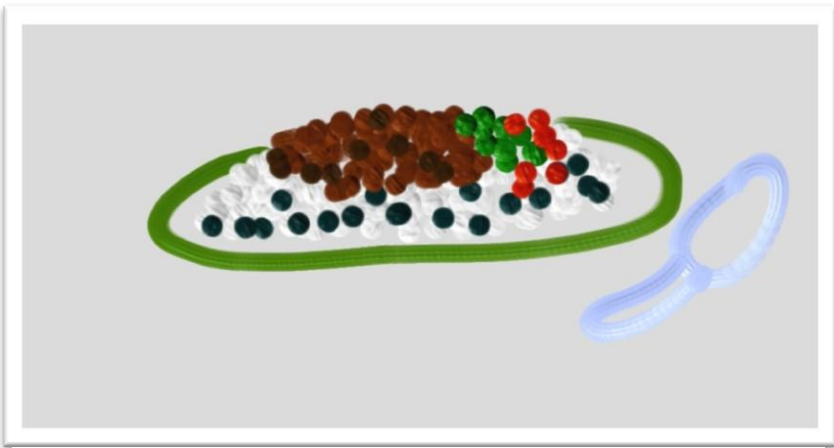
She put the rice on to cook.

... and sat down for a little rest.

Then, of course, she fell asleep, and the rice burnt!

Her Mum was calling her, and she didn't sound pleased.

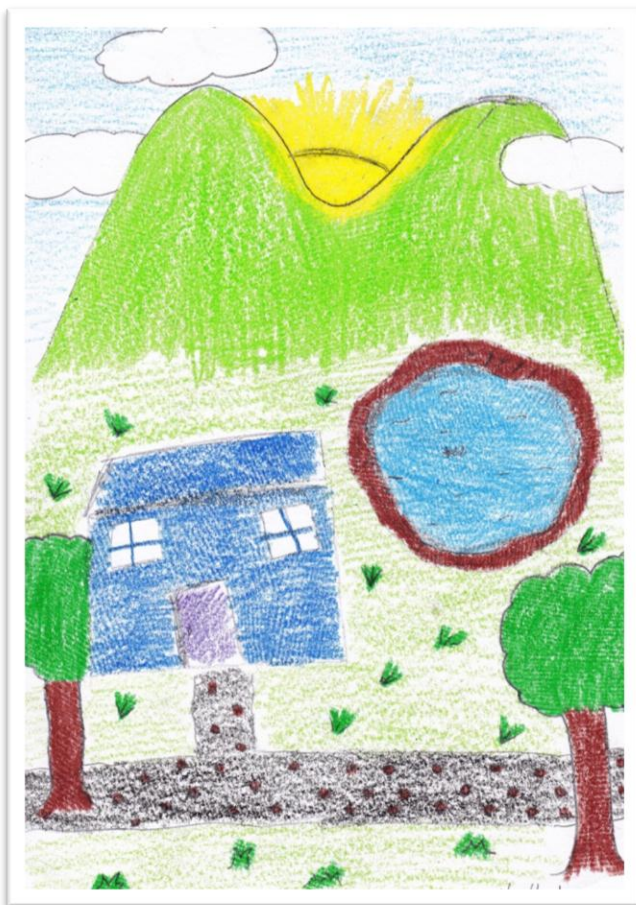
"I'm coming, Mum," she said as she hurried into the kitchen to stop the rice burning.



Nadhah cooked dinner for the family.

Very soon she had put a meal on the table for everyone in the family.

The next day was the weekend. Nadhah went to her grandparents' village with her whole family for a relaxing day.



Grandparents' house