

The Rain and it's Muddle

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a woman with short purple hair and glasses, wearing a black blazer and skirt, running through a heavy rain. She is carrying a brown briefcase. The background features a cityscape with various buildings, a large green tree, and a body of water with a red boat. The rain is depicted as numerous blue diagonal streaks across the entire scene.

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DEDICATION PAGE

Dedicated to Kevin and Evelyn.

Rain trickled down the tall buildings in the city, lightning dancing across the sky. Victoria sprinted through the hustling park, which was full of citizens trying to escape the unexpected rain.



BANG

'Bang!' went the house door as Victoria slammed it, rushing to change into some dry clothes.



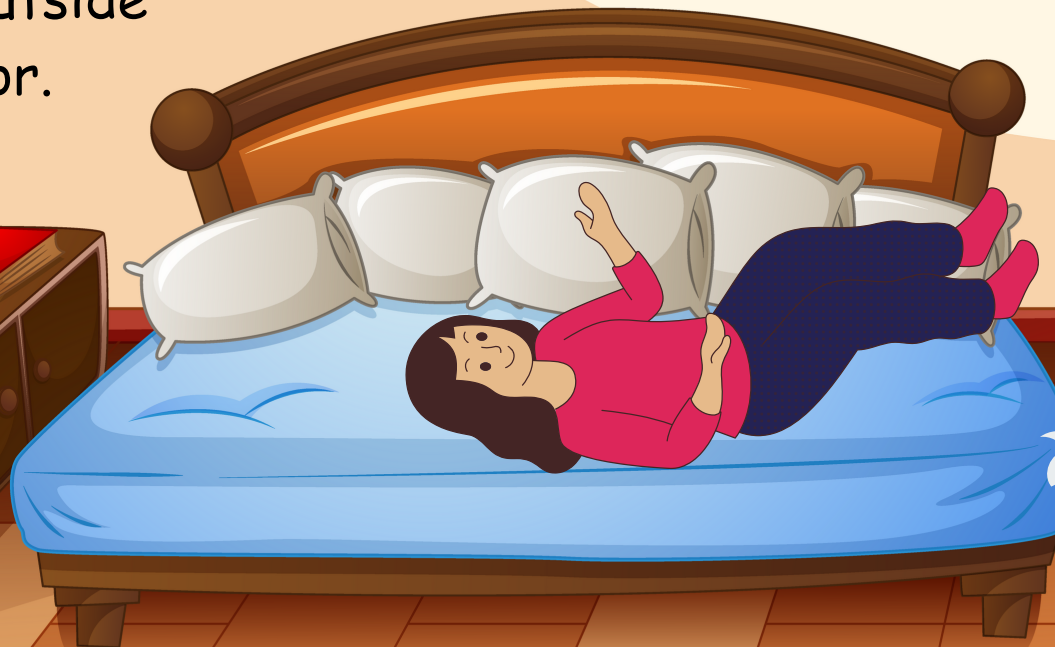
Victoria watched
from her window
as rain poured
down the city of
Shellford.



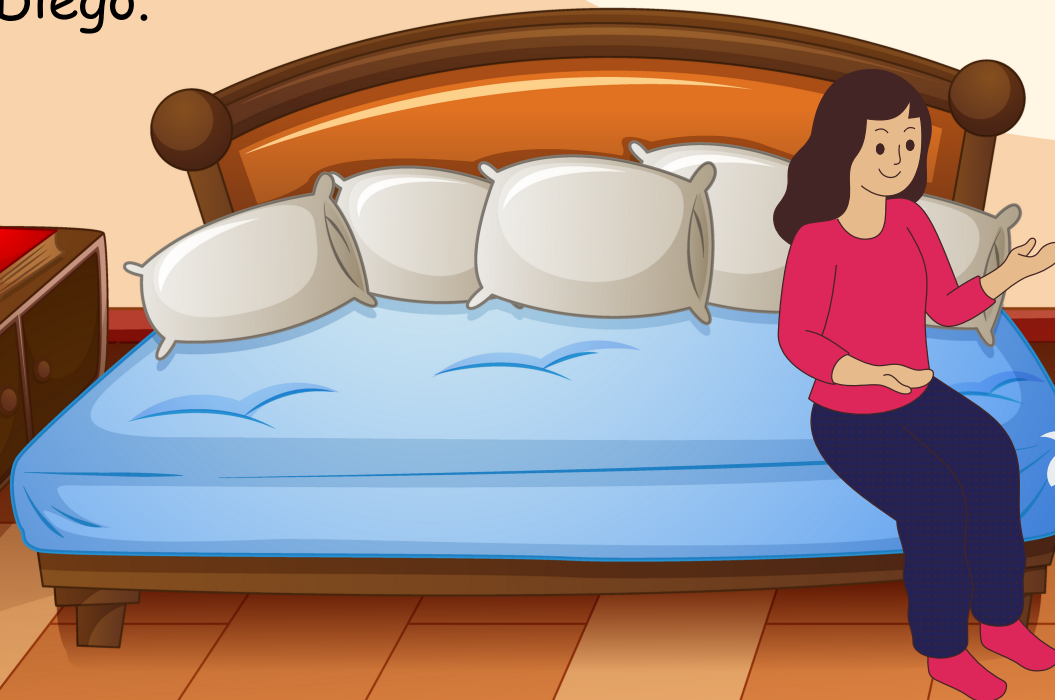
Victoria opened her phone to see if her mom had checked-in on her, to no avail! She tried texting her mom, only to notice there was no cell service!



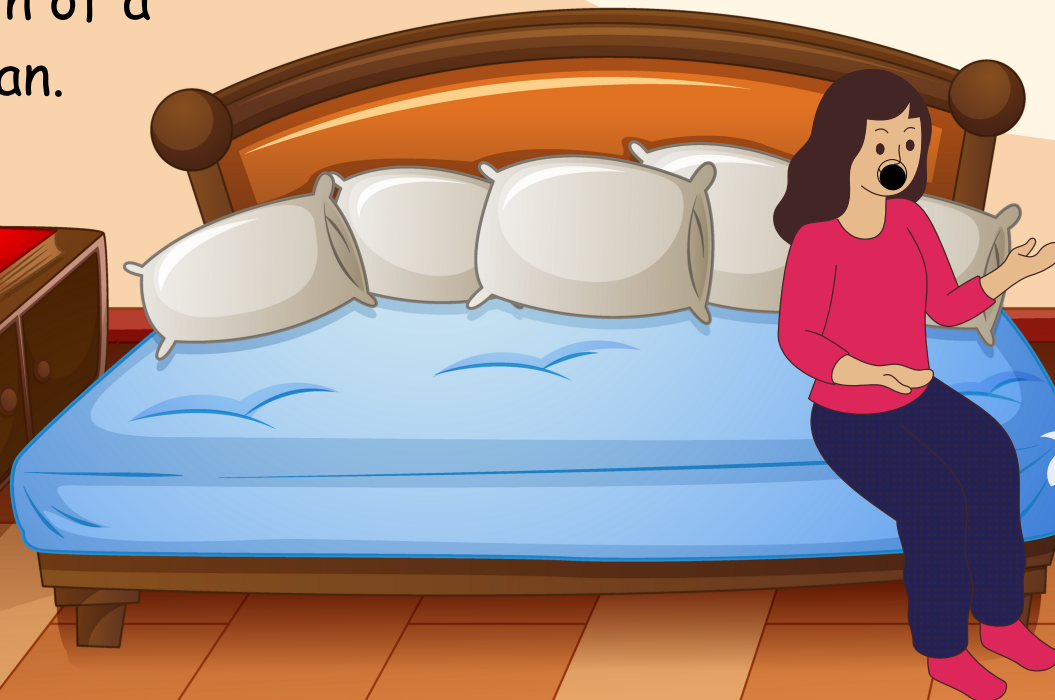
Frustrated,
Victoria flopped
onto her bed. Not
long after, she
heard someone
knocking outside
her door.



The door opened,
and Victoria saw
4 muddy paws
walk into the
room. It was her
pet dog, Diego.



Diego crawled into the room, bringing mud with him, Victoria's white carpet now looked like the skin of a dalmatian.



Victoria screamed
as she saw her
carpet. Aria, the
housemaid, arrived
as swift as a
cheetah on hearing
her scream.



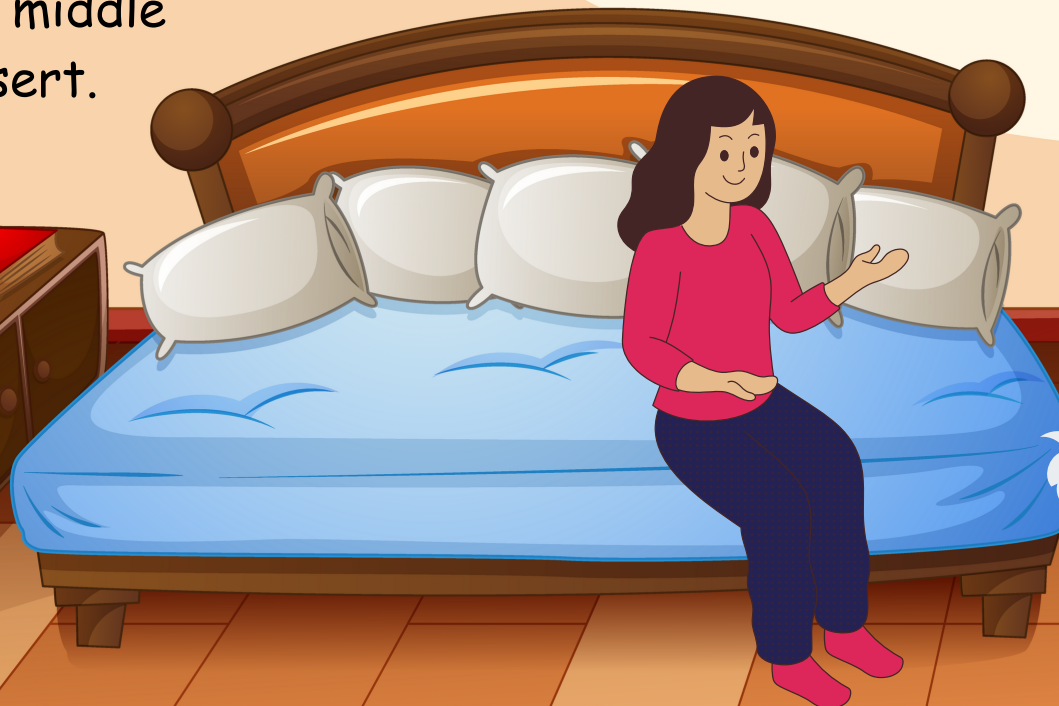
AHH!



Aria picked up Diego to give him a bath, just as her phone rang. Aria proceeded to receive the worst news she'd heard on this already terrible day.



Aria's brother,
Aaron, was nowhere
to be found in the
heavy rain! This
piece of news made
Aria feel more
hopeless than a
fish in the middle
of a desert.



Aria begged Victoria for help, however Victoria replied that she didn't care. Aria decided she had to take matters into her own hands.



I don't care about your brother.



Aria left the house to go search for
brother, feeling as dogged as a
detective on a case.



She searched...



and searched...



and searched.



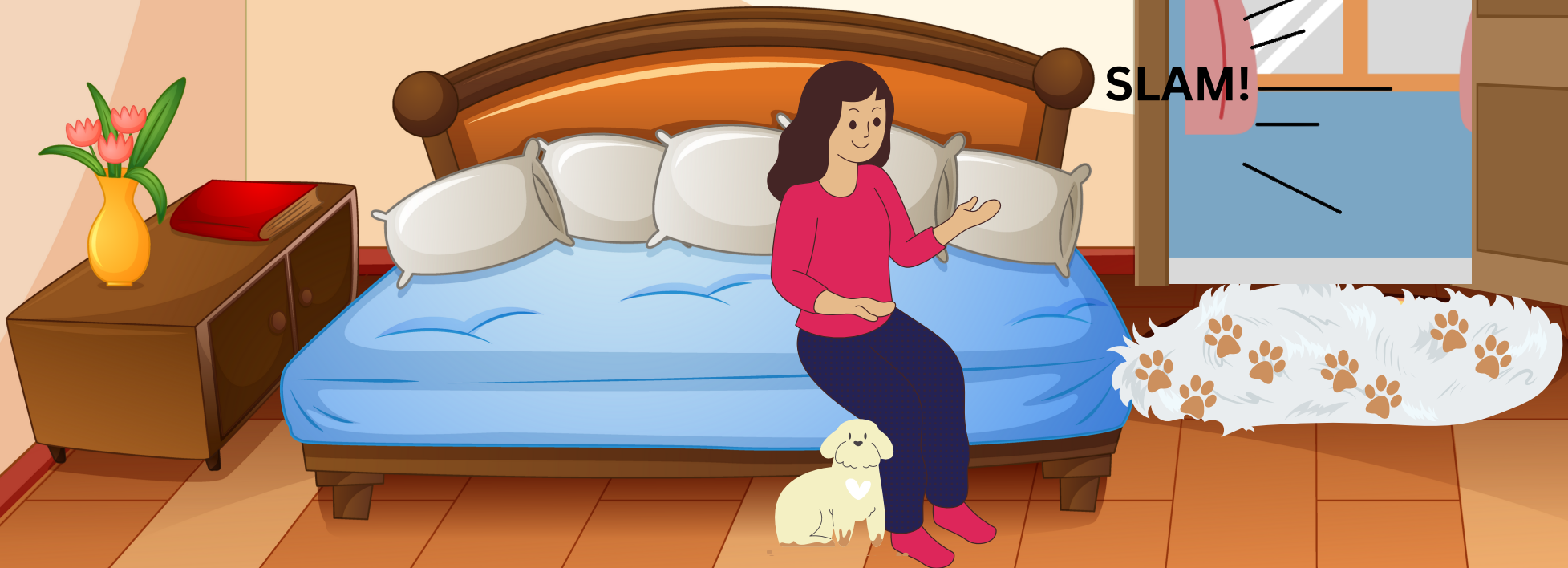
Meanwhile, Diego sensed that things were not right. He nudged Victoria's leg, his way of telling her she had done something wrong, and that she had to fix things.



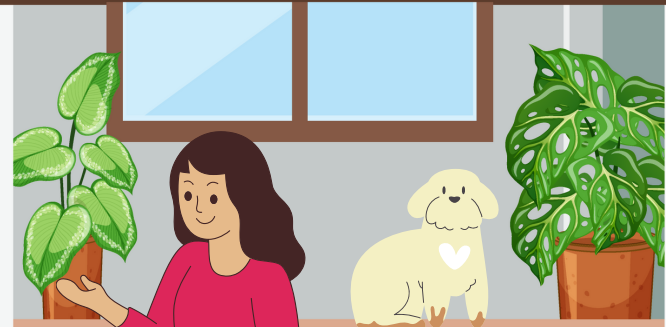
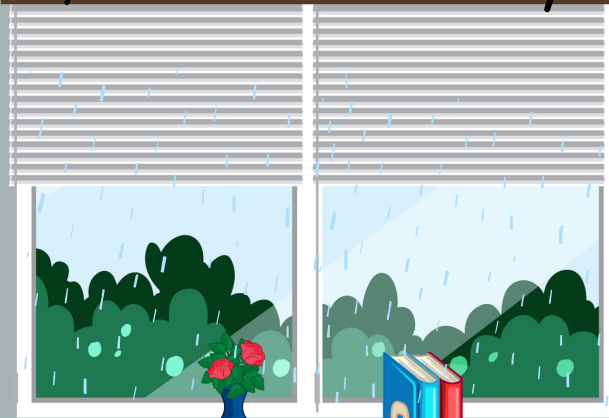
What, Diego?



Just as Victoria
was about to
contradict Diego,
they heard the
front door slam
shut. Aria had
returned!



Victoria went downstairs to ask Aria if she found her brother. When she came down, she saw Aria crying.



In a change of heart, Victoria went to comfort Aria. She promised Aria that she would find her brother as soon as the weather had cleared.

I will find your brother, Aria



The following day, Victoria searched harder than a dog searching for a bone. She searched for hours, until she thought of checking the coffee shop Aaron (Aria's brother) worked in.

Where are you, Aaron?



Victoria attempted to open the door of the coffee shop, but it wouldn't budge. Just as she was about to give up, the door opened.





Inside was Aaron!

He had accidentally locked himself inside the coffee shop, and wasn't able to call anyone as there was no cell service.

Aaron!

Victoria brought Aaron back to Aria, and Aria thanked her immensely. Victoria felt good after helping Aria and made a vow to always value the feelings of others from now on.

Aria!

Aaron!



ABOUT THE AUTHOR



My name is Diya and I am from India.

In my spare time, I enjoy dancing, listening to music and reading books.

I was inspired to write this book about a valuable lesson I had learned in life, to value other people and their feelings.

I hope to spread a good message, and that my book will inspire kids around the world to be a better person, for themselves and for the world.

I dream of a world where everyone is treated equally, and where everyone's voice is heard. I dream of a world which future generations would love to live in.

'The Rain and it's Muddle' tells the story of Victoria, a school-going girl who learns to value other people's feelings. When Victoria's housemaid, Aria's brother goes missing in the unprecedented rain, it's up to Victoria to decide if she will help Aria, or if she will leave Aria on her own. Tag along with Victoria to see if Aria's brother is found.

