

The Snow Leopard, the Yeti and the Girl Who Climbed Mount Everest



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Little snow leopard was out exploring the mountains in his home country of Nepal.



Down the mountainside snow leopard could see a school with children outside playing. It must be the first day of school, thought snow leopard. He was so happy to see the children. Perhaps they would play him with him.



Suddenly, snow leopard was startled by a noise!

“Who is there” cried snow leopard cowering as a large shadow appeared over him.

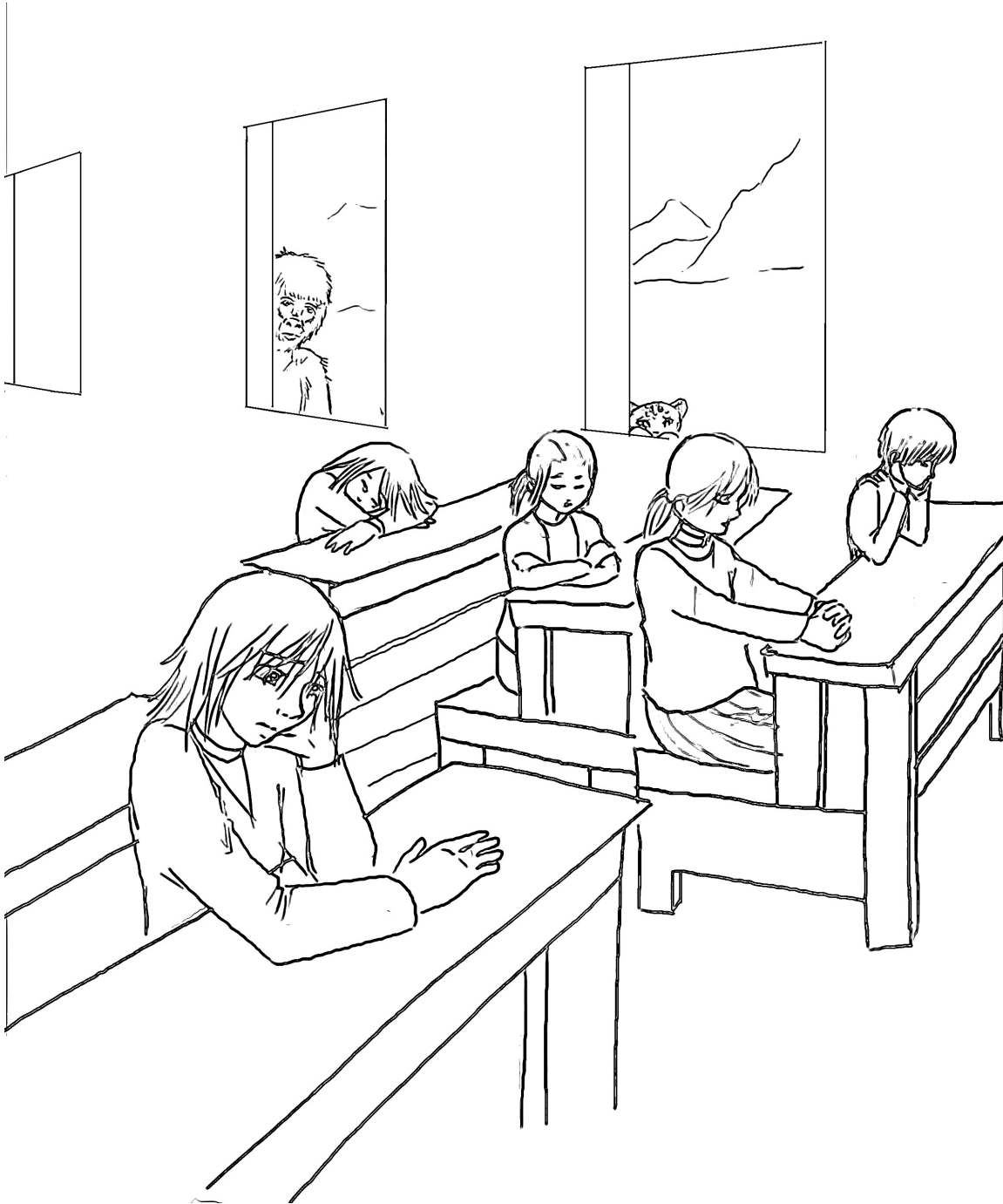
“Don’t be afraid. I won’t hurt you” said a large creature. “I am the Yeti. Some people call me the abominable snowman.”



Snow leopard noticed the yeti was carrying a large box.

“What is in the box” asked snow leopard.

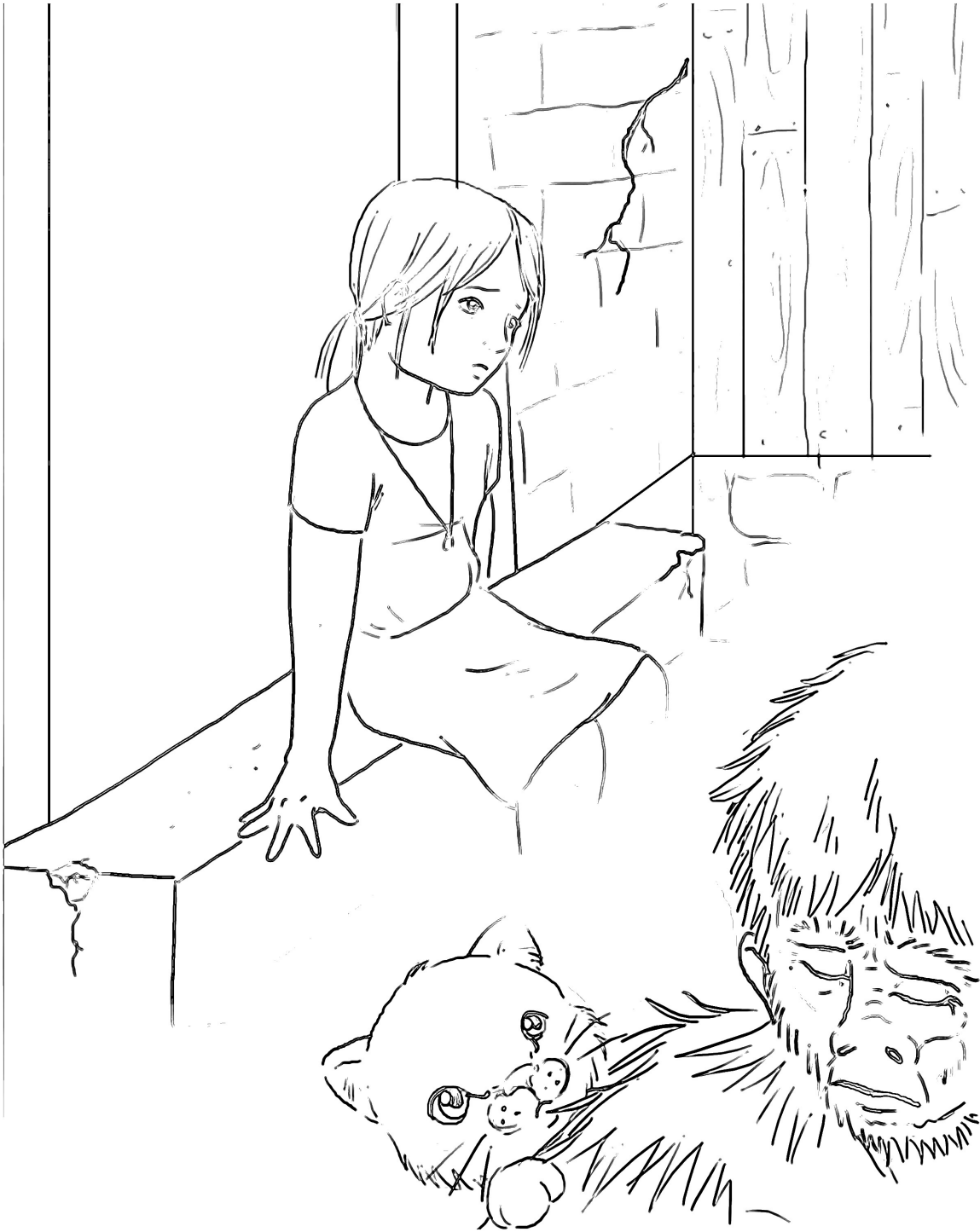
“I am helping bring some food for the children at the school” said the yeti proudly. Snow leopard listened as the Yeti explained that he was helping the United Nations World Food Programme provide meals for the school kids.



The Yeti explained “Lots of children in Nepal do not get enough to eat. There was a war in the country and also some natural disasters that made it hard for people to make and get food. The children go hungry and they go to school on an empty stomach. Some cannot even make it to school.

“That is so sad to be hungry” said snow leopard.

It is, said the Yeti. That is why I help deliver this food.



Yeti sat down next to snow leopard and told him a story about a little girl was in one of the schools in Nepal a few years ago. “Her name is Nimdoma Sherpa,” said the Yeti.



Having meals at school helped Nimdoma to grow and learn. Yeti continued his story saying, “The meals at school helped her so much that today she is so strong and talented she is going on a mission to climb Mount Everest.” “Wow” said snow leopard. “My parents told me about that mountain. It is the highest in the world.”



“It is” said the yeti. Very few people have climbed that mountain. Nimdoma would not be the strong climber she is today without the meals that the World Food Programme gave at her school.

“Meet me here tomorrow,” said the Yeti getting up to leave and make his delivery of food to the school. “We will go watch Nimdoma and her team of climbers go up to the top of Mount Everest.”

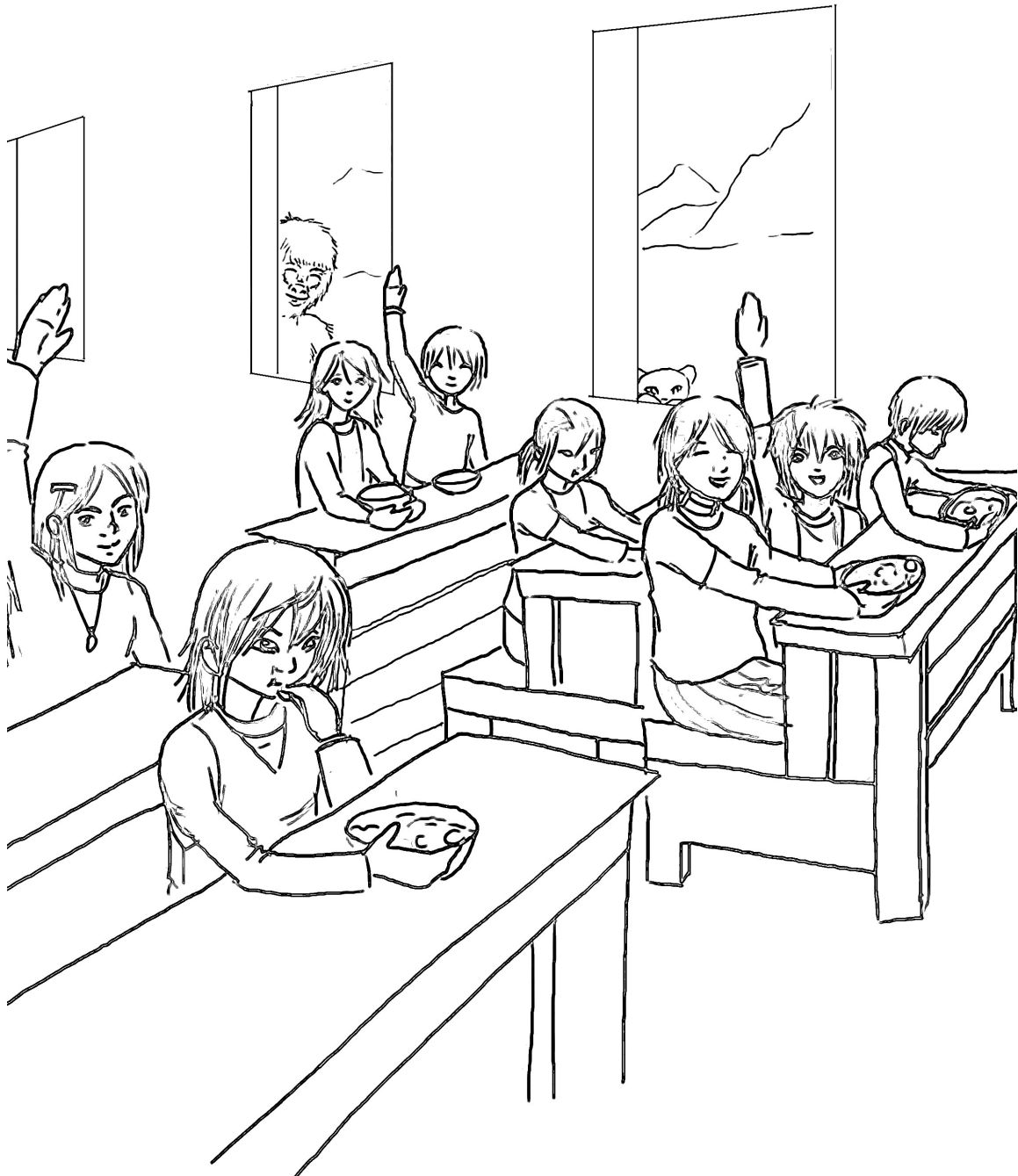
“Bye” said snow leopard rushing home to tell his parents about his exciting day.



The next day The Yeti and snow leopard, staying hidden, followed Nimdoma and her team of climbers up the mountain. It was a difficult climb and sometimes the weather would be very harsh.



When Nimdoma and her team reached the top of the mountain they were overjoyed. Yeti and the snow leopard were excited too, watching from a distance. Nimdoma and her team posed for photographs at the summit, or top of the mountain. They held a sign that said “Fill the cup” which is the title of the World Food Programme’s mission to give every child a school meal.



The Yeti and Snow leopard helped to make sure children in Nepal get school lunches. Lunches at school makes the kids hunger go away at least for a while. Then they can learn and have fun. But sadly not everyone in Nepal or other countries can get them.



Help Nimdoma, Yeti and Snow Leopard Fill the Cup for every child in the world. Ask your parents and your teacher about helping all children get the food they need so they do not go hungry.