

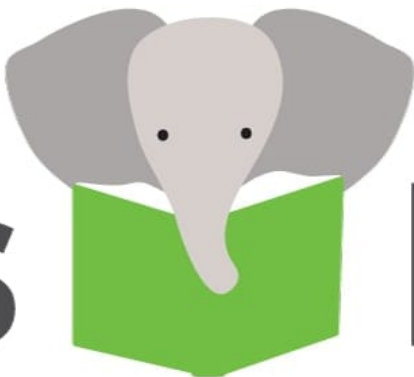


## **The Great Hairy Khyaa**

What lurks under the stairs yet disappears when you turn on the lights? A group of friends encounter the Great Hairy Khyaa. Will they overcome their fear of the darkness?



The Great Hairy Khyaa  
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Who's down there? The Great Hairy Khyaa !



Why are you here? For the feast!



What feast? Lakhamari feast!



Any good? Very good!



Had enough? Never!





No! I am scared to go where it's dark. Ma, is this the khyaa that scares me so? Won't it pounce on us? Won't it pull our legs? Ma, Is this the khyaa that scares me so?



When it stands in the dark, it covers ground and sky Just watching it stretch, makes my temples fry! But it disappears as soon as the lights come on...



It was just here and now it's gone! Ma, is this the khyaa that scares me so?



Where's Rag Ball Khyaa? Where's the Great Hairy one? Nowhere to be seen when light has won!



What kind of khyaa is afraid of light? But what about me, who's such an easy bite?



Ma is this the khyaa that scares me so?



About the Author Durga Lal Shrestha is a famous poet of Nepal Bhasa and Nepali. As a teacher of Nepal Bhasa at Kanya Mandir Higher Secondary School in the 1950s to 70s, he created songs to inspire children to express themselves in their mother tongue. His songs became widely known throughout the Kathmandu Valley and collections of his children's songs have been through over reprints and are still circulated today. About the Illustrator Suman Maharjan is a passionate visual artist, animator, and freelance illustrator from Nepal. He has loved illustrating and children's picture books since a young age, with a passion for 2D character animation. He enjoys working in different medium - in addition to DIY solutions, printmaking and sculpture. Acknowledgments First and foremost we would like to thank the openness with which Durga Lal Shrestha has embraced this project. He

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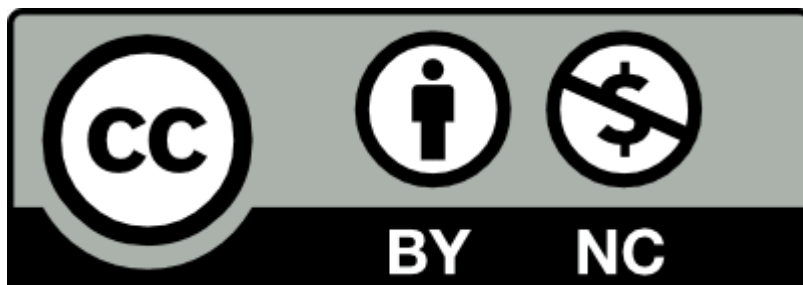
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