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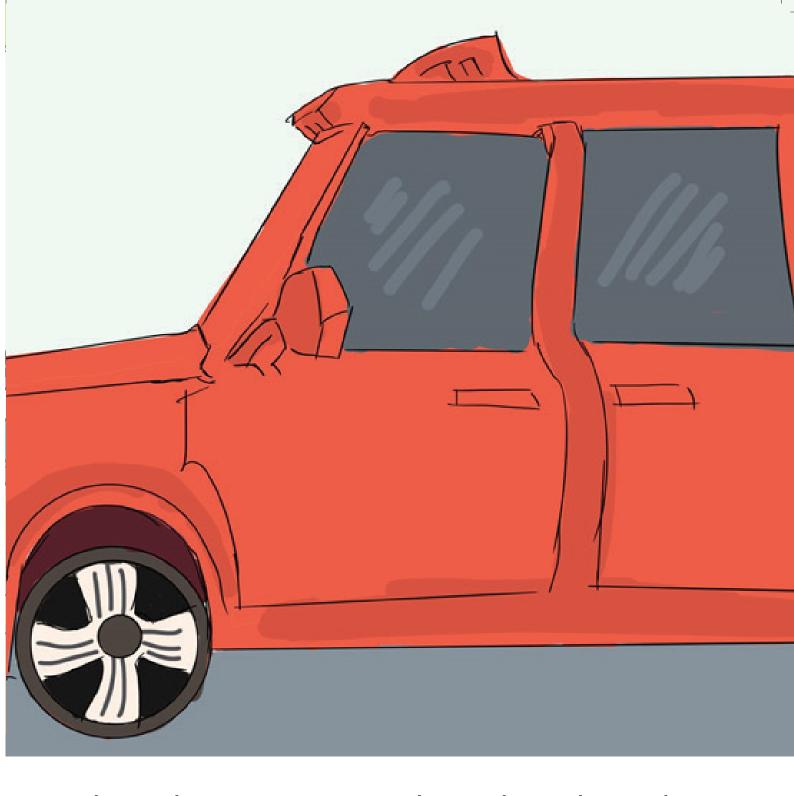
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My name is Angel. I am blind. Yesterday my Mom went to the market while Higiro was in class. Alone, I was bored. I got up and took my white cane to go and meet Mom.



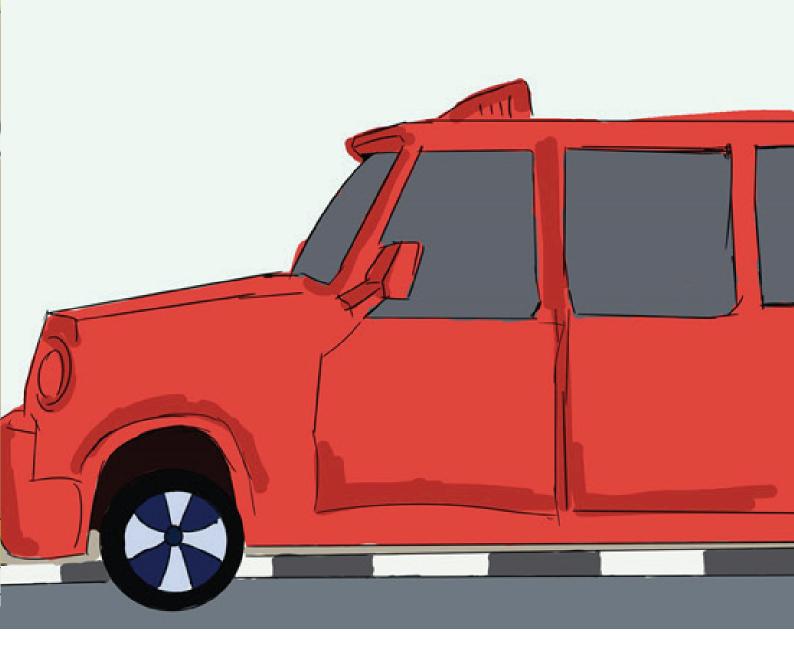
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Along the way, I greeted people to hear their voices so that I could identify Mom's voice. As I went, I could also hear the sounds of cars.

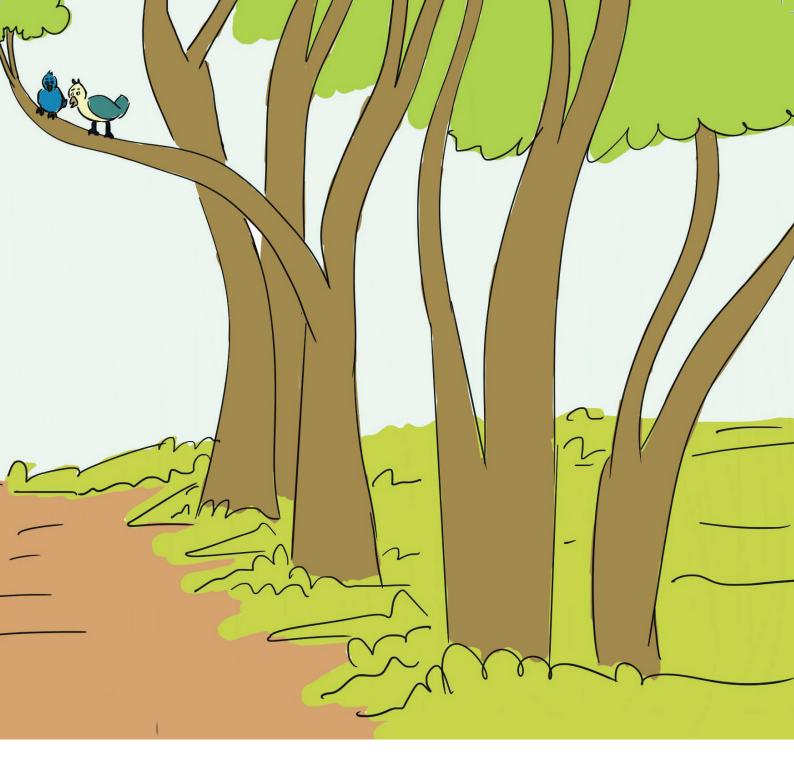


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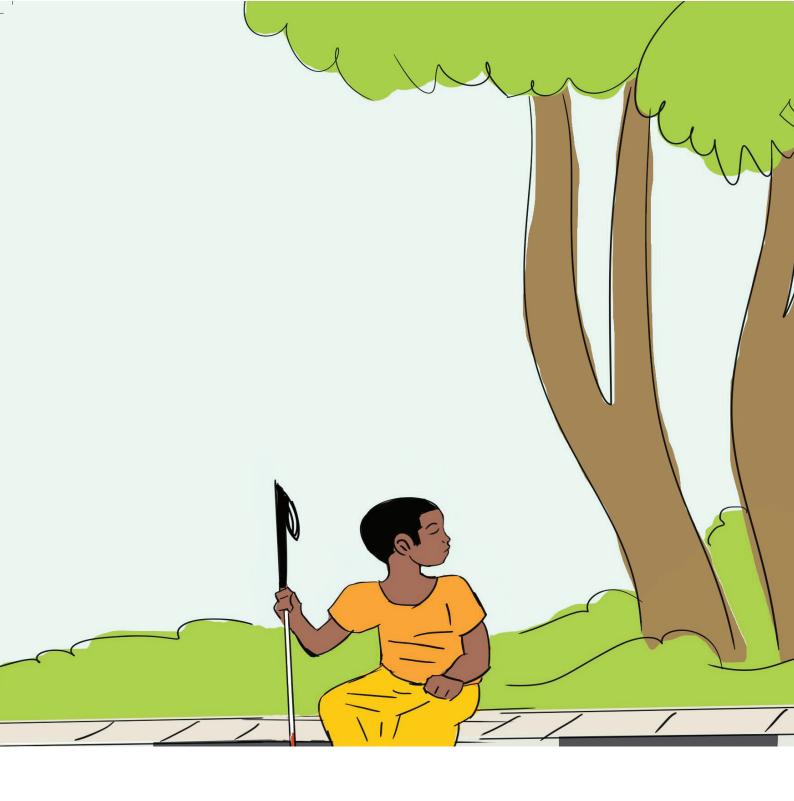


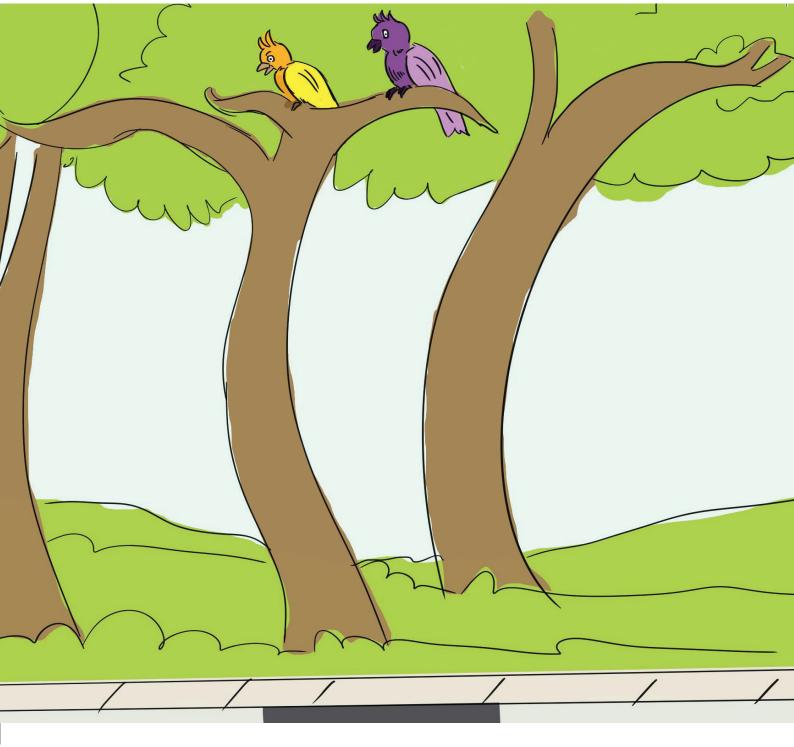
Later on, I heard a horn. I hit something and fell. Then the car stopped, the driver straightened me up and asked me to get in. Since I didn't know where to find Mom, I refused.





As I continued walking, I felt the shade and the freshness. The birds were singing. I didn't see them, but I imagined they were happy. At that moment, I realized that I was far from home in the forest!





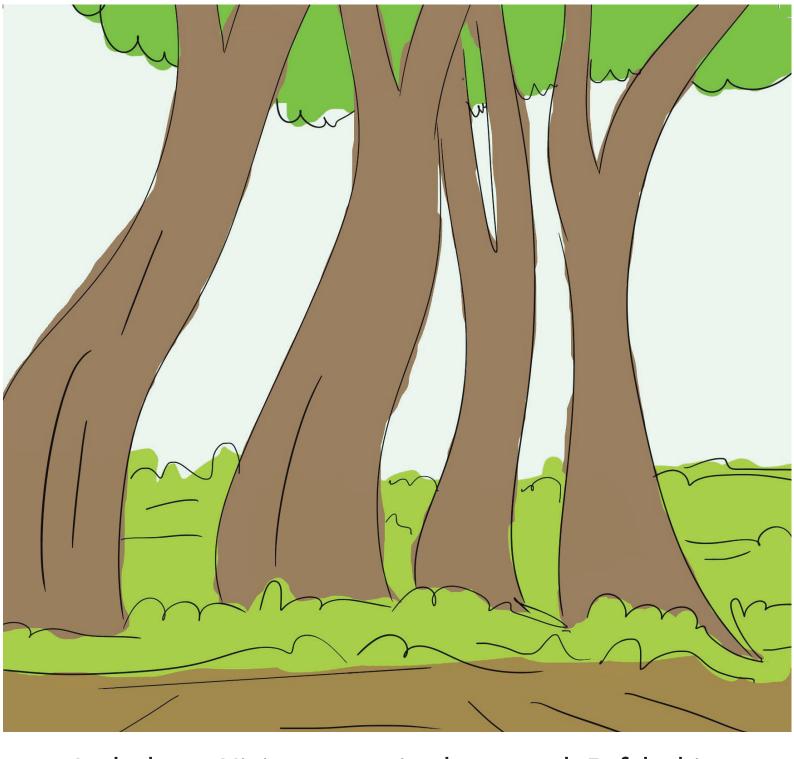
I suddenly heard lightning strike and the wind was whistling. Surely the rain would fall. I was very tired and scared! I sat down. "Which path do you take when you don't know where you are and where you are going?" I wondered.





A few moments later, I heard distant voices. I could tell in which direction people were going. Quickly, I headed towards them, and without delay, I heard other children's voices.





And then, Higiro recognized me and I felt his embrace. "Angel, how did you get here all alone? It's dangerous!" He spoke to me in a tearful voice. Instead of answering, I cried. So he reached out to me and led me home.

