

# **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. He liked to run around in the snow on sunny days.



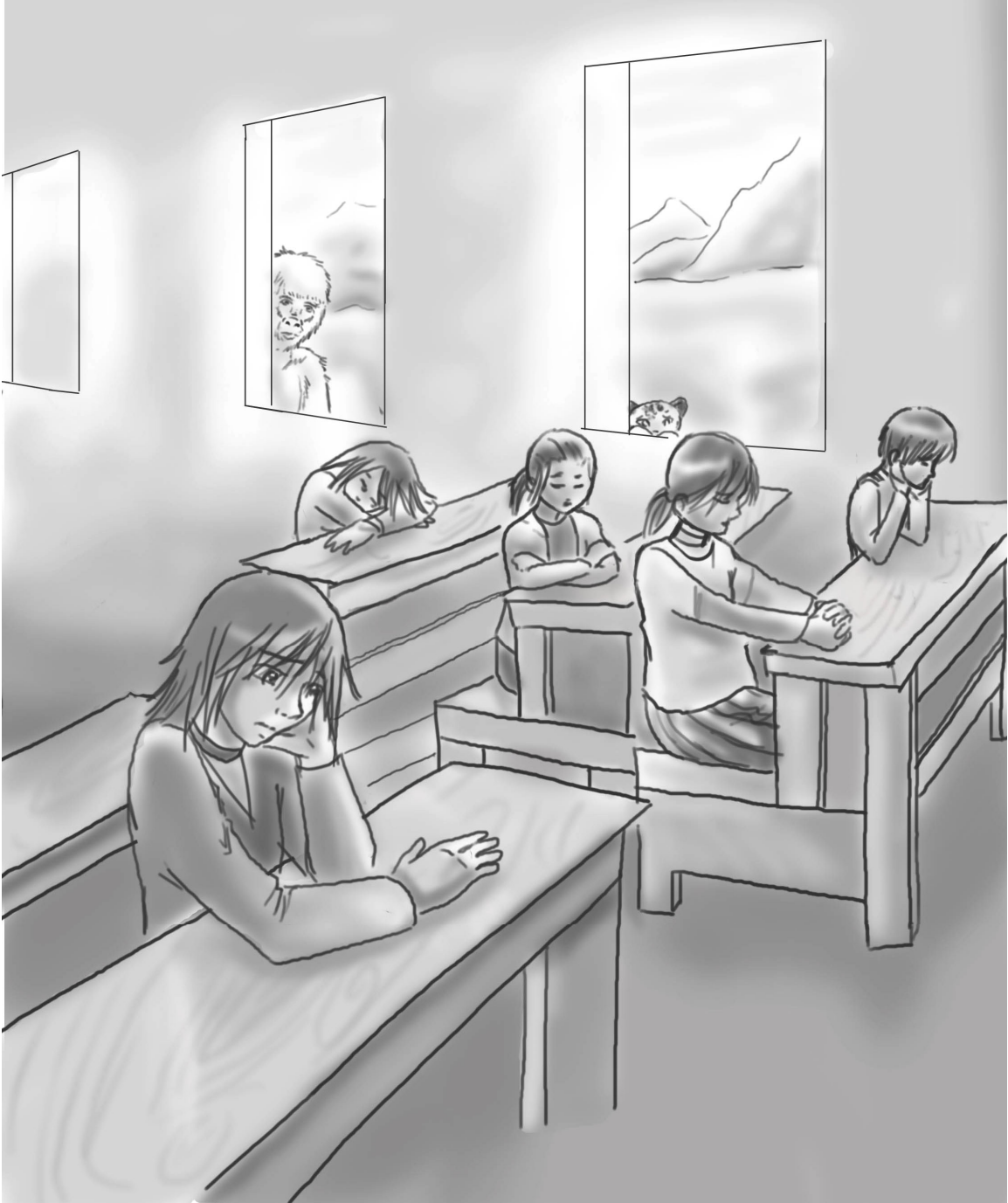
Down the mountainside, Snow Leopard could see a school with children outside playing. It must be the first day of school, thought Snow Leopard. He was so happy to see the children. Perhaps they would play with him.



Suddenly, Snow Leopard was startled by a noise! “Who is there?” he cried, as a large shadow appeared over him. “Don’t be afraid. I won’t hurt you” said a large creature. “I am Yeti. Some people call me the abominable snowman.”



Yeti was carrying a large box. “What is in the box?” Snow Leopard asked. “I am bringing food for the children at the school,” said Yeti proudly. Snow Leopard listened as Yeti explained that he was helping the United Nations World Food Programme provide meals for the school kids.



Yeti explained. “Lots of children in Nepal do not get enough to eat. There was a war in the country and also some very bad weather that made it hard for people to find food. The children go to school with an empty stomach. Some cannot even make it to school. “That is so sad to be hungry” said Snow Leopard. “It is. That is why I help deliver this food,” replied Yeti.



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



Having meals at school helped Nimdoma to grow and to 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 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 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 Yeti and Snow Leopard, staying hidden, followed Nimdoma and her team of climbers up the mountain. It was a difficult climb and the weather was cold and windy. Would she make it to the top?



When Nimdoma and her team reached the top of Mount Everest, they were overjoyed. Yeti and the Snow Leopard were excited too, watching from a distance. The team posed for photographs. 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 children in Nepal are happy at school when lunch time comes. They do good school work when they are well-fed, and they feel better too. Yeti and Snow Leopard are so glad they helped 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.