



## Get Well Soon!

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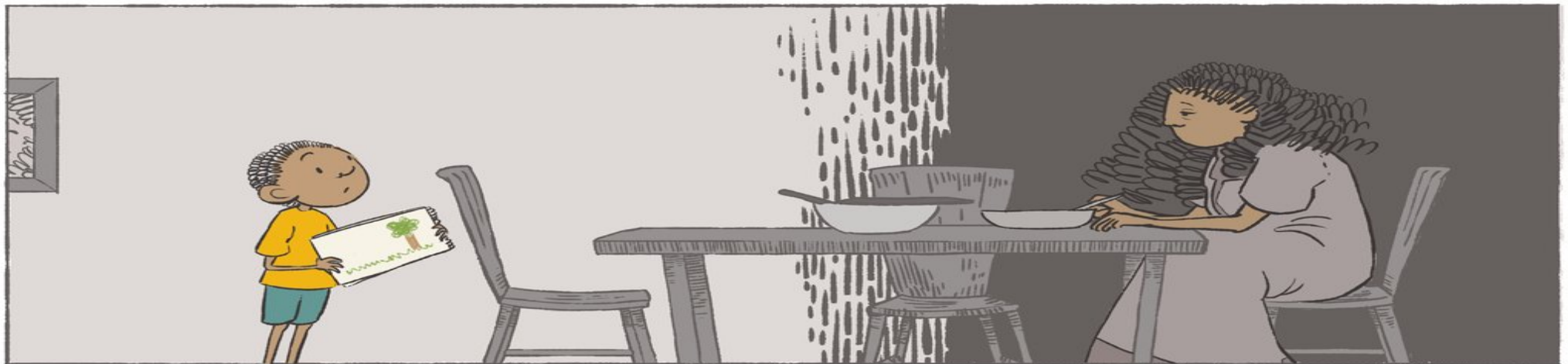
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Peri lived with his grandparents. They loved him. Everyday, Dada {grandfather} and Dadi {grandmother} took Peri to the local park. They enjoyed the nature in the park. One day, dadi did not go to the park. The next day too, she did not go. Dadi stopped going to the park. She kept her room dark. She stayed in bed most of the time. "Dadi is unwell." Dada told Peri. Peri missed Dadi in the park. He drew a nice picture of what he saw in the park for Dadi.



When Peri reached home, he happily ran towards Dadi to give her the drawing. But Dadi just kept looking at him in a very very sad and strange way. "The medicines are making Dadi feel very sleepy. The doctor is treating her. I am taking care of her. She will be fine soon." Dada smiled. Dadi looked like a different person. Peri missed Dadi at home too!



Peri kept thinking of Dadi. The next day in the the park, Peri went to Dadi's favorite flower plant. He whispered, "Dadi is not well. She can't come to the park." Peri felt the flowers whispered back, "Take us to her. We will cheer her up." A gentle breeze shook the branches. Some flowers fell down. "Thank you!" said Peri to the plant. He gathered the fallen flowers to take home to Dadi.



Dadi was asleep when Peri came home. Dada told him not to disturb her. Peri quietly placed the bunch of flowers and the card he had made on Dadi's bedside table.

Dadi woke up. She saw the bunch of flowers and the card.

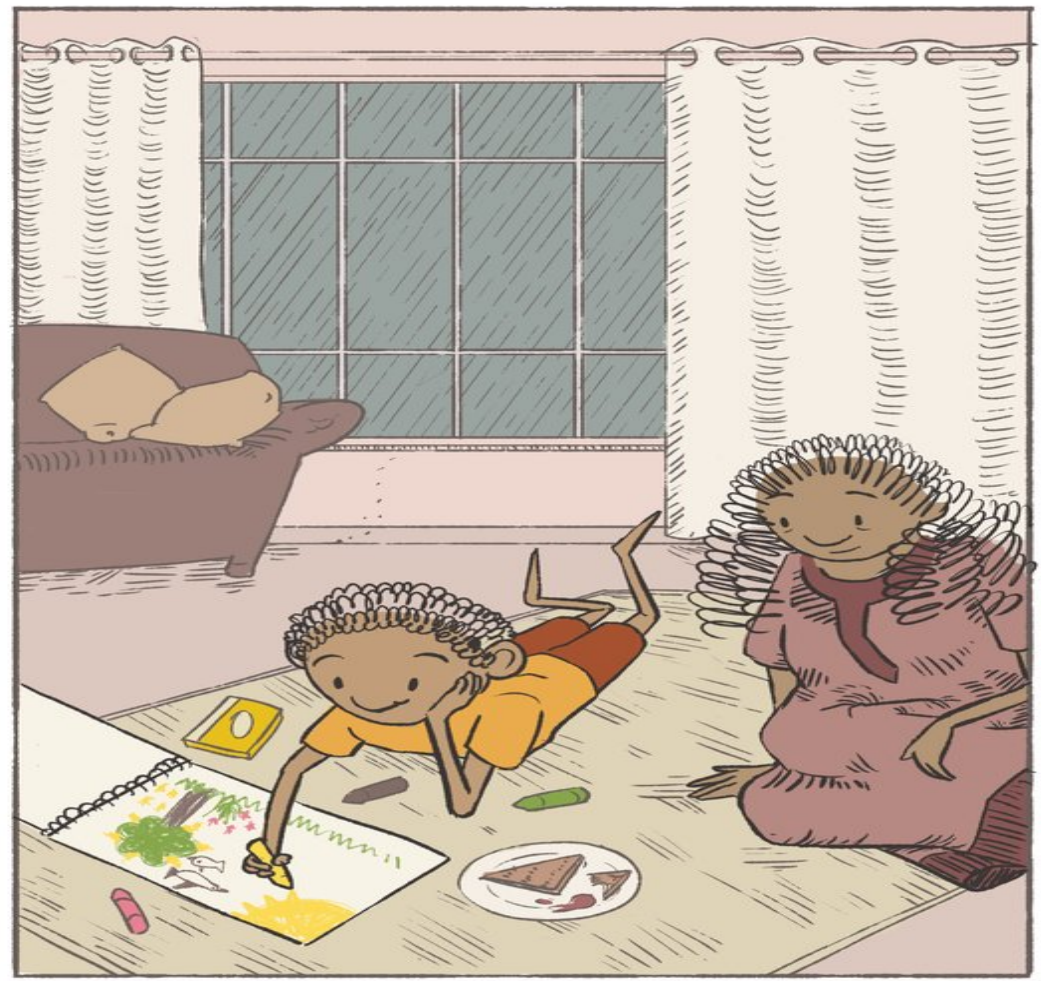
Dadi smiled. The flowers did cheer her up. "If Dadi cannot come to the park then I will bring something of the park to her." Peri told himself.



In park the next day, Dada and Peri enjoyed bird spotting. Then Dada took a nap under a tree. Peri took pictures of different birds on Dada's smart phone. He also recorded some bird calls. Peri felt good. "I will tell Dadi the birds in the park are missing her. I will say they have sent a video message for her!" He told Dada.



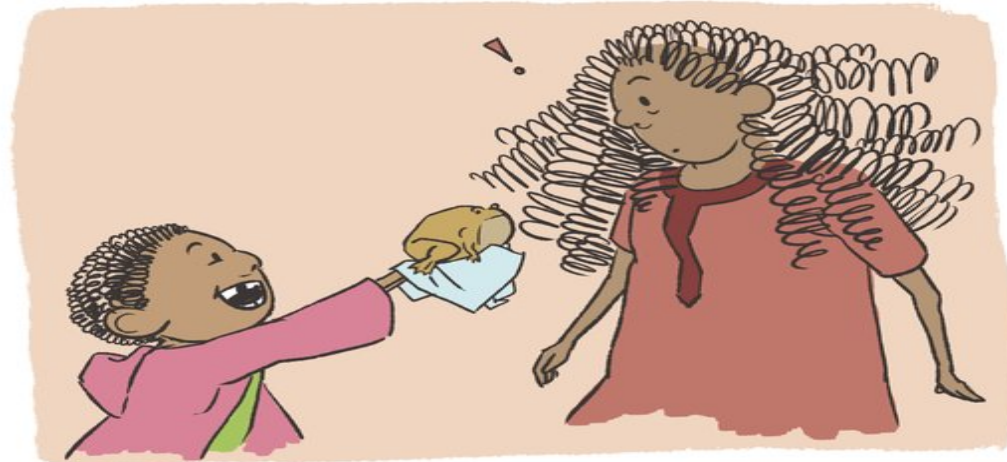
Peri came home. He was happy to see Dadi sitting in a bright room. "Dadi! The birds in the park have sent a video message for you!" He hugged her. Dadi saw the video. "The birds are saying, "Get well soon! We miss you! We love you!" Peri told Dadi. Dadi smiled. And softly, very softly, she hummed. Yes. Dadi hummed a bird song. After many days, Peri heard Dadi's voice. He was very happy.



Next day, Dadi did not keep her room dark. But it was a dark rainy day! Peri and Dada could not go to the park. He took out his drawing book and box of crayons. Peri drew and talked to Dadi. He told her how much fun he had with her in the park. He told her He wanted her to get well soon. Dadi was listening to him. She was watching him draw and color. Peri drew the sun, the tree, the birds and flowers in the park. "The picture is incomplete! I will complete it another day." Said Peri. Dadi smiled. And she nodded!!!!



It was raining the next day too. But not heavily. Peri put on his raincoat. Dada took his umbrella and they went to the park. When it rains the frogs come out. There were many frogs in the park that day. A friendly frog hopped out of a puddle and croaked at Peri. Peri asked the frog, "Will you come home with us and wish 'get well soon' to my Dadi?" The frog croaked. "I feel it is saying 'yes'" Peri told Dada.



Dada took his handkerchief and spread it before the frog.

"If it hops on it and sits still, then I too shall feel it is ready to come home to wish Dadi," said Dada. The frog hopped on to the kerchief and sat still. Peri carried it home.

"Dadi! Look who has come to see you?!" Peri called Dadi.

Dadi was surprised.



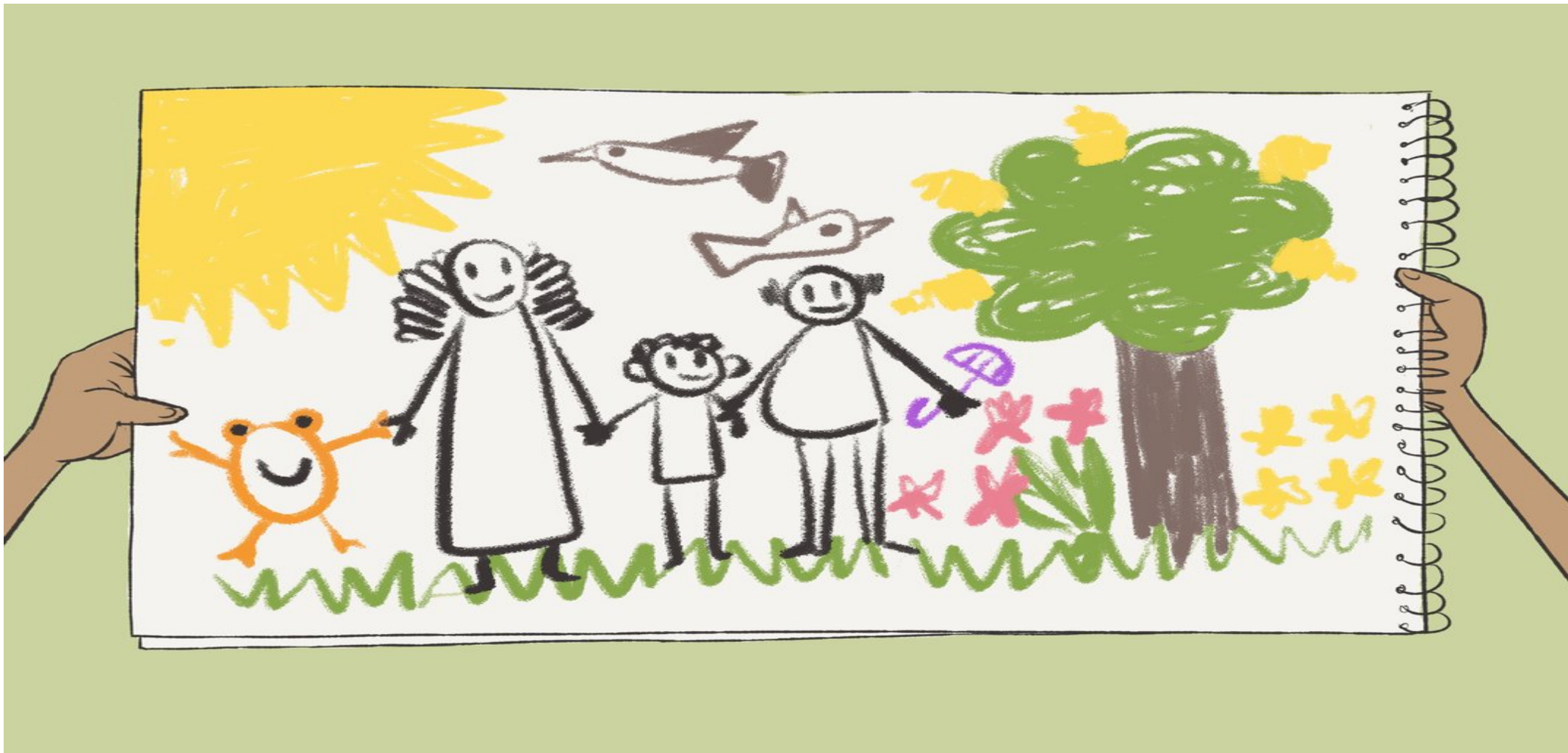
The Frog croaked and hopped on Peri's head! Peri looked so funny with the frog sitting and croaking on his head! Dadi laughed. The frog started croaking and hopping all around the room. It was funny. Dada laughed. Dadi laughed and laughed.



The next day, Dada and Peri got ready to go to the park. The frog hopped on Dada's handkerchief and sat still. It was ready to go back to the park. Dadi came out of her room. She was dressed to go to the park!! They went to the park.

Dada, Dadi and Peri enjoyed the nature in the park. Peri had carried his drawing book and crayons to the park. And he completed the incomplete picture.

"It is beautiful! We shall frame it." Said Dadi.



Yes! Dada, Dadi and Peri, all together enjoying nature in the park completed Peri's Picture!

Dear Children,

Hope Peri's story helped you to understand that your parents or other elders in the family can fall ill. It is the doctor's job to treat them. The job of older family members is to take care of them. And you have a very special job that you can do. You can hug them, love them and show them how much you want them to get well soon.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Hope this book will be a key to open the door of age appropriate communication about mental health and encourage a free flowing conversation between you and your children.

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# Get Well Soon!

(English)

Young nature-loving boy Peri lives with his grandparents. They love him. Everyday they visit the local park and enjoy the nature there. One day, Peri's grandmother stops going to the park. Why? Peri misses her in the park. What will he do? Read the book to know.

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