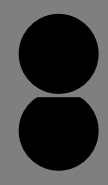
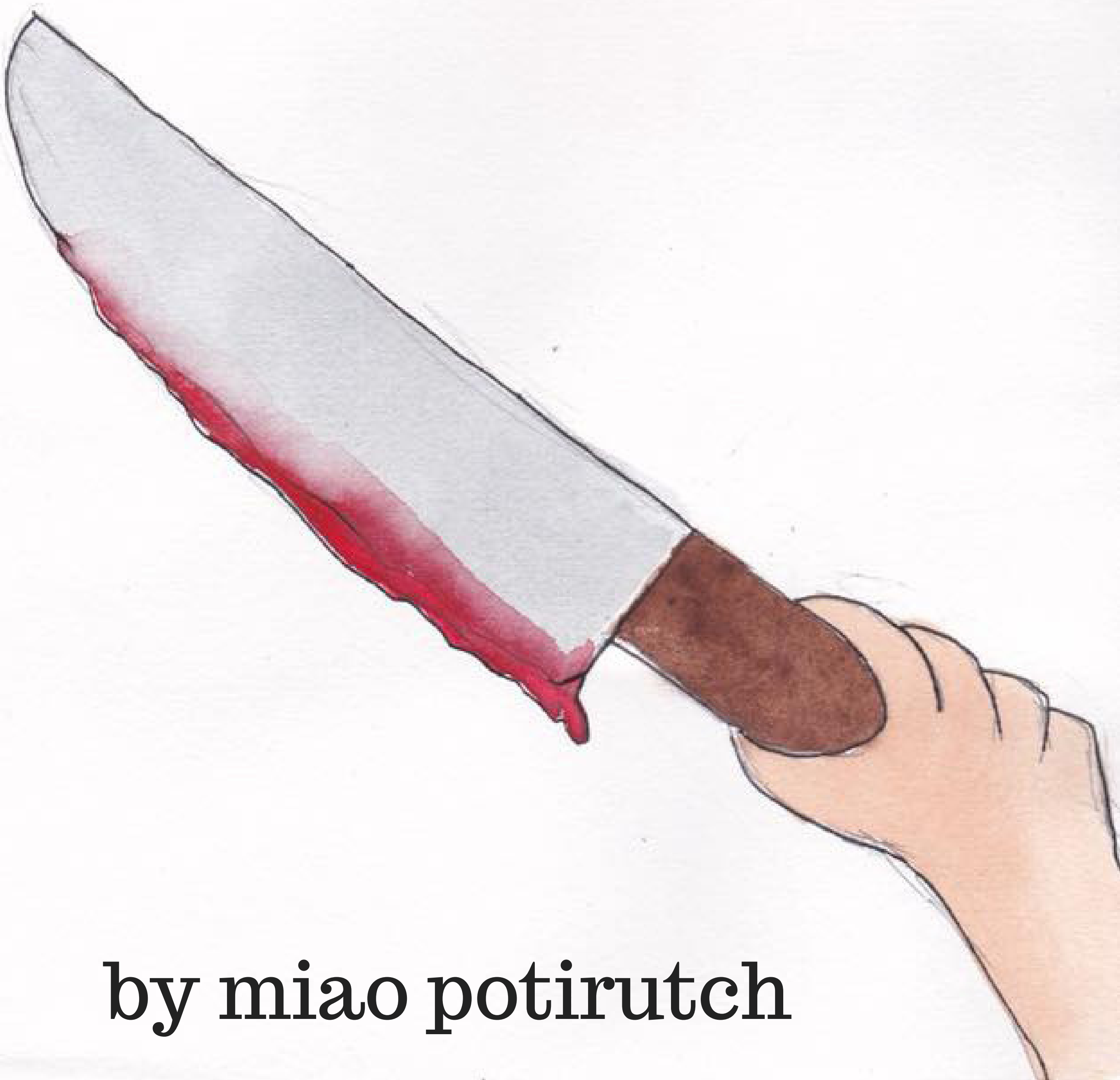


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A GRAVE STORY...



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One day, thirteen girls from a school called Halio went to their yearly 3-day camp. This year, the wind was strangely cold and the sky was dark. The girls shivered in their van, which had rolled down windows.

"I feel like somebody is gonna have bad luck," said Pitta, hoisting her little green bag and trying to sit taller in her seat so she could see farther like the other girls.



"Yeah, me too," agreed Stefanie, looking around.

"Come on, guys, we're here already," Anna H said. She grabbed her purplish bag and led the others out of the car.

They all brought down their tent bags and some necessities they could carry down with them.

Then they began to set their things down.



"We also have to move our stuff in before lunch," said Anna S.

"This is an unlucky day!" said Miao in her usual dramatic manner. "Friday the 13th. And there are thirteen of us."

"Yeah," Ing Ing agreed, checking her phone.

"I told you," Miao answered. Everyone crowded around Ing to see the date on the screen. With grim expressions, they saw that she was right.



"Oh, come on guys! That's just a belief," said Anja, but she sounded unsure.

Some girls looked on worriedly.

"OK guys, we can go play first and then set up the tent," said Anna H.

"I'll go with Sophia to get some stuff from the car," Pitta said. "I brought a lot of stuff for our tent, so we'll start now." She set her bags down and went with Sophia to the van.



The girls split up. Ing Ing, Mimi, Anna S and Anna H went to the lake. Anja, Briony, Miao and Stefanie went to the forest. Kim and Annice and Ava went to the cafeteria to get something.

Anja and Briony climbed the vines in the forest.

Suddenly Sophia ran towards them, screaming.



"Guys! YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!" she yelled.

"Why?" Briony shouted.

"Pitta was murdered by somebody! They were hiding behind the van seats!"

"Was it a boy or girl?" screamed Stefanie.

"I don't know, but I think they're coming!" Sophia answered. "Hurry!"



There was a swish and somebody threw a knife from behind her. It struck her through the chest. Sophia screamed and fell, exposing the dripping handle.

Stefanie ran as fast as she could across the field with the others. She looked at the murderer to see his/her identity, but she couldn't look so long, since she was being chased by the murderer. "Run!!!"



As she ran, Miao was determined to find out the killer's identity. Opposing her frightened nature, she ran more slowly than she really should have. But she clearly underestimated the murderer's skills. As she turned around, the blade whizzed past Stefanie's face and hit Miao. She fell down.



Anja screamed and everyone ran faster, seeing how good the murderer was at throwing things. Then they realized the murderer was gone.

They stopped, gasping for breath. "Oh, no...." said Briony, seeing the two Annas's dead bodies.

"Wait!" shouted Anja. "Why are they dead here?!"

Briony frowned. "That means...."



"She was here!" realized Stefanie.

"Watch out!" screamed Briony, but it was too late. Two sharp blades sunk into Stefanie and Anja.

"Ahh!!!" Briony screamed and ran faster.

Briony ran on for her life, wondering where the other girls were. Clearly, IngIng and Mimi weren't with Anna S and Anna H, since she would've seen their corpses.



Briony reached the bamboo forest. She spotted IngIng hiding behind a clump of bamboo with Mimi. Their eyes widened. Briony glanced behind her. The murderer raised her knife. Briony heroically decided to help her friends, even if she knew she would die. She just managed to mouth, "Hide!," before she got hit by the knife and screamed as she fell down.



IngIng and Mimi stood as still as possible as the murderer looked around. They both wished as hard as they could that they were blended in with the trees. Then Ing's hair blew against the leaves, making a rustling sound. "Aha!" shouted the murderer in a strangely familiar voice. A voice recognised by most children at Halio...



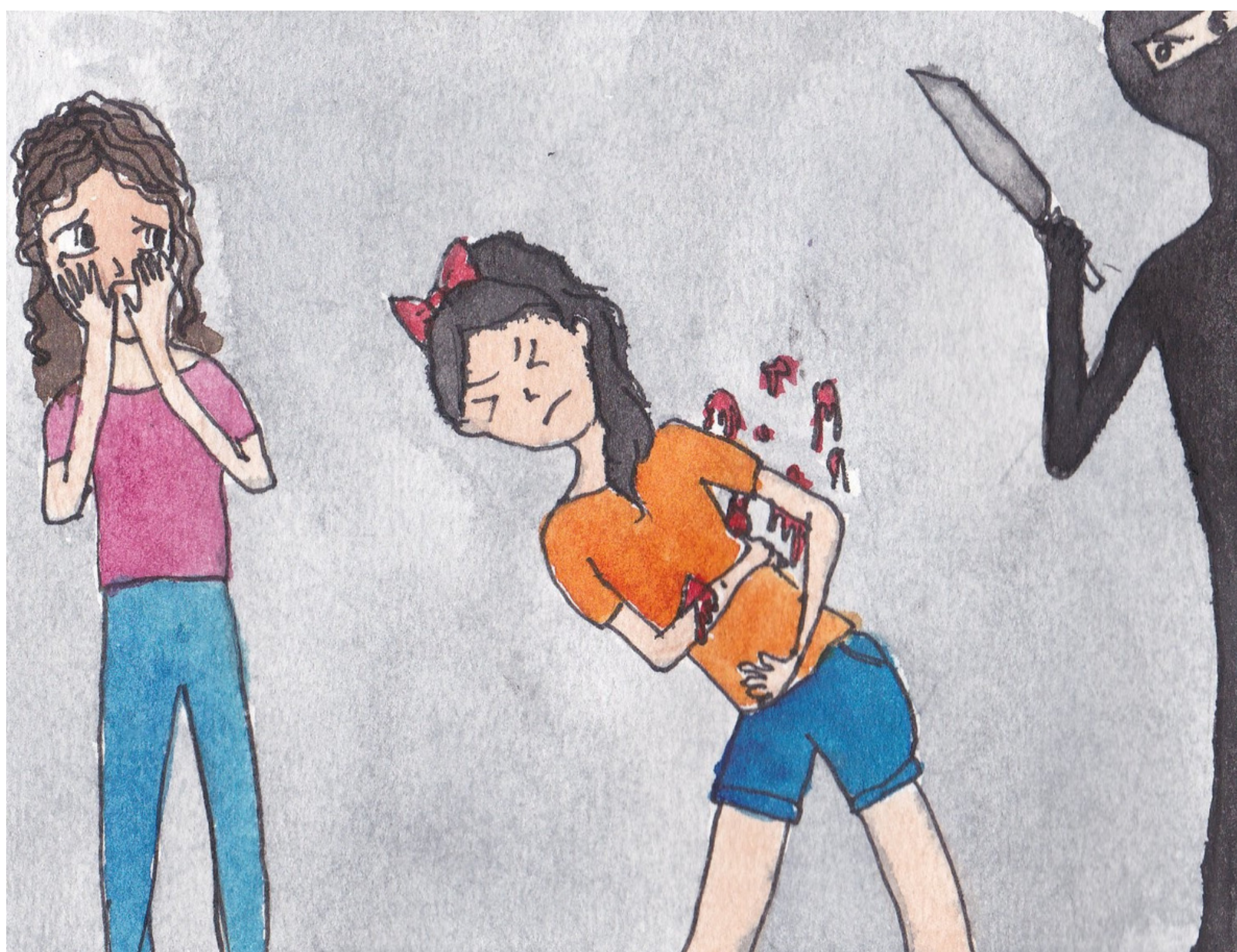
The murderer raised her knife and Mimi and Ing ran. The murderer aimed at Ing but missed and hit Mimi instead. Mimi fell dead on the ground. Ing found a dead end, surrounded by a thick, thorny forest and a tall concrete wall. If she ran into the forest, she would definitely die from taking too much time.



Ing outran the murderer by about thirty long seconds, which was enough time to get ready to die, but not enough to escape the long wall and the thick wood.

"Ing!!!" shouted Kim, as she ran towards her. The knife hit Ing.

"AAAAAAHHHHH!" she screamed and fell down.



"What's happening?" shouted Annice.

"Get out of here!" Kim said.

"I'm helping you!" Annice persisted.

The murderer snuck up behind her and stabbed Annice. She screamed and fell. "No!" screamed Kim. She faced the murderer.

"Hahahahaahah!" laughed the murderer. She turned around and faced Kim menacingly.



She lifted a knife victoriously and flung it at Kim. Kim ducked and it hit a tree. "Aaaaaaaaahh!!" she screamed.

Kim pulled the knife out and hit the murderer with it. "No!!!!!" shrieked the murderer.

Kim was determined to find out who they were. But the murderer held on to their mask and threw the knife directly at Kim.



Kim screamed as it hit her. As the murderer was losing strength, Kim saw the mask starting to slip. The murderer was trying her best to keep the mask on. She fell to the floor. Kim was determined to find out who she was. This was her last chance. The murderer was also determined not to let anyone know her identity. She groaned and held on.



But the murderer lost her strength. She fell and the mask dropped off. Kim also fell down. Before she was gone altogether, she saw the murderer's face.

"Padma...?"*

Then she collapsed.



*Padma was their school's head teacher.

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The girls at school are
getting ready for camp.
But they never knew what
was coming for them...