Mountain Dreamer
LATE ONE NIGHT...

AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAINS...
IN A QUIET WOOD ...

... A MOTHER WAS READING
Mum??

Mum!!
Momm!

Mumm!!

it's okay. i'm here.

did you have a bad dream?
MOM!!
The mountain!!
It's gone!!

It was just a bad dream...
It's over now.
Do you want to tell me about it?
OUR MOUNTAIN WAS BEING STOLEN...
HUGE MACHINES TEARING IT APART,
LIKE MONSTERS EATING THE TREES,
THE ROCKS,
THE ANIMALS,
AND BIRDS,
THE DIRT...
RIPPING
IT UP &
TAKING
IT AWAY...

MAMA,
IT WAS
AWFUL!
EVERY CREATURE WAS FLEEING AND BLEEDING! THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT BUT A GIANT HOLE FILLED WITH MUD. I WAS LOST & ALONE AND EVERYTHING WAS DESTROYED.
THAT IS THE WORST DREAM I HAVE EVER HEARD OF!

COME WITH ME, COME.

IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT!

I'M GOING TO HELP YOU WAKE UP, TO FORGET THAT AWFUL DREAM.
I’ll show you what is real... Come on...

Outside...

The world is resting, and damp...

I can feel it on my skin...

Sniff!
DAWN IS CLOSE. THE DARK IS LEAVING. THE SKY IS LETTING GO OF ITS STARS...

A WHIPPOOR-WILL!

THE WORLD IS HELD IN A HAZY BLANKET.

SURE. I'M RIGHT BESIDE YOU.
They walked to the brook...

Feel the moving water, feel the fish travelling, the stones settling in sand...

Feel the pull & flow of spring & gravity tugging the last of winter's ice from the caves, trickling it all drip by drip to the river below.

See the moon sinking, silver & slow. See the sky grow pink across the blue-grey range between us & the ocean...

Yawn!
YOU ARE HERE, WHERE YOU BELONG. YOU ARE PART OF EVERYTHING AROUND YOU.

WHAT IF MY DREAM COMES TRUE ONE DAY?

WHAT IF MONSTERS TAKE THE MOUNTAIN AWAY?
THERE ARE NO MONSTERS... WILD ENOUGH OR FEROCIOUS ENOUGH TO TAKE THIS MOUNTAIN...

...OR ANY PART OF THIS WORLD AWAY FROM US.

REMEMBER - WE ARE DESCENDED FROM WOLVES.
...BUT ALSO FROM THE ROOTED PINES...

...THE FLOWING BROOK...
...THE SETTLED STONES...

THIS IS OUR HOME...

...AND WE WILL ALWAYS BE HERE...
...alert as the Whip-poor-will just before dawn...

...burrowed in like the badgers, protecting their young.
YOUR GRANDMOTHERS HELD THIS PLACE AS WE DO NOW, AND AS WE WILL DO ALL OF OUR DAYS. OUR MOUNTAIN IS SAFE WITH US, & WE ARE SAFE WITH HER. WE KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE. CONNECTED WITH EVERYTHING.
Activities

Hey! What do you think of our story? Would you like to help us find out why I've had such a terrible nightmare?

Just turn the page and... let's get started!
IT'S THE WORST NIGHTMARE I'VE EVER HAD. NOTHING LIKE THIS HAS EVER HAPPENED IN THESE WOODS, BUT ... DO YOU THINK SUCH A NIGHTMARE COULD BE REAL? TAKE A PENCIL AND TICK THE ANSWER IN THE NOTEBOOK THAT IS CLOSER TO WHAT YOU THINK. YOU CAN ALSO WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER.

☐ NOTHING LIKE THIS HAS EVER HAPPENED.
☐ I DON'T KNOW BUT I HOPE IT NEVER HAPPENS.
☐ IT'S NEVER HAPPENED BUT IT COULD IN THE FUTURE.
☐ THIS HAPPENS IN MANY PLACES IN THE WORLD.
☐ _________________________
Now look at these pictures. Even if you don’t know what they are, can you describe what’s happening in a few words? Like if you were playing “I Spy” with someone. I’ll help you out with the first one.

I spy a big machine that…
The machines are giant __________, like the __________ in my nightmare. They __________ everything they find, killing __________ and animals that live there.

Where there was a _______________, now there's a great ________ with no life in it.

Now let's compare my nightmare with the pictures. Can you help me put the words back where they belong?

Mountain  Plants  Excavators  Robots  Destroy  Crater

Where there was a ___________, now there's a great ________ with no life in it.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT? IT'S CALLED OPEN-PIT MINING. HUMANS MAKE THESE ENORMOUS CRATERS OR DESTROY WHOLE MOUNTAINS TO DIG OUT ALL SortS OF MINERALS.

IF YOU WRITE "OPEN-PIT MINING" IN YOUR INTERNET SEARCH ENGINE AND CLICK ON "IMAGES" YOU'LL SEE HOW MY NIGHTMARE IS VERY REAL IN MANY PLACES AROUND THE WORLD.
Imagine a forest... with all its plants, mosses and animals. Forests are full of life!

Now try to draw or describe with your own words that same forest with an open-pit mine. What would happen to all the life in it?
AARGH! AFTER SO MUCH DESTRUCTION WE NEED TO FILL UP WITH LIFE AGAIN. CAN YOU HELP US FIND ALL THE CREATURES THAT APPEAR IN THIS IMAGE? WE MUST FIND:

- Raccoon
- Squirrel
- Rabbit
- Three Minnows
- Tadpole
- River Crab
- River Trout
- Pond Snail
- Salamander
- Bullfrog
- Fawn
- Spider
- Bee
- Ladybug
- Caterpillar
- Seagull
- Housefly

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COLOUR US IN?
This is still our forest but, as you can see, it needs much more life. Draw more trees, bushes, flowers and all sorts of animals. And don't forget to colour them in.
Let’s continue. We’ve seen that open-pit mining destroys nature and kills life where it’s carried out. But there’s more to it: mining has other terrible consequences. The following images show some of those consequences. Can you match each image with the right labels?

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Make a list of things many humans want to have but don’t really need:

Mum, how can all this happen? Why do humans insist on destroying nature? They also live on this planet. Shouldn’t they be taking better care of it?

Of course they should! But many are only concerned about earning more money to buy more things that they don’t really need. Corporations that commit these atrocities only want to make money. They don’t care about the harm they cause, and governments that allow it are also in it for the money and power.
Are there laws protecting the environment where you live?

Yes ☐  No ☐

If they exist, do you think they’re always respected?

Yes ☐  No ☐

Do you know of any cases where they were not respected? Find out about them and list them here:

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I don’t get it. Don’t humans have laws to prevent such disasters?

In some places there are very few laws protecting nature and those countries that pride themselves on having many laws, very often don’t apply them. Corporations with lots of power are able to make governments look the other way when they ignore the rules and cause environmental disasters.
YOU CAN ALSO HELP!!!

WE MUST DO SOMETHING TO END THIS NIGHTMARE!

WHAT CAN WE DO?

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS?

TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT!
There's something very easy you can do to help...

Share our story with as many others as you can!

Find out how at minob.org & saberes.eu