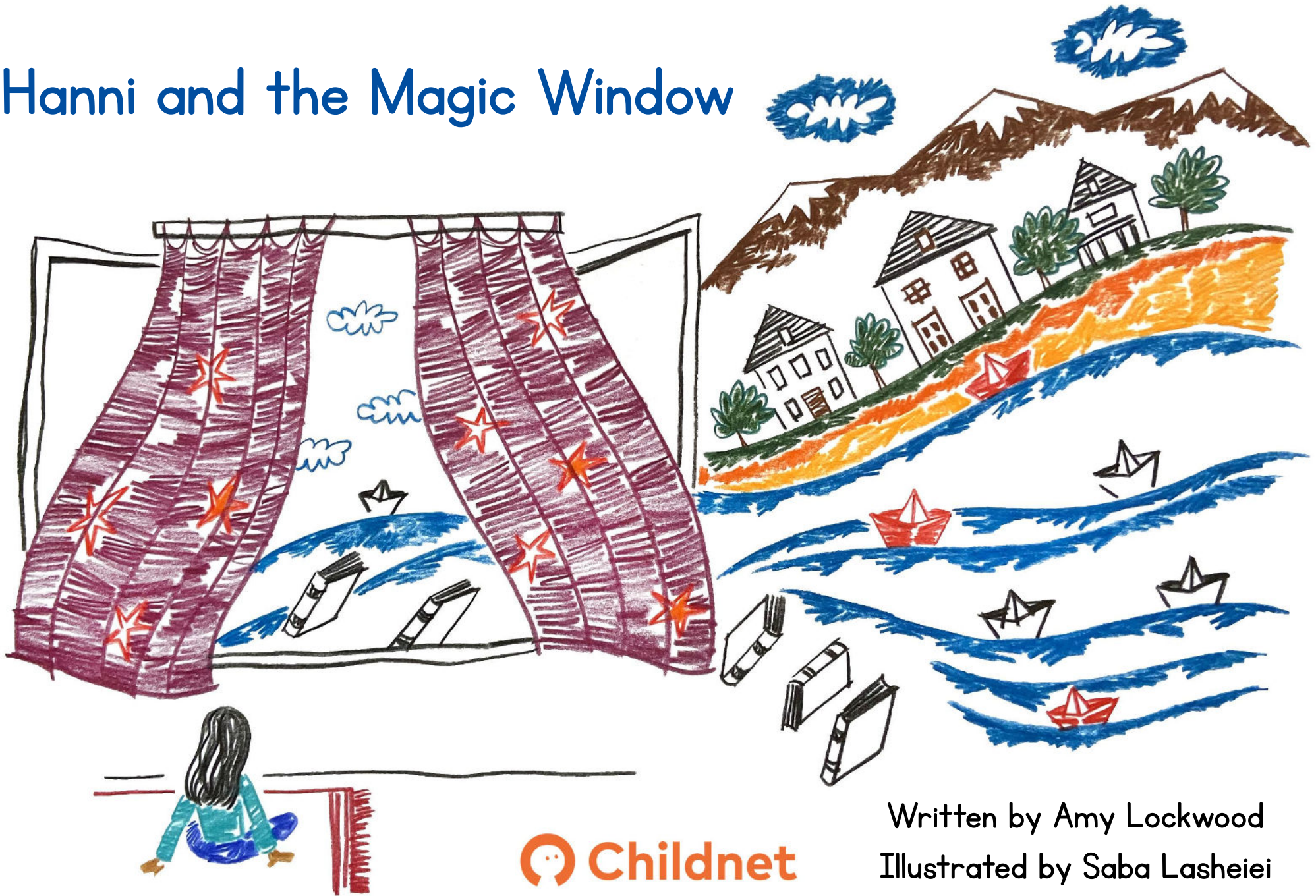


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Here is Hanni, her school and her town,
Not much to see. No surprises around.
At home though, that's just not the case.
Hanni's home is a special place.



Look past the door, the rug and the chair,
That's it! On the wall! Right over there!



When you open the
curtains, who knows
where you'll go,

Where you'll be, what you'll see,
through the magic window...



Underwater the fishes swim past...

...or racing cars, incredibly fast!



Outer space...





...or in a boat at sea.



Saying hello to far
away family.



The window helps Hanni learn and explore.
Or laugh until her cheeks are sore.



Cheering her up when she feels down,
It shows a world beyond her town.

One evening, Hanni is bored at home,
With Tonton snoozing, she's on her own.



“What to do?” she thinks, “I know!”
“I’ll sneak a peek at the magic window!”



Oh no, that's not right! She pulls back, quick.
Her tummy is rolling - she feels quite sick.
Her eyes feel prickly, like when she last cried.
She wants to run away or hide.
Not for all the king's horses, or all the king's men,
Will Hanni ever look at that window again!

Mum comes home to put Hanni to bed.
She smiles and gives her a pat on the head.
“Did you have a good time with Tonton tonight?”
But Hanni just shrugs and turns off the light.



After class, in school, the very next day,
Mr Green stops her, "Hanni, hey!"
"I've noticed you're quiet. Is everything okay?"
But Hanni just doesn't know what to say.



At lunch Hanni's friends want to play for a while,



But Hanni can't seem to make herself smile.



Later that day Hanni goes for a walk,
With Tonton, who tries to get her to talk.
The words get stuck and won't come out.
"Stop bothering me!" she wants to shout.



Hanni keeps quiet about what she saw,
Until she can't take it anymore.



Her secret is heavy - she feels so alone,
Each day she waits, she feels more on her own.

One day when it all feels far too much,
Hanni is sitting alone at lunch.

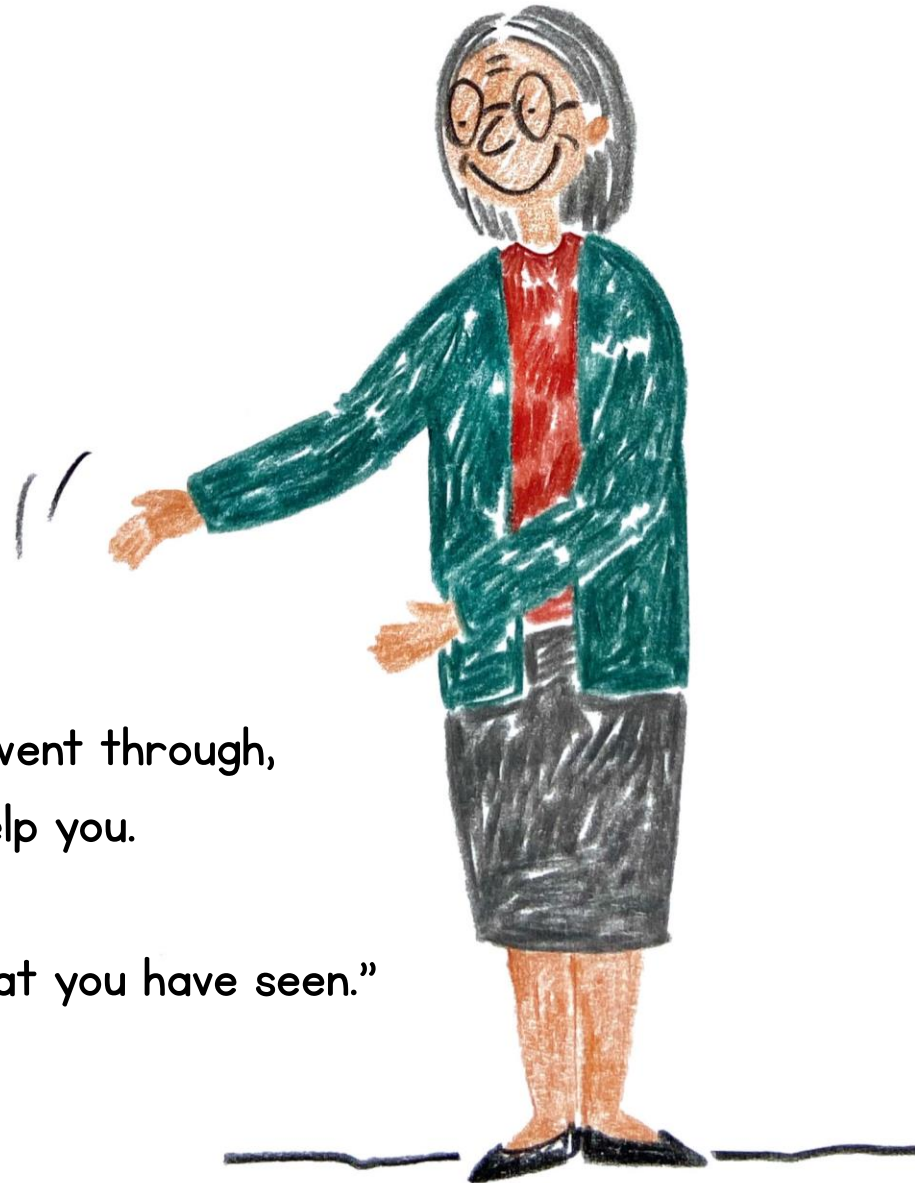
When Mrs Rodwell, who helps in class,
Sits down with her and quietly asks,

“Want to talk about it?”

As Hanni speaks, Mrs Rodwell is there,
Giving her time to decide what to share.



“I’m glad you told me what you went through,
I know it’s not easy, but I can help you.
Together let’s talk to Mr Green...
About how you’re feeling and what you have seen.”



“Hanni, I’m sorry you’ve gone through that,
I’m always here if you need to chat.
Together you and I can let your Mum know,
What happened that day with the magic window.”



When Mum arrived at the end of the day,
Hanni was nervous of what she might say.
But Mum just cared that Hanni was okay.
And made her feel safe, in her own special way.



The magic window is a wonderful thing,
When we open the curtains, we let the world in...



There's so much to see, and learn, and do.
But not everything out there is right for you.



Us grown-ups are here for the good and the bad,
With hugs and help, if you ever feel sad.
Together, I know we can have lots of fun.
And as you get older, you can try on your own.
But wherever you go, and whatever you see,
You can always come back and talk to me.



Let's talk about Hanni's story:



Hanni's magic window is a lot like the technology we might have at home.



What wonderful things can you see or do using technology?



Hanni is upset by something she sees in the magic window. How can we tell?



Hanni doesn't want to talk to anybody about what she has seen. Why might that be?



What does Mrs Rodwell do to help Hanni?



What is Mum's special way of making Hanni feel better?

Who could you tell if you were feeling upset or worried?





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Can she find the words to get the help she needs?

