



Book of Bhoots


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Level 3

What wanders outside on this dark
and moonless night?
What howls from the treetops, and
whispers your name in the wind?





**Maybe nothing.
Maybe something.
It depends on where you are.
It depends on what you believe.**

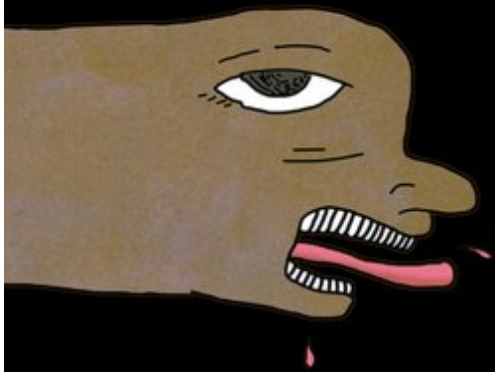
BAAK

Keep an eye on the ponds and rivers.

The Baak lives here.

The Baak has twisted arms and legs,
and its eyes and mouth are on its tummy.





If you meet a Baak, don't worry.
It is more interested in stealing
raw fish than in scaring you.

KHACH

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JILAIYA

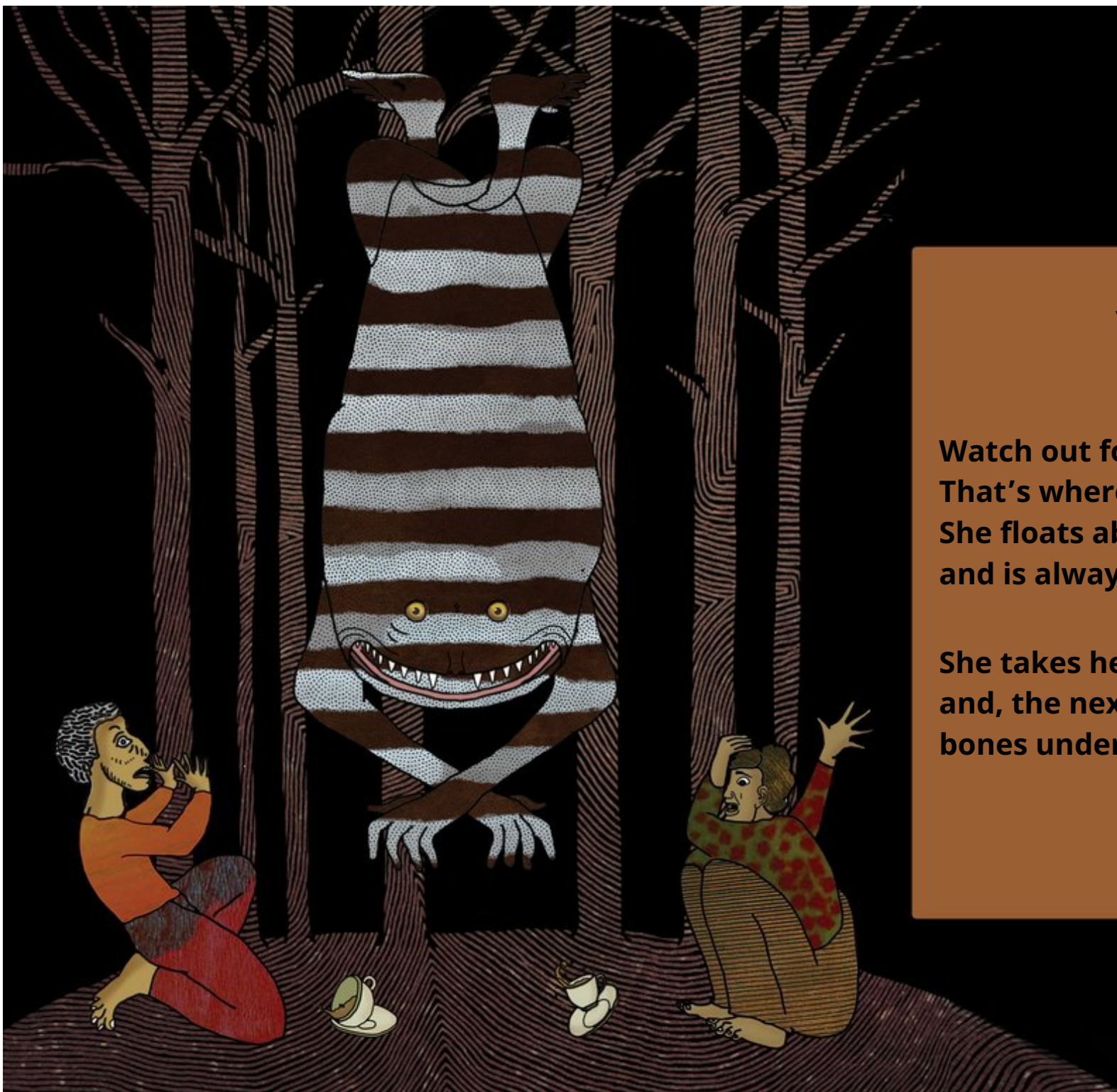
Don't look up at the skies at night.
The Jilaiya flies like a bird when it's dark.
It sleeps when the sun shines.





**If you meet a Jilaiya, don't let it hear
your name. It will suck your blood.**


Shooop Shooop Shooop



YAKSHI

Watch out for palm trees.
That's where the Yakshi lives.
She floats above the ground
and is always thirsty.

She takes her victims home
and, the next day, there are
bones under her tree.



**If you meet a Yakshi,
tell her not to come to tea.**

Kuchal

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SKONDHOKATA

Be careful when you walk near
railway tracks.
The Skondhokata wanders here.

He has lost his head in a horrible
way. Ouch!
He is looking for what he has lost.

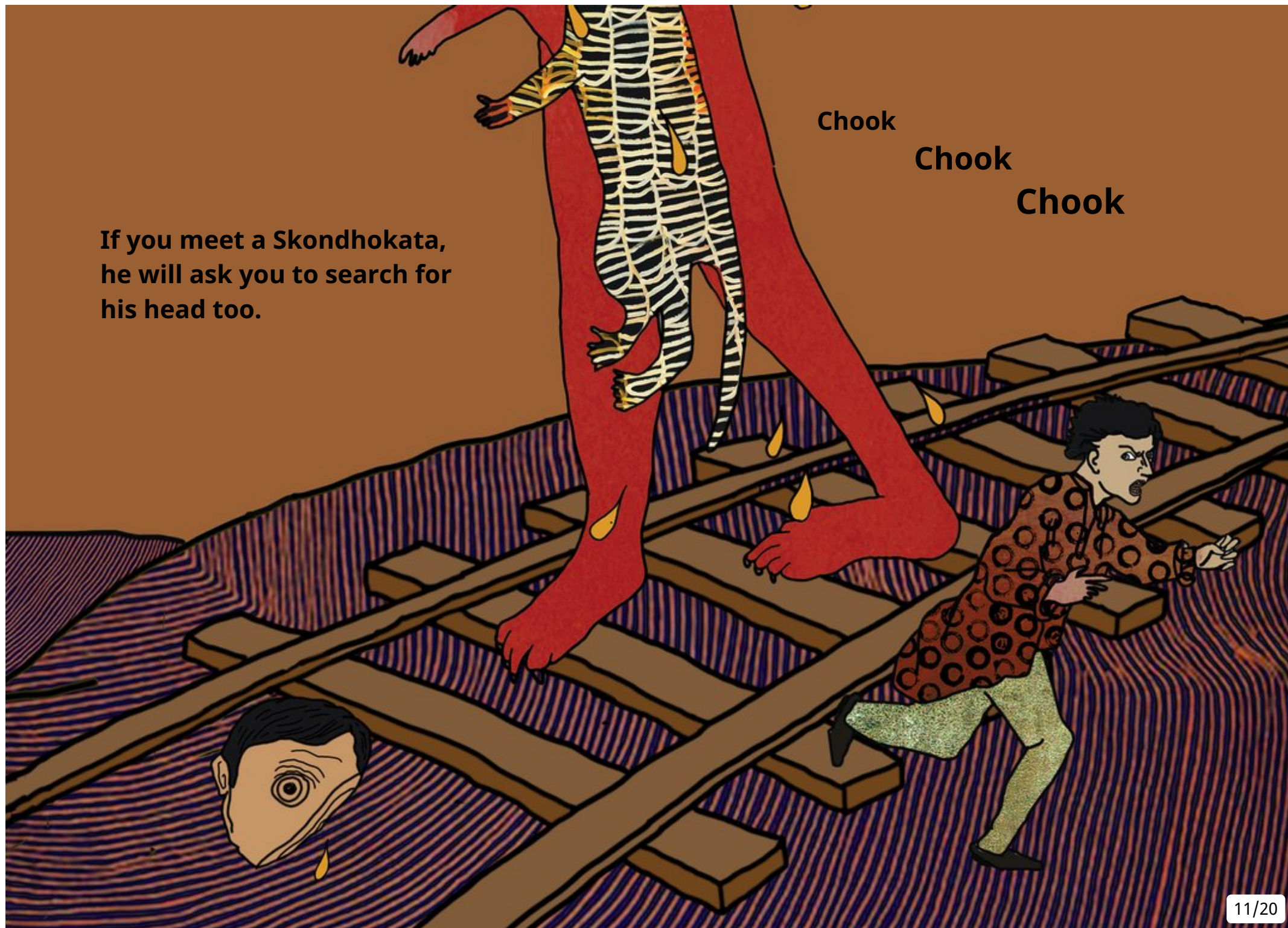


If you meet a Skondhokata,
he will ask you to search for
his head too.

Chook

Chook

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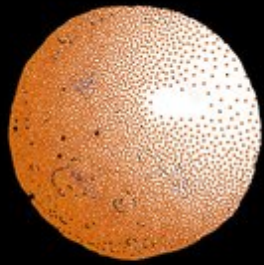


RANTAS

Beware the misty mountains.
The Rantas works her dark
magic here.

She has long toenails and hair
down to her knees, and her
feet are turned backwards.





**If you meet a Rantas, don't go with her.
You will never come back.**

Phish

Phish


Phish



RET RO PRET

Stay alert in the desert. The Ret Ro Pret hides here. It uses sand to change itself. One day a brown hill, the next day a wave in the sand.





If you travel to the desert, don't wear
browns and yellows. This sandy spirit
will attack you.

Sssss

Sssss

Sssss



KOLLI DEVVA

Keep away from moving lights in forests.

**The Kolli Devva lurks here.
He walks through the night with
a wooden torch, and dances and
troubles travellers.**

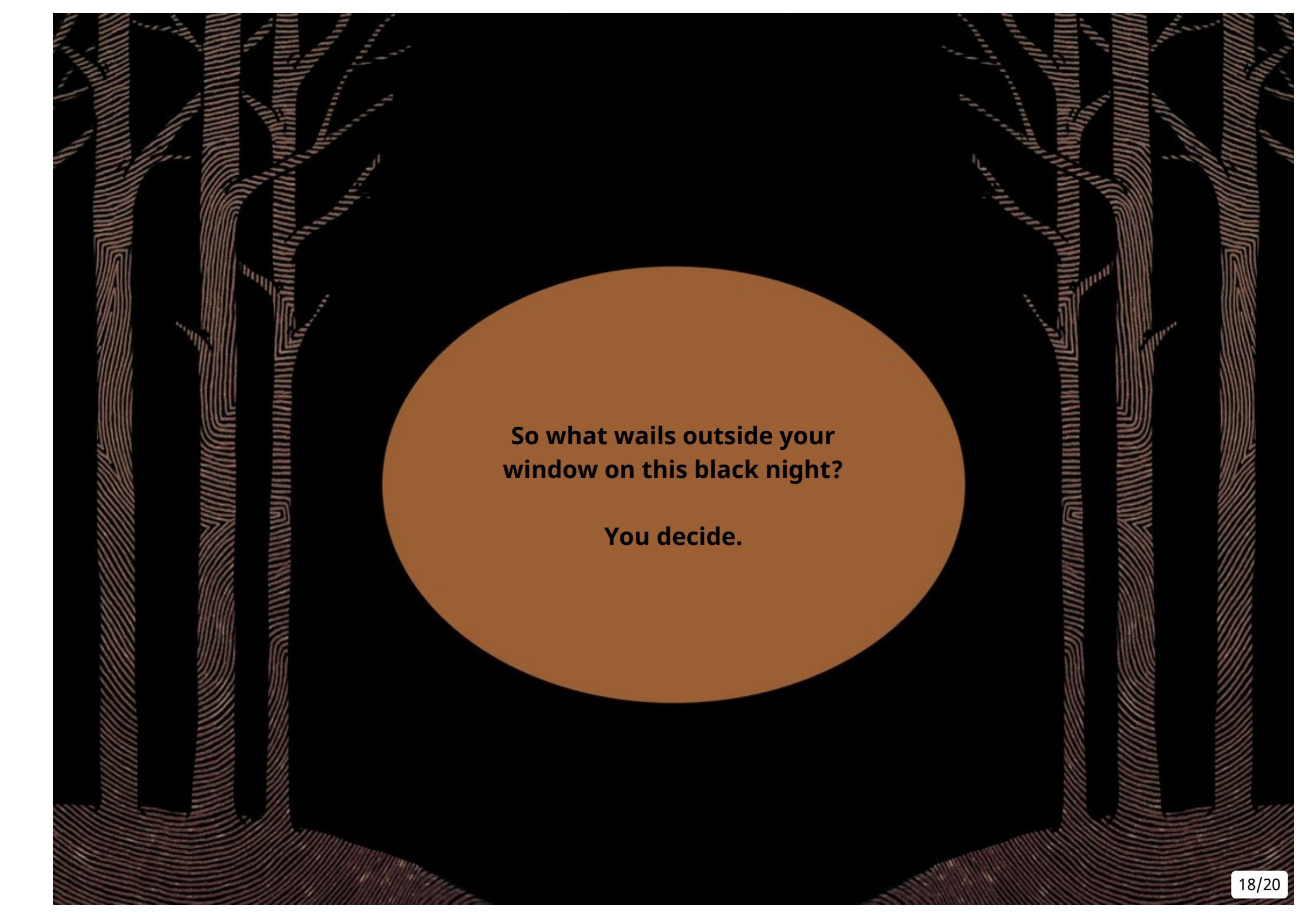
If an invisible hand tries to light
your lamp, scream and run.

Cham

Cham


Cham





**So what waits outside your
window on this black night?**

You decide.



**Maybe it's a bird that sucks blood.
Maybe it's a woman with feet turned backwards.
Maybe it's the wind in an angry mood.**

Rantas - Kashmir

Ret Ro Pret - Rajasthan

Jilaiya - Bihar

Baak - Assam

Kolli Devva - Karnataka

Yakshi - Kerala

Skondhokata - West Bengal

GHOST MAP OF INDIA



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(English)

Who whispers your name in the wind on this moonless night?
Maybe nothing. Maybe something. Turn the pages of this book, and
maybe you'll hear it. And if you do, there's no going back.

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