

# MONIR

## A Rohingya Holiday



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MONIR is the story  
of a Rohingya child,  
forced to change her name.

Set in 2018, this book  
is based on real events.

This is MONIR's journey.

HELLO!  
MY REAL NAME IS  
NOORI BUT YOU NEED  
TO CALL ME MONIR.



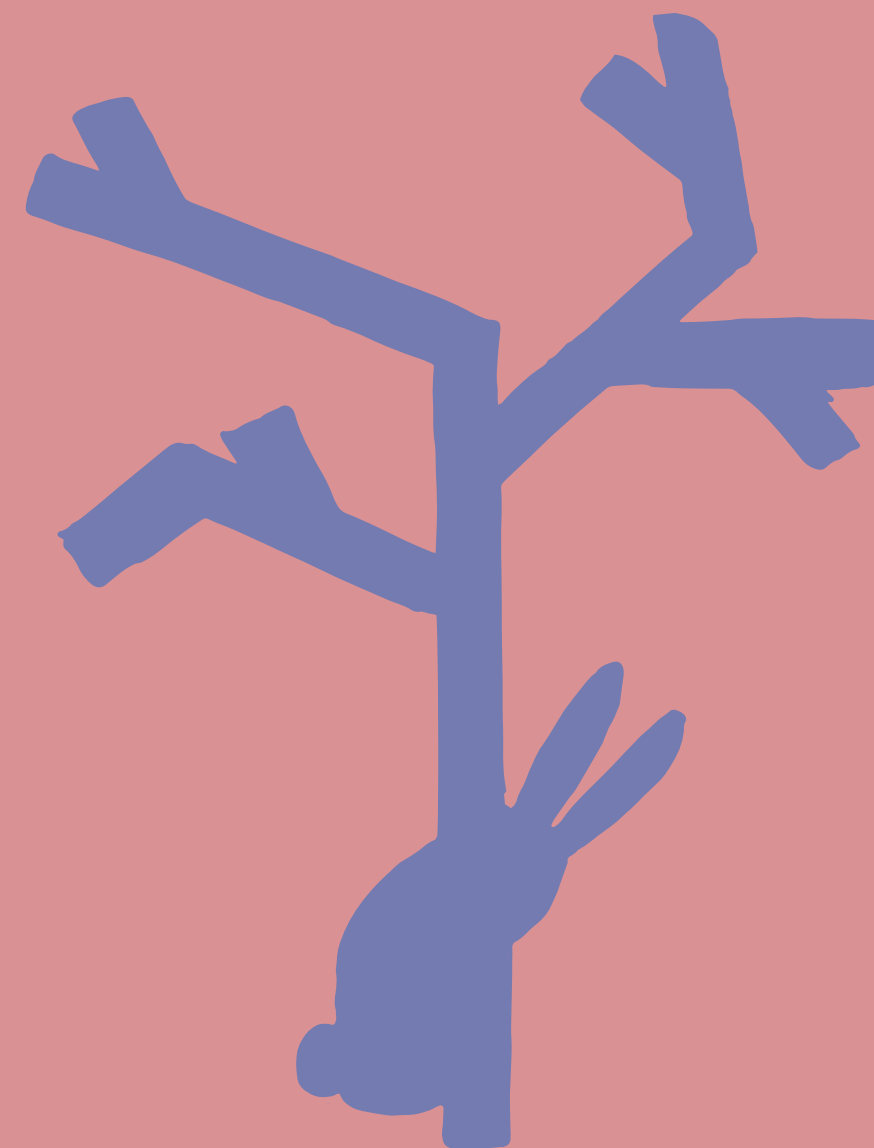
I AM MUSLIM AND  
LIVE IN MYANMAR.



**THERE ARE LOTS OF NEW CHILDREN  
AT MY SCHOOL, THEY LIVE ON  
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER.**



**FOUR**

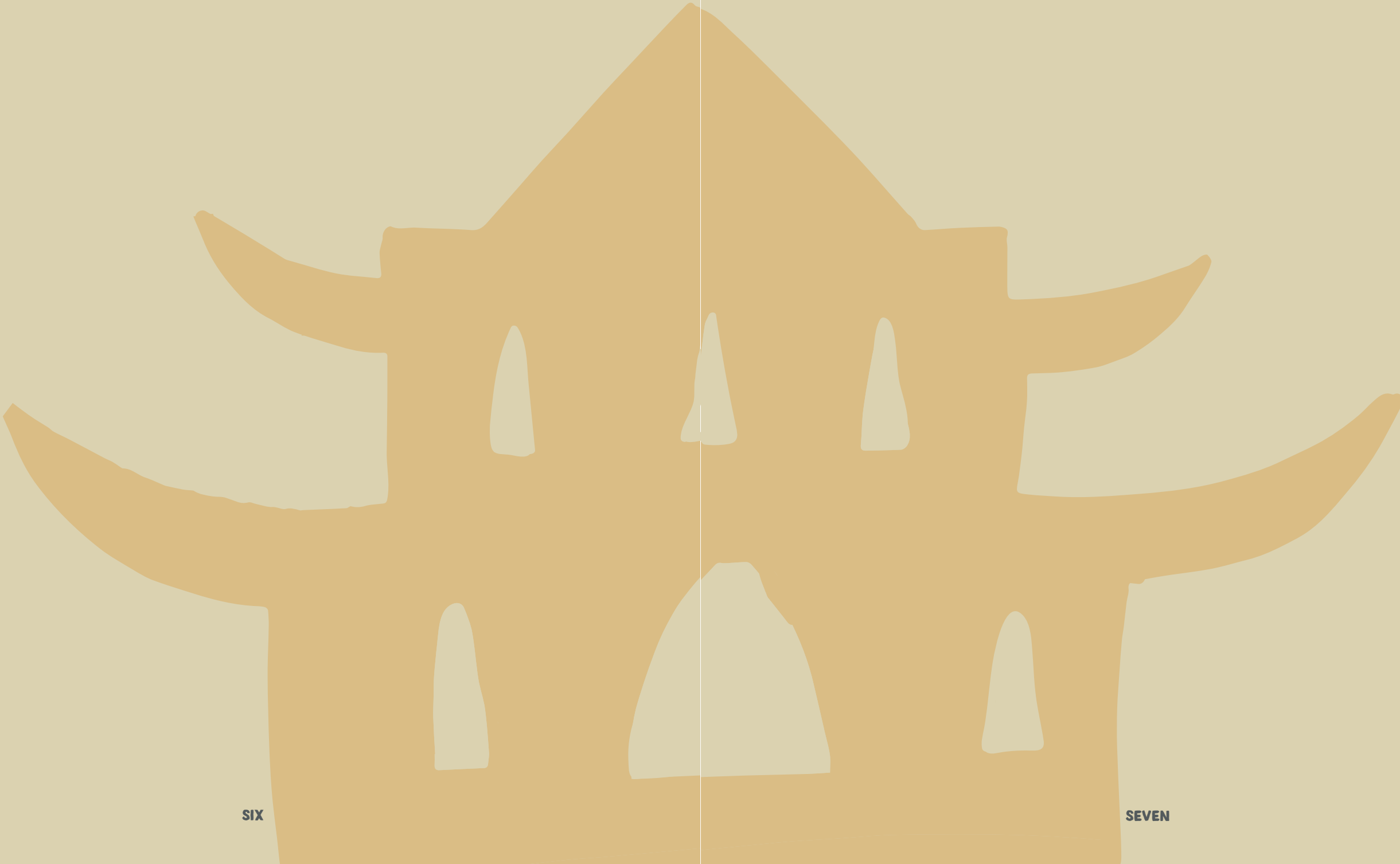


**DADDY SAID I SHOULDN'T PLAY WITH THEM.  
THEY AREN'T LIKE US.**

**FIVE**

FANCY LOOKING TEMPLES

ARE APPEARING NEAR OUR VILLAGE.

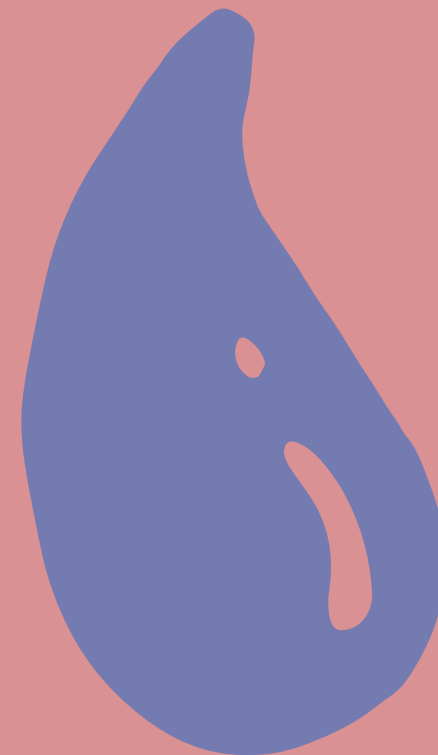
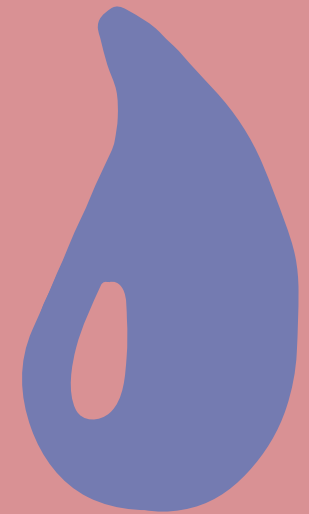


**WE'VE STOPPED GOING  
TO THE BIG MARKET.  
IT WAS MY FAVOURITE PLACE.**



**WE CAN ONLY EAT WHAT MUMMY AND  
DADDY BRING BACK FROM THE FIELD.**

**I HAVE BEEN PUT IN A  
DIFFERENT CLASS AT SCHOOL  
BECAUSE MUMMY LOST MY PINK CARD.**



**NONE OF MY FRIENDS ARE HERE.**



**MUMMY AND DADDY ARE NOT  
HOLDING HANDS ANYMORE.**



**IT MAKES ME FEEL SAD.**

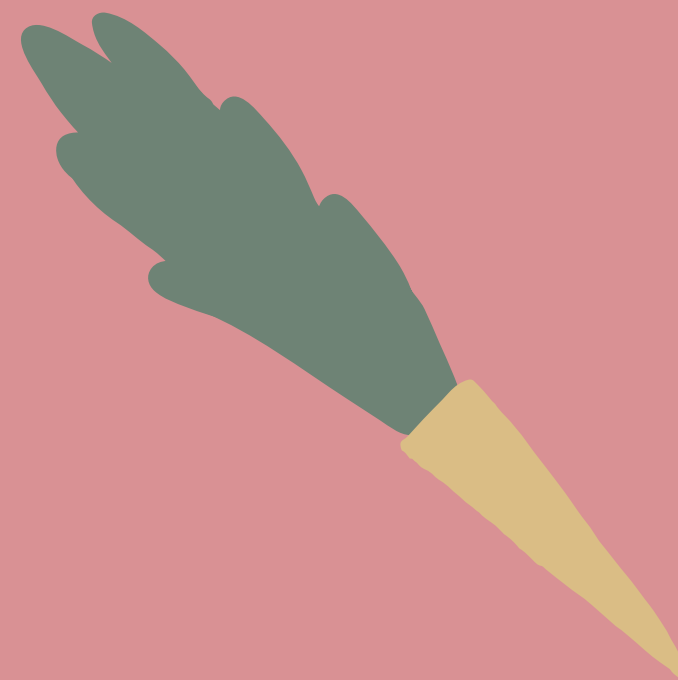
**NOORI**

**MONIR**

MUMMY SAID I HAVE TO CALL MYSELF  
MONIR AT MY NEW SCHOOL. I DO NOT  
KNOW WHY, IT IS NOTHING LIKE NOORI.

MY UNCLE HAS STOPPED  
WEARING HIS SUIT,

HE NOW HELPS ON  
THE FIELD WITH  
MY PARENTS,





**LOTS OF HOUSES IN THE VILLAGE ARE  
FALLING DOWN, NOBODY HAS BEEN  
IN THEM IN A LONG TIME.**



**I CAN SMELL SMOKE AT NIGHT.  
IT MAKES ME COUGH AND  
STOPS ME SLEEPING.**

THE BIG MEN HAVE STOPPED  
WORKING AROUND THE VILLAGE.

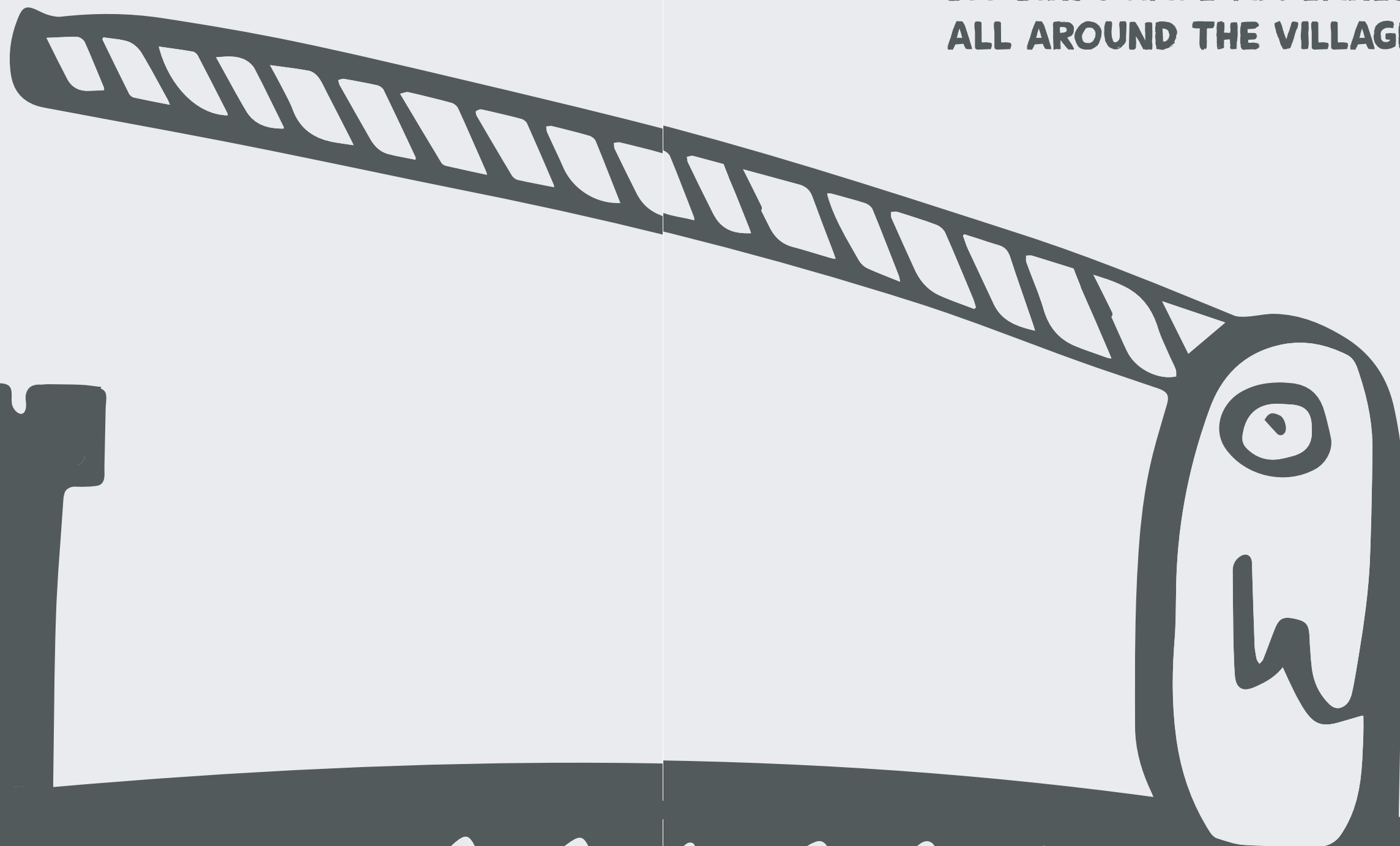
I CAN HEAR MUMMY TALKING LOUDLY AT NIGHT.

**THE OLD MAN ON THE  
STREET HAS DISAPPEARED.**



**THERE ARE LOTS OF MEN  
WITH SQUELCHY BOOTS.**

**BIG BIRDS HAVE APPEARED  
ALL AROUND THE VILLAGE.**





**WE NEED TO GO ON HOLIDAY NOW.**

TWENTY FOUR

**MUMMY SAID THEIR IS NO TIME TO  
SAY GOODBYE TO MY FRIENDS.**

TWENTY FIVE

## ENDNOTE

**This story is based on the persecution of the Rohingya people. Each page in the book represents a child's view of the repercussions of the 11 point extermination blueprint. The blueprint was introduced in 1988 to oppress the Rohingya. When this book was made, over 1 million Rohingya have fled to Bangladesh and villages in the Arakan region are still being burnt.**

**Sixty percent of the refugees are children,  
What would you hope someone  
would do for your child?**

## MONIR

**Inspiration for this book came from a story of a Rohingya child who in order to enrol in school had to change his name.**

**This book is dedicated to :  
Monir Ahammed / Maung Maung Ni**

**And all others worldwide who  
are subject to prejudice and inequality.**

## 1988 BLUEPRINT

- The Muslims (Rohingya) are not to be provided with citizenship cards by identifying them as insurgents.
- To reduce the population growth of the Rohingyas by gradual imposition of restrictions on their marriages and by application of all possible methods of oppression and suppression against them.
- To strive for the increase in Buddhist population to be more than the number of Muslim people by way of establishing Nataka villages in Arakan (Rakhine State) with Buddhist settlers from different townships and from out of the country.
- To allow them temporary movement from village to village and township to township only with Form Four, and to totally ban them travelling to Sittwe, the Capital of Arakan State.
- To forbid higher studies to the Rohingyas (university).
- No Muslim is to be appointed in government services.
- To forbid them from ownership of lands, shops and buildings. Any such properties under their existing ownership must be confiscated for distribution among the Buddhists. All their economic activities must be stopped.
- To ban construction, renovation, repair and roofing of the mosques, Islamic religious schools and dwelling houses of the Rohingyas.
- To try secretly to convert the Muslims into Buddhism.
- Whenever there is a case between Rakhine and Muslim the court shall give verdict in favour of Rakhine when the case is between Muslim themselves, the court shall favour the rich against the poor Muslim so that the latter leaves the country with frustration.
- Mass killing of the Muslims is to be avoided in order not to invite the attention of the Muslim countries.

## ACTION

**Now that you know about the Rohingya crisis, what can you do?**

- 1. Visit the UN Crisis Relief page**
- 2. Read and donate what you can**
- 3. Spread the word or the book**

**Visit:**

**<https://crisisrelief.un.org/rohingya>**



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