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When the New Year Fireworks Are Loud



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New Year's Eve

My name is Amara. On New Year's Eve, there are often fireworks at midnight. This story is about the loud bangs.





Bangs and Colours

Fireworks make bright colours in the sky. They also make big bangs and crackles. They are usually far away, above the rooftops.

Ear Muffs

Before midnight, Mum helps me put on my soft ear muffs. They make the bangs sound quieter. They feel warm and snug.





Mochi Stays In

Mochi the cat does not like bangs either. We keep Mochi inside. We close the curtains, and Mochi has a cosy box to hide in.

Bang!

At midnight, the fireworks start. Bang! Crackle! Boom! The bangs can feel very loud. Many children feel surprised or scared by the bangs. That is okay.





Slow Breaths

I can try holding Mum's hand and counting slow breaths. In, two, three. Out, two, three.

A Peek

When I feel ready, we peek out from behind the curtain. The fireworks are far away. The colours look like flowers in the sky.





Quiet Again

After a while, the bangs usually stop. The sky is dark and quiet again. Mochi comes out of his box.

Happy New Year

Then I go to bed. Mum tucks me in, and Mochi curls up at my feet. Happy New Year.



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