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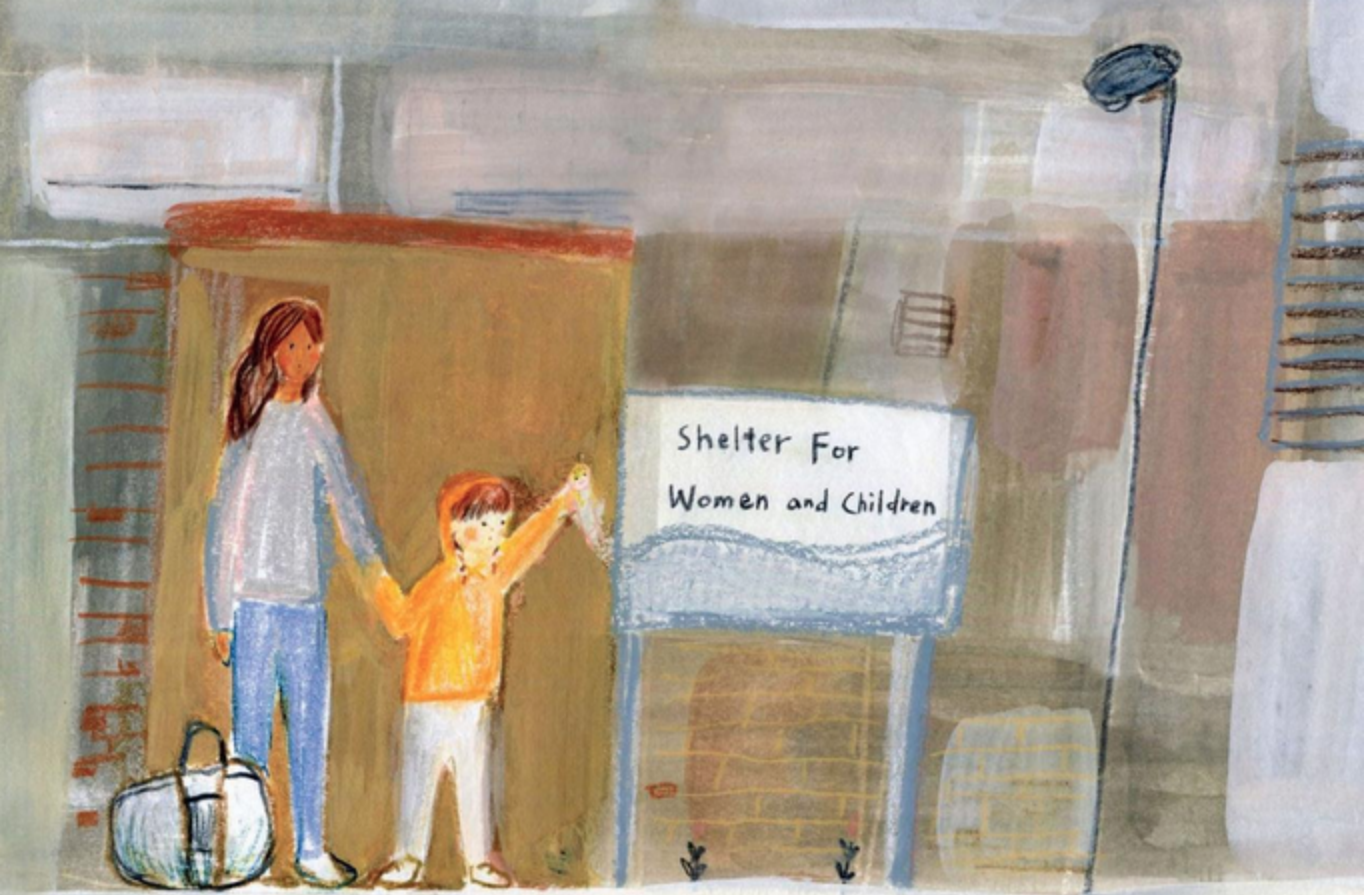
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We live in the city shelter.
My mom, my doll, and me.





My dad lives in a different shelter, down another street.
But we are still a family.

I sleep on a cot near
my mom.

Bunk beds border the
walls in a large room.



People snore.
Subways roar.
Buses, cars, and taxis honk.
I toss and turn and try to fall asleep.



I miss my quiet room,
my comfy bed, and my
cozy quilt.



I cuddle with my doll, Molly.
And even though my dad isn't here
to tuck me in, we are still a family.





While the older kids are at school, I play.
Cots make fun forts!
Sometimes...I don't want to come out from under the bed.