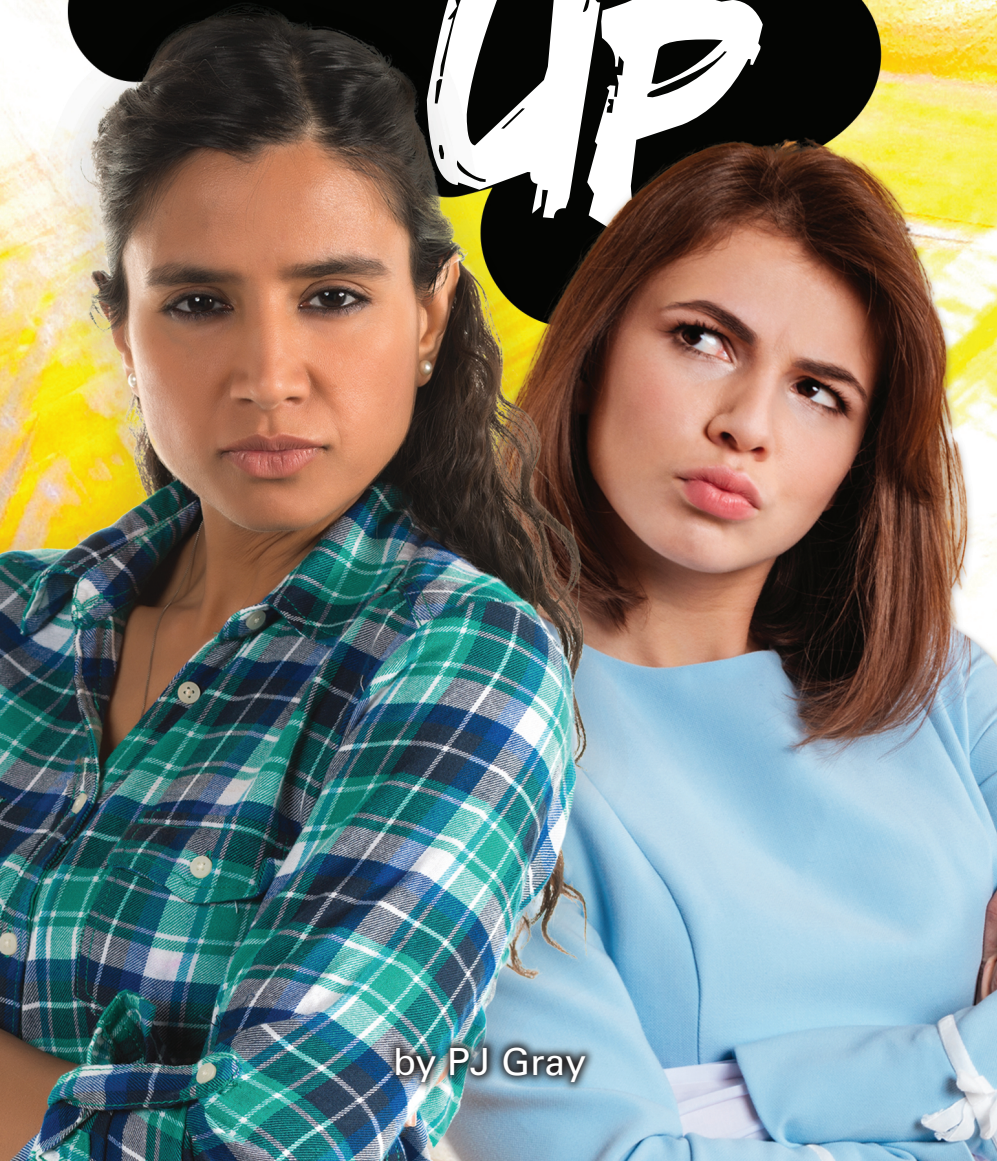


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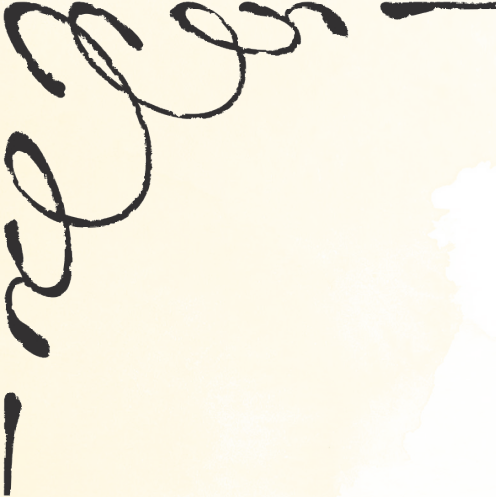


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A person is painting a wall bright yellow. The person is wearing blue jeans and is holding a paintbrush. A blue paint tray with a roller and a brush is on the floor. A silver step ladder is also visible. The text "MESSED UP" is written in a bold, yellow, brush-stroke font on a black background.

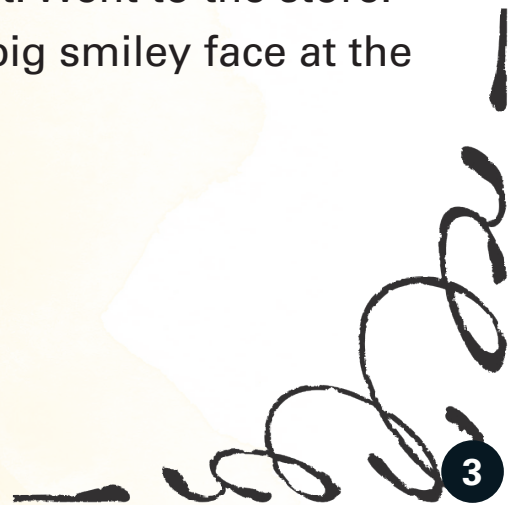
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Meera walked into her apartment. She looked around. Everything was **spotless**. It even smelled fresh and clean.

A note was on the fridge. "Making dinner tonight. Went to the store." There was a big smiley face at the bottom.



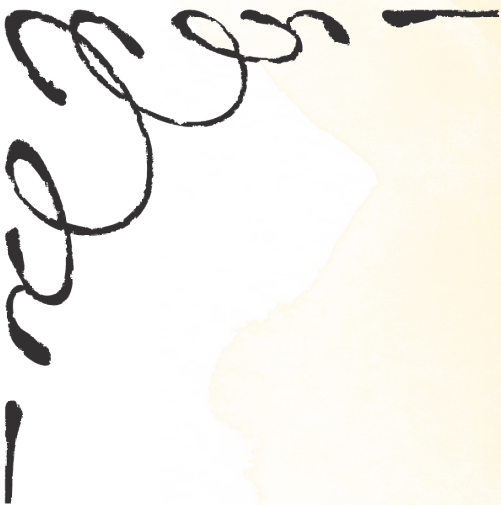


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Things were so different now. Meera's last roommate had been a **nightmare**. Kim never cleaned. She left her things everywhere in the apartment. Then she stopped paying her share of the bills.



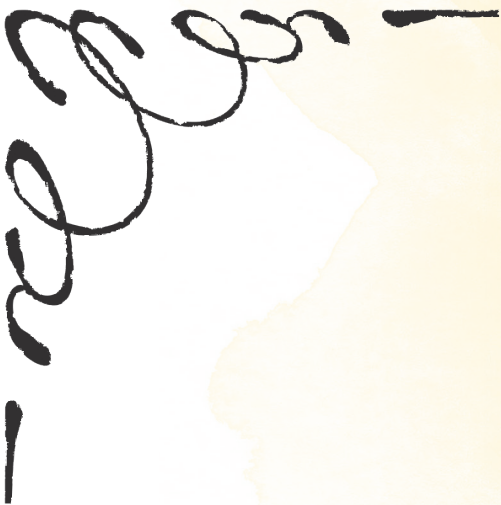
After a while, Meera couldn't stand it. She asked Kim to move out. That's when Meera met Amber. They both went to the same community college. Amber needed a place to live. The timing was perfect.



Now it had been a month. Amber was the complete **opposite** of Kim. She loved cleaning. Her room was neat and tidy. In fact, she was even neater than Meera.

They split the bills down the middle. Besides that, Amber was becoming a friend. Last weekend they had gone shopping together.

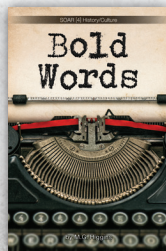
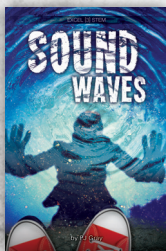
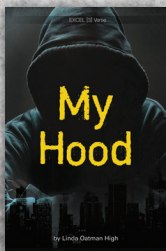
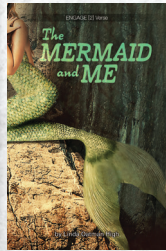




Just then, Amber came through the door. She took off her shoes. “No tracking dirt in!”

Meera smiled. “Thank you for cleaning. This place looks amazing!”

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