

Under the Tembusu

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**CARE DEEPLY
SHARE FREELY**
with **Sharitty & Friends**

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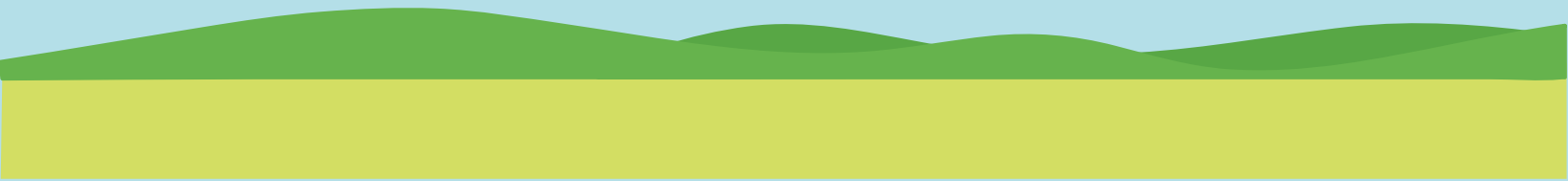
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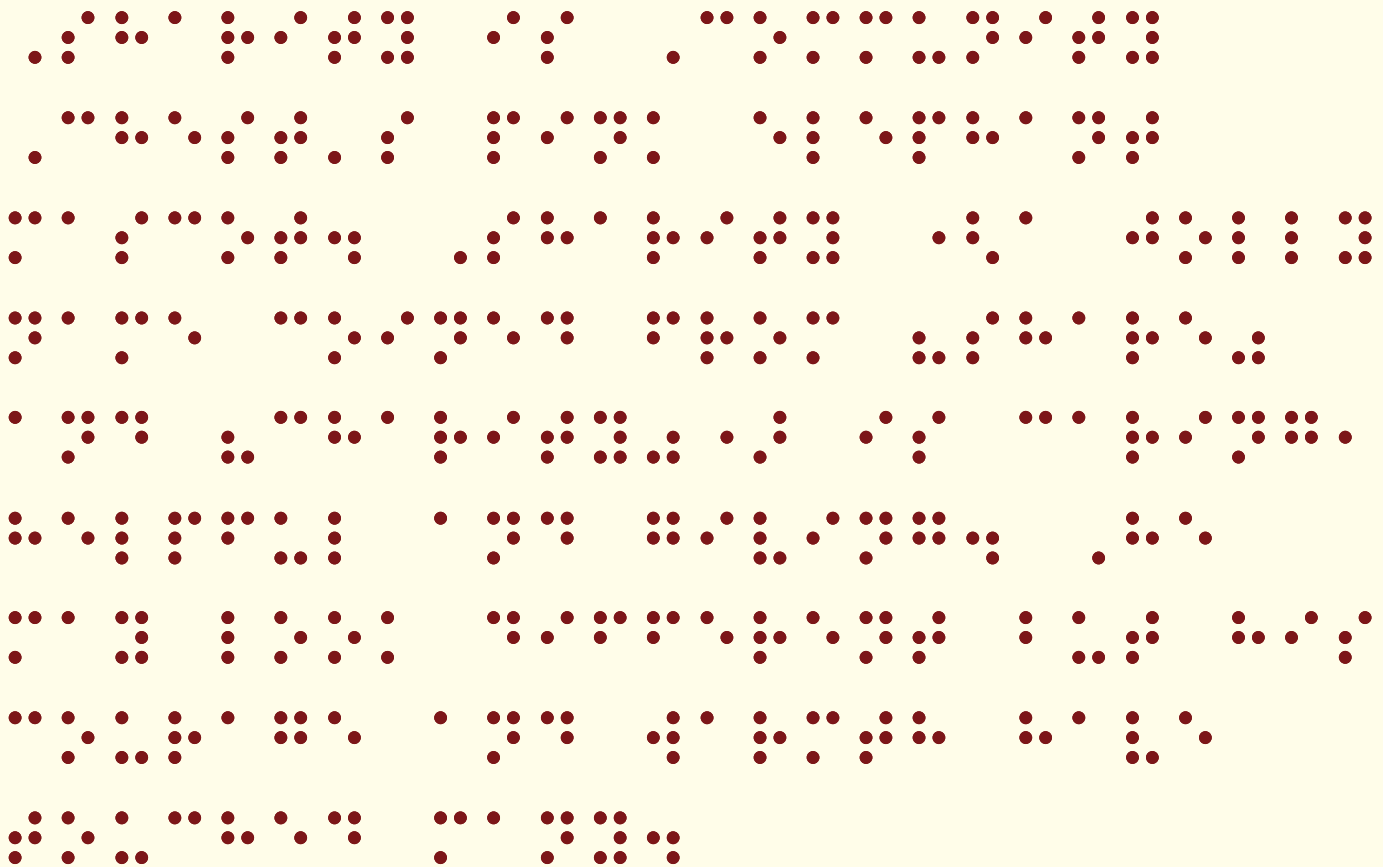
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Sharity is Community Chest's pink elephant mascot. Sharity (a jolly name coined from "share" and "charity") is caring, helpful and giving. He may look different but his courage and warmth have touched many.



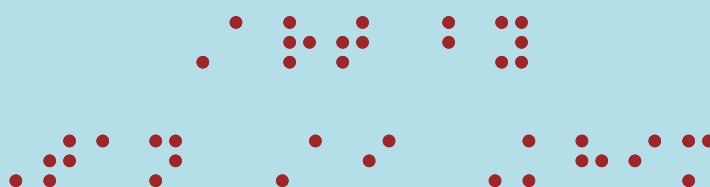
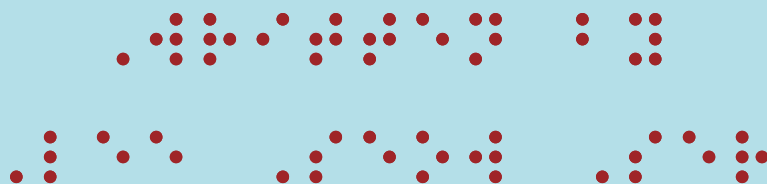
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Mr Wisely gathers

friends like you and me,

each night under

the Tembusu tree,

the Tembusu tree,

the Tembusu tree,

the Tembusu tree,

the Tembusu tree,



where good old stories

are often shared

with the young

about the silver-haired.

about the silver-haired.

about the silver-haired.

about the silver-haired.

about the silver-haired.



Mr Wisely the Owl

is so very clever,

we remember

his stories forever.



This book belongs to:
Sharity & Friends



Our favourite story

is about food and such,

of purple, brown

and red peanuts.

and red peanuts.

and red peanuts.

and red peanuts.

and red peanuts.



Peanuts are small

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but hard to chew,

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for hungry Grandma

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with teeth so few.

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Some tell Grandma

to eat plain porridge,

or anything she can find

in cold storage.

in cold storage.

in cold storage.

in cold storage.

in cold storage.



However,

Sharity the Elephant

has a recipe in mind.

With sacks of peanuts,

he starts to grind.



Slowly but surely,

..: : : : : : : : : : : : : :

with pink trunk power,

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Sharity turns the peanuts

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into fine powder.

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To Flappy and Cheeky,

Sharity has this to say,

“Doing good

is the only way!”



“I wish to make

the tasteless porridge

nutritious and delicious,

sweet and rich.”

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“Just for Grandma

to enjoy and safely eat.

I think this is what

she really needs!”

she really needs!”

she really needs!”

she really needs!”

she really needs!”



As we listen to stories

like many others do,

each night

under the tall Tembusu,



touching tales

are shared once more,

about the elderly

whom we adore.

touching tales

are shared once more,

about the elderly

whom we adore.



And so our children

begin to learn,

that grandmothers too

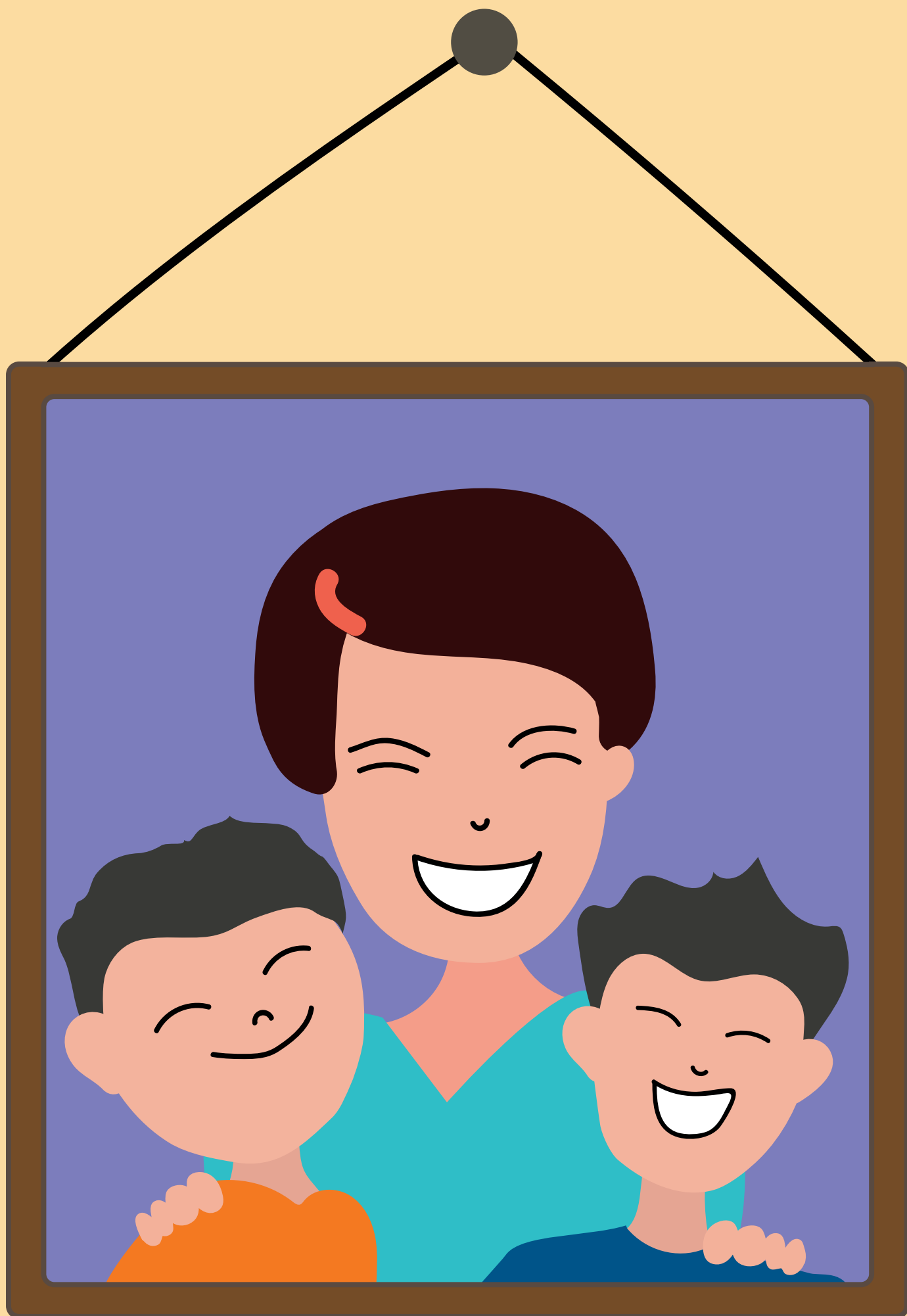
were once young women.

begin to learn,

that grandmothers too

were once young women.

begin to learn,



Now at 70

they are like precious

or 80 years old,

they are like precious

they are like precious

pots of glittering gold,

pots of glittering gold,

they are like precious



to be respected

and dearly loved,

like the tall, swaying

Tembusu above.



Glossary

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Tembusu

A large tree native to Southeast Asia

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Silver-haired

The elderly

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Cold storage

Refrigerator

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Recipe

Instructions for preparing a dish

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How do you

How do you

show respect

show respect

to the elderly

to the elderly

in your family?

in your family?

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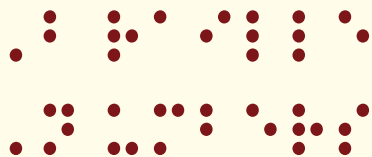
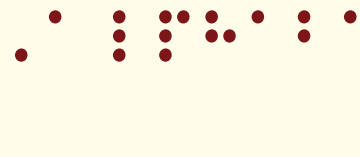

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Braille Number Indicator



Braille Cell



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How can Sharity the Elephant help hungry Grandma?
Learn how Sharity cares for the elderly in this special book with
dyslexia-friendly font, Braille and tactile pictures, as the story
unfolds *Under the Tembusu*.

Sharity the Elephant
lives in a lush green
jungle under the
Tembusu tree.
One day, Sharity
heard a loud cry for
help. It was Grandma
who was hungry.
Sharity went to find
her. She found Grandma
under the Tembusu tree.
Grandma was very
weak and hungry.
Sharity knew she had
to help her. She went
to the river and found
some bananas.
Sharity brought the
bananas back to Grandma.
Grandma ate the
bananas and felt
better. Sharity was
glad to help her.
Sharity lives in the
jungle under the
Tembusu tree.

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