

Soft and Hard

Whitney’s pillow was soft. Her blanket was soft too. The bed felt spongy under her fingers.

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“Are all the things in my bedroom soft?” she wondered.

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She sat up. She held her stuffed bear. His name was Fuzzy Bear. Her fingers dug into his fur. “You’re very soft, Fuzzy Bear,” she said.

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Fuzzy Bear’s eyes were black and shiny. *Tick, tick.* Whitney tapped them with her nails. “Most of you is soft. But your eyes are hard.” She gave Fuzzy Bear a squeeze. His hard nose touched her cheek.

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Whitney stood up. Her bare feet touched the floor. It was cold and hard. She put on her slippers. They were fuzzy and soft.

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On the hard floor was a rug. Whitney bent over and touched it. The green rug felt soft.

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She walked to the window. The glass was as cold as ice. Pretty green curtains hung down. They felt soft in her hand.

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Whitney said to Fuzzy Bear, “My bedroom is just like you. Some of it is soft. Some of it is hard.”

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