



LO: I can build  
description

# THE DARK

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Now we are going to re-read the start part of the book again, listen out for effective words and phrases that Lemony Snickett uses to describe the dark.

Look at the pictures carefully. How does the illustrator create effects with space and light and dark.

We are going to add to our 'The Dark' roll on the wall.



# The dark

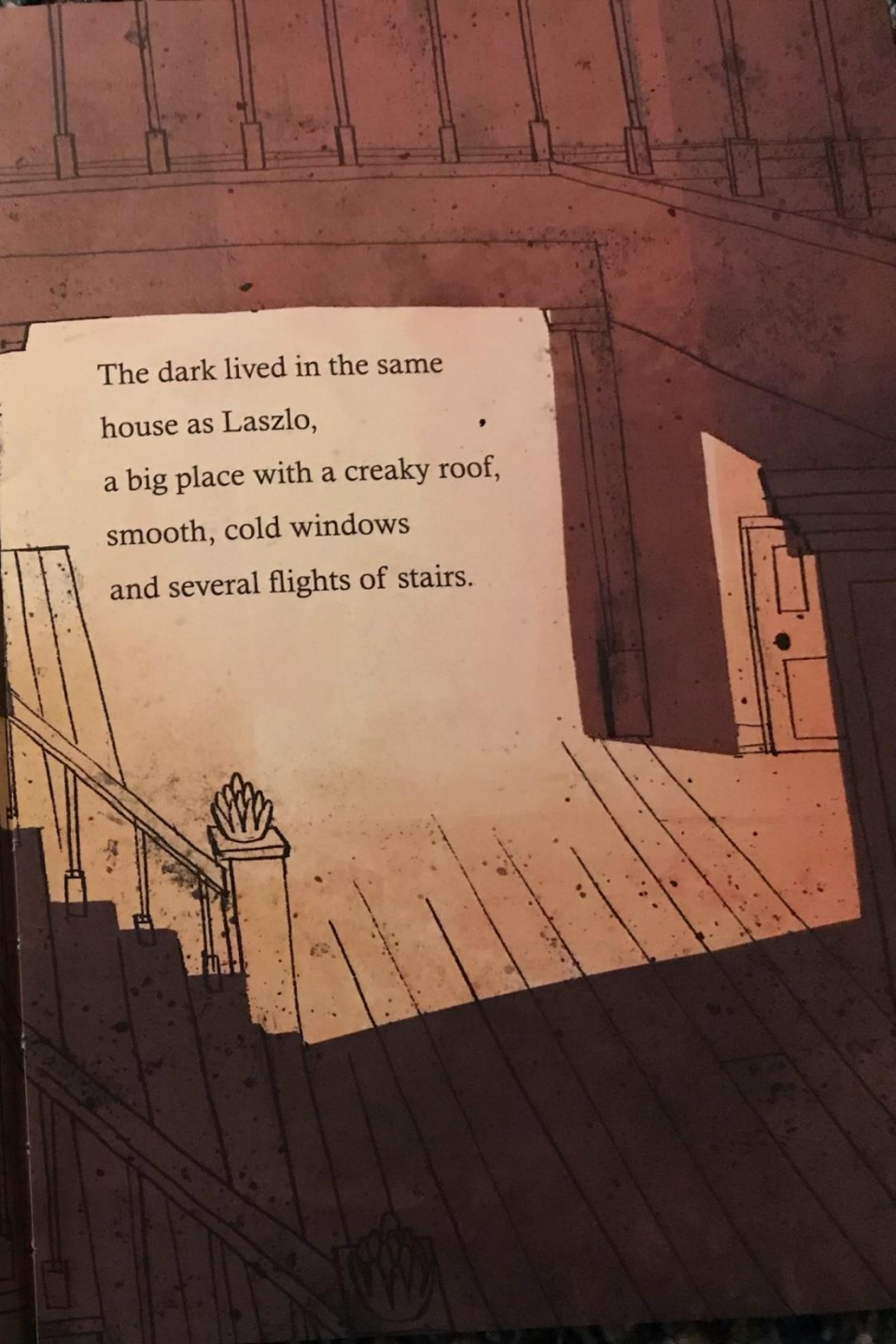
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Laszlo was  
afraid of  
the dark.



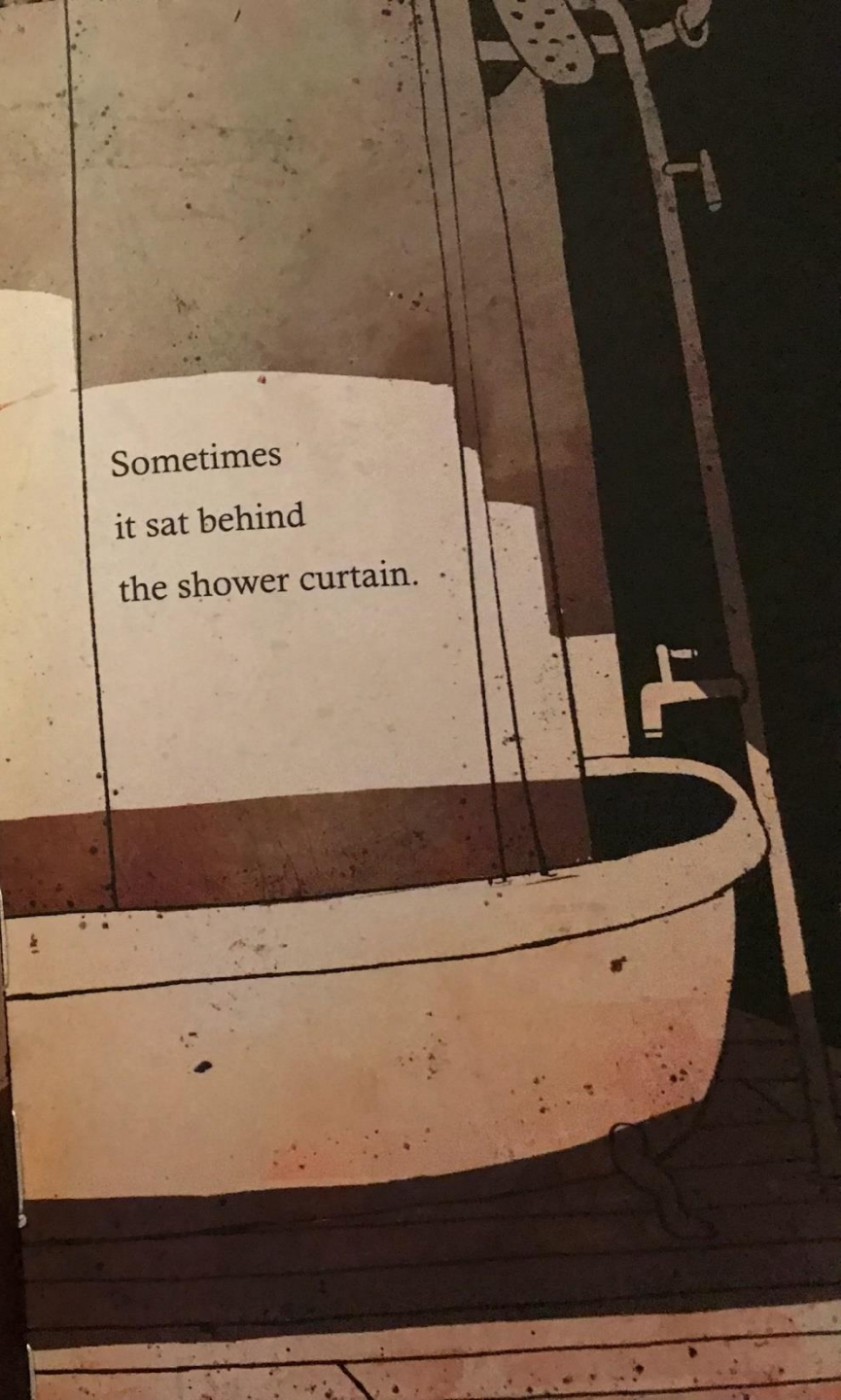


The dark lived in the same  
house as Laszlo,  
a big place with a creaky roof,  
smooth, cold windows  
and several flights of stairs.




An illustration of a kitchen scene. On the left, a light-colored cupboard with two doors is visible. The floor is made of wide wooden planks. A small, dark-colored car is shown driving on the floor. The text is printed on a white rectangular background in the upper right area of the left page.

Sometimes  
the dark hid  
in the cupboard.

An illustration of a bathroom scene. A white bathtub is shown in the lower right. Above it, a shower curtain is partially visible. The background is a light-colored wall. The text is printed on a white rectangular background in the upper left area of the right page.

Sometimes  
it sat behind  
the shower curtain.



But mostly it spent its  
time in the basement.  
All day long the dark would  
wait in a distant corner, far  
from the squeaks and rattles  
of the washing machine,  
pressed up against some old,  
damp boxes and a chest of  
drawers nobody ever opened.

At night, of course, the dark  
went out and spread itself  
against the windows  
and doors of  
Laszlo's house.

But in the morning  
the dark would be  
back in the basement,  
where it belonged.  
Laszlo would peek at the  
dark every morning.



"Hi,"  
he would say.  
"Hi, dark."



Laszlo thought that  
if he visited the dark  
in the dark's room,  
maybe the dark  
wouldn't come and  
visit him in his room.

But one night –



it did.

"Laszlo," the dark said,  
in the dark.



# Vocabulary build

black darkened dim sombre  
grimy obscure shaded

lightless scary frightening

unlit unknown shaded (new words)  
frightful dreadful  
unnerving

Task: Draw your own spider diagram of words to describe the dark.