

## The Road Stállu\*

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Some children are playing hopscotch in the road where there are cars, buses, and motorcycles speeding dangerously by. Suddenly, an enormous troll shows up from under the road. He is wearing a reindeer skin coat and has the same kind of cane that Grandma used to have in her outhouse. The children are terrified and run home to hide.

Grandma comes to visit and wonders why the children are playing hide-and-seek. Well, it turns out that they'd seen an enormous troll that showed up under the road! Grandma tells the children to sit down with her so she can tell them about Per, a boy who was taken by the troll who lives under the road.

Her story is about a boy who played in the road – just like the children were doing. He was taken by the troll down to its home beneath the road. Luckily, the boy managed to escape from the troll and find his way back. He never played in the road again.

\* A mythical figure who appears in various roles in Sami folklore



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Author **Marit Alette Utsi** debuts with the book *The Road Troll*, a North Sámi fairytale about the troll who lives under the road. The story is based on the author's own experiences as a child. Illustrated by Sunna Kitti, the book is suitable for children ages 6–9.