

*9428* is the story of a child who leaves the motherland to live in a new land and who must face the unknown. It is a story of confronting fears, embracing them, and learning to live with them. Arman, a child who has recently immigrated from the Middle East, lands in Canada with the parents. While Arman is trying to cope with the new world, a shape-shifting monster, *9428*, frequently visits to remind Arman of the fears and difficulties the new environment has forced upon the family. Arman's only refuge is in an imaginary world full of colours, dreams, and music. While trying to understand the new world, Arman creates a fantasy world in which reality and imagination co-exist. Arman's occasional escapes to the fantasy world become a ladder that connects the old world to the new, to the point that the new world could also be called Home, a concept that Arman has been struggling with since immigrating to Canada.