

My world is full with demons. Most are invisible, but they are often surrounded by a halo. They are dirty, stinky creatures.

It is like a brise when they pass by you. They can sleek in houses without being seen. They can snatch you and send you to the Netherworld.

It is scary, of course, to have all those ghosts and demons surrounding us. But we have many ways to protect ourselves! Let me tell you about some of them!

I was told that, in your world, demons and ghosts are wandering on earth around this time of the year. This is really weird... In my world, summer is the time for demons and ghosts. But the last days of the month, the moonless ones, also are times when the ghosts visit us.



## The offsprings of Arali: who are the Mesopotamian demons?

We cannot see the dreadful uttukudemons but we know they are in the most horrible things that can happen! Like this texts say.

They are the waves in the sea

They are the terrors of the marsh

They are the assakku-disease in the canebrake

They are the flaming ambers in the forest

They are the evil web in the mouth of the jar

They are the neglected fruits in gardens

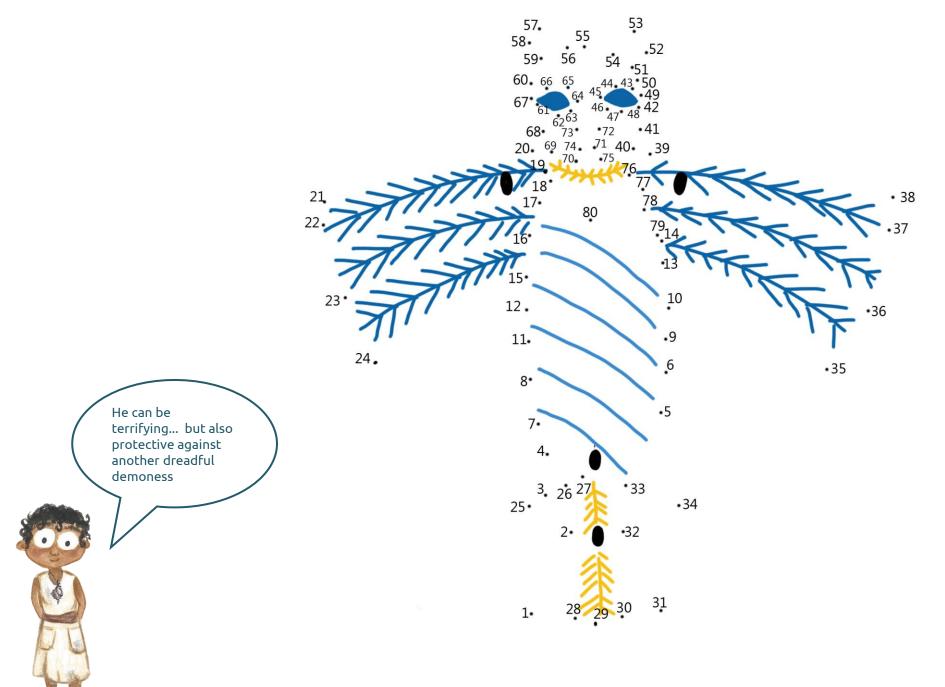


As for me, I could say, "they are my little sister who broke my toy" or "they are the cat who ate my fish"!
Ok. It might be a little exaggerated....



Where or who are your uttuku-demons? It is convenient to write it because if you say it aloud when you are scared the uttuku will disappear!

## Who is hiding behind the dots?!



## **Protection against Lamaštu**



My drawing



Belšunu's drawing - he is my best friend



My little sister's (my brother helped her)





To protect yourself against her, the best is to draw her image on a tablet, then put it around your neck. She will never reach you!



We don't know for sure what she looks like so the drawings are a bit approximate... But it works!



Draw your own Lamaštu on this tablet to be protected!



Your drawing