***The Night the Bed Fell***

**Vocabulary**

1. recitation—the act or an instance of reading or repeating aloud, especially publicly
2. verisimilitude—the likelihood or probability of something occurring
3. grope—to fumble about; to feel for something
4. opposed—not agreeing with or approving of something or someone
5. notion—an idea or thought about something
6. apprehension—to feel anxious or scared that something might happen
7. ominous—suggesting that something bad is going to happen in the future
8. pungent—having a very strong stench or smell
9. cease—to stop happening
10. accustomed—familiar with something so that it seems normal
11. intervals—a period of time/space between events/things
12. allay—to put fear, suspicion, or worry to rest
13. uncanny—strange or unusual in a way that is surprising or difficult to understand
14. crotchet—a weird or stubborn idea or opinion
15. premonition—a feeling or belief that something is going to happen when there is no definite reason to believe it will
16. chloroform—a colorless, heavy liquid used especially to dissolve fatty substances
17. avert—to turn (your eyes, gaze, etc.) away from
18. calamity—an enormous disaster
19. extricate—to free or release from an entanglement
20. phobia—an extremely strong dislike or fear of something
21. presently—something that will happen in the near future
22. fortitude—mental strength and courage that allows someone to face danger, pain, etc.
23. culprit—a person who has committed a crime or done something wrong
24. adjoining—touching or bordering at a certain point or line
25. deluge—a large amount of something happening at once
26. perilous—full of danger or risk