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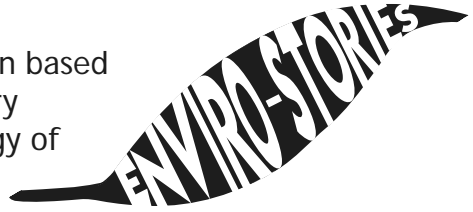


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Enviro-Stories Competition

Enviro-Stories is a competition based education program for Primary Schools based on the pedagogy of Kids Teaching Kids. Students where given the opportunity to learn about their local environment, write a story about it, then get their story published. These stories provide an educational experience that creates readers, written about local issues, by local kids, for local kids.



In 2009, the Cotton Catchment Communities CRC, in conjunction with the Central West Catchment Management Authority, has provided local kids with the opportunity to join in on this exciting and innovative competition.

Cotton Catchment Communities CRC

The Cotton Catchment Communities CRC is an industry partnership leading research, education and commercialisation in the Australian cotton industry. The Cotton CRC aims to provide innovative knowledge to stimulate economic, social and environmental outcomes at farm, regional and national levels.

Central West Catchment Management Authority

The Central West Catchment is committed to work with the community to conserve, improve and manage natural and cultural resources. The catchment is located in central western New South Wales, flanked by the Barwon and Darling Catchments to the north and west, Lachlan to the south and the Sydney/Shoalhaven Basin to the east.

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The Cotton Catchment Communities CRC 2009 "Creepy Crawlies...life underground" Enviro-Stories Competition consists of the following books:

- Holly the Honey Pot Ant
- Timmy Termite Saves the Day
- Squiggles' Big Day
- Angus Ant
- Cameron's Birthday
- Eric the Earthworm
- Mrs Webber and the Storm
- Danny the Dung Beetle
- Jack the Spider

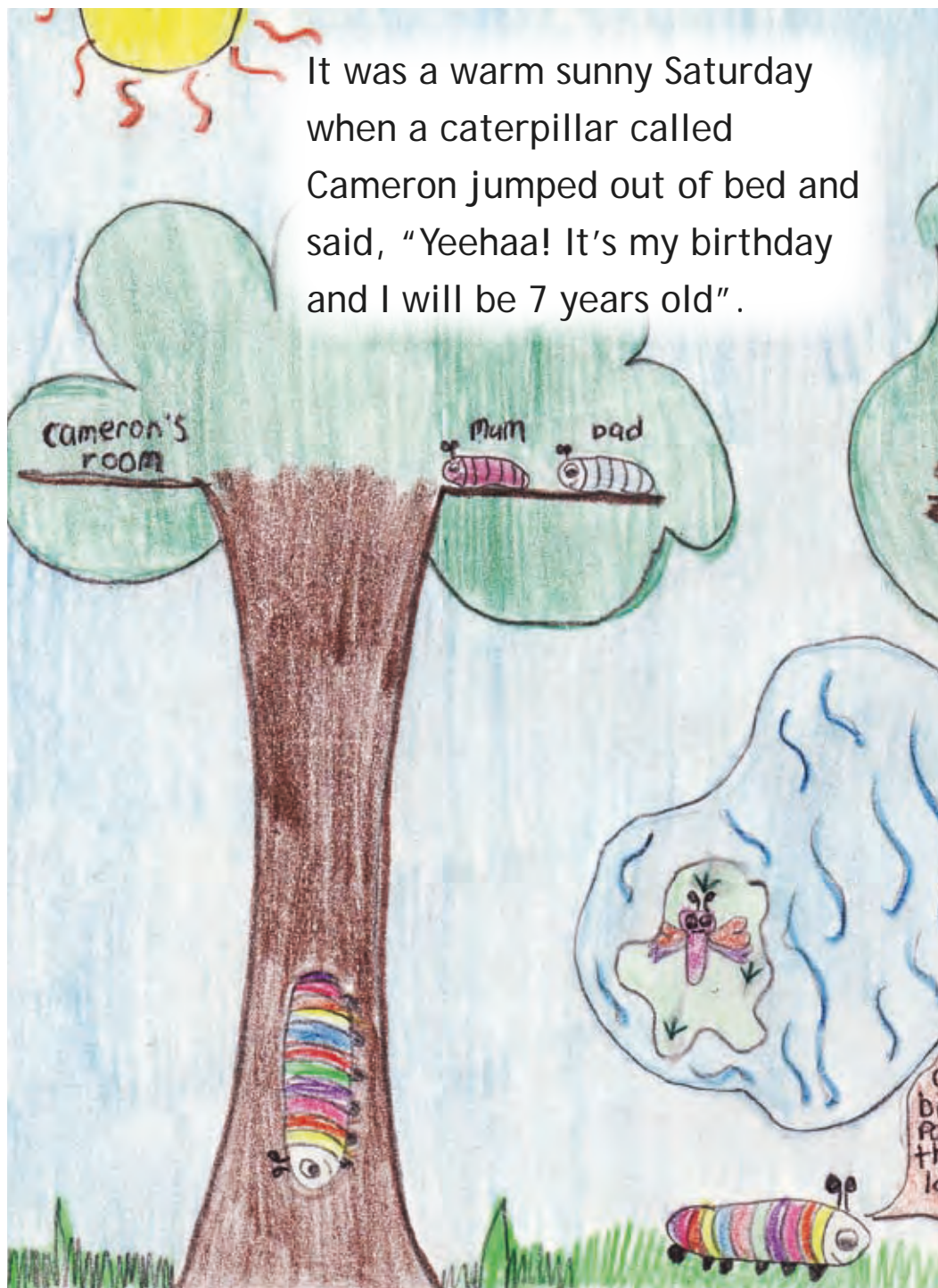
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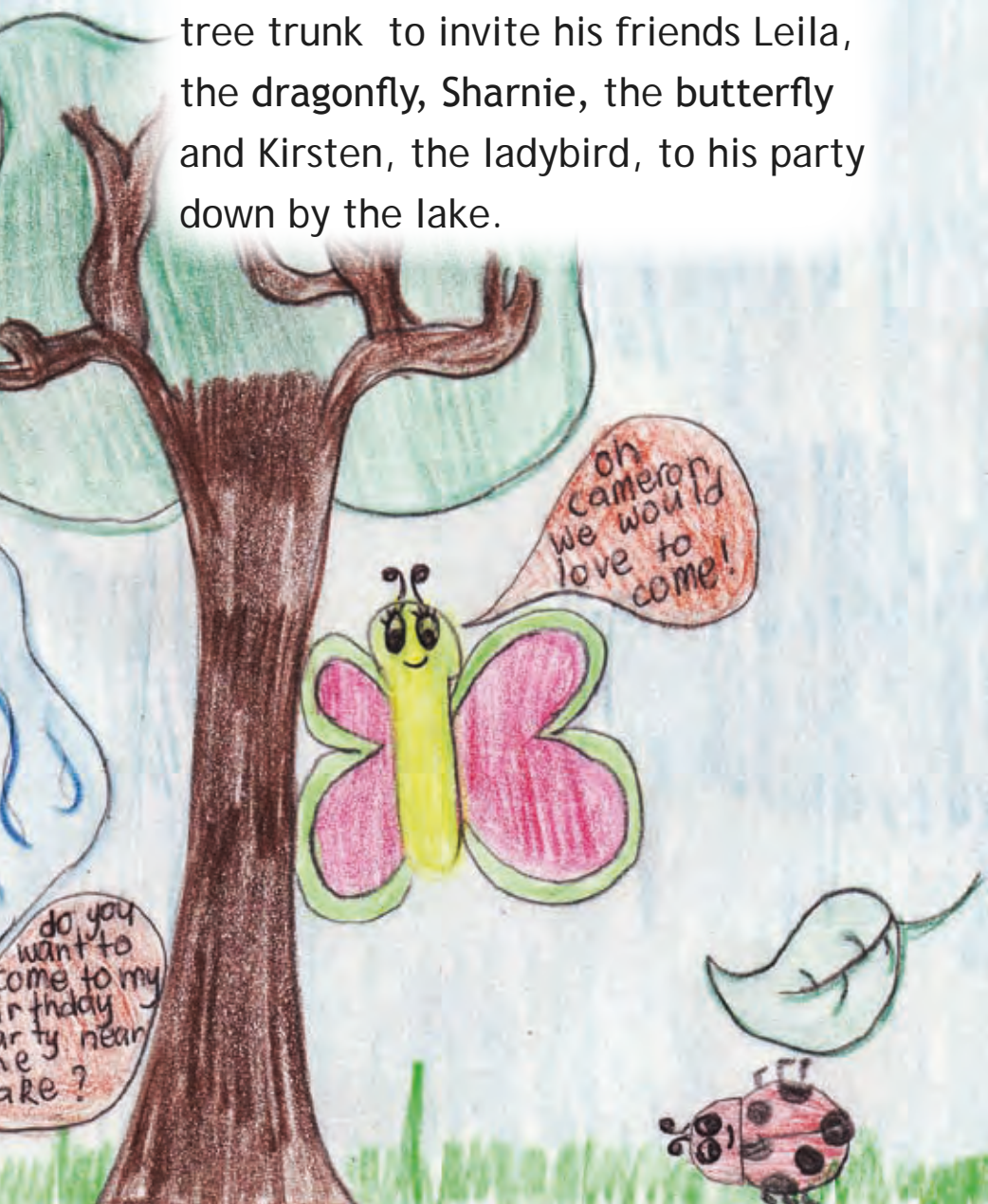
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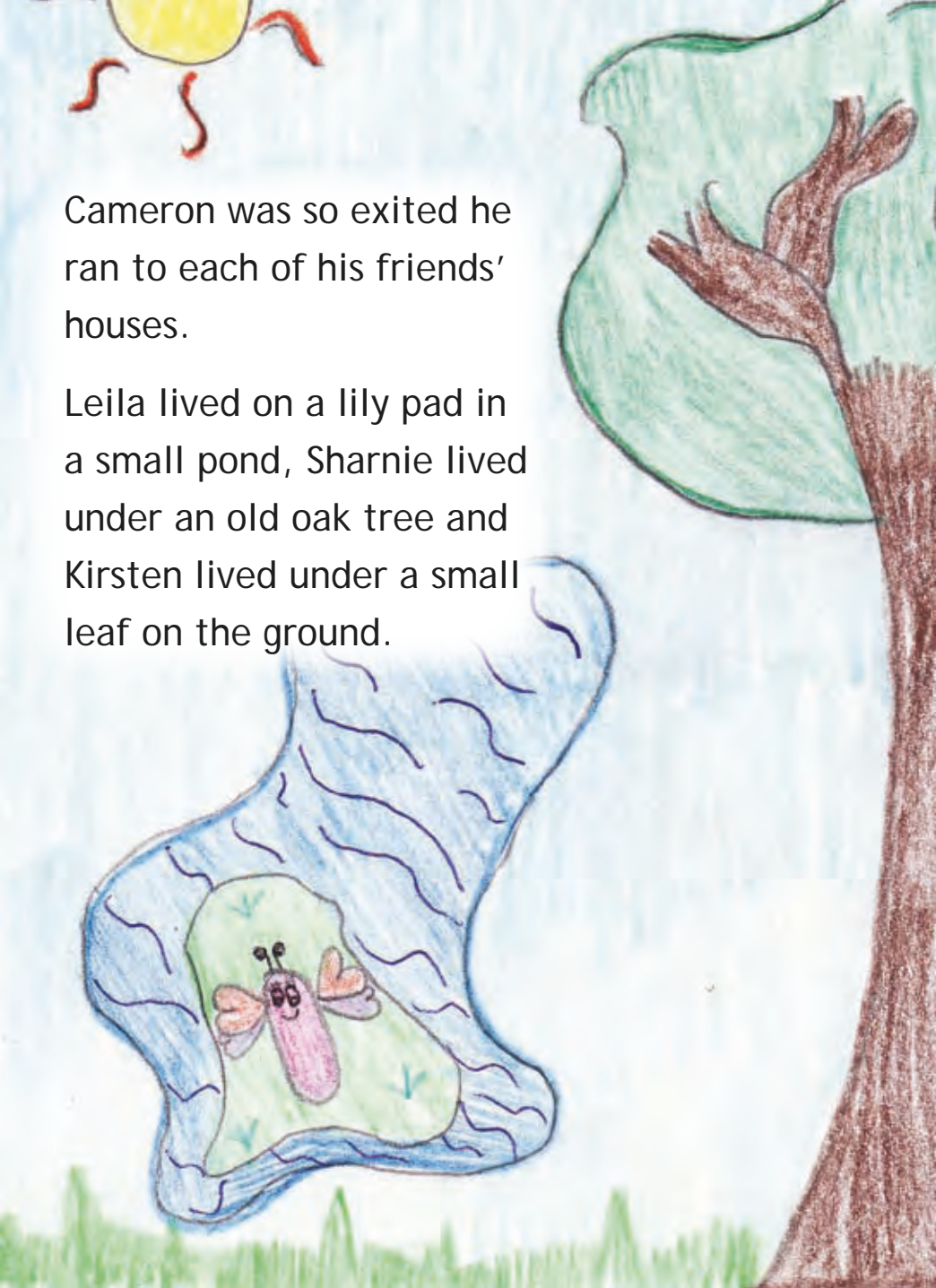
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It was a warm sunny Saturday when a caterpillar called Cameron jumped out of bed and said, "Yeehaa! It's my birthday and I will be 7 years old".



Cameron's parents were still asleep, so Cameron quietly walked down the tree trunk to invite his friends Leila, the dragonfly, Sharnie, the butterfly and Kirsten, the ladybird, to his party down by the lake.





Cameron was so excited he ran to each of his friends' houses.

Leila lived on a lily pad in a small pond, Sharnie lived under an old oak tree and Kirsten lived under a small leaf on the ground.



Cameron asked, "Can all of you come to my birthday party and please bring some party food?"

They all replied, "Oh Cameron we would love to come."



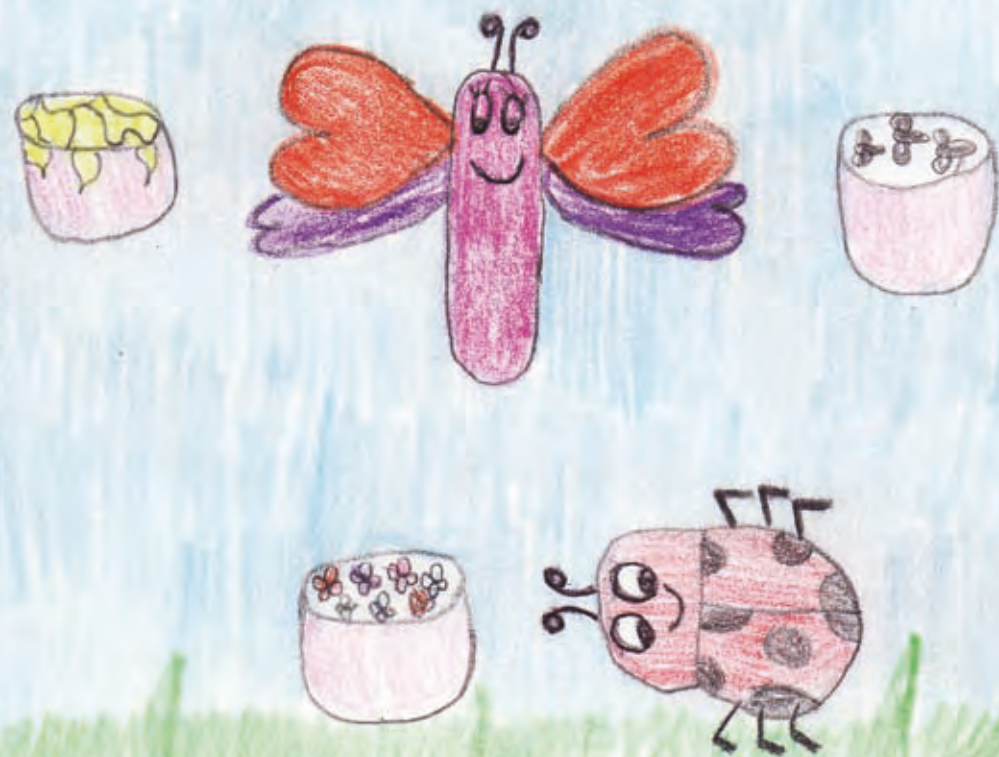
Before the party the three insects went and collected their favourite party food.

Leila collected flies.

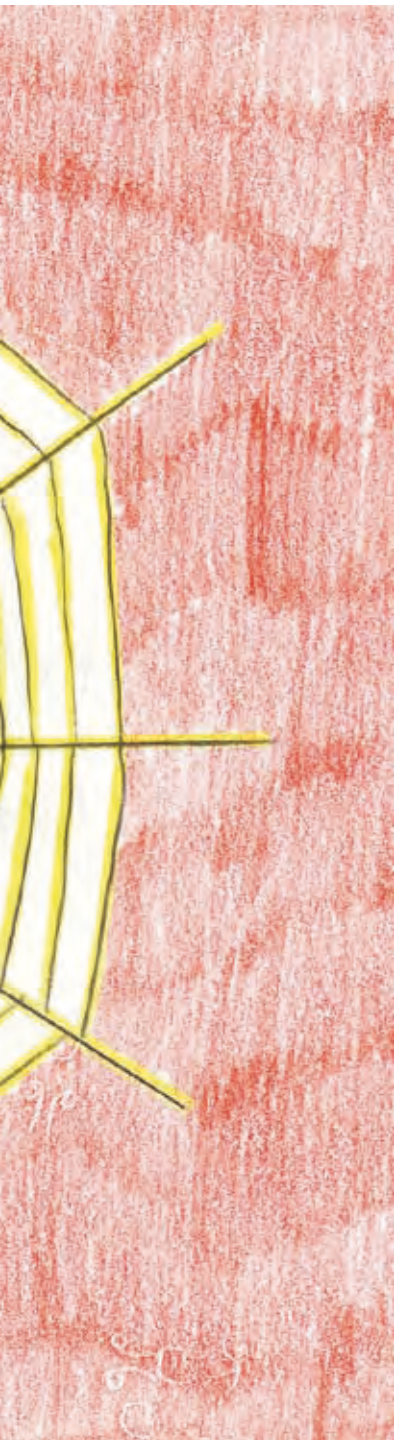
Sharnie collected nectar.

And Kirsten collected flower petals.

When they were ready they set off for Cameron's party.







Kirsten was so excited about the party she was not looking where she was going.

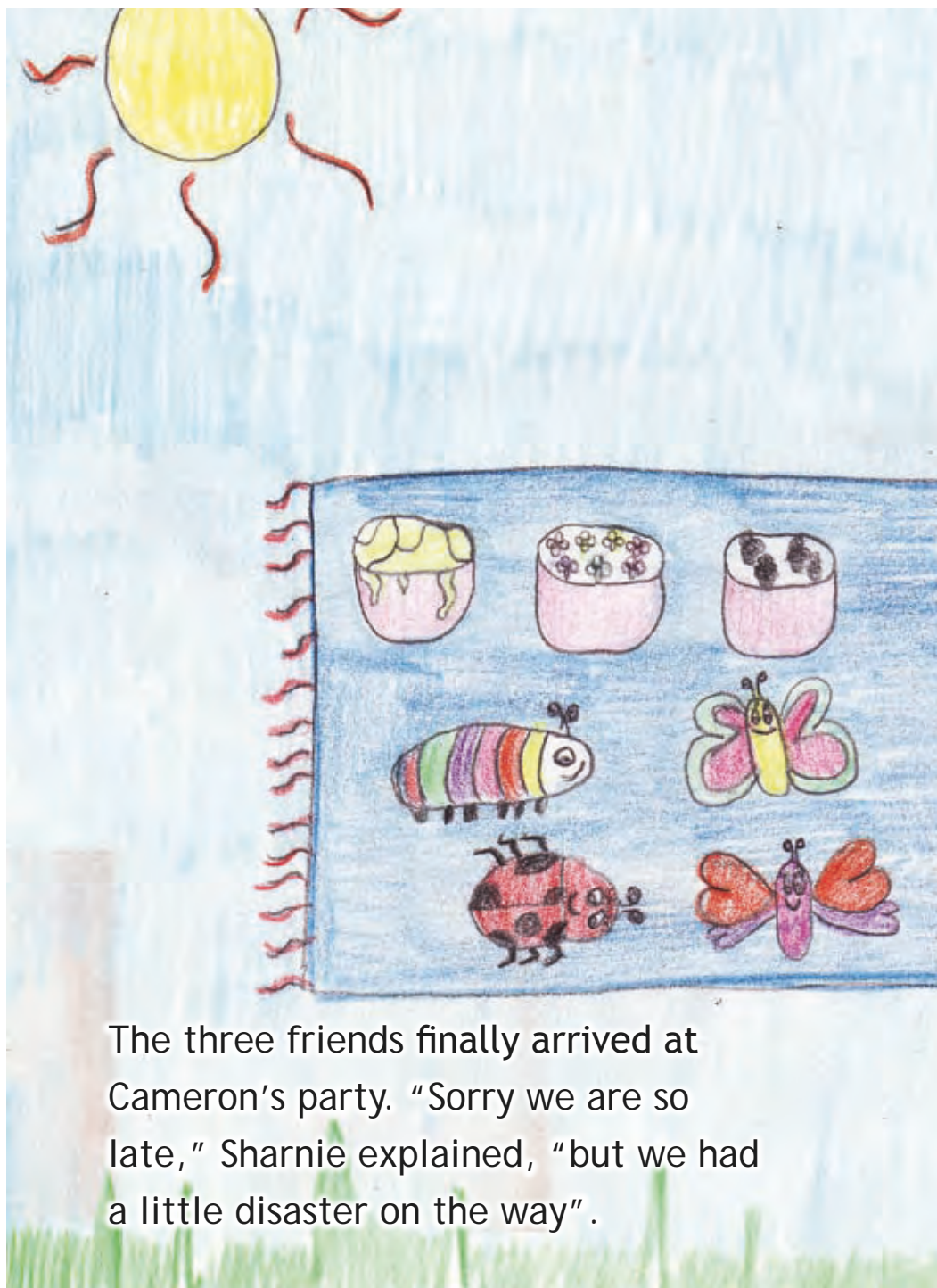
“Oh no!” Kirsten exclaimed as she flew straight into Mrs Tanjoa, the spider’s, web.

Mrs Tanjoa scuttled out and was heading straight for Kirsten.

“Someone help me!” screamed Kirsten.

“Don’t worry Kirsten, I’ll save you,” shouted Leila. In a flash Leila was weaving through Mrs Tanjoa’s thick web.

No sooner than Kirsten was stuck, she was out again. “Oh thank you Leila. You saved my life from that horrible, horrible spider.”



The three friends finally arrived at Cameron's party. "Sorry we are so late," Sharnie explained, "but we had a little disaster on the way".

"Kirsten flew straight into Mrs Tanjoa's web. Leila had to dive in and save her. We even managed to save the party food. How about we sit down and start the party?"

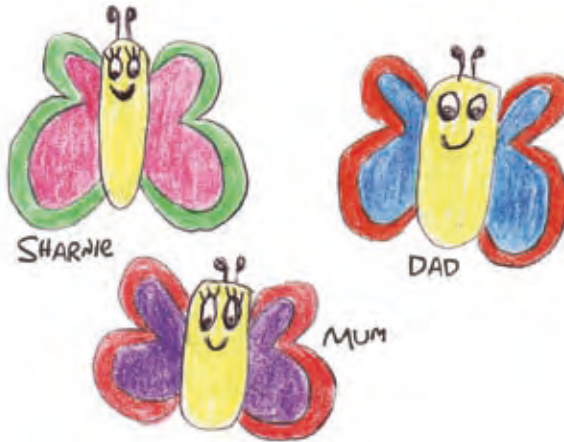




They all sat down and began the feast. Once they had finished eating, they played party games which included pass the parcel and freeze.

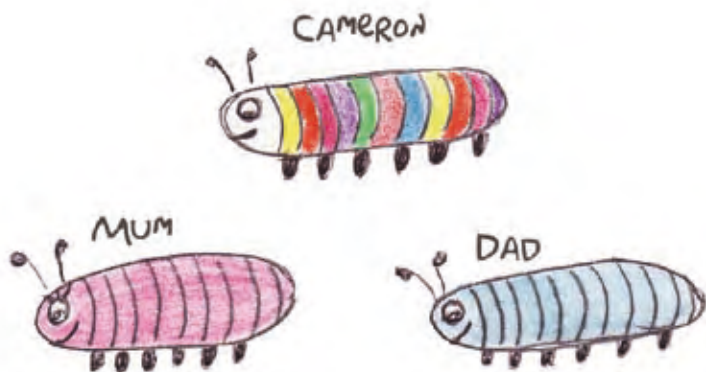


It was getting late and the four friends thought it would be a good idea to start packing up and head home.



After arriving home, they each told their parents how much fun the party had been.





As Cameron fell asleep that night he said to himself, "I am very lucky to have such a great family and good friends to celebrate my birthday with".





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