

The illustration features a close-up of a dog's head, likely a Cocker Spaniel, with large, wavy, golden-brown ears and a white face speckled with brown spots. The dog's eyes are dark and focused. In the bottom left corner, a small, detailed fly with a black body, blue eyes, and translucent wings is shown. The background is a solid light pink color, decorated with several thick, dark brown, hand-drawn curved lines that resemble paw prints or stylized paths. The title text is written in a dark brown, hand-drawn, sans-serif font.

BIRBA

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THE FLY

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A few minutes after Birba  
was born, she heard an  
unfamiliar buzzing sound



And she discovered it came  
from a rather peculiar  
black creature

"Hi, I'm a fly" said the creature  
The fly went bzzzz and zzzuuu and  
zzii and zzzaaa



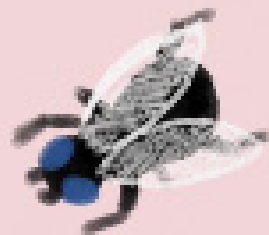
The fly buzzed and  
buzzed around Birba



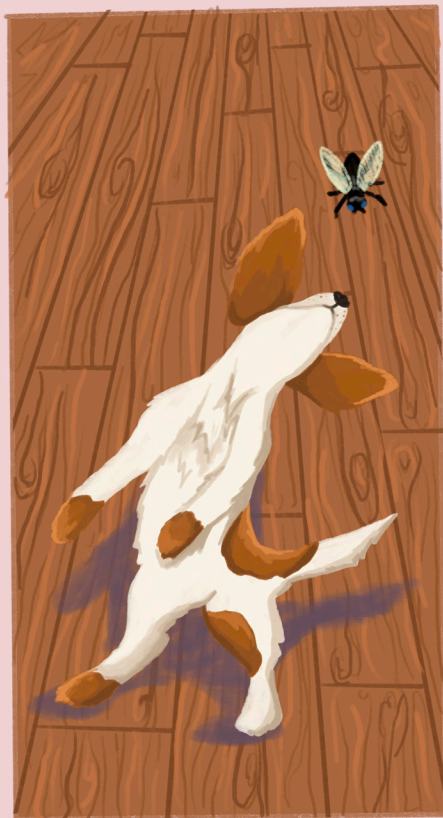
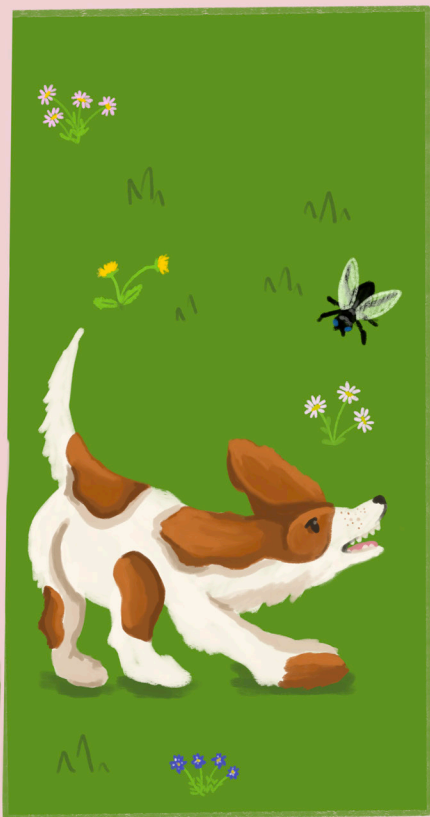
When suddenly she got  
an idea...



THE FLY LOOKED  
REALLY TASTY!



so she crawled

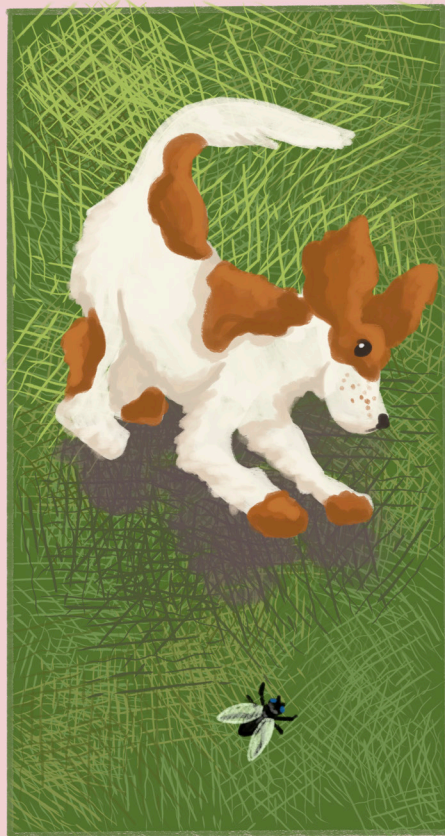


and jumped



and leapt

and flew...



... and fell.



The fly was far too smart  
for Birba to keep up.



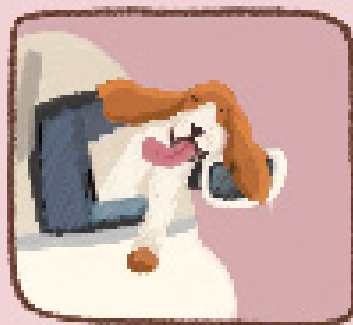
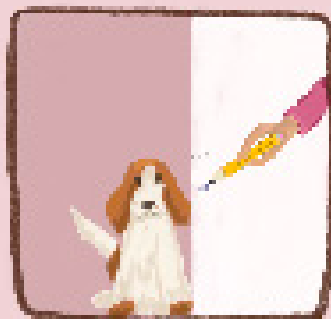
"That's it. I'm over it."

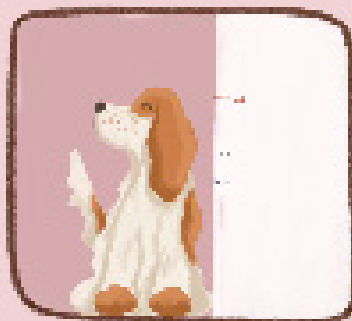
Said Birba











One summer afternoon, while  
Birba was napping in the  
golden warmth of the sun,



a familiar pair of wings  
rested on her nose.



and in one swift  
movement ...



SHE SLURPED THE  
FLY UP!





“That was easy! I can  
finally rest now.”  
Thought Birba

So she fell into a deep,  
deep slumber







The deepest slumber  
of them all.









