



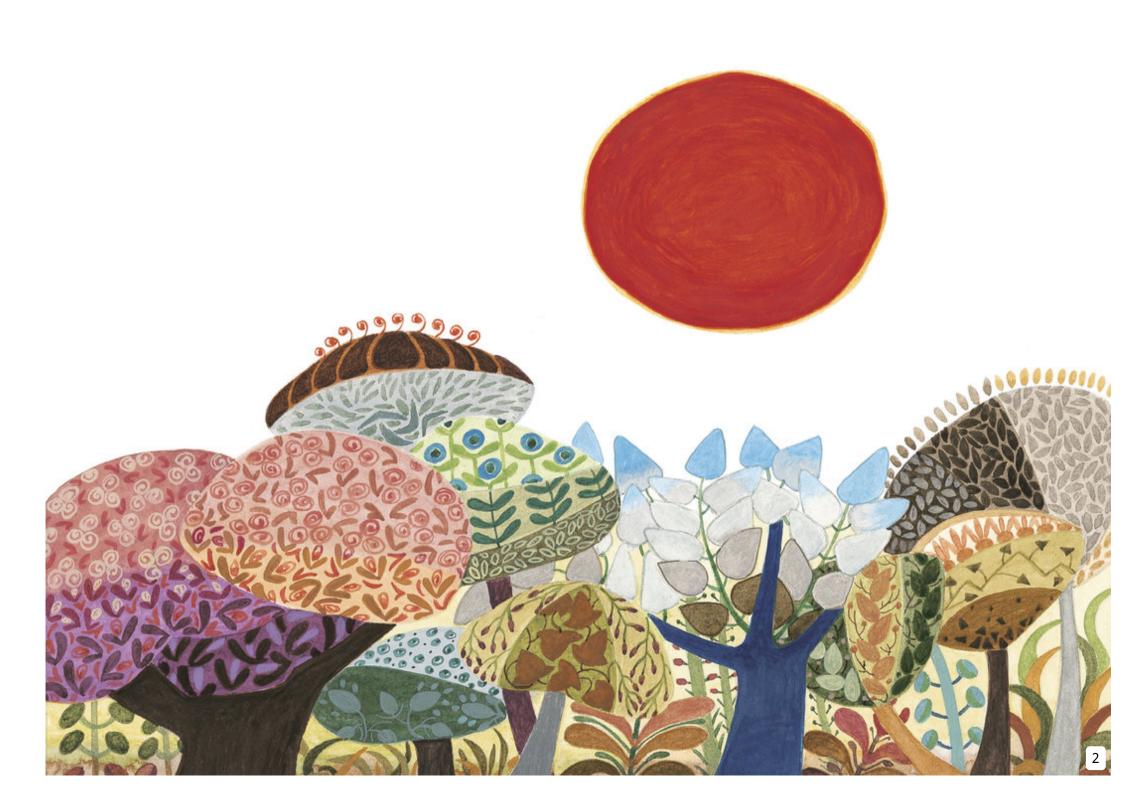
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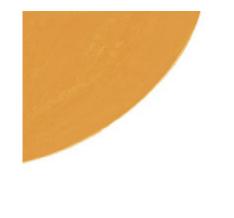


It was a new day.
The sun shone
softly on the forest.
The birds woke up.

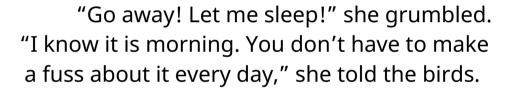


















"I am starving!" said the millipede and set out to look for food.

In her hurry, she stumbled over a rock.
"Oh my gosh! Oh my gosh!
I have broken a leg!"
she shouted.





A little sparrow was busy picking grains nearby.

"Ha! You have broken a leg? I would break one too, if I had so many! Look at me! I have two legs.

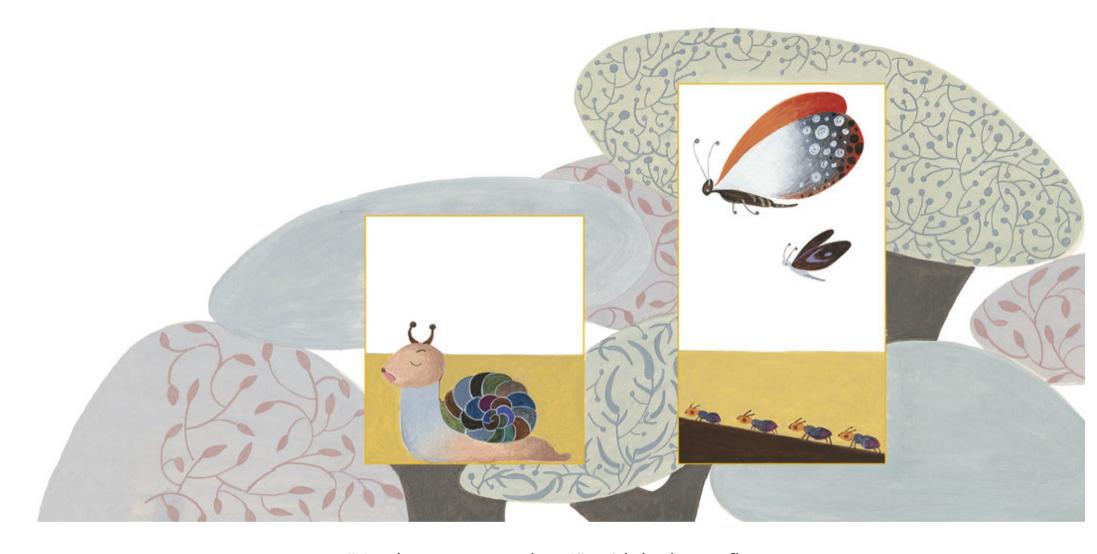
One follows the other. No problem! Easy!" she said smugly. "And what is all this hurry for?"





The millipede asked the honeybees for help. But they were busy collecting honey from the flowers.





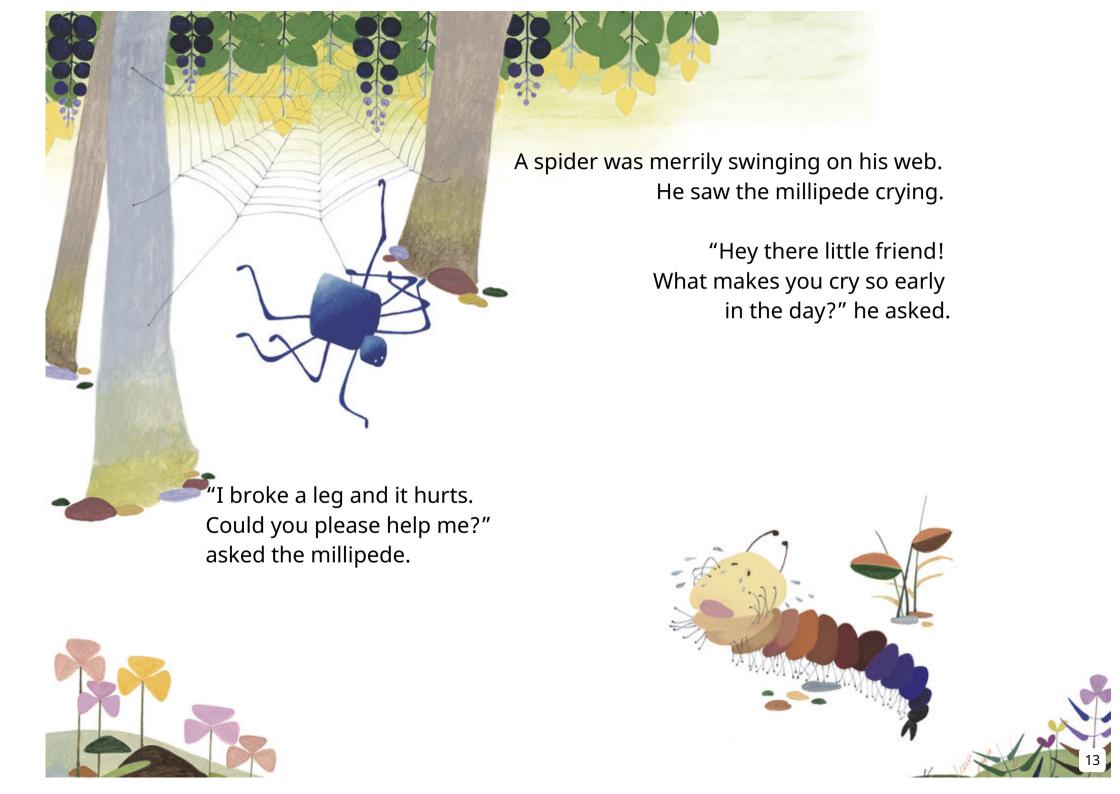
"You have so many legs!" said the butterfly.
"Why would you care if one breaks? Stop it with all the drama!"

The snail had advice. "You are so careless! You should learn to walk like this. S-L-O-W-L-Y."



By now the millipede was feeling very sad.

"Sniff! Sniff! No one wants to help me! I do want to walk well again," she sobbed.

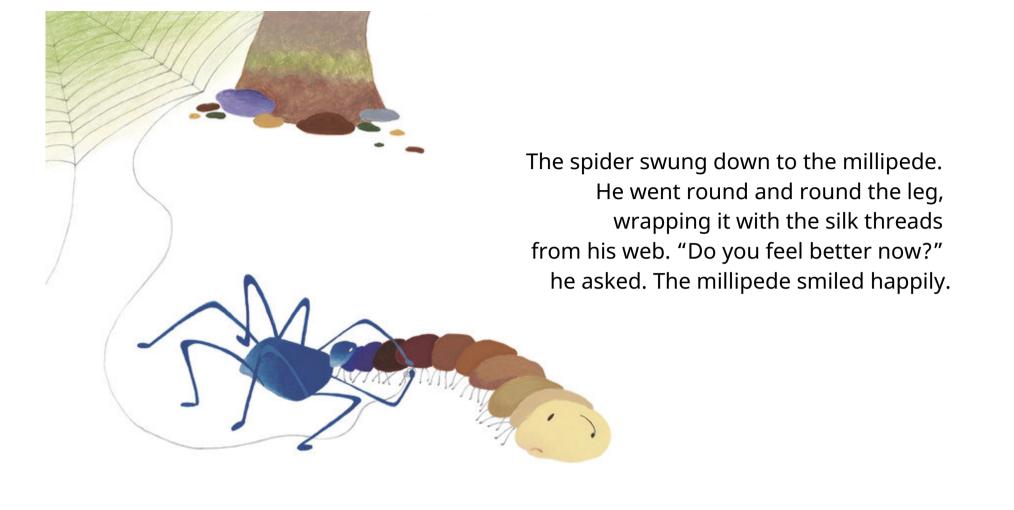




"Oh yes, I can help you.
But how do I find the broken
leg from all these legs?
I can only count up to eight,"
said the spider.

"Okay, count with me," said the millipede.
"One...seven...twenty-three...fifty-eight...
ninety-two...one hundred and fifteen...
one hundred and OUCH! There it is!
My one hundred and thirty-seventh leg!"









Take care now, little millipede. Don't trip over something again. Bye bye!" said the spider.

"Bye!" said the happy millipede.





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The Hundred and Thirty-Seventh Leg

(English)

A millipede hurts herself. She needs help. Now, which is the leg that needs help? A delightful picture book from a winner of Sahitya Akademi's Bal Sahitya Puraskar.

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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