



To God,
thank you for bringing this wonderful family
into my life.



To Mimi,
thank you for watching over us.

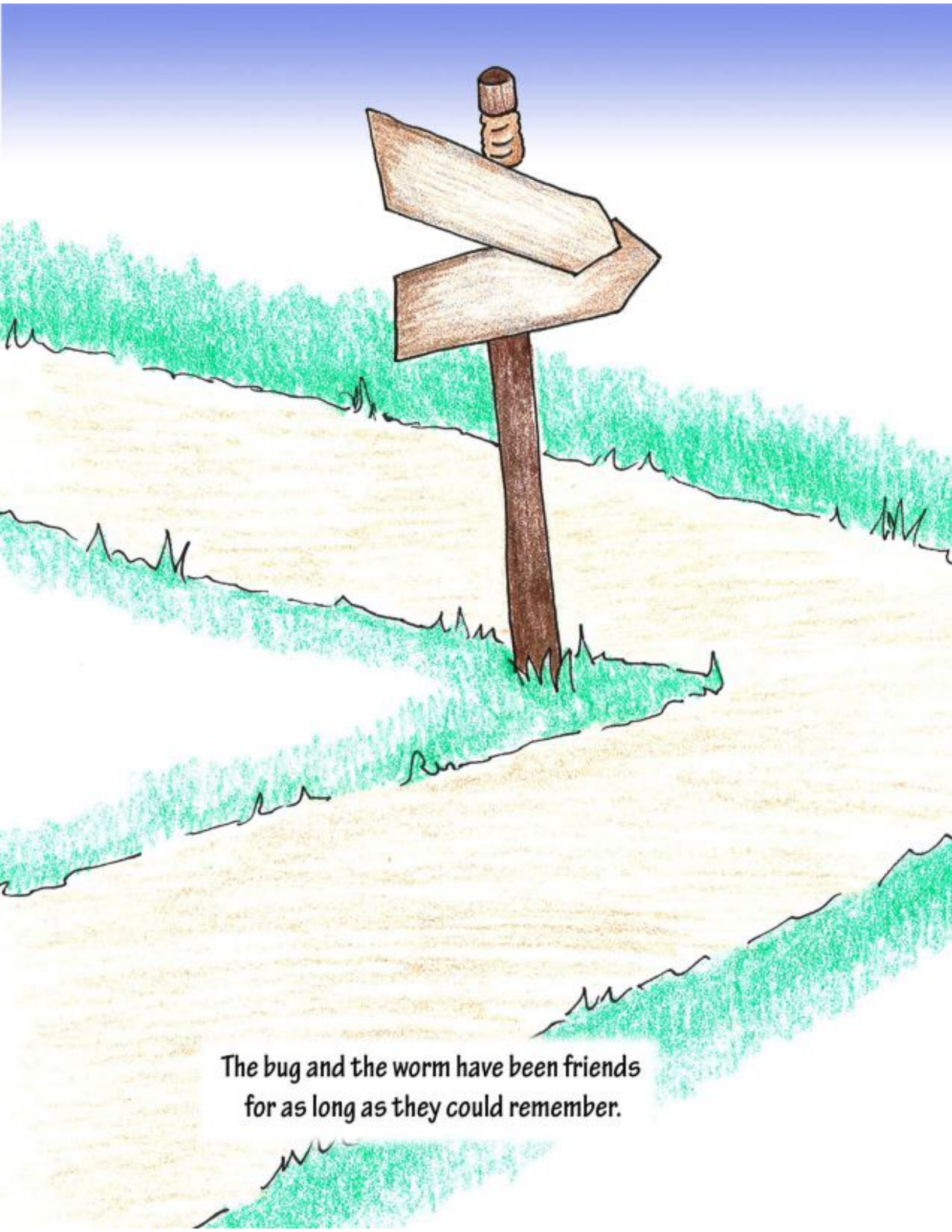
To my husband,
Bradley,
with whom I've shared five perfect years of
marriage, 'til death do us part.



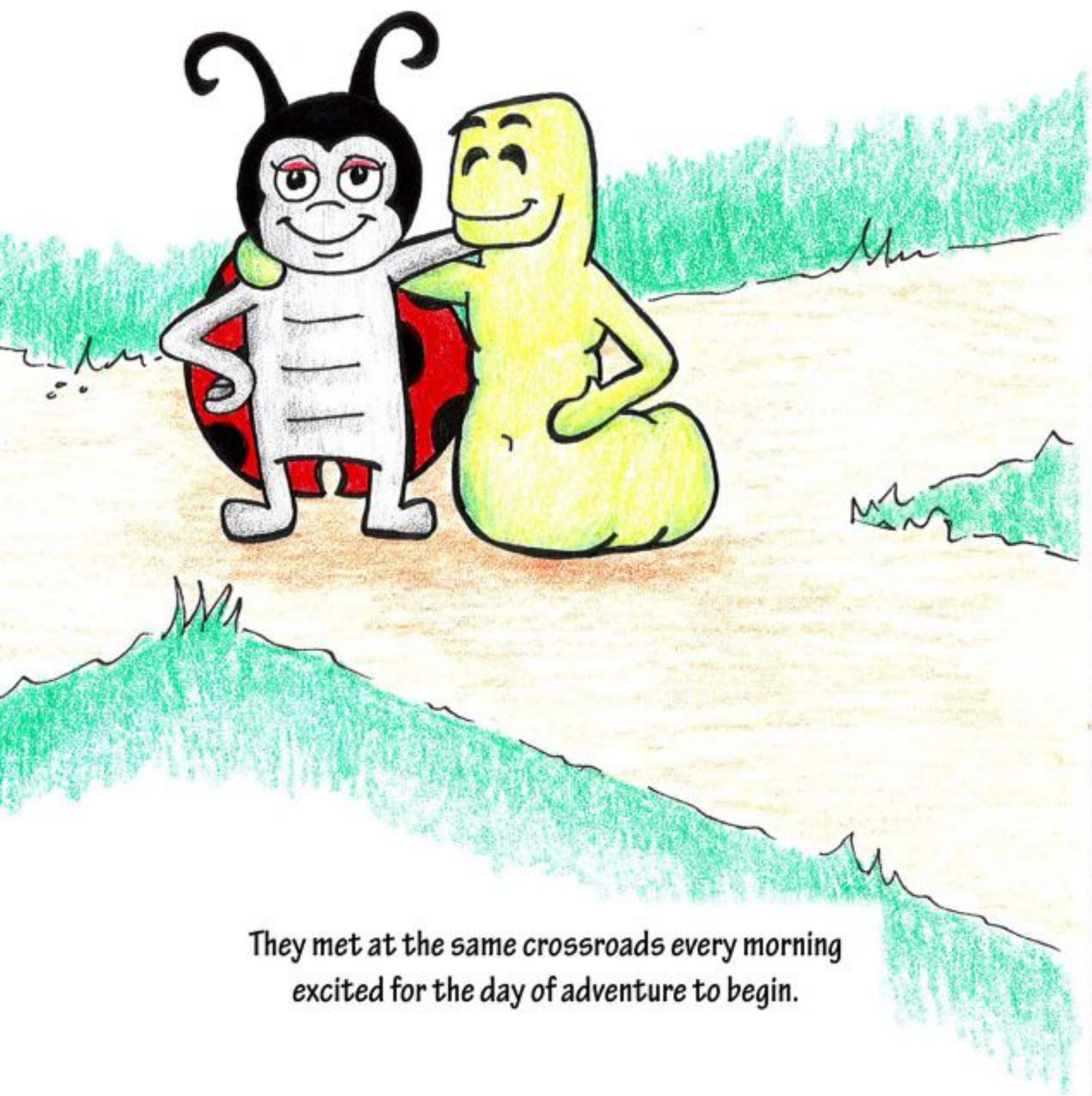
Mimi prepared Bradley for their nightly bedtime story. As she finished washing the dishes from dinner, Mimi called: "Bradley, get ready for bed so we can find out what the bug and the worm did today."

Bradley rushed to put on his night clothes and hurried into the bed waiting for Mimi to join him. Mimi laid down next to Bradley, he snuggled in close and the story began ...

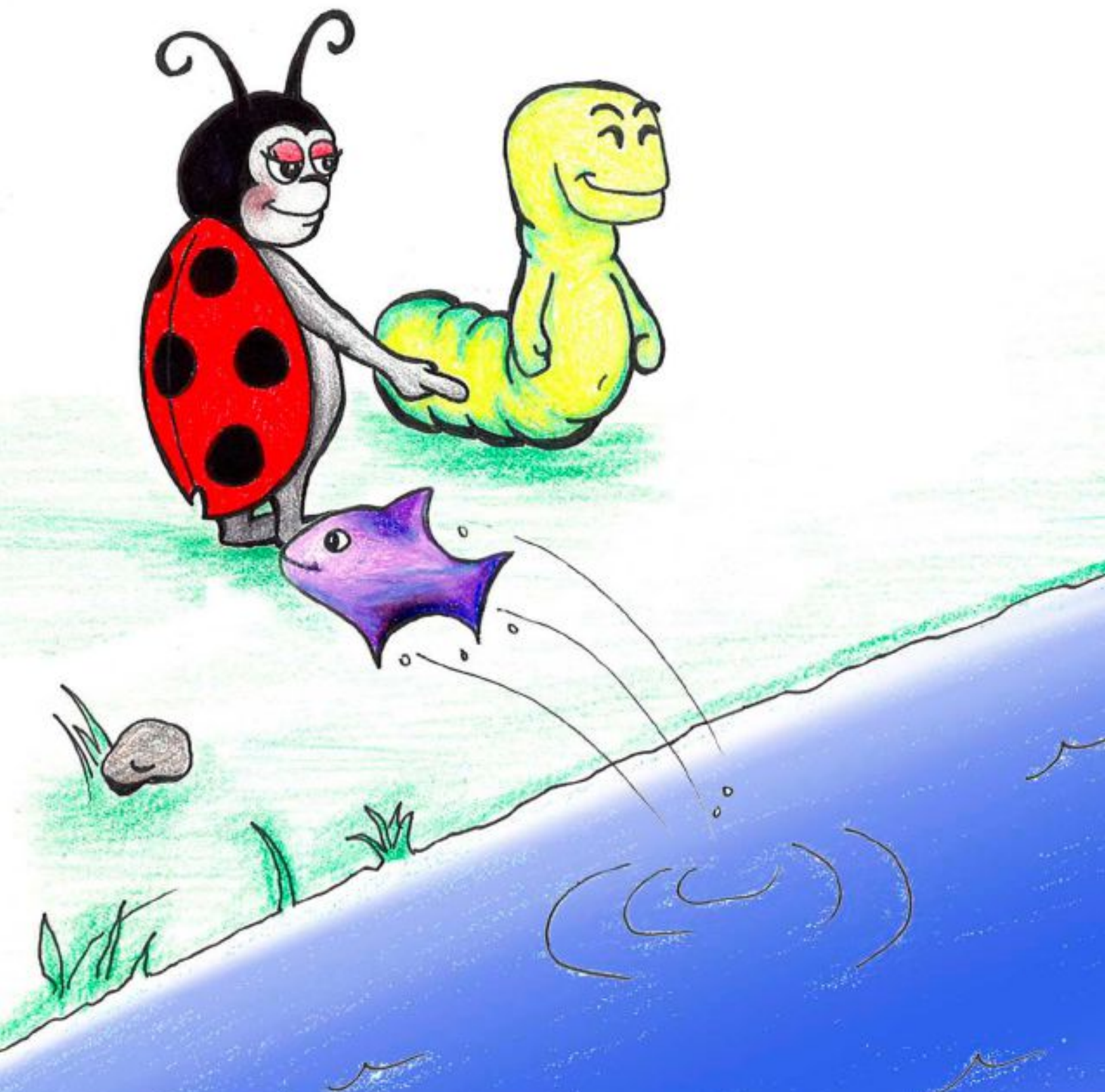




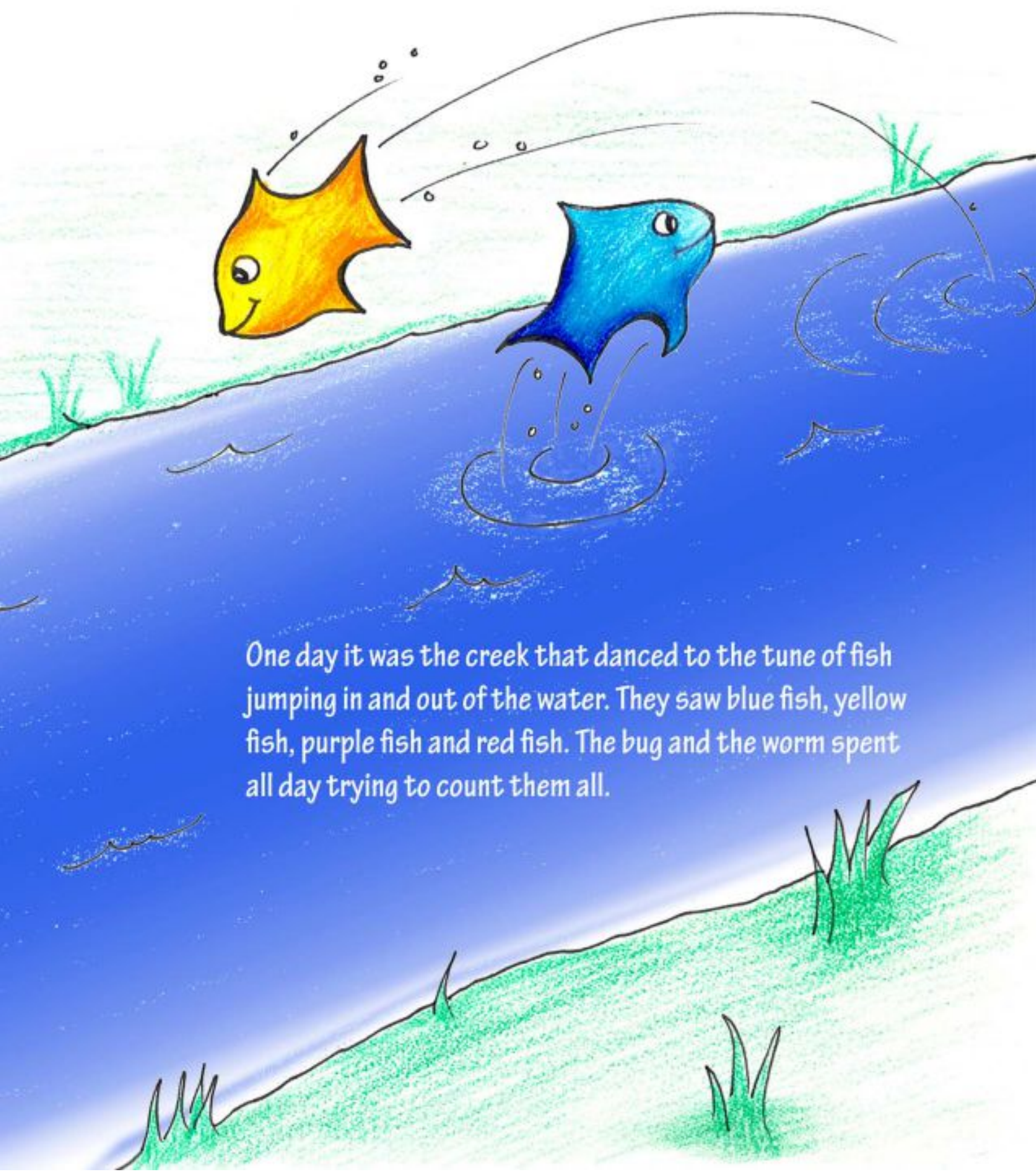
The bug and the worm have been friends
for as long as they could remember.



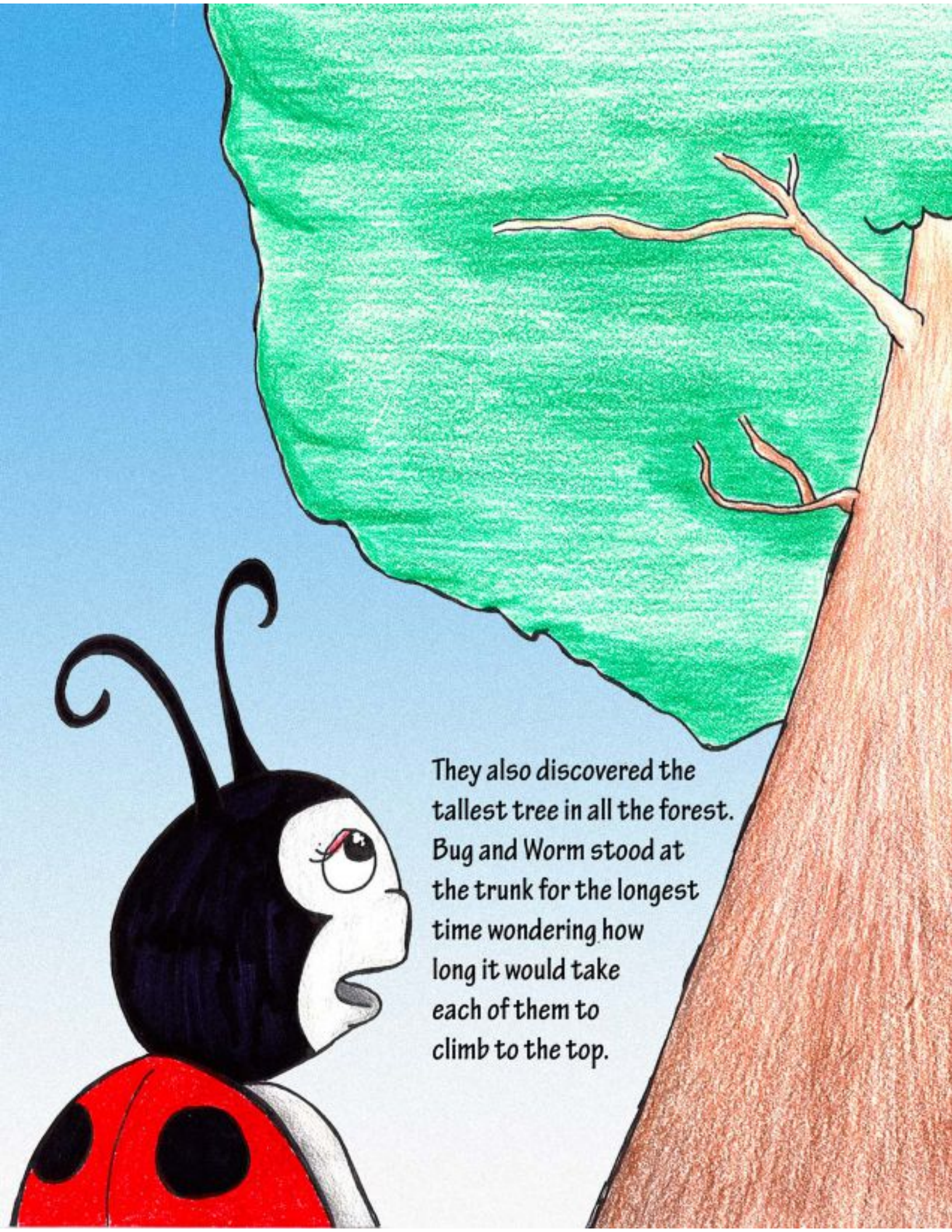
They met at the same crossroads every morning
excited for the day of adventure to begin.



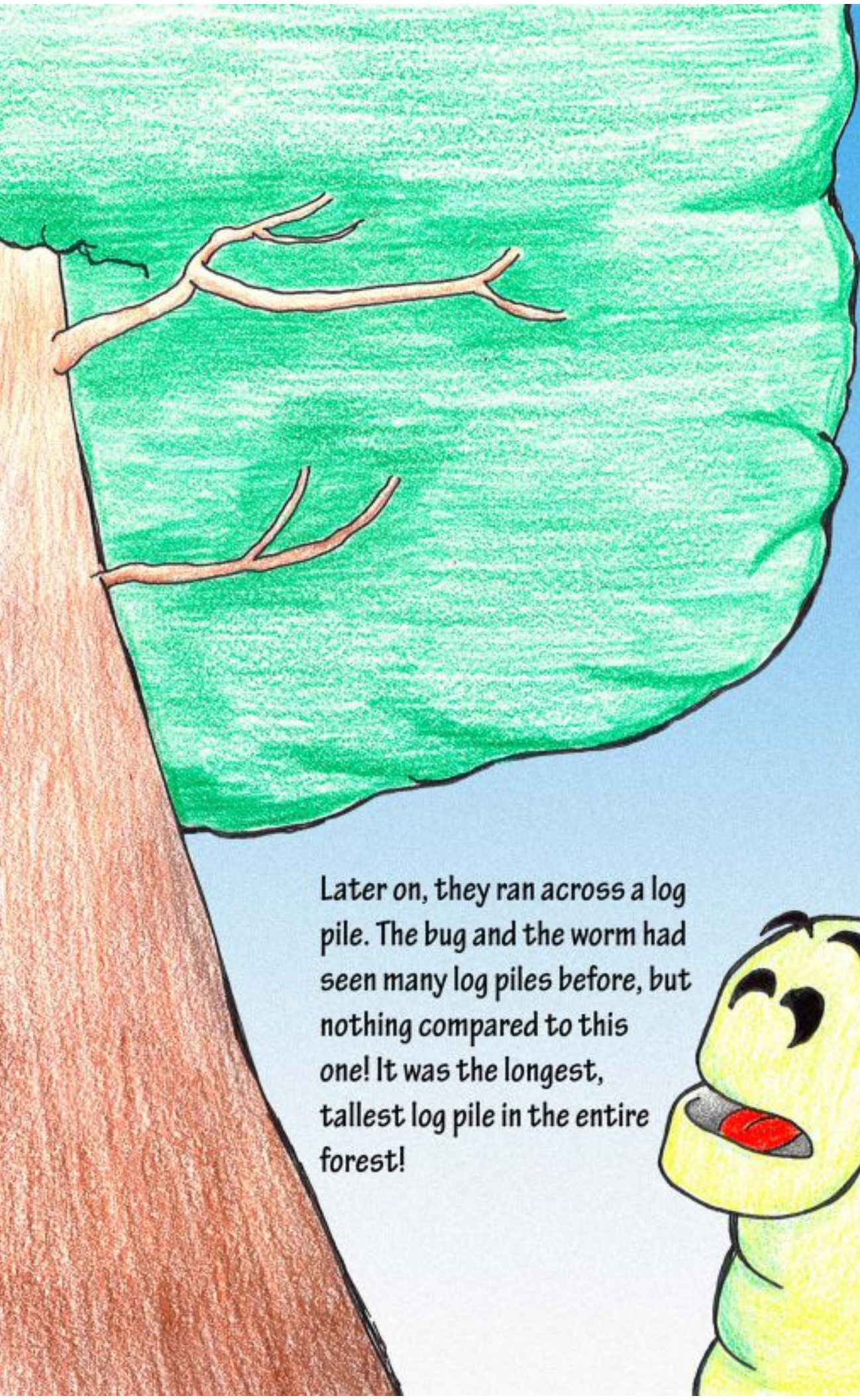
They would walk the forest floors until they ran across anything that would grab their eye.



One day it was the creek that danced to the tune of fish jumping in and out of the water. They saw blue fish, yellow fish, purple fish and red fish. The bug and the worm spent all day trying to count them all.



They also discovered the tallest tree in all the forest. Bug and Worm stood at the trunk for the longest time wondering how long it would take each of them to climb to the top.



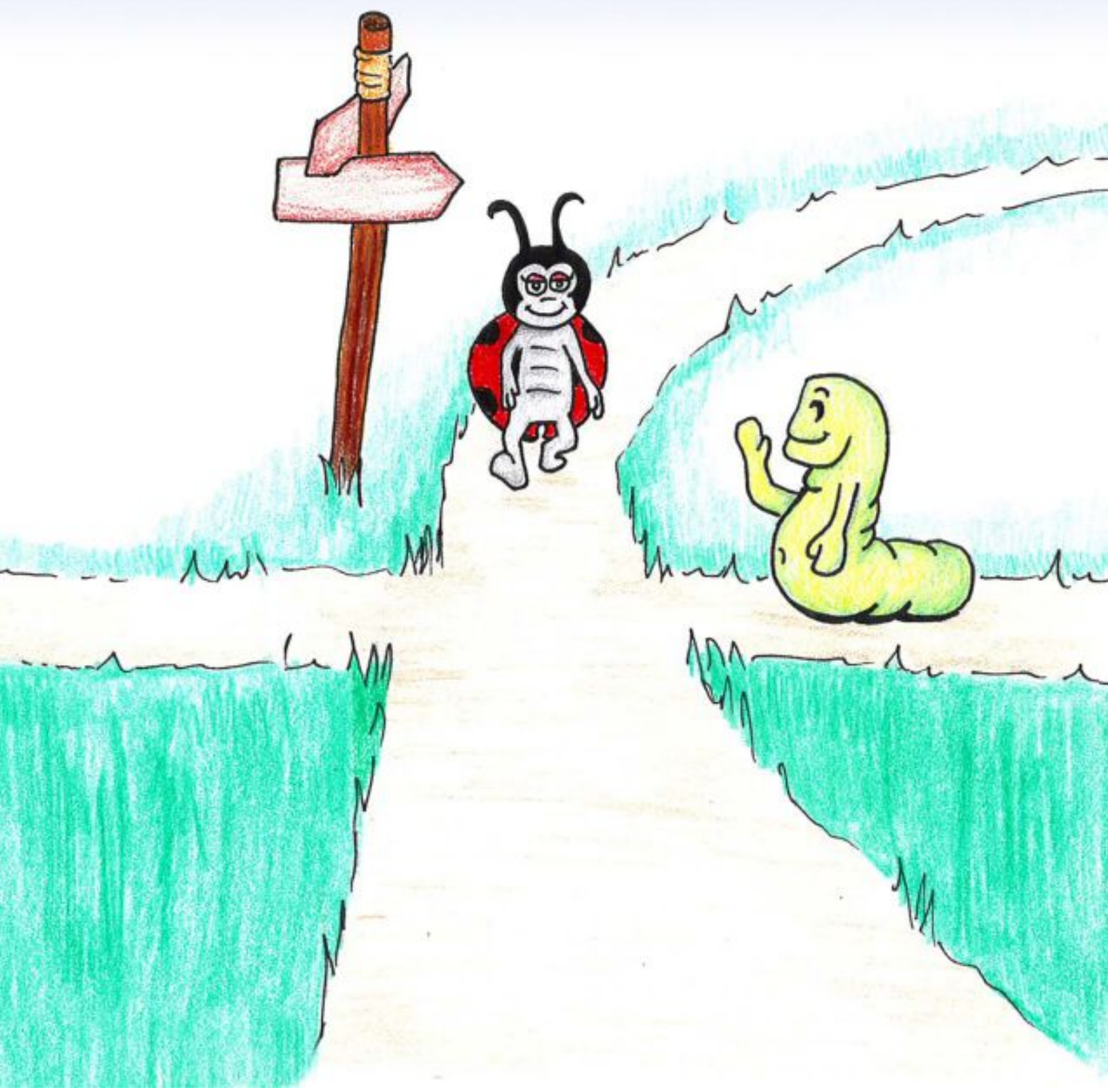
Later on, they ran across a log pile. The bug and the worm had seen many log piles before, but nothing compared to this one! It was the longest, tallest log pile in the entire forest!

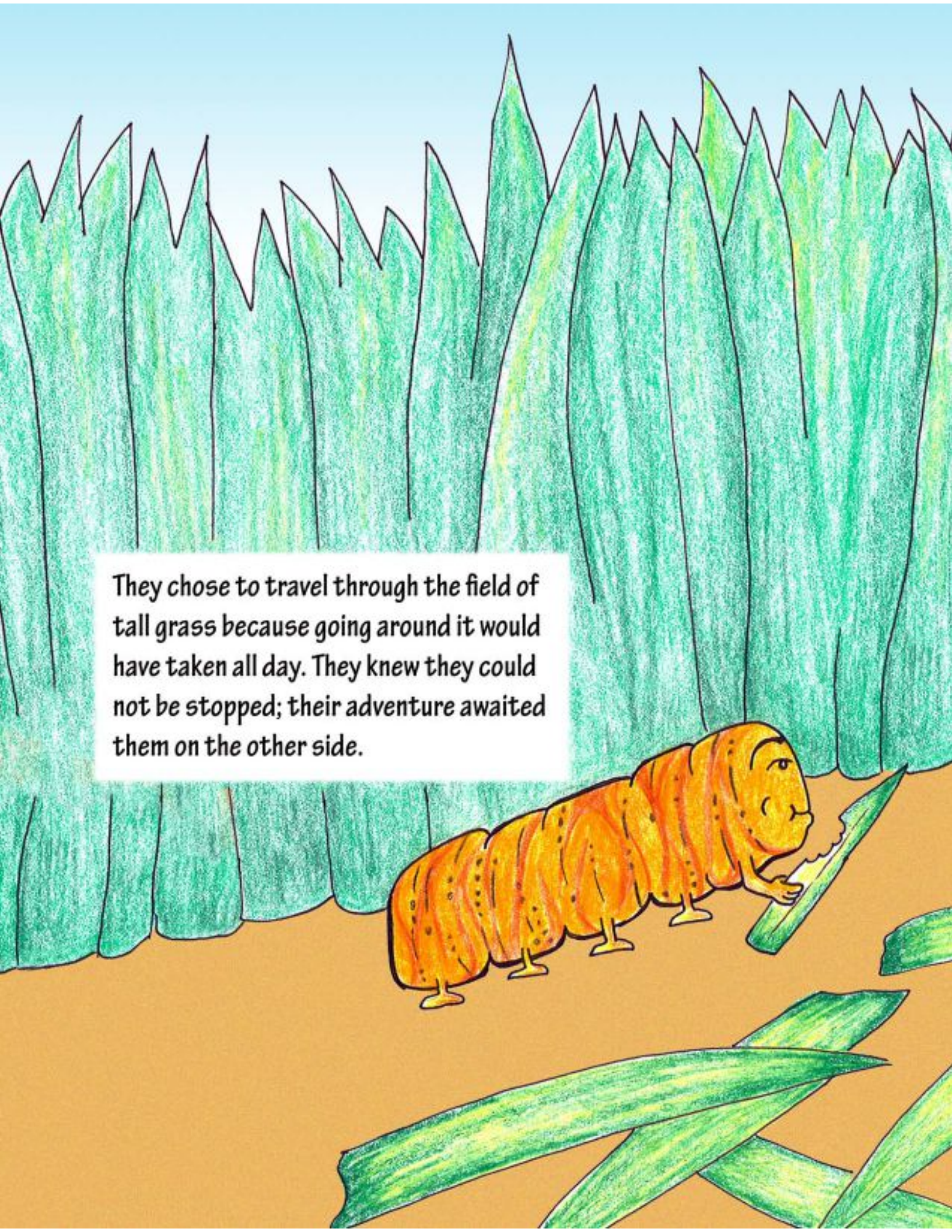


They were not always alone, however.
Through their journeys they made
many friends, including: Betty
the butterfly, Andy the ant
and Cody the caterpillar.



Today would be an adventure they would never forget. The day began just as each had before. The bug and the worm met at the crossroads and off they went.



A colorful illustration of a caterpillar with an orange and yellow striped body and small black spots, standing on a brown ground. The caterpillar is using a green blade of grass as a saw to cut through a field of tall, green grass. The background is a light blue sky. A white text box is positioned on the left side of the image, containing a paragraph of text.

They chose to travel through the field of tall grass because going around it would have taken all day. They knew they could not be stopped; their adventure awaited them on the other side.

They each picked up a stick and began to knock down anything that stood between them and the unknown. This went on for hours, or at least it seemed that long to them. Bug wanted to turn back but Worm kept promising it wasn't much longer.





Finally they came to a clearing. There, bug and worm stood staring with eyes wide open at the biggest, grandest haystack they had ever seen. In all their adventures they had never witnessed quite so much hay.

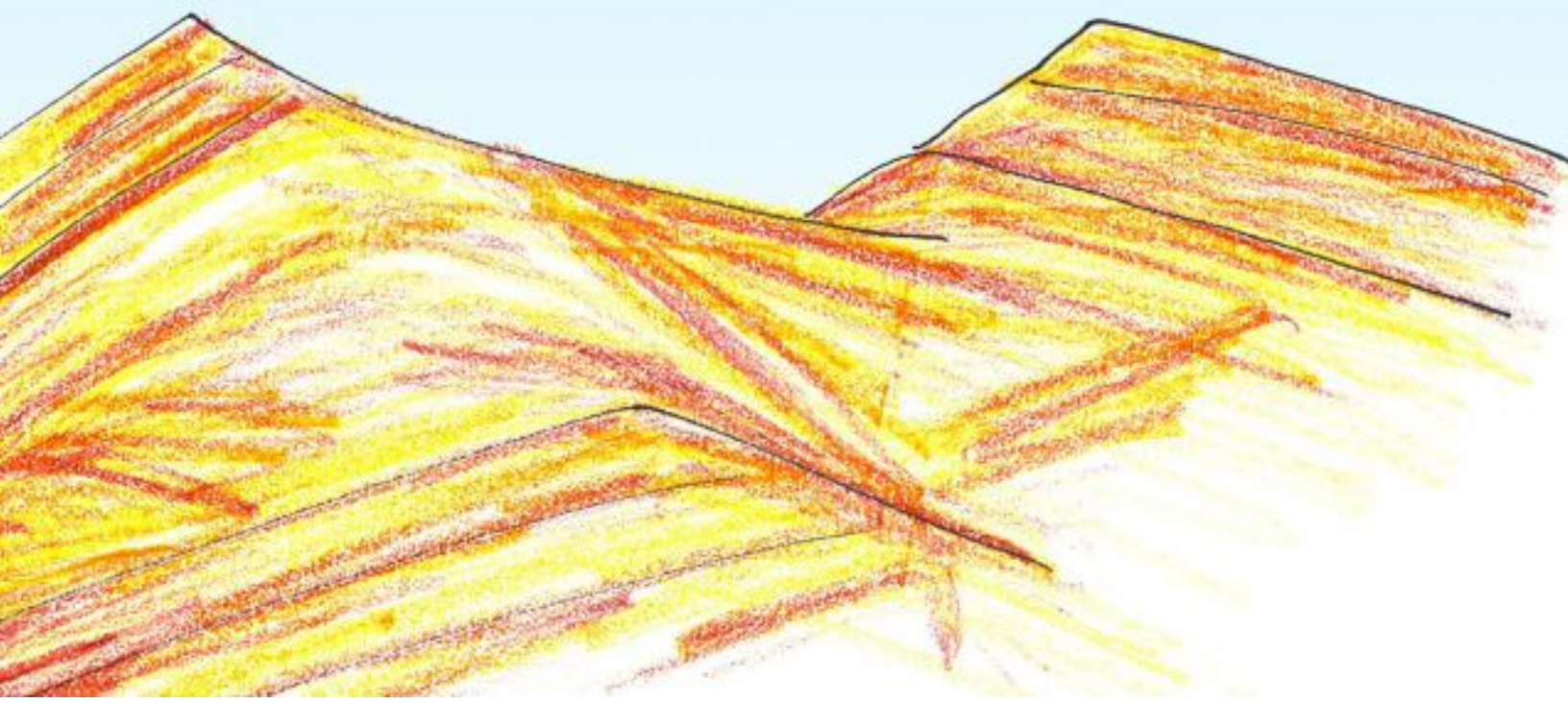
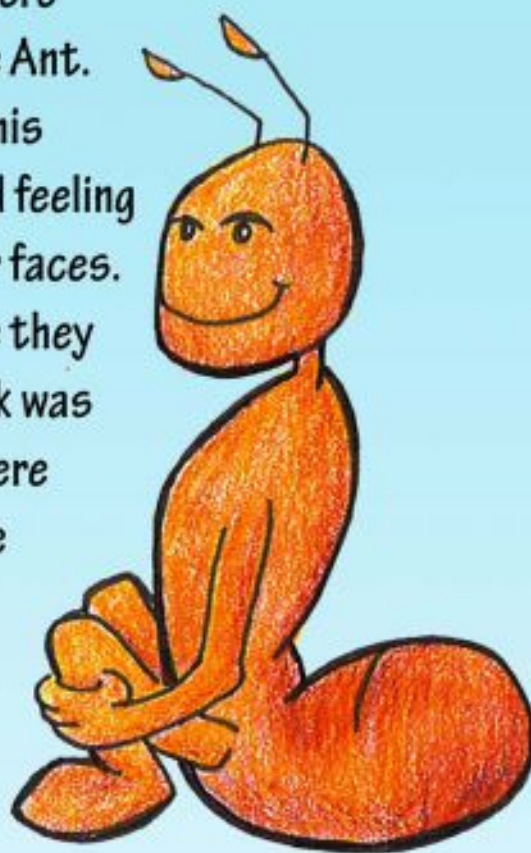
They took off running, of course,
directly toward it ready for the
excitement they knew they
would find.





“This is amazing!” said Bug as the two leaped from the top into a pool of hay. Over and over they climbed to the top and leaped down to the bottom.

As they prepared for another leap, they were greeted by Andy the Ant. "Hey, I wanna try." This time all three leaped feeling the air against their faces. They loved it. Before they knew it the haystack was crowded and they were having the best time with their new find.

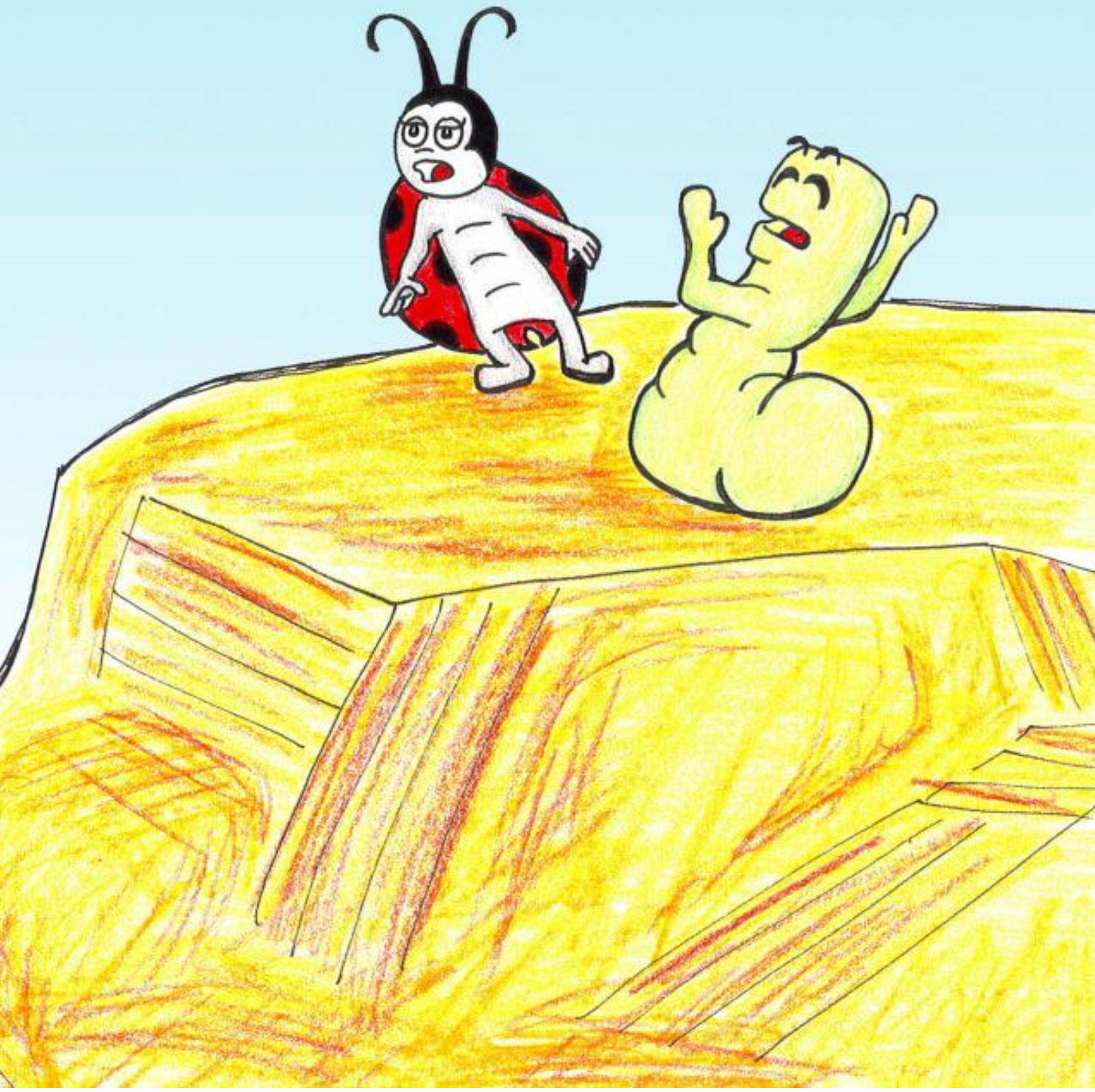




All of a sudden the laughter stopped and the silence grew. As they turned to see what was going on, Bug met face-to-face with Big the beetle. Everyone was speechless. They couldn't say anything even if they wanted to, Big ruled the forest.



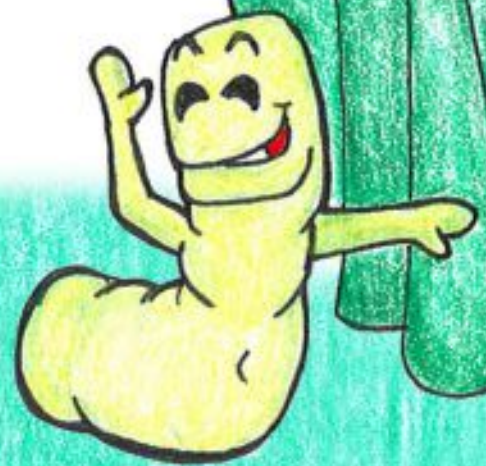
Big slowly raised his hand toward Bug and Worm, as if he planned to strike, then pushed them both aside in one motion and leaped with all his might off the haystack adding a flip right before he landed into the pool below. The sound of cheers and laughter started immediately and continued until dawn.



Of course it was not an option to miss dinner at home so Bug and Worm said goodbye to those who remained at the haystack and began their journey home.



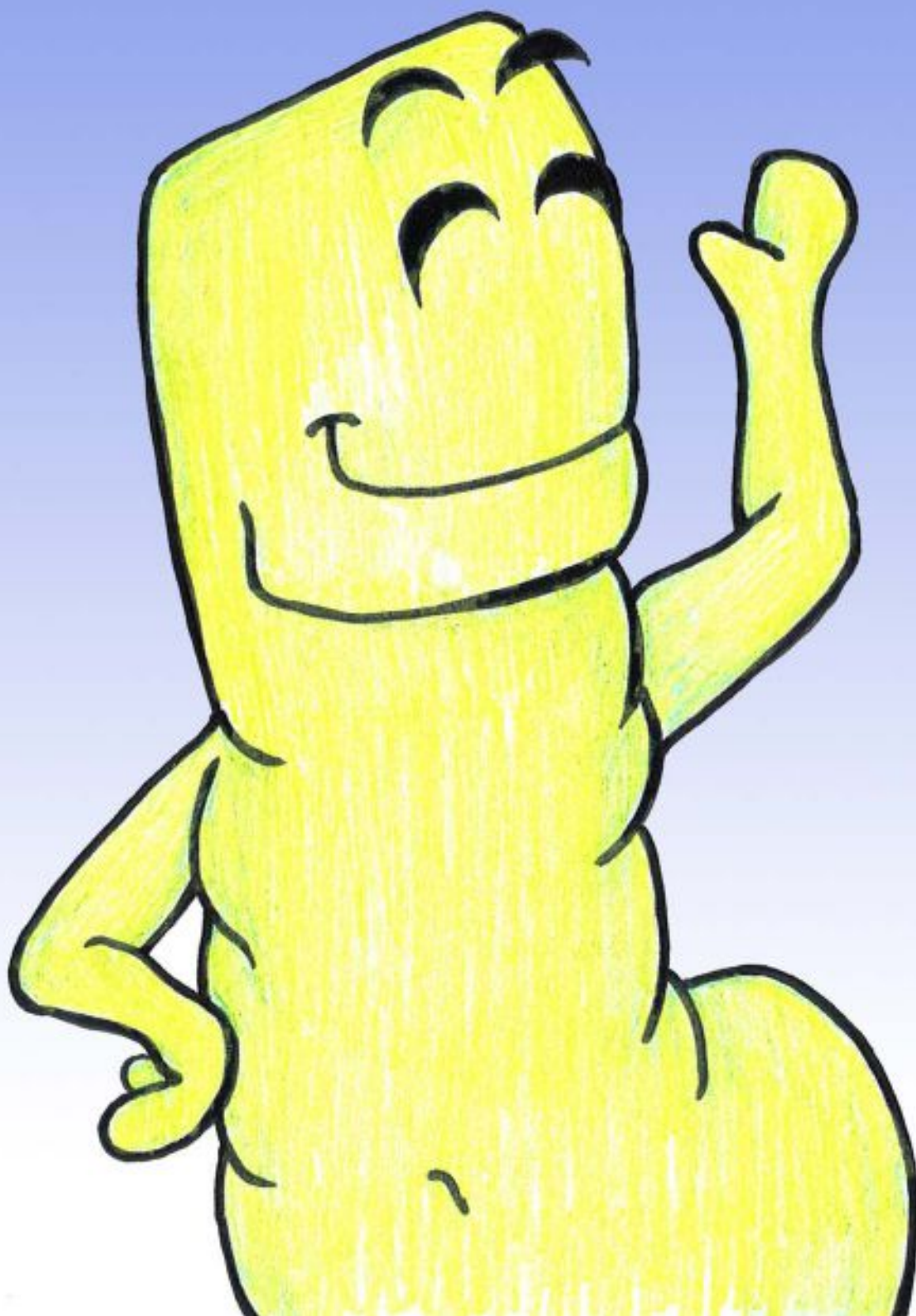
As they started into the field of tall grass following the path they paved earlier that day, Bug said to Worm "Out of all the adventures this was the best." "I think so too," Worm agreed, "I can't wait until tomorrow."



They continued on the path and stopped at the crossroads where they met earlier that day.

"Bye Worm."

"Bye Bug. See you tomorrow."



The two, very tired from the
day's activities drifted off
to sleep dreaming of the
exciting things to come.





As the story came to an end,
Mimi closed the book, she
slipped away, careful not to
wake little Bradley, as he lay,
dreaming of his own
adventures.