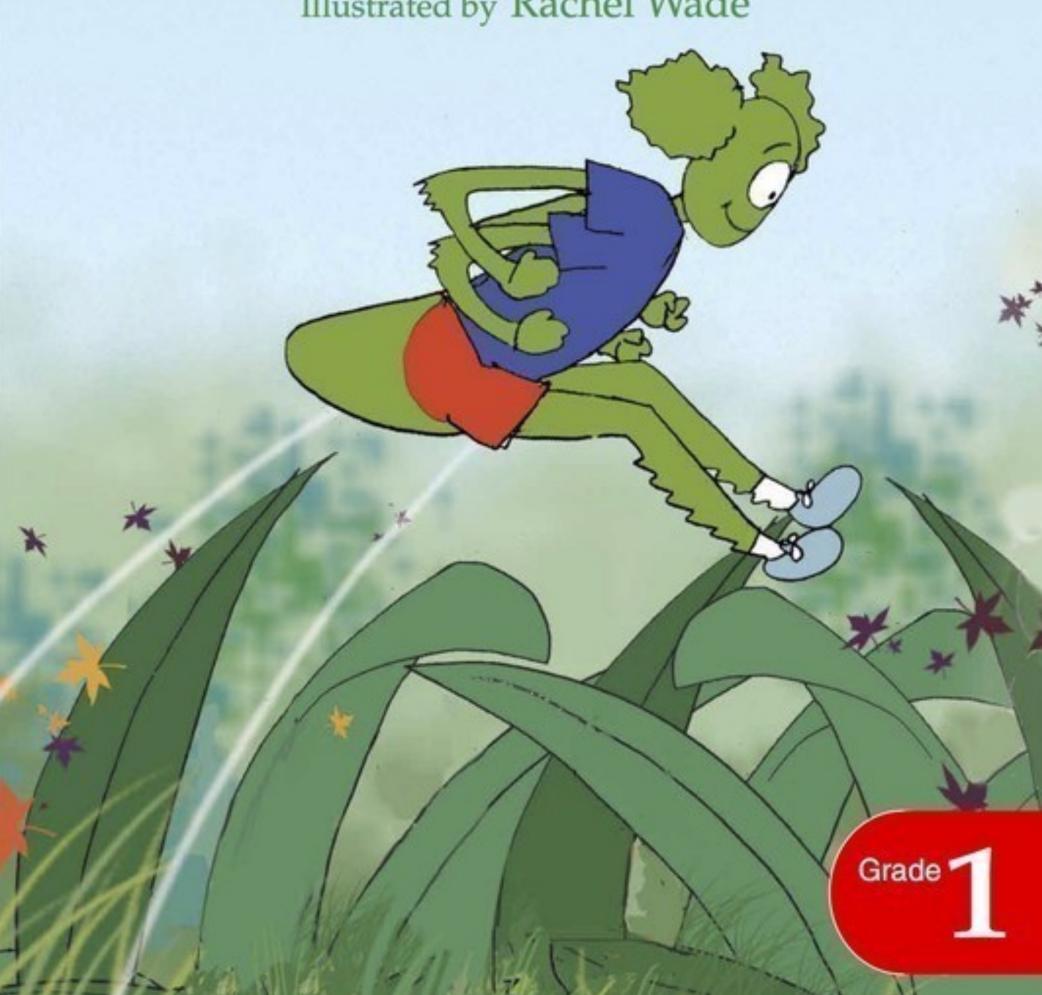
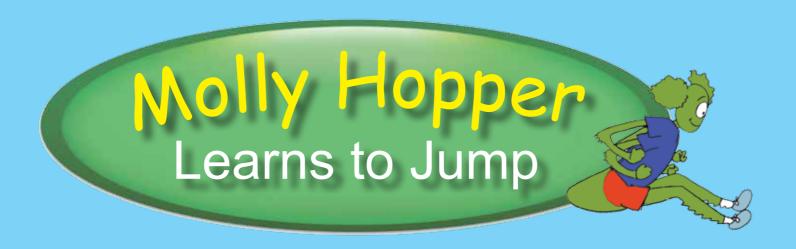


# Molly Hopper Learns to Jump

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The Hopper Club is meeting. Sports Day is Friday, two days away. The Hopper Club wants to win three prizes. But, the Hopper Club has a problem.

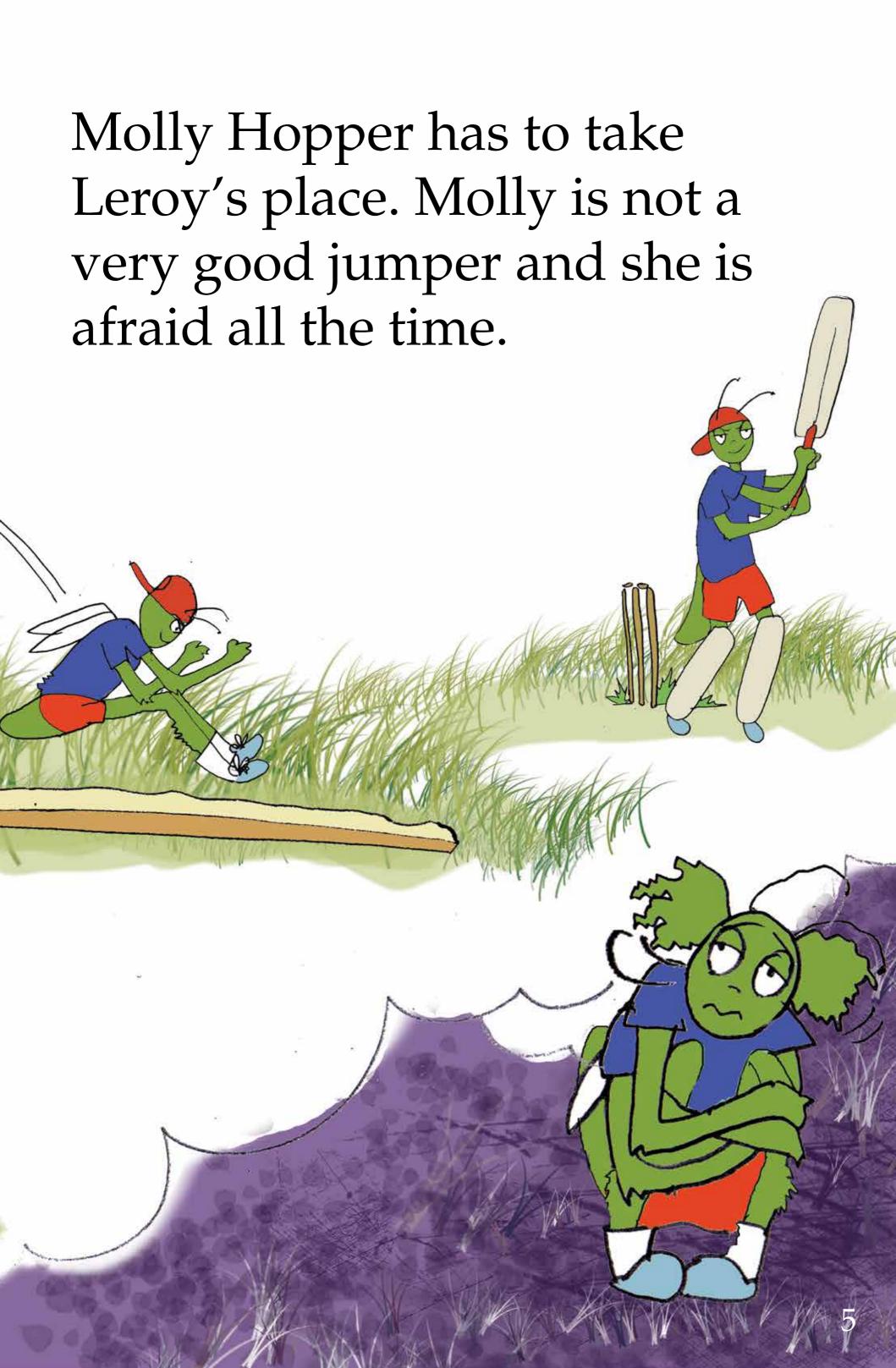


Molly Hopper is afraid to jump. Molly is afraid to jump high. Molly is afraid to jump long. Molly is afraid to jump in the potato sack race.



Leroy, Lenny and David are the best jumpers in the Hopper Club. But Leroy has to play cricket on Friday.





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If Molly doesn't jump, the Croaker Club may win all three prizes for jumping.



Last year, the frogs in the Croaker Club won all three prizes. Leroy, Lenny and David say that Molly has to stop being afraid. The Hopper Club wants to win the prizes.



The Hopper Club is meeting at Lenny Hopper's house.

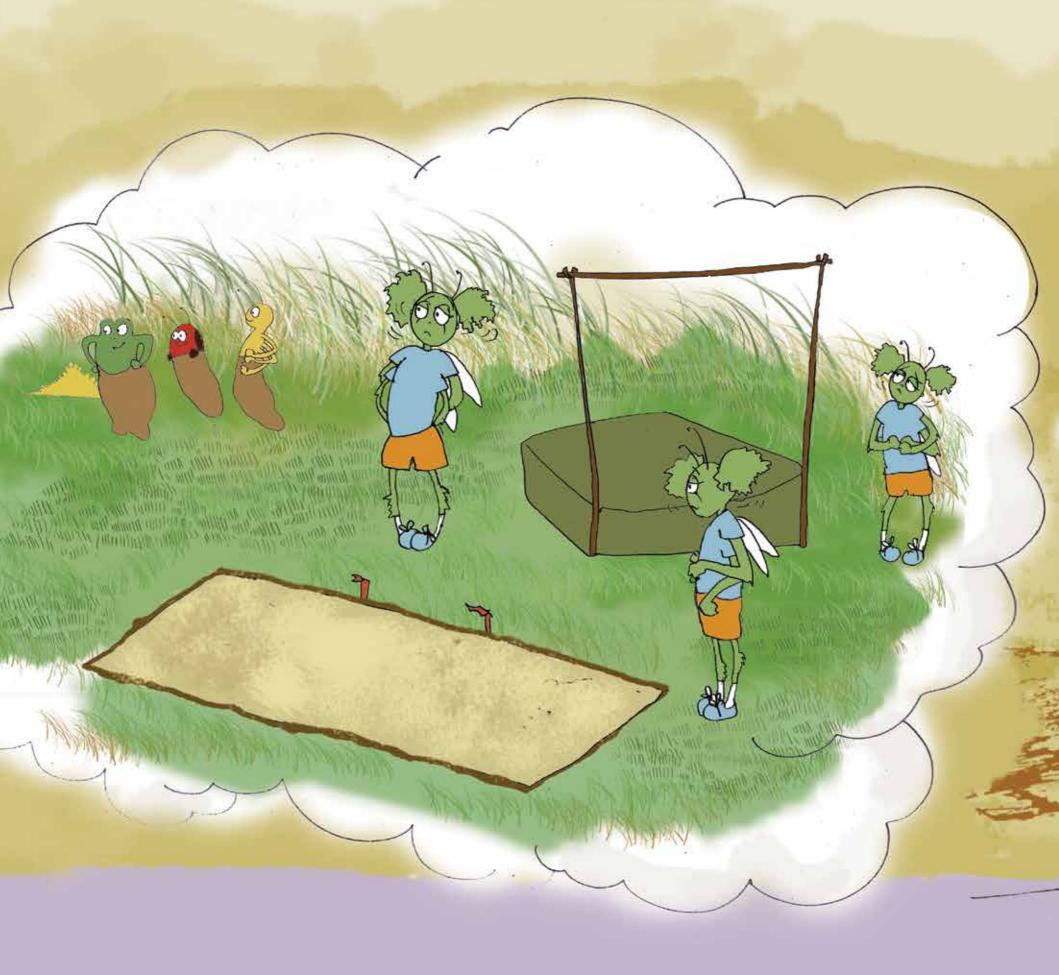
Lenny's mother looks into the living room. "Children, I am going next door for some seeds. When your meeting is finished you can go outside and practise."



When the meeting is over Molly looks through the window. "Oh, no," she says. "It's raining. Now we can't go outside to practise." Molly is very happy that it is raining. Why?



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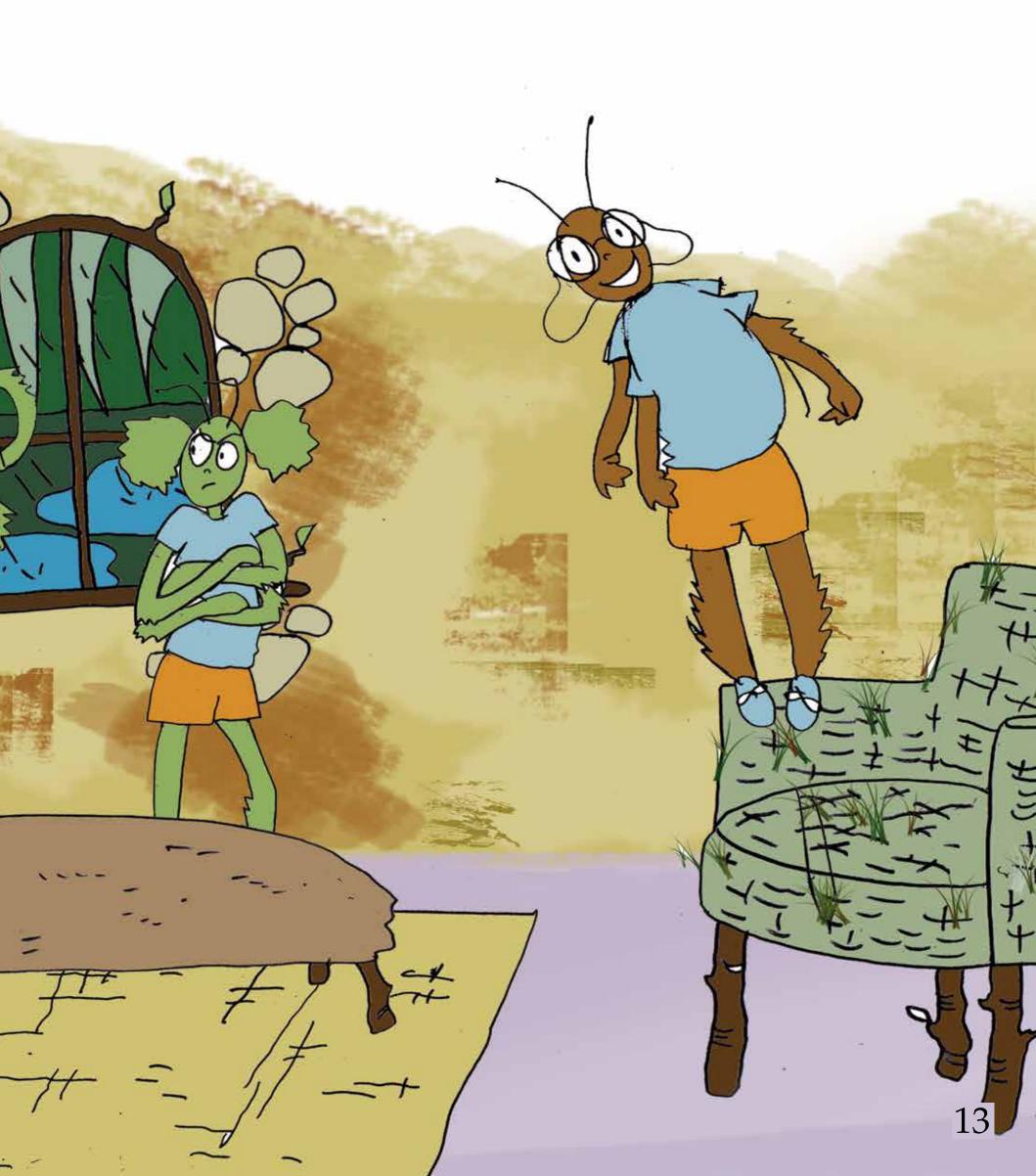
The Hopper Club members are very sad. Leroy looks outside at the puddles. "I have an idea," David says. "We can practise here."



David jumps from the chair to the floor. He bounces up and down. "See. I can jump as high as the sky. Look at me!"



Soon the other Hopper Club members are jumping. Molly is the only one not jumping.



The others decide to help Molly to jump high. Leroy says, "We can use a broom as a high jump bar." Leroy gets the broom. They move the chairs and table.



David holds one end of the broom. Leroy holds the other end. "Molly, run and jump over the broom. It's easy," David says. Molly runs towards the broom but slides on the floor.





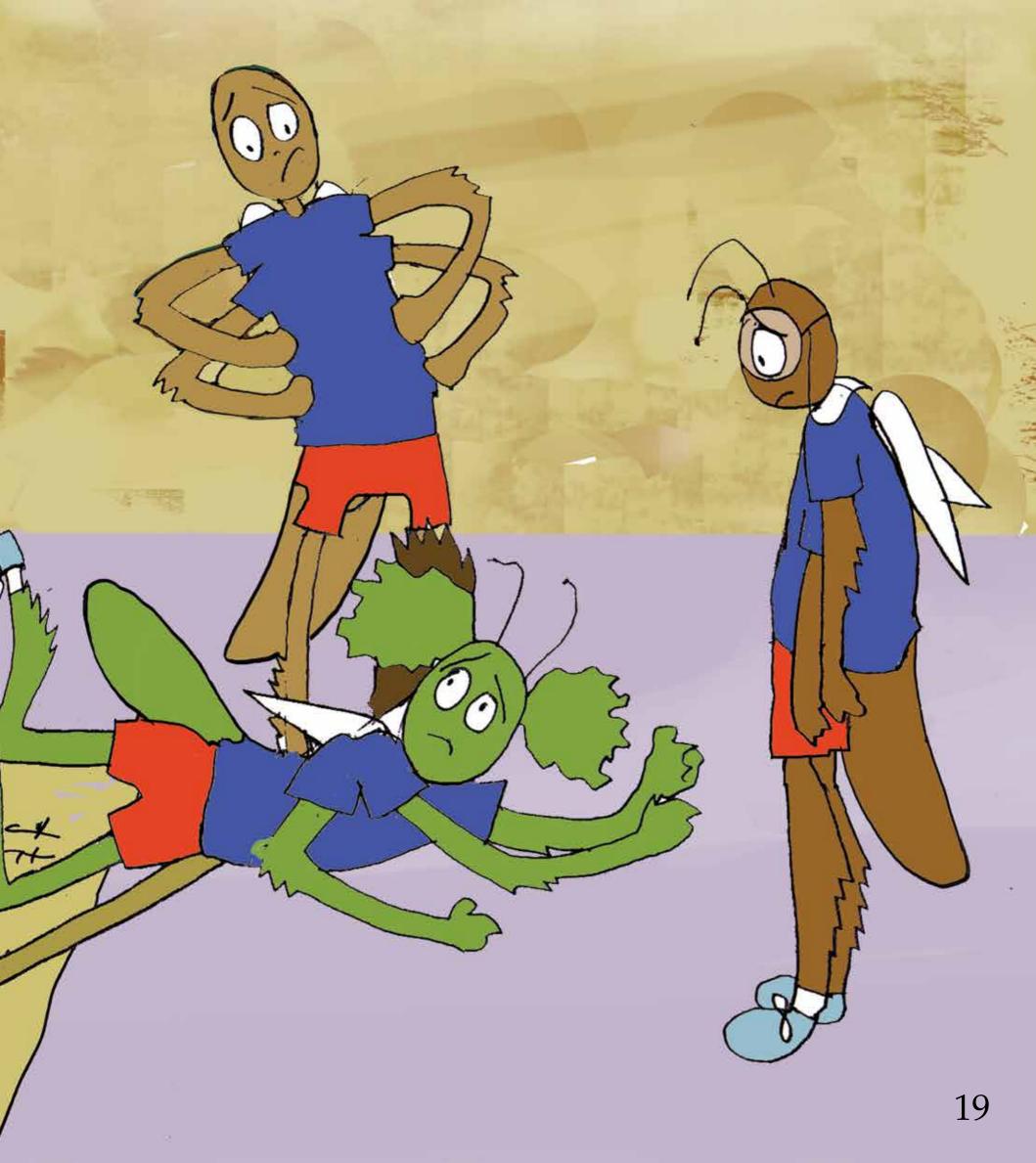
"Try again," says Leroy.
Molly runs, but she stops in front of the broom. She is still afraid. "Try again," says
Lenny. "You can do it."





Molly runs and jumps but trips on the broom.

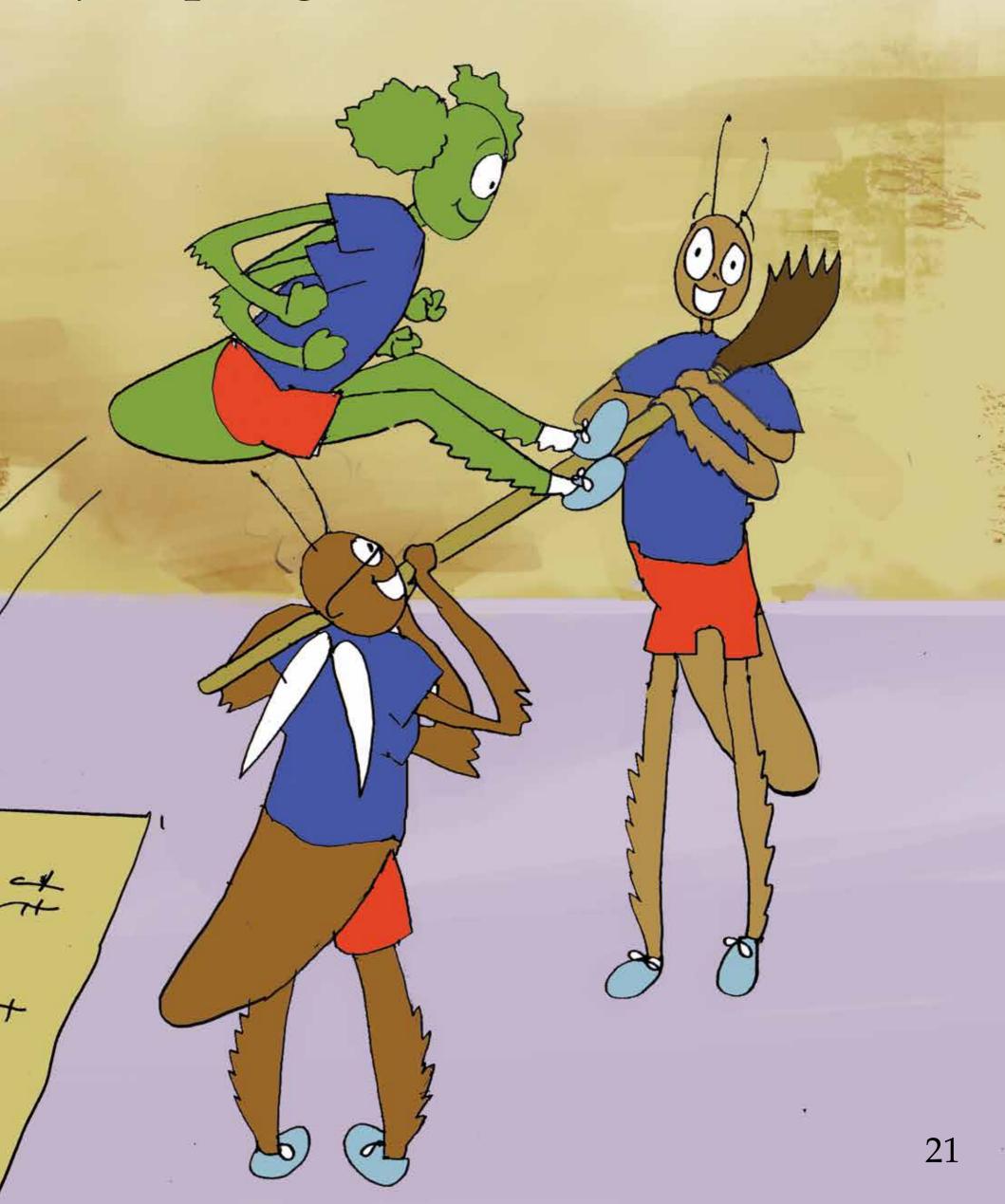
"I want to try again," Molly says. "I can do it."



Leroy and Lenny hold the broom. Molly takes a deep breath. She runs and jumps over the broom.



"I did it," Molly shouts.
Molly is no longer afraid to
jump high.



"One down, two to go," says Molly. "Come on then, let's go," say the others. "Molly is not afraid to jump. Molly is not afraid to jump high.



Let us see if Molly is still afraid to jump long. Let us see if Molly is still afraid to jump in the potato sack race."



