



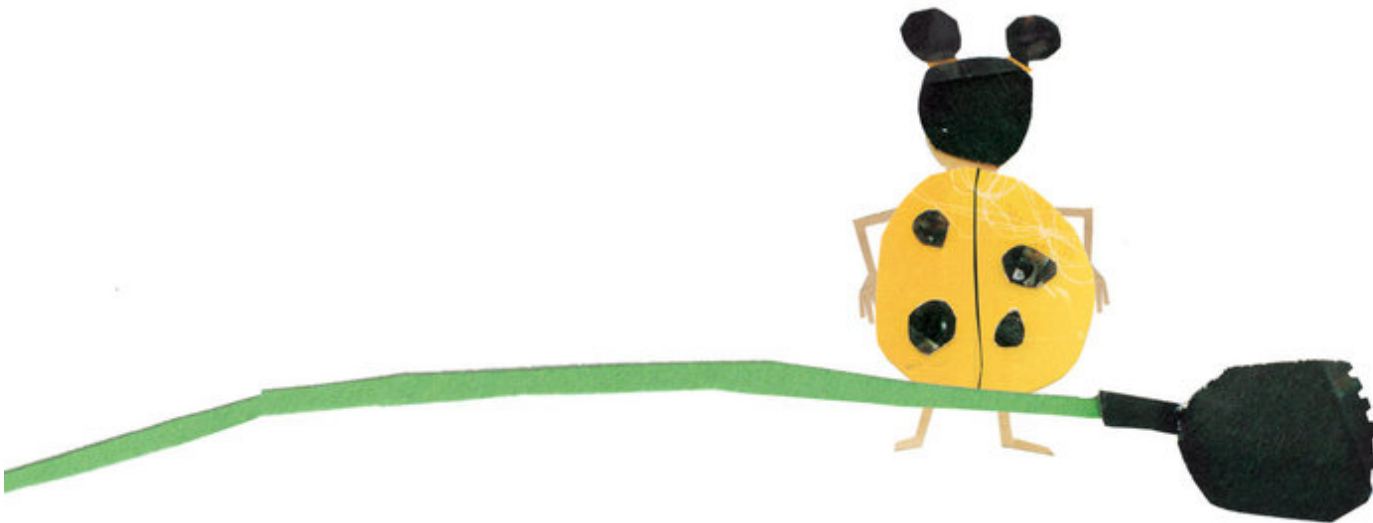
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Lara the Yellow Ladybird

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Lara the ladybird was a special bug.





Unlike all her friends,
she had bright yellow
wings.

Everyone loved her yellow wings.





Each morning, Bibi Butterfly said hello.
And Manto Mantis always waved.



Even Sesa, the sulky spider,
was happy to see her.



At school, she played
with lots of friends.



But Lara wanted
to be like the
other ladybirds.

“I wish I had
red wings like you,
Mama,” she cried.



So one day, to cheer her up, Lara's mother painted her wings bright red.



The next morning, nobody greeted Lara on her way to school.



And when she got there, none of her friends said hello.

Lara sat all alone.
No one noticed
her new red wings.





Until Miss Miya
spotted her and
said: "You've painted
your lovely yellow
wings!"



Lara's classmates were shocked.

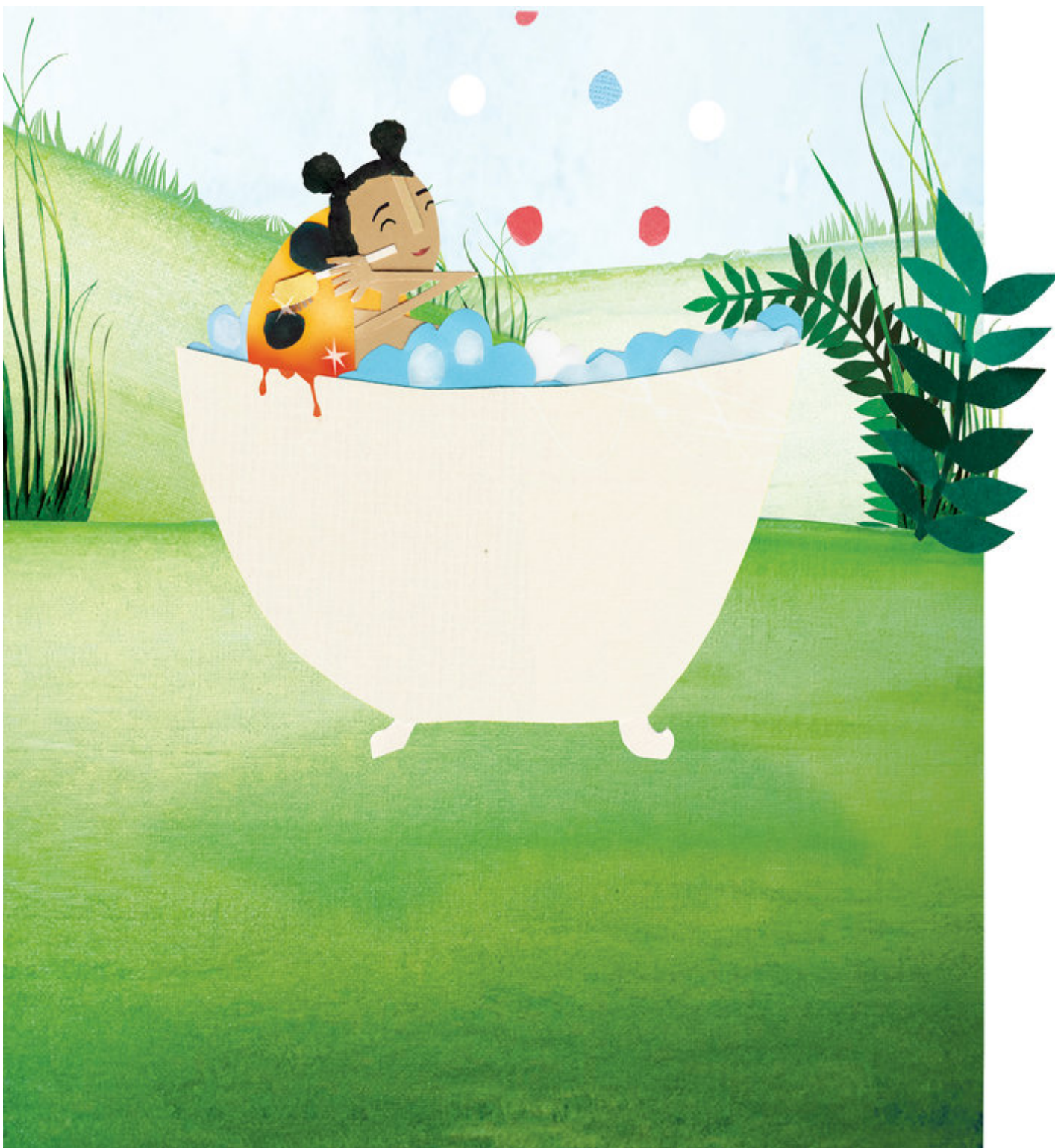
"Your wings are special!"

"So unique!"

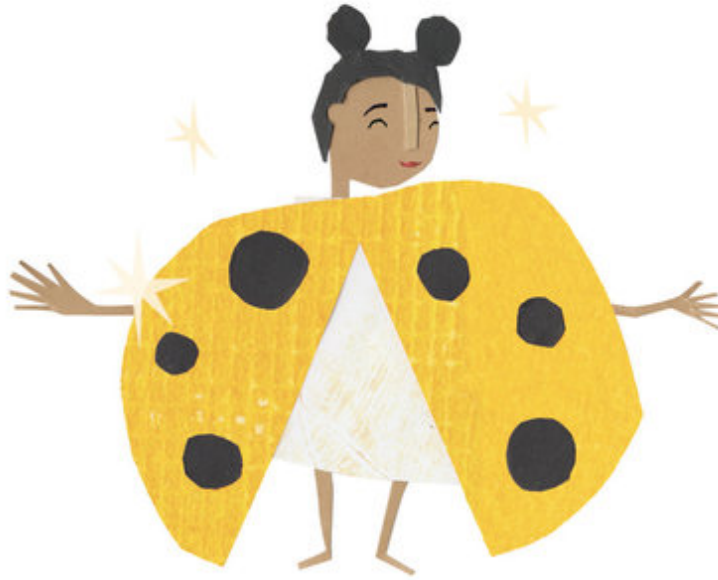
"So rare!"



“Lara,” Miss Miya said, “your yellow wings are what make you you. Like Siphos spot... and Sally’s legs.”



Back home, Lara took a long bath and scrubbed until her golden wings gleamed.



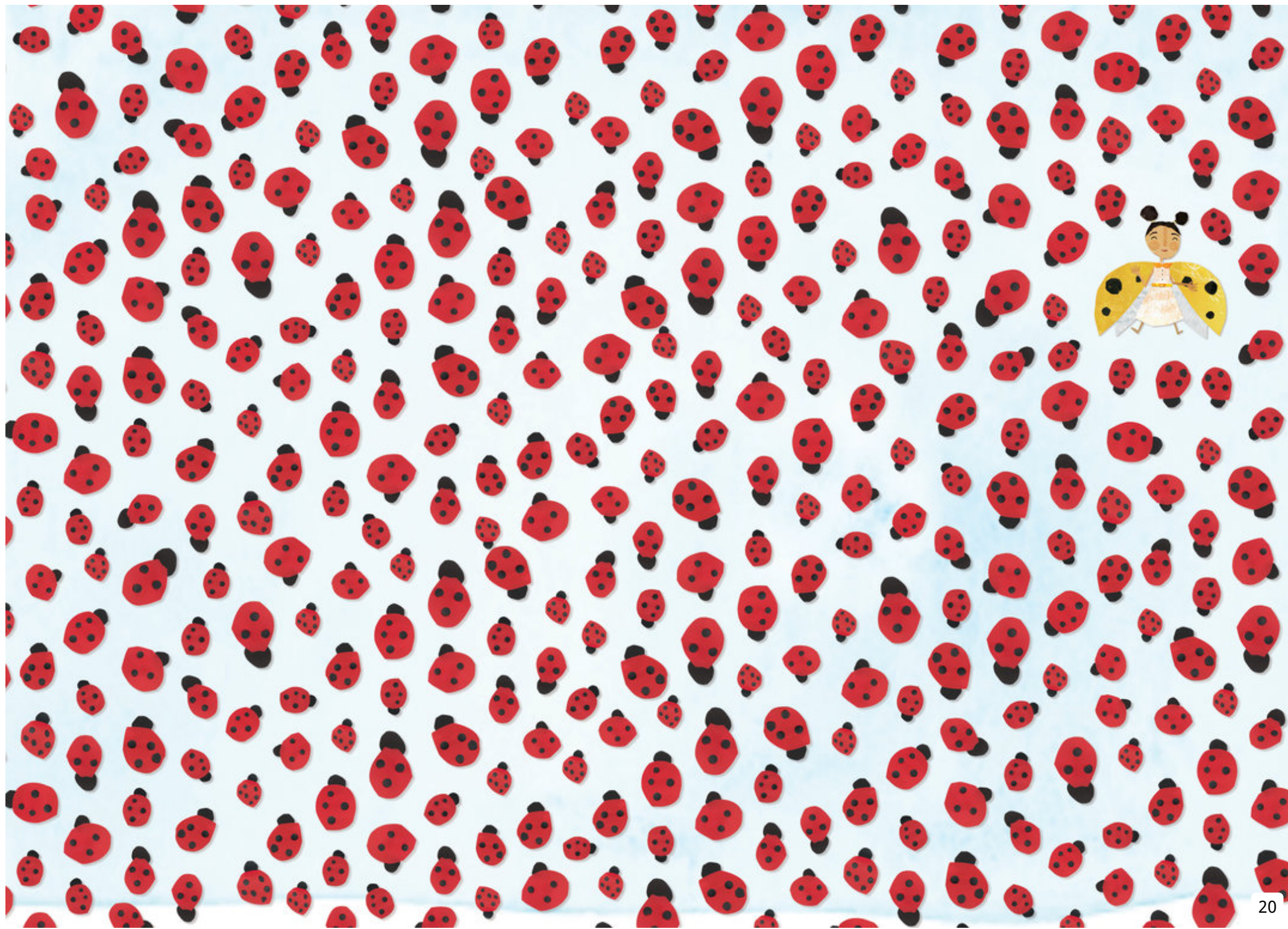
“I’ll never paint my wings again!”
she thought. Except, maybe once or twice ...



To try a bit of purple
... or something nice.

But not for ever and
just for fun.





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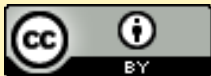


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(English)

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