

# Firefly

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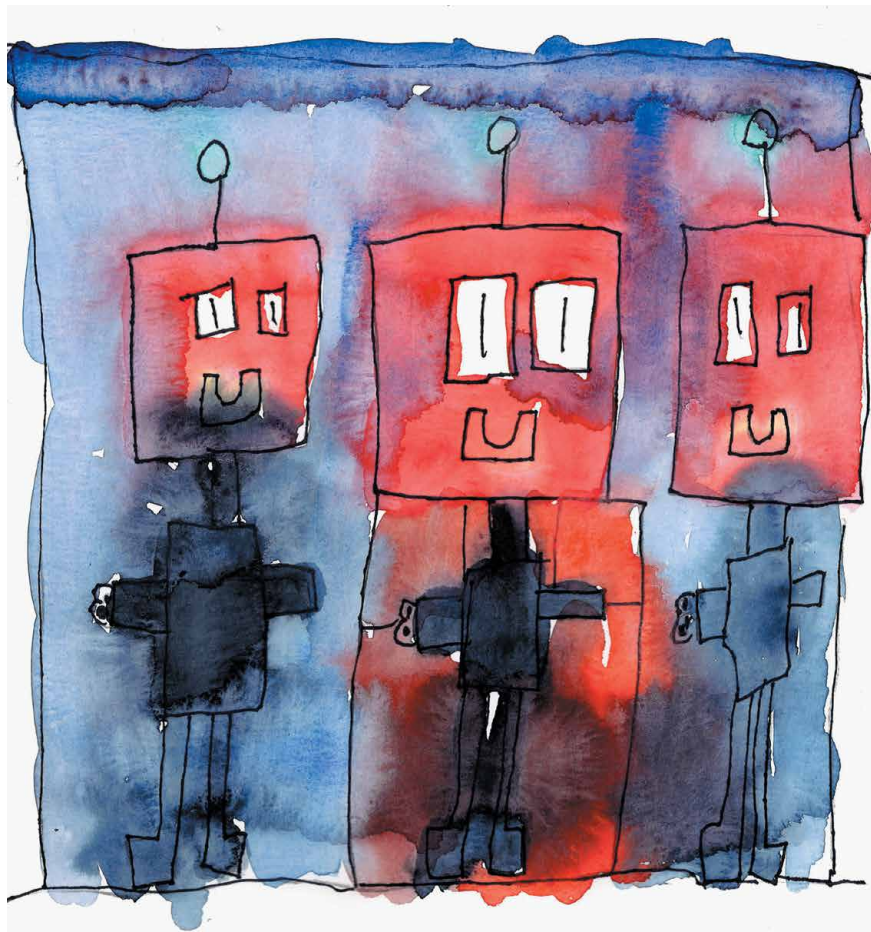
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# The Big Playdate

BY DYLAN

Once there was a robot and he wanted to play with his friends. So he had a playdate with his robot friends. His friends came to his house. They played video games and had macaroni and cheese lunch together. But then when they went back to playing video games his dog broke the game. The dog ran into the control and it shattered. The robots got mad at the dog. They said, “Hey! Why did you do that?!” Then the dog ran out of the house. The robot was sad. So the mom went to buy a new control, then they started playing again. And they had a sleepover.

The End

# The Dog Who Liked the Mall

BY MONIKA

Once there was a dog named Harvey, and he decided to go to the mall. Harvey loved going to the mall. But then he ran into a cat in the mall. Harvey was scared of cats so he ran away! Then he decided to go to space. He got on a rocket ship and went to space. But he didn't like it because it was too cold. And then he went too close to the sun and he burnt his back. And then he decided to go home. When Harvey got home his owner wasn't there. So then he went to a space centre and asked an astronaut where his owner was. The astronaut didn't know where his owner was. And then Harvey went back home again. And then he found his owner watching TV on the couch. So he sat down on the couch beside the owner and he howled at the TV, then he ate candies. He was so tired so he went to sleep.

The End





# The Hiker

BY ISAAC

Once there was a hiker and he looked for animals in a jungle. He liked taking pictures of them. He was one of the best hikers in the world. This time he was looking for a tiger. He was hiking in the afternoon and when he heard an owl hooting in the distance. He knew that something was happening. He went closer to the sound. He found a dead body. He was frightened. He ran quickly through the jungle and then he found a dinosaur. The dinosaur ate the dead body. He almost got eaten by the dinosaur! He was so scared. After that he found a cave and went inside. He saw gold in the cave. And then he saw a crystal beside the gold. He brought them into his house. He needed to go back to the jungle straight away. And suddenly he saw a tiger in the jungle. He took a photo of the tiger. He was very tired but he looked for more animals. He found a coyote. He found an owl. He found a bear. He took pictures of all the animals in the jungle. Then he won the best hiker gold trophy. He was very surprised.

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# The Little Ant and the Little Lady Bug

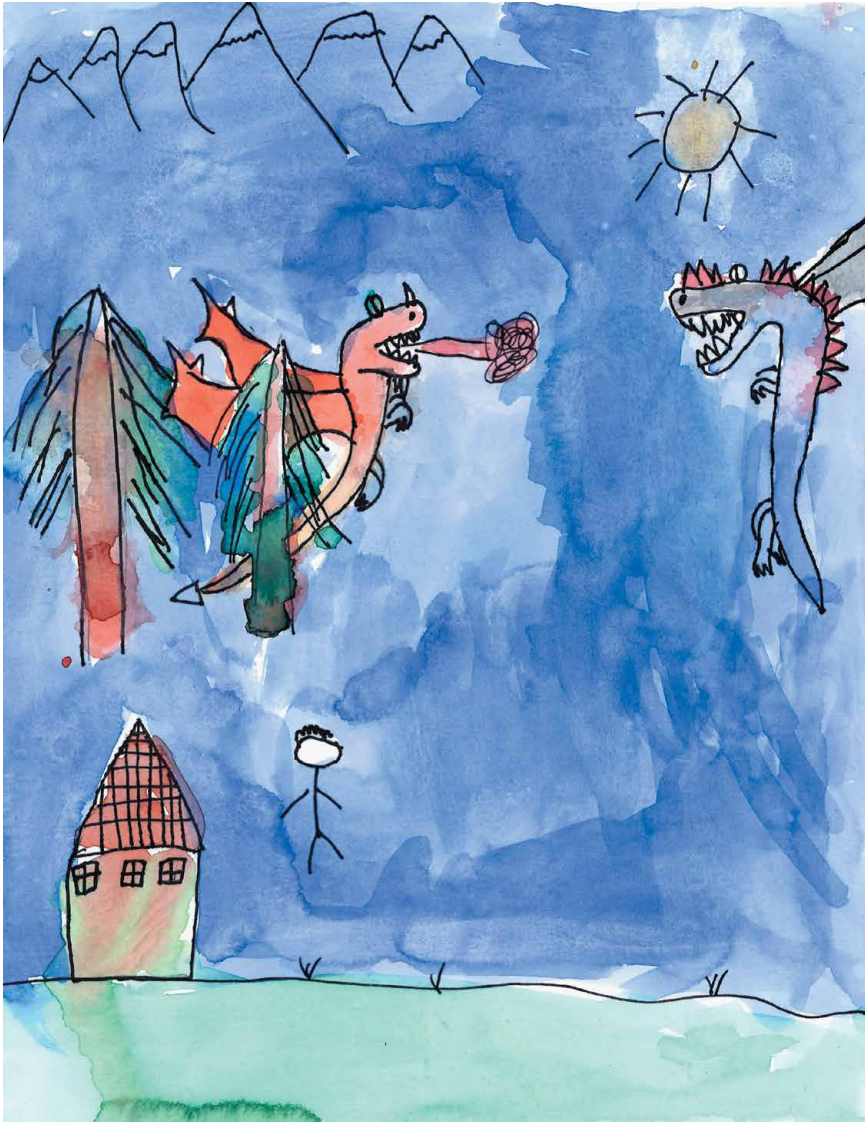
BY SIENNA

Once there was a little ant named Bob. Bob was having fun playing in the playground. Then he met a lady bug. Her name was Rosie. Bob said, "Would you like to be my friend?" Rosie said, "Yes! I would love to!" They were going down the slide together. And Bob tried to go on the monkey bars and Rosie tried to help him. And then Bob was doing the monkey bars then he fell hard onto the ground. Rosie helped Bob up. Bob was badly hurt and was crying. And then Rosie took Bob to her mom. And then Rosie's mom helped to fix Bob. And Rosie's mom put a bandaid on and Bob felt much better. So Bob and Rosie went back playing at the playground. And Bob did the monkey bars without falling! And Rosie cheered for Bob! They became best friends forever!

The End

# Lucas and the Dragon

BY LUCAS



Once upon a time there was a boy named Lucas. He was reading a book in his house. Then he heard a noise from a forest beside his house. So he ran outside and saw a huge fire breathing dragon. Lucas said, "Whoa.... What is that?!" Then he saw that the dragon was defending himself from an evil dragon. So Lucas wanted to save the good dragon. He distracted the evil dragon by giving him poisoned food. The evil dragon ate the food and then fell asleep forever. The good dragon was a little bit hurt, so Lucas made a house in the forest beside his house. He took care of the dragon. They became good friends. When the dragon got better, he flew away to hang out with his dragon friends. When it was cold at night he would come back to the house Lucas made. So Lucas and the dragon lived happily ever after.

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# The Creature Escape

BY CHARLIE



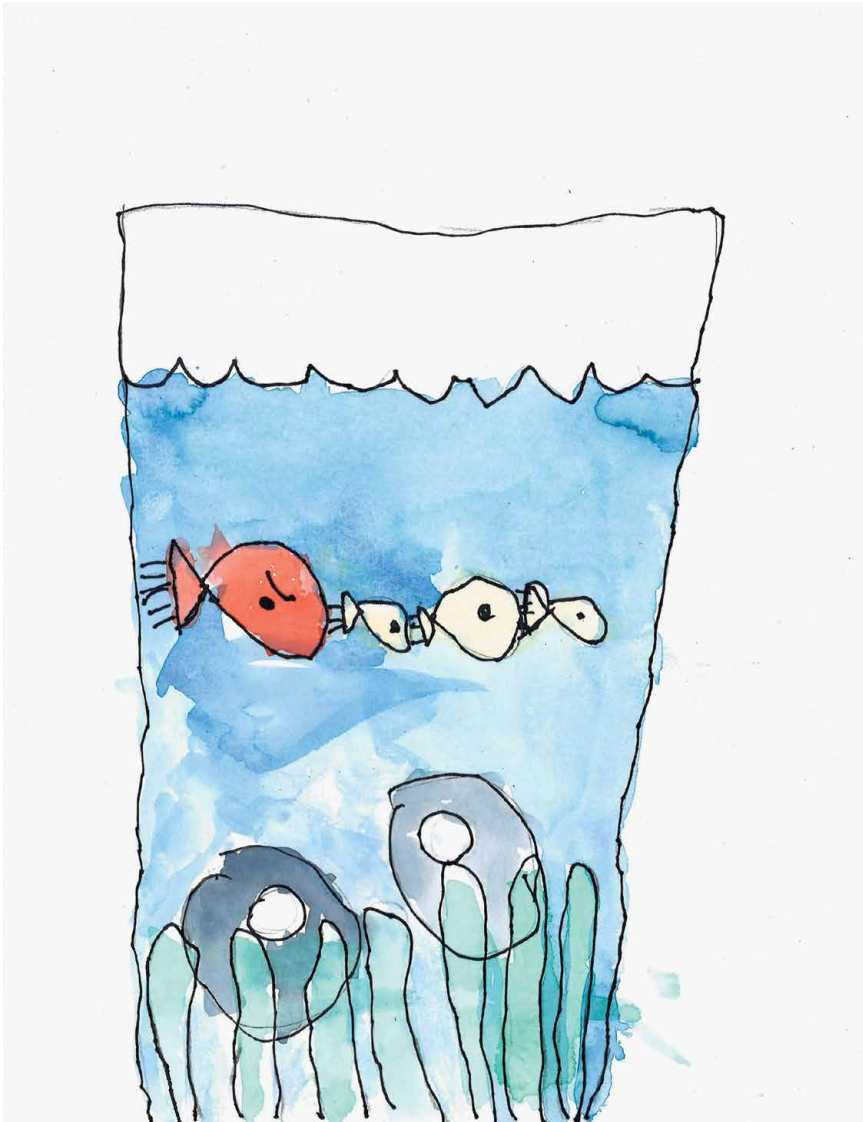
Once upon a time there was a cat and he was a very normal cat. It had not that many friends. All the other cats made fun of him for having two feet. So the cat set up a trap for another two footed cat. Another cat walked into the trap and he got very hurt. So he had to go to the doctor for cats and the doctor gave him a special shots that went into his two paws. Then the next day, he felt weird. He went outside for a quick walk and when he was walking in the forest something happened!! He turned into a creature. No one ever wanted to see him again. And every Halloween he would come out and scare all the kids. One day, the creature came out to scare everybody. People had to call the authorities. The creature was taken to a special factory where they were making toys. The factory workers made him into a giant nice toy that wanted to hug everybody. They named it Huggy Wuggy. Then something went wrong again. The scientist gave him a special shot, but something was wrong in the shot. The scientist gave him a wrong shot that made him evil. The creature broke out of the metal straps that were holding him down. Then the creature got up and went behind the scientist. The scientist turned around and saw the creature and fell to the ground. So all the scientists called the authorities and they came to try talking to the creature. But the creature went inside a vent trying to escape. Another scientist saw him on a security camera so he shut down the factory. The creature was trapped.....

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# The Chase of the Big Fish

BY SAM

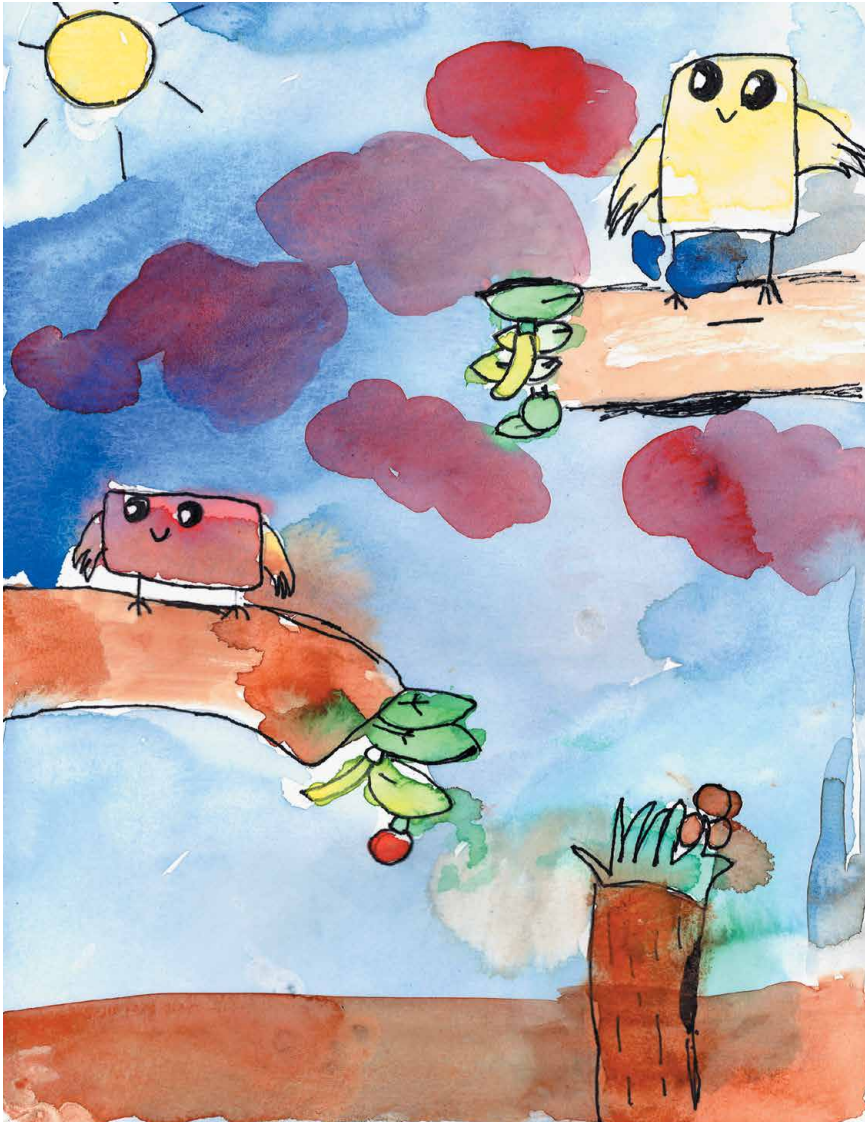


In a tank there were four fish swimming. Then the owner came and fed them. And then the big fish came and ate the food. Then the little fish came and ate some food, too. Then the little fish went in the cave and the big fish was trying to attack them. So they hid in the cave. The big fish was looking for them. Then he found one and was chasing it. And it swam as fast as it could. And it escaped! And then it went back into the cave with his other fish friends. The big fish went inside the cave and they got a surprise. They all swam out of the cave and then they split up and then the big fish didn't know who to chase next. So he went a random way. Then the little fish were hiding together. They were scared that the big fish would find them. But the big fish saw one of the little fish's tale. Luckily the little fish had a sensor on its head. It moved just when the big fish was about to bite the tail. They all went somewhere in a hole that the big fish couldn't fit through. Then the owner came and got the big fish out and then he returned the big fish to the store. And then the owner got more little fish. And they swam together.

The End

# The Jungle

BY JOSIE K



In the jungle there was a Toucan who loved eating mangoes and watermelons. And she met a boy Toucan friend who lived far away. Once she travelled long ways to her friend's house. And then they wanted to play in the corn house. But they couldn't go in the house because there were 55 chickens inside! So, they moved onto the flower house. But still they couldn't go inside because there were 25 monkeys inside! So, then they moved onto the shoe house. But it was too stinky so they left! So, they finally moved to the last garden house. It was empty! So, they played inside for a couple of hours playing checkers and after that they had some tea. They found a magical egg. It was hatching! A baby koala came out. So, they took care of it until its mother came. After the mother came they said bye to the baby koala and the mother. They gave them some food and then left. It was time the Toucan would go back home. Then the boy Toucan said, "I'll see you soon!"

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# The Dim Sum Story

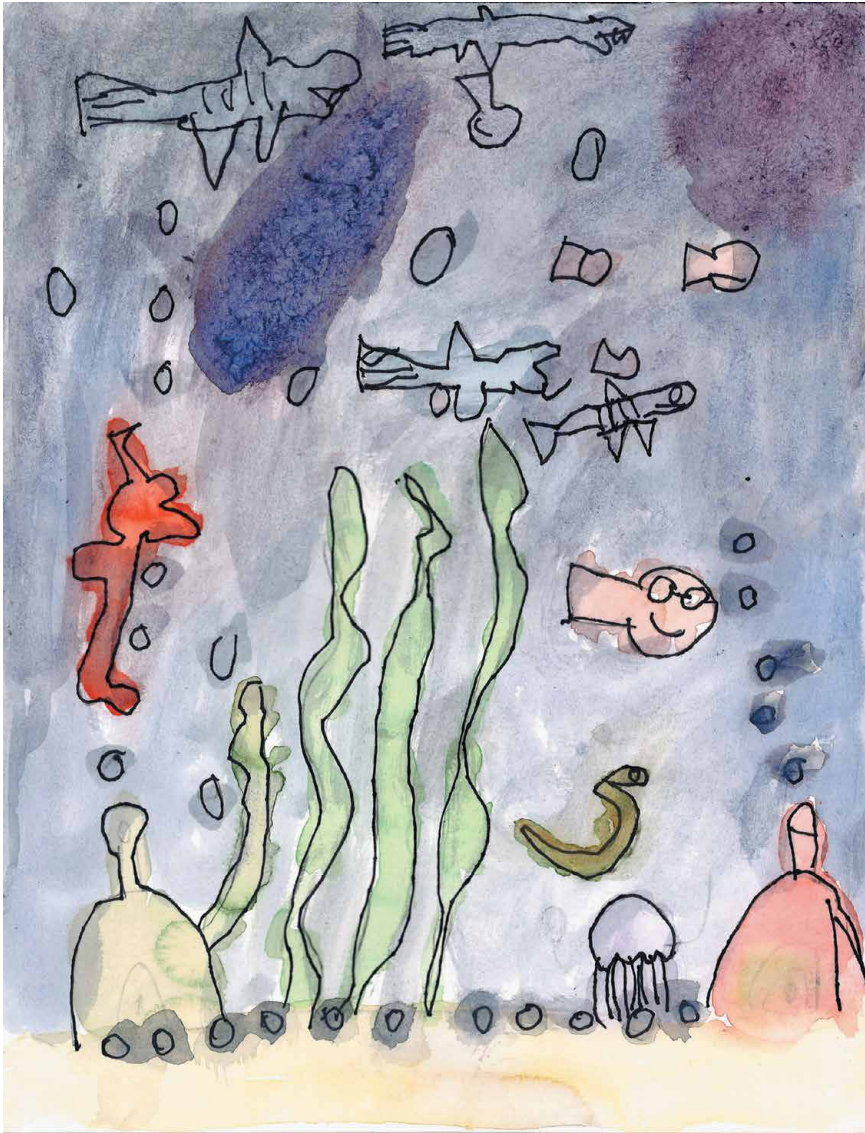
BY AVA

My favourite thing to do is to go to Dim Sum. I usually go with my cousins, aunts, uncles, grandma, grandpa and my family. I like the food there. It is so good! My favourite Dim Sum is shrimp dumplings. I can eat 3 of them. I like a deep-fried crunchy thing and it has meat inside. I don't eat the meat inside. I just like the crunchy part. I also like chicken feet. My cousins and I play games when we are waiting for food. One time my grandma took us to a toy store after Dim Sum and got us some toys. I got a seashell clip for my hair. It was blue, pink and purple. I still have it. It is my favourite clip.

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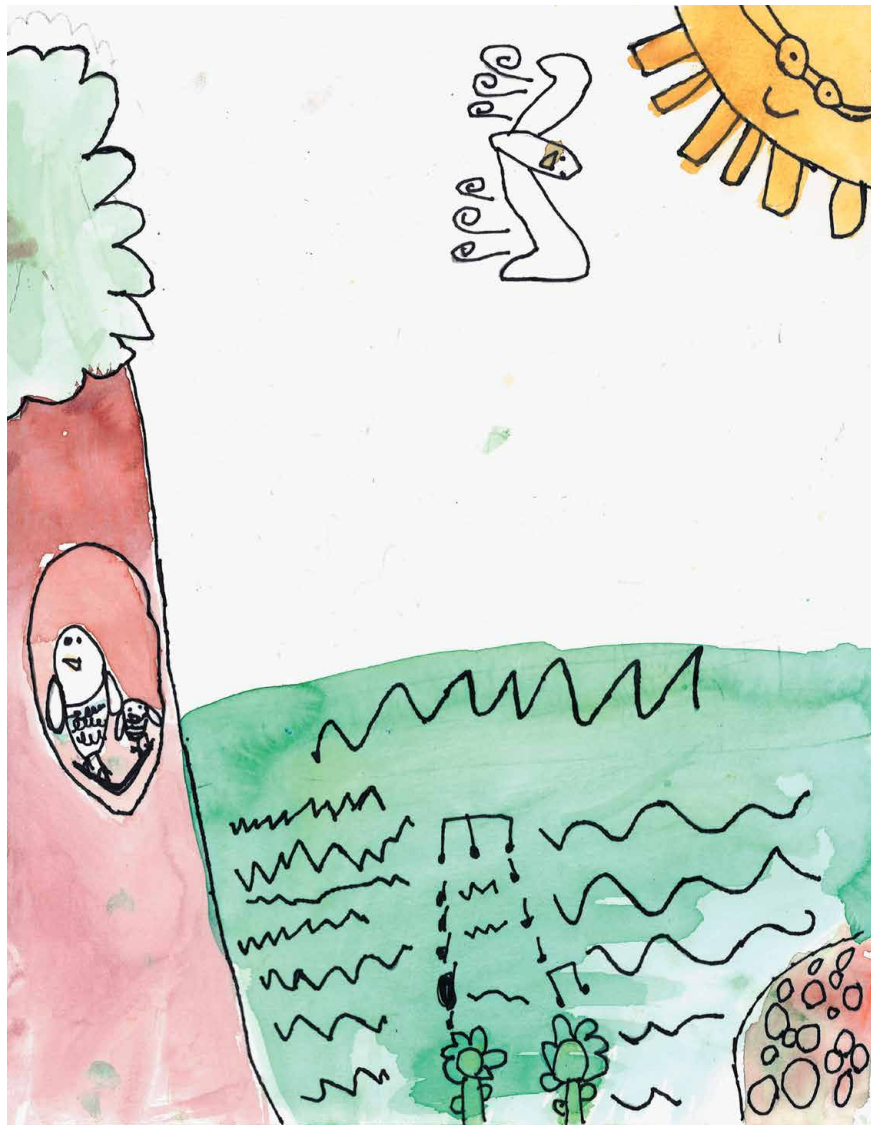
# The Day that Someone Almost Caught Us

BY BENNETT



In the deep dark ocean there was an underwater city. There lived jellyfish, octopuses and seahorses. And one day the seahorse woke up and went to his friend's house. He knocked on the door and a jellyfish opened it and the seahorse said, "Do you want to play outside in the ocean?" The jellyfish said, "Okay," and they played tag. And when they were playing tag a shark came, and it said, "I'm going to eat you!" Then the jellyfish and the seahorse said, "Don't eat us! We are not tasty!" The shark said, "Just kidding! Can I join your game?" The seahorse and the jellyfish said, "If you don't eat us." They played games until they all saw some food. The jellyfish said, "Let's eat it. I'm hungry!" But the shark got the food first and bit it and it was a bait! He got caught by a human and went on a boat. The jellyfish and the seahorse said, "We should go back home now because it's dangerous outside!"

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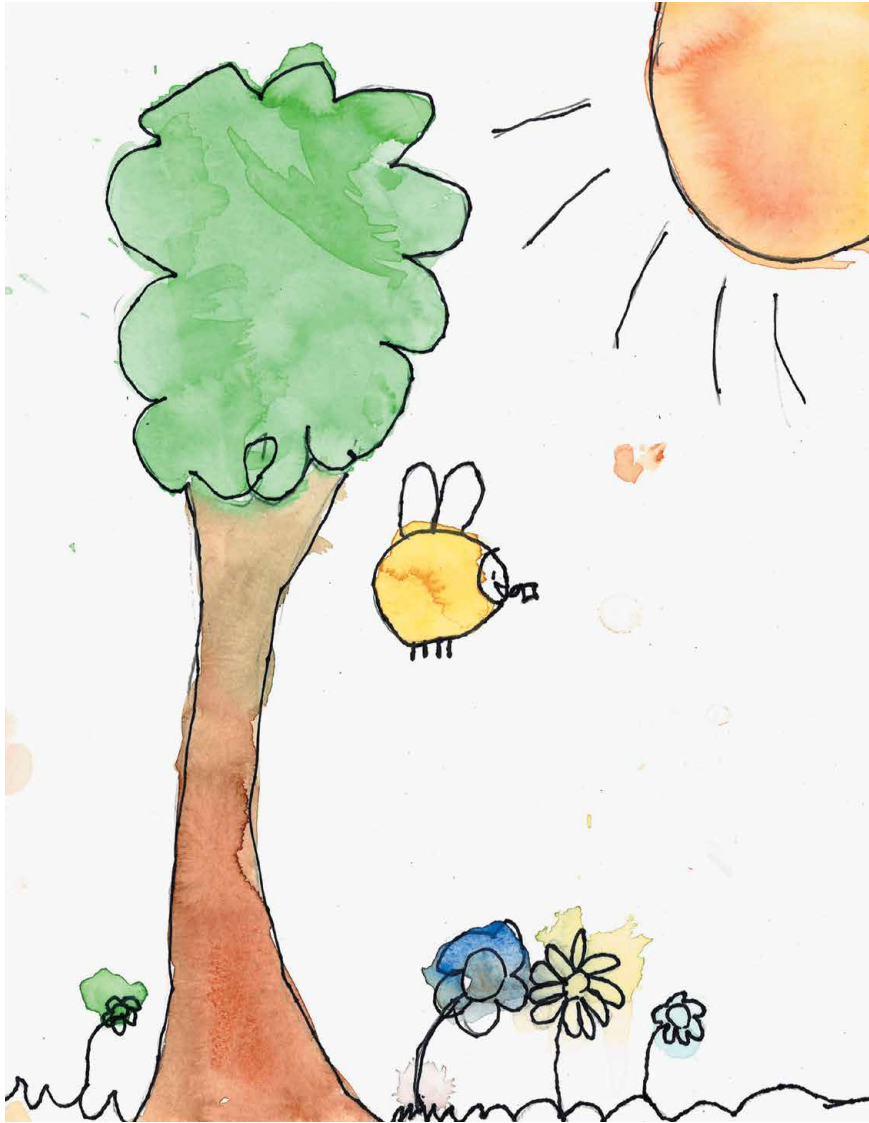


# Baby Owl's Adventure

BY SOFIA

Once upon a time there was a family of owls, mama owl, dada owl, sister owl, brother owl, baby owl and they lived in an old oak tree in the enchanted forest. Then there was a problem. The baby owl wanted to go out of the nest so he stayed in the nest until dada and mama went out of the nest to collect food. Brother owl was picking berries. Sister owl was collecting sticks for the nest. Baby owl was left alone. He went for it. He fell and hurt himself. He started to wimple then Owl came to help. It was a company that rescues hurt or injured birds. Owl took care of Baby owl until he was three. A couple of years later he came back to the old oak tree.

The End



# The Brightest Firefly

BY JOSIE J

Once upon a time there was a firefly in the forest. And it comes out at night. It was the brightest firefly. It had a family. Everyone loved it. One night it found out that its light was off. It lost its light! It was confused what happened to its light. It went to a fairy doctor. The fairy doctor said, "You need medicine," and gave her rose flower medicine. The firefly took it. It tasted like bananas. And that night, the light came back. It was even brighter than before.

The End

# The Missing Star

BY KEEVA



Once upon a time there was a magical toucan and a star. And the star fell from the sky. And then the toucan saw something glowing in a jungle. So, he flew over to see what it was. And then he saw a glowing star on a leaf. And the star was very, very little. The little star had rainbow colours on it. And the star was sad because she missed her family. She broke one of her points and she didn't know that she fell from the sky. So, the toucan took care of the star for weeks. And the star was growing big each day. And it got brighter and brighter. And her broken point was fixed. So, the star was almost ready to go home. The toucan prepared to take her home. So, he fed the star yummy glowing mushrooms. The mushrooms were tie dye. And then one day, the star snuck out of the toucan's nest and trying to go and meet other stars in the jungle. And then he got lost again. The next morning the toucan went looking for the rainbow star. So, he flew through the trees and the bushes. And he saw something shining rainbow on the leaves. So, he swooped down to see what it was. And he found the star again! So, he grabbed the star and flew back to his nest. The toucan said, "It's time to go home." So, the toucan flew up and up and up to space but he couldn't find the star's family. So, he flew and flew and flew everywhere around space. Suddenly the rainbow star tried to get away. The toucan looked over and he saw the rainbow star's family. The rainbow star was very happy, so the toucan said goodbye to the rainbow star and flew back to his nest. Every night he saw one rainbow star in the sky.

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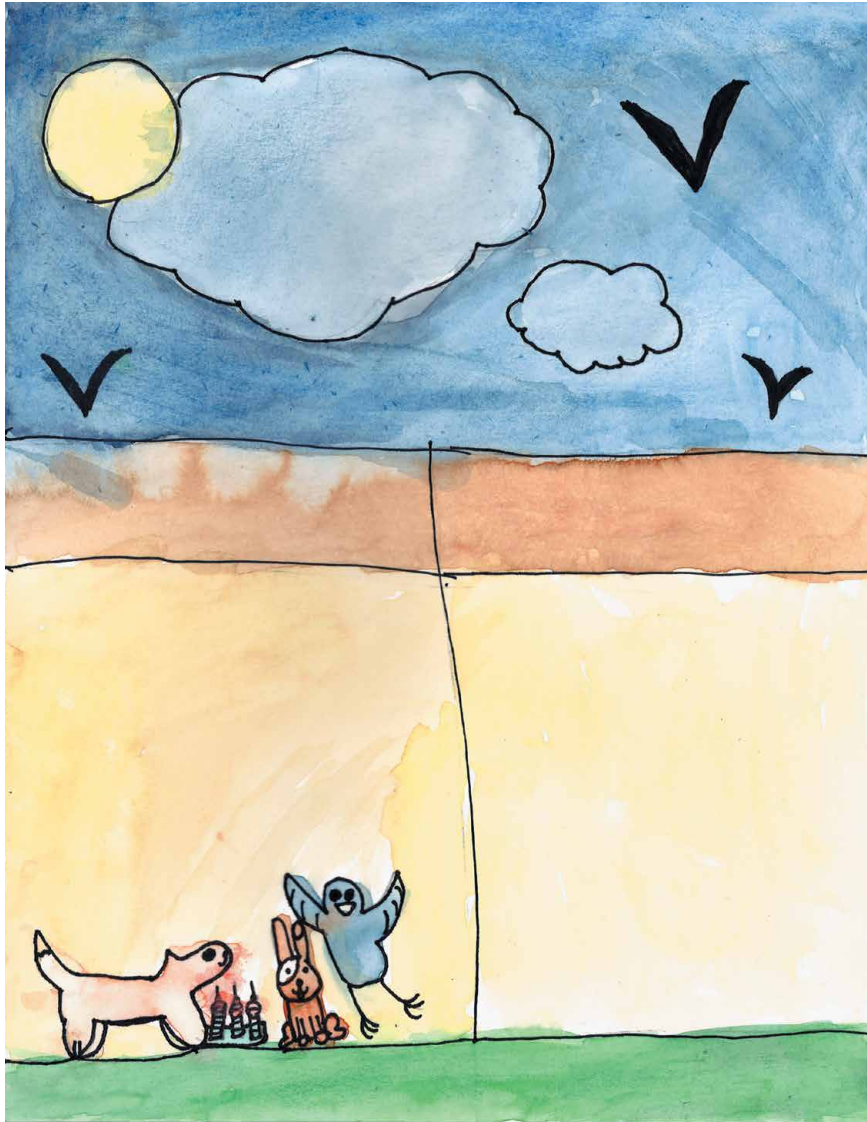
# The Five Little Kitty Cats and the Dog

BY SAYDE

Once there were 5 cats. One was mom, one was dad and the three triplets were girls. The triplets' names were Sayde, Luna and Rosie. One day the triplets were playing a game with their yarn ball. Then a dog took it from them because he thought it was a ball. Then the string choked the dog by accident. Then the cats clawed it and got it out, and the dog stopped choking. They became friends. It was a very nice time for them, but when the owner found out that the cats were in his house, the owner tried to catch them to have for lunch. But the mama cat came and scratched the owner of the dog. And the dog got mad at the cats and started to chase them. So, the cats ran under the house where they lived with daddy cat.

The End





# The Fox Who Had No Friends

BY MOLLY

Once there was a fox and he went to a new school and he had no friends. At school he tried to make new friends, but all of them said no. He was sad. He cried. Then a rabbit came and said, “Why are you crying?” The fox said he was sad because he had no friends. Then the rabbit said, “I have no friends so I can be your friend?” and they became friends. They wanted to make more friends. So, the fox said, “I wonder who we should ask.” His friend said, “How about we ask a cockatoo.” Then they asked cockatoo and he said maybe. So, the fox bought 3 cupcakes for the rabbit, cockatoo and himself. The cockatoo said, “I’ll think about it.” And he thought about it and next day he said yes! And they became friends. They had a playdate at the fox’s house. They had a great time.

The End

# The Snake Vs. The Bird

BY ARCHER

Once there was a snake and a bird. And the snake was trying to eat the bird. But the bird was up high in the sky so the snake couldn't get it. Then the snake had a good idea. He went up the tree and the bird flew down to get some worms. Then the snake jumped down to the bird but the bird flew away. Then the bird got some friends to get more worms then the snake found the bird's nest. The nest had eggs and the snake was going to eat the eggs. But the bird came and when the bird was landing made the snake fall off. Then the bird got her baby birds to try to fly. Then when the baby birds were flying they saw the snake and they flew down to the snake and one baby bird stepped on the snake's eye and the tail. Then another baby bird stepped on the snake's tooth and the snake's tooth fell out then the snake got mad. Then the snake shot out venom but it kept missing the birds. Then the snake got its friends to shoot more venom but they kept on missing the birds. Then the big bird came and kicked the snake. The snake ran away and never bothered the birds ever again.

The End





# Naughty Seymour

BY WILLOW

Once there was a dog named Seymour. He was very fuzzy. He was a good dog. He liked to run and play with me and my brother. One day he chewed my favourite stuffy, and he snuck into a treat box and ate 5 dog treats. I told him not to do it again. But he went to eat more dog treats and he went to sleep on his bed. He woke up and felt bad for sneaking and eating lots of treats. He went on a walk with me and my mom. We went back home and we went to bed. The next day, he didn't eat anymore dog treats, instead he slept all day long. He had fun playing with me and my brother at the end of the day. He had to go to bed and then he felt happy when he woke up in the morning because he was not being naughty.

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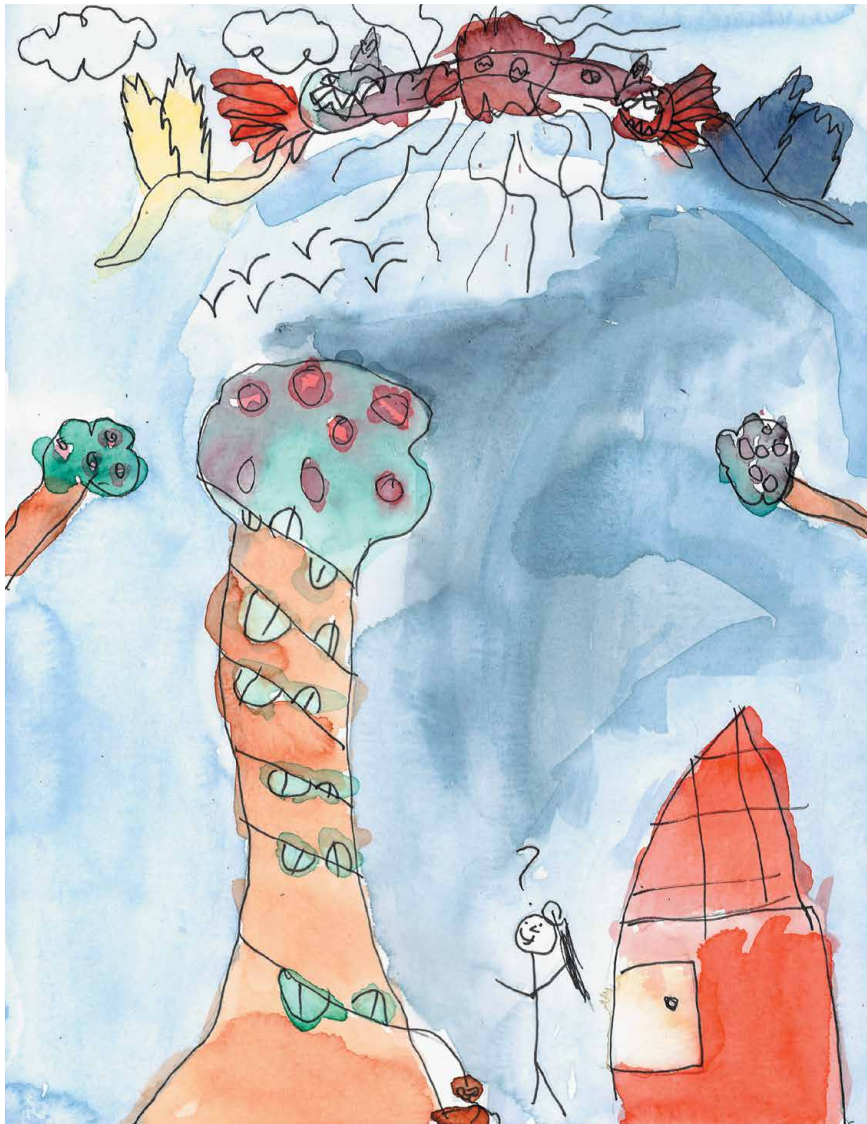


## The Scientist and the Bee

BY WALLY

Once there was a scientist and he liked to build inventions, very cool ones. Once he built a thing that could transport people back in time. And there was a bad bee that could live forever. So, the scientist tried to put the bee back in time, so far that he got so old that he couldn't get back to his normal state. Then the scientist and all the people in the city had a big party and lived happily ever after.

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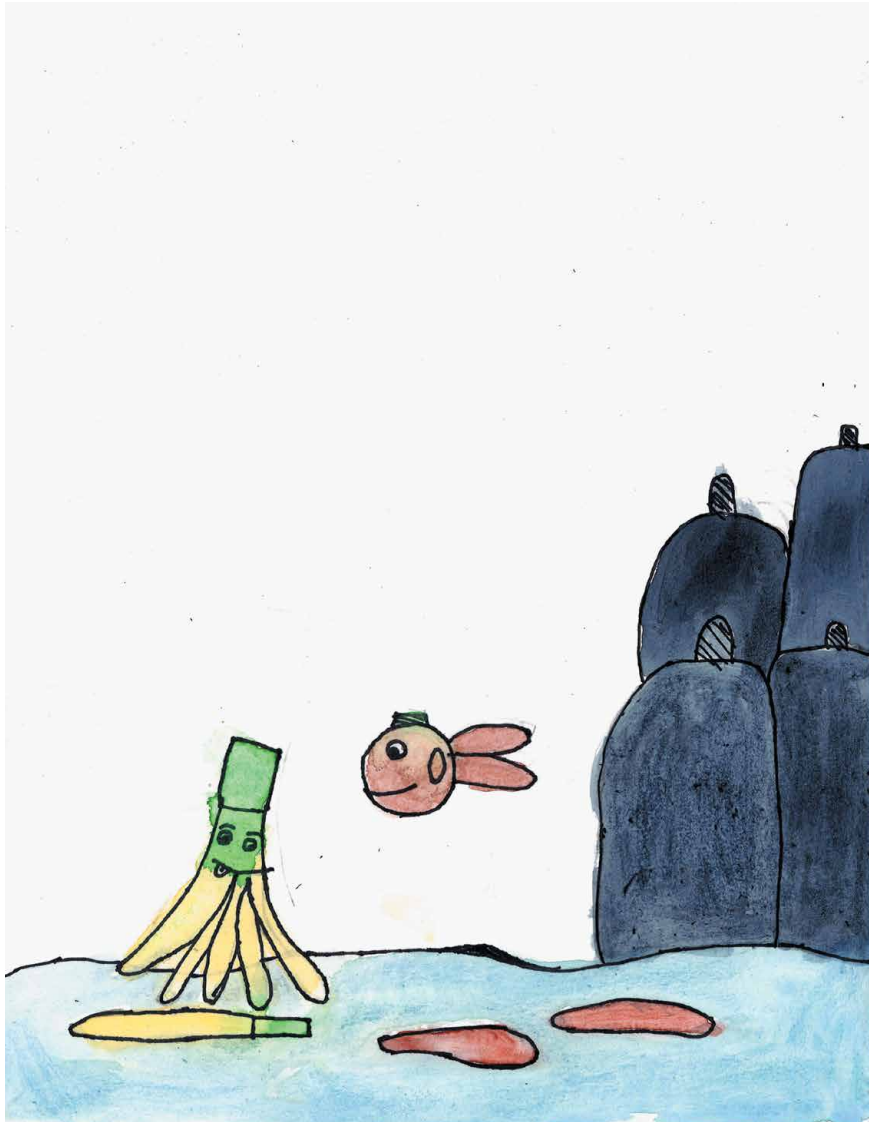


# The Dragon Fight

BY KALEA

Once upon a time there was a girl named Kalea and she lived in the forest. She was reading and then she heard a noise. She opened the door and she saw a dragon. The dragon said, "Who are you?" Kalea said, "I'm Kalea. I'm new here." The dragon said, "Hi, I'm dragon and I'm good. I breathe fire. I fly. I can push wind through my wings. Tomorrow I have a battle with an evil dragon. I'm kind of scared but also kind of excited." Kalea said, "Are you nervous? I have a special jam that makes you stronger. I'll give it to you in one minute." The dragon said, "I'm more excited now!" And he ate the jam. He was glowing and felt stronger. The next day, the dragon was glowing again but even brighter. Kalea gave a fake jam to the evil dragon. The good dragon won the battle. The good dragon and Kalea became good friends.

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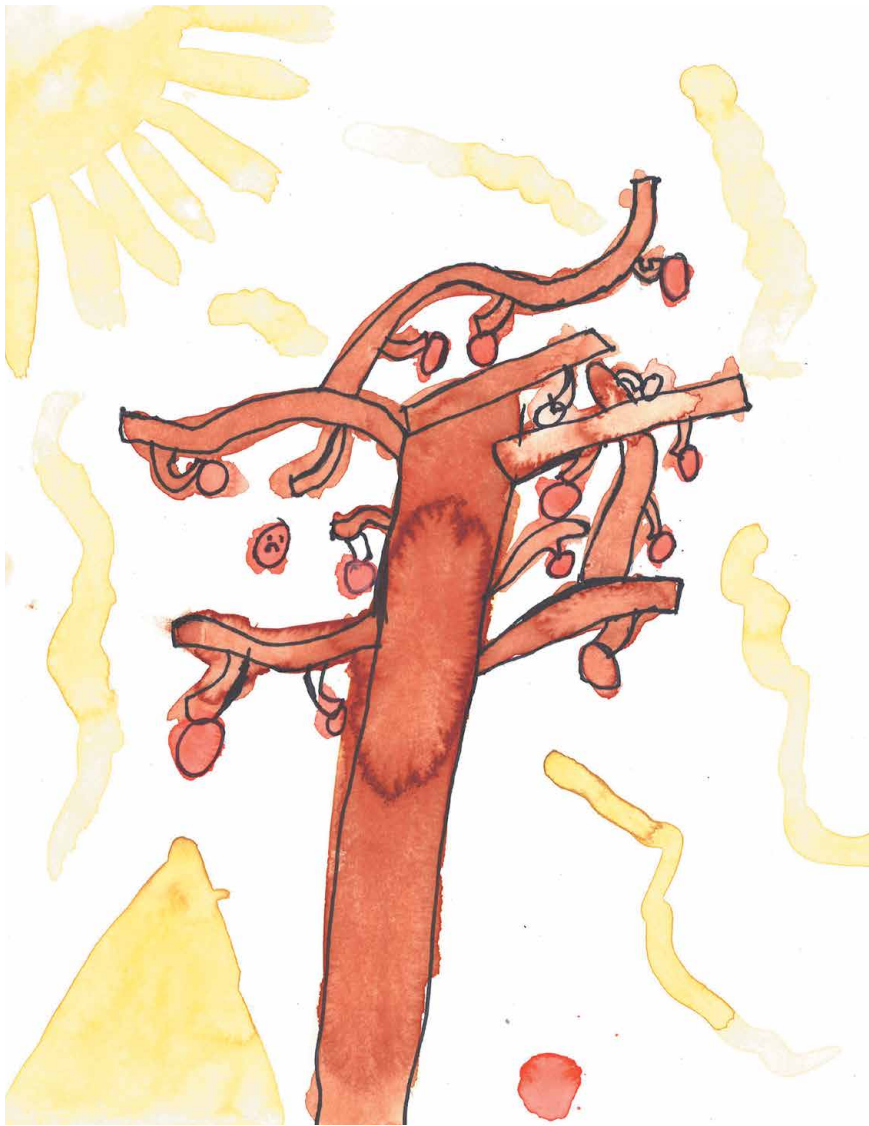


# The Life of the Trash

BY CARTER

Once there was a banana octopus and an orange fish and they lived in a trash can. People were dropping garbage in the trash can. And the orange fish and the banana octopus got hurt from the trash. The orange fish and the banana octopus got a tissue from the trash and put it on their injury. Then they swam up to the surface of the trash. A human was bringing them another trash can. So they lived in the new trash can together. It was a different trash can but they liked it.

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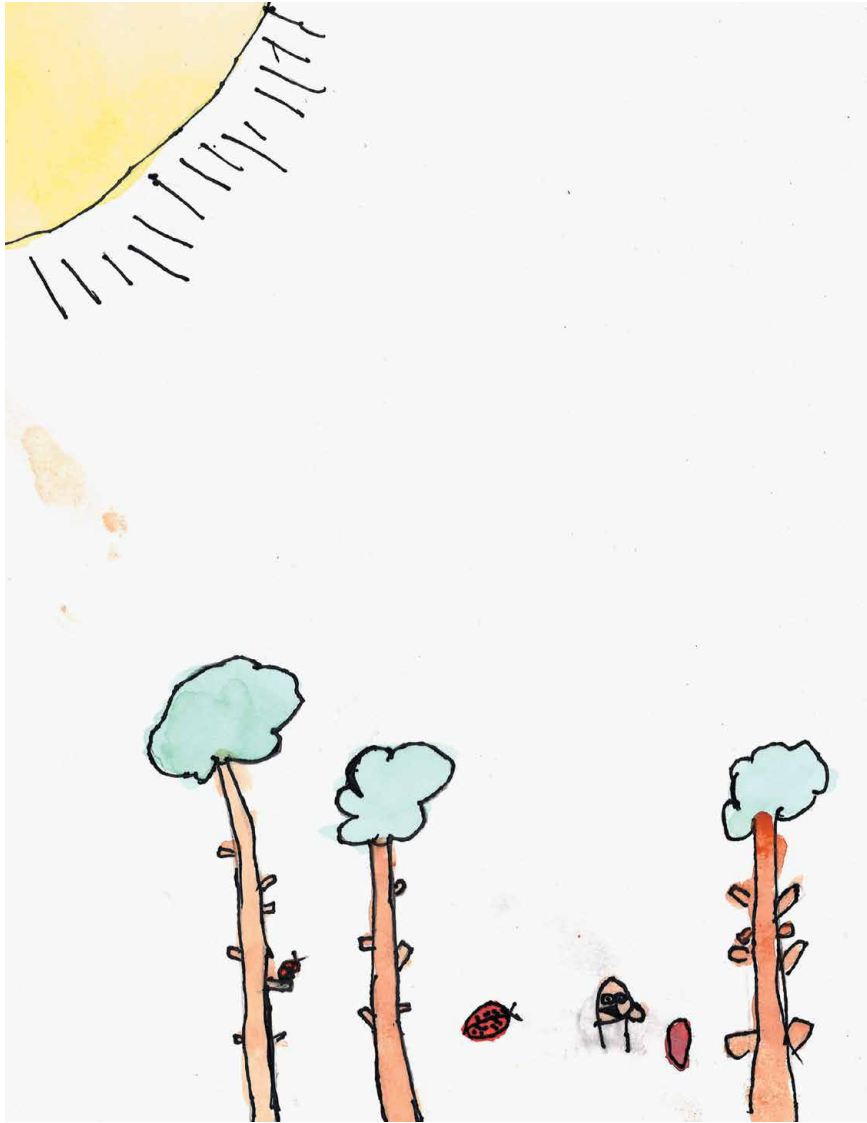


# The Apple's Adventure

BY TIMO

Once upon a time there was a tree in the desert where one little apple fell from a tree. It landed on the ground and it said, "How am I going to find any food?" He walked around the desert and tried to find food. Then he saw another tree with an orange starting to fall from the tree. Then it fell down on the ground. And it saw an apple walking on the floor. And then they both said, "Do you want to be friends?" Then they said, "Yes!" And they played with each other and had sand fights and lived happily after all.

The End



# The Hero of the Ladybug

BY AL

Once upon a time there was a ladybug and a butterfly. The butterfly lived in a tree and the ladybug lived in the forest. They were good friends. The ladybug was finding food and then a bird got into the ladybug's way. And the ladybug wanted to eat the food but the bird was in his way. The bird ate the food before the ladybug could. The ladybug said, "Hey! That's my food!" The bird said, "Not anymore!" Then the butterfly came and knocked the bird out with his wings. The butterfly said, "Nobody picks on my friend!" The bird got scared because he got knocked out. So, he flew away. And then the butterfly and the ladybug looked for food together.

The End



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