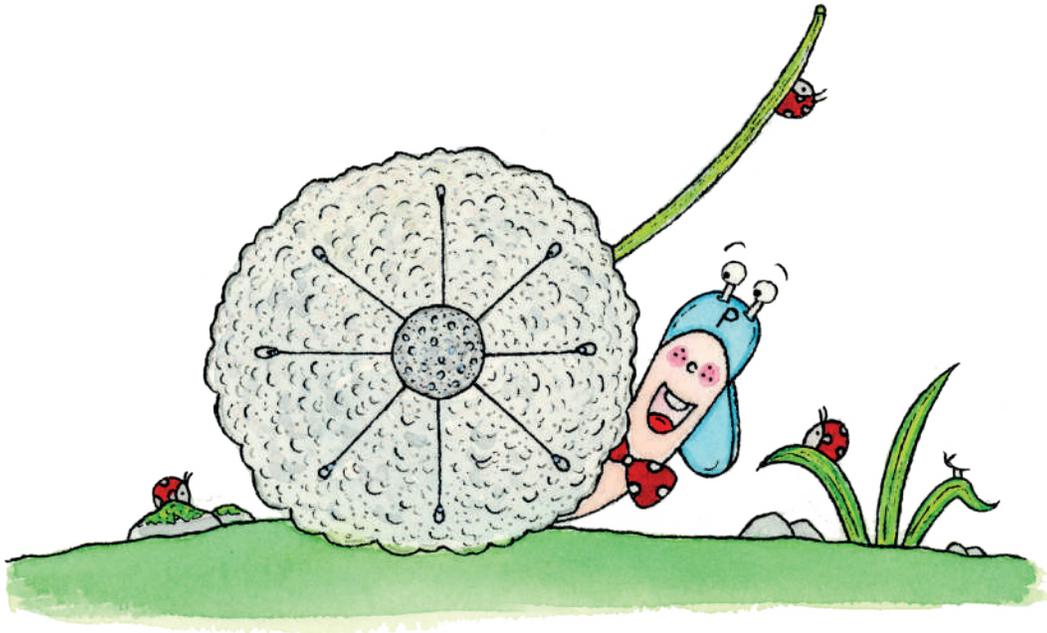


Peter's Dream



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There is one little Peter that lives in ALL of us.
Let him DREAM.



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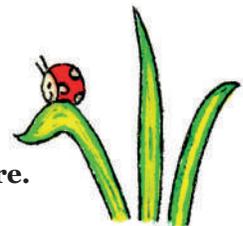
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After you have read Peter's Dream, find the  in each picture.
How many did you find?



Peter is a little snail.

He lives in a tree trunk together with his family and friends.

His mother, Ms. Shelly, is a teacher,

and his father, Mr. Sheldon, is a water collector.



One day Peter goes to school for his classes.

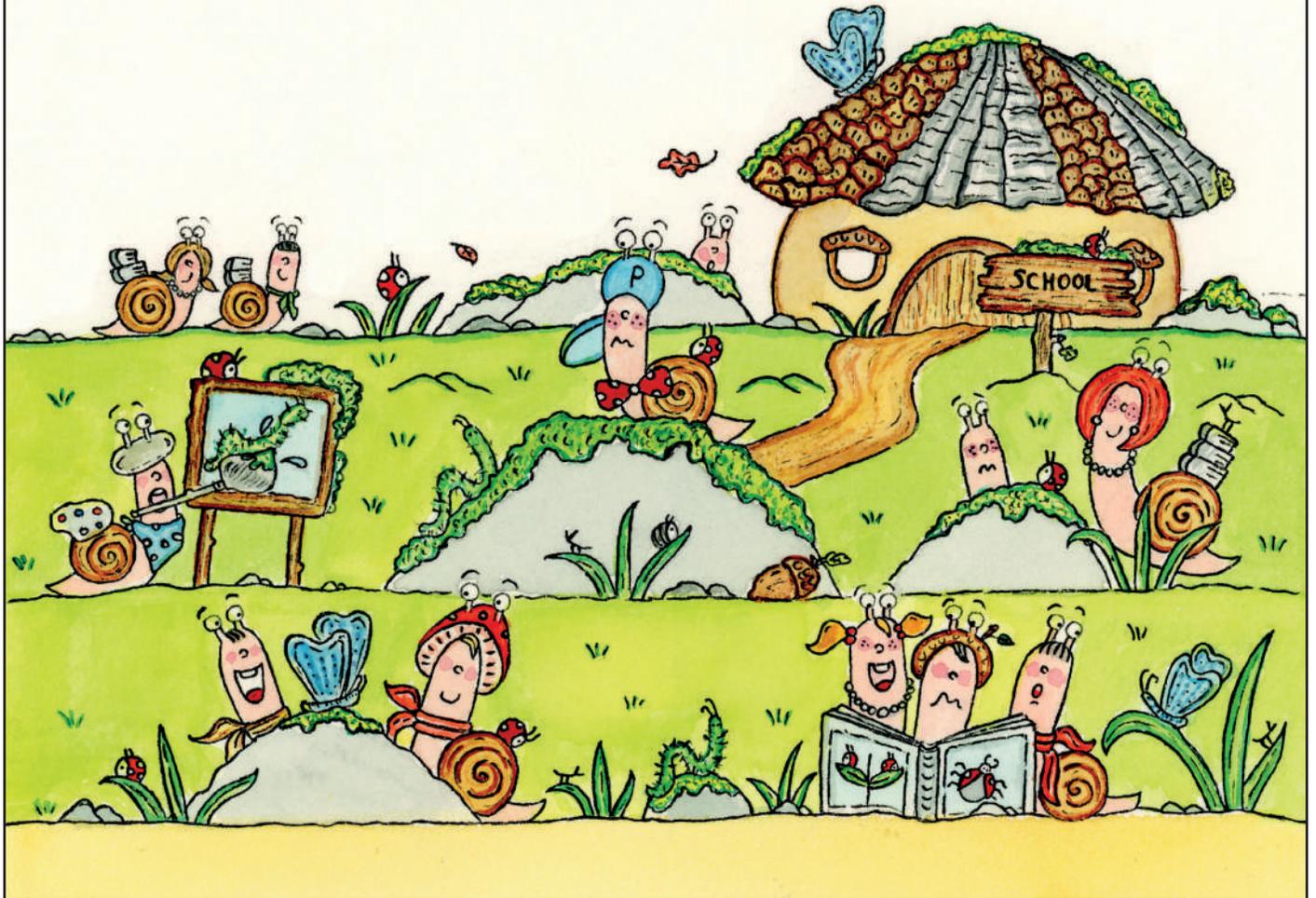
Ms. Shelly is already outside teaching the snails about nature.

Only Peter is standing alone.

He is thinking about his dream of flying.

He wants to meet new friends and to visit far lands.

He wants to travel the world!



After the classes are over,
Ms. Shelly sends Peter to his father to bring him lunch.

Peter crosses the meadow and reaches the Big Rock
where Mr. Sheldon is working.



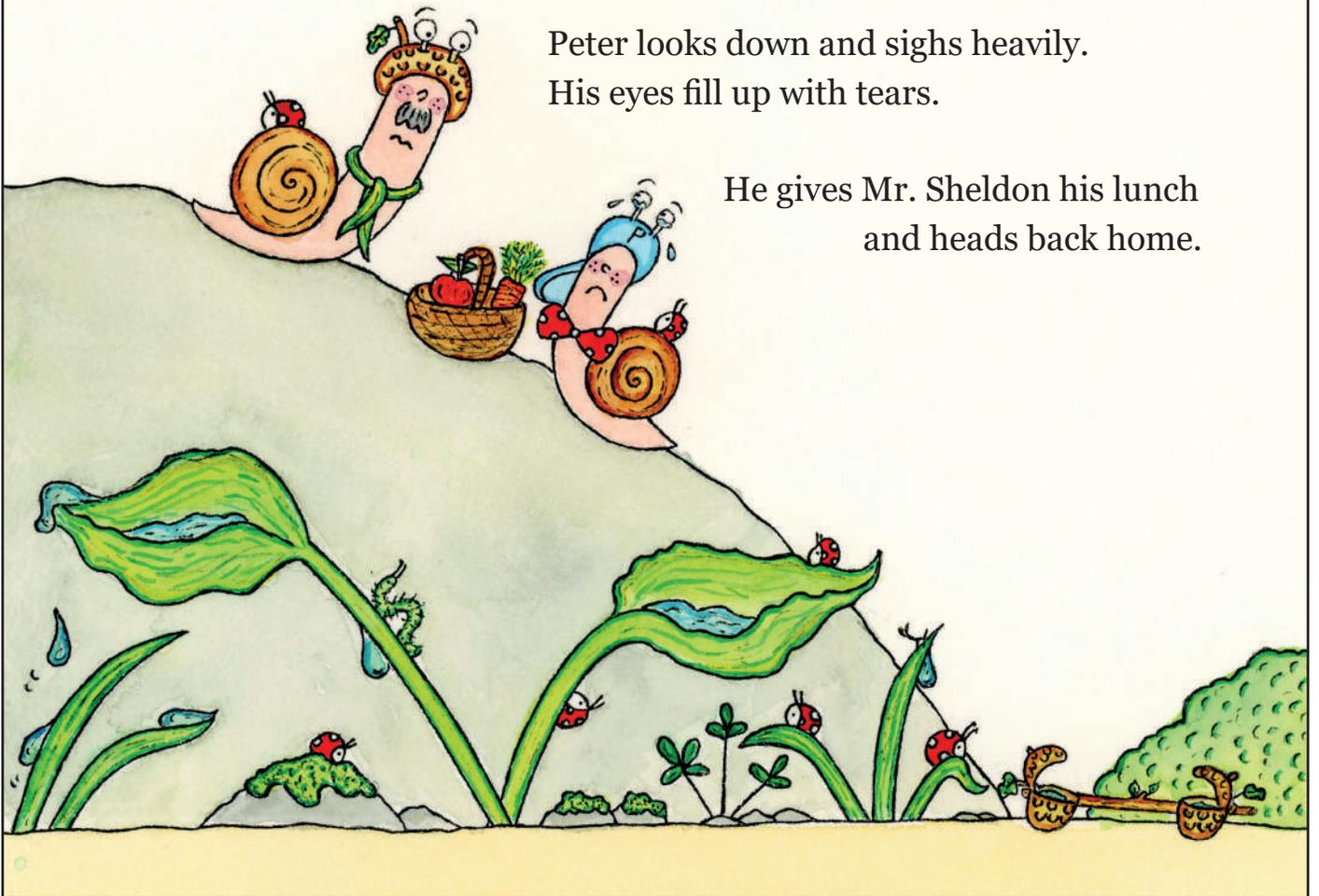
“One day, son, I will teach you how to collect water,” he says. “Every drop matters when it’s hot outside, and there isn’t rain for weeks.”

“But, Papa, I don’t want to be a water collector,” replies Peter.
“*I want to fly in the sky like a bird!*”

“*Fly?*” Mr. Sheldon exclaims. “But we can’t fly. We are snails. We slither.”

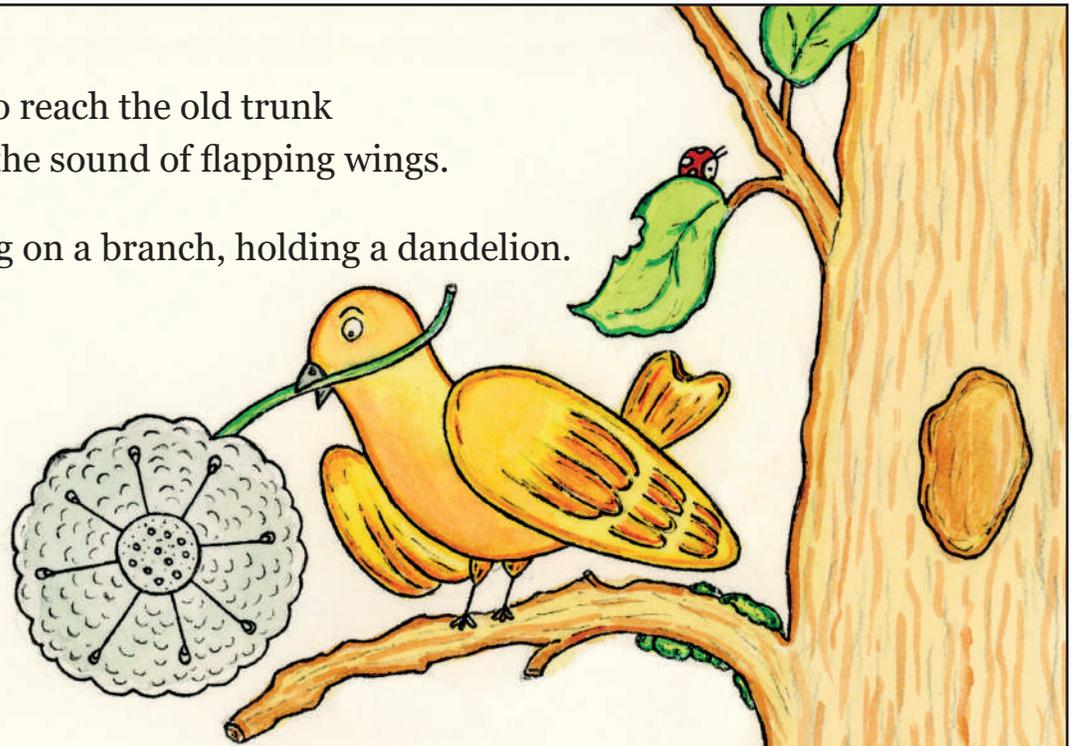
Peter looks down and sighs heavily.
His eyes fill up with tears.

He gives Mr. Sheldon his lunch
and heads back home.



Peter is about to reach the old trunk
when he hears the sound of flapping wings.

It's a bird sitting on a branch, holding a dandelion.



“Hello,” Peter says, but the bird doesn’t move.

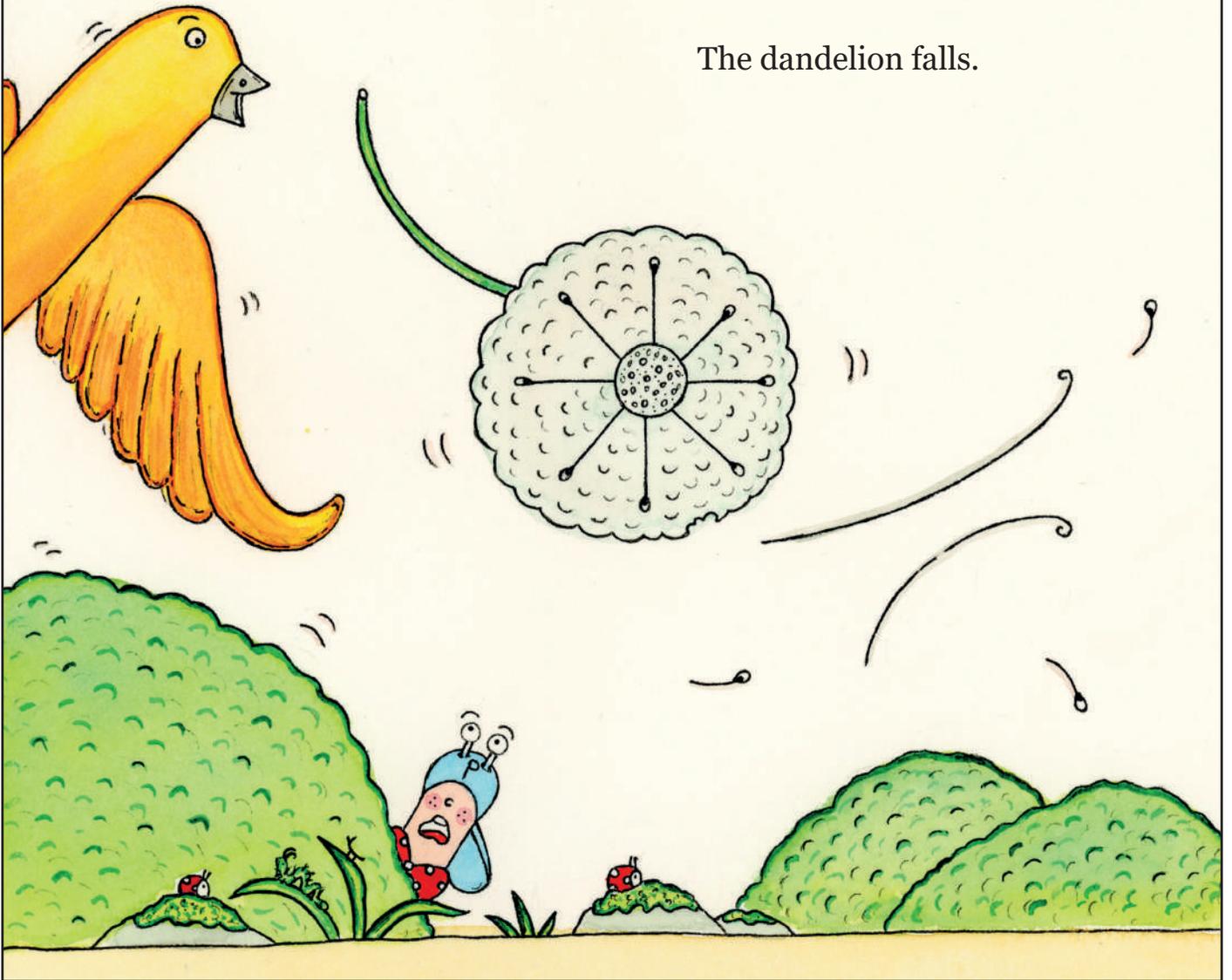
“Hellooo,” he tries again, but she stays still.

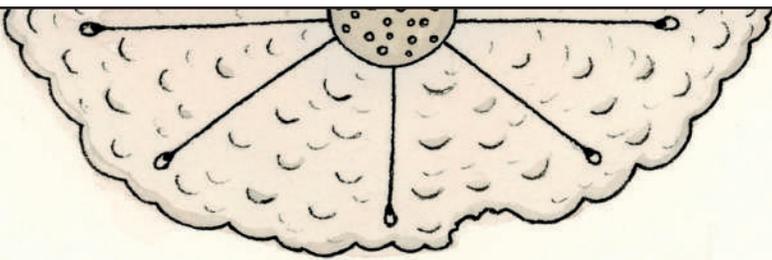
Suddenly, a rustle comes from the bushes and frightens her.



She spreads her wings and opens her beak.

The dandelion falls.

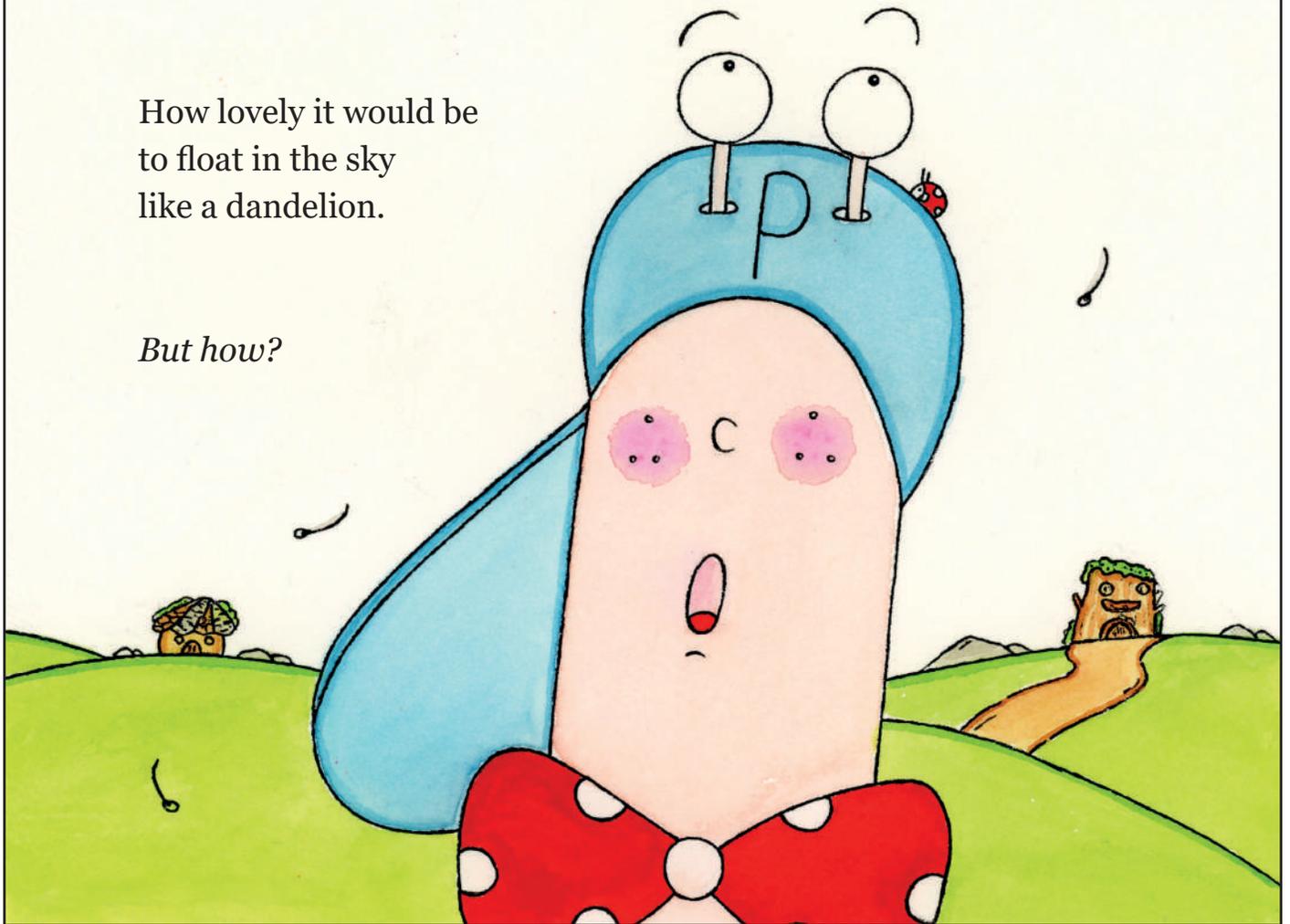




Peter follows it with his eyes and thinks about his dream.

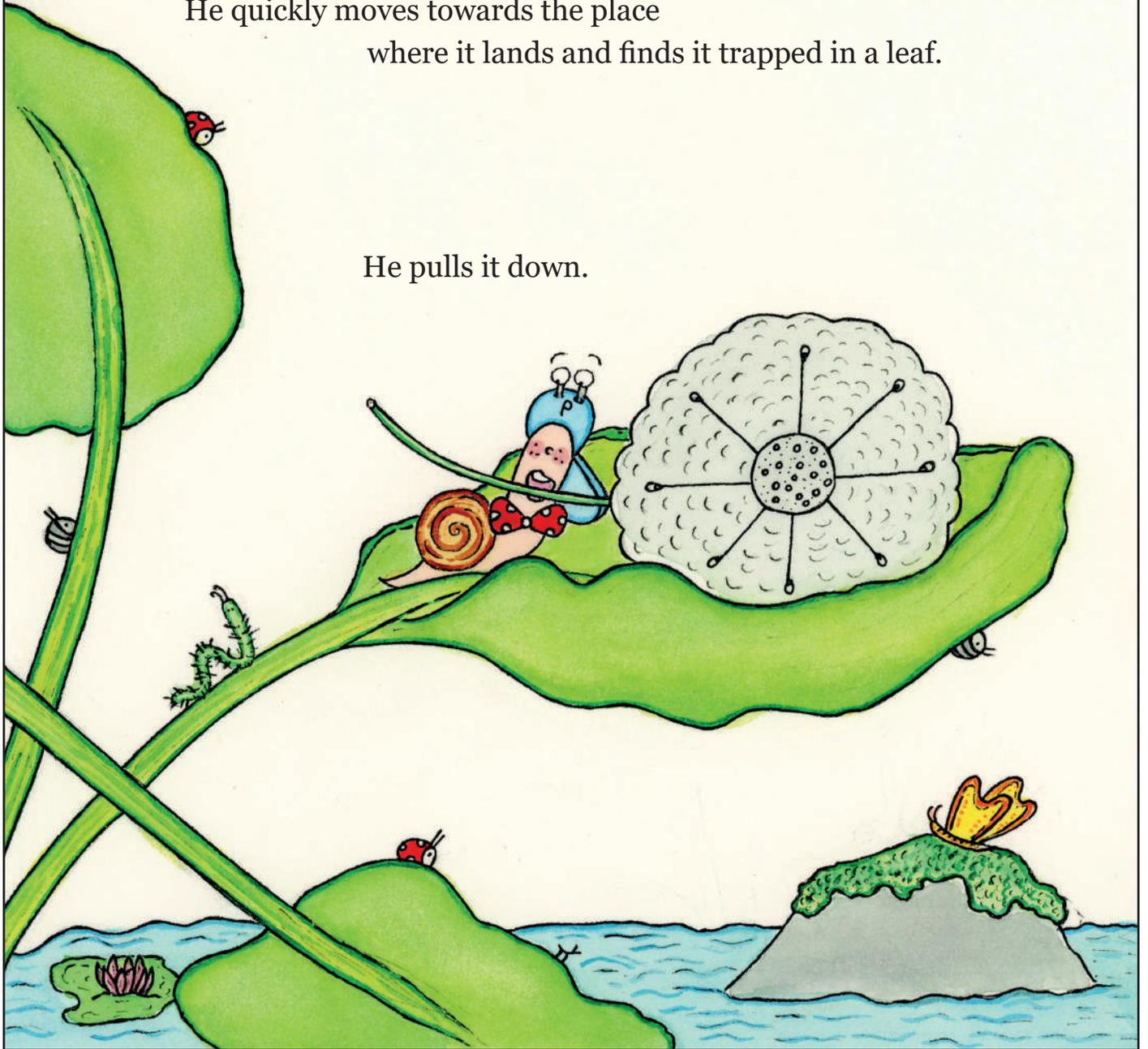
How lovely it would be
to float in the sky
like a dandelion.

But how?



He quickly moves towards the place
where it lands and finds it trapped in a leaf.

He pulls it down.

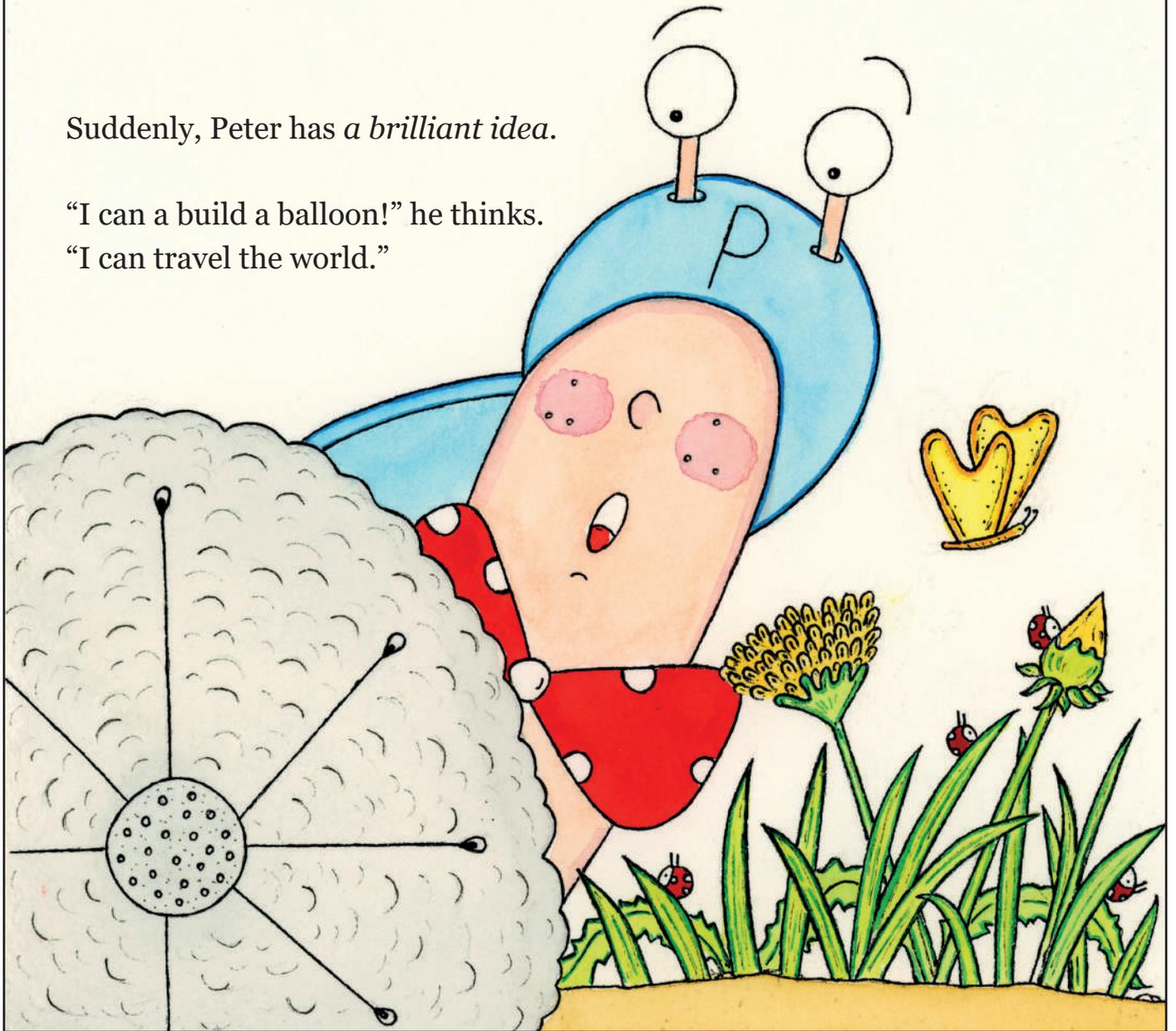


“A big puffball,” he thinks. “Soft as a cotton, light as a feather. *Hmmm...*”

Suddenly, Peter has a *brilliant idea*.

“I can a build a balloon!” he thinks.

“I can travel the world.”



Peter works hard on building his flying balloon.

He uses twigs for the basket and long grass for the ropes.

When the balloon is ready, he starts practicing.



Peter keeps:

falling,

and rolling,

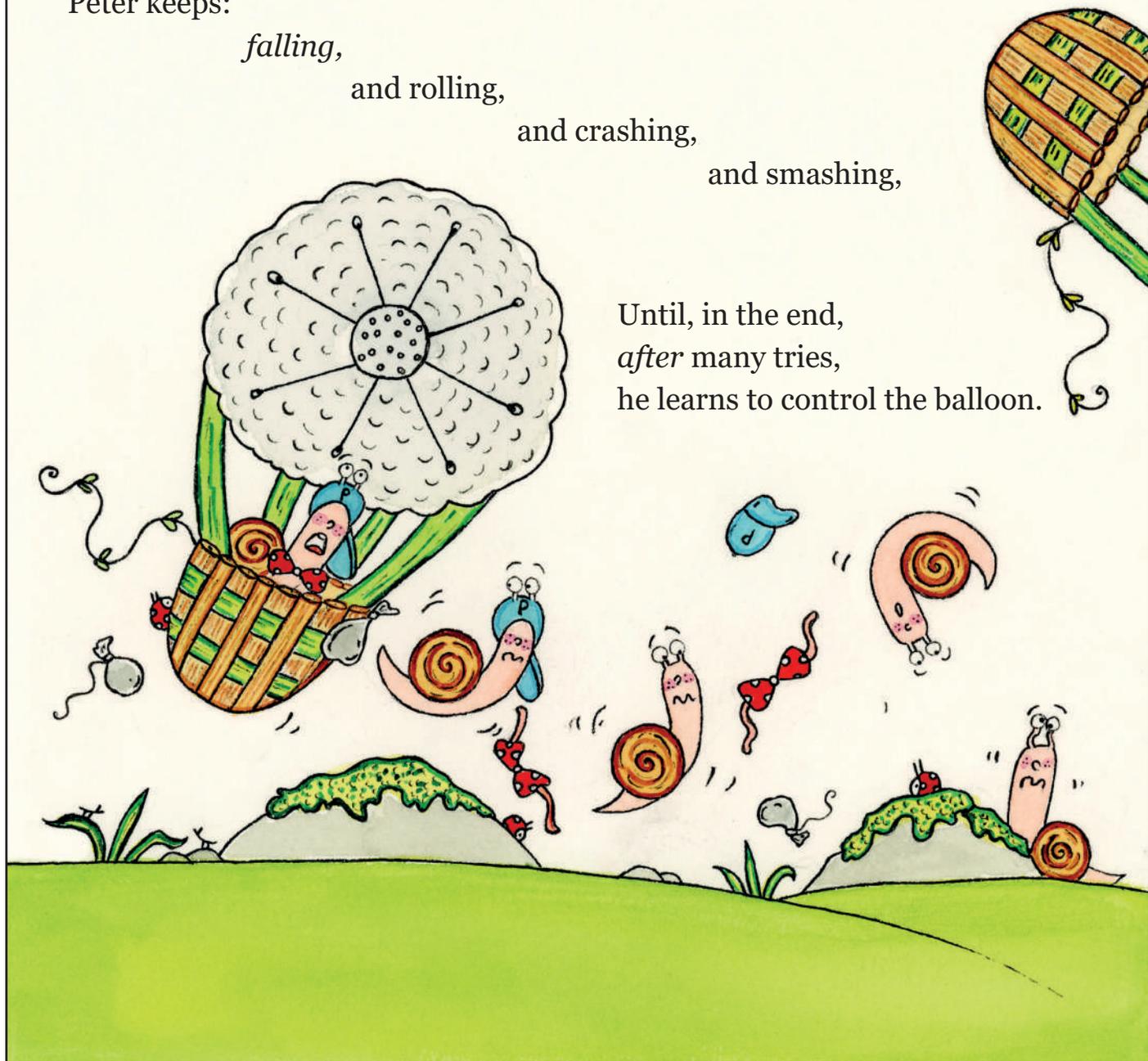
and crashing,

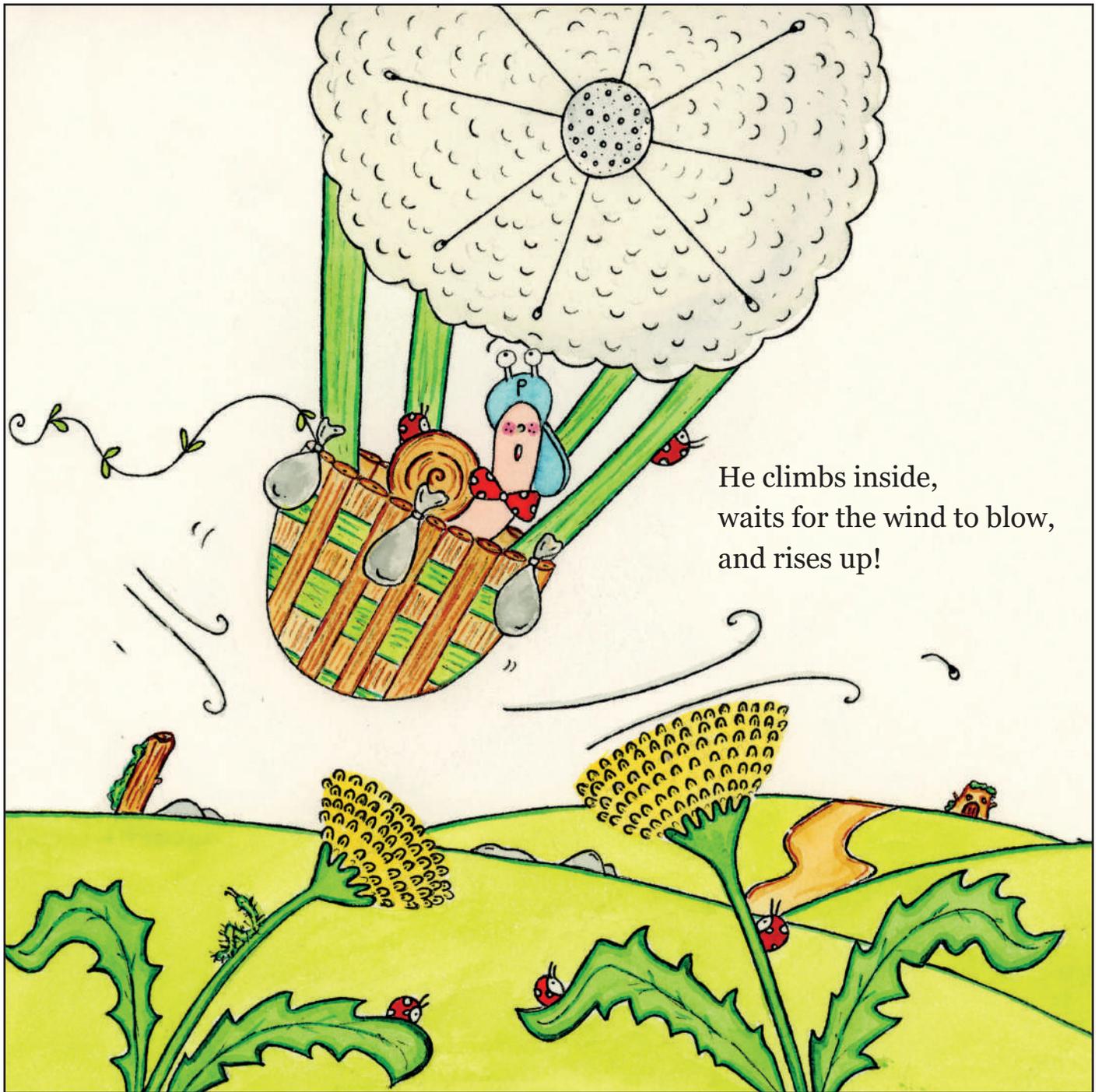
and smashing,

Until, in the end,

after many tries,

he learns to control the balloon.



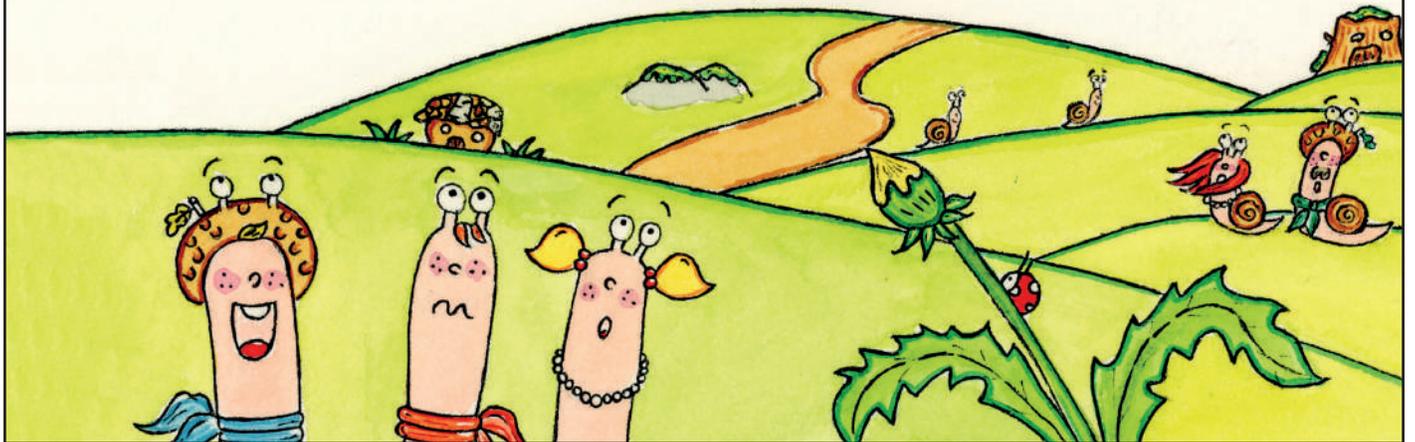
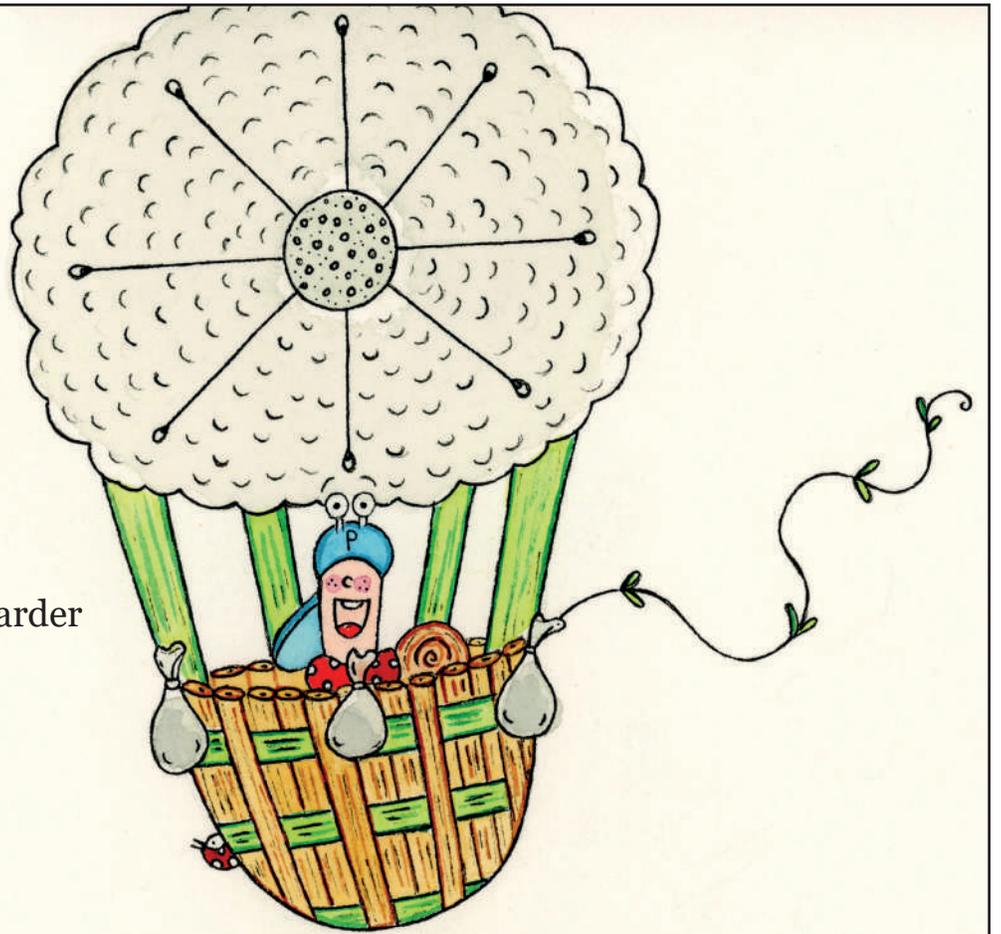


He climbs inside,
waits for the wind to blow,
and rises up!

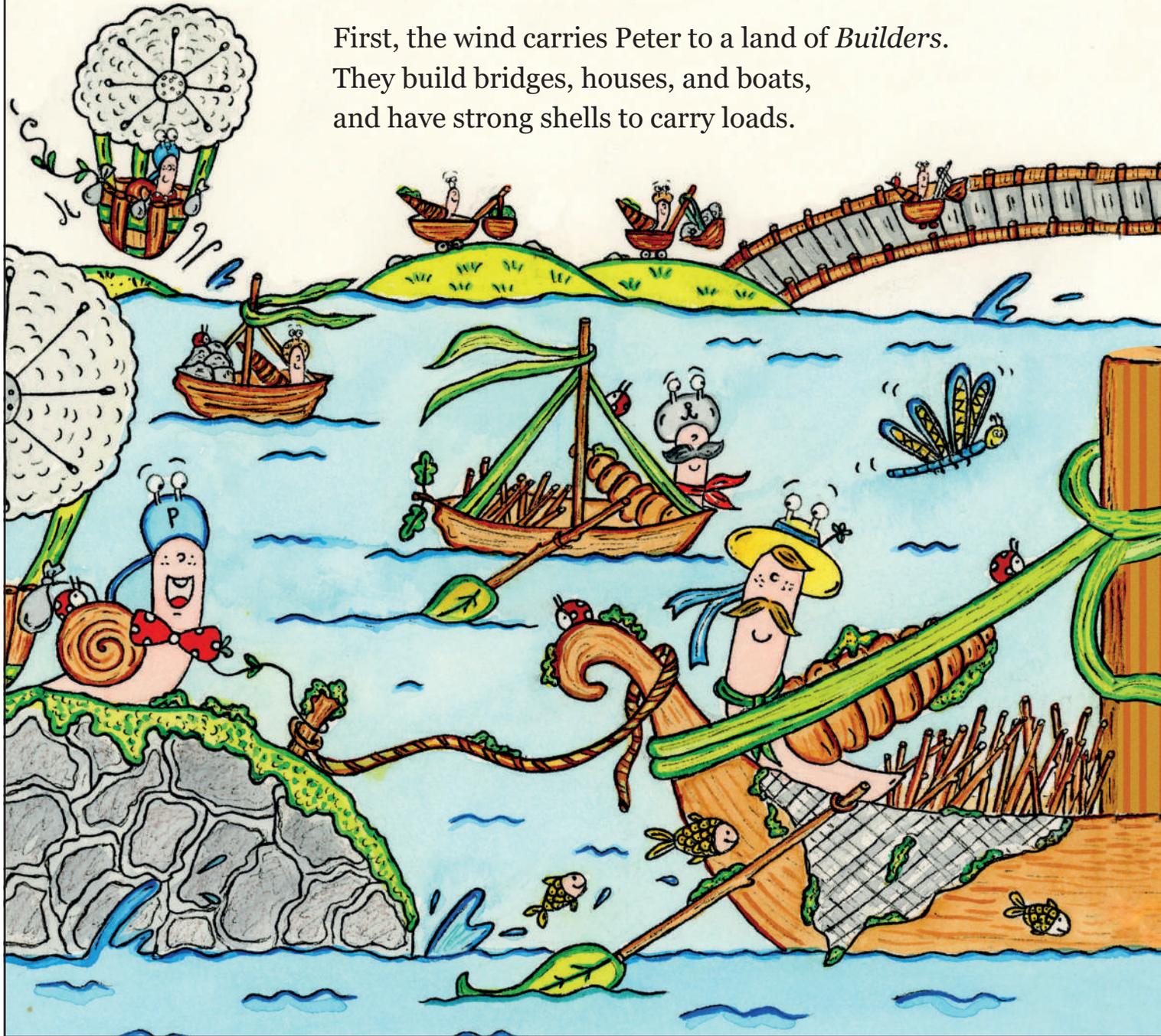
*PETER
IS FLYING!*

He pulls the ropes harder
and goes higher.

*Soon the balloon
is lost in the sky.*



First, the wind carries Peter to a land of *Builders*.
They build bridges, houses, and boats,
and have strong shells to carry loads.



Peter is happy to be a builder for a day,
and continues on his way.

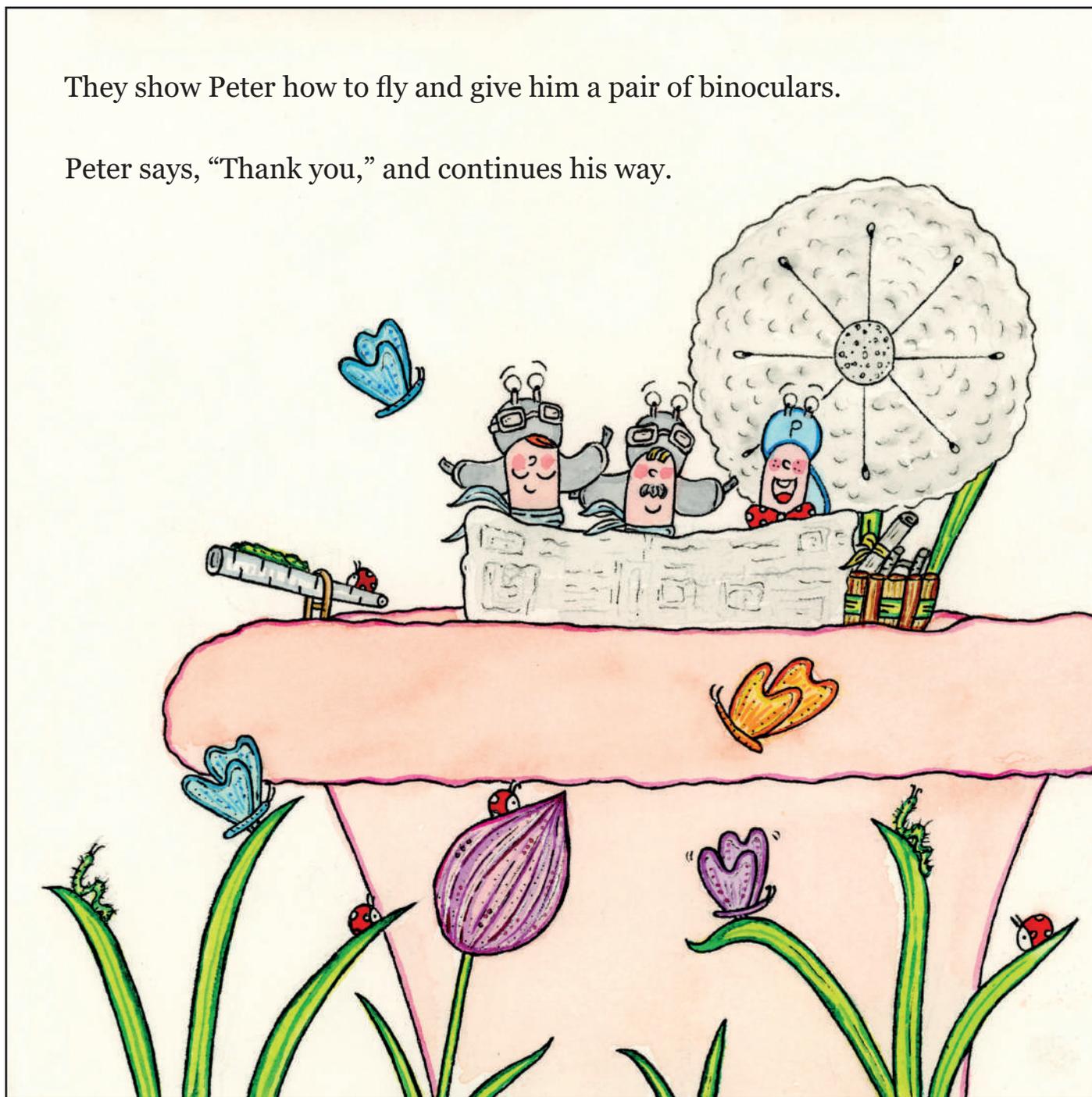


Then, the wind carries him to a land of Pilots.



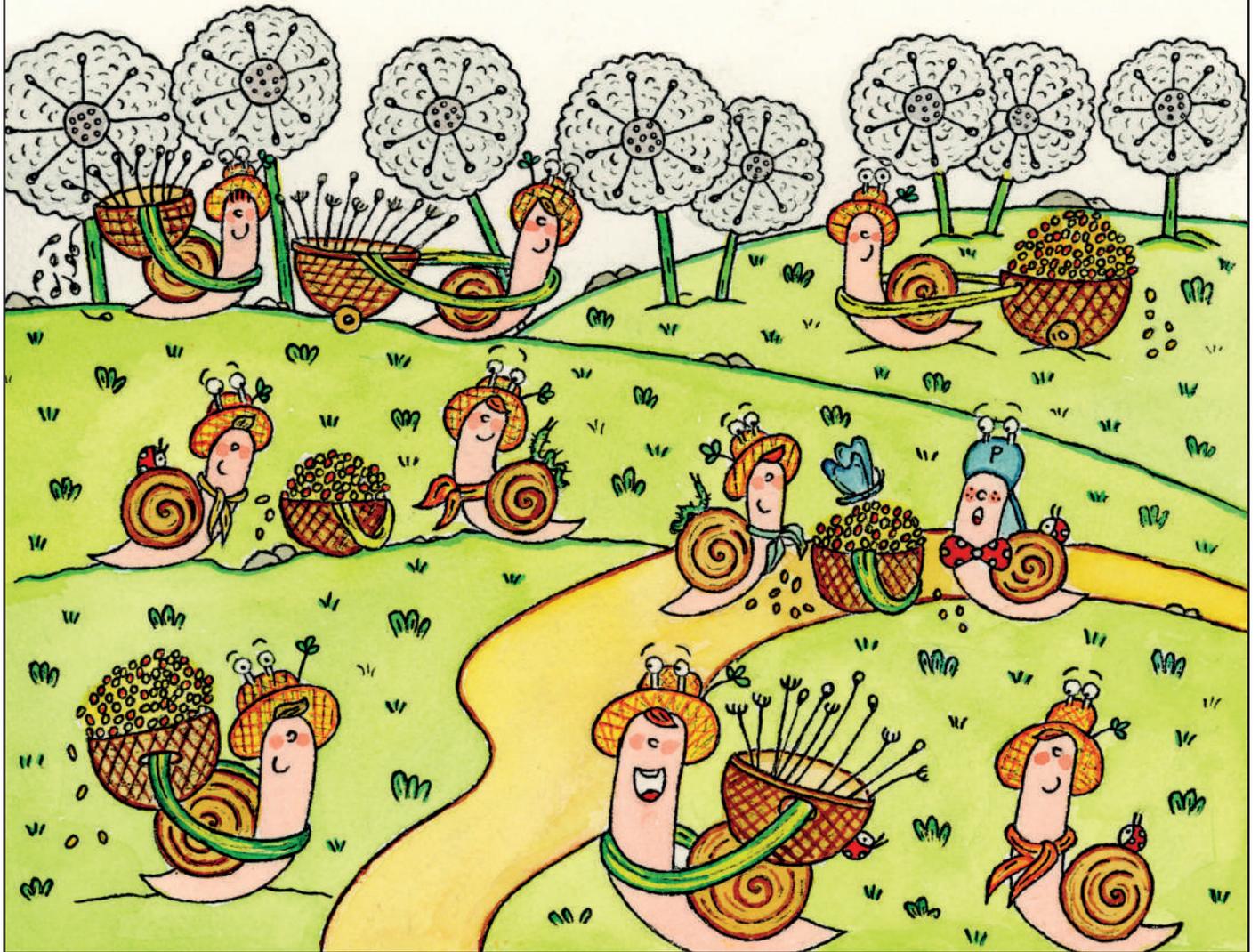
They show Peter how to fly and give him a pair of binoculars.

Peter says, "Thank you," and continues his way.

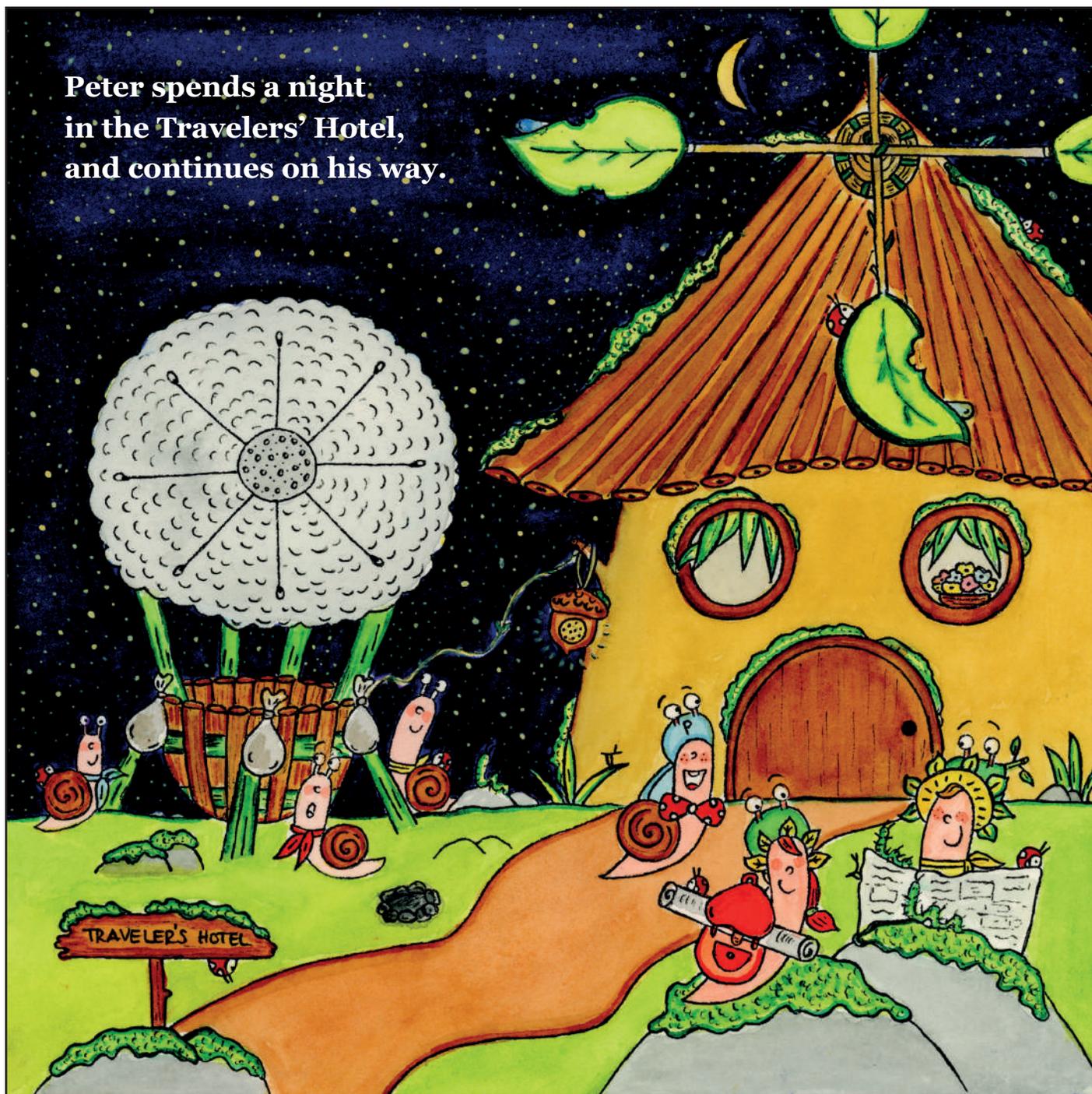


Next, the wind carries Peter to a land of Farmers.

They show Peter how to plant seeds in their dandelion fields.



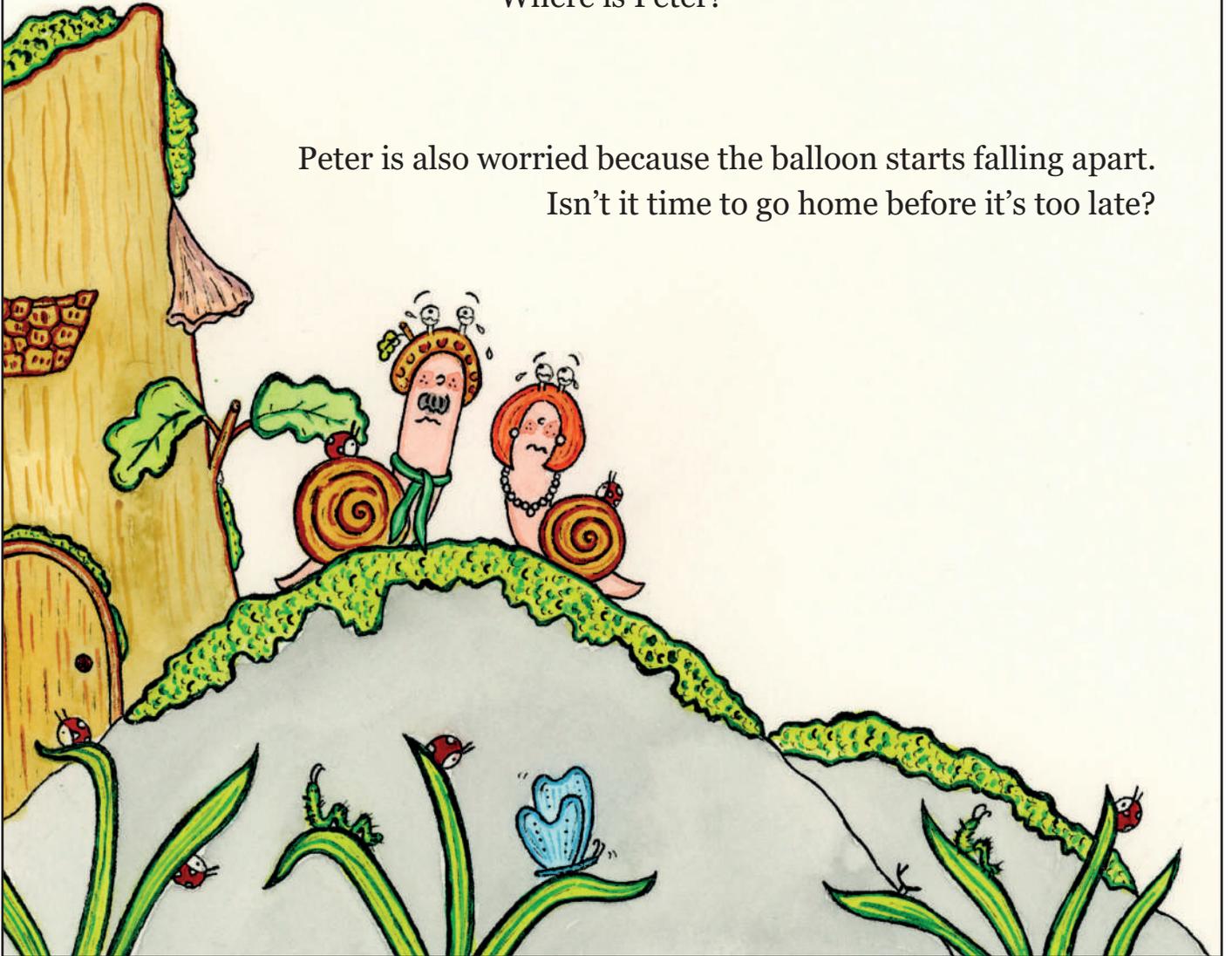
Peter spends a night
in the Travelers' Hotel,
and continues on his way.



Meanwhile, in the meadow, Peter's parents are worried sick.

Where is Peter?

Peter is also worried because the balloon starts falling apart.
Isn't it time to go home before it's too late?

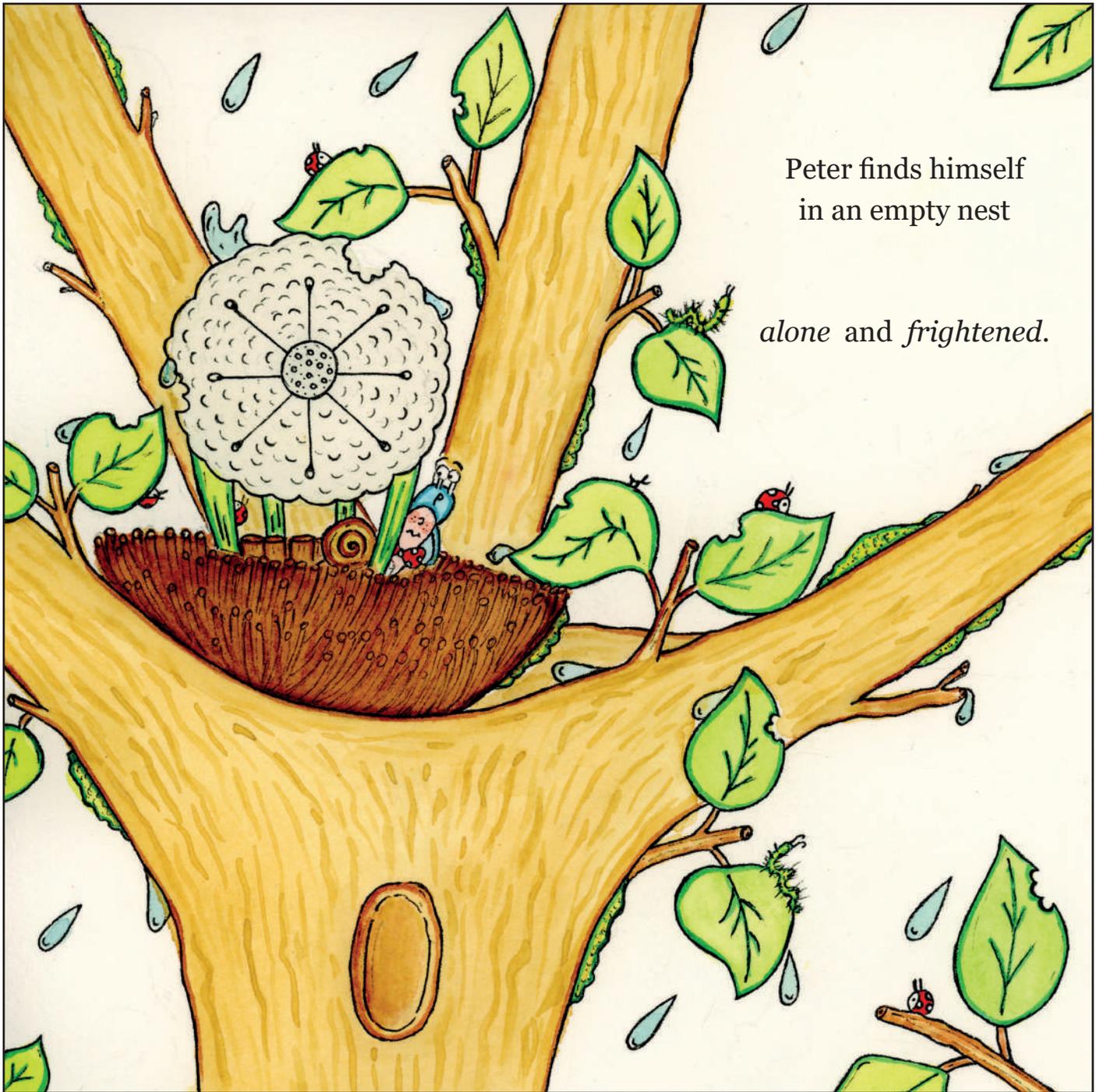


Suddenly, the sky grows darker
and heavy drops hit the balloon.



Peter tries to navigate,
but the wind is too strong.

He loses control ...



Peter finds himself
in an empty nest

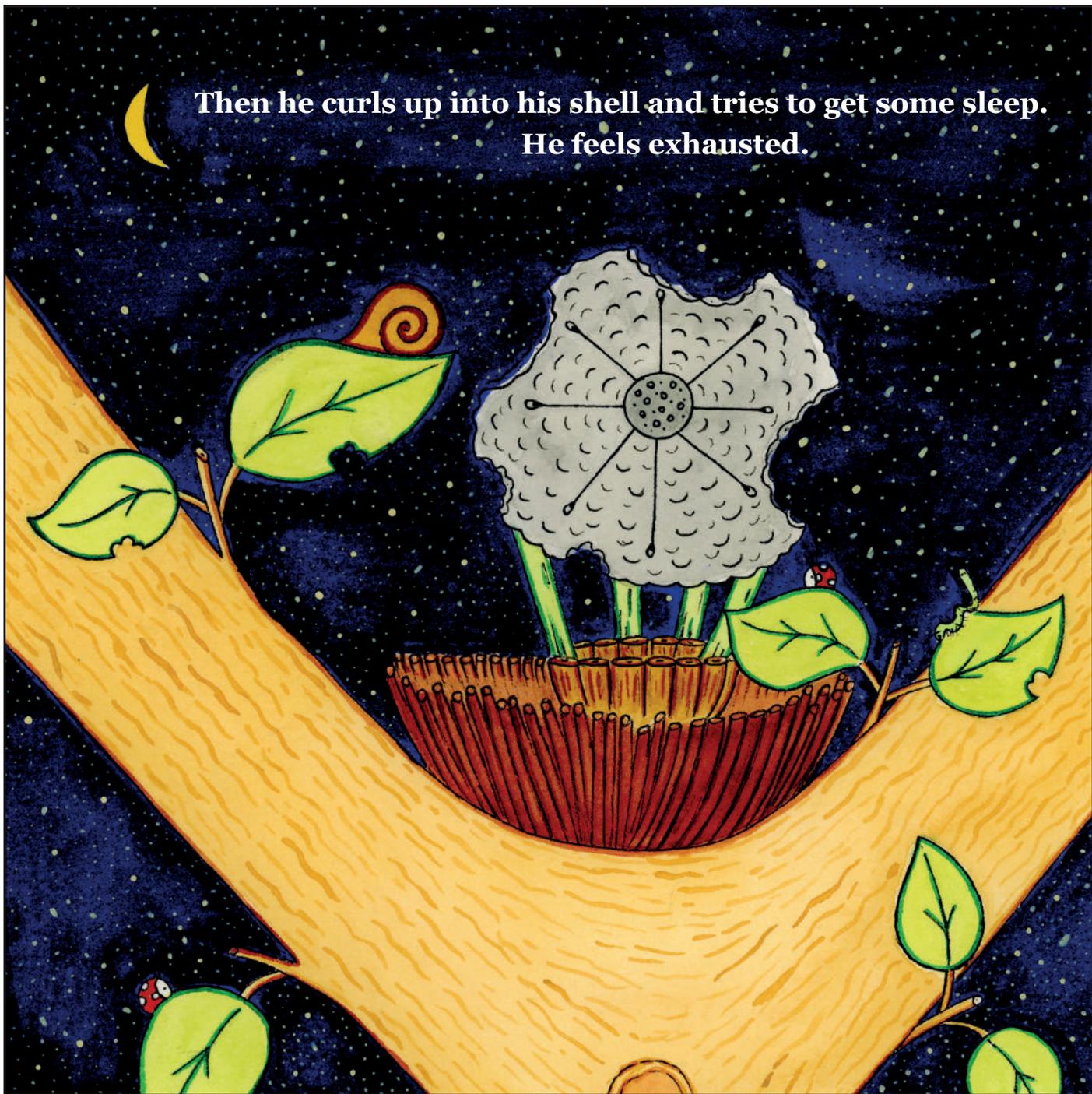
alone and frightened.

*"I want to go home!" he cries out.
"I miss my parents! I miss my friends!"*

"I AM SCARED!"



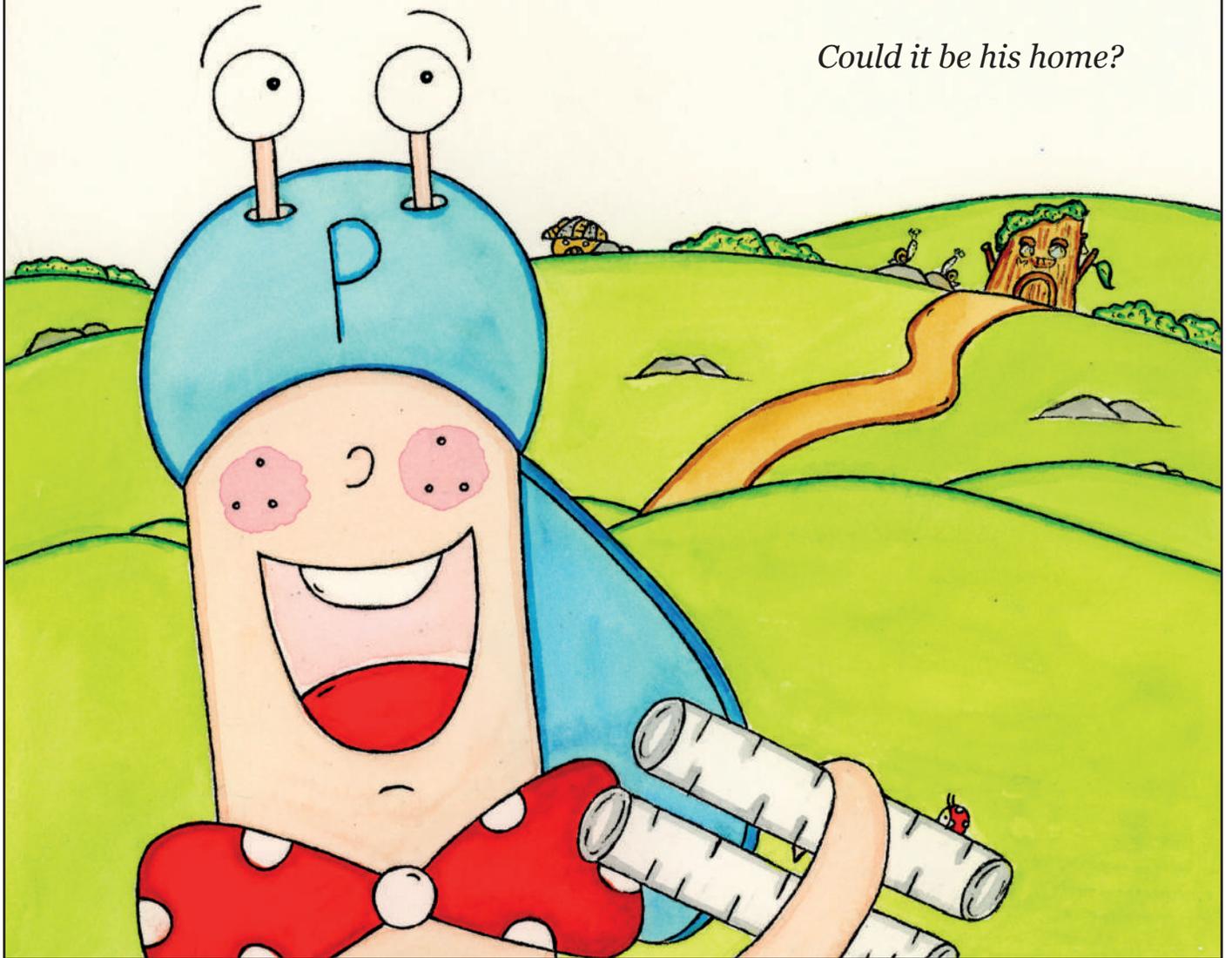
Then he curls up into his shell and tries to get some sleep.
He feels exhausted.



The next day, the sky is clear and the rain is gone.

Peter looks through his binoculars and sees something familiar.

Could it be his home?



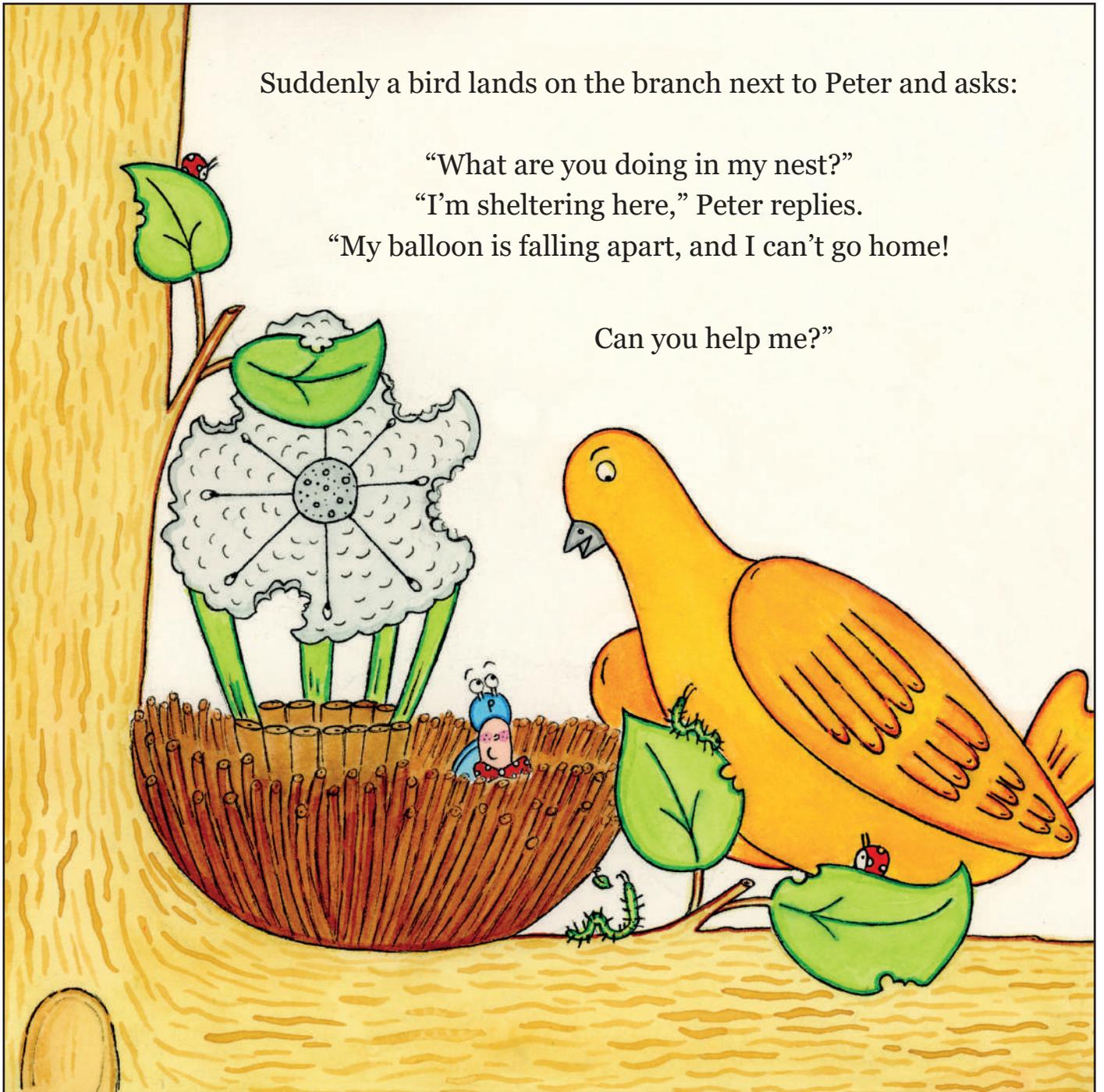
Suddenly a bird lands on the branch next to Peter and asks:

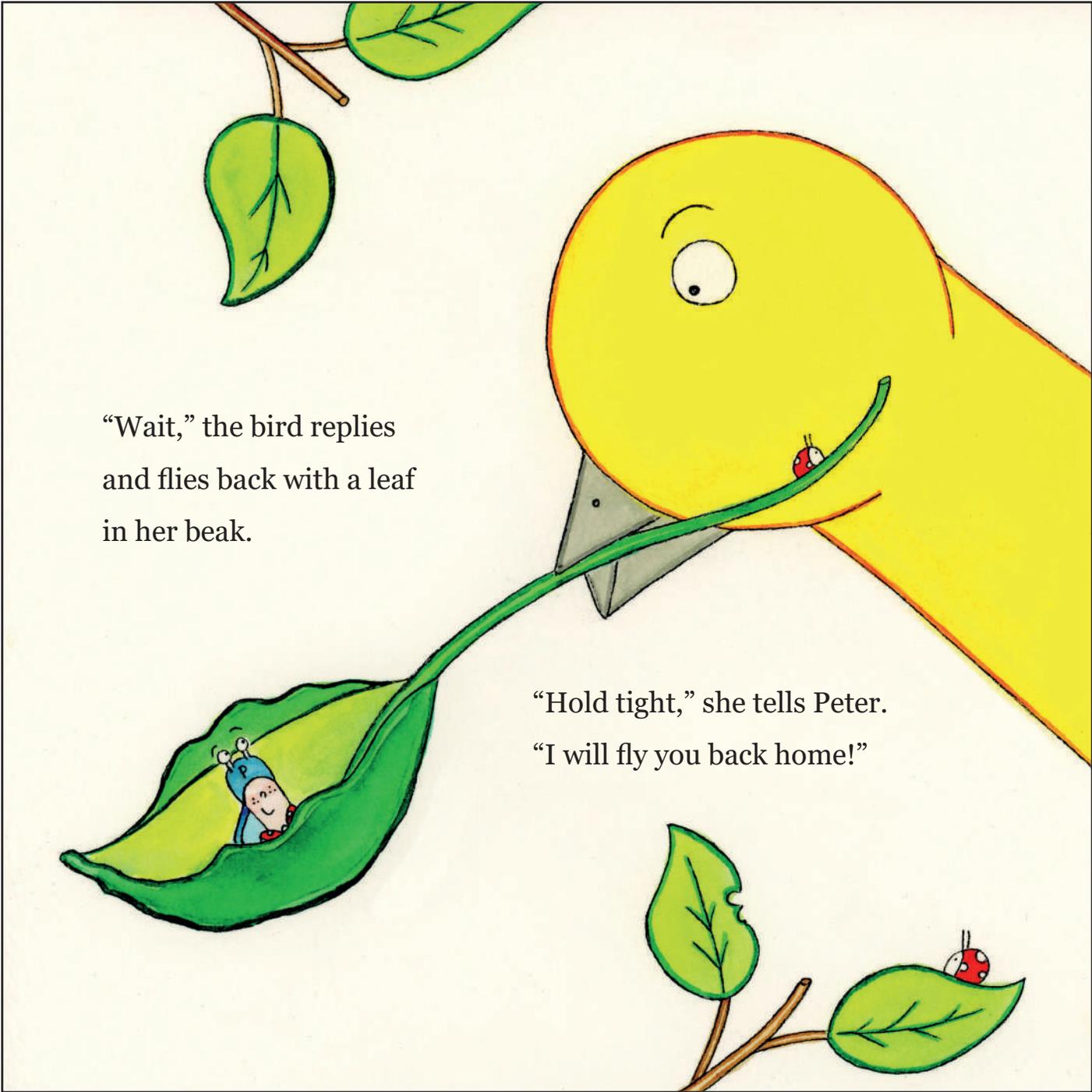
“What are you doing in my nest?”

“I’m sheltering here,” Peter replies.

“My balloon is falling apart, and I can’t go home!

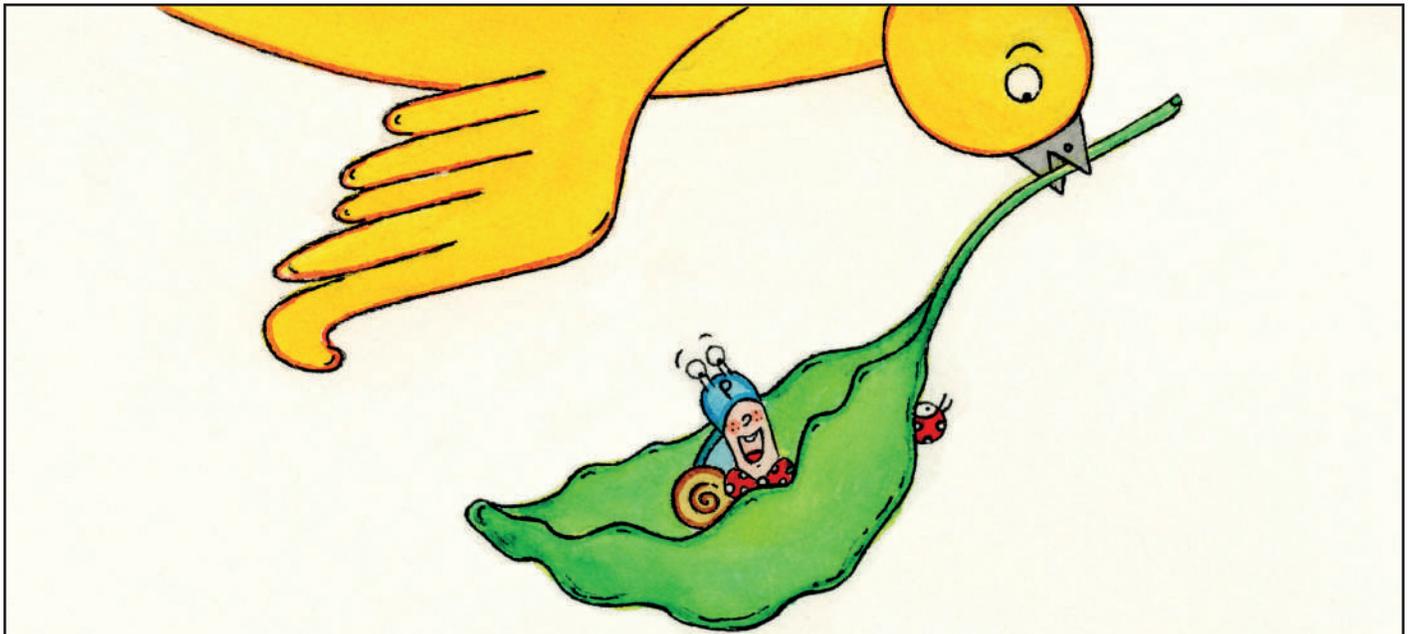
Can you help me?”



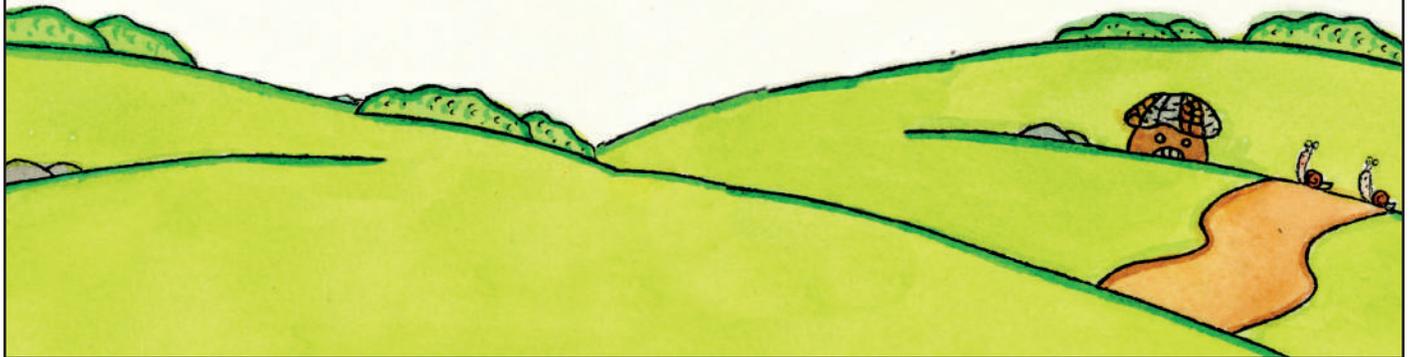


“Wait,” the bird replies
and flies back with a leaf
in her beak.

“Hold tight,” she tells Peter.
“I will fly you back home!”



It is around lunchtime when Peter's parents see the bird in the sky.
"I am back!" Peter shouts, and he lands on the ground.



“Where have you been, son?” Mr. Sheldon exclaims.

“Around the world!” Peter smiles.

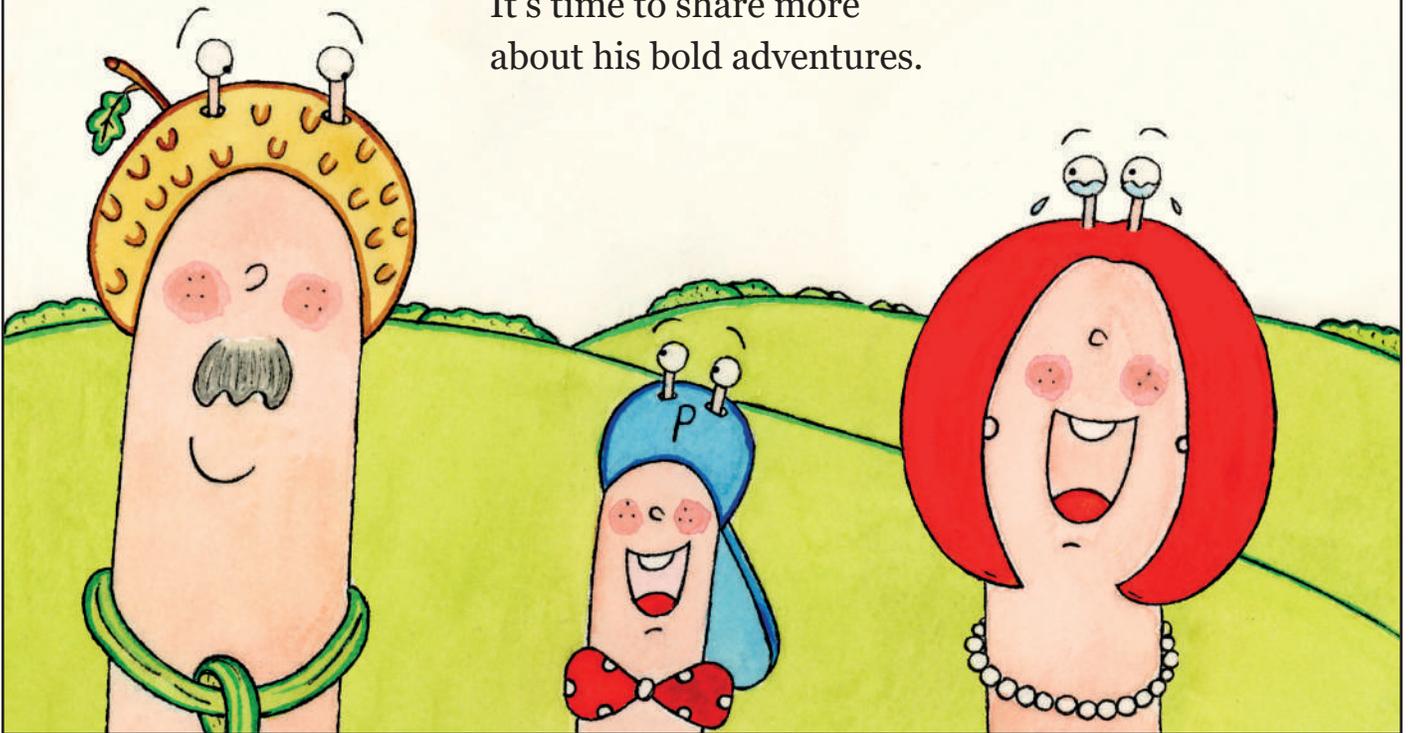
“That’s wonderful, but always tell us where you are going!” Ms. Shelly says.

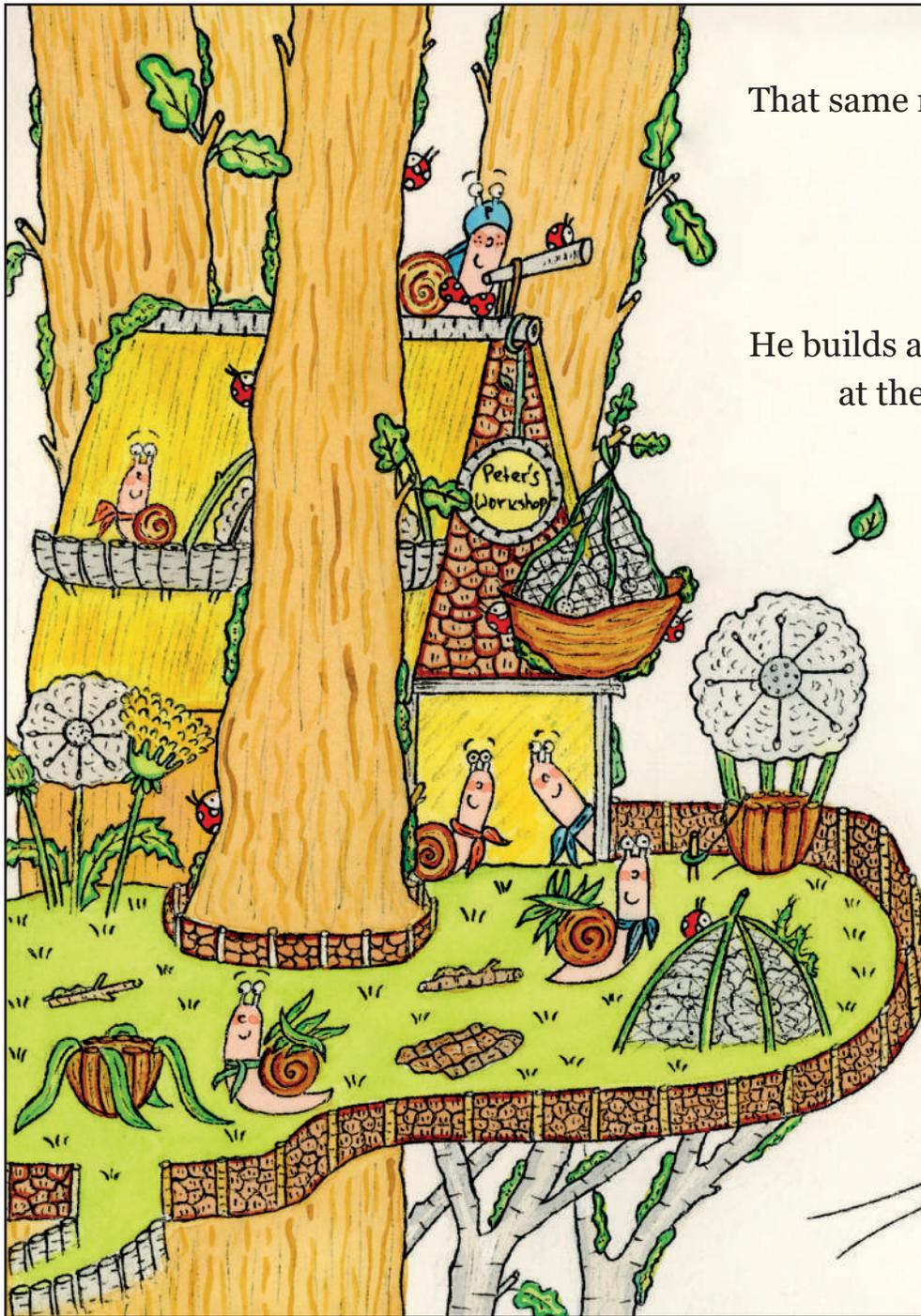
“I promise,” Peter replies.

“One day, I will teach you how to fly!”

Peter adds and goes inside the tree trunk.

It’s time to share more
about his bold adventures.

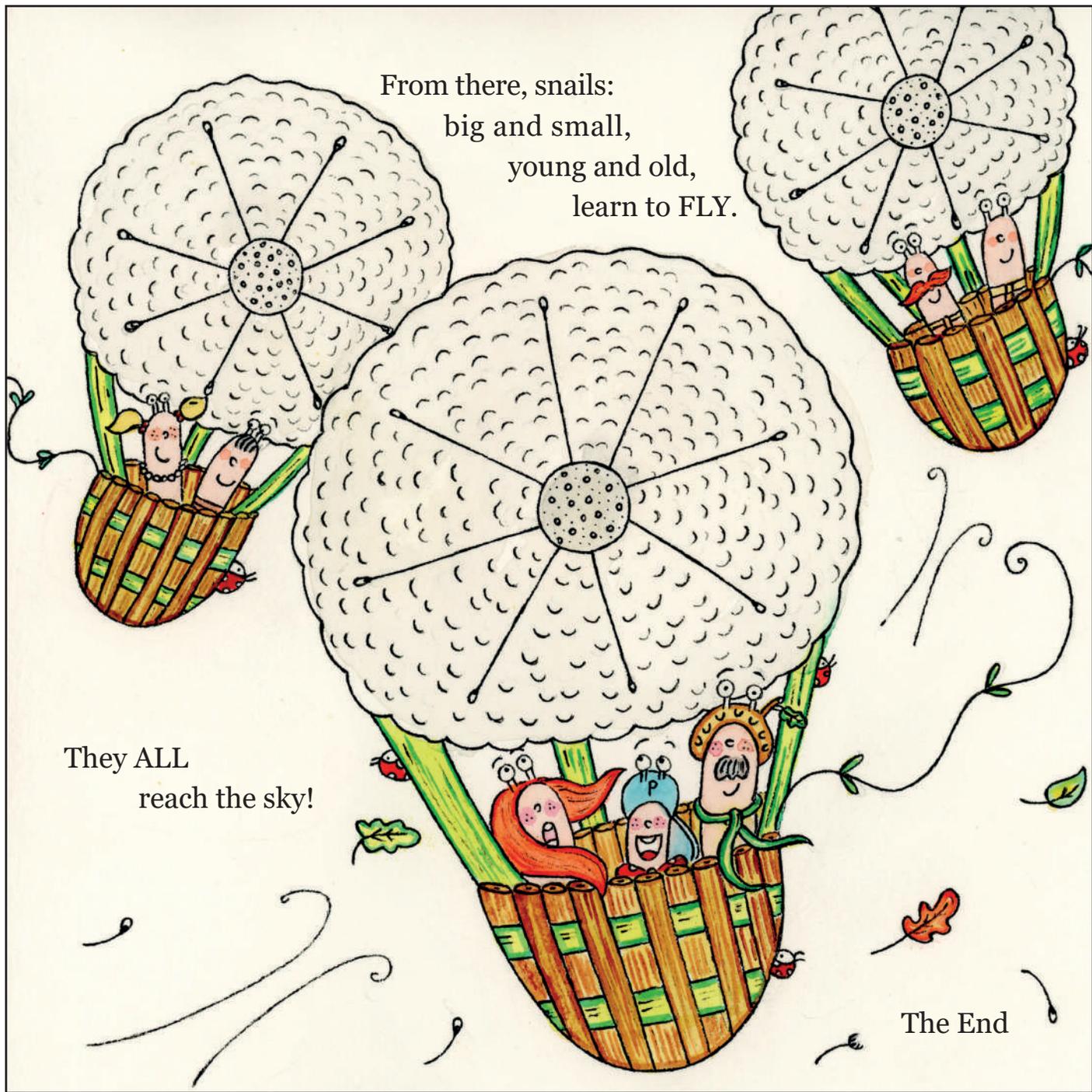




That same night Peter has
a wonderful dream.

He builds a flying station
at the top of the oak tree.

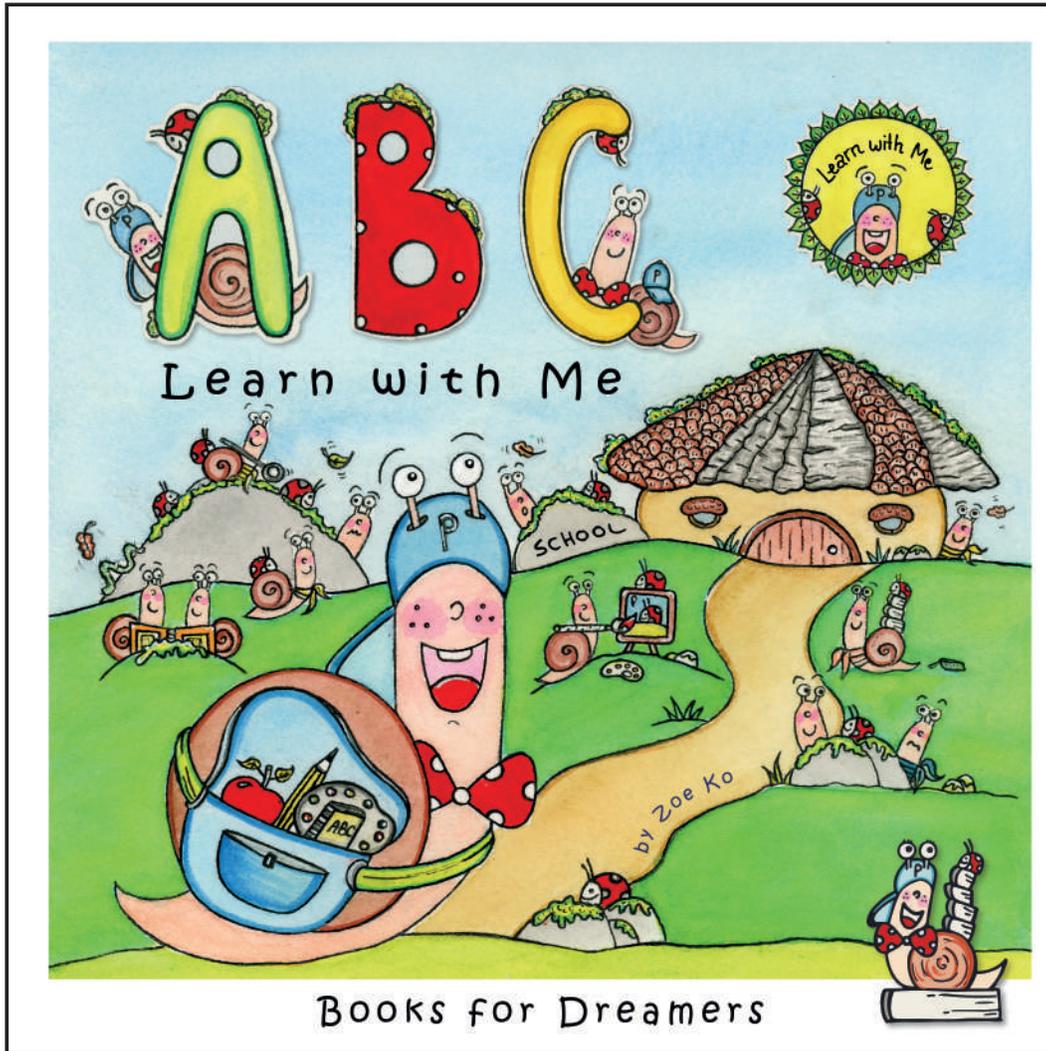
From there, snails:
big and small,
young and old,
learn to FLY.



They ALL
reach the sky!

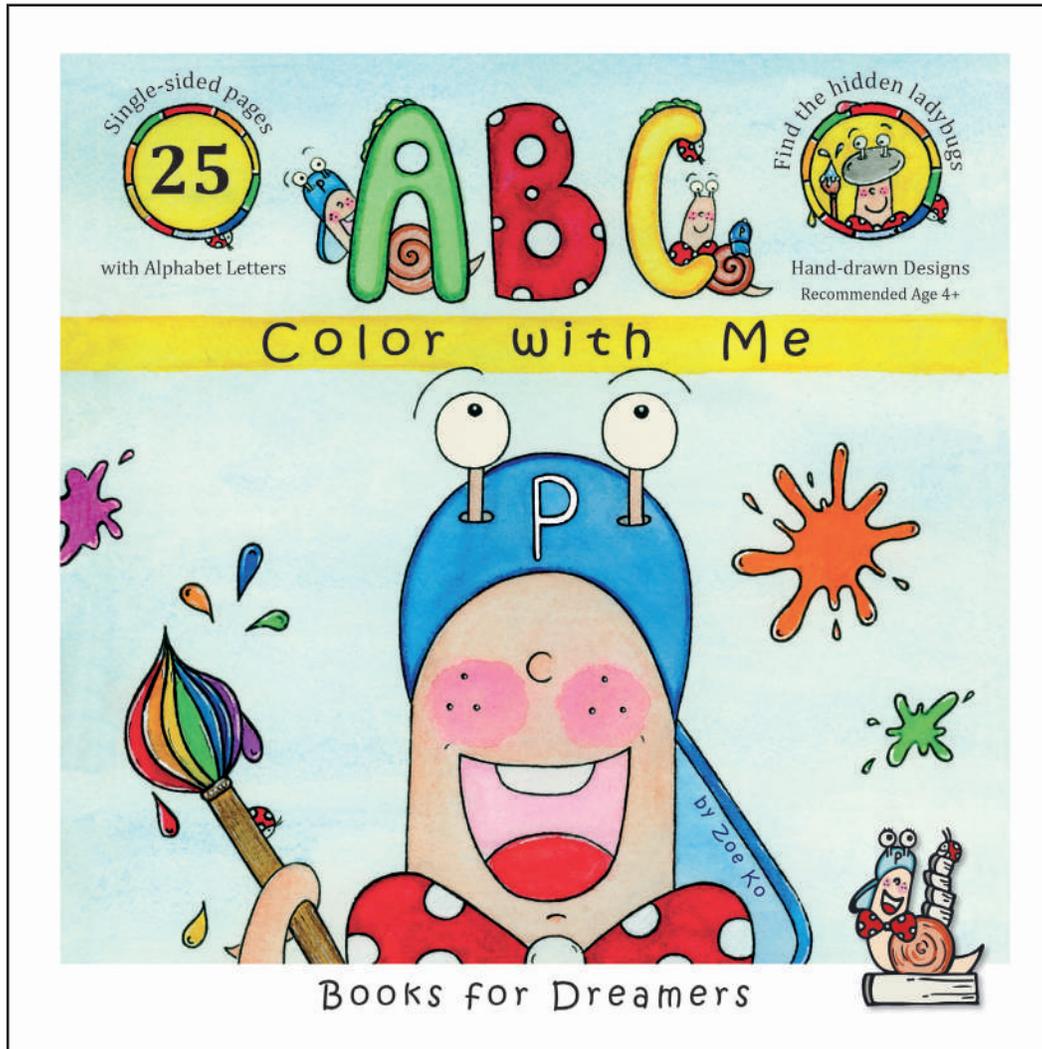
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