



BUGSY Flies Again

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For children who have been burned

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Bugsy the ladybird had two really good friends,
Katie Caterpillar and Sammy Snail. They lived
in Mr Greenfinger's garden.





Katie and Sammy were very naughty. They ate the vegetables that Mr Greenfinger spent a long time growing.

Bugsy was very good, he helped Mr Greenfinger by eating the tasty greenfly that also liked his vegetables. There were lots of greenfly. They were very greedy.

One day Bussy was flying around the garden. He saw some greenfly on a branch of a rose near where Mr Greenfinger was making a pile of leaves. The leaves had fallen off the trees onto the garden and were stopping the young vegetables from popping up through the ground. Bussy flew over to catch the greenfly just as Mr Greenfinger lit the bonfire.





A spark flew up and touched Buggy's wing.
Buggy felt a sharp pain. His wing didn't work
and he fell to the ground.

Bugsy lay under a cabbage plant and cried.
He felt very alone.





Sammy and Katie had seen what had happened and were quickly on the way to rescue Bugsy with a Snail Shell Ambulance.

They pulled and pushed him to the BUGS hospital, which was built by the wasp family using a hollowed out pumpkin.





There he was looked after by the BUGS doctors and nurses. He lay in a pea shell hammock cosily covered by spiders web.

Later that day Mr Greenfinger was making a pile of leaves. He saw Katie and Sammy, who quickly told Mr Greenfinger that Bussy had been hurt.

Mr Greenfinger was very sad.
He thought "Oh dear, bonfires are not a good idea!"





In the BUGS hospital Buggy was getting better. He began to walk, but he couldn't fly because his wing was bandaged. Sometimes he remembered the spark falling out of the sky and he felt sad.

He could visit the other Bugs in the hospital and play with them. One of the other Bugs was a ladybird called Lucy, who had a sore wing too. She had been hurt when some very hot water spilled onto her wing.

The day that Buggy flew again was very special, but he could only fly a short way. When he could fly to the branch of a flower, the doctor told him that he could go back to the garden and to his friends. He was very excited!



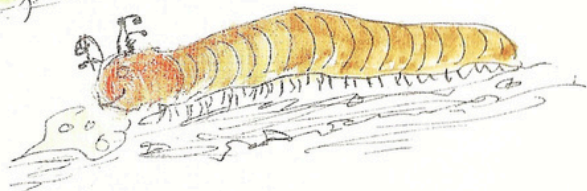
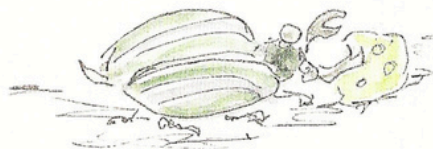
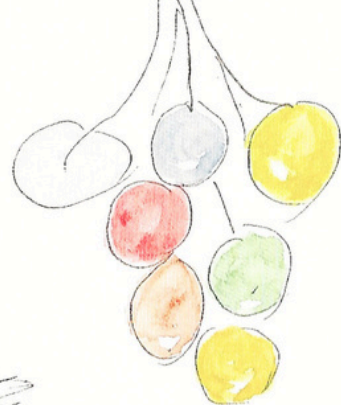
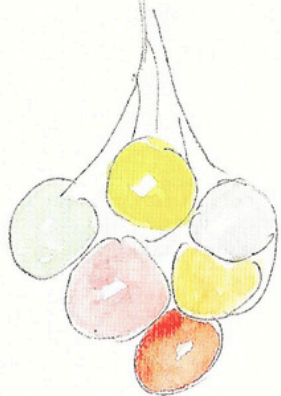


When Bugsy got home, Katie and Sammy were SO pleased and gave him a great welcome back.

Some of the other BUGS just looked at Bugsy and didn't say anything. Bugsy was sad that they didn't speak to him because he looked different.

Katie and Sammy had a long talk and decided to have a cabbage party. They would invite all the BUGS in the garden and Mr Greenfinger.





Mr Greenfinger helped them to choose a nice fresh, juicy cabbage leaf that had lots of greenfly on it, so everyone had a delicious cabbage party.

When all the bugs had eaten lots, Katie and Sammy suggested that Buggy tell everyone what happened and show them his scarred wing.

Buggy told them the story about the spark flying up from the bonfire. He showed them the bit of his wing that was a different colour and told them how it is no longer painful, although it is sometimes a bit itchy.





Bugsy then flew all around the cabbage plant to show them that really he was no different to how he had been before the fire.

The bugs all clapped and chatted to Bugsy. He was happy to be friends with everyone again. And Mr Greenfinger said he would never lie to bonfire again.

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