

# Lucky Little Lucy



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For children who have been scalded

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It had been a busy morning. Lucy Ladybird had got up early to help her mother to collect food for lunch.

She had asked her friends Buzzie and Bertie Bumble Bee and Bessie Beetle to help her. They took little baskets made of woven horse hair and flew all over Mr Greenfinger's garden collecting juicy aphids from all of the roses.

When they returned to the Ladybird home in the undergrowth, Lucy's mother said the friends could all have lunch together.









After lunch, Lucy's mum suggested the friends go and explore in the cafe garden next door. So off they flew to see what they could find. They skirted the sunflowers and delphiniums and flew through the hedge.

As they dived under one of the branches, Lucy heard some grumbling noises. Wondering what the noise was, she screeched to a halt and Bessie and Bertie crashed into her!

While Bertie and Bessie rubbed their sore heads, Lucy looked around in the gloom of the undergrowth. At first she couldn't see what was making a noise. As her eyes got used to the gloom, she saw Sally Spider working away at her webs.

"What do they expect me to do?" she grumbled. "How can I possibly make twenty cobweb covers and deliver them to the BUGS hospital by this evening?"

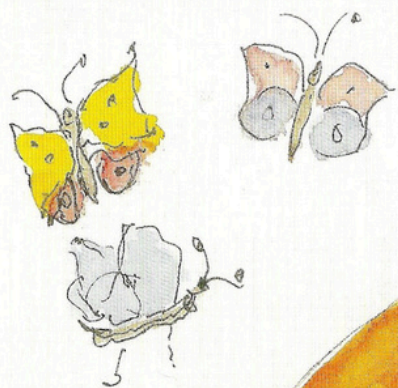
Lucy felt very sorry for poor Sally working so hard. She offered to take the ten covers that were waiting to be delivered. Buzzie, Bertie and Bessie agreed that they would help too. Sally spier cheered up and began to smile.

The pile of cobweb covers was heavier than the friends expected, so they divided the pile into three bundles. Bertie said that as he and Buzzie were Bumble Bees and were stronger, they would take three covers each and Lucy and Bessie could take two each.









They agreed that was a good idea and off a flew. Buzzie, who was actually just a little Bumble Bee, found his bundle very heavy. He dropped one of the covers near a table outside the café.

The BUGS hospital was a big orange pumpkin, built by the wasp family. The friends were very glad to reach it and delivered the covers. All except the one that Buzzie had dropped.

Some passing butterflies thought they were very kind bugs and went off to tell the other bugs in the garden.

Lucy and her friends were quite tired after all that they had been doing, so on their way back, they landed on one of the tables in the caf  s garden.

It was very warm in the sun and before they knew what was happening, Lucy and Bessie had drifted off to sleep, with their wings spread out to catch the sun's warmth. Buzzie had quite forgotten that he dropped the cobweb cover.

As they dozed, Lucy heard people's voices in the distance. They came closer. Bessie woke with a start, but Lucy was so sleepy she didn't move.









The people came and sat at the table where Lucy dozed. They poured out their tea in to the cups. Suddenly, as one of them went to pick up a cup it tipped over, spilling hot tea onto the tabletop and onto Lucy's wing.

Lucy woke with a start. "Ow! Ow! That hurts!" she cried. Her wing felt very sore. So sore that she couldn't fly away.

Buzzie and Bessie watched helplessly. Meanwhile the butterflies were watching too and they flew off to tell all the other Bugs in Mr Greenfinger's garden.

One of the people had seen that Lucy was hurt. They were gently dripping some cold water onto Lucy's wing to take the heat out of the burn from the hot tea. Buzzie and Bessie thought that was very kind of them.

One of the people had gently picked Lucy up in a teaspoon and was looking around wondering where to go with her.

Bertie said to Buzzie and Bessie "Lucy must get to the BUGS hospital very quickly, but the people won't know where it is !"







Bertie called to their friends "Come on!" They all flew down and around and around the people to attract their attention.

Suddenly Bertie noticed the cobweb cover that Buzzie had dropped earlier, lying under the table. He swooped down and picked it up by the corners, then fluttered in front of the person holding Lucy in the teaspoon. Lucy was slipped gently into the cobweb cradle and off the friends flew to the hospital.

Lucy was looked after very well by the Bugs doctors and nurses. A doctor told her that her wing had been scalded by the hot tea. She was tucked up in a peapod hammock and covered by a cosy cobweb - one of the ones she had delivered earlier.

The next day she saw another lady bird walking around the hostel with a bandage on his wing. She wondered what happened to him.

Lucy's wing healed very quickly and soon her mum and dad are able to take her home. Lucy loved being back home.







Although she didn't have a scar, she had had a big fright. Sometimes she woke in the night remembering what had happened and was sad. Her mum and dad always came to comfort her when she was sad.

Lucy's mum wondered if telling her friends about her accident would help to stop the bad dreams.



Lucy's mum decided to invite all the bugs in Mr Greenfinger's garden to a Bugs Ball, to help celebrate her being home again. One of the Bugs who came had a scar on his wing. Lucy recognised that he was the ladybird who was in hospital when she was there.

"Hello" she said. "I know you! You were in the hospital with me. What's your name?" "I'm Buggy." He replied and then told her how his wing had got burned by a spark from a bonfire.

Just then the band struck up a jolly tune. Buggy said "Why don't we dance this one together!" So off they went and had a great fun dancing around with Bertie, Buzzie and all the other bugs.







After that lovely party, Lucy's life with her friends returned to normal. Even though her friends didn't really know what it was like to have a scald injury, being with them always made Lucy feel happy.

Lucy was also very happy to have made friends with Buggy, who understood what it was like to have had a burn accident. Buggy was pleased too. They were able to tell each other about what had happened when they had their accidents and what it was like for them as they got better.

So now when Lucy wakes at night, she remembers the Bugs Ball, the fun time she had had with Buggy and the other Bugs and how good it is having all those very special friends.

Sometimes she would feel her healed wing which, even though she didn't have a scar, felt a bit different.

She knew that in the future she would have to be very careful when she was near hot drinks.





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