



Mulmul and the Butterfly

Mulmul spends so much time wishing she could fly, she doesn't pay attention to what she can do. When her friend needs her help, she realizes her strengths.



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Mulmul was a small fluffy rabbit. She lived in the hollow of a tree in a huge forest. She liked to eat carrots. One afternoon she went for a walk.



In a flower garden she saw a caterpillar sitting on a leaf. It was eating the leaves of the flower. Mulmul thought to herself, If I eat more and take a long nap, I'll wake up as a butterfly!



Mulumul took carrots out of the bag and ate them while the caterpillar munched on the leaves.



After eating, they both fell asleep. In the morning, Mulmul opened her eyes and saw that the caterpillar had turned into a beautiful butterfly! "Wow!" Mulmul said. "You look so beautiful! If only I could be a butterfly." Mulmul felt sad as she said goodbye to the butterfly.



As Mulmul kept walking she found lychee trees on the slopes of the hills. Mulmul was tempted to eat the sweet ripe lychee. But the fruits were high up and the hills were steep. Determined, Little Mulmul tried to climb the lychee tree.



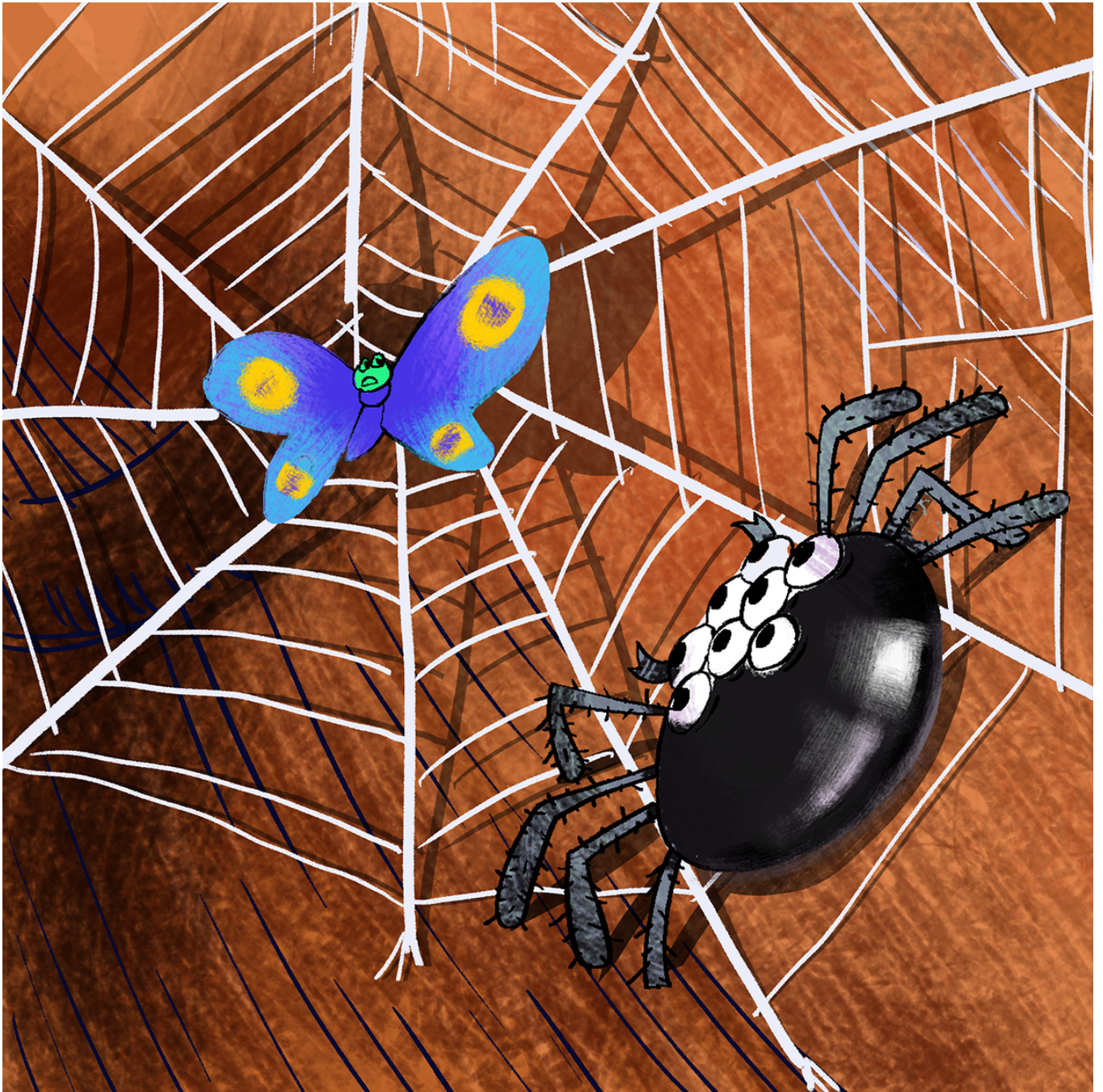
Suddenly, her hand slipped and she began to fall. Hearing a scream, the butterfly friend flew to the hills.



As she was falling, Mulmul's foot caught on a branch. Without knowing how she did it, she jumped. And just like that she jumped from one branch to another until she landed on the ground. "Wow," the butterfly said, amazed as he reached the hills. He was happy to see that Mulmul was okay.



Rain began to fall, deflating Mulmul's spirit. "I can't do anything. I can't fly like a butterfly, I can't even climb a tree!" she said angrily. The butterfly saw that Mulmul was frustrated. He didn't know how to make her friend feel better. He flew away so at least Mulmul wouldn't have to watch him fly.



Suddenly, the butterfly got caught in a spider's web! He tried again and again to move his wings, but he couldn't free himself at all. The spider began to slowly wrap the butterfly with its thread! Afraid for his life, the butterfly shouted, "Save! Save me!"



Mulmul raised her long ears as she heard someone saying from a distance, "Save me, save me!" She ran towards the sound and found the butterfly was trapped in a spider's web. Mulmul said, "You're up so high. How can I save you? " Butterfly said, "You can. You can save me just as you saved yourself on the hill."



Mulmul finally realized that she had saved her own life. "This time I'll save my friend's life too!" she said to herself. She jumped from one branch to another, higher and higher into the tree, and freed the butterfly from the web.



Both of them came down to the ground safely. Butterfly said, "Mulmul, you saved my life today! Thank you so much!" Mulmul replied, "My friend, I got very hungry from all that jumping! I haven't eaten a single carrot all day!" They both laughed and went in search of carrots. Mulmul jumped the whole way!

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