



The Dry Season Concert

The dry season is almost here, and Pangpung, the conductor, is getting all the other cicadas ready for the welcoming concert. Will the performance be perfect?



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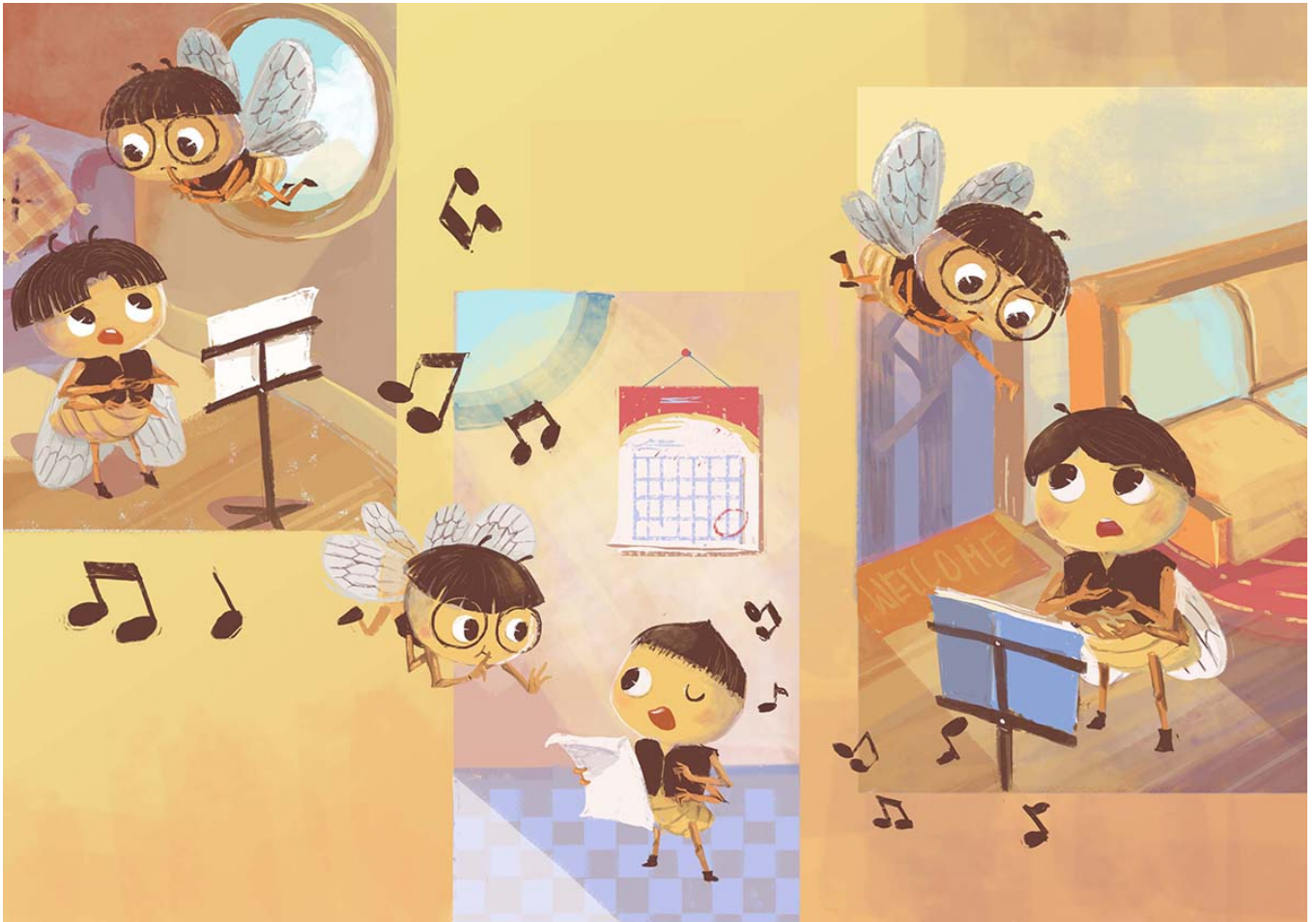
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It's hot today, though a cool breeze blows in the cicadas' garden. The dry season is almost here. It's time for the cicadas to hold a welcoming concert. Pangpung, the concert conductor, must make sure everything goes well. This concert has to be perfect, and it has to be on time.



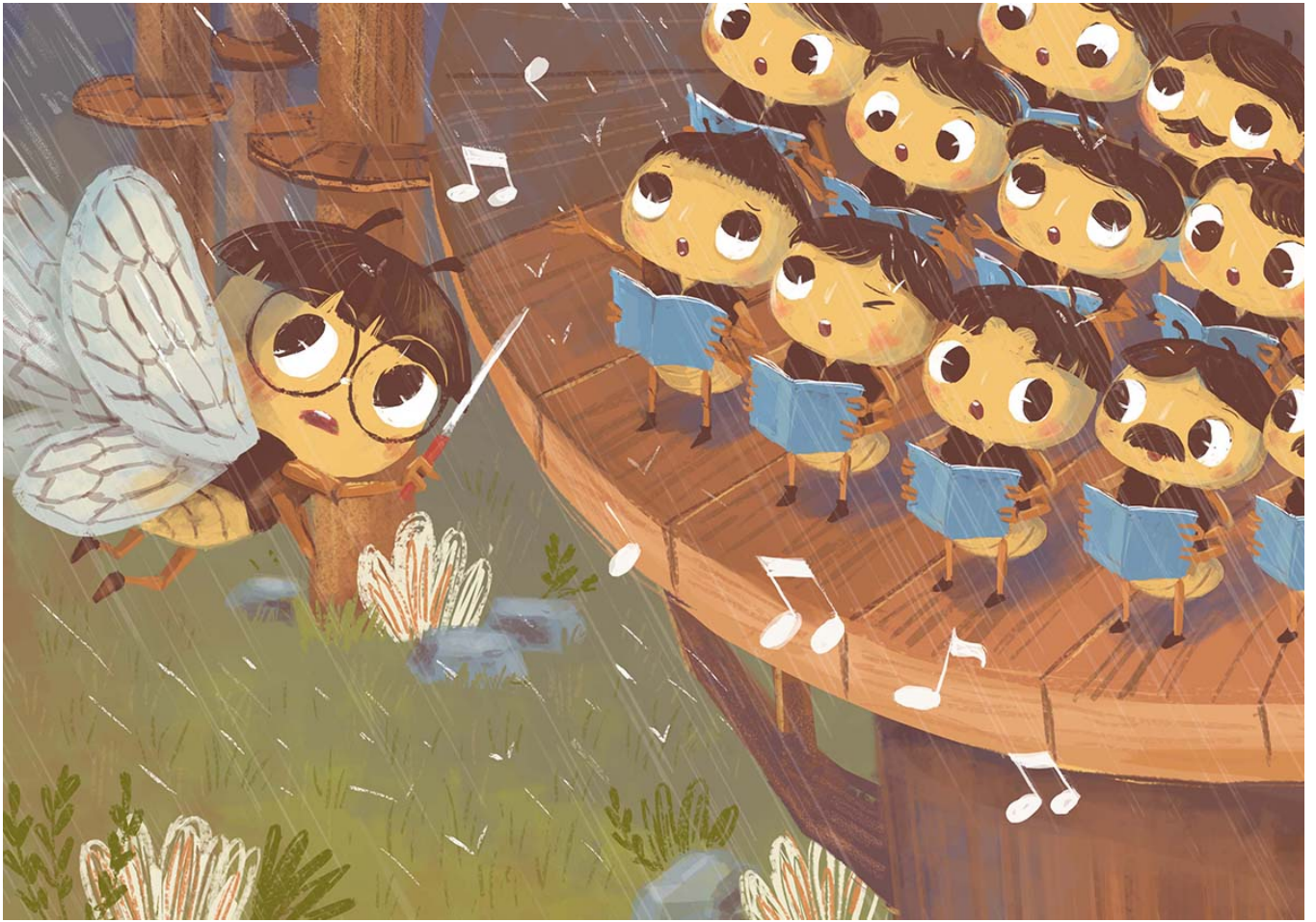
"Attention cicadas! We will rehearse this afternoon. Please be there!" Pangpung shouts, and flies around. "Remember this! Never sing too loud in rehearsal, okay?"



Their first rehearsal begins. "Psstt! Please lower your voice! This is just a rehearsal, not the concert itself!" Pangpung screams.



The next day, the sky is filled with clouds. Pangpung doubts the rehearsal can be held that afternoon. "Ah, perhaps the clouds will be gone later," Pangpung thinks.



That afternoon, the cicadas continue with the rehearsal. But then, suddenly, rain starts to pour from the sky.



The heavy wind blows Pangpung and his friends. "All, find shelter! Hold on tight!" Pangpung screams loudly. The cicadas think the weather is so confusing!



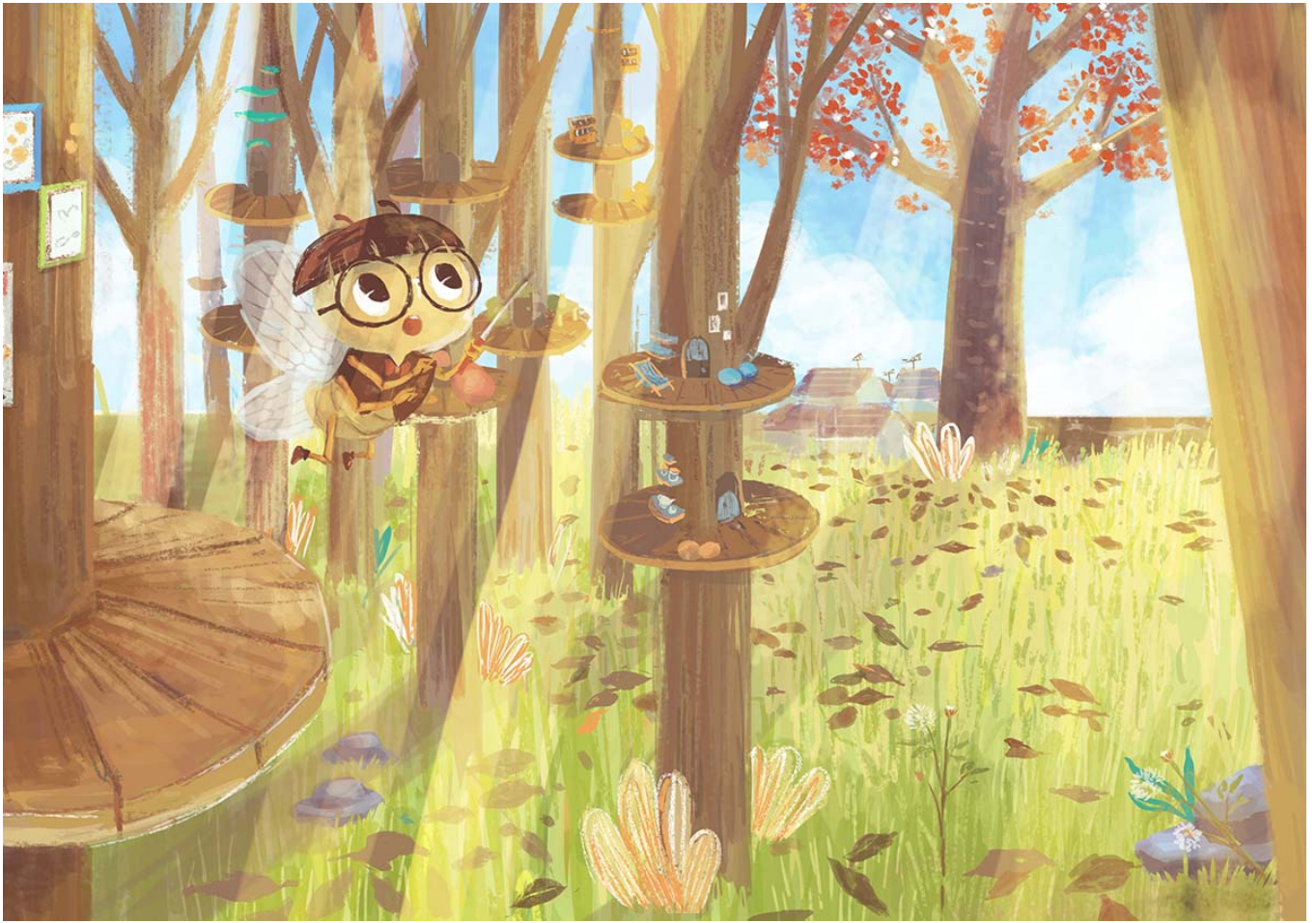
The next day, the weather is finally clear, and the cicadas begin their rehearsal. As always, Pangpung reminds his friends, "The concert has to be performed on time!"



"Don't be too loud. This is just a rehearsal!" "Dry season is not here yet. There aren't many fallen leaves from the rosewood tree." "Don't be too loud! The kapok tree flowers haven't yet bloomed." Oh, Pangpung never gets tired of reminding his friends.



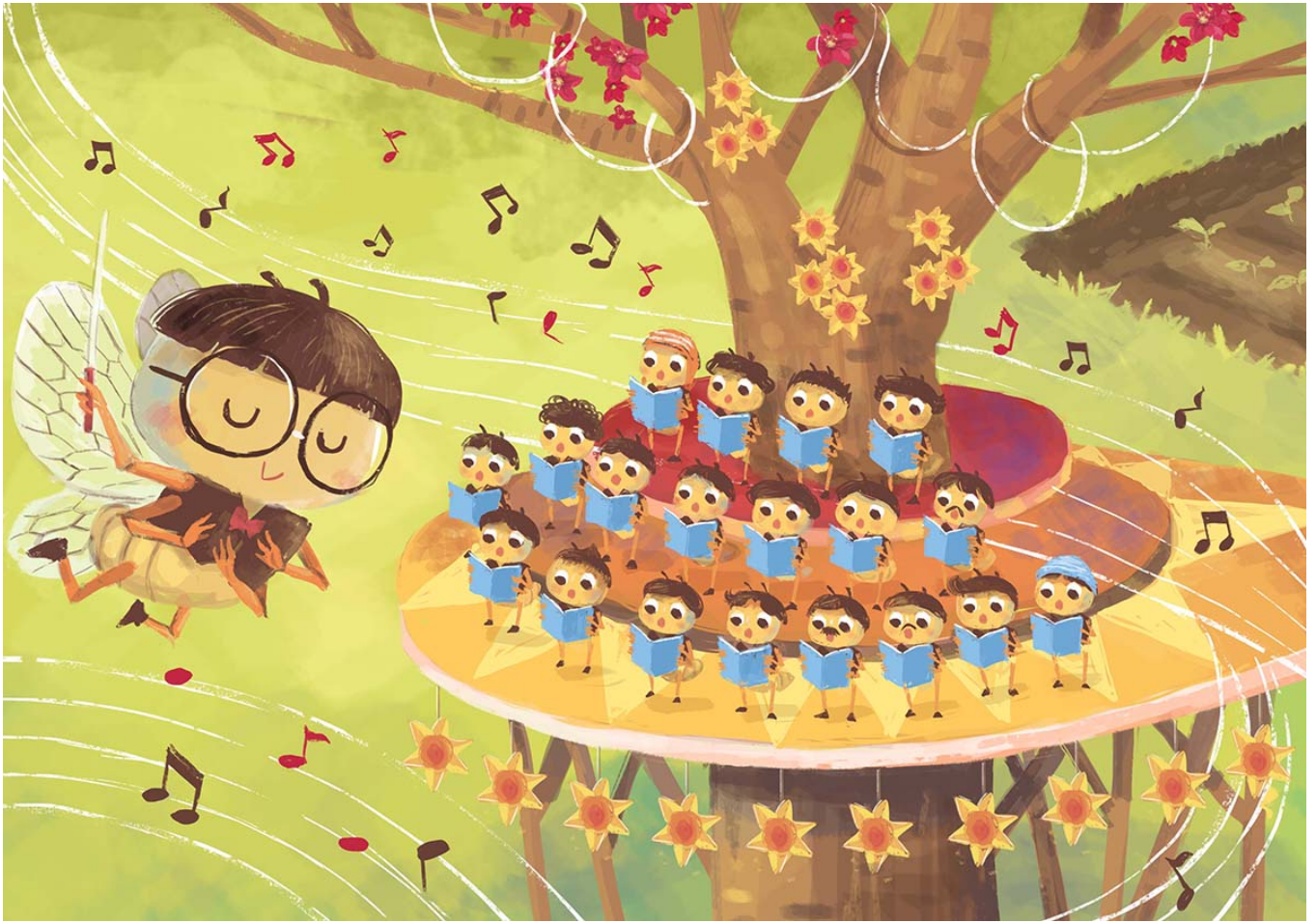
Some of the cicadas feel that Pangpung is too bossy, and they don't want to be in the concert anymore. "It's okay," Pangpung thinks. He can still lead his other friends.



That day, Pangpung sees that the leaves from the rosewood tree have started to fall. "Oh, wow...Dry season will be here soon!"



Now even the kapok tree flowers have bloomed!"Yay! Dry season is really here. It's already here!" Pangpung tells his friends.They have to organize the concert to welcome the dry season...IMMEDIATELY!This has to be a perfect concert. And after the concert, all the cicadas plan to dance on the stage together.



In the morning, all the cicadas perform in their last rehearsal. They practice hard and sing a very beautiful song. At noon tomorrow, the Dry Season Concert will be performed just in time.



The concert stage has already been built. All the insects have accepted the invitation to the concert. Everything is perfect. Now it's time for Pangpung to get some sleep before his big day tomorrow.



The day has come. The sky is clear, and the weather is warm. All the insects have come from all over the garden. They talk to one another about the upcoming dry season.



It's time for Pangpung to conduct the concert. Finally, the Dry Season Concert begins. The shrilling voices of the cicadas melodiously flow all over the garden. "Screech, screech, screech...!" "Screech, screech, screech...!"



But suddenly...waterdrops fall down all over the cicadas.What should they do?



"Why is there rain?" Pangpung yells. The cicada voices become softer and softer as time goes by. Meanwhile, the audience is running around, trying to find shelter.



However, Pangpung insists on conducting the concert. "Hey, the rain is not that heavy anymore!" He urges his friends to continue singing. "Let's keep our spirits up!" Pangpung leads his friends again and again as a good conductor does.



The cicadas sing their song again with their shrill and melodious voices. Then the confusing rainstorm stops, and the sun shines beautifully. They close the concert with a happy dance.

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