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*To my loving
late Loku Aththa*



*from loving
Rayandee
(Chooti deyya) !*

PREFACE

The primary goal of the current educational system is to mould a productive citizen and a caring family member who is equipped with knowledge and skills. The main responsibility of the school is to identify and recognize children's talents, as well as to sharpen their skills to meet the needs of the nation and the world.

Our Alma Mater is constantly guiding and assisting children who are creative. This project has been an ongoing process at our school for many years, particularly in terms of writing books. Many skilled and enthusiastic young writers participated in this exercise for years, producing novice writers to field of literature. We regard this as a great victory and a national need at this hour.

To continue this effort, we have adopted digital technologies and an e-book project this year. I am confident that this unique event provided youngsters with valuable experience and challenges that will benefit them in the future. The Ministry of Education has hailed the project as an important step toward motivating young authors in schools. As principal of Mahamaya Girls' College, I am grateful to all of the students throughout the country who contributed to this endeavor. I commend and applaud all of the young authors of these-books for their perseverance and devotion in this difficult task.

I would like to thank our school management committee, employees, parents, for my students, administrators, and teachers from other schools who encouraged students to take part in this worthwhile effort.

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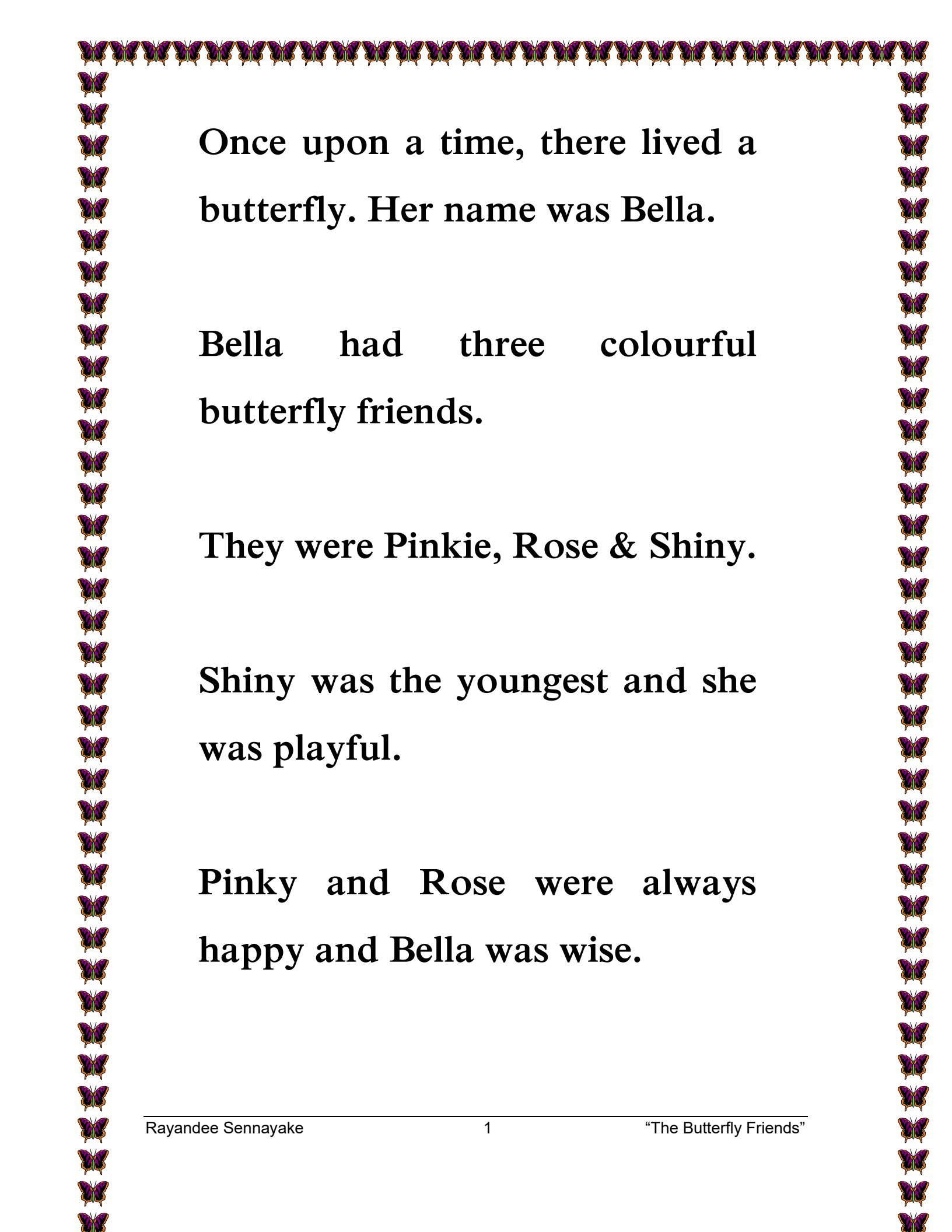
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Once upon a time, there lived a butterfly. Her name was Bella.

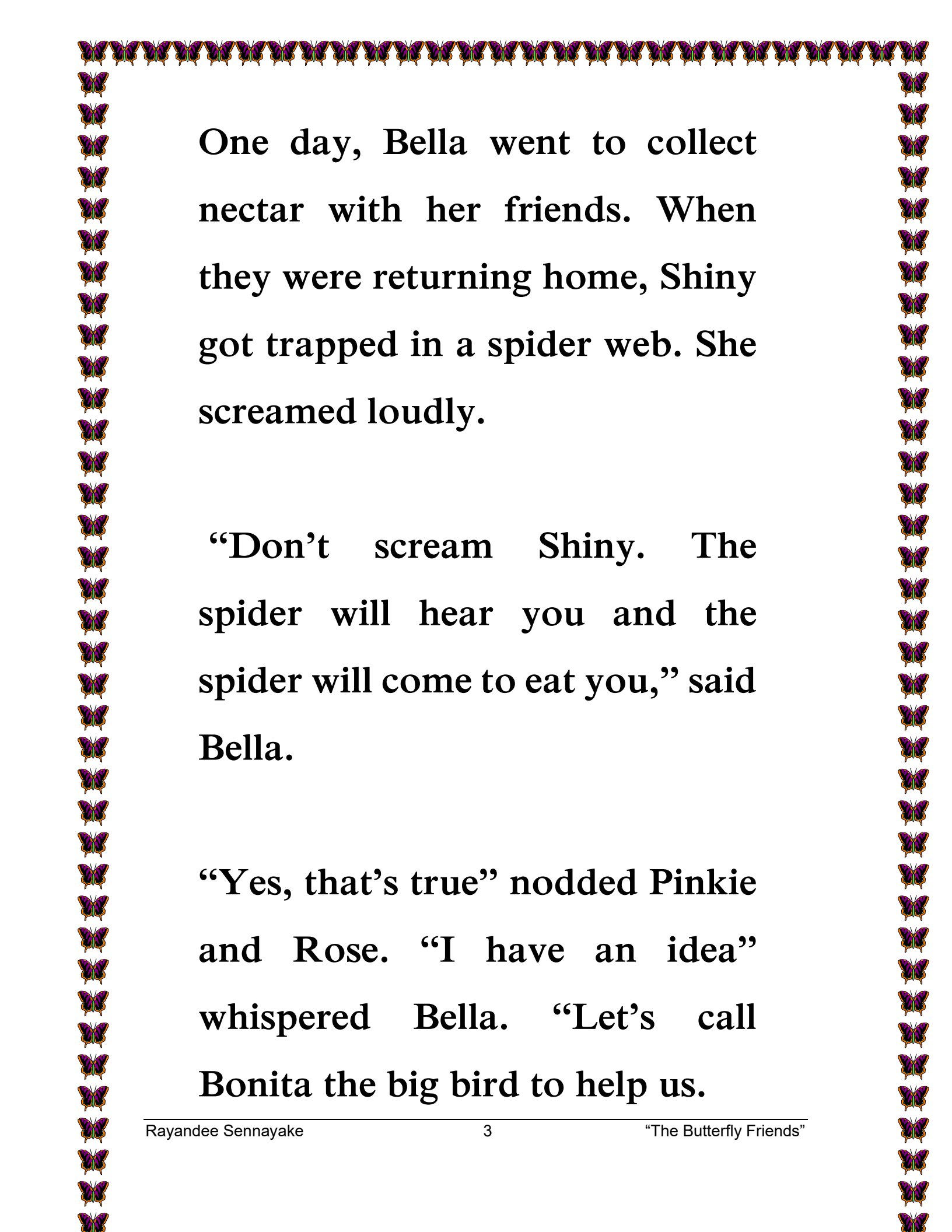
Bella had three colourful butterfly friends.

They were Pinkie, Rose & Shiny.

Shiny was the youngest and she was playful.

Pinky and Rose were always happy and Bella was wise.



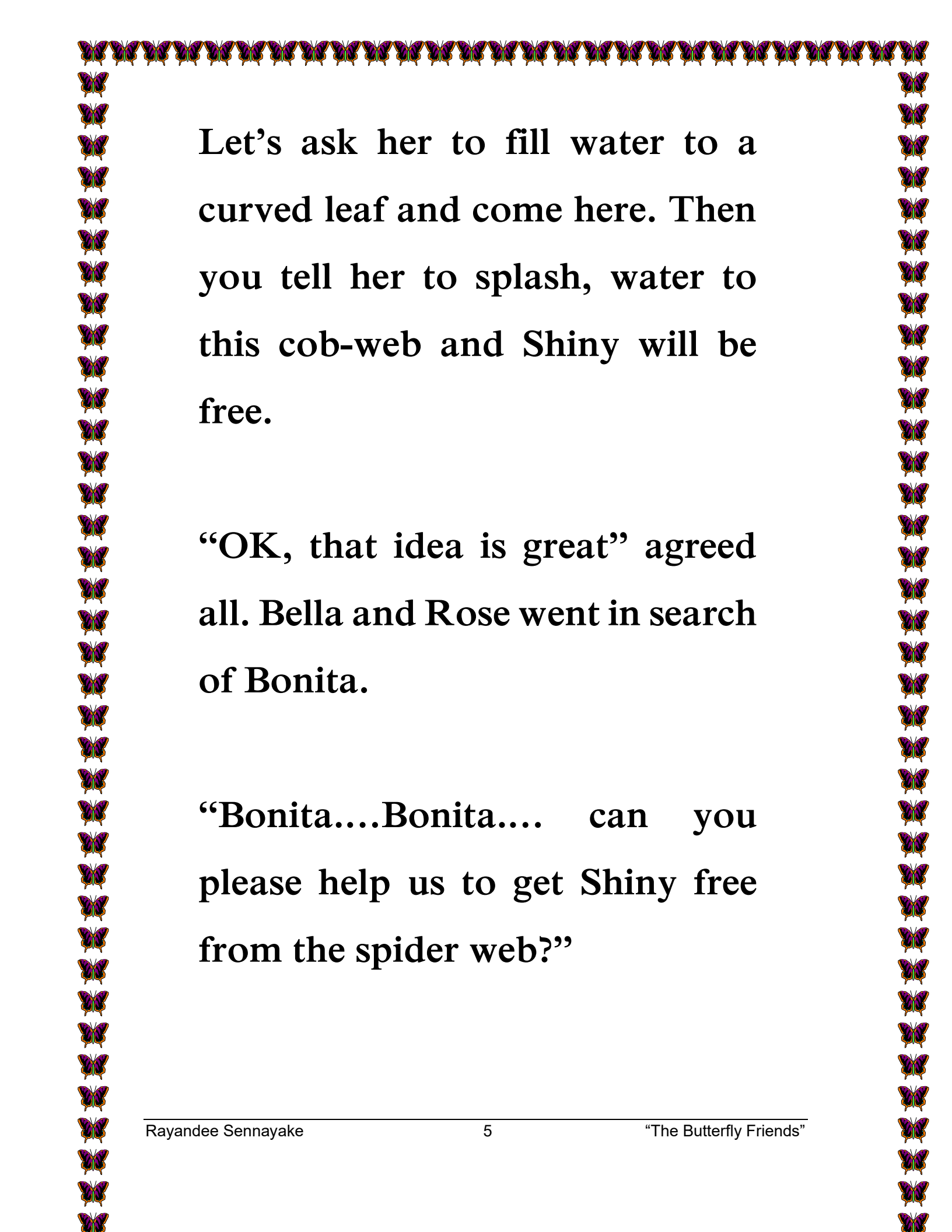


One day, Bella went to collect nectar with her friends. When they were returning home, Shiny got trapped in a spider web. She screamed loudly.

“Don’t scream Shiny. The spider will hear you and the spider will come to eat you,” said Bella.

“Yes, that’s true” nodded Pinkie and Rose. “I have an idea” whispered Bella. “Let’s call Bonita the big bird to help us.

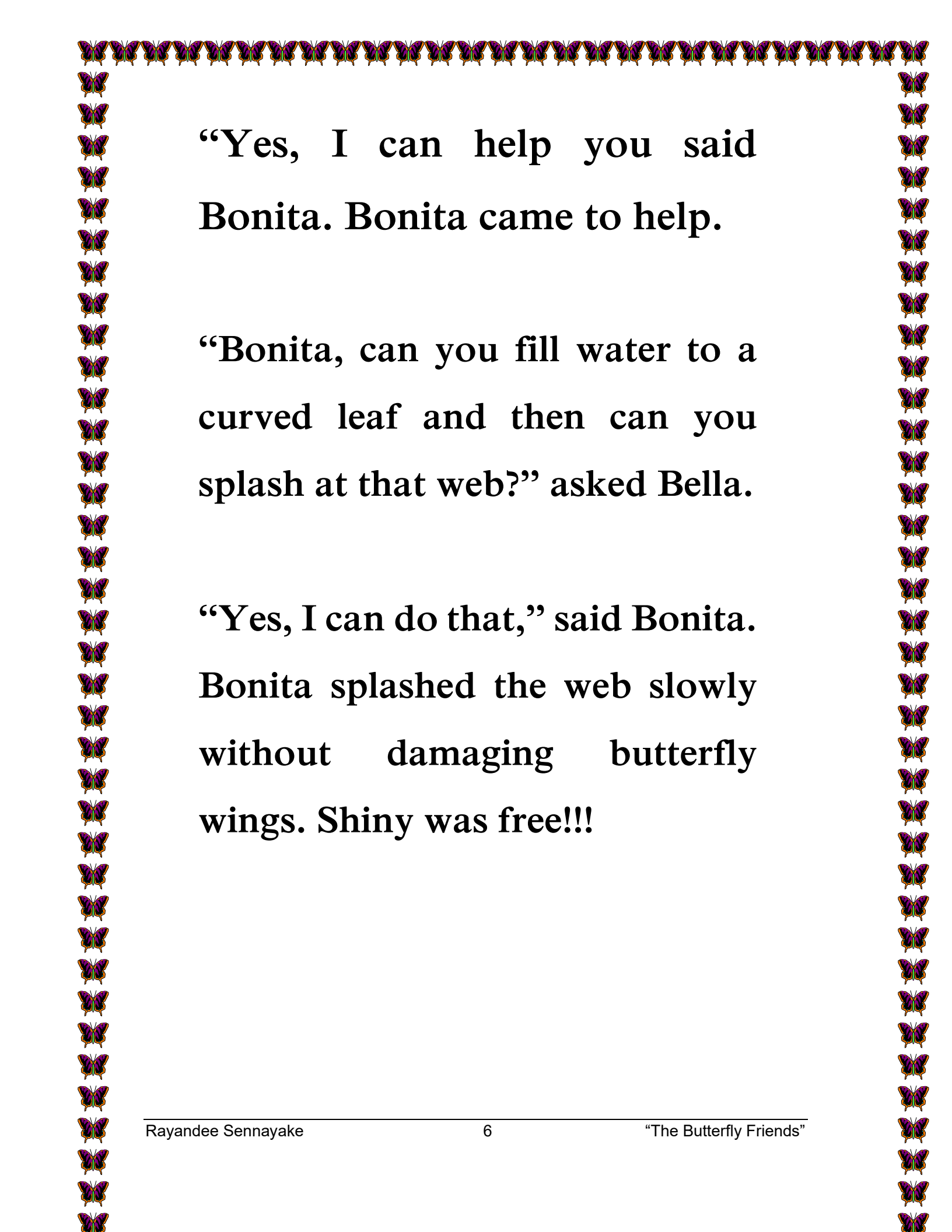




Let's ask her to fill water to a curved leaf and come here. Then you tell her to splash, water to this cob-web and Shiny will be free.

“OK, that idea is great” agreed all. Bella and Rose went in search of Bonita.

“Bonita....Bonita.... can you please help us to get Shiny free from the spider web?”



“Yes, I can help you said
Bonita. Bonita came to help.

“Bonita, can you fill water to a
curved leaf and then can you
splash at that web?” asked Bella.

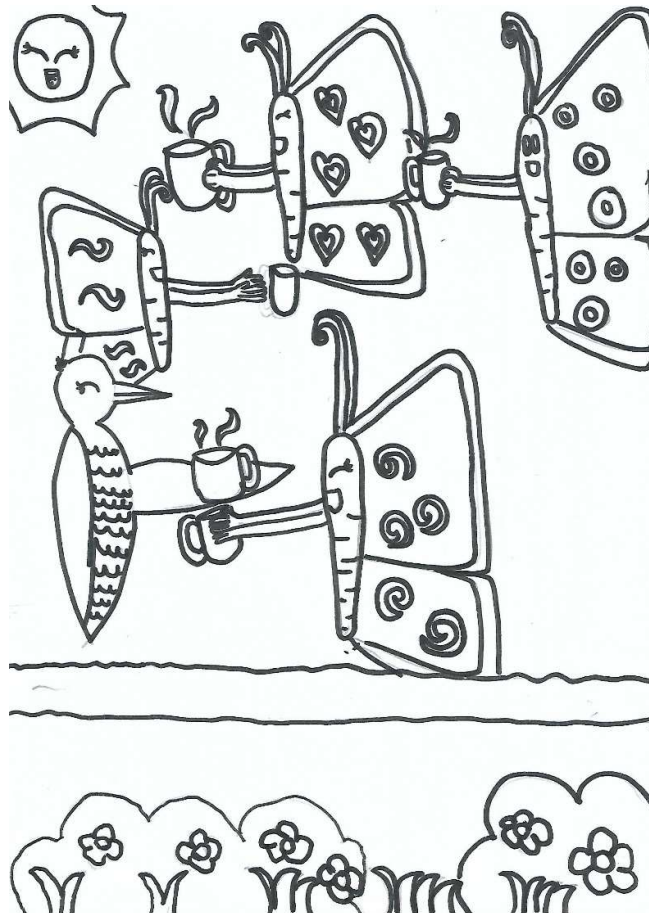
“Yes, I can do that,” said Bonita.
Bonita splashed the web slowly
without damaging butterfly
wings. Shiny was free!!!

Shiny was really glad. “Thank you for rescuing me” said Shiny.
“You are welcome,” said Bonita.



But Shiny's wings were wet. She started crying. "Don't cry..." said Bella. "Let's go to the sunshine then your wings will be dry..." said Pinkie.

Bella, Pinkie, Rose, Shiny and Bonita happily rested in the sunshine for a while.



AFTERWORD



As modern technology permeates the social and economic arenas, students tend to distance themselves from the creative process, relying more and more on technological tools. To reduce this risk and help aspiring young writers produce their own books, I sought

and presented a research proposal to the Ministry of Education in 2014. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to showcase their enthusiasm and knowledge. The students of Mahamaya Girls' College achieved a record for the most books written, paving the way for a new level of innovation.

The e-book project will enable the students to reach international readers, and I am confident that they have gained new experiences and challenges that will enable them to face the future with resolve. I wish all of the young writers the best of luck in their future endeavors

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Founder of Books Publishing Project Among School Children

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