

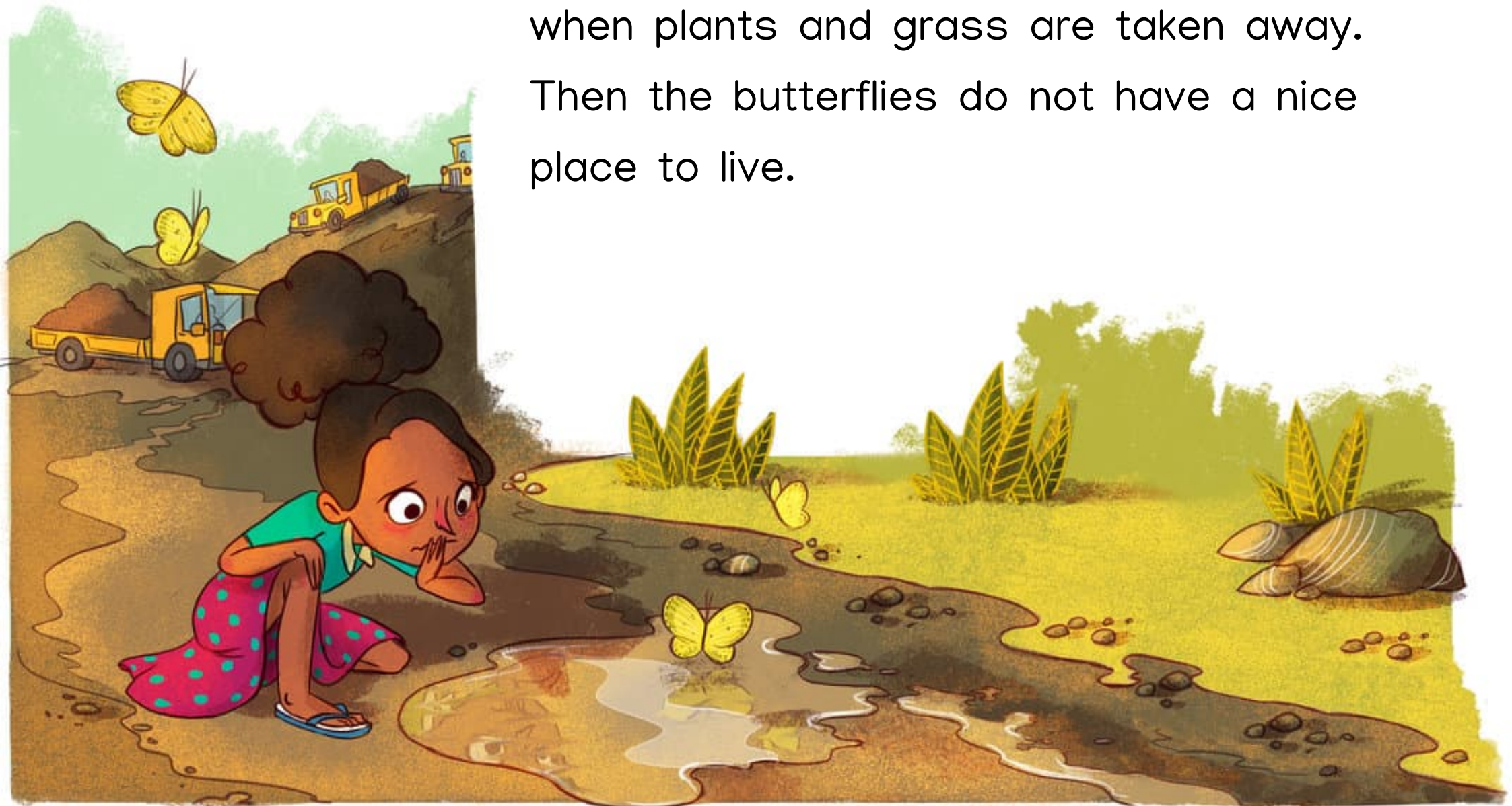


The Butterfly Garden

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Diya loves butterflies. She likes to find them near her local park. It makes her sad when plants and grass are taken away. Then the butterflies do not have a nice place to live.



Diya is very shy in class. She has a mental block when she tries to talk to other kids.

Today they are going to the park. There are a lot of plants at the park. Butterflies drink the nectar in flowers, so they are all over!





There are so many different kinds of butterflies. They have different colours and patterns on their wings. Diya knows some of their names. Her mum and dad have given her a lot of books about butterflies.

Miss starts to tell them about the different butterflies. Diya puts her hand up. Miss is a little surprised. Diya never wants to talk in class. Now she seems like she has to share!





Butterflies have a long, slender body. They have six thin legs. They also have four wings. Two feelers come up out of their head. They help the butterflies to sense things about the world.

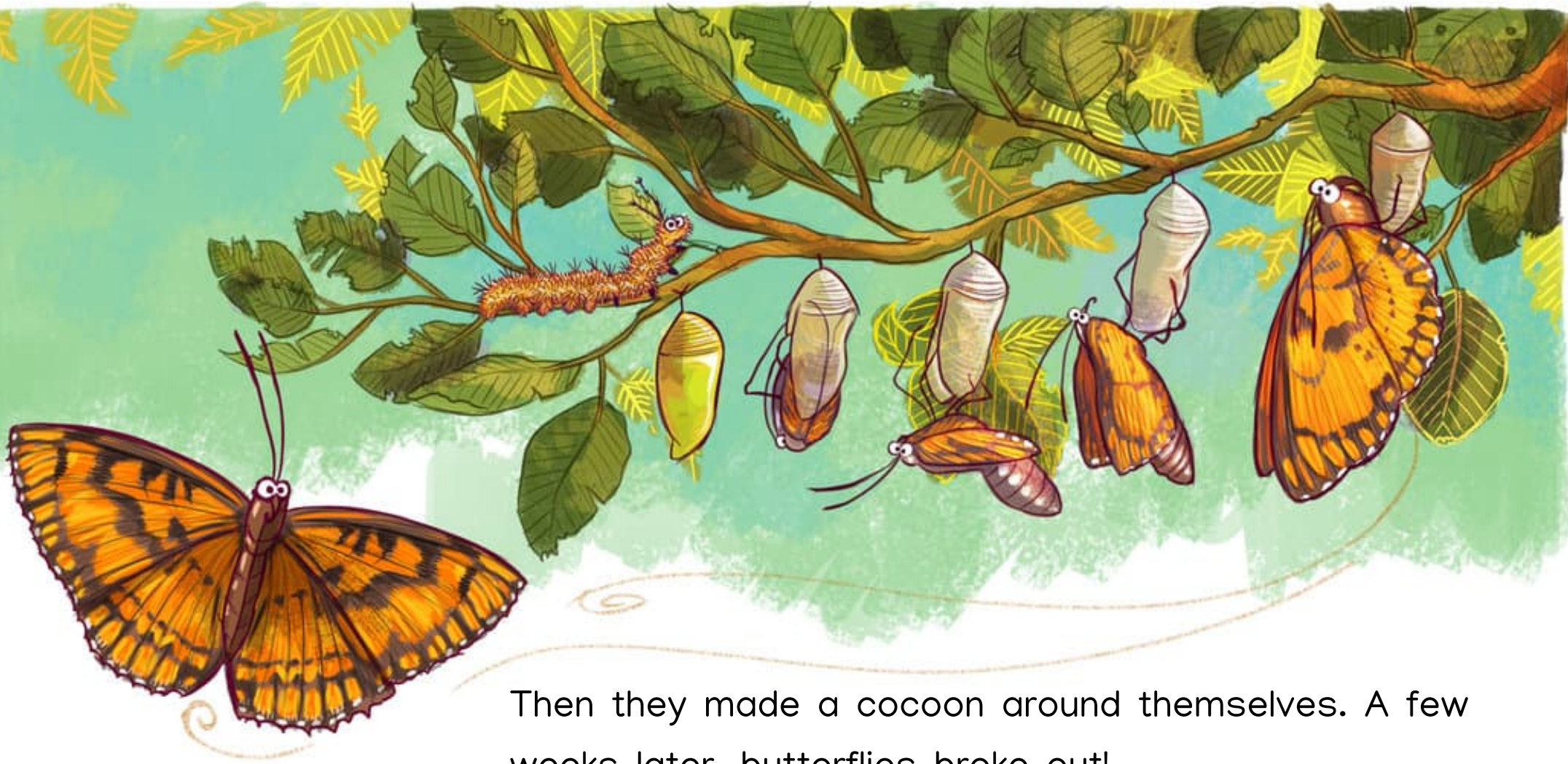


Miss is impressed.
Diya knows quite a lot
about butterflies. Miss
asks her to keep
sharing. She can see
that this might be a
good way for Diya to
open up to the other
kids in the class.

Diya talks about how she won a medal for a poster that she drew for her local bookshop. They had to show the life cycle of an animal. She found butterflies laying eggs and watched so that she could draw them.



Caterpillars came out of the eggs. They ate a lot for a couple of weeks.



Then they made a cocoon around themselves. A few weeks later, butterflies broke out!

Diya makes a new friend in class. Her name is Liz. Diya and Liz want to know what the butterflies are thinking.



They start to guess. They say the words that they think the butterflies would say if they could talk.

Just after lunch, a whole swarm of butterflies comes to the park. Diya knows what kind they are. They are blue tigers. They try to count their total, but there are too many.



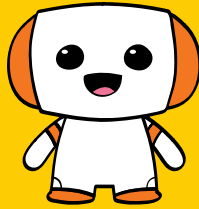


The other kids gather around as Diya starts to tell a butterfly story. She makes it up on the spot. They think it is great!





Diya had such a great time in the park. She is going to get good marks for the day. She feels a lot better about school and the kids in her class now. She thanks the butterflies for all that they did for her.



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