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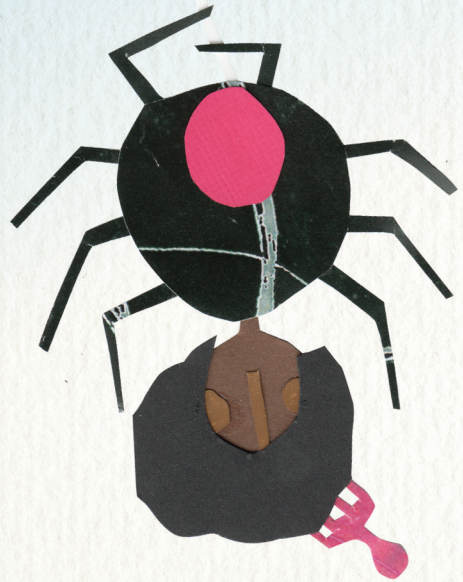
Lara the ladybird was a special bug.
Unlike all her friends, she had bright
yellow wings.



Everyone loved her yellow wings.

Each morning, Bibi Butterfly said hello.
And Manto Mantis always waved.

Even Sesa, the sulky spider,
was happy to see her.



At school, she played
with lots of friends.



But Lara wanted to be like the other ladybirds. "I wish I had red wings like you, Mama," she cried.



So one day, to cheer her up, Lara's mother painted her wings bright red.





The next morning, nobody greeted
Lara on her way to school.



And when she got there,

none of her friends said hello.



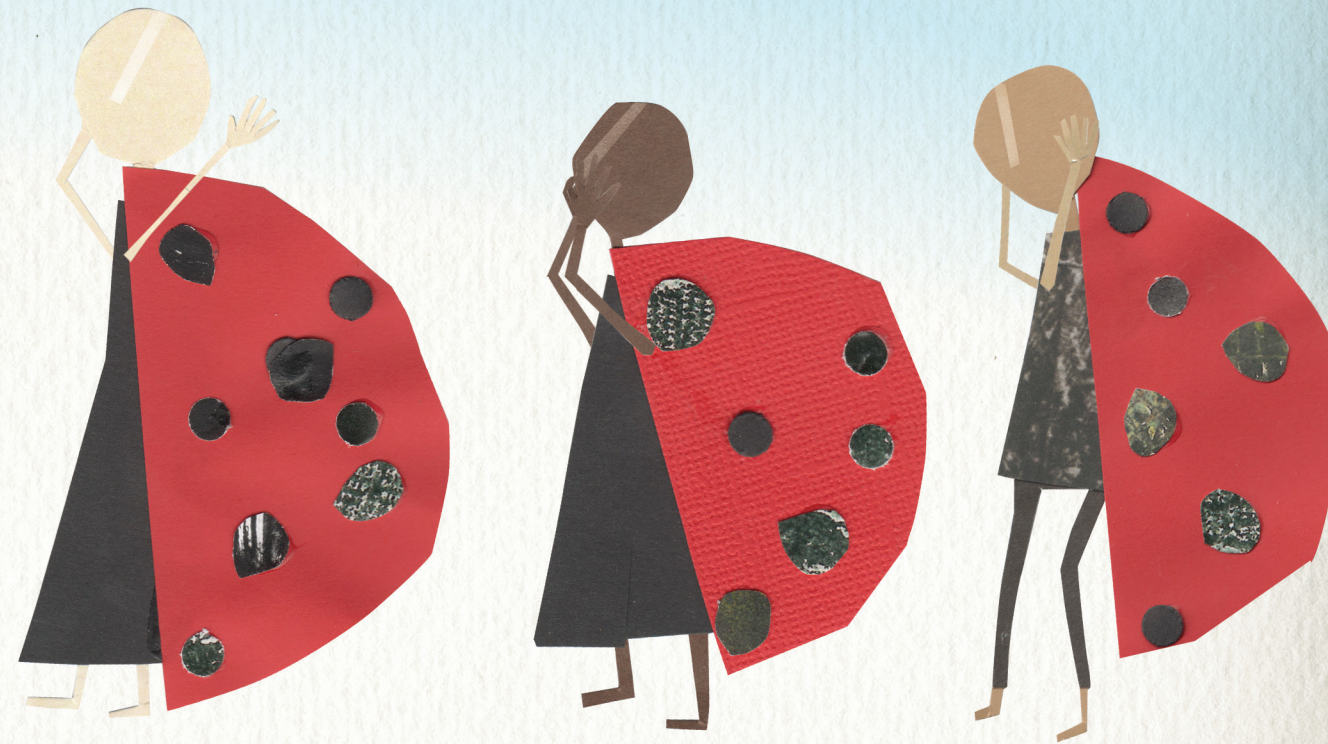
Lara sat all alone. No one
noticed her new red wings.

Until Miss Miya spotted her and
said: "You've painted your lovely
yellow wings!"





Lara's classmates were shocked.
"Your wings are special!"



"So unique!"
"So rare!"

“Lara,” Miss Miya said, “your yellow
wings are what make you you.
Like Sipho’s spot ...
And Sally’s legs”





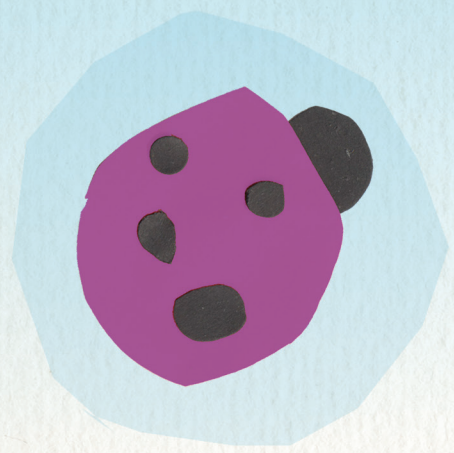
Back home, Lara took a long bath
and scrubbed until her golden
wings gleamed.



"I'll never paint my wings again!"
she thought. Except, maybe once
or twice ...



To try a bit of purple ...
or something nice.



But not for ever and just for fun.



