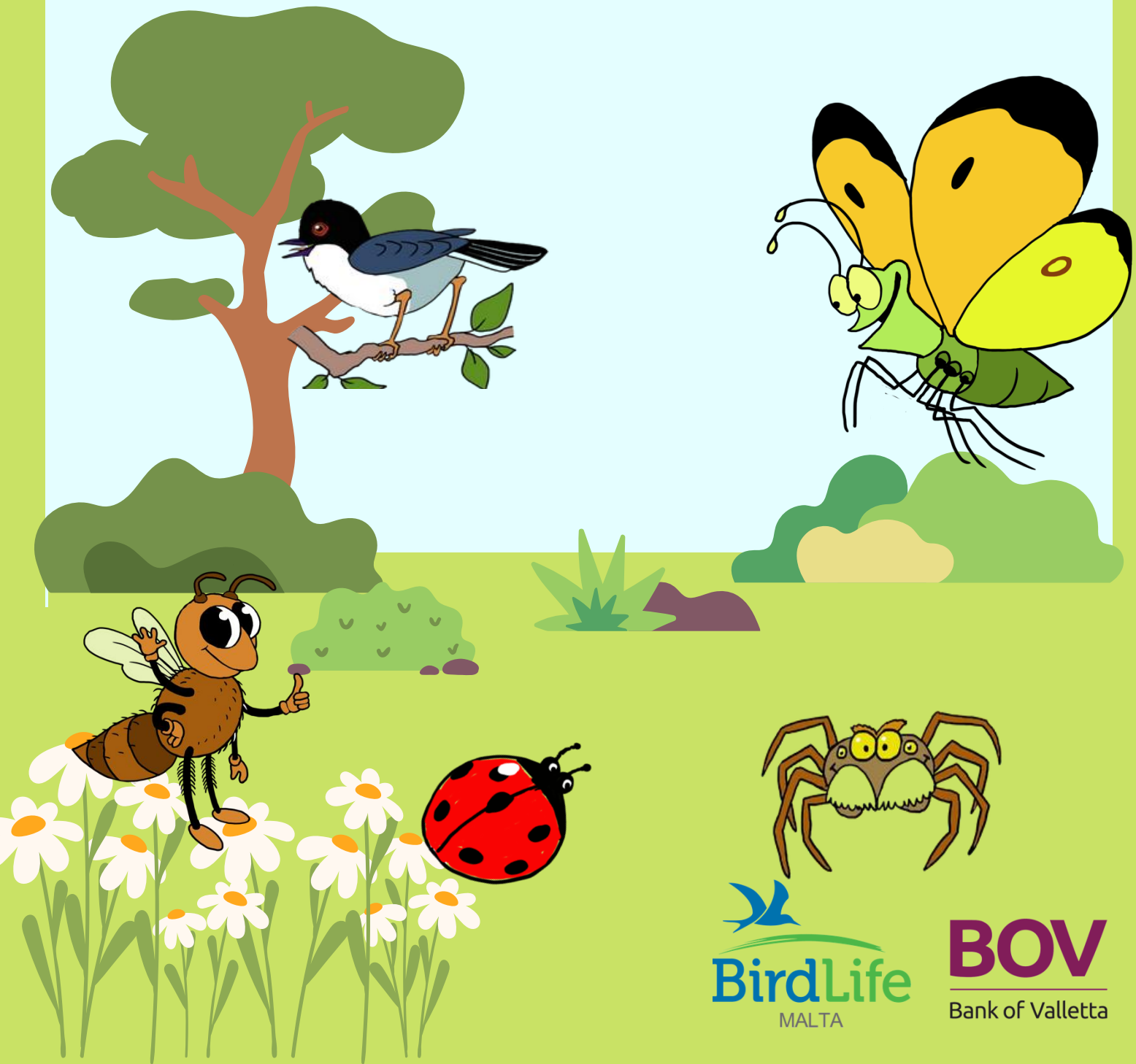


GARDEN'S



Best Friend



Garden's Best Friend

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Once upon a time, in a big, bright garden,
there were four little friends: Lily the
Ladybird, Buzz the Bee, Spinny the Spider, and
Sylvia the Bird.



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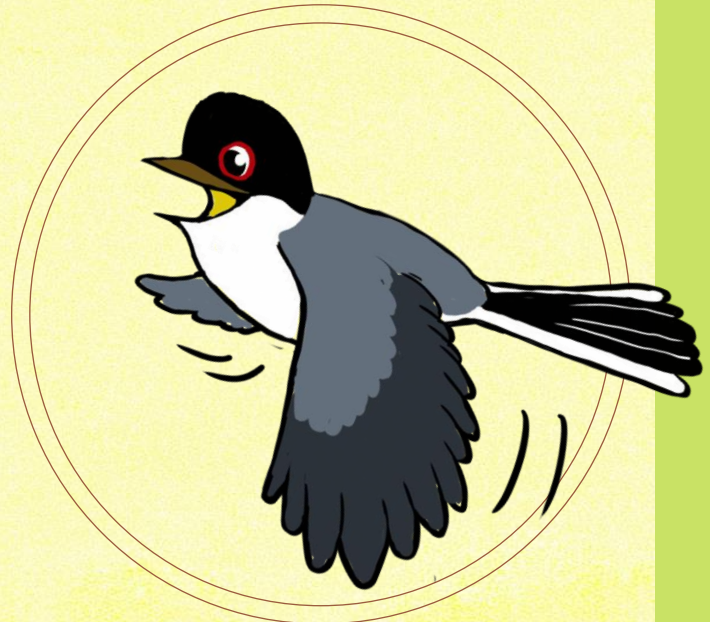


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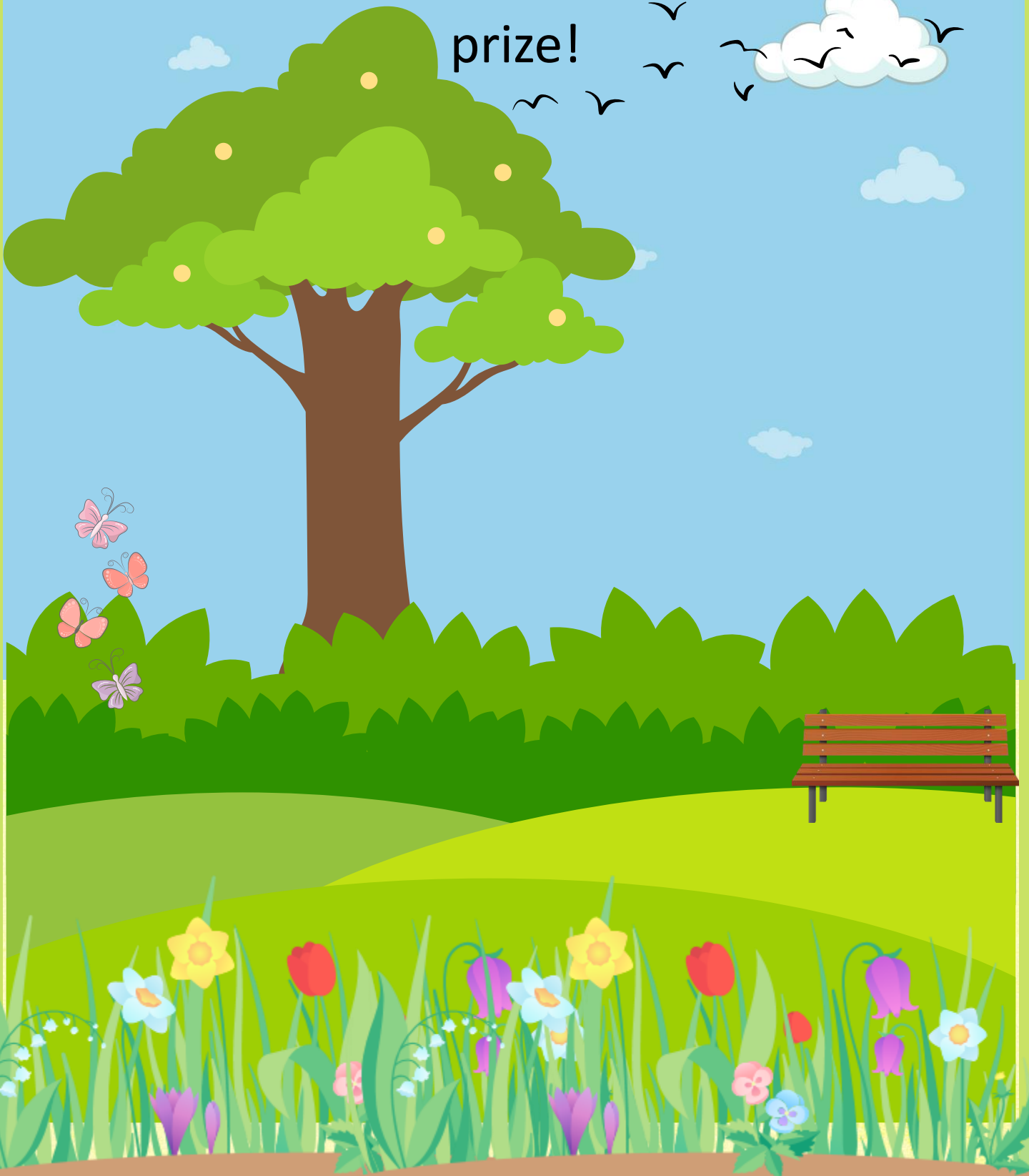


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Sylvia



All the friends were excited because today was a special day. They were going to find out who's winning the garden's best friend prize!



Lily the Ladybird said, "I eat tiny bugs that hurt the plants. I help keep the plants healthy and strong!"



Buzz the Bee buzzed, "I fly from flower
to flower, carrying pollen so plants can
make seeds and fruits!"





Spinny the Spider said, “I spin webs to
catch bugs that might hurt the plants. I
protect the garden!”



Sylvia the Bird chirped, “I sing beautiful songs to make the garden happy, and I eat insects too!”



Just then, a big, strong wind blew through the garden. Oh no! A branch fell from a tree and trapped all four friends!



“Oh dear,” said Spinny the Spider. “How are we going to get out?”



“We need to stop showing off,” said Buzz the Bee. “We should help each other instead!”

Sylvia the Bird flapped her wings to try and lift the branch, but it was too heavy. Sylvia got tired and lay down, feeling sad.



“What can we do?” said Lily the Ladybird. She thought and thought, and then had an idea!

Lily wiggled her bright red coat in the sunlight. The other ladybirds saw her shining red coat.



All the ladybirds came to help. They pushed and pushed, and the branch moved just enough for Lily, Buzz, and Spinny to wiggle out.



But Sylvia was still stuck! Buzz the Bee
flew to get help from her many, many
bee sisters.

All the bees flew to the garden. They
squeezed under the branch to keep
Sylvia warm.



Spinny the Spider had another idea!
She spun a strong web, and with Lily
and the ladybirds' help, they pulled
the twigs apart.

The bees buzzed their wings fast to
make the air warm. Sylvia felt strong
again!



Sylvia sang so loudly that other birds heard her. They flew over to help, and together, the sparrows lifted the branch.



Sylvia was free! She flew up into the sky, so happy.

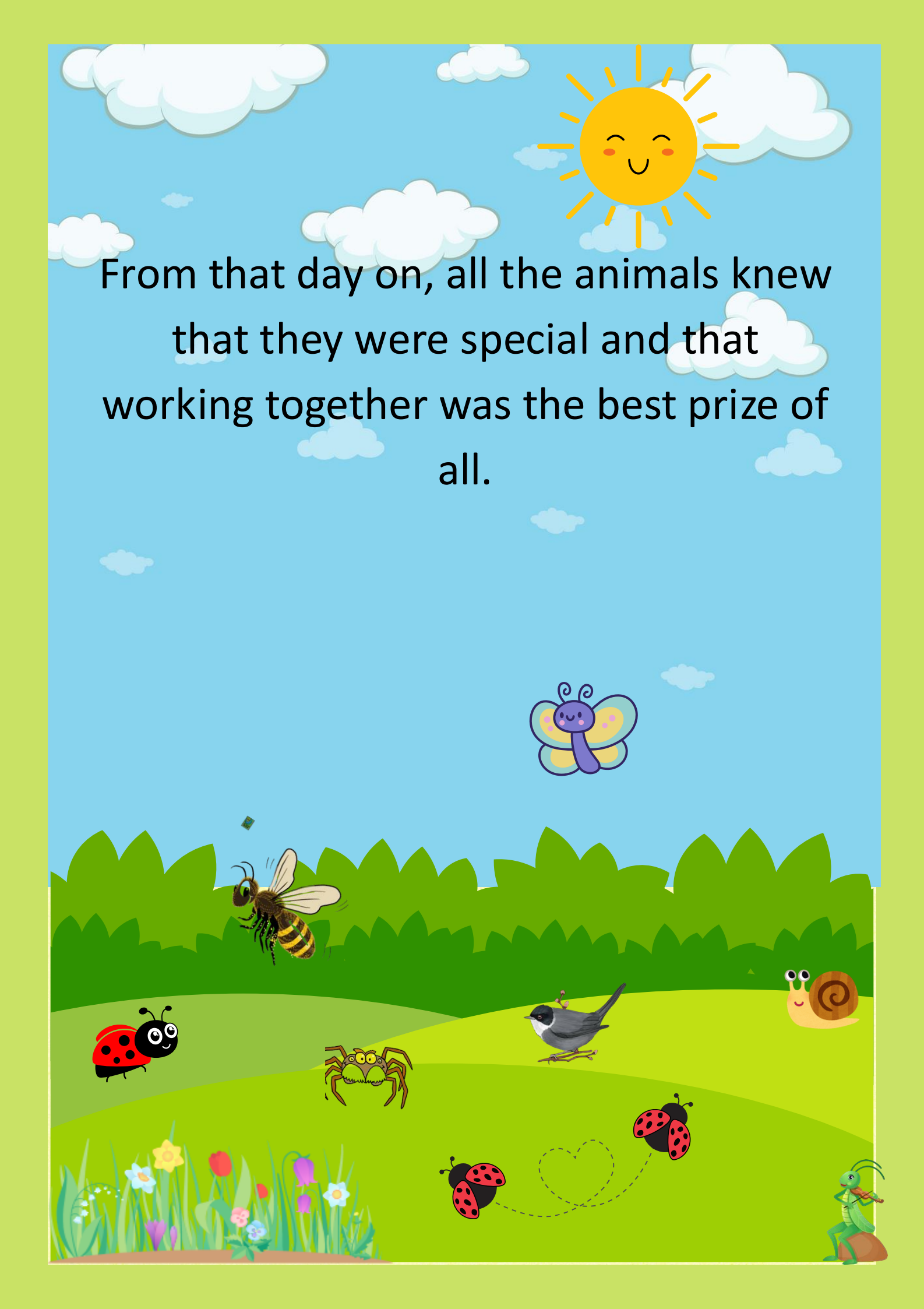


“Thank you, thank you everyone!” she sang. “We don’t need a Best Friend Prize. We all help in our own way!”

“That’s right!” said Lily. “We are all important.”

“And we all help to keep the garden happy and strong!” buzzed Buzz.



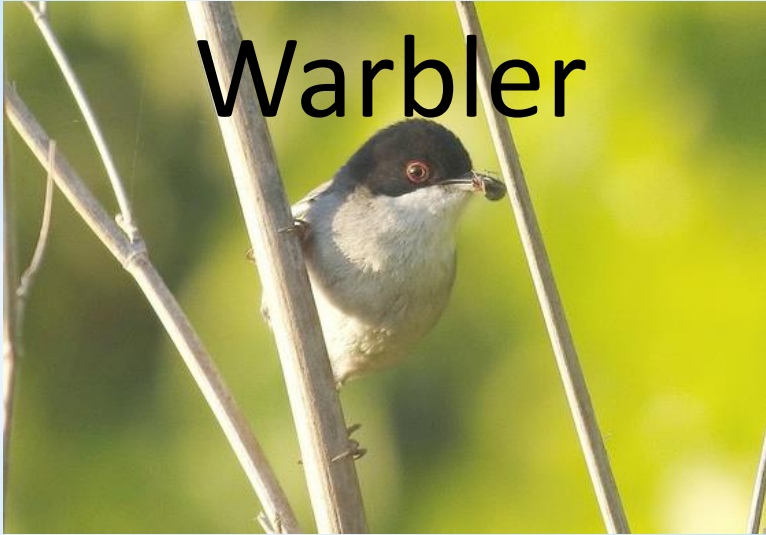


From that day on, all the animals knew
that they were special and that
working together was the best prize of
all.

Let's get to know
more about our
friends in Malta



Sardinian Warbler



A Sardinian warbler (*bufula sewda*), is a small black, white and grey bird that lives in our gardens and woodlands



other species of warblers



Subalpine Warblers
Bufula Passajra



Wood Warbler
Vjolin Hadrani

Spanish Sparrows



Sardinian warblers and Spanish Sparrows are common breeding residents in Malta and are present all year round.

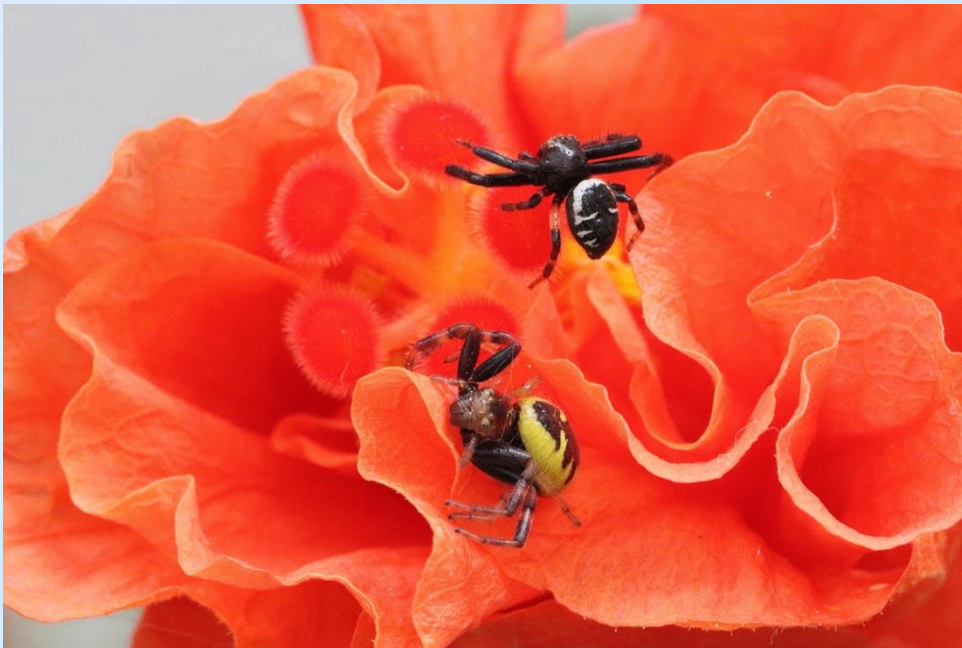
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There are many kinds of bees and they are all good pollinators, but only the honeybee makes honey. Honeybees live in communities in a hive, where all the workers are females.

Spiders





There are many kinds of spiders. Not all spiders make a web, but they all make silk. Some spiders jump on their prey, others make traps underground



Ladybird



There are many kinds of ladybirds, all have their own marking and colours. Most ladybirds eat other insects.

