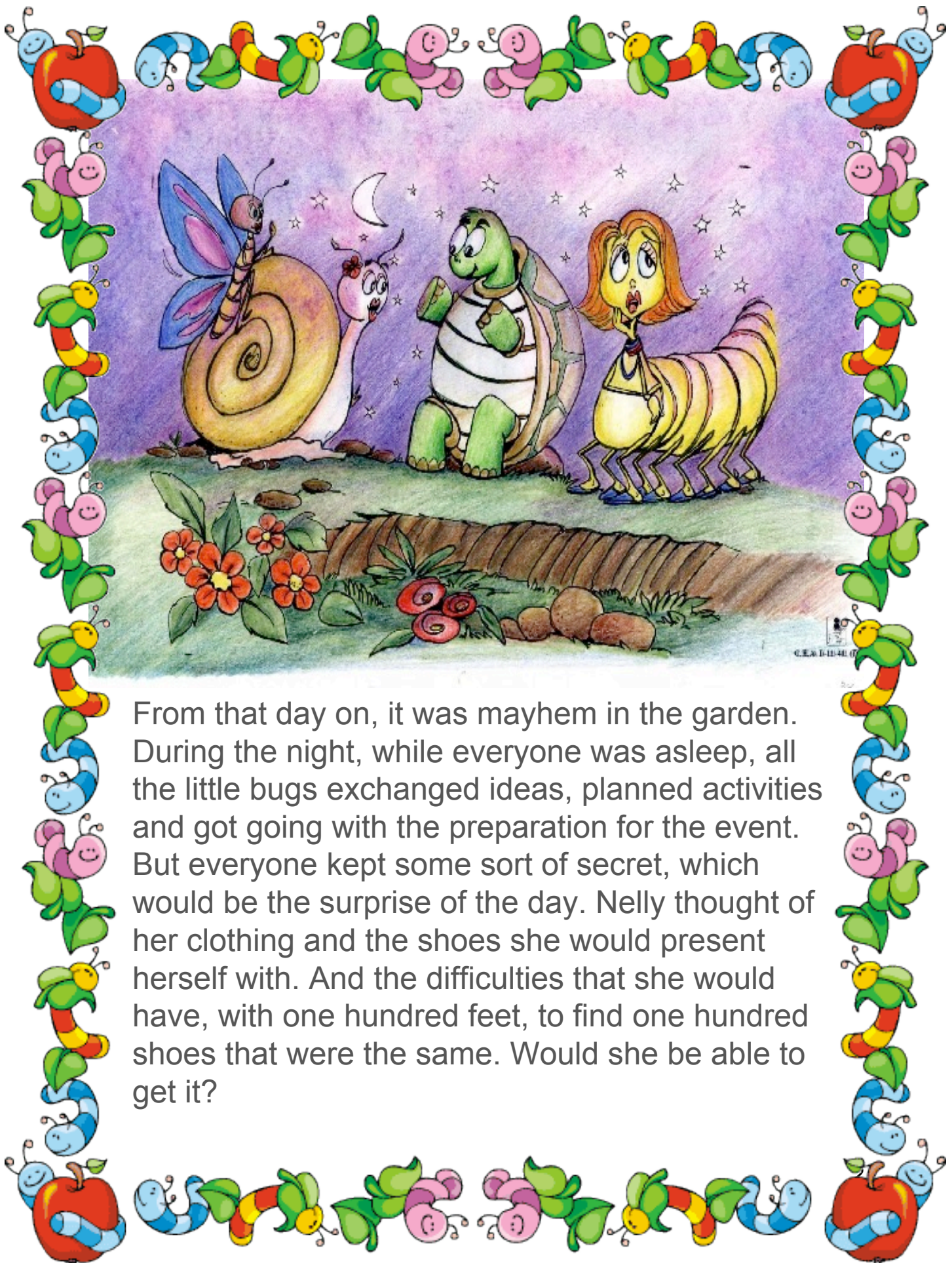


Nelly and her little shoes



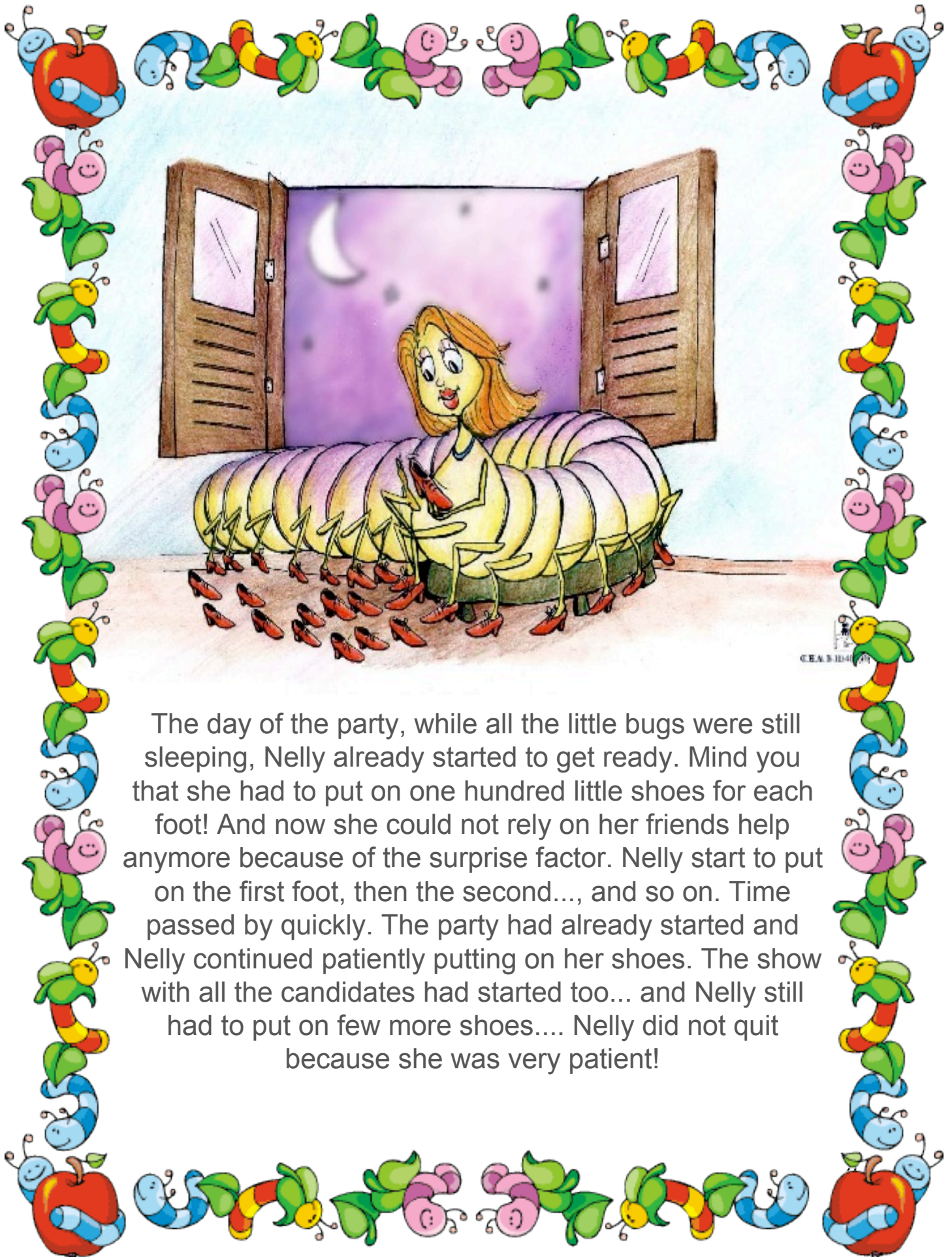
Nelly is a little bug with a hundred little feet. It is a centipede that likes to live between the rocks of a huge garden. Nelly lives happily hunting insects that show up her way. When someone frightens her, she curls up into a ball and stays that way for hours very quiet until danger has passed. One time, all the little bugs in the garden decided to throw a party. Spring was coming and they wanted to choose the “Queen of Spring”. It did not need to be the prettiest little bug, but the one that presented herself in the most different style and elegance. And it had to be a surprise! They invited Nelly to be one of the candidates.



From that day on, it was mayhem in the garden. During the night, while everyone was asleep, all the little bugs exchanged ideas, planned activities and got going with the preparation for the event. But everyone kept some sort of secret, which would be the surprise of the day. Nelly thought of her clothing and the shoes she would present herself with. And the difficulties that she would have, with one hundred feet, to find one hundred shoes that were the same. Would she be able to get it?



All Nelly's friends offered to help. They worked really fast. One week later, Nelly had one handmade crochet shoe with laces for each of her feet! And with high heels like a grown up!



The day of the party, while all the little bugs were still sleeping, Nelly already started to get ready. Mind you that she had to put on one hundred little shoes for each foot! And now she could not rely on her friends help anymore because of the surprise factor. Nelly start to put on the first foot, then the second..., and so on. Time passed by quickly. The party had already started and Nelly continued patiently putting on her shoes. The show with all the candidates had started too... and Nelly still had to put on few more shoes.... Nelly did not quit because she was very patient!



The last to go on the runway was Nelly that looked as pretty as ever!

Oh! How unique and elegant! - Commented everyone at the same time.

- To put on one hundred shoes? What a patience to lace them all! - They all said.

- At the end of the show it was announced the name of the winner. Can you imagine who it was? That is right!

Nelly! She won a basket of flowers with a cart:

"Congratulations Queen of Spring" and a box of chocolate with one hundred chocolate pieces inside that Nelly shared with her friends who helped making the shoes for her.

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