

TWO WORLDS AND

*One
Chest*

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It was a frosty winters morning. The dark clouds threatened to burst out with hail and freezing cold rain. I lived in a rambling old manor house in the countryside, and as quick as a flash I ran into my small witch like haunted bedroom.

My bedroom was one of the darkest in the whole of the creepy old fashioned house. I was an empty person inside. I had no one to play with except for the carved snake that I kept in a chest in the corner of my room. The chest had been made in the Egyptian times. It was quite a hard chest to access because of a series of locks and a huge bronze handle that I had to twist to get into the chest itself. I suddenly remembered why I came into my bedroom. I undid all of the locks with my special key and twisted the machinery on the lid. I quickly grabbed my fur-lined woollen coat from the shelf in my chest. As I was doing this, I accidentally ripped a hole in the carpet that lined the bottom of the chest. Inside the hole, was a shiny red button that said 'do not touch as there is a high chance of danger'.

I was so tempted to press it but the word 'Danger' stopped me. As I was stepping back, I tripped over my woollen coat and accidentally trod on the shiny red button. Just then, an incredible thing happened. The whole bottom of the chest opened up and after thinking about it for a long time, I decided to climb inside the hole and fell for what seemed like ages but was really only a minute or so. I landed with a soft 'thud' on the floor of a very long corridor as long as the eye could see.

There were lots of doors on either side, labelled with different periods in time. I was very interested in the doors labelled the Renaissance, the Victorian times, the Egyptian and Roman times, but as I wandered further along the corridor, the labell that said "the Future" caught my eye.

I had never read about the future but I had read about the other times. I decided to open the door to the Future. I walked quite slowly in case it was a trick. As I walked all the way through I was dazzled! There were hovercrafts everywhere and the were all brightly coloured and almost identical.

For a second, I thought I must be dreaming but I wasn't! As I was walking to what seemed, like a pretty icecream shop, out of the ground popped a little mole. 'I'm Sir Diggory Duncans – I am your guide in the future. Well, let's start here,' he said.

"We use hovercrafts to move around, so we don't need petrol.

"These hovercrafts are 'solar-powered. Solar power is when something is powered by the sun's energy." "The reason why these buildings are so colourful is because we want to attract native animals and birds so more people will want to live here" he said.

"I cant see any shops around here. Where do you get your food from? And where do you store vegetables and fruit?" I asked. Sir Diggory Duncans replied, "we grow food on the tops of our buildings, and we don't eat any meat because it is cruel to slaughter animas. "In the future, there are no droughts because every fortnight we get mtal robots with sharp beaks to poke wholes in the clouds so that rain will fall again." "Do you have any natural disasters in the future?" I asked curiously.

"Well, here, we look after our forest ranges and oceans so that way we don't get them very often. When they do happen, the whole world comes together to help each other", replied Sir Diggory Duncans.

"But there ar'nt any hospitals here" I said.

"Well" Sir Diggory Duncans answered "We don't really have them because if you've injured yourself on you're sick, We've invented little macines from recycled materials that come to you and fix the problem".

He continued "we also have robots that can help people with specific difficulties. The robots look at a persons facial expressions to tell what emotion they are feeling. I was very impressed. "Is the future a known world? I asked in a misty voice.

"Well only special people know about the Future. If you are a well-behaved child then you will get to have the special red button in your room. But if you decide that you don't want to live in the future, all of the things I've told you about will get erased from your mind when you grow

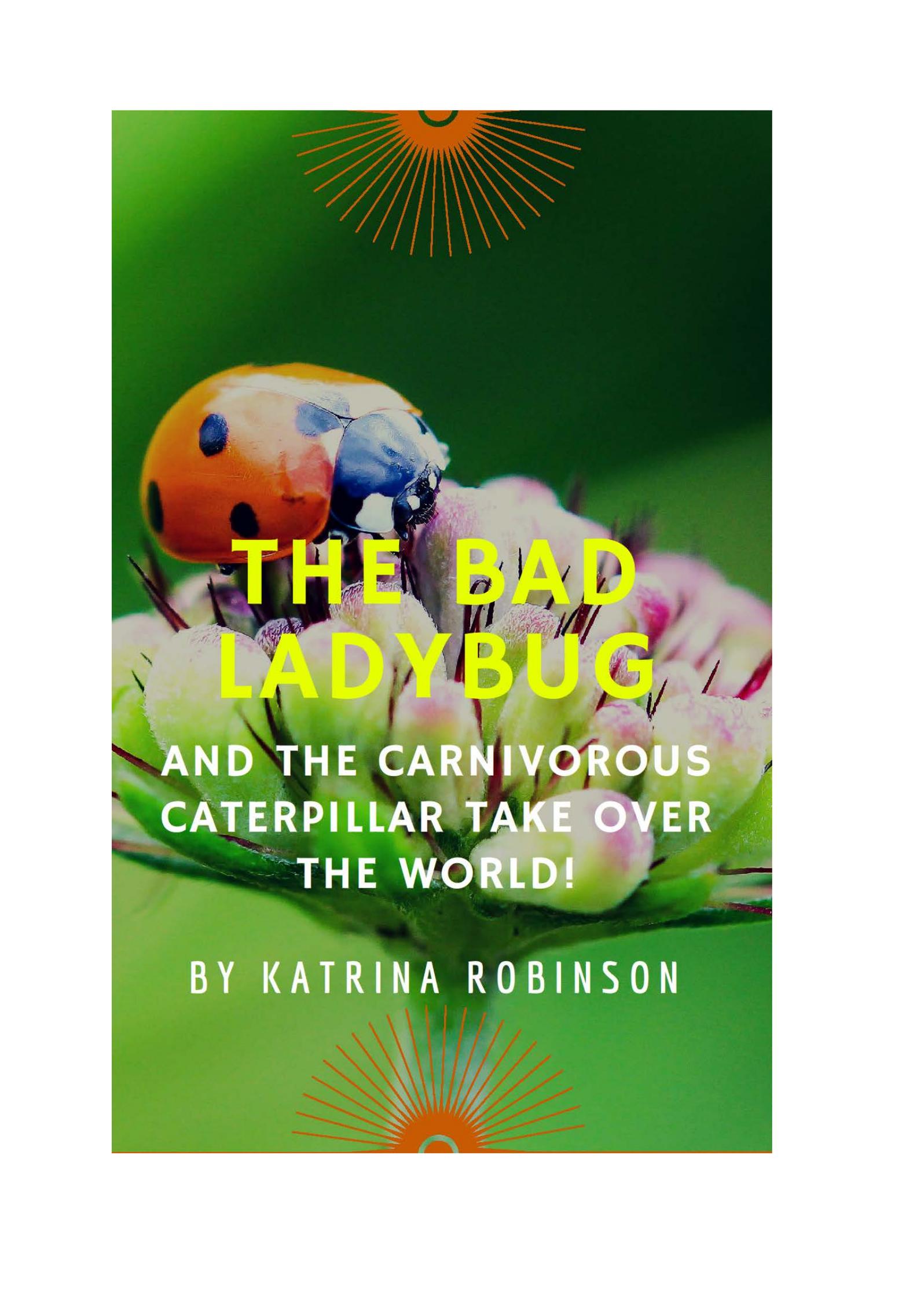
up. Only children who believe in magical things will grow up knowing the future” said Sir Diggory Duncans.

In a quiet voice I said “I am sort of enjoying it here but there is just one problem, I am really missing my family. Sir Diggory Duncans said “very well then, click your fingers, turn around, reach up high and touch the ground”.

As quick as lightning a door appeared righ in front of my eyes.

“walk through it” chanted sir Diggory Duncans.

Soon enough I was back in my garden and guess what I found? It was Sir Diggory Duncans who wanted to come and see my world! I was so excited that I had a new friend with whom I could share my world and learn more about the future or any other time whenever I felt like it.

The background of the cover is a vibrant green with a close-up photograph of a ladybug on a pink flower. The ladybug is orange with black spots and is positioned on the left side of the flower. The flower has several buds and is surrounded by green leaves. At the top and bottom of the cover, there are orange sunburst graphics with a central circle and radiating lines.

THE BAD LADYBUG

AND THE CARNIVOROUS
CATERPILLAR TAKE OVER
THE WORLD!

BY KATRINA ROBINSON

Along, long time ago there lived a ladybug. Her name was Fiona. She was not a normal ladybug. She was not a helpful ladybug, like most lady bugs. She did not eat the pests in the gardens, she was a bad ladybug. She ate other ladybugs!

Fiona was not happy in her home in the UK. She had eaten nearly all of her favourite ladybugs and she was hungry. She was also very lonely because there were no other ladybugs like her.

One day she decided she would go to Hawaii because she had heard there was a carnivorous caterpillar living there. She thought she could team up with him so she set off for Hawaii.

Hawaii was a long way away, too far for a ladybug to fly. So Fiona hid herself in the suitcase of a lady who was going on a cruise around Hawaii.

After two days of staying hidden, the cruise ship arrived in Hawaii.

Fiona flew off the cruise ship to search for the carnivorous caterpillar.

On the cruise ship she had heard people talking about this strange caterpillar and knew that they lived in the rain forest. She flew off into the rainforest and she found the caterpillar in a tree.

The caterpillar was going to eat her at first, but Fiona stopped him and told him her idea.

The carnivorous caterpillar's name was Jonah.

Jonah thought Fiona had a good idea so they decided to work together and became friends.

They decided that they would start their plan tomorrow. So they went to bed early.

In the morning they started to eat all the insects in Hawaii, except other carnivorous caterpillars and bad ladybugs species.

Over the next few days Fiona and Jonah ate, and ate and ate.

Soon the people noticed that there were not many insects left. But they did not know why.

They decided that they would watch what was eating the insects, so they hid behind trees and in bushes and they saw that the caterpillar and the ladybug were eating the insects, so they had a meeting.

They discussed that they needed stop them, before there were no insects left in Hawaii. If there were no insects, there would no food for the birds, and no insects to make the plants grow. So something had to be done before it was too late. So they decided to kill Jonah and Fiona.

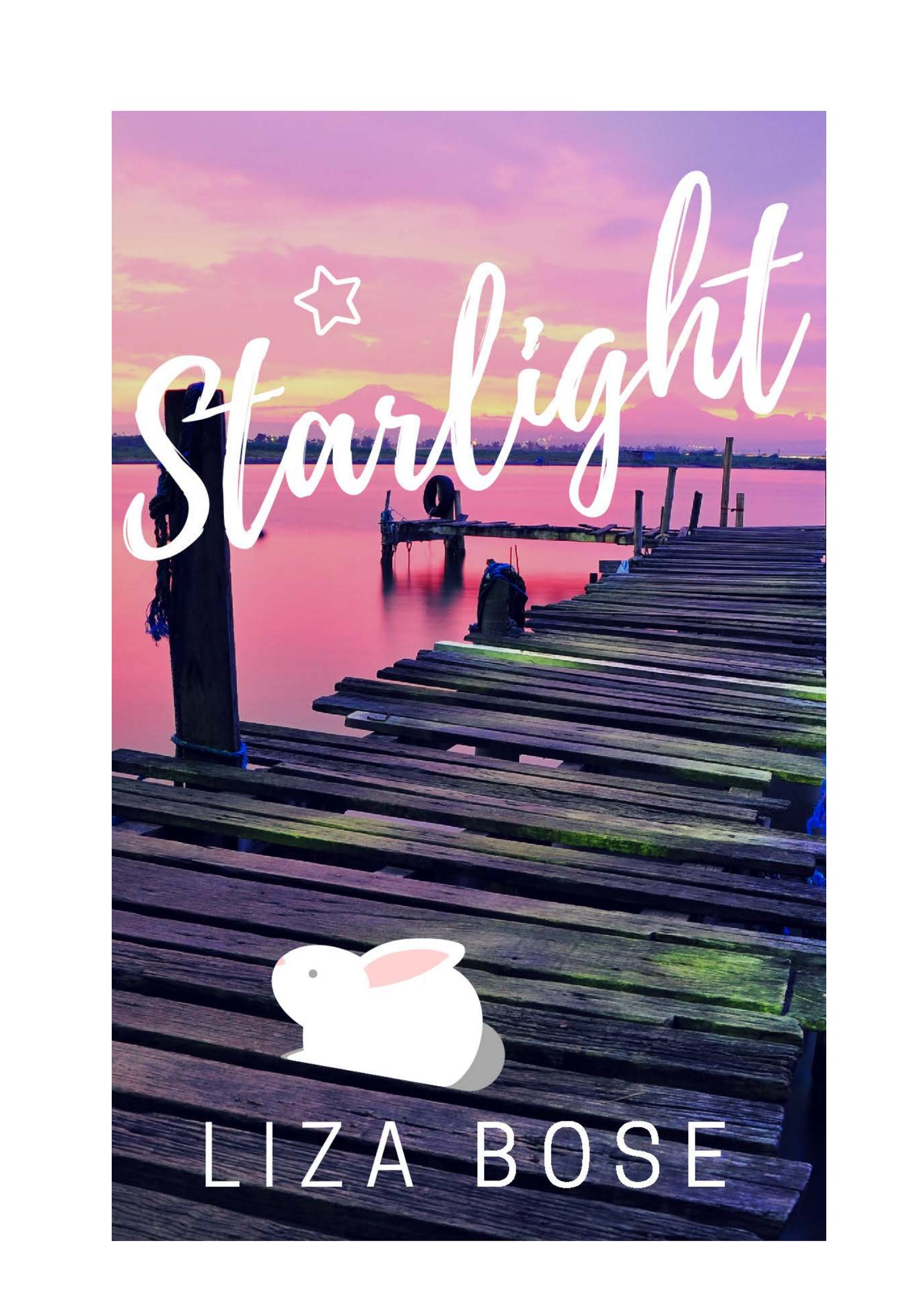
The people went into the rainforest where the two bugs were living. They set up some traps and went home to wait. They checked the traps every day and after just two days they caught Fiona and Jonah.

When the people realised what Fiona and Jonah were they changed their plans. They decided to talk to Fiona and Jonah. Jonah was ready to turn into a moth, he promised that he wouldn't eat anymore insects.

The people had found out that Fiona wasn't an ordinary ladybug but was actually an Asian lady beetle. In her own home in Siberia she was not a pest. She got caught up in a bag of wheat that went to the UK. So they put her in box with pineapples and sent them both to Siberia.

So they lived happily ever after.

The end



Starlight

LIZA BOSE

Many years ago, there lived a young artist named Ruby. Ruby had a colourful, sparkling and bright paint covering her apron and curly, swirly brown hair. Ruby loves her paintings especially her painting of a pet rabbit. Her painting had a hard boarder, the rabbit's fur was white and her collar was as red as a rose.

All Ruby wanted was a pet rabbit of her own. One night a fairy flew into Ruby's art room and with a wave of her magic wand, POOF! The fairy turned Ruby's favourite painting into a cute and cuddly pet rabbit of her own. Star Light was born! Star Light had a soft delicate body, her fur was as white as snow, her collar was as red as a rose, her eyes are as blue as the sky and she had beautiful tall ears.

One day Ruby sent Star Light to school with a brand new pencil for Star Light to write and draw with.

On the way to school, Star Light met an evil fox! He had creepy eyes, sharp teeth and a sneaky smile. The fox told Star Light all about an island called Art Island. Star Light quickly traded her new shiny pencil in exchange for a ticket to Art Island. "Where are you going?" questioned the magic fairy, mysteriously. "I am on my way to school!" exclaimed Star Light as she said a lie. Suddenly, she began to shrink!

On the island, Star Light did not know little bunny's like Star Light were turned into paint brushes and used for hard work! Star Light sat on the sandy shore and cried and her tears slid down from her bright little cute blue eyes all the way down to the tip of her nose. The magical fairy noticed Star Light crying, and with a wave of her magic wand, POOF! She turned Star Light from a paint brush back into a cute and cuddly pet rabbit again! Star Light sat on the shore and wondered to her self "...will I ever see Ruby again?" Star Light sat on a chair shaped rock sadly looking out to sea and that was when she saw Ruby sailing out to sea in search for Star Light!

Suddenly, a giant whale leapt out of the sea and swallowed Ruby and her sailing boat! Star Light knew she had to save Ruby so she jumped into the sea and swam into the sharks belly furiously.

Deep inside the sharks belly Star Light and Ruby were reunited! "We

must find a way out!" Exclaimed Ruby. "We'll tickle the whale's belly!" shouted out Star Light, and with a big loud sneeze, they shot right out of the whale's big spout!

When Star Light and Ruby swam back to shore Star Light wished she never lied, and they both fell asleep on the beige coloured shore.

*W*hen they awoke, Star Light was a real pet bunny! Her fur was as white as snow, her ears were as tall as a real bunny's ears, her eyes were as blue as bright as a sapphire and she wore a bright red collar on her neck with her initials on them. "At last my wish has come true!" exclaimed Ruby.