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### Marienkäfer Marie

The little ladybird called Marie finds a paintbox and starts painting dots on all the other animals. Neither slug nor brimstone are safe from her painting. Most animals react with disapproval or even anger. Soon she is deeply hurt and leaves her home field to settle down in another field. Here everyone loves to be painted with dots and Marie becomes a famous star in her new home. Shortly afterwards, she makes acquaintance with Charly who is also a ladybird and an artist painting little stars.

After a while Marie feels sad and homesick. Her longing to return to her home field increases from day to day until Charly persuades her to go back.

Her return is celebrated with a big party. Everyone knew from the beginning that she would become a famous artist and now all are eager to be painted with dots. But today she doesn't want to paint dots, today she paints stars with Charly.

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