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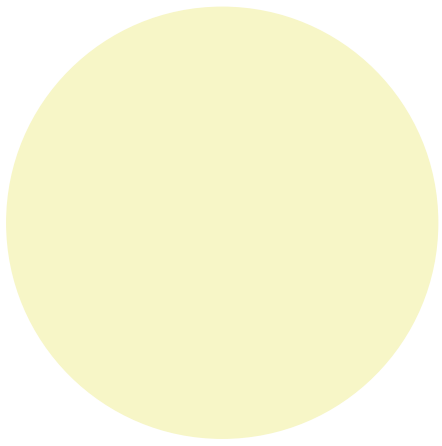
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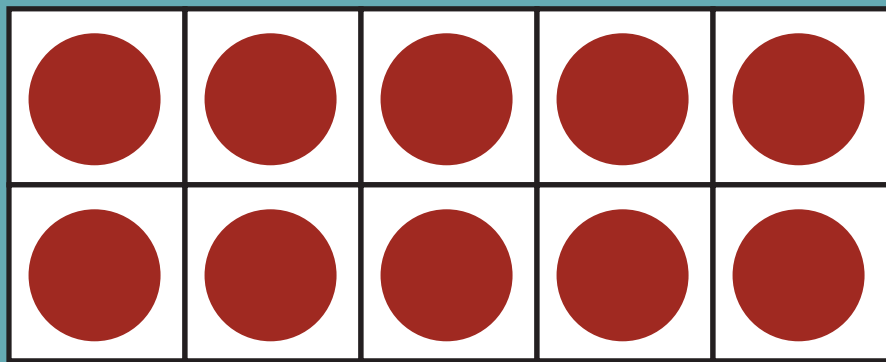
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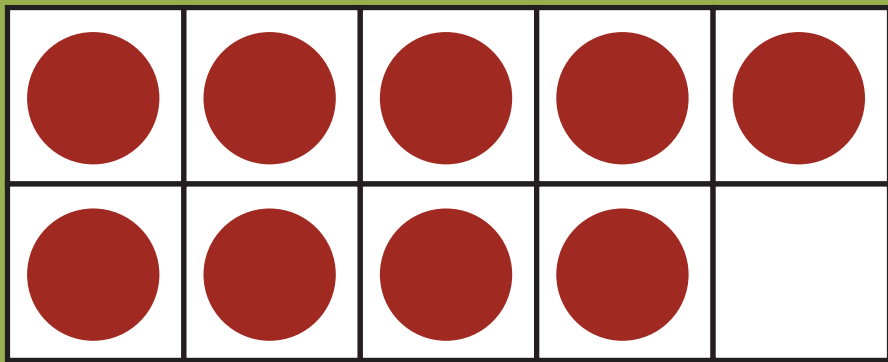
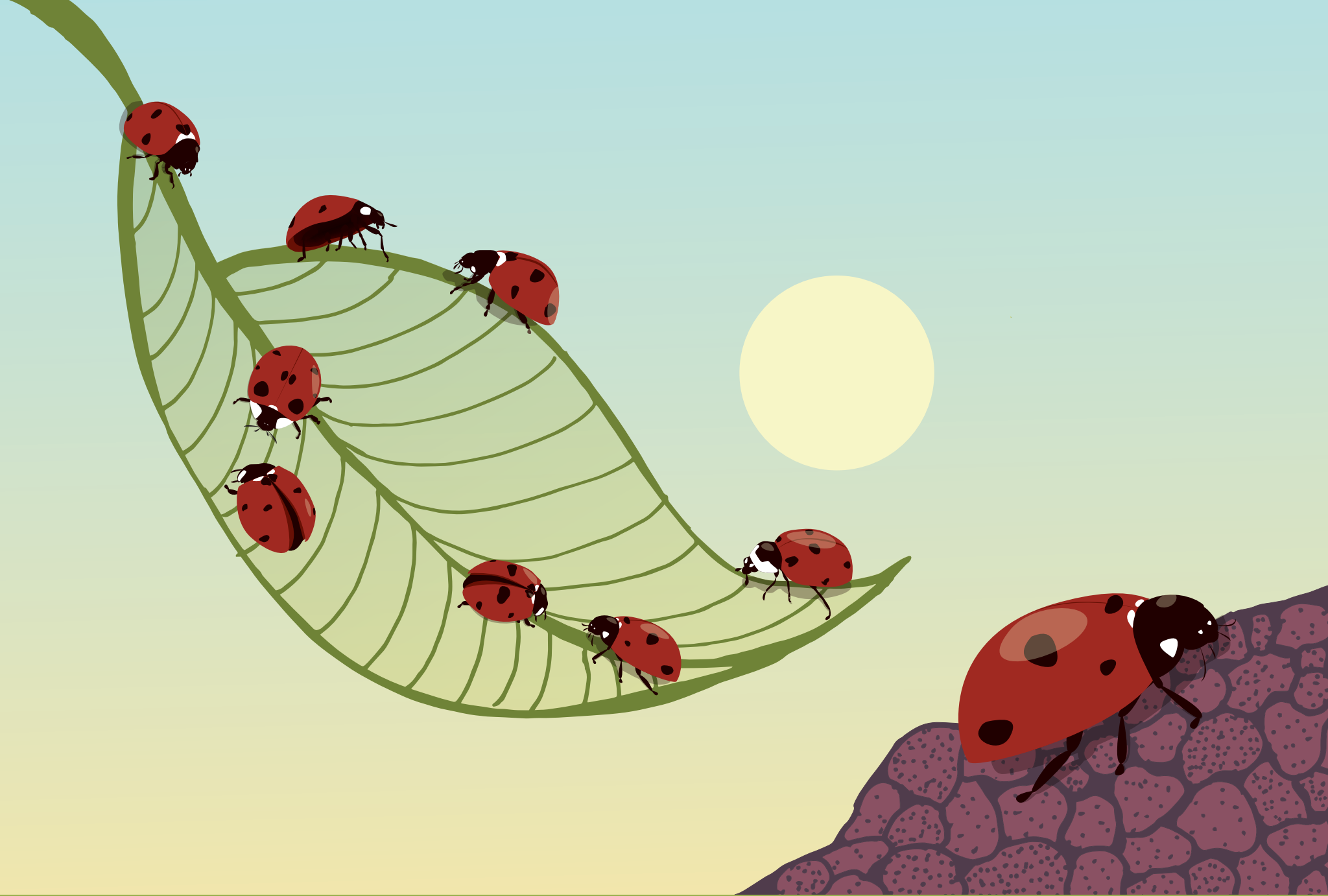
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10 little ladybugs
Crawling on a vine
One stopped to eat a moth,
And then there were nine.

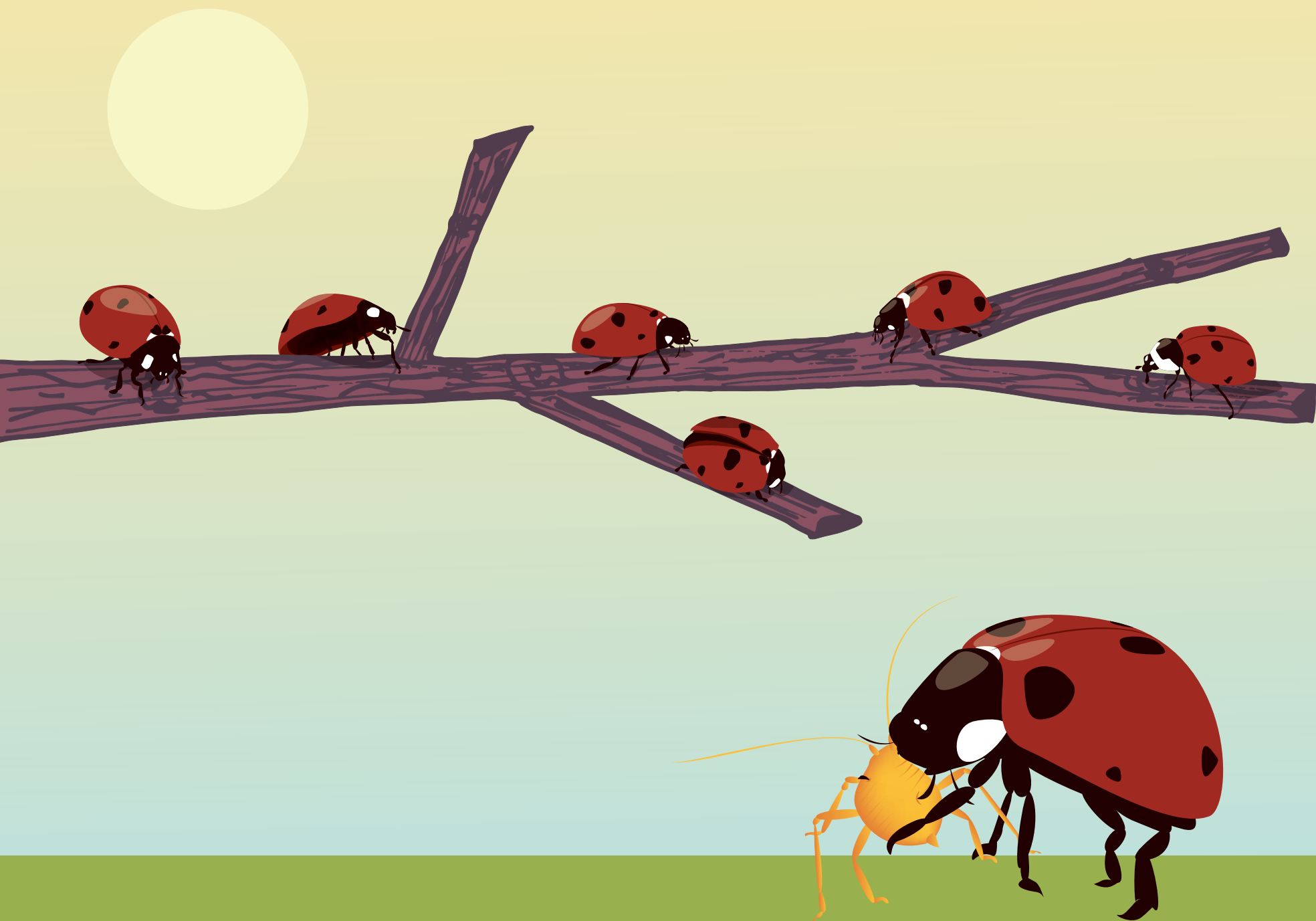


9 little ladybugs
Looking for a mate
One rested on a rock,
And then there were eight.



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8 little ladybugs
Flying in the heavens
One landed on a leaf,
And then there were seven.



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7 little ladybugs
Sitting on a stick
One found a bug to eat,
And then there were six.



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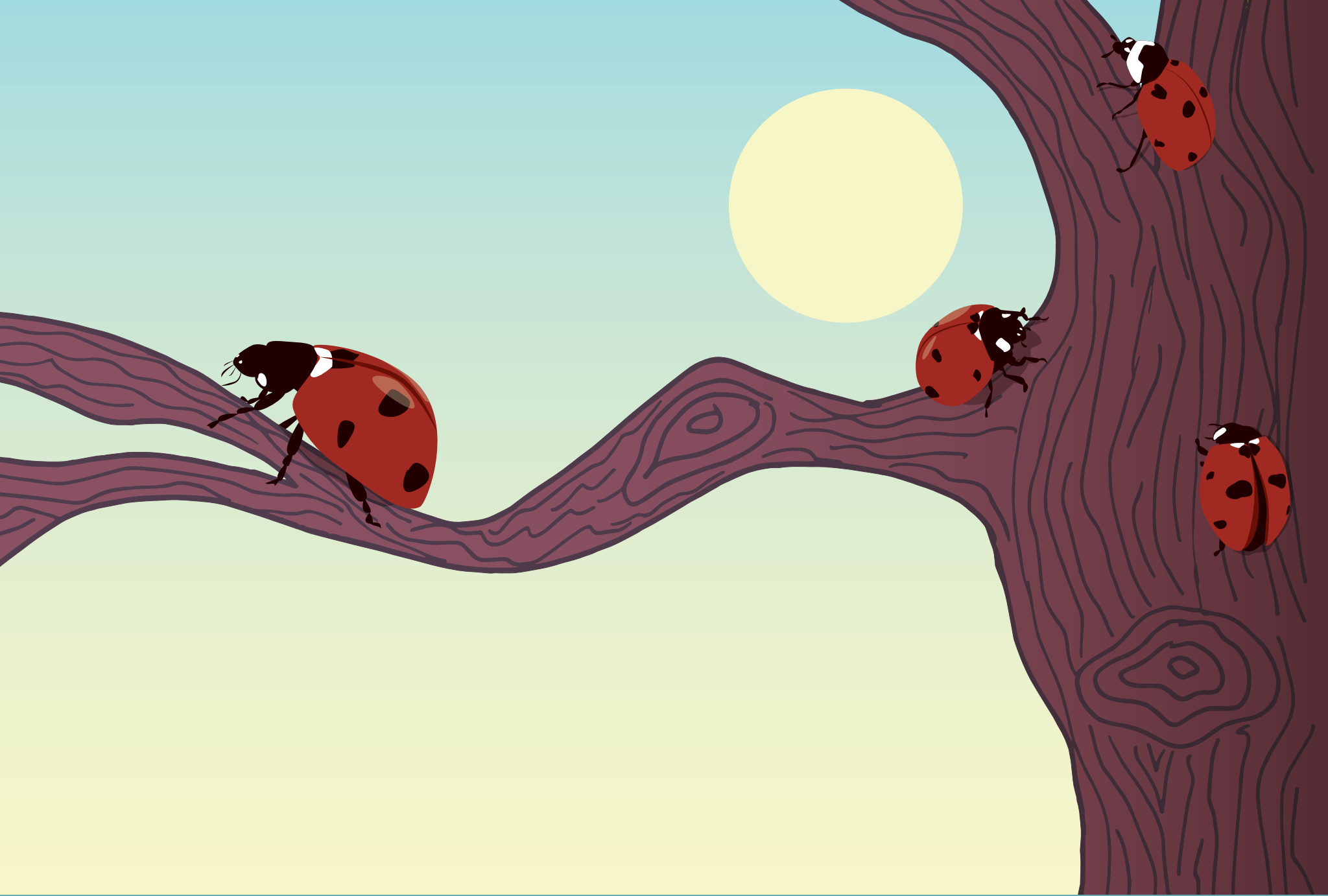





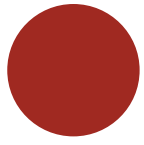
6 little ladybugs
Trying to survive
One played dead,
the others fled,
And then there were five.



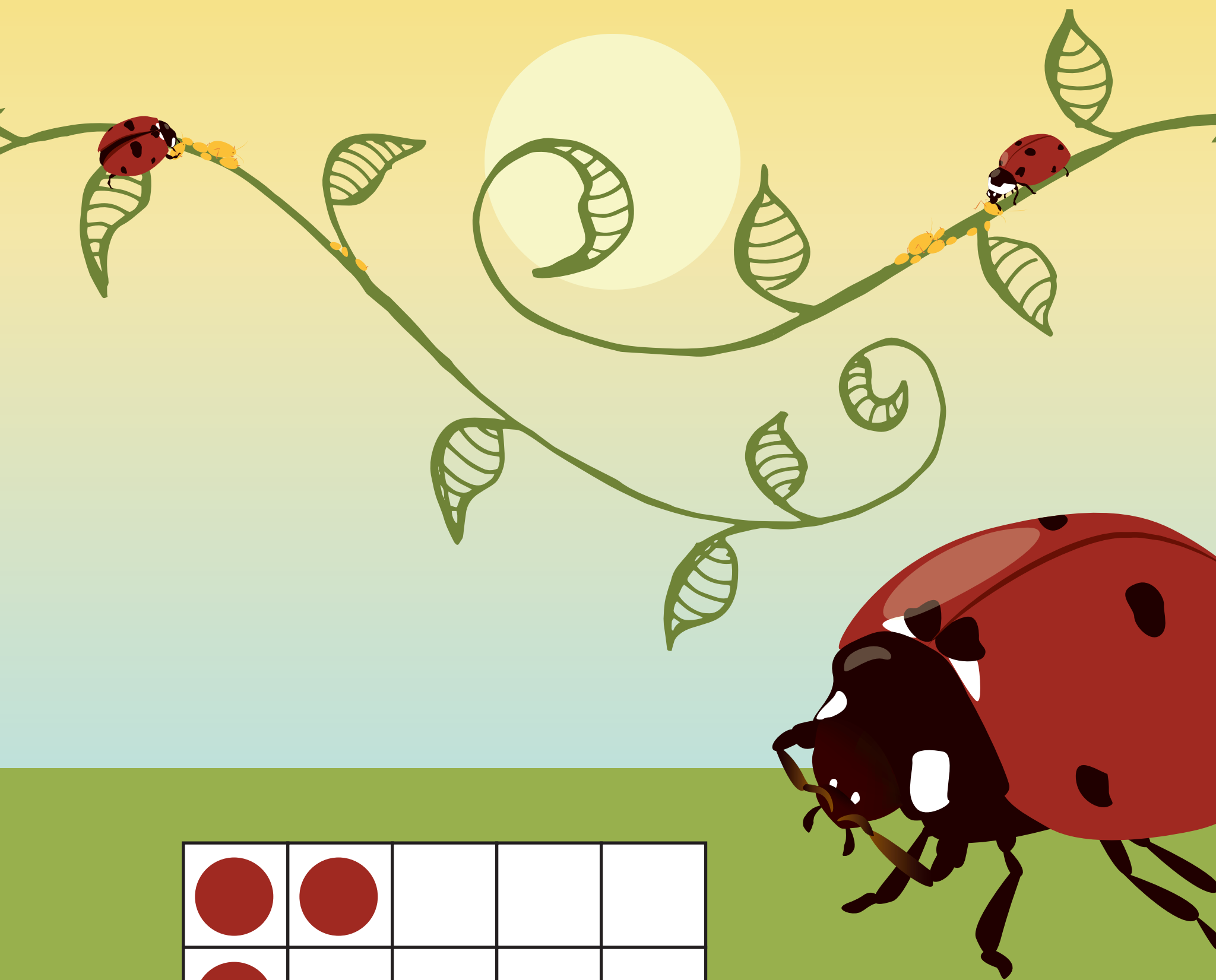
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5 little ladybugs
Caught in a downpour
One hid beneath a leaf,
And then there were four.



4 little ladybugs
Climbing up a tree
One stopped along a branch,
And then there were three.



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3 little ladybugs
On aphids they did chew
One stopped to wash her face,
And then there were two.



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2 little ladybugs
Relaxing in the sun
One went to drink a drop,
And then there was one.



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1 little ladybug
Decided she was done.
She flew away,
She didn't stay,
And then there were none.



0 little ladybugs
Crawling on a vine.
They've all gone home,
So long, goodbye,
And everything is fine.





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