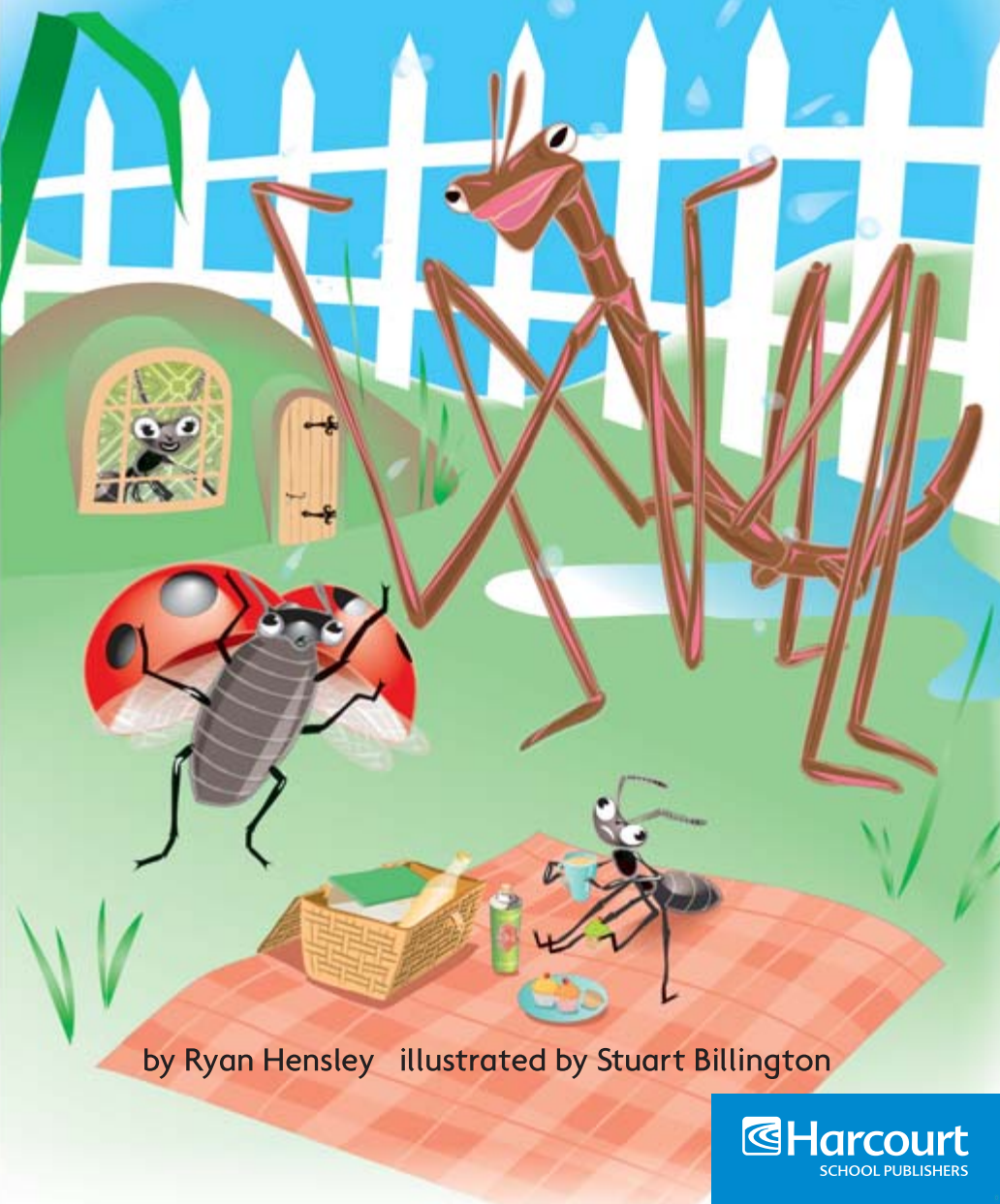


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🔊 Stick Insect was eating. *Drip, drip, trickle, trickle.* Stick Insect saw a puddle.



▶ The puddle got bigger.

“Oh, no!” yelled Stick Insect.

“The world will soon be under water!
I must hurry and tell Beetle.”



▶ Stick Insect rapped on Beetle's door. "The world will soon be under water!" he told Beetle.

▶ Beetle stopped eating.

"Oh, dear!" said Beetle. "I must tell Ant."



Ant was eating.

“The world will soon be under water!” called Beetle. “We should fly up in the sky.”

Ant stopped eating. “I can’t fly,” said Ant.



Ant's mother came out. "Follow me," she said.

Mother Ant showed them a dripping watering can. "A man is tipping the watering can," said Mother Ant.



Just then, the water stopped falling.

“See?” said Mother Ant, “The world will not be under water now.”



🔊 “Thank you!” said Stick Insect, Beetle, and Ant. “Now let’s all go back to eating.”

Think Critically

1. Why did Stick Insect tell Beetle the world would soon be under water?
2. Where was the water coming from?
3. How do you think Stick Insect, Beetle, and Ant felt when Mother Ant told them where the water was coming from?
4. What happened at the end of the story?
5. If you could be any character in the story, which would you be?



Social Studies

List the Helpers Write the names of three people you would ask for help if you were worried about something. Draw a picture of you talking to one of these people.



School-Home Connection Talk about *An Insect Tale* with a family member. Talk about different kinds of insects you have seen.