

For Lola and Alana

FREDDIE the FLY



**SEEING THROUGH
-ANOTHER LENS-**

a perspective-taking story

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Illustrated by **Brian Martin**

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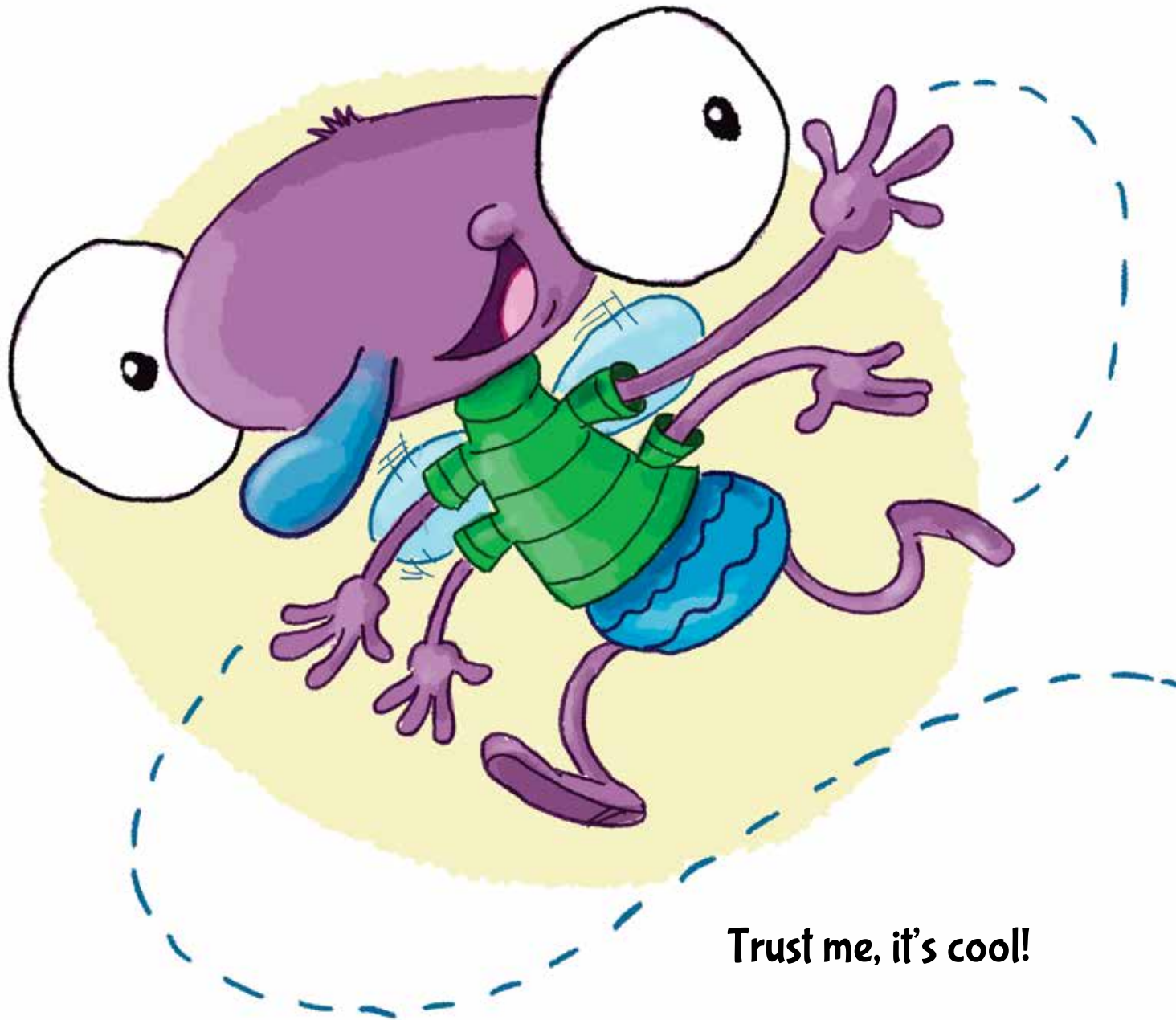
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Want to see something totally **FLY-TASTIC?**



Trust me, it's cool!



See here. I cut my leg yesterday. I was showing the gash to everyone in the cafeteria... until the lunch lady yelled,

“Freddie! Go to the nurse’s office, now!”

I was confused about why I had to go, but I made a beeline to Nurse Mantis’s office.



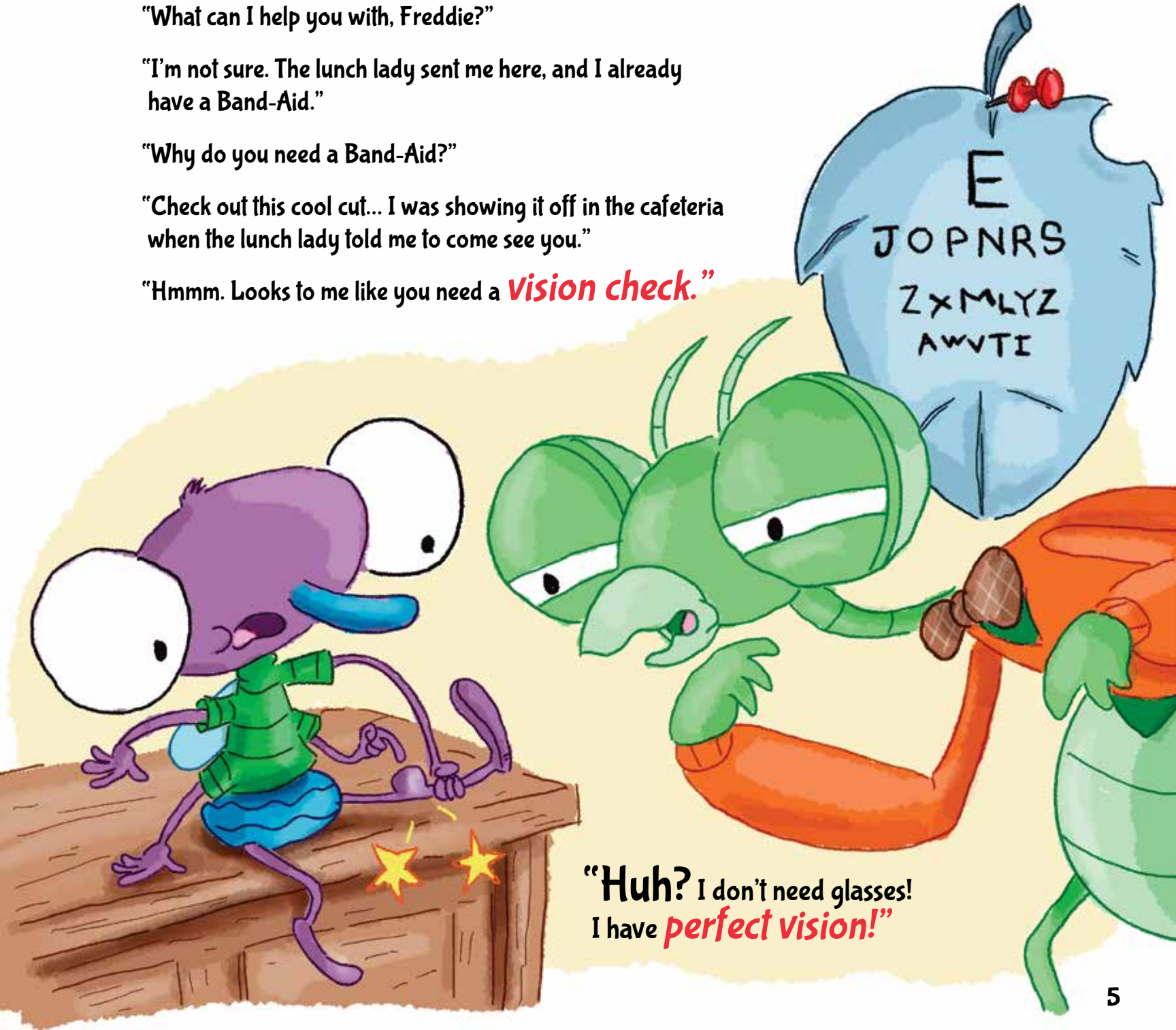
"What can I help you with, Freddie?"

"I'm not sure. The lunch lady sent me here, and I already have a Band-Aid."

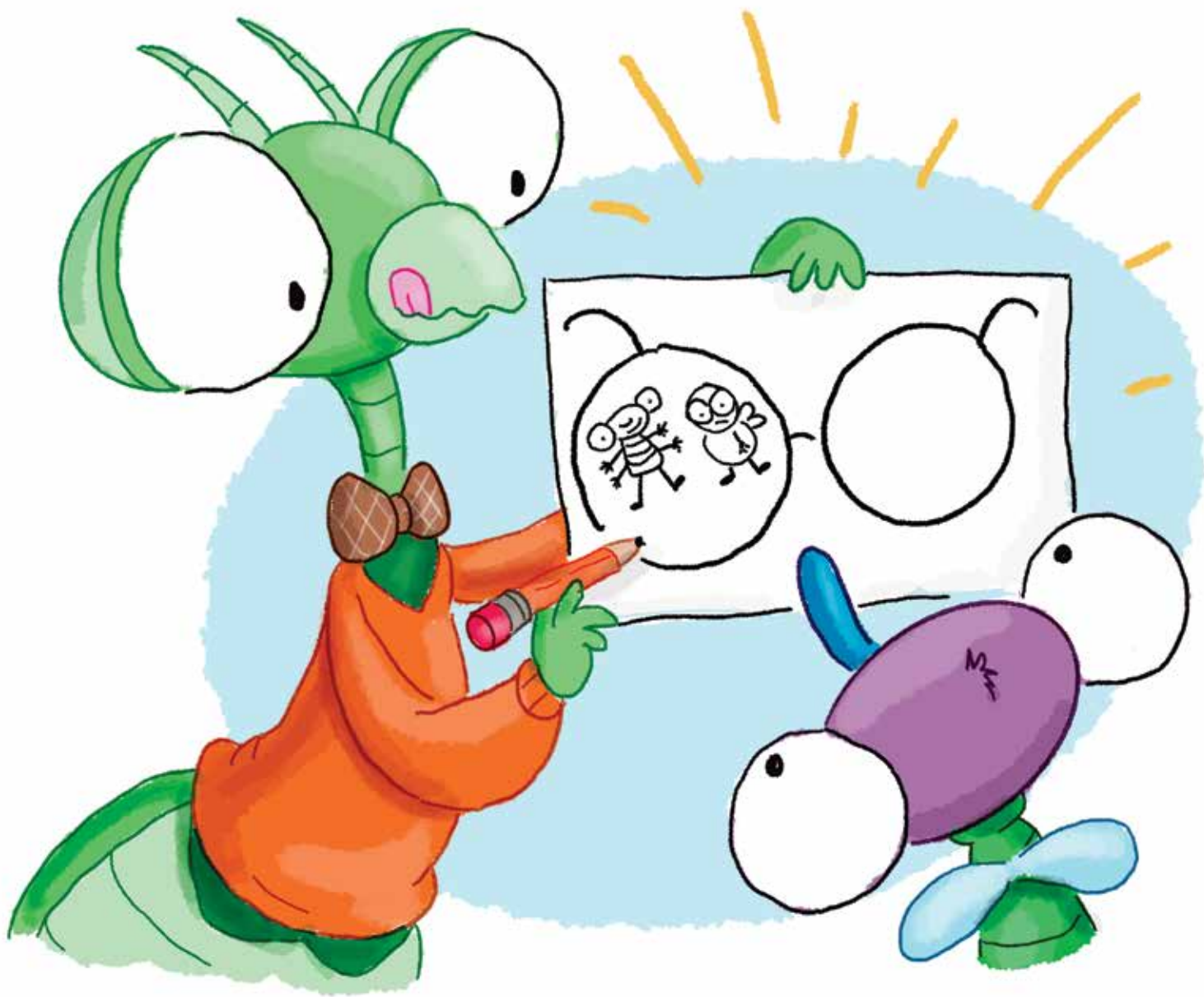
"Why do you need a Band-Aid?"

"Check out this cool cut... I was showing it off in the cafeteria when the lunch lady told me to come see you."

"Hmmm. Looks to me like you need a *vision check.*"



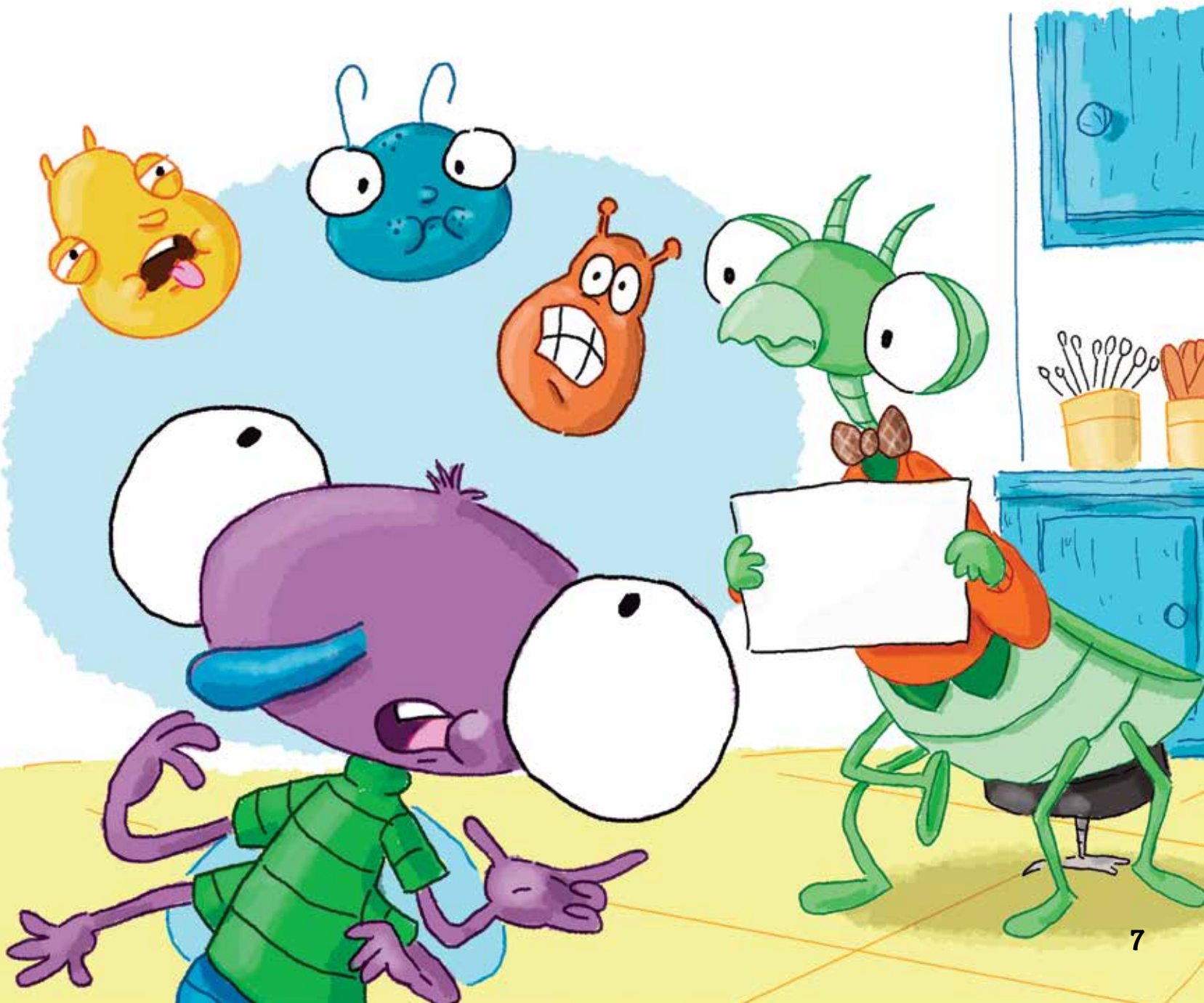
"Huh? I don't need glasses!
I have *perfect vision!*"



Nurse Mantis grabbed a notepad and pen. Then he drew a ***big pair of glasses.*** For the lenses, he made two HUGE circles. Inside one of the circles, he drew a picture of me showing my cut to all my bug buddies.

“What did your friends do when you showed them the cut on your leg?” Mr. Mantis asked.

“Some made faces like they were **grossed** out. Others backed way away from me.”





"So, no one wanted to look at that **grisly gash** while they ate?"



"Guess not," I shrugged.

**“Freddie, have you ever gotten into trouble even when you weren’t breaking any rules?
Or has someone ever gotten mad at you, and you didn’t know why?”**



“Sure. Just this morning Mesquita smacked me. I don’t know why, and Mrs. Stinger didn’t care. Oh, and when I was in art class, Slinky got all mad and said he didn’t want to be my friend.”

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WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ ABOUT FREDDIE the FLY?



Our buddy Freddie has a vision problem. But his eyes are fine.

He can see everything. But it's always from one perspective, one point of view, one self-centered position – his own!

That's why Freddie thinks the lunchroom is the perfect place to show off the nasty looking cut on his leg. **YUCK!** No one wants a side dish of scabs and scars with their mac and cheese. It's also why he's slow to realize that shouting on his fli-phone is totally annoying, and his overbearing attitude is maddening.

Will Freddie's insensitive ways keep him oblivious to the needs and feelings of his friends and family? Or can someone step in and help Freddie see things from a whole new perspective?

A special page for parents and educators offers practical suggestions on helping kids develop their perspective-taking abilities and be more empathetic.

Freddie the Fly is an award-winning series filled with silly situations and spunky critters who always manage to land on their feet.

"Author Kim Delude has done it again! She provides a concrete and memorable way to teach kids about understanding another person's point of view. The book uses catchy and fun language and provides a model of how to use a "perspective-taking" lens. It provides a built-in activity that you can easily use with your children to reinforce the skill. I can't wait to use it with my students." ~ Latanya Moore, School Psychologist



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