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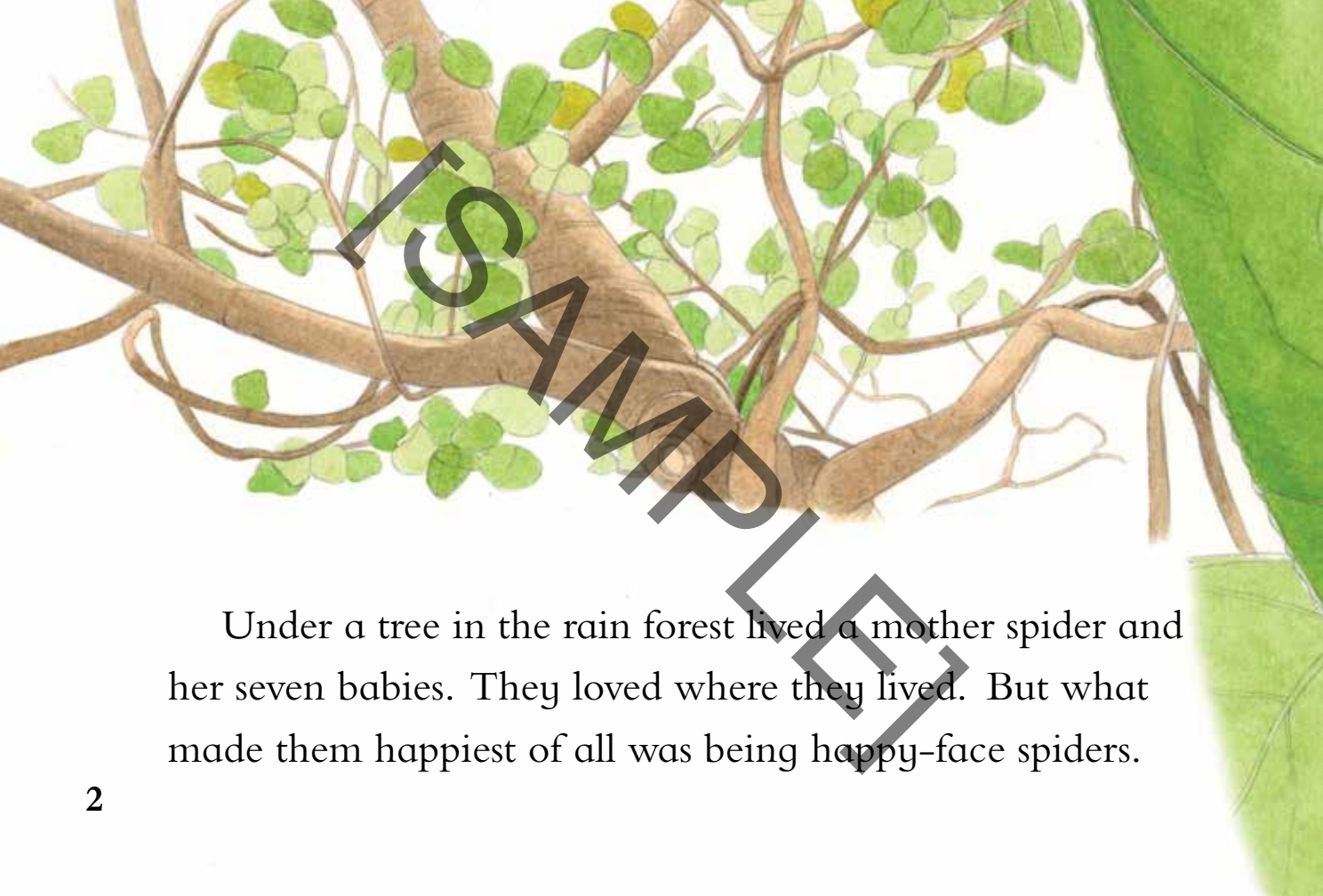
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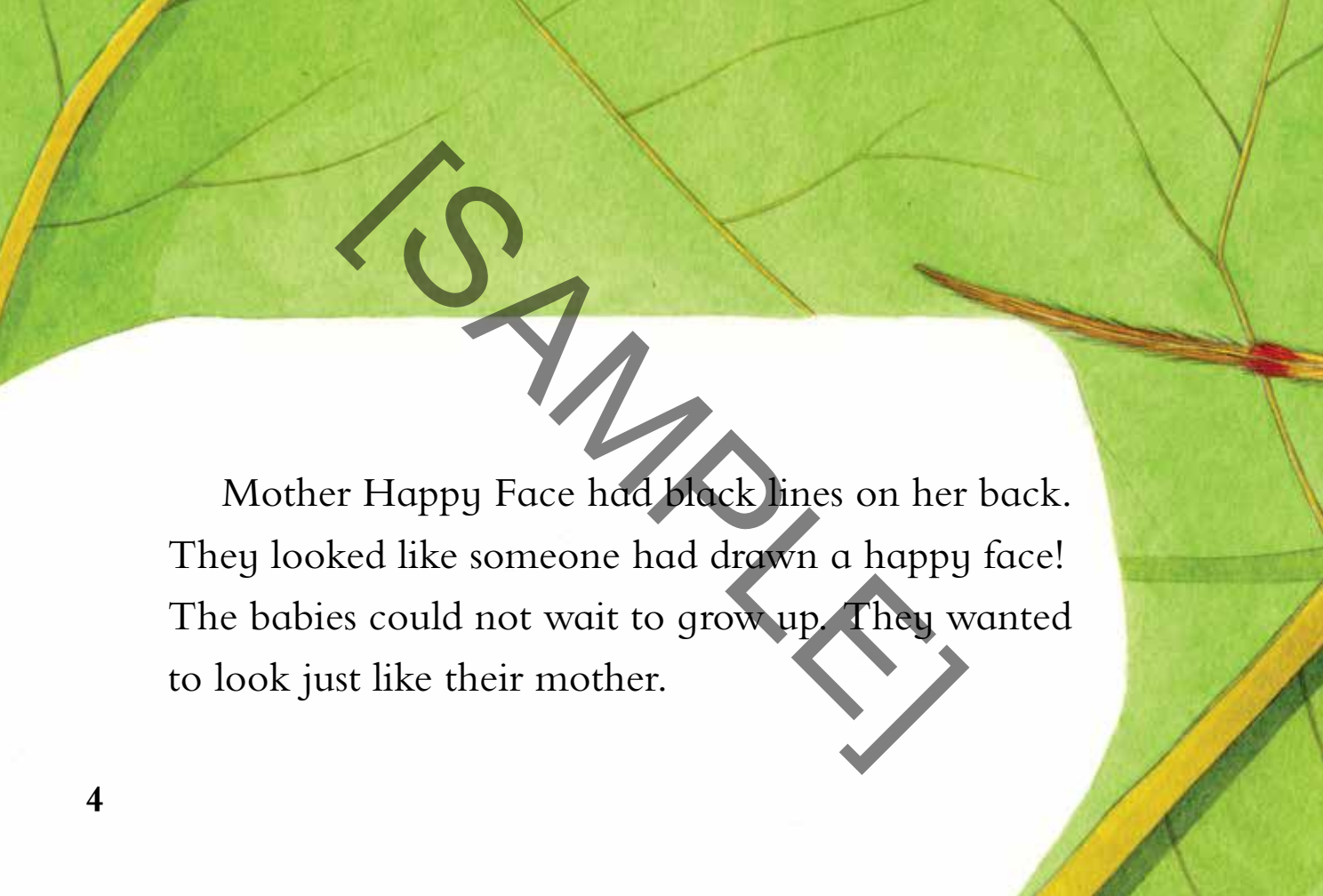


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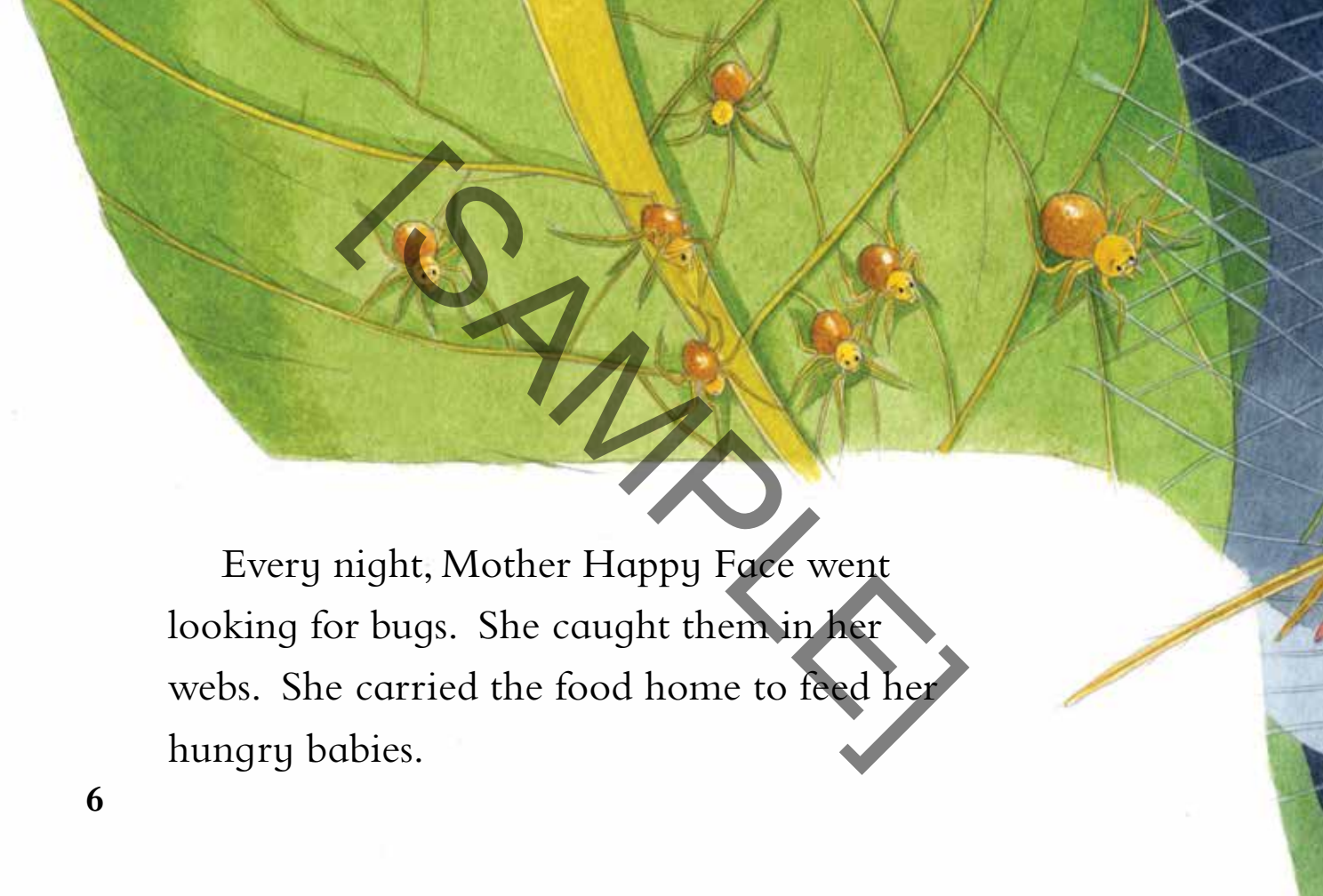
Under a tree in the rain forest lived a mother spider and her seven babies. They loved where they lived. But what made them happiest of all was being happy-face spiders.





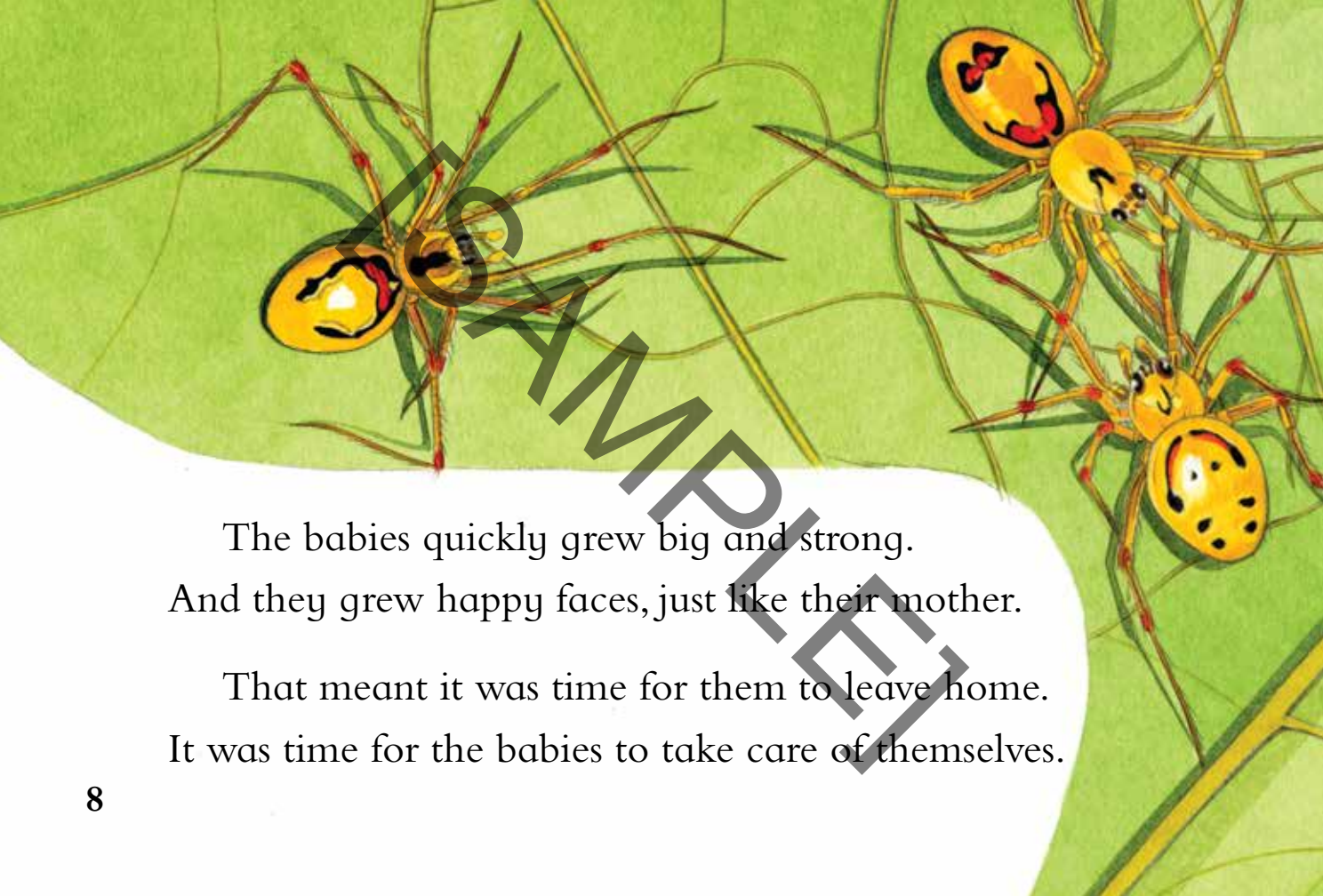
Mother Happy Face had black lines on her back.
They looked like someone had drawn a happy face!
The babies could not wait to grow up. They wanted
to look just like their mother.





Every night, Mother Happy Face went looking for bugs. She caught them in her webs. She carried the food home to feed her hungry babies.





The babies quickly grew big and strong.
And they grew happy faces, just like their mother.

That meant it was time for them to leave home.
It was time for the babies to take care of themselves.



Mother Happy Face helped her children pack their bags. “Have fun exploring the rain forest,” she said. She hugged each of them goodbye. “And don’t forget to send me a postcard,” she called, as they ran off into the trees.

“We will!” they all cried. “Love you, Mom!” Mother Happy Face was happy on the outside, but on the inside, she felt sad.





The very next day, the
first postcard arrived.

Dear Mom,

I found a great tree to live in.
I have started spinning my own webs.
Last night, I caught a big, fat bug.
It was so juicy!
Love,

Maile





The next day, another postcard arrived.

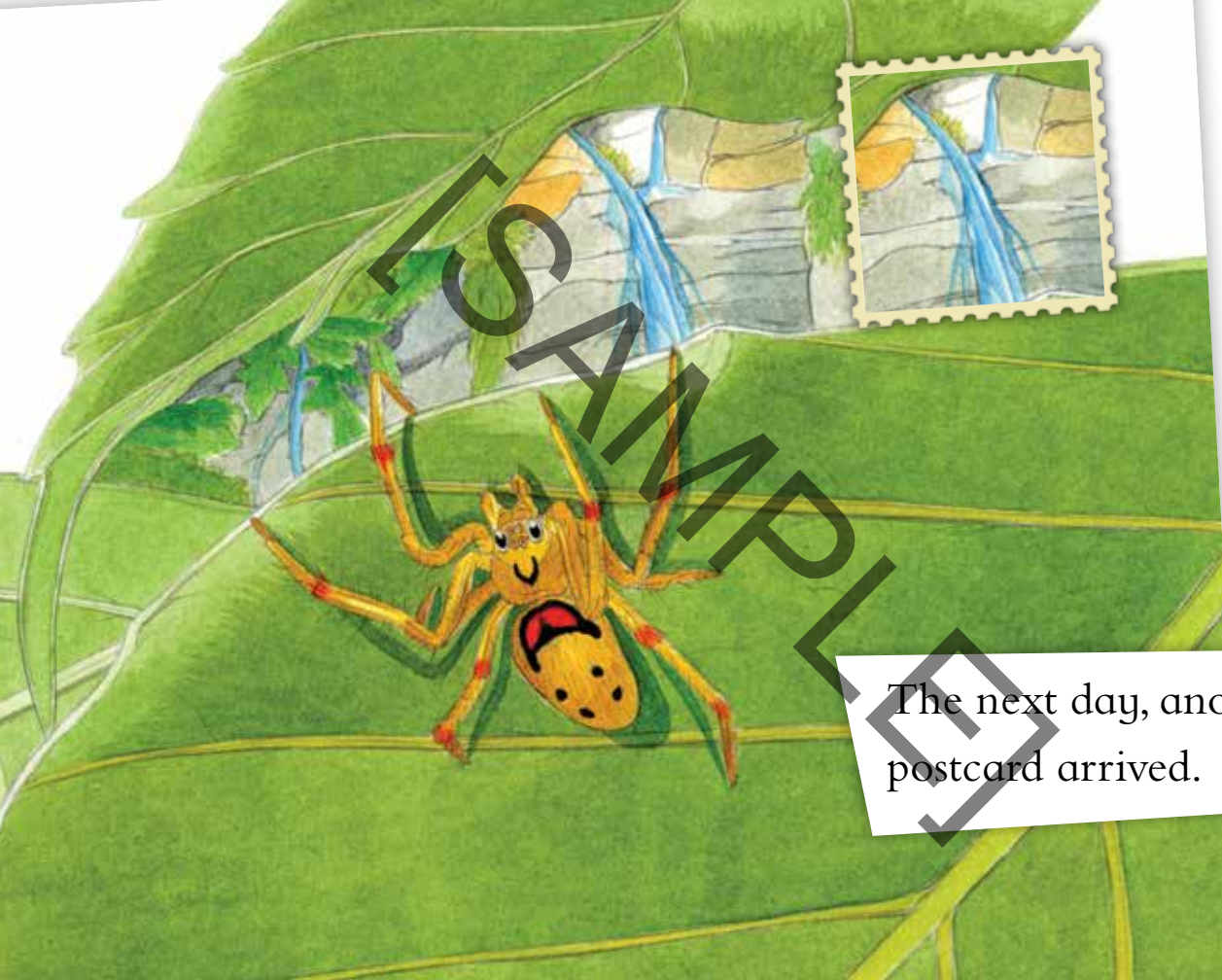
Dear Mom,

I am working at The Rain Forest Hotel. There is a waterfall outside my room. Only spiders are allowed to stay at this hotel. So, there are no big bugs to chase me! You should come visit.

Love,

Nani





The next day, another postcard arrived.

Dear Mom,

Today, something scary happened! A big fat cane toad chased me, so I ran up a tree. I stopped on a soft, mossy branch. It will make a great home. I miss you.

Love,

Kai





The next day, another postcard arrived.

Dear Mom,

I have made friends with another spider
named Kaia. Her name means “the sea.” She
has a moth that flies her all over the rain forest.
Today, we flew over a volcano.

Love,

Ahe





The next day, another postcard arrived.

Dear Mom,

Today, I went sailing. It was great fun.
There is a pool near my house. I even built
my own sailboat!

Love,

Ihe





The next day, another postcard arrived.

Dear Mom,

I just love the rain forest! I have found so many big, colorful flowers. I painted pictures of them. I painted this postcard for you.

Love,

Kalea



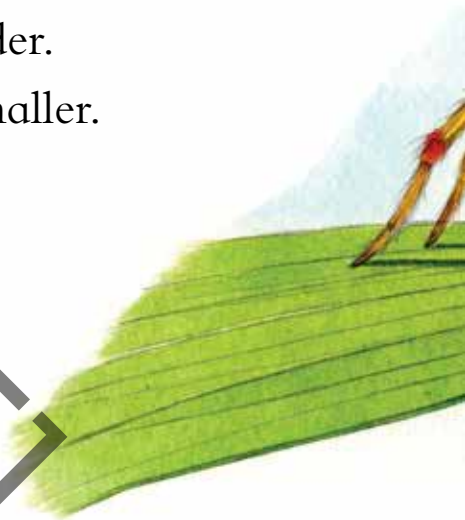


The next day, another
postcard arrived.

Dear Mom,

I have made friends with a peacock spider.
Peacock is the same age as me, but even smaller.
I like having a friend who is tiny like me.
Love,

Sera







Mother Happy Face was so proud of her children.
Each one had sent her a postcard, just as she had asked.
They were all happy in the big beautiful rain forest.





So she packed her bag. She was going on a vacation to visit her children. Mother Happy Face was happy on the outside. And on the inside, she was very happy, too.

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