

BLAZE THE STRONGEST LADYBUG



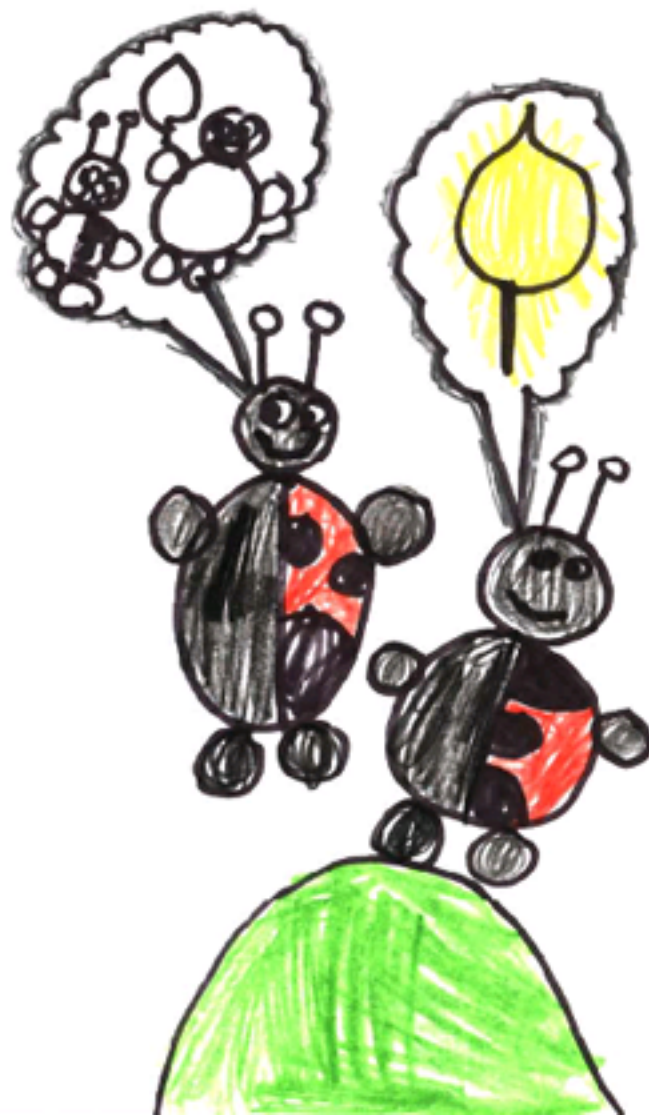
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About Blaze

This is Blaze. He is a ladybug. He wants to be as strong as a praying mantis, but he is the smallest ladybug in his town. He lives with his mom and his brother David. David picks on Blaze for being so small and told Blaze he could never win the town's Strong Bug contest. "The winner gets a golden leaf, and it will not be yours", he said in a mean laugh. Blaze knew it would be hard, but he decided to be in the contest.





The Practice

He started running with his dog. He tripped on his shoelace and fell on the dog. He tried to jump rope next. He jumped so high he bumped his head on the ceiling. The rope wrapped around him like a spider web. Then he tried lifting a heavy weight, but it fell on him. His mom had to rescue him. David was laughing so hard, he rolled off his seat.





But Blaze kept practicing. He ran again, and this time he ran faster than his dog. He jump roped four hundred times in a row, and he lifted the heavy weight fourteen times. All that practice made him get stronger, just in time for the confest.





The Contest

The first event was a race, and Blaze was in second place behind his brother. Then he ran so fast he sped past David at the finish line. David was very mad.

The second event was jump roping. All the other bugs got tired and quit except David and Blaze. They were both doing great until David tripped and fell. Blaze still told David that he did a good job.





The last event was weight lifting. Blaze lifted the heaviest weight all the way over his head. Then he lifted it up with one hand, and everybody cheered- even David.

It was time for the awards. The judge said Blaze was the winner! On the way home, Blaze shared his golden leaf with David because they had both done a great job.

