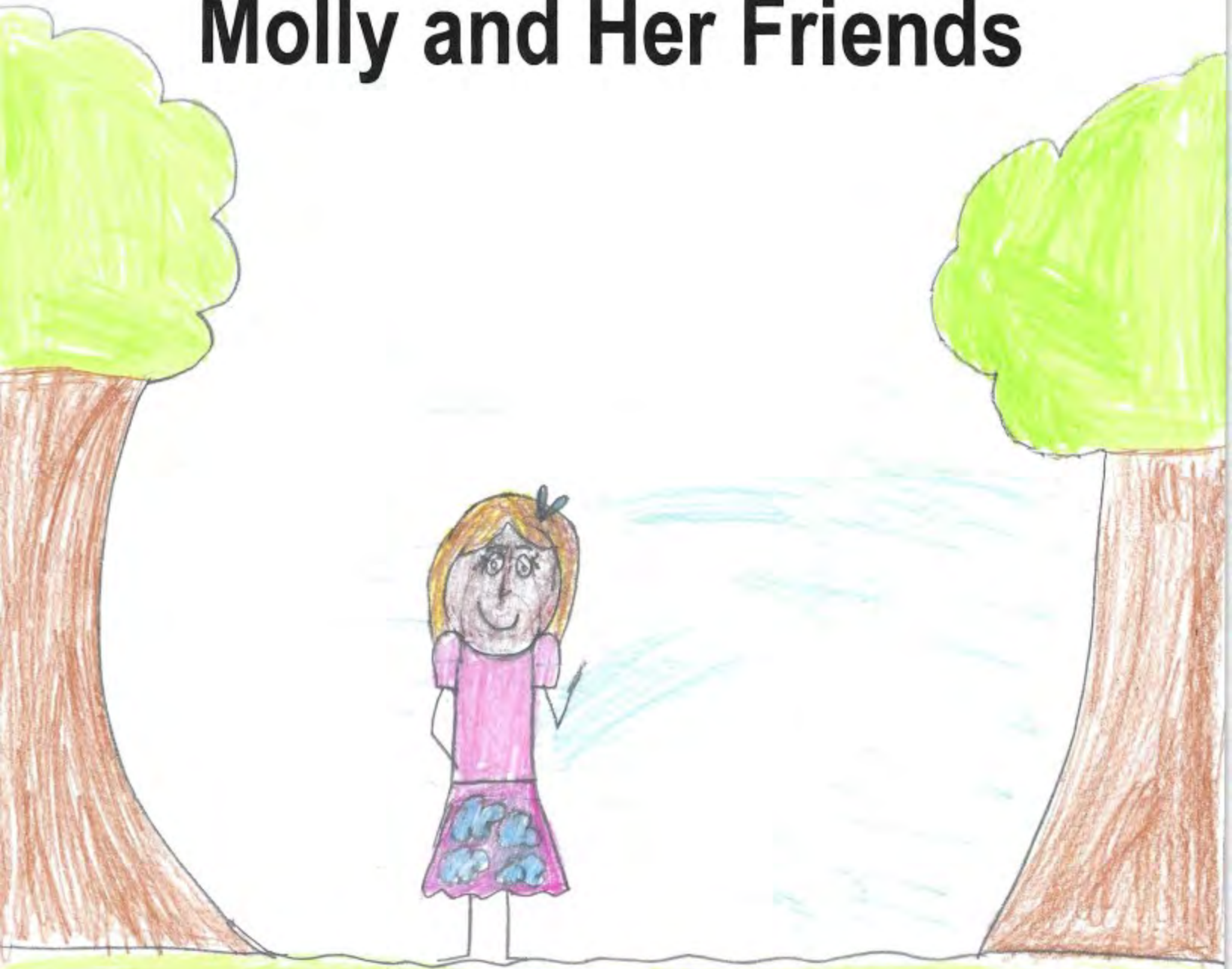


The Adventure of Molly and Her Friends



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Hi, I'm Molly, I am 10 ½ years old. I have two very good friends named Mandy and her little brother, Michael. We hang out all the time and go on awesome adventures.

Have you ever had a dream that felt so real, but was a little strange at the same time? Well guess what, *I did*. Let me tell you *all* about it.



Molly

Mandy

Michael



I was sleeping peacefully in my nice, cozy bed and suddenly, I found myself standing in a lush, green land. I looked around and saw many trees, bushes, grass and began to hear animal sounds. Not normal animals, but talking animals! There were tiny mice up to a large tiger. All of them said "Who are your friends?" I didn't understand what they meant, so I looked to the side of me and saw Mandy and her brother, Michael. It felt like we were in real life, but as I heard the animals talking, I realized I was on a strange adventure.



As my friends and I were exploring, I suddenly heard a frightful cry and Mandy screamed, "Where's Michael?" Behind us, Michael had fallen into a **HOLE!**



The animals could sense our worry. Mandy cried loudly, "HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET HIM OUT?"

All of the sudden, a tiger jumps in front of us and proclaims, "We can help. All we need is a little cooperation and teamwork from everyone. Who's in?"



We found this strange that a tiger wanted to help us, but Mandy and I accepted the help from the animals and we all got to work. The tiger suggested, "Let's work together and make a ladder." The wood peckers shouted, "we'll peck at the trees for branches." "And we'll catch the sticks." said the elephants. The monkeys swung high and pulled down the vines. Mandy and I started tying knots. We were all helping each other to build a ladder.



“Hooray, woohoo...” shouted everyone, as Michael climbed his way out of the hole.

We were having so much fun with the animals. I turned to Mandy and said “Pinch me! This can’t be right.” Just as she went to do so....



....I woke up! There I was back in my bed wondering, what had just happened?

Rubbing my eyes, I thought to myself, wow! That was a crazy, fun and dramatic dream. You know what, though? I learned something, too! The animals in my dream represented real friends and family who are always there to help. Working as a team is much more important than trying to do everything by yourself.

So, don't be afraid to ask others for help. You never know who might be standing by waiting for the invitation.

The End

