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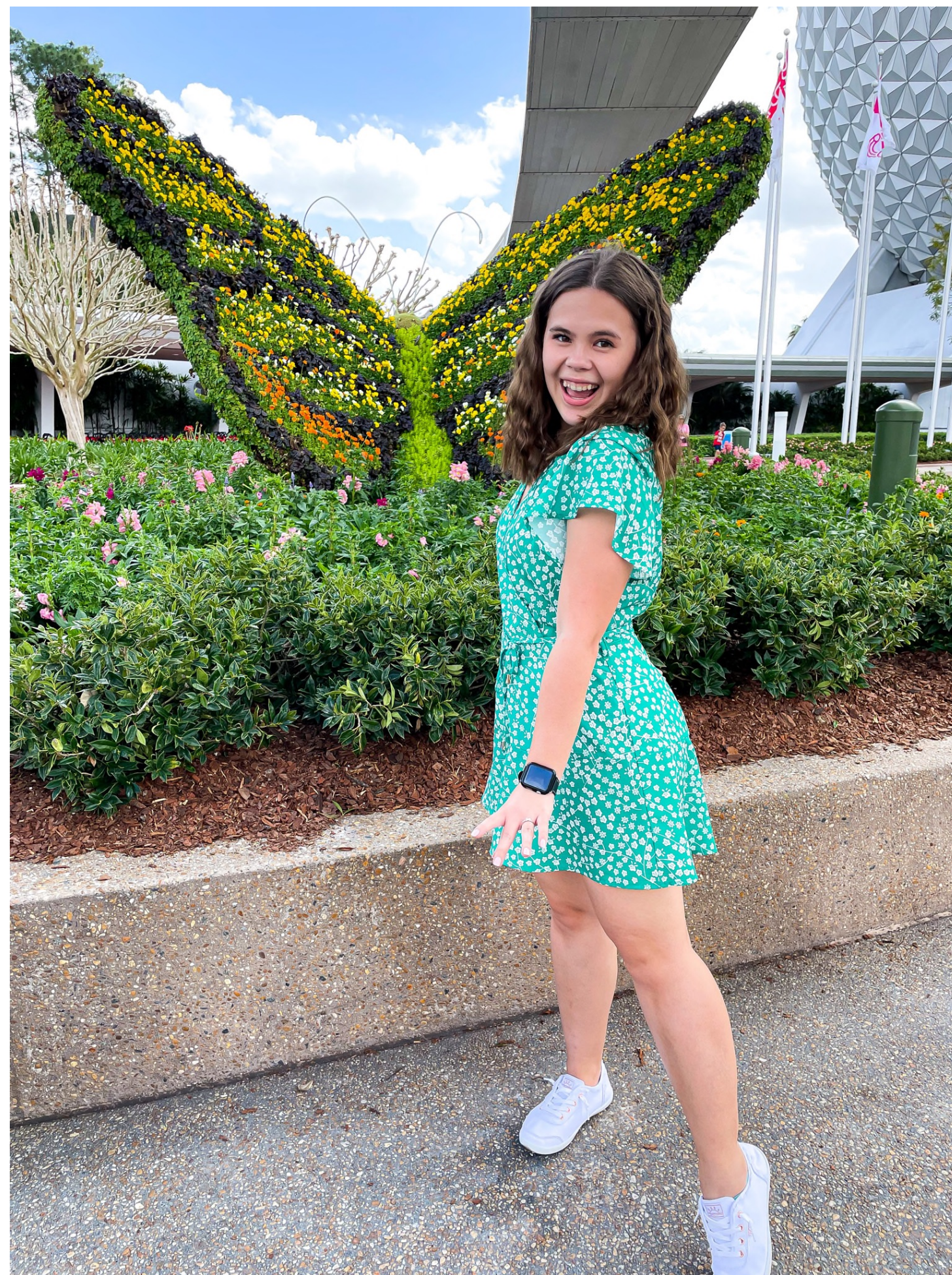
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all about the author

Michaela Epi is a University of Central Florida student studying elementary education. Inspiration for this story came from a special place in her heart - a real life event that herself and her mom experienced. Butterflies are near and dear to Michaela's heart. She hopes she can help young children see there is always love around them no matter how much their hearts are grieving.





dedicated to dad

Hi daddy,

It is quite hard to believe it's been a few years without you. Everyday I think of how proud you would be of me. Everyday I think about the kind and humble person you were that had a huge heart for everyone around him.

I know you're always with me. I love seeing butterflies and feeling that comfort around me when I need it most.

This book is dedicated to you. I love you more than you'll ever know.

Love, your daughter

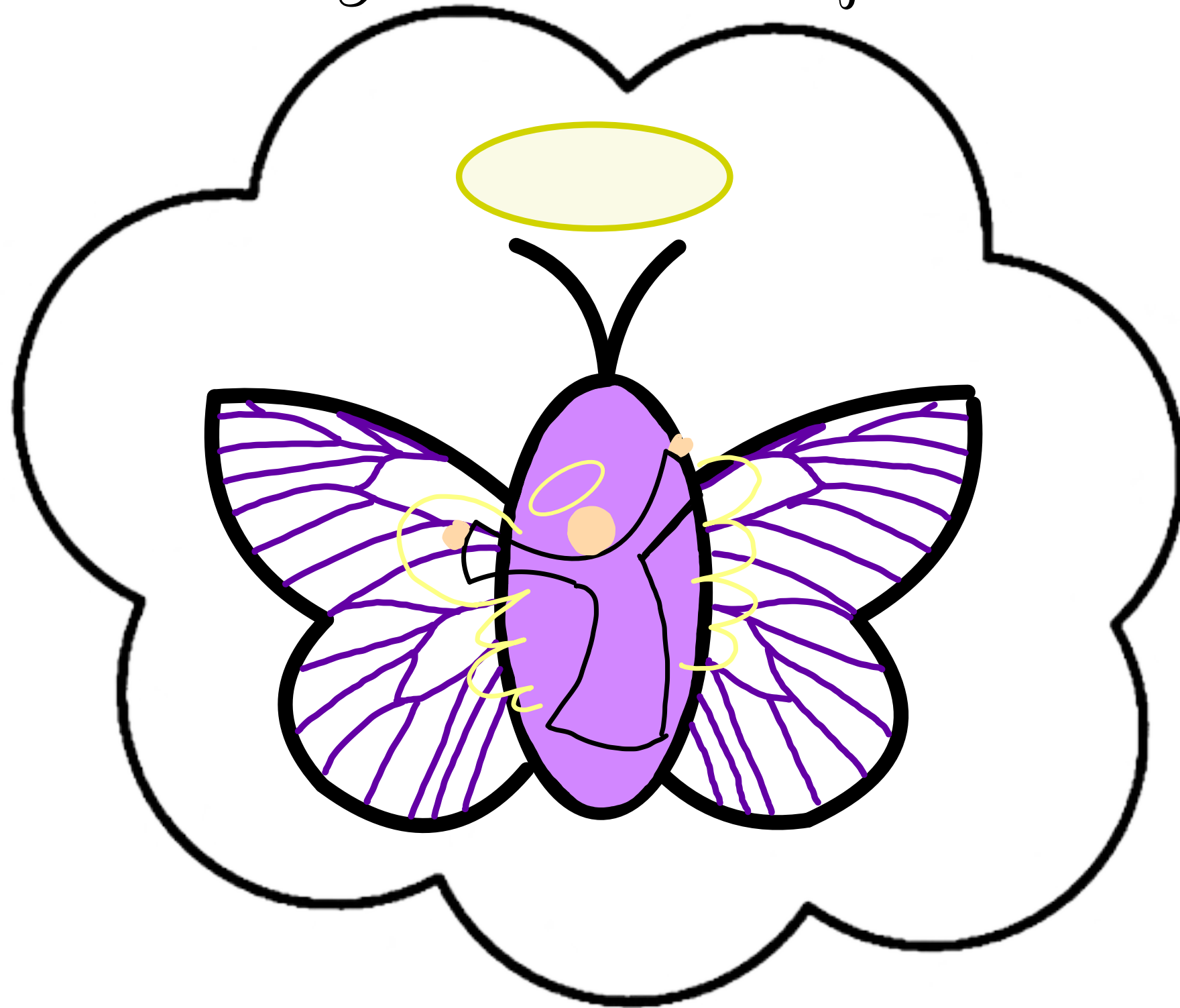
my very favorite memory..
Disney 2019



high school graduation...
May 2018

butterflies in the sky

by: michaela epi



One cloudy day, Marie and her Mommy
were laying in the meadow.



The meadow felt like a warm hug wrapped
around her tiny shoulders.



Marie and her Mommy were gazing at the sky hoping for a conversation from above.



With tears in her eyes, Marie asked,
“Mommy, how do I always know that Daddy
is watching from above?”



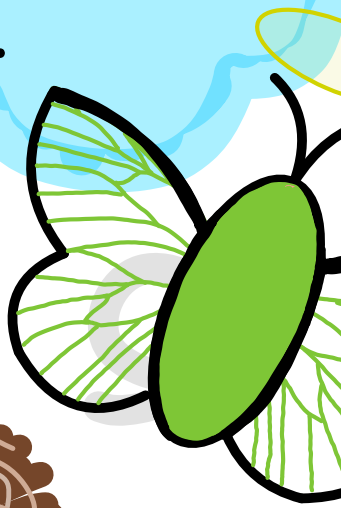
“Sweetheart, Daddy is always watching you. He is so proud of the sweet girl you are becoming.”, said Mommy.



Marie couldn't see her Daddy, so how was he always watching her? She was a puddle of tears just thinking about it.



“When I lost my Mommy, I would always see butterflies around me. It felt like she was right by my side.”, explained Mommy.



Marie couldn't believe what happened next.



This feels
LIKE A
PRINCESS

A swarm of butterflies flew right over Marie
and her Mommy.



But one special butterfly
caught Marie's eye.



She chased and chased that one special butterfly.



Marie froze and the butterfly flew to sit on Marie's hand. She felt like she was in a dream. The butterfly's wings were fluttering.

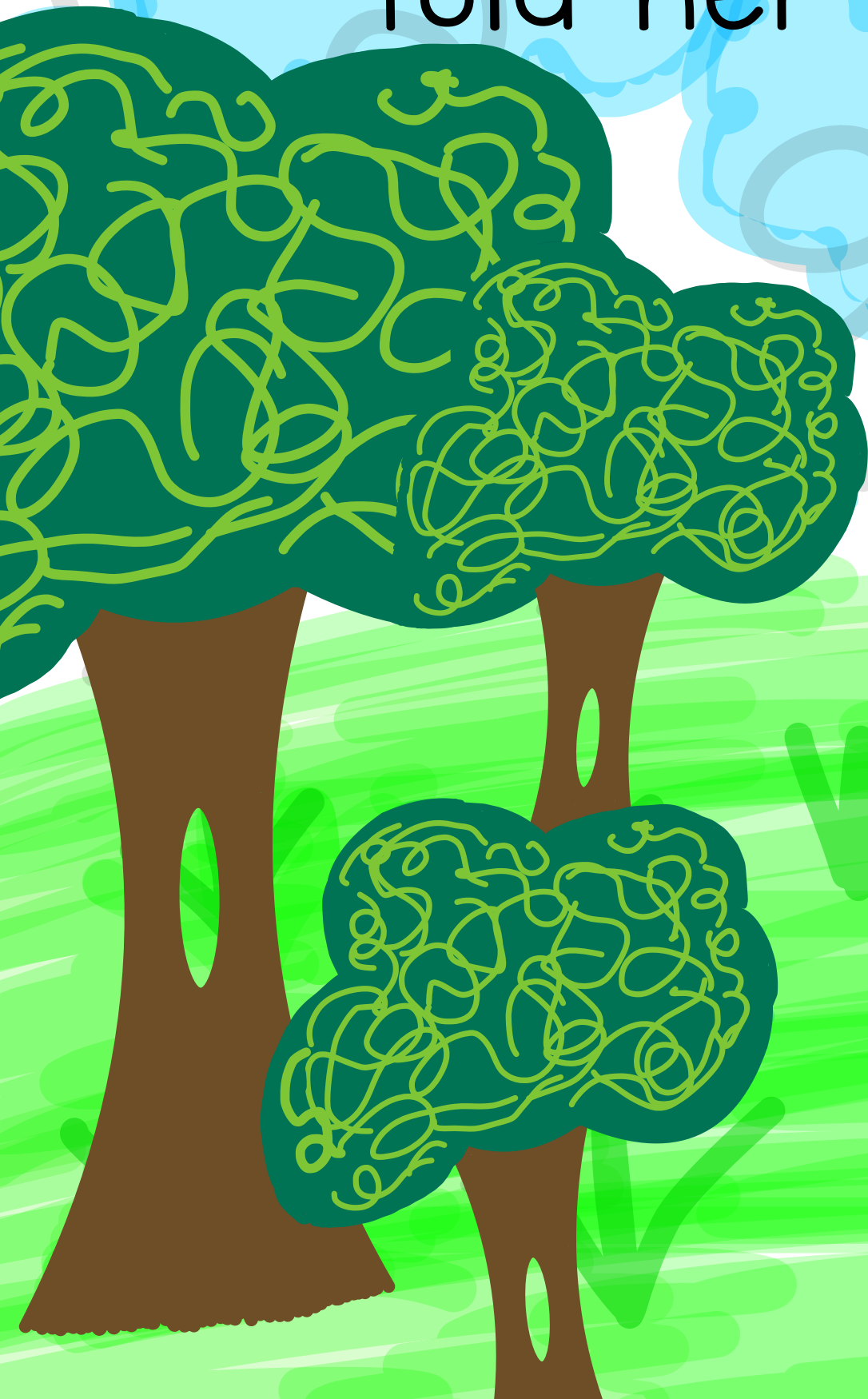


Marie started crying. She knew what her Mommy had said about butterflies being around. It was like a sign that her Daddy was right there with her.



Tears filled her eyes but like the meadow, the butterfly felt like a warm and comforting hug. The butterfly flew away. Marie was left in awe of what she had just experienced.

She scampered back to her Mommy and told her what she had just seen.



"Mommy, WHERE ARE YOU?
YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE IT!"

Marie told her mom about the special butterfly. They hugged and cried together.

After all... *butterflies were always in the sky*



We love you dad...
forever and always!

