

The Beetle Girl

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THIS STORY IS DEDICATED TO

My sister

BECAUSE

**Because she is a little weird like The
Beetle girl. Also because I love her
when she plays with me.**





There was a family of 4 that lived in a great neighborhood. They had a daughter and a son named Julia and Brandon. There was a room full of insects. Because Brandon liked studying bugs. Also the daughter Julia liked eating beetles.

The next day Julia and Brandon were eating breakfast. In the back, mom was cooking and her dad was washing the dishes. On the table, Brandon was reading a Beetle book but he noticed that his sister was growing antennas. So he said " did you put fake antennas on" and Julia said " No."

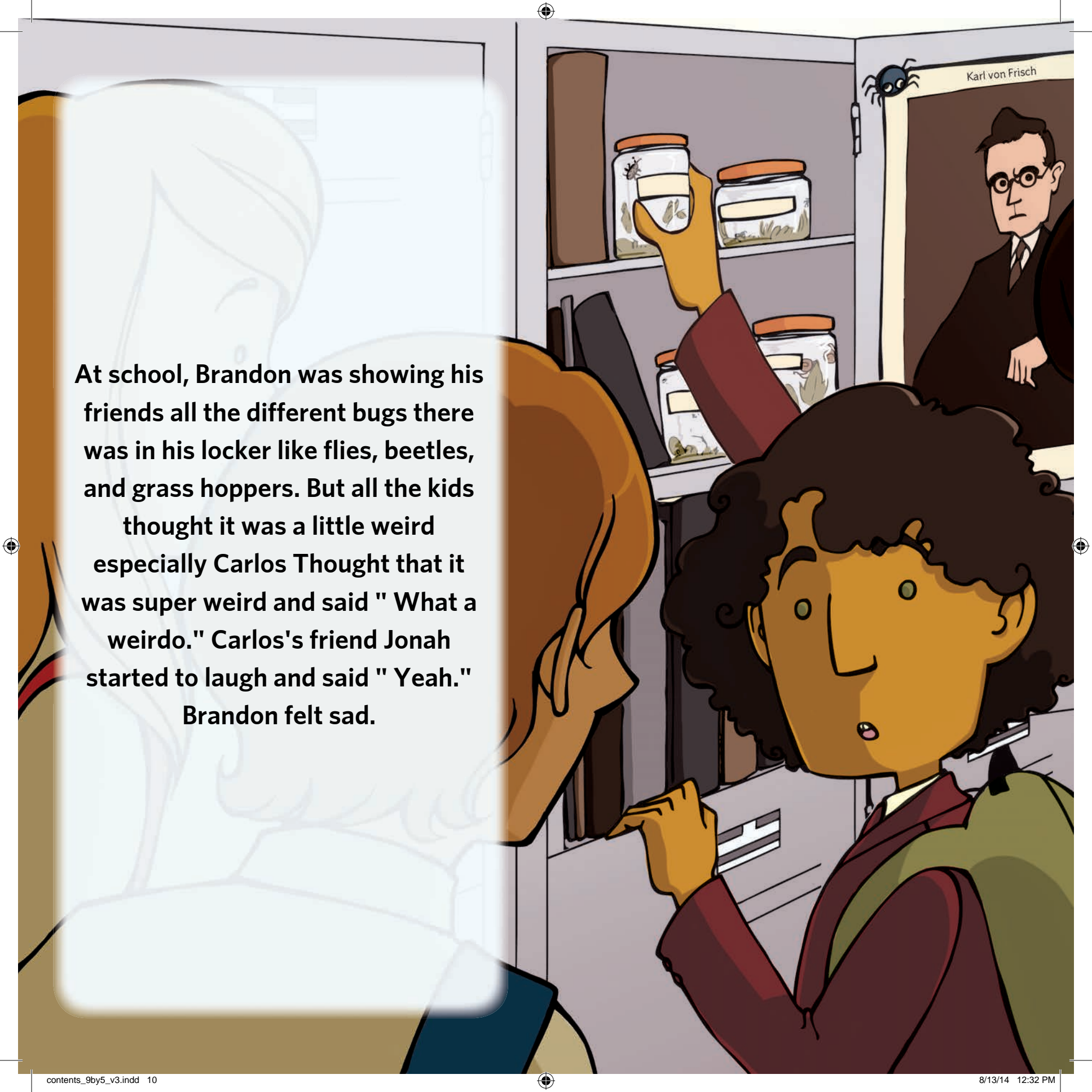






After breakfast, Julia and Brandon went outside to go to school. But Julia was sad that Brandon left her to go with the other kids and by then Julia was growing legs.





At school, Brandon was showing his friends all the different bugs there was in his locker like flies, beetles, and grass hoppers. But all the kids thought it was a little weird especially Carlos Thought that it was super weird and said " What a weirdo." Carlos's friend Jonah started to laugh and said " Yeah." Brandon felt sad.



But suddenly all the kids saw that Julia was growing antennas, legs, and arms. A girl called Kimberly said " Is that your sister that is growing animal parts?"



Brandon said " yes that is my sister and no she is not growing animal parts."
"She is growing beetle body parts." Everyone thought that it was so cool
even Carlos said "Cool."

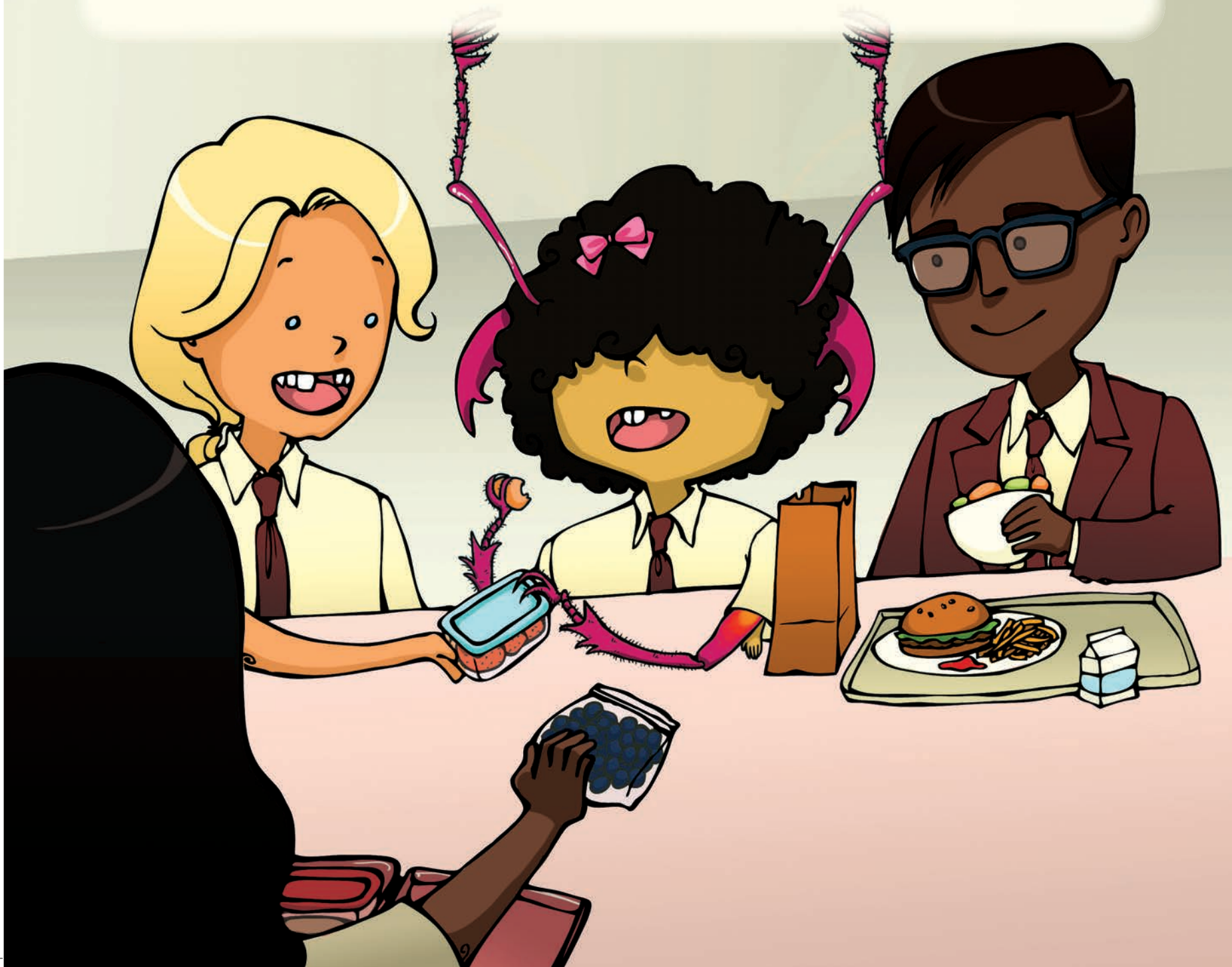




After Brandon's friend left him to go to the lunch room. He did not feel good when he saw the rest of his friends go talk with his sister. A girl next to him named Lucy told him " Are you feeling ok because you do not look ok." Yeah I am" Brandon told Lucy and they both left. By then Julia was growing palp.



Julia was eating lunch with his brother's friends and her brother's friends are Maya, Julio, Paola but they call her Peppa pig , Agatha but everyone calls her Aggie, and Jorge. Peppa said " I like how Julia could grab her food with her beetle arms"everyone agreed.



In the back, Brandon was reading a book about beetles. He was mad at his friends because they went to eat with Julia instead. Lucy that was behind him was looking at Brandon because she saw that he was mad.



Lucy also liked beetles like him she even shows him her book that she had about beetles. Brandon was so happy he met someone that likes the same things as him. Brandon and Lucy spent hours talking about beetles and Brandon said " Thank you for talking to me," and then they both left to play outside.



In the other table, the other kids were with Julia were talking about how Julia has beetle parts. " Did a beetle bite you" said the first girl," Did you find a drink and drank it and you turned into this," asked the 2nd girl, " No" said Julia, "I don't really know what happened" said Julia she did know what made her as a beetle.





When school ended Julia and Brandon were happy with each other and because they made new friends that are really their friends. Julia told Brandon all about the questions that her friends were asking her " This one girl asked if a beetle bite me," she told him. "Did you tell them the truth," Brandon asked. " No," said Julia, I did not tell them the truth I did not feel like telling them the truth. By then Julia had a whole beetle body.



The next day they went to eat with Julia's friends her mom, dad, and Brandon's friend Lucy. At the table, they were talking about how school was going. Julia was talking about the kids that were asking her questions." This one kid asked me," Julia said with her mouth full," about how this happened."



Brandon was talking to Lucy about the different types of animals. Julia was talking to her friend Jamal and said " Hey did you do the homework the Mis. Lupita gave you," asked Jamal, because I did not get the last part." "Yeah," said Julia. When we get home I can help you with it if your mom lets you come. By then Julia was a beetle already and she loved being one and so did her brother.





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