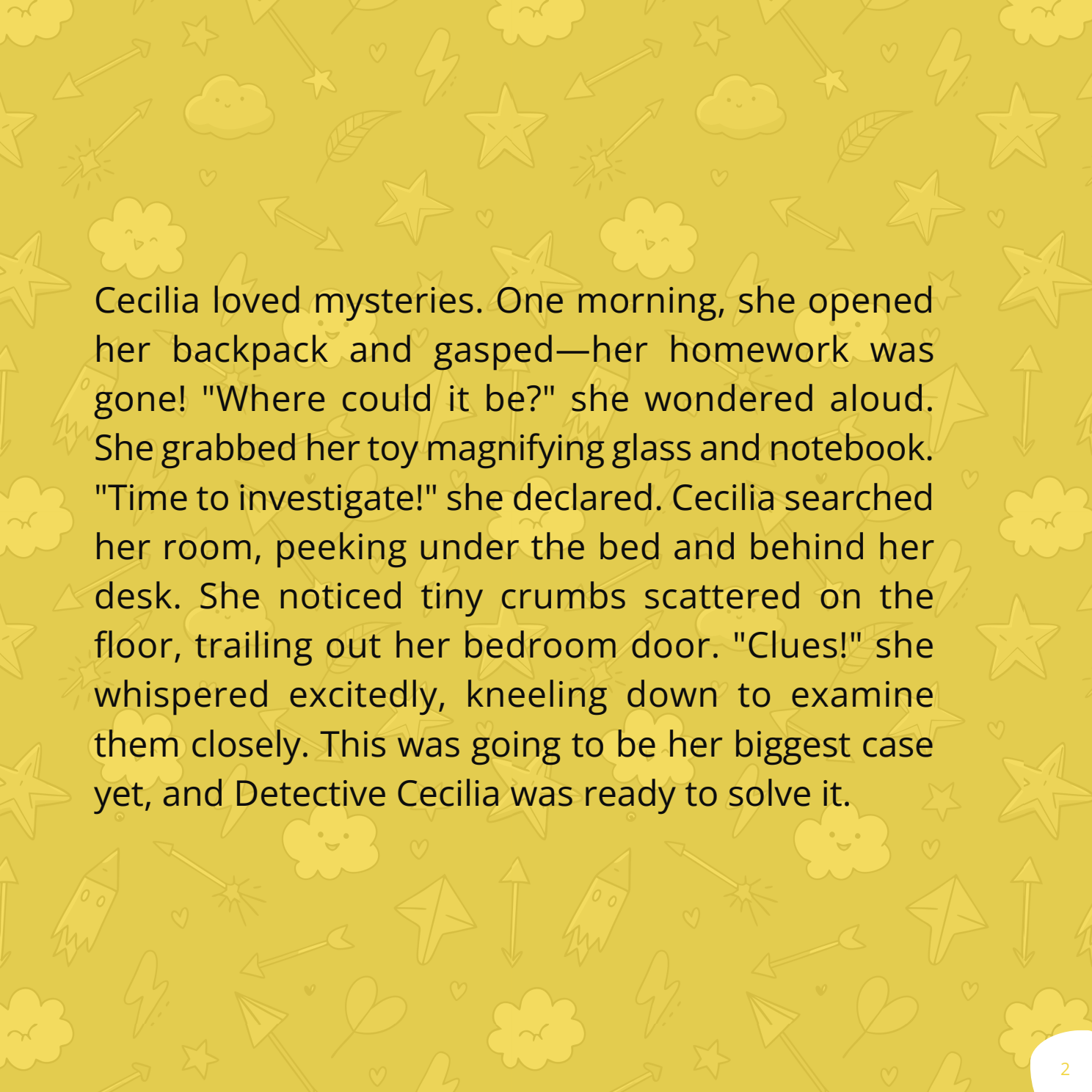


THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING HOMEWORK



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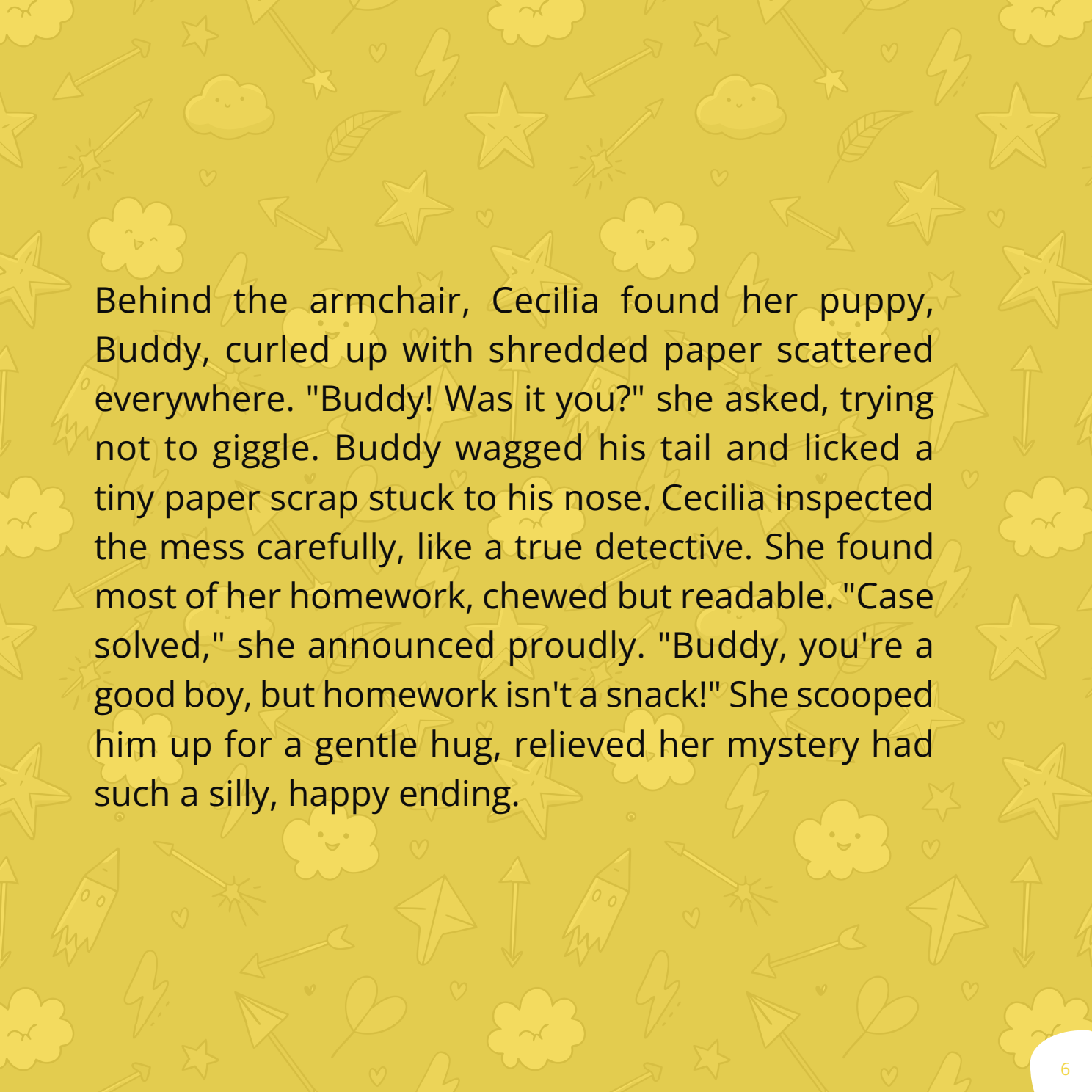
Cecilia loved mysteries. One morning, she opened her backpack and gasped—her homework was gone! "Where could it be?" she wondered aloud. She grabbed her toy magnifying glass and notebook. "Time to investigate!" she declared. Cecilia searched her room, peeking under the bed and behind her desk. She noticed tiny crumbs scattered on the floor, trailing out her bedroom door. "Clues!" she whispered excitedly, kneeling down to examine them closely. This was going to be her biggest case yet, and Detective Cecilia was ready to solve it.

Clues!



Following the crumbs, Cecilia tiptoed into the living room. She spotted small paw prints stamped across her mom's rug, leading toward the kitchen. "Paw prints," she said, scribbling in her notebook. Suddenly, she found a torn corner of paper near the couch. "This matches my homework!" Cecilia gasped. She crouched low, inspecting every shadow and corner. The trail continued past the kitchen table, curving around the laundry basket, and disappearing behind the big green armchair. Cecilia took a deep breath. "Whoever took my homework is close," she whispered, creeping forward bravely.





Behind the armchair, Cecilia found her puppy, Buddy, curled up with shredded paper scattered everywhere. "Buddy! Was it you?" she asked, trying not to giggle. Buddy wagged his tail and licked a tiny paper scrap stuck to his nose. Cecilia inspected the mess carefully, like a true detective. She found most of her homework, chewed but readable. "Case solved," she announced proudly. "Buddy, you're a good boy, but homework isn't a snack!" She scooped him up for a gentle hug, relieved her mystery had such a silly, happy ending.



Cecilia carefully taped the torn pieces of her homework back together at her desk. "Good as new," she smiled, holding it up proudly. She decided to keep her homework inside a special folder from now on, safely zipped in her backpack. "No more sneaky puppies," she giggled, patting Buddy's head. At school, she told her classmates about her exciting detective adventure. Everyone laughed about Buddy the homework thief. Cecilia felt proud—she wasn't just a student anymore, she was a real detective who solved her very first mystery.



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