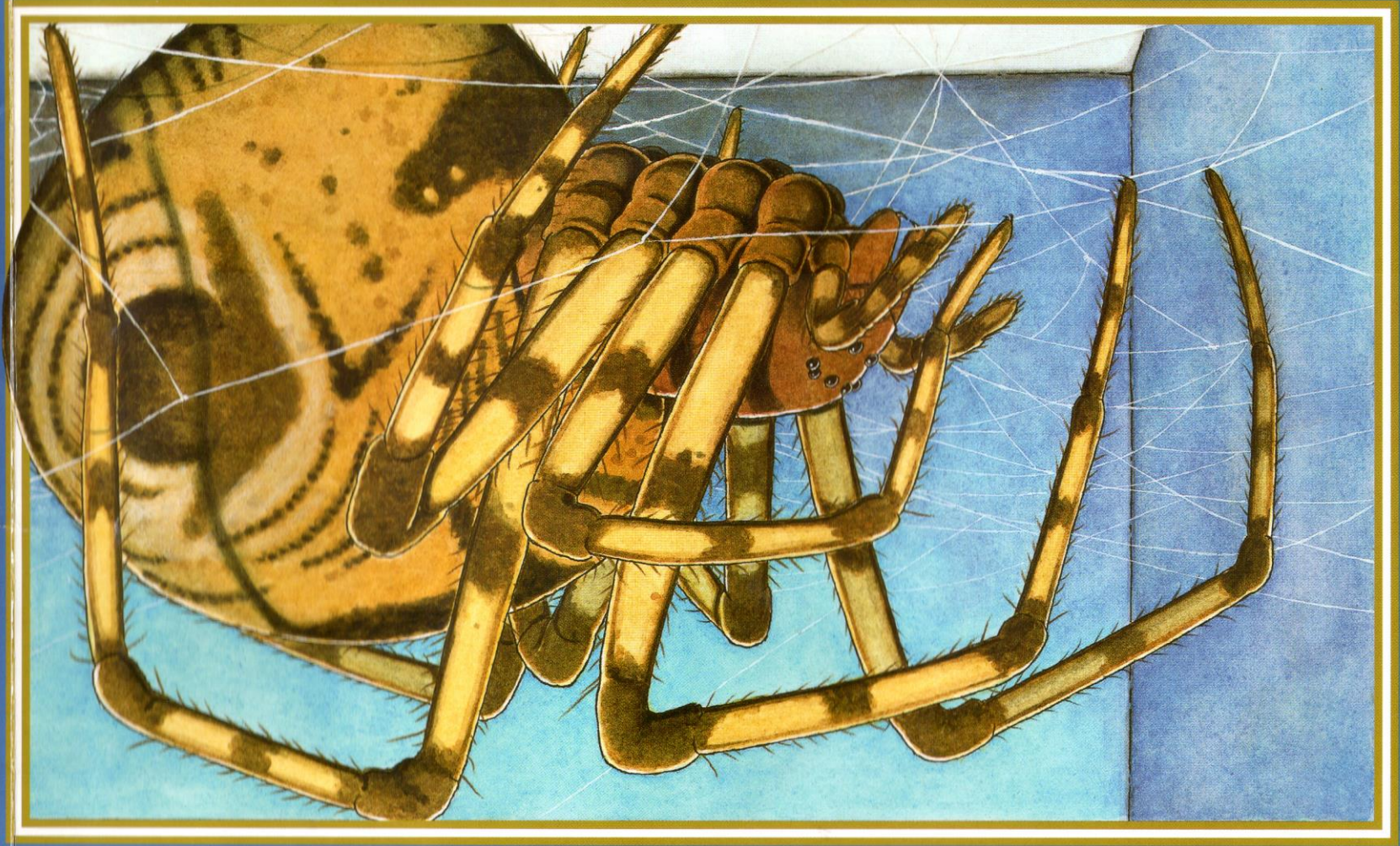
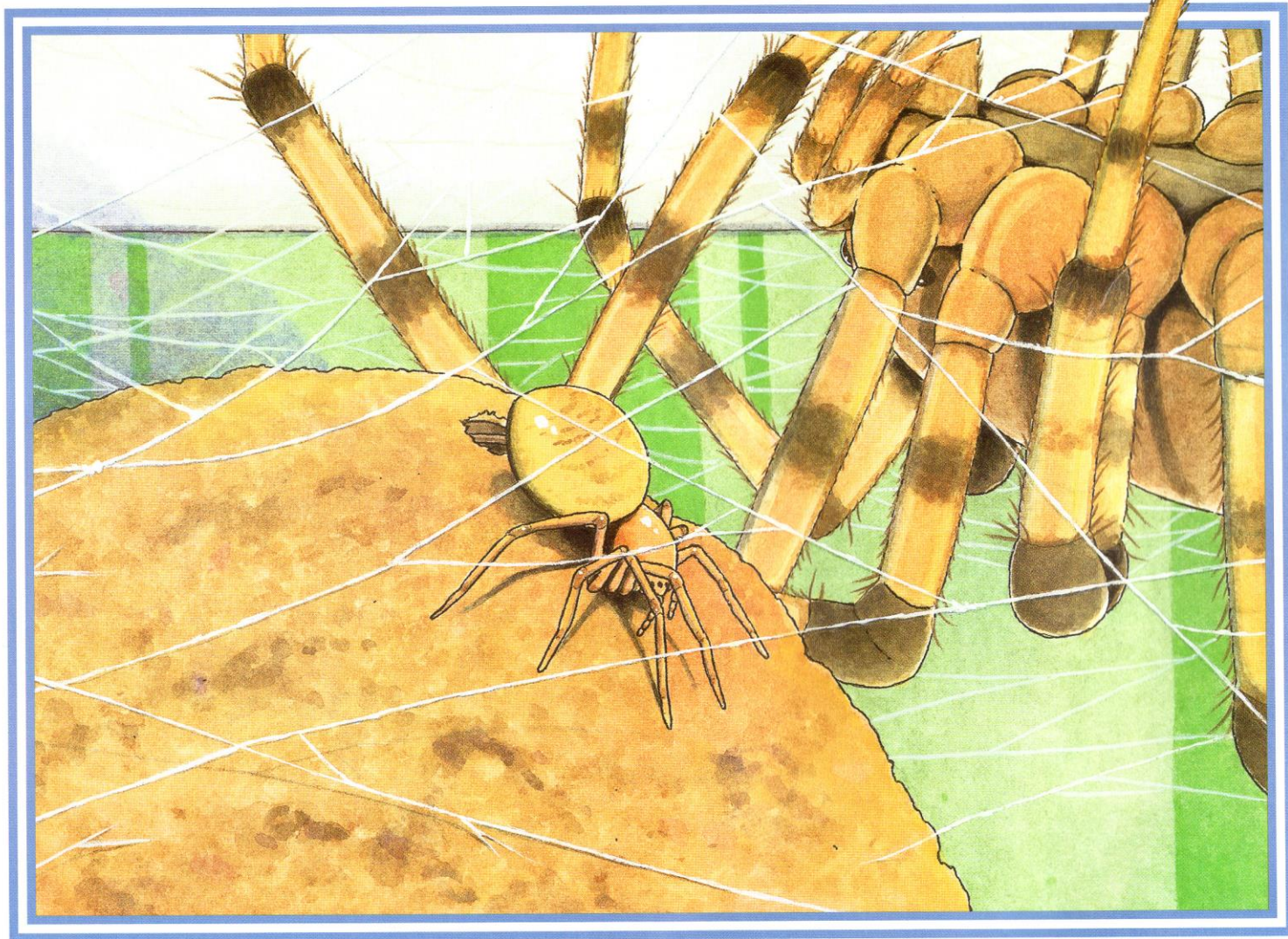


A House Spider's Life



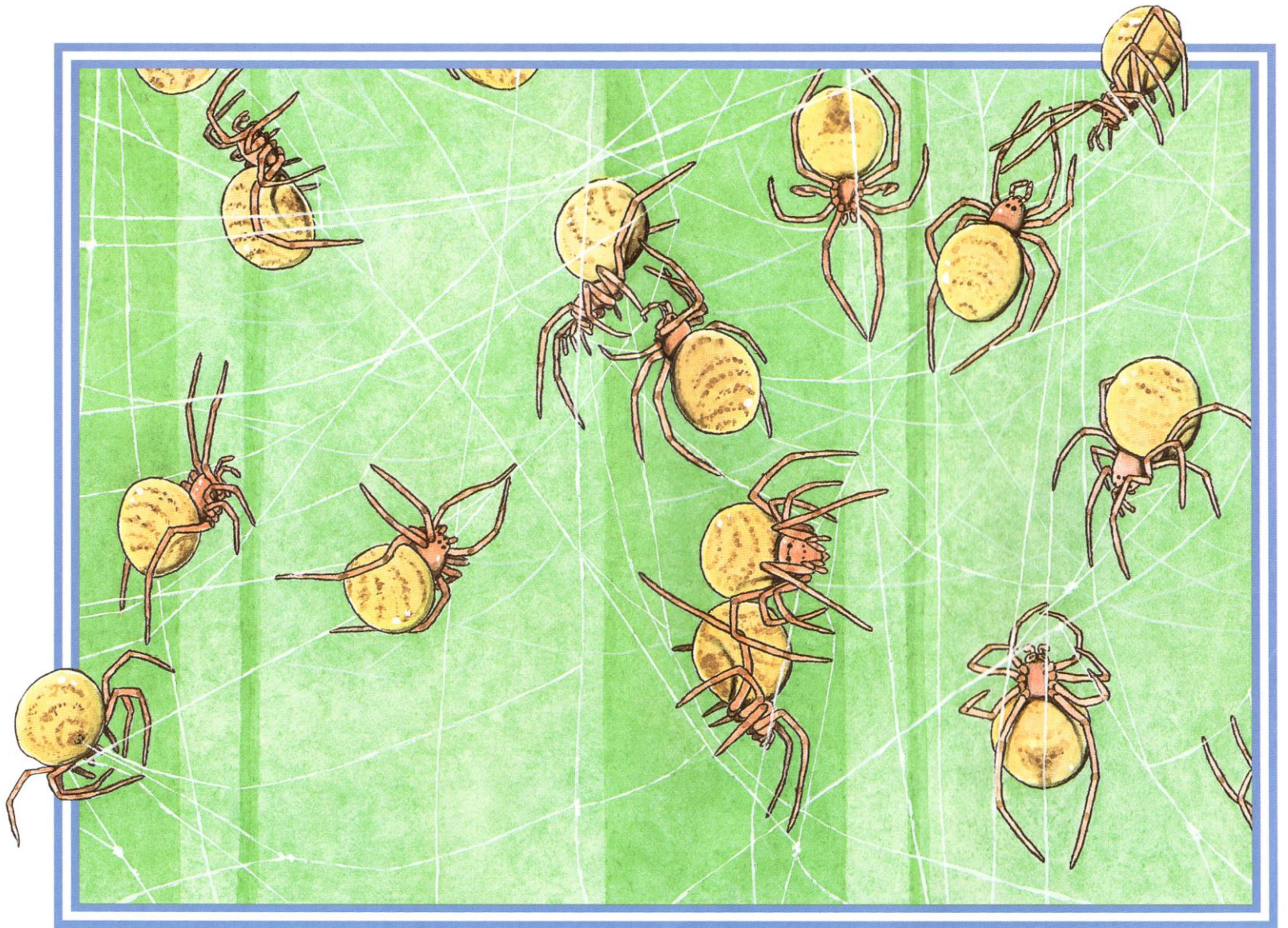
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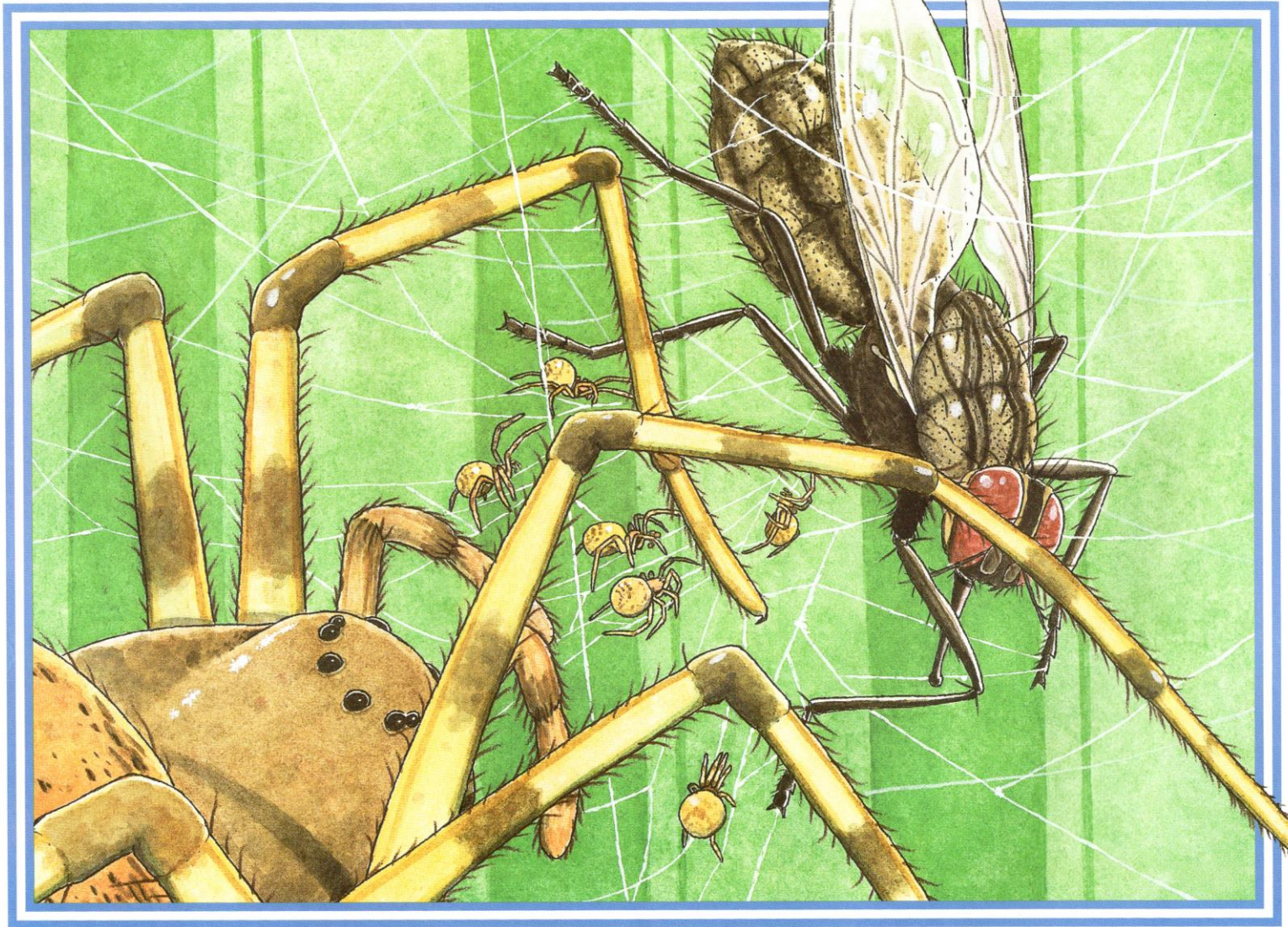
A young house spider crawls out of an *egg sac*.



She joins the other *spiderlings* in her mother's web.



The spiderlings stay together for several weeks.



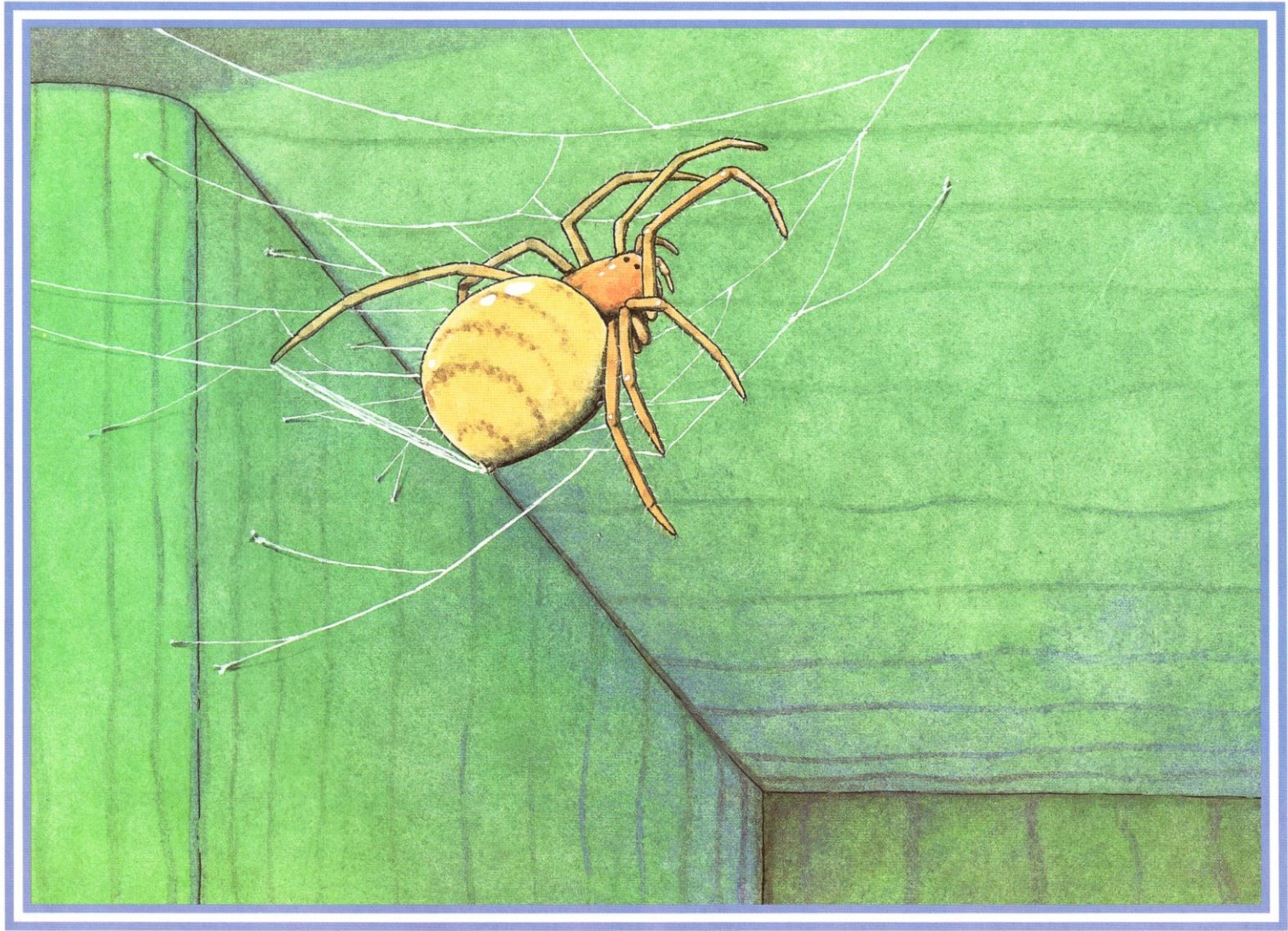
A *house fly* lands on the web.



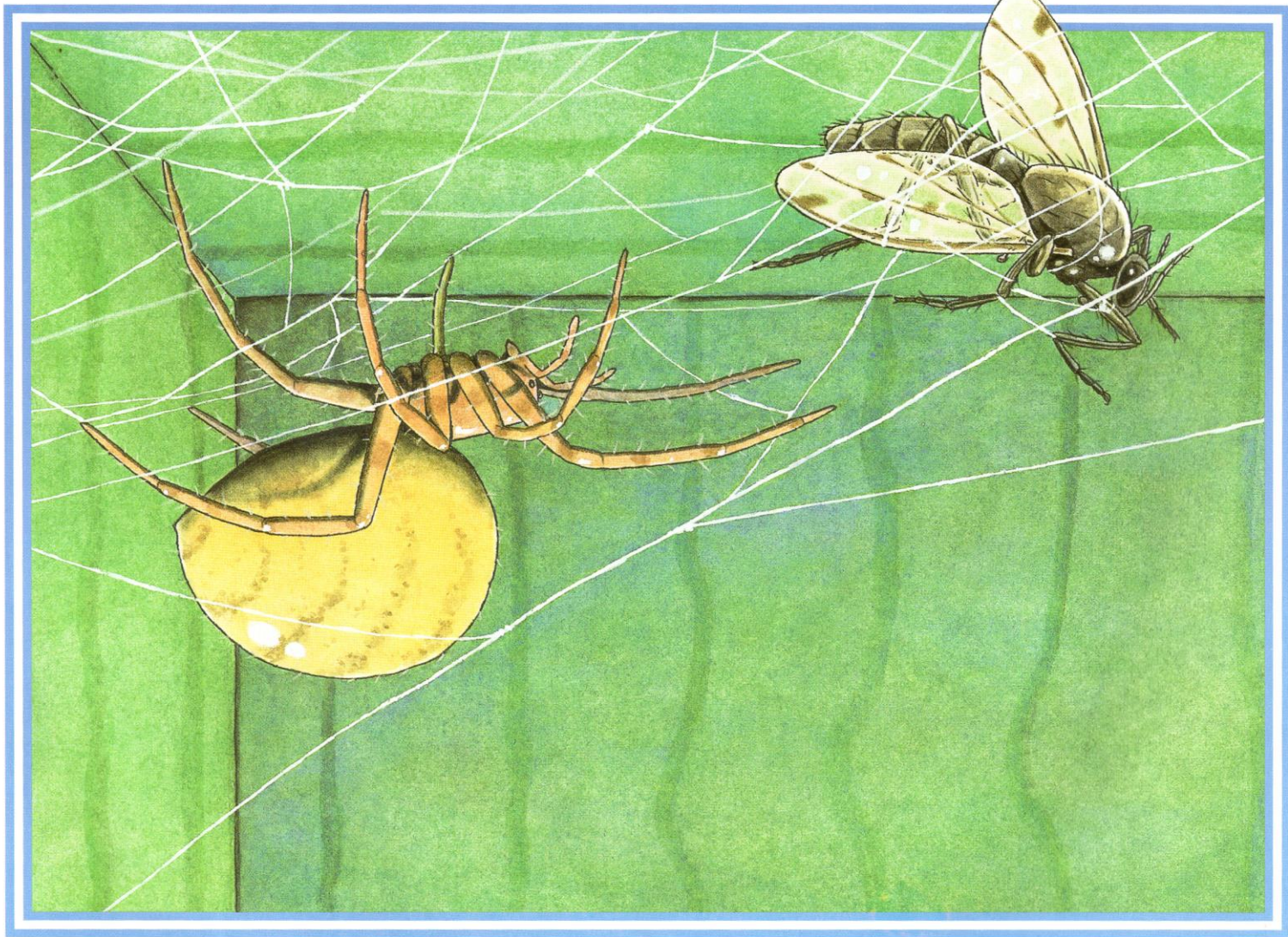
It breaks free. The spiderling is carried away.



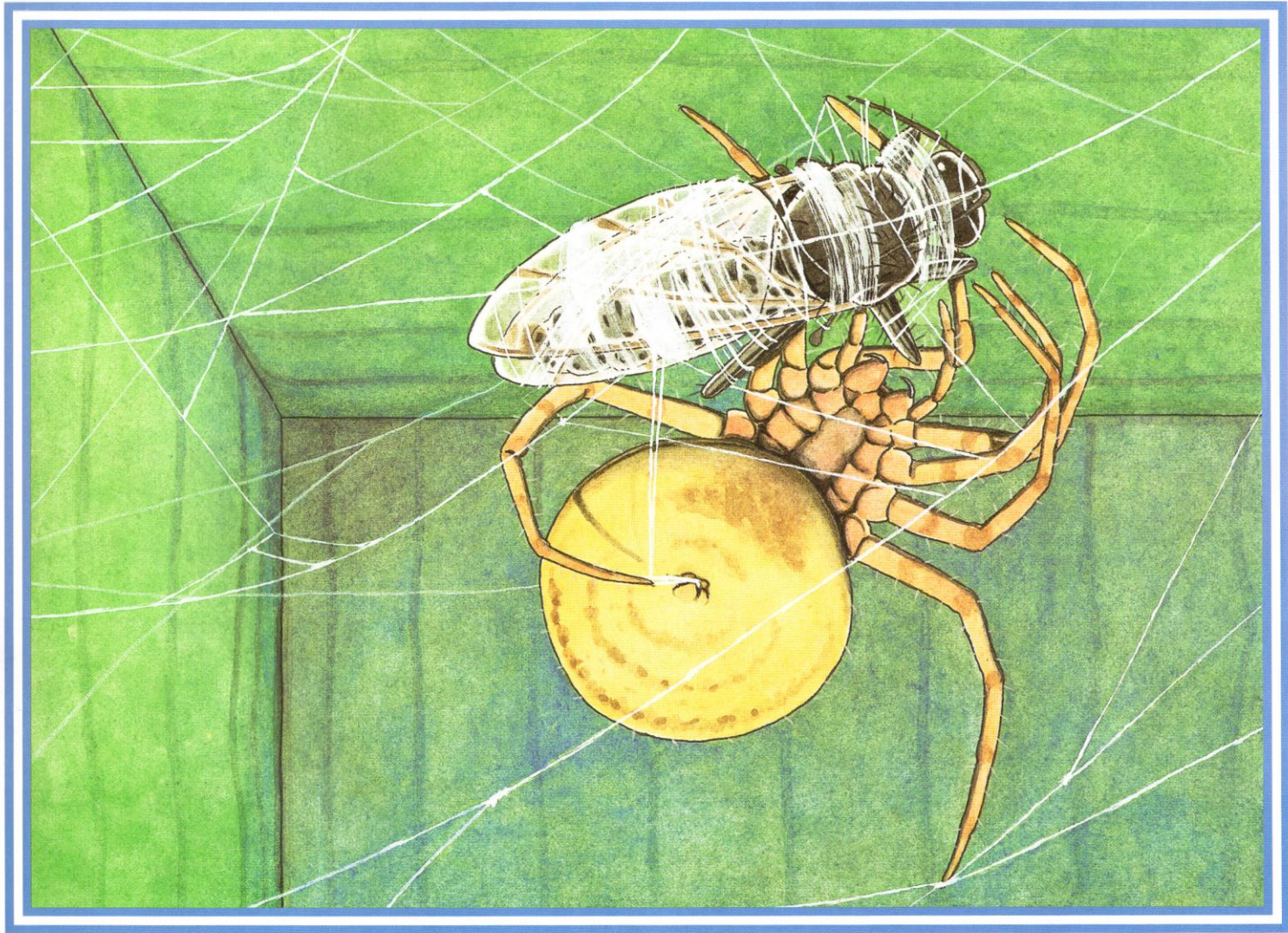
She lands on a bookshelf . . .



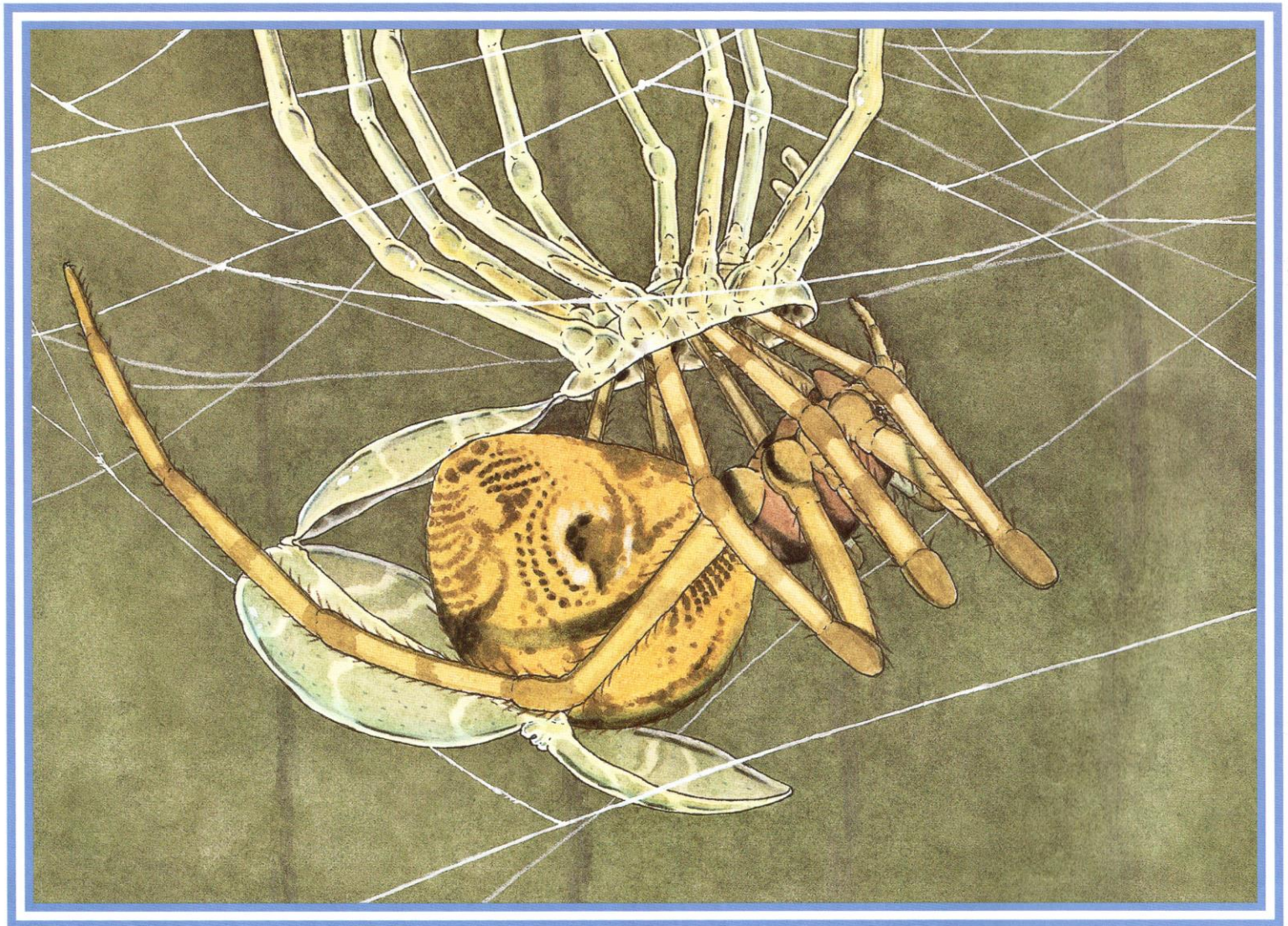
... and weaves her own little web of *silk*.



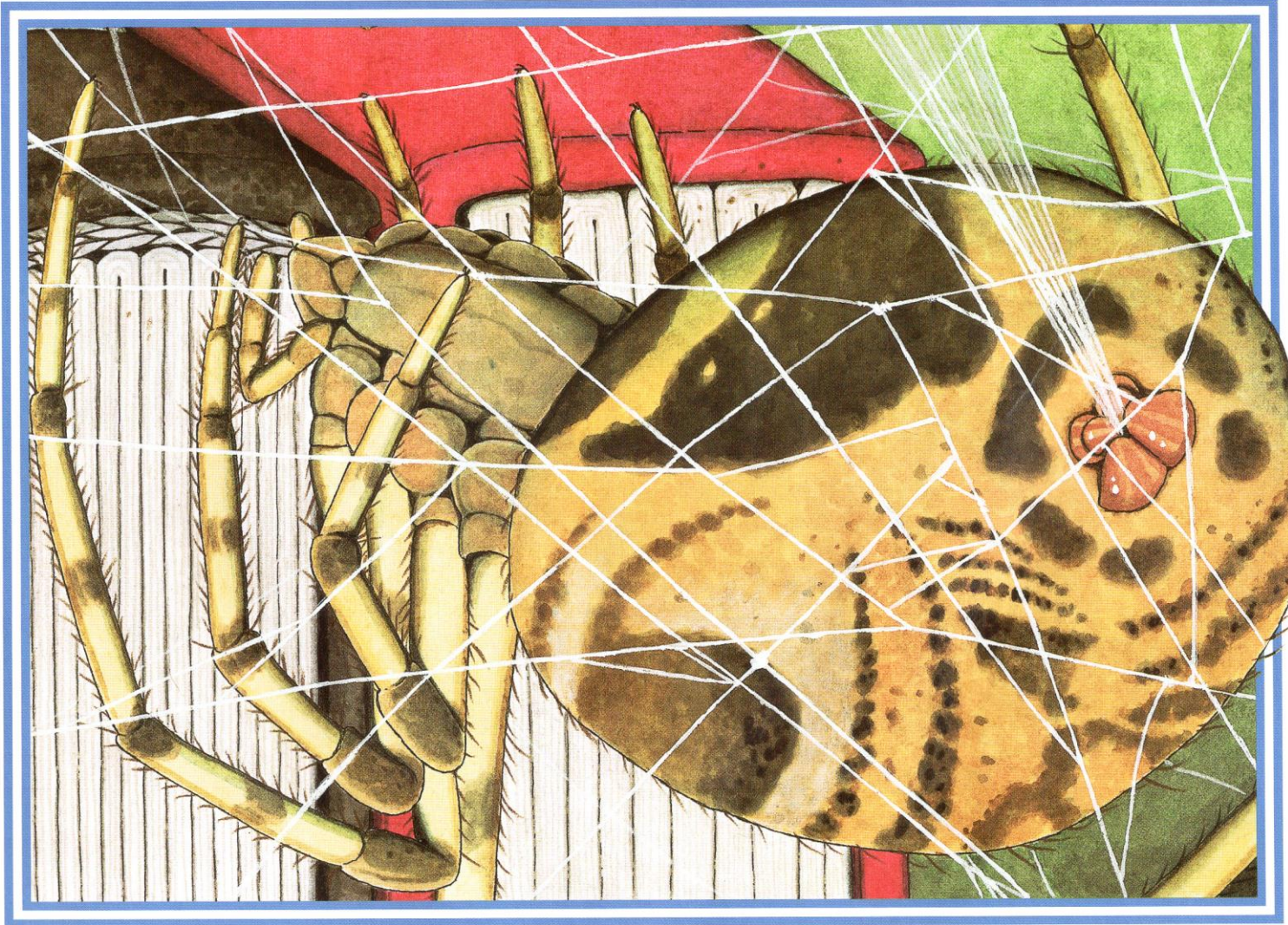
The young spider is strong enough to catch a small insect.



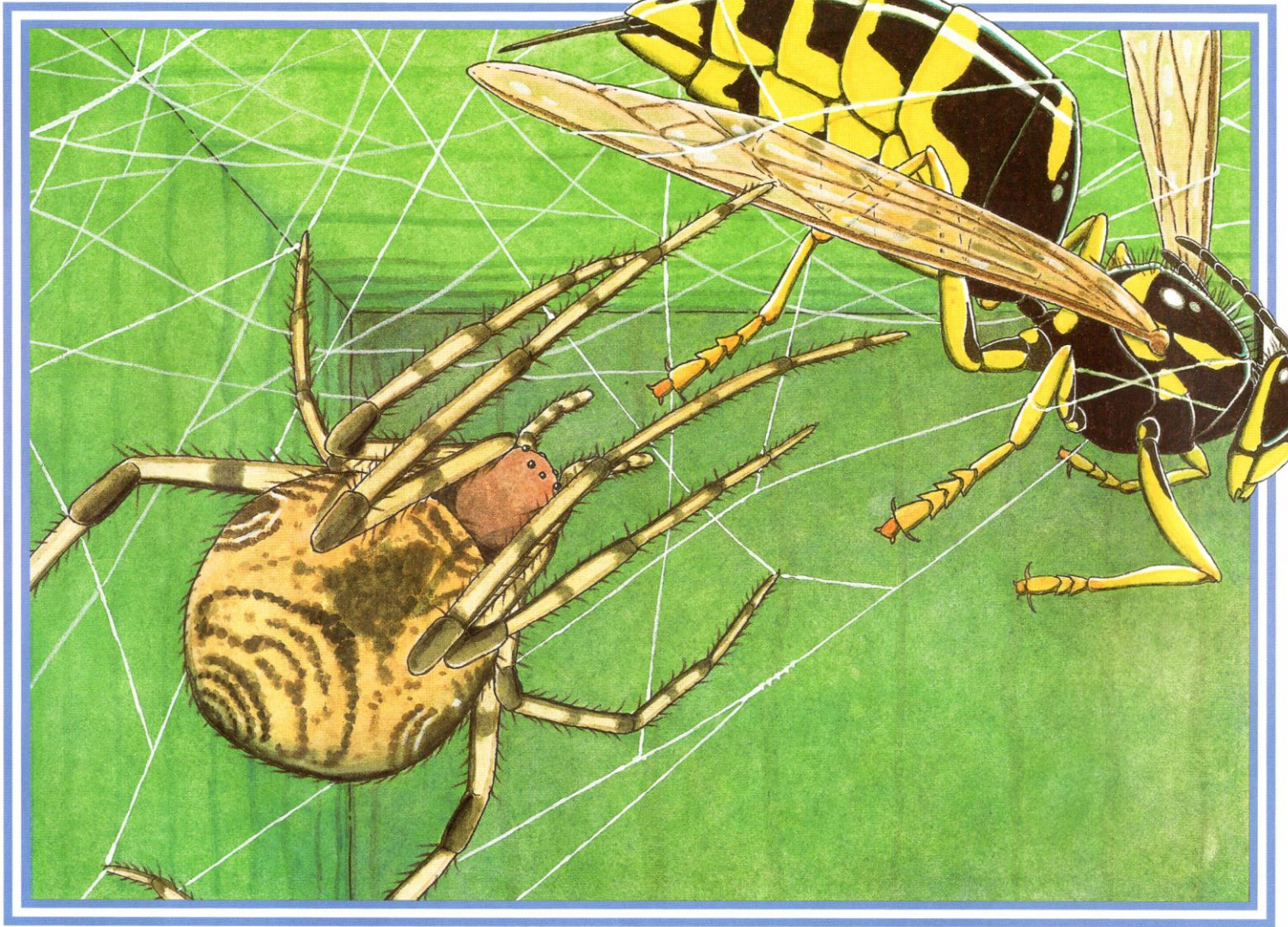
She wraps it in silk so it can't get away.



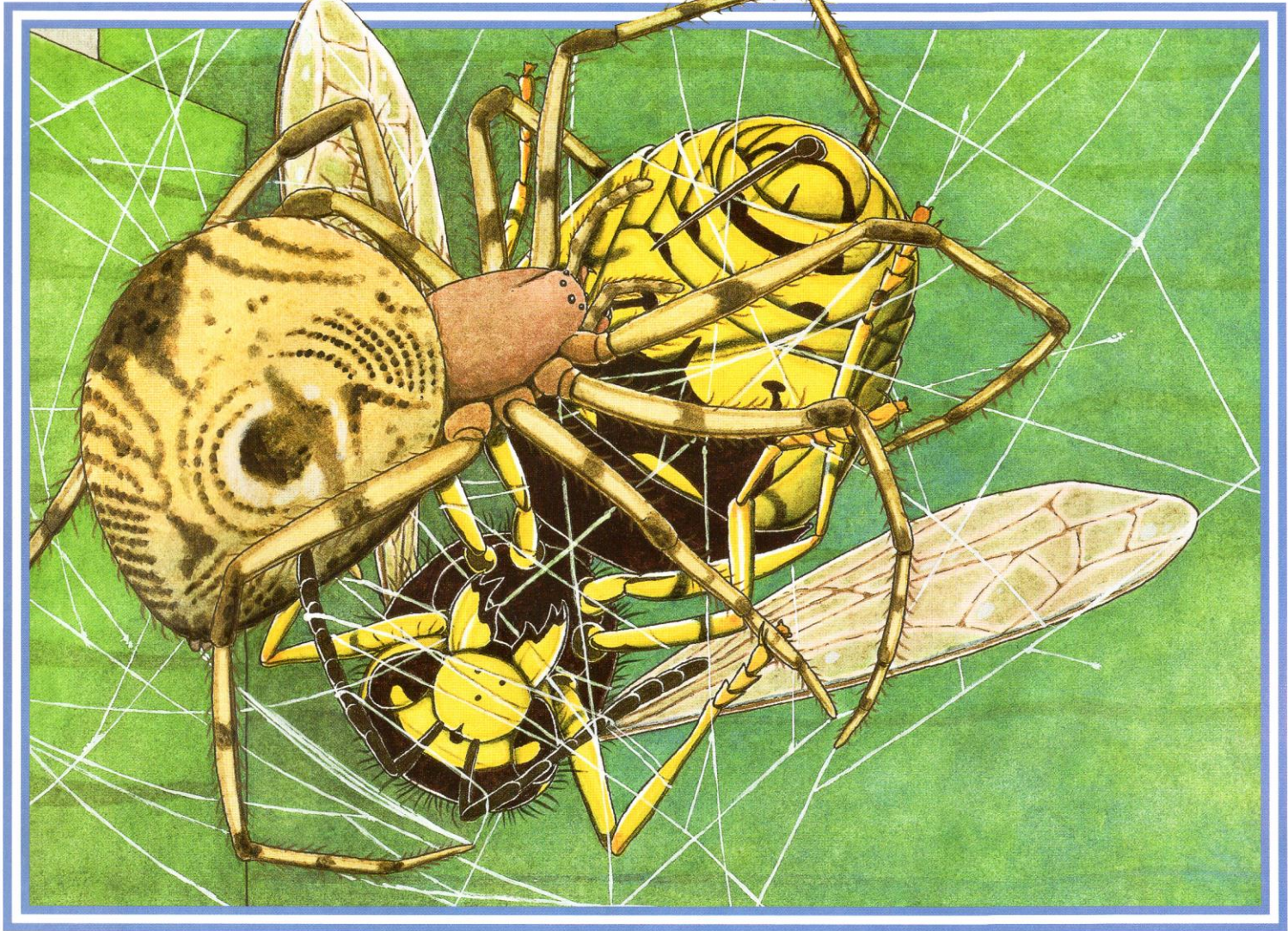
The young spider sheds her skin many times as she grows.



Soon she is a full-grown spider.



A *yellow jacket* flies into her web.



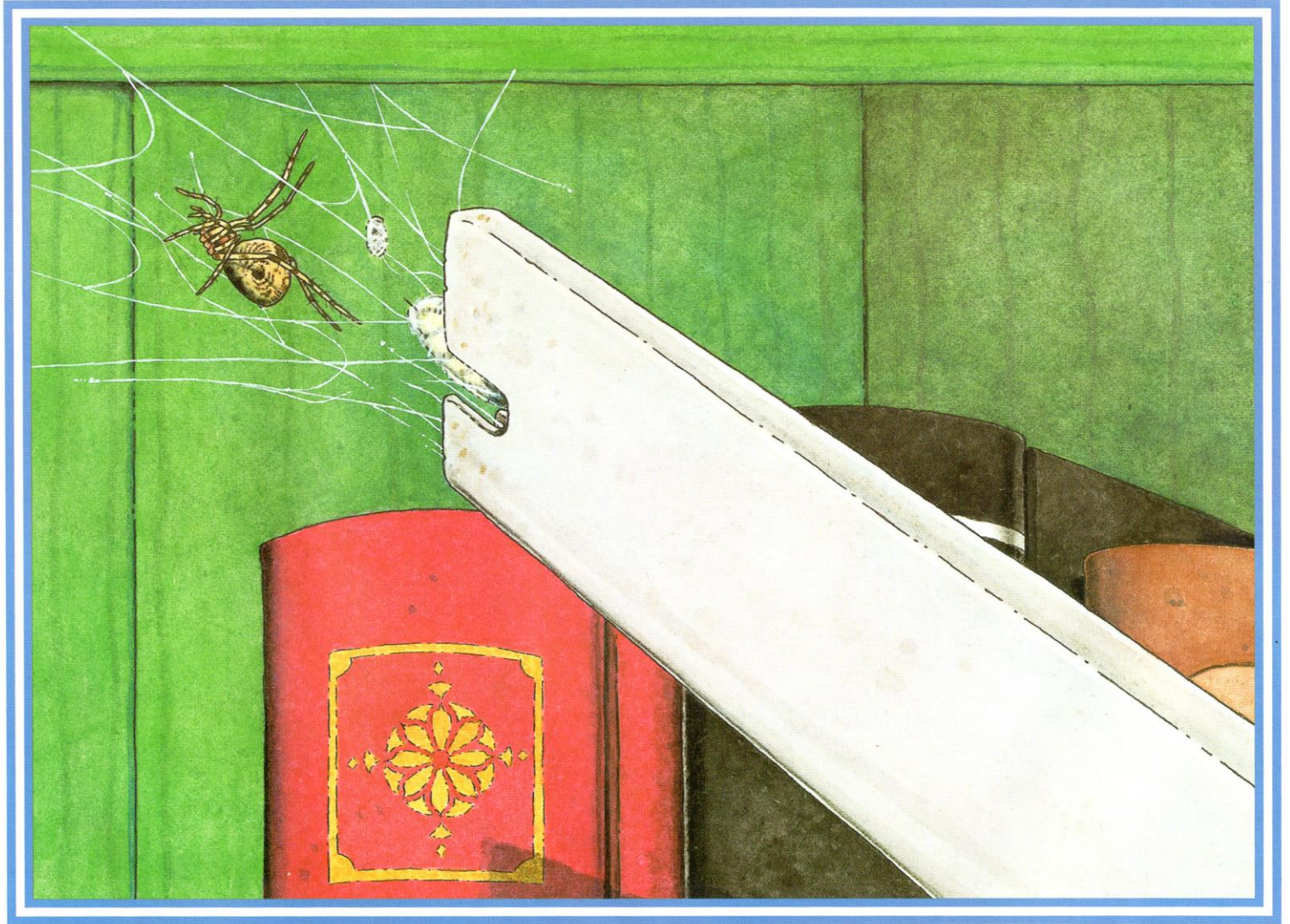
They fight a dangerous battle.



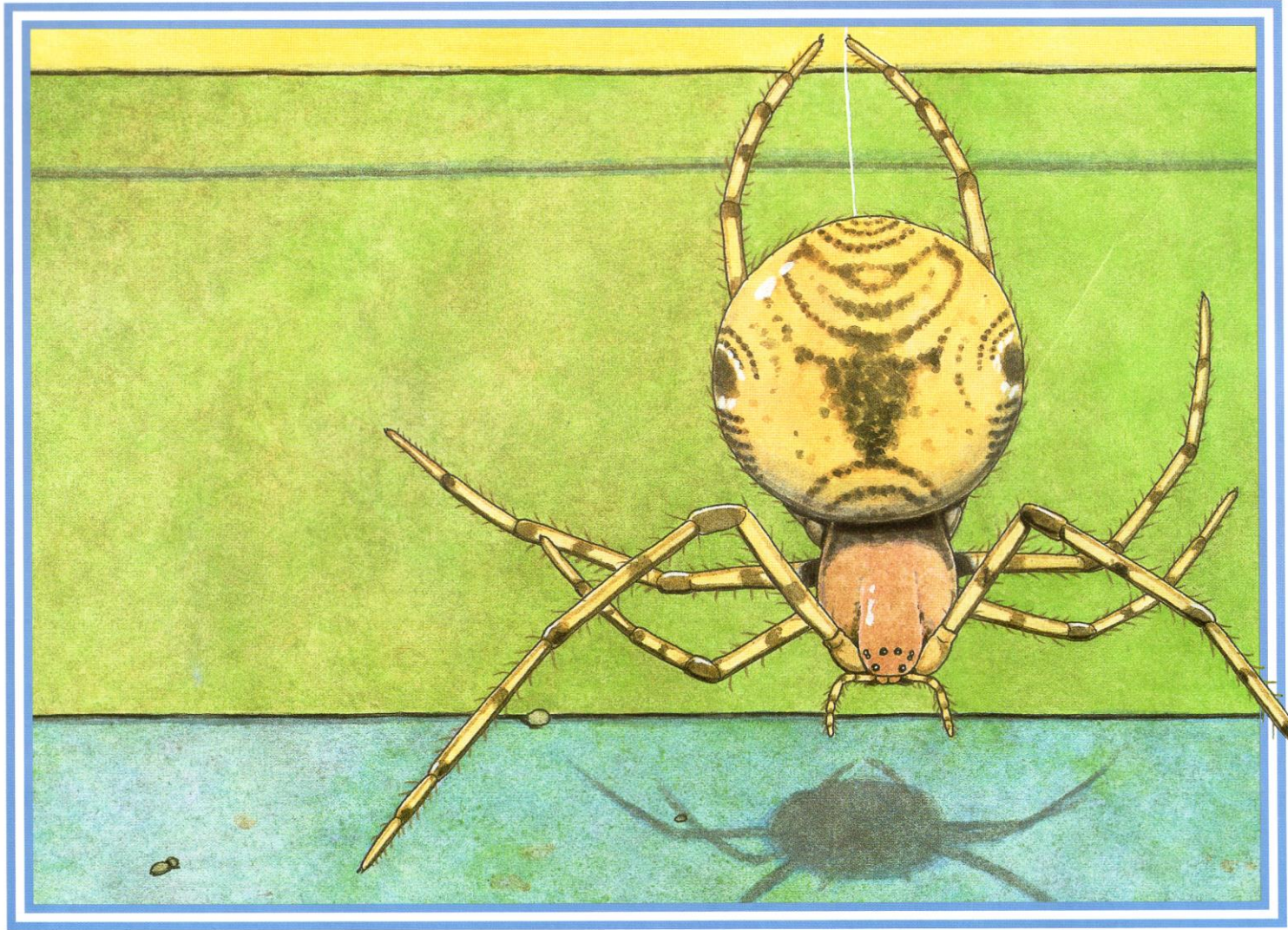
The house spider wins. Now she has enough food for a week.



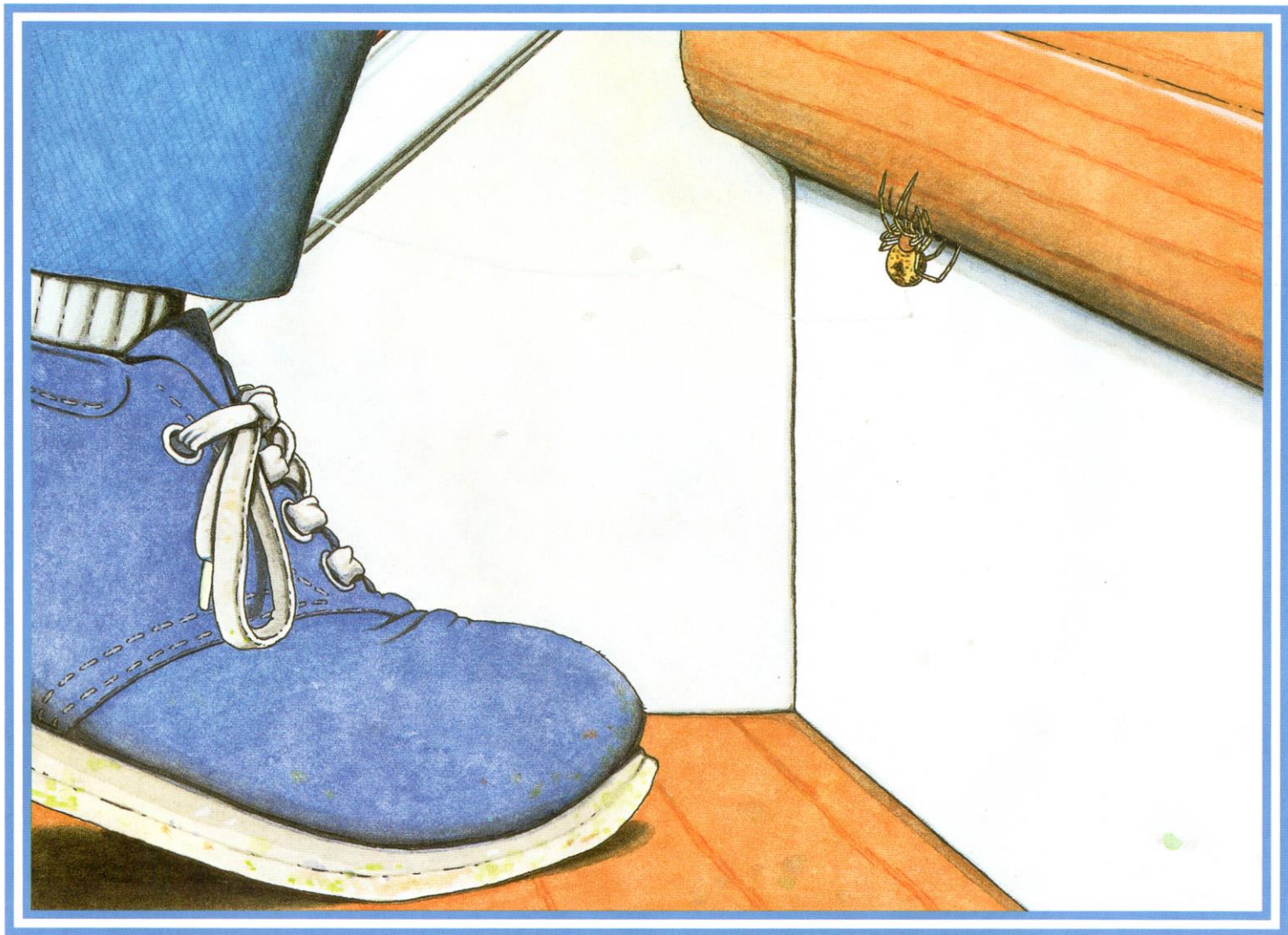
The spider spends the evening fixing her web.



In the morning, a vacuum cleaner sucks it away!



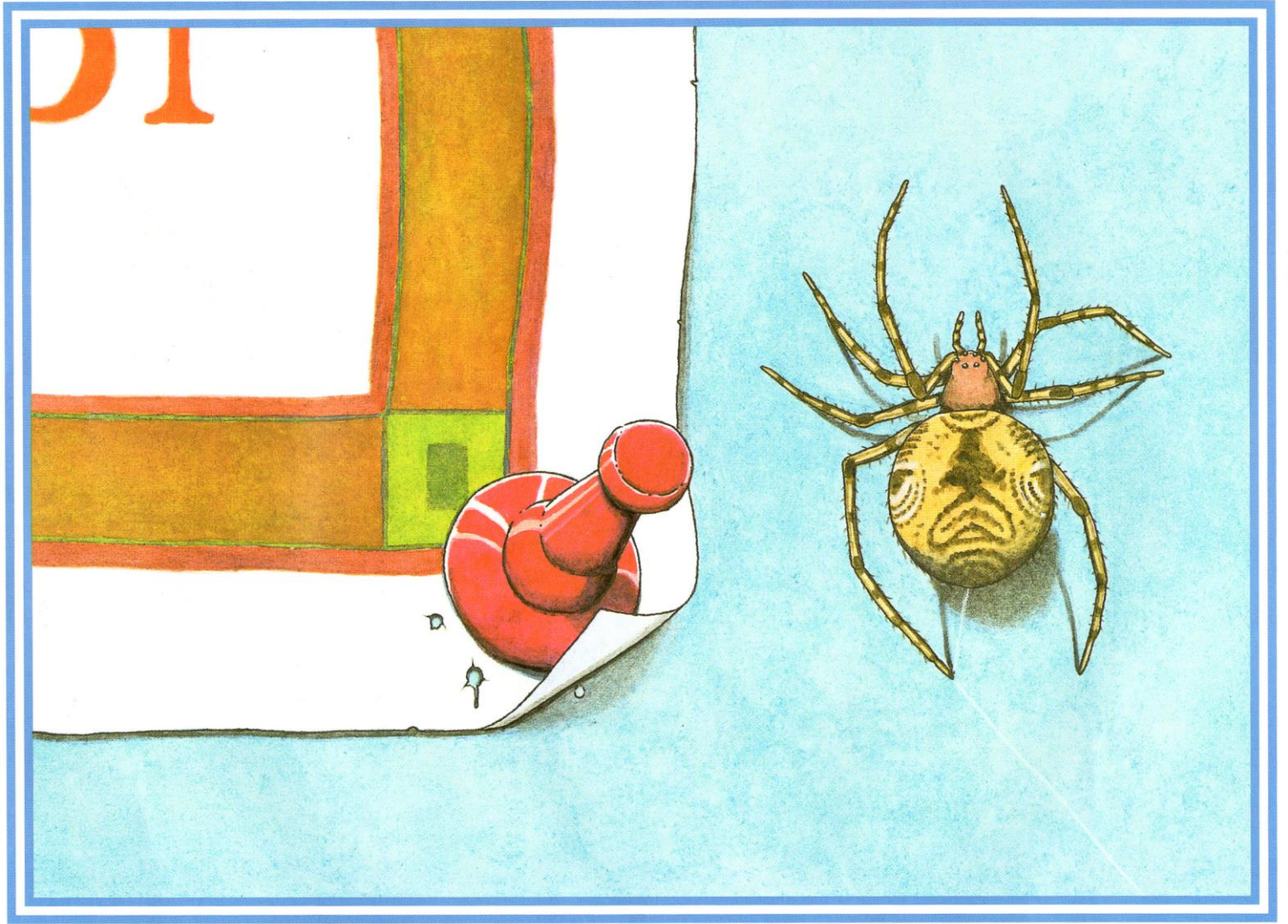
The house spider escapes by dropping to the floor.



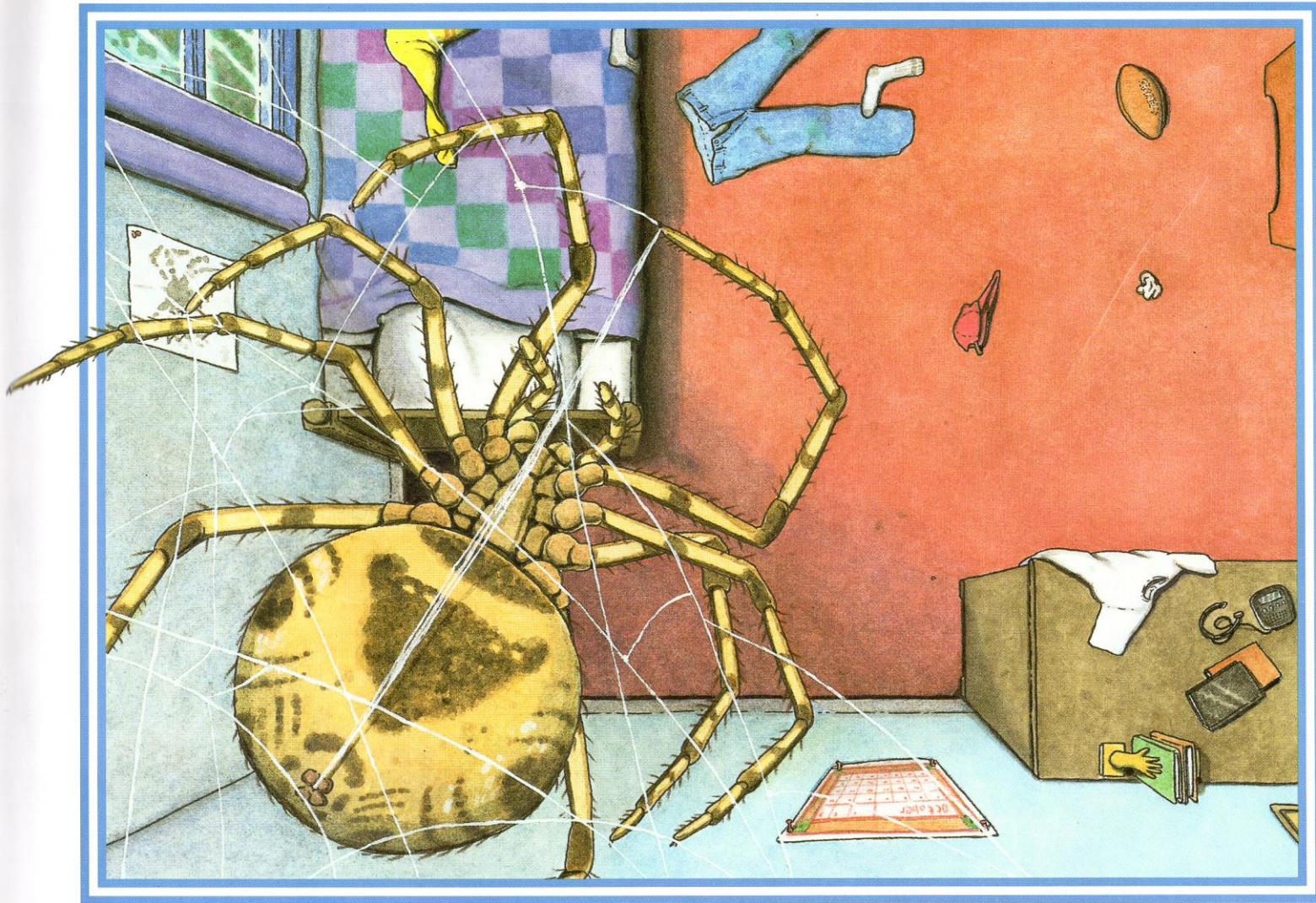
She climbs up the stairs . . .



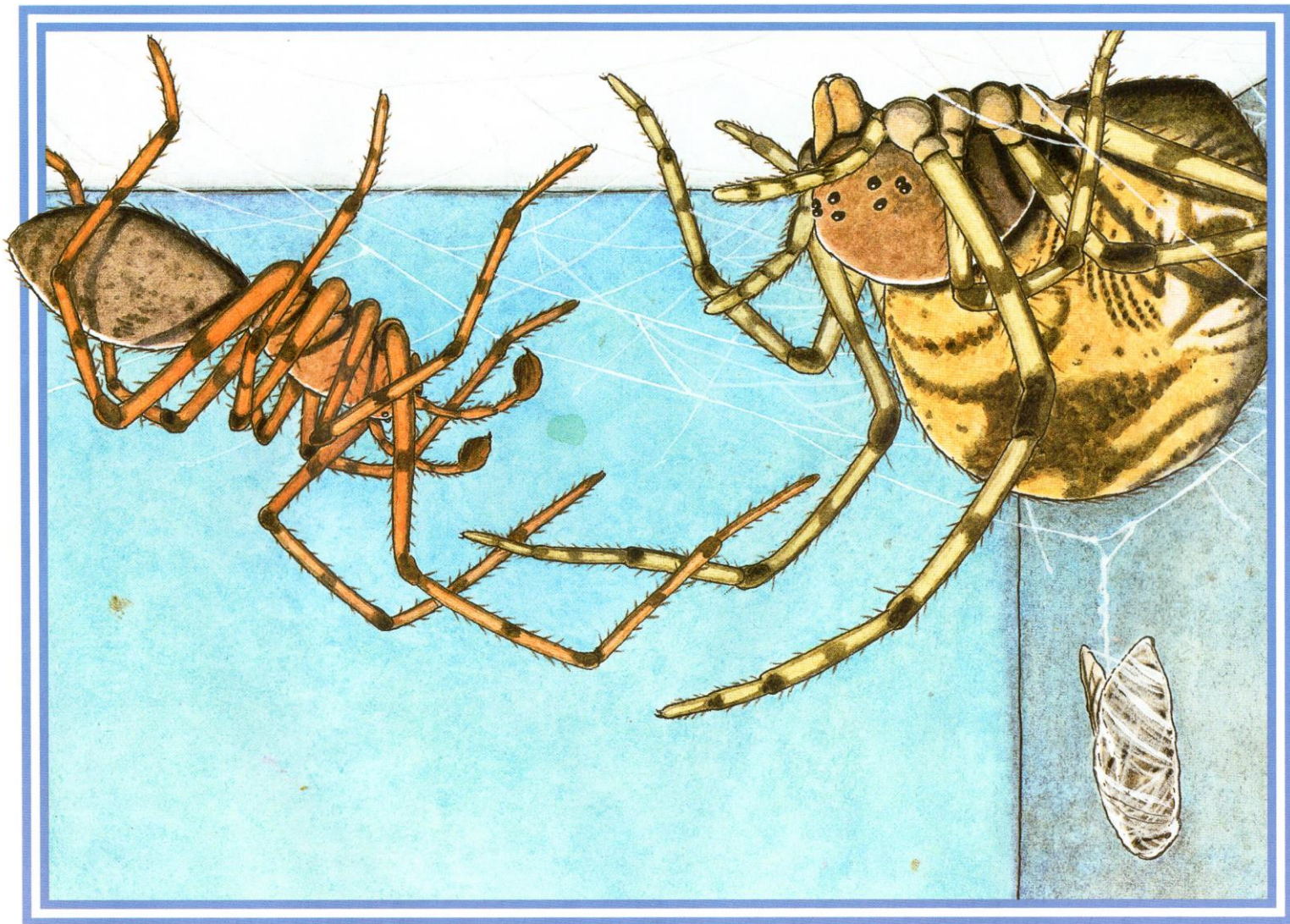
. . . and walks into a bedroom.



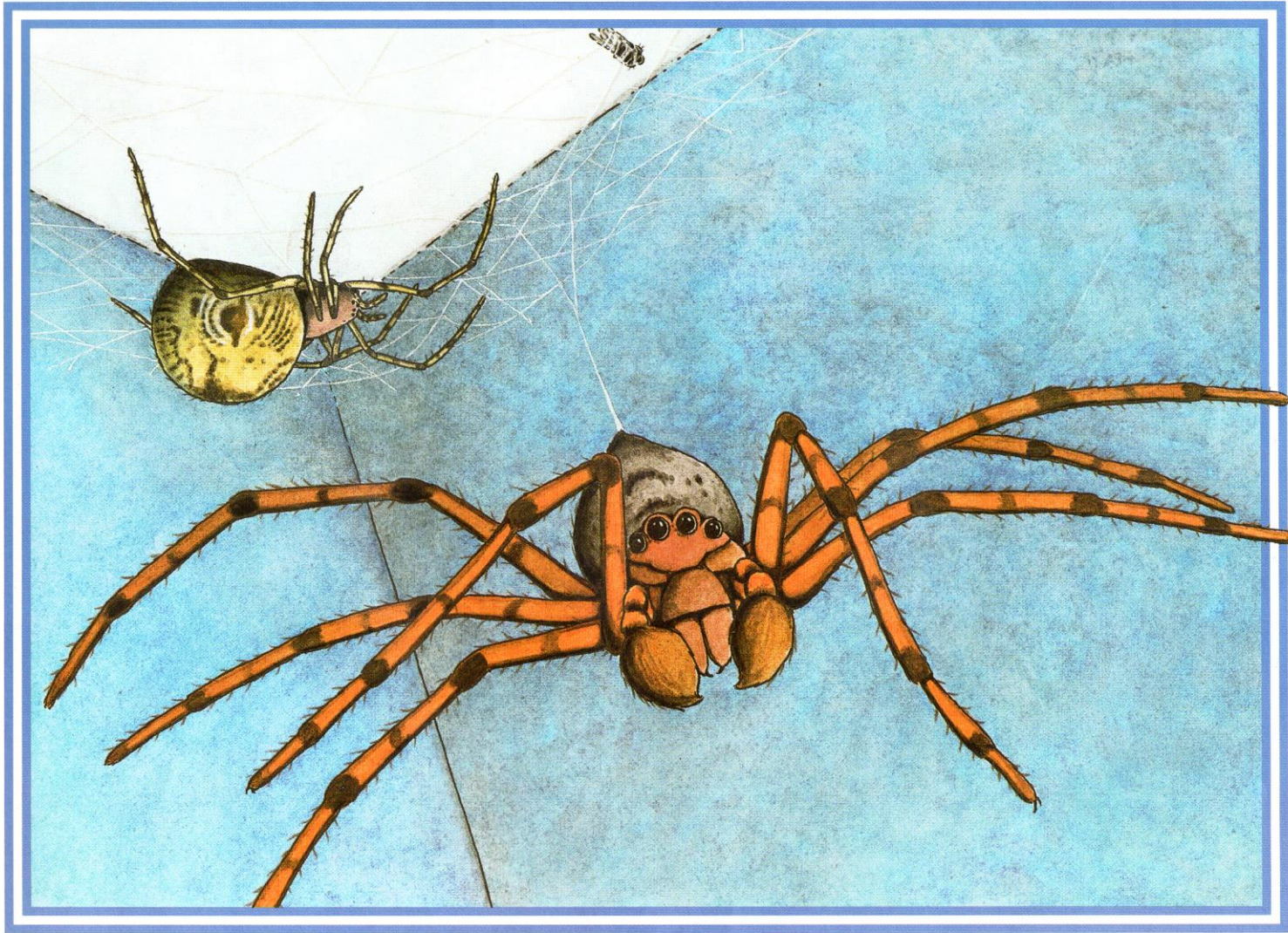
She crawls up a wall . . .



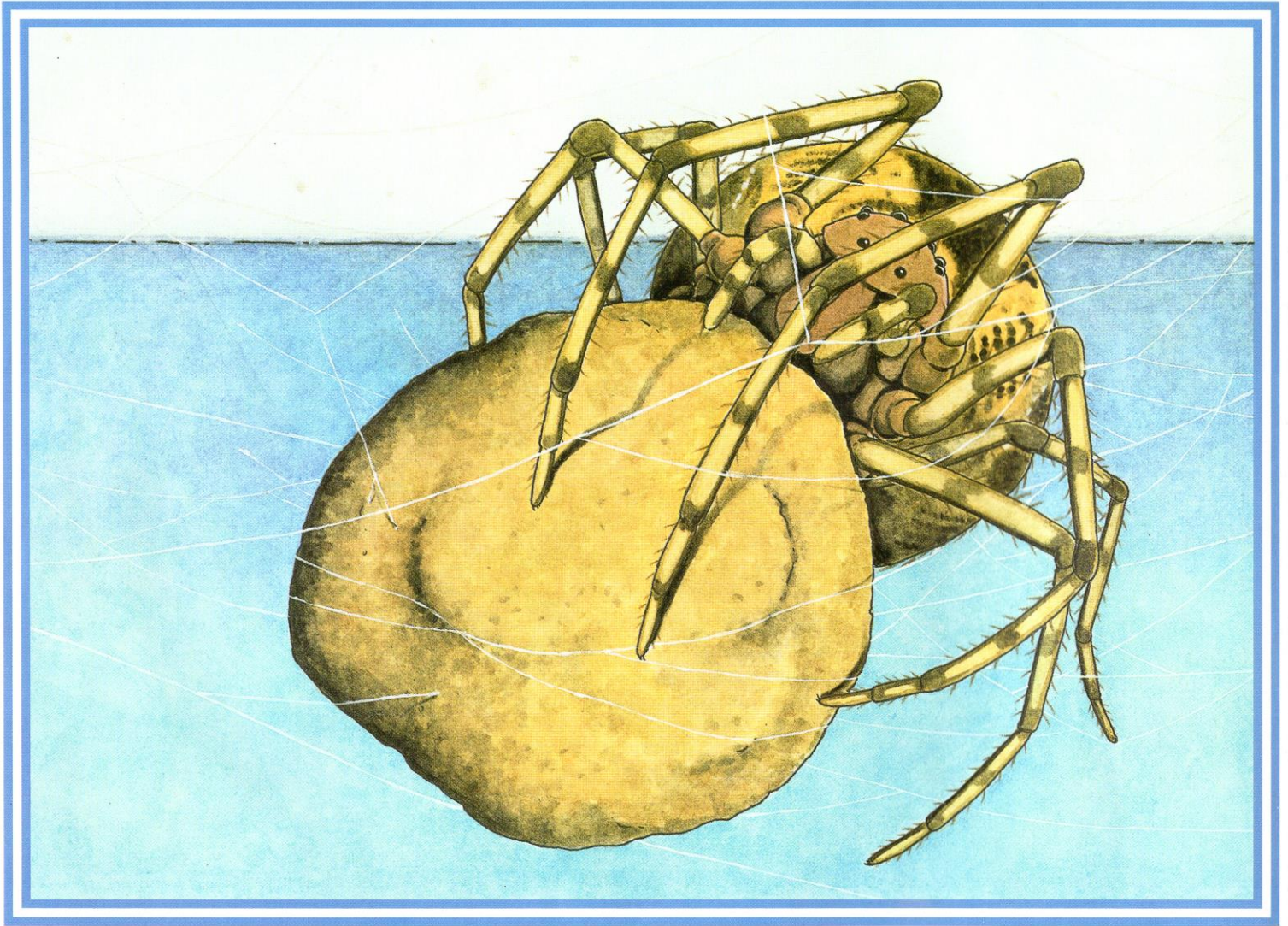
... and finds the perfect spot for a new web.



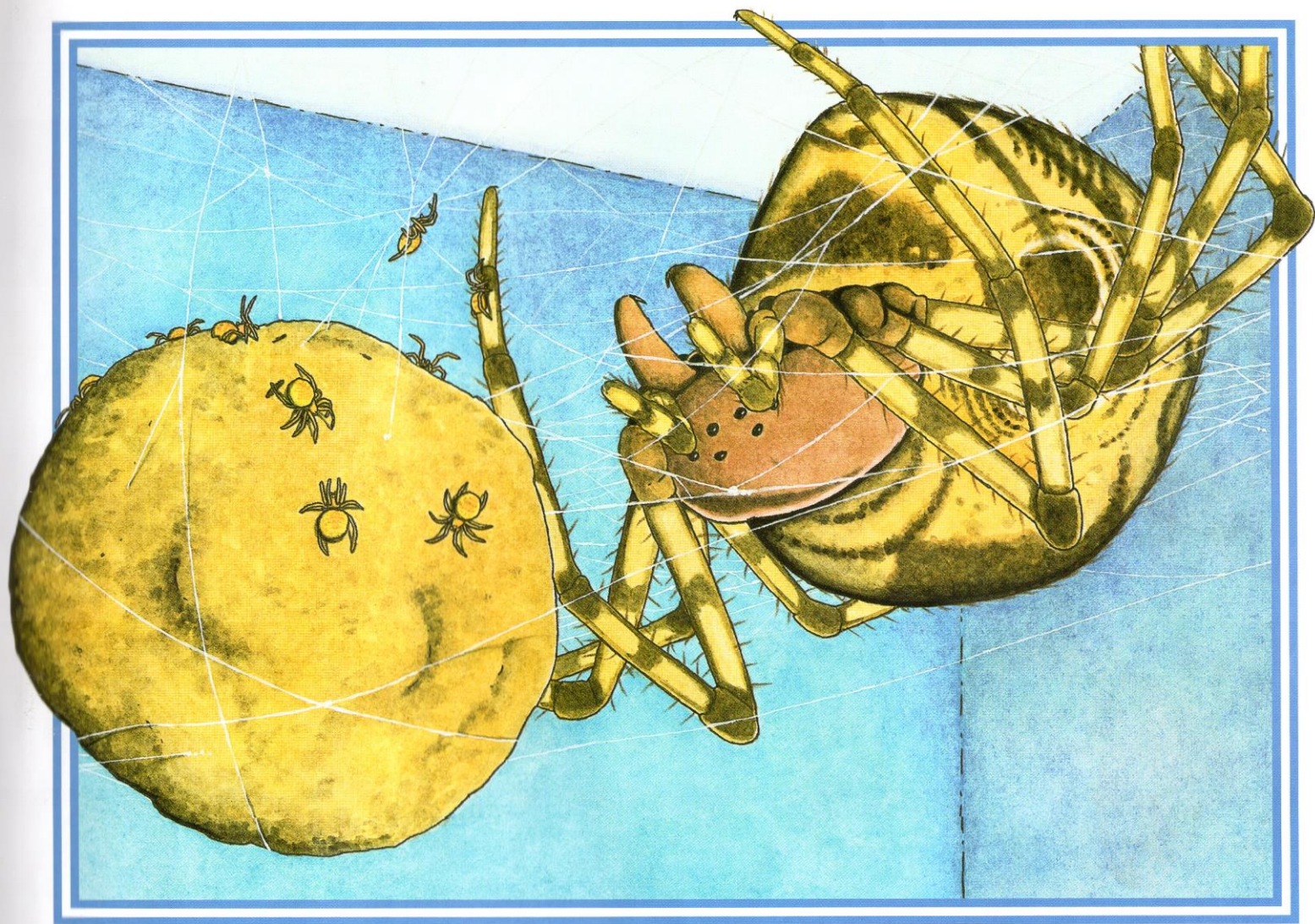
A male house spider finds her new web.



After the spiders mate, the male leaves.



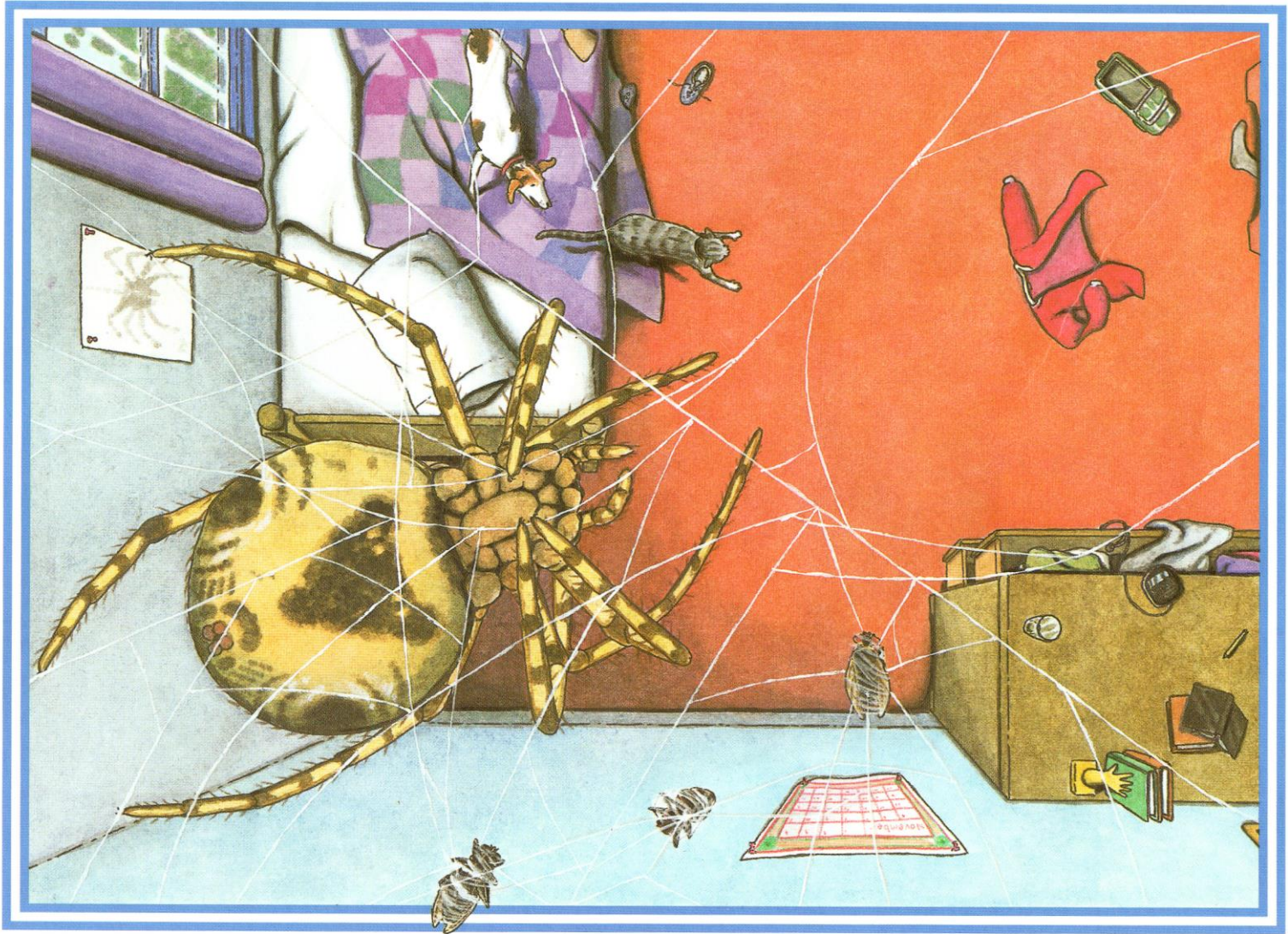
Soon the house spider lays eggs. She wraps them in a silk egg sac.



In a few weeks, her spiderlings crawl out.



Eventually, the spiderlings leave their mother's web.



But the bedroom will be her home for the rest of her days . . .



... and the rest of her nights.

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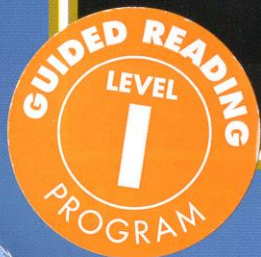
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