

CRICKET COUNTRY!



HERE WE GO! ANOTHER NEW YEAR. TIME TO MAKE A FRESH START! OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW!

I'M WAY AHEAD OF YOU. I'VE ALREADY GOT A LIST OF RESOLUTIONS STARTED.

REALLY?

I COULD THINK OF A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR HER... BUT SHE'D NEVER LISTEN.

BUT STILL—WORTH A TRY!

I HAVE ONE—HOW ABOUT: I WILL TRY TO BE A BETTER LISTENER?

EXCELLENT! GOOD FOR YOU, CRICKET!

WOW! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. THAT'S THE SPIRIT, LADYBUG.

HOW ABOUT THIS: I WILL LET OTHER BUGGIES TALK WITHOUT INTERRUPTING AND...

ETC., ETC., BLAH, BLAH, BLAH. GOT IT! (SCRIBBLE, SCRIBBLE.) ANYONE ELSE?

OH! I KNOW: I WILL LET OTHER BUGGIES GO FIRST SOMETIMES.

HERE'S A GOOD ONE: I WON'T LAUGH AT OTHER BUGGIES' IDEAS. (I STILL THINK CHOCOLATE-COVERED FRENCH FRIES ARE WORTH A TRY.)

DR HOW ABOUT: I WILL NOT LOSE MY TEMPER AND YELL...

...OR EVEN: I WILL THINK BEFORE I SPEAK!

HA! YOU MIGHT AS WELL SAY: I WILL EAT RIGHT AND EXERCISE...

DR: I WILL NOT BE SO BOSSY!! (HA, HA.)

HEY! DON'T BE MEAN!

DON'T BE MEAN... GREAT! (SCRIBBLE, SCRIBBLE.) THIS RESOLUTION THING WAS A GREAT IDEA, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF. (SCRIBBLE, SCRIBBLE.) WHO'S NEXT?

WHOA. YOU REALLY ARE MAKING A FRESH START. I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE NOT MAD.

WHY WOULD I BE MAD? THIS WILL BE THE BEST YEAR EVER, IF YOU ALL STICK TO YOUR RESOLUTIONS.

OUR RESOLUTIONS?

OF COURSE! BUT NOW COMES THE HARD PART—I HAVE TO THINK OF A RESOLUTION FOR ME. H'M...

(GROAN) I SHOULD'VE KNOWN. OUT WITH THE NEW, IN WITH THE OLD.