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**THE DANCE OF  
THE STAR FAIRIES**



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# A VERY SPECIAL COURSE

It was a beautiful **SUMMER** day on Whale Island, the home of **MOUSEFORD ACADEMY**. The sun *shone* brightly in the blue sky, a warm wind blew, and the air smelled of the sea and **FLOWERS**.

It was the beginning of August, so most of all the **students** at the academy were taking a break from their studies and had gone on **VACATION**. The remaining students spent their free time relaxing in the classrooms, auditoriums, and gardens.

The Thea Sisters were all back at the academy that day. Nicky and Paulina *quickly* made their way toward the beach where Colette, Violet, and Pam were waiting for them. The five **friends** had plans to

spend the day at the beach swimming, reading, and having a tasty **PICNIC!**

The two mouselets walked through the school's gardens. Colorful *flowers* were blooming, and insects and birds flitted among the plants.



“What a beautiful color!” Paulina exclaimed, pointing to a blue **BUTTERFLY**. “It reminds me of the sky back home in Peru.”

The insect gently *flapped* its wings and flew away.

“Good-bye, butterfly!” Paulina rhymed. She bent down and breathed in the **SCENT** of the flowers, sighing. “I love summer!”

“Me, too,” Nicky agreed. “And coming back to Mouseford for the seminar on constellations was a really **mousetastic** idea!”

“In a few days, we’ll be able to see

## SHOOTING STARS

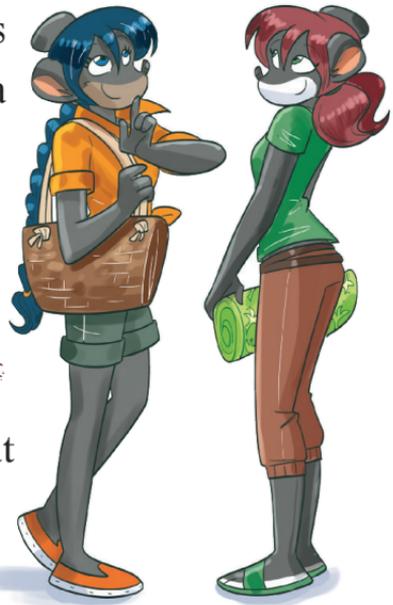
Shooting stars are not stars, but meteors that burn when they move through the atmosphere. From Earth, you can see their light trails across the sky!

shooting stars  
in the night sky,”  
Paulina said.

“We should camp  
out in the garden,”  
Nicky added. “I can’t wait!”

Nicky and Paulina reached  
the beach. Seagulls **flew**  
overhead, calling out to one  
another. The mouselets  
spotted their friends by a  
**red** umbrella.

Colette and Violet were  
in their bathing suits,  
lying in the sun. Pam was  
busy building a **sand**  
**castle** with a big moat  
around it. She waved at  
Nicky and Paulina.



“You made it!” she cried.

“**FINALLY!**” Colette exclaimed. “You really must try my new coconut-and-honey sunscreen. It’s so **smooth!**”

“Thanks, but I think I’ll stay in the **SHADE,**” Paulina said. She held up a book about **ASTRONOMY.** “I got this book from the library and I can’t wait to start it!”

“I think I’ll go for a swim,” Nicky announced.

“I’ll go with you!” Pamela cried. She jumped up, leaving her castle unfinished.

“Should we race to the **buoy?**” Nicky asked.

Pam grinned. “You’re on!”

“Ready, set . . . go!” Nicky yelled. The mouselets raced to the ocean and jumped in.

“This is so **relaxing,**” Violet said. “A nice day in the **SUN** is just what we needed!”



“Definitely,” Colette said, but Paulina didn’t reply. Her **NOSE** was buried in her book.

“You’re really **excited** for the seminar to start, aren’t you, Paulina?” Violet remarked. Paulina looked up and nodded, smiling.



“Seeing the **constellations** in the sky is so much more special than **LOOKING** at pictures in a book,” she said.

Violet nodded. “That’s true.”

“Plus, we can each make a **WISH** on a shooting star!” Paulina added. “I think that’s such a nice tradition.”

“Shooting stars remind me of tiny fairies with **sparkling** outfits that light up the darkness of the night with their dance!” Colette commented with a **dreamy** look in her eyes.

“You’re always so *romantic*, Coco!” Violet said, smiling. “But I’m looking forward to the shooting stars, too. I already have my **LIST OF WISHES!**”