



Model Text – The Bad-Tempered Ladybird

Narrative – Character Flaw

It was night, and some fireflies danced around the moon. At 1 o'clock in the morning, the sun came up. One of the most friendliest ladybirds came and flew onto a leaf, covered in aphids. Just then, a bad-tempered ladybird flew onto the leaf. "Good morning," said the friendly ladybird. "Would you like to share these aphids with me?". "Go away!" snapped the bad-tempered ladybird. "I want those aphids, they are all mine!", screamed the bad-tempered ladybird.

"Do you want to fight me for them?". "If you insist," answered the friendly ladybird sweetly. They looked at each other straight in the eye, but the bad-tempered ladybird stepped back. "You are not big enough to fight," teased the bad-tempered ladybird. "Then why don't you pick on someone bigger" said the friendly ladybird. "I'll do that!" screeched the bad-tempered ladybird.

At 2 o'clock, it met a powerful gorilla. "Hey you," yelled the bad-tempered ladybird. "Want to fight?" "If you insist," replied the gorilla, beating its chest. "Oh, you are not the biggest," laughed the bad-tempered ladybird and flew off.

At 5 o'clock, it met a gigantic whale. "Hey you," barked the bad-tempered ladybird. "Want to fight?". But the whale didn't answer at all. "You are not big enough anyway" said the bad-tempered ladybird. So it flew on. At a quarter to six, the bad-tempered ladybird said to the whale's tail, "Hey you, want to fight?" and the whale's tail gave the bad-tempered ladybird the most mightiest of slaps. It sent the ladybird across the sea onto the land.

At 6 o'clock the bad-tempered ladybird arrived right back where it had started from. "Ah, here you are again," said the friendly ladybird. "You must be hungry. There are still some aphids left. You can have them for dinner." "Oh, thank you," sniffled the wet, tired and hungry ladybird.