

*For Carol Peltier and Bob Hamm  
Marraine and Parrain  
to Michelle Mantis*







It was a happy day on the bayou in south Louisiana where Clovis Crawfish lived. Christophe Cricket was singing, Denis Dirt Dauber was buzzing, Lizette Lizard was crawling, and Fernand Frog was croaking.

Clovis Crawfish was glad, glad his bayou friends were happy. He slowly wiggled his whiskers and rested his big, sharp claws on top of a round toadstool that had sprouted up by his mudhouse.





All of a sudden Clovis Crawfish saw Josette June Bug flying around like crazy. She flew around so fast that she batted herself against the side of Clovis's mudhouse and plopped down on her back.

Josette was so scared she was shaking all over. "*Cheval de diable! Cheval de diable!*" she cried.

