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Kurdish Modern Story

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“Fairy tales are more than true:
not because they tell us that dragons exist,
but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten.”

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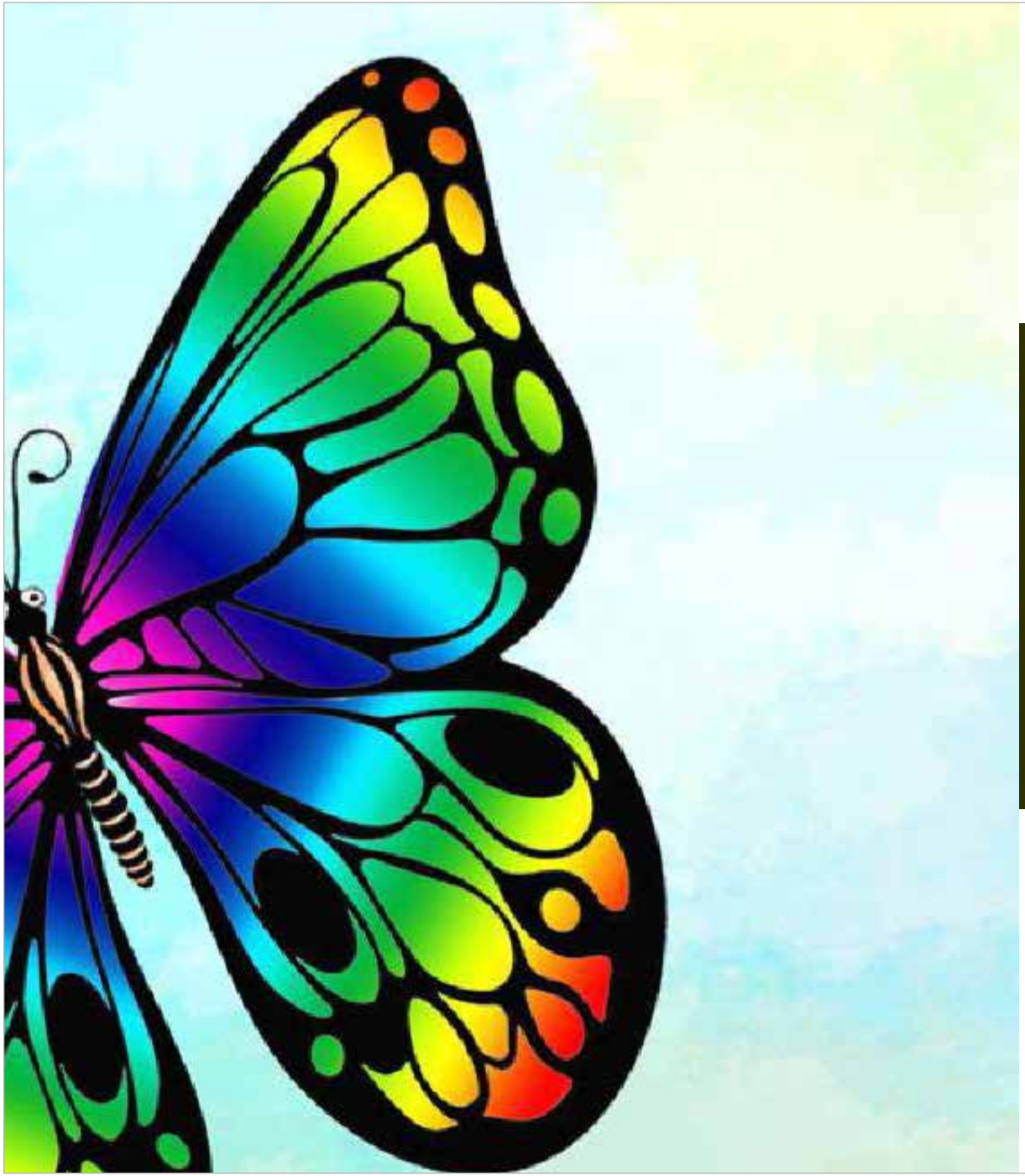

The colour of a butterfly

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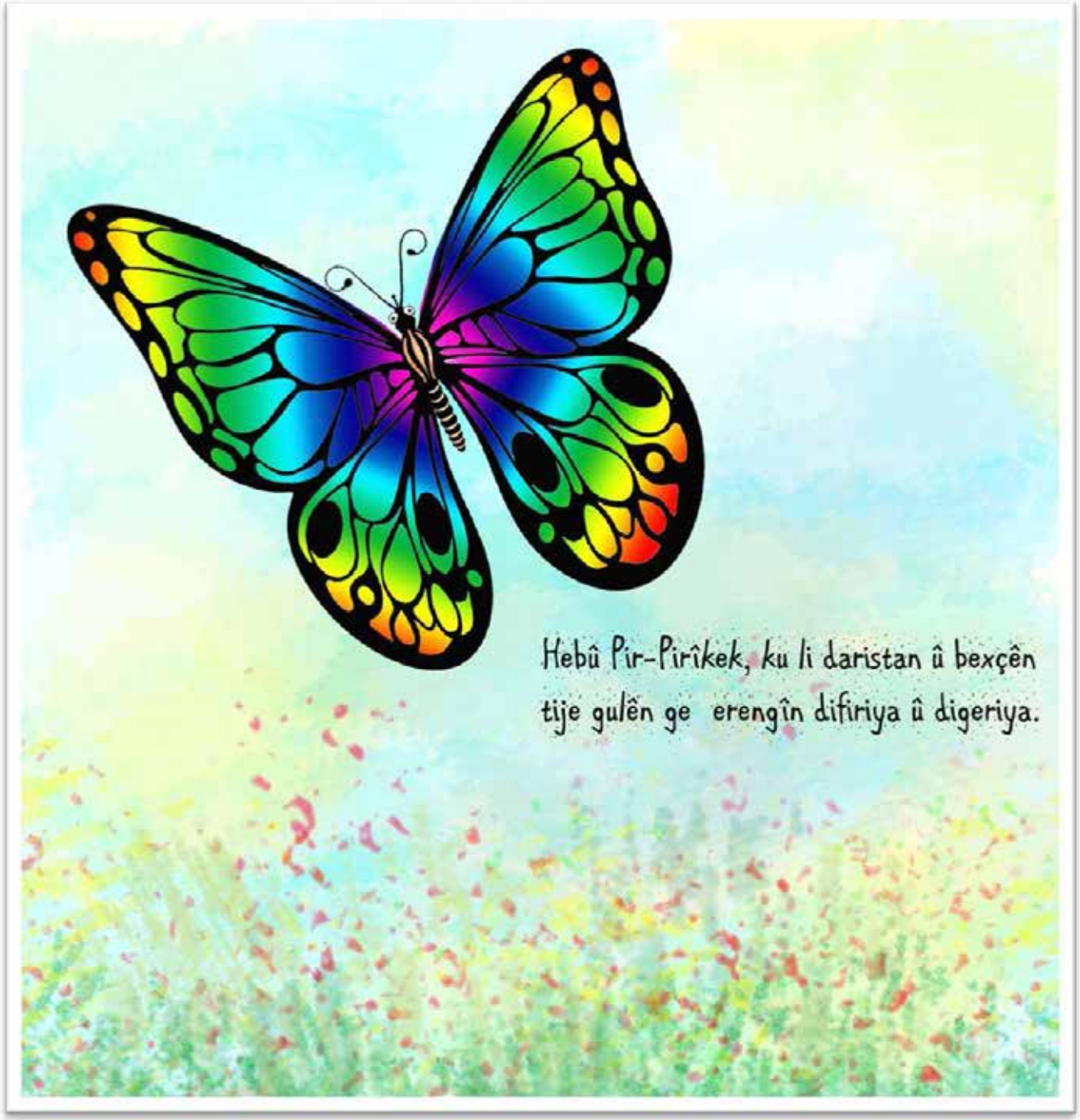
There was a butterfly that flew in forests and gardens full of flowers of all colors.

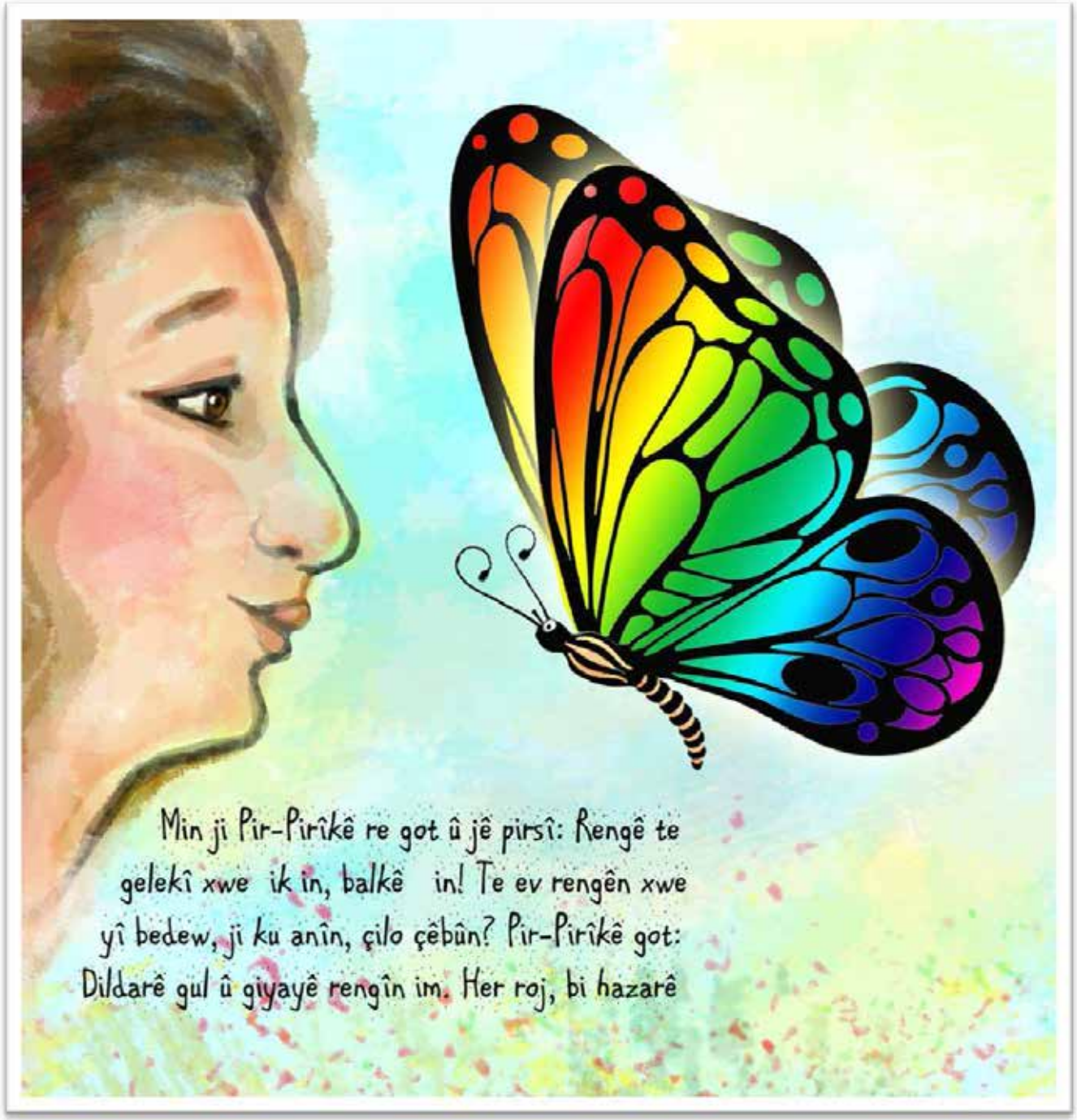

Hebû Pir-Pirîkek, ku li daristan û bexçên
tije gulên ge erengîn difiriya û digeriya.

The butterfly sat on a red flower.

Pir-Pirîkê, ji ser gula sor firî, li ser guleke zer danî, ji guleke rengîn difirî, li ser guleke din didanî, rojê tevî difirî, heta li ser hemû rengê gula didanî.

It flew to a yellow flower and so it keeps flying around all day until it landed in all flower colours.

I asked the butterfly: Your colours are so beautiful and attractive!
Wherefrom did you get all these awesome colours?
The butterfly answered: I love colourful flowers and herbs.
I fly around and sit on them every day thousands of times.


Min ji Pir-Pirîkê re got û jê pirsî: Rengê te
gelekî xwe ik in, balkê in! Te ev rengên xwe
yî bedew, ji ku anîn, çilo çêbûn? Pir-Pirîkê got:
Dildarê gul û giyayê rengîn im. Her roj, bi hazarê

With her magic, she brought them all out of the game and invited them to a space party on the moon.

That’s why my colours are so beautiful.

Jibo vê yekê, rengên min, xwe ik, bedew û balkê in!

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