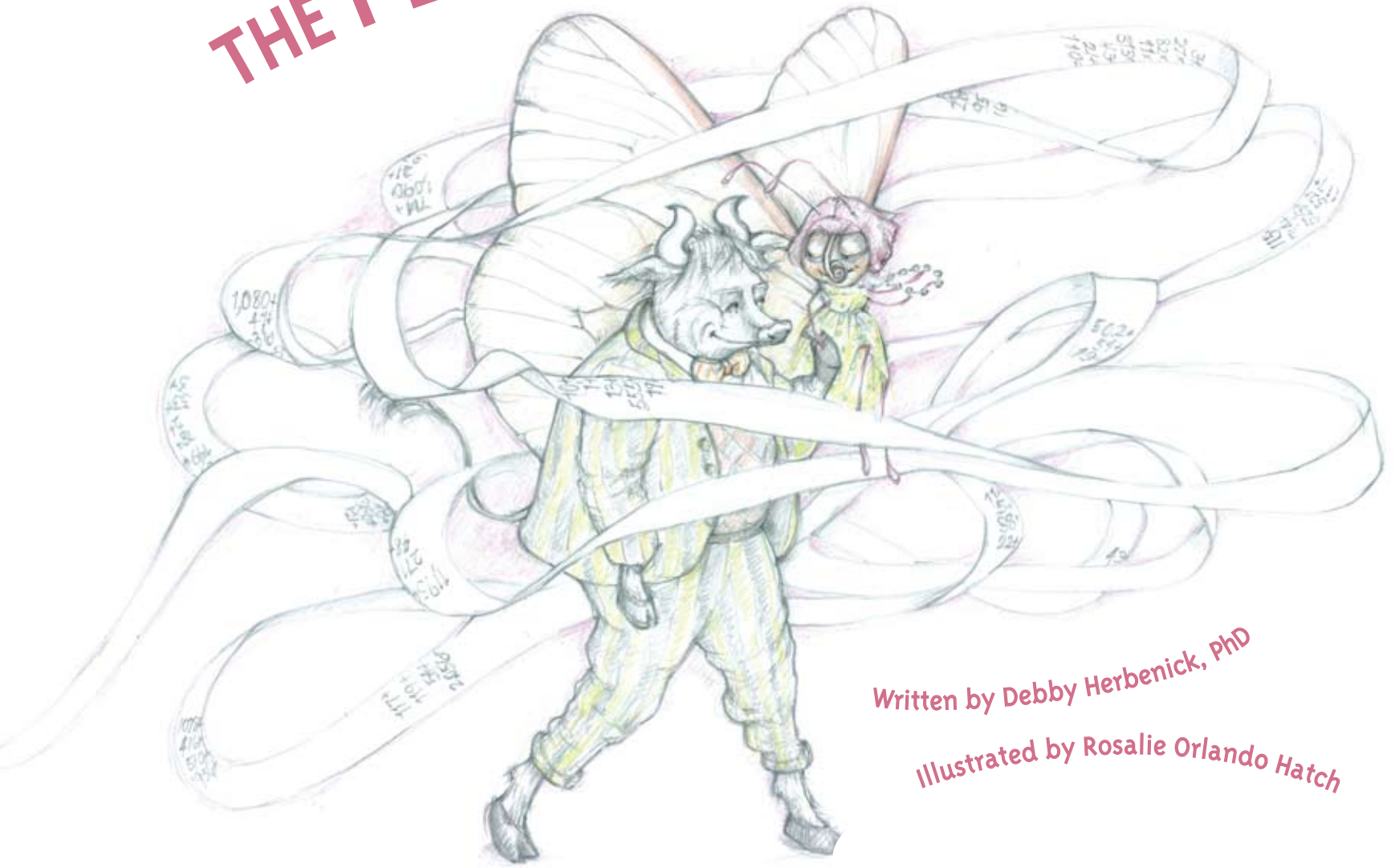


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For James, who I love more than all the stars
And Lucy, who I love bigger than Mars.
- D.H.

To James, R.O.H





Once, on a day that was much like today,
A Bull and a Butterfly came out to play.
They'd been close together for many a year
And had names for each other like Honey, Darling and Dear.



On this day the butterfly said to her friend,
"How do I know that our love will not bend?"
The bull took one look at the love of his life,
Held a hoof to his heart and said, "Even a knife
On this spot wouldn't cause as much pain
As living without you through nine thousand rains.
My love is much bigger than all of the fuzz
On all of the sheep that ever there was,
On all of the farms since the beginning of time.
It's big, I tell you, so big and sublime."



