

A MAGICAL TALE ABOUT LOVE,
COMPASSION, SACRIFICE AND FREEDOM

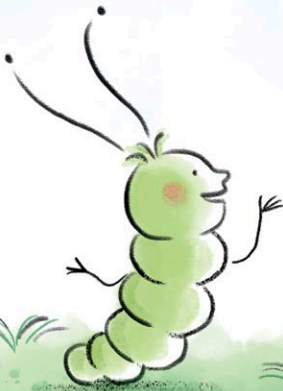
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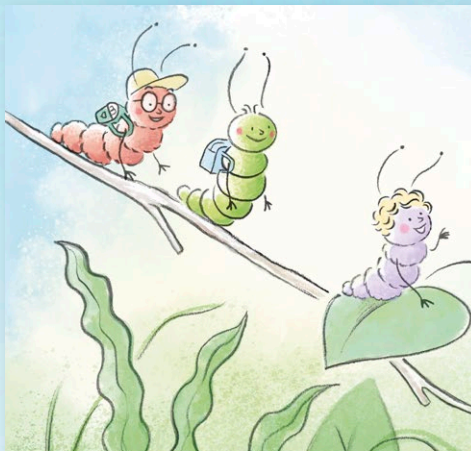


Synopsis

Once upon a time there was the caterpillar Diego, who challenged the strict Rules governing the world of caterpillars while announcing to them that there is life after the cocoon and that their ultimate purpose is to become butterflies. Several caterpillars, fascinated by his philosophy and actions, began to follow him, but the majority remained skeptical and rejected his liberating message. He was primarily opposed by the Grand Master, who feared for his authority and the established order.

This philosophical tale subtly addresses questions related to the meaning of life, love, death, suffering, and afterlife.

Extracts

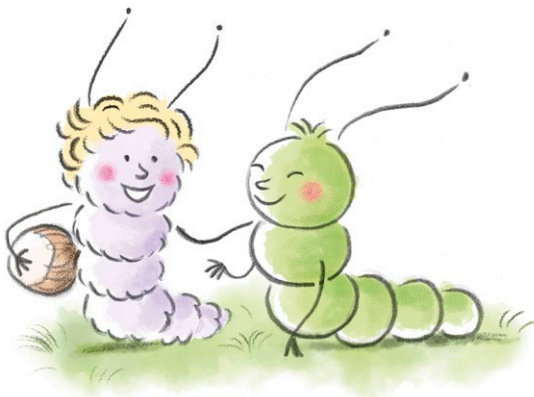


Carlito: "How?"

The stranger: "By understanding that all the little worries of your caterpillar life are nothing compared to the real wonder of your life as a butterfly. Just learn to dream from now your life as a butterfly so that you can fully live it afterwards! The less you are attached to earthly things as a caterpillar, the more you will be light and the better you will fly as a butterfly."

Carlito, dreamy: "How wonderful it would be to fly?"

The stranger: "And above all, don't forget to love. The more you will spread love around you, the more you will be to fly as butterflies. Trust me, there is nothing more fulfilling than flying all together as butterflies."

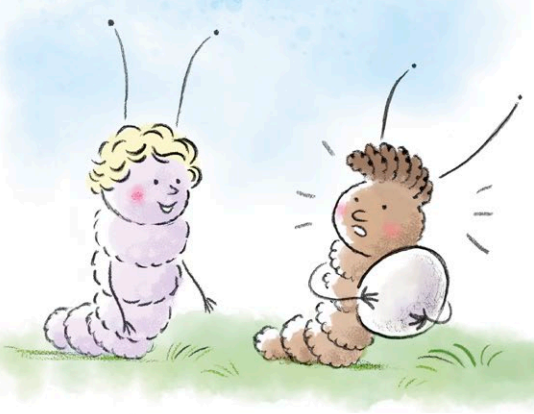


Carlito turning to the stranger: "Tell me... Why does our body get weak when we grow old? Why can't we stay forever young?"

The stranger: "By getting old, we prepare ourselves for the idea that our caterpillar state is just a transition. That's how Nature tells you that there is something greater beyond your caterpillar state. When your caterpillar body starts deteriorating, it is a signal from Nature to tell you to start preparing for your butterfly life". Then he adds: "Alright, let's not get into philosophy right now. Let's play!"

We see the two teams playing and having fun. Then Carlito scores the winning goal, and his teammates congratulate him. They all gather joyfully.

The stranger turns to Carlito: "Your mother taught you the urgency of love. Well, there is also the urgency to enjoy life... You just experienced both!"



They encounter Grido picking up stones. Grido looks embarrassed and hides the stones.

The stranger, amused: "Don't be afraid. We won't take them from you!"

Grido: "Anyway you can't! These are mine. I found them first."

The stranger: "Yes, yes. Don't worry, we are not taking them from you. We are not interested in your stones. They are yours. But, don't get too attached to them. You won't need them when you will become a butterfly! They will be a heavy load that will prevent you from flying."

The Butterfly Effect is a timeless tale for readers of all ages — a story about the meaning of life, the mystery of suffering, the urgency of love, and the ultimate transformation that awaits us all. It invites every reader to look up, dream higher, and discover the butterfly within.