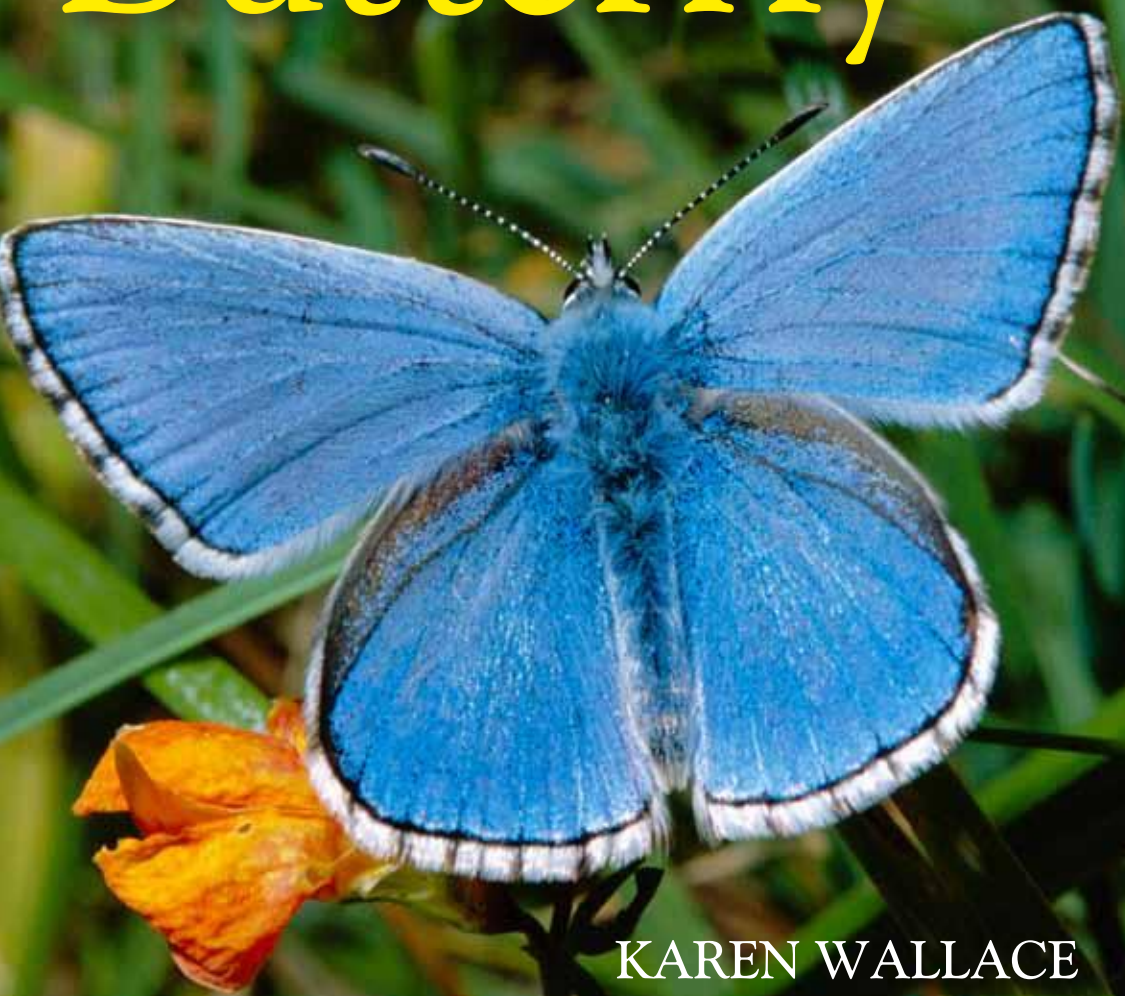




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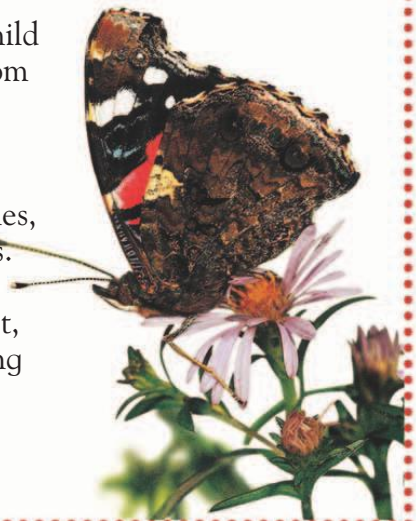
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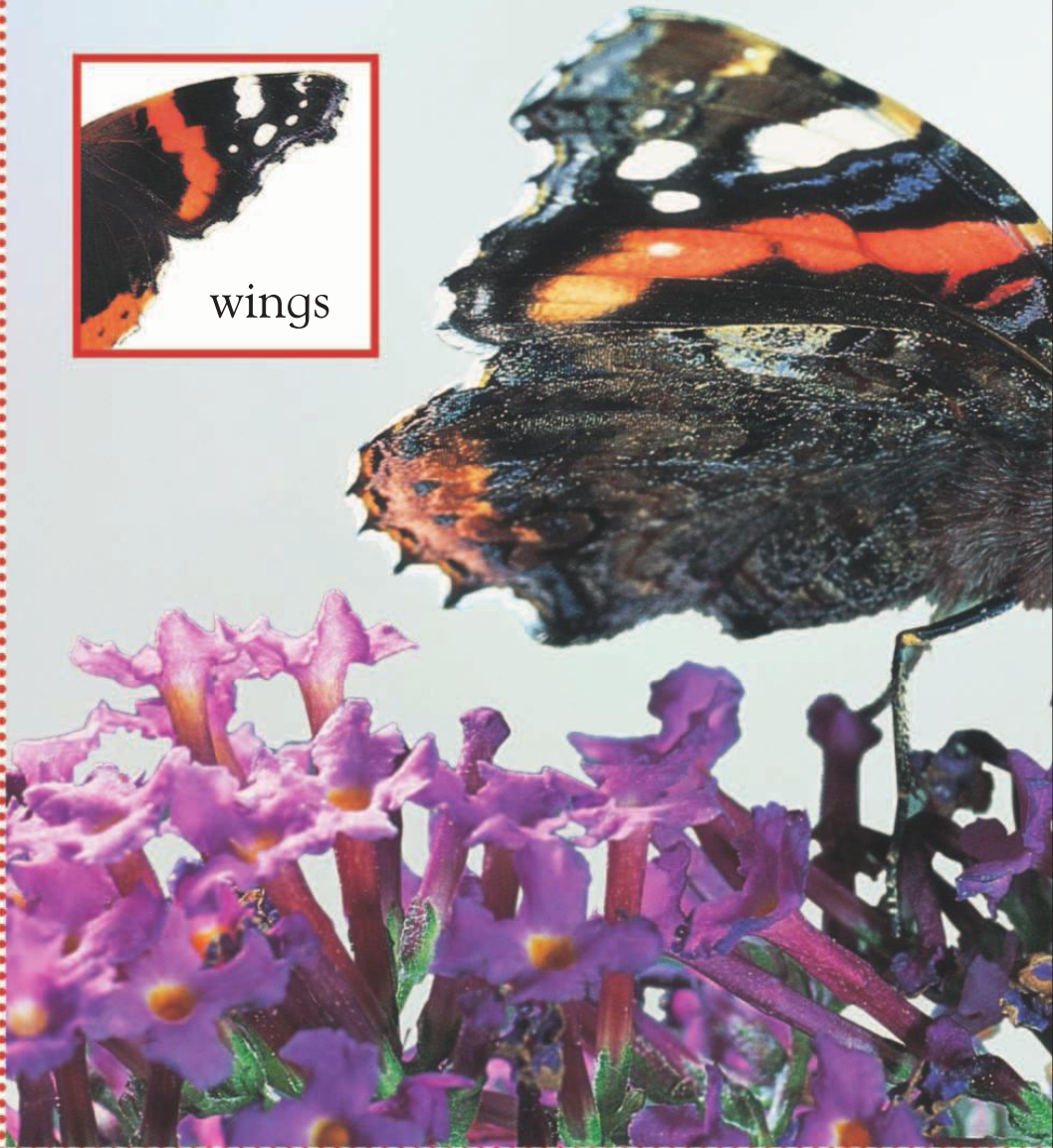


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A butterfly flits
from flower to flower.
Her red-striped wings
shine in the sun.



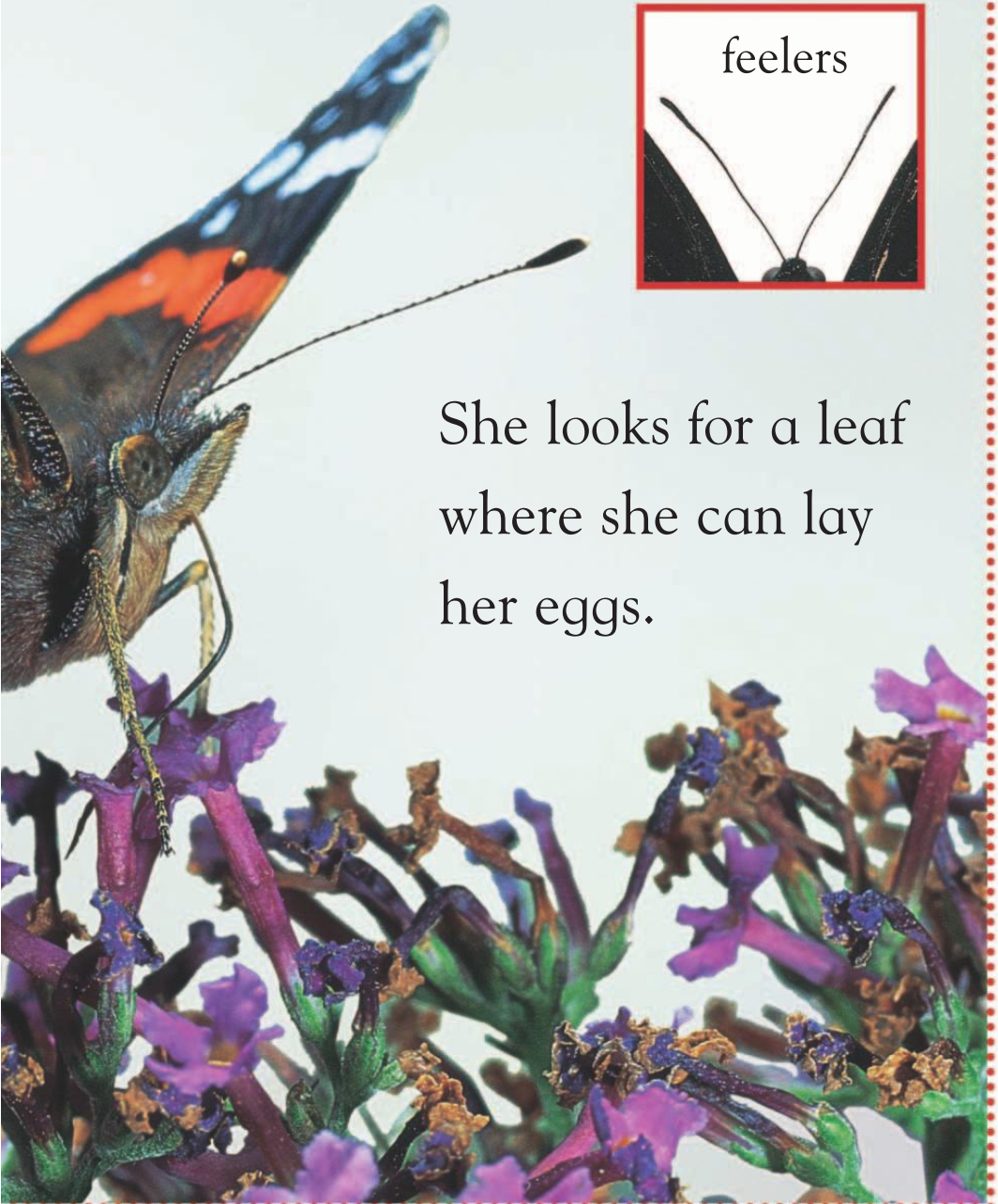
wings



She touches the petals
with her feet and her feelers.



She looks for a leaf
where she can lay
her eggs.



A butterfly flits
from leaf to leaf.





On each little leaf
she lays one or two eggs.
She squeezes the eggs
out of her body.
The outside of each egg
is covered with a shell.



shell

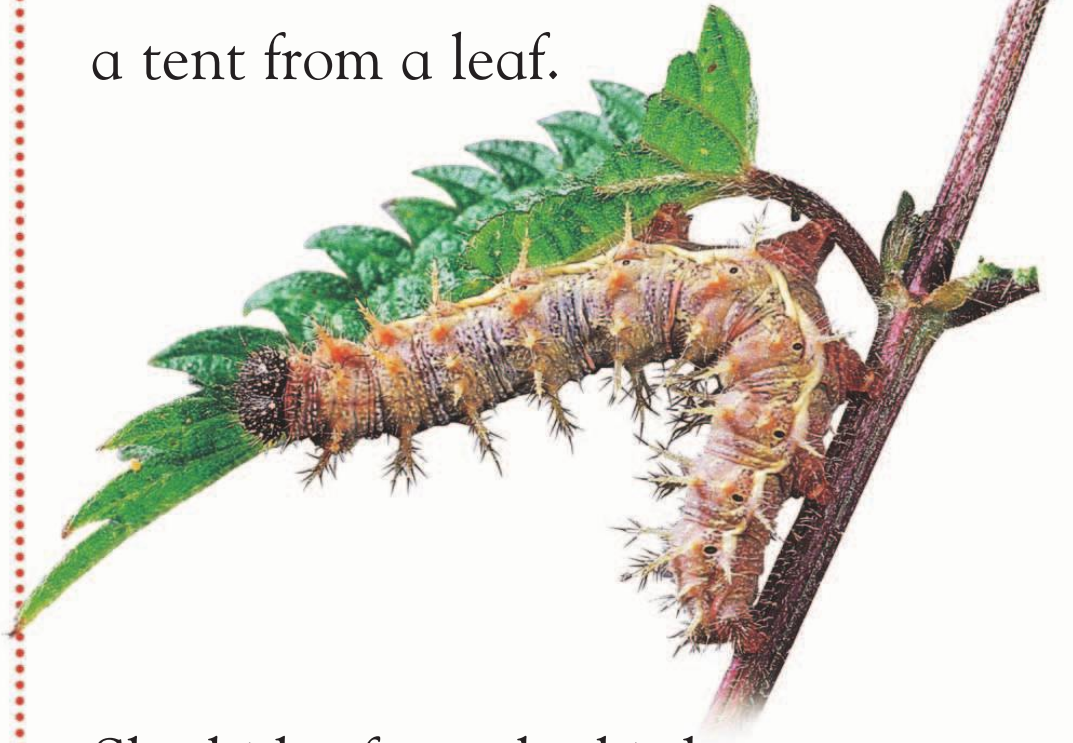


A caterpillar grows
inside each egg.
Soon one is ready
to hatch.

She bites through the shell
with her strong, sharp jaws.
She munches the leaves
around her.



The caterpillar makes
a tent from a leaf.



She hides from the birds,
who are sharp-eyed and hungry.

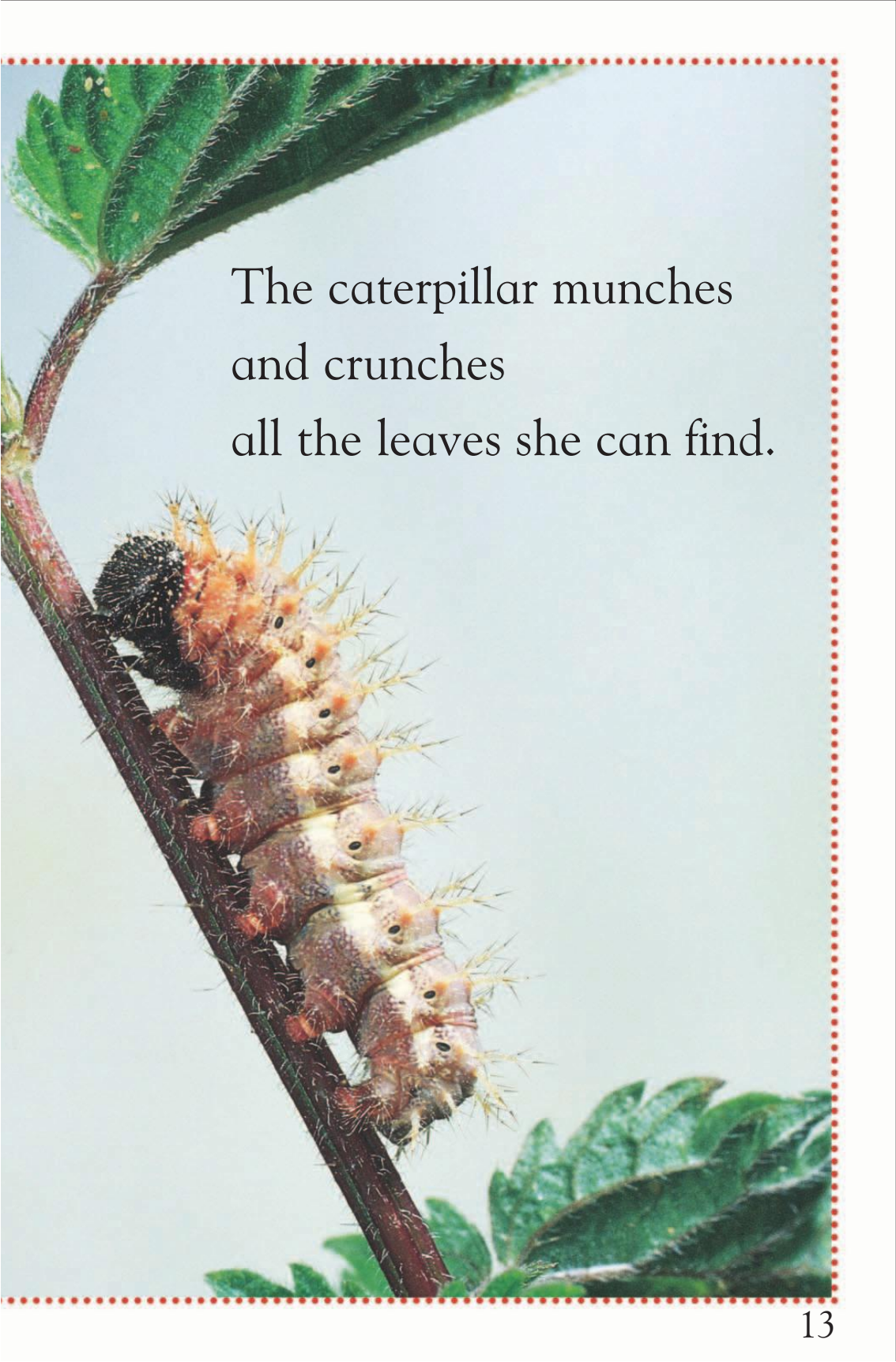


Hundreds of caterpillars
hatch alongside her.
Some are unlucky.
Hungry birds peck them.
Furry bats snatch them.
Spiders catch them.





The caterpillar is hungry.
She needs to grow
so she crawls from her leaf tent.
She climbs up strong stems
and clings to young leaves.

A close-up photograph of a caterpillar with a dark, spiky head and a body covered in numerous sharp, yellowish spines. The caterpillar is positioned on a reddish-brown stem, with its head facing left. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural environment with leaves. The entire image is framed by a red dotted border.

The caterpillar munches
and crunches
all the leaves she can find.

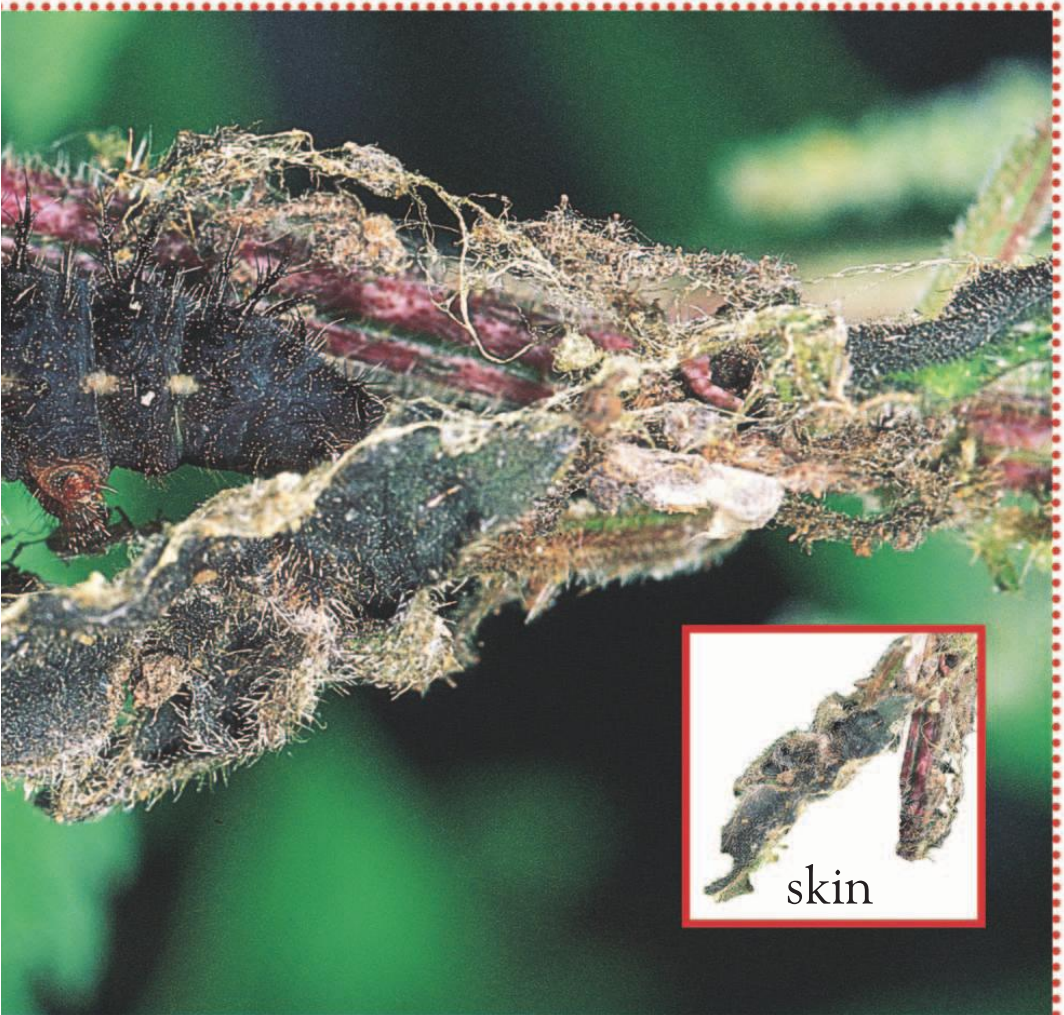


Munch!
Crunch!


The caterpillar munches
and crunches.

She gets bigger and bigger.

Her black and yellow skin
gets tighter and tighter.



Suddenly the skin
starts to split open!
The caterpillar wriggles out
with a brand-new skin.



The caterpillar grows quickly.
She sheds her skin
four times
before she is fully grown.



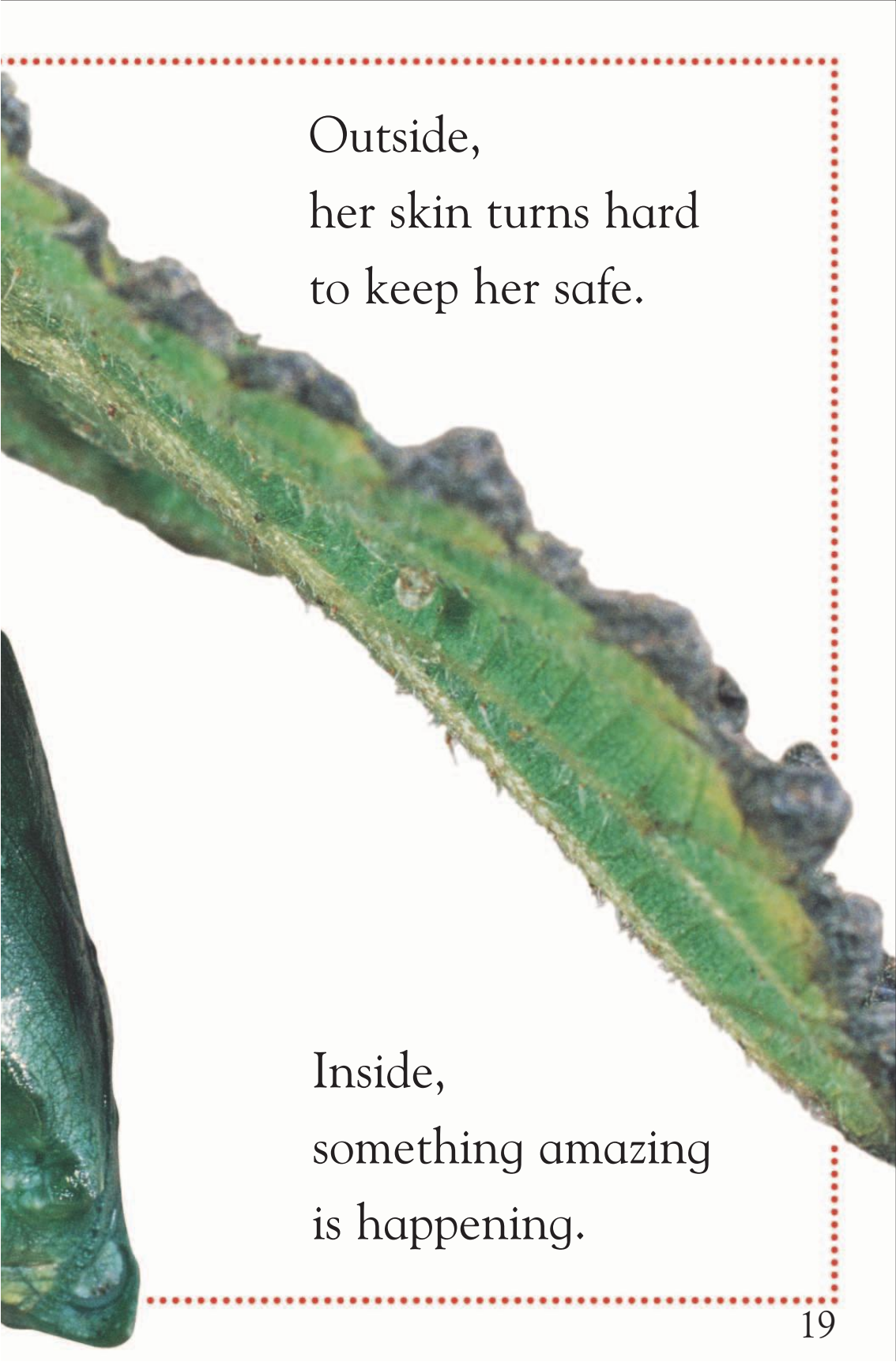
She looks for
a leaf
that is sturdy
and strong.

She hangs upside down.

The caterpillar
is changing
into a chrysalis
(KRIS-uh-liss).



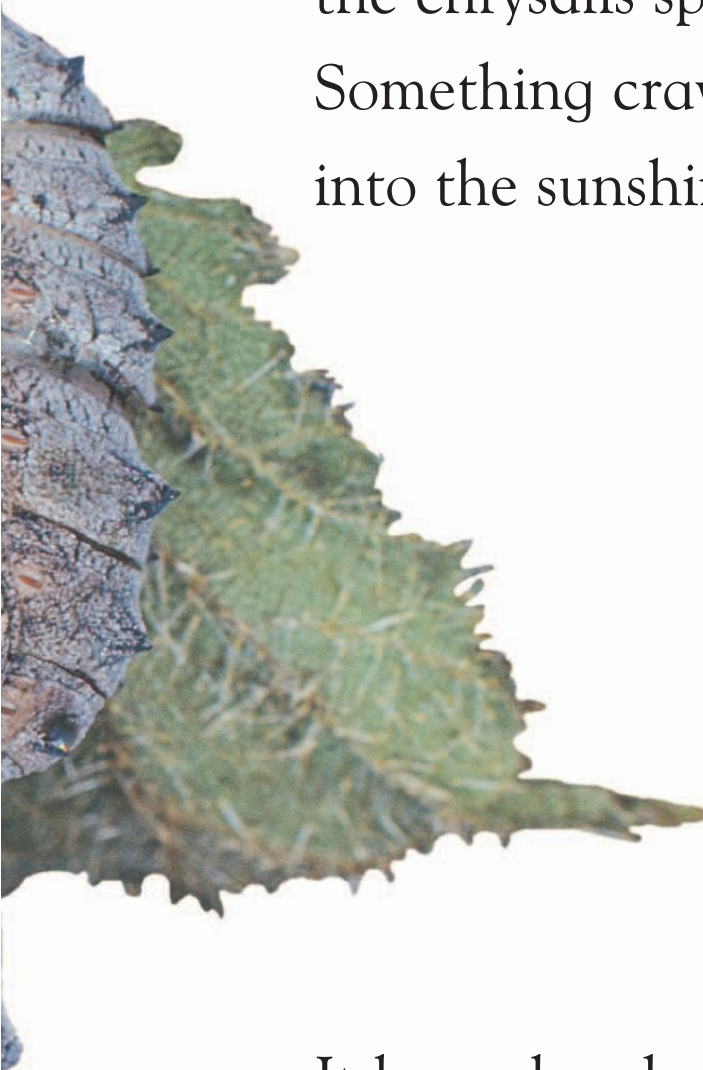
chrysalis



Outside,
her skin turns hard
to keep her safe.

Inside,
something amazing
is happening.

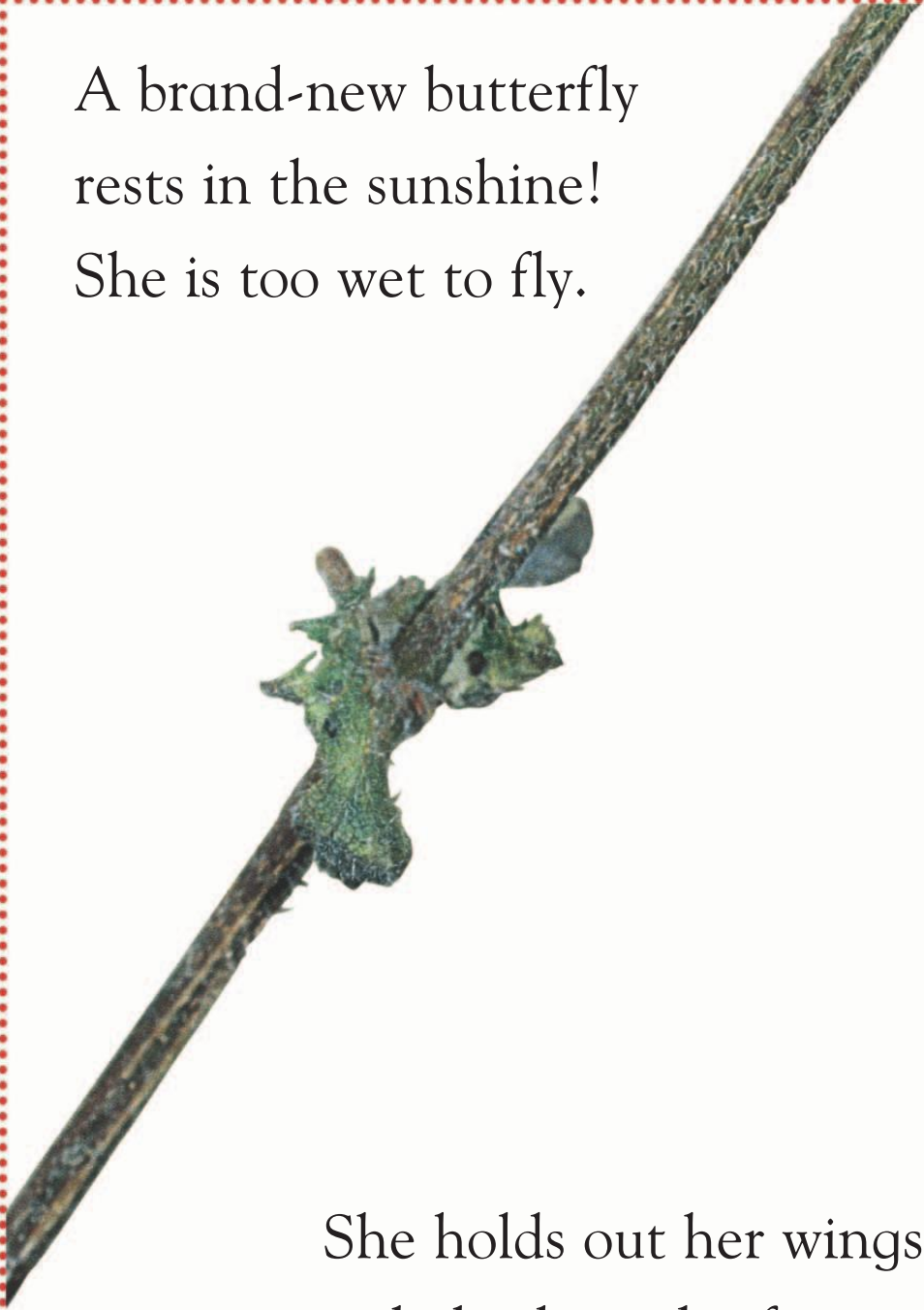




Then one day
the chrysalis splits open.
Something crawls out
into the sunshine.

It has a head and six legs.
It has wings and a body.
What can it be?

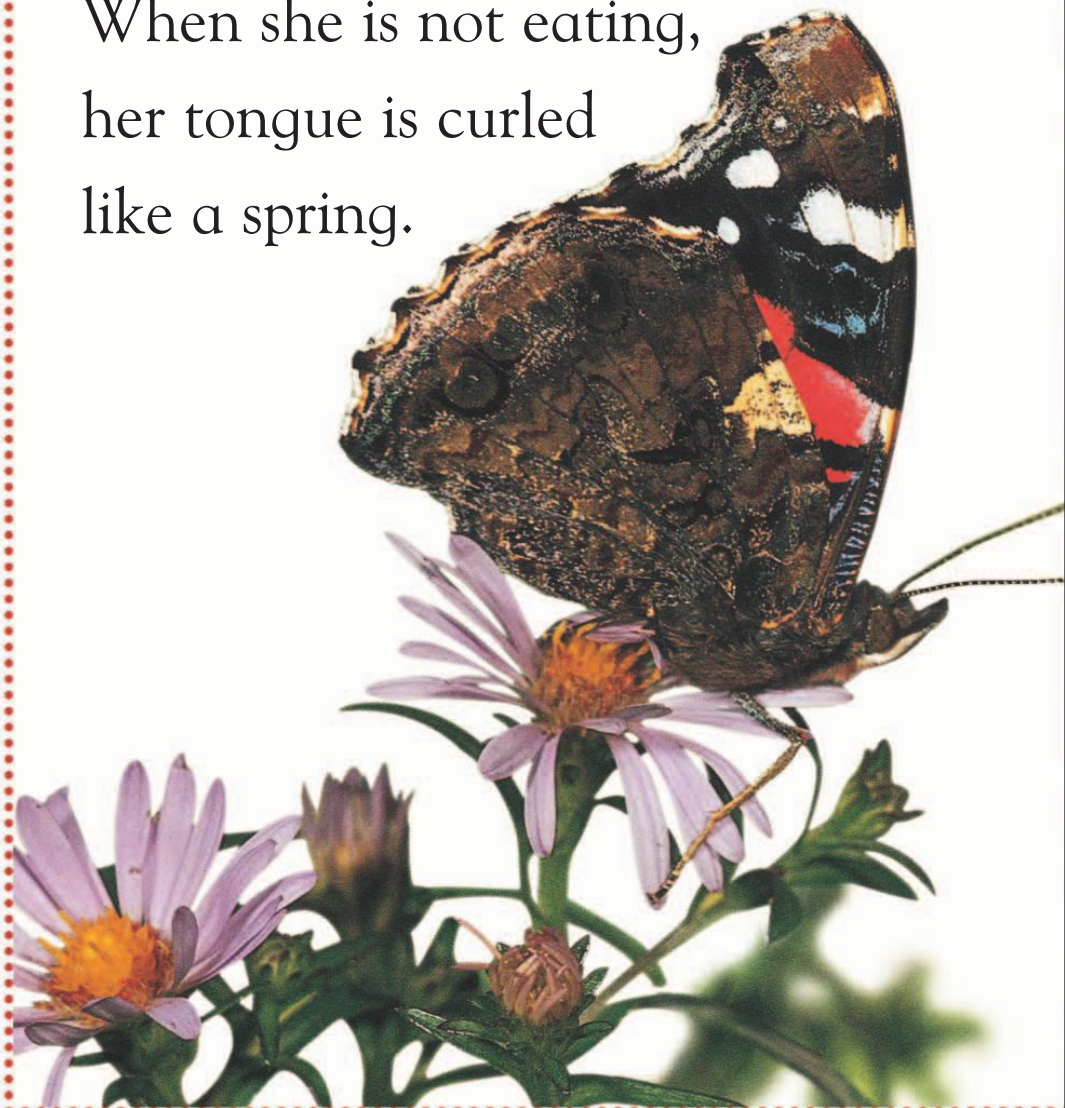
A brand-new butterfly
rests in the sunshine!
She is too wet to fly.

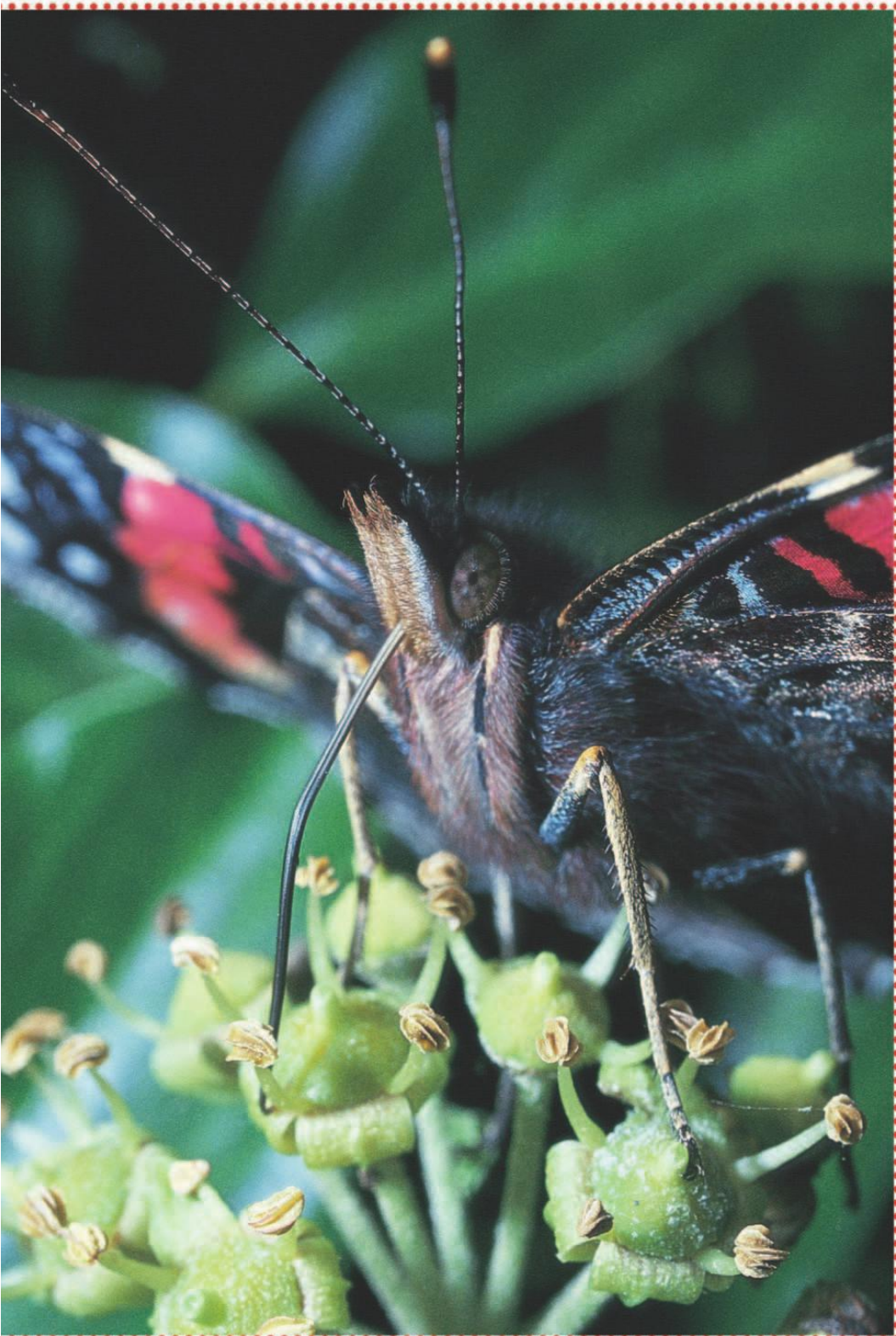


She holds out her wings
to help them dry faster.



The butterfly flits
from flower to flower.
She sucks up the sweet nectar
with her long, hollow tongue.
When she is not eating,
her tongue is curled
like a spring.



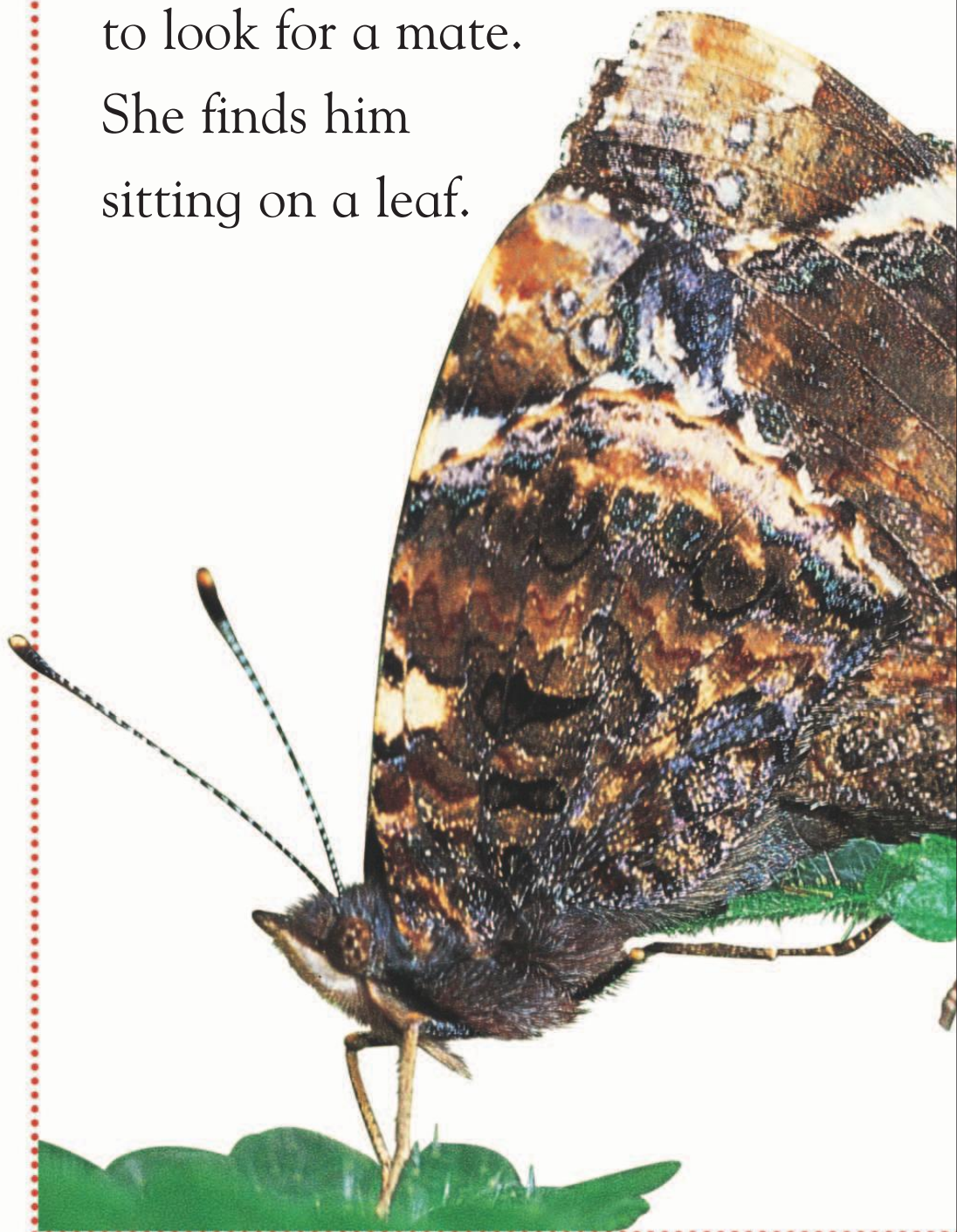




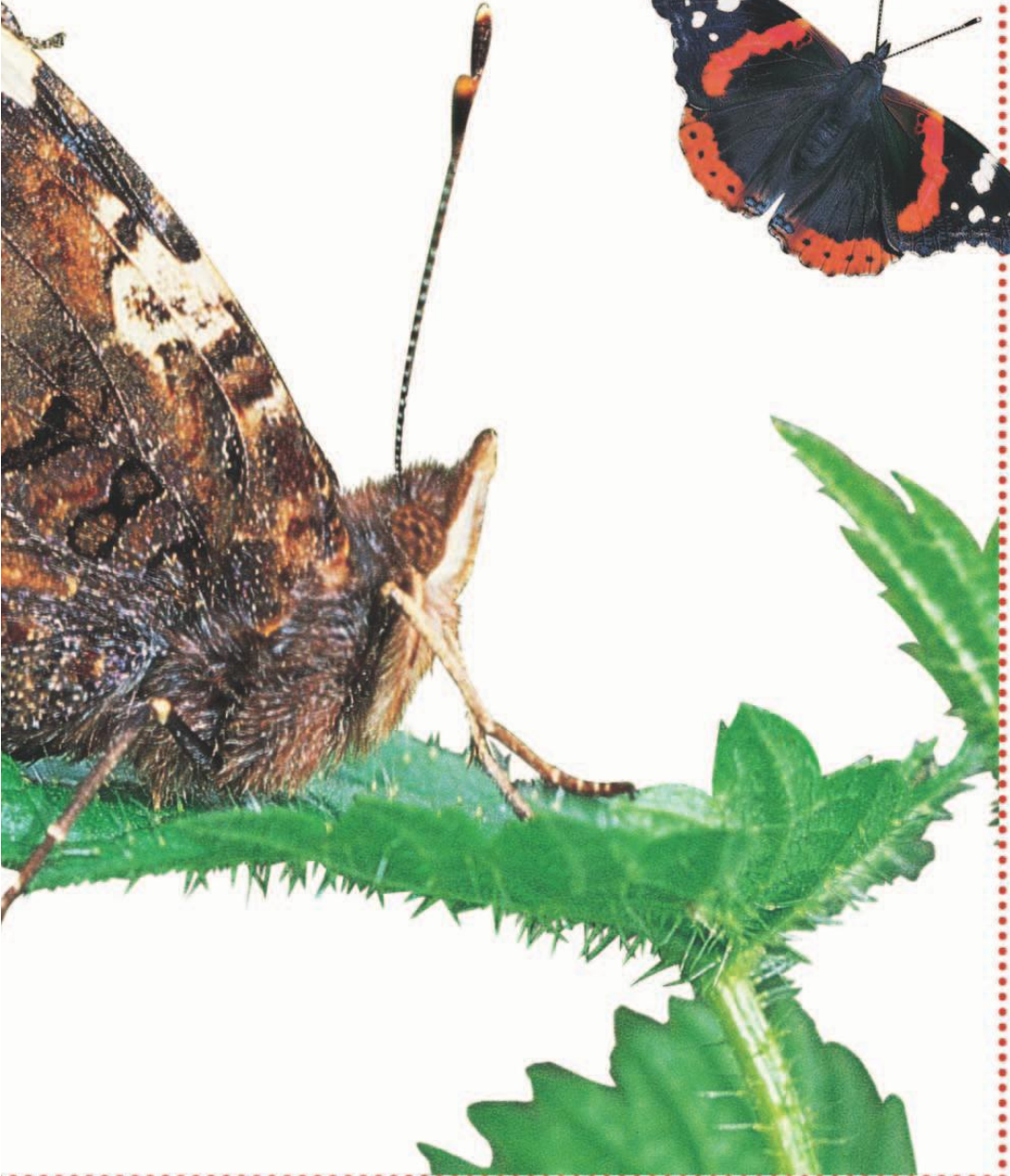
Sometimes she rests
with her wings held together.
She looks brown as the tree bark
so hungry birds can't see her.



Now it is time
to look for a mate.
She finds him
sitting on a leaf.



They dance
in the sunshine
and fly off together.

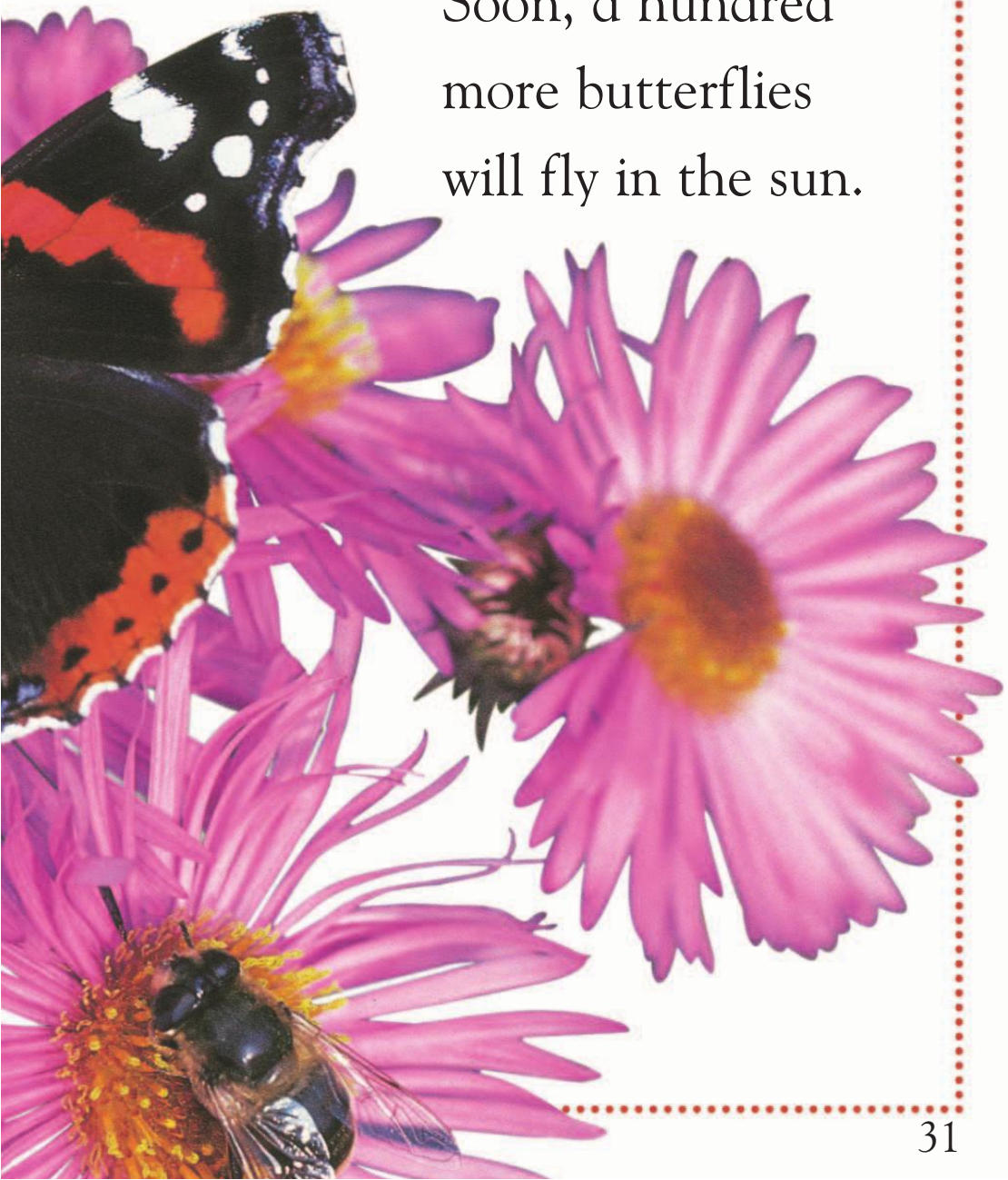


The butterfly flits
from flower to flower.
Her red-striped wings
shine in the sun.



She looks for a leaf
where she can lay her eggs.

Soon, a hundred
more butterflies
will fly in the sun.



Glossary



Chrysalis
the stage of growth
from caterpillar to
butterfly



Feelers
butterflies have feelers
to touch their
surroundings



Shell
the hard outside
covering of an egg



Skin
the outside layer of
a body



Wings
butterflies have wings
for flying

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Whatever the Weather
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A Trip to the Zoo
I Can Swim!
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