




PROBE

Fuzzy wuzzy, creepy crawly
Caterpillar funny,
You will be a butterfly
When the days are sunny.
You were once a caterpillar,
Wiggly, wiggly fellow.

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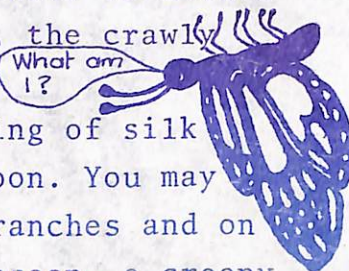
Beautiful Ones



Moths and butterflies are very much alike. They both start life as fuzzy wuzzy, creepy crawly caterpillars. When a caterpillar starts to change into a butterfly or moth, it becomes a pupa.



Most butterfly caterpillars fasten their tail to a branch or stem, and hang head down. A kind of shell forms around them. This shell is called a chrysalis. Inside the chrysalis, the crawly caterpillar becomes a butterfly.



Many caterpillars spin a covering of silk around them. This is called a cocoon. You may have seen these on tree trunks, branches and on the side of houses. Inside each cocoon, a creepy crawly caterpillar becomes a moth.

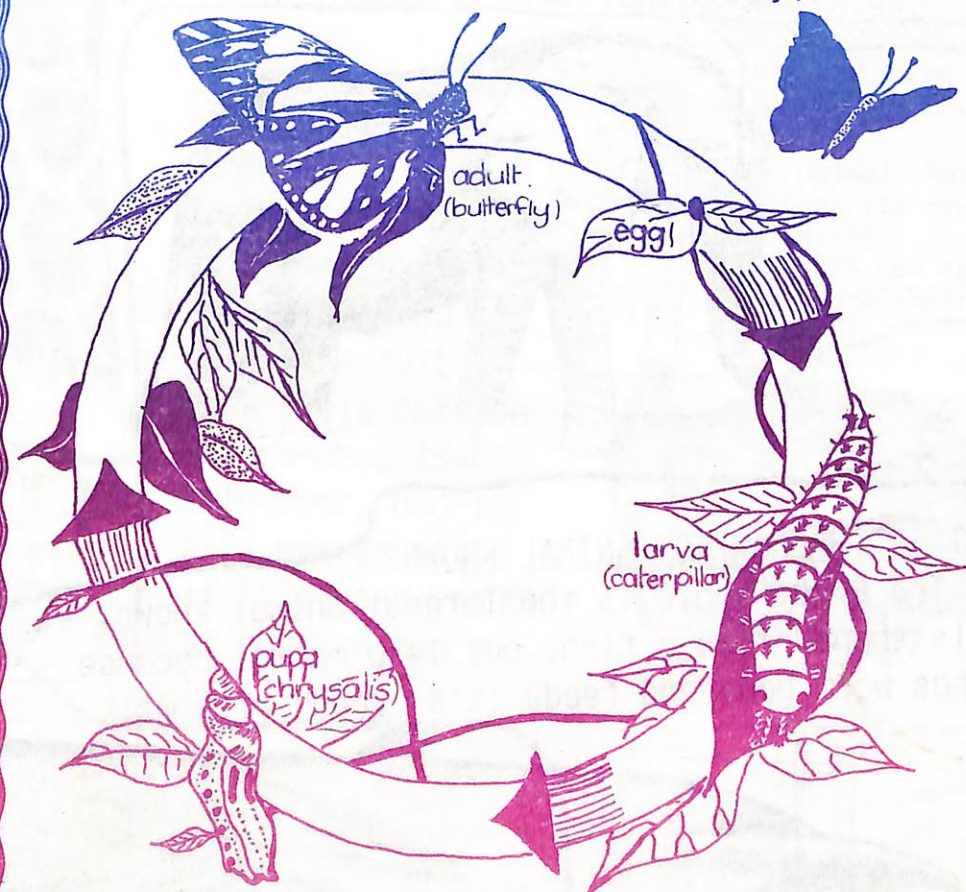
It is hard to tell whether they are butterflies or moths. They both have the same kind of wings and body shape. One way you can tell a butterfly from a moth is by the antennae. A butterfly's antennae always has a knob on the end. Most moths have antennae that either come to a point or that look like tiny feathers. So next time you see a pair of colorful wings, don't be too sure it's a butterfly. Look at its antennae and see if you can tell if it's a butterfly or a moth. GOOD LUCK!

The antennae of a butterfly.

The antennae of a moth.

Life Cycle of a Butterfly —

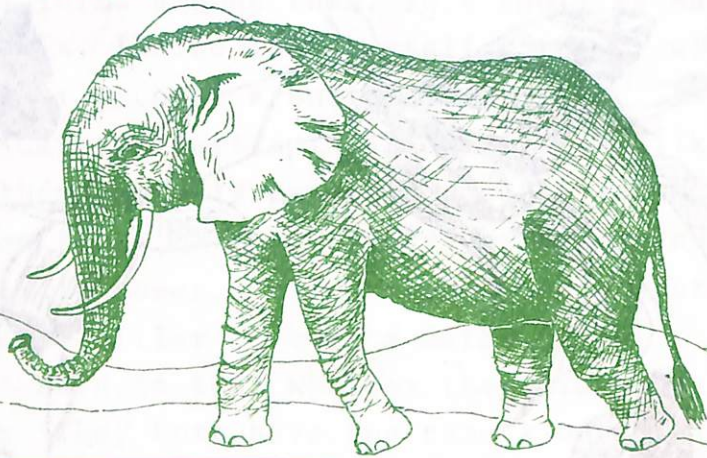
A butterfly, like many other insects has four stages of life. It begins life as a tiny egg. When it breaks out of the shell it is worm-like larva, or a caterpillar. The caterpillar becomes a pupa. A hard shell, called a chrysalis forms around the pupa. Inside the shell the pupa changes into an adult butterfly.



TOWERING GIANTS

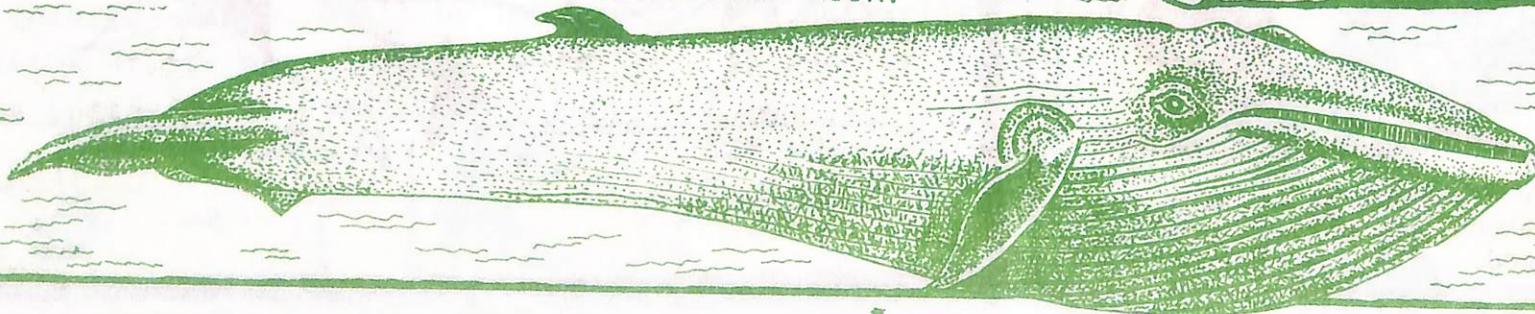
WHAT IS THE LARGEST LIVING LAND ANIMAL?

The African elephant is the largest living land animal. Jumbo, the famous circus animal, was an African elephant and stood 3.5 metres at the shoulder. Jumbo weighed between 6 and 7 tonnes. Jumbo's skeleton is at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.



WHAT IS THE LARGEST ANIMAL KNOWN?

The Great Whale is the largest animal known. It is shaped like a fish, but is a mammal because it has warm body and feeds it's young with milk.



WHAT IS THE TALLEST ANIMAL?

The giraffe is the tallest animal that walks the earth today. He may be as tall as 4.87 metres. Most of the giraffes height is made up of it's slender legs and long neck. These help it to reach up into trees for leaves and twigs.



*Can you find out who the Reptile Giant is?

WHAT IS THE GIANT AMONG BIRDS?

The largest bird today cannot fly. This is the ostrich of the African desert. A full grown male ostrich weighs over 13.6 kilograms, and is 2.74 metres tall. It is strong enough to carry a man on it's back.



DID YOU KNOW?

Horses sleep standing up!

An animal that never closes its eyes is a snake!

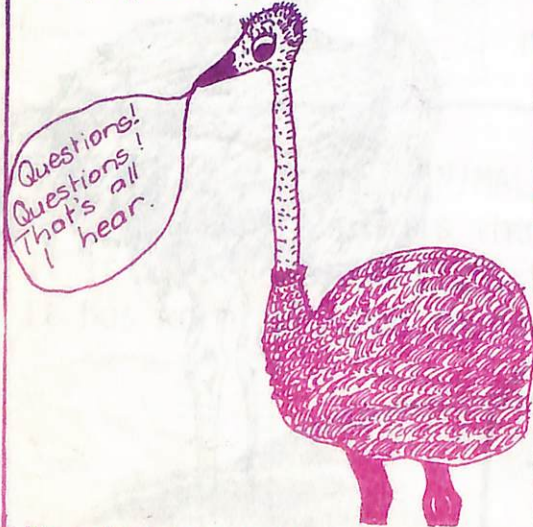
Insects can carry 20 times their own weight!

THE ELEPHANT CHILD.

1. In Far-Off Times, the elephant had no trunk. He had a black, bulgy nose, that could wiggle from side to side. He couldn't pick up things with it.

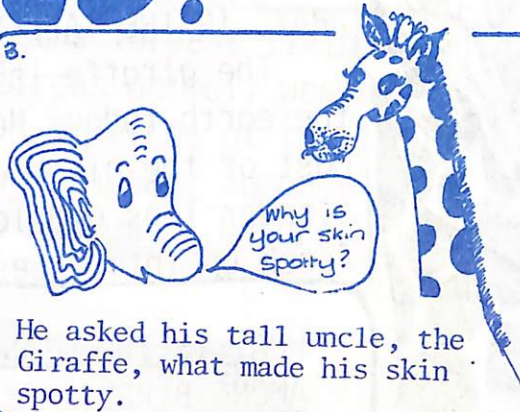


2. There was a new elephant- an Elephant Child- who asked many questions.



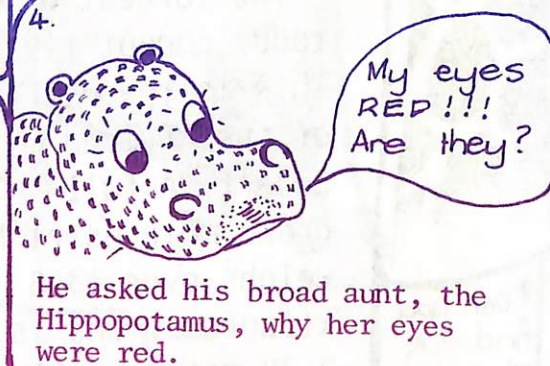
He asked his tall aunt, the Ostrich, why her tail feathers grew so.

3.



He asked his tall uncle, the Giraffe, what made his skin spotty.

4.



He asked his broad aunt, the Hippopotamus, why her eyes were red.

5.



He asked his hairy uncle, the Baboon, why melons tasted so good.

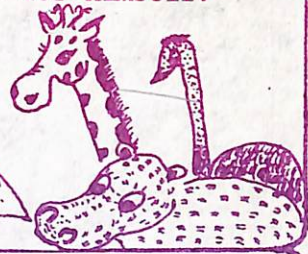
6. One day he asked, "What does the Crocodile have for dinner?" Everyone said, "Hush!" But he wanted to know! He was told to go to the banks of the river and find out for himself.



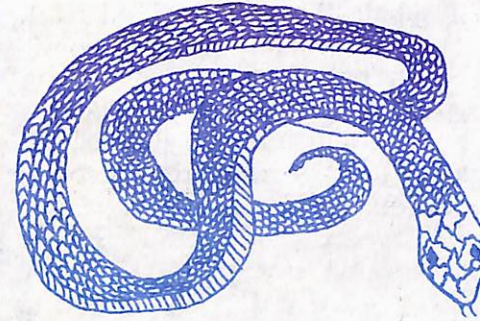
Ssh!!

HUSH!

Find out for yourself.



When he finally got down to the river he was not even sure what a Crocodile looked like! He asked a Python Snake if he had seen the Crocodile.

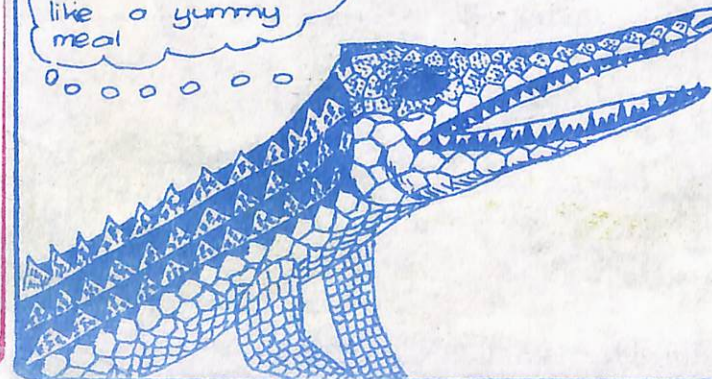


3. Then he came across a creature lying on a log in the river. "Excuse me," said the elephant child, "have you seen a Crocodile around here?"



7. The Crocodile winked an eye, and lifted his tail out of the mud. "Why do you ask such things?" "I want to know what a Crocodile eats for dinner," answered the elephant child.

Mmm! He looks like a yummy meal



Why do you ask such things?

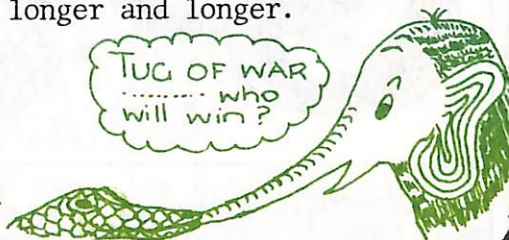
10. "Come a little closer and I'll whisper" said the Crocodile. Then the elephant child put his head down close to the Crocodile's mouth, and the Crocodile caught him by his little nose. "I think today I will have an elephant child!" he said between his teeth.



11. "LET GO! YOU ARE HURTING ME!" cried the elephant child. Then the python snake hurried down the bank, and said "PULL as hard as you can, little friend".



12. The elephant child sat back on his haunches and pulled with all his might, and his nose began to stretch. The crocodile splashed in the water as he pulled and pulled. The elephant child's nose kept growing longer and longer.



13. The snake knotted himself around the elephant child's hind legs, and they pulled until at last the Crocodile let go! Elephant child wrapped his poor nose in cool banana leaves, and sat waiting for it to shrink. He sat there for 3 days, but it never grew any shorter.



THAT IS HOW THE ELEPHANT GOT IT'S TRUNK!!!