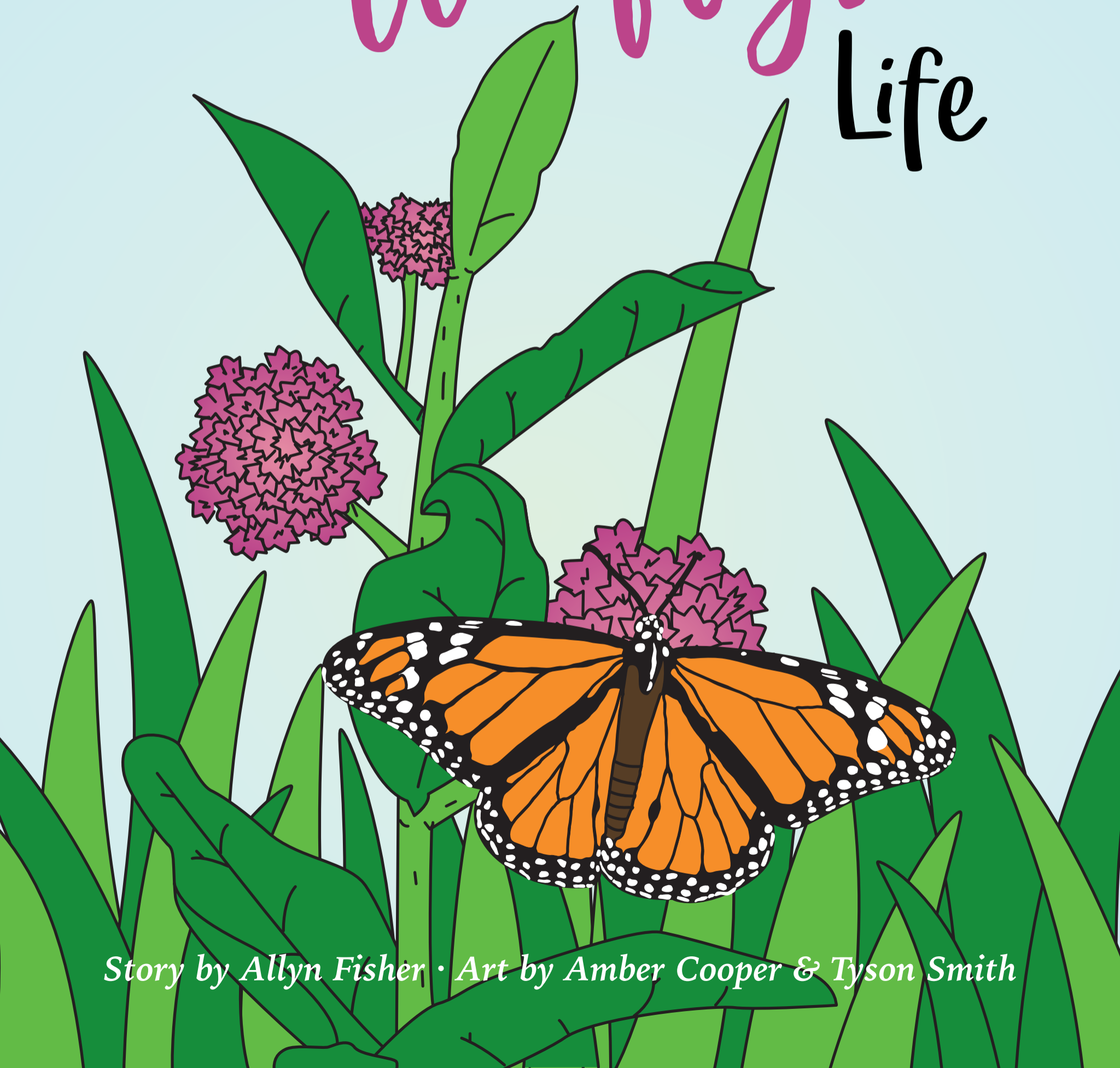


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EGG

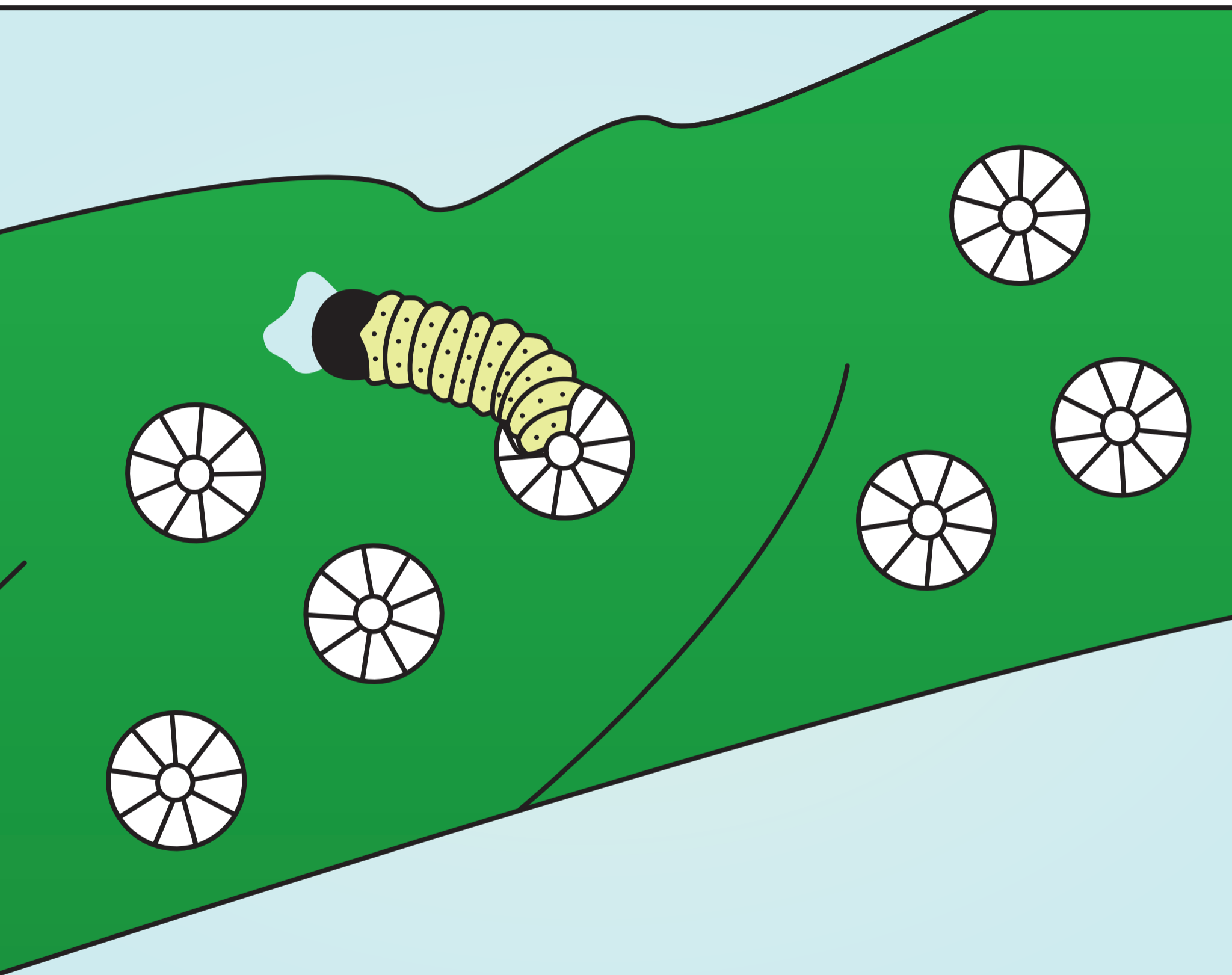
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A female butterfly
lays her eggs on the
underside of a leaf.

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TINY CATERPILLAR SECOND

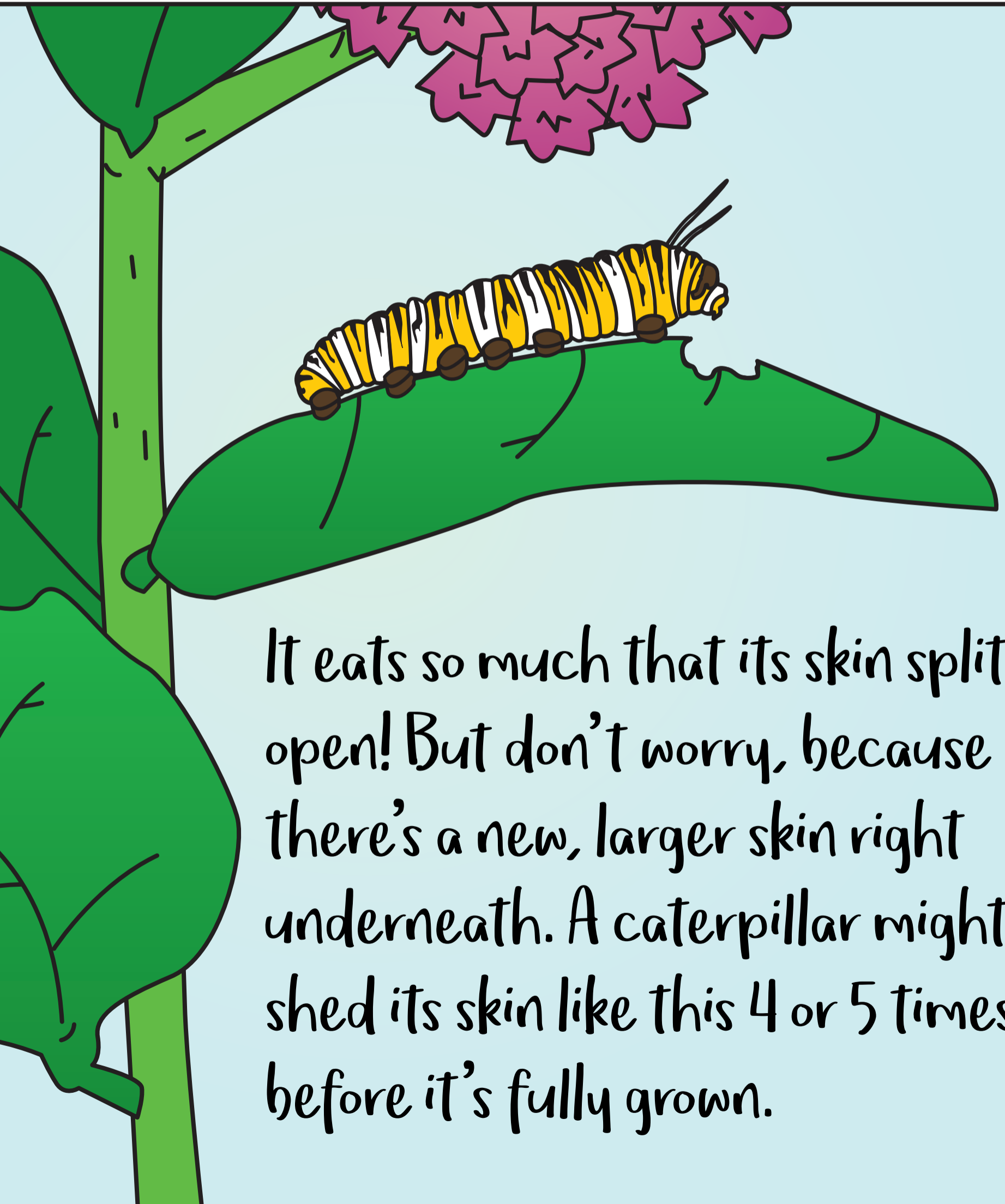


After many days, a tiny caterpillar eats its way out of its egg and starts munching all the leaves it can find.

3

BIG CATERPILLAR

THIRD



It eats so much that its skin splits open! But don't worry, because there's a new, larger skin right underneath. A caterpillar might shed its skin like this 4 or 5 times before it's fully grown.

4

CHRYSALIS

FOURTH

The full-grown caterpillar attaches itself to a twig or the underside of a leaf and hangs upside down.



A hard case called a chrysalis forms around the caterpillar to keep it safe as it slowly changes.

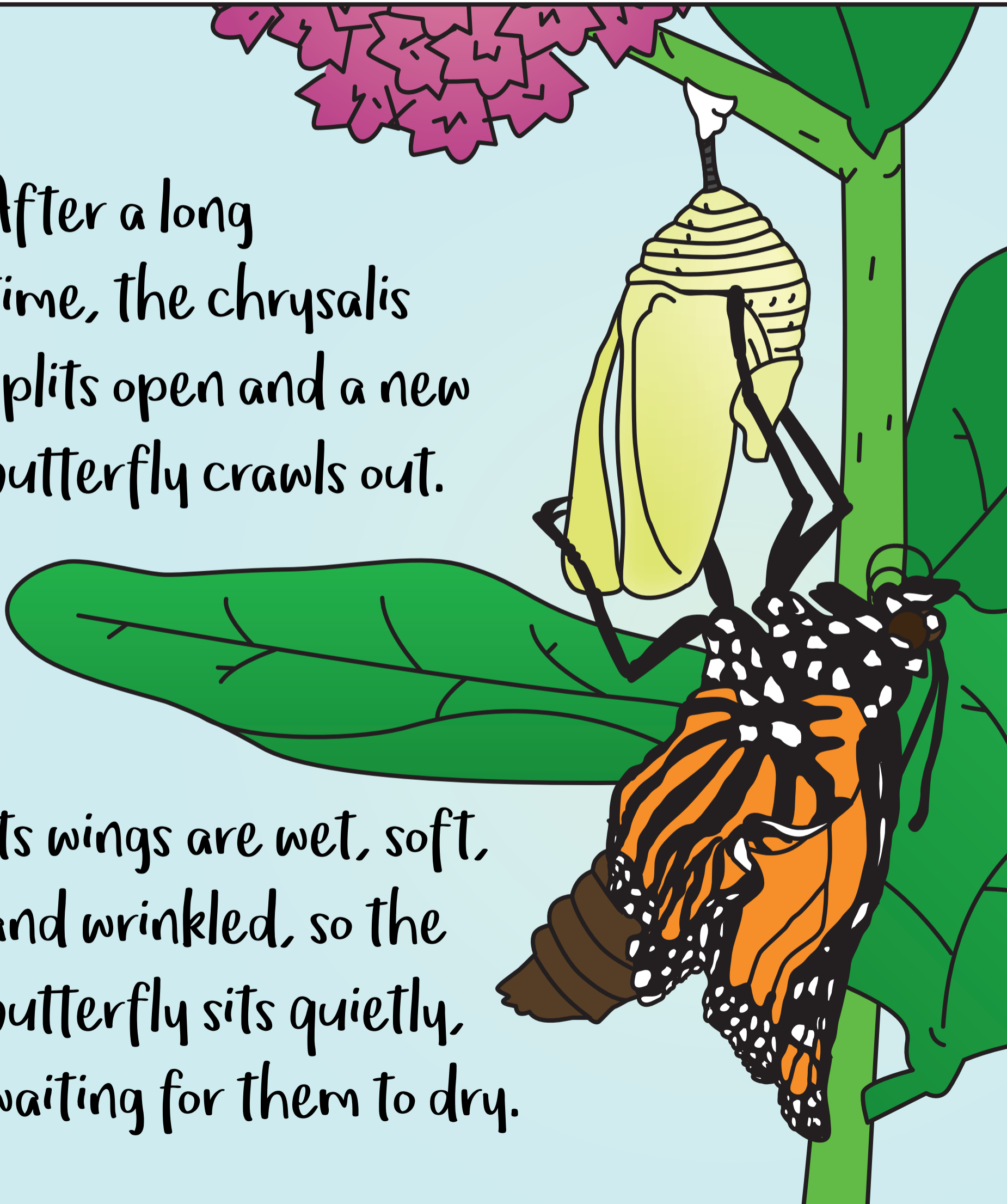
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NEW BUTTERFLY

FIFTH

After a long time, the chrysalis splits open and a new butterfly crawls out.

Its wings are wet, soft, and wrinkled, so the butterfly sits quietly, waiting for them to dry.



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ADULT BUTTERFLY

SIXTH

When the butterfly's wings are strong enough to fly, it flutters up, up, and away to search for flowers and other butterflies.





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