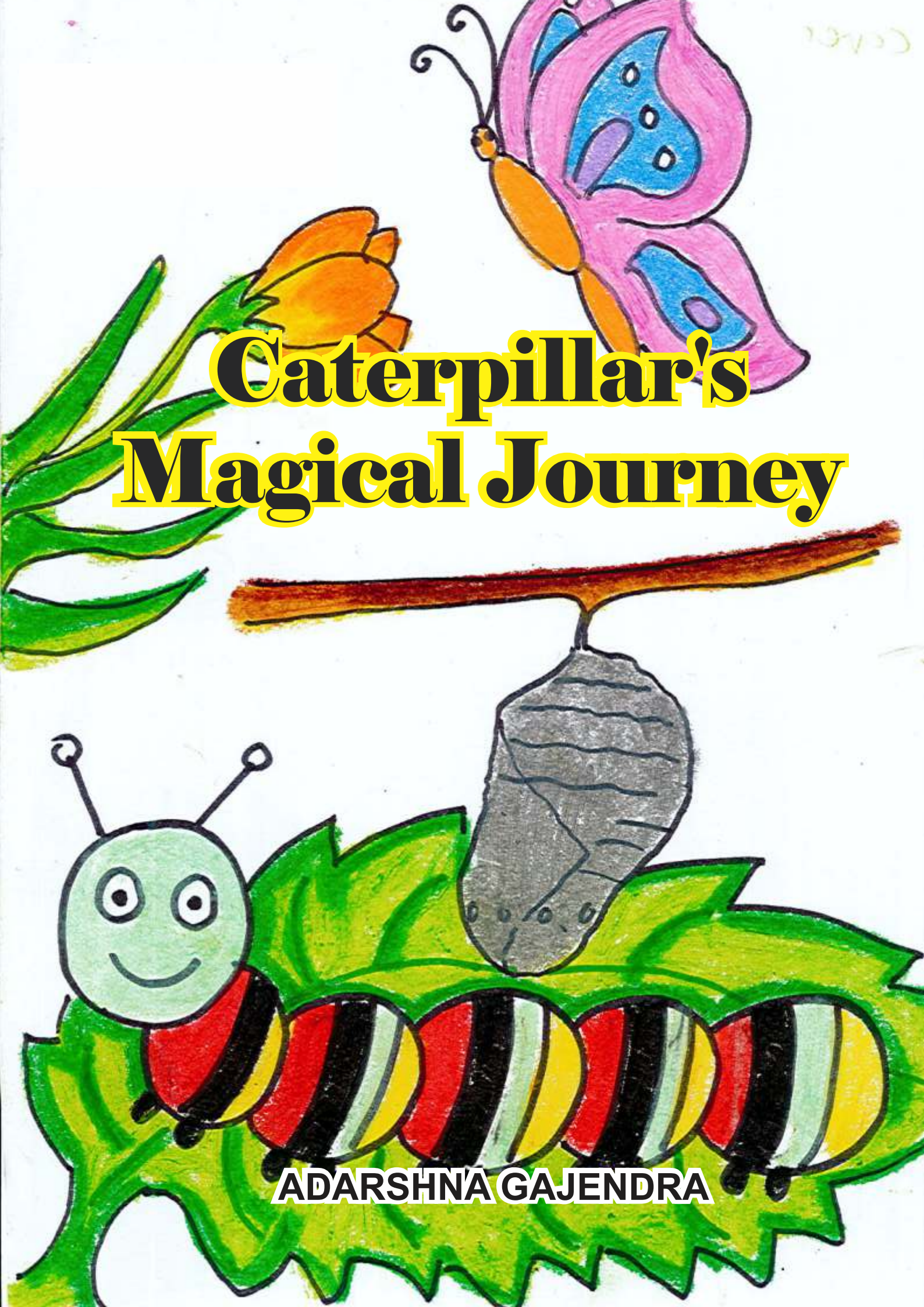


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Preface

The primary goal of the current educational system is to mould a productive citizen and a caring family member who is equipped with knowledge and skills. The main responsibility of the school is to identify and recognize children's talents, as well as to sharpen their skills to meet the needs of the nation and the world. Our Alma Mater is constantly guiding and assisting children who are creative. This project has been an ongoing process at our school for many years, particularly in terms of writing books. Many skilled and enthusiastic young writers participated in this exercise for years, producing novice writers in the field of literature. We regard this as a great victory and a national need at this hour. To continue this effort, we have adopted digital technologies and an e-book project this year. I am confident that this unique event provided youngsters with valuable experience and challenge that will benefit them in the future. The Ministry of Education has hailed the project as an important step toward motivating young authors in schools. As principal of Mahamaya Girls' College, I am grateful to all of the students throughout the country who contributed to this endeavour. I commend and applaud all of the young authors of these books for their perseverance and devotion in this difficult task. I would like to thank our school management committee, employees, parents, my students, administrators, and teachers from other schools who encouraged students to take part in this worthwhile effort.

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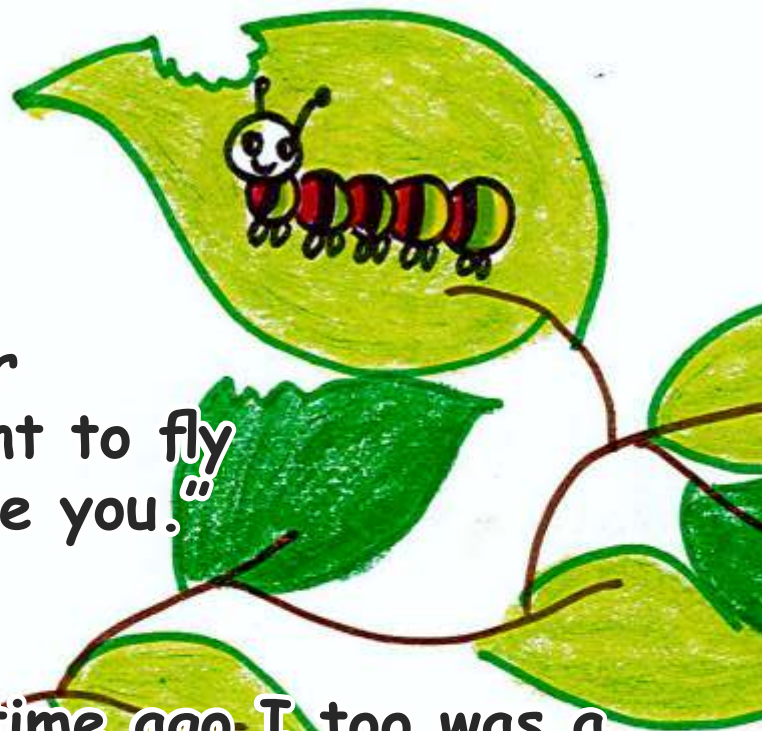


In a beautiful garden, there lived a little caterpillar named Spiky. He was a small, fuzzy caterpillar with bright yellow, green and red stripes. He spent his days crawling on leaves and exploring the wonders of the garden.

One sunny day, Spiky nibbled on a juicy leaf. When he looked up at the sky, he saw a butterfly happily dancing among the flowers. Spiky was so excited to see such a beautiful flying creature. He was amazed by seeing the colourful butterfly. He wished he could fly too. He started to dream of flying high in the sky just like the beautiful butterfly.



He asked the butterfly, "How did u fly so high? You look elegant with your beautiful wings. I too want to fly and look beautiful just like you."



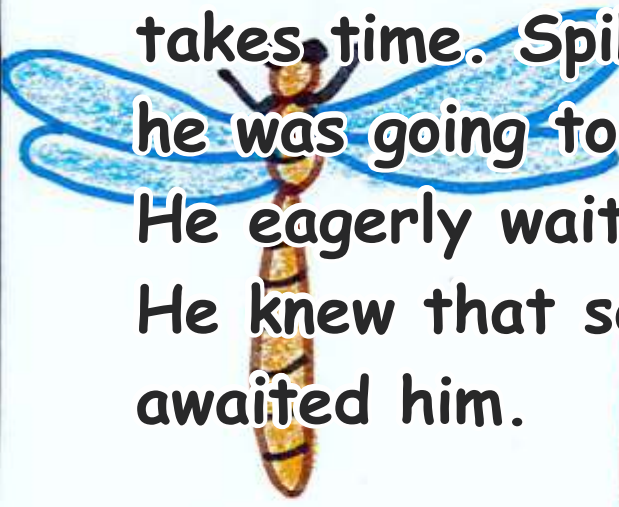
The butterfly answered, "Dear little Spiky, some time ago I too was a caterpillar just like you. But I went through a magical transformation to a butterfly. With time, you will also become a beautiful butterfly just like me. But you must wait until the right time."

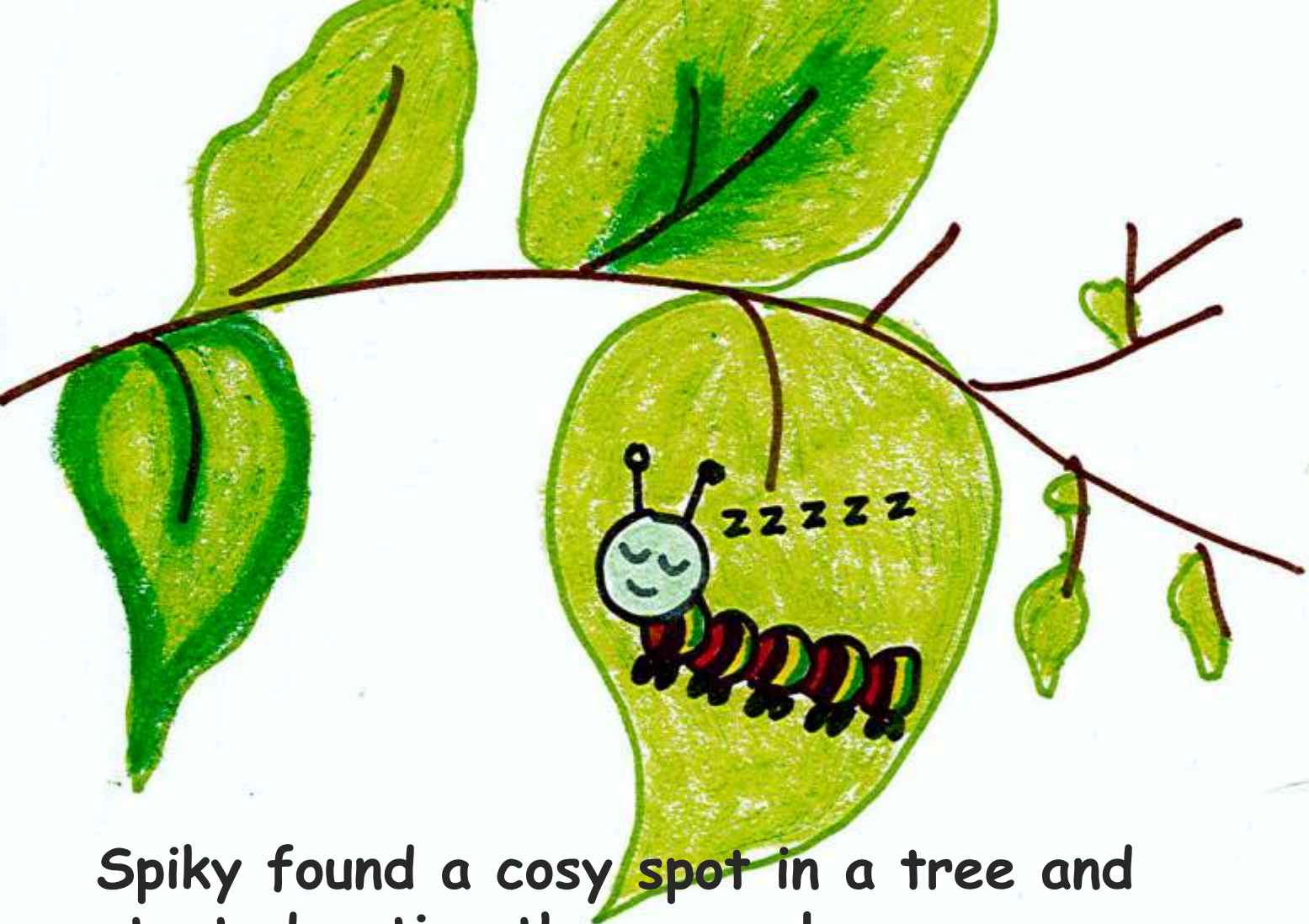
Spiky was too excited to become a butterfly. He waited for a few days. But nothing changed in him. He Couldn't wait anymore. Spiky went to seek the advice of his friend the Dragonfly. The Dragonfly listened to Spiky's dream.



The Dragonfly explained that, to become a butterfly, a Caterpillar needed to undergo a magical transformation which takes time. Spiky couldn't believe that he was going to change for real.

He eagerly waited for the journey ahead. He knew that something wonderful awaited him.





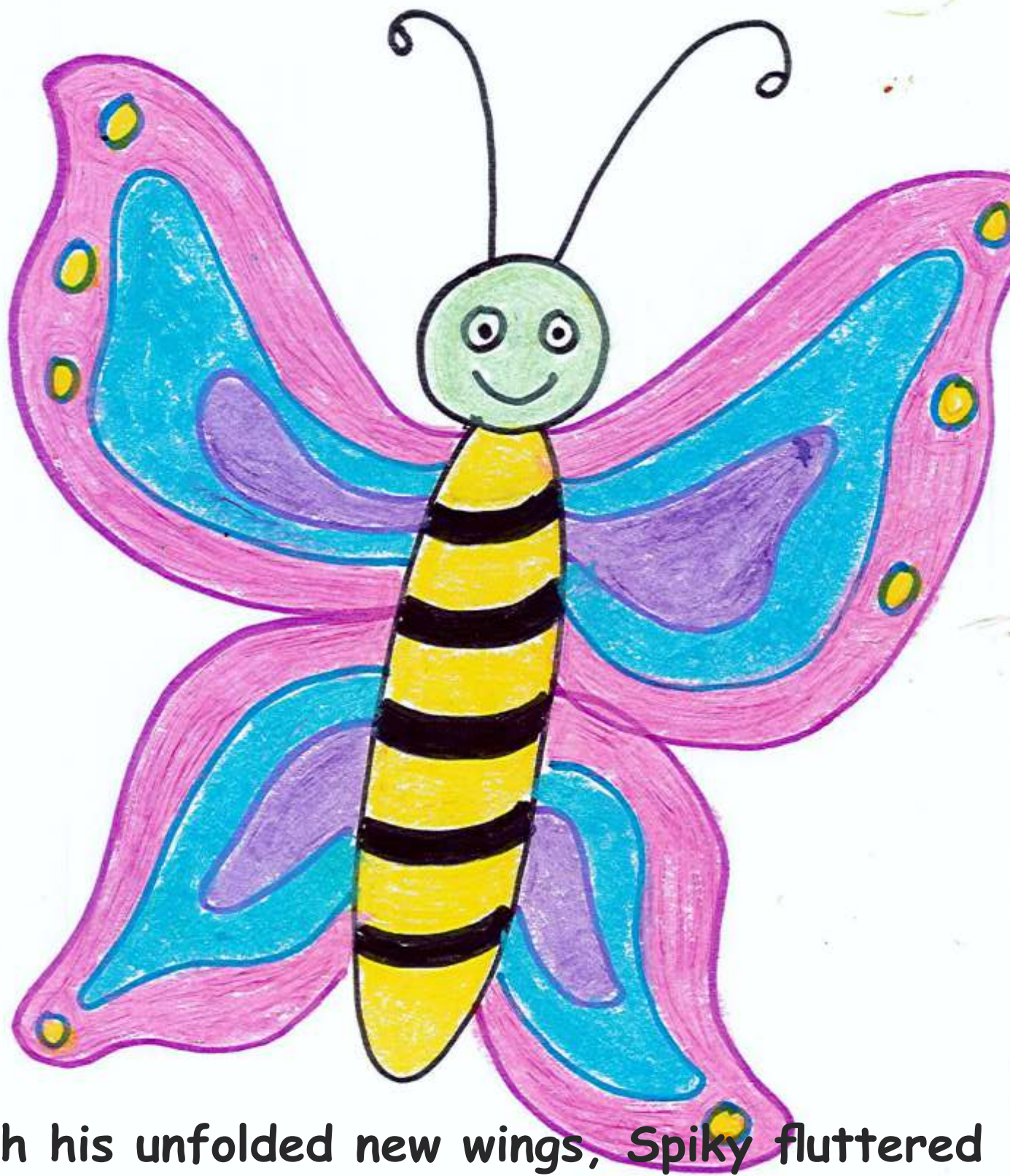
Spiky found a cosy spot in a tree and started eating the young leaves. That day he felt too hungry. He ate and ate and ate. He felt too sleepy because of his full tummy. He slept on a branch leaf. While asleep, he spun a silky thread around himself and formed a chrysalis. Inside this protective shell, it was warm and cosy. He went into a deep sleep. Inside the chrysalis, he underwent a magical transformation. Though Spiky couldn't see it, his body was changing, and his wings were slowly taking shape.

As the days passed, the caterpillar learned how to be patient. It seemed nothing was happening. But Spiky trusted that something good was going to happen. Inside the chrysalis, Spiky's dream of flying in the sky was getting closer to reality.



One sunny morning, Spiky started to feel strange. The chrysalis cracked open, and to his amazement, he came out as a beautiful butterfly with wings decorated in vibrant patterns. The Spiky couldn't believe it. His dream had come true!





With his unfolded new wings, Spiky fluttered for the first time and flew up high above the garden. He saw the beauty of the world from up there. Spiky was surprised at the beauty of the flowers, the warmth of the sun, and the breeze that carried him through the sky.



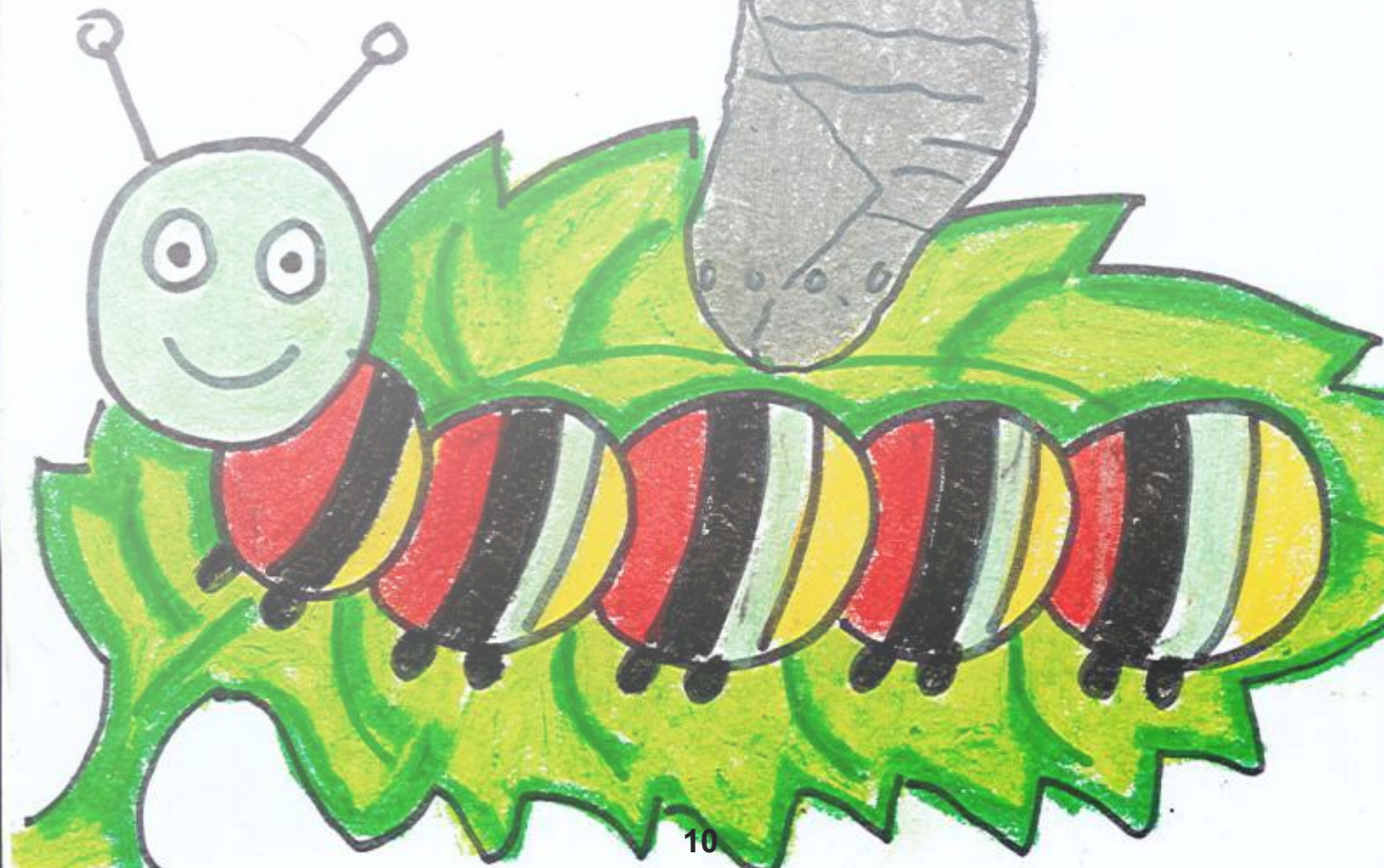
Spiky danced among the flowers. He understood the important lesson of transformation. He had started as a tiny caterpillar, dreaming of the sky, and he became a butterfly. Spiky understood that growth and transformation were part of life's magical journey.



The Moral of the Story

The tale of Spiky, the little caterpillar who became a butterfly, teaches us the power of patience. Just like Spiky, we may face changes in our lives. with patience and trust we can turn our dreams into reality.

The end.



Afterword

As modern technology permeates the social and economic arenas, students tend to distance themselves from the creative process, relying more and more on technological tools. To reduce this risk and help aspiring young writers produce their own books, I sought and presented a research proposal to the Ministry of Education in 2014. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to showcase their enthusiasm and knowledge. The students of Mahamaya Girls' College achieved a record for the most books written, paving the way for a new level of innovation.

The e-book project will enable the students to reach international readers and I am confident that they have gained new experiences and challenges that will enable them to face the future with resolve.

I wish all of the young writers the best of luck in their future endeavours.

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