

Story 9

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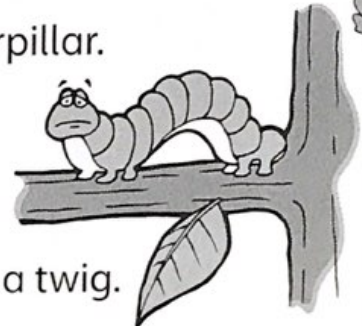


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Tommy sees the caterpillar on the tree.

"Are you climbing the tree today?" asks Tommy.

"No. I'm feeling unwell today," says the caterpillar.



The next day, Tommy sees the caterpillar on a twig.

The caterpillar is wrapped up in a sort of sleeping bag.

He looks very unhappy inside his sleeping bag.



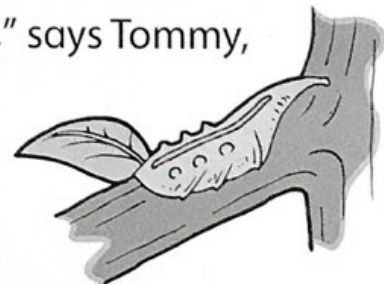
"Are you climbing the tree today?" asks Tommy.

"No! Go away!" says the caterpillar unkindly.

"You're an unfriendly caterpillar today!" says Tommy.

The next day, the sleeping bag is zipped right up.

"Unzip the sleeping bag and play with me," says Tommy,
but the caterpillar doesn't answer.





Tommy doesn't see the caterpillar for a few days.

The door into the garden is locked.

Tommy is too small to unlock it.



His mum and dad don't like Tommy going into the garden.

They say it is an unsafe place for such a small boy.

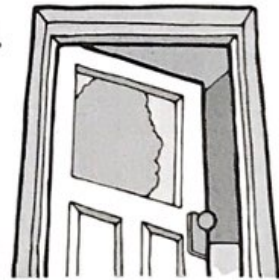
Tommy is unsure what to do.



Then one day, Tommy sees the lock is left undone.

He creeps out of the house and into the garden.

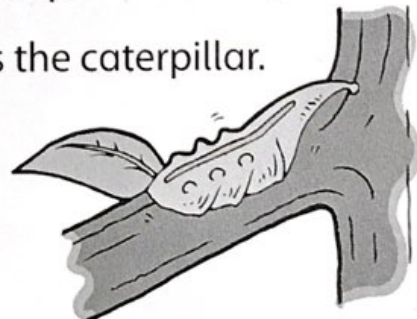
He creeps out of the house unseen.



Tommy sees the caterpillar's sleeping bag on the twig.

The sleeping bag is still done up to the top.

"Undo your sleeping bag," Tommy tells the caterpillar.





The caterpillar wriggles inside the sleeping bag.

"I can't get out," the caterpillar shouts.

"Help uncover me," he tells Tommy.



Tommy helps the caterpillar get out.

It is like unwrapping a parcel.

At last, the caterpillar's head pops out of the top.



"I'm still stuck. Give me a pull," says the caterpillar.

Tommy helps pull the caterpillar out.

"Wow! You're an unusual looking caterpillar!" says Tommy.



"I am a butterfly now," says the butterfly.

"Wow! Caterpillars change into butterflies," says Tommy.

"That's unlike anything I've seen before!"

