

## The Man and the Butterfly

One day, a businessman enjoyed an unusually beautiful day by walking to his lunchtime meeting. On the way he noticed a butterfly cocoon was moving on a branch of a tree but continued on to his appointment so that he would not be late. Since the lunch meeting did not last as long as expected, he decided he would check on the cocoon before he headed back to work. A small opening had appeared in the cocoon so he sat on a nearby bench and watched as the butterfly struggled to force its body through that little opening. He admired the efforts of the butterfly but after a while it seemed to stop making any progress. Wanting to help but also needing to get back to work, the man snipped off part of the cocoon so that the butterfly could emerge easily. Happy to see that the butterfly was now free from the cocoon, the man went back to work feeling good that he took the time to help.

What the man did not see was that the butterfly that emerged had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings and was stranded on that branch as it was unable to fly. The man did not know that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get out were necessary parts to force fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.