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FRANK is a BUTTERFLY



Hi!

Hello!



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On a bright autumn morning, ten caterpillars
sit on a broad leaf eating breakfast.





Hi,
caterpillars!

They are all quite different.
Some are big and some are small.



Some are long and some are short.



Some have spots,



some have zigzags,



and some have stripes.



Some even have hair.



But not this one!

And all they can talk about, between mouthfuls
of leaf, is how beautiful they will be when they
finally turn into butterflies.

I'm going to be
the prettiest butterfly
on Earth!

I can't wait
to see just how
handsome
I'll look!

I'm going to be
bright and lovely
and gorgeous!

Imagine these
zigzags on wings!





I'm going to be
magnificent!

I will be so fabulous
that everyone will want
to be friends with me!

People will stop
and stare at me!

But one
caterpillar, Frank,
doesn't say
a word.

It's not that Frank is sad—no!
Quite the opposite actually.

He is just happy to be a plain,
medium-sized caterpillar
on a leaf in the bright sunshine.

What more could he ask for?

