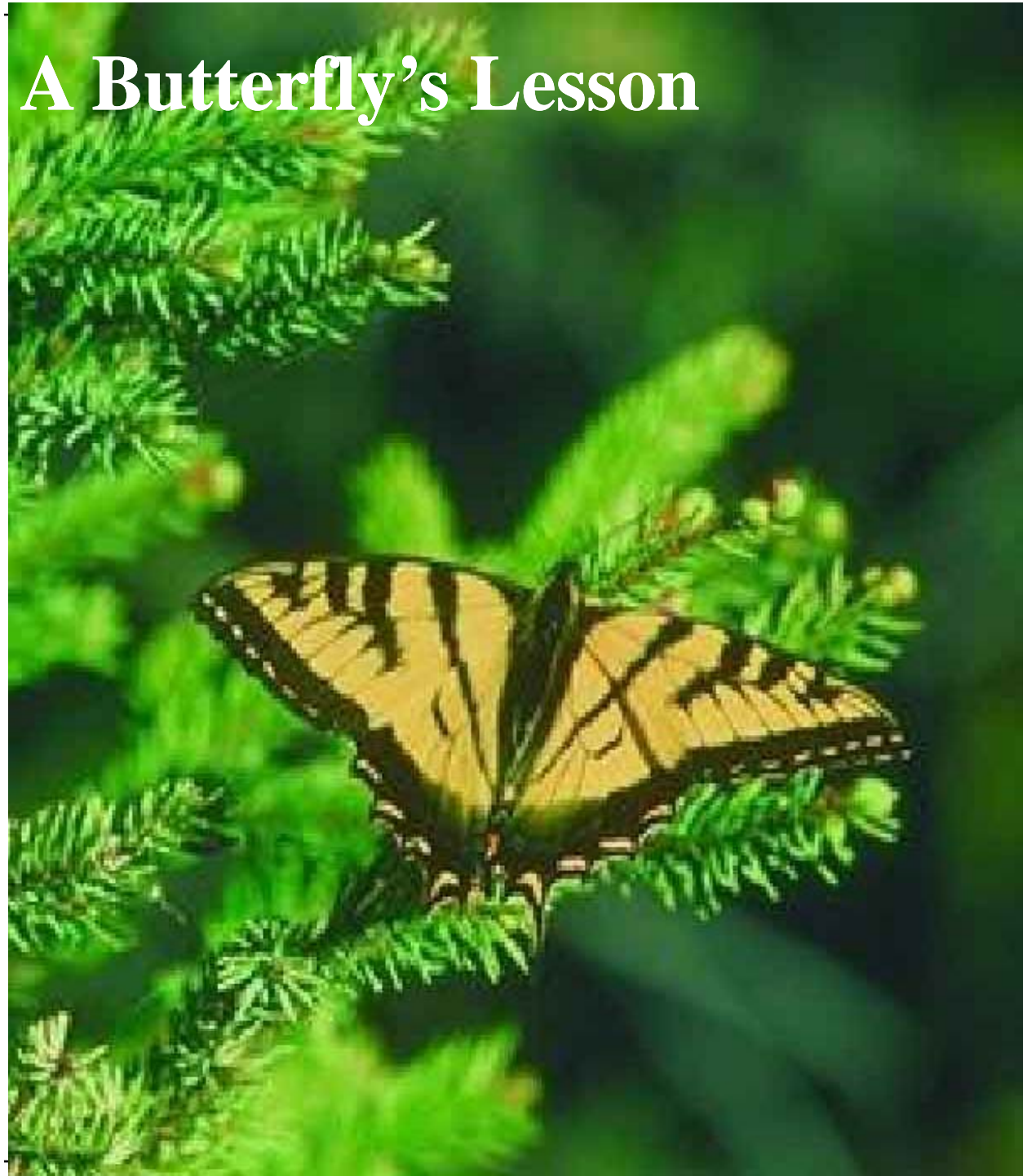


A Butterfly's Lesson

”One day, a small opening appeared in a cocoon; a man sat and watched for the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole.





Then, it seems to stop making any progress.

It appeared as if it had gone as far as it could and it could not go any further.

*So the man
decided to help
the butterfly: he
took a pair of
scissors and
opened the
cocoon.*

*The butterfly
then emerged
easily.*

*But it had a
withered body, it
was tiny and
shriveled wings.*





The man continued to watch because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would open, enlarge and expand, to be able to support the butterfly's body, and become firm.



*Neither
happened!
In fact, the
butterfly spent
the rest of its
life crawling
around with a
withered body
and shriveled
wings. It never
was able to fly.*

What the man, in his kindness and his goodwill did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening, were nature's way of forcing 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...

