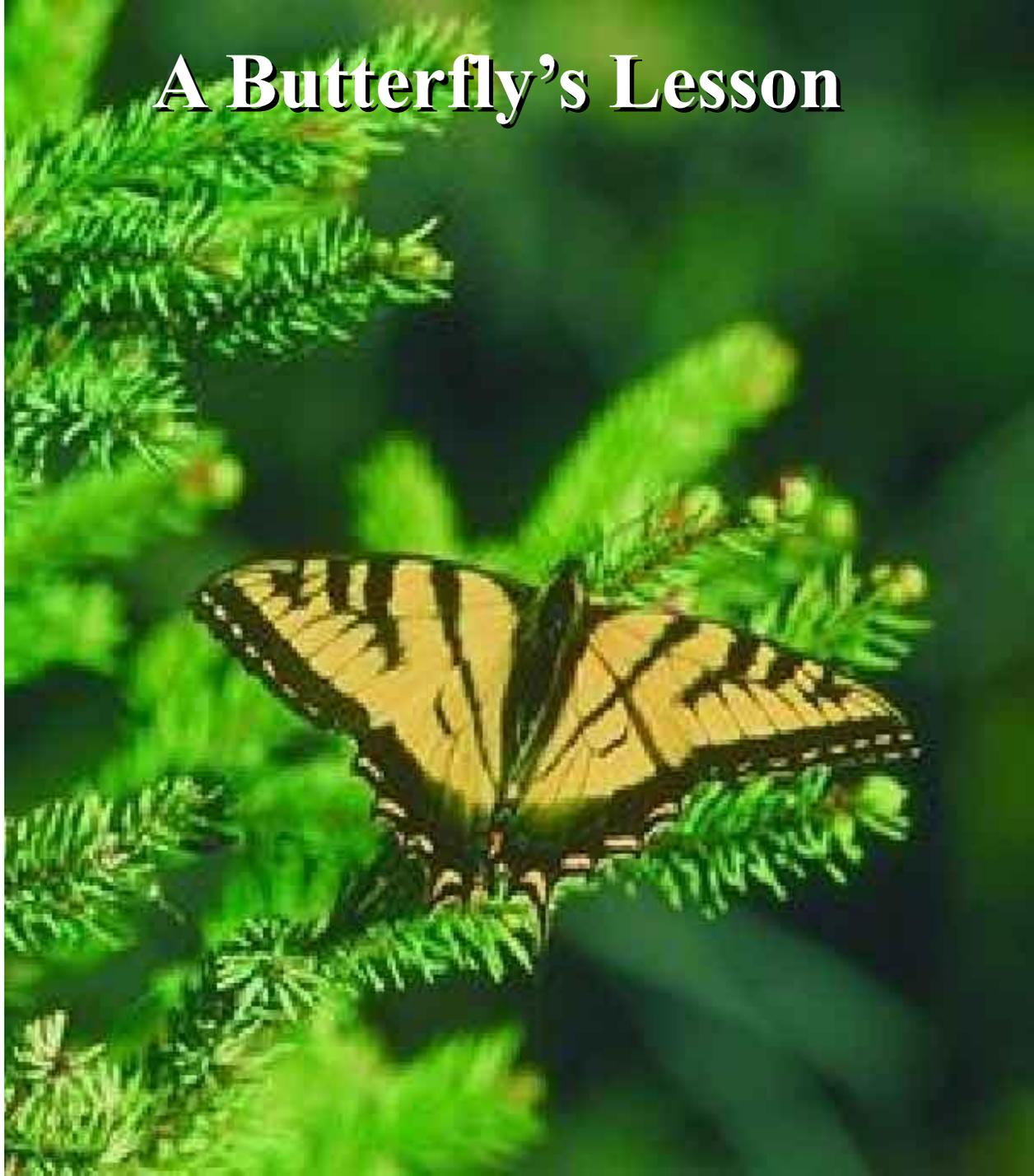


# A Butterfly's Lesson

*"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 gotten 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.*





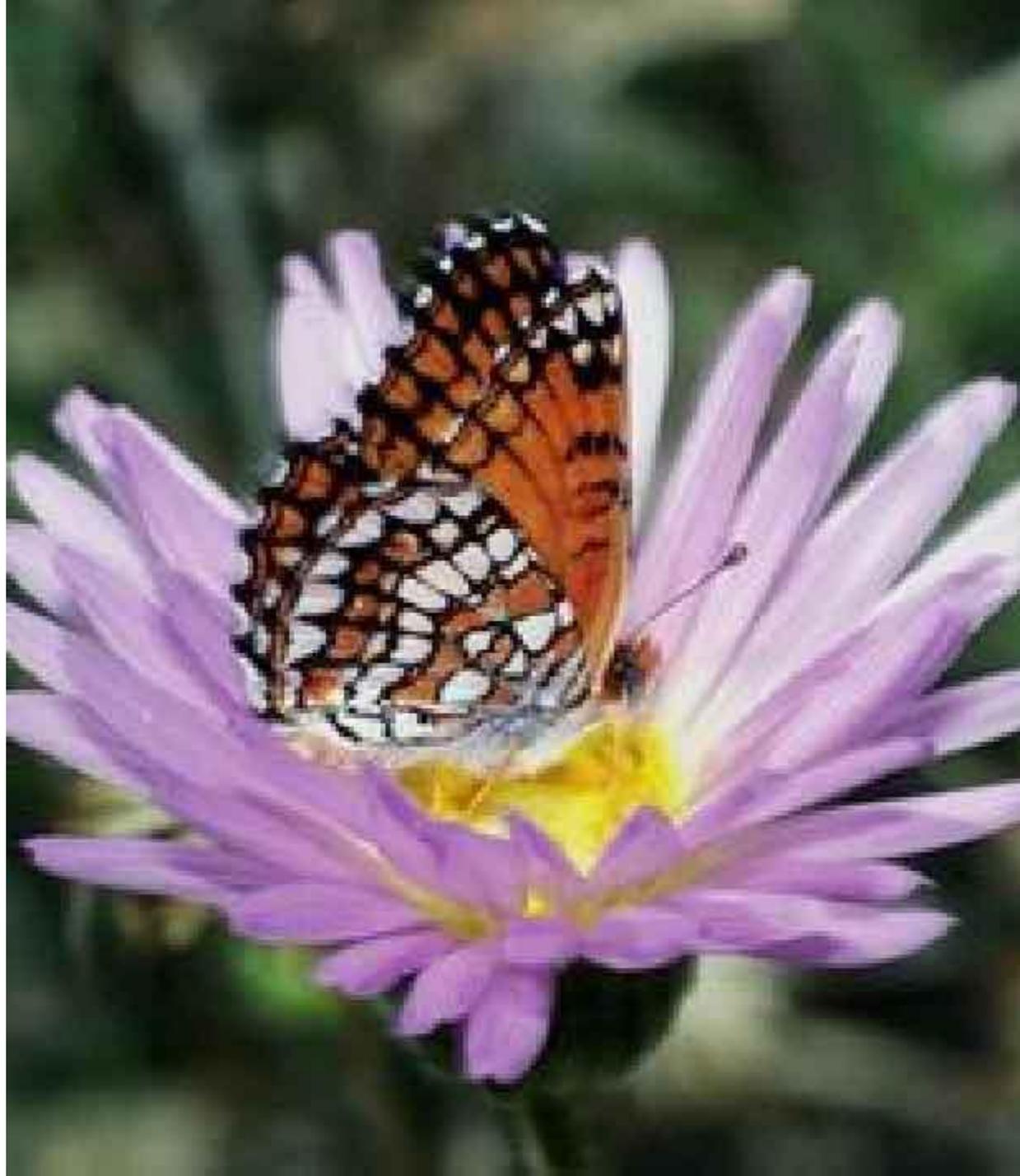
*Sometimes,  
struggles are  
exactly what we  
need in our life.*

*If we were allowed  
to go through our  
life without any  
obstacles, it would  
cripple us. We  
would not be as  
strong as we could  
have been. Never  
been able to fly.*

*I asked for Strength...  
and I was given  
difficulties to make me  
strong.*

*I asked for Wisdom...  
and I was given  
problems to solve.*

*I asked for  
prosperity...  
and I was given a  
brain and brawn to  
work.*





*I asked for  
Courage.....  
and I was given  
obstacles to  
overcome.*

*I asked for  
Love...  
and I was given  
troubled people  
to help.*

*I asked for Favors...  
And I was given  
Opportunities.*

*“I received nothing I  
wanted...  
But I received  
everything I  
needed.”*





*Live life without fear, confront all obstacles and know that you can overcome them.*

*Send this message to your friends and show them how much you care. Send it to anybody that you consider a FRIEND, even if this means to send it to the same person that conveyed it to you. If this message returns to you, you can be sure that your circle of friendship is made out of true friends.*