



# Butterfly Life Cycle





**This butterfly is laying eggs on parsley.**

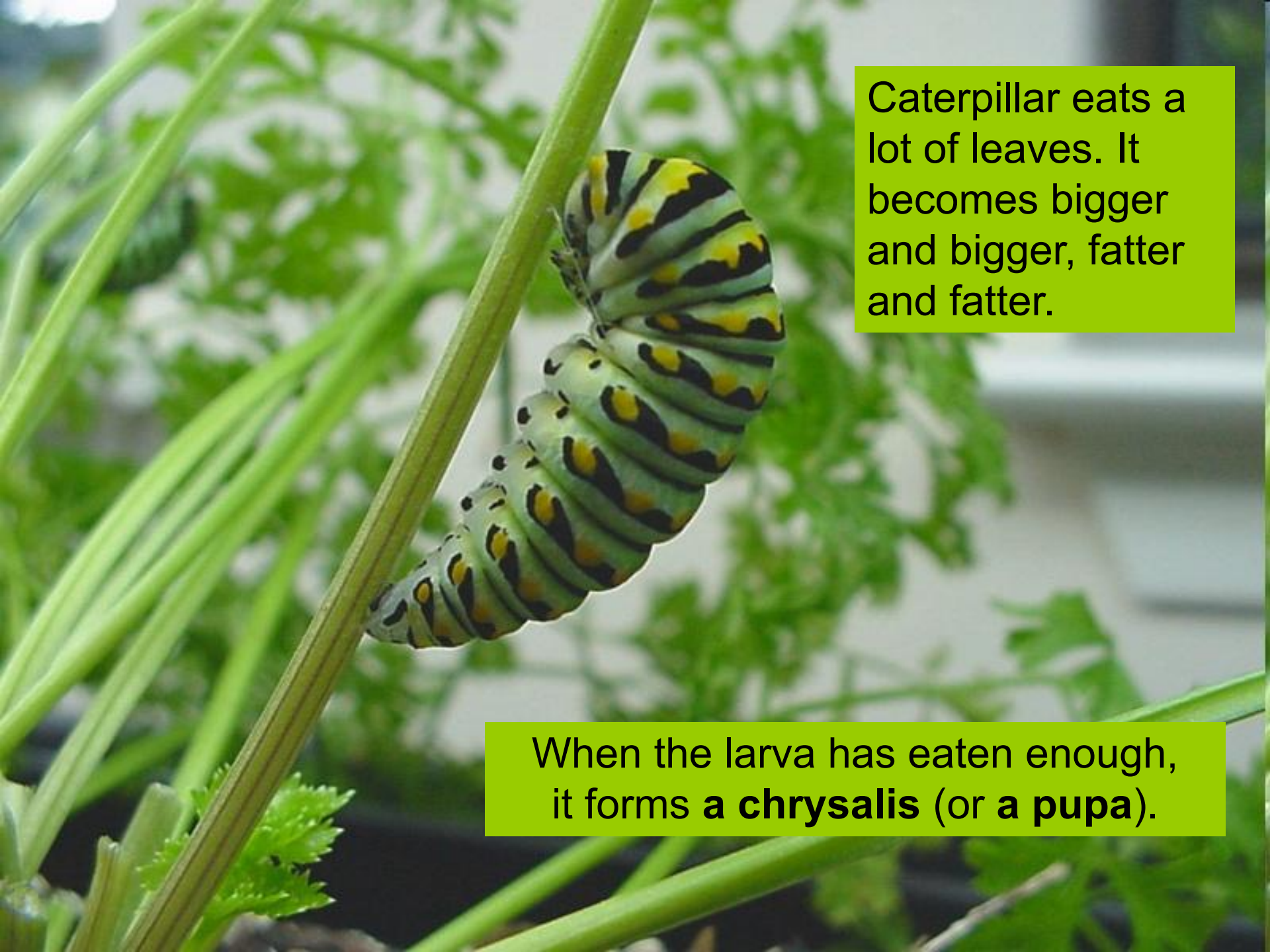
Look! It is a parsley worm.

A larva, or a caterpillar, is multi-legged eating machine.



It eats all day long. It crunches and munches.

...crunch...crunch...crunch...It's yummy!  
...munch...munch...munch...It's tasty!



Caterpillar eats a lot of leaves. It becomes bigger and bigger, fatter and fatter.

When the larva has eaten enough, it forms a **chrysalis** (or a **pupa**).



This chrysalis is only one day old.

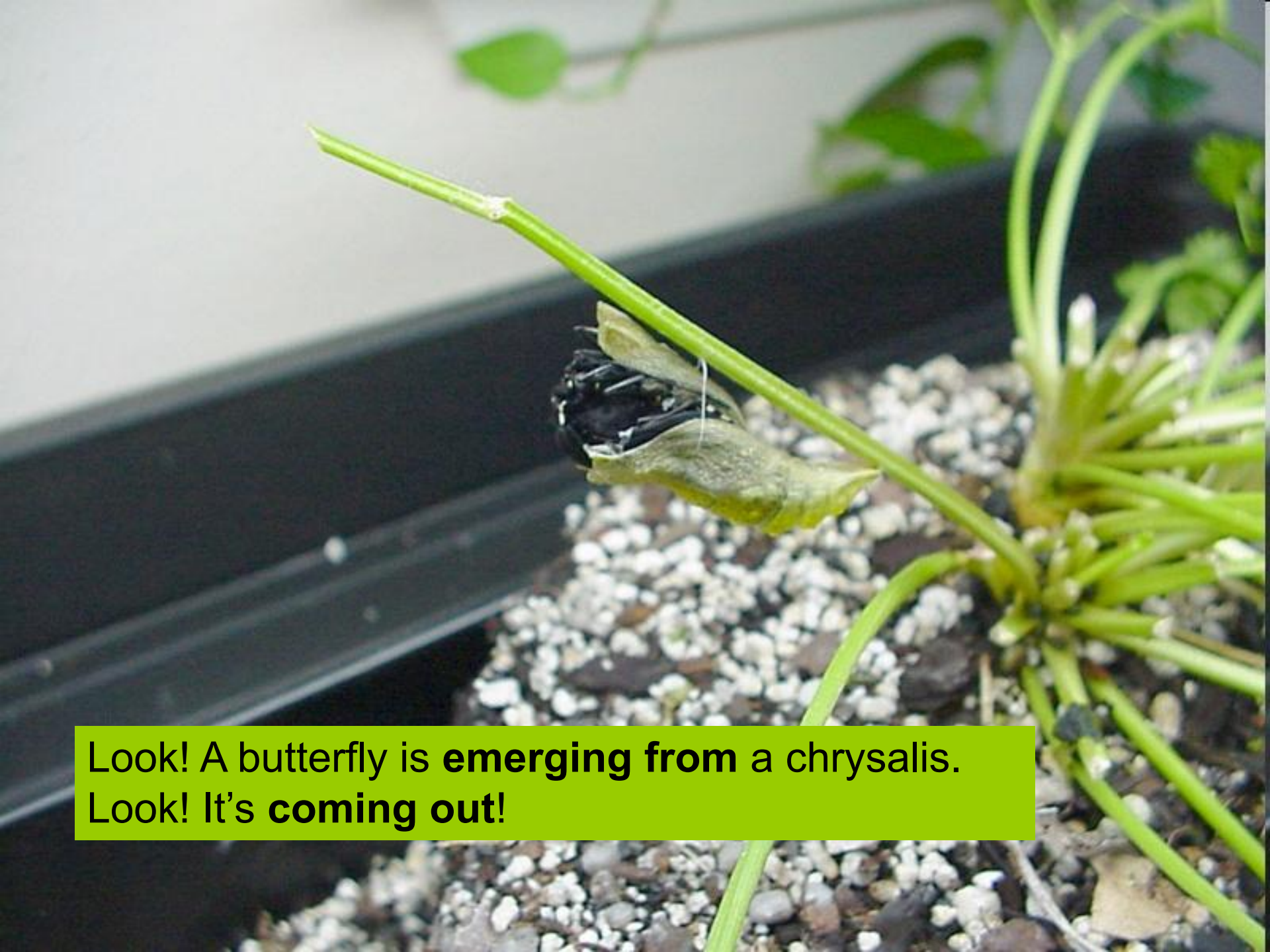
And how old is this chrysalis?

And this chrysalis is already ten days old.

But what is inside this pupa? A caterpillar?

No! It isn't a caterpillar yet! It is already a ..

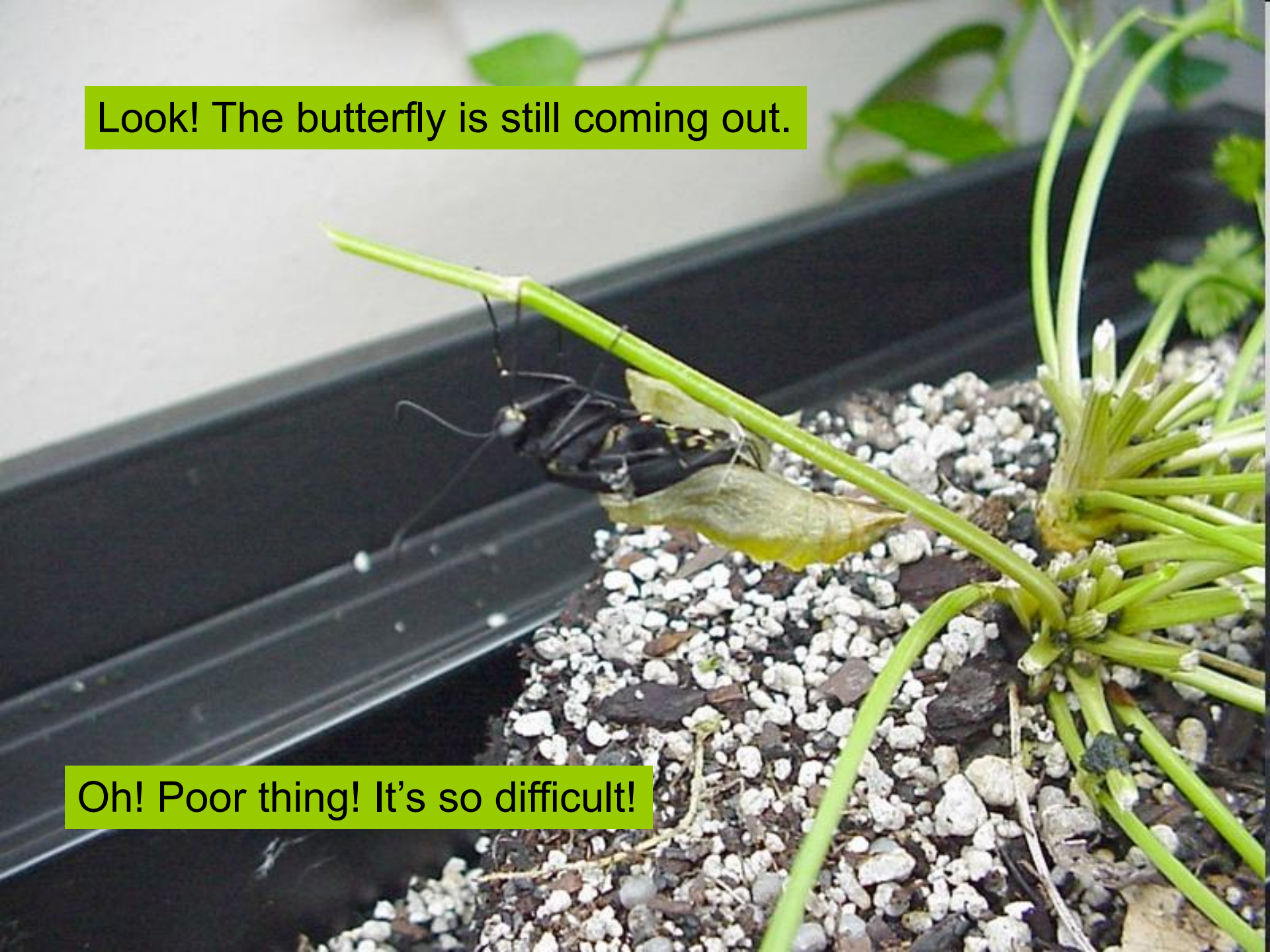




Look! A butterfly is **emerging from a chrysalis.**  
Look! It's **coming out!**

Look! The butterfly is still coming out.

Oh! Poor thing! It's so difficult!





Oh, yes! It's free! The butterfly is outside! It is lucky!



But a lot of butterflies die because they are not strong enough to come out!



It becomes stronger and stronger! Its wings become straight!

A close-up photograph of a butterfly perched on a green leaf. The butterfly has black wings with a row of yellow spots along the inner edge and a blue patch on the lower part of the wing. The background is a soft-focus green foliage.

Now it is ready to fly!

What a beautiful butterfly!

Fly, please, fly! I want to see your flying!

to lay eggs  
to become a ...  
to turn into a ...  
to eat  
to make a ...  
to come out from a ...  
to fly away

# The four stages in the lifecycle of a butterfly:



A larva, known as a caterpillar



A pupa (or a chrysalis)



An adult butterfly

# Lets read some poems about butterflies.



- It's a little butterfly,  
Let it fly, let it fly,  
Fly away into the sky.


- OK!  
Fly, my dear butterfly, fly!  
High, in the blue, blue sky!  
But please, say to me 'Goodbye!'

Fly, little butterfly, fly,  
Fly into the blue sky.  
One, two, three –  
You are free.



Butterfly, butterfly,  
Where do you fly,  
So quick and so high  
In the blue, blue sky?



A photograph of a vibrant red cardinal perched on a green, leafy plant. The bird is facing left, and its beak is slightly open. In the lower-left area, a monarch butterfly is partially visible on another part of the plant. The background is a soft-focus green. Two thought bubbles are overlaid on the image: a large one on the left and a smaller one on the right.

Oh!  
What is there? Do  
you see it too? It is  
something yummy!

No, no, no! You don't  
see me!... It's a  
mirage!... Believe  
me! I'm just a little  
twig! I'm not tasty!

**Now you know some interesting facts about  
butterflies!**



**See you!**

**Goodbye!**

