

The Butterfly

A man discovered a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a little opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for many hours as the butterfly struggled to squeeze its body through the small hole.

Then it stopped, as though it couldn't go further. So the man decided to assist the butterfly.

He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the leftover bits of cocoon.

The butterfly emerged easily but it had a bloated body and shriveled wings.

The man continued to watch it, expecting that any minute the wings would expand and enlarge enough to support the body.

In fact the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around. It was never able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste didn't realize: The restricting cocoon and the battle required by the butterfly to get through the opening was a way of forcing the fluid from the body into the wings so that it would be ready for flight once that was accomplished.

Sometimes struggles are precisely what we need in our lives.

Going through life with no obstructions would cripple us.

We will not be as strong as we may have been and we would never fly.