

Blue Cow and the Butterflies

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In a field not far away is a herd of cows grazing quietly. One of the cows is most unusual. Blue Cow wonders. Wonders about the big world beyond her field

One day Blue Cow saw a beautiful butterfly flutter by. "I wonder how butterflies get so beautiful?"

"She's off again," said the other cows.

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So Blue Cow caught the bus that stops beside her field. "I'd like a ticket to a place I can see lots of butterflies please." "There you go madam – hold very tight." (SFX: Ding-Ding!) And they set off for a meadow.

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(BUS TRAVELLING SEQUENCE
IT ARRIVES IN A MEADOW)

And then they arrived.

Blue Cow was in a meadow, surrounded by hundreds of lush green plants. She looked all around, but she couldn't see a single butterfly.....and then she noticed a small, twinkly light darting about the meadow.

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'Excuse me! I'm Blue Cow - do you know how butterflies get so beautiful?"

'I am the Spring Fairy!' squeaked the twinkly light "and I'm afraid I'm in a big hurry! There's so much to do now the sun has come out! You'll have to ask someone else about butterflies."

Blue Cow was disappointed... but then the spring fairy said:

"But I can grant you one spring wish! Use it wisely!" -and she twinkled off into the distance.

'A Spring wish sounds good!' Thought Blue Cow, and she was just about to wish for an answer to her question about butterflies, when she heard a very loud chomping noise.

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'Chomp, chomp, chomp. Gobble gobble.'

'What's that?' Blue Cow wondered.

The chomping got louder and louder –

Blue Cow took a closer look at one of the plants nearby and there, on a half-eaten leaf, sat a fat little green caterpillar chomping away merrily.

'Excuse me,' she said 'Do you know anything about butterflies?'

The little green caterpillar stopped chomping and started laughing:

'Do I know about butterflies!? Ha ha ha! 'She wants to know if I know about butterflies!'

And from all over the meadow came the sound of more caterpillarish laughter - Blue Cow looked around and noticed that there were fat little caterpillars on all the plants in the meadow. There were yellow ones, blue ones, stripy ones, spotty ones; there were even hairy ones and all of them were laughing!

'What's so funny?' she asked - and she was just about to use her wish to make all the laughing caterpillars disappear when the little green one in front of her said:

'You've asked the right man, that's all!' he said, 'My name's Alan. What is it you want to know about butterflies?'

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'Well, Alan,' said Blue Cow 'could you tell me how butterflies get so beautiful?'

'I can do better than that,' said Alan, 'I can show you! Come on lads. It's time!'

And then Alan did something very strange - he hung upside down from his leaf - like a banana - and then, he started to wriggle out of his skin! And around the meadow all the other caterpillars were doing the same thing.

'Moo-er!' said Blue Cow, 'what are you doing?!'

'I'm making myself into a pupa', said Alan as he worked, 'Then I'll go to sleep for a while and wait for spring.'

'Moo-oh! -I thought you were going to teach me about butterflies!'

'I am', said Alan, yawning as he dozed off, 'You'll see. You just have to... be ...patient.' (snores)

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'Oh,' said Blue Cow- she wasn't very good at being patient. 'Good job I brought my sleeping bag!' and she climbed in and settled down to wait.

She waited..... and waited.....and waited..... and waitedand just when she was about to give up and use her spring wish to get back to her field, she heard a kind of unzipping sound.

She poked her head out of her sleeping bag just in time to see a beautiful butterfly unfolding from Alan's pupa.

'Mooooooh! 'You are a beautiful butterfly! But where's Alan?'

'It's me - I'm Alan!' said the butterfly. 'And that is how butterflies get so beautiful!'

Blue Cow looked around and saw butterflies all over the meadow. There were so many butterflies of all different sizes and colours that it looked like a butterfly storm!

'How Mooo-vellous!!' said Blue cow (*climbing out of sleeping bag*) How I wish that would happen to me!'

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'Looks like your spring wish has been granted!' said Alan. 'It's amazing what a little spring magic can do!'

And sure enough Blue Cow had the most beautiful pair of butterfly wings !

'Moo-er! Moo-wee! Moo-wow!' cried Blue Cow as she flew about the meadow with Collin and the other butterflies. 'Thank you Spring Fairy!' she called - and she swooped and twirled and flittered and fluttered until it was time to go home.

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BUS BACK

"You'll never guess where I've been!"

"Where HAVE you been?"

"I have been to a meadow and fluttered about with the butterflies!"

"Everyone knows that cows can't flutter!" But we know they can, don't we?"

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