



The Suffering Caterpillar

There once was a caterpillar named Charlie. He was all alone and sad. He only had one friend named Clara and even she was growing tired of him. One day, Clara the Caterpillar pulled Charlie aside. She said, "Listen, Charlie. I was thinking that we need some time away from each other. I just can't deal with your weeping all the time. It's important that we have some space, and it is about time we grow up." Charlie stared at her like she had three heads.

"So you're just gonna leave me?" He moaned, tears starting to leak from his eyes.

Clara hesitated, "Well, uh...yeah."

"B-b-but...."

"Sorry, Charlie." And with that she walked away. Charlie moaned and groaned and then started bawling. He cried straight on for six days and six nights. On the seventh day, a magical fairy came along.

"Why are you crying, little caterpillar?" she asked wiping a tear from Charlie's cheek.

"Clara left me," the caterpillar sniffed.

"Silly caterpillar, Clara didn't leave you, she turned into a butterfly."

"Can I be a butterfly?"

"Sure!" The fairy waved her wand and said some magic words. The caterpillar then turned into a butterfly and flew into the horizon with Clara and was never sad again.