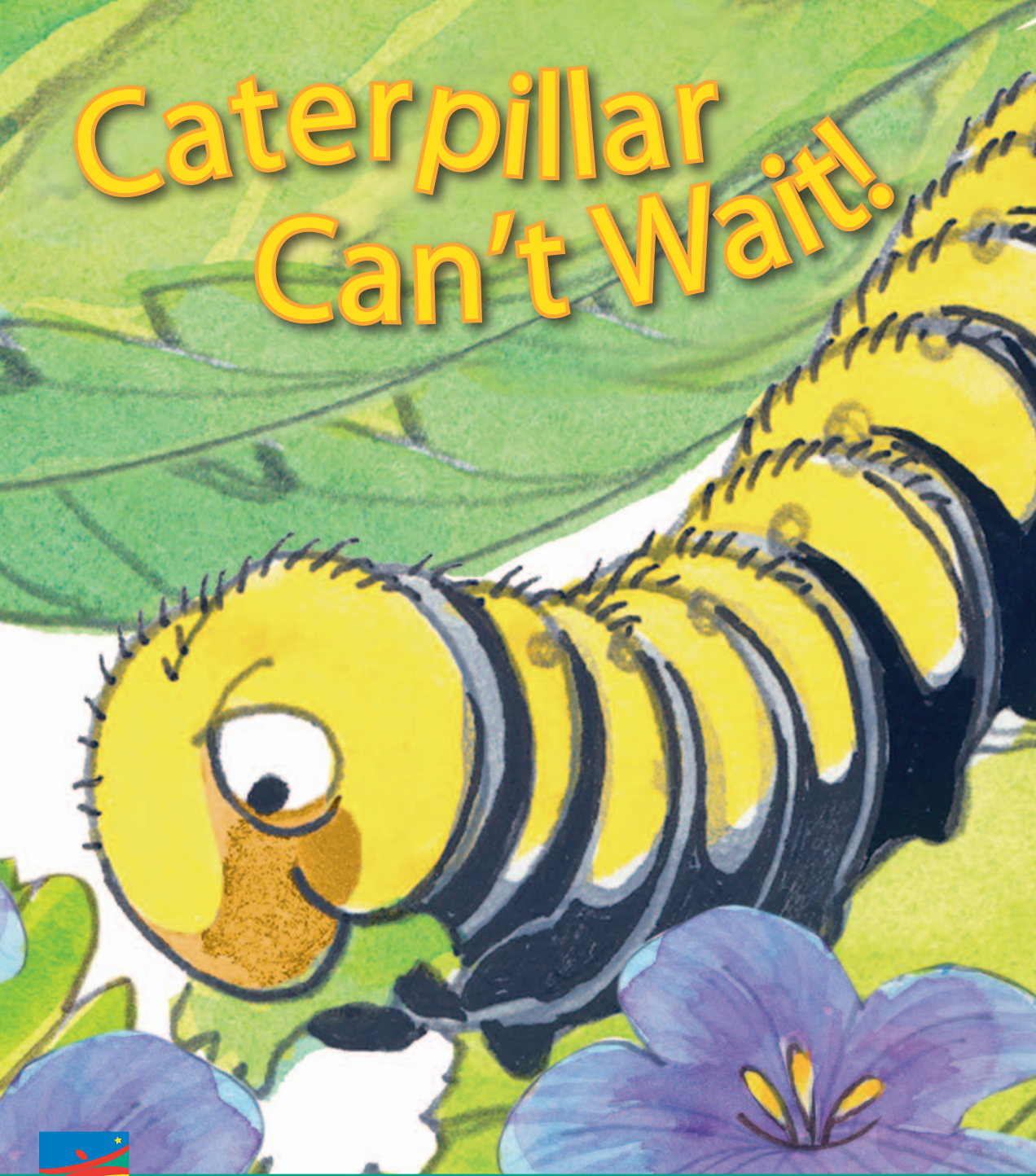
Caterpillar Can't Wait!



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Summary

Caterpillar doesn't want to wait to become a butterfly ... but snail knows better.

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading
- Visualize

Comprehension
- Make predictions

Phonics
- Initial l-family blends (flaps, flew, flicks, glad)

Word Study
- Adjectives (hard, leafy, little, old, sticky, wise)

Fluency
- Read italicized words

Fiction Genre
- Fable

* Numerals, vocabulary words on pages 2 and 3, and words in photo captions, labels, diagrams, and charts are not included in the word count for this book.

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Meet the Characters

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Caterpillar



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Snail



Ted



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Little bits of leaf fell on Wise Old Snail. "That must be Caterpillar!" Snail said, looking up.





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Munch. Crunch. Munch. Caterpillar ate his leafy meal. He said, "I can't wait to be big!"

"Keep eating and you will grow," said Snail. "Just wait. You will see."

Caterpillar kept eating. Caterpillar grew and grew. His skin felt very tight!

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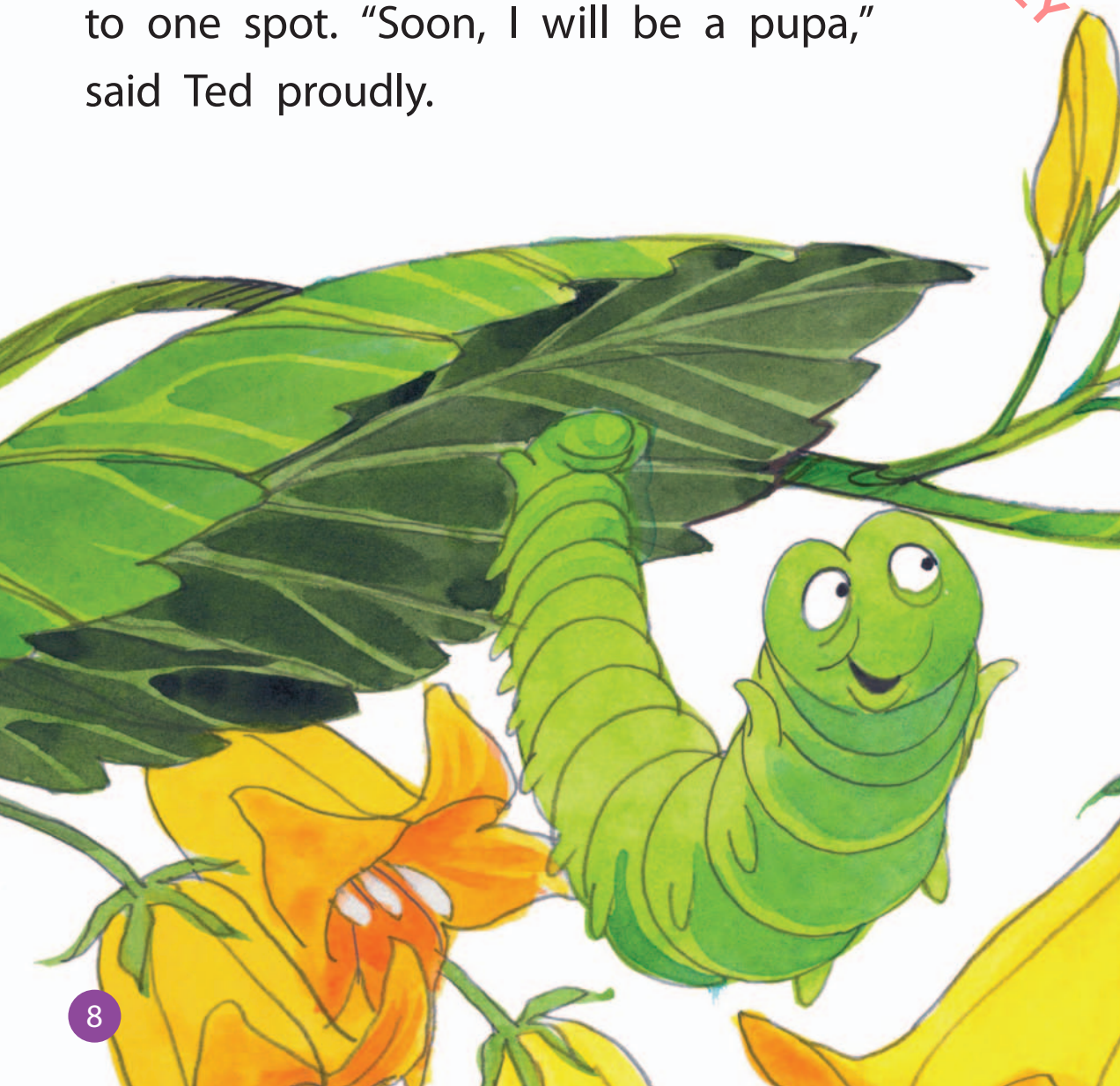
Then Caterpillar shed his skin.
He felt much better!



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Caterpillar grew bigger. One day, Caterpillar saw Ted, another caterpillar, hanging from a leaf. Ted was stuck to one spot. "Soon, I will be a pupa," said Ted proudly.



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"I can't wait to be a pupa," said Caterpillar. Caterpillar went to tell Snail.

