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Butterfly Café



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Our seeds came in the mail today.



We could wait until May and plant them outside.

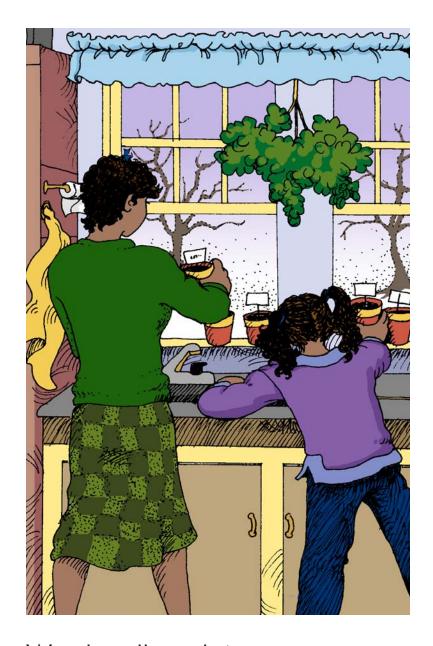
But May is three months away!



So we start our seeds inside. We plant the seeds in pots of soil.



We water the pots at the kitchen sink.



We place the pots in a sunny window and we wait.



Some seeds will grow into food, but the food is not for us.

Some seeds will grow into **shelter**, but the shelter is not for us.



While we wait, I make a big sign.
I use orange and black paint.
The sign reads: Butterfly **Café**.



In early spring, the **sprouts** grow into plants.



In late spring, we move the plants outside.

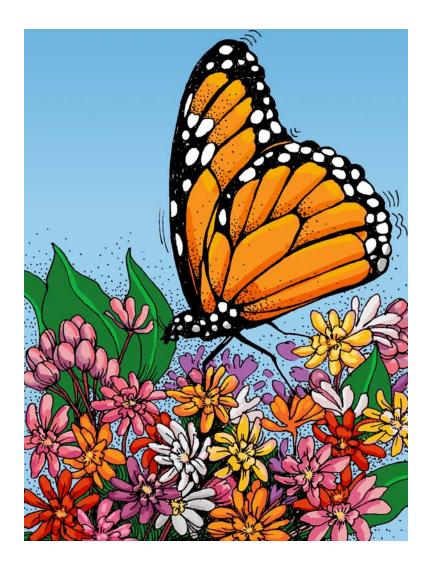


I place my sign beside the plants. Butterfly Café is open.



I hope our **customers** will lay their eggs on the **milkweed** plants.

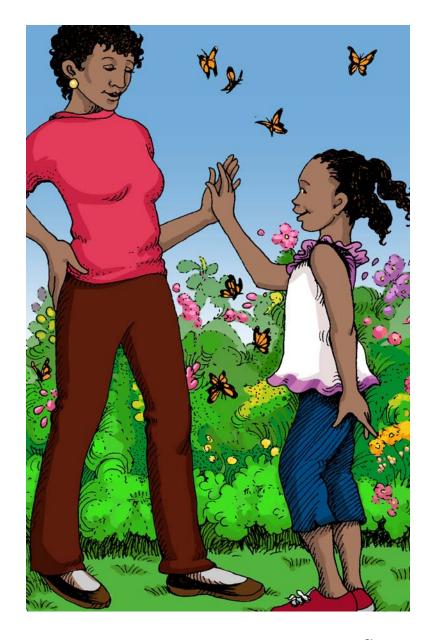
I hope our customers will eat the **nectar** from the food plants.



Our first customer arrives!

She is orange and black with white spots.

She is a **monarch** butterfly.



Soon our plants are full of butterflies. Our café is a hit!

Glossary

café (n.)

a small restaurant that sells drinks and light meals (p. 9)

customers (n.) buyers of a product or service (p. 13)

milkweed (n.) a type of plant with milky juice (p. 13)

monarch (n.) a large, colorful butterfly found in North America (p. 14)

the sweet liquid that flowering plants make (p. 13)

shelter (n.)

a structure or other place that gives protection from bad weather or danger (p. 8)

sprouts (n.) young plant growth (p. 10)

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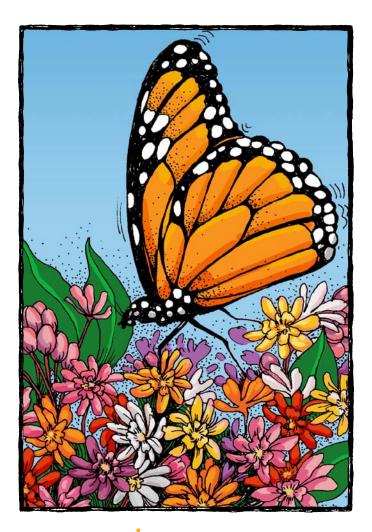
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