Story 4

Butteries start life as tiny eggs laid on top of leaves. The buttery lays eggs on leaves they like to eat. When the egg hatches, out comes the larva, or caterpillar. They eat and eat. As they grow, they shed their skin, or exoskeleton. When the caterpillar has grown to its full size, it makes a chrysalis. This is called the pupa stage. When the caterpillar is done forming inside the pupa, a buttery will come out. At first its wings are folded and wet, but in a few hours, they are dry and are ready to fly.