The Caterpillar who disappeared

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Just as Sniff was testing if the chair's sleepability was intact, the doorbell woke him up! RING PA BJÆLDEN

A small, nifty ladybird said: »I am Mary Coccinelle! I want to see Sniff Mouse, the detective!«

»I am him!« Sniff replied, because that was the truth.



Snuff stretched out in his delicious new chair,



while Brenda brought the wooden chair, his clients used to sit on. »Tell me all about the case! And consider it solved! Sniff Mice always catches the villain!« Mary Coccinelle sighed with relief. Mary's best friend Cindy the Caterpillar had disappeared! »For all the time I've known Cindy, she's always been happy and festive company. A lady of the World dressed in fur coat and wearing red lipstick!« Mary said. She told how Cindy and she used to go to the salad bar and dance tango until the bright morning. »We will always be best friends!« Cindy had told Mary as they took a swing at the dance floor.



But then suddenly last week Cindy had disappeared ...



... and this morning Mary had found her fur coat in the woods. Soon they stood at the crime scene with Mary Coccinelle, looking at the spot where she had discovered Cindy's fur coat. »I am afraid that something terrible has happened to her!« Mary cried. "I swear I will not give up, before you and Cindy are reunited!" Sniff Mouse declared solemnly. »Wipe your eyes! Fly home and wait for Sniff Mouse to solve the case!«



As Marie flew home, Snus Mus picked up Cindy's fur coat – the only evidence in the case. Sparkling dust fell off.

> »Peculiar!« said Sniff. »Very!« said Brenda.

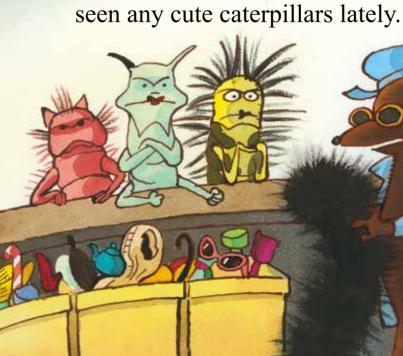
»Maybe it is pixie dust!« she suggested.

Sniff didn't really listen to her nonsense! »Bah! There must be a natural explanation!« he said.



»Is that so? Then what is it?« Brenda said.
»That is what I have to find out! That's what detectives are for!« Sniff replied.





Maybe Linda had been asking around for his fur coat? »No, there has not been anyone here!« fur trader Moth said. »But I must say, the fur quality is really delicate!«

Neither at the lost-and-found office had they seen any cute caterpillars lately.

Sniff Mouse decided to return to his office.