The Butterfly

DIRECTIONS: Revise the draft below by circling each sentence that is out of order. Draw a line through each sentence that does not belong. Then rewrite the paragraph on the lines below, putting sentences in logical order and adding the transition words shown to help the story flow.

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