

The Ugly Crow



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Dear reader,

The book you are about to read was written by Spanish undergraduate students of the World Languages & Cultures department and illustrated by undergraduate students of the School of Art and Design, both from Georgia State University.

This project has been made with my Intermediate Spanish classes and the final product is a result of collaboration by the authors - students who wrote the original stories based on personal experiences- by the illustrators - Art students who gave life to the stories with a fresh and unique touch - and by me, who directed and supervised the whole process.

I hope you will find the stories in Serie Leamos, appealing, interesting, and enjoyable. Above all, I hope that these stories will help you love reading and reading in Spanish.

¡Espero que lo disfruten! Victoria Rodrigo



The Ugly Crow An Original Story

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Vocabulary

Saltar - to jump

Sorprenderse - to be surprised

Salir del cascarón - to hatch

Volar - to fly

Facilidad - ease

Descuidar - to neglect

Poderoso - powerful

Plumas - feathers

Garras - claws

Afilado- sharp

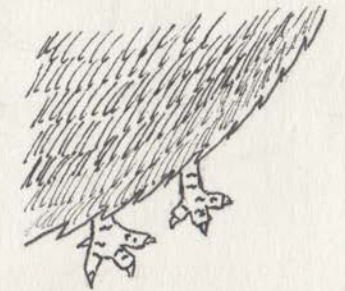
Lágrimas - teardrops

Orgullo - pride

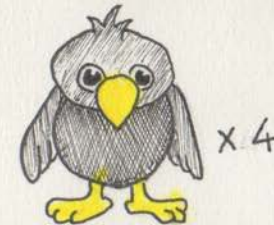
Characters



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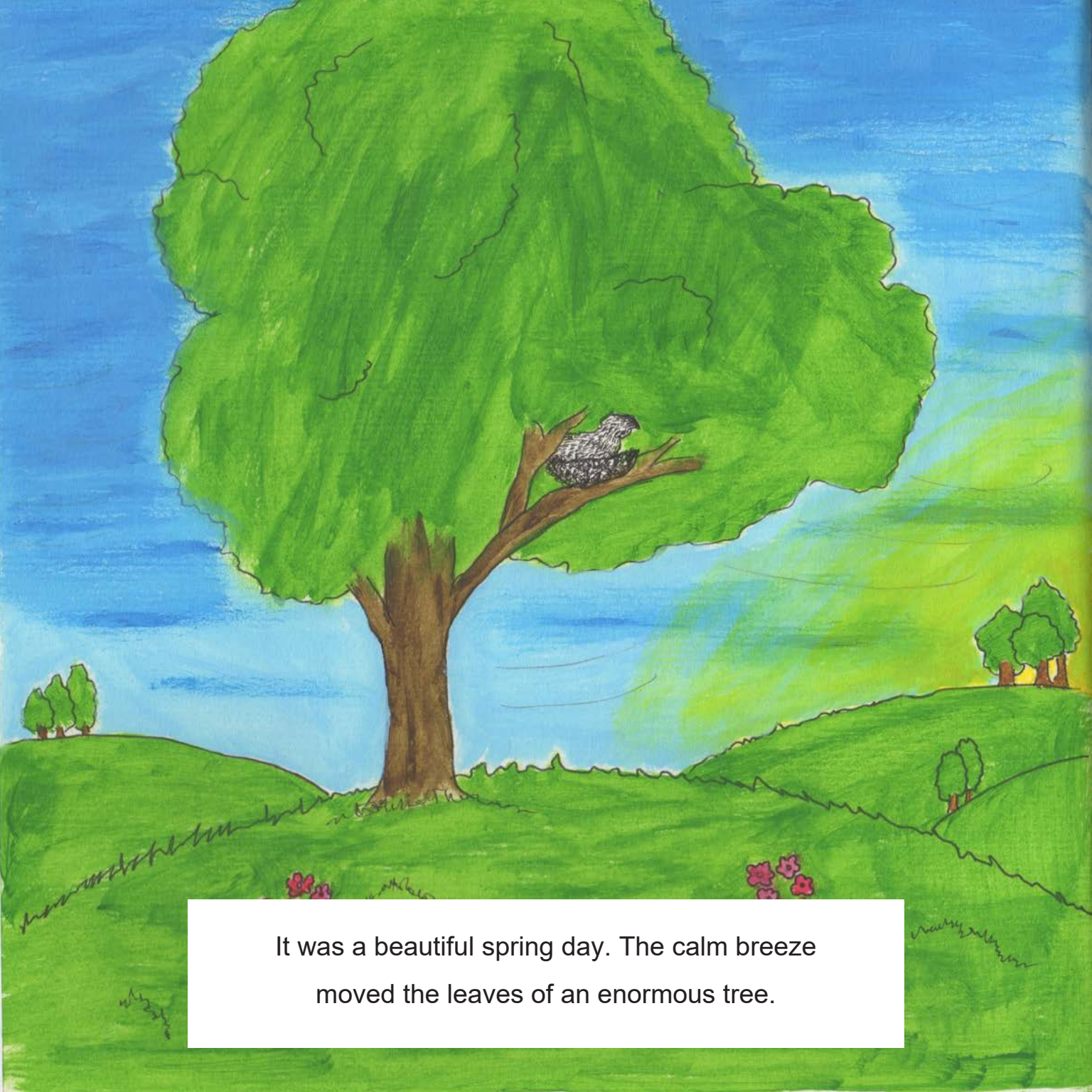
The Mother Crow



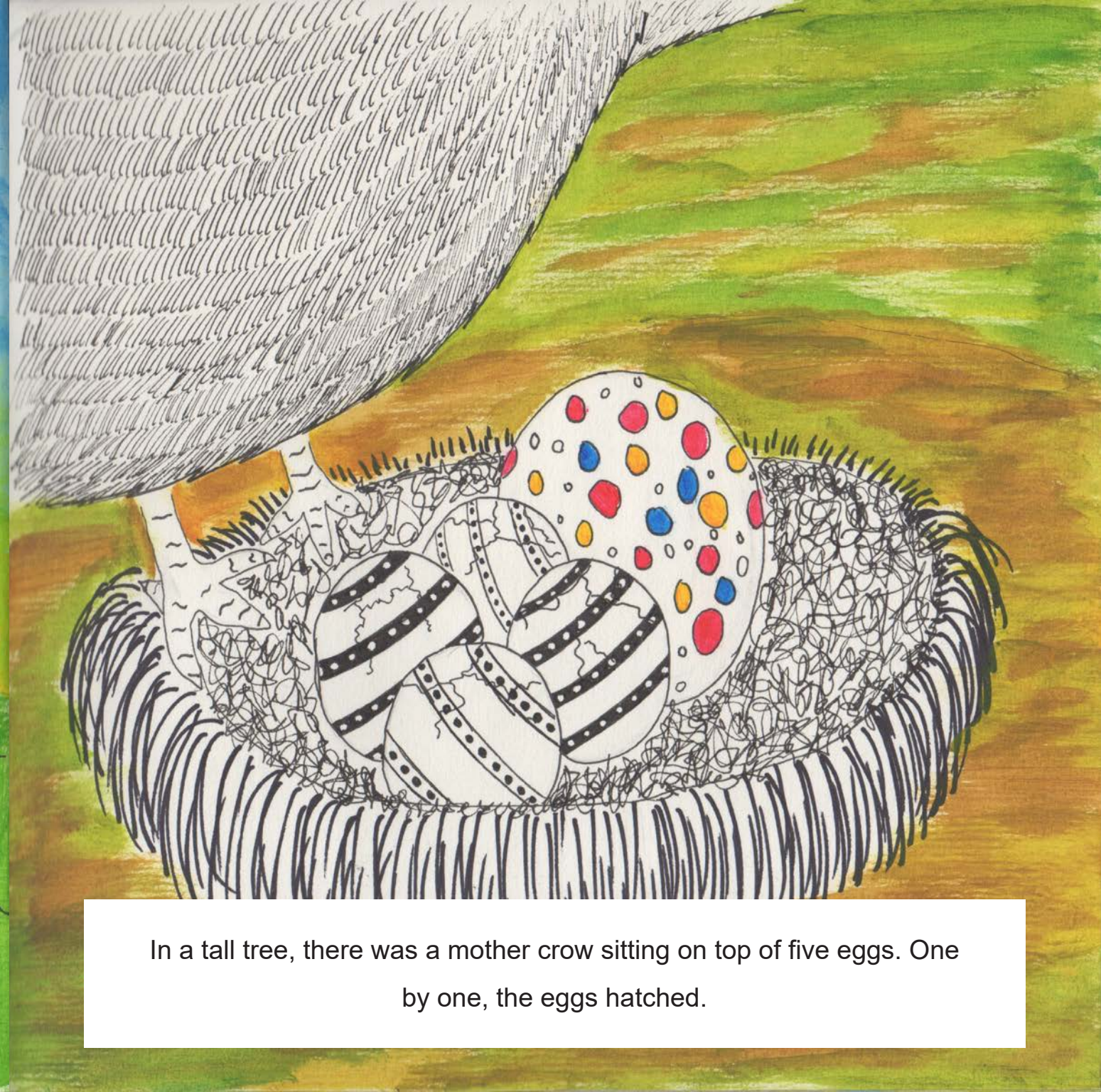
The Baby Crows



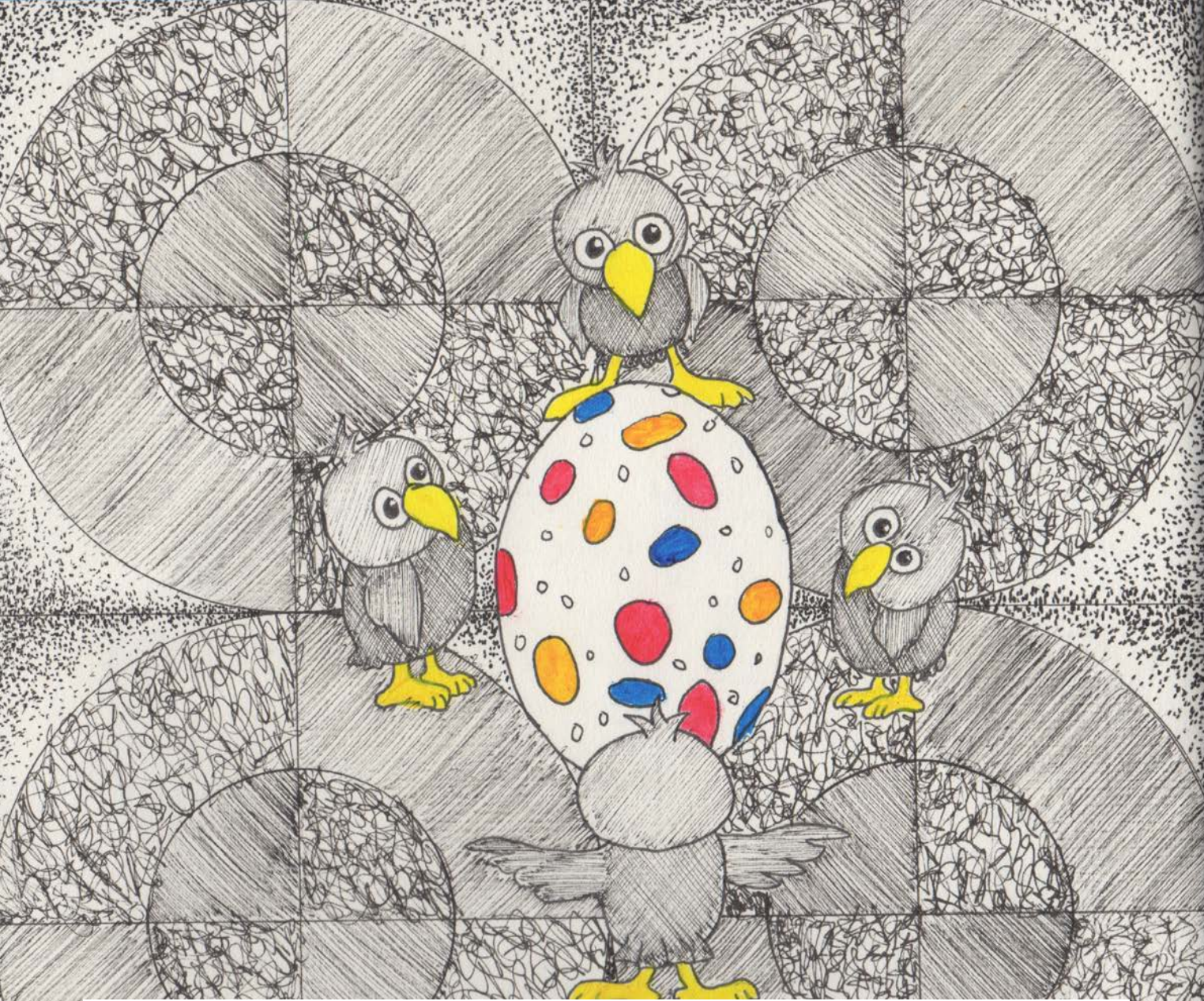
The Eagles



It was a beautiful spring day. The calm breeze moved the leaves of an enormous tree.



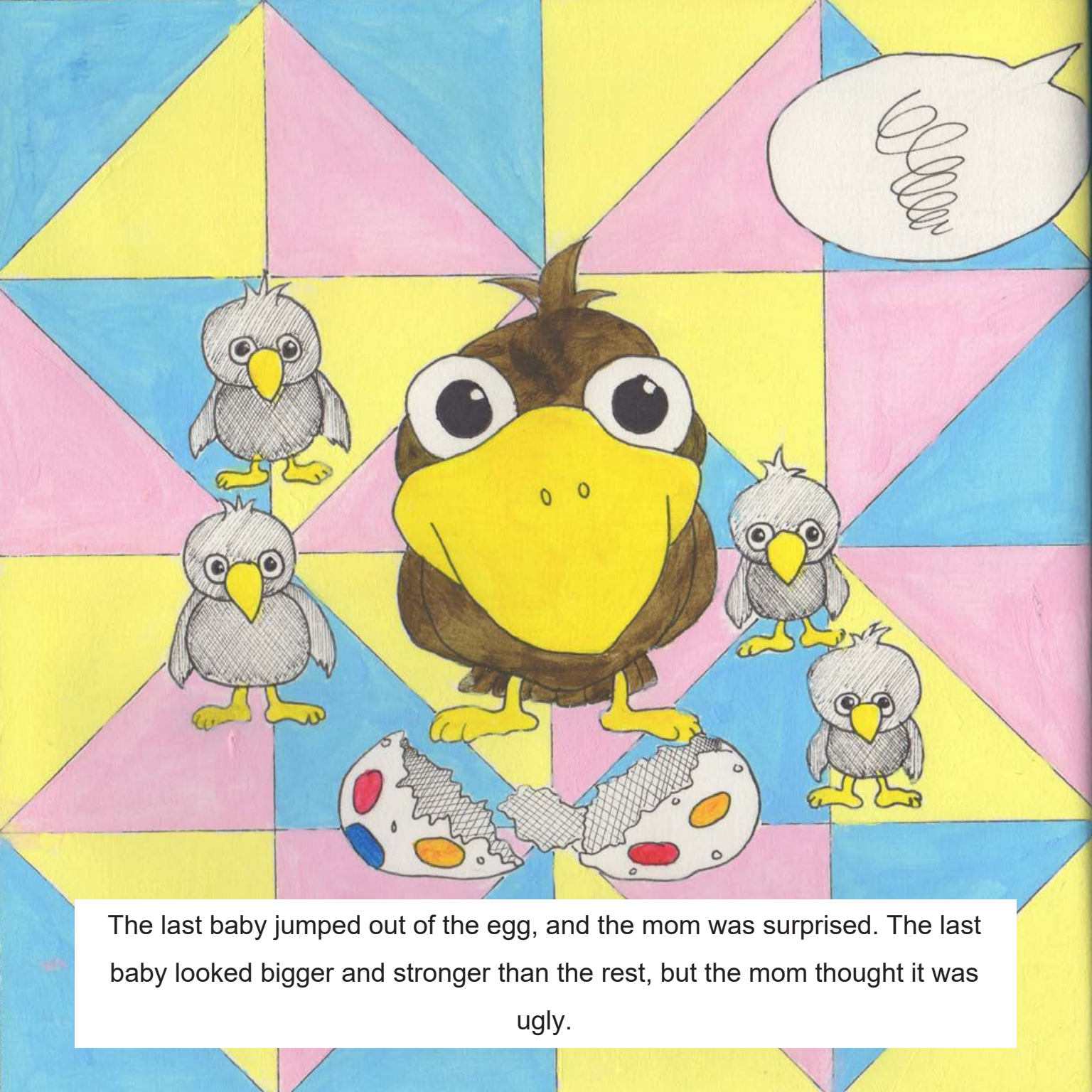
In a tall tree, there was a mother crow sitting on top of five eggs. One by one, the eggs hatched.



All of the crow babies walked around one unhatched egg. It was the largest egg of them all and was a different color.

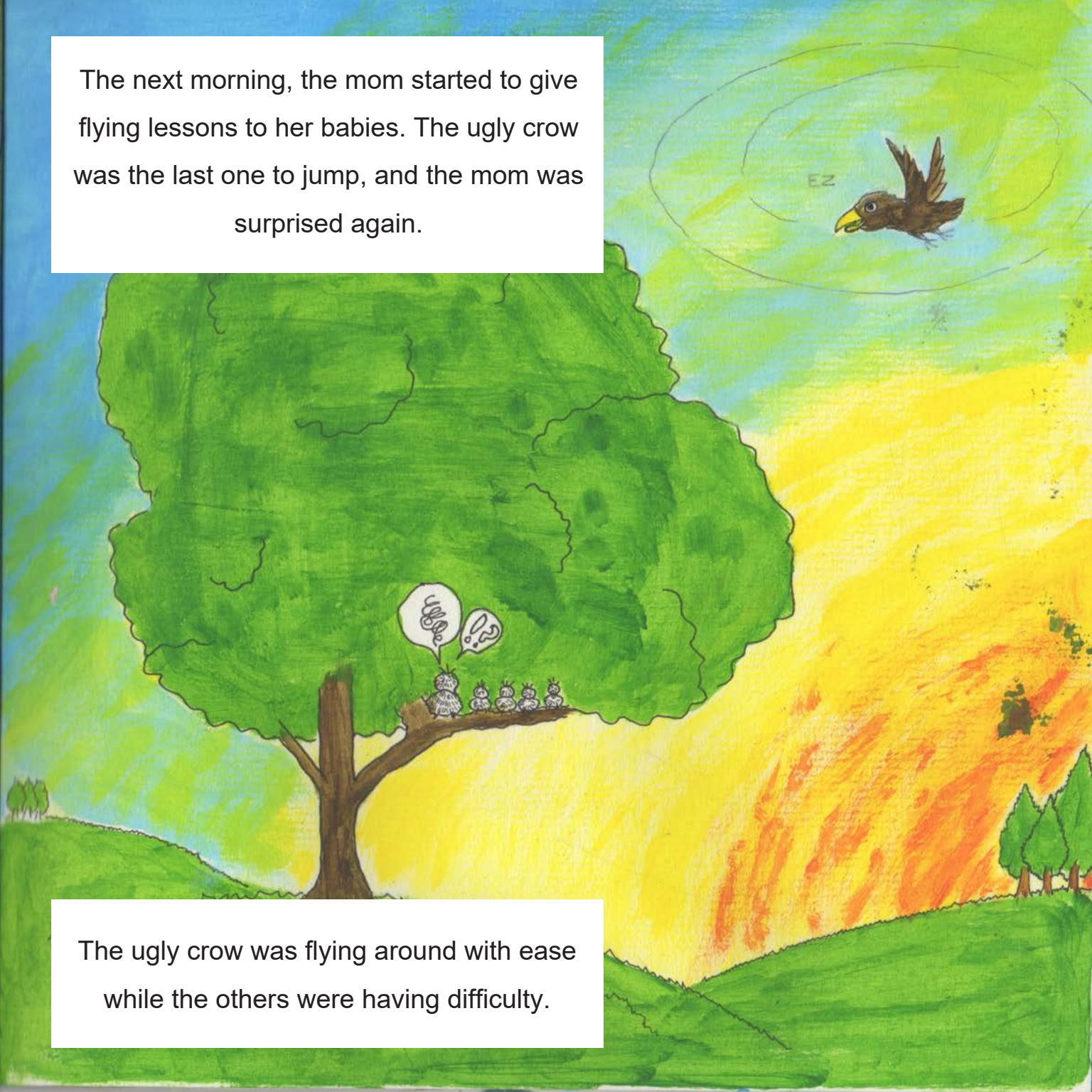


Once the mother realized, she continued to sit on the egg.
After a few hours, the egg finally hatched.



The last baby jumped out of the egg, and the mom was surprised. The last baby looked bigger and stronger than the rest, but the mom thought it was ugly.

The next morning, the mom started to give flying lessons to her babies. The ugly crow was the last one to jump, and the mom was surprised again.



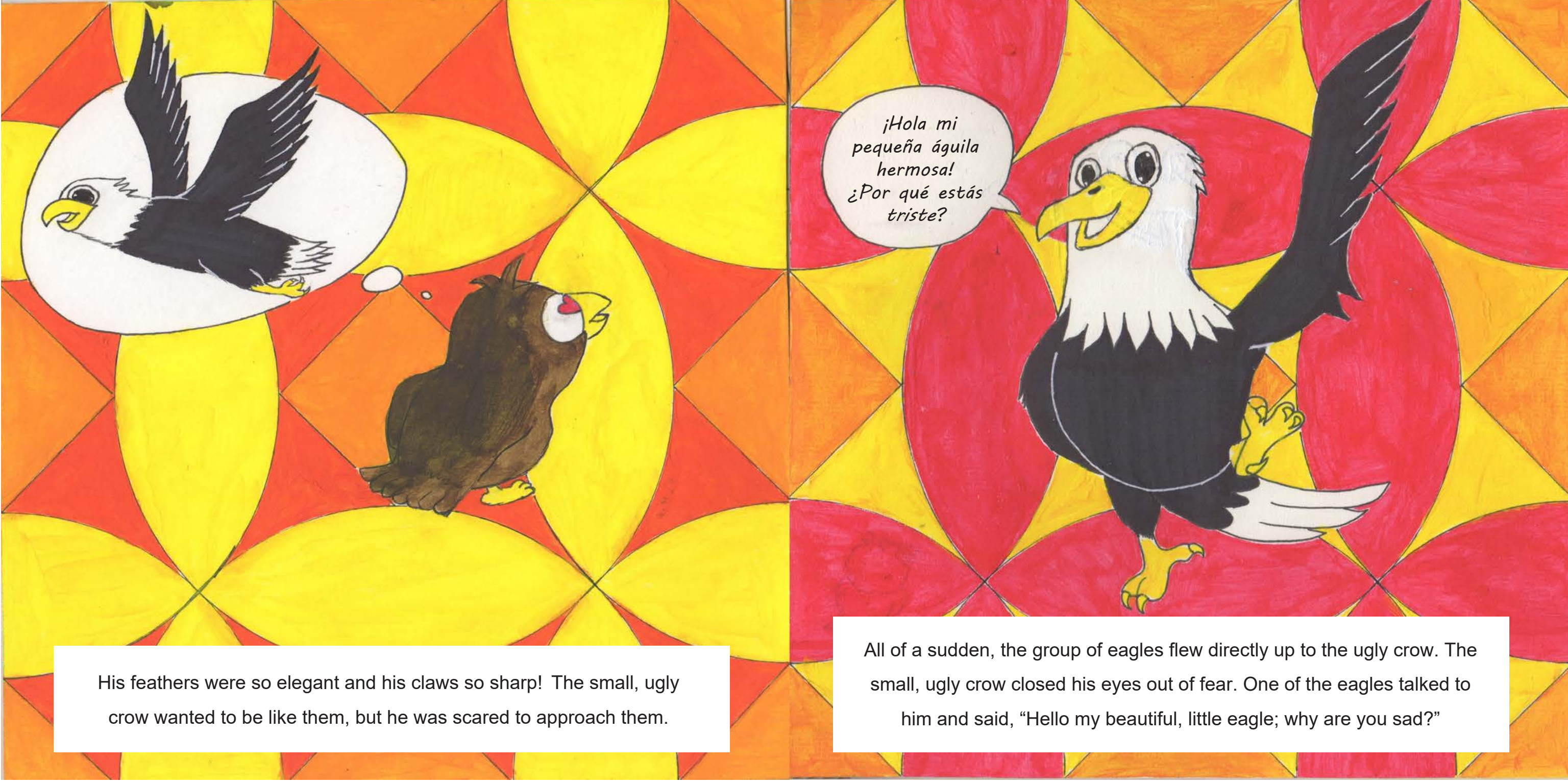
The ugly crow was flying around with ease while the others were having difficulty.



However, the mom continued to neglect him, and the ugly crow began to notice and feel sad. He flew far away to cry.



While the ugly crow was crying, he heard sounds coming from a group of powerful and beautiful birds. He realized that they were eagles.



*¡Hola mi
pequeña águila
hermosa!
¿Por qué estás
triste?*

His feathers were so elegant and his claws so sharp! The small, ugly crow wanted to be like them, but he was scared to approach them.

All of a sudden, the group of eagles flew directly up to the ugly crow. The small, ugly crow closed his eyes out of fear. One of the eagles talked to him and said, "Hello my beautiful, little eagle; why are you sad?"

In this moment, the small, little crow realized that he was not ugly or a crow. In reality, he was an eagle. He dried his tears and flew into the sky with pride!



