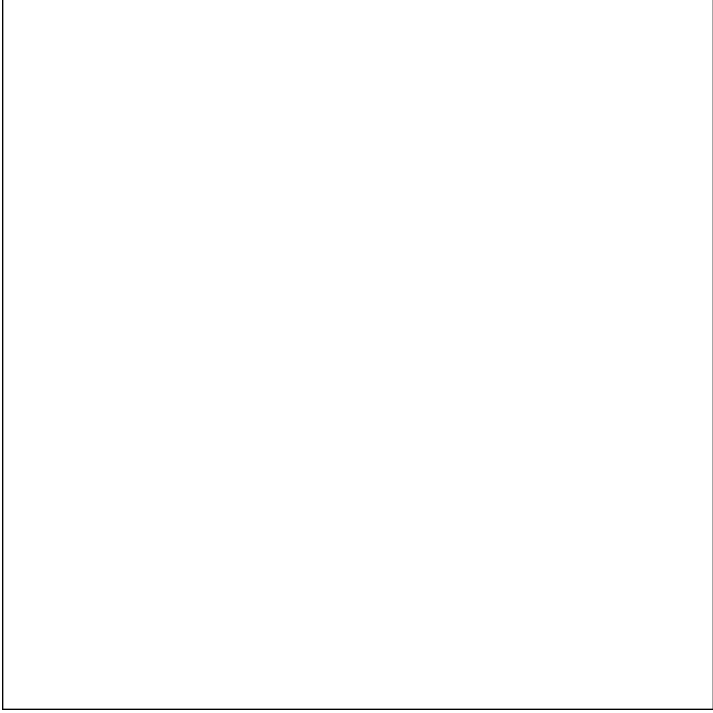




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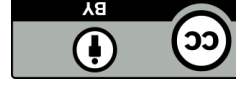
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C'era una volta una famiglia che viveva felice.

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Once upon a time, there lived a happy family.



Non litigavano mai fra di loro. I bambini  
aiutavano i loro genitori a casa e nei campi.

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They never fought with each other. They  
helped their parents at home and in the fields.



Ma non erano autorizzati ad avvicinarsi al fuoco.

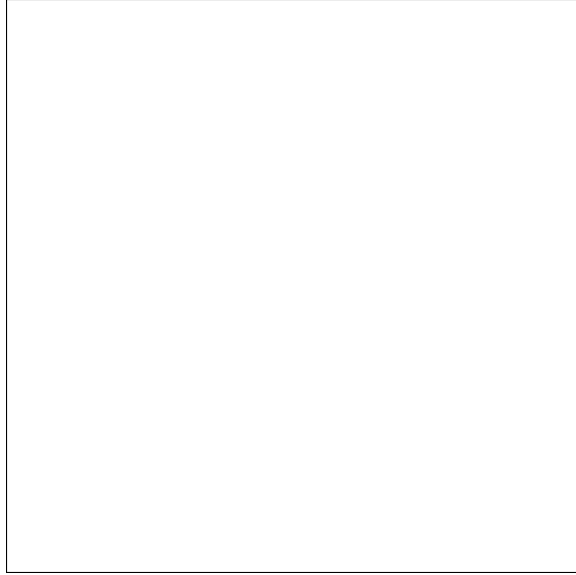
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But they were not allowed to go near a fire.

And as the sun rose, he flew away singing into the morning light.

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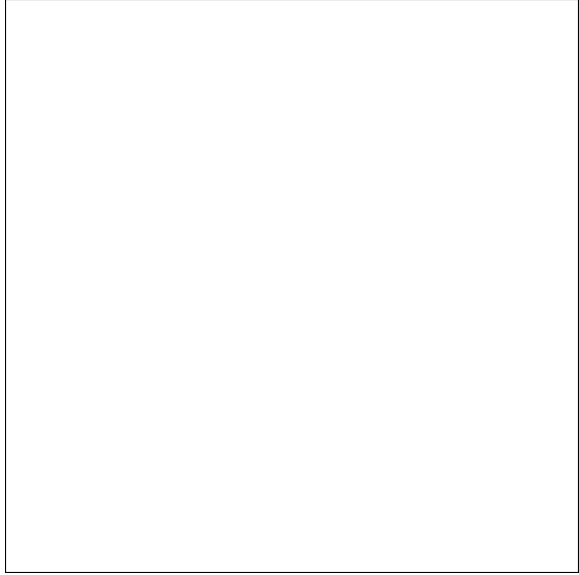
E quando il sole sorse, questo volò via cantando alla luce del mattino.



They had to do all their work during the night. Because they were made of wax!

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Dovevano fare tutti i loro lavori durante la notte. Perché erano fatti di cera!





Ma uno dei ragazzi sognava di uscire fuori alla luce del sole.

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But one of the boys longed to go out in the sunlight.



Portarono il fratello uccello in alto su una montagna.

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They took their bird brother up to a high mountain.



Un giorno il sogno fu troppo forte. I suoi fratelli cercarono di avvertirlo...

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One day the longing was too strong. His brothers warned him...



Perciò fecero un piano. Modellarono la massa di cera sciolta a forma di uccello.

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But they made a plan. They shaped the lump of melted wax into a bird.



Ma era troppo tardi! Si sciolse al caldo sole.

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But it was too late! He melted in the hot sun.



I bimbi di cera erano troppo tristi di vedere il loro fratello sciogliersi via.

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The wax children were so sad to see their brother melting away.