






Crianças de cera

Children of wax

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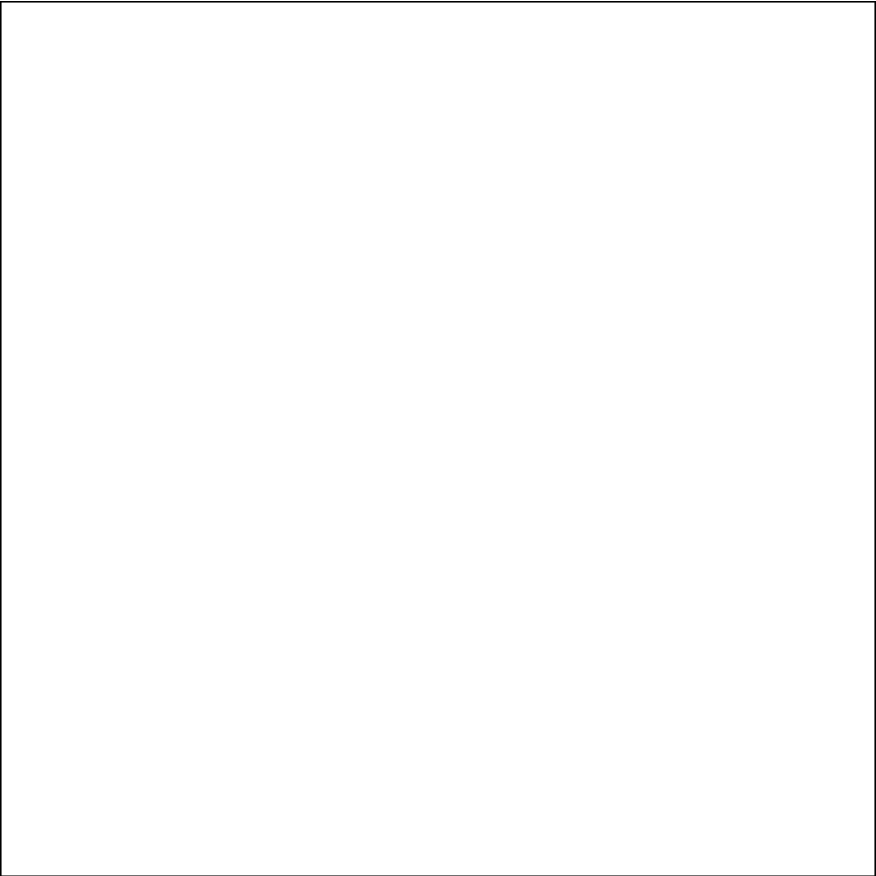




Era uma vez uma família feliz.

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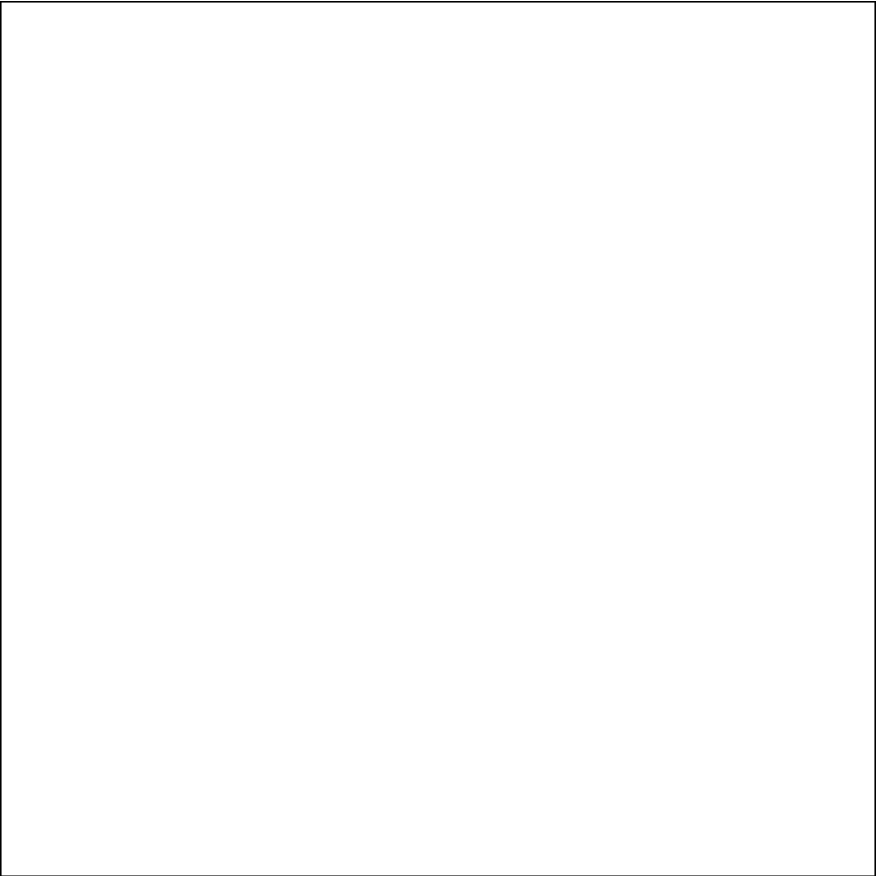
Once upon a time, there lived a
happy family.



Eles nunca brigavam um com o outro. Ajudavam seus pais em casa e no campo.

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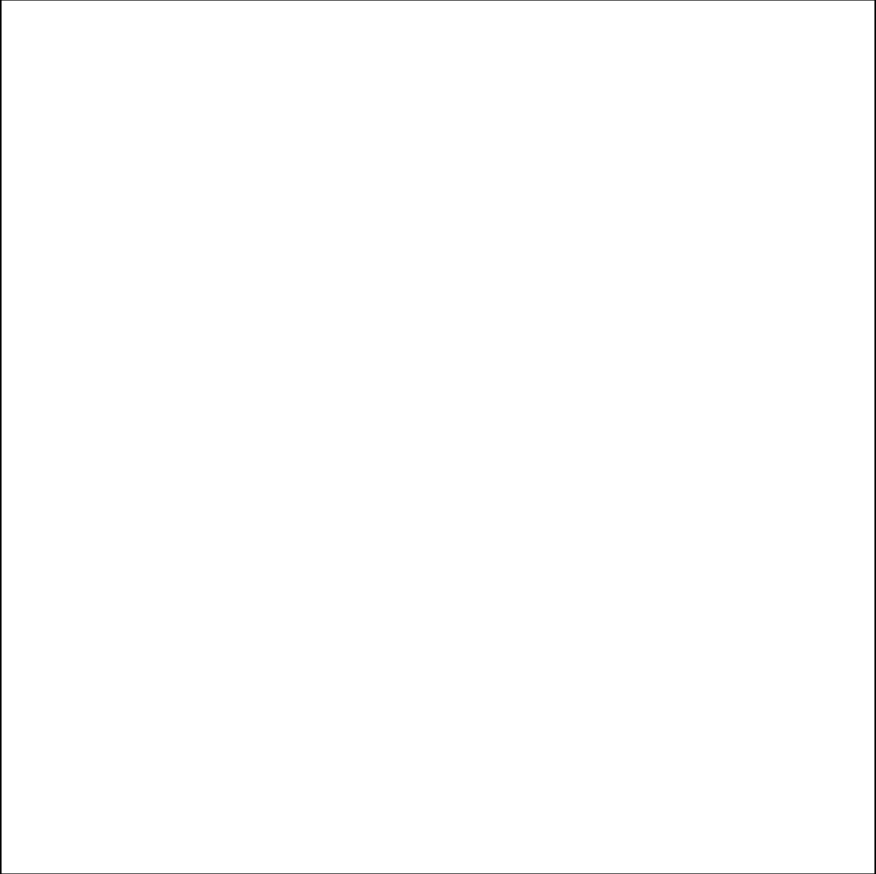
They never fought with each other. They helped their parents at home and in the fields.



Mas estavam proibidos de chegar
perto do fogo.

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But they were not allowed to go
near a fire.



Eles tinha que fazer todo seus trabalhos durante a noite, porque eram feitos de cera.

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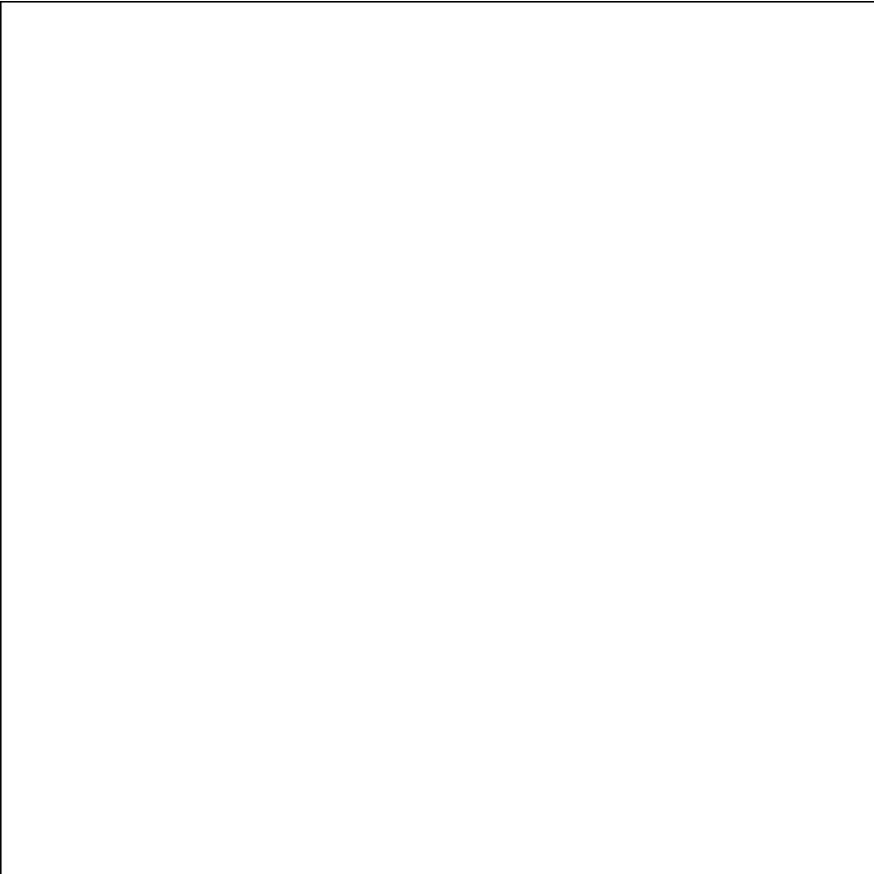
They had to do all their work during the night. Because they were made of wax!



Mas um dos meninos desejava sair
à luz do dia.

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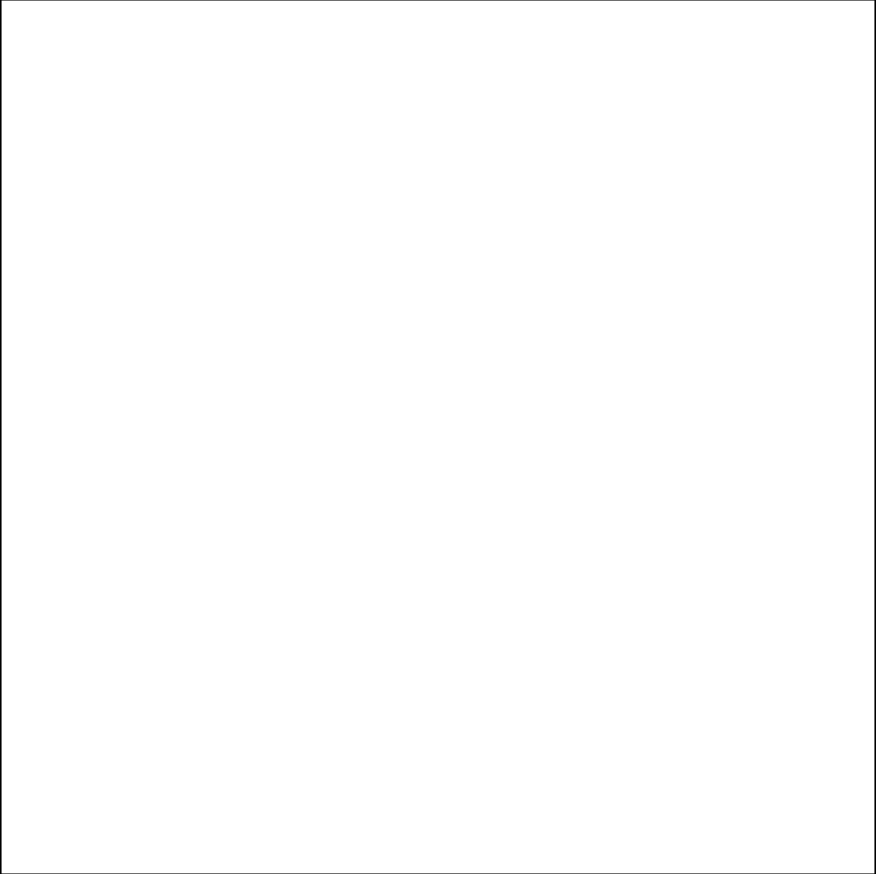
But one of the boys longed to go
out in the sunlight.



Um dia esse desejo estava muito forte. Seus irmãos o avisaram...

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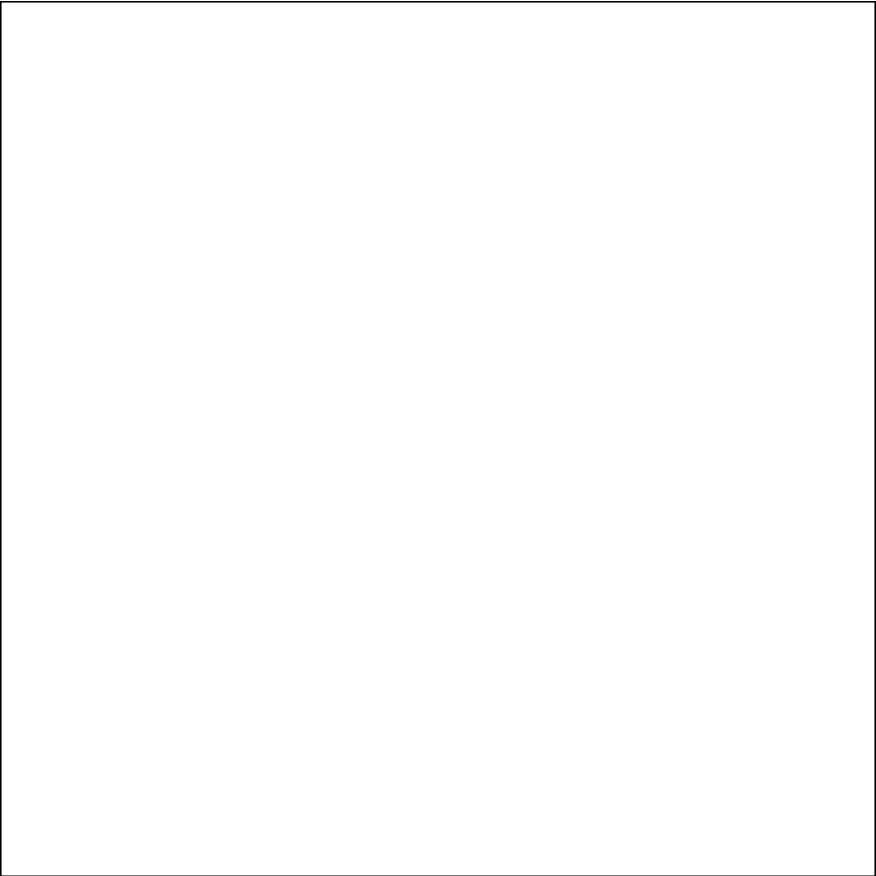
One day the longing was too strong. His brothers warned him...



Mas era tarde demais! Ele derreteu
com o calor do sol.

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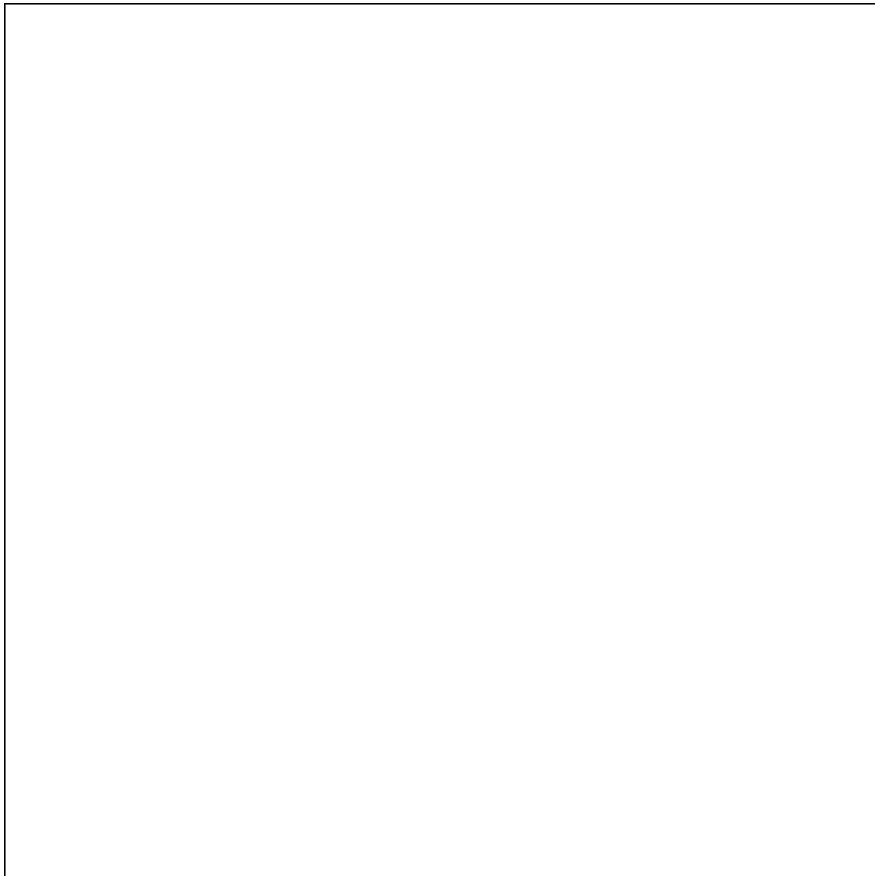
But it was too late! He melted in
the hot sun.



As crianças de cera ficaram muito
tristes vendo seu irmão
derretendo.

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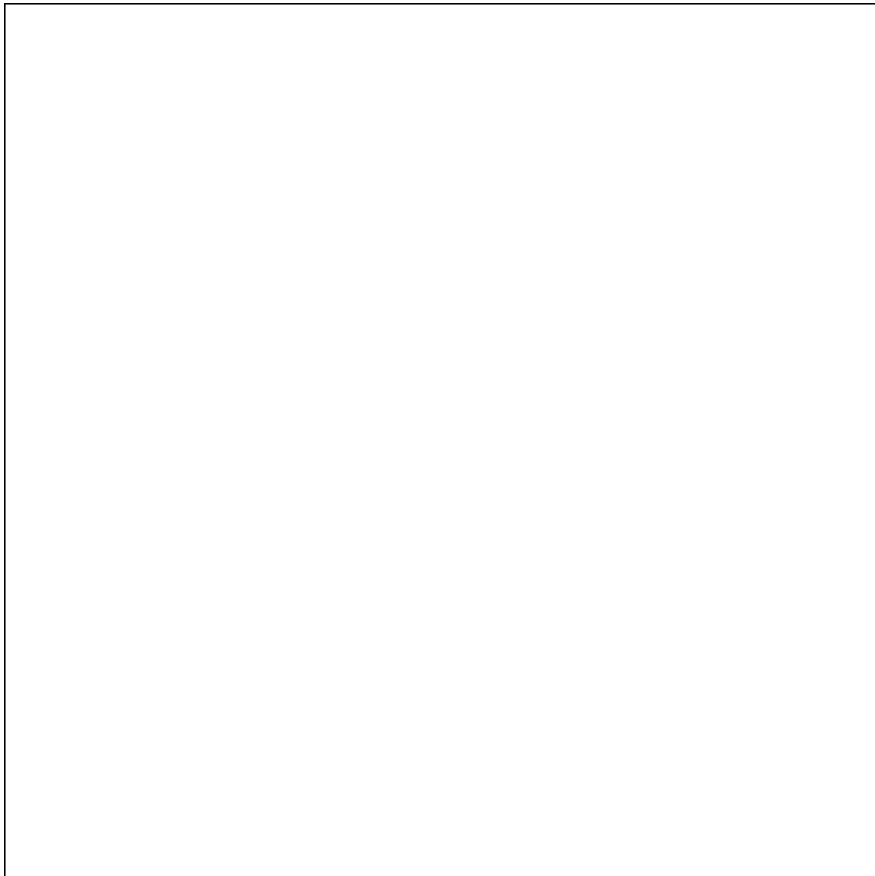
The wax children were so sad to
see their brother melting away.



Mas tiveram um plano. Moldaram o pedaço de cera derretida em cima de um pássaro.

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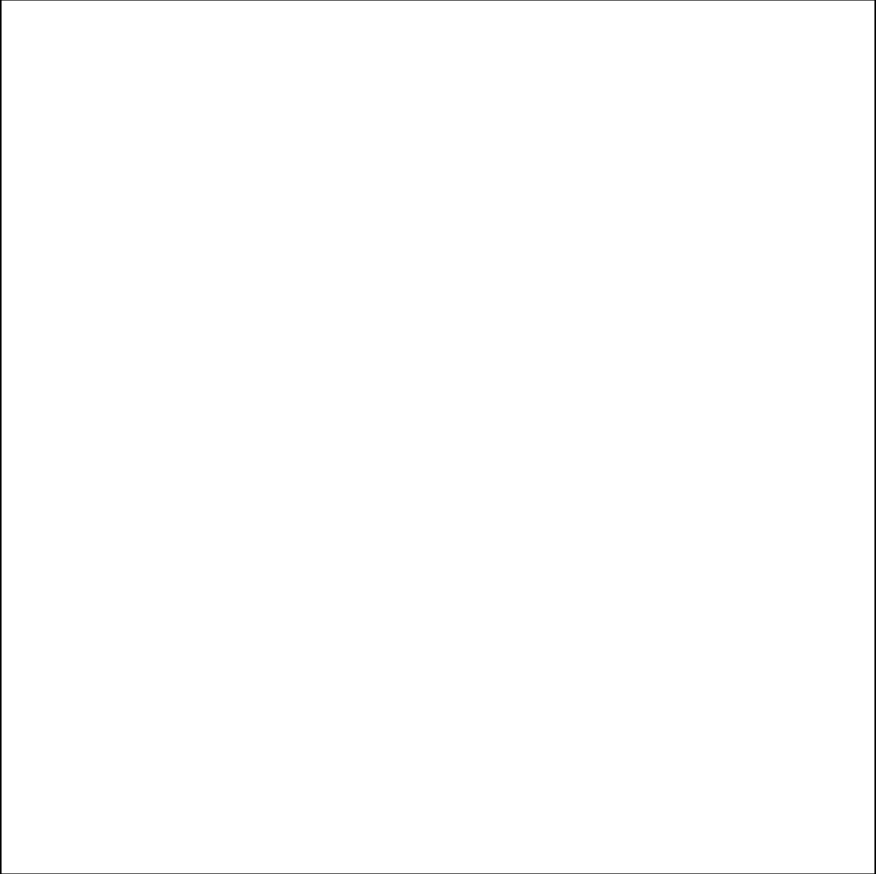
But they made a plan. They shaped the lump of melted wax into a bird.



Levaram o irmão pássaro numa
montanha bem alta.

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They took their bird brother up to a
high mountain.



E quando o sol se levantou, ele saiu voando, cantando sob a luz da manhã.

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



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