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Summer is here and
everything in the forest
blossoms again.

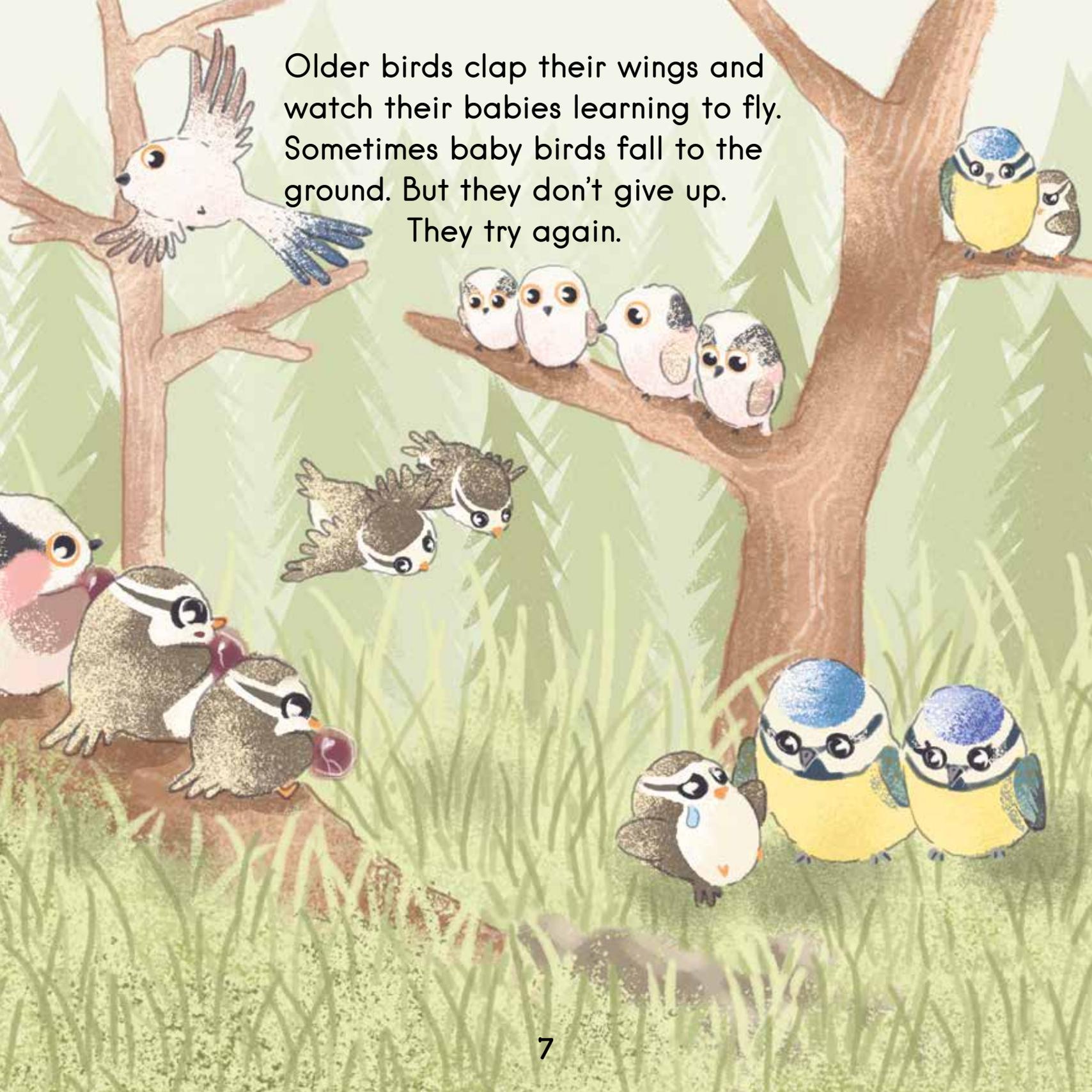


The forest is like a beautiful fairy
with all its colours and sounds.

The birds of the forest are like berry-monsters.
They gobble up all the fruit on the trees.



Older birds clap their wings and watch their babies learning to fly. Sometimes baby birds fall to the ground. But they don't give up. They try again.



Last year, the Woodpeckers Cooperative helped to feed all the hungry birds in the forest. Now, the Cooperative needs their help.



The woodpeckers and all the birds who borrowed food from the Cooperative work hard to fill the empty shelves.



The birds of the forest had a very heavy winter. Summer is a lovely present for them.



The Owl offers to celebrate the Spring Festival to honour their solidarity. All the birds think that this is a great idea.





Win and Willa are so happy to swim in their beautiful lake again.

The water in the lake is so fresh. The birds do not only swim in it but also drink from it. When they get tired, they can rest in the trees nearby.



Sadly, the water in the lake is low this year.
But Win and Willa still have so much fun.

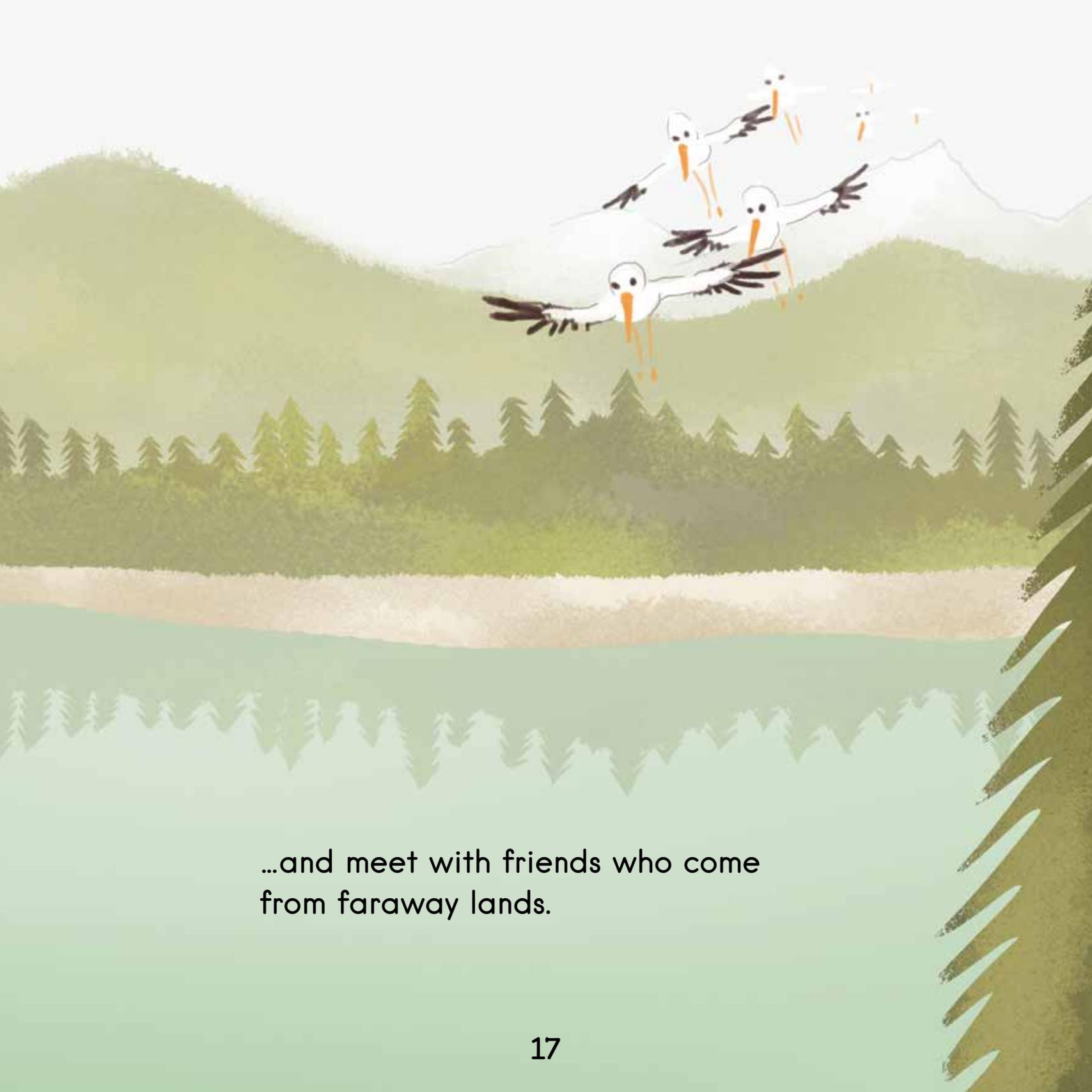


The forest is not the only home for birds. The lake is also very important, especially as a water resource.



In summer, all the birds in the forest go to the lake...





...and meet with friends who come
from faraway lands.

Birds like storks, swallows, ducks, and geese come to the lake when they migrate for warm weather.



The lake is a charming place to have a good break during this very long journey.





Hidden deep in the forest, the lake was home to birds and animals for such a long time.

But one day, something strange happens around the lake.



Humans have found it!
Now, humans are here, too.

The birds saw these humans and their machines before.



They want to cut the trees and build a road and a giant hotel in the forest. They want to put such ugly buildings in every corner of the forest.



But this year something is different. The birds have a cooperative. They come together to share ideas and make decisions.



The lake is perhaps the last safe place in the forest. Birds from faraway lands flew over this lake all their lives.



They now join the other birds in an emergency meeting.



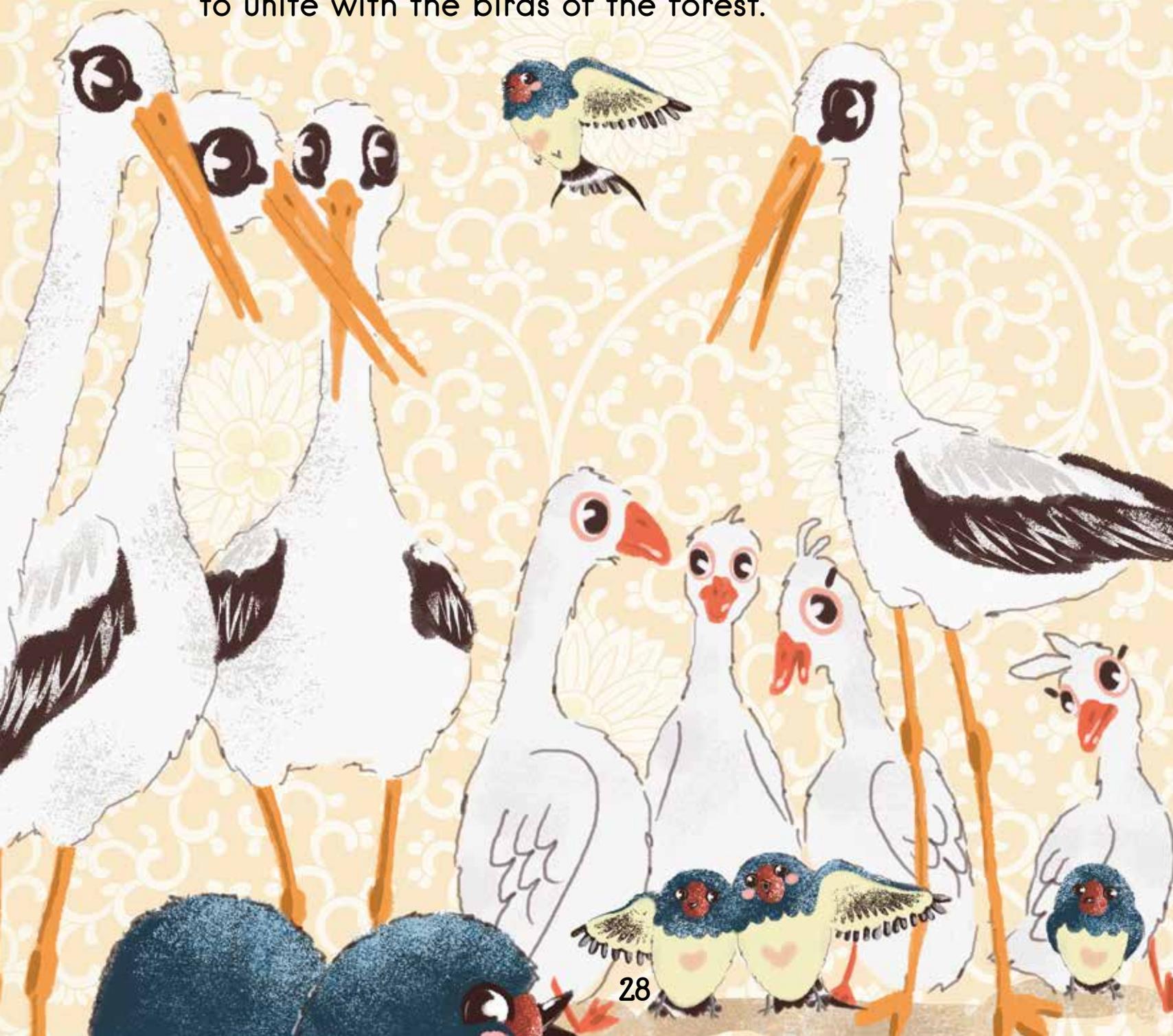
“Humans pollute lakes all over the world,” they cry.
“Now, they are here!”





“Why do humans always want to hurt us?” they squawk.
“Enough is enough!”

The storks, swallows, ducks, and geese decide to unite with the birds of the forest.



Together, they make a plan. They all want to protect their lake!



When the humans bring their trucks and cranes to the lake, all the birds start squawking at the same time.



The humans panic and cover their ears. But the noise is so loud they can't block it out. They run to get away from it.



THE BIRDS WIN!

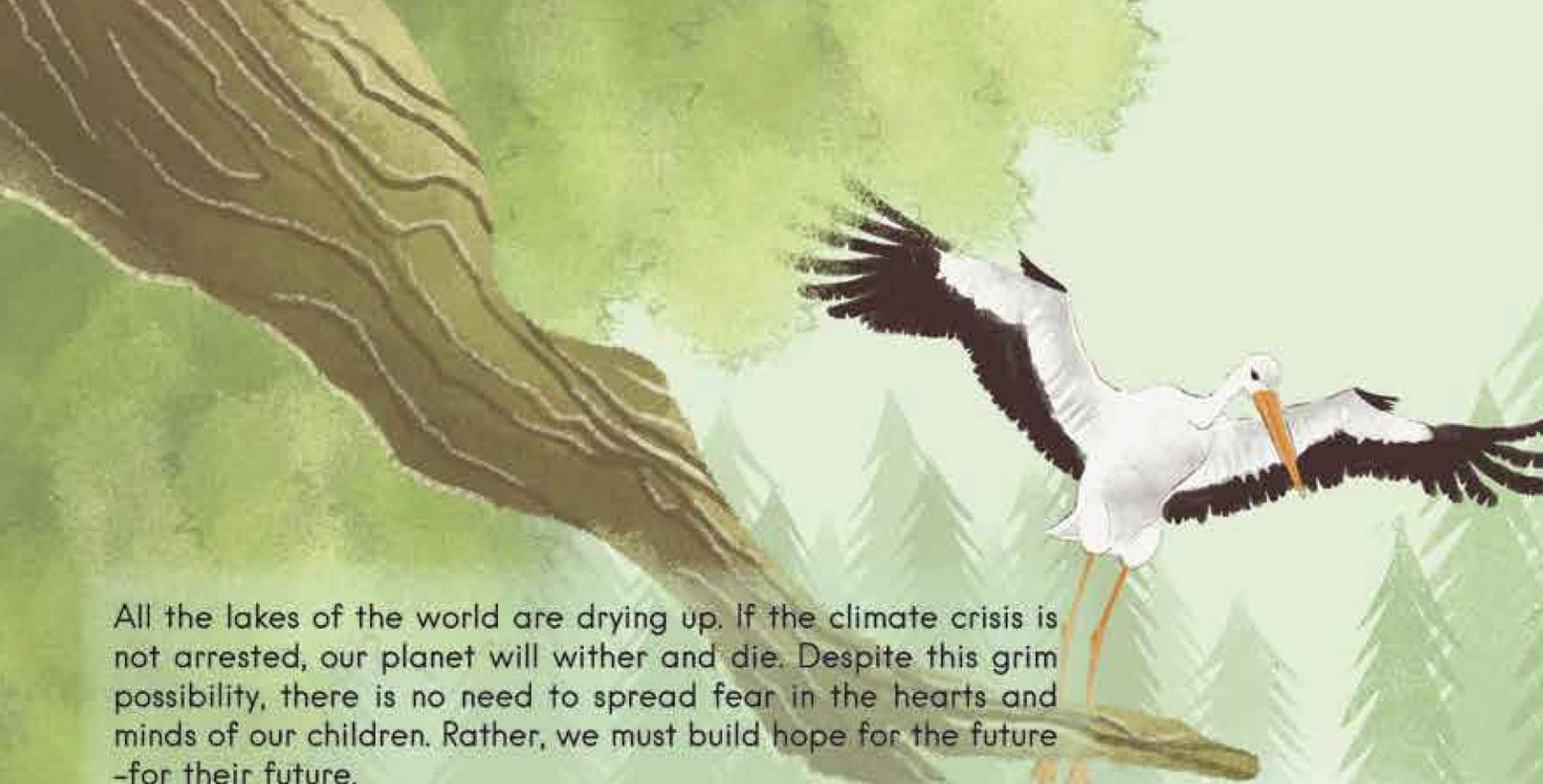


The owl turns to all the birds.
“The lake does not belong to humans!
The lake belongs to the birds and animals!”

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All the lakes of the world are drying up. If the climate crisis is not arrested, our planet will wither and die. Despite this grim possibility, there is no need to spread fear in the hearts and minds of our children. Rather, we must build hope for the future –for their future.

In this third book of our Woodpecker series, our bird heroes uphold this sense of hope as they band together for the sake of a magnificent lake hidden deep in the forest. They show us that where there is unity, there is power. And we can't help but smile when they triumph and the lake is saved.

Neither avatars nor wishful thinking will save our planet. We need to educate our children and ensure they understand the steps they can and must take in caring for the world.



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