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Title: Two Stories about Flying [ His First Flight]

About the author- Liam O'Flaherty

Liam is a well know Irish writer who wrote about courage, naturalism, human psychology etc. And not only courage his writings are appreciated for the put of satire as well.

Overview-

This story is about a seagull's family who lives on a ledge of a sea. The youngest seagull is afraid of flying. His brothers and sister already started flying and catching fish, but this young little seagull wasn't. His mother thought of a technique to make him fly. The technique worked and little seagull got successful in flying and the whole family celebrated his first flight.

Flow of the story-

1. A seagull's family lives on the sea ledge.
2. The family has six members – mother, father and four kids.
3. The youngest seagull is afraid of flying.
4. He thinks we can't fly and his small wings won't open if he tries to fly.
5. He is encouraged by his mother many a times but he is afraid of flying.
6. His two brothers and a sister have already started flying.
7. They even enjoy catching fish and devour their food.
8. One day mother seagull leaves the young seagull hungry.
9. For continuous 24 hours the young seagull left hungry. No one come to help him or to share food with him.
10. The condition of the little seagull gets worsen.
11. The next day the mother of the seagull comes near to him with keeping a piece of a fish in her beak.
12. Maddened with the hunger, seagull approaches his mother but she starts getting few steps back.
13. Then after she simply starts flying around the seagull and tempts him for the piece of fish.
14. The little seagull happens to fall of from the ledge.

15. Miraculously his wings start fluttering on their own and this is how the young seagull takes his first flight.
16. The whole family starts celebrating the moment by making the cackle sound and fly around him.

#### Conclusion-

The clever trick of the mother seagull makes the young seagull fly successfully. His fear of falling down didn't allow him to fly, not even to initiate flying. But once that fear disappeared, he was able to enjoy the flying and discovering the vast sea surface.