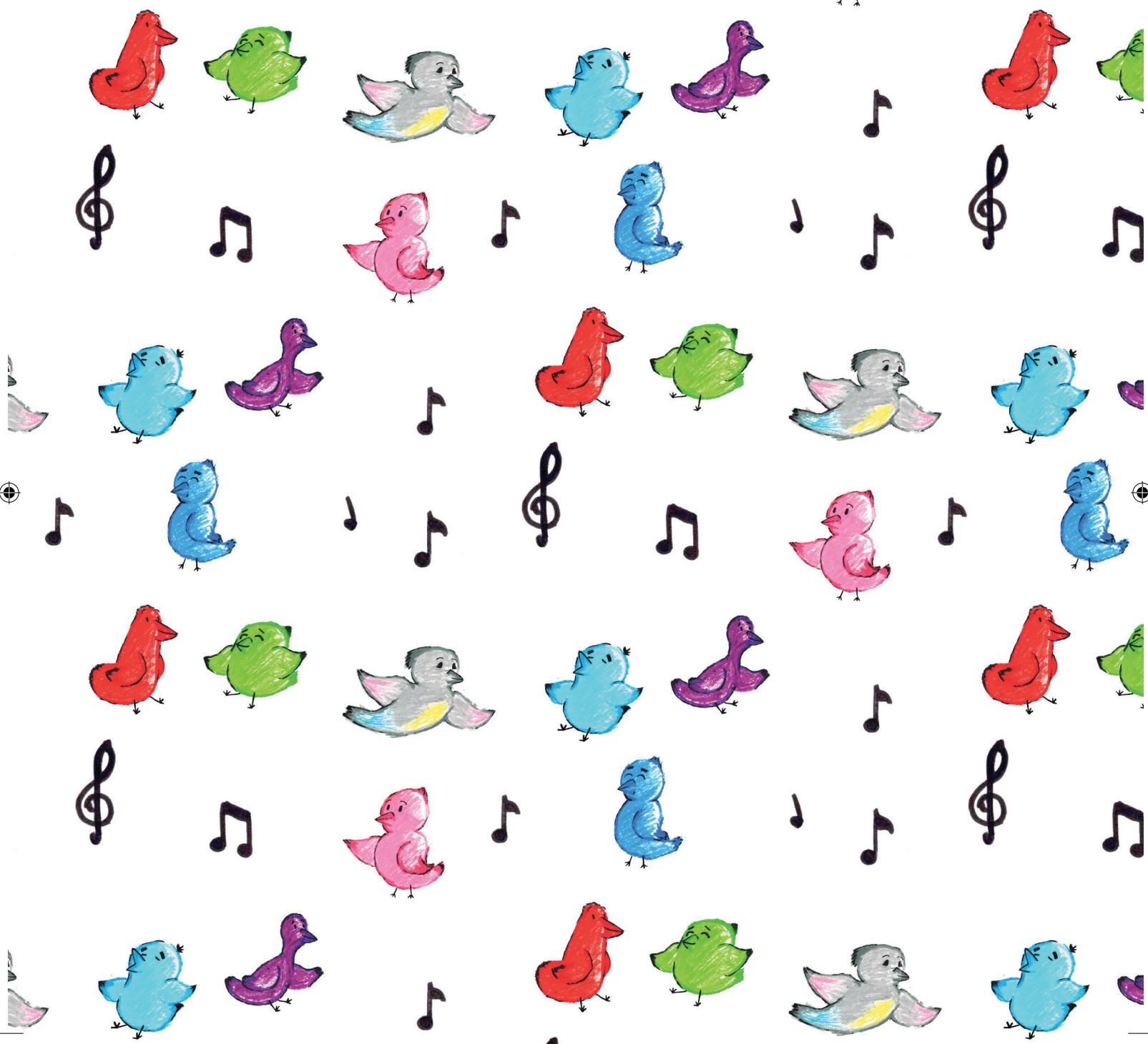
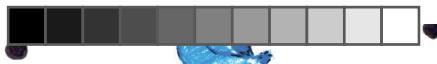


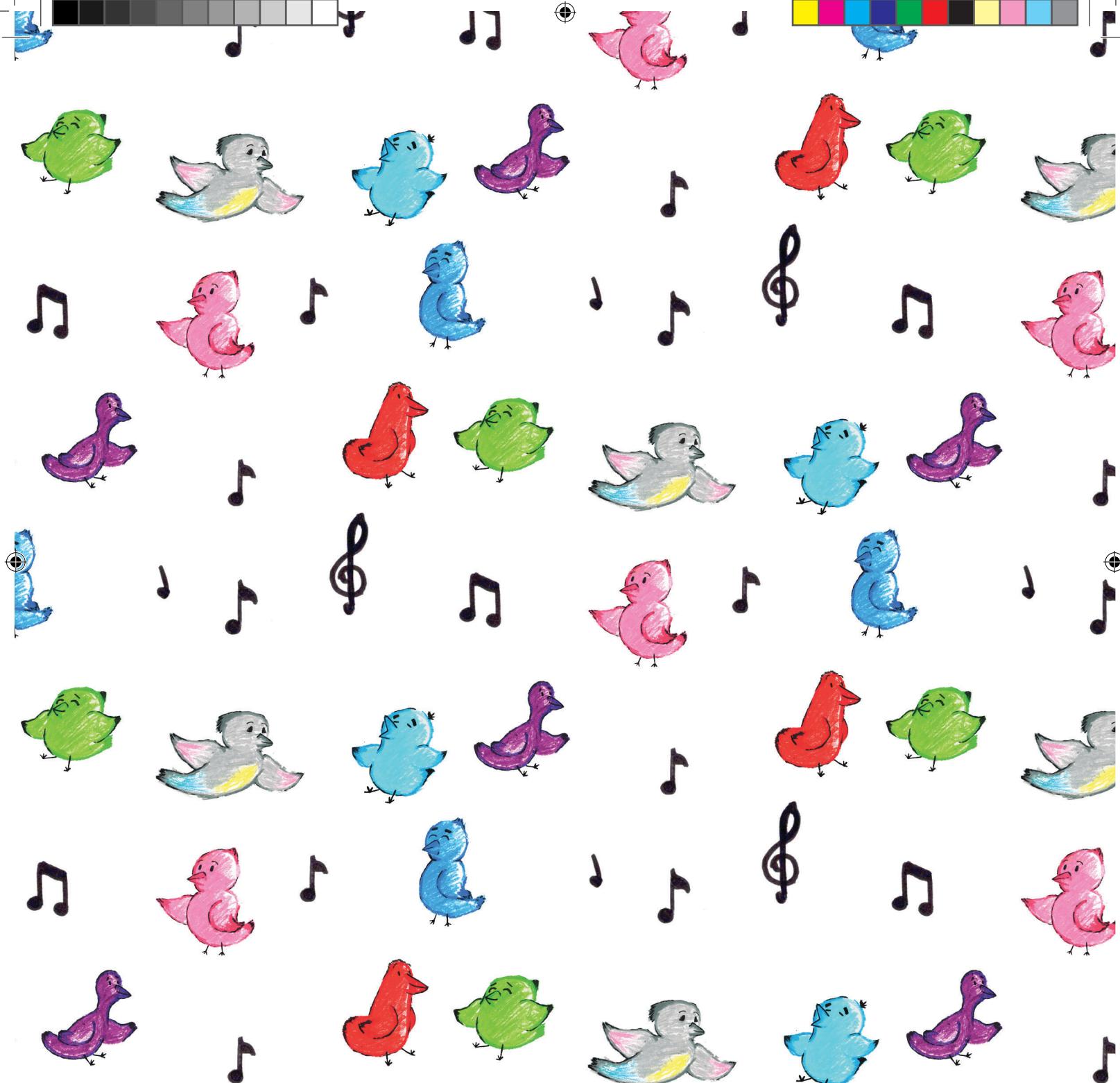


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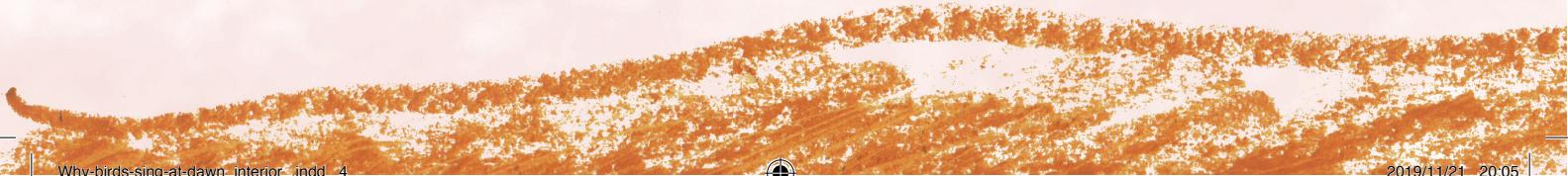
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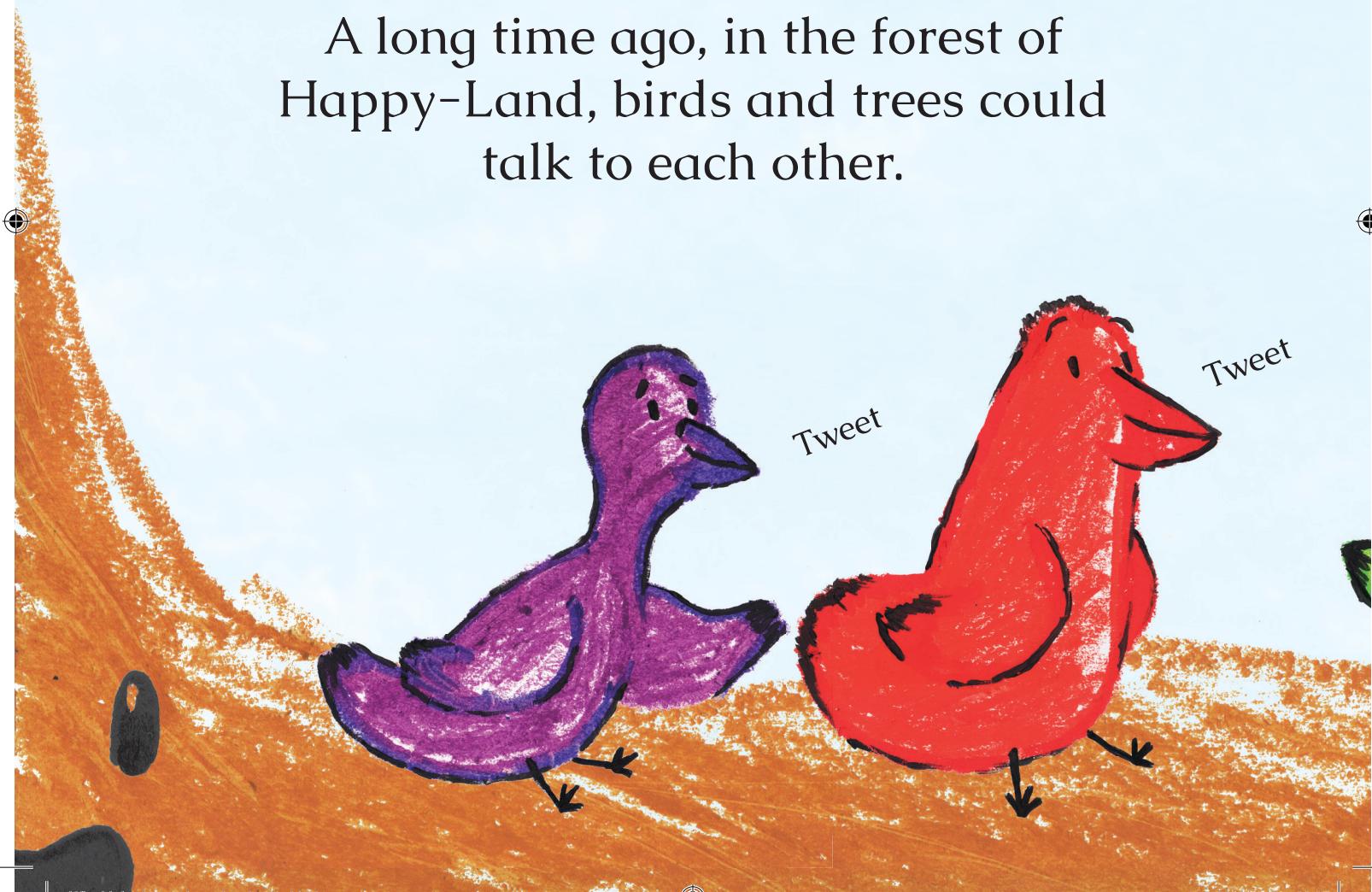
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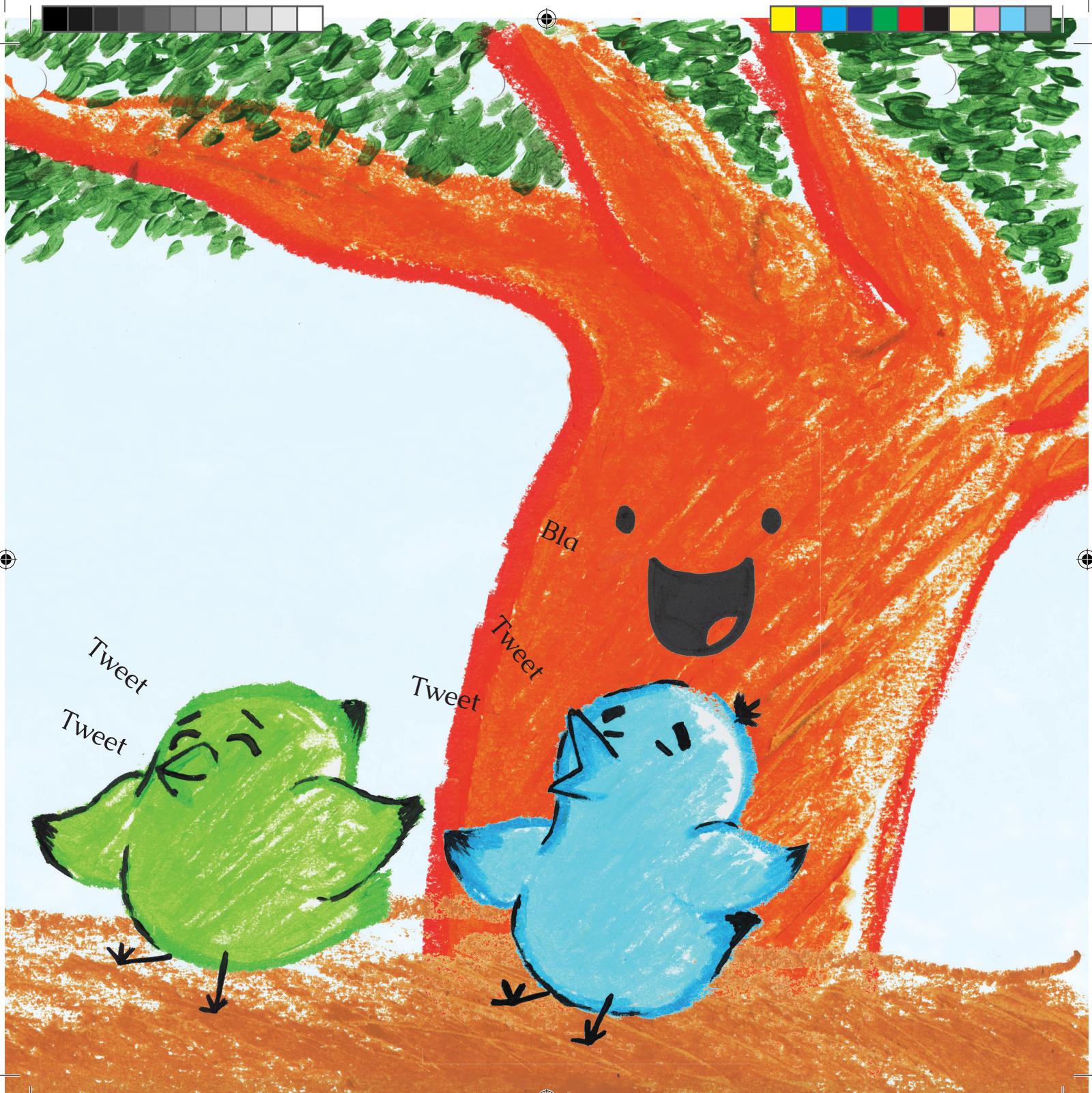
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talk to each other.



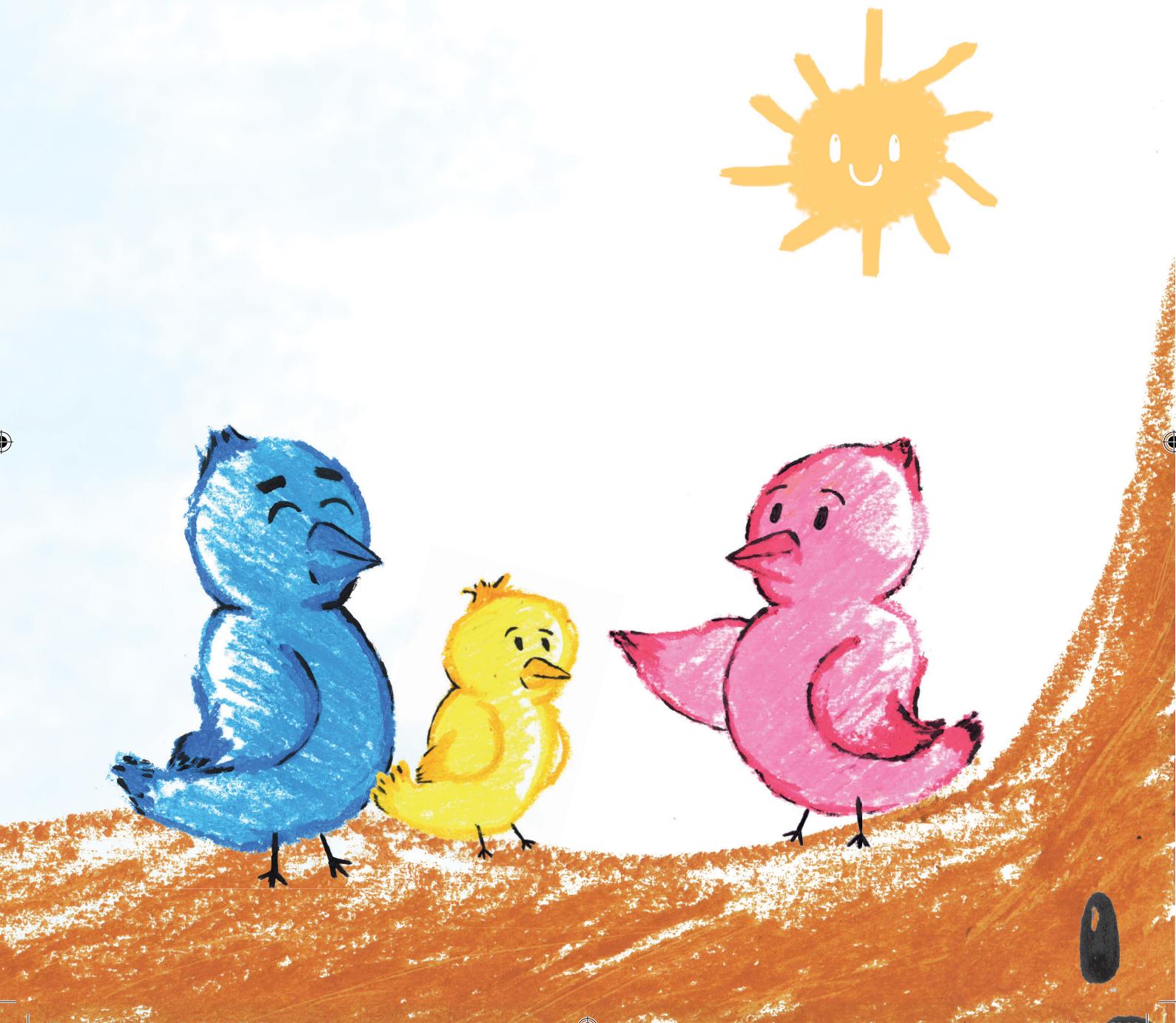




There was a bird family with three children:
Blue, Pink and Yellow.

They all lived on a big wise tree
called Mamango.







Mama Birdie's voice was beautiful! She would wake up early to sing her song.





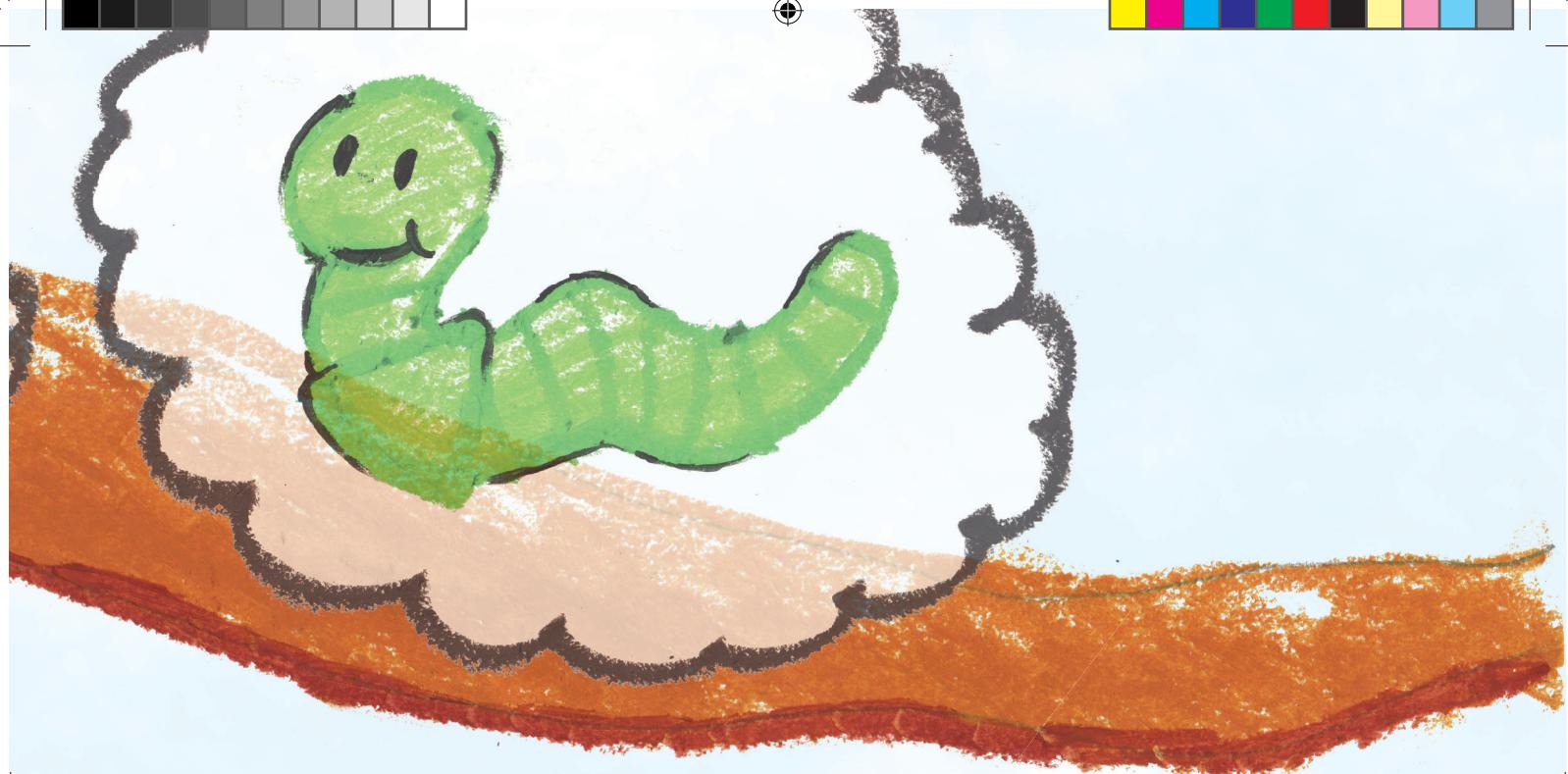




But drought set in on the land. Rivers
dried up and leaves fell off.





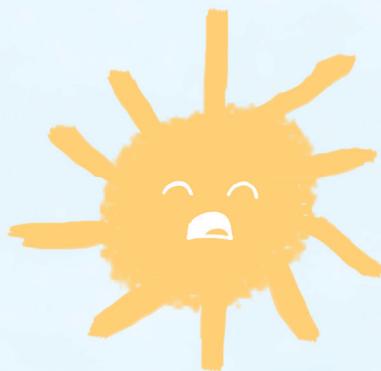


Mamango thought long and hard.

“Maybe we should get the magic worm
that brings rain. But who can go?”







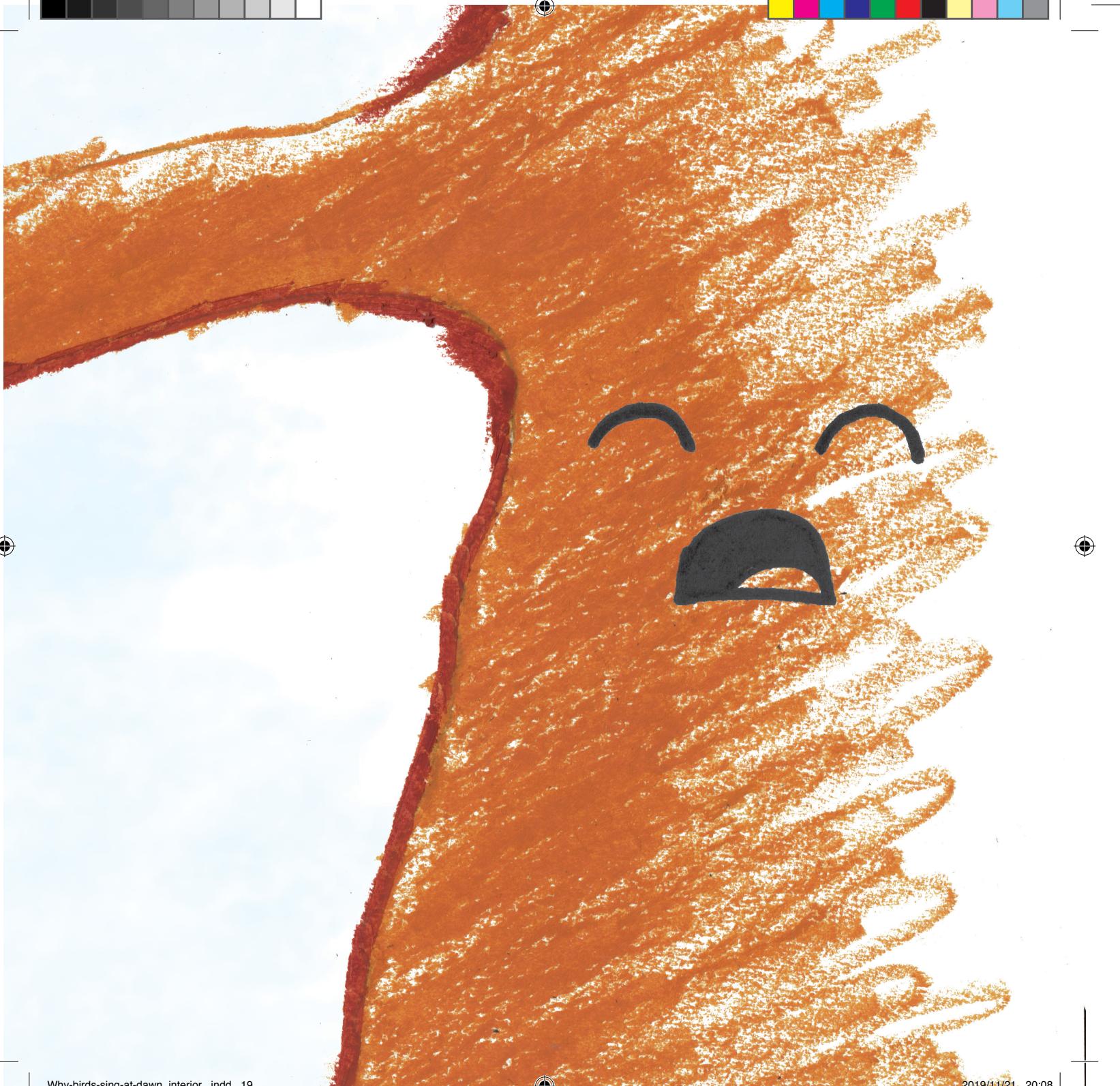
“I will go. I am not afraid,”
Mama Birdie said.





Everyone missed Mama Birdie, and
her song. Would she ever find her way
back home?





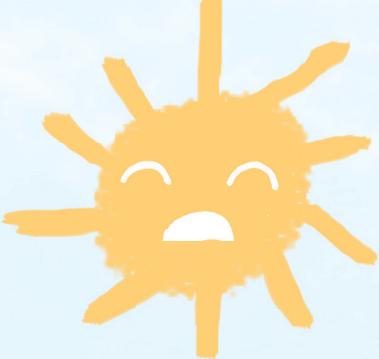


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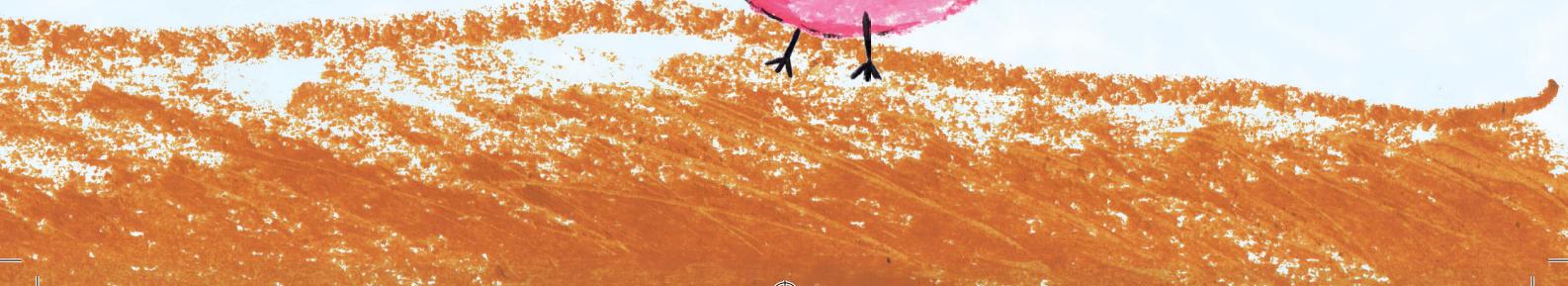
Yellow asked.

“Mama said if we sing her song, she
will find her way back.”





“But I don’t know how to sing!”
cried Pink.







“Have you tried singing?”

Mamango asked.





“I have tried singing,”
said Yellow.
“I can teach you.”







Early the next morning, Yellow
sang Mama's song:

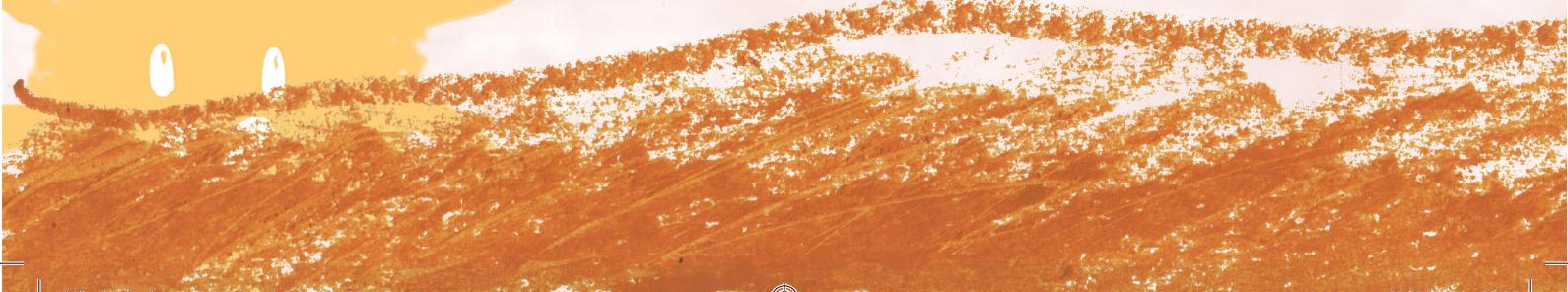
“It’s a *beautiful morning!*”



We wake up and shine!”



And rain started falling.









Eventually, all the birds joined
Yellow in song.



Mama Birdie found her way back
to Happy-Land.

And from then on, birds sang at dawn.



