





# A New Nest

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Bump! Thump! Vroom! Vroom!  
Thud! Thud! Screech!



"It's your turn," said Brother. "What?" Little Sister yelled. "Your turn!" The loud noise was making it difficult to play.



Little Sister kicked with all her might, and . . . goal! The little button soared high up into the sky. Then it glided down past the nest. "No . . . ! My button!" Little Sister cried.



"I'll get it for you!" Brother yelled as he quickly swooped down the tree.



Suddenly, Little Sister cried,  
"Cat!" Mom, Dad and Little Sister all  
called out, "Be careful of the cat!"



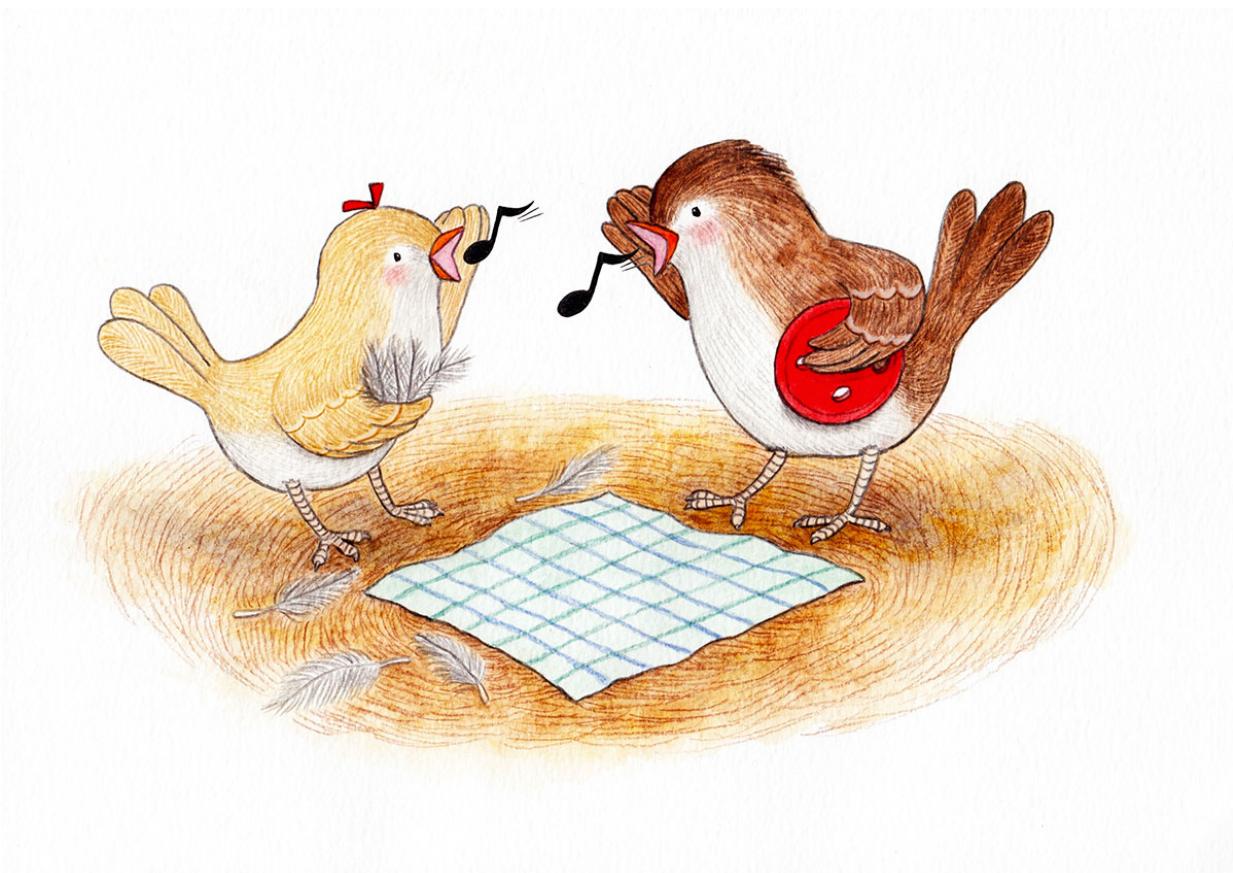
Whew! That cat almost got Brother.  
He couldn't hear his family's  
warnings — not with all this machine  
noise.



The machines were indeed loud. The birds could hardly communicate. "It's dangerous for us," Dad said. "We must hurry and move out from here."



Everyone started packing, but Little Sister could not decide what to bring. She loved all her things.



"I'll bring my favorite feathers," Little Sister said. Brother was about to pack the feathers when . . .



"Hurry! The cat is on its way up!"  
Dad exclaimed. Everyone quickly left  
the nest.



In the panic, Little Sister's favorite feathers got left behind. She waved sadly at them. "Bye, nest. Bye, feathers," Little Sister peeped.



"Bye, noisy yellow machine!" she cheeped.



"Bye, road! Bye, sun!" She chattered.



"Goodbye, old trees. Oh, look! That is a new tree. Will that be our new nest?" Little Sister was amazed.



"Come here, quick!" Brother chirped.



"Oh, my favorite soft feathers!" Little Sister couldn't believe her eyes. Mom had managed to slip in a few while they were packing.



What a long, tiring day for the birds!  
Finally, they were able to rest in their  
new comfortable nest.

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