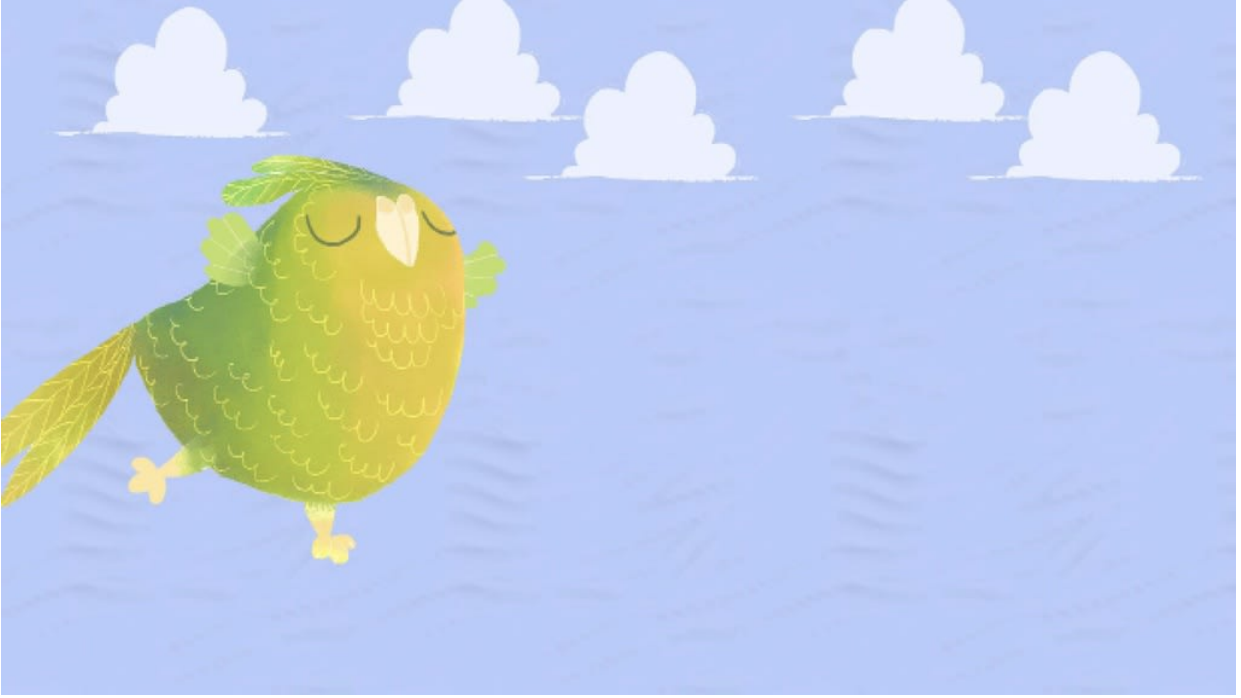




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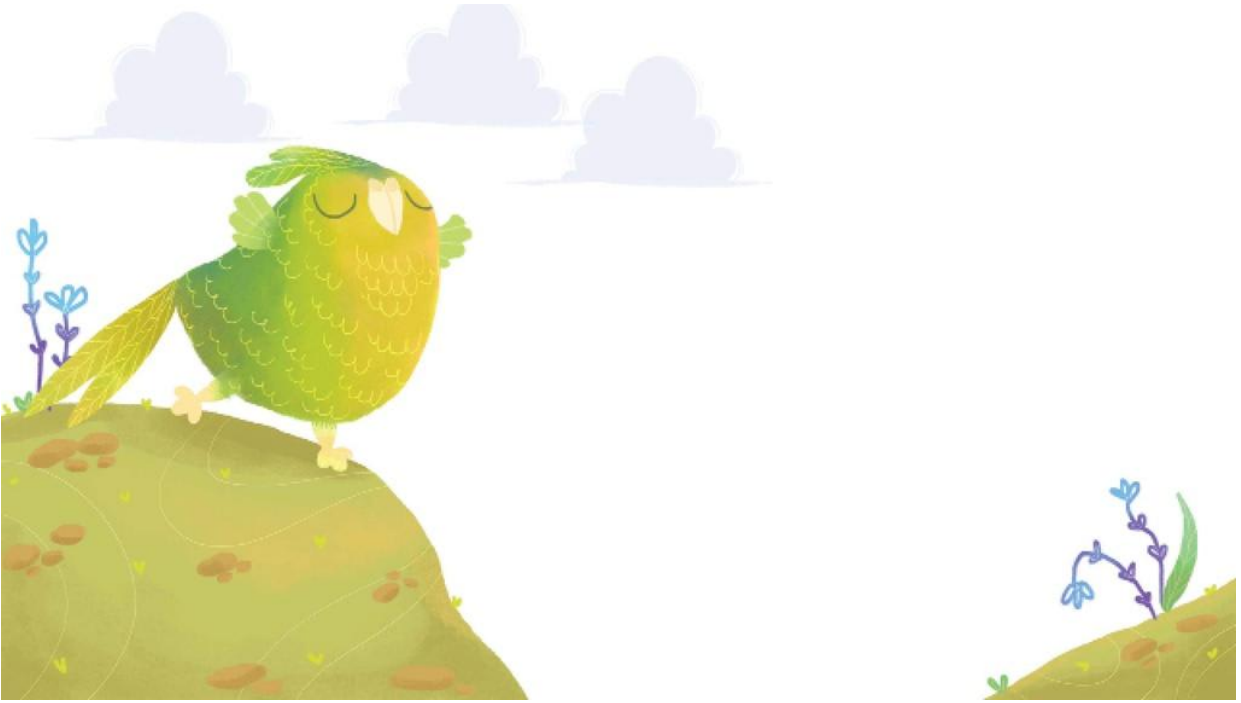
As the colorful birds flew happily from branch to branch, Kakapo walked alone next to the river.



Tears would roll down his cheeks whenever he saw his friends Chimney and Zucchini flying with their other friends.



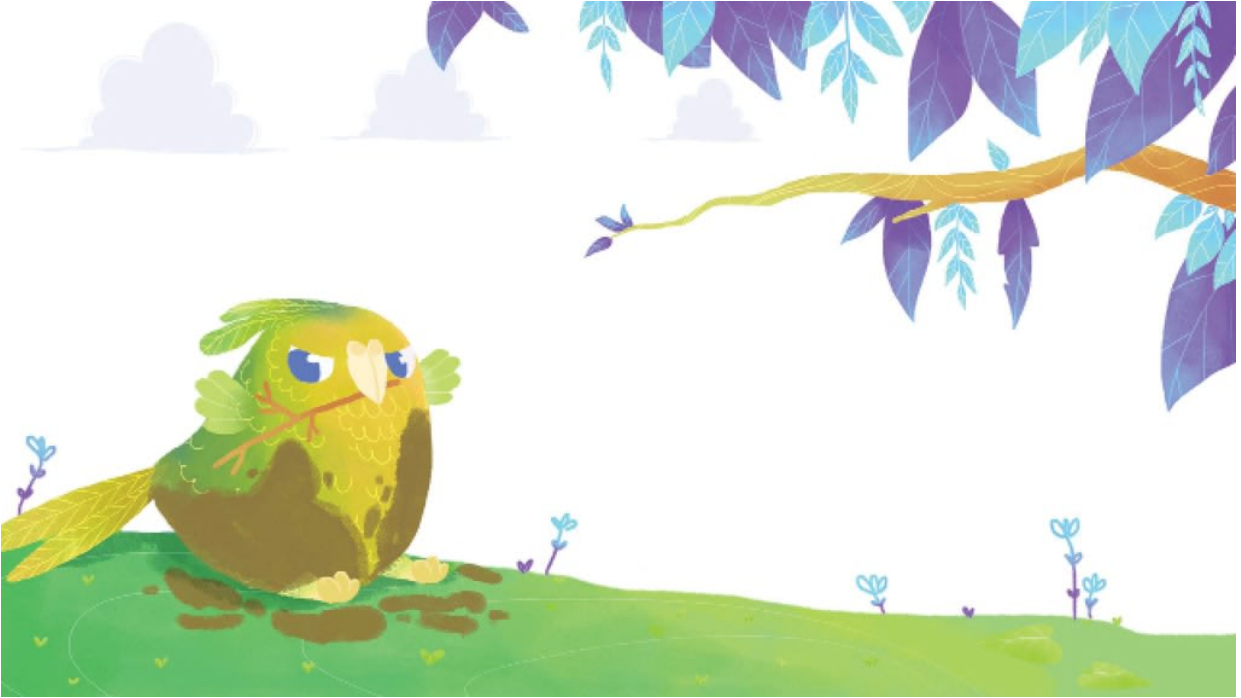
One day, Kakapo said, “I must learn how to fly. I want to have fun with my neighbors and friends.”



Kakapo climbed a muddy hill and told himself, “Just open your wings. Get ready, get set, fly...”



Oh no! Kakapo fell in the mud right on his beak. He spent the rest of the day cleaning his feathers.



Kakapo said, “Okay. I’ll try again.
There’s no other way.”



He asked his friend, Balloon Frog, to help him. Both of them went up the rocky hill.



The Balloon Frog blew and blew and
Kakapo held onto his foot to try to fly.



They soared for a few moments but then they bumped into the cherry tree and down they went to the ground.



Chimney and Zucchini decided to intervene and give Kakapo a new idea.



They took a branch from the tree and each of them put an end in their mouths. Kakapo held on to the branch. They flew and flew to the very top of the tree, but suddenly...



The branch broke and Kakapo fell to the edge of the waterfall flowing between mountains.



Kakapo was so scared, but for the first time he felt free. He spread his wings as if he were flying through the air, until he landed in the water.



His friends followed him and, seeing him enjoying himself, decided to join him.



From that day on, Kakapo played and had fun at the waterfall with his friends. He spread his wings wide, flicking drops of water in the air as if he were flying through raindrops in the sky.



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