

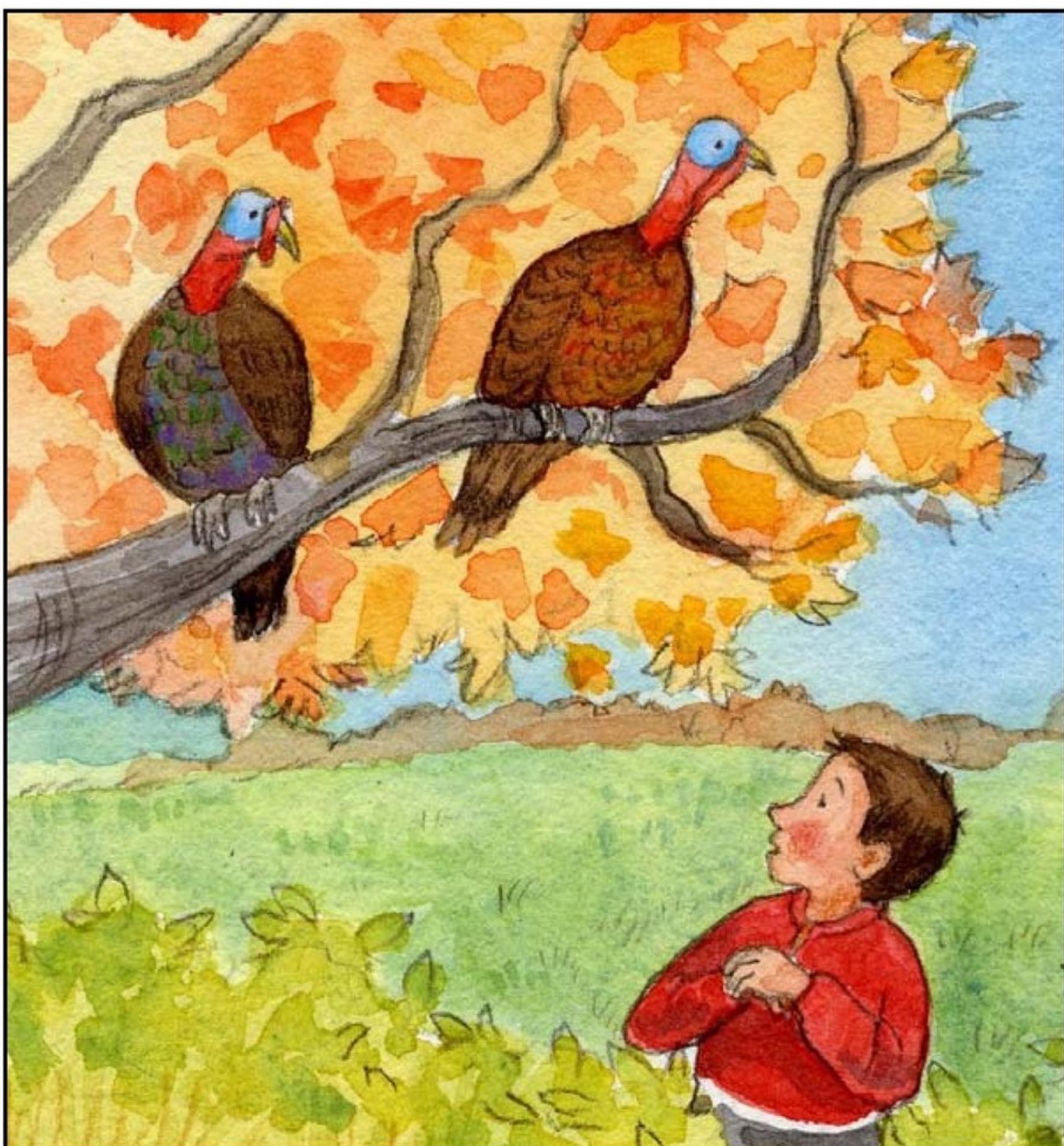
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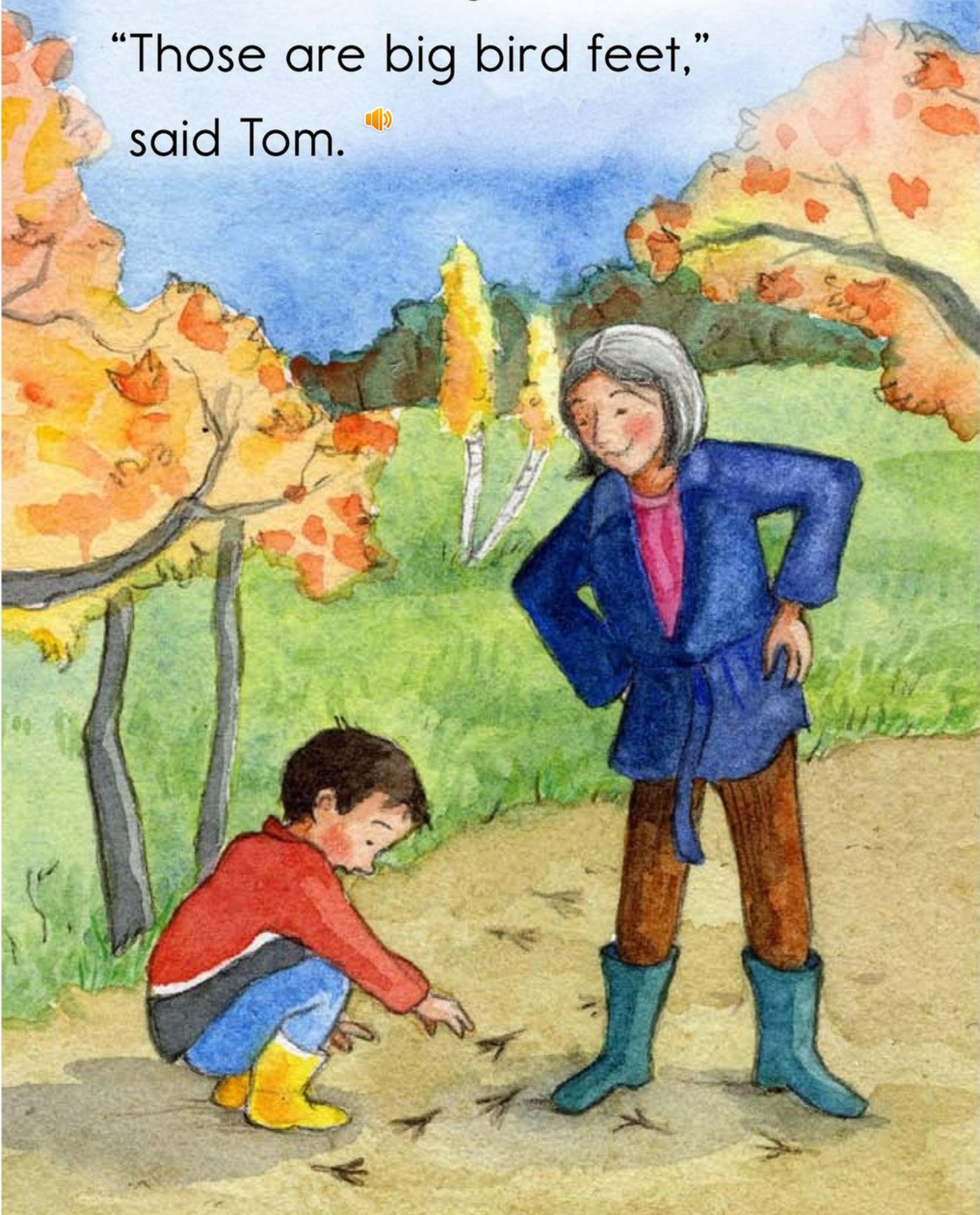


Tom was visiting Grandma
for a week.
Her house was in a valley
near the deep woods. ♪

After lunch, Grandma took
Tom on a walk.

In the soft dirt they saw tracks
with three long toes.

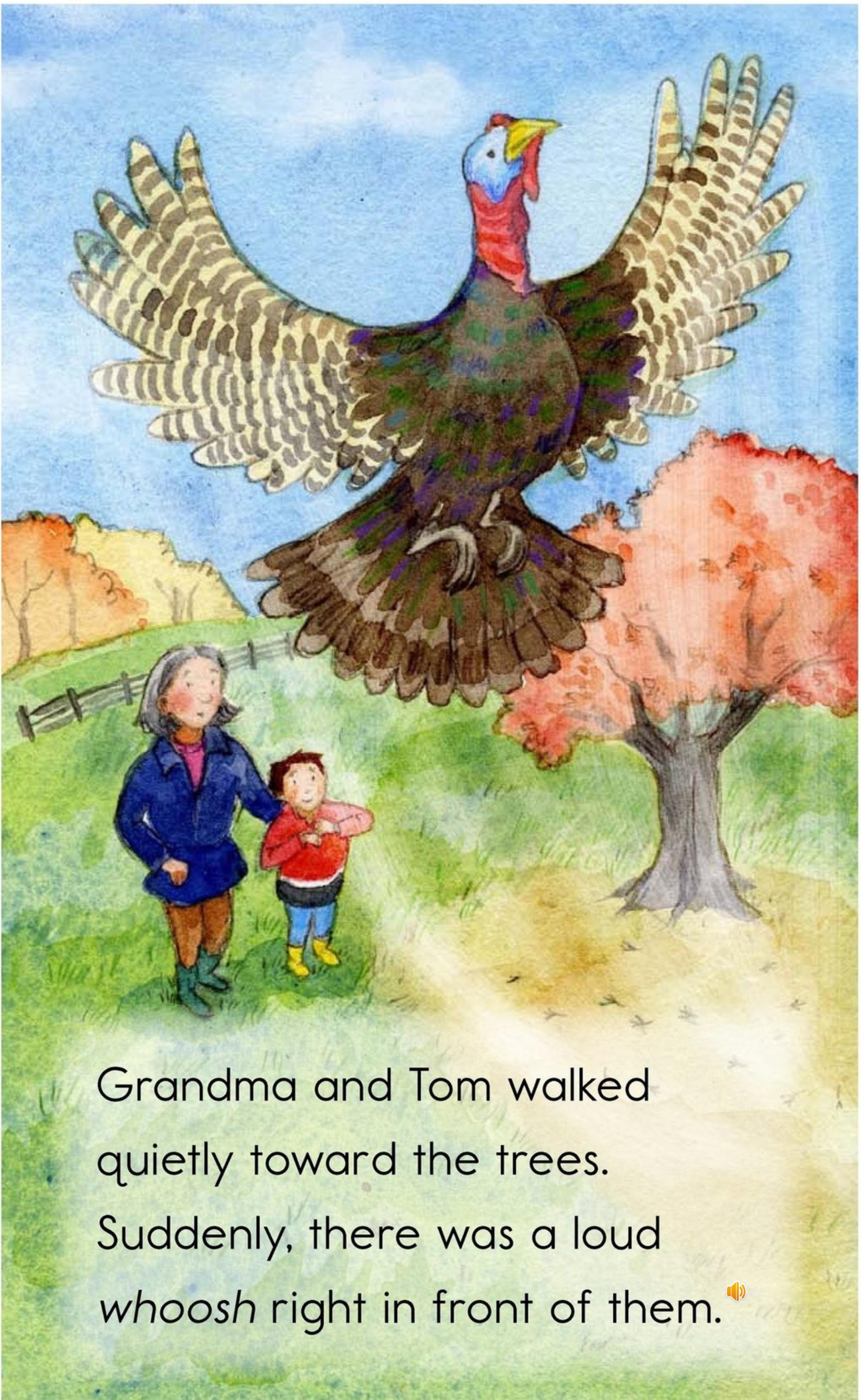
“Those are big bird feet,”
said Tom. 



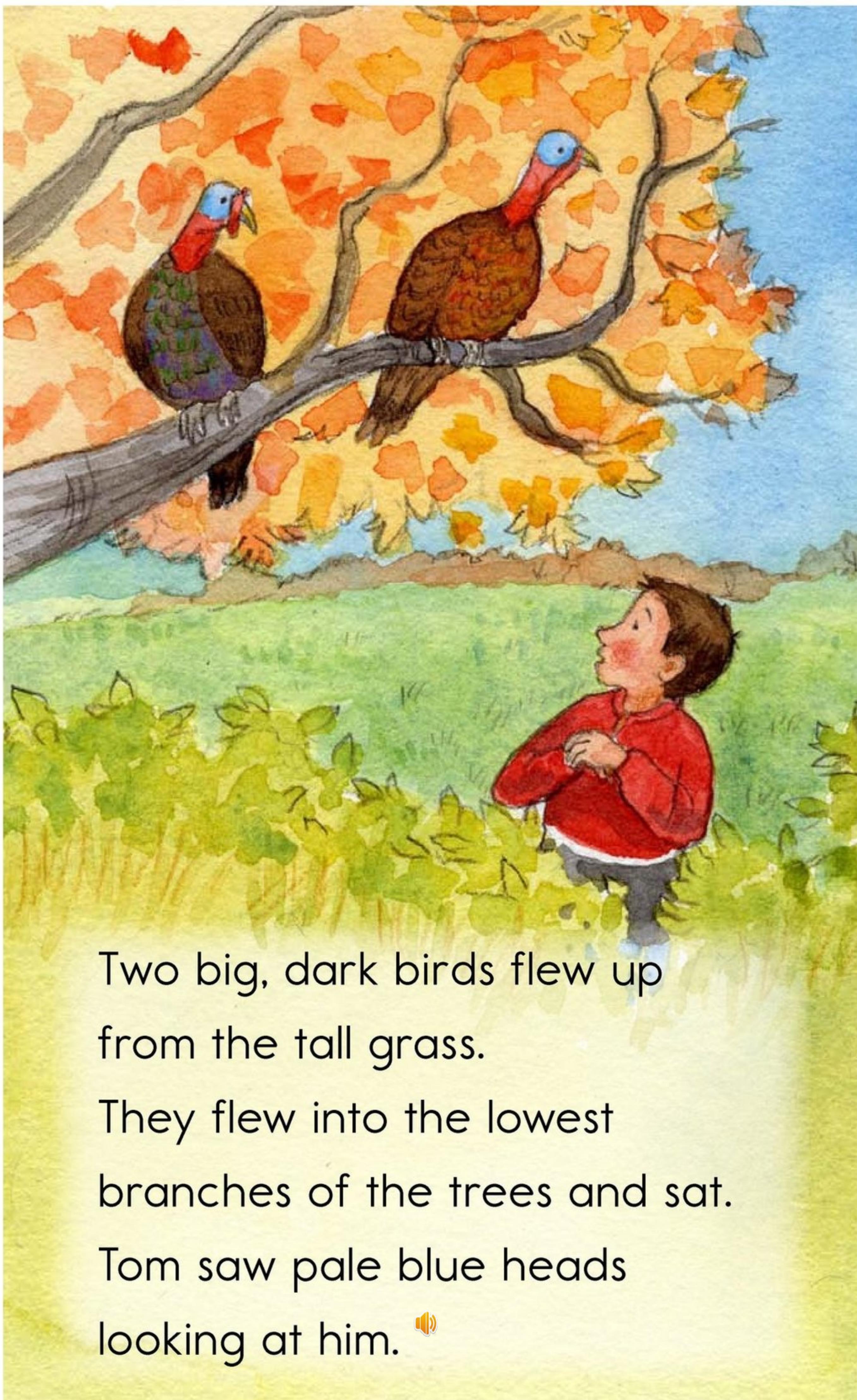
“Those are wild turkey tracks,”
said Grandma.

“If we are quiet, maybe we will
see them!” 





Grandma and Tom walked
quietly toward the trees.
Suddenly, there was a loud
whoosh right in front of them. 



Two big, dark birds flew up
from the tall grass.
They flew into the lowest
branches of the trees and sat.
Tom saw pale blue heads
looking at him. 



The turkeys were almost as big
as he was.

“I didn’t know turkeys could fly,”
Tom said.

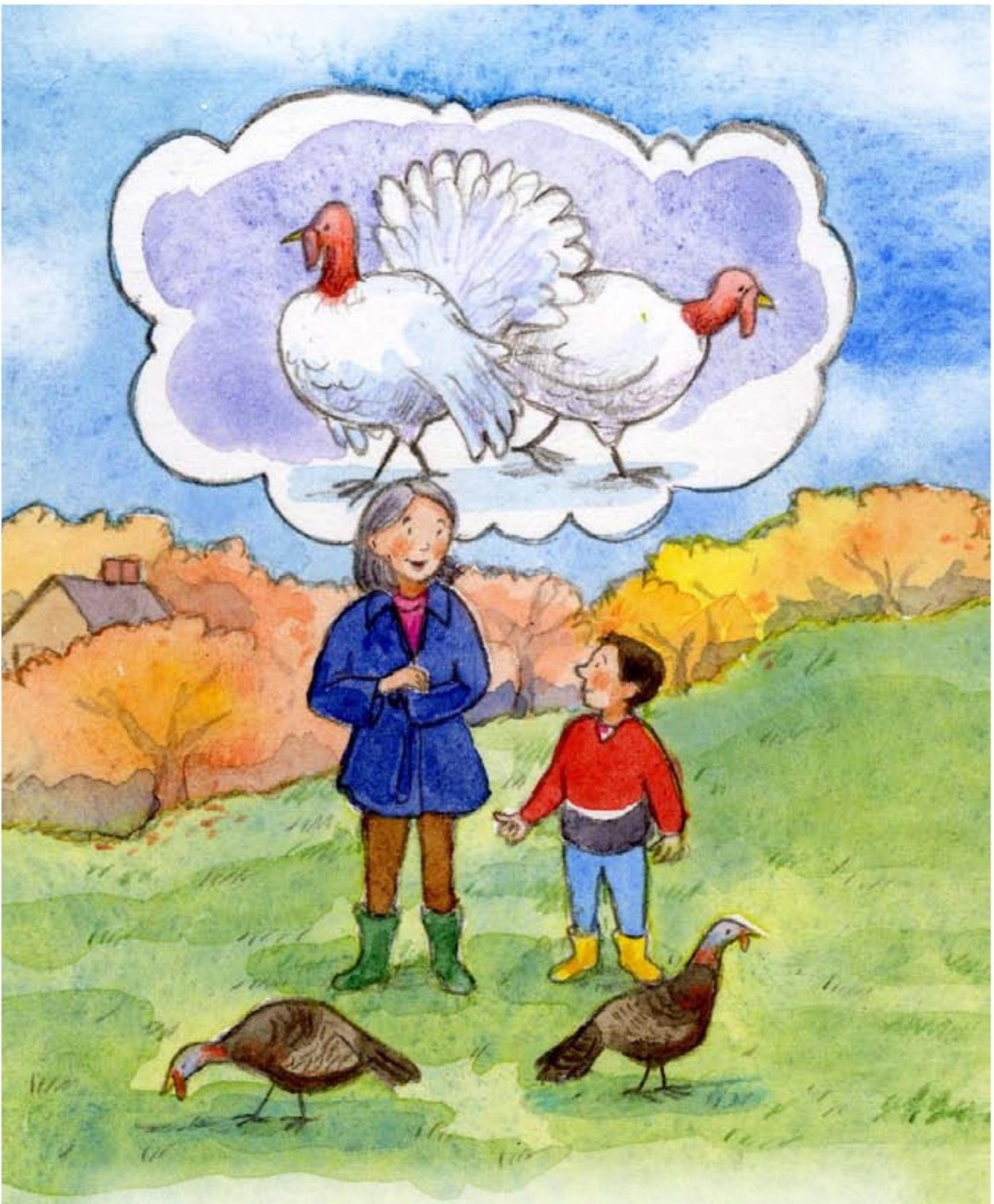
“Wild turkeys like to show off,”
Grandma said. 



“During the day, turkeys look for bugs and seeds in the grass,” said Grandma.



“At night they like to sleep in trees.”



“Are these the turkeys we eat
on Thanksgiving?” Tom asked.
“No, those turkeys live on turkey
farms,” said Grandma. 

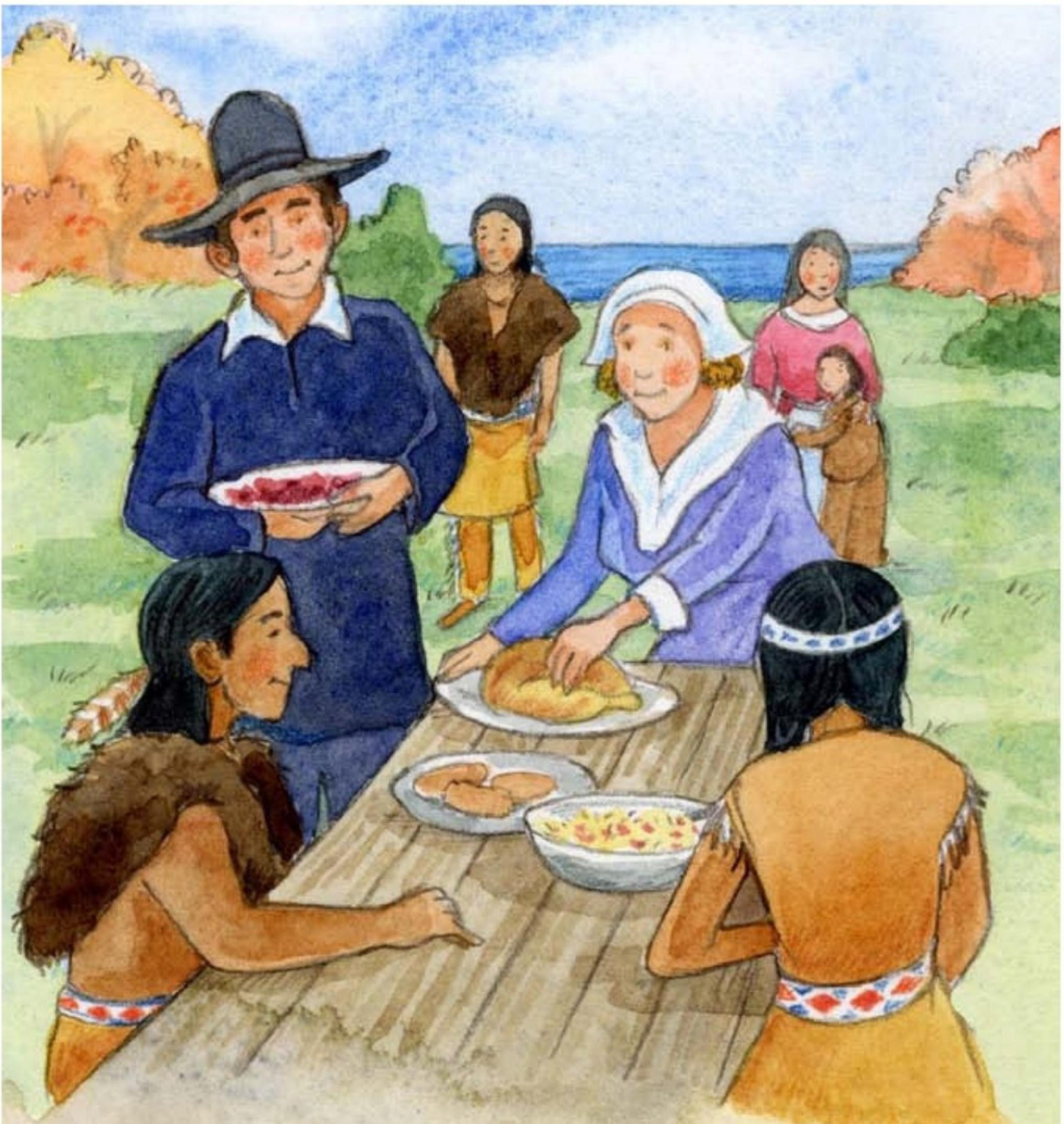


“Wild turkeys have always lived here,” Grandma said.

“Native Americans hunted turkeys for food.

They used turkey feathers on arrows and clothing.”





“Native Americans taught the early Pilgrims to hunt turkeys. Everyone ate a turkey dinner together at the first Thanksgiving,” she told him. 



“Lots of people like to watch
wild turkeys,” Grandma said.

“Maybe we like the way turkeys
walk or how big they are.” 



Tom watched as one turkey flew
to the ground.

Its wide feathers were shining
in the sun.

Another big turkey flew next to it.
The birds made soft, purring
sounds to each other. ♪



“Don’t turkeys gobble?”

Tom asked.

“Only the big tom turkeys

gobble,” Grandma said.

“Tom turkey?” Tom laughed. 



“A male turkey is called a tom,”
Grandma smiled.
“So am I!” Tom said. 

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