

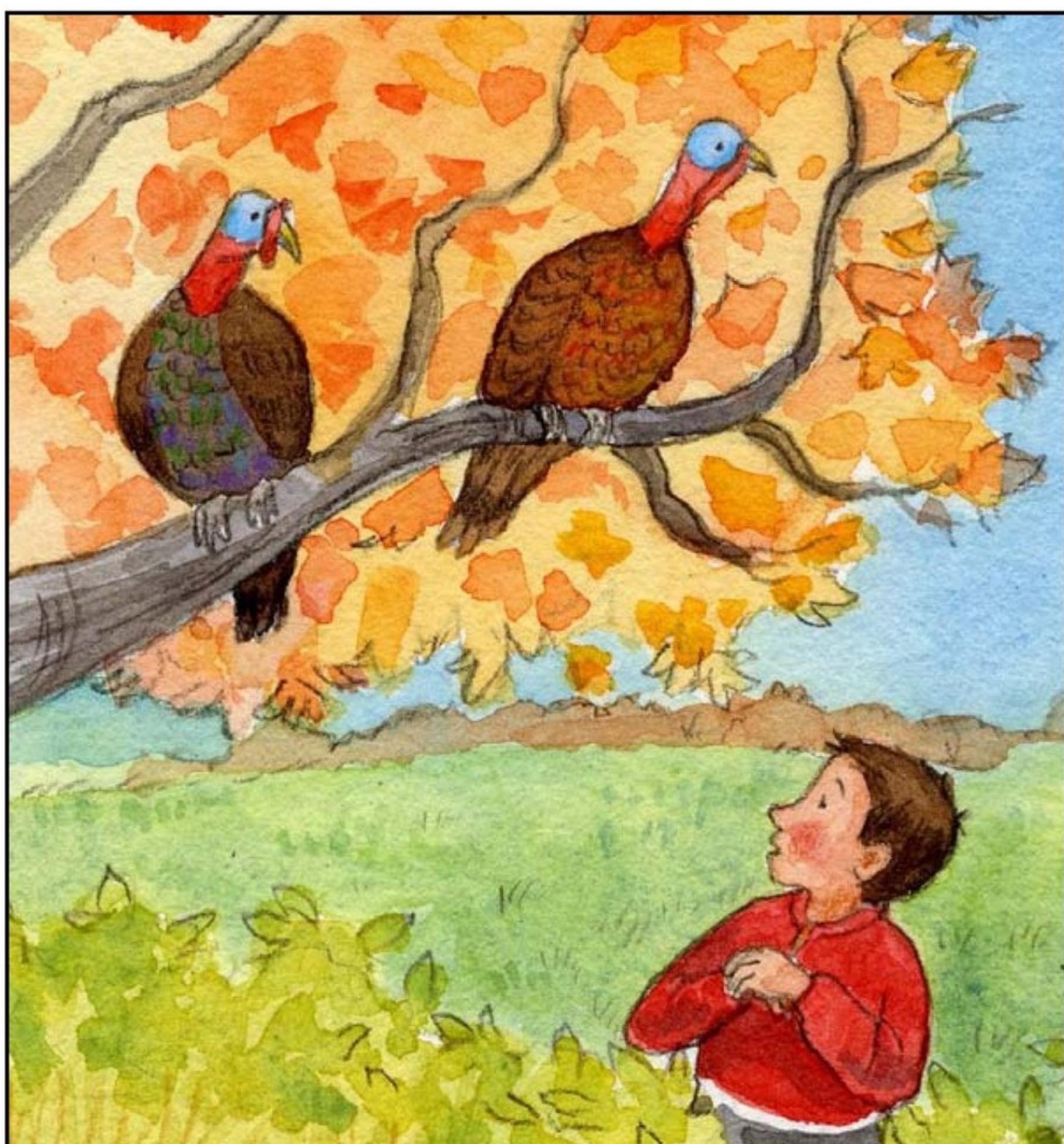
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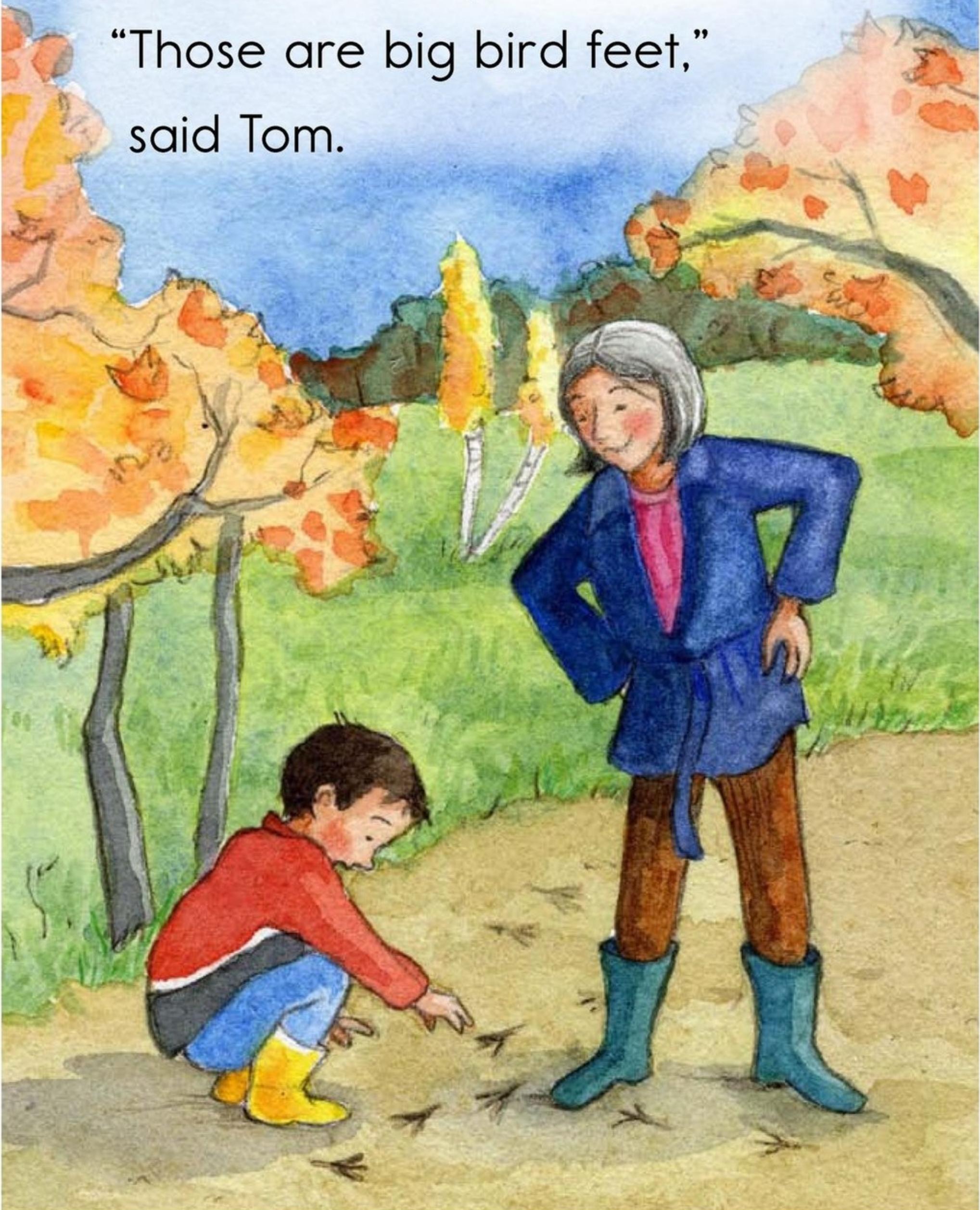


Tom was visiting Grandma  
for a week.  
Her house was in a valley  
near the deep woods.

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.

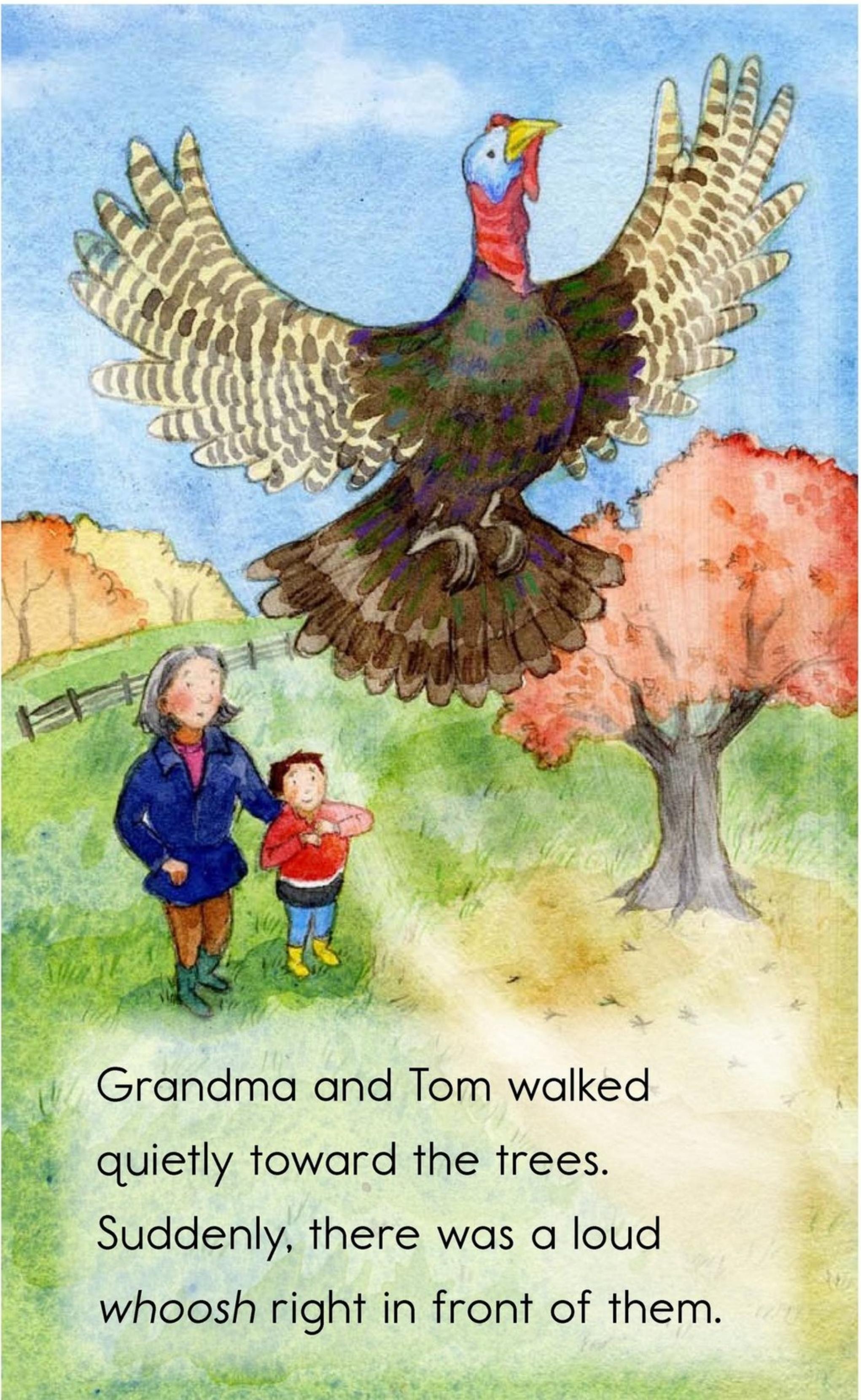


“Those are wild turkey tracks,”

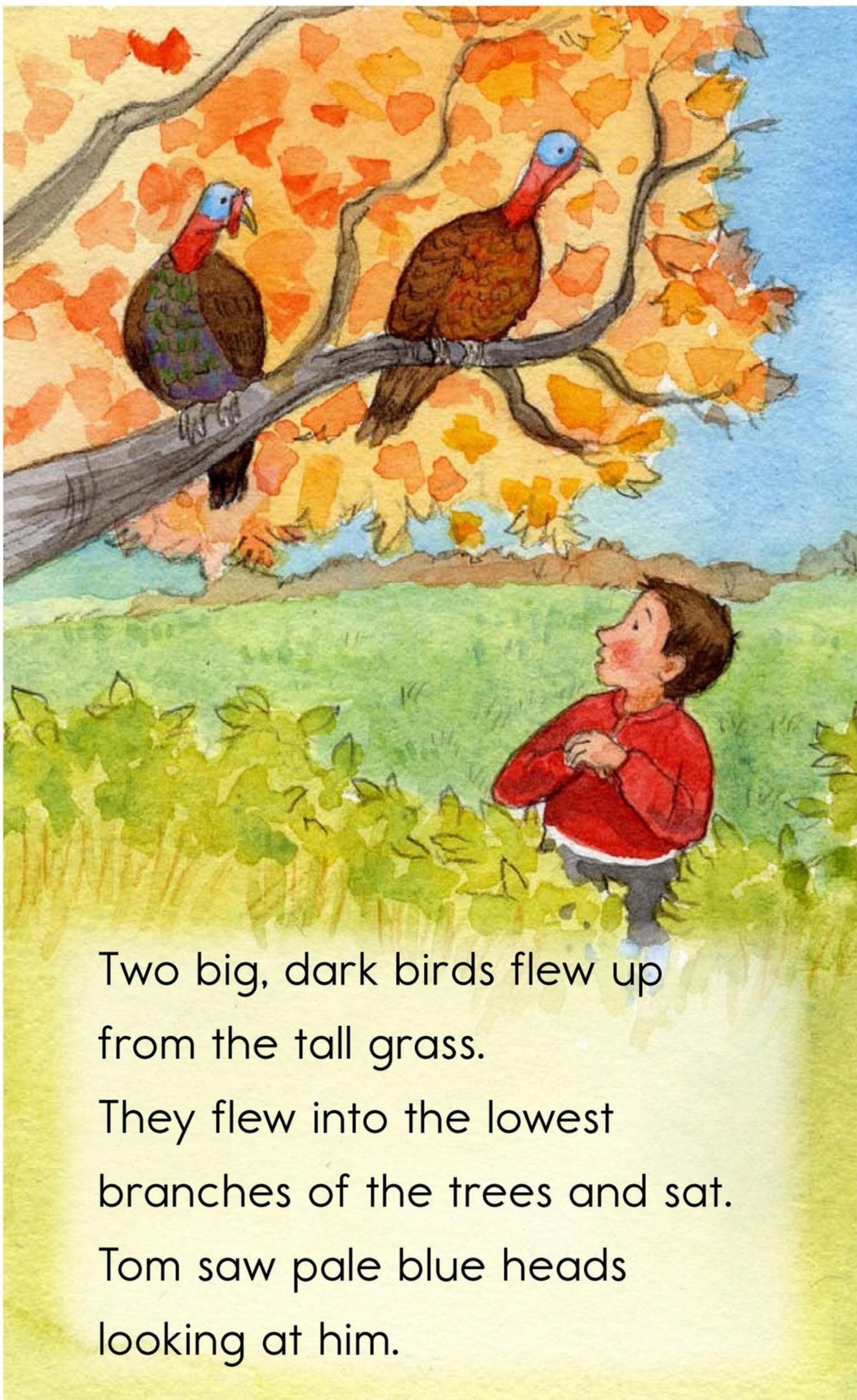
said Grandma.

“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.”



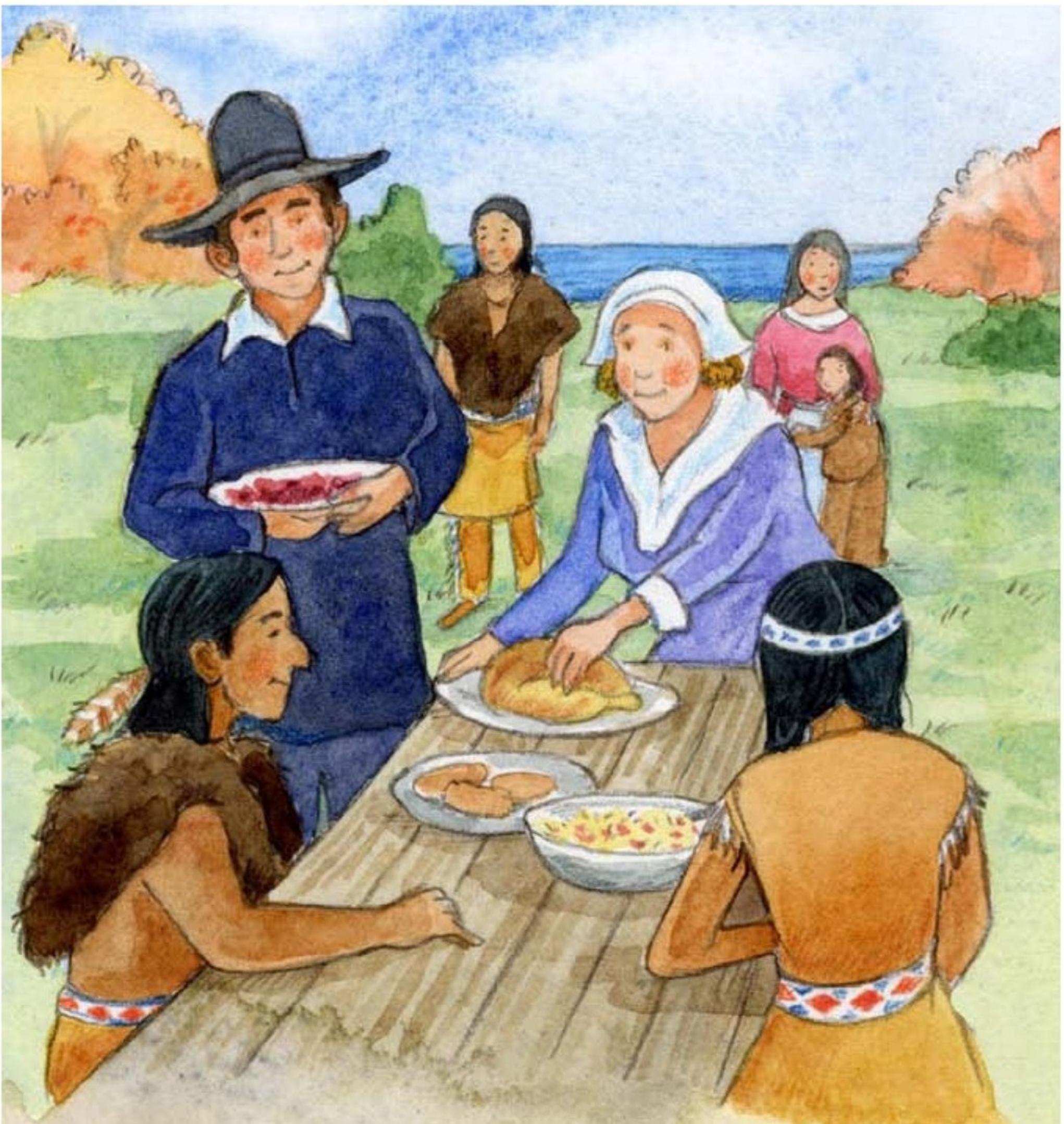
“Are these the turkeys we eat  
on Thanksgiving?” Tom asked.  
“No, those turkeys live on turkey  
farms,” said Grandma.



“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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