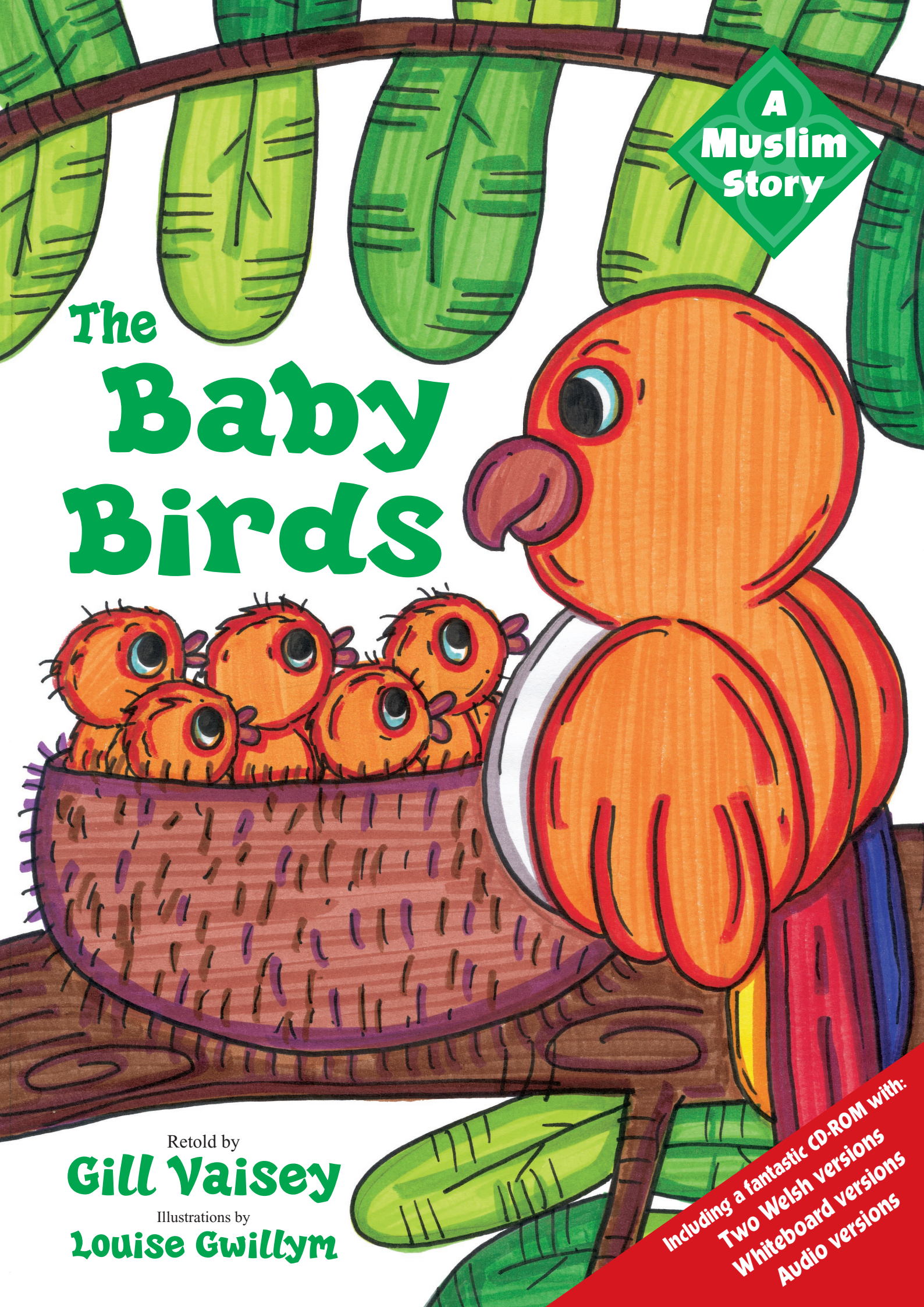




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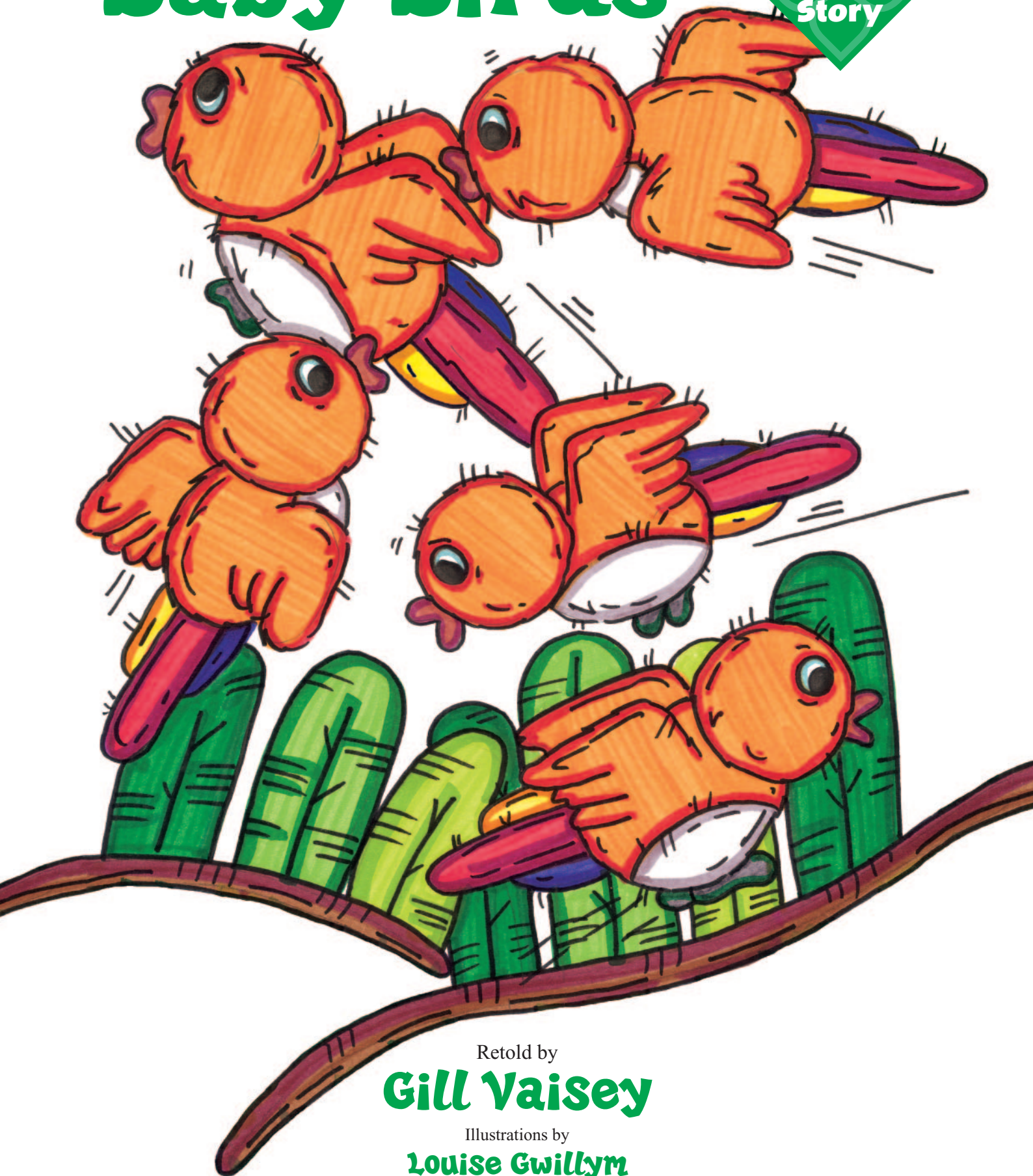
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The Baby Birds is based on a traditional Muslim story that explores the wonderful world in which we live. Muhammad and his friends are hot and tired but notice the lovely plants and animals all around them. Then they come across some beautiful baby birds trying out their wings for the very first time... Muhammad is just in time in reminding his friends to care for all living things and the baby birds are once again safely reunited with their mother.



Illustrations for this book have been carefully designed in keeping with Muslim codes of conduct regarding art. It is not appropriate for the Prophet Muhammad to be illustrated and this should be borne in mind by parents and teachers when using this book with children. Muslims are required to invoke Allah's blessings and peace upon the Prophet whenever his name is mentioned. This is often shown by writing in brackets after his name (peace be upon him) or (pbuh).



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The advice and expertise of Melissa Griffiths has been invaluable in producing this book and accompanying resources. Melissa has many years' experience as an RE Co-ordinator and has worked with early years pupils for six years.

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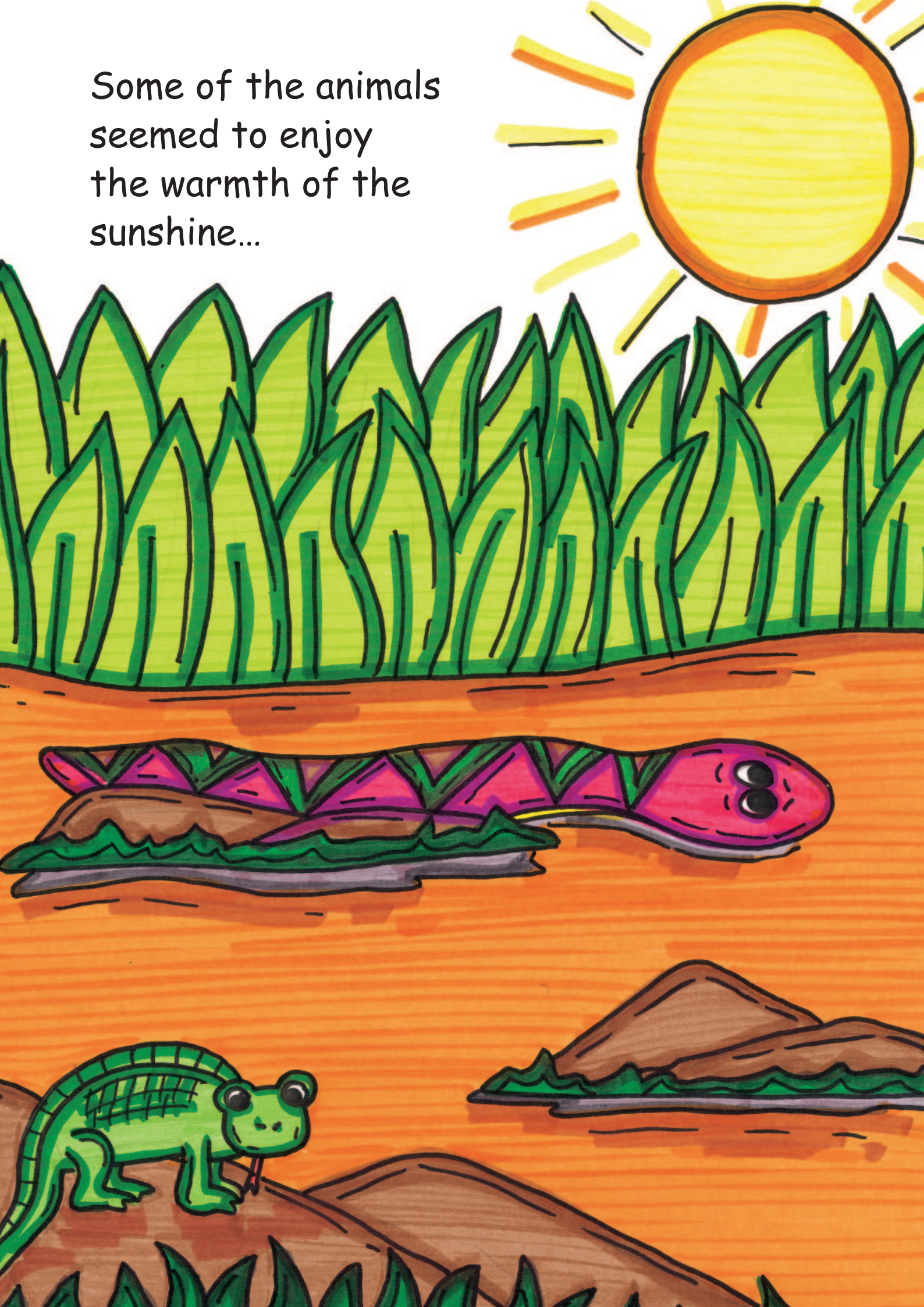
Muhammad and his friends
were glad to rest under the big
wide leaves of the palm tree.



They looked around at all the lovely plants that offered shade and food for the animals.



Some of the animals
seemed to enjoy
the warmth of the
sunshine...



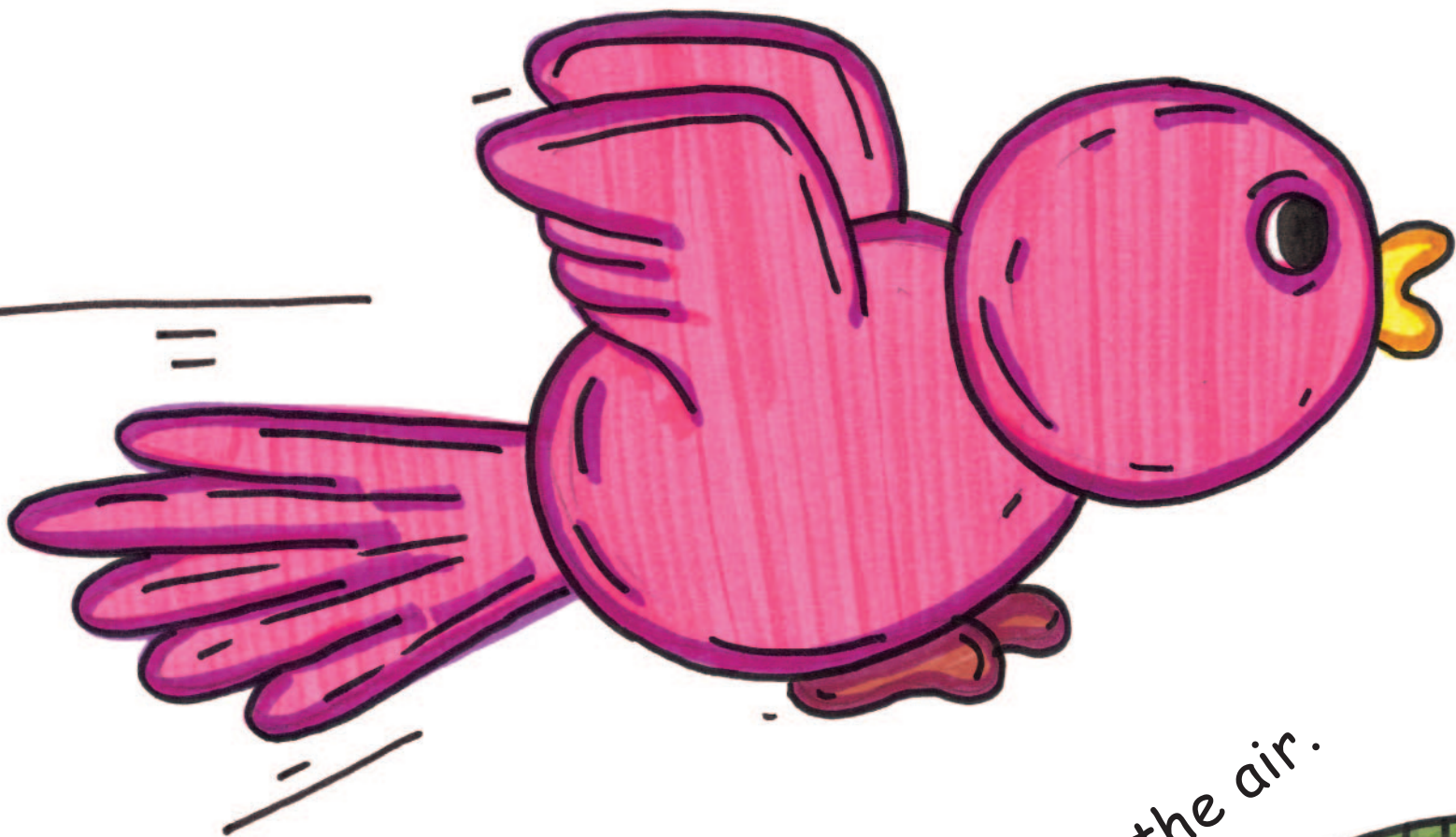
but others found
it just too hot!



Around them Muhammad and his friends
could hear the chirping and cheeping
of happy birds.



Some hopped
along the ground...



and others flew gracefully through the air.



One of the men noticed some
especially pretty birds and
pointed them out to his friends.





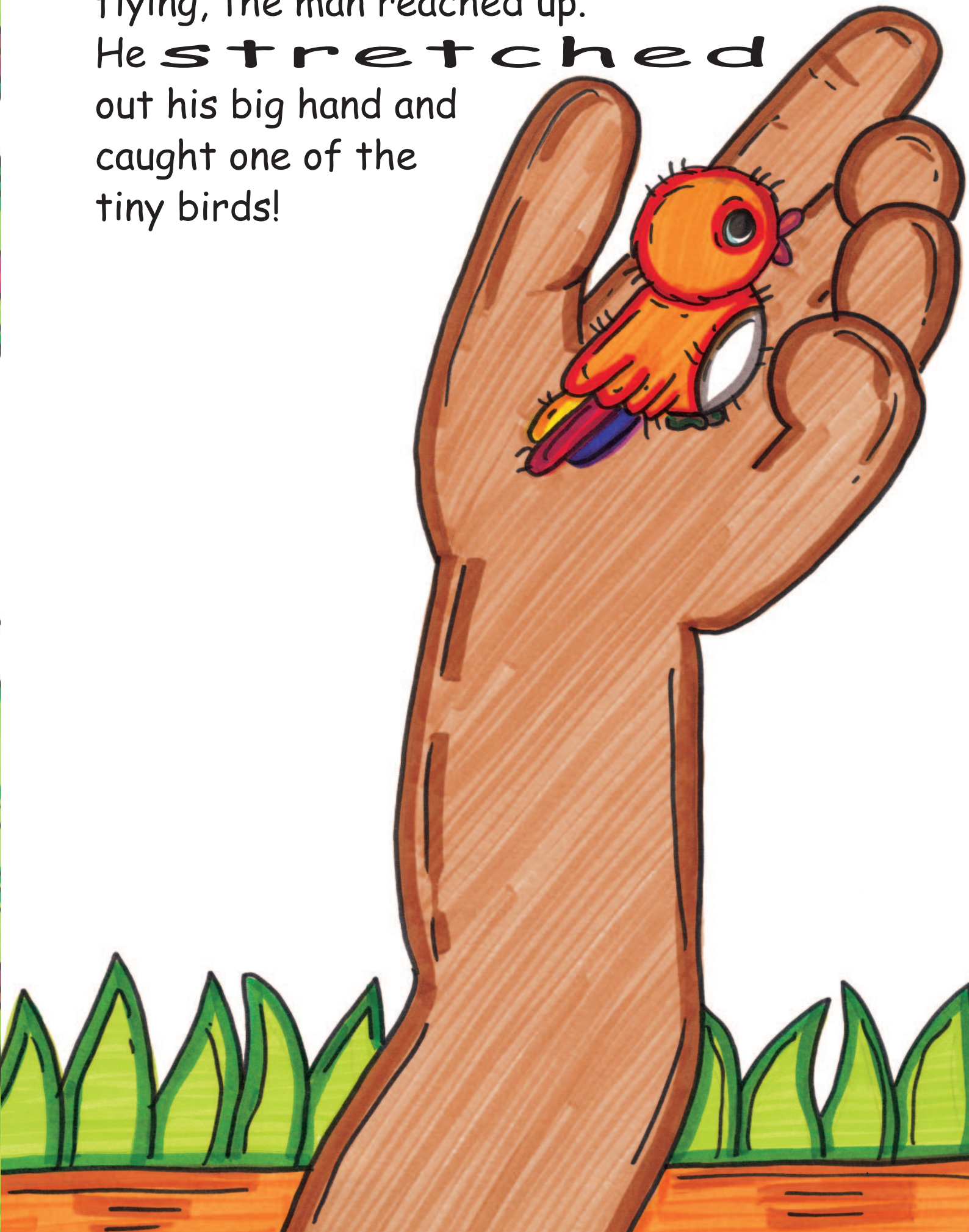
Then they noticed
the baby birds which had
flown from their nest for
the very first time.

"Look how tiny they are,"
said one of the men.
"Let's catch them to
have a closer look."

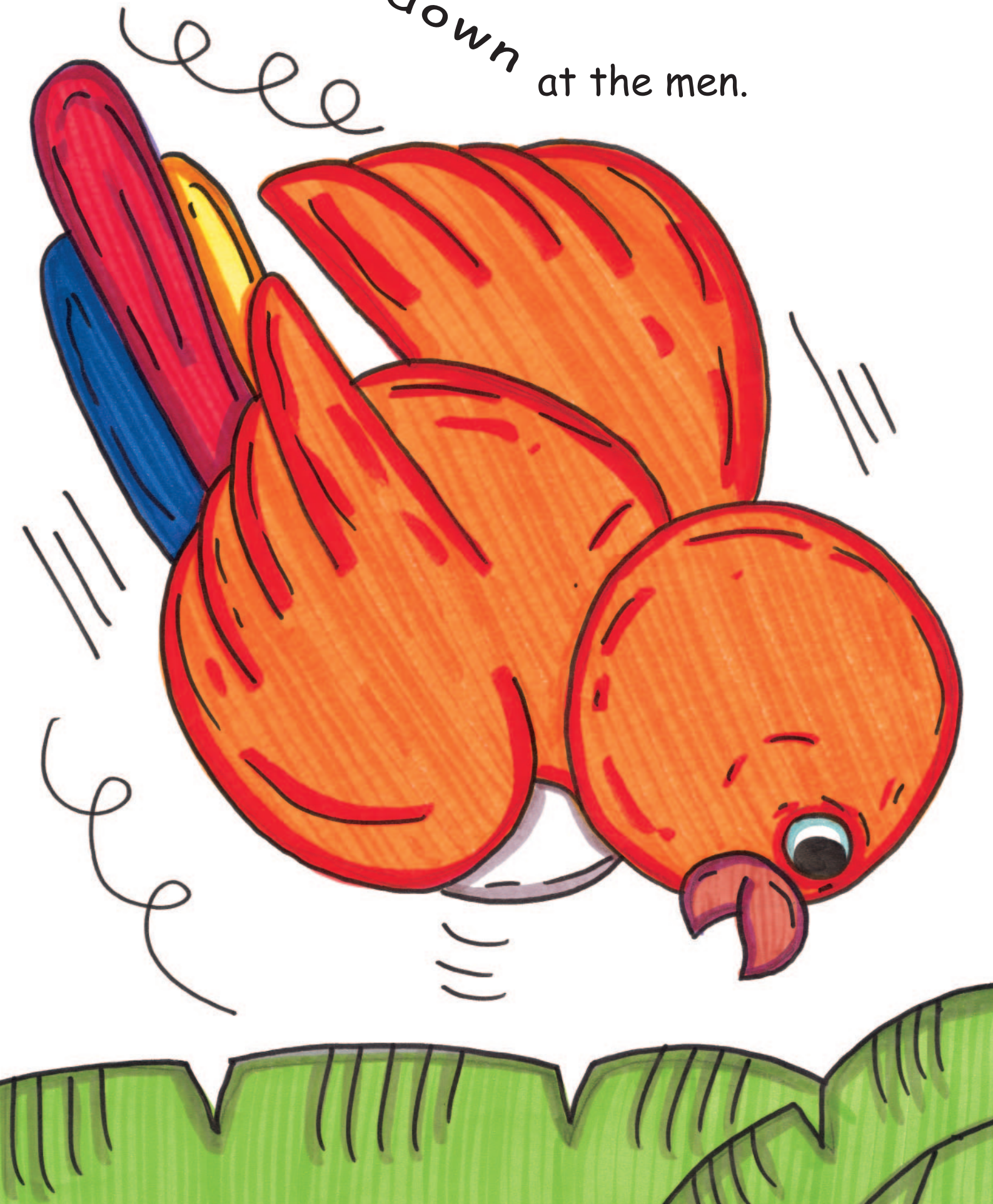


As the baby birds practised their flying, the man reached up.

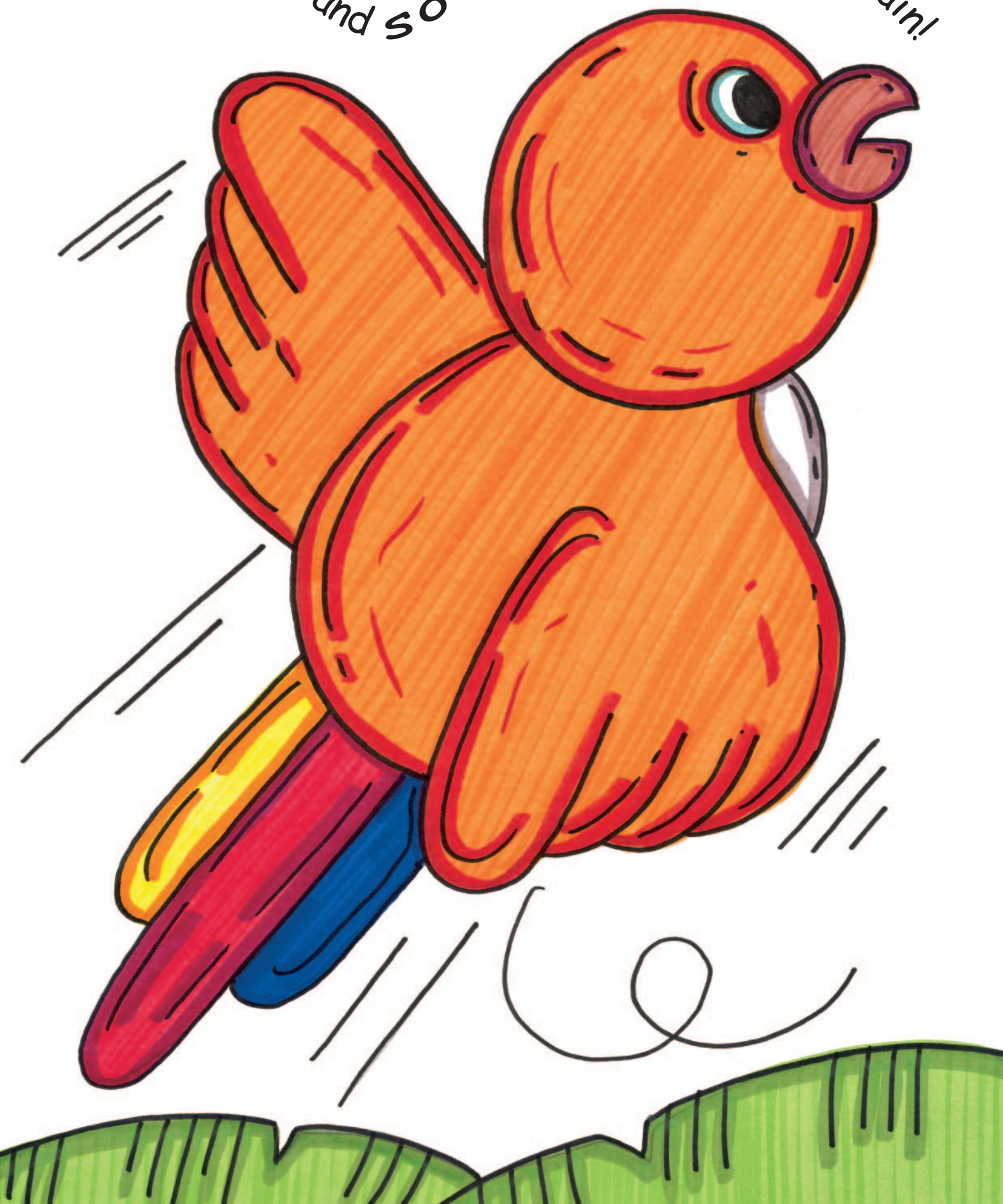
He **stretched** out his big hand and caught one of the tiny birds!



At once the mother bird began to squawk
and swoop down at the men.



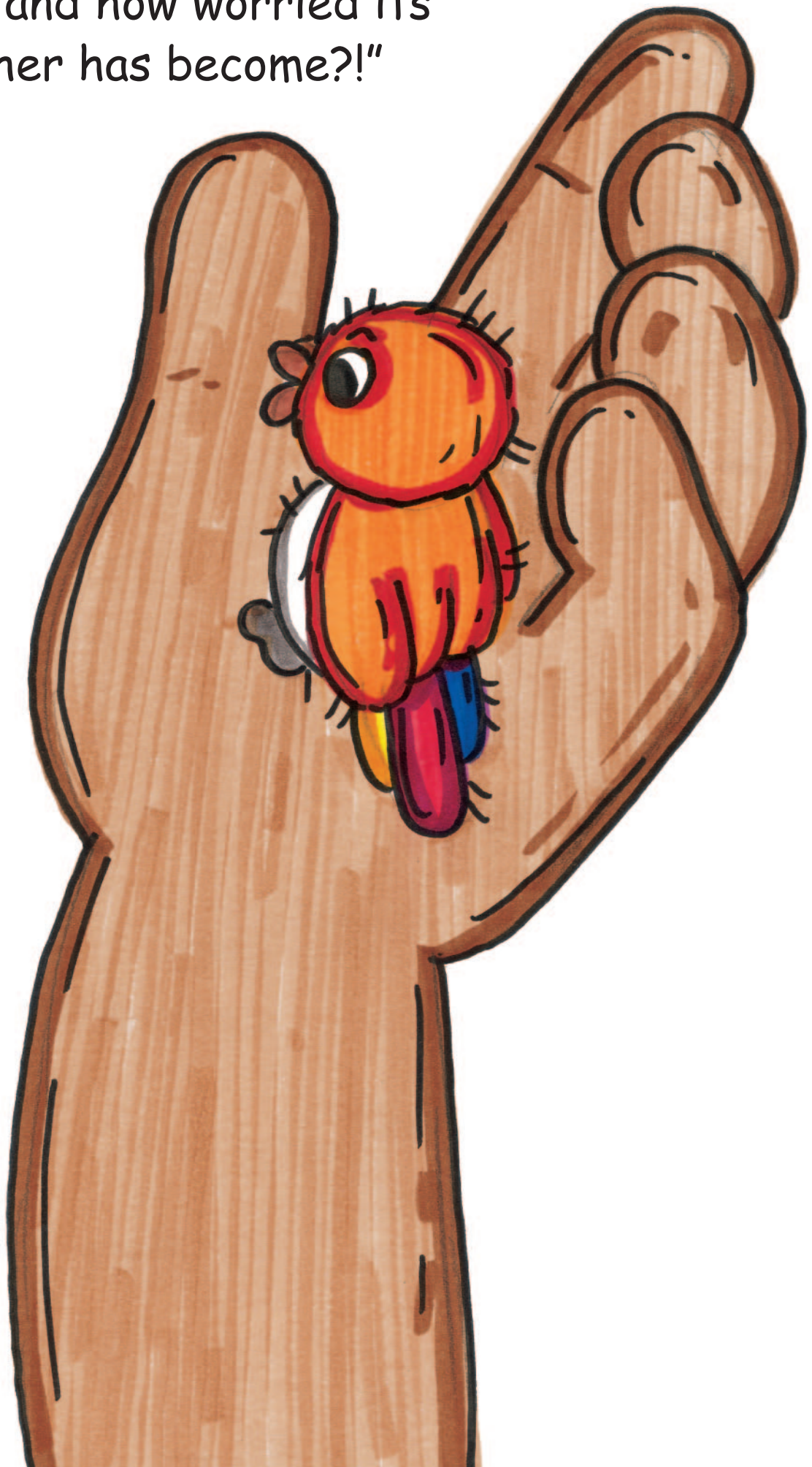
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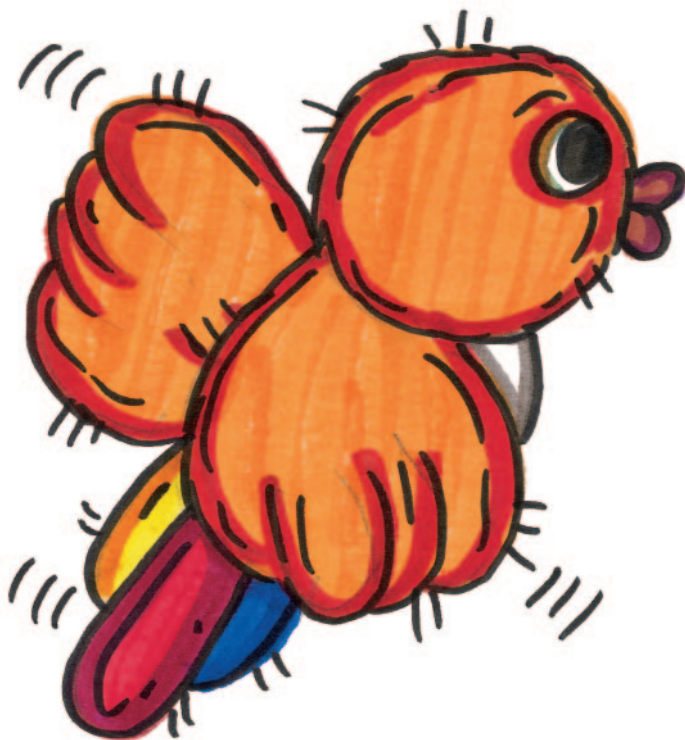
Muhammad realised what was happening.
"Let the bird go,"
he called to his friend.



"Can't you see how frightened
it is and how worried its
mother has become?!"

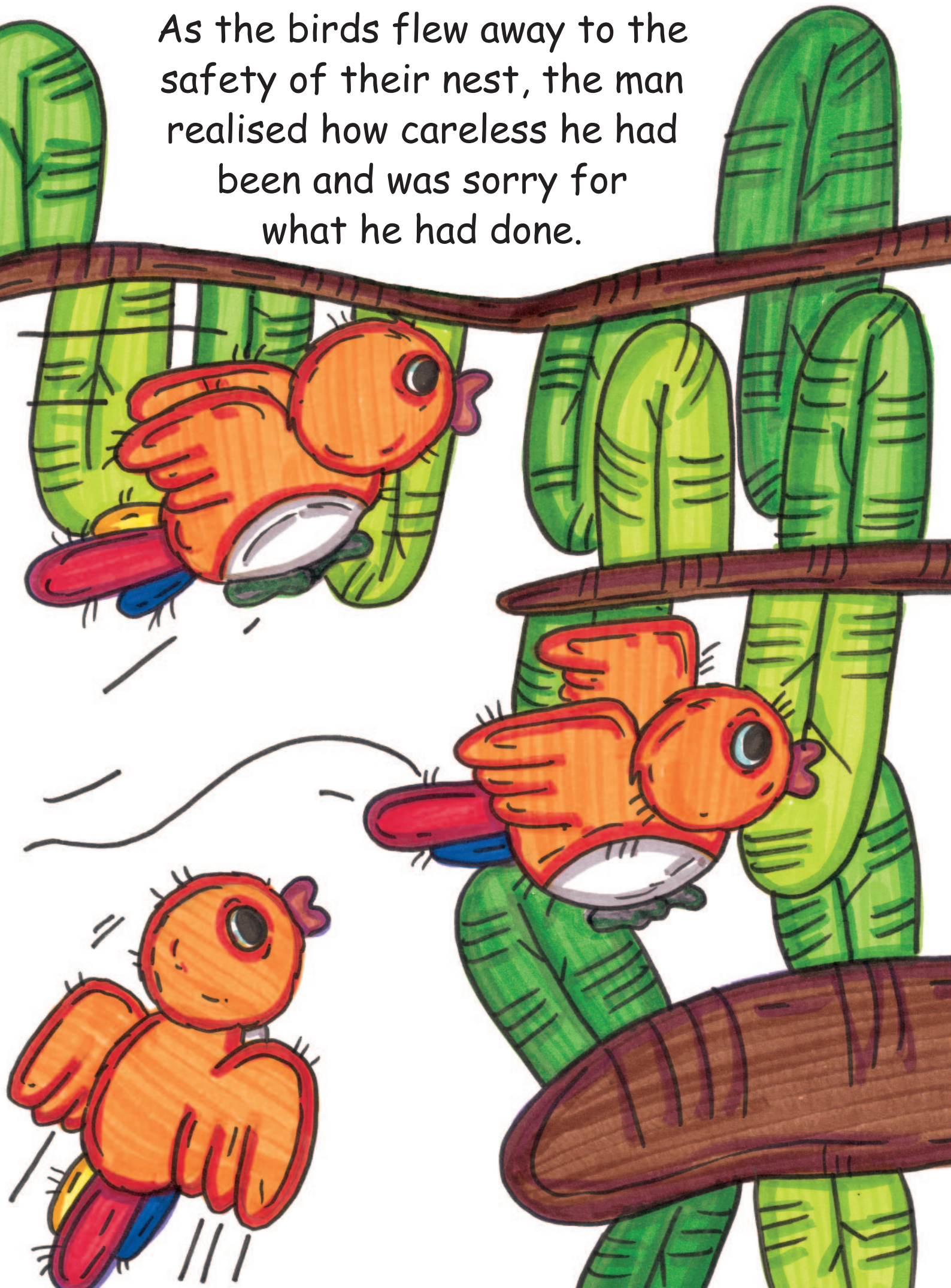


On hearing Muhammad,
the man opened his
hand and the baby
bird flew back to
its mother.





As the birds flew away to the safety of their nest, the man realised how careless he had been and was sorry for what he had done.



He hadn't meant to
scare the birds: he had
just wanted to have a
closer look.



As the men continued their walk, Muhammad reminded them that Allah had created everything in this wonderful world. Everyone can enjoy the plants and animals but they should always be careful not to harm them.

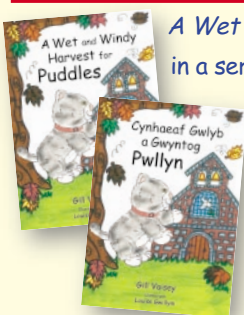




In the
distance, the
men could hear
the birds singing
happily once again.

The baby birds were safe
with their mother...
just where they belonged.

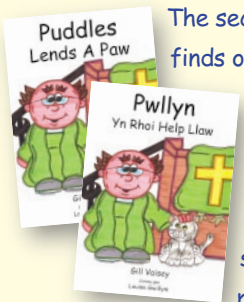
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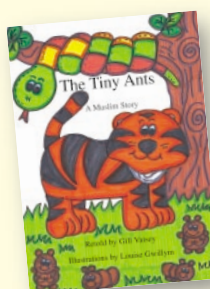
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