

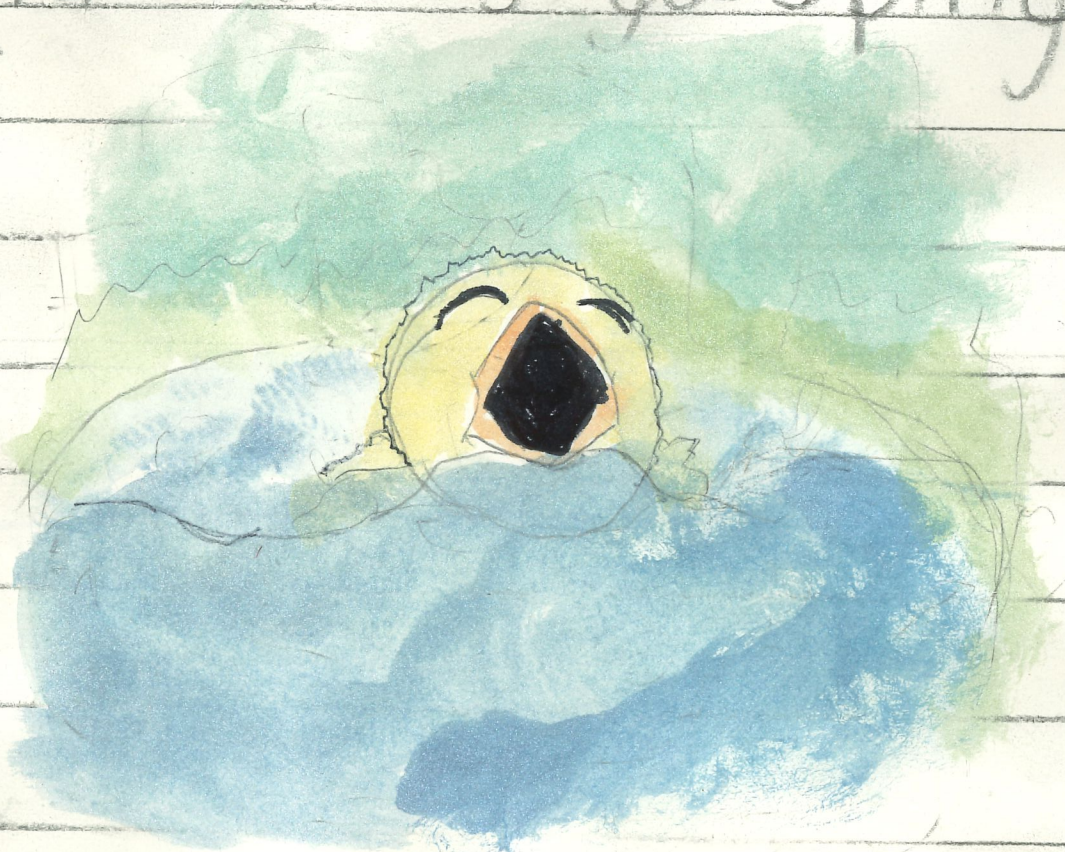
The DUCK by Taytum

There once was a baby duck named Mila, whose dream is to fly up high to see the world.

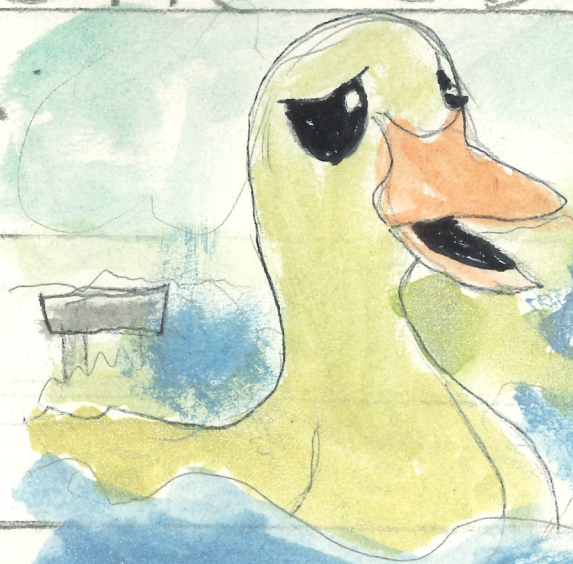


One day she decided to walk to the bridge at the lake. She looked down at the water and took a deep breath saying to herself "I can do this."

She looked back up,
backed up and ran tow-
ards the lake to fly. But as
soon as she could open her
eyes, she fell into the
lake and was gasping
for air.



Her mom was looking
for her until she
looked out the wind-
ow and saw Mila.
She ran outside and
swam to her as fast
as she could to save
her.



She grabbed her 4
and brought her
up to Shore. Milla's
MOM asked
"What on earth

Where you doing?"



Mila responded
with "I was trying to
fly to see the
Stars!" She said
with a smile.



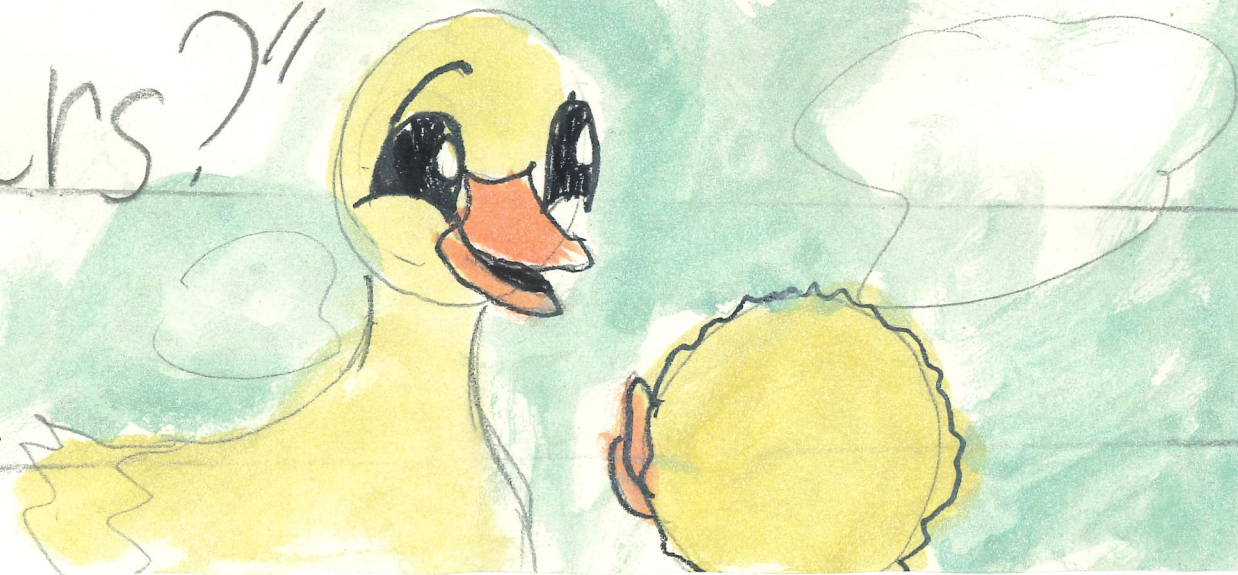
Her mom sighed⁶
and said "You
Can't be doing
dangerous Stuff
like that without
my help okay."
"Okay mama."



She replied "Good Now?
let's go inside, I have
lunch for you."
She said while
walking Mila in.
They sat down and
enjoyed lunch



until the next 3
day. This time
Mila's mom helped
her "Are you ready
Mila? to see the
Stars?"



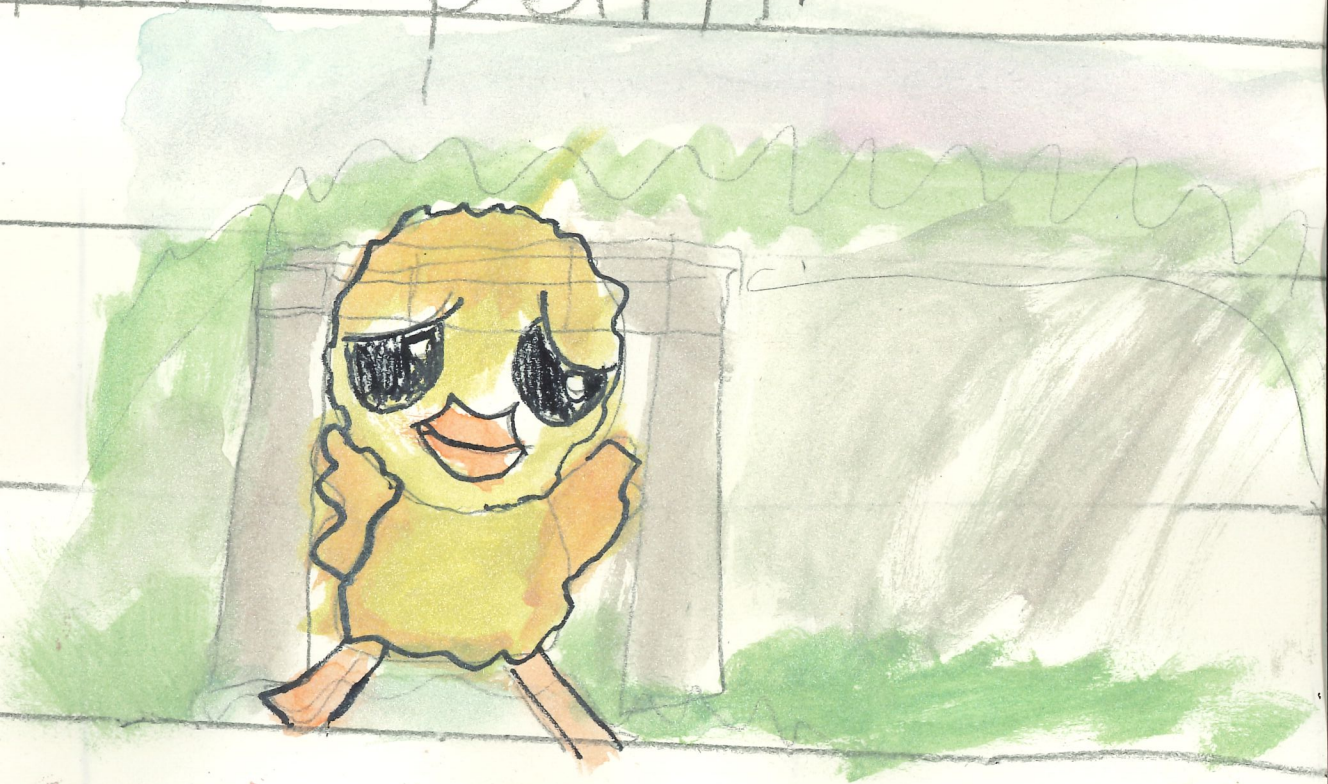
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She said playfully
"Yes mama! I'm
ready to see
the stars! I'm so
excited I could
almost turn into
a star!"



She said jumping
high. Mila's mom
was catching her
every single jump
Mila made.



pretty Disappointed
at this point.



She wouldn't
think she'd be

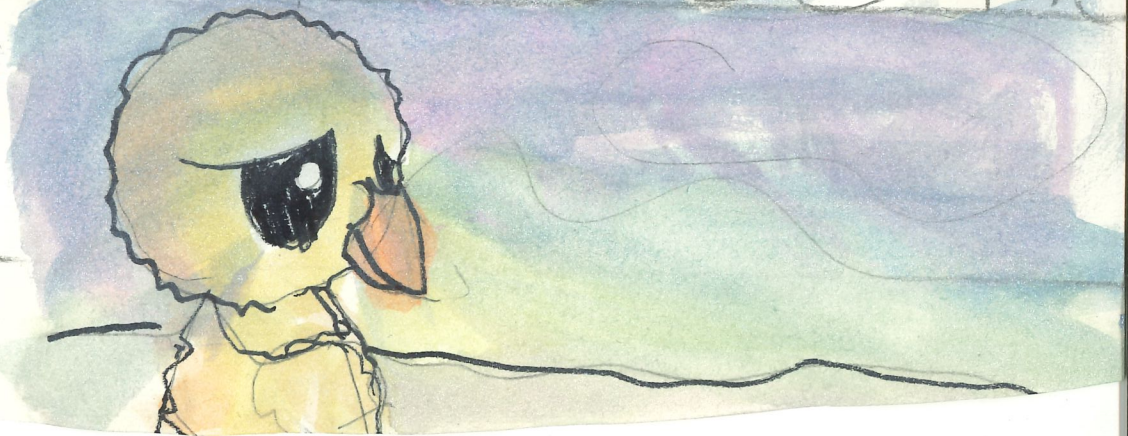
able to even¹²
fly anymore.

In the afterno-
on they took a
break. Sitting on a log.

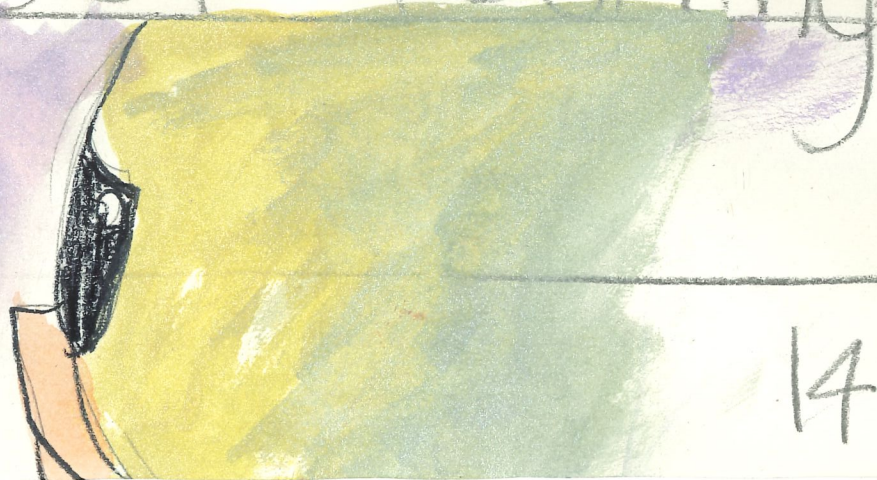


"Mama, I
don't want to fly."

She said. Her mom
looked at her with
with concern and
said "Well why not?
I thought you
wanted to see the
Stars"



She replied with
"I thought this
would be easy
not hard... no mat-
ter how hard I
try I keep failing"



She said "Well...
I believe in you.
You can do it.
Never give up on
Something you
can't go a day
without thinking
about."

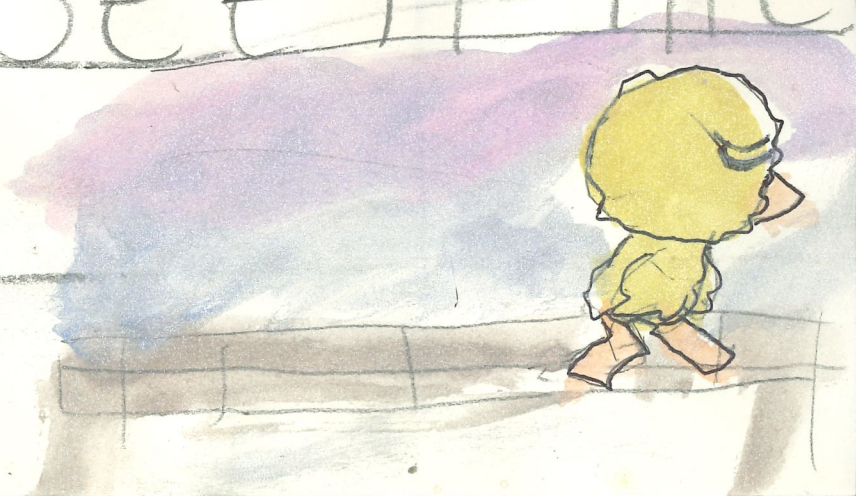


Mila looked at
her and thou-
ght about it.

"Okay mama. I'll
try again." She
was prepared.



and backed up
slowly. She spread
her wings and
ran to the lake
just to see if life
will give her
a chance



Her mom with
her arms out
in the lake by
the bridge. Mila
closed her eye's



She thought
She was being held
d with her eyes
Still closed. but whe-
n she opened them to
her surprise. she was fly-
ing!



her frown turned
into a big smile
and looked into
the sky and lan-
ded.



Her mom looked
at her with pride
and joy. She ran
to Mila and gave her
a big hug. "Mama I did
it! I did it!"



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Mila's mom pulled
out of the hug
and looked at her
and said "I know you
did! I'm so proud of
you!"



²³
Mila laughed and
said "Can I go see
the stars now?" She
asked "Yes. Yes you
can Mila. Show them
the kind of courage
you have!"



They both laugh-
ed looking at the
Sunset in front of
them.



THE END.

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