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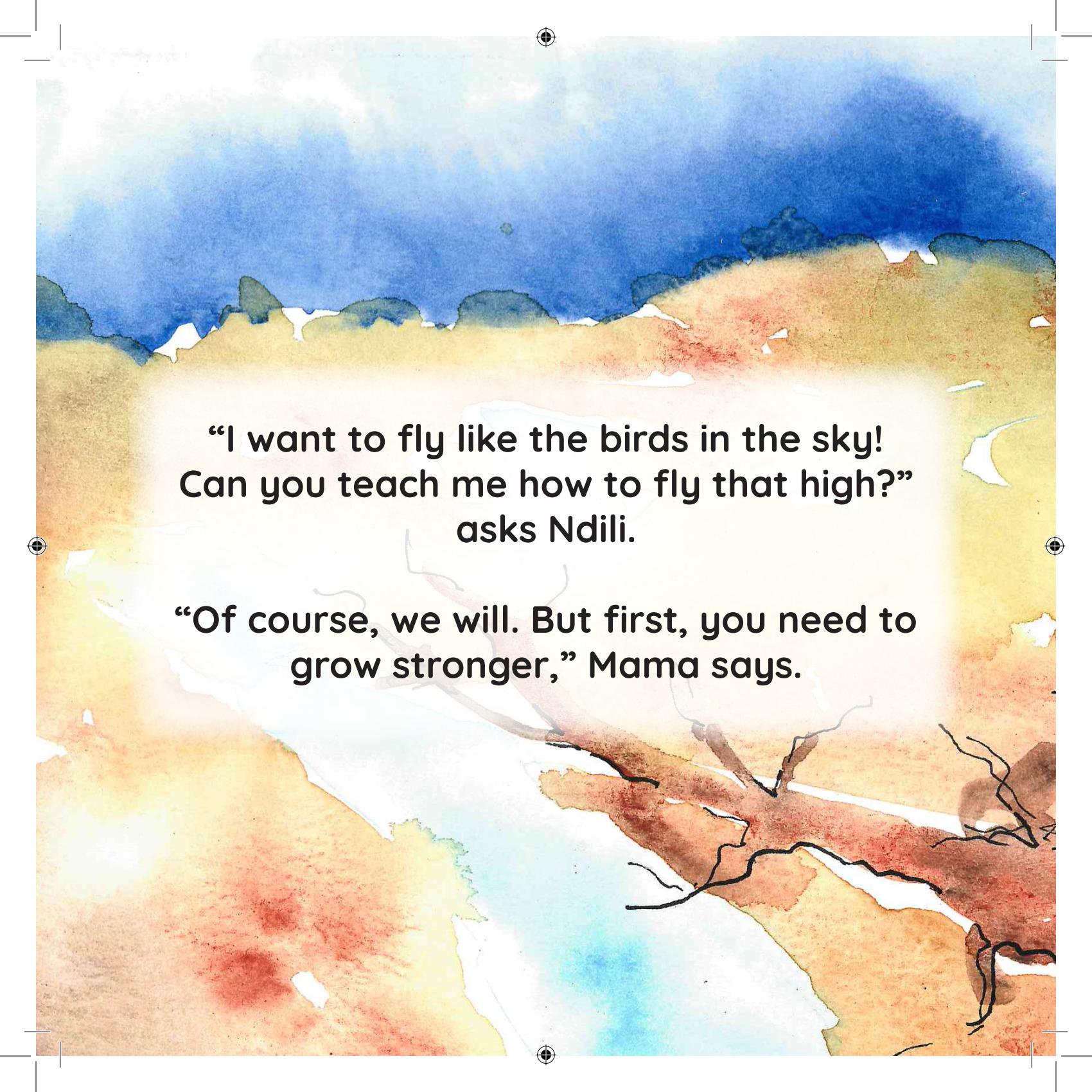
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**Ndili is watching the other birds fly  
high in the sky.**

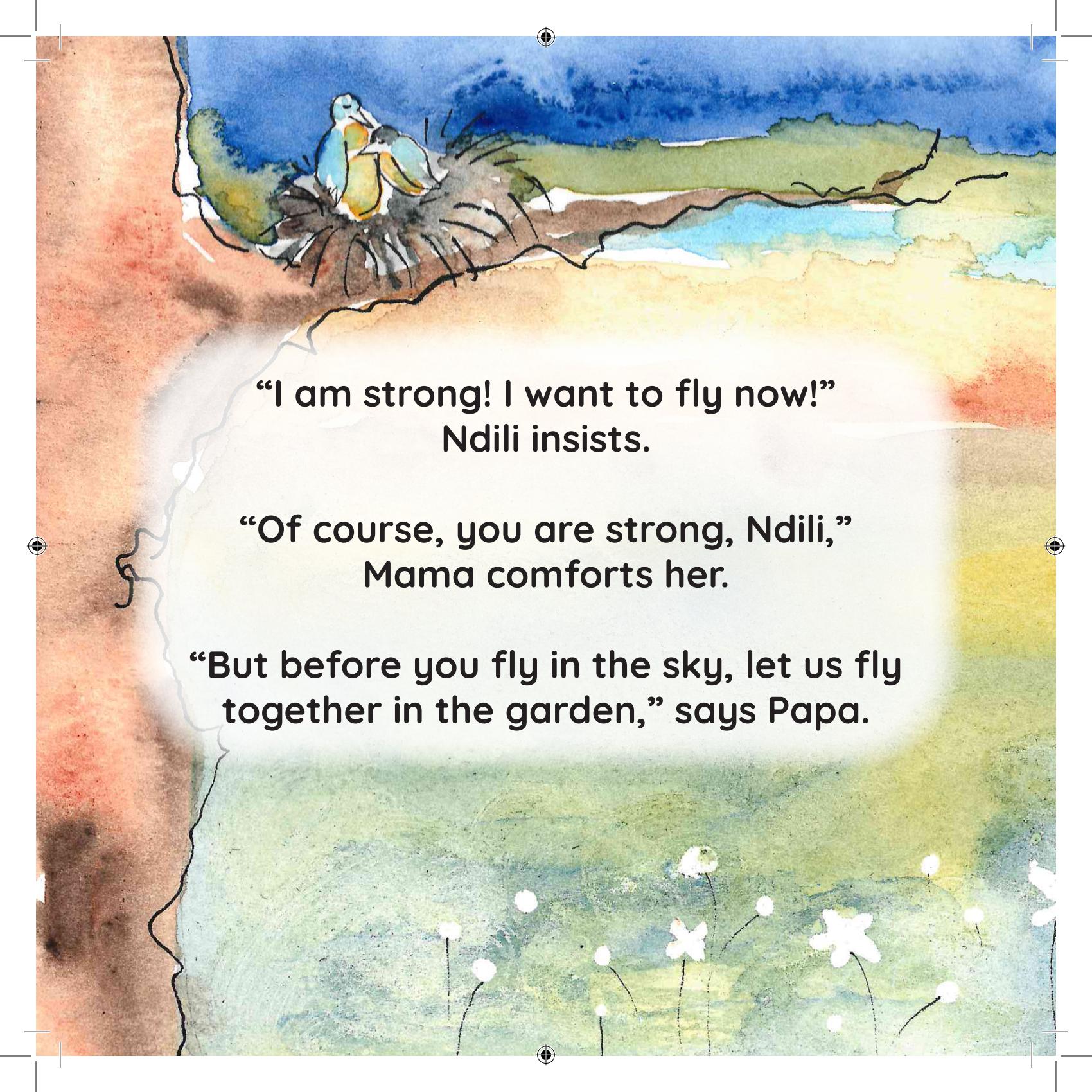




**“I want to fly like the birds in the sky!  
Can you teach me how to fly that high?”  
asks Ndili.**

**“Of course, we will. But first, you need to  
grow stronger,” Mama says.**





**“I am strong! I want to fly now!”**  
**Ndili insists.**

**“Of course, you are strong, Ndili,”**  
**Mama comforts her.**

**“But before you fly in the sky, let us fly  
together in the garden,” says Papa.**

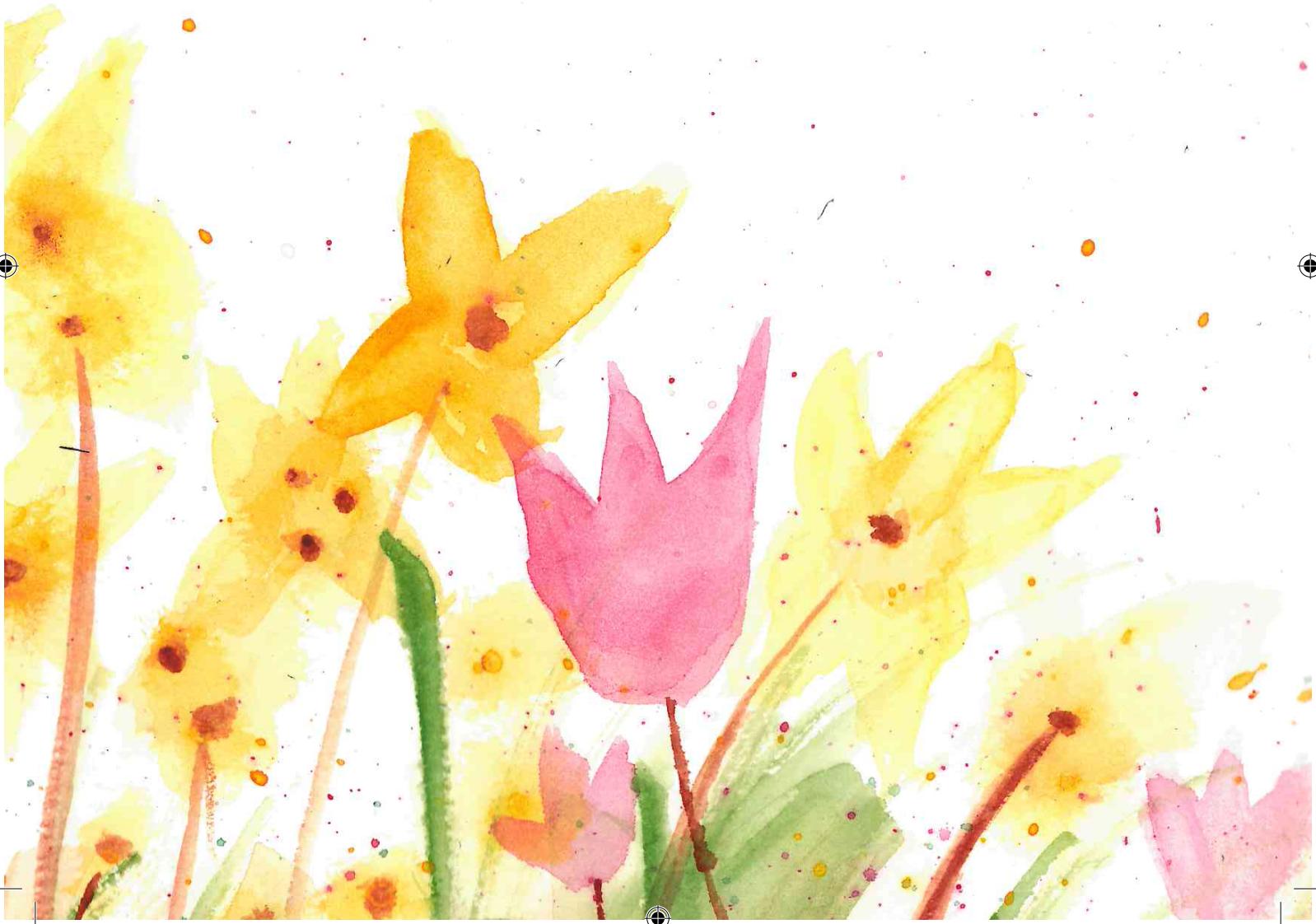


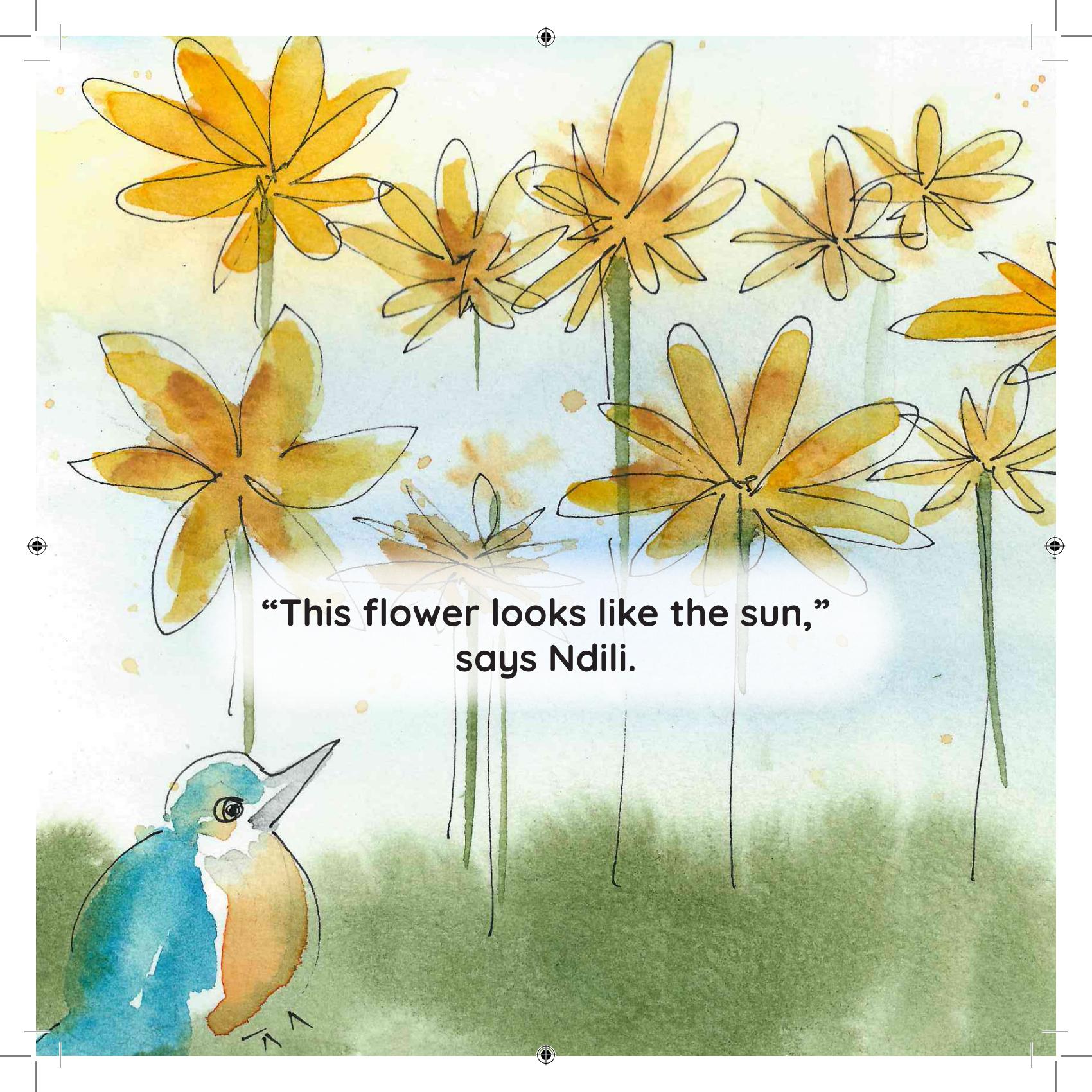


**All three birds are flying out  
of the nest.**









**“This flower looks like the sun,”  
says Ndili.**

A watercolor illustration of a field of sunflowers. The sunflowers are yellow with black outlines and green stems. In the foreground, a blue bird with a white belly and a long beak is standing on the grass. The background is a light blue sky with a few small yellow dots.

**“That’s why it’s called a sunflower,”**  
**says Mama.**



“These flowers smell so  
lovely,” Ndili says.

“They are called roses.  
They have a nice smell,”  
Papa says.



**“Achoooooo!” Mama sneezes.**



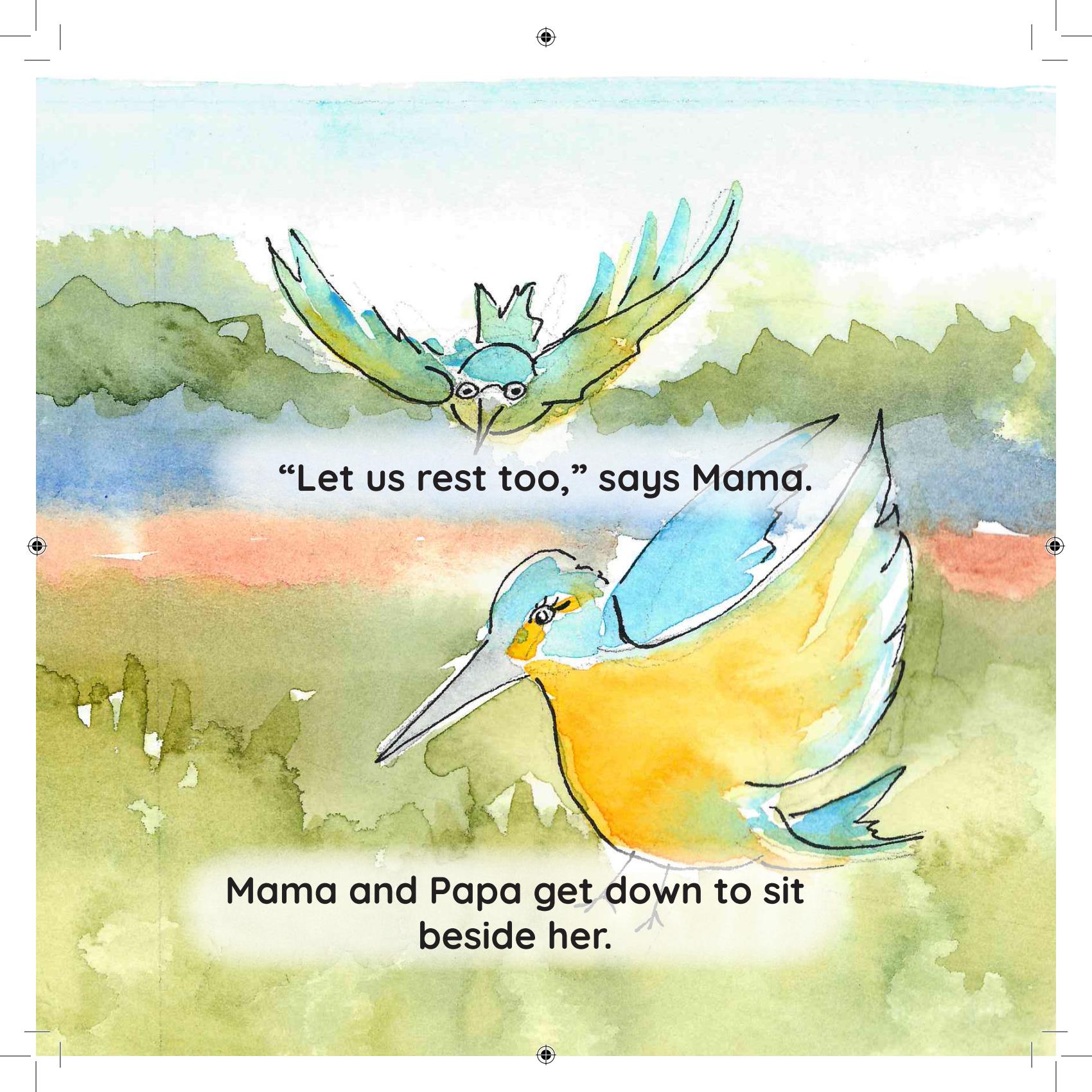




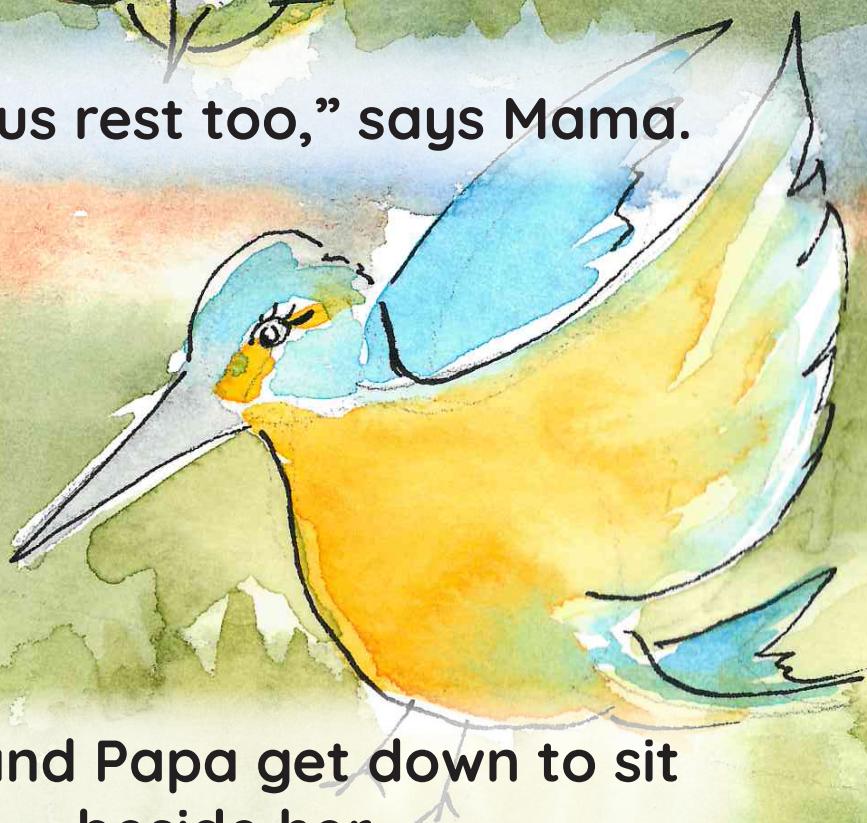
**Papa, Mama and Ndili are  
playing in the sky.**



**“I am tired,” Ndili says.**



“Let us rest too,” says Mama.



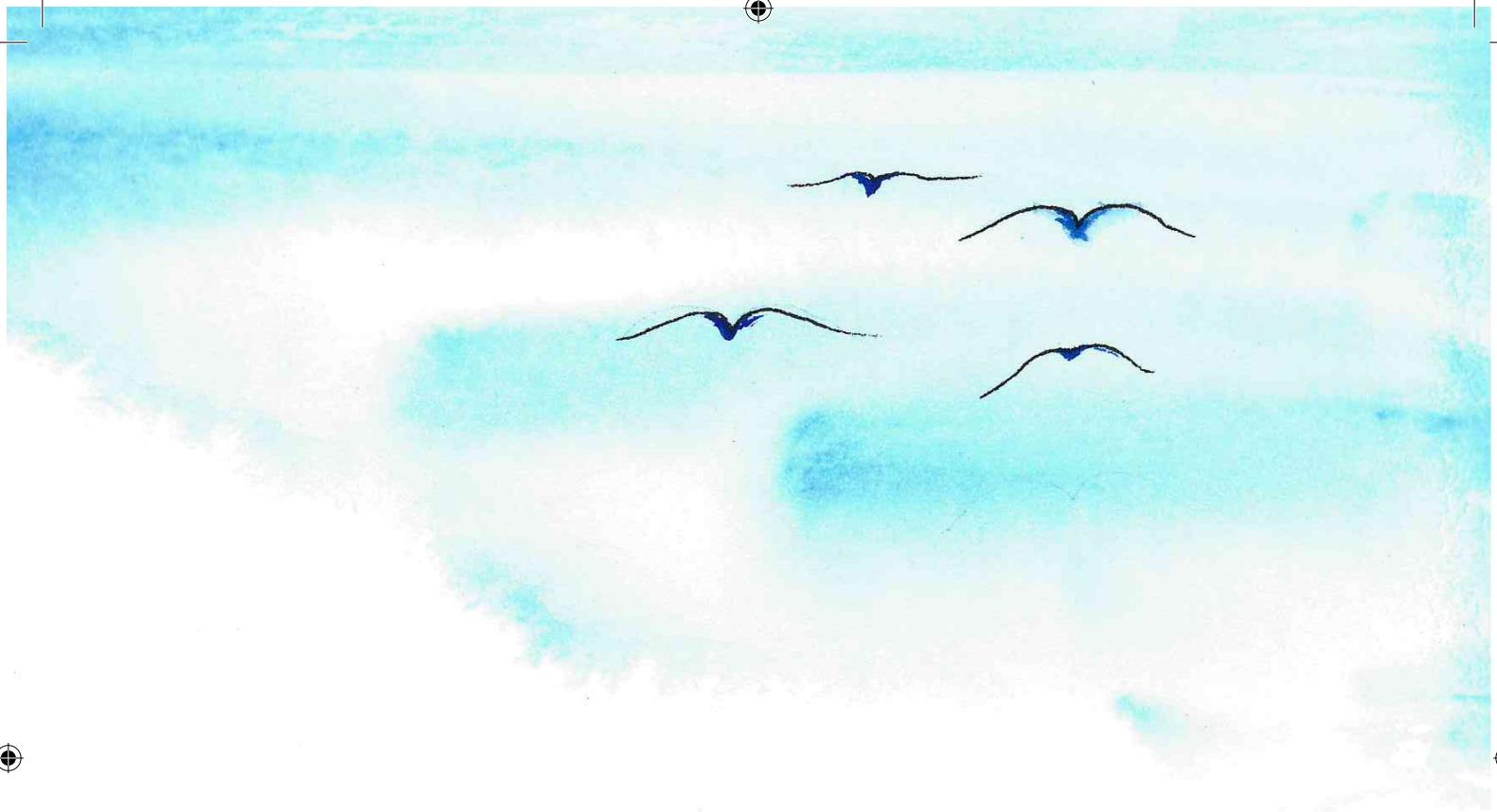
Mama and Papa get down to sit  
beside her.





**“This is how we birds get the strength  
to fly,” Papa says.**





**“First, in the garden and then high up in  
the sky,” sings Mama.**



