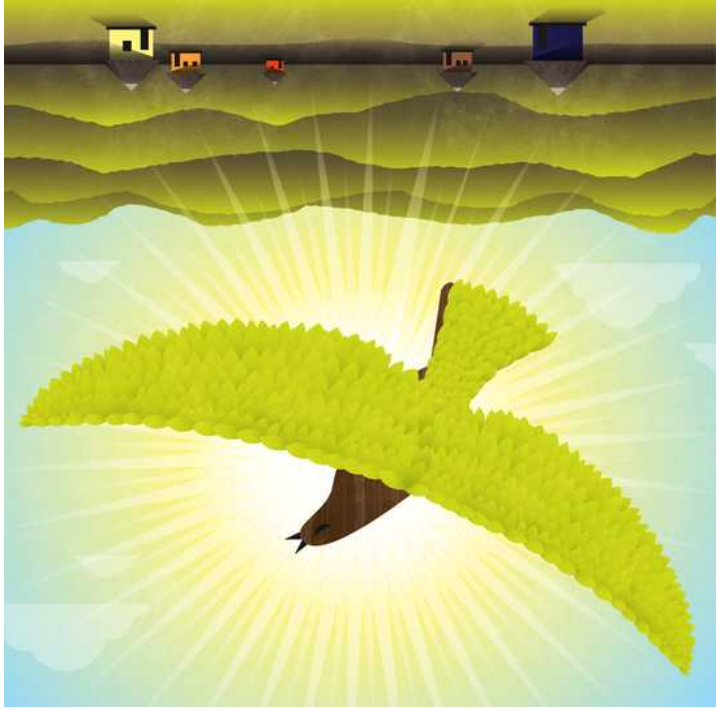


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فِي يَوْمٍ مِنَ الْأَيَّامِ، كَانَتْ هُنَاكَ عَائِلَةٌ سَعِيدَةً.

...

Once upon a time, there lived a happy family.

They never fought with each other. They helped their parents at home and in the fields.

...

لم يجادلوا أبائهم وأمهاتهم في
الحقل وفي المنزل.





أَكُنْ لَمْ يُسْمَخْ لَهُمْ بِالْإِفْتِرَابِ مِنَ النَّارِ أَبَدًا.

...

But they were not allowed to go near a fire.

And as the sun rose, he flew away singing into the morning light.

...

وَمَعَ نَزُوعِ الشَّمْسِ، طَارَ يَتَبَدَّ وَهُوَ يَتَغَيَّرُ فِي ضَوْءِ النَّهَارِ.

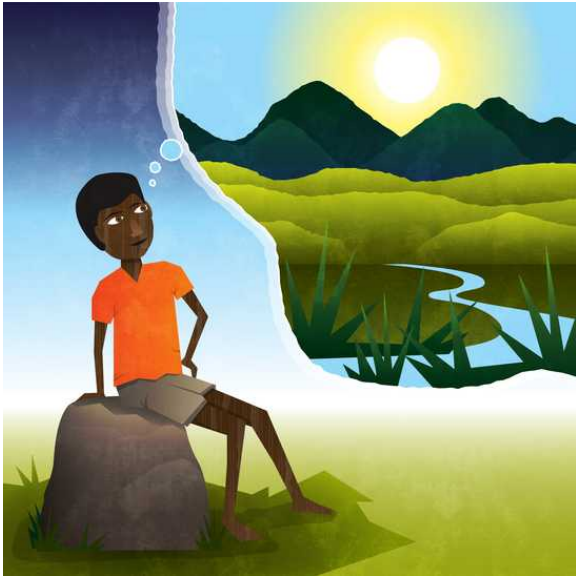


They had to do all their work during the night. Because they were made of wax!

...

كَانَ عَمَلُهُمُ اللَّيْلَةَ بِحَالِ مَا لَدَيْهِمْ مِنَ الْعَمَلِ الْجَلِيلِ، لِأَنََّّهُمْ مَصْنُوعُونَ مِنَ الشَّعْجِ.

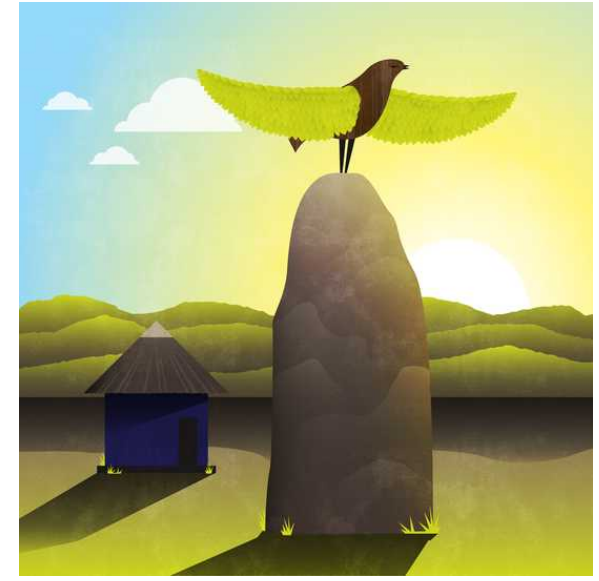




وَلَكِنَّ أَحَدَ الْأَوْلَادِ كَانَ يَتَوَقَّعُ إِلَى الْخُرُوجِ فِي ضَوْءِ الشَّمْسِ.

...

But one of the boys longed to go out in the sunlight.



بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ، أَخَذُوا أَخَاهُمْ الْمُتَشَكِّلَ عَلَى هَيْئَةِ طَيْرٍ إِلَى جَبَلٍ عَالٍ.

...

They took their bird brother up to a high mountain.

But they made a plan. They shaped the lump of melted wax into a bird.

...

إلا أنهم قاموا بتشكيل قطعة الشمع المذوّب إلى طير.



One day the longing was too strong. His brothers warned him...

...

وإذات يوم اشتدَّت رغبته وفي الخروج في النهار، فحذَّره أخواه...





وَلَكِنْ بَعْدَ فَوَاتِ الْأَوَانِ! فَقَدْ ذَابَ فِي الشَّمْسِ الْحَارِقَةِ.

...

But it was too late! He melted in the hot sun.



كَانَ أَطْفَالُ الشَّمْسِ حَزِينِينَ لِلْعَايَةِ لِرُؤْيَا أَخِيهِمْ يَذُوبُ.

...

The wax children were so sad to see their brother melting away.