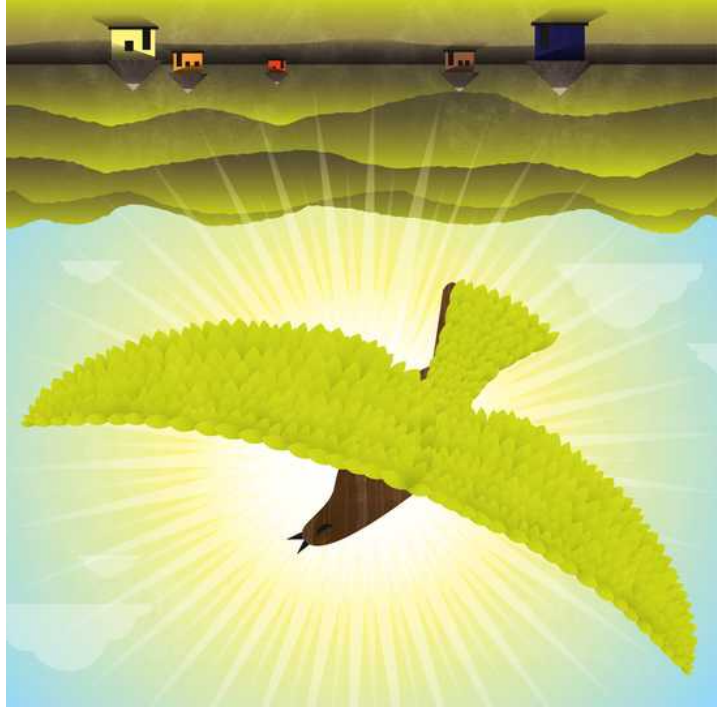





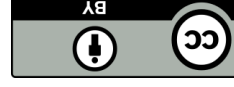


Mga Batang Sera Children of wax



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Noong unang panahon, may isang masayang mag-anak.

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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.

...

bahay.

Pawang mga lalaki ang mga anak at hindi sila kailanman nag-aaway. Tinutulungan nila ang kanilang magulang sa bukid at sa gawain-

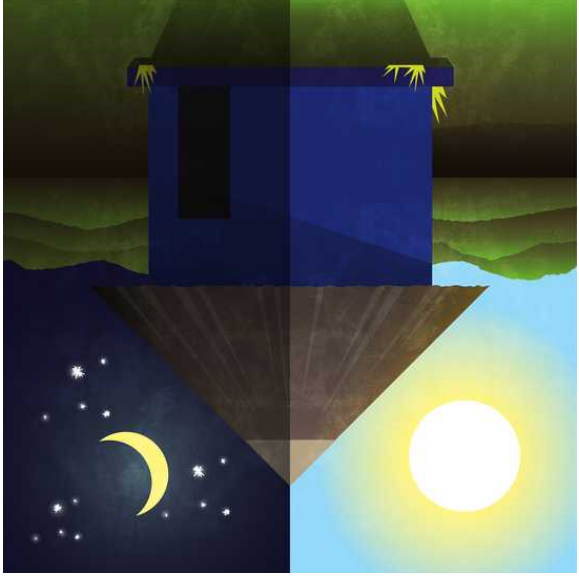




Malaya nilang nagagawa ang anuman, maliban sa isang bagay. Hindi sila maaaring lumapit sa apoy.

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But they were not allowed to go near a fire.



Sa gabí lamang sila nagtatrabaho dahil sila ay mga será!

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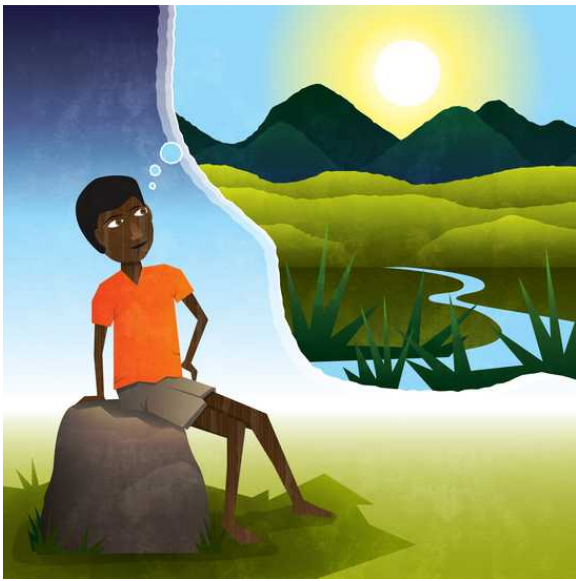
They had to do all their work during the night. Because they were made of wax!



At sabay ng pagsikat ng araw, lumipad ang ibon tungo sa liwanag ng araw, na may awít na taglay.

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



Ngunit pinangarap ng isa na makita ang araw.

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



Dinala nila ang ibon sa tuktok ng bundok.

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They took their bird brother up to a high mountain.



Isang umaga, hindi niya nalabanan ang matinding pag-aasam. Pinigilan siya ng kanyang mga kapatid...

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



Kaya gumawa sila ng paraan upang matupad ang kanyang pangarap. Sama-sama nilang hinubog ang serang labi ng kapatid at ginawa itong ibon.

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



Subalit huli na ang lahat! Siya ay nalusaw na ng mainit na araw.

...

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



Labis na nalungkot ang mga batang sera sa nakitang dinanas ng kapatid.

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