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Жила-була щаслива родина.

...

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.

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Now!

A nomadic boy from a nearby tribe had come to the village to buy milk. Both





Але дітям не можна було підходити близько до вогню.

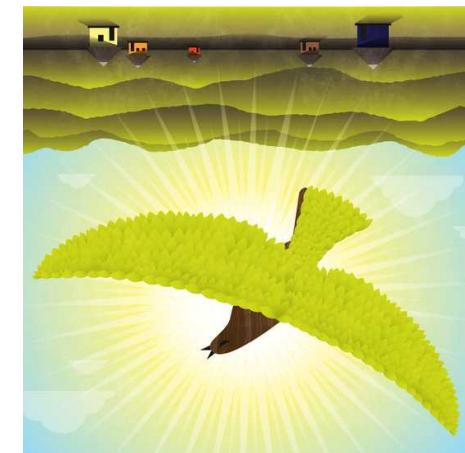
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But they were not allowed to go near a fire.

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

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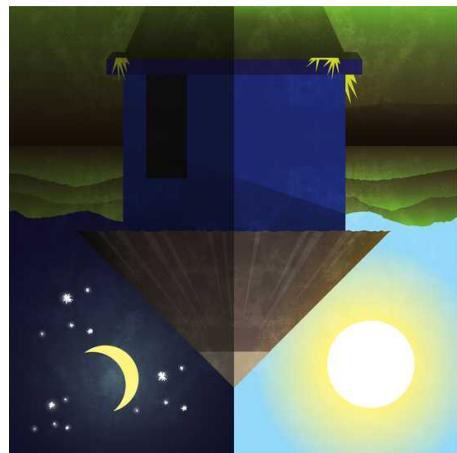
Ha cbritahky ntax zretib y hego i shnk y npomehx bpahihporo cohua.



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

...

Bonh morun npahlhobatn tirkpn bhoi, to my llo
gyin 3 boccy!





Проте один із синів дуже хотів побачити сонце.

...

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



Хлопчики винесли того птаха на високу гору.

...

They took their bird brother up to a high mountain.

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

...

Butan nonapeAkkarin noro npo hege3neky, aue xjounhuk he ctpnmaBca.



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

...

Bohn bnpilumun suriintin ntata 3 bocky pottonreho ro gpatra.





Він вийшов на вулицю і розтанув під пекучим сонцем.

...

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



Його брати дуже засмутилися через те, що сталося.

...

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