


Bambini di cera

Children of wax

 Southern African Folktale

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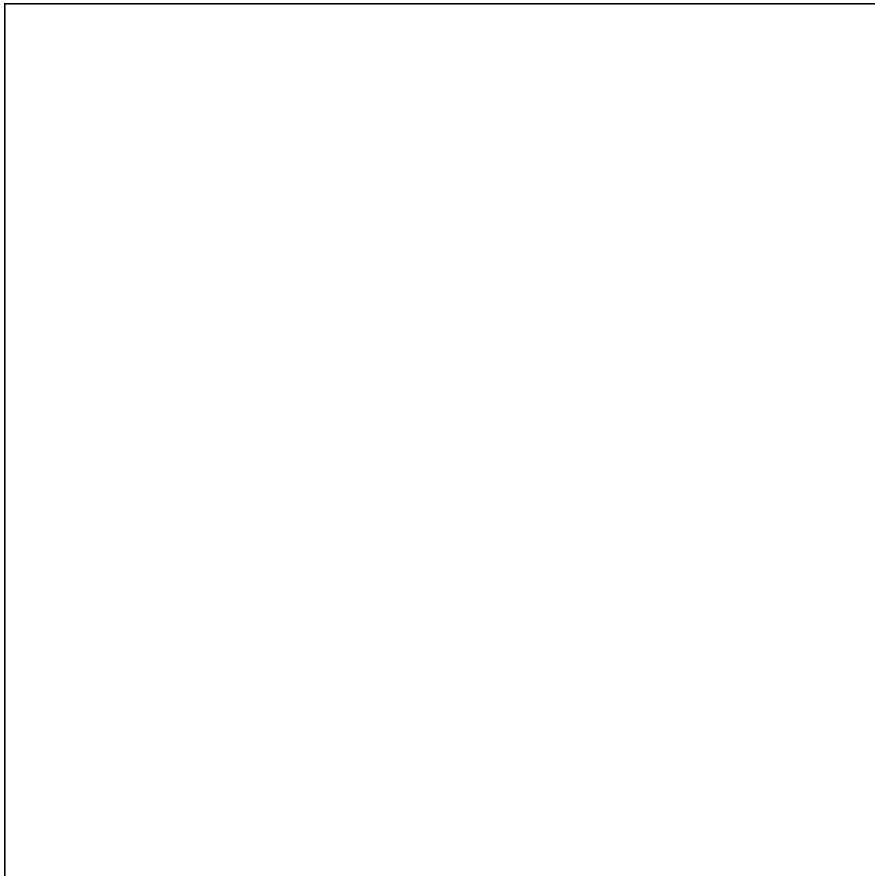
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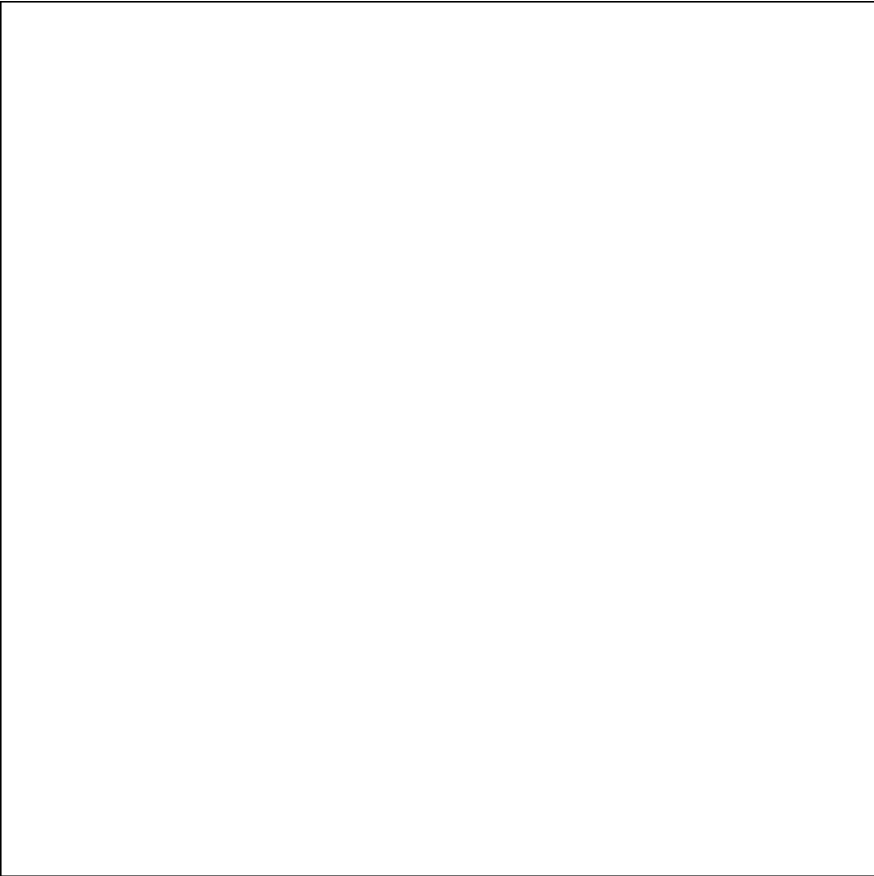




C'era una volta una famiglia che
viveva felice.

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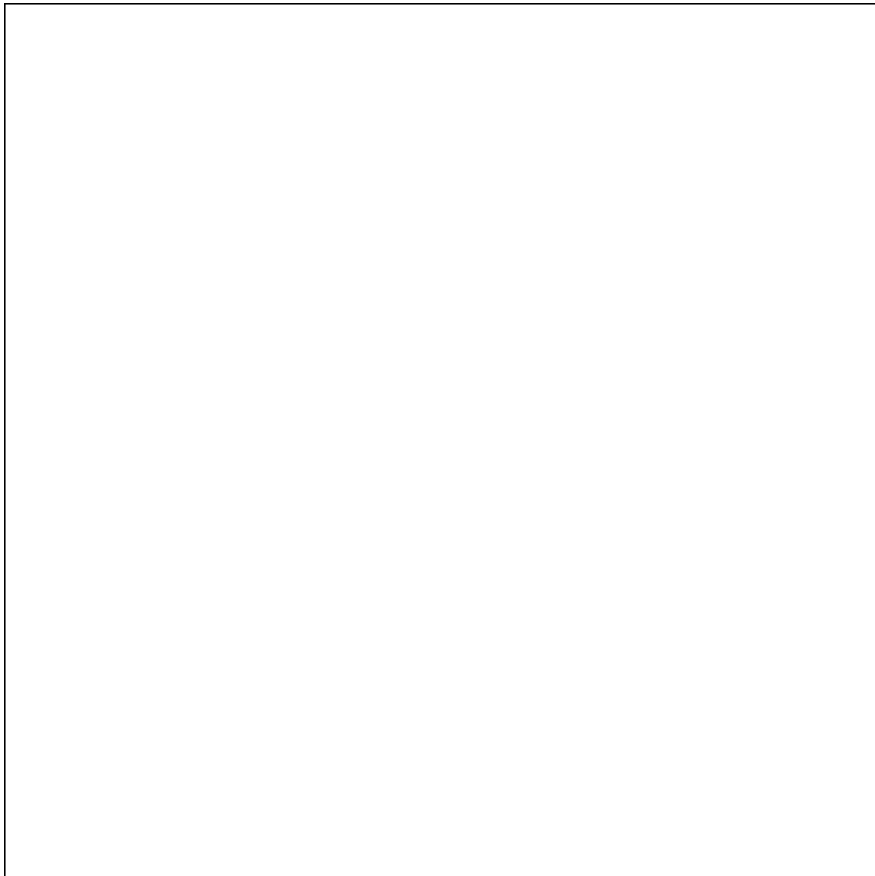
Once upon a time, there lived a
happy family.



Non litigavano mai fra di loro. I bambini aiutavano i loro genitori a casa e nei campi.

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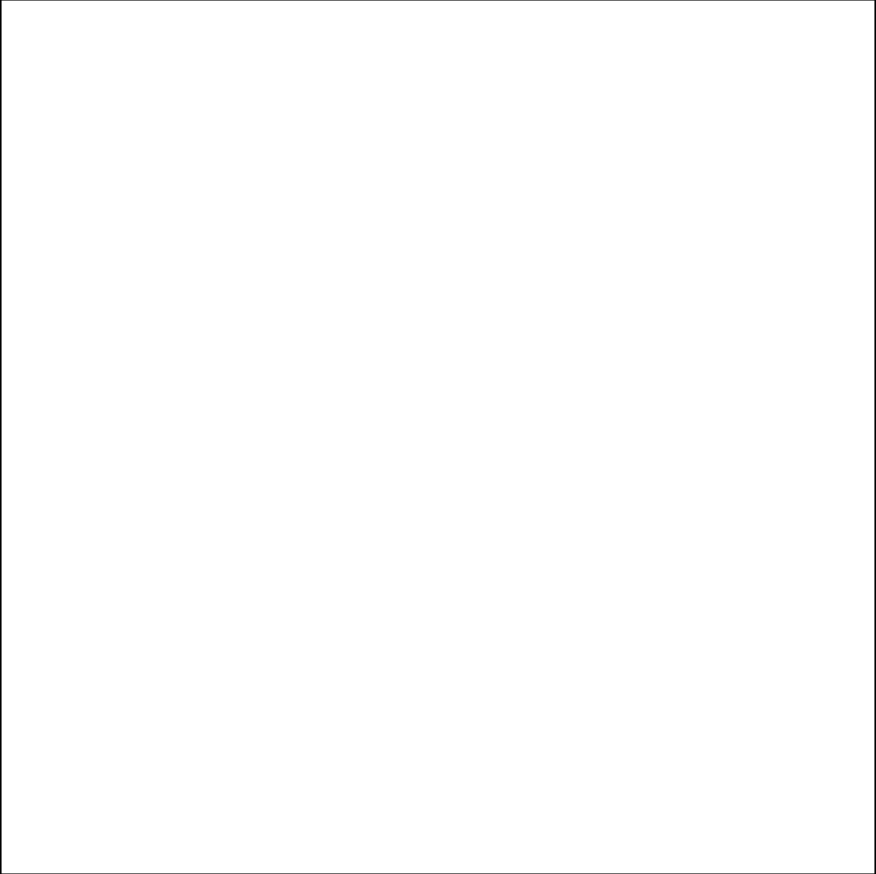
They never fought with each other. They helped their parents at home and in the fields.



Ma non erano autorizzati ad avvicinarsi al fuoco.

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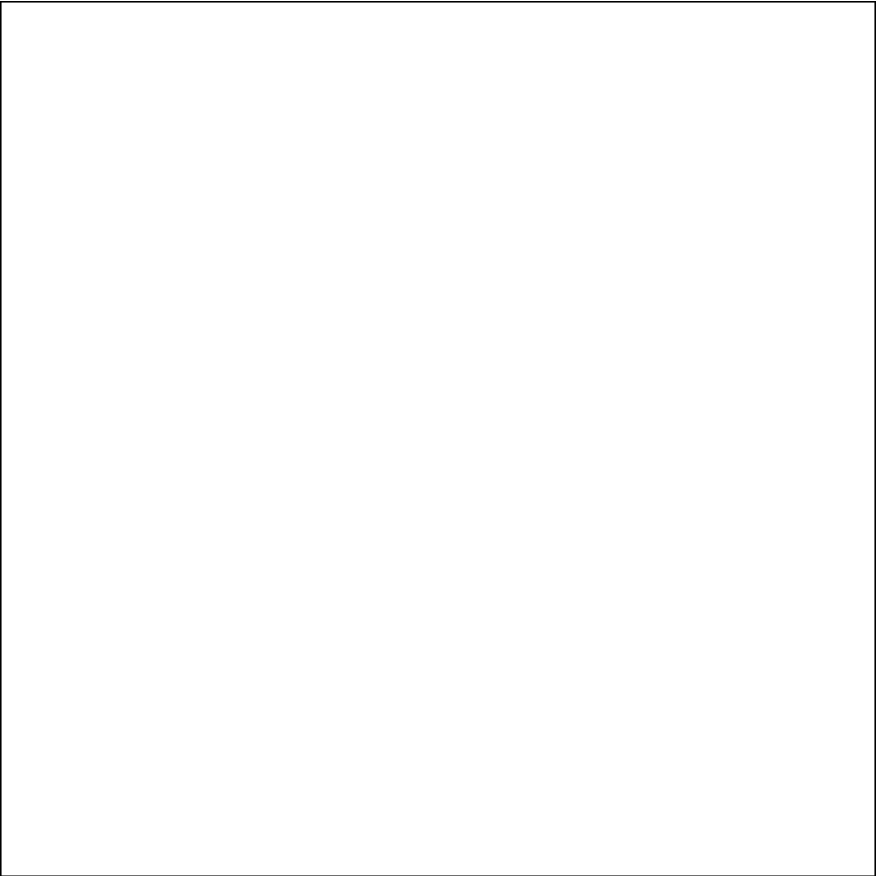
But they were not allowed to go near a fire.



Dovevano fare tutti i loro lavori durante la notte. Perché erano fatti di cera!

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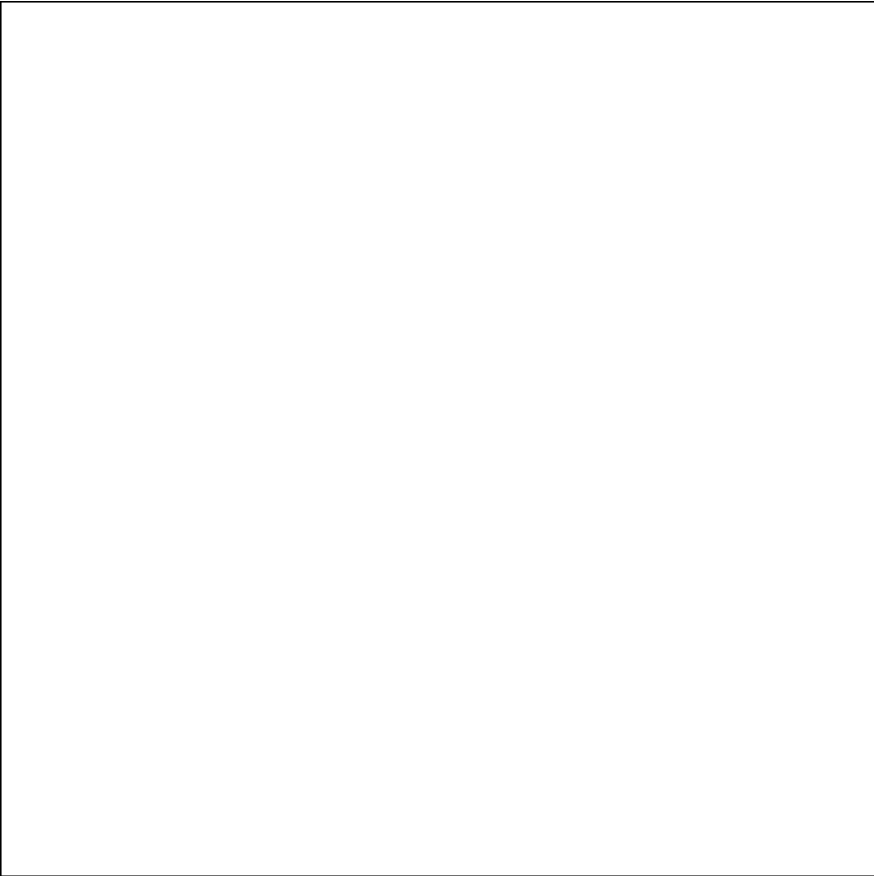
They had to do all their work during the night. Because they were made of wax!



Ma uno dei ragazzi sognava di uscire fuori alla luce del sole.

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



Un giorno il sogno fu troppo forte.
I suoi fratelli cercarono di
avvertirlo...

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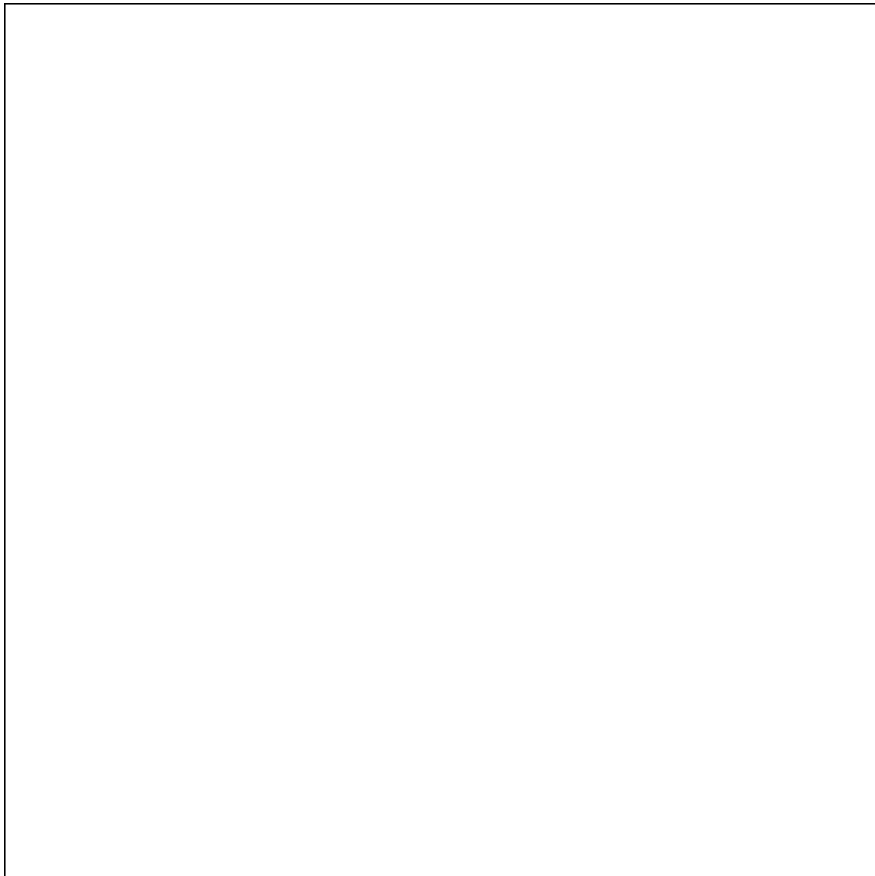
One day the longing was too
strong. His brothers warned him...



Ma era troppo tardi! Si sciolse al caldo sole.

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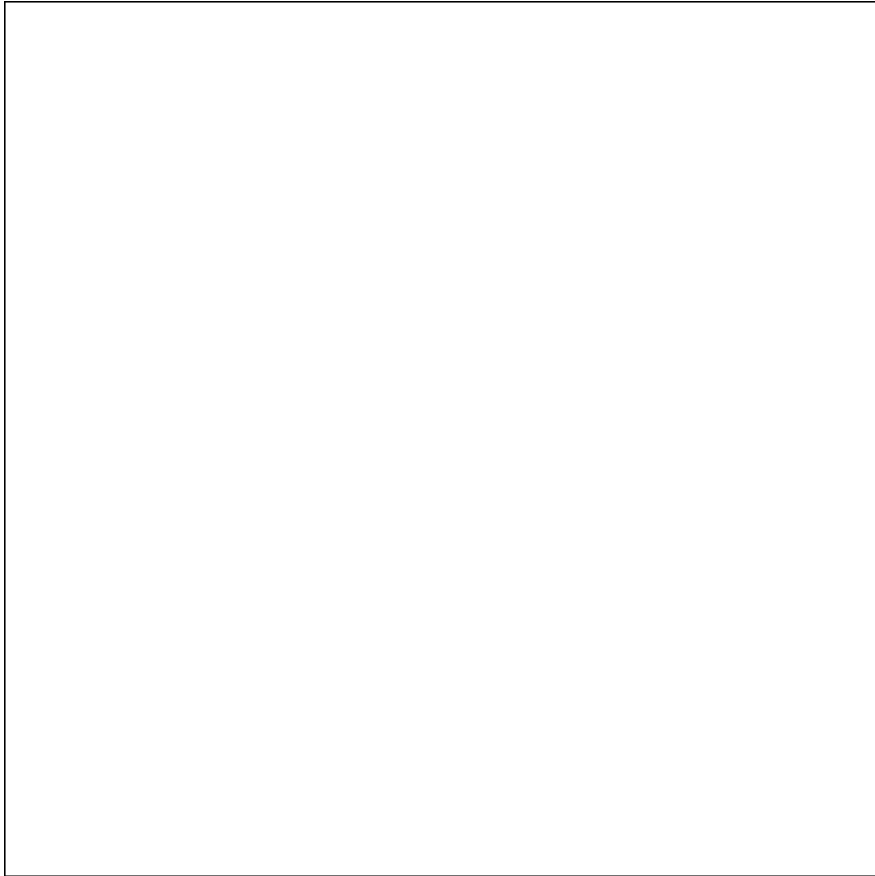
But it was too late! He melted in the hot sun.



I bimbi di cera erano troppo tristi di vedere il loro fratello sciogliersi via.

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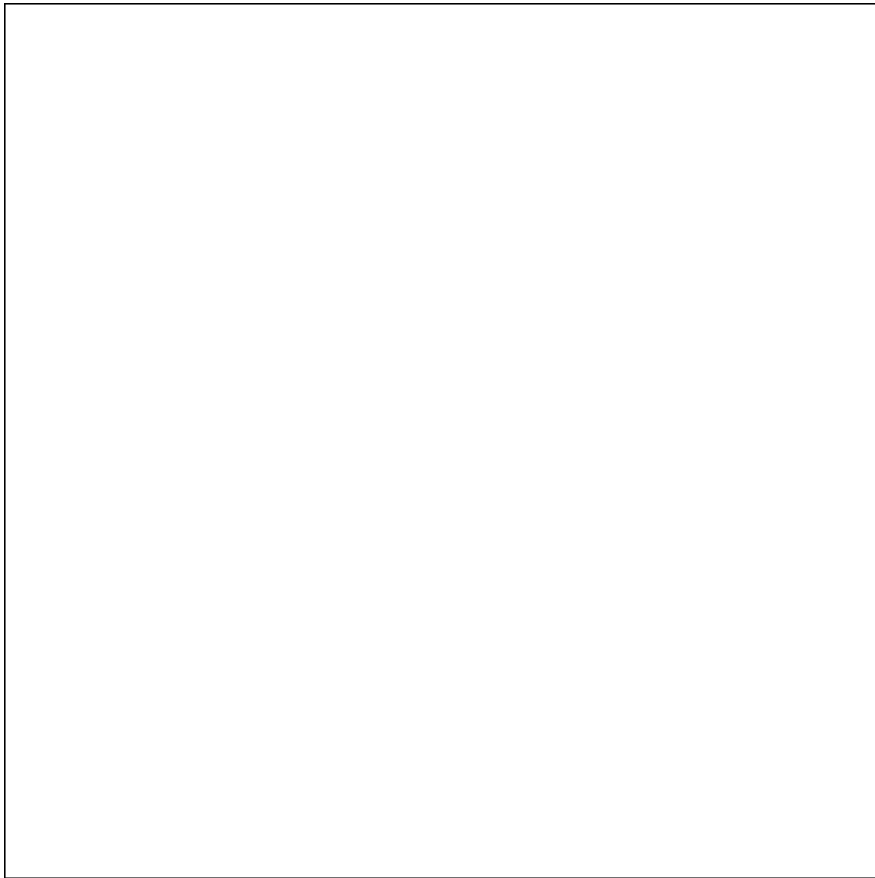
The wax children were so sad to see their brother melting away.



Perciò fecero un piano.
Modellarono la massa di cera
sciolta a forma di uccello.

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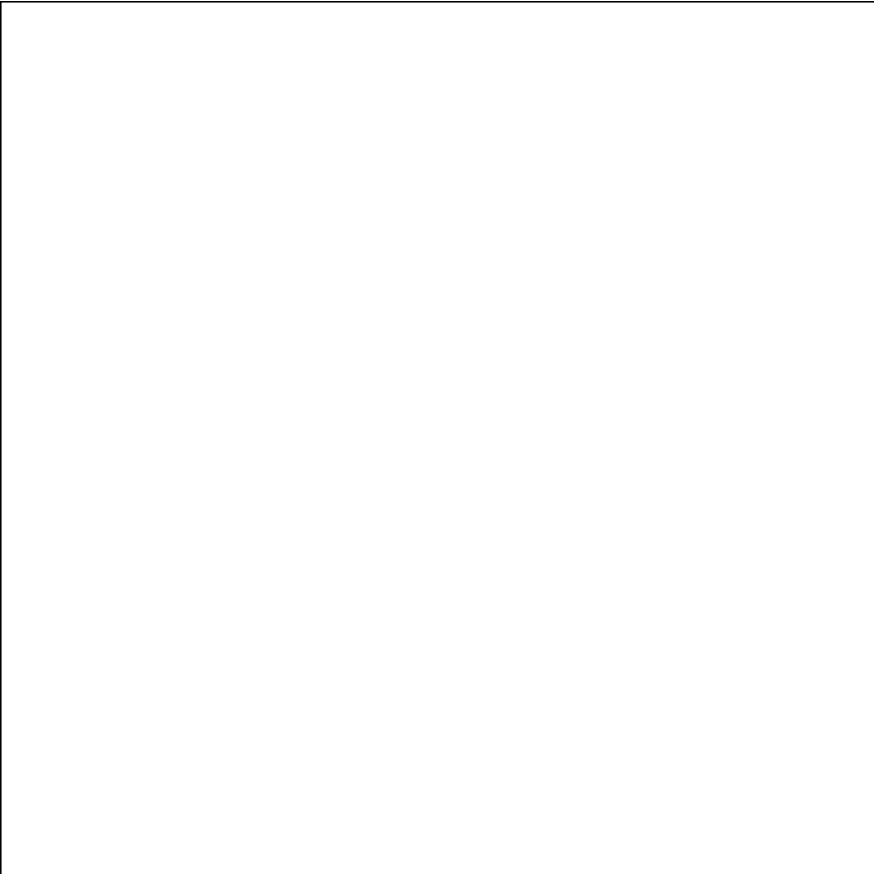
But they made a plan. They shaped
the lump of melted wax into a bird.



Portarono il fratello uccello in alto
su una montagna.

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They took their bird brother up to a
high mountain.



E quando il sole sorse, questo volò
via cantando alla luce del mattino.

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



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