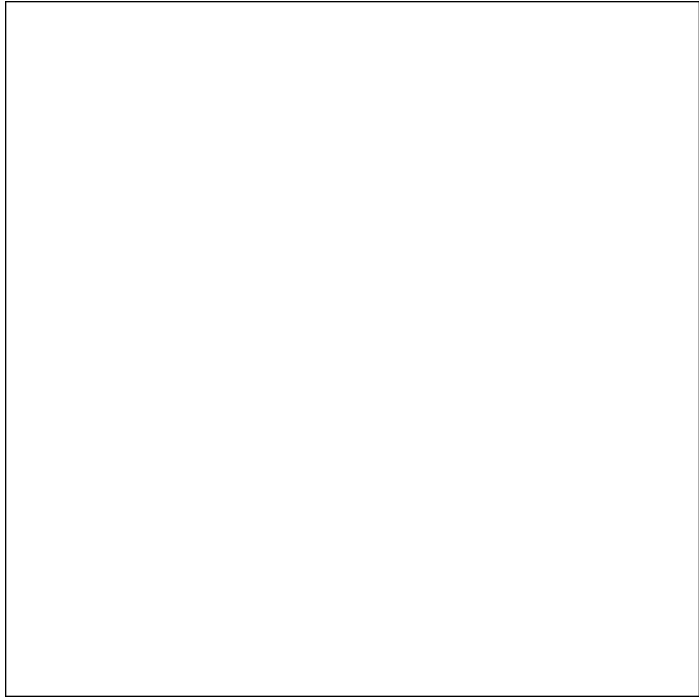




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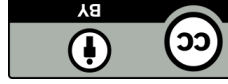
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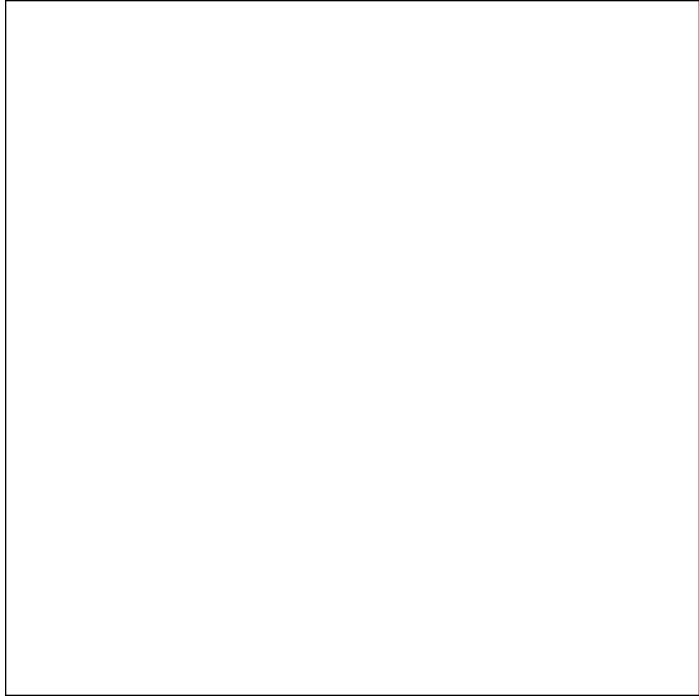


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Once upon a time, there lived a happy family.

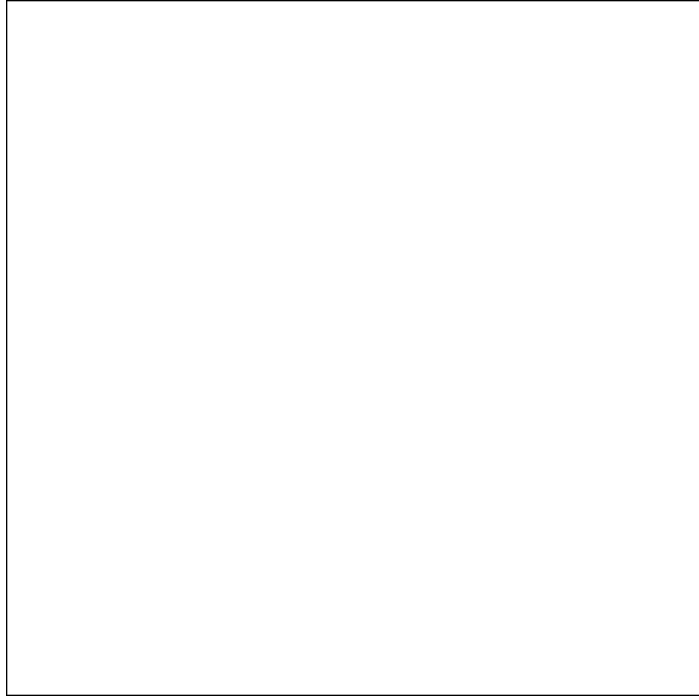
They never fought with each other.  
They helped their parents at home  
and in the fields.



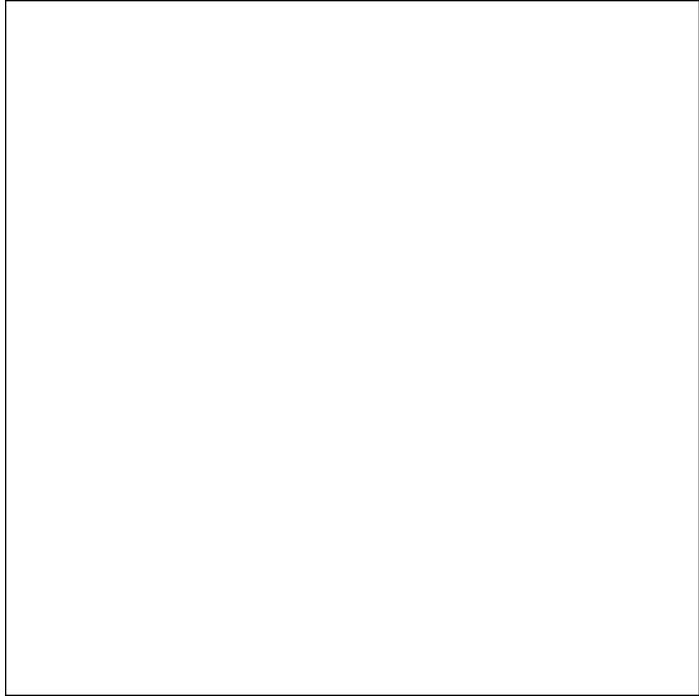


But they were not allowed to go near a fire.

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

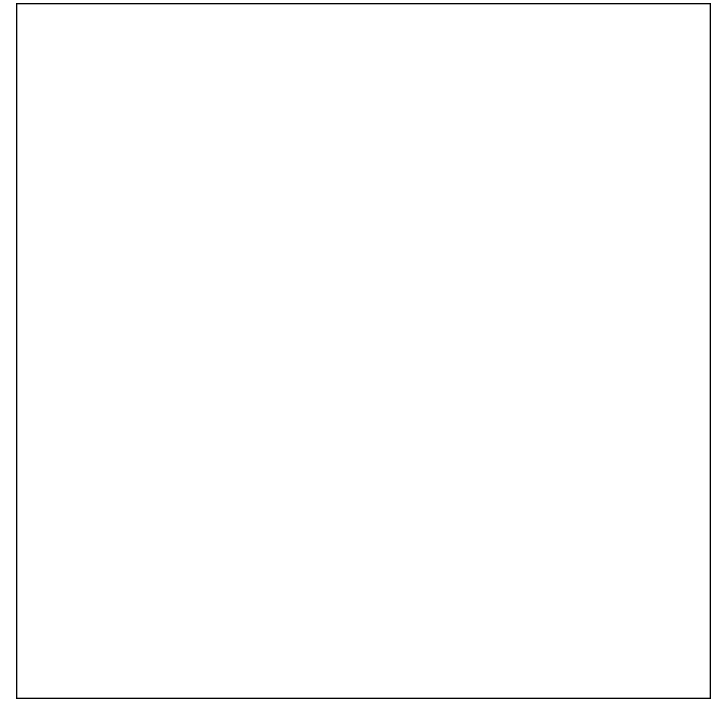


They had to do all their work during  
the night. Because they were made of  
wax!



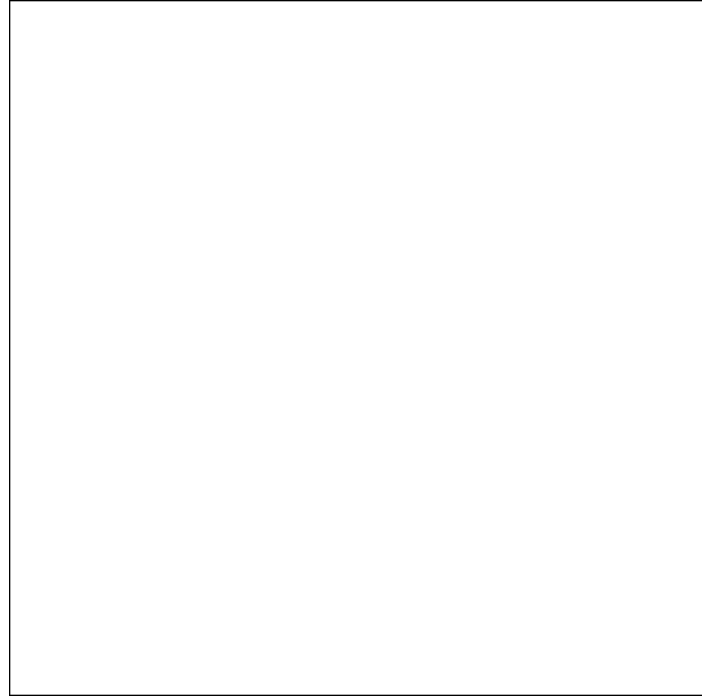


But one of the boys longed to go out  
in the sunlight.

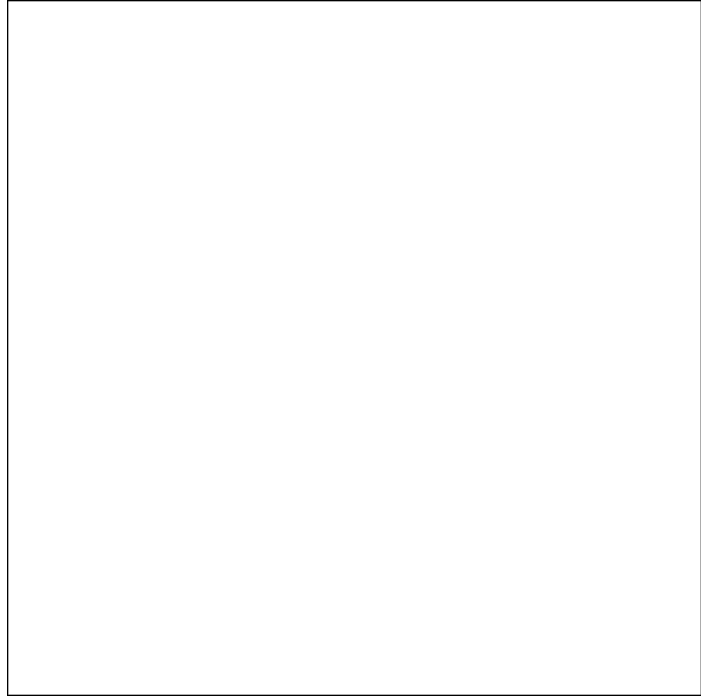


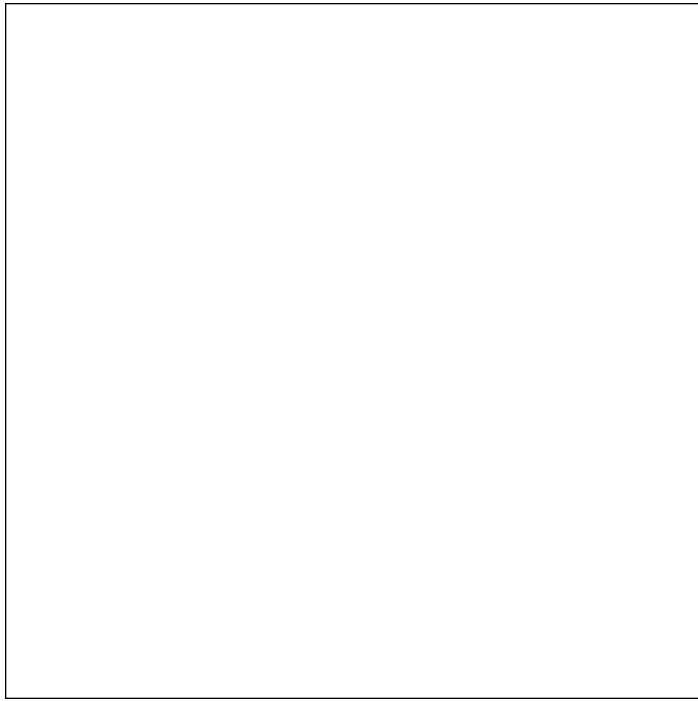
They took their bird brother up to a  
high mountain.

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

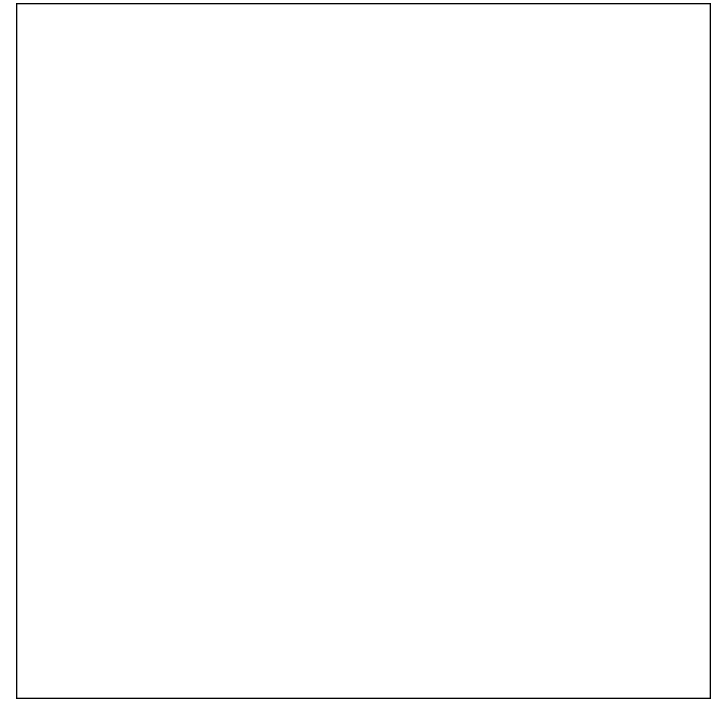


One day the longing was too strong. His brothers warned him...





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



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