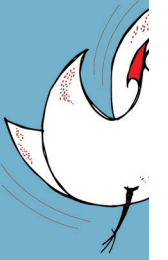
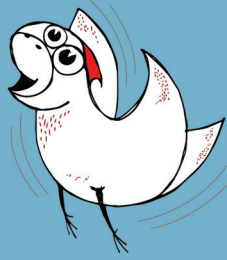


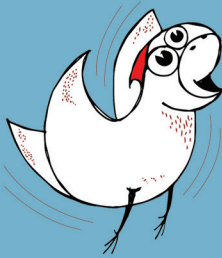
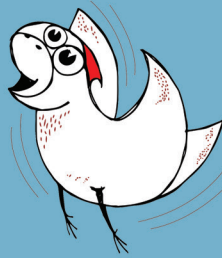
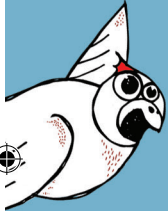
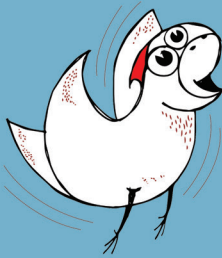


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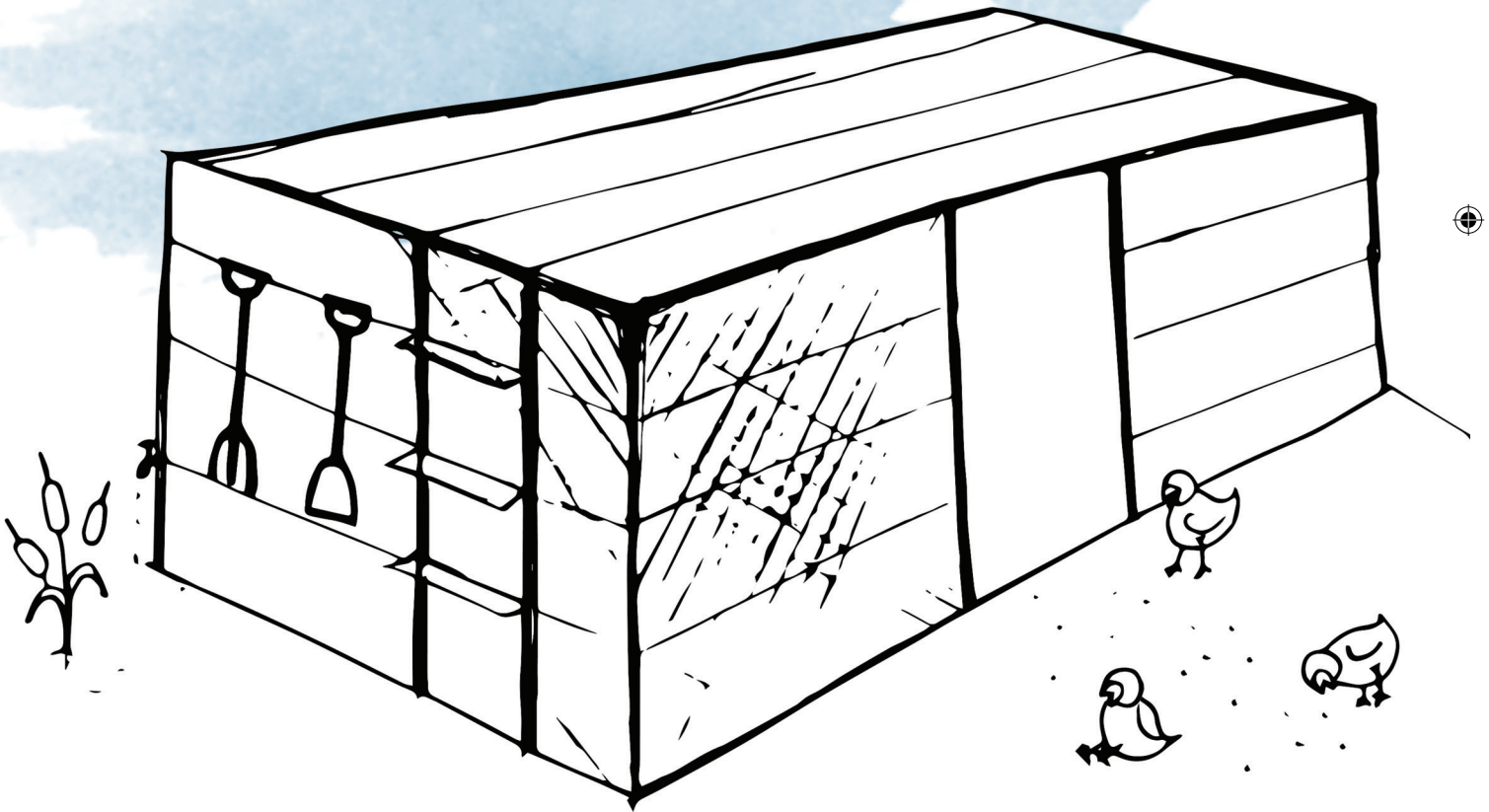


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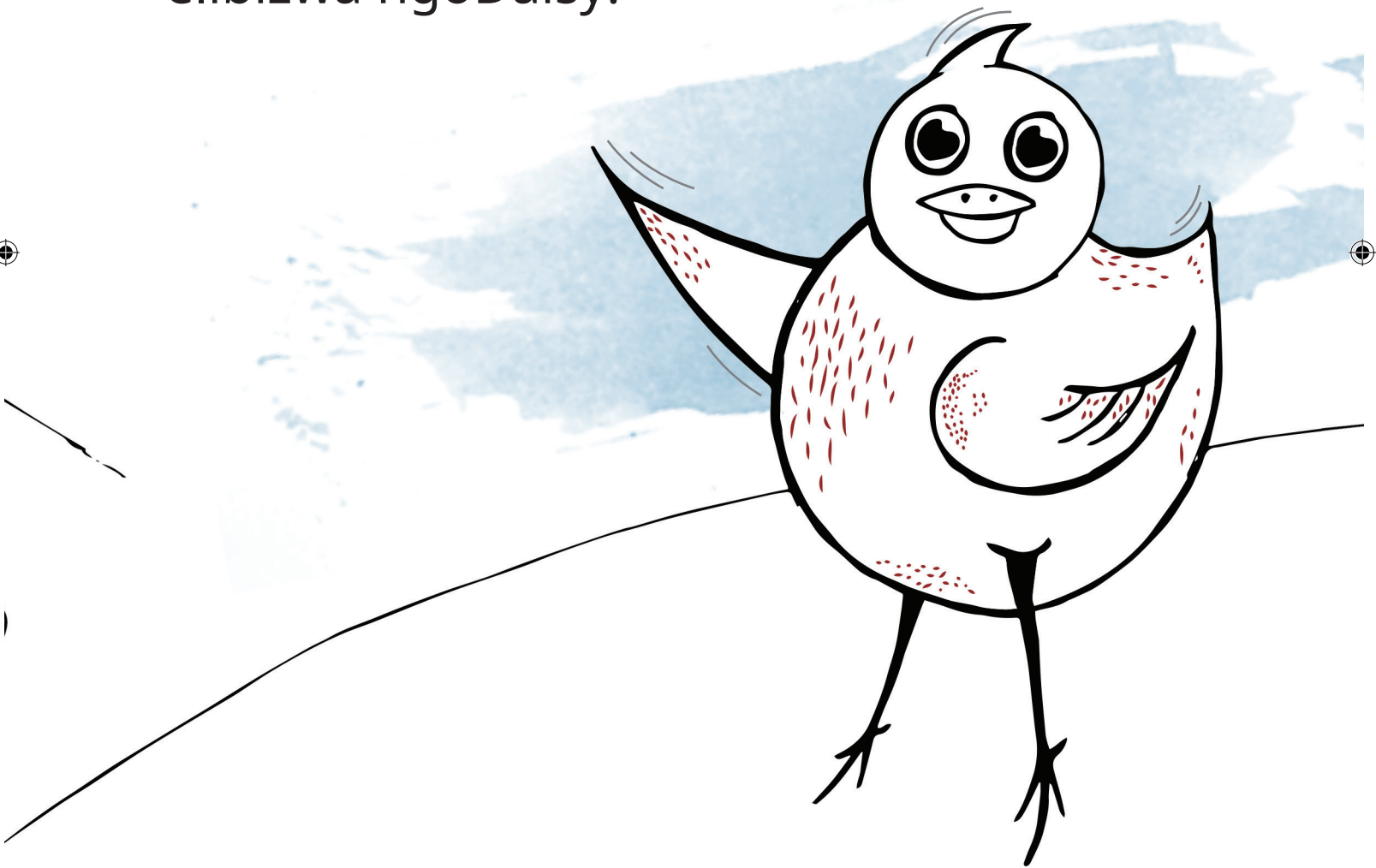
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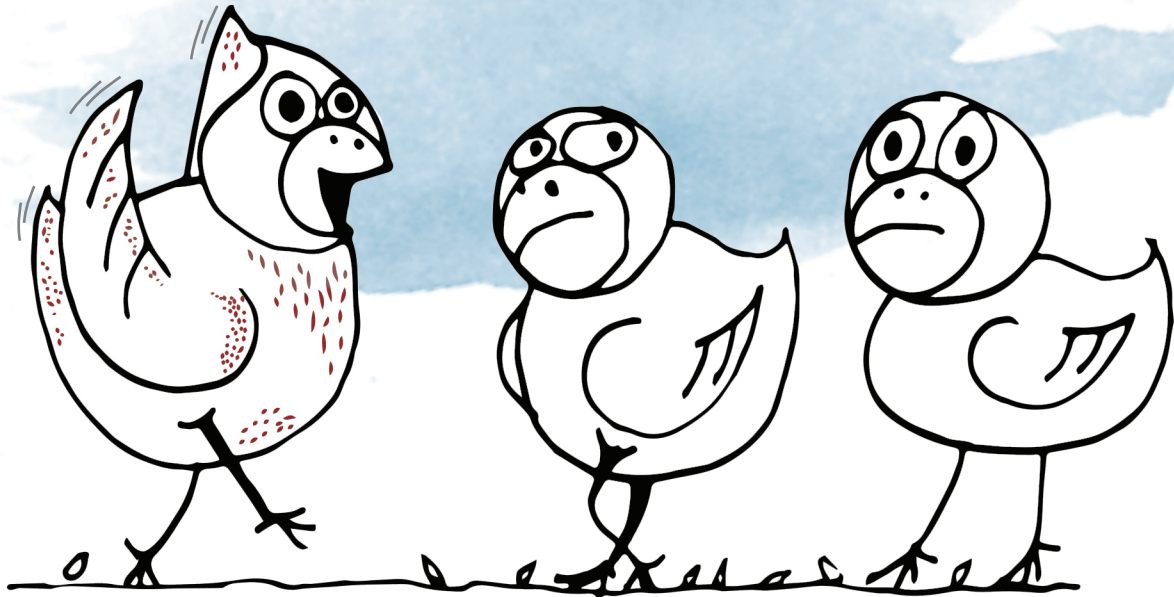


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eliseduze nase mzini omncane,
kwakuhlala khona ichwane lenkukhu
elibizwa ngoDaisy.



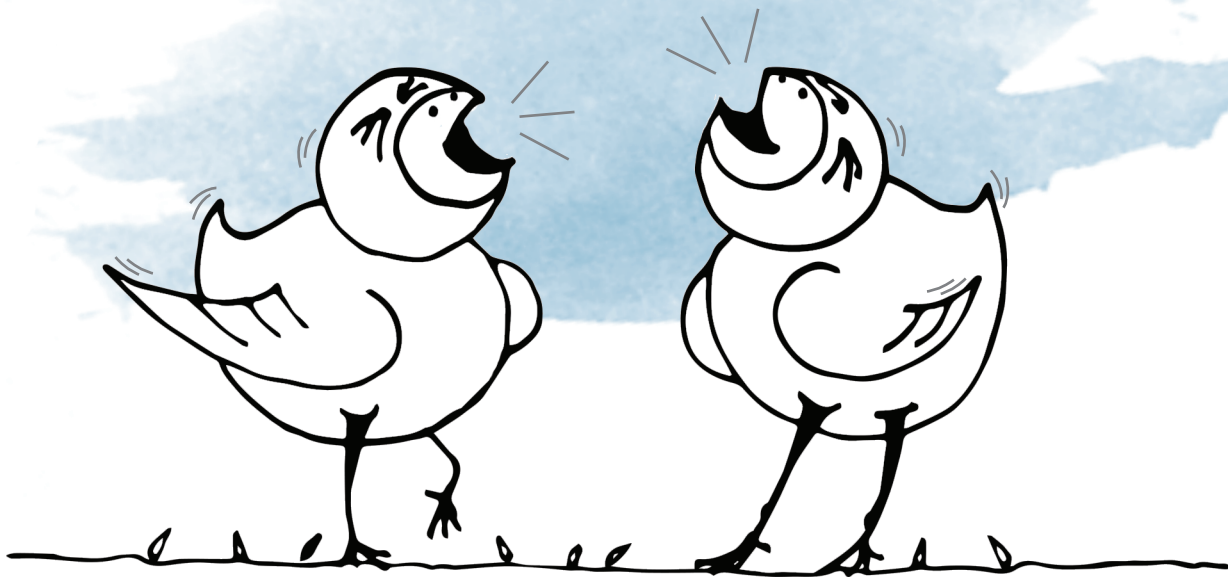


“Lapho sengikhulile, ngifuna ukundiza
ngiye phezulu esibhakabhakeni,”
kusho uDaisy.



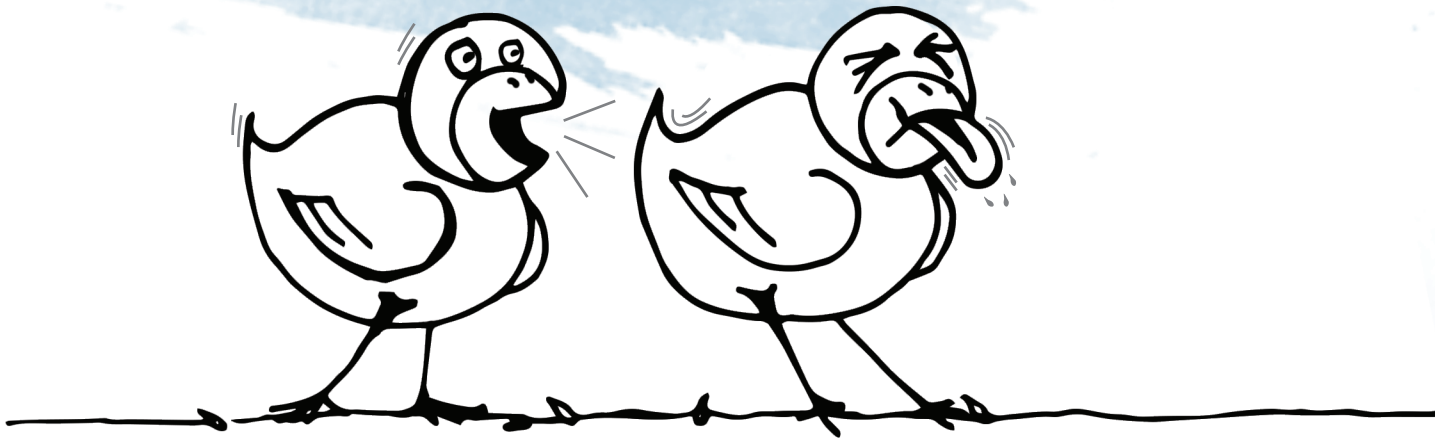


Kodwa zonke ezinye izinkukhu zamhleka.



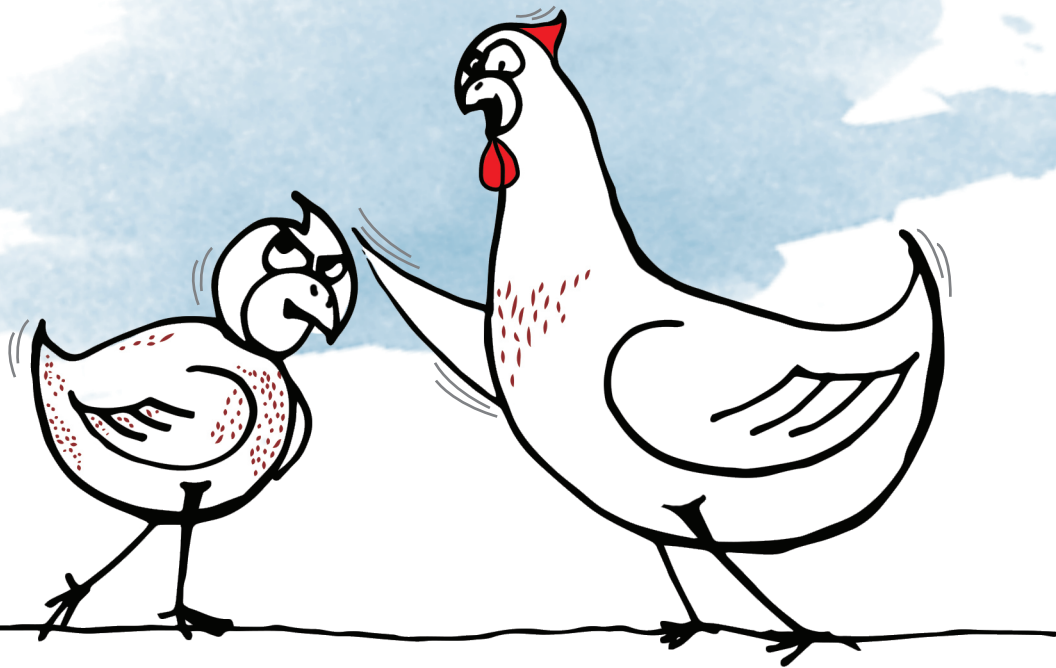


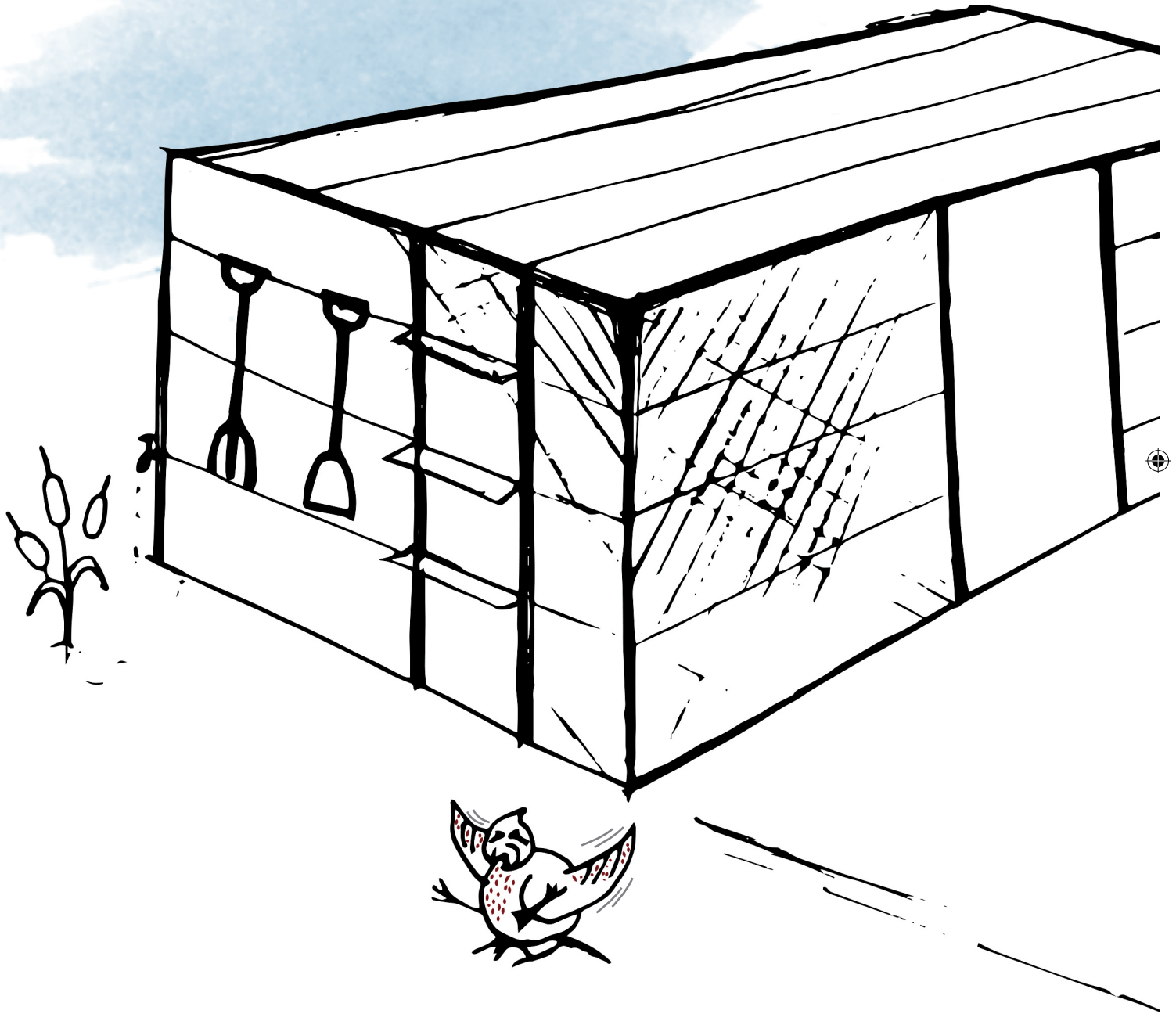
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“Angeke sisaphinde sidlale nawe.”

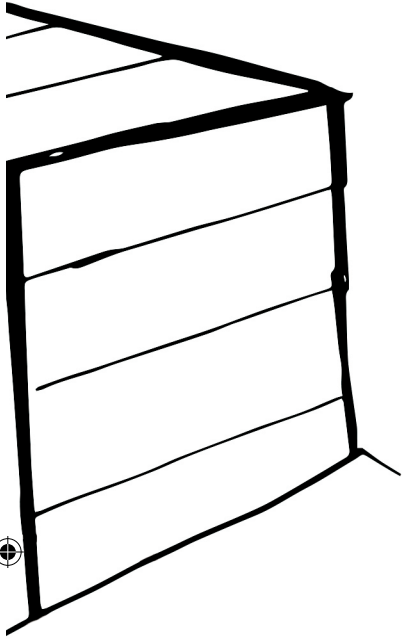




“We Daisy, sonke siyakwazi ukushaya
amaphiko kodwa kunzima kakhulu ukuthi
izinkukhu zingandiza,” kusho
uMama kuye.



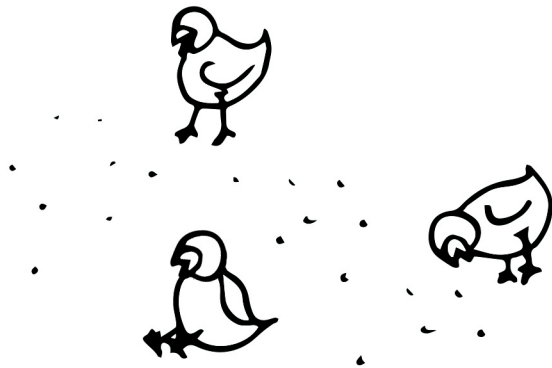




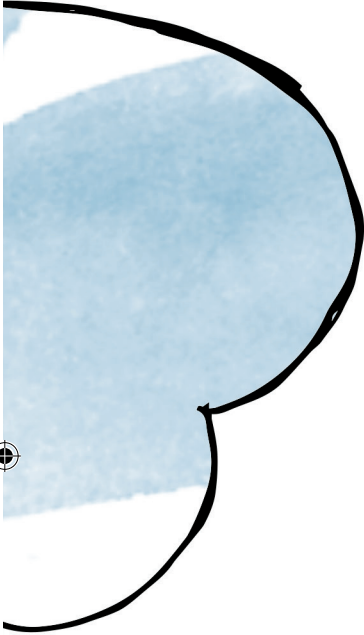
Wayengafuni ukuyeka uDaisy.

Nsuku zonke
wayezilolonga yedwa,
eshaya amaphiko akhe.

Bhaku, bhaku, bhaku – eshaya
amaphiko akhe, kodwa
wayengakwazi ukusuka
phansi.







Ngenkathi ezilolonga,
wayezibona ngamehlo
engqondo endizela phezulu
esibhakabhakeni, ebuka
izinkukhu le phansi.

Wayezibona ngamehlo
engqondo endiza edlula
ondlunkulu nezinkonjane.

“Suka lapha!” kusho ezinye
izinyoni. “Inkukhu ekwazi
ukundiza!”





Ngakho-ke ... bhaku, bhaku, bhaku – uDaisy
wayeshaya amaphiko akhe nsuku zonke.





Wayesuka phansi, kodwa aphinde
awe futhi.



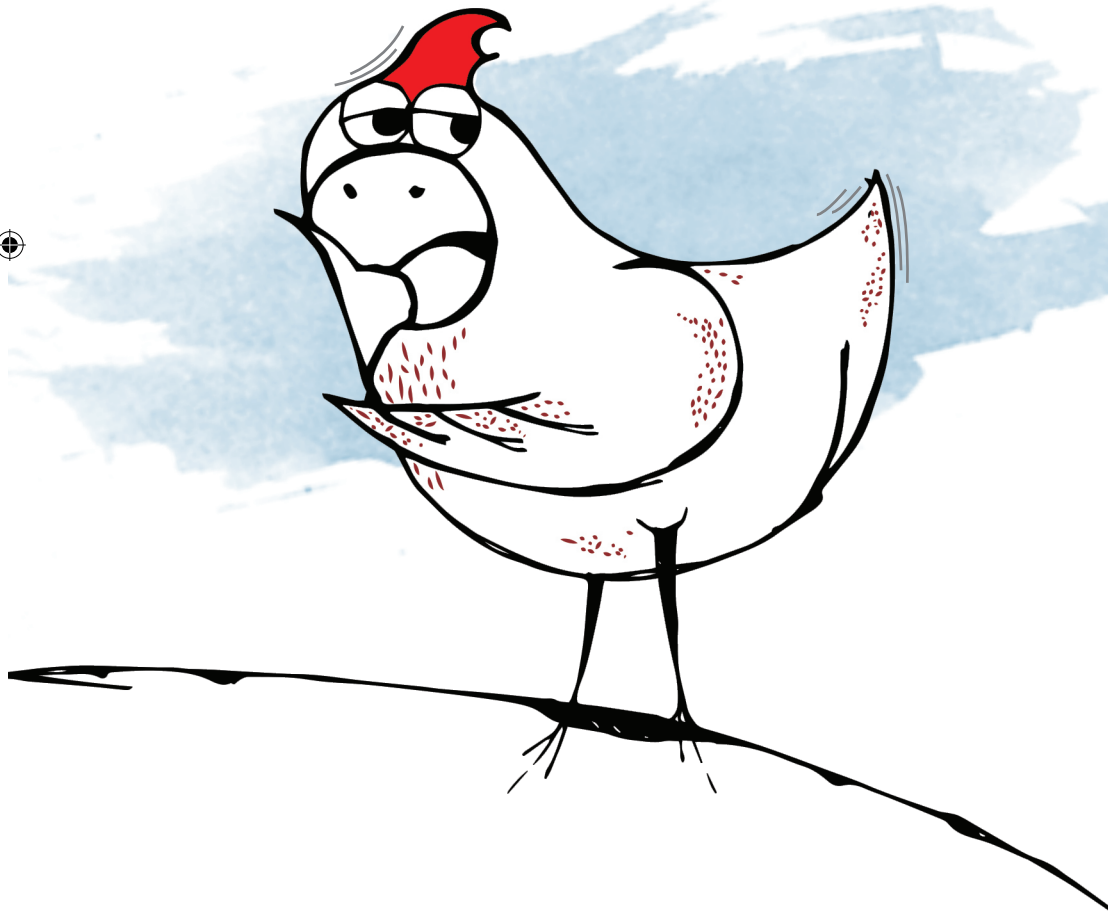


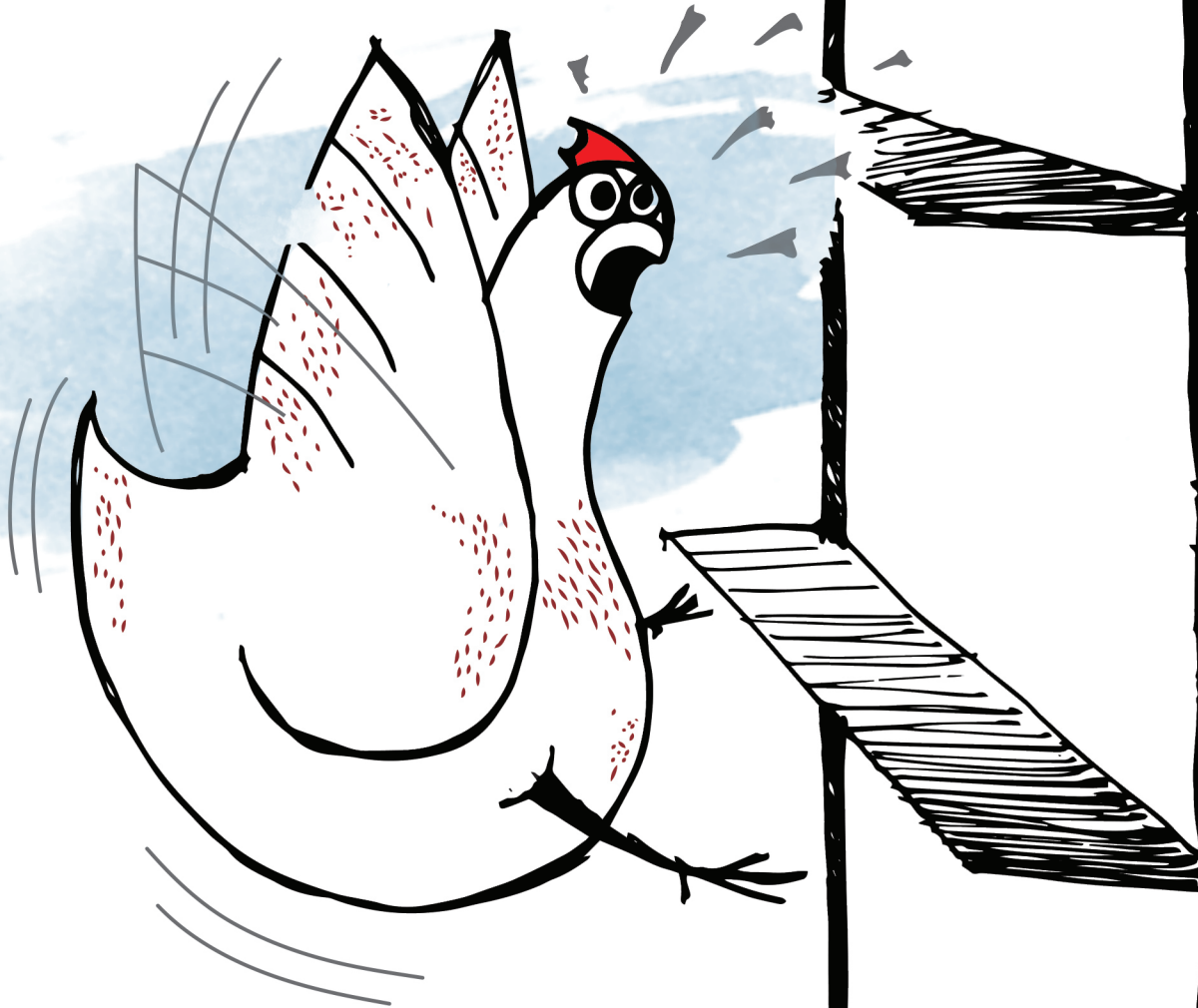
“Angeke ngikwazi ukundiza!” kukhala
uDaisy kuMama. “Ziqinisile ezinye
izinkukhu.”





“Daisy, uhlukile kwezinye izinkukhu.
Azifuni ukundiza, kodwa wena uyafuna!
Ungakwazi,” kusho uMama.







Ngosuku olulandelayo uDaisy
wagibela phezu kwehhoko lezinkukhu
wase – bhaku, bhaku, bhaku –
eshaya amaphiko akhe.

Wandizela emoyeni wase
eshaya amaphiko akhe ...

wase eshaya amaphiko akhe ...

wase eshaya amaphiko
akhe wase ...





BHU PHANSI!





Ezinye izinkukhu zahleka
kakhulu.

“Ha, ha, ha! Sikutshelile!
Izinkukhu azikwazi
ukundiza!”





Kodwa ngosuku olulandelayo
uDaisy waphinde wenyukela
phezulu, wafika esicongweni
sendlu.



Bhaku, bhaku, bhaku –
uDaisy eshaya
amaphiko akhe.





Wandizela emoyeni wase eshaya
amaphiko akhe ...
wase eshaya amaphiko akhe ...
wase eshaya amaphiko akhe wase ...





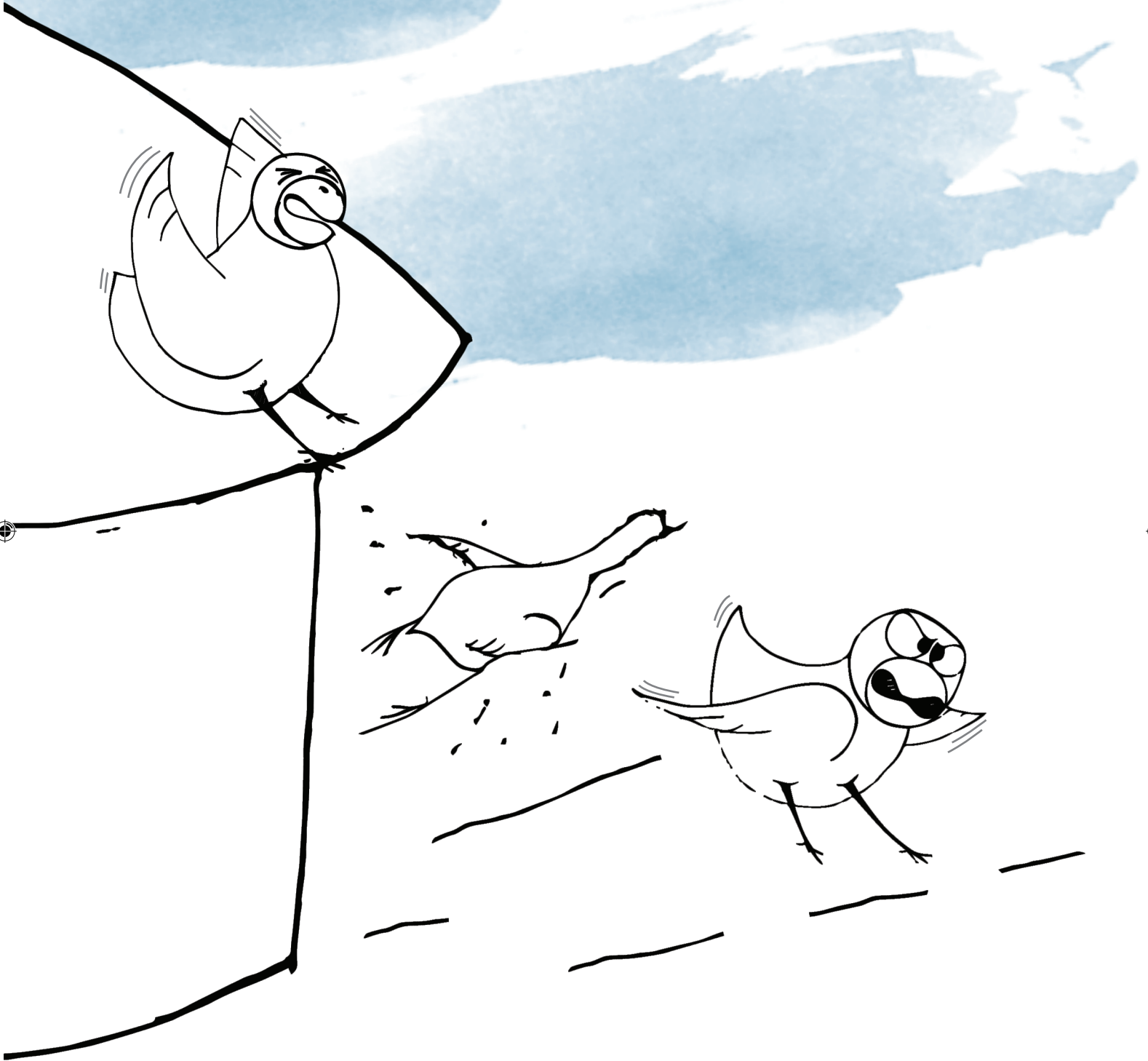


... eqhubeka nokundiza.

Umoya ongaphansi kwamaphiko
akhe waya ngokuba namandla,
nokuba namandla futhi wase endiza
eya phezulu, waphinde waya
phezulu futhi!

Ondlunkulu nezinkonjane zathi,
“Kuyisimangaliso lokhu!
Inkukhu endizayo!”







Kanti ezinye izinkukhu zazifuna
ukuba njengaye.
Zathi, “O, Daisy, uyisimanga!”



