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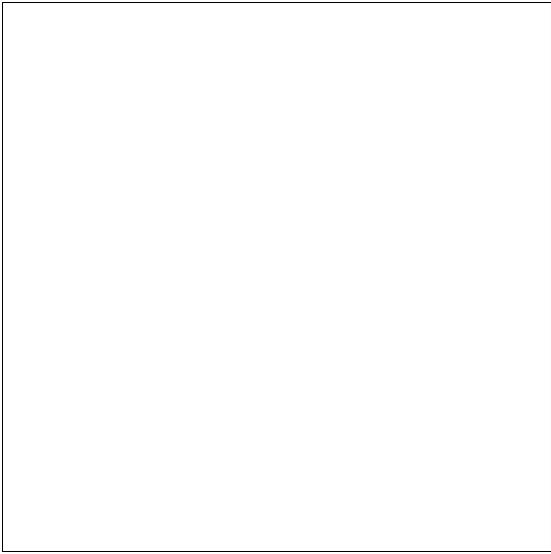
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Era uma vez uma família feliz.

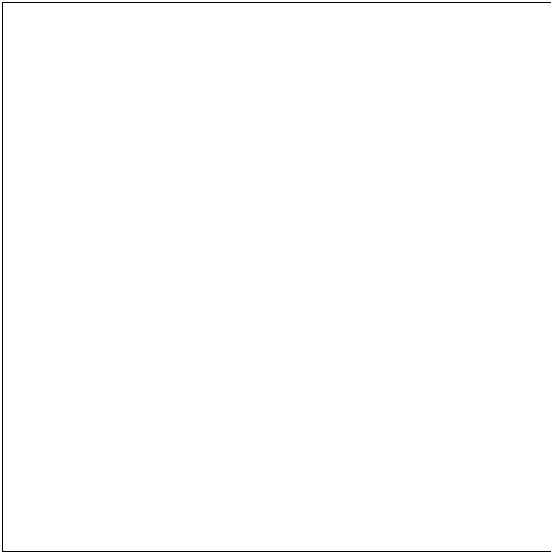
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Once upon a time, there lived a happy family.

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

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campo.
Ajudavam seus pais em casa e no
Elas nunca brigavam um com o outro.





Mas estavam proibidos de chegar perto
do fogo.

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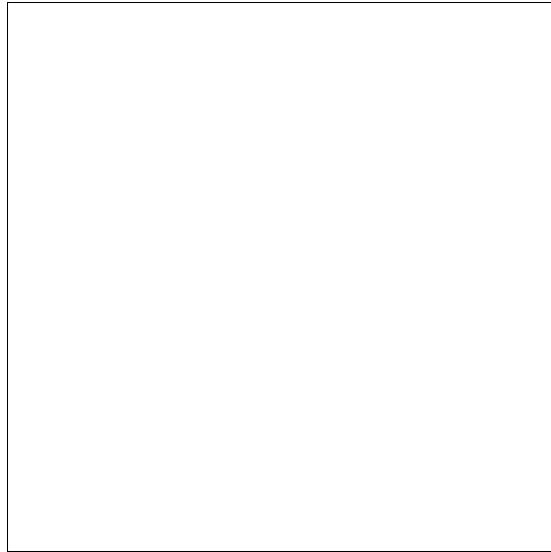
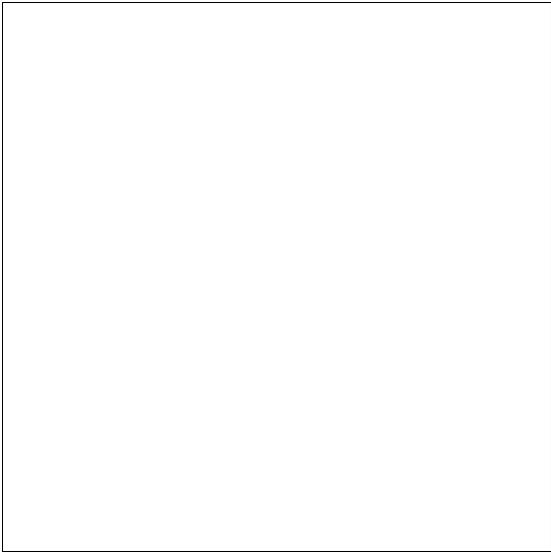
But they were not allowed to go near a
fire.

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

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Elas tinha que fazer todo seu trabalho durante a noite, porque eram feitos de cera.

E quando o sol se levantou, ele saiu
vando, cantando sob a luz da man-
...
And as the sun rose, he flew away
sing into the morning light.



Mas um dos meninos desejava sair à luz
do dia.

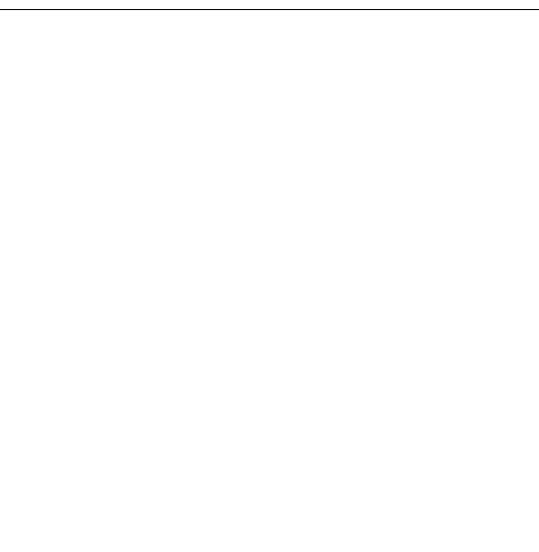
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But one of the boys longed to go out in
the sunlight.

Levaram o irmão pássaro numa
montanha bem alta.

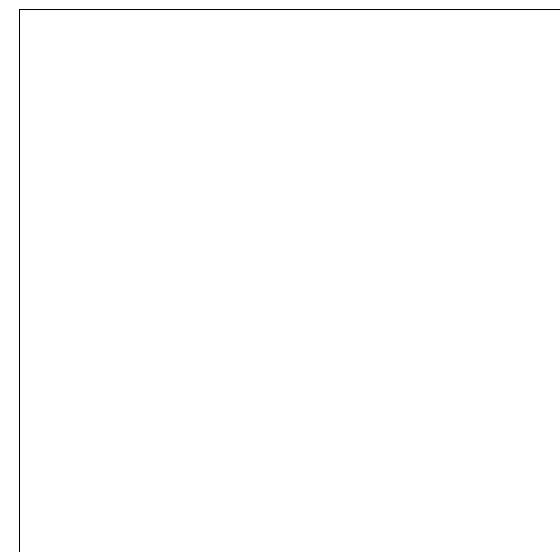
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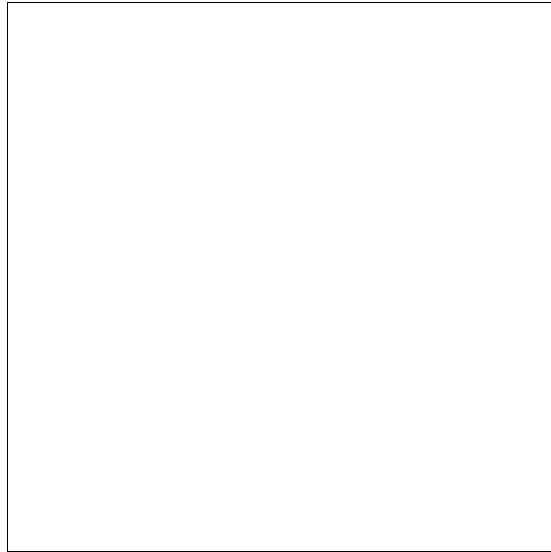
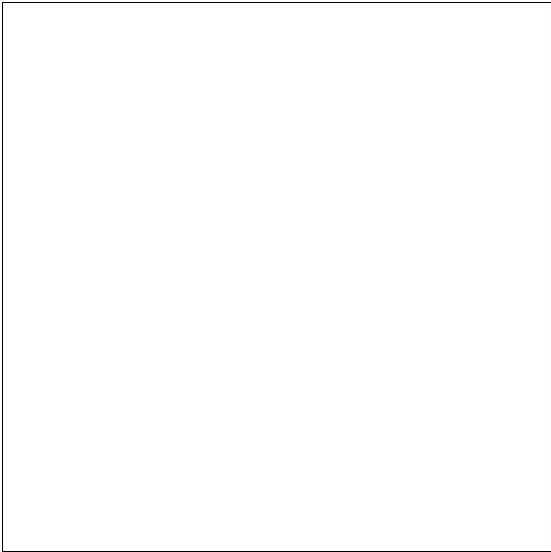
They took their bird brother up to a
high mountain.



Um dia esse desejo estava muito forte.
Seus irmãos o avisaram...
One day the longing was too strong. His
brothers warned him...
...

Mas tiveram um plano. Moldaram o
pedaço de cera derretida em cima de
um passaro.
But they made a plan. They shaped the
lump of melted wax into a bird.
...





Mas era tarde demais! Ele derreteu com o calor do sol.

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

As crianças de cera ficaram muito tristes vendo seu irmão derretendo.

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