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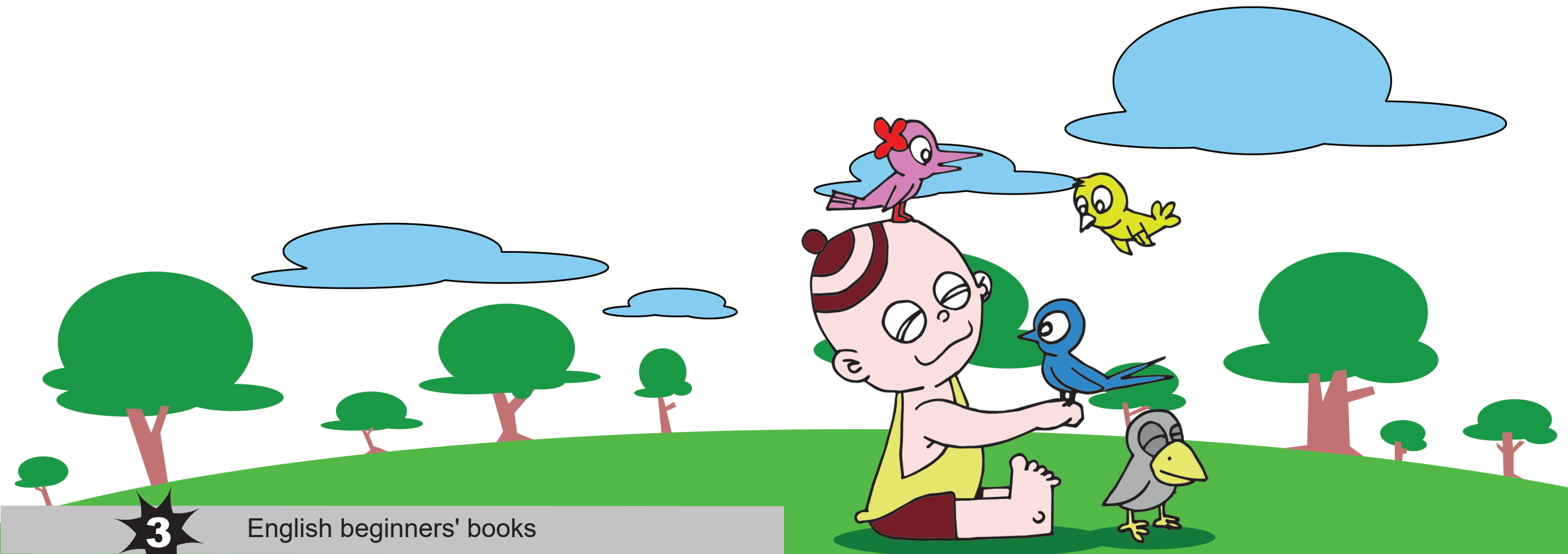


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Phoe Maung and Friends

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Vocabulary

pleasant (adj) သာယာသော

beak (n) နှုတ်သီး

wing (n) တောင်ပံ

shooting (v) ပစ်နေသည်

peace (n) ငြိမ်းချမ်းရေး

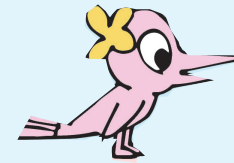
careless (adj) နမော့်နမဲ့နိုင်သော

promised (v) ကတိပေးခဲ့သည်

removed (v) ဖယ်ရှားခဲ့သည်

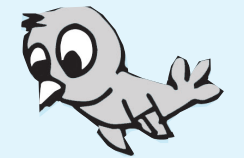
peaceful (adj) ငြိမ်းချမ်းသော

Meet our Friends

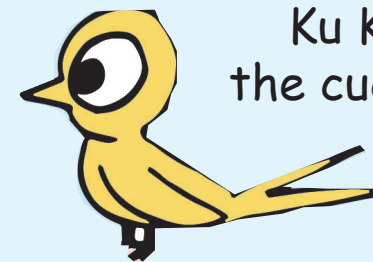


Swa Tay
the starling

Maung May Thu
the crow



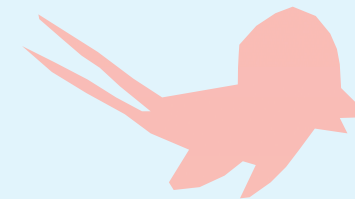
Maung Nyat
the sparrow



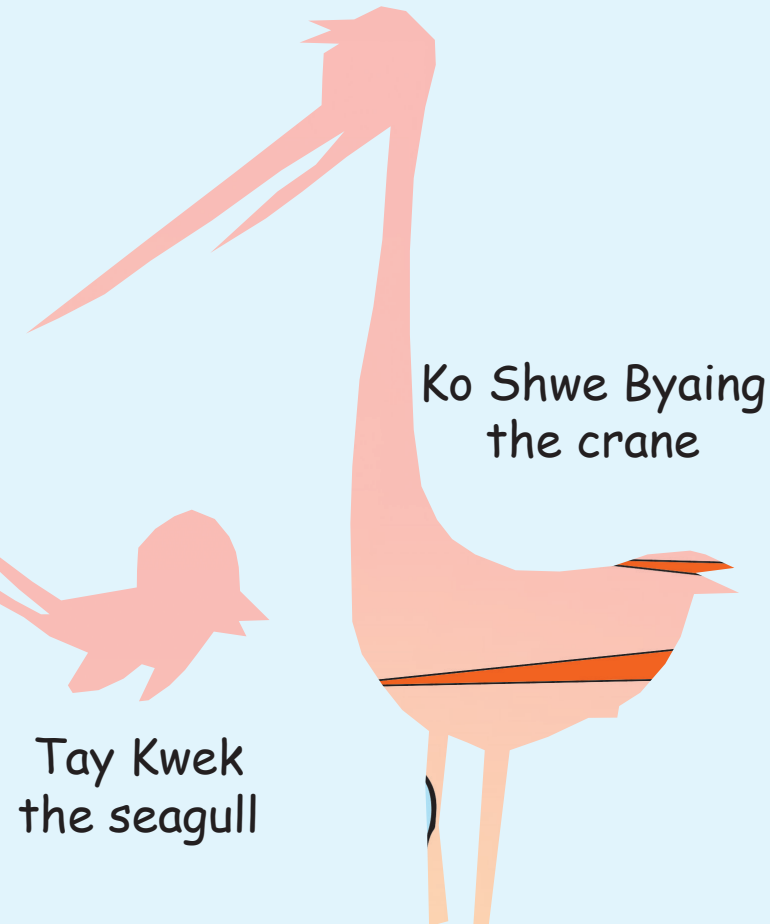
Ku Ku
the cuckoo



Phyu Phwe
the duck

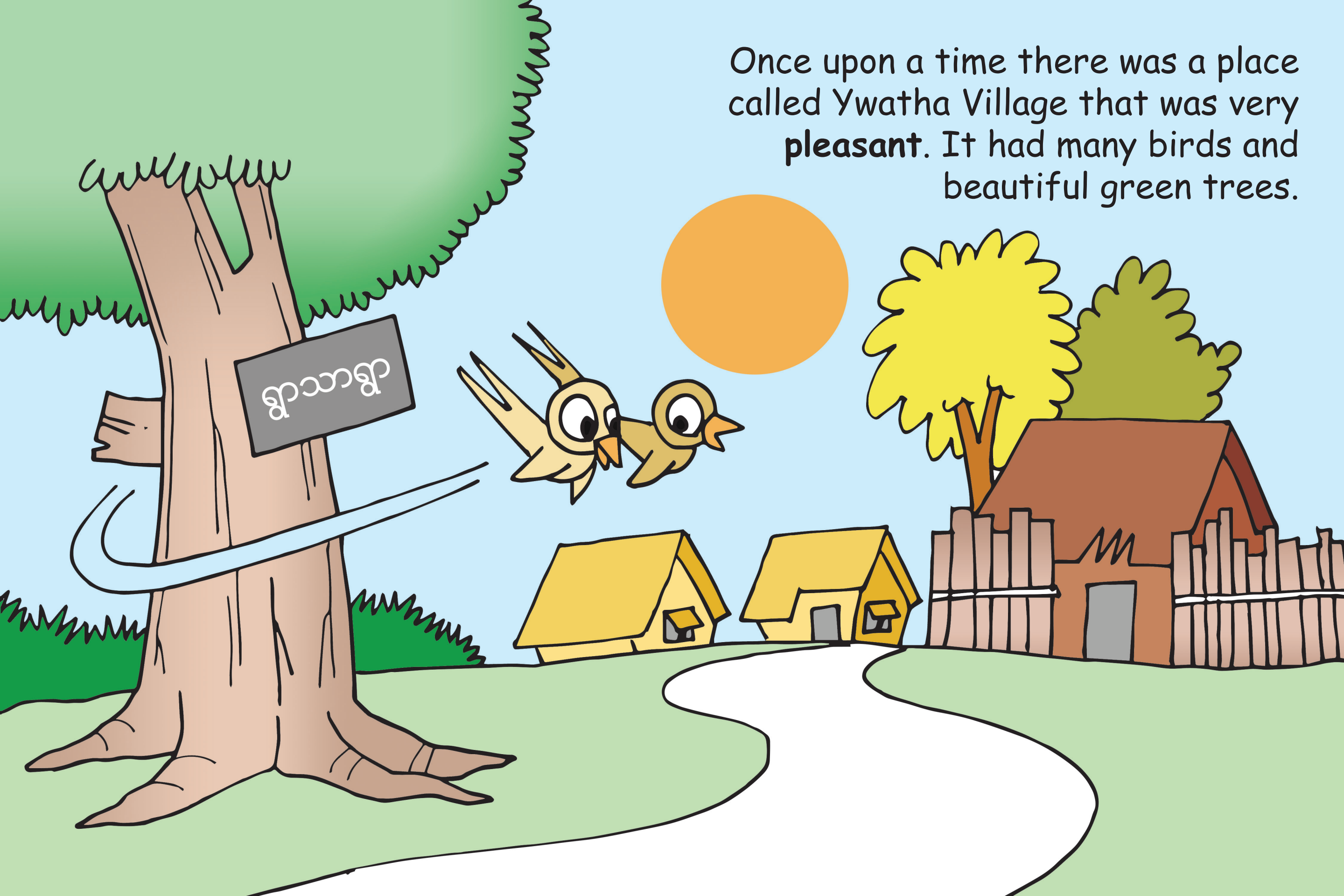


Tay Kwek
the seagull

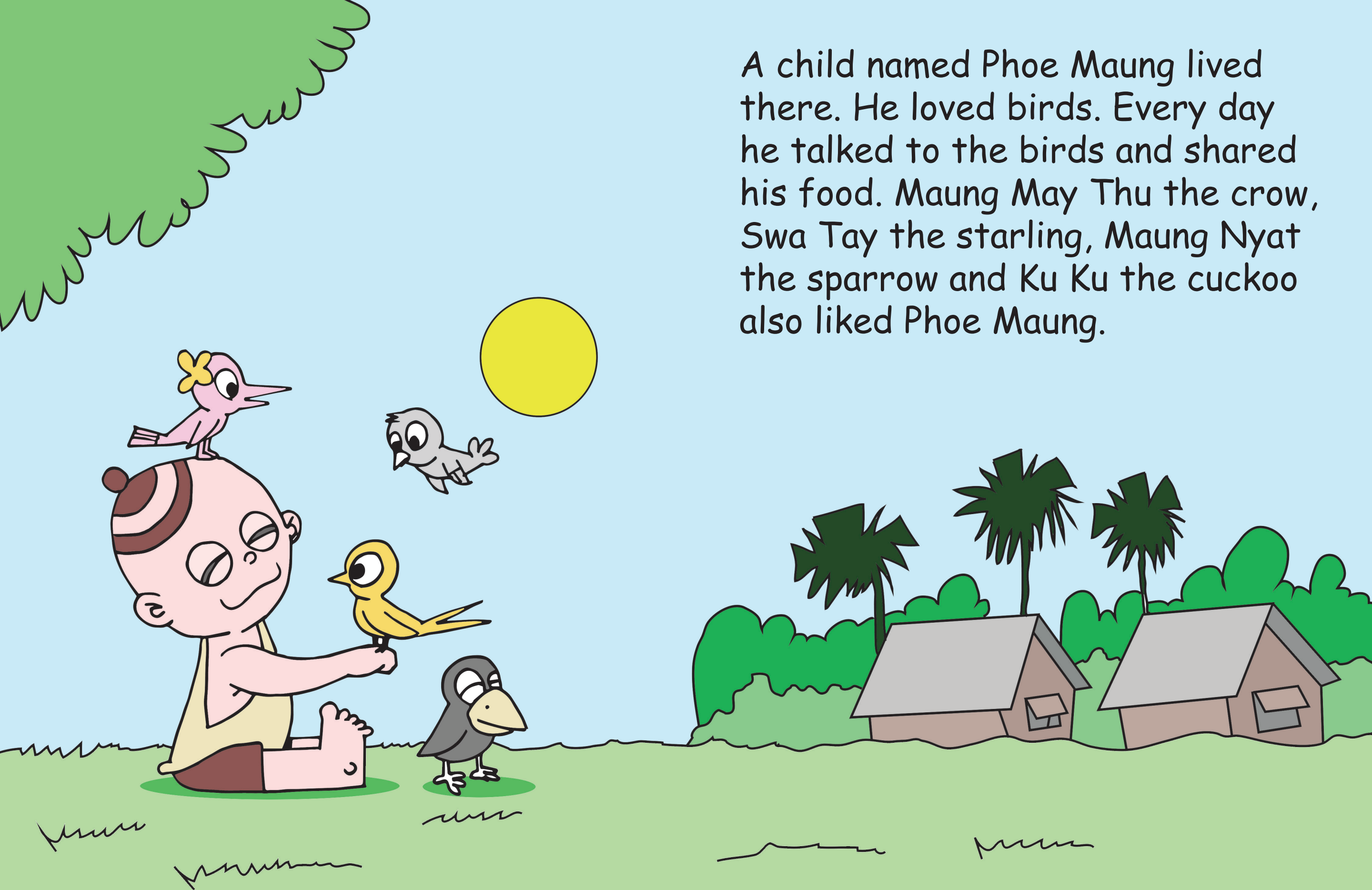


Ko Shwe Byaing
the crane

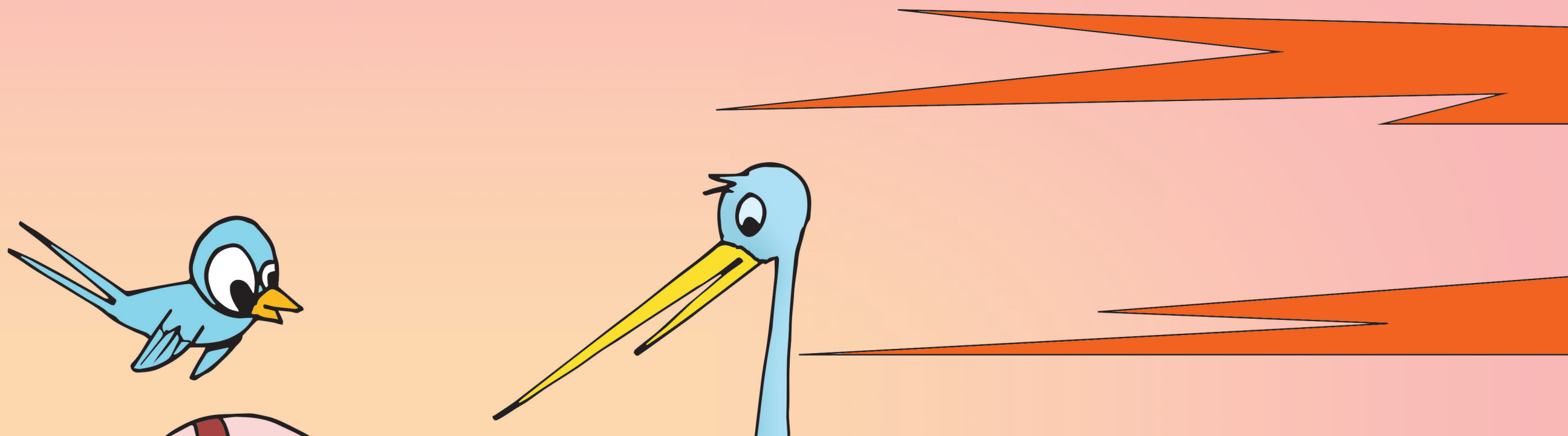
Once upon a time there was a place called Ywatha Village that was very pleasant. It had many birds and beautiful green trees.



A child named Phoe Maung lived there. He loved birds. Every day he talked to the birds and shared his food. Maung May Thu the crow, Swa Tay the starling, Maung Nyat the sparrow and Ku Ku the cuckoo also liked Phoe Maung.

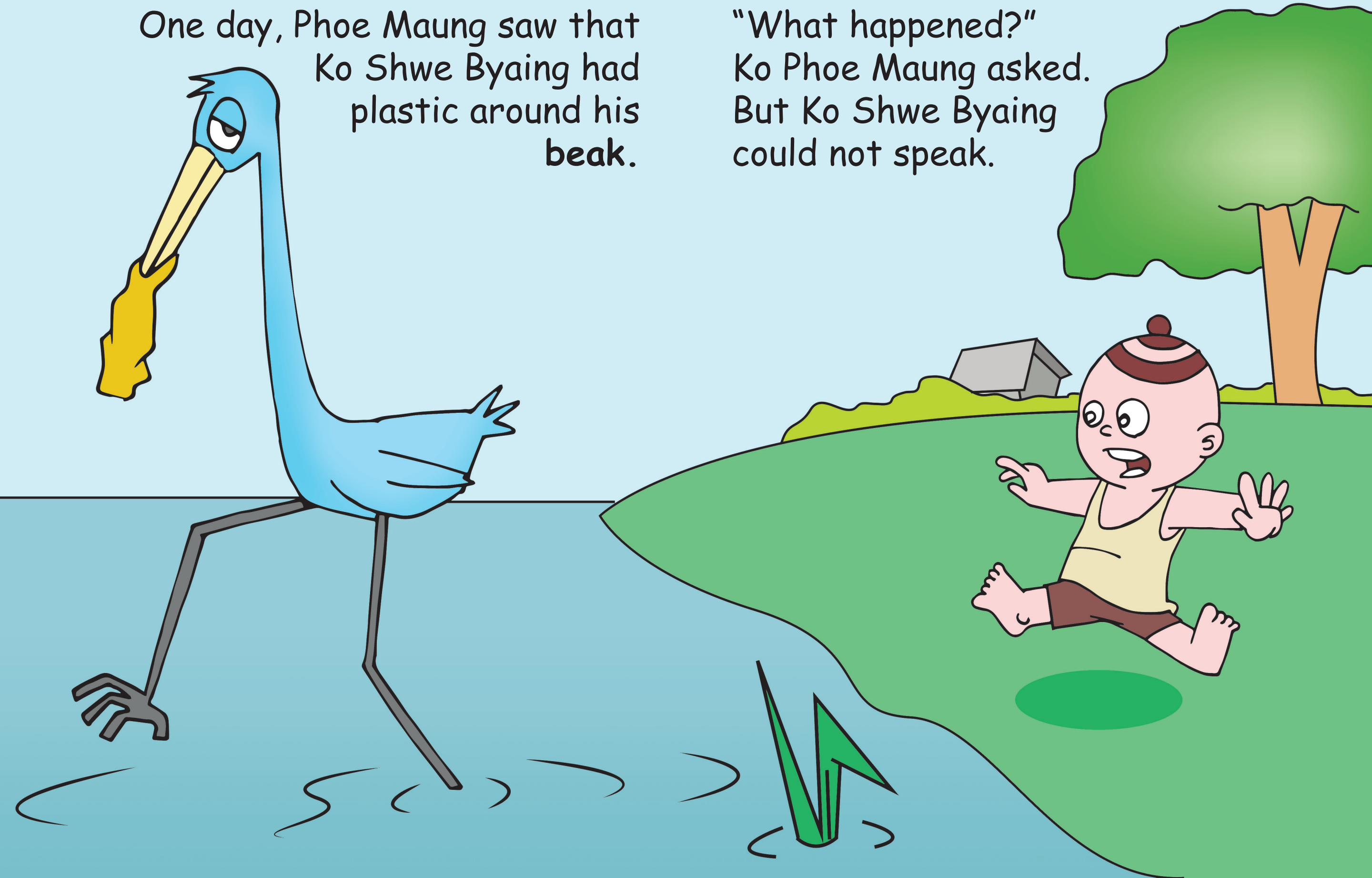


Tay Kwek the seagull, Phyu Phwe the duck, and Ko Shwe Byaing the crane lived in the water. Phoe Maung played with them near the river.



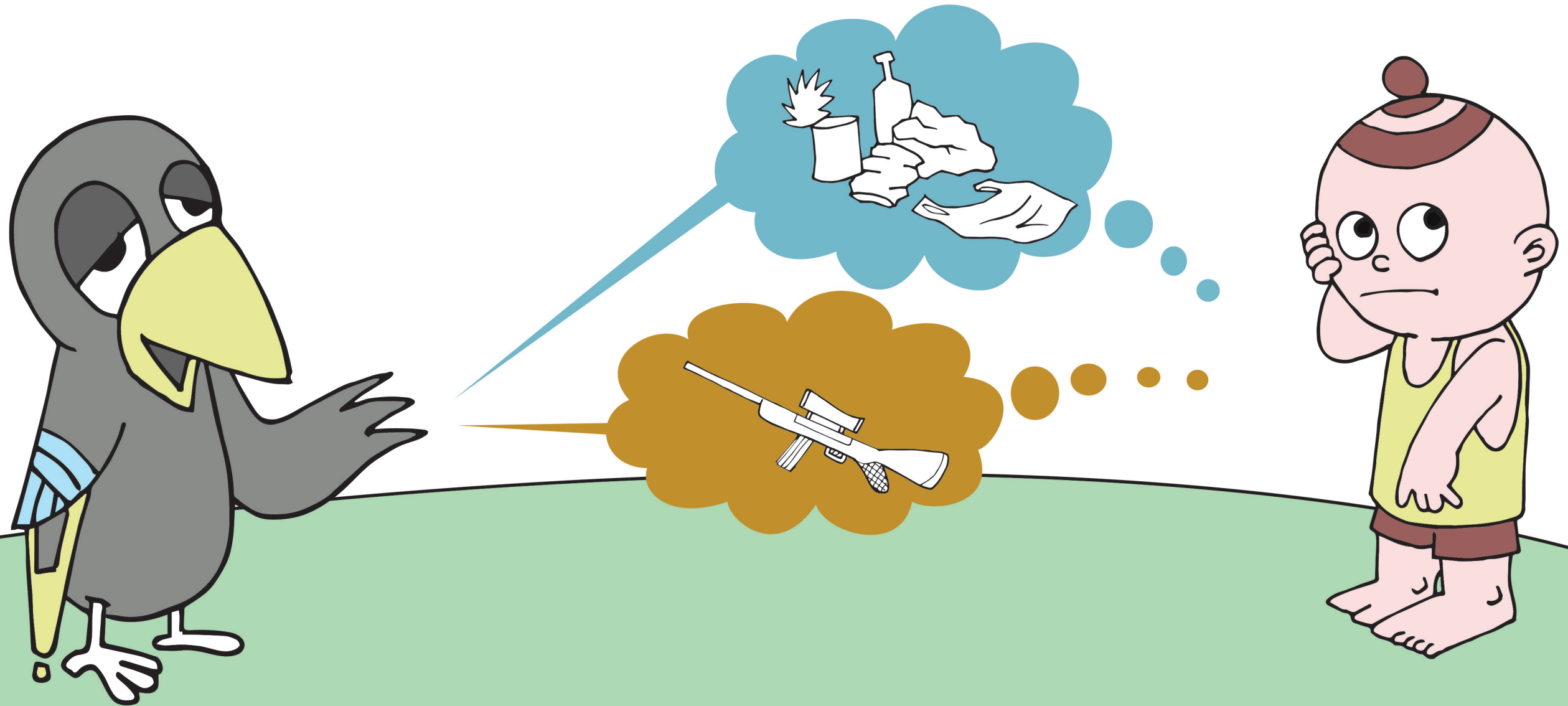
One day, Phoe Maung saw that
Ko Shwe Byaing had
plastic around his
beak.

"What happened?"
Ko Phoe Maung asked.
But Ko Shwe Byaing
could not speak.



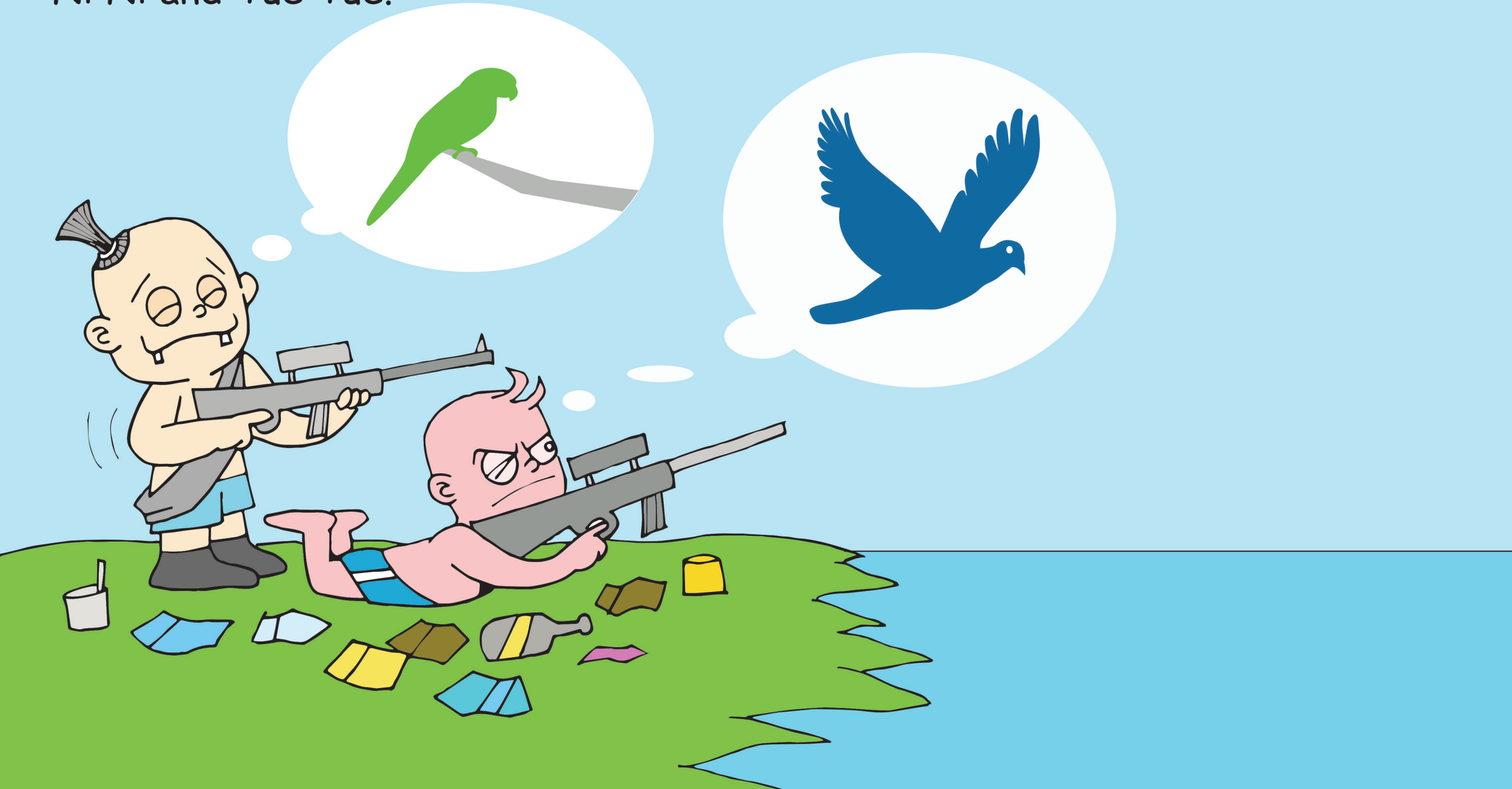
The next day Phoe Maung saw that May Thu's wing was broken. "What happened?" asked Phoe Maung. "The children in the village nearby are **shooting** at us. They also throw their rubbish in the river. Did you see Ko Shwe Byaing's beak?"

Phoe Maung was very sad. He did not know why people were shooting at his friends. He did not know why they were throwing rubbish in the river.



Phoe Maung and his bird friends went to the other village to talk to them. When they arrived they met Ni Ni and Tue Tue.

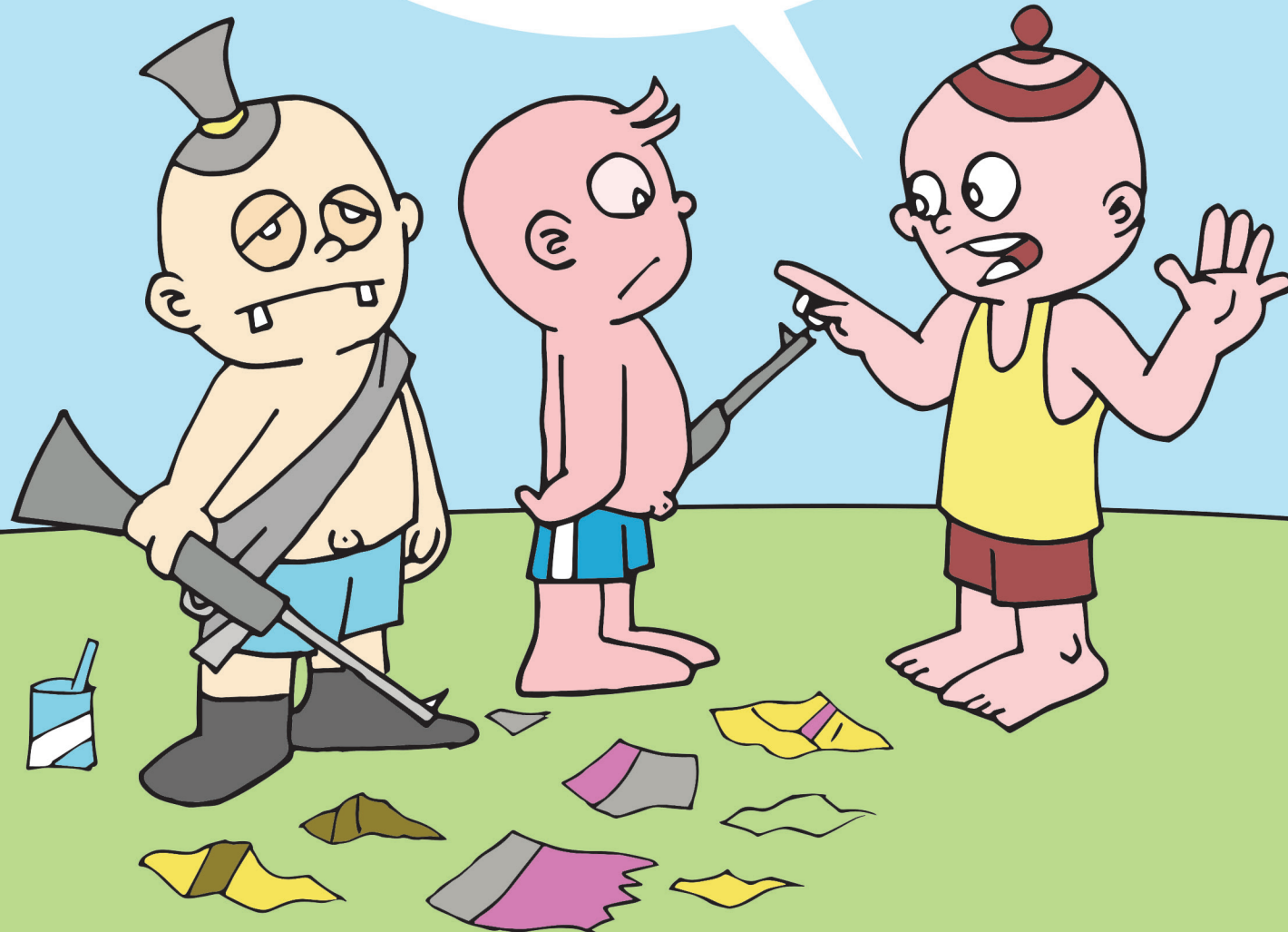
They were sitting near the river shooting at birds and throwing rubbish into the river.



Phoe Maung said, "Hello neighbors! These birds are my friends. Please do not shoot them or litter."

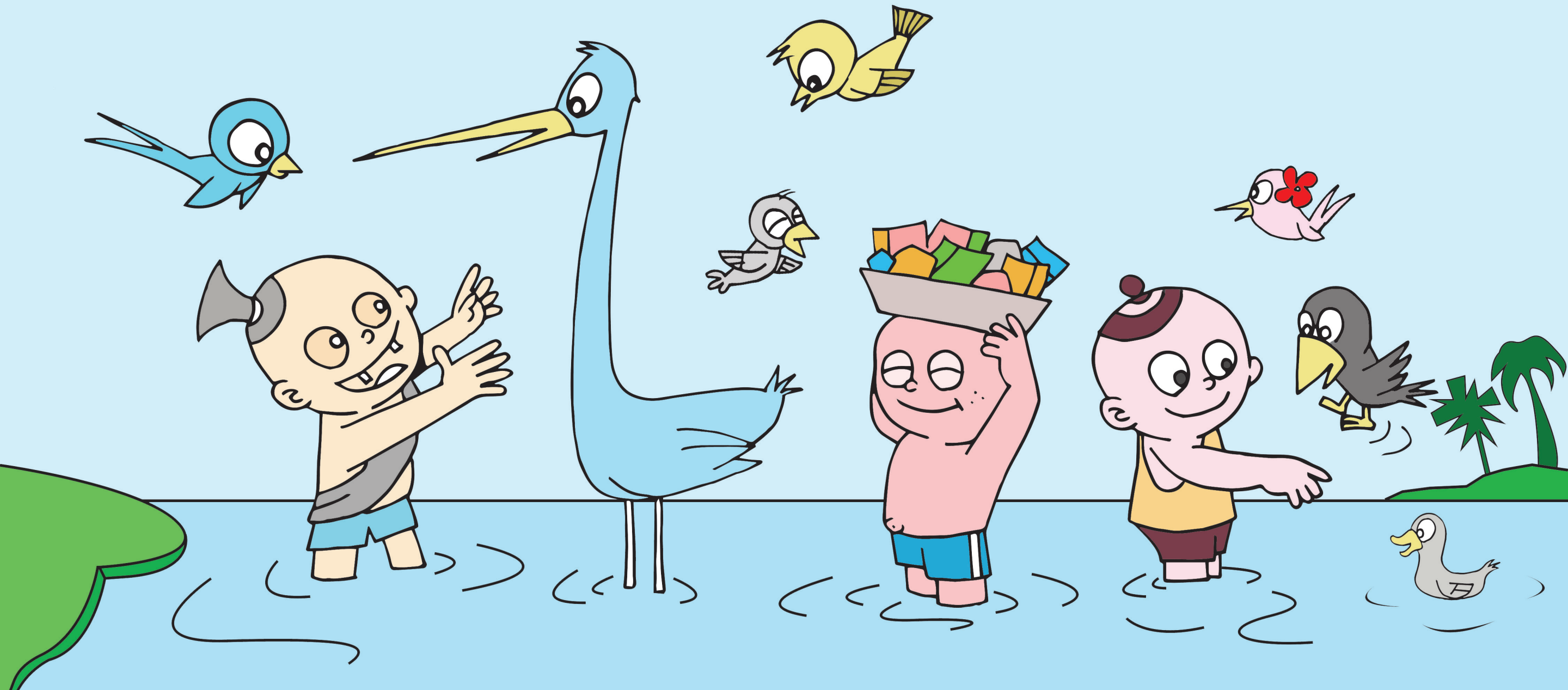


I want my bird friends to live in **peace**." Ni Ni and Tue Tue did not know that their litter hurt the birds. They did not think that their **careless** shooting hurt someone's friends. They now understood and **promised** Phoe Maung not to litter again or shoot the birds.



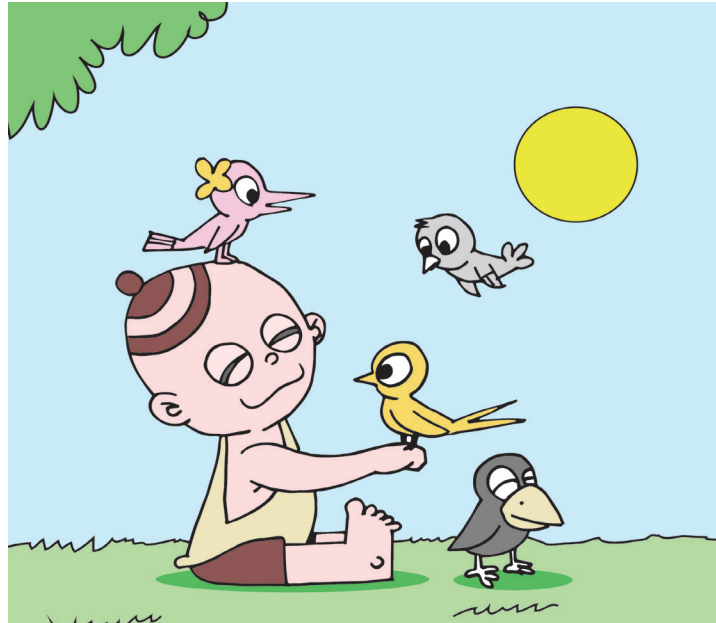
The three boys then helped Maung May Thu's broken wing and removed the plastic from Ko Shwe Byaing's beak. They cleaned up the river and promised not to shoot at the birds.

In the end they all played happily together and Ywatha Village was peaceful and green again.

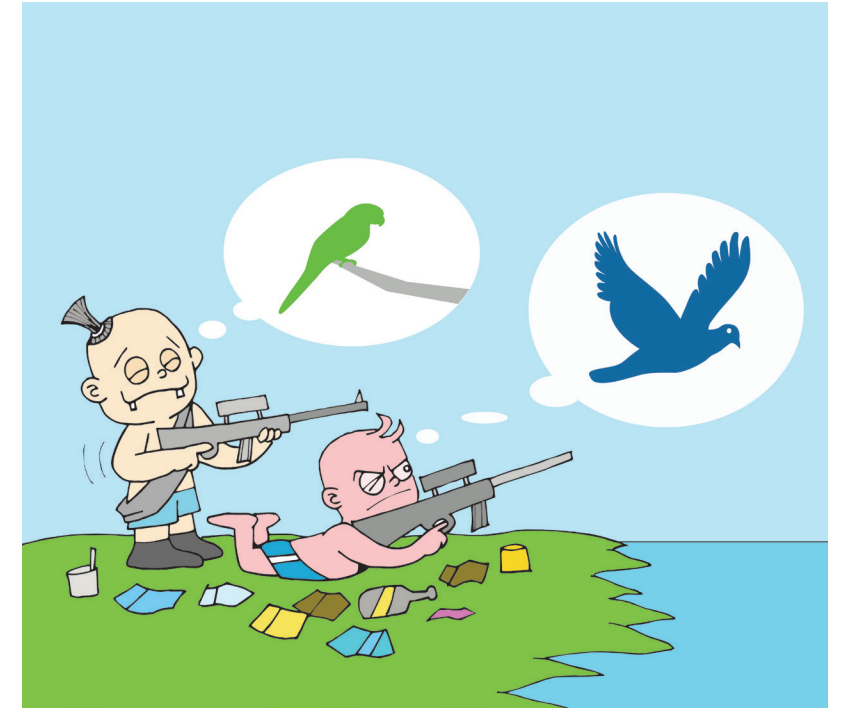


Questions for Kids

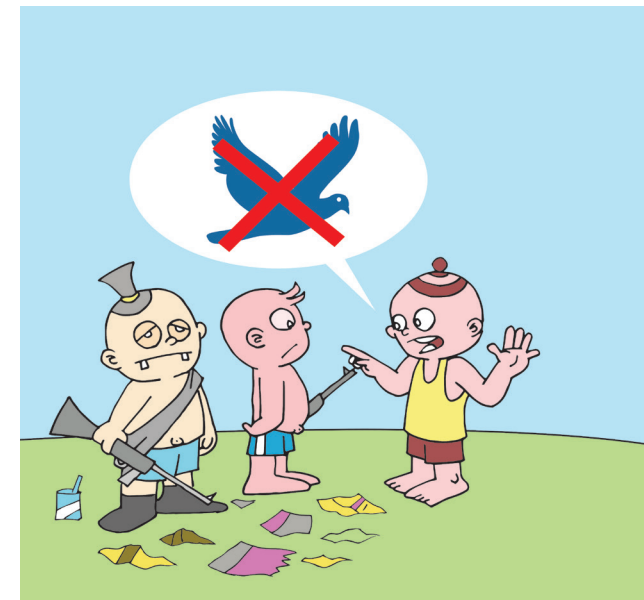
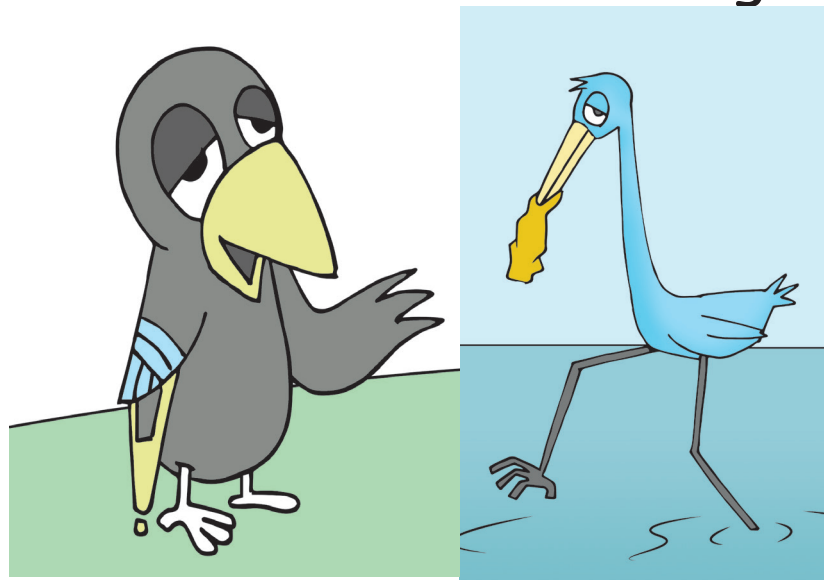
Who are Phoe Maung's friends?



What did Phoe Maung tell Ni Ni and Tue Tue?



Why was there plastic on Ko Shwe Byaing's beak and why was Maung May Thu's wing broken?



Kids, have you ever thrown rubbish into the river and on the road like Ni Ni and Tue Tue?

