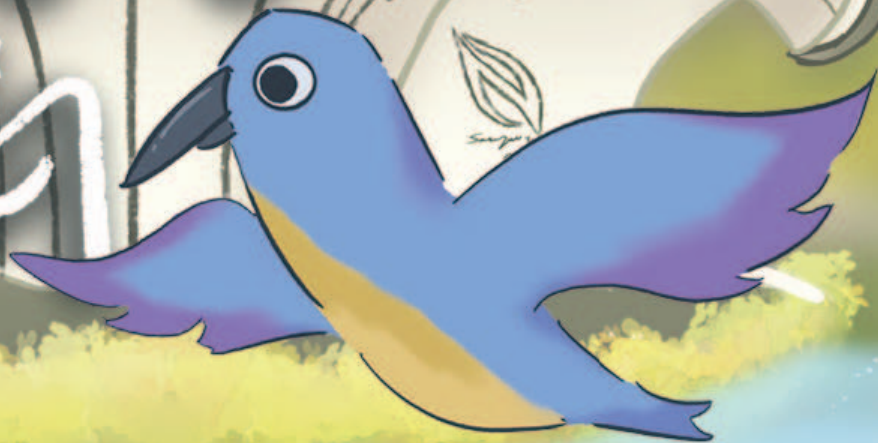


The Flying FROG



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About this book

This book is created by Year 1 students from Singapore Polytechnic Media, Arts & Design School. As part of the module titled 'Story Craft', all students were tasked to write and illustrate stories in groups for the pre-school audience. As this is an SKM-supported collaborative project, the stories developed were centered around kindness themes such as care, compassion and friendship. The groups that created the books with the best stories and illustrations were shortlisted for a series of mentorship workshops, which enabled the students to further refine their writing and illustrations. This book that you see is the final product after the students' efforts.

Special thanks to Hidayah Amin and David Liew for guiding the students through the mentorship workshops.



Dear Educators/ Parents/ Guardians,

The Singapore Kindness Movement (SKM) hopes that this complimentary copy of *The Flying Frog*, the winning story written and illustrated by students from **Singapore Polytechnic Media, Arts & Design School**, will come in handy in imparting lessons on friendship and kindness. This collaboration between SP and SKM is an extension of the Write for Kindness programme, a national story-writing competition organised by SKM for secondary schools, junior colleges, international schools and madrasahs.

This collaborative project instead involves students from the tertiary level who explored ideas to create meaningful stories for children. We hope this story will inspire your students/children to practise kindness in their own ways.

You may also like to read other Write for Kindness stories at <https://kindsville.kindness.sg/stories/>

Have fun reading and storytelling!

Warm regards,

The Singapore Kindness Movement



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*Deep within the Singapore Botanic Gardens,
lived Jade the frog and Ying the kingfisher.*

A green frog with large white eyes and a small smile is sitting on a brown lily pad in a blue pond. The background consists of yellow and green foliage.

Jade wanted to
touch the sky.

A green frog is shown in mid-jump, with its body arched and legs extended. It is jumping over a patch of yellow and green grass. In the background, there are dark, vertical lines representing trees.

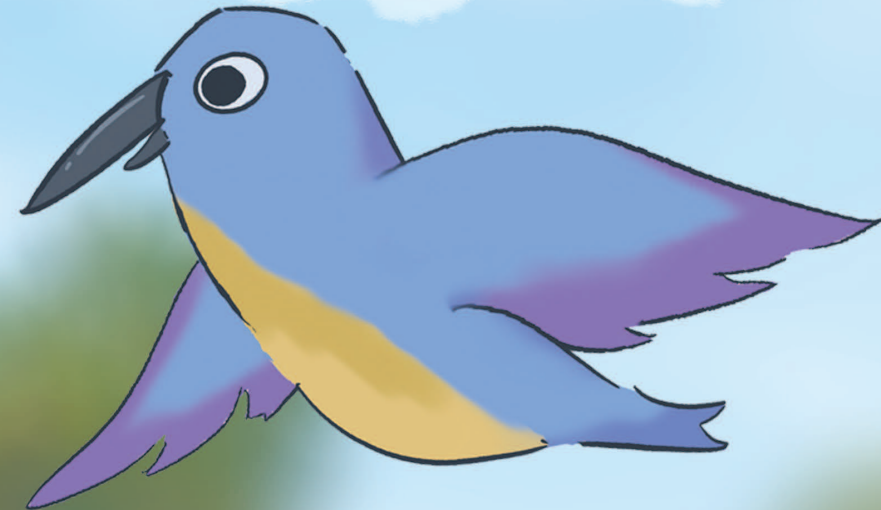
She often jumped onto
the stage in the garden
just to be closer to the sky.

One day, Jade felt brave.



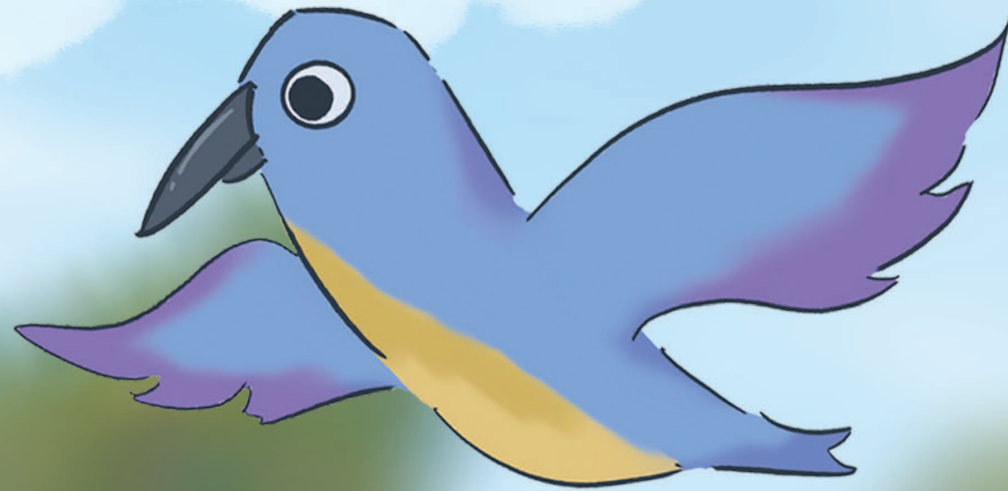
She decided to climb onto
the roof of the stage.

"What are you doing?"



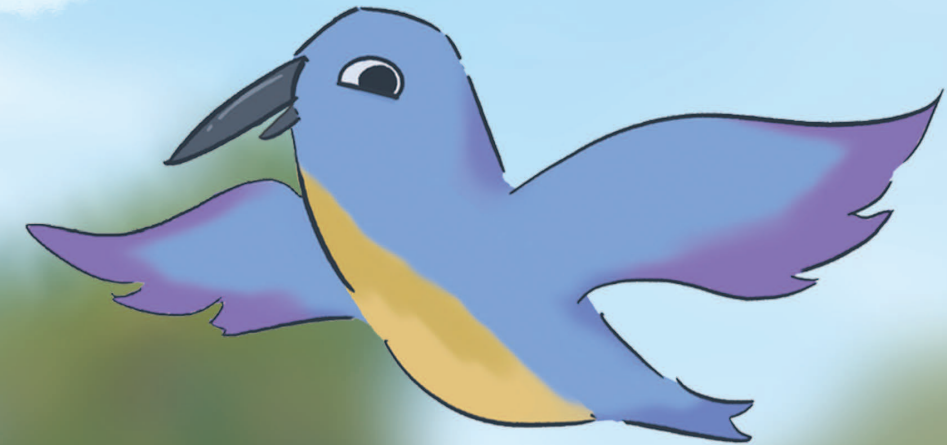
"I want to touch the sky!"
Jade said excitedly.

"Silly frog, you can't even fly.
The sky is so high."



"Why not climb a tree?
I'm sure one of them is tall enough,"
said Ying.

"THANK YOU!"
Jade shouted, jumping away.



As Jade left, Ying laughed at
her foolishness.

*Jade looked around
the garden.*

*Which tree could possibly
reach the sky?*





She started with the Tembusu tree.
It was too short.

Jade went off to the next tree,
the Trumpet tree.

It was not tall enough.



Jade was tired, but
the sky was still out of reach.

As she was about to give up,
she saw the grand Mahogany tree.



Jade started climbing.

Ying flew over to
make fun of her.

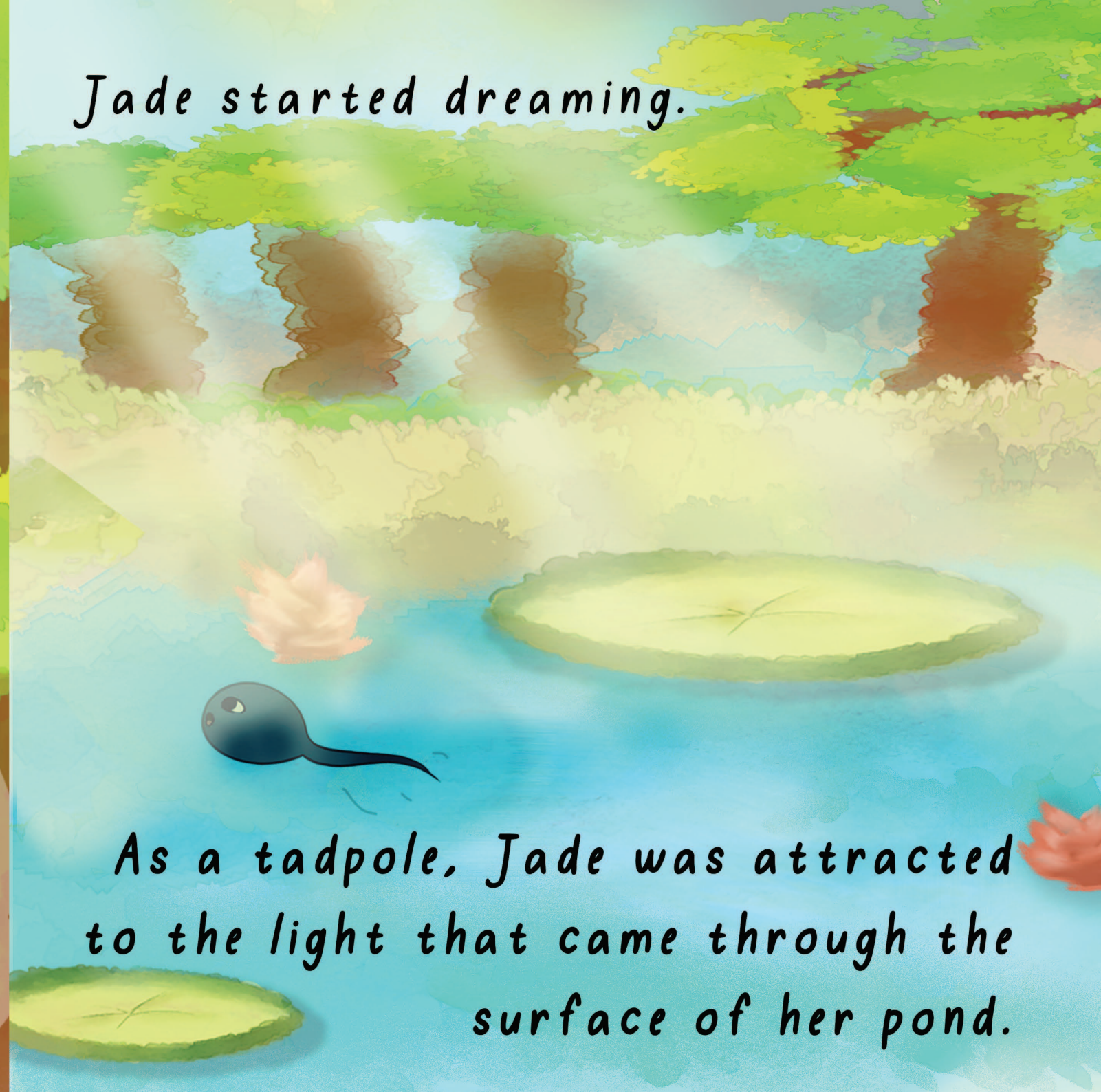


Ignoring Ying,
Jade continued to climb.
Ying finally gave up and
went back to his nest.



*After a few hours,
Jade had almost reached the top.
As the sun rose,
she sat on a branch to rest.*

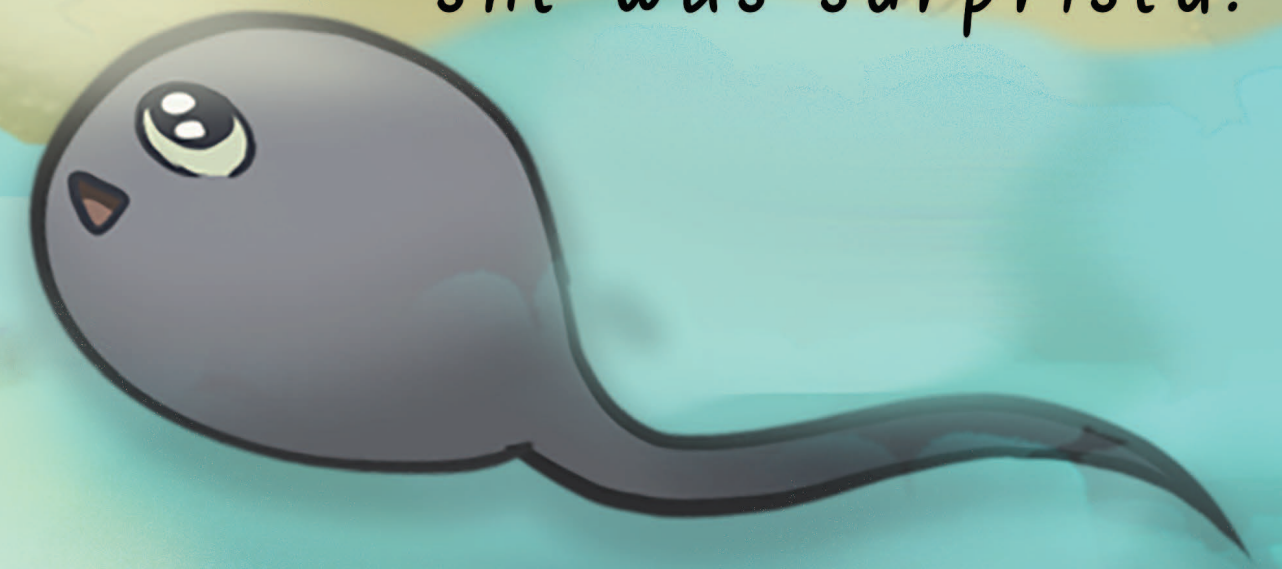
Jade started dreaming.



*As a tadpole, Jade was attracted
to the light that came through the
surface of her pond.*

One day, Jade decided to
swim up to the light.

When she reached
the surface of the water,
she was surprised.



She had never seen anything
so bright and blue!

What were those white
fluffy things?

What were the birds doing
in the sky?

From then on, Jade decided that
she was going to reach the sky.



Suddenly, a loud noise woke her.



CRACK

CRACK

CRACK

*The branch below Jade snapped.
She started falling.*

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Ying heard Jade screaming
from his nest a few metres away.



Ying quickly flew to help Jade, but
Jade had already landed
on a lower branch.



When Jade opened her eyes, she saw Ying standing over her.

"What happened?"
Jade cried.

"You fell,"
Ying said.

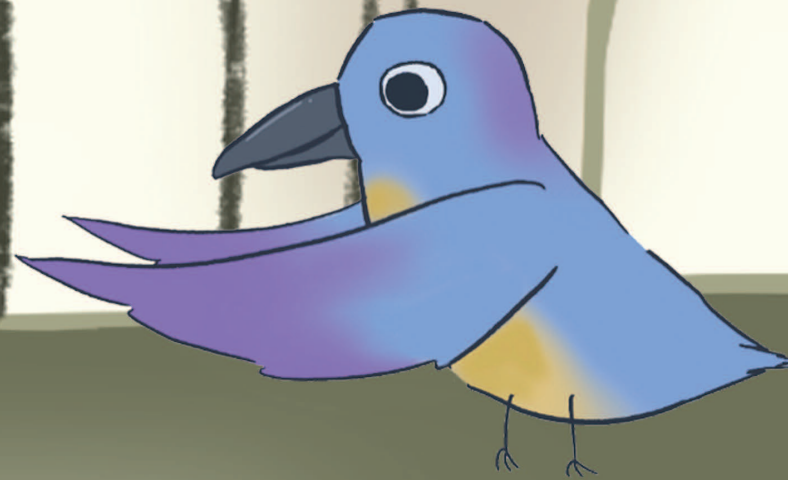


As Jade tried to move,
she felt a sharp pain in her right leg.

"I'm sorry, I shouldn't
have told you to climb
the trees," Ying apologised.



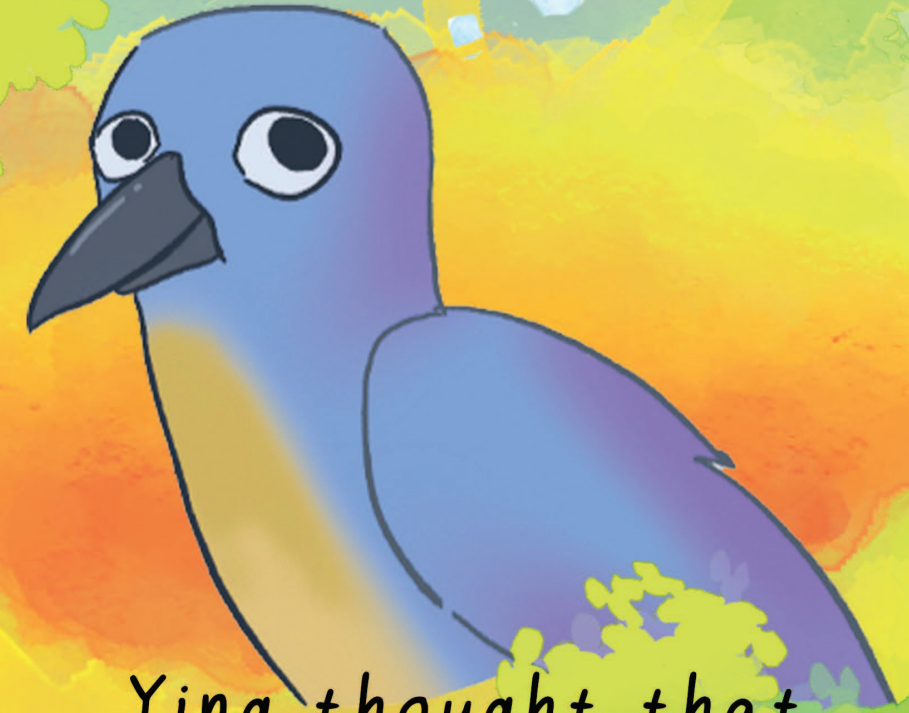
Since that day, Ying took care of Jade.



He also shared his flying experiences with her.

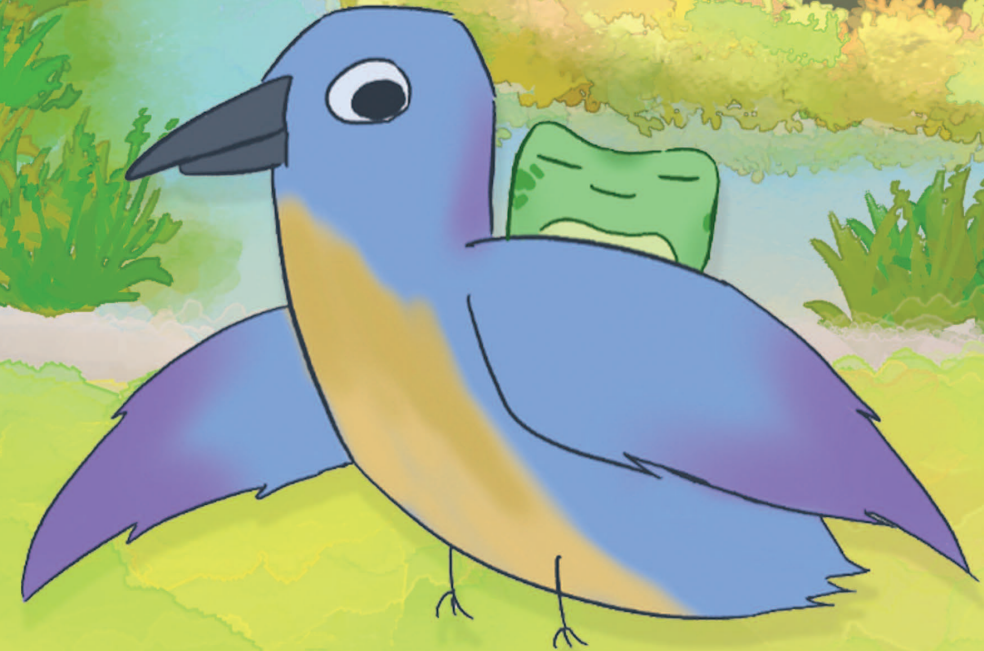
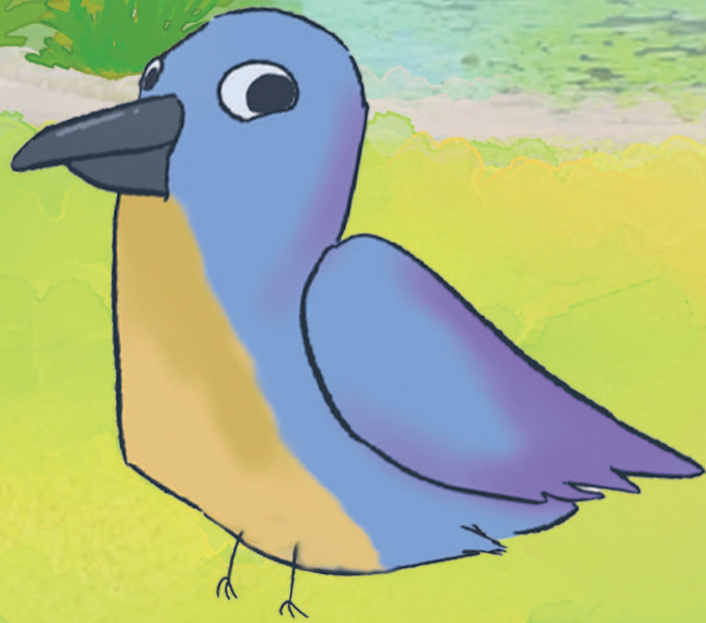
But Ying still felt sorry.

So he decided to plan a surprise for Jade.



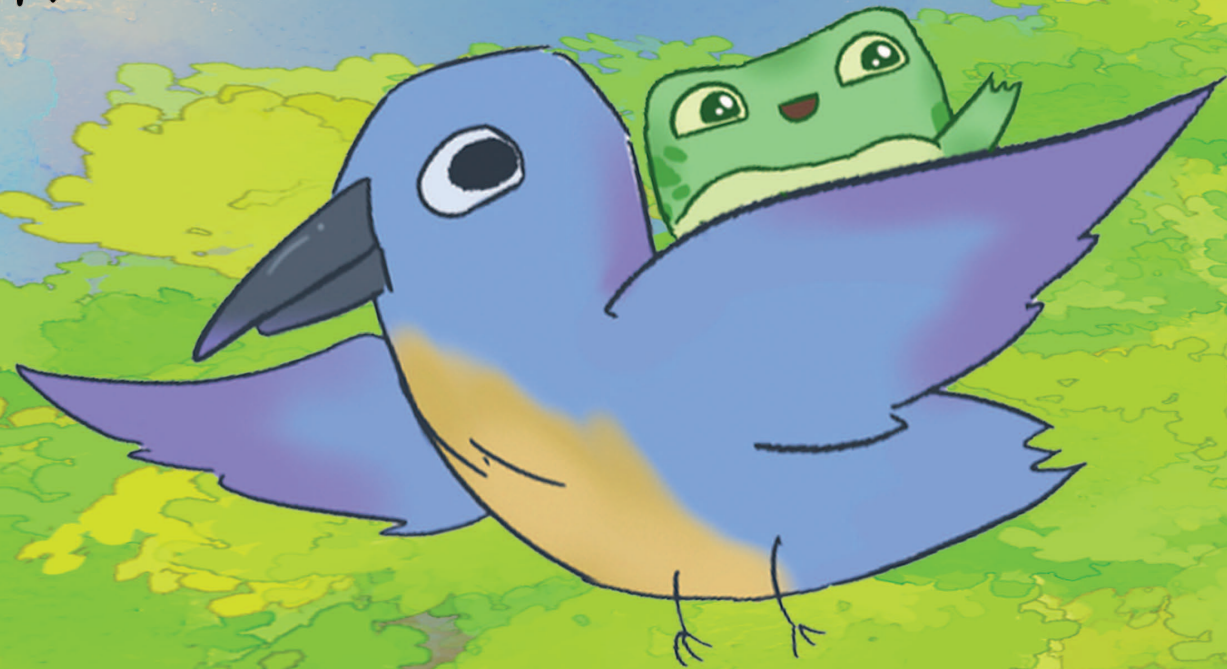
Ying thought that Jade would really love to 'fly'.

"Jade, I have a surprise for you.
Hop on my back and close your eyes."



Jade was unsure at first,
but she believed in Ying.

"1, 2, 3, lift-off!"



"Wow! I am flying!"
Jade screamed.

*Jade was overjoyed as
she could finally reach the sky.*



*The two friends laughed as they
flew for hours until the sun set.*

Glossary

Excitedly:

In a state of excitement

Foolishness:

Being silly

Grand:

Big in size or appearance

Snapped:

To break suddenly

Apologised:

To say that one is sorry

Unsure:

Not certain about something

Overjoyed:

Feeling extremely happy

Animal Glossary

Jade (Frog)

Green Paddy Frog



Original photo taken from: Website of National Parks Board (NParks)



Scan here for more information.

Ying (Kingfisher)

Common Kingfisher



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Tree Glossary

Tembusu Tree

A large evergreen tree that can grow up to 30 metres high



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Mahogany Tree

(African Mahogany)

A tree that is native to Tropical Africa and can grow up to 60 metres high



Scan here for more information.

Trumpet Tree

A tree that has pink flowers and can grow up to 35 metres high



Scan here for more information.

*Deep within a pond in the
Singapore Botanic Gardens, lived
a little frog named Jade. She had
always wanted to touch the sky.*

*One day, Jade met a proud
kingfisher named Ying. Learn how
the pair set aside their
differences and became friends.*