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Nathan is tucked safely in his warm bed.
It is bedtime, and the stars are twinkling outside.
But he can't fall asleep because he is too excited.



Today, Mommy and Daddy told him something
very special. He's going to have a baby brother: A playmate
and a forever-friend! But how long before his
baby brother arrives?

Nathan can't wait.



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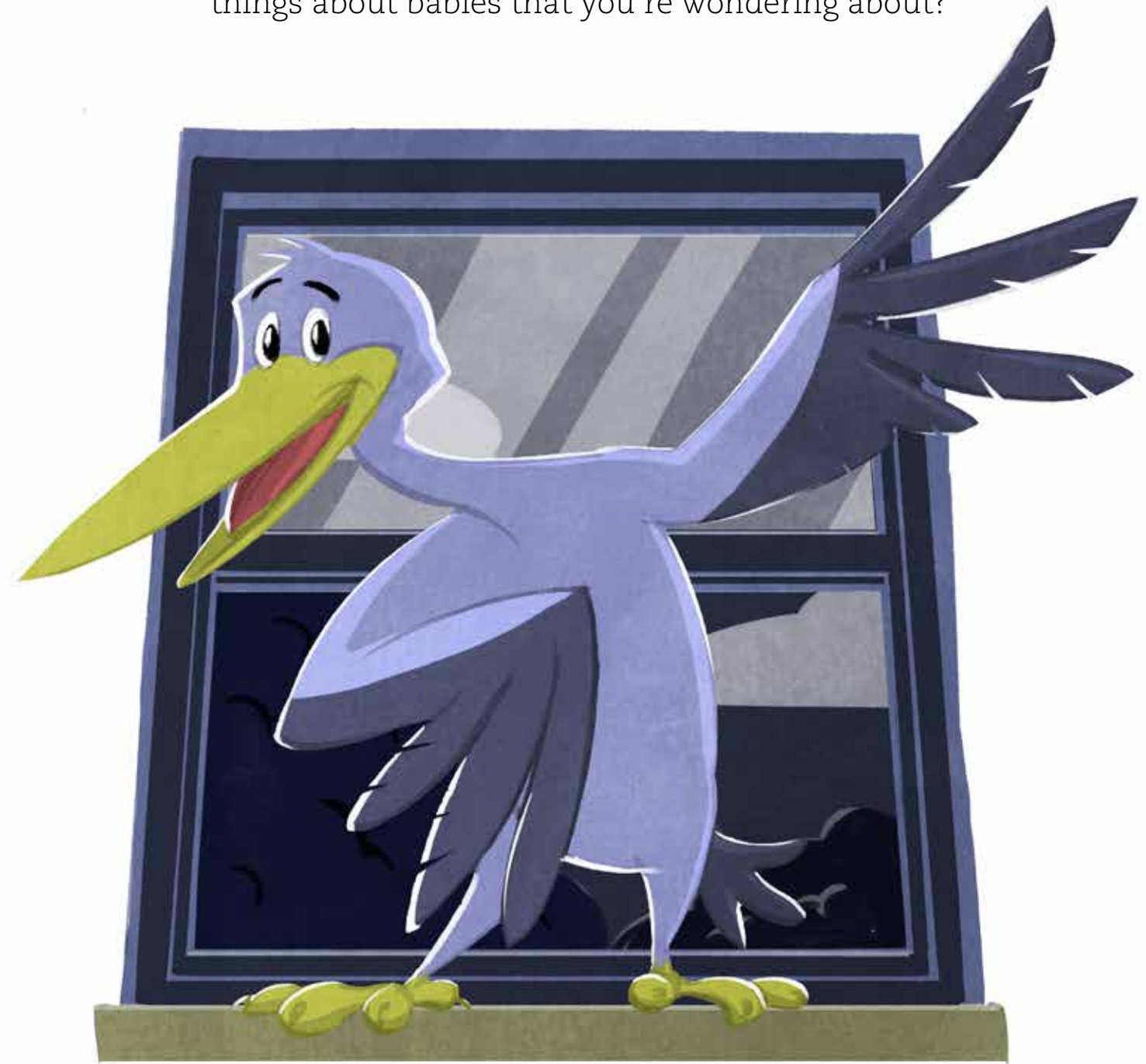
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Who is knocking on his bedroom window?
He sits up and peeks outside. In the moonlight,
he sees a big white stork. Nathan rubs his eyes and
takes another peek. "Who are you and why are
you here, Mr Stork?" he asks.



The Stork fluffs his feathers and smiles kindly.
"Good evening, young man. My name is Oscar.
I heard you're going to be a big brother. I am sure there are a lot of
things about babies that you're wondering about?"



HE NODS.

Oscar taps his beak. "Hop on my back! I'm going to take
you on a lovely adventure!"

Nathan doesn't waste any more time, he climbs through the window and onto Oscar's back. With

a
gentle ...

SWISH-SWISH of his wings, they take off.

His toes wiggle with delight as they fly across the garden ...
further and further...

... until they reach a large oak tree. Oscar lands on a strong branch next to a nest with three shiny, white eggs.

“Inside each egg,” Oscar says, “is a baby stork. As they grow, they will peck on the inside of the egg. One day, when they’re strong enough, they will

PECK-PECK-PECK

until the eggs crack open and they will come out! And guess what? Your baby brother is also going to

KICK-KICK-KICK

against your mommy’s tummy. But first he must grow ten tiny fingers, ten tiny toes and get a cute little face. And then, when he is strong enough...”



Nathan claps his hands with excitement: “My baby brother will come out of Mommy’s tummy!”

Oscar nods.

“EXACTLY!”

“But it is going to take so long,” moans Nathan.

Oscar turns his head sideways and straightens his feathers.
“It takes babies three full seasons to grow in their mommy’s tummy,”
he says. “Do you know the seasons, Nathan?”

“SUMMER, AUTUMN, WINTER, SPRING!”

Nathan calls out proudly.



“EXCELLENT!” says Oscar.

“When three of those seasons are over, you will meet your baby brother. You can ask Mommy to make you a calendar, so you can count the sleeps until he arrives!”

Nathan bubbles over with joy.

“OH, I’M SO EXCITED! WE’RE GOING TO HAVE SO MUCH FUN TOGETHER!”

Oscar winks. “Let’s visit another fun-loving family, then I will show you something else about babies.”

They fly over fields and hills to a family of baboons browsing between some rocks on a ridge.

A big baboon waves while saying, “Oscar, my old friend!
It is good to see you again!”

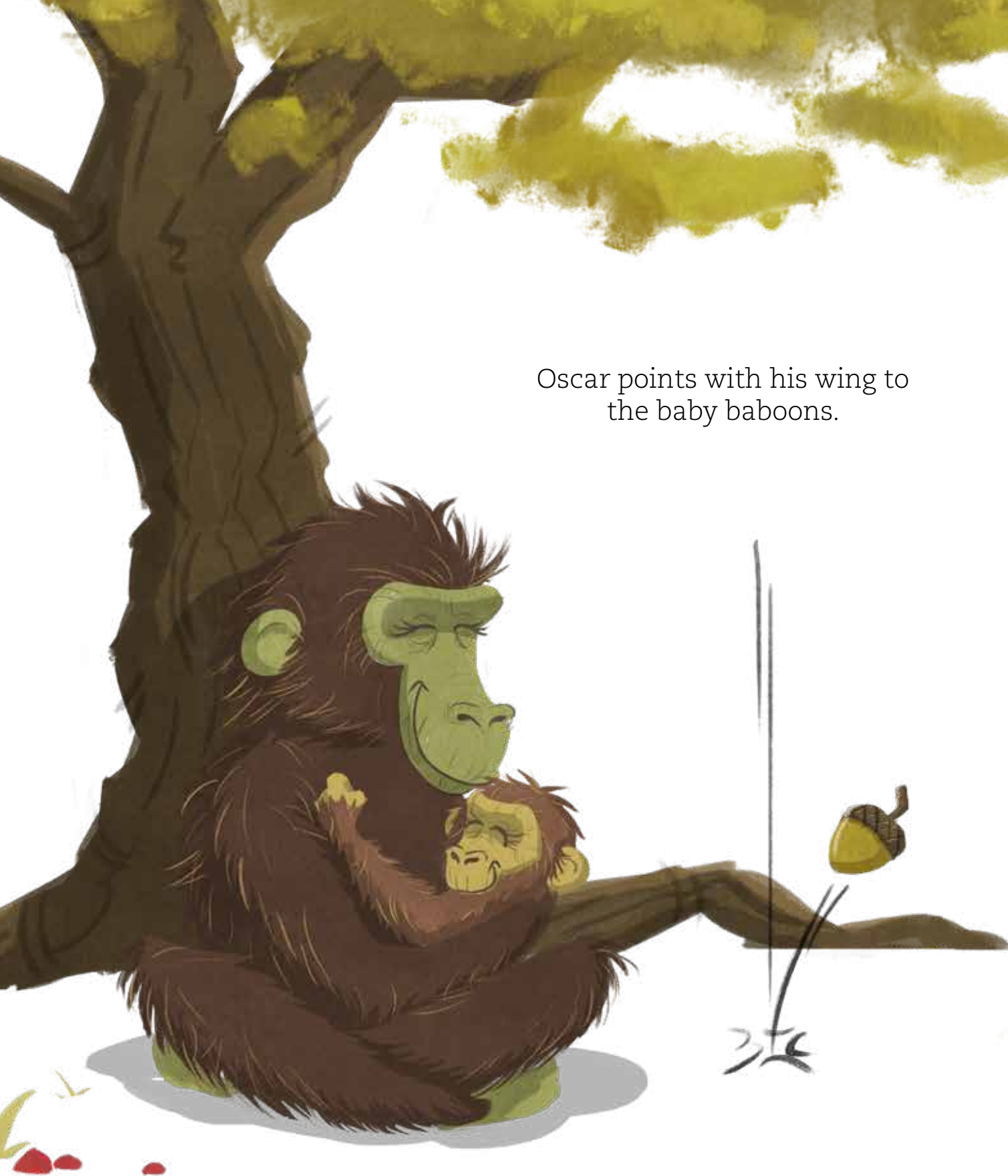
Oscar lands on a rock and helps Nathan to jump off his back.
He looks around and sees many baboon mommies carrying baby baboons against their tummies.



PICK-POCK-POCK ...

An acorn falls from an oak tree and rolls across the ground. Two young baboons jump up to play with it. Nathan only sees arms, legs, tails and ears as they wrestle over the acorn.

Oscar points with his wing to the baby baboons.



“You see, Nathan? When your baby brother is born, he will also be carried around by your mommy everywhere, drinking milk and sleeping a lot. Then he will learn to sit, crawl, walk and finally, after about four or five more seasons, he will indeed run around and have lots of fun with you.”



They tumble and twist and

BAM!

They roll from the rock and thud on the ground!

Nathan and all the baboons burst out laughing.

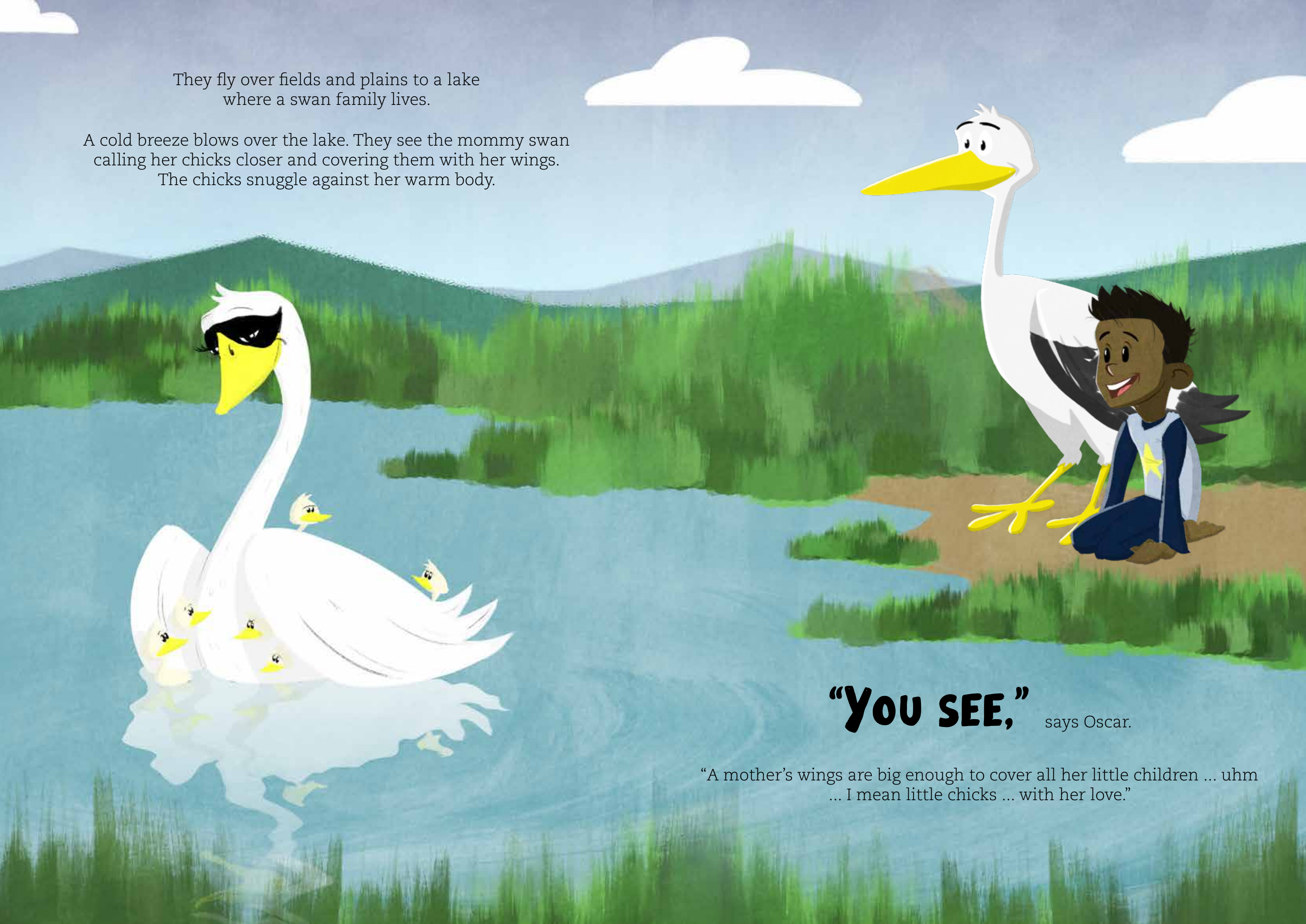
The daddy baboon runs over and tickles the baby baboons' bellies. Nathan knows his daddy is going to have just as much fun playing with him and his new brother.



“It’s time to show you one last thing,” says Oscar.
Nathan hops onto Oscar’s back once again.

They fly over fields and plains to a lake
where a swan family lives.

A cold breeze blows over the lake. They see the mommy swan
calling her chicks closer and covering them with her wings.
The chicks snuggle against her warm body.



“YOU SEE,” says Oscar.

“A mother’s wings are big enough to cover all her little children ... uhm
... I mean little chicks ... with her love.”

Right then and there, Oscar tucks his head under his wing, takes out a sparkly crown and gently places it on Nathan's head.

"This is the prettiest, sparkliest crown I have ever seen!"
Nathan cheers.

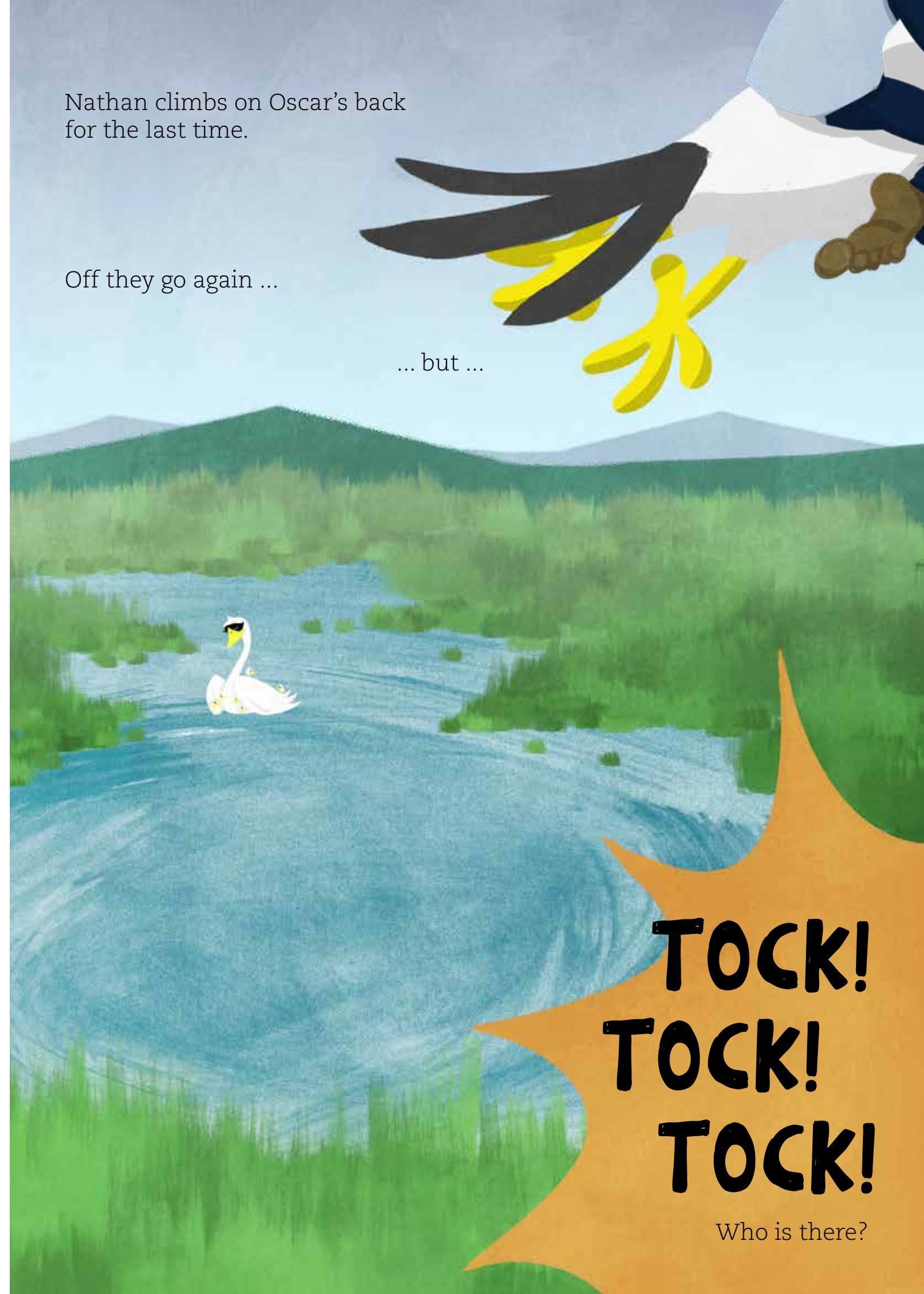


"This crown will always remind you how special you are to Mommy and Daddy. And that you're going to be the best big brother in the whole wide world."

Nathan climbs on Oscar's back for the last time.

Off they go again ...

... but ...



TOCK!
TOCK!
TOCK!

Who is there?

“Nathan, wake up!” calls Mommy. “Come and see! Daddy is busy building your brother’s cot!”

Nathan stretches and yawns. He scratches his head as he looks around. He is back in his own bed! But where is his crown?

“NATHAN!”
calls Daddy.

Nathan jumps out of bed and runs to the baby’s room.

There’s Daddy,

**TAP-TAP-
TAPPING**

with his hammy.



“Aaah, look who’s finally awake. Come here, my big boy,” says Daddy, pulling him close. He tickles his tummy and ruffles his hair, just like the daddy baboon with his little ones.

For a moment, Nathan wonders...
was his adventure real, or was it just a wonderful dream?

Then he hears a soft

SWISH-SWISH...

He runs to the window and there he sees a
white stork winking at him before flying away.



On the windowsill, a beautiful crown sparkles in the sun.

He can't believe his eyes!
He picks it up and shouts,

“DADDY, LOOK AT THIS!”

Daddy tenderly takes the crown from him and says: "But this sparkly crown belongs on a special big brother's head!" Then he bends down and places the crown on his head.



Nathan smiles proudly.



Mommy opens her arms wide and says:
"Wow, you look beautiful with that crown!
Come sit on my lap, and I'll tell you a story about
your baby brother in my tummy."



KICK!
KICK!
KICK!

“Is that my baby brother kicking?”

Mommy smiles and nods.

“Just like the little storks,” Nathan
whispers ... and in that moment he
knows that the story of his baby brother
is going to be a very beautiful story!

Nathan gently climbs onto Mommy’s lap and wiggles
his little body until he’s snug against Mommy, safely under her arm,
just like the baby swans with their mother.

“FEEL HERE,”

Mommy suddenly says.



The End

Nathan is tucked safely in his bed, but he can't fall asleep.

He's just too excited!

HE'S GOING TO HAVE A BABY BROTHER!

But... who's knocking on his bedroom window?

Just as Nathan starts to wonder what it will feel like to have a baby brother, Oscar the stork appears and whisks him away on a delightful baby-brother adventure.

Together they travel across plains and mountains, meet all sorts of baby animals, and discover so many wonderful things to look forward to.

Is Nathan ready to be a big brother?

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