



I've also learnt that animal parents don't give names to their offspring, but it will be transmitted to them in time by the council of their species. For example, swans will "pick up" their names before maturity, around two years of age; the same with geese, and in the case of beaver or squirrel, around one year.



Some animals of the same species have more NQ on average than others,

For example:

Pitu = 30%, Female Swan Gina = 25%, Female Swan

Only among humans, the NQ varies greatly because we are more equipped to develop compassion; also we are more exposed to different situations, which require our love and help for other fellow humans and other beings.

Yes! I was also surprised by the finding! There are so many marvels even in this physical universe. One really must take time to discover.

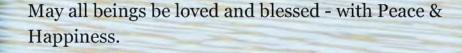
And another thing: Female animals in general have 1 or 2% higher NQ than their male counterpart, and in the human world it's the same. I guess motherhood does help to develop more unconditional love, and the more one exercises "NQ," the more extra one will have.

It is a privilege for me to be revealed this information. I did not seek to know. It just came by itself as the bond of friendship deepened between the wilds and I. Once I knew some of them, other species' data became also available. Once we know even as little as what I know, we will never look at the animals the same way as we did before.

I am very happy to share a little knowledge about some of our coinhabitants in this book. Some of those whom, as language barriers prevent us to understand each other, have been mistreated, misused or forgotten.

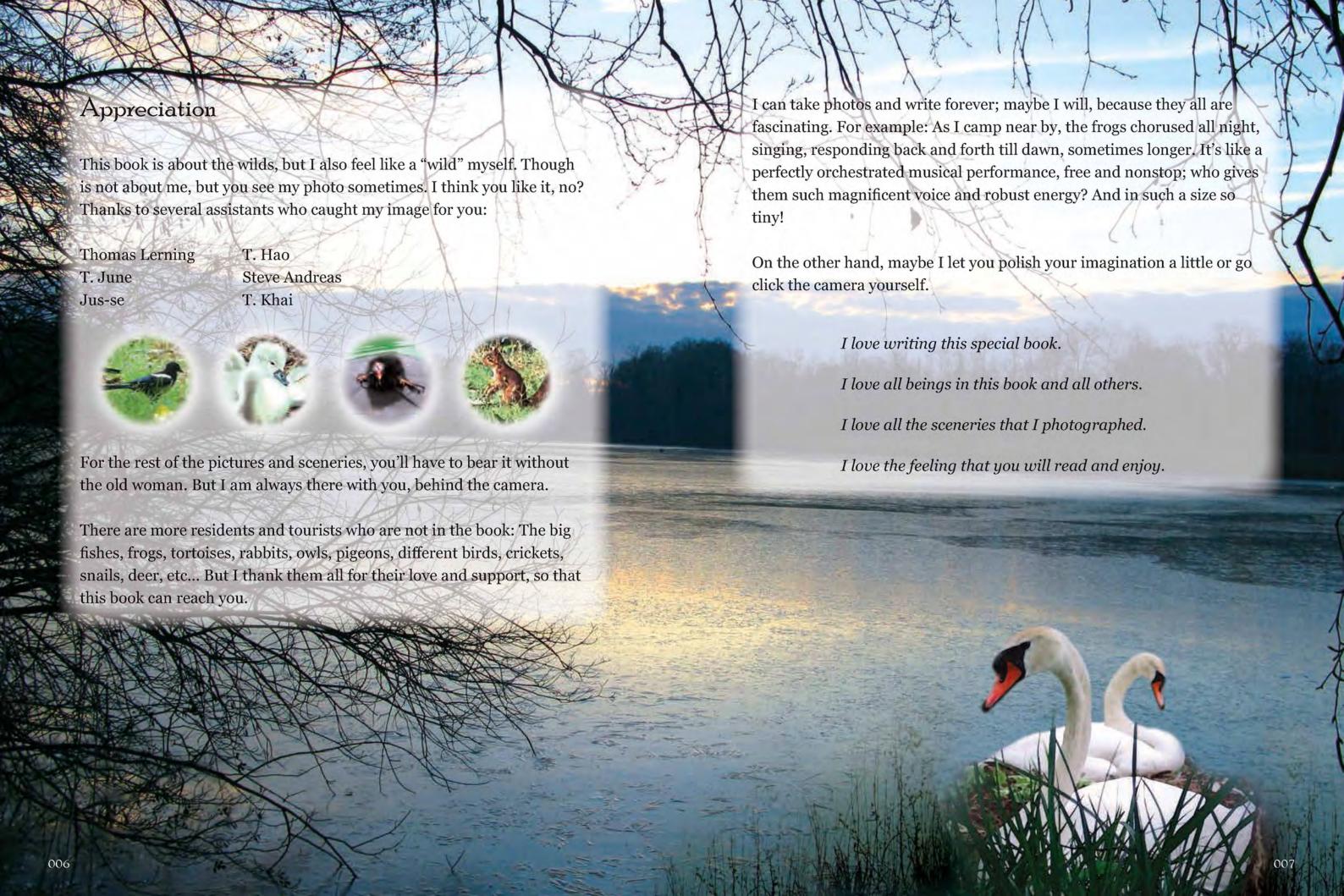
If I were to write much more of what has been transmitted from them, it will take many books; besides, it only concerns myself and others I need to be in contact with as part of my "job's" necessity. So I do not include herein.

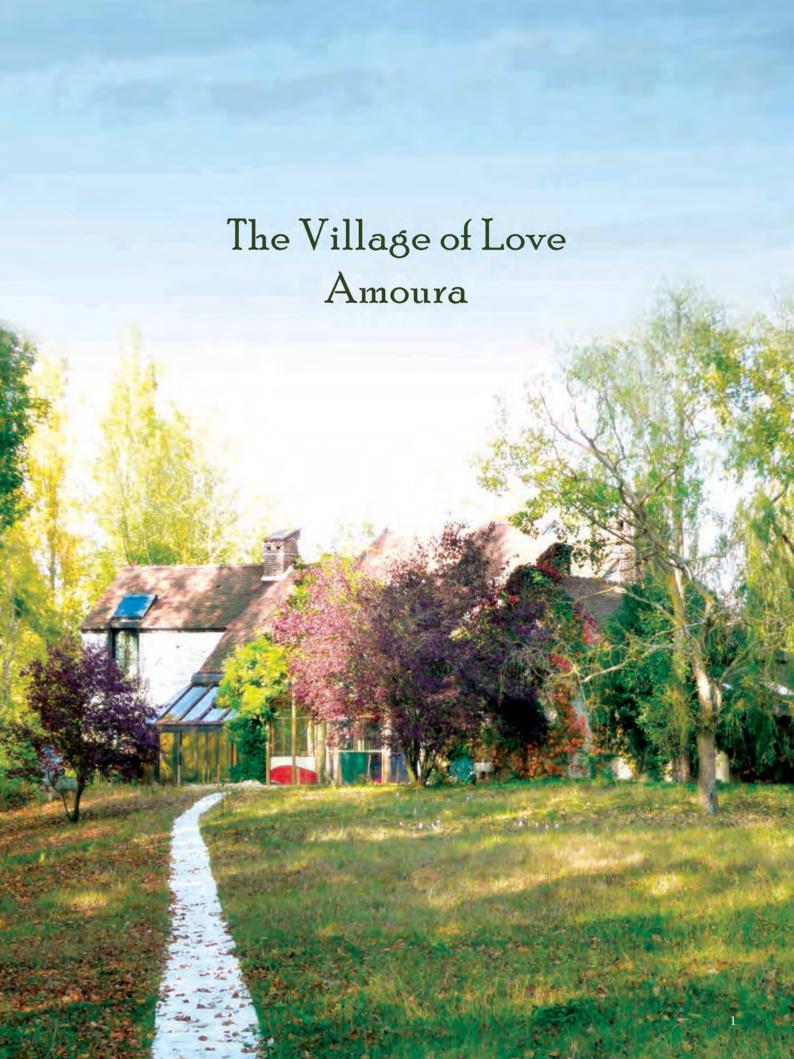
Anyway, I was thrilled to know much about our animal friends; hope you too will be.



P.S. I love all the photos in this book, leaving some for your own comments. Please enjoy them as much as the story here. They are real actions and sceneries. Some of the photos are rare moments. Some took many hours or days to capture, and for some I had to wade into deep water or thick forest to film... (Video & photos)







Surrounded by ancient town and old forest, Amoura is around 220,000 m<sup>2</sup> with a population of 5/6 human (the scale tipped depends on "Tourism"), 10 dogs, some pet birds and teeming wild life.







Village's Park

It has a lake, half the size of the village. And most of the wild here depend on it for survival. The swans, the geese, ducks, coots, squirrels, beavers, rabbits, tortoises, rats, frogs and of course fishes, are those who take up residence around or in the lake.







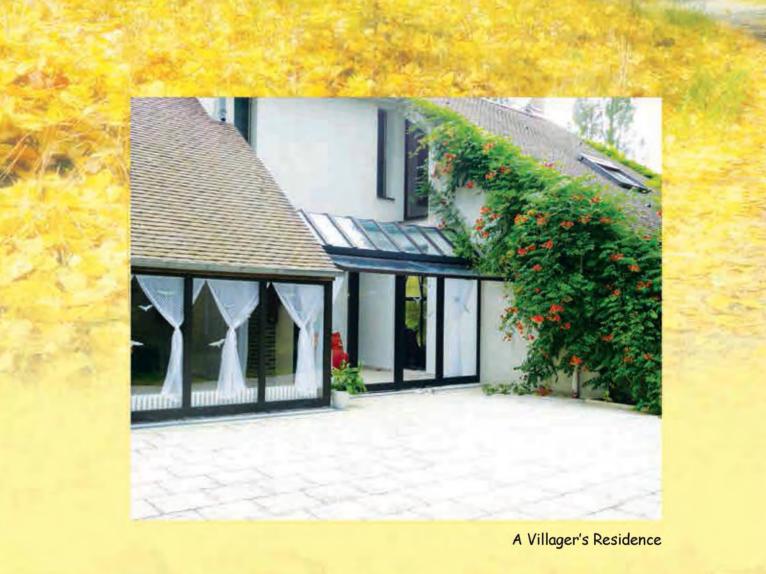
Fauna and Flora of the Village

The deer and others like herons, owls, seagulls are non-residents, but come often and are always welcomed.



Stairway to a Residence

Others like squirrels, rabbits, birds of all kinds, and even a pair of young pigs prefer the woods surrounding the village. This village again is surrounded by an abundance of woods, extending miles all around, a favorite place for horse riding.

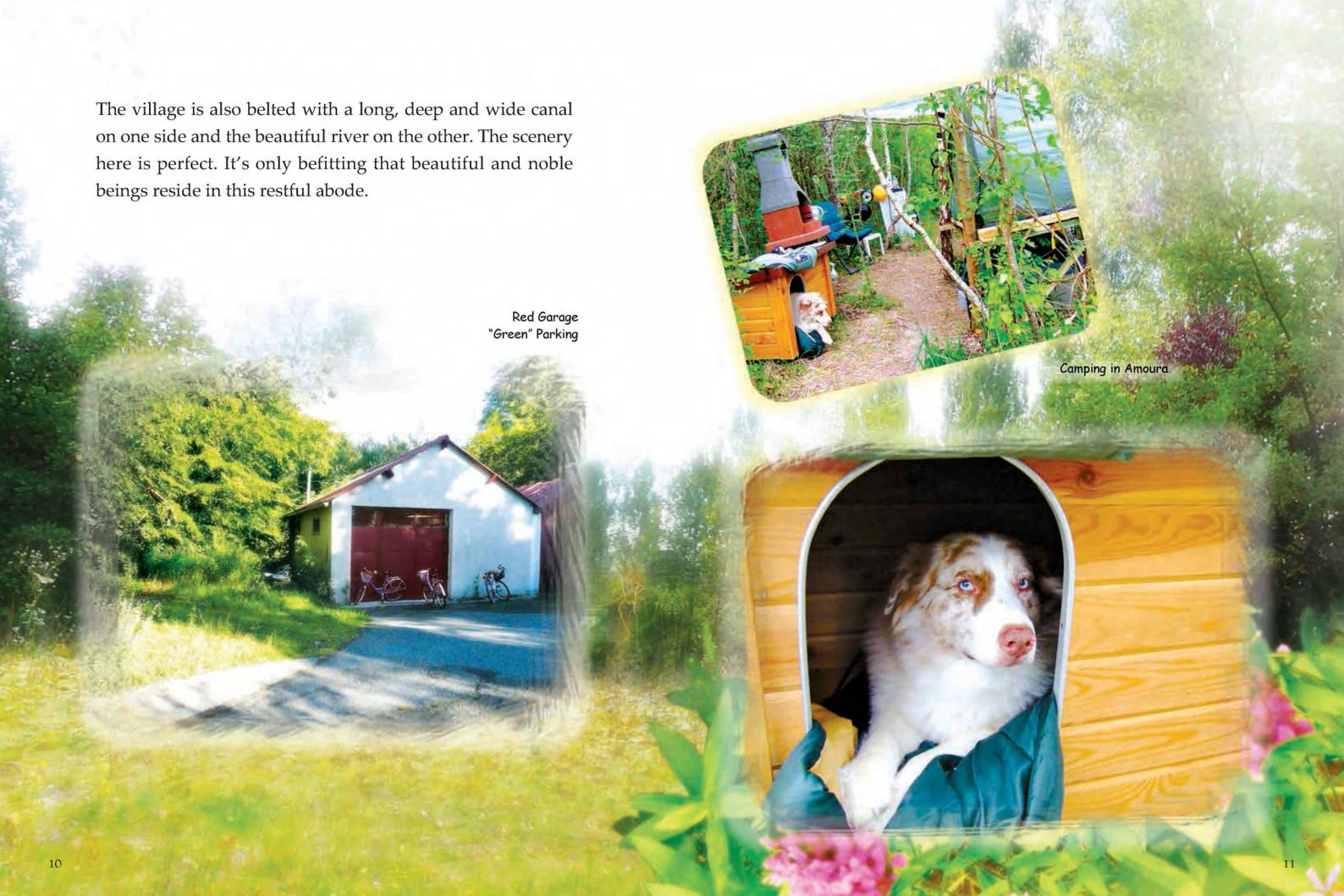


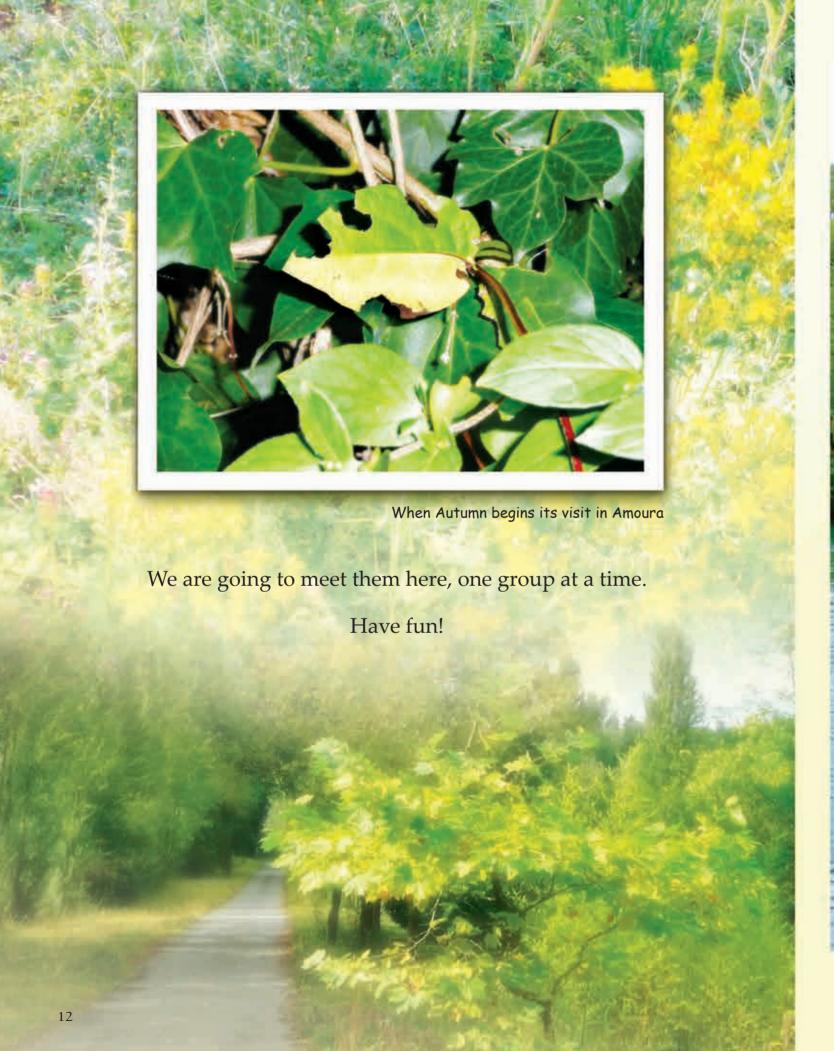


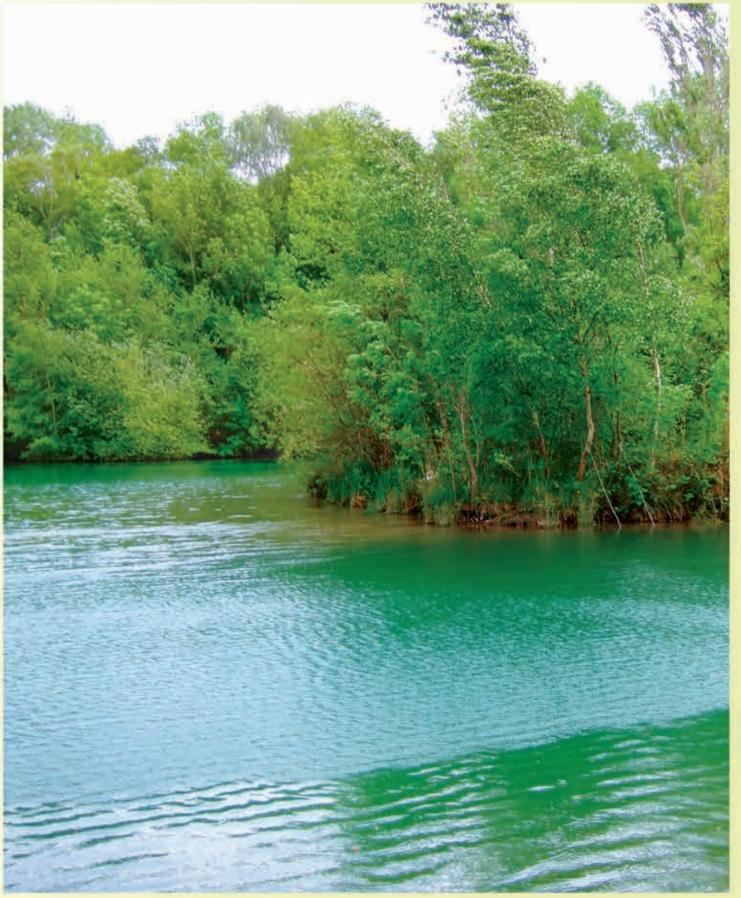


Wild Beauty of Amoura

Most of the weekends, you can see riders and their horses stamping the ground with their footprints. And visitors also come here to take a fresh breath of air and bathe in nature's kindness.



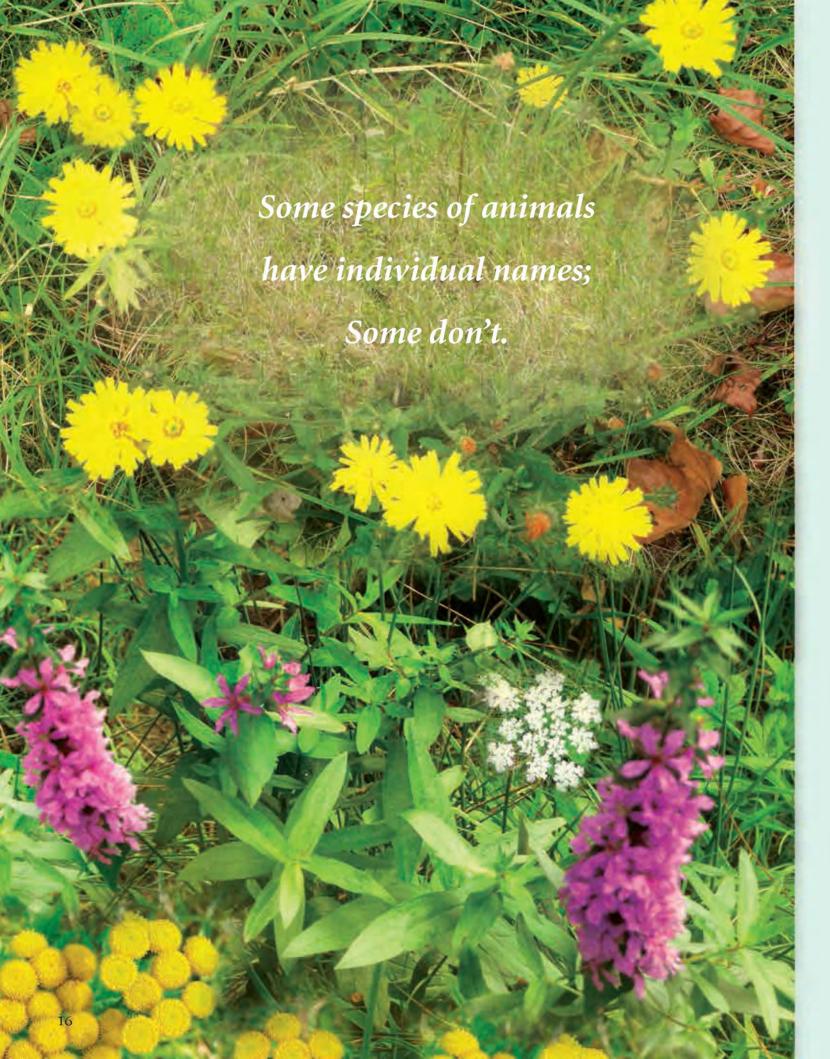




Swanie Island in the famous Lake of Amoura!
(All residents know it!)

After a long winter (winter is always long!) Spring is suddenly here. Buddings seem to appear overnight. Surprise. The lake also seems greener; the reflection of a tree-lined shore dyes its water emerald fresh and cool like a soothing dream, but one we can touch and feel with real mortal senses. Spring at the lake



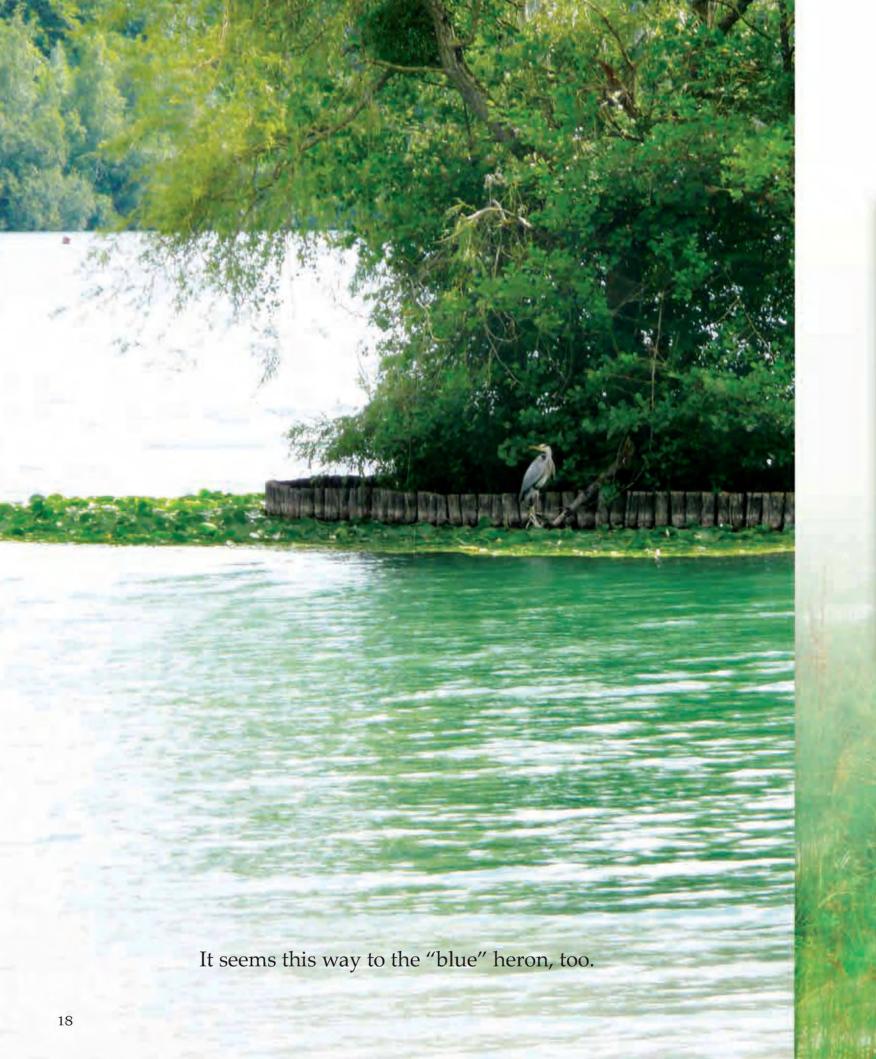


Flowers and bushes promise a new natural harvest very soon to come. The birds do not frequent the feeder from the lady any more.

They have more abundance from Lady Nature and lots of exciting activities, tasting new berries, meeting friends and mates...

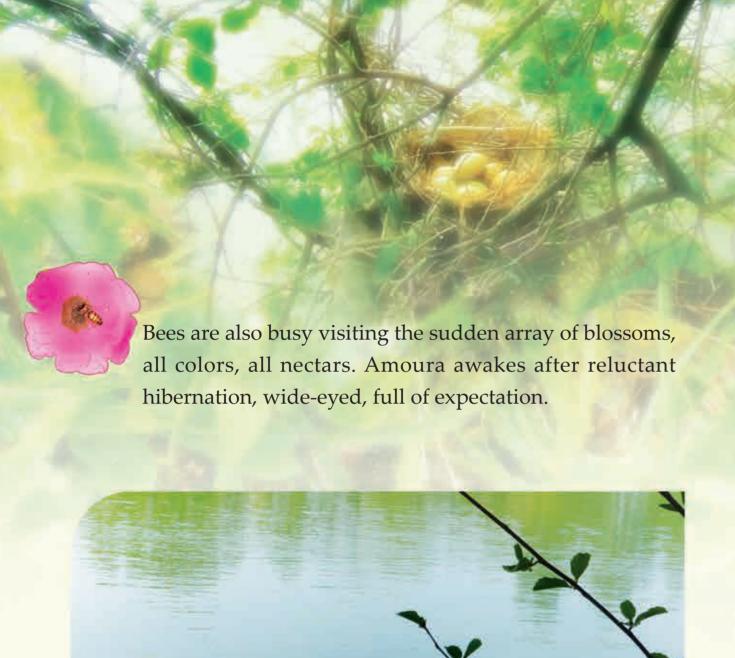


Life is lonely here?



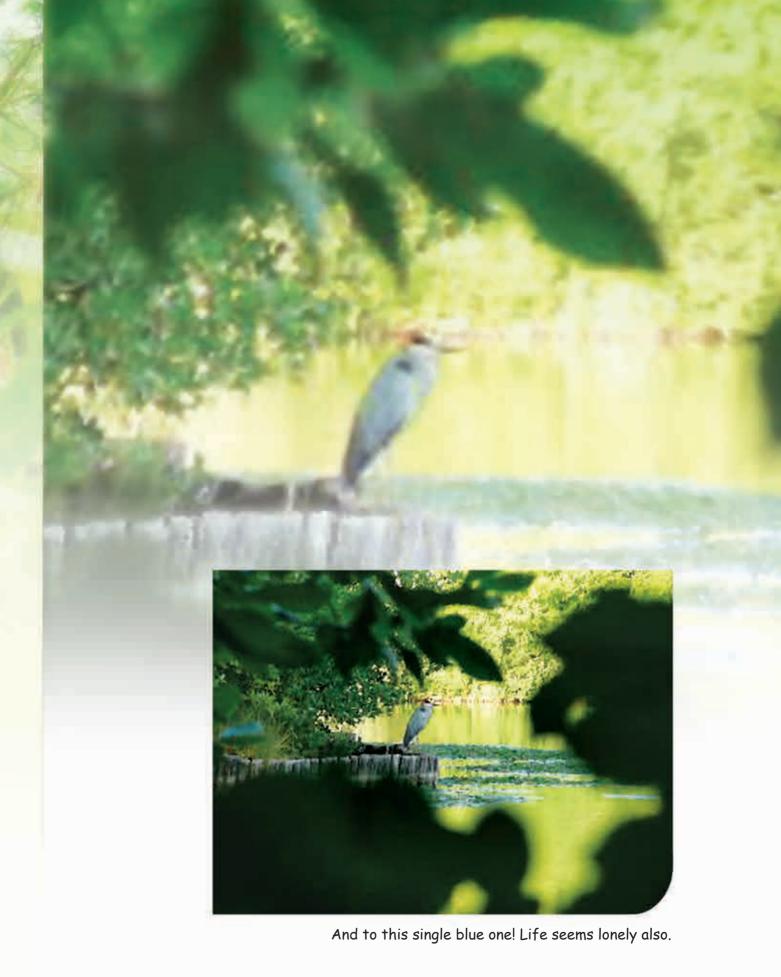


Looking for love?





And a lonesome Goose!



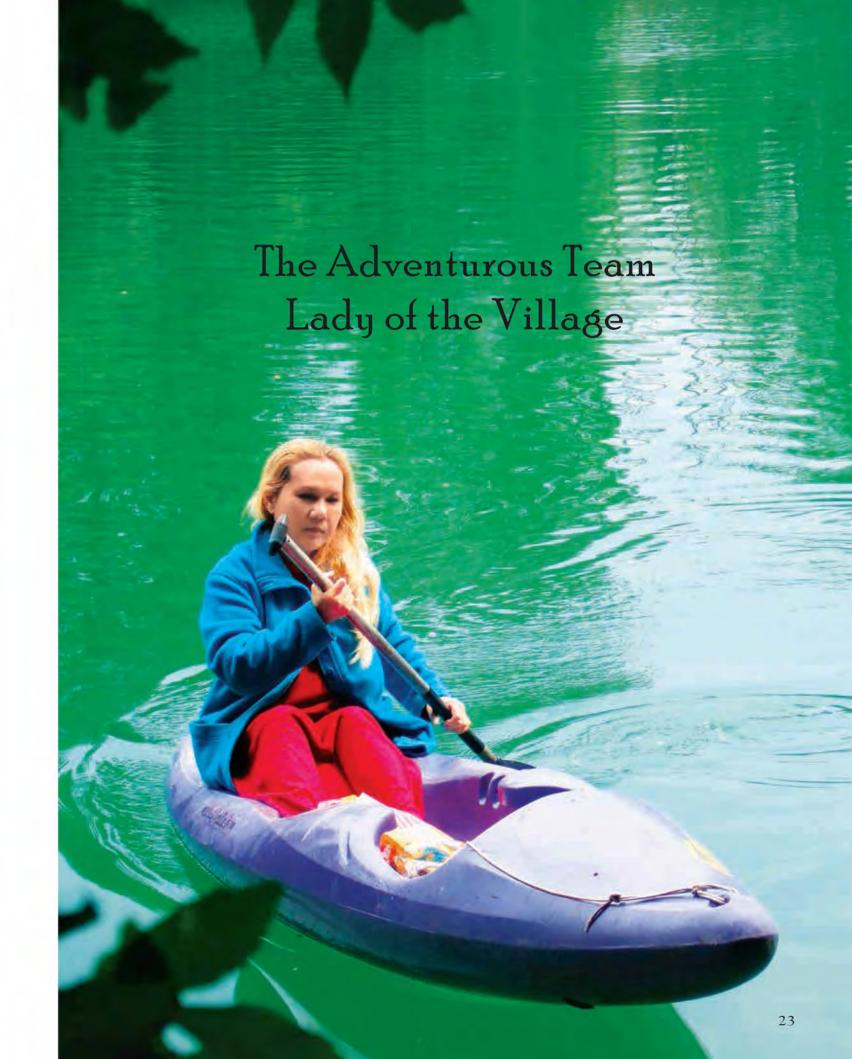
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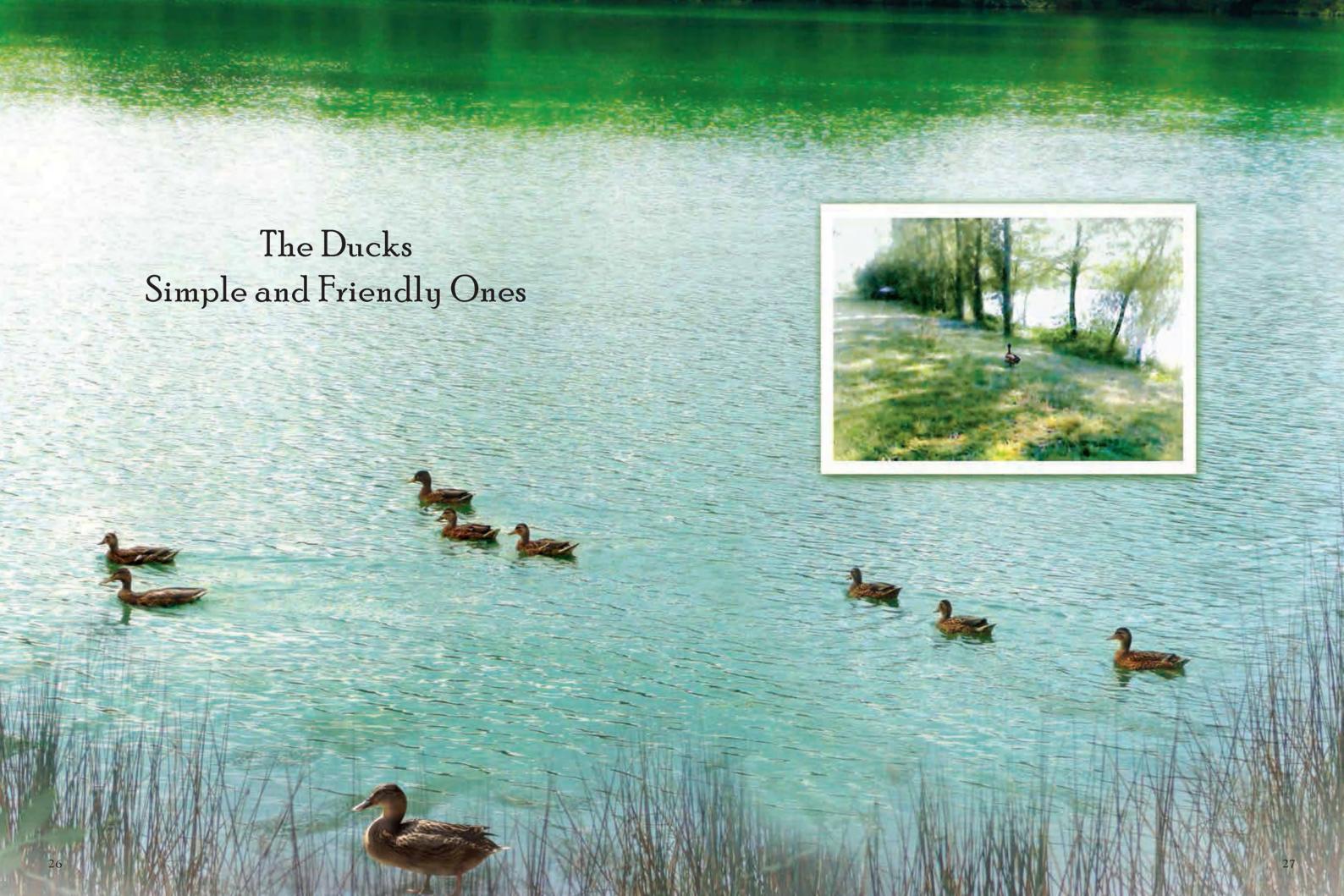
Not really (Already) We see!

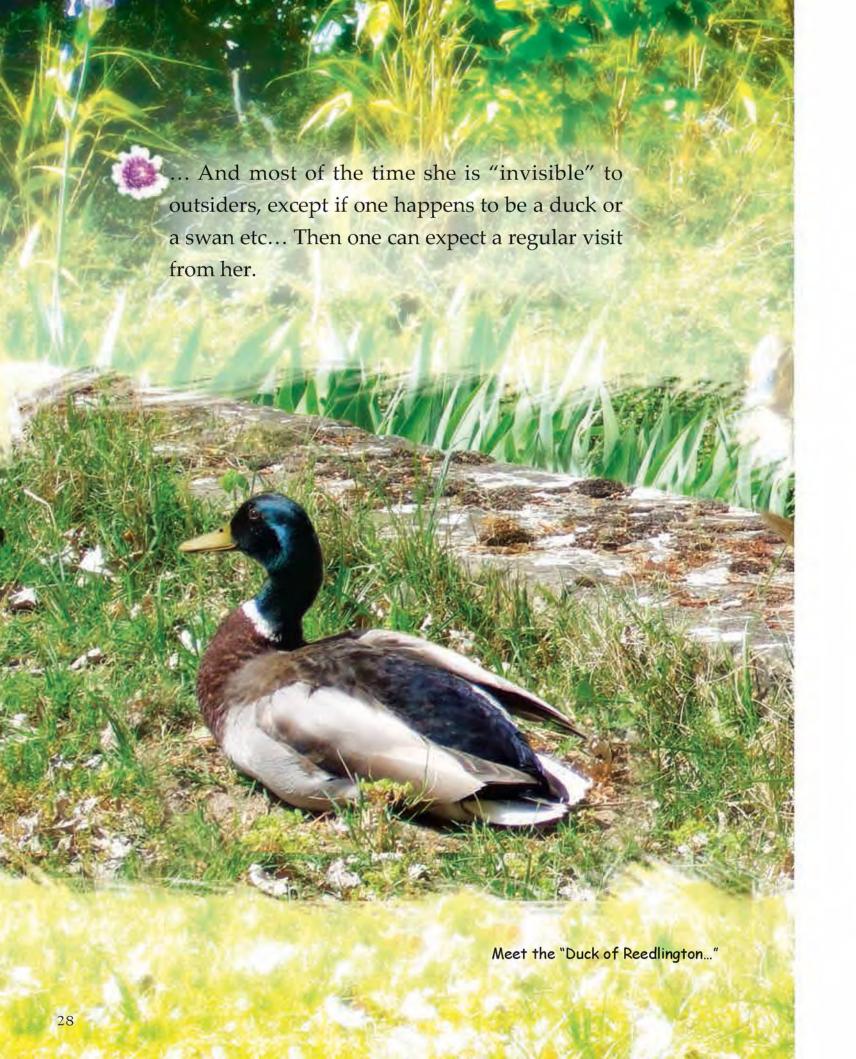
Life in the village is anything but lonely. Four times a day, one can see an army of dogs rushing out from the main village residence, running around, barking at anything that moves (or not moves, depends on mood).

And one can hear a chorus of birds from inside their play pen, echoing the dogs. It can be quite deafening; lucky the place is big and the woods absorb somewhat the noise!









... She often frequents lovely corners of Amoura such as Duck District, Swan Town, Frog Colony, Coot Settlement, etc...

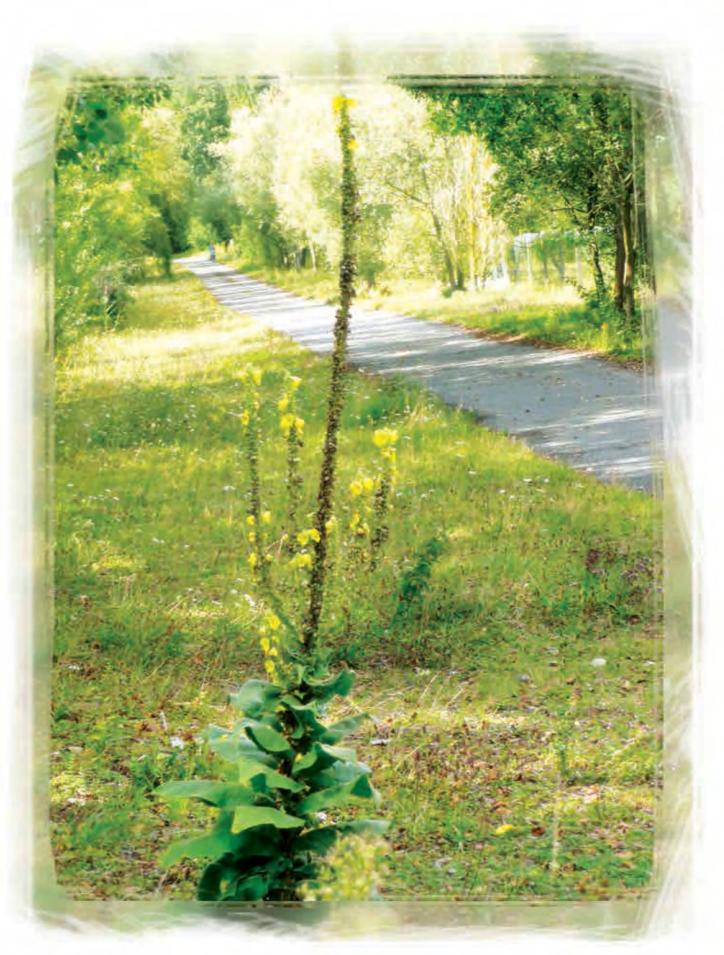
She owns a "restaurant" at the far end of the village where customers flock in queue for the delicious menu. It opens for lunch and dinner, and anytime in between!...

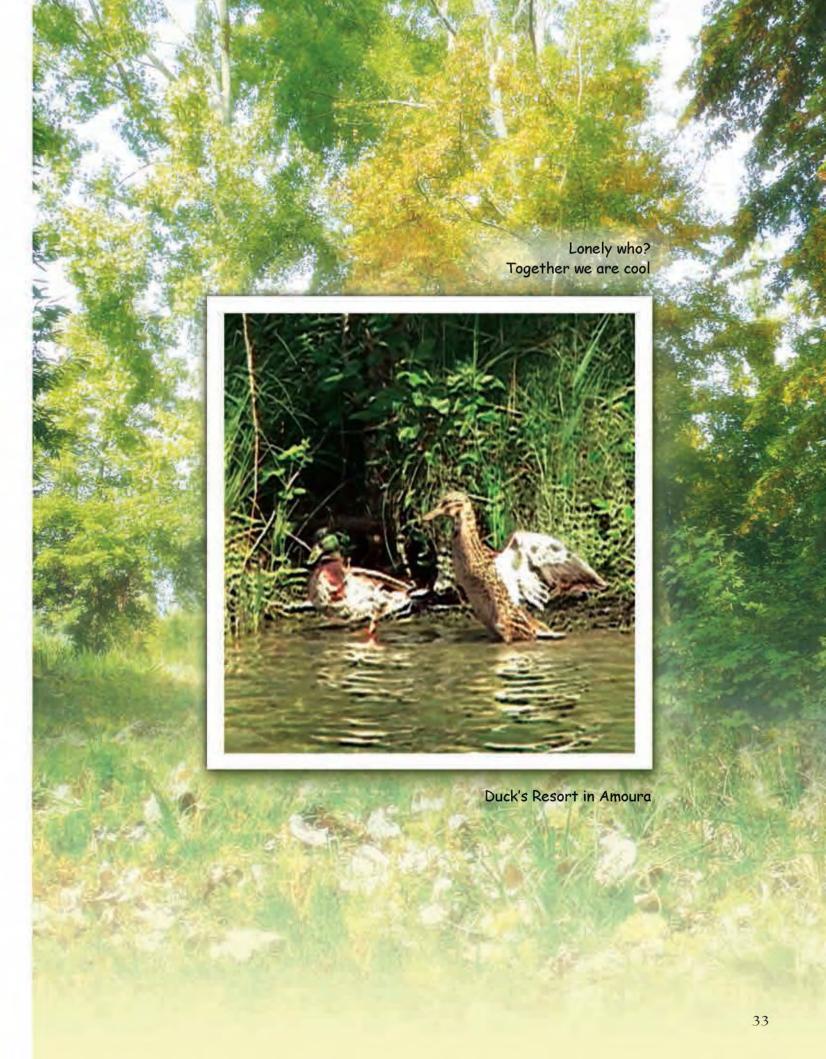


... And the Duckess of Lilidale.



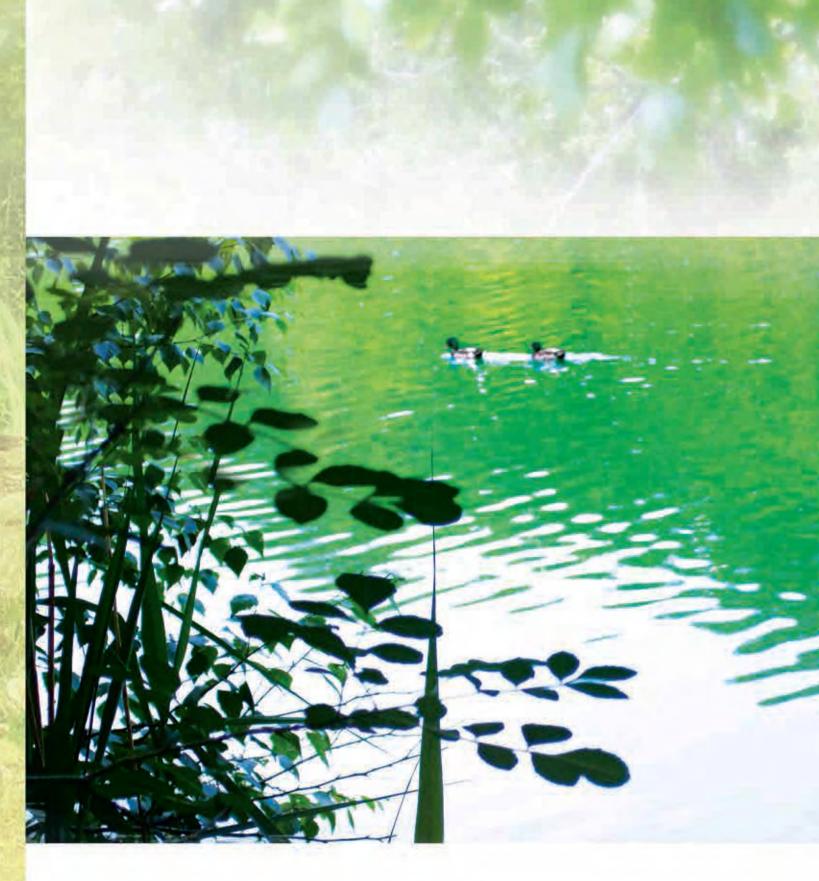












This is another "lonesome" blue heron (Yes! Oh maybe he is blue.)

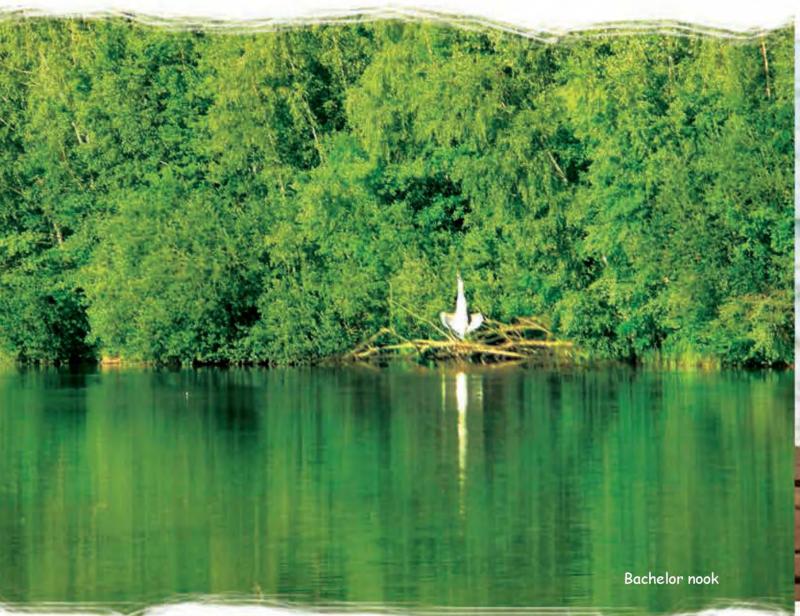
He (or she?) often rests on this exclusive spot reserved for bachelor herons – No one saw any other that landed there, ever.

Well, she (or he?) enjoys being in the sunshine nook. The sun rays stay there till late in the evening.

Very elusive – for a bachelor, you should be more sociable to chance a partner, methinks!

Like these two, for example, one can take as many close-ups as one likes. They come knocking at the main residence for food - sometimes 3-4 times a day.

They eat from your hands almost.

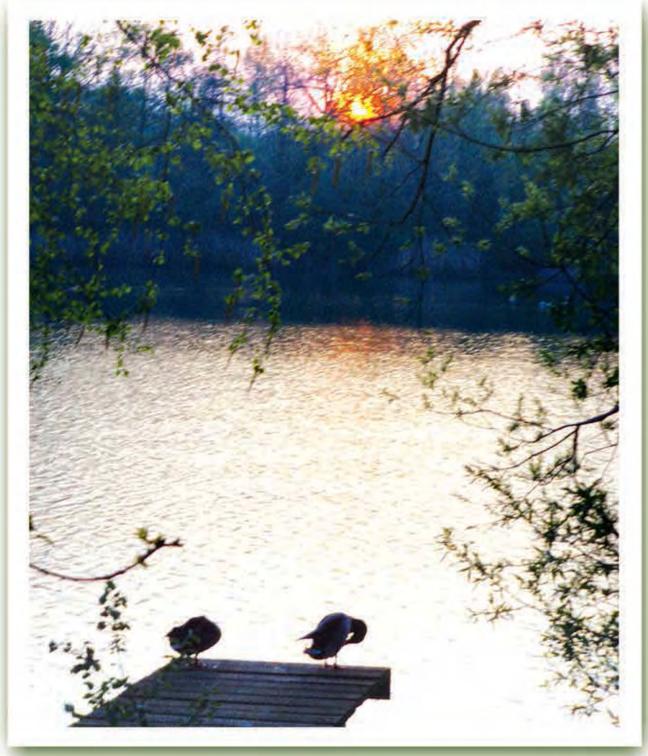




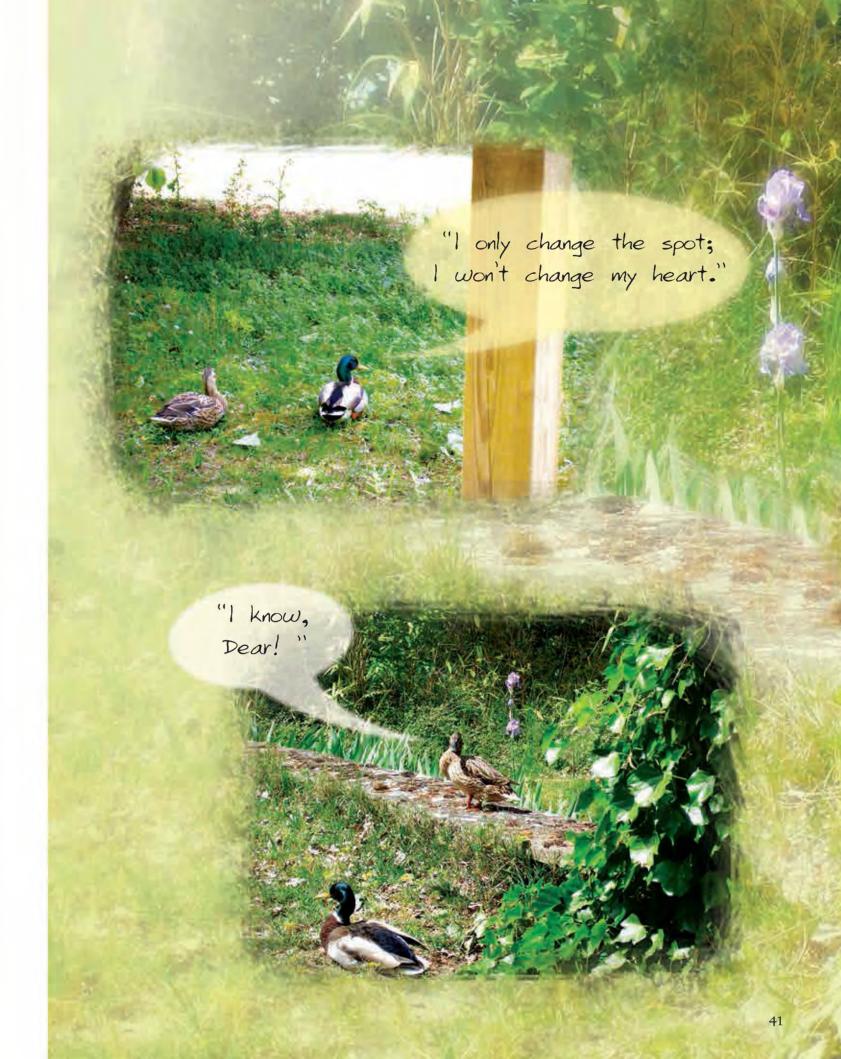
The male is very attentive and protective of his mate.

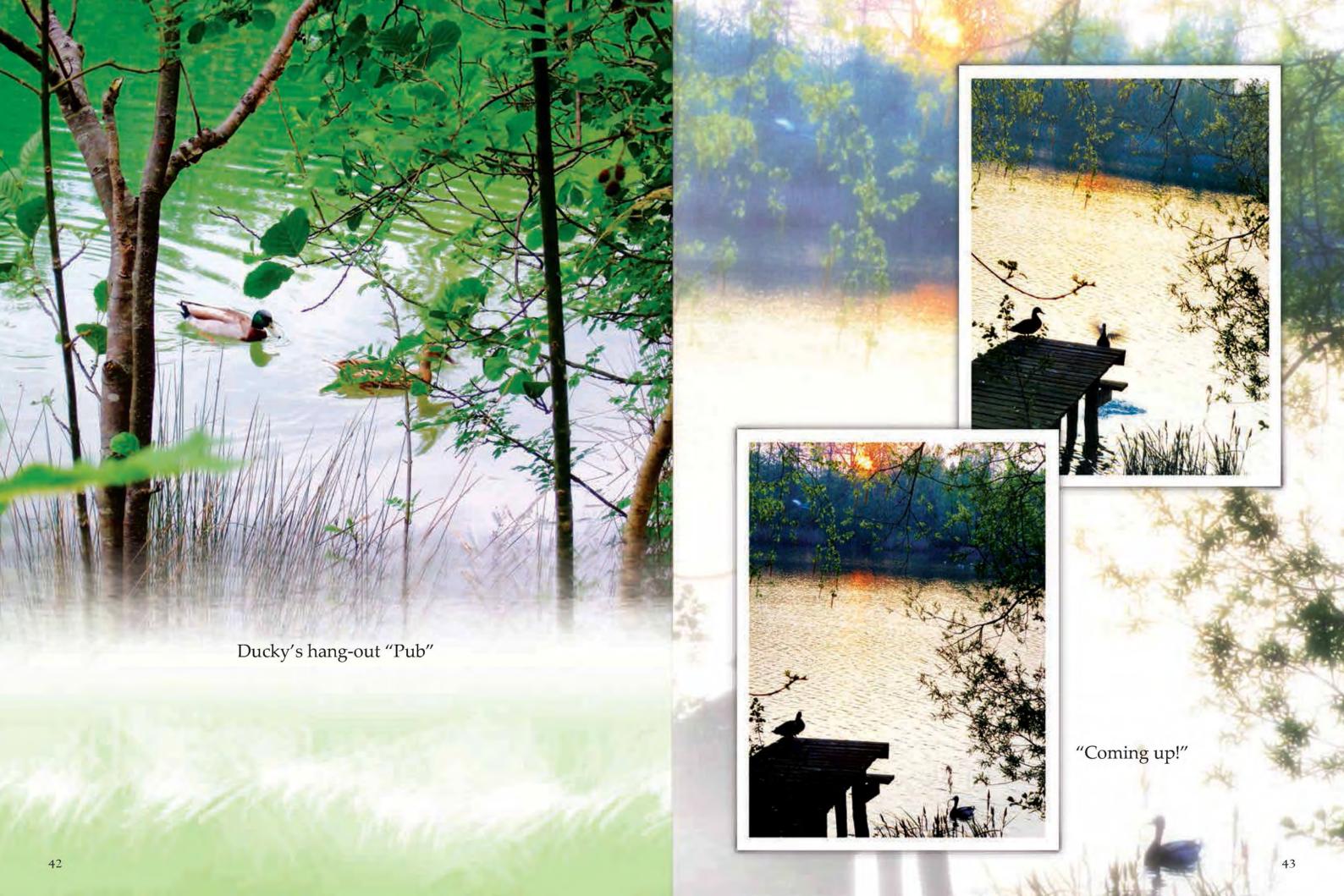
If she's eating, he always stands guard – and if she runs to drink water, he'd run after her.

Don't worry, he eats sometimes – (witnessed).



Feeling fine
-- Anytime. --







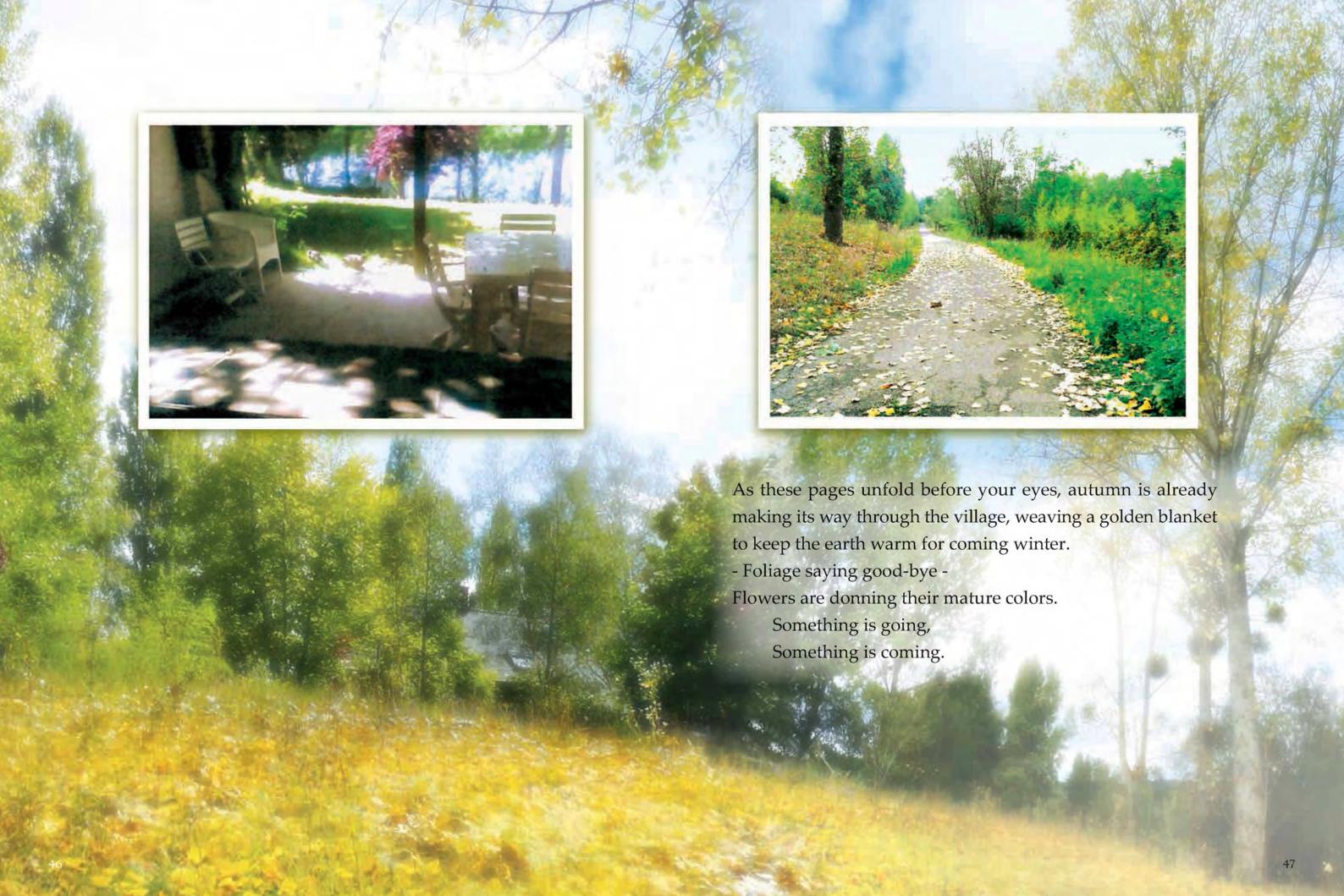
When she's resting next to the food after eating, or sleeping near-by, he'd come grab a few quick bites!

There's another guy chasing after her, and she's not keen on befriending that other one, so they are both very vigilant. Especially he, always on guard to protect his beloved.

So touching to observe such gentlemanerism.

"Ah! This is much better! Even if you just sleep by my side, we're together."





The last flowers from summer still trying to array their glory, ignoring the call of time!

Even humans do the same here.

All sojourn contentedly

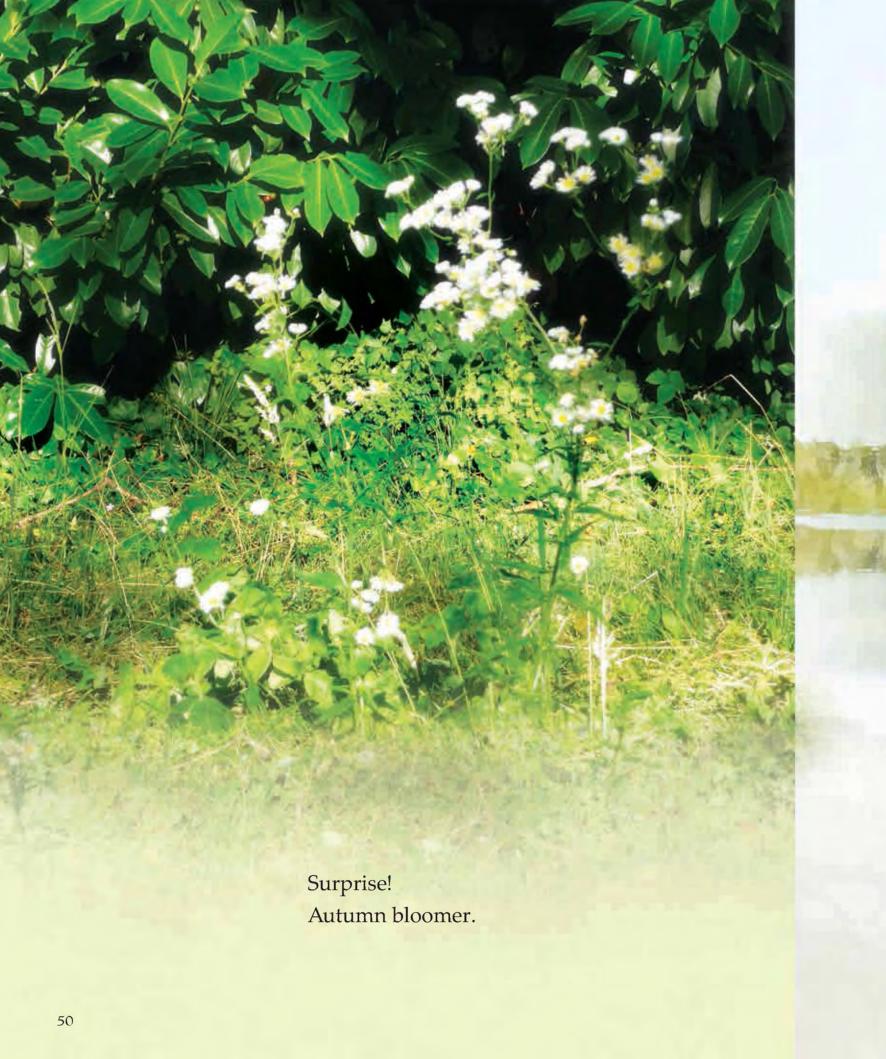
As if life in the physical...

... Is eternity.



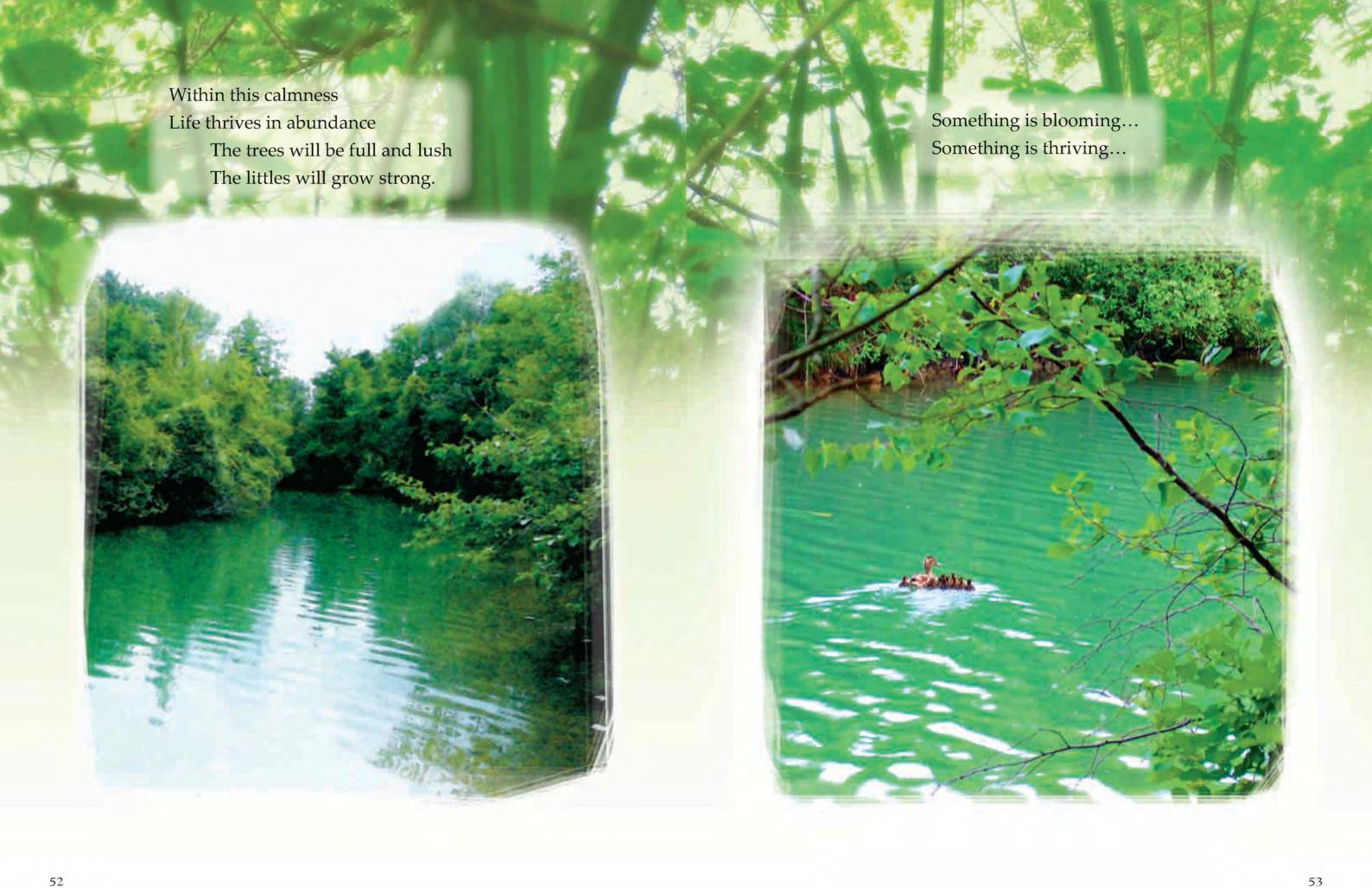


Message from the sunset:
It is nice even to part
So there is joy of reunion.
Something is withering,
Something is growing.

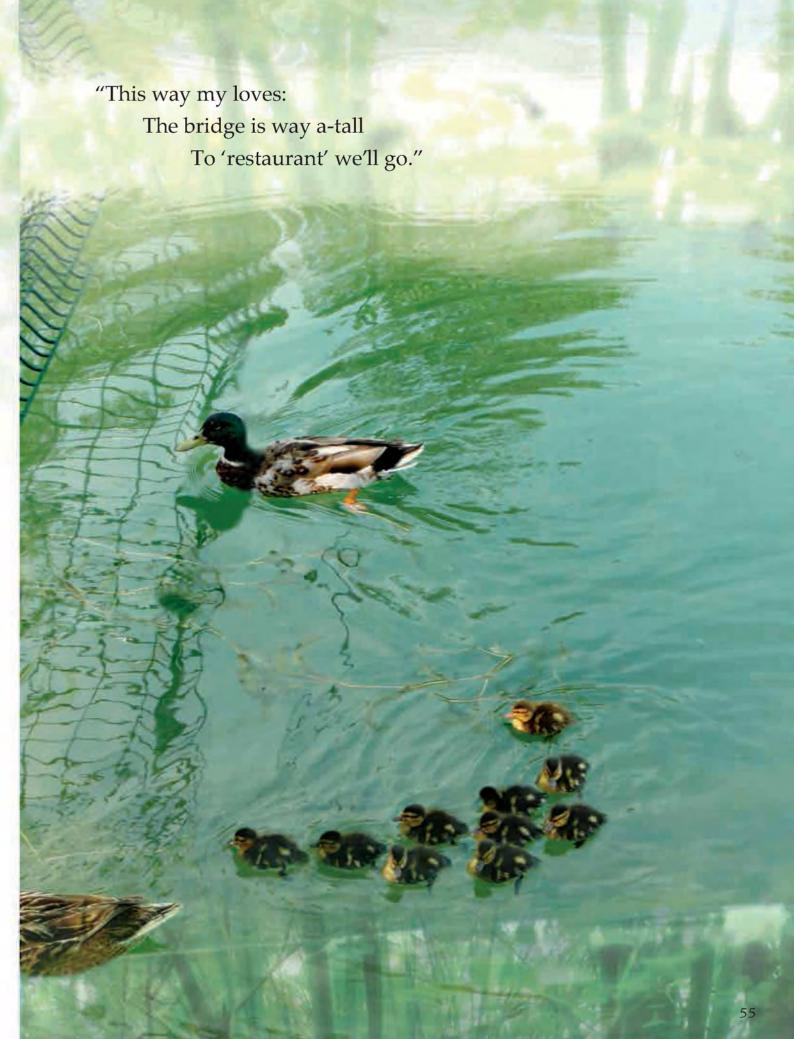


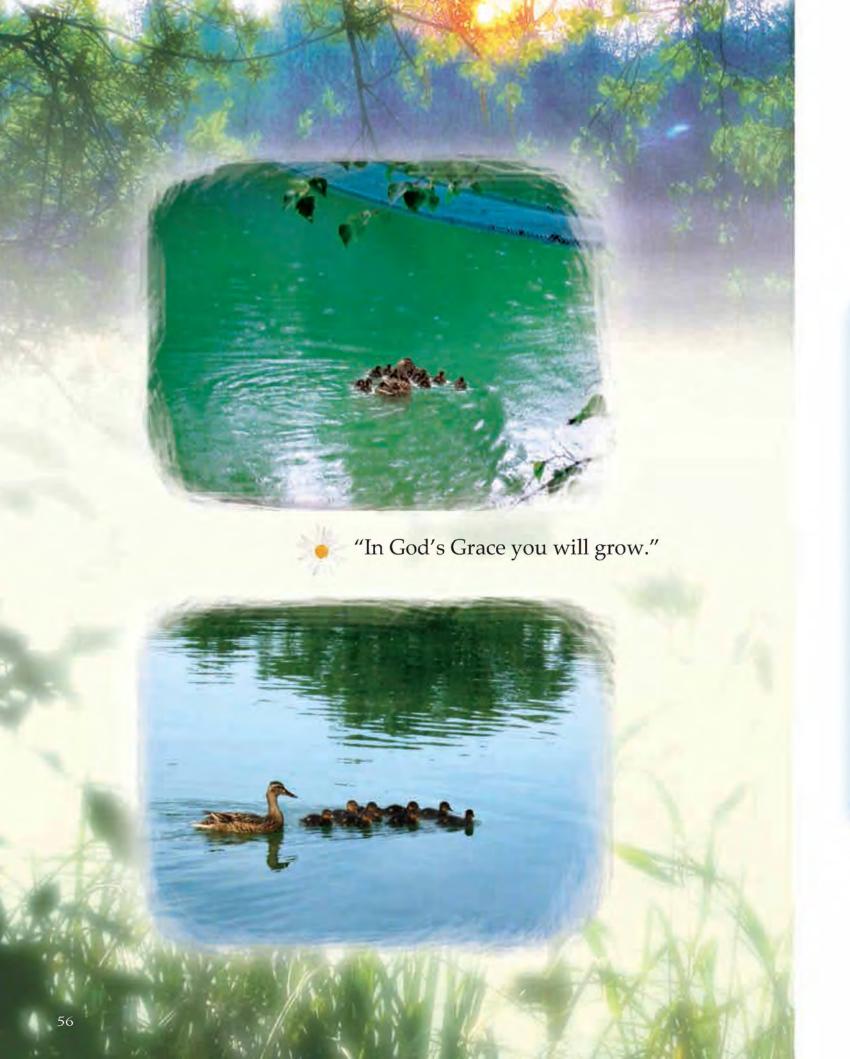


The tranquil lake
Offers only solace,
A silent charm.
Always beautiful
Always calm.

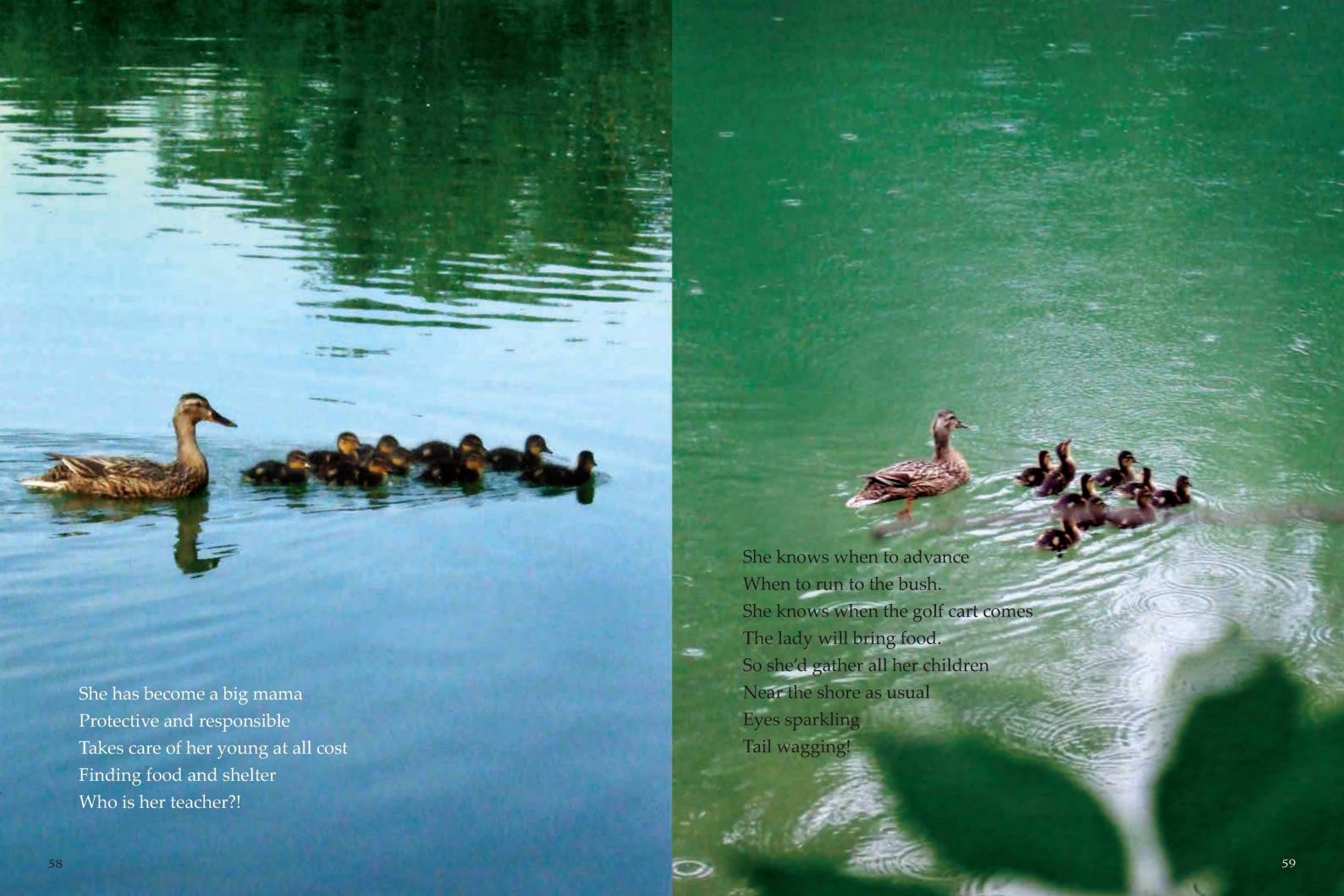


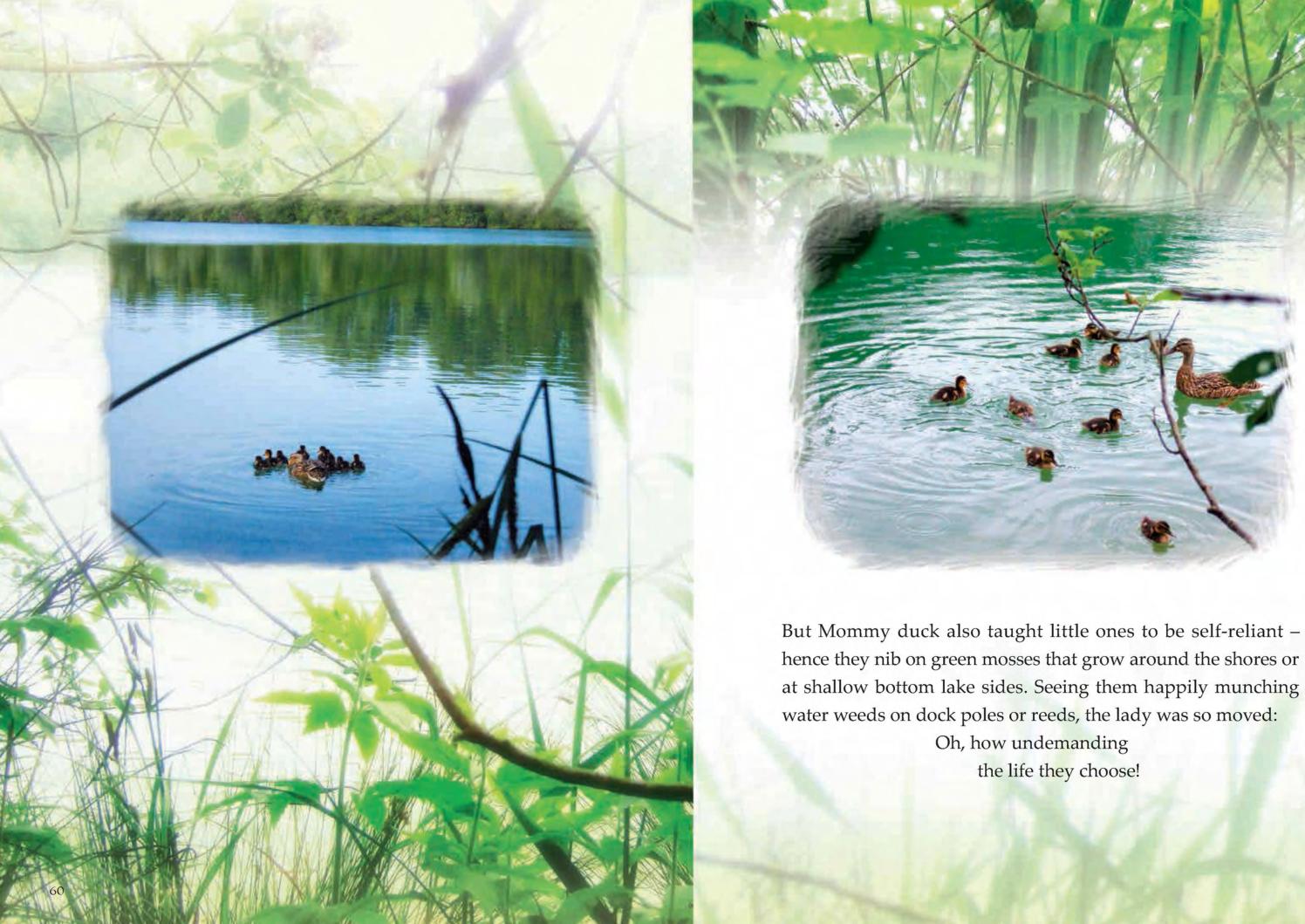


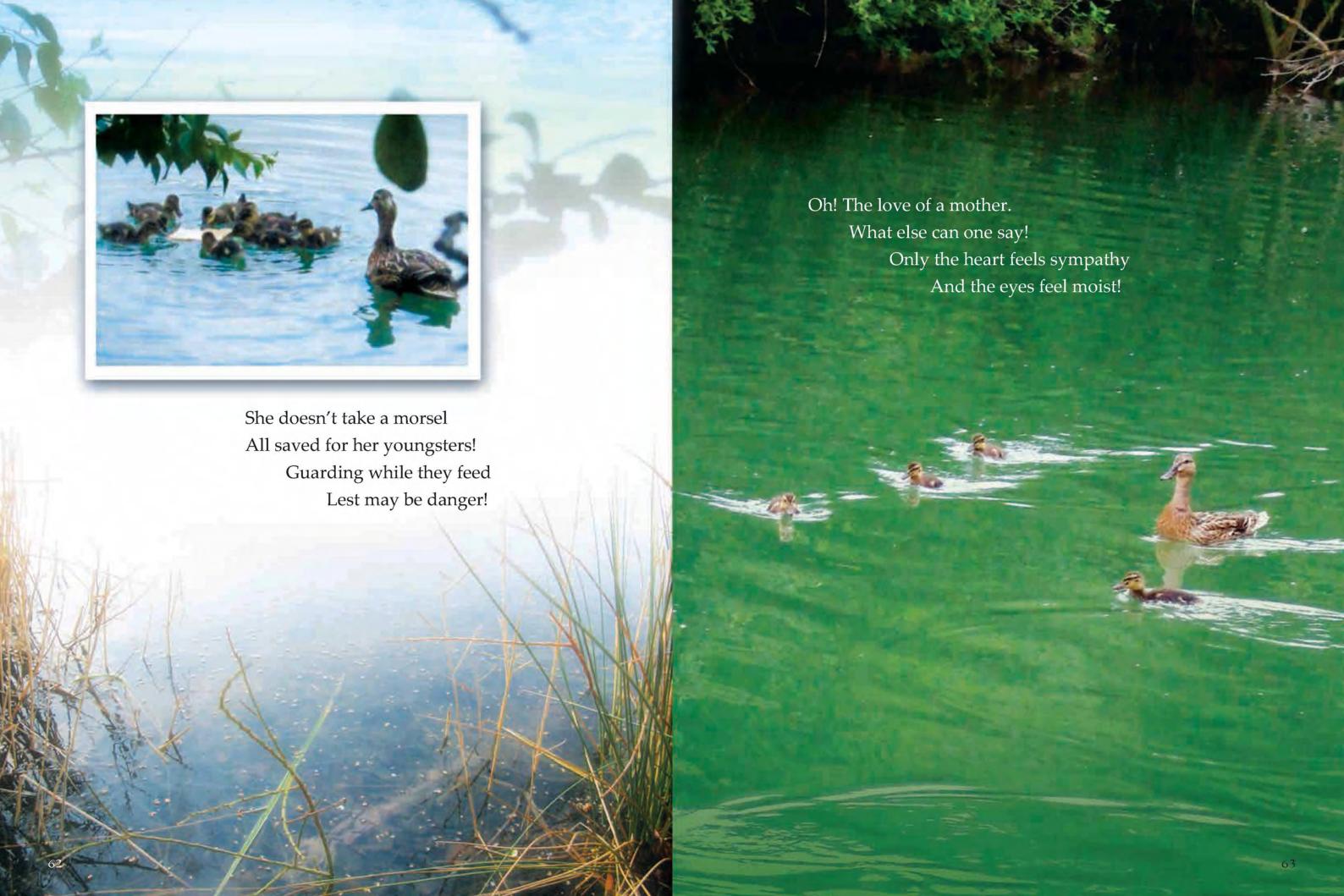




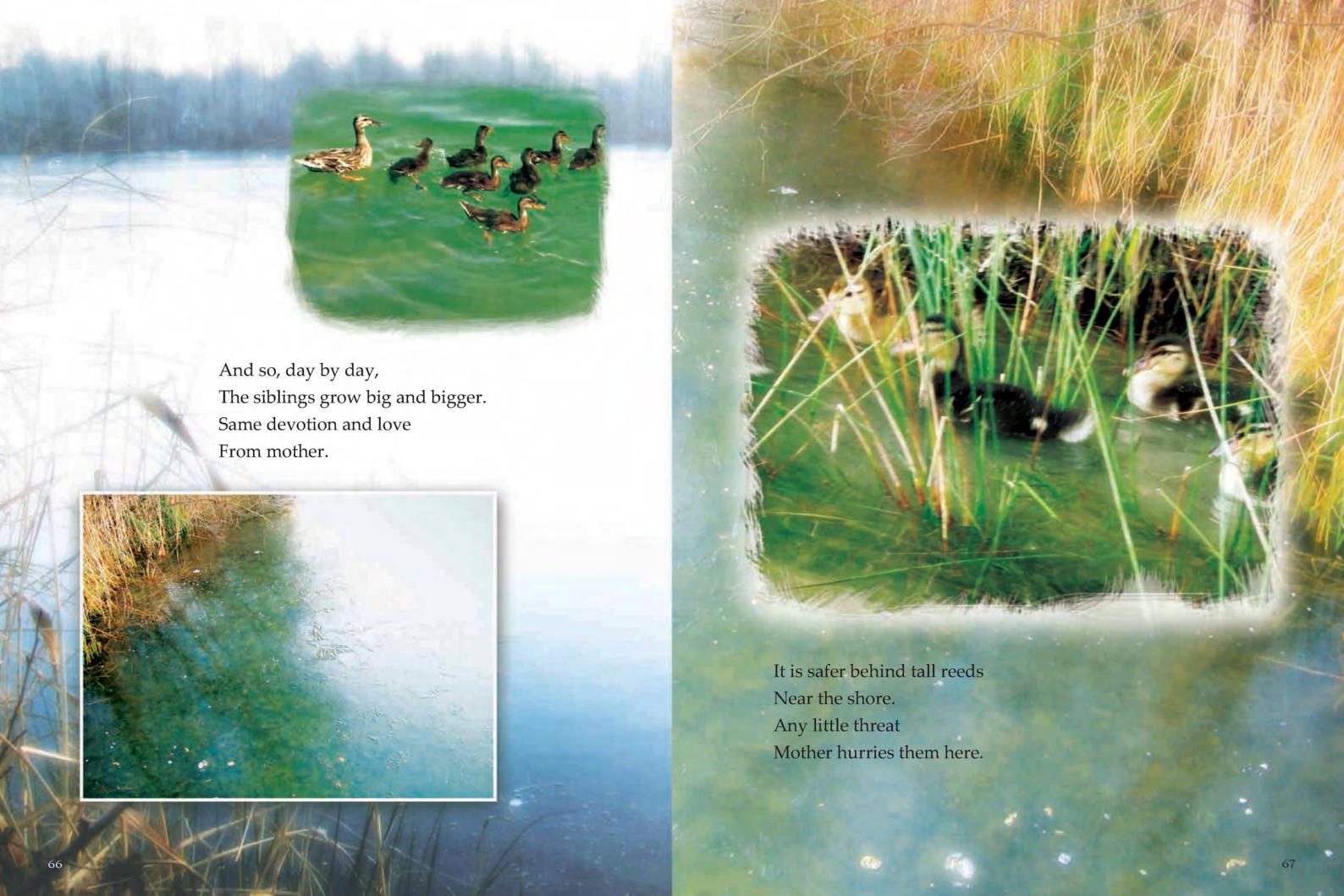


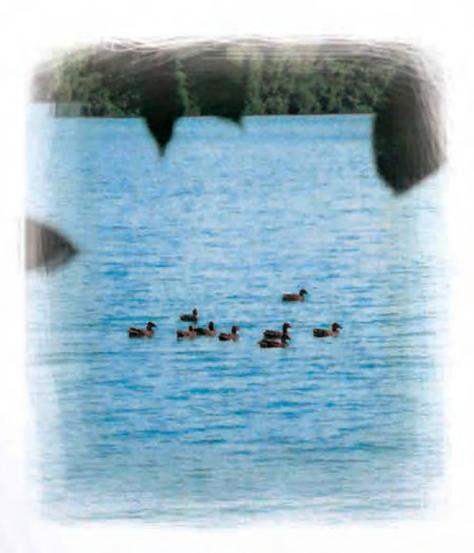












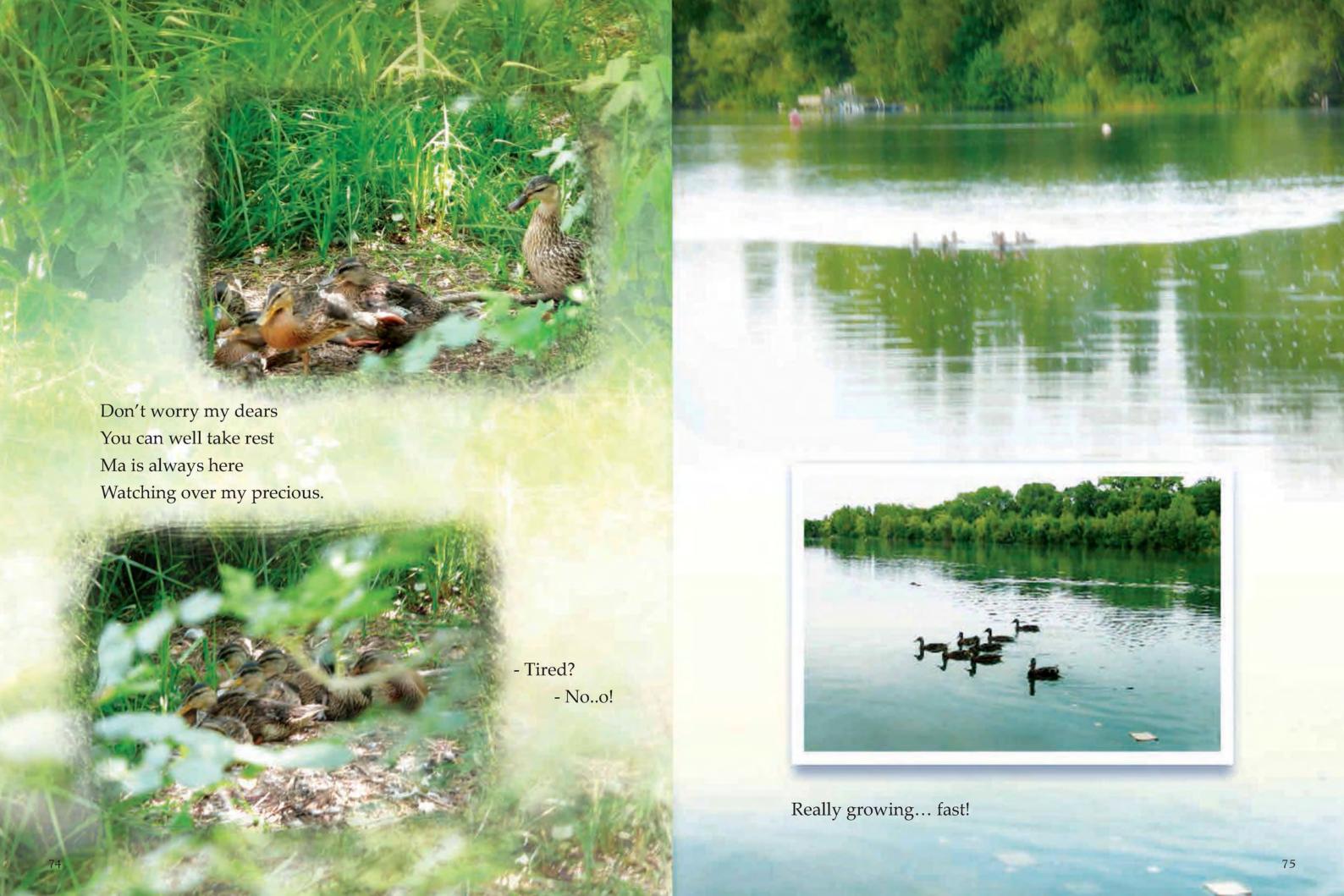
Still, the brave mom
Teaches them to swim across
When the time has come
To learn about courage.

For her young She fears no one! To witness such love One's heart has to be of stone Not to melt. Sometimes the lady Feels overwhelmed with love For these wild creatures She just wished she could Them in her bosom to gather To hug and to caress them To show them the love in her.



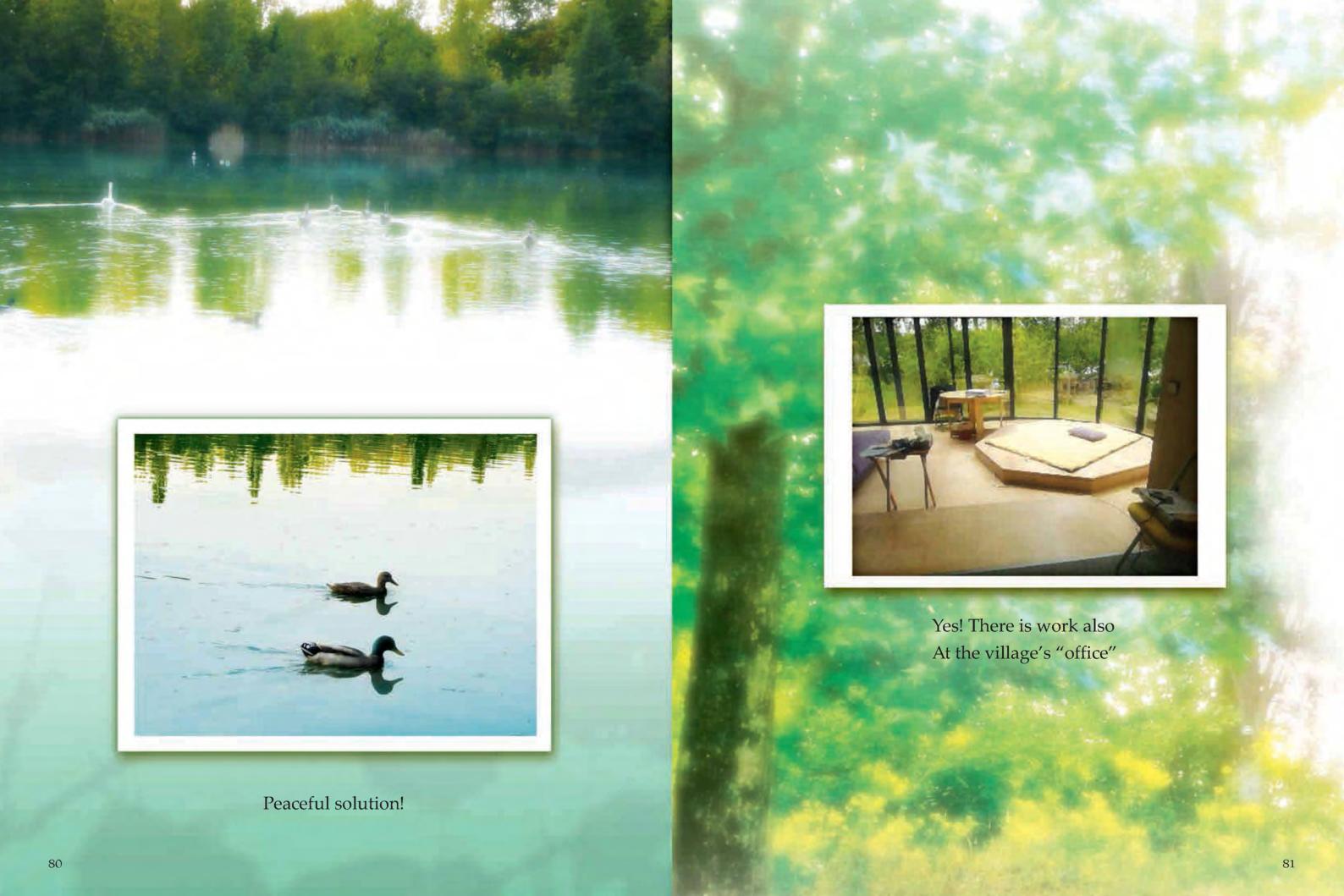












A real proud mother
A hero.
Wrestling with Nature

Against all odds
Against all dangers

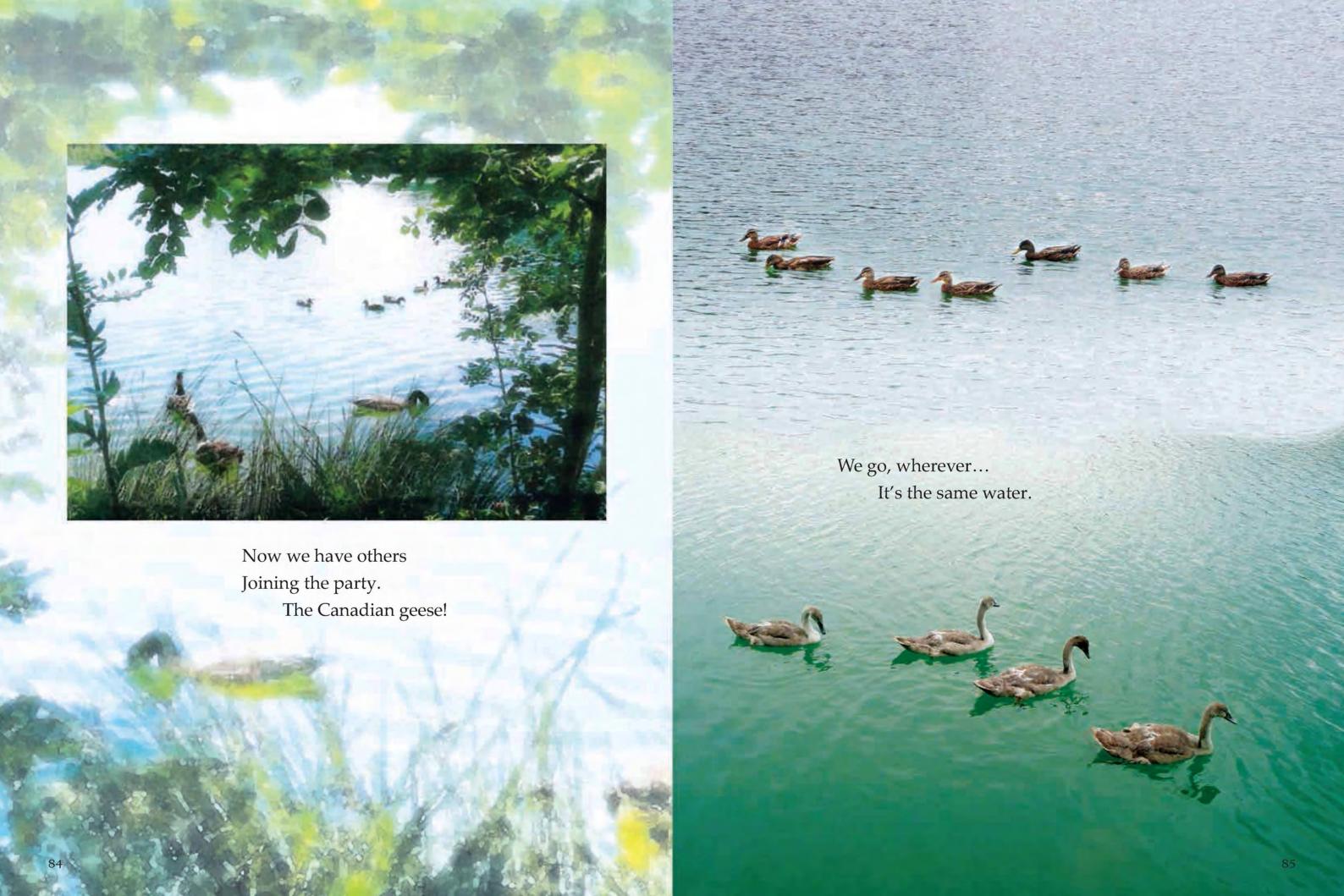


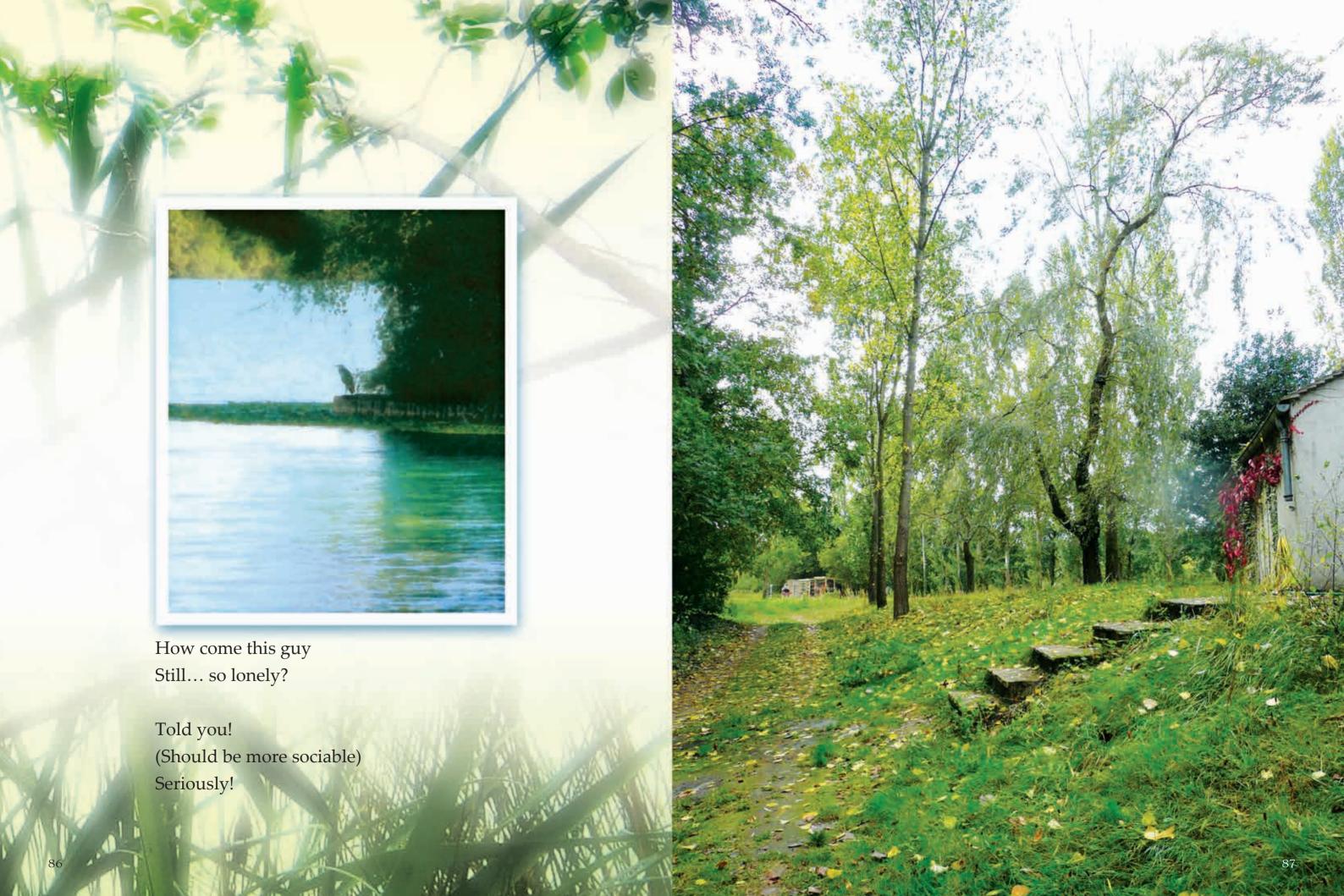


Single-handedly Raising her babies!



"I am always here For you."









Or curls up under his portable blanket
And sleeps right there
In front of the kitchen
After filling himself with bread.
(It's on the house!)



Bona Siestal

... For the drink,
He must go to the lake,
Few yards away (poor thing!)



Sy is a young and beautiful red-head. When the first slice of bread was offered on the grass, she took it up close, turned it around and around to examine it attentively, so cute.

Then she tilted her head, looking again and again as if she has never seen this sort of nut before.

"What kind! So big, so square, so soft, yet so fragrant.

Appetizing like Heaven!"











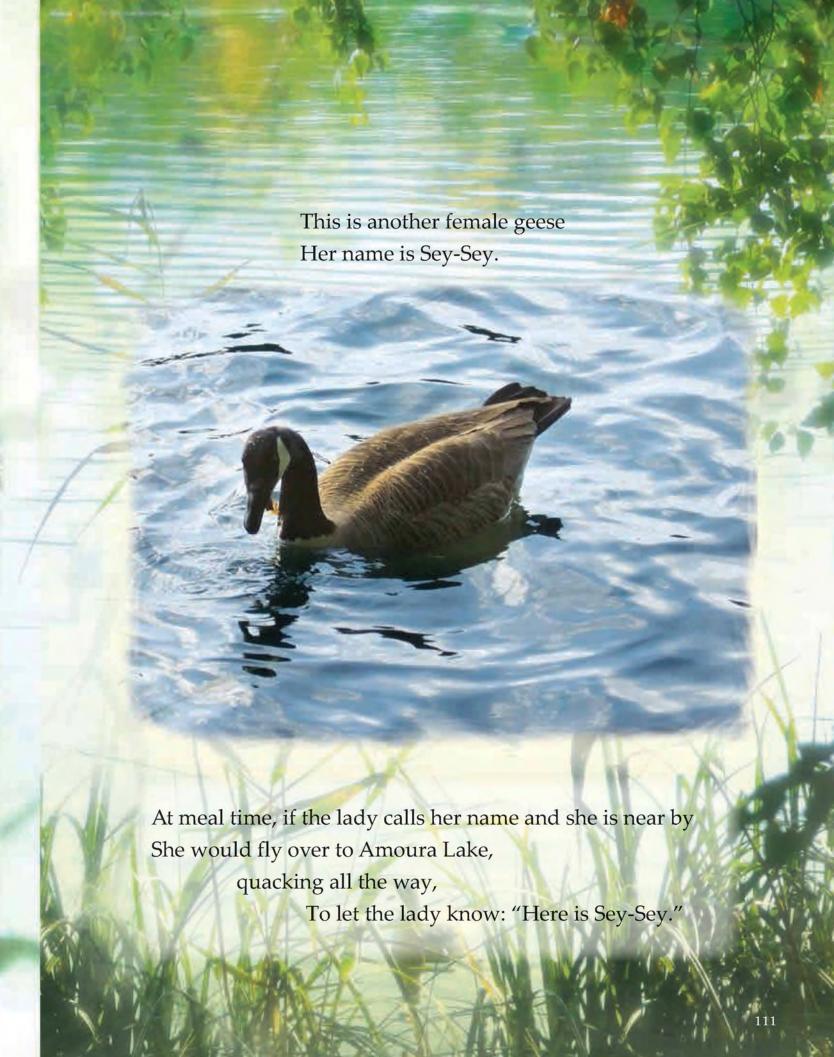








Foo-Foo knows a good bakery when she tastes one!



She was all alone and young.

Maybe looking for a handsome,

The one that reflects her own,

Virtuous and gallant.



"I feel kinda lonely Just I myself and me!"



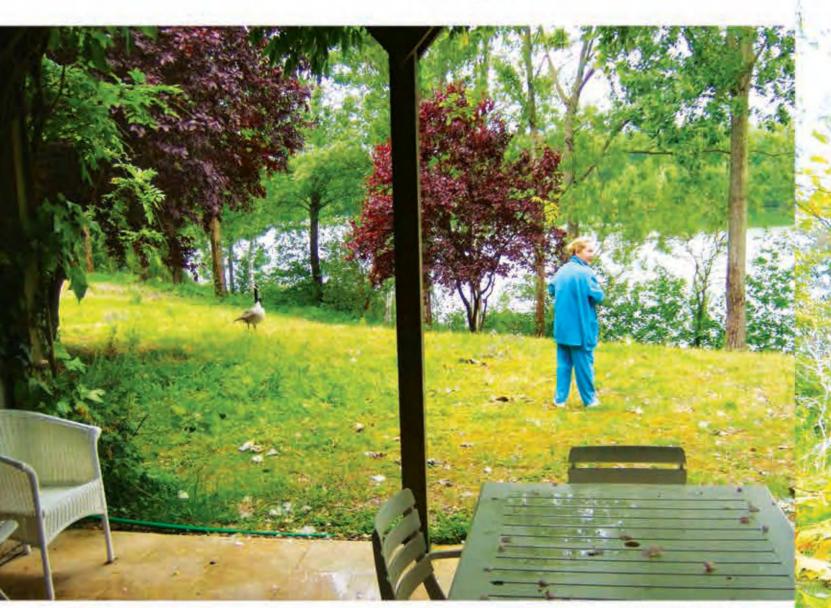
This a male new-comer

Not so beloved by Sai Sai

He chases him whenever near by.

He is called Konay

A nice guy.



The old woman and the goose

There were two actually:

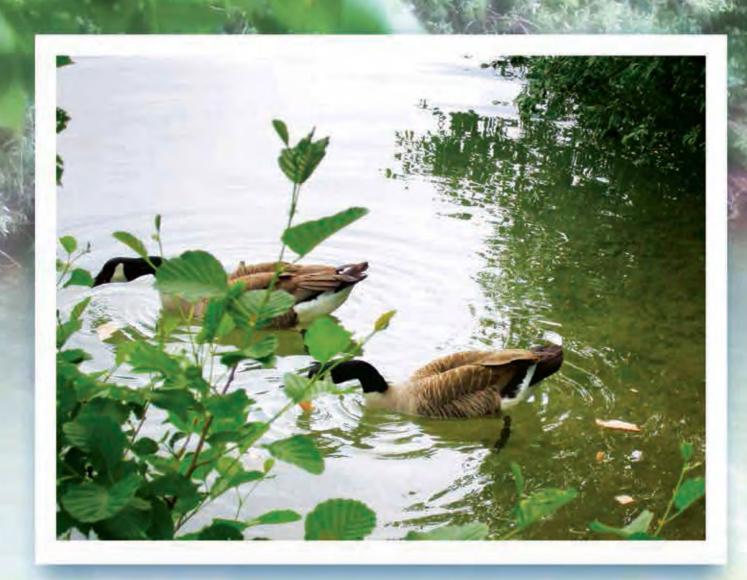
A young goose

And a past middle-age lady!

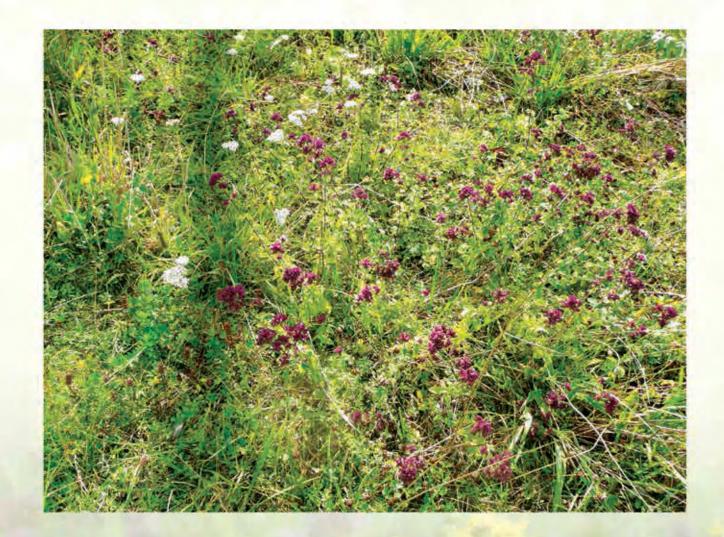
They understand each other perfectly.

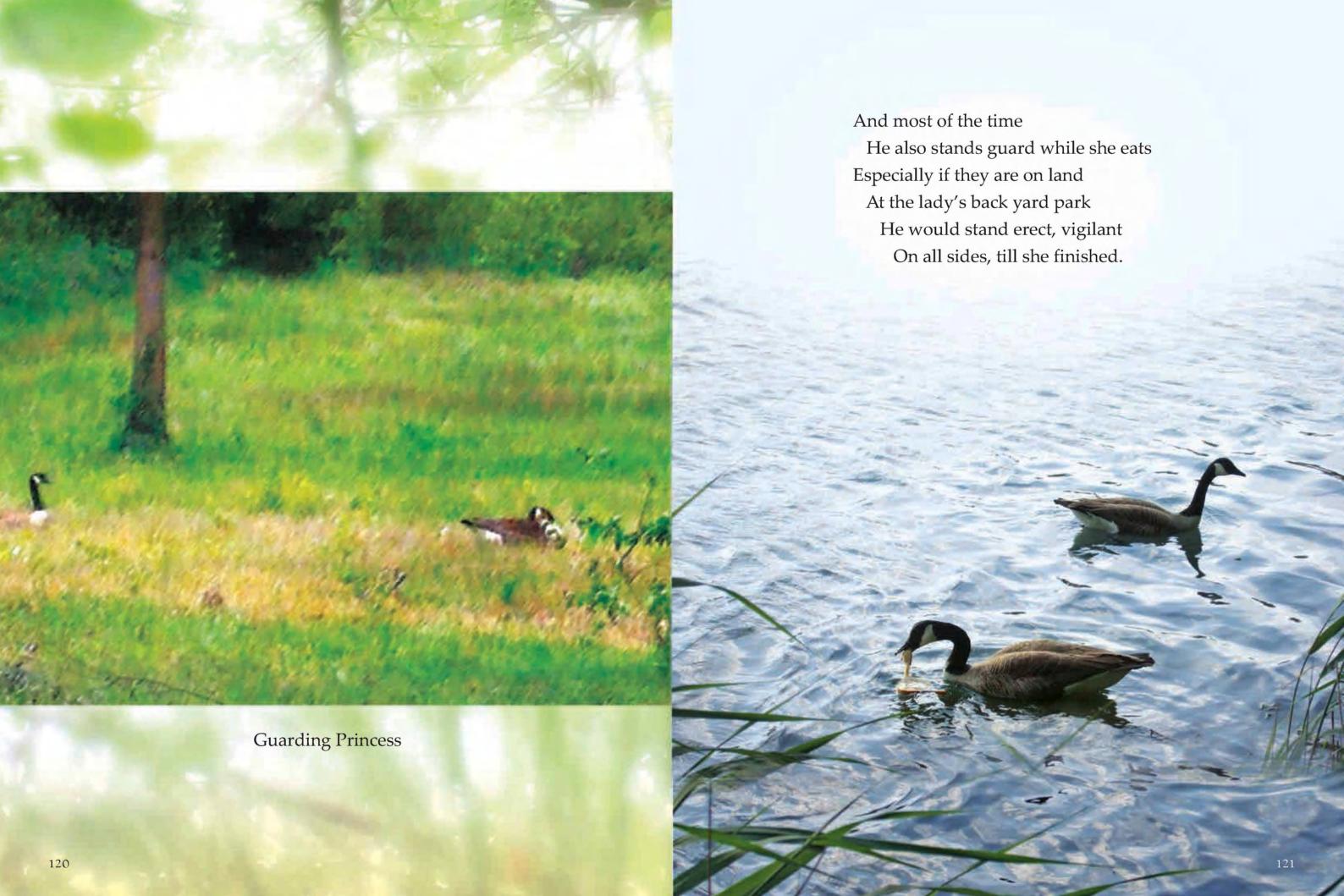
He often comes to the lady's house For some food and a little love. Sometime being chased by Sai Sai (He chases anyone when he feels like Just his sport to pass the time Not hurting though.) It's not easy Being dark And different! Is it the same In the world of humans





Foo-Foo "introduced" Yeou, her beau, to the lady,
Who welcomed him heartily,
(the lady calls him Prince Yeou-Yeou)
He is so gorgeous and polite.
Whenever Foo takes a bath in the lake
He stands guard near by
On the small island or on the lake
At which their home they made.







Then he might eat

If the situation is

Calm and favorable

No intruder, no threat

Or if food is still available,

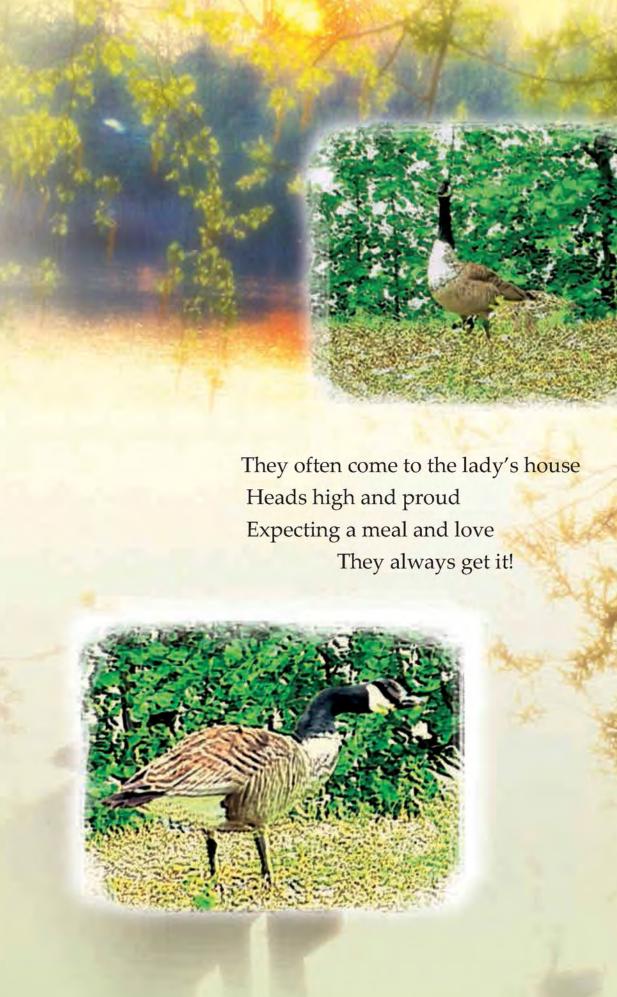
Of course the lady makes sure

To give ample portion for him

Then Foo-Foo would take turn now to guard.

While he eats, they don't "talk,"

Just perfect telepathy.



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## Before





Since the arrival of the little ones,
Foo-Foo has to constantly be on watch
Hardly has time to eat and rest.
She became thinner but never
Let down her guard over
Her precious babies.

Both of them actually:
Yeou-Yeou also was doing
His noble part of a parent
Searching for food.
And protecting the young.





Teaching them to forage
Teaching them all the "hows."
There're dangers in the wild
So, they always stay close.

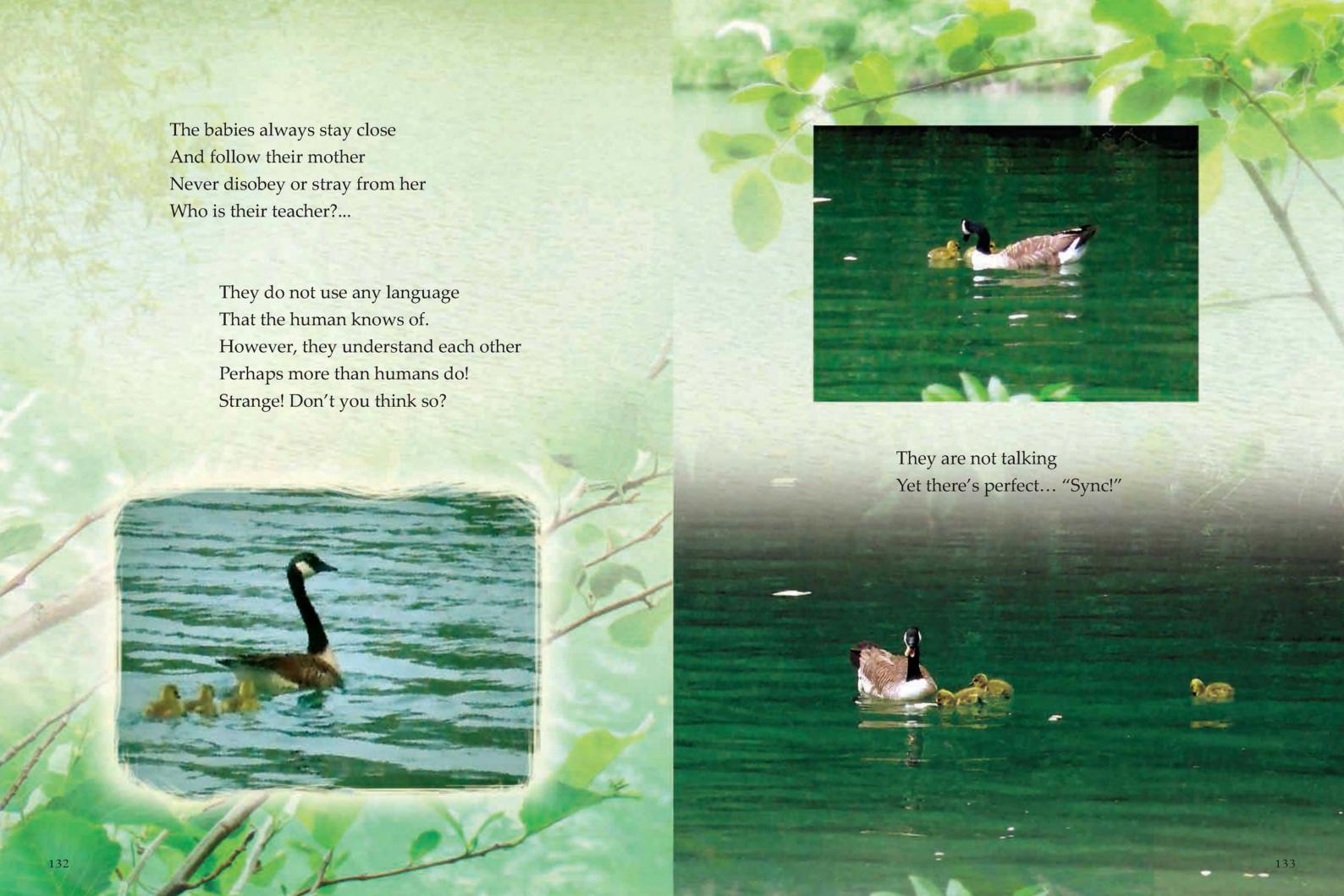


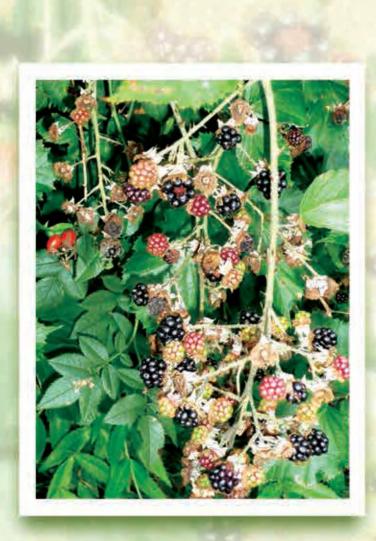
Sometimes the father goes ahead
To check the path's OKness
For the safety of his family
He would lay down his life readily...

... Once a bigger "bully"
Swooped down upon them
The father did his best
To scare away the "baddy"
Though much smaller in size
He stood tall and tough
Stretching out his wings
In front of his kids
Covering his family
Till all little ones hurriedly
Followed Mum to safety.
Such a touching scene to see!

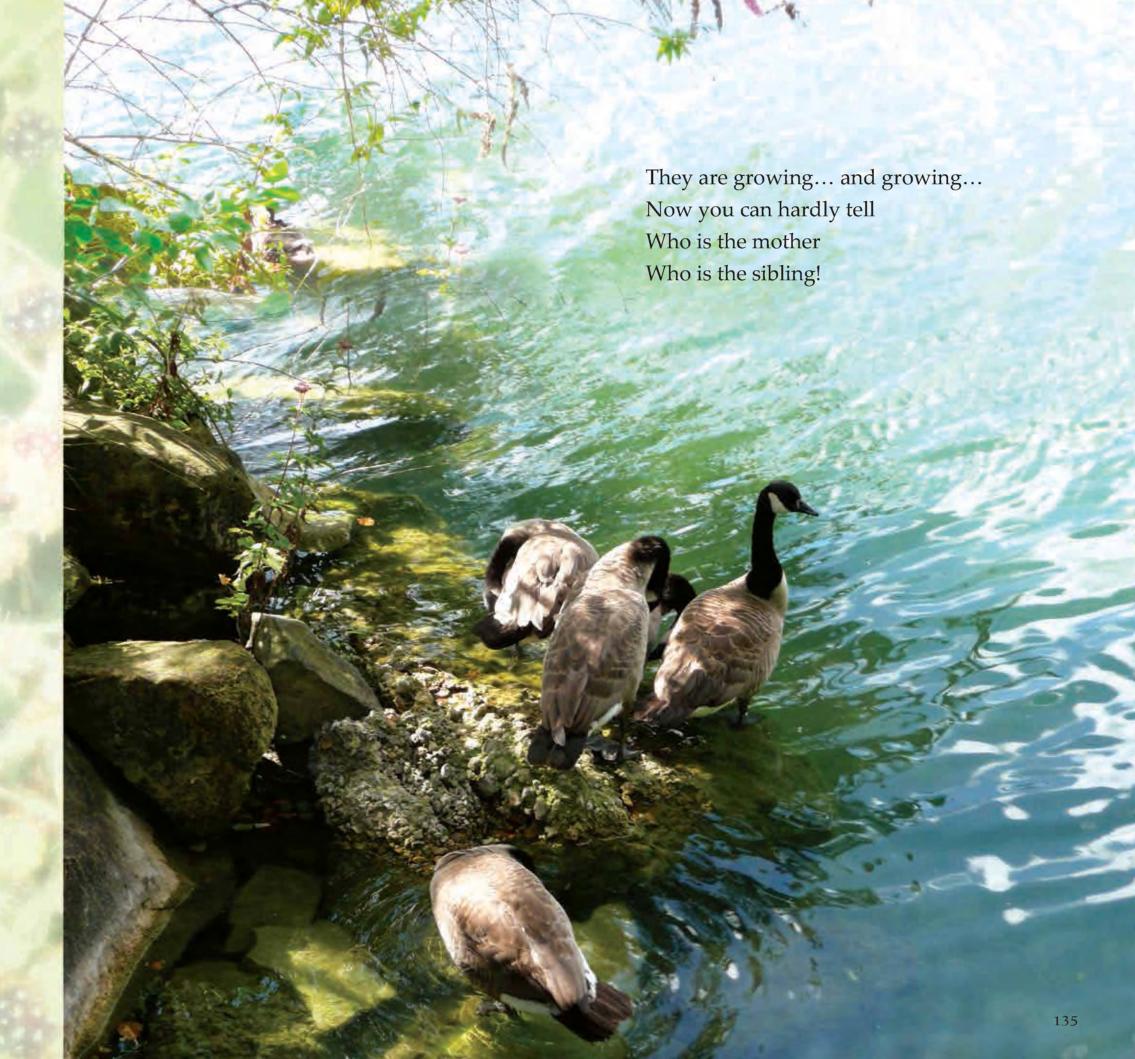
The lady was in tears...
So much worried!
They're in the water
She... on land!
Nothing she could do to prevent...
But she was so touched
Witnessing such courage and noble love!

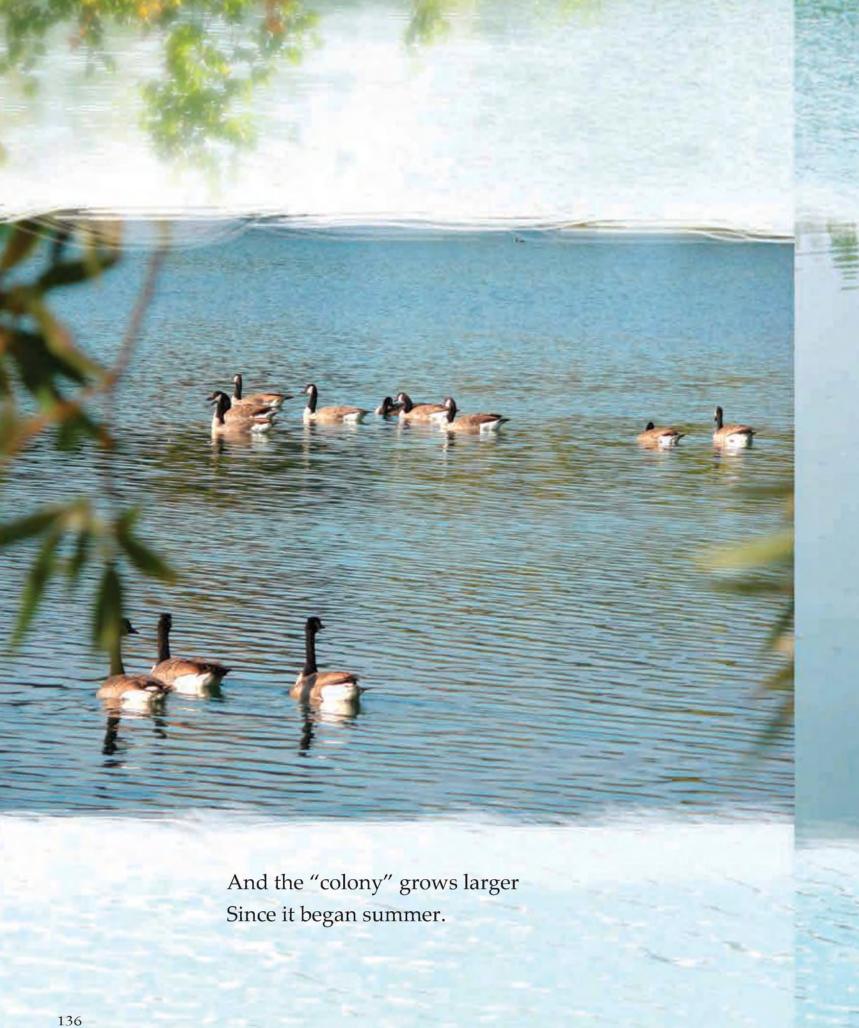


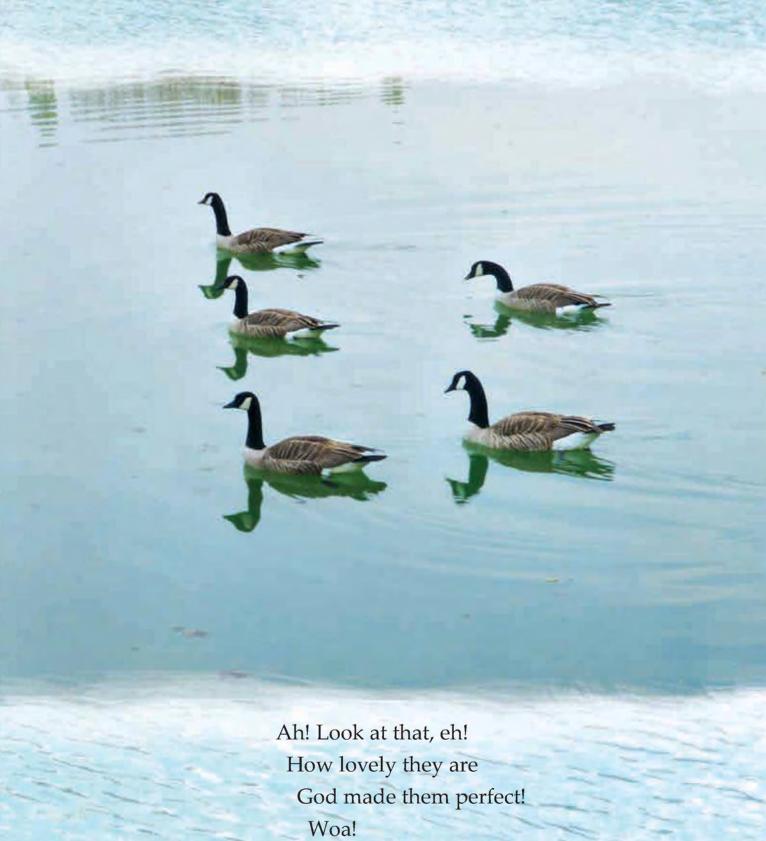




Harvest in Amoura













And the lady is very happy

To see them big, well and plenty

Very very happy is she.

She welcomes them all

With food and love, tenderly.





So beautiful is he!

Never seen one like this before

Has a name though:

"Or"!





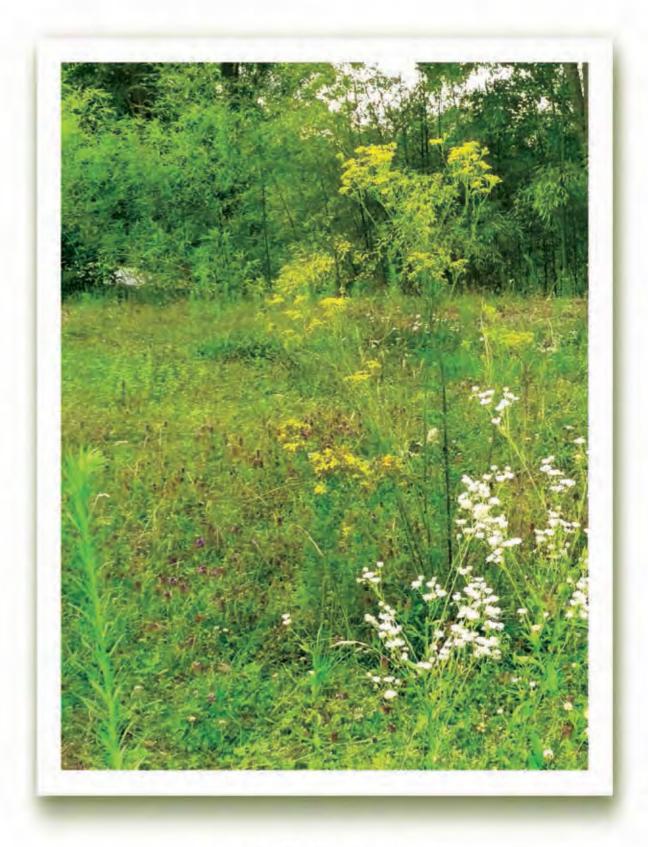




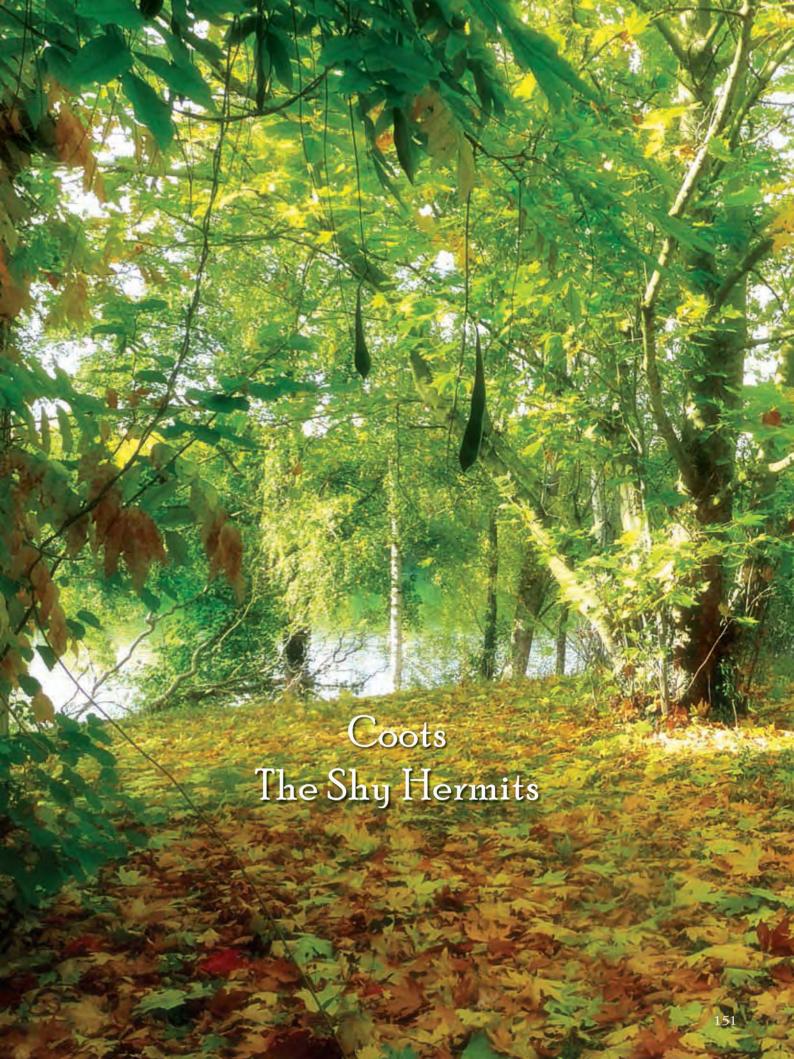
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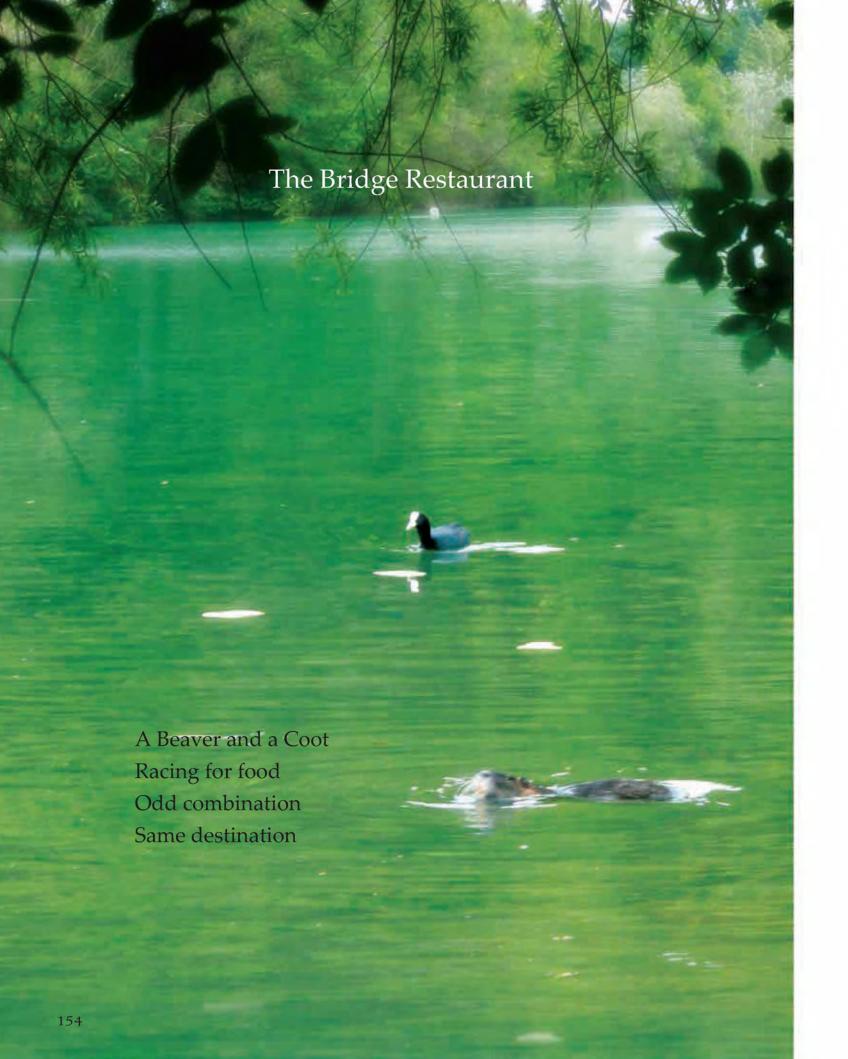
Today - Demise



Simple charm in Amoura









A Master diver

Coots can stay long under

A similar size as pigeon

They're in the family of moor-hen.



Now u don't



On a tour of food supply
The lady discovered this nest.

Mom and Dad out for lunch
While this photo was taken.
She had to climb the tree and be quick
Before the parents are back.

Spring comes not only with flowers
But also lots of gifts to offer
Life blossoms anew...
After the long winter.





The coots are much more of a hermit
Than the swans, geese or ducks.
They are also much smaller
Mostly they only come near
If other water-fowls are there.

They would wait otherwise
Till the human is out of sight
Any slightest movement from the feeder
They would take flight!

But there's one couple
Who come running when the lady is near
And partake of the food
That she daily thrice offers.

Even if one or both are hatching
On their nest at that moment
Mind you, only for food
Not to get too close, Eh!











The youngest sits and waits
The rest went with Mom & Dad away

The lady placed a little bread here
In case Mom couldn't find
Any food near.



There is still one more to come.

The mother is patient

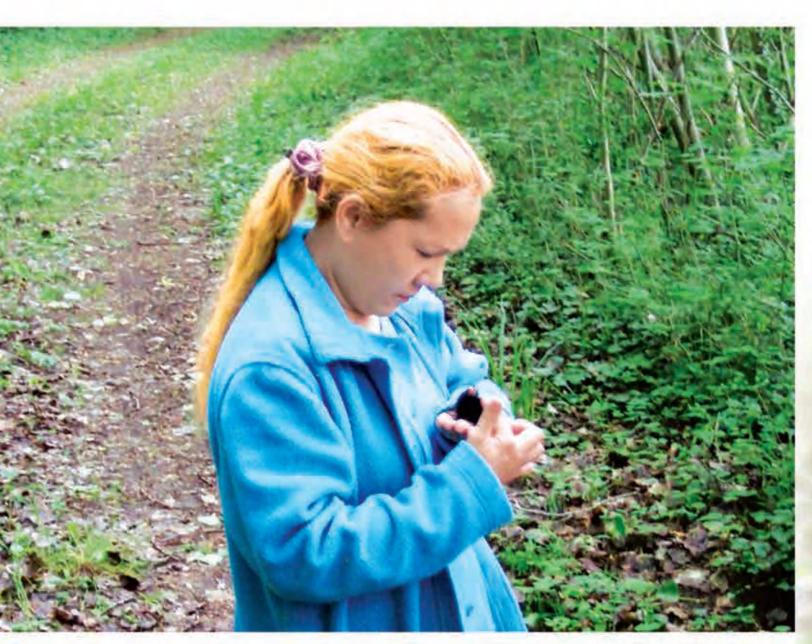
The lady is "in waiting."



The parents keep coming and going
They never abandon the nest
But there are other offspring
That they must take care of.







"I am not your mother"

But the guy jumped back in the water

And ran chirping after her!!!

She explained to this precious

That she is not its mother.

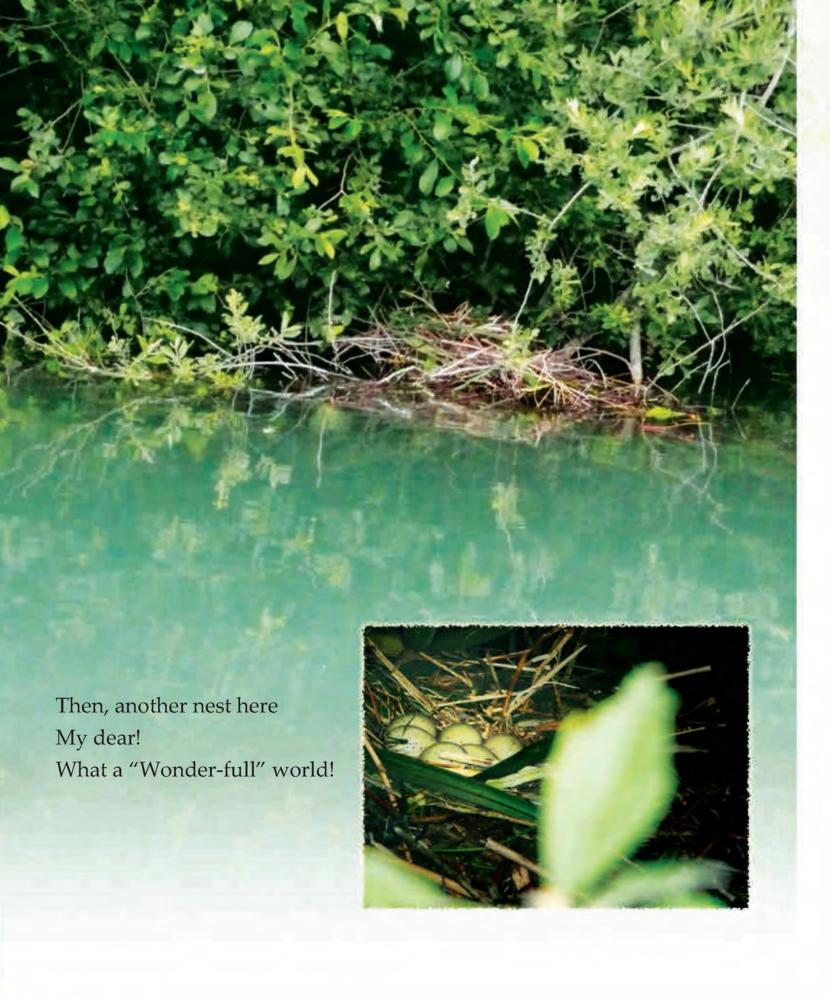
Wanting to follow "Her."



"Hey, I do appreciate your love But please go back to your flock Mom and Dad will be worrying If you go a-missing!"





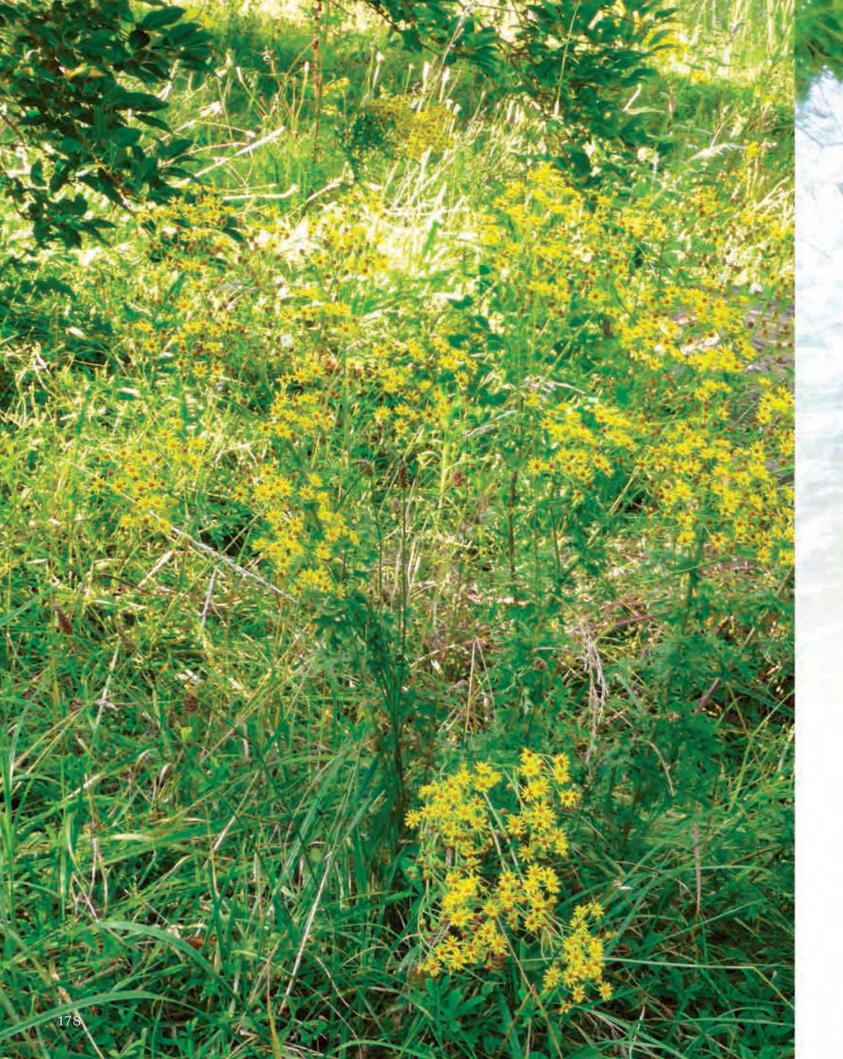




Oblivious to the world







The lady came too near
That sparked some fear
All others ran with the parents
Only one left chirping here.





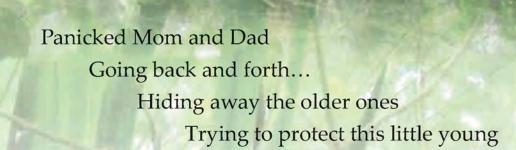


Though reclusive and maybe afraid
of human - who wouldn't, eh? –
The Mom and Dad kept coming near
To protect the little: Love is greater than fear!



The lady was in tears.
"I am so... sorry
I'd never hurt you
I'll leave right now!"

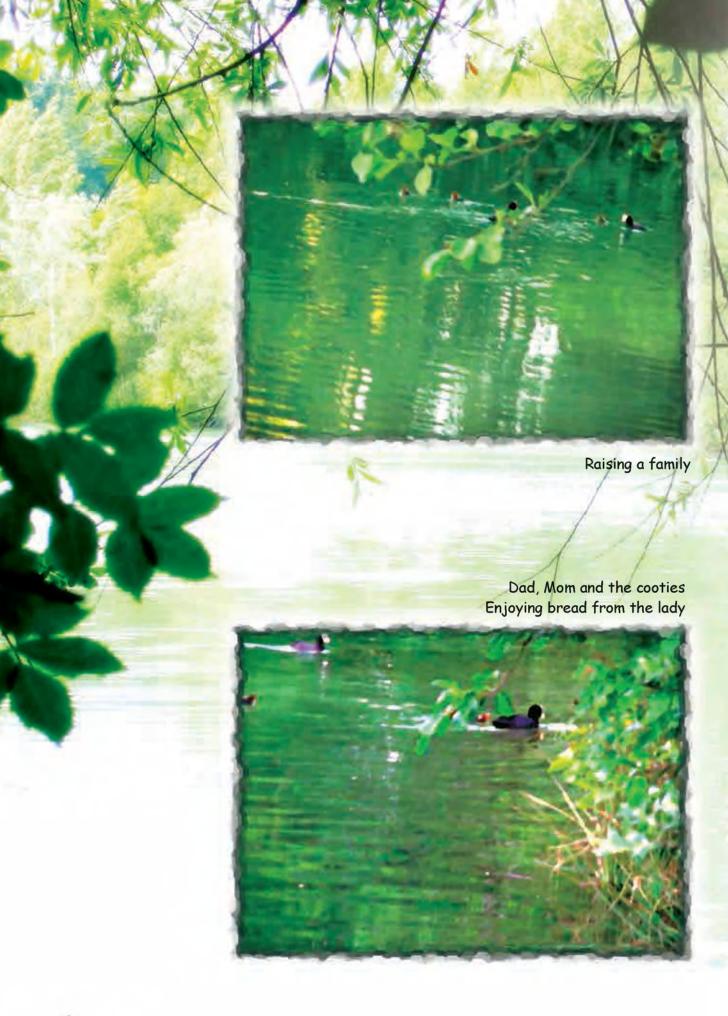
"...Just wanna feed you Next time... I won't come so close."



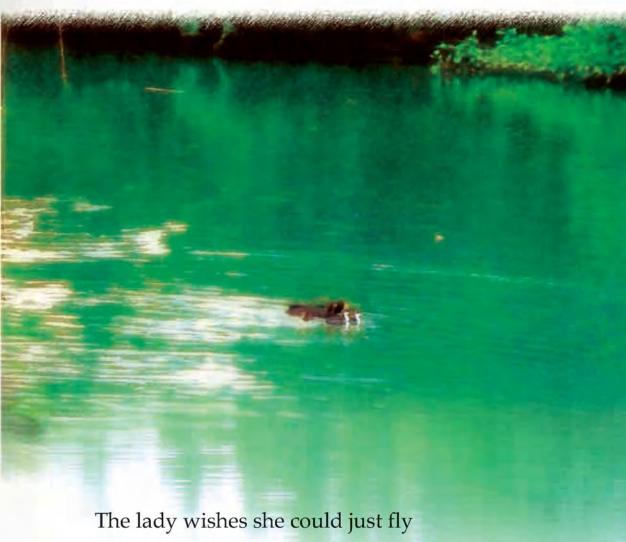


Who taught them all this concern?





This is long after they're hatched
The lady has regained their trust
Otherwise they'd hide near the shore
And parents take turns to carry food there.
And the "journey" could be long
Like from this shore to the other!



The lady wishes she could just fly
Here, there, to bring them the supplies!
Seeing coot Mama swam such a long distance
Carrying each morsel to her children
The lady's heart feels such tender love
Such an indescribable sentiment!

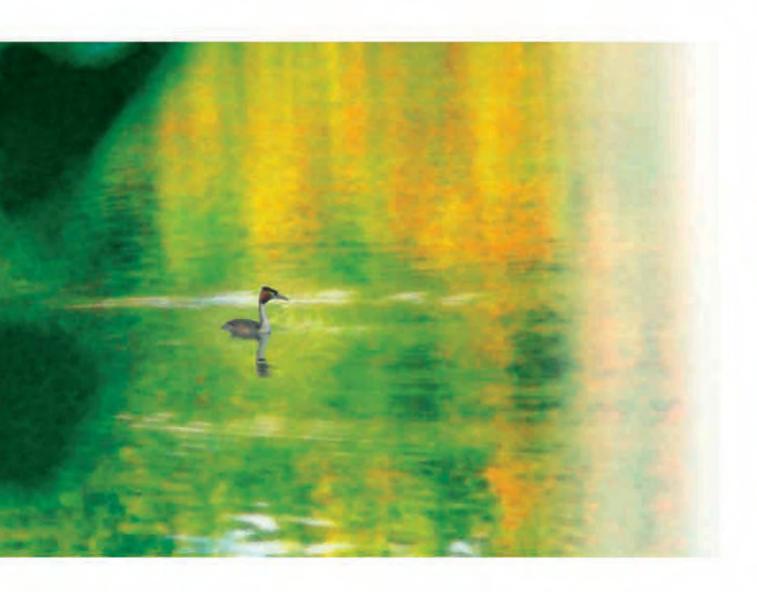








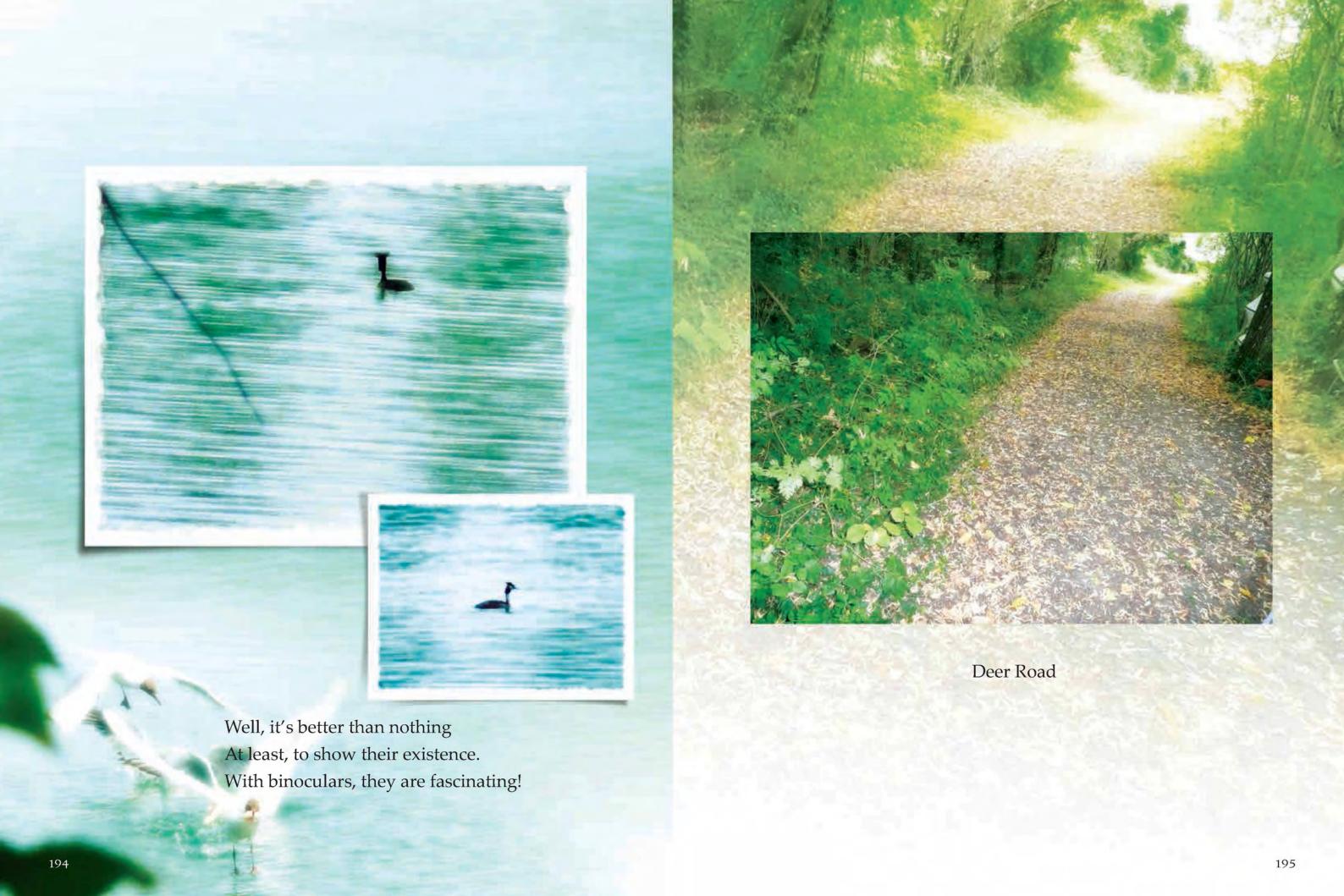
This is as good as it gets
The photo is already the best
Anyway they are
Similar size as ducks,
A little more slender.
(Just enjoy the Autumn lake color!)



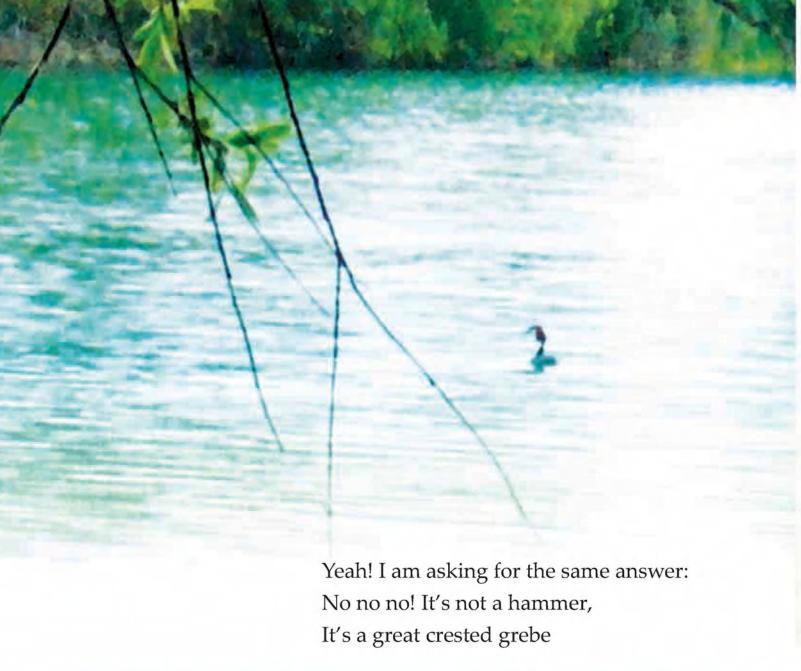
If you feel it's disappointing

This water beauty never came Close enough for a better vision. Bread or stuffs never tempted him They just love to dive and swim.

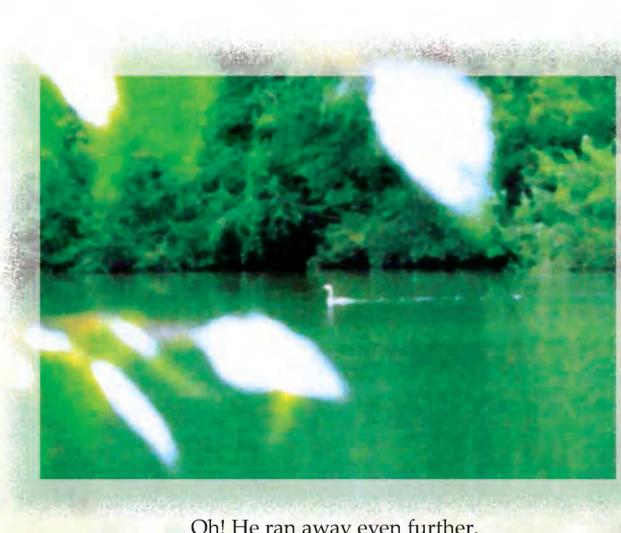
If you feel it's disappointing
Please stop further looking.
The worse photos are coming!







It's a bird!
If you don't believe,
Go nearer and see
Ha... Ha!

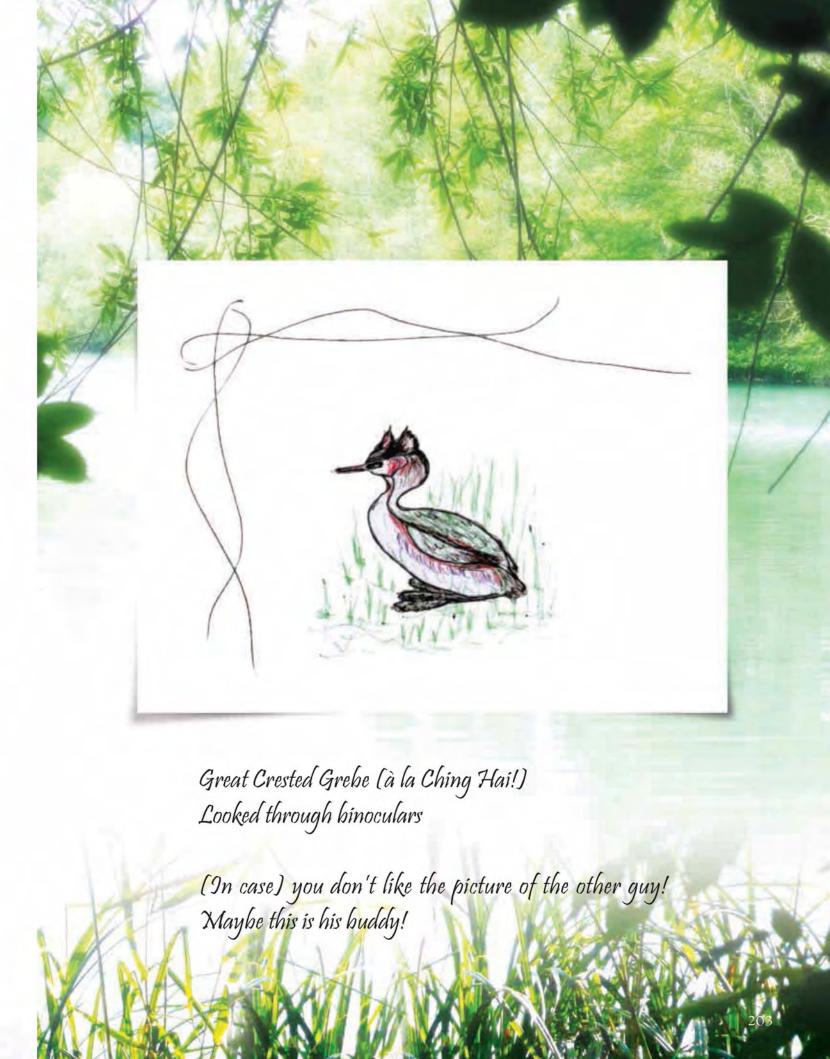


Oh! He ran away even further. Will try to get a better picture. (Serious!) - OK?





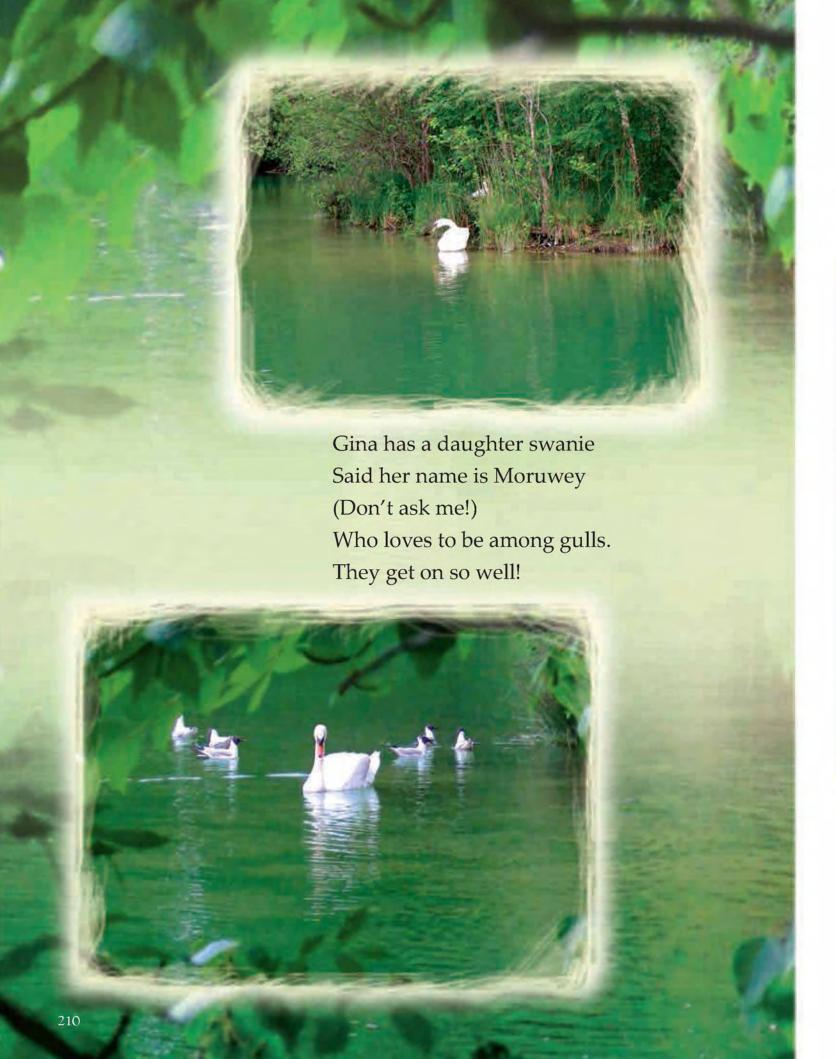
Greater Grebe?
(Ha ha! No, it's the same guy.)

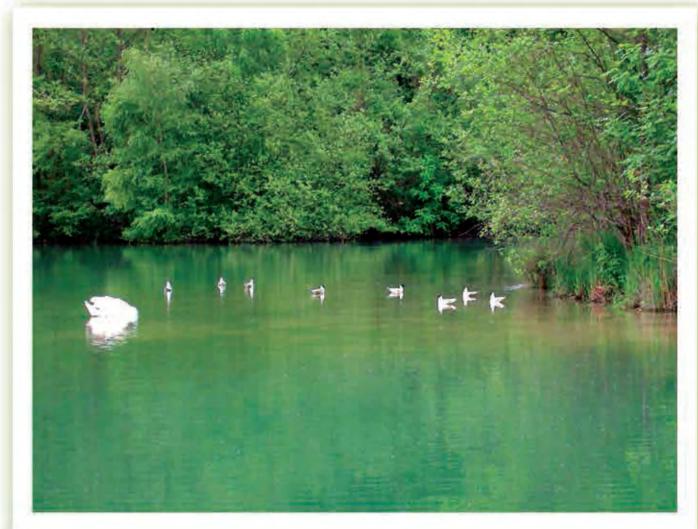


Glorious summer Saying it with flowers









Who can blame you Peace and quiet, huh!

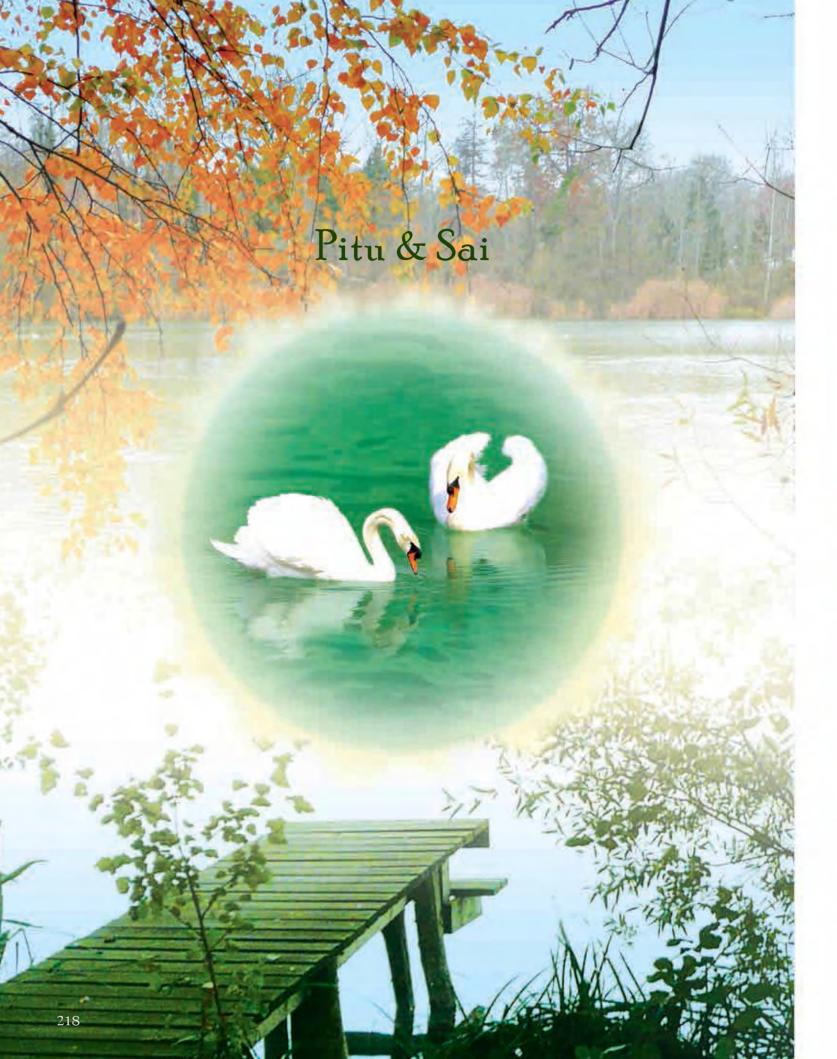




The threesome friends
Sharing simple lunch.
Having nice "Conversation."









After a short while
There came this beauty.
She is tender young and lovely
Loves to befriend the lady.























The proud owner of Bridge Restaurant



The "communication" begins
Between Ma and future siblings



Pitu would pluck her silky feathers
To inlay the nest softer
Day and night, rain or shine
She protects her nestlings as her life.

The lady brings daily supply
Of Pitu's favorite and for Sai.
They love soft bread, lettuce and spinach.



Pitu in her nest and dining room.

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The Swans didn't mind she came and went They were used to her by then. Still, it's best to stay away They are fiercely protective of their family!

One day the lady used a stick of wood

Tried to remove something from their nest
Because it seemed to pierce the body of Pitu
But she went berserk, called Sai to Shoo
He flew to her immediately.

Advancing with pumped up giant body
With deliberate threatening gesture and Hissing





Later, the lady moved her tent
Near to the bridge, on higher elevation.
Just to watch over the swans
And wait for the blossoming of the little ones!



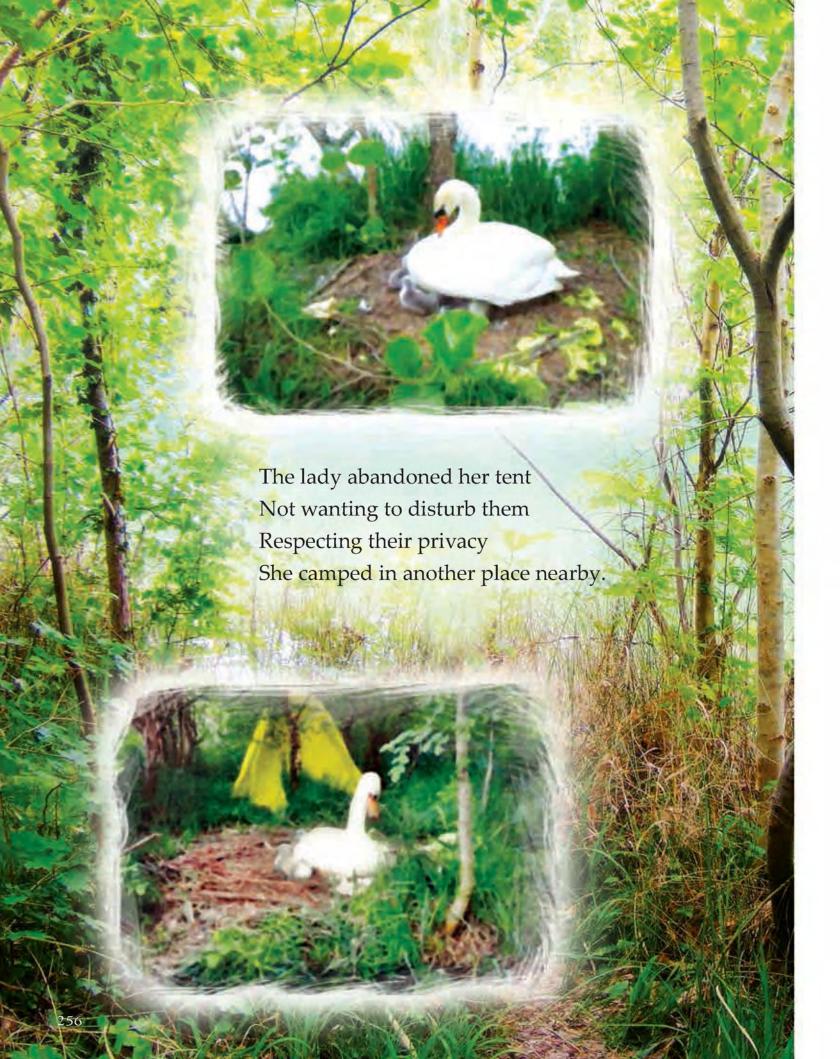
The lady's quarters On Swanie Island.







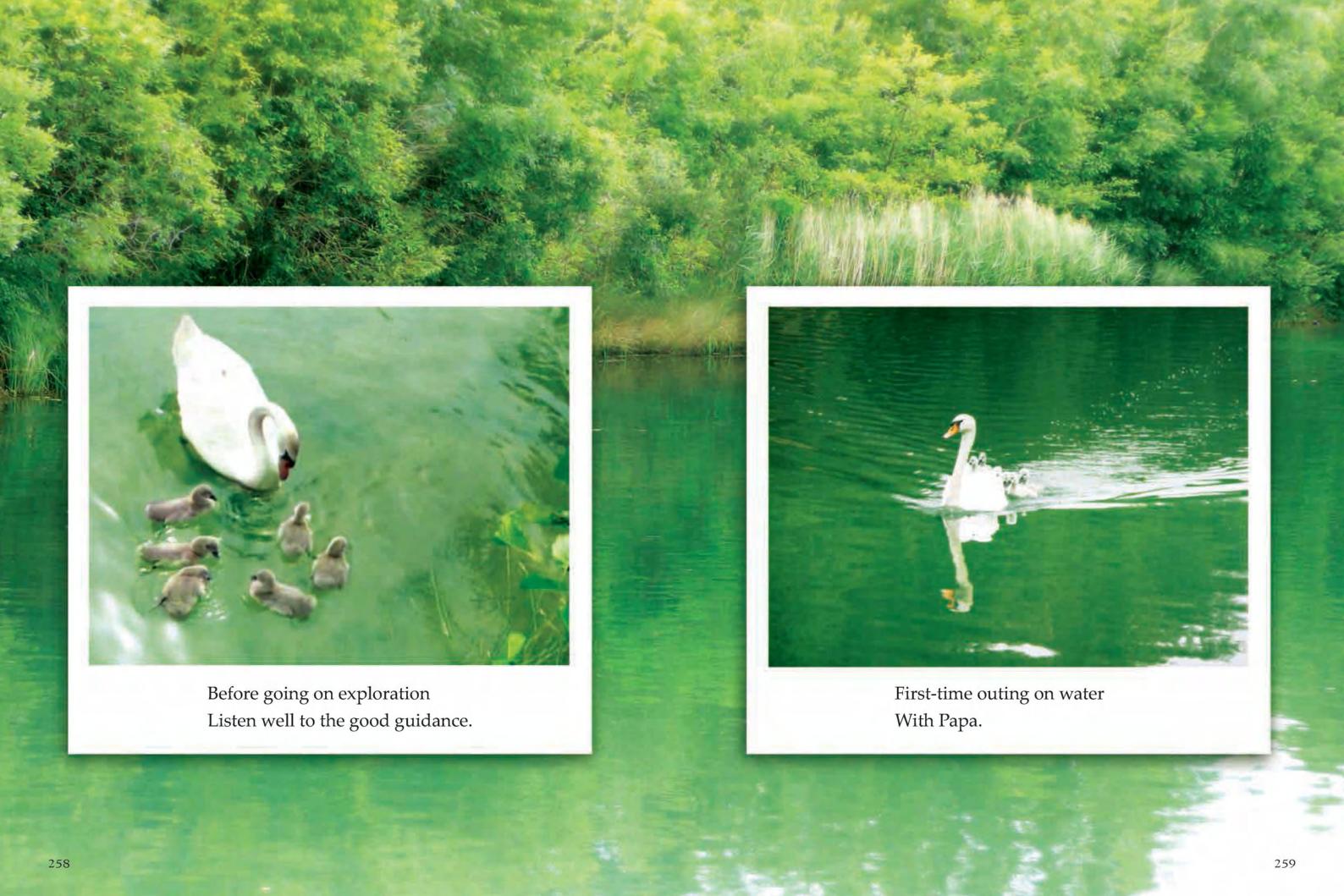


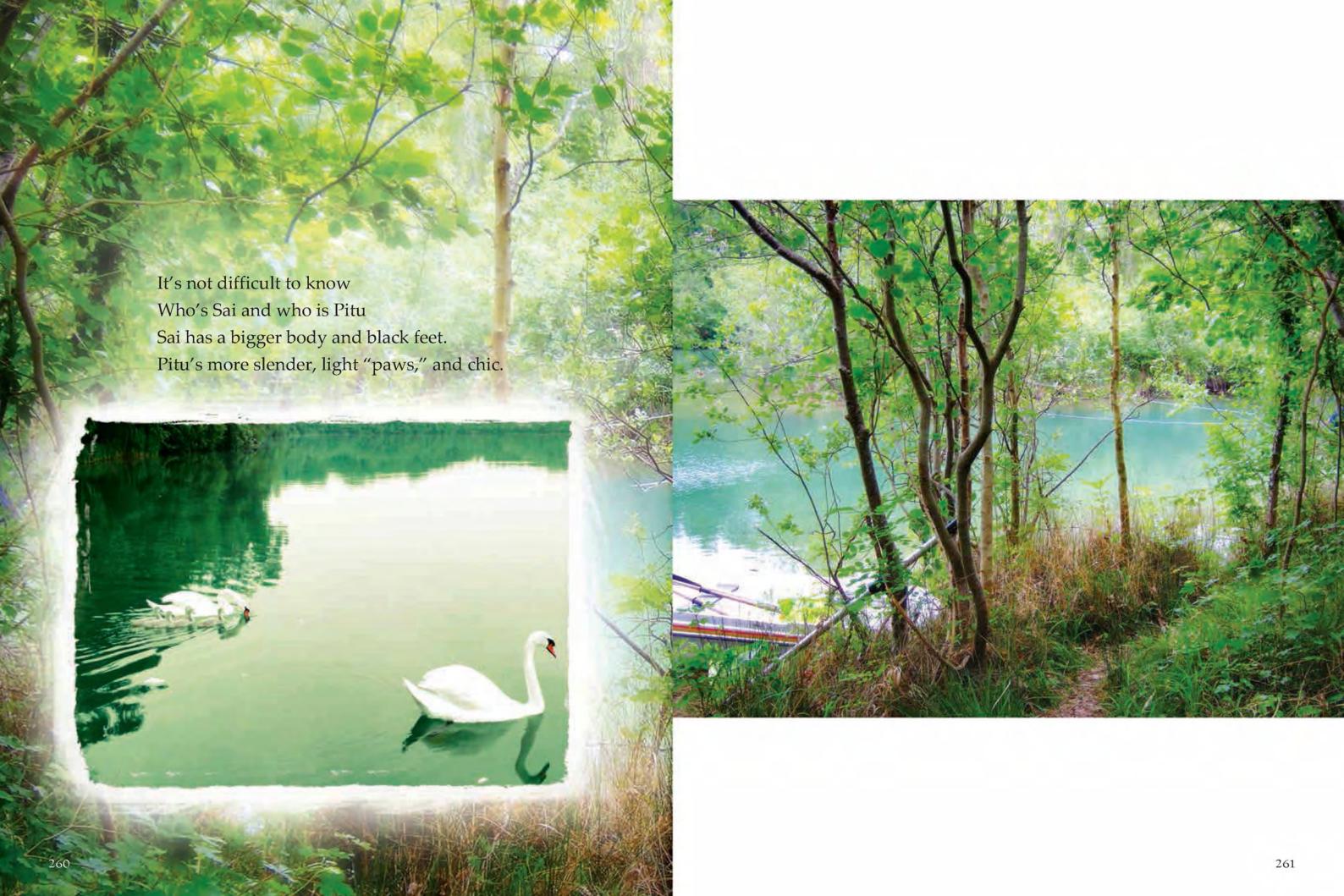




Now you see them Now you don't



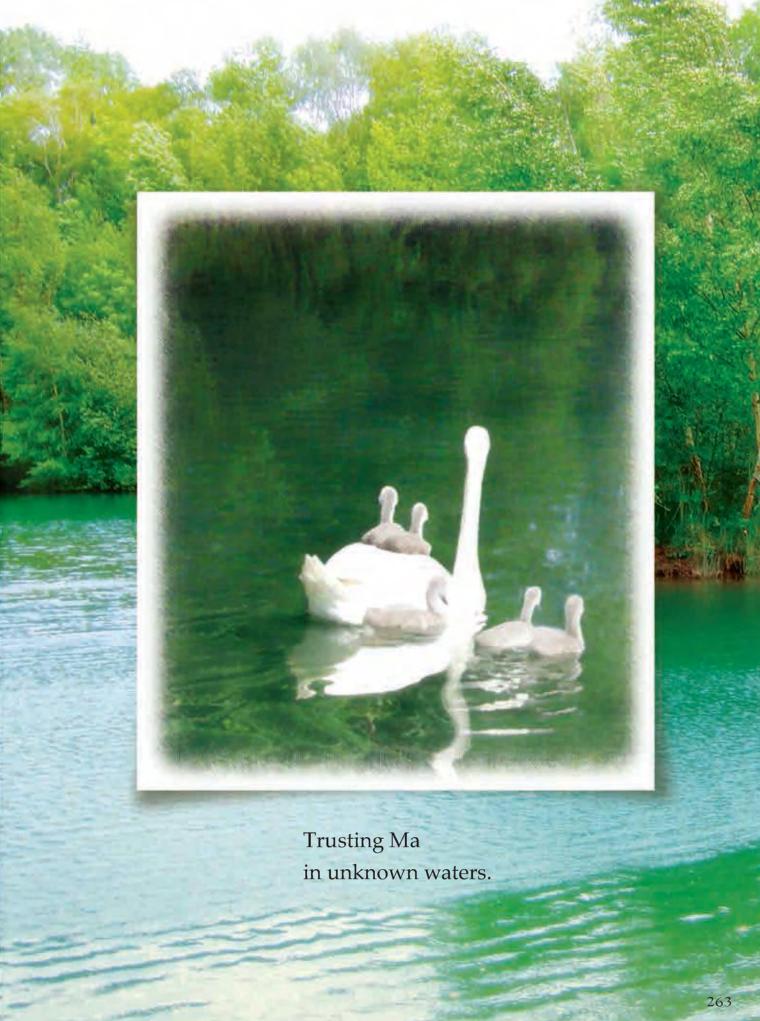


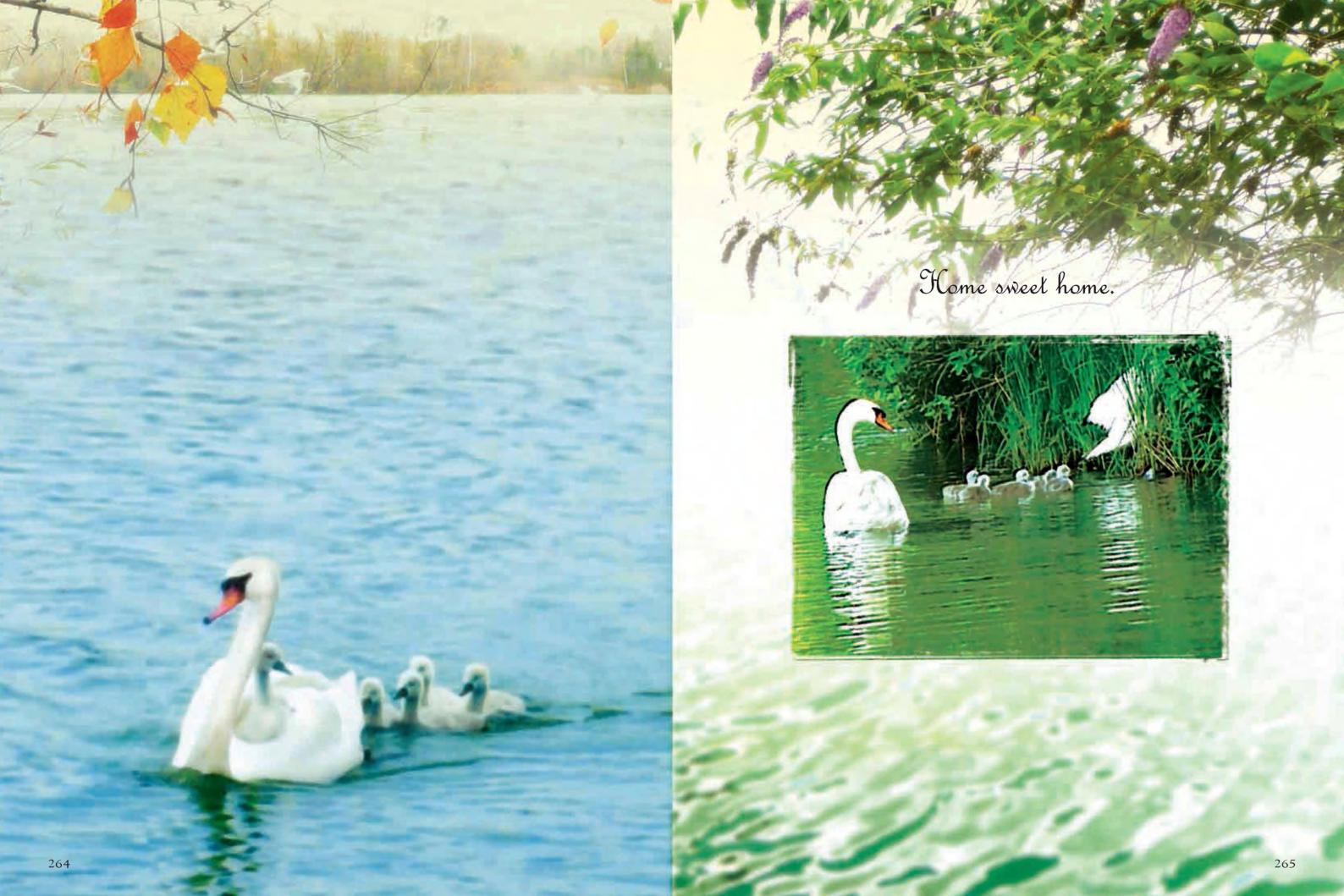




Pitu is also the more noble of the two
Elegant, gentle and beautiful.
There is something about her, inborn
That commands respect and admiration.









Only fifteen or so days old
They already can travel
Paying the old lady a grateful visit
She's waiting happily
For her extended family.





When the training get tough
When the wind is too rough
There's good transportation
Quick, comfy and convenient.



Sai is chewing the food to bits: Easier for the kids to eat.



The siblings can eat at all times
Taking very short naps
During hatching time and after even
One hardly sees the parents resting!

It was still very cold in mid-spring
At night temp drops to plus 5-6
Pitu sat on duty and rarely moved.
Sai never slept all night through
He was constantly vigilant – deep in the icy water.
The lady camped near and fed Sai-Sai
He came often for a quick bite.
How did Pitu survive so long
Who helps her stay healthy and strong?
Who keeps Sai Sai through the night warm?

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1/2 winged

Waiting for the wings to return.

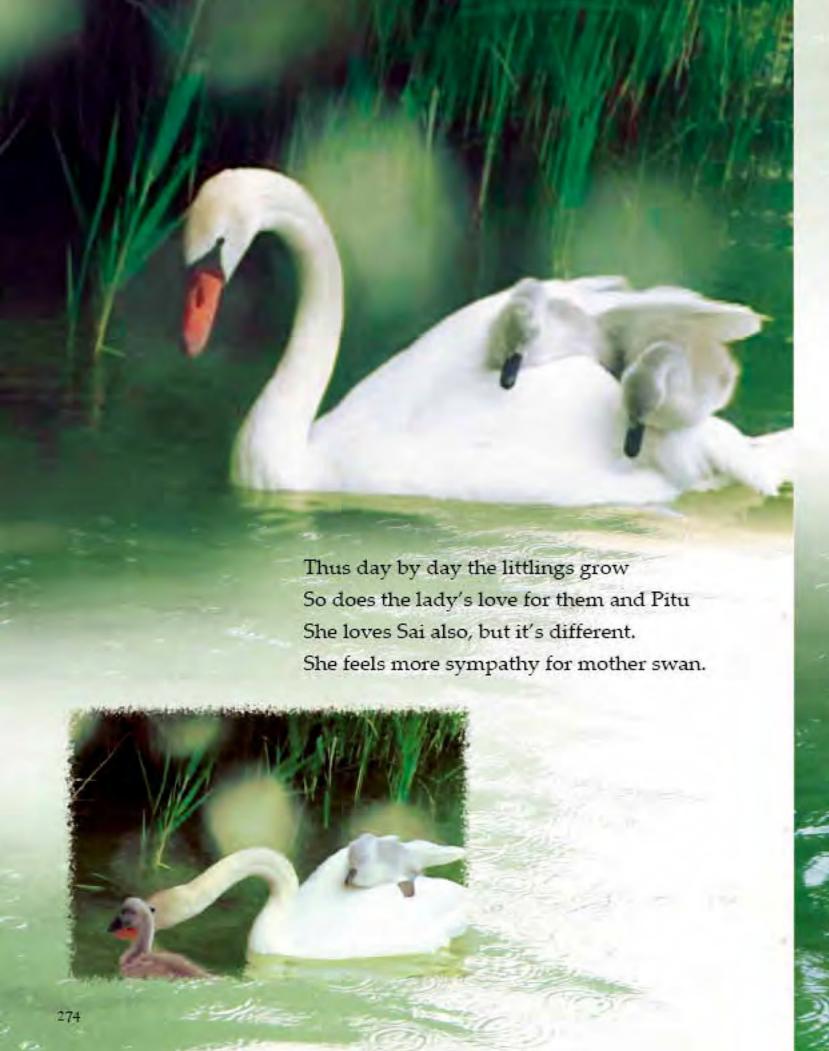


She cannot fly nor does want to Her life is bound with the littles



The lady's heart feeling some pain
Seeing Pitu's body thus waned
The lady keeps singing her name, coaxes her to eat
Sometimes succeeds, most often nicht!

Has only 1/2 wings

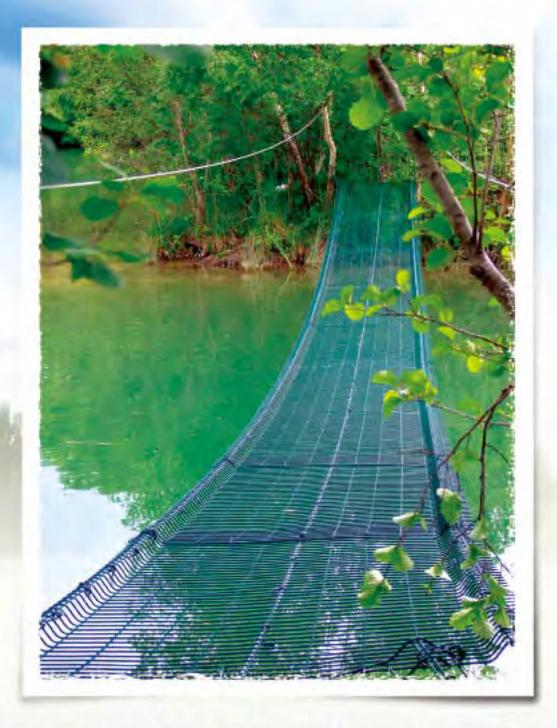


Pitu was always watchful over her precious. Sometimes chasing fishes away, sometimes beavers or any intruder that might come too near. Well, the swanlings are still very fragile and small, who could blame her?

The lady keeps trying to convince Pitu to eat something:

"Come on Pitu, please eat so that you stay strong and healthy, so that you can take care of your babies, please Pitu, please! It hurts me to see you so thin and having so little rest. Please eat."





Then she broke the whole meal bread into chew sizes, threw them next to Pitu; Pitu would eat a little, but then too distracted by other "intruder" – or just busy watching in all directions, making sure her babies are safe.

One just has to witness it to feel what the lady feels for Pitu.
Words fail to express when it comes to sympathy and love!

But Sai is also very diligent and smart. He does more than his share for his children. No one knows how he went sleepless Soaked in cold water during hatching He rarely went ashore, relentlessly guarding.



His eyes penetrate the whole lake
He left no chance, he missed nothing.
One time the lady's boat was too near
He circled around to tell us "Disappear!"
He was polite at first
But when we persisted, he went berserk
Becoming war-like
Till we got it and "fly."



Sai must have been very tired He snores!





On this island
Lots of residents
Swans, ducks, coots, rats, beavers...
All sizes, all shapes and all colors



Growing together as community
Here is ducks' and swans' colony.



Guarding treasures
On the lady's back yard
On their island or on water
On familiar ground
On strange land...

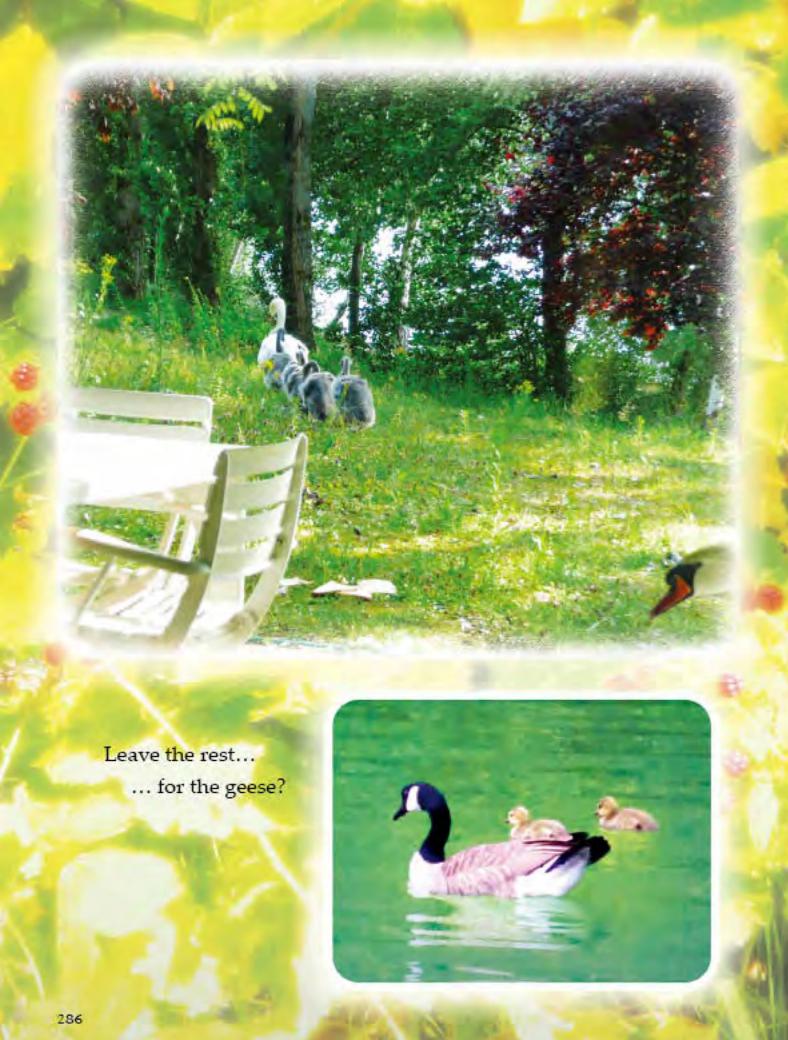




Or wherever...
One never knows!
They are too fragile and little.
If the kids like it here
The parents would stand guard forever!

You can tell who's Papa?
Right, the black feeter
And he's always in alert poised
Big and scarier!
- To ward off any intruder Think twice before you go near
(Don't ever)

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If they don't know you Better stay far. Even if they do

Caution is always healthier!

For their babies, they'd act in frenzy!

Don't even try.





Even if their feeding abounds

The parents always dig some plant out

To teach their kids all about survival

All the arts of know-how.

Though tough to strangers,

To their kids, extremely tender.

Their love and sacrifice

Will bring tears to your eyes.

And although Sai is protective to his kids
He still remembers the lady's kindness
Mostly he is very polite to her
Always flies to where she is
Or whenever she calls.
(If he happens to be without the kids)
When she arrives to feed
They'd all come around and wagging tails
Not kidding, it's real!
(The ducks and their kids do the same though.)



One time the lady was so upset Seeing little coots being harassed She talked to Sai of how she felt Tears in her eyes as sadness welled



He looked at her and flew straight to the water Chasing away that "bad" oppressor Came back and stood around the lady Puffing his wings and held his head proudly But with sympathetic gestures. So astonished was she There was a silent telepathy Hard to explain But she would assure you That Sai understood Every single thing she said In English, eh! If you know a wild Try it yourself! Don't be surprised At their rapport, Humans are the ones, Who know not a lot!

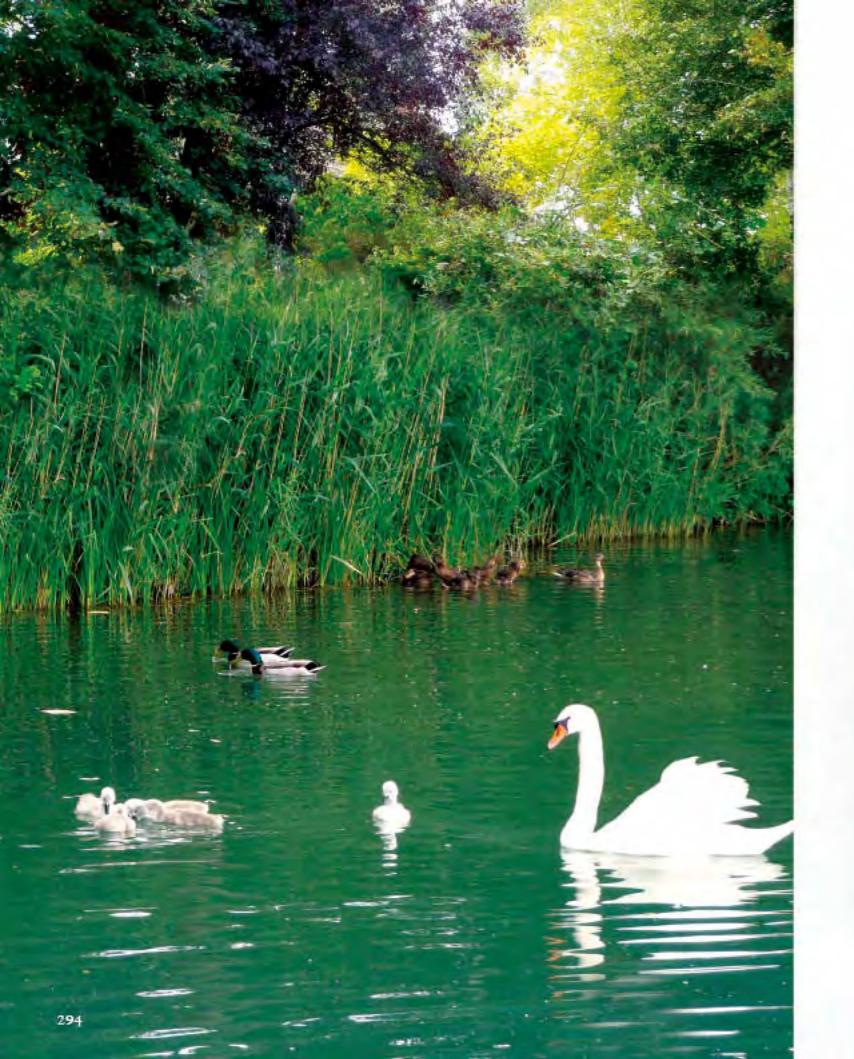




For now, they are the most devoted Loving parents and loyal guardians Touching the hearts of any-one!



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See how the parents stand by
Watching them eat?
Their most favorite!
They hardly ever touch any.
But just feed themselves lake weeds!



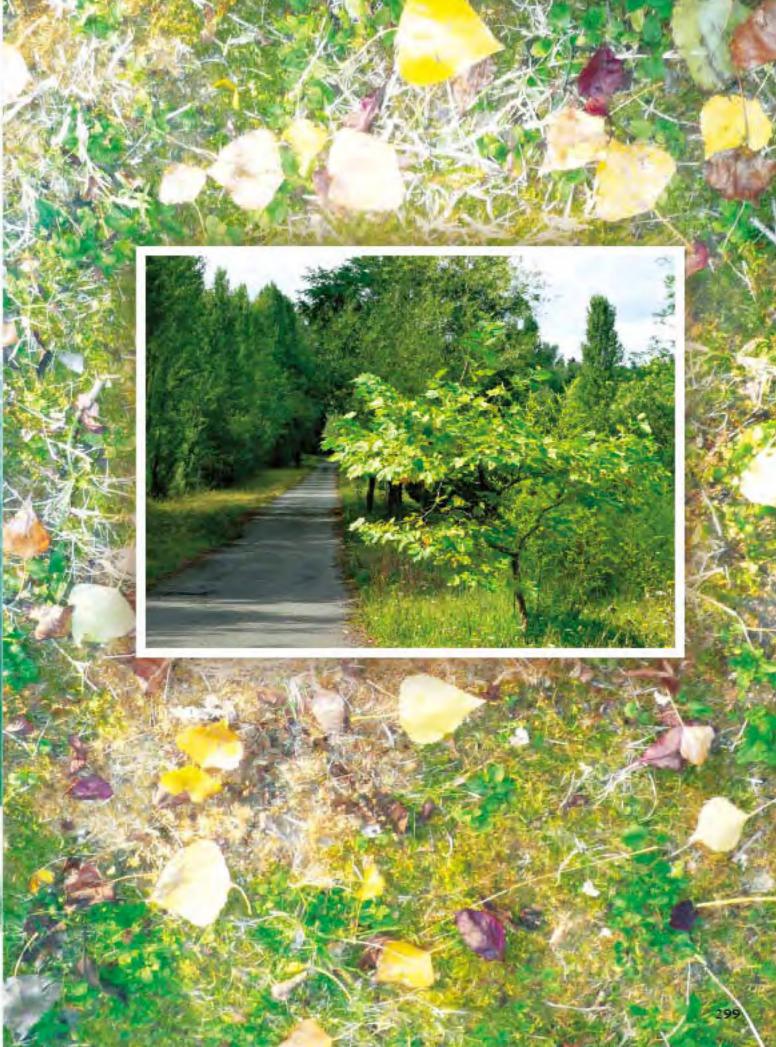
The children are on the grow
It seems they can always eat!
The lady keeps giving,
The kids keep munching.
They feed every two, three hours
All day and all night.
They don't just feed on lettuce & bread,
Sai and Pitu teach them the wild diet.
It's good for them to learn independence.
The lady knows when to give what and when none.

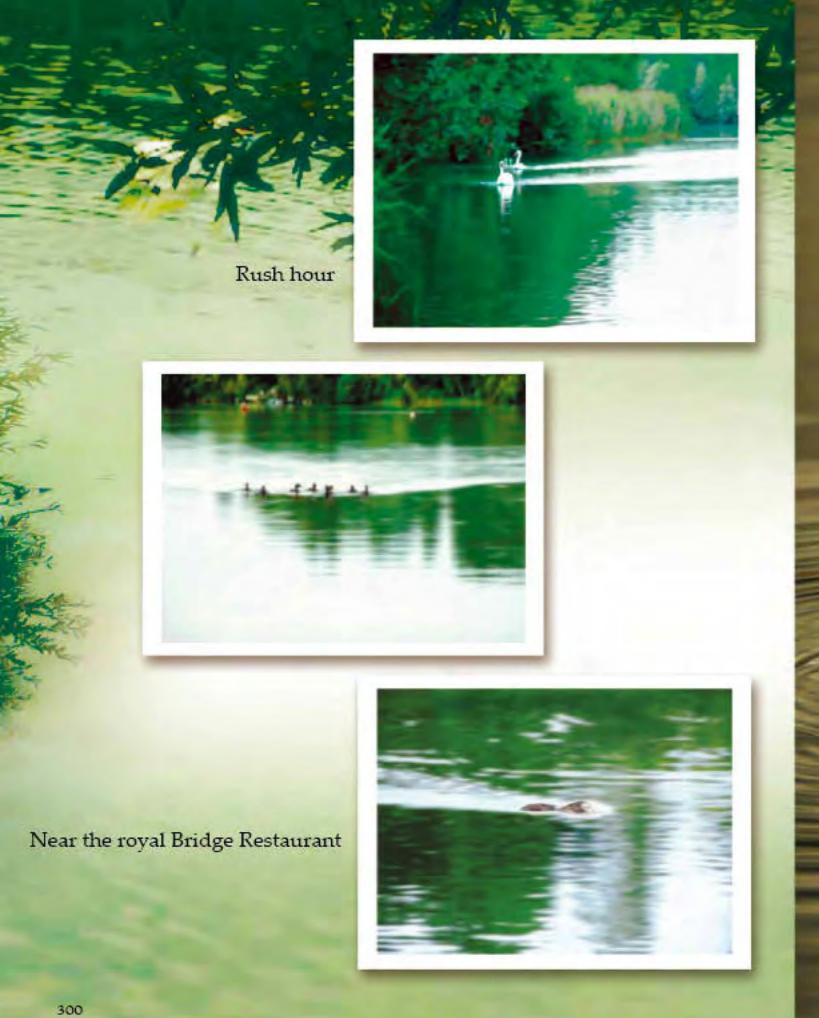


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When the kids were still small
Sai always chewed their food to little
Or gestured to them, "Here, take it"
One can observe all their "speech."















Lunch chez lady's palace
Crispy lettuce and wholesome bread
After such long and tired swimming
It's so good to relax and enjoying.





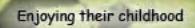






They share every thing Never trifle or competing Such peace and harmony! Wishing it on all beings.







Sometime they frolic
In the lake water
Like standing erect on it
Or diving deep down under
Taking a dip and another dip
Or grooming their silky pluffy feathers.

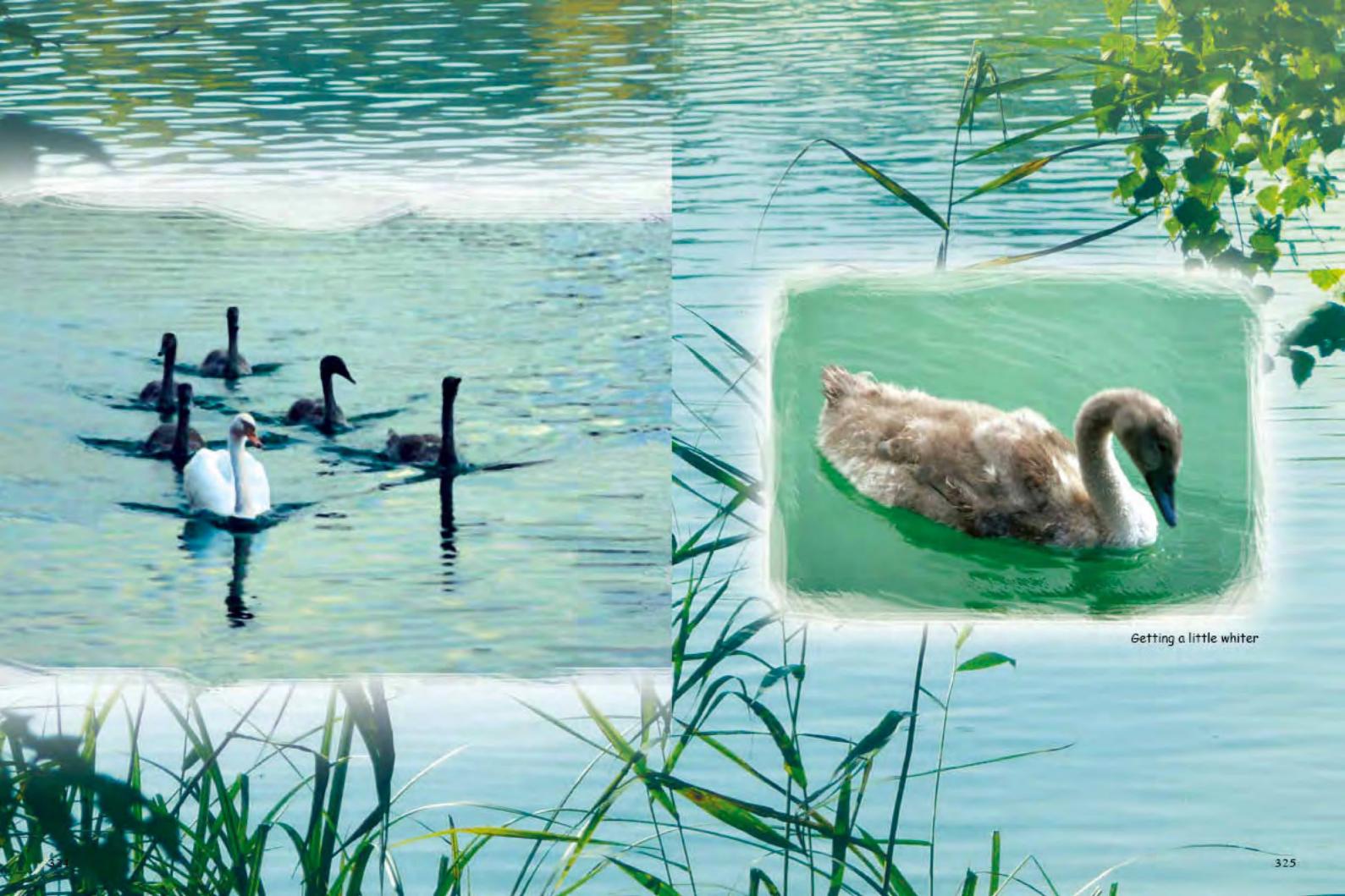




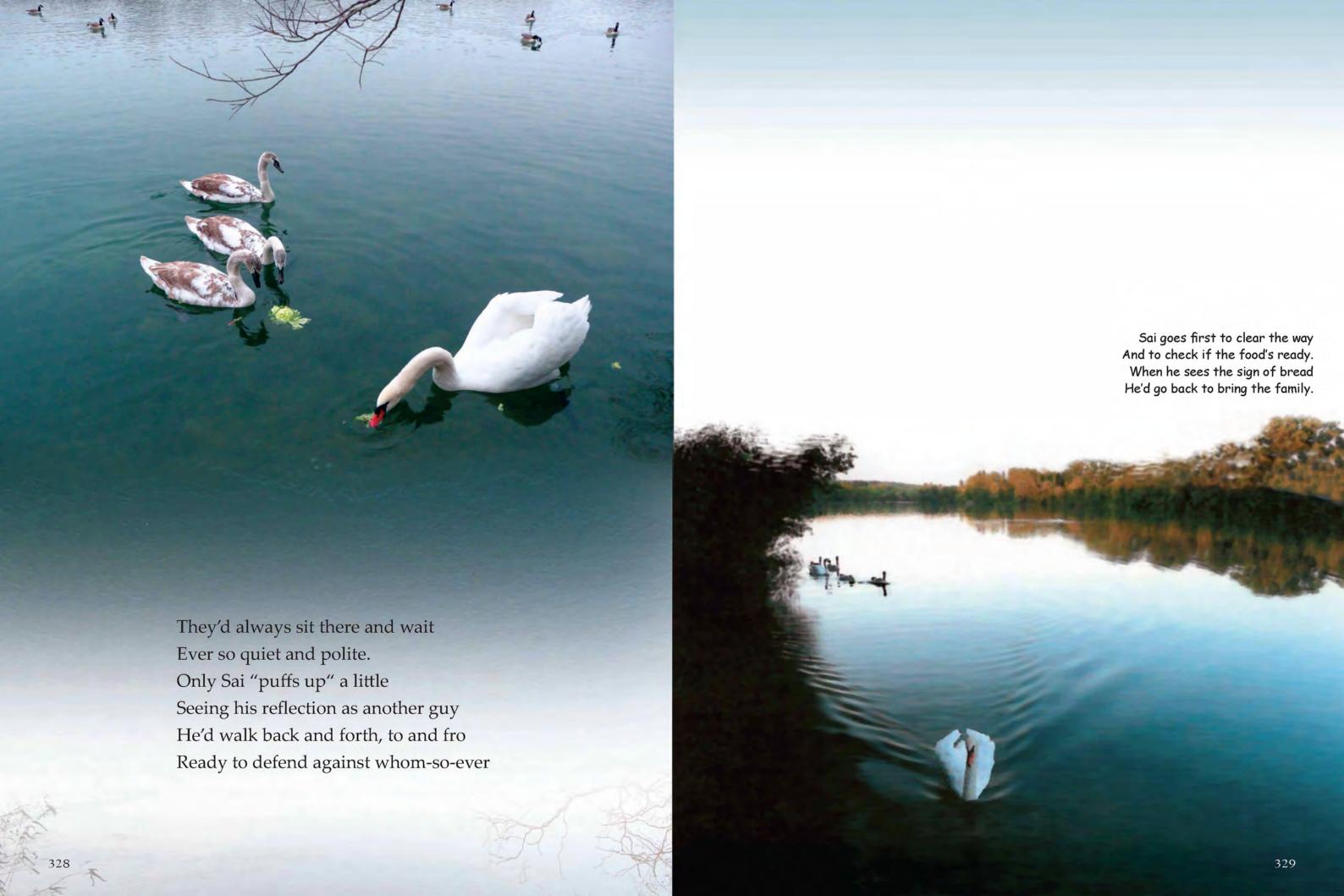








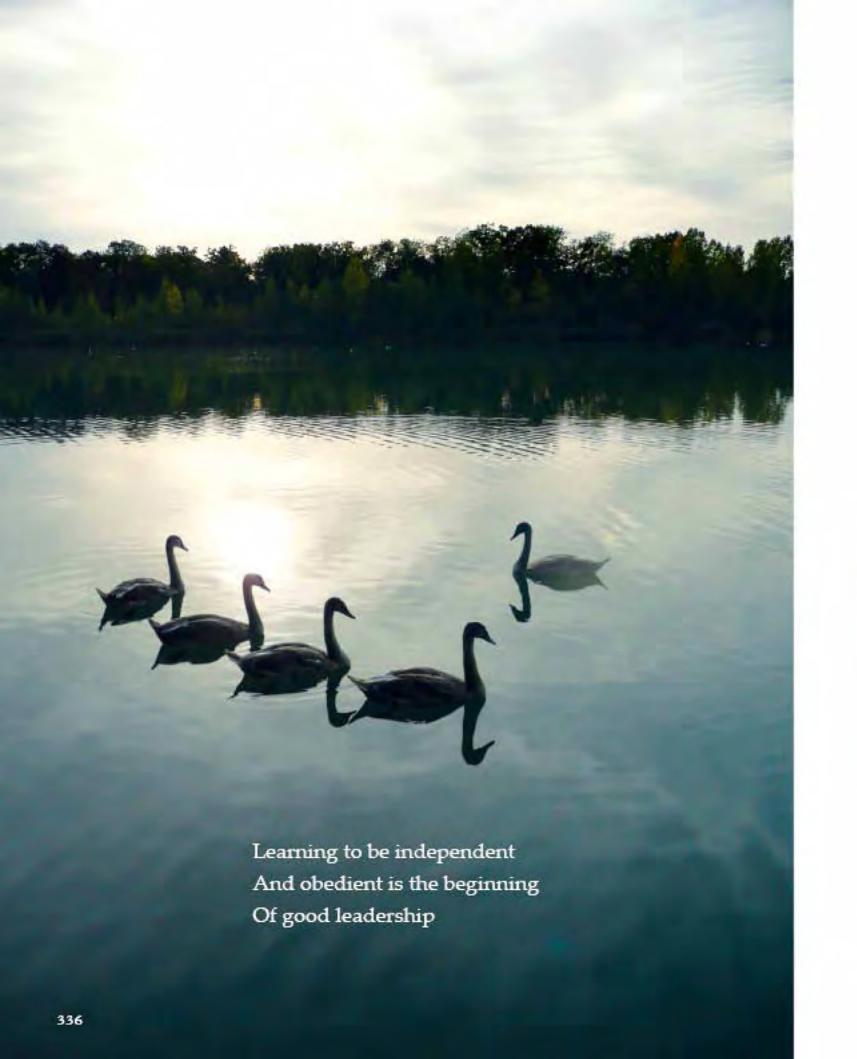






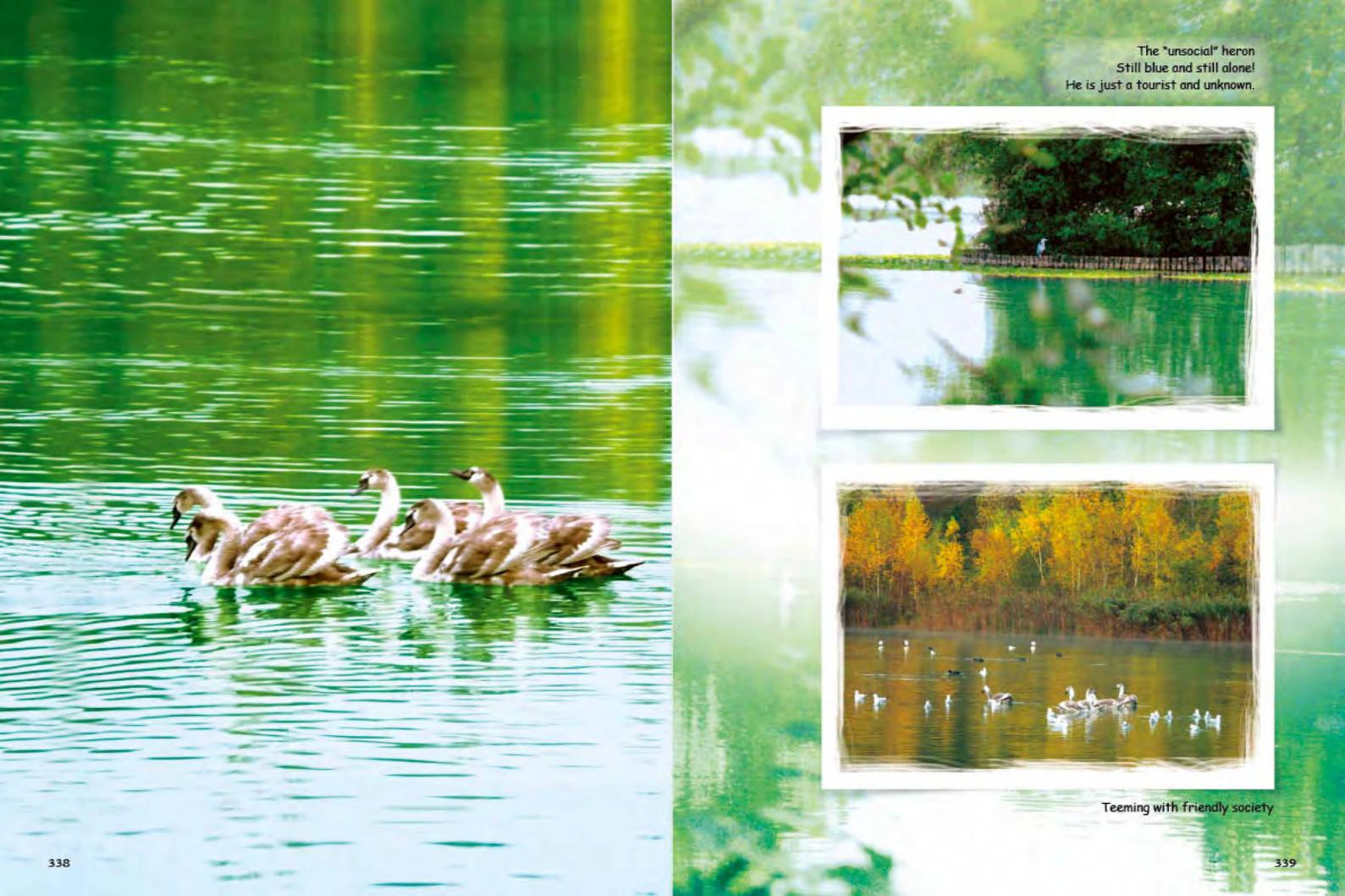






"Do what I tell you And do what I do"

















Very early morning, even the sun did not want to wake up yet; a veil of fog is spread over the whole lake and most of its surroundings, but the winged residents and "not" are already on their way for breakfast.

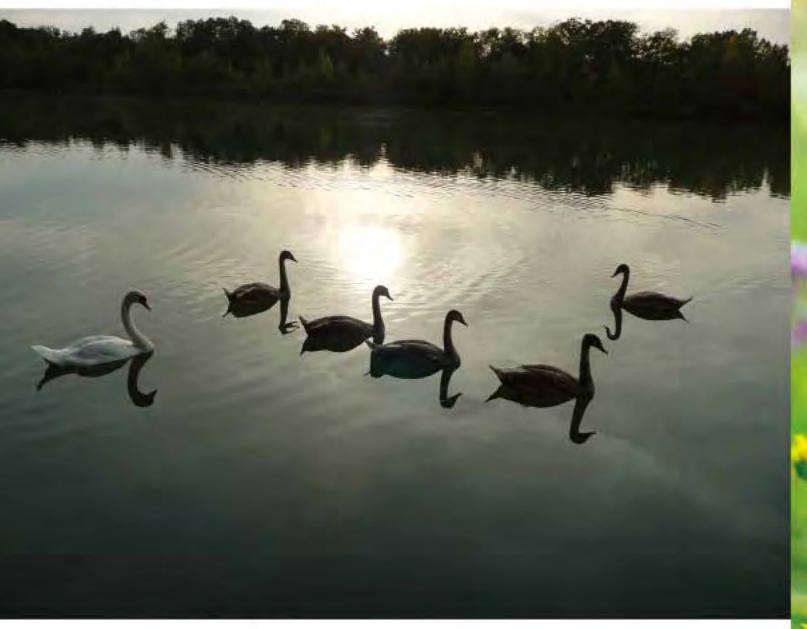
It must have been very cold in the night, and they'd have felt the need to replenish their energy, especially the young ones who need to be fed often.

In their early days, their parents took the swanlings out to feed every few hours, day & night.

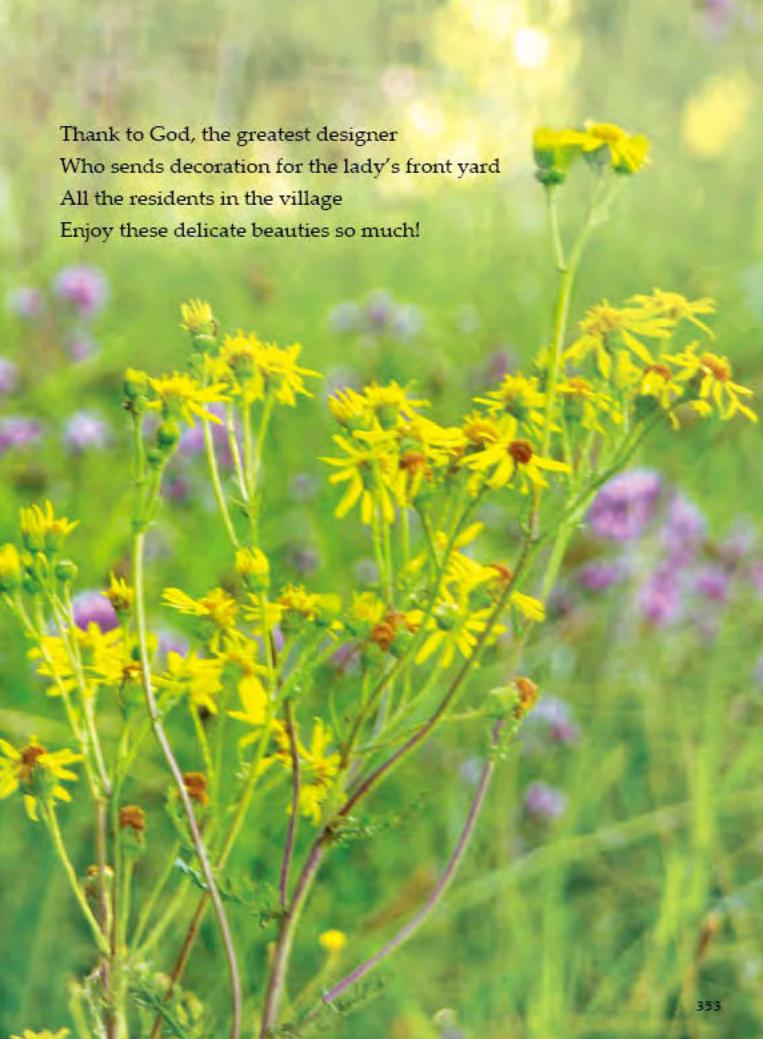
Doesn't that sound familiar?

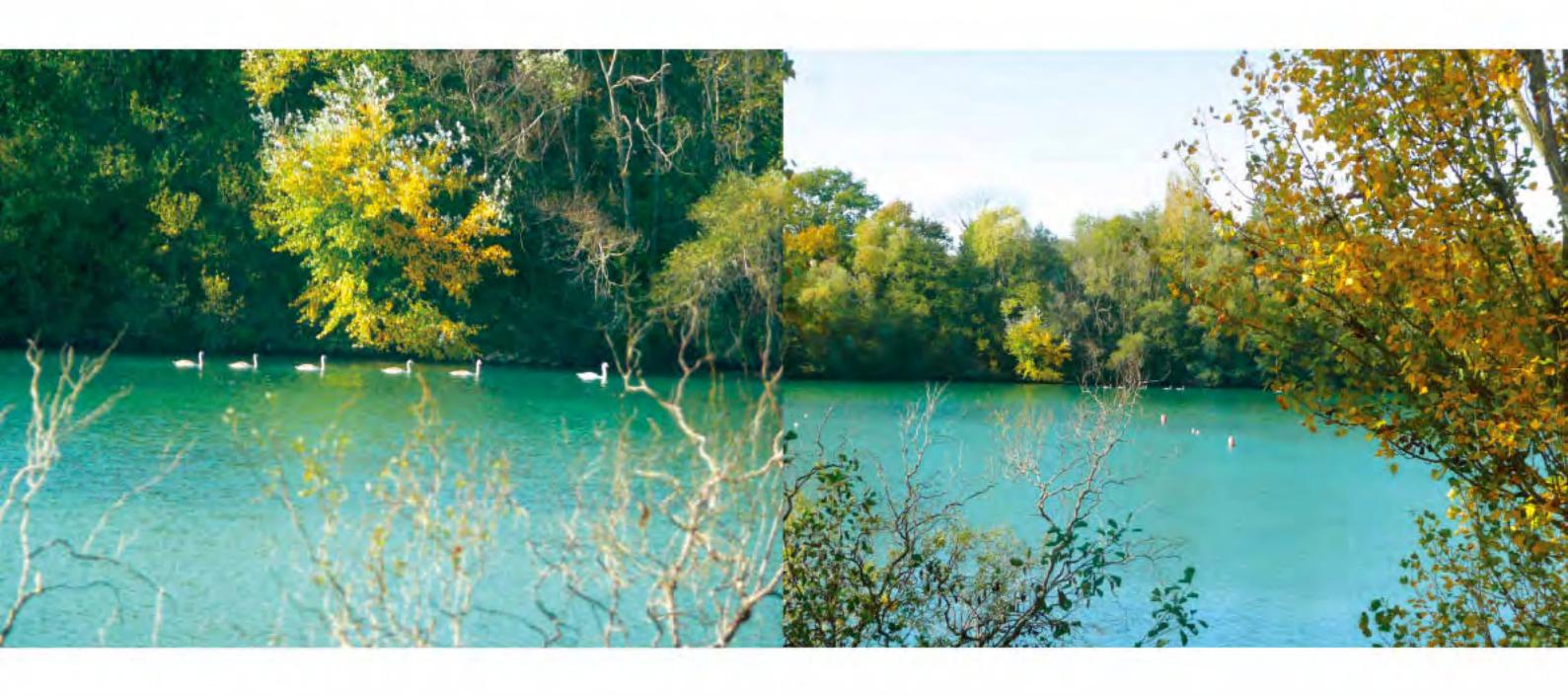
Yeah! To the human counterparts.





Doing fine, kid!
You are the eldest
It's OK to take the lead
Take care of yourself
And each other
When soon you'll grow much older.





It's Pitu who teaches
The art of flying to the kids
First a short distance only
Then the lake's entirety.



Sai has in turn lost half
The feathers of his wings
Perhaps he's molting
Perhaps he plucked them off
To soften the cold ground of their nest.

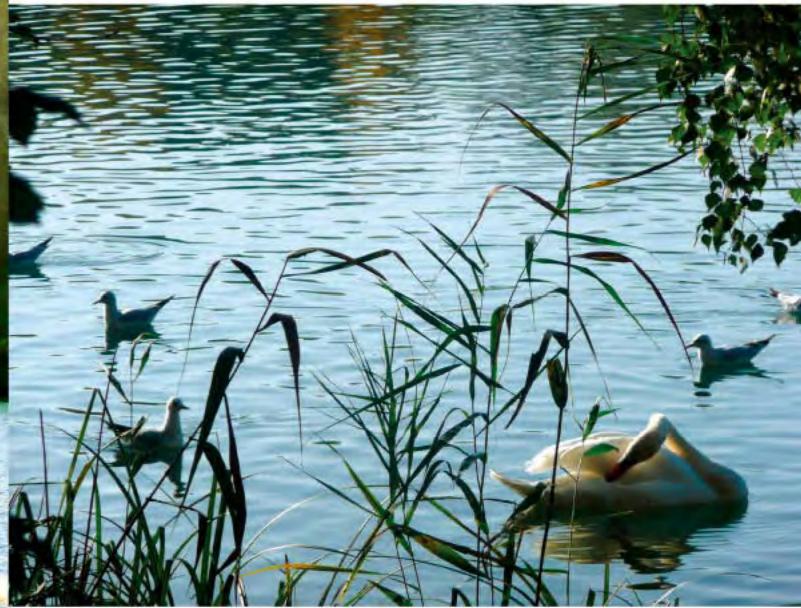
Or perhaps he was tired
Taking care of family and on guard
Day and night for many months
It's taxing, even if he's strong.
But that doesn't make him weak
He still scares off the geese
If they ever dare to venture
Somewhere near his dear treasures.



Though he doesn't mind For his kids to sacrifice. It must be frustrating now Always lagging behind!



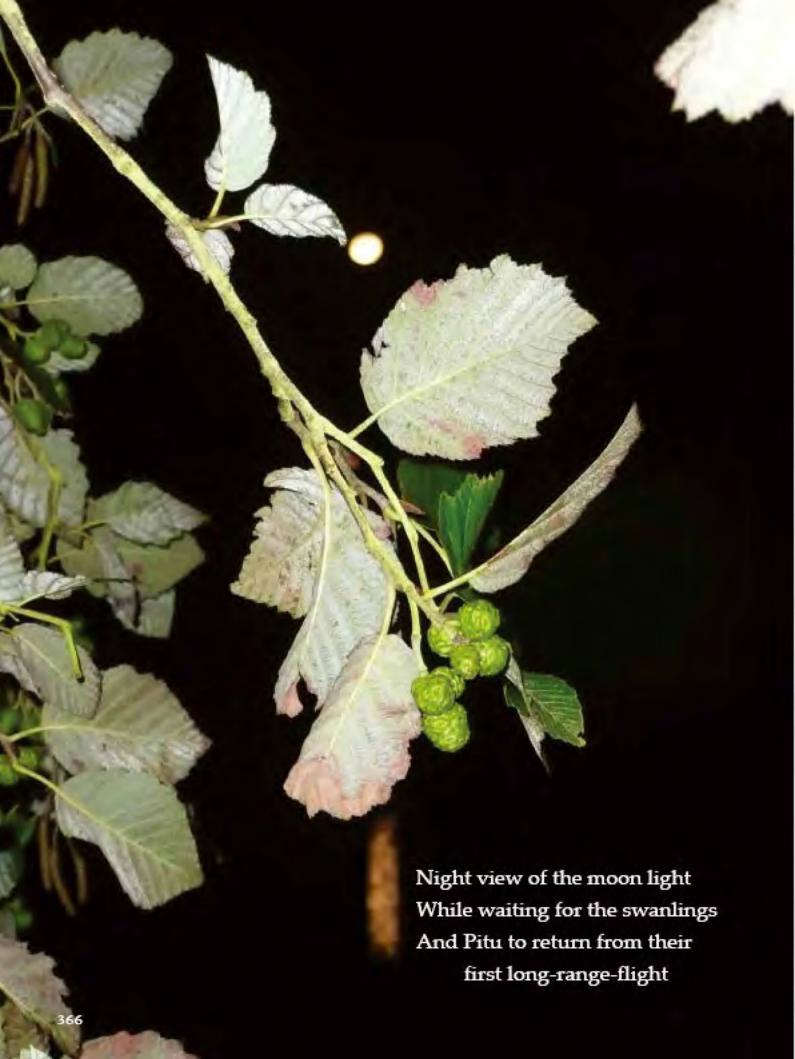


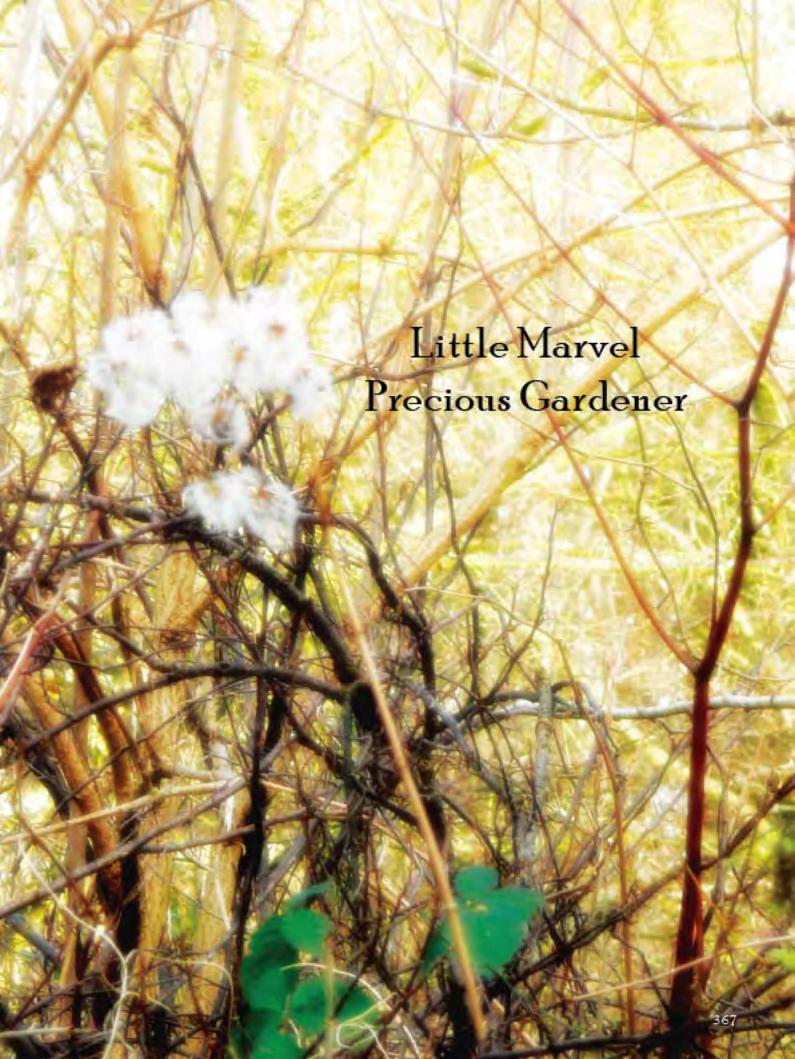


Share with Seagull







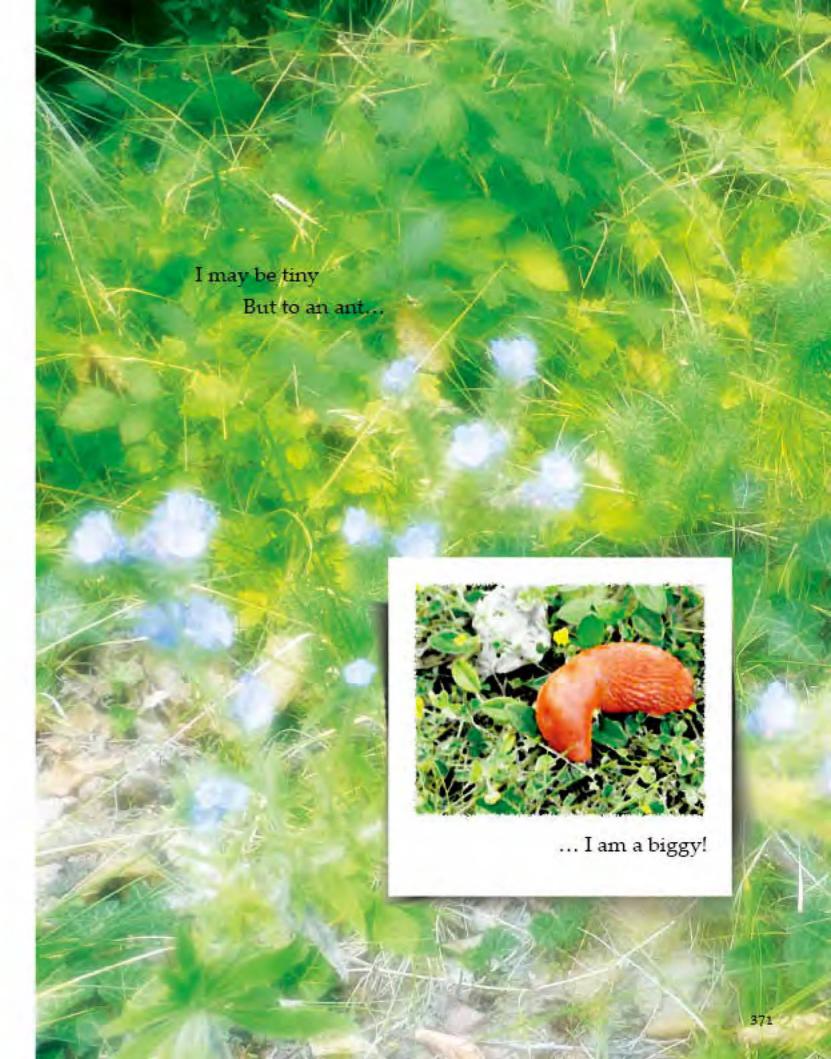


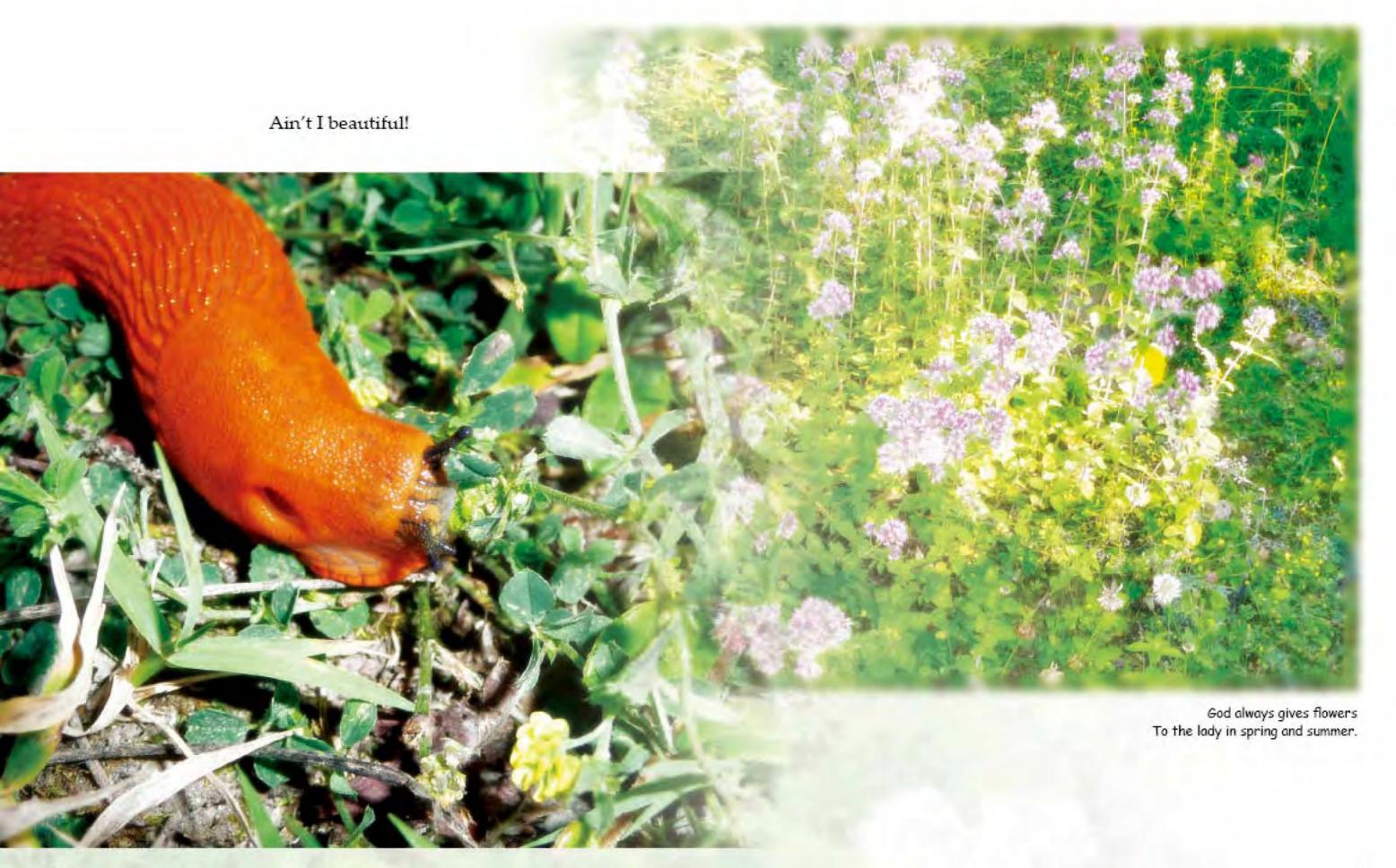




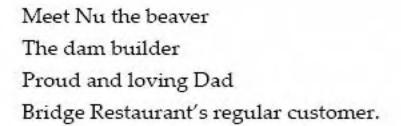
\* Precious life Beautiful color Who creates her design So precise and bright!







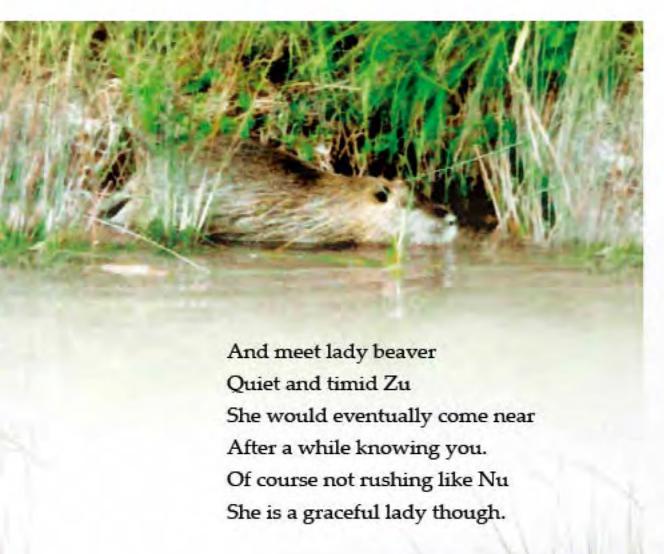




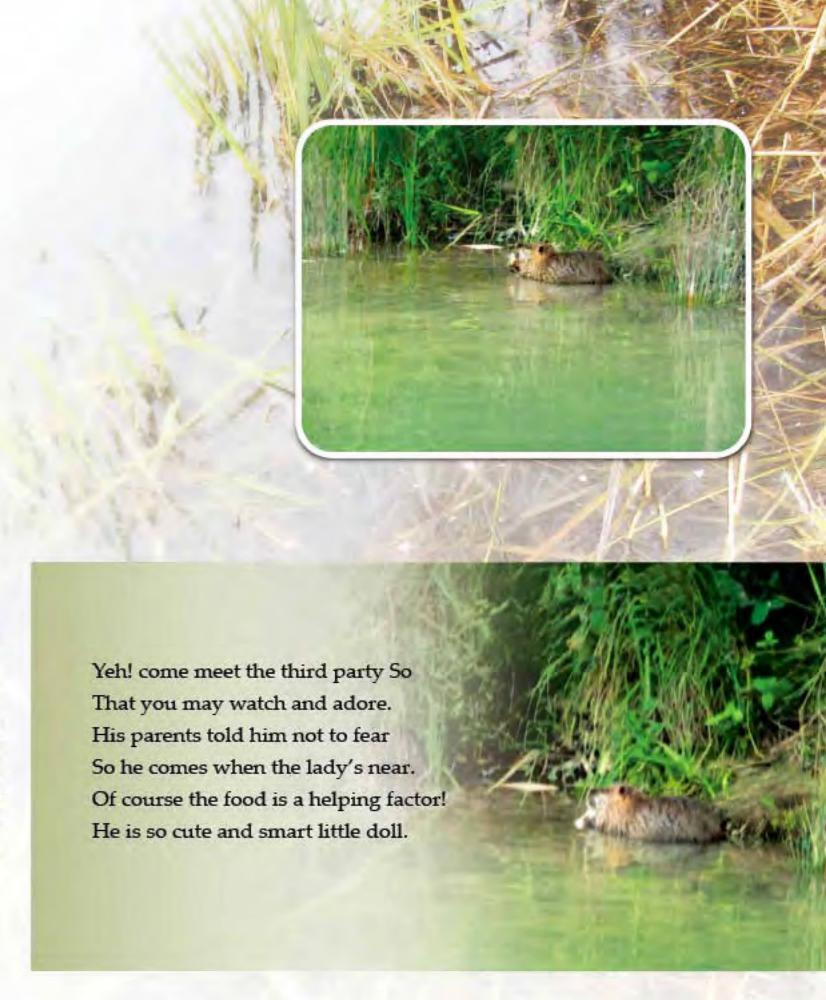


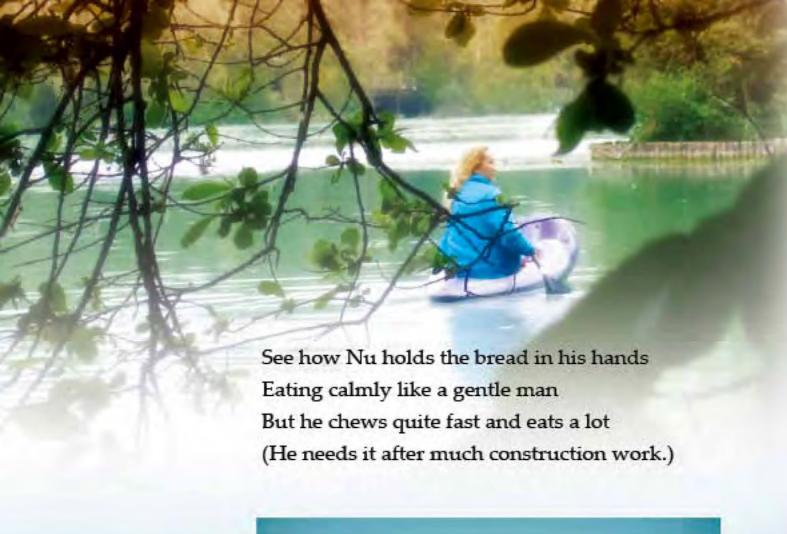
Undercover guest Enjoying the bread





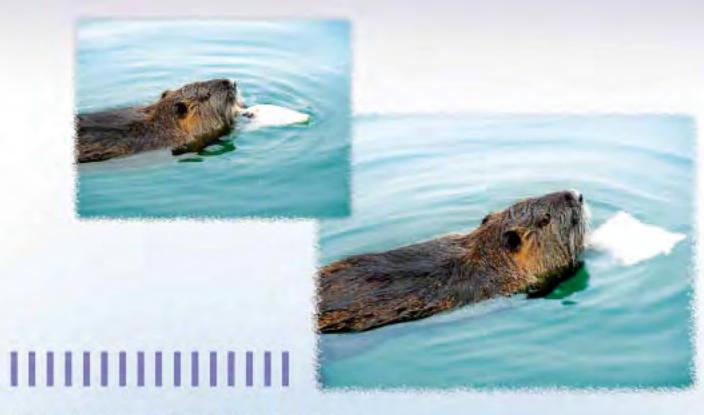








Isn't he beautiful?



He's no longer afraid of any human

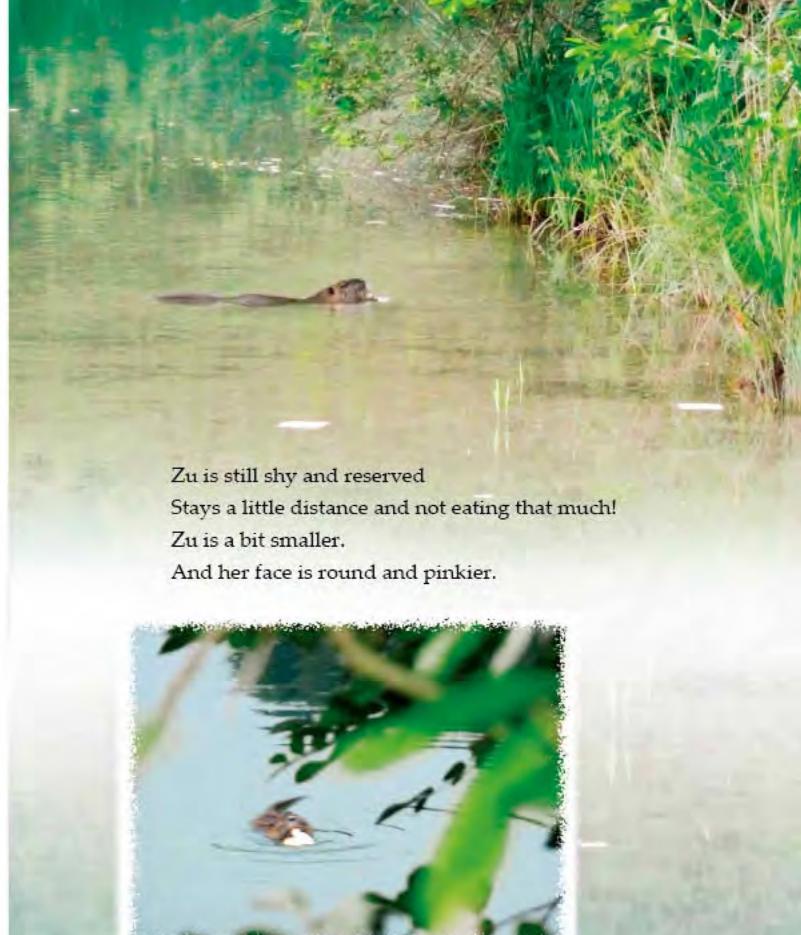
The first to rush here to Bridge Restaurant

Then goes from one slice of bread to another

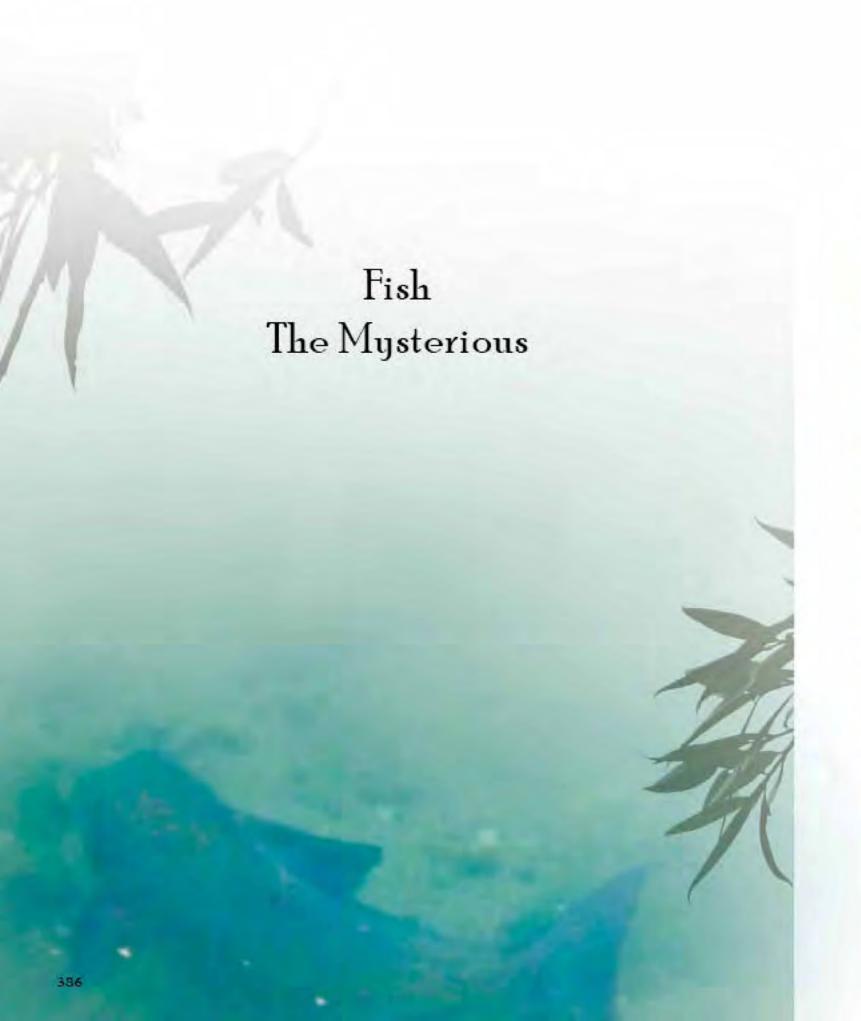
Precise, never hesitates or wavers.







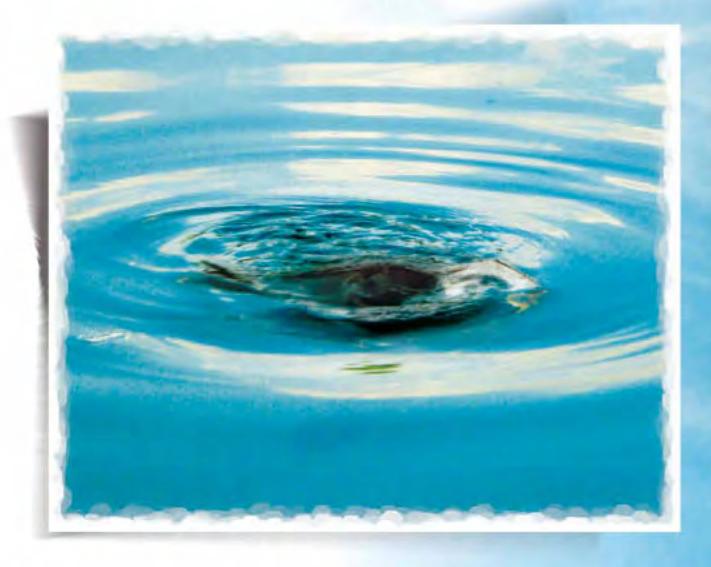






Camping with spider's family!

Fish & bread



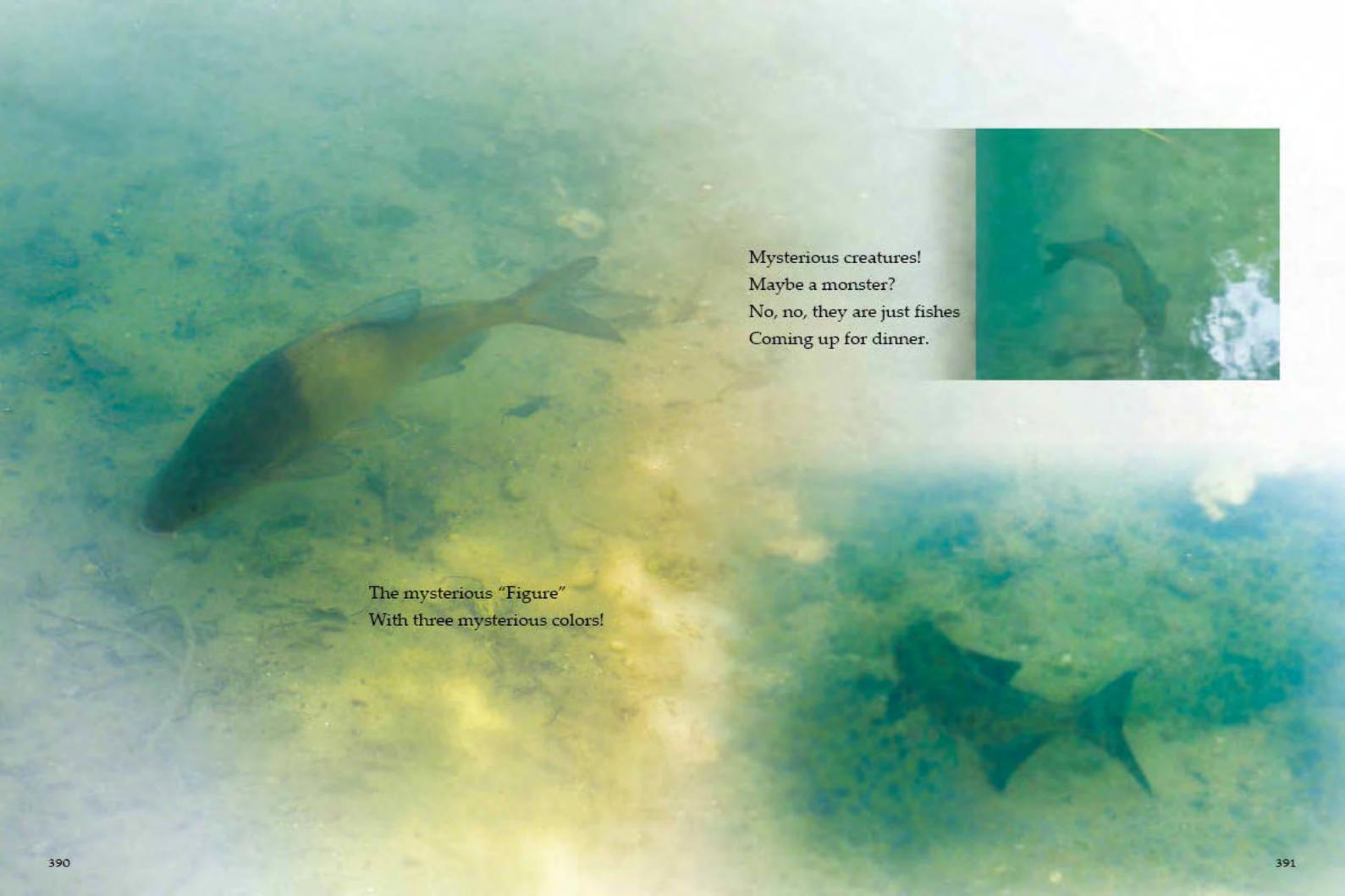
The fishes also love bread

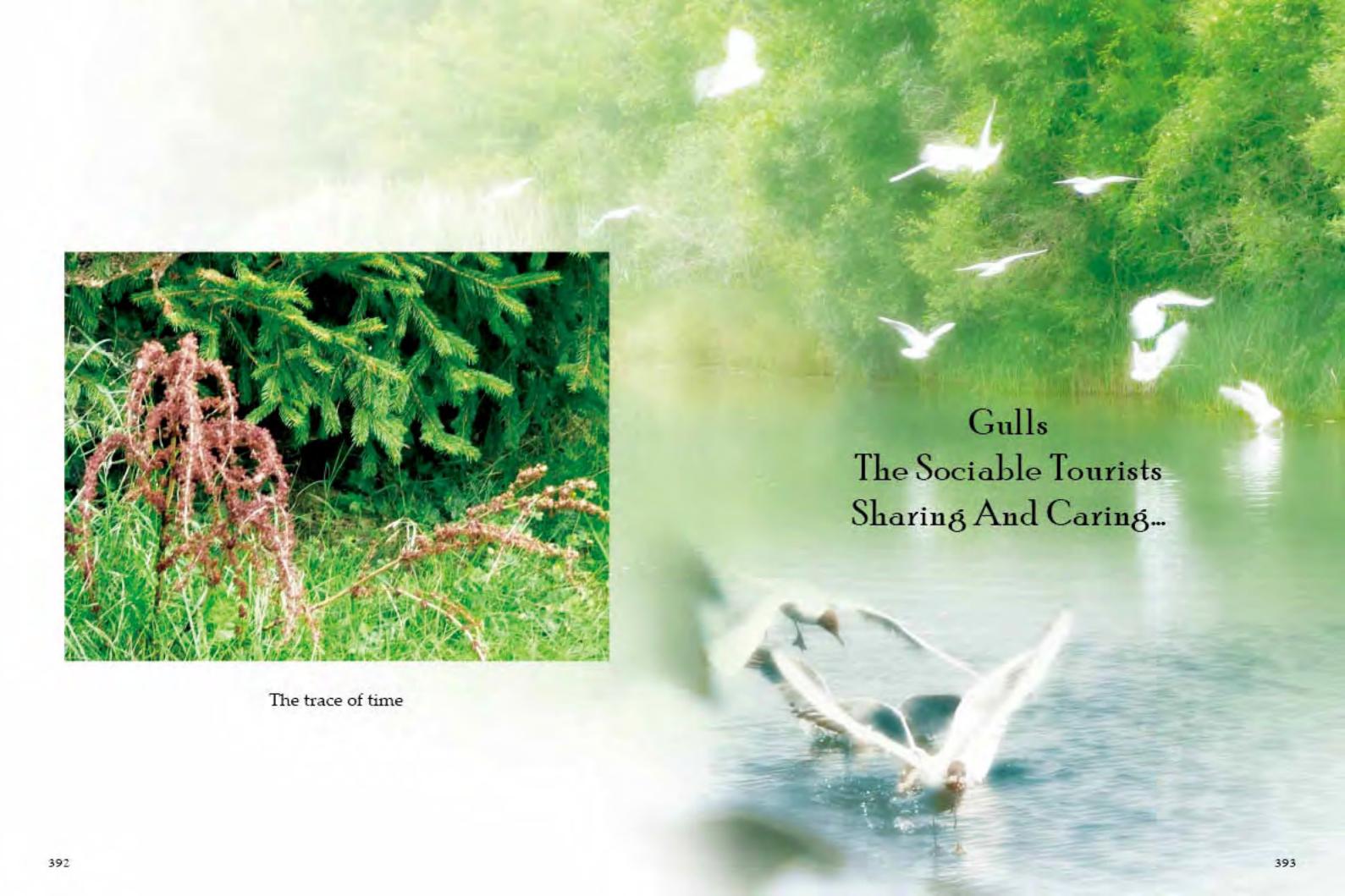
They always join in at the fest

Here they come to enjoy their dinner

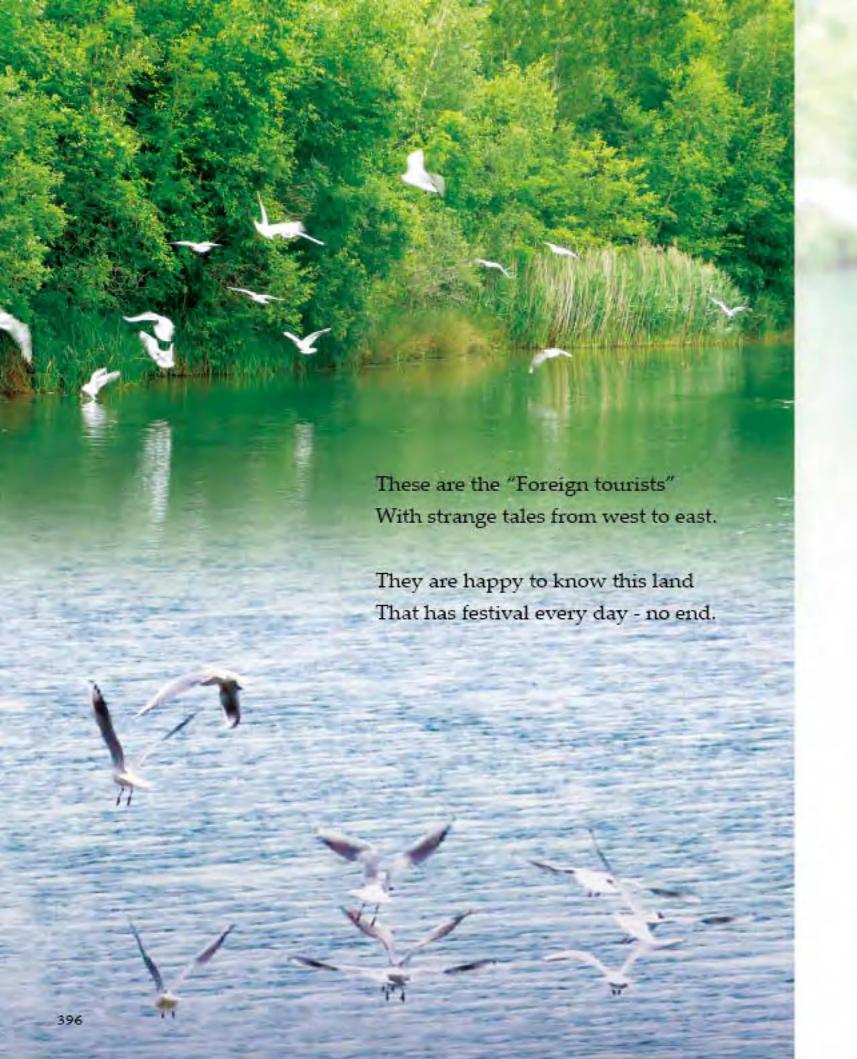
Glad not to be on a lunch table!

Here is another fish who came to the party
We celebrate abundance and life every day
The residents on and off the lake love it
All joyfully partake of the treats
God's love is upon all who know Hiers name
Glorious praise to The ONE in the entire creation!











"Where we came from, there's 'no free lunch'
But over here they give you food and drink
We love it much, we stay longer
Here we have every thing that we wish for."





The glory of wild grass! Who makes them thus?





These are beautiful birds
That became the regulars
If there's no food on the grass
They would come knocking on the glass!...



Let me go and see

If I can talk to the lady

The food she gave is much nicer than this

I'll be back – real quick



The lady always comes to feed them.

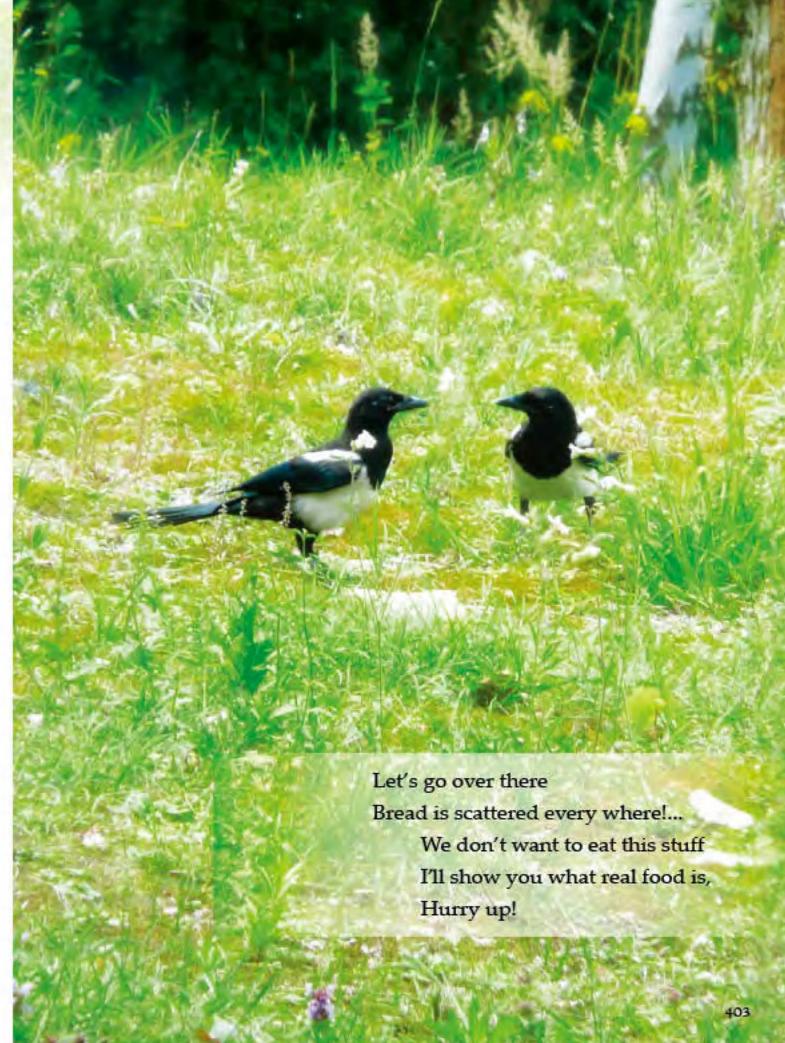
They became almost like friends

There's not a word spoken between them

Just a love that's simple and untamed.



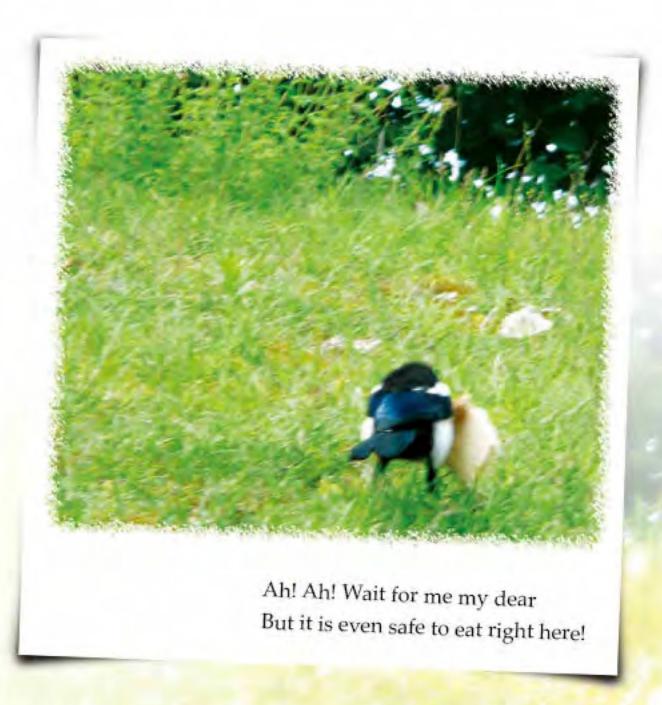
Meanwhile I eat what's here!

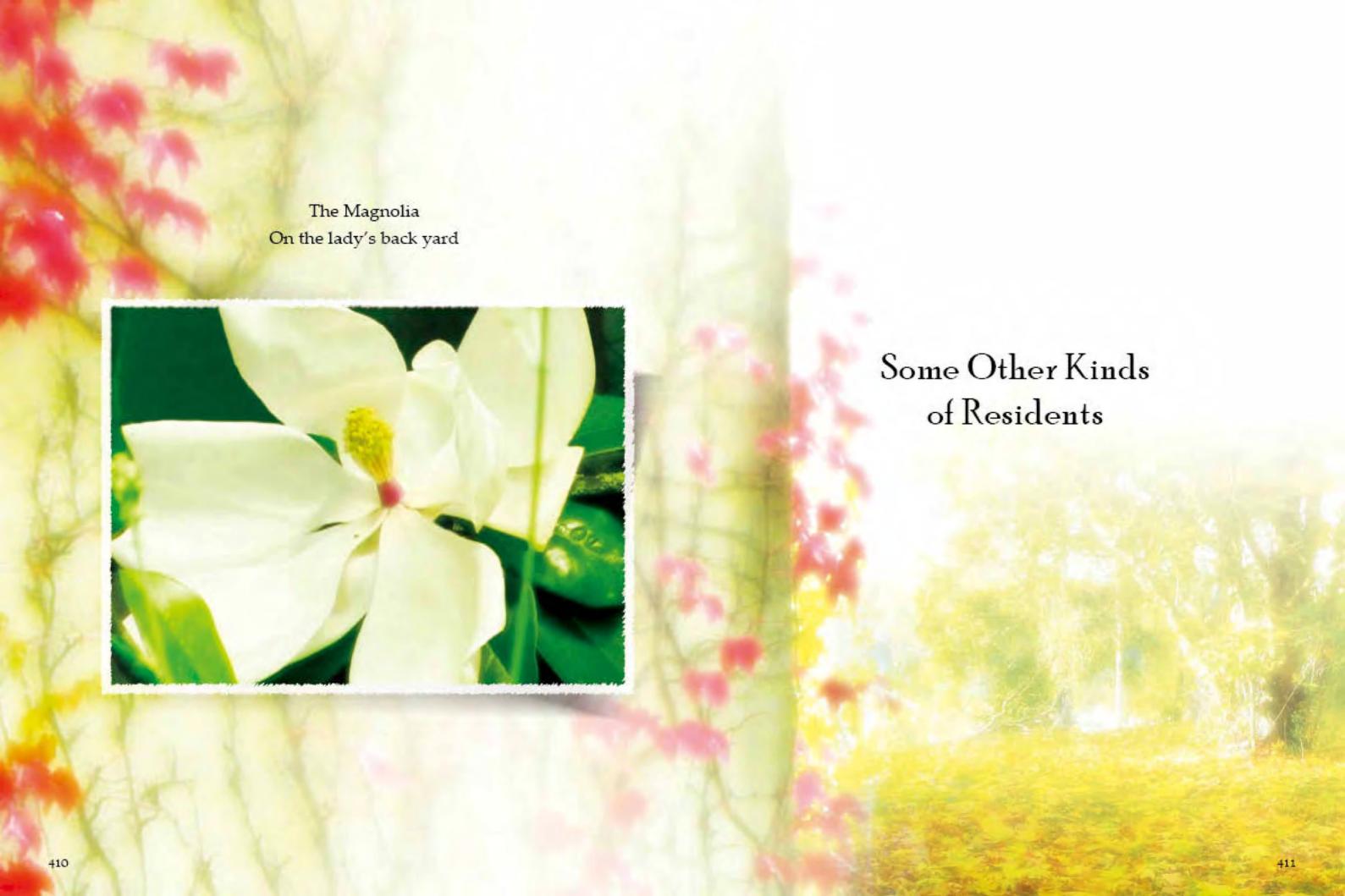














There's always some activities with some residents in the village. Chasing your own shadows or chasing your tails are some. Or just hanging around, hanging onto the wall, barking at random... are favorite pass-times of quite a few co-inhabitants.

Others prefer hanging on the ceiling, quacking at themselves or talking to his/her own tail, or toys in some cases.

Oh they do watch TV, video too, like every one else heh!





Birds' play pen Some dog's home!!!





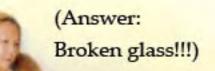






When you have clumsy 2-legged and big 4 leggy as residents in a house What will be the result?

> BROKEN GLASS







Some of the residents

Are "ascetic"! = sleeping on the bare floor!

(only in...summer)















In Amoura Villy.



Golden girls of Amoura.







The lady's "home bakes" (She's behind the cakes!)







Chatting about things



Sweet home of the same lady





A visit by the fog, at the lady's home



And the untamed garden

The Universal Connection



This pregnant goat (named "Bu")
stumbled from the mountain
slope into a ditch behind a fence.
(She had not eaten anything for
several days and became very
weak.) The lady freed her, fed
her and searched for the right
caretaker to return her to her
flock, as per Bu's request. She
was so excited, trembling when she

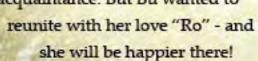
overheard the lady's phone conversation reading her tag number to the prospective "carer."

All the four-legged (dog) residents did not bark at her. (Well, only once at the first surprise encounter) They were so gentle around her as not to frighten the desperate goat all the while that she was in their "land." The lady was so proud of their good behavior! Praised them hugely!

After numerous phone calls to different places, her caretaker was found! She did not want to leave the lady's yard when her "carer" arrived. So the lady's assistants had to carry her to his van. She kept looking at the lady with loving eyes. It was not easy for her to part with Bu, though they had only short acquaintance. But Bu wanted to



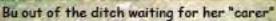
Carer of Bu the Goat came to pick her up!



Good luck Bu!

The lady gave Bu's carer some money, making him promise to call a vet, take good care of Bu and her child. He did promise!







The next afternoon, the vet called to tell us that Bu is OK, no serious injury. But she advised her carer to give her good rest, not moving long distance but stay in her shed with her flock. Bu had lost 3 kilos during the hungry days in the ditch! But she's OK otherwise! And Bu is going to have twin babies. (She did tell the lady that she's having "children.")

We called to thank the carer for letting us know through the vet about Bu's well being; although we had requested, but weren't sure that he would do so! And though Bu already informed the lady, she's so glad to know the confirmation physically.



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Rice	8.6 %
Soy beans, kidney beans, chick peas, lentils, etc.	10 - 35 %
Almonds, walnuts, cashews, hazel nuts, pine nuts, etc.	14 - 30 %
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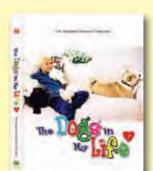
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~ Supreme Master Ching Hai

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# "The Noble Wilds" Readers Comments

Malik Nasir, reader from Pakistan: Halo! I'm from Pakistan. My name is Malik Nasir. I read this book, "The Noble Wilds." It's a very good book. I like especially its pictures. I think Supreme Master Ching Hai is the best writer.

Uranchimeg, reader from Mongolia: This wonderful book shows us animals' inside thoughts and emotions we humans have not known.

Uuganbayar, reader from Mongolia: When reading this book, I get inner peace and comfort, as well as love for all living beings and Mother Nature of this planet, and it helps me to understand our co-inhabitants.

Mirian Takahashi, reader from Brazil: Hi I am Mirian from Brazil, I've read this book that my son has, I like it very much. There are many good pictures. I like the direct language; it leads us to reflection on the beautiful images.

Mr. Hsiao-Yu Tang, Director of Endemic Species Research Institute, Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan: Let's turn to the warnings raised by the United Nations in the last few years regarding the impact to wild animals caused by the global warming. It's huge. I think the extinction of wild animals has sped up rather than slowed down. These wild animal species have lived on this planet since time began. It's a complementary relationship between human beings, animals, and plant life. We are closely related to each other. Whether it's one ecosystem disappearing or one ecosystem thriving, it certainly impacts other animals species' survival. So I think global warming is a very big alert, and that the whole world should face it seriously. I think this book is quite good. It appeals to humankind to protect the wild animals. I also hope Supreme Master Ching Hai can guide us in treasuring the Earth and protecting our environment.

#### "The Noble Wilds" Readers' Comments from Amazon.com

A reader named C. R. Tumminaro: "The book is truly heart-melting. The photos are romantic, which conveys the deep love that the wilds have. The actions are something that we do not get to witness often, and when paired with the beautiful poetry, it definitely shows true tenderness. A healing and redemptive book that's full of love!"

Iemmanuel in Paris, France: "I could feel such a very surprising and delicate and unknown joy... Like a deep truth being shared with others, absolute heartwarming; not just about animals but about ourselves, humans, too."

Jim from California, USA: "A marvelous and refreshing book that brings comfort and peace to me every time I open it - from Page one till the end, I enjoyed the theme as if I am right next to the swan, the lake, the forest, and the wilds. Gorgeous pictures save me from the jungle of the city!"

A university professor in the US: "The Noble Wilds," written and photographed by Supreme Master Ching Hai exemplifies an alternative, compassionate way of living during an age of the ever increasingly growing environmental crises. One cannot help asking: Why have humans not been able to live in peace, love, harmony with these wonderful beings?"

Shuton in Formosa (Taiwan): "It is so interesting to record the life of the swan family, especially when we learn that the swans have their own names

swan family, especially when we learn that the swans have their own names just like we do. So animals are just like us."

Reader in South Africa: "After reading The Noble Wilds, I can truly see how incredible God is in his purpose of sending us such wonderful animals to inspire us to treat one another with love and dignity."

Su Mei Ting, Chinese reader: "We are so blessed to have these noble wilds as company. Highly recommended!"

Reader in Canada: "There is some deep connection here. Nature in my world now seems a bit more vibrant."

Anonymous reader: "If you open your mind and let the author take you on her journey, you'll be able to see animals as she does - with love, respect, and admiration. We can learn so much from them, and we need to."

Reader in UK: "I felt an overwhelming love and respect for the animal kingdom, all animals alike. Thank you Supreme Master for another gem brought to the world!"

Reader named Margaret: "Five stars! I am so touched by the love between the lady and these noble wilds. This wonderful book opens a window to the inner world of animals and is highly recommended for everyone."

Su Love in Formosa (Taiwan): This book for me is like God's gift."

Reader named "Happy Birdie": "The Noble Wilds' is an eye opener.

Animals are entitled to sincere consideration as co-inhabitants on the Earth planet. Recognizing the sentience, inherent value, feelings and equal consideration of nonhuman beings, we should conserve and manage wildlife and animals with loving care and compassion."

Wang, an animal caretaker: "People may know IQ (intelligence quotient) and EQ (emotion quotient), but have you heard about NQ (Noble Quality)? In this book "The Noble Wilds," the author tells readers what NQ is and why some animals have higher NQ due to their love inborn."

Reader from Atlanta, USA: "It's a very interesting book for both adults and children alike... After I read this book, I felt the Love of God through these wild creatures."

Julie in Florida, USA: "After reading this wonderful book, I begin to realize I have a lot of beautiful neighbor animals as well, no matter if they are from a neighbor's household, or from the park and lake near me. The beauty of this book is beyond anything words could ever describe; you have to read it yourself."

Dennys Flores in Brazil: "How beautiful is the world as seen by Supreme Master Ching Hai. Every message from the author, every comment is so clear and at the same time so wise and loving, reflecting a quality that I believe we all are able to develop. I feel very happy for having chosen this wonderful book."

Vivian in Germany: "We humans proclaim to be the crown of the creation, the most civilized being. But look at these noble souls in animal forms. We should learn from them, love them, respect them, with our honour. Thanks God that they are here.

Reader in San Diego, California, USA: "High quality paperback book with a satin finish cover. The author did a great job. It's written in a simple way that conveys a lot of caring and love...a great picker-upper if you're having a not so perfect day."

Reader in Malaysia: "I saw this book from a friend, and it's really a charming book, like an art gallery, with hundreds of splendid pictures of nature and heartfelt words. It just brings you back to nature and comforts your soul! A real gift for yourself and your loved ones."

John Phillips, in Ontario, Canada: Like many other people, I've watched hundreds of nature shows on TV, but I've never come across some of the things presented in this book called "The Noble Wilds." Inside, Supreme Master Ching Hai gives us some wonderful experiences she had with certain animals as they gradually begin to trust her and eventually let her in on some of their "secrets." This was quite fascinating to me because we often think of animals as a "sub-species." She also gives us examples of their love and devotion. On page 271 for example, the swan parents plucked out their own feathers to make a big "carpet" for their children so they wouldn't injure their tender feet. The daddy plucked out so many feathers that he couldn't even fly for a period of time! What a huge sacrifice! I think the author of this book is trying to show us that not only our pets should be cherished and loved but all of nature. Most of us, including myself, think too much about money and materials, but forget the relationships with ourselves, families and surroundings as being the most important. After reading this book, I realized that animals can teach me many things, and I respect nature more than ever before. Thanks Supreme Master Ching Hai for taking the time and patience to make this "nature journal."

