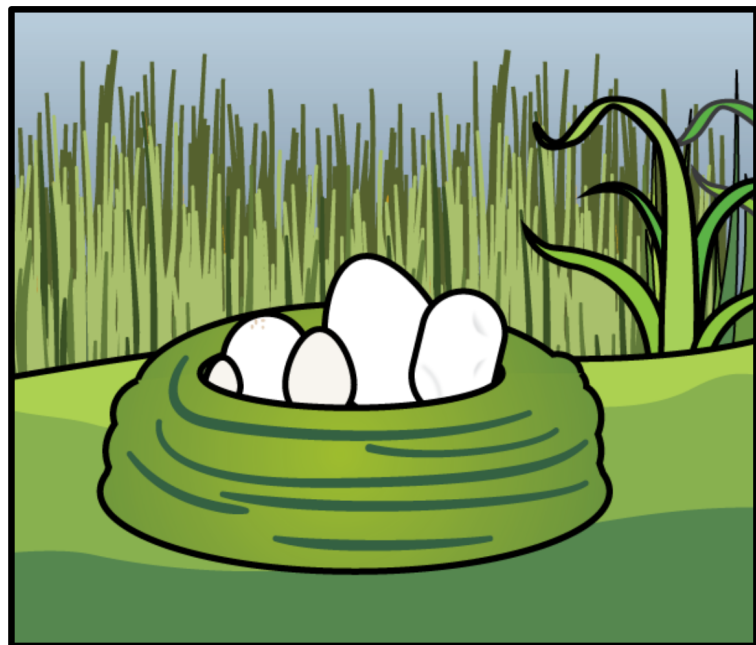


The Mixed Up Nest

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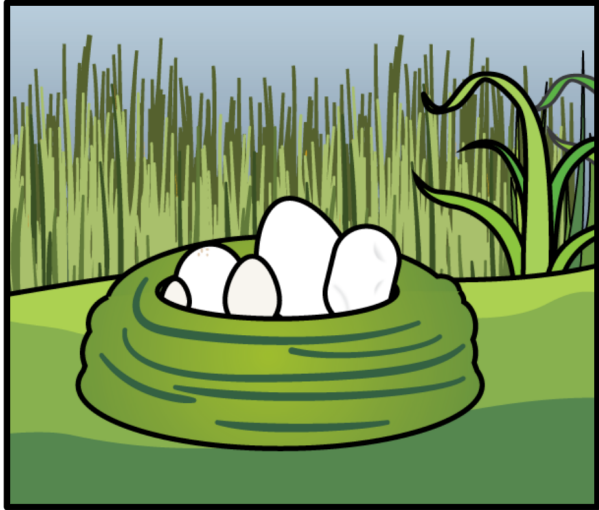


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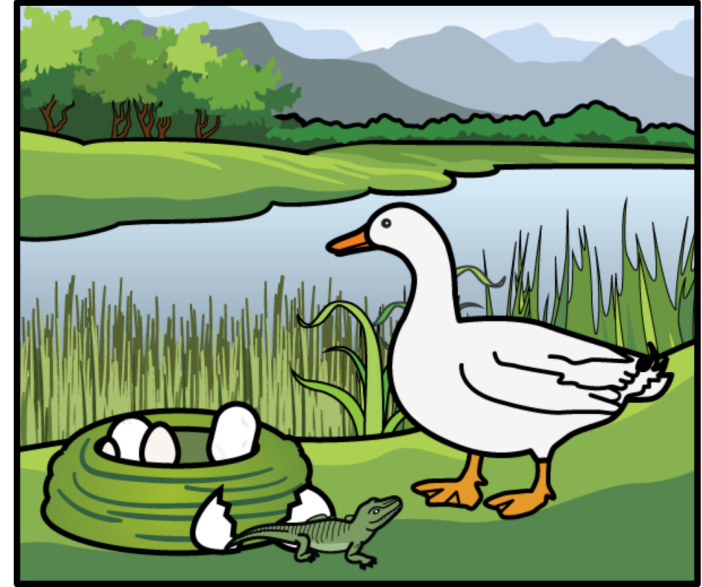
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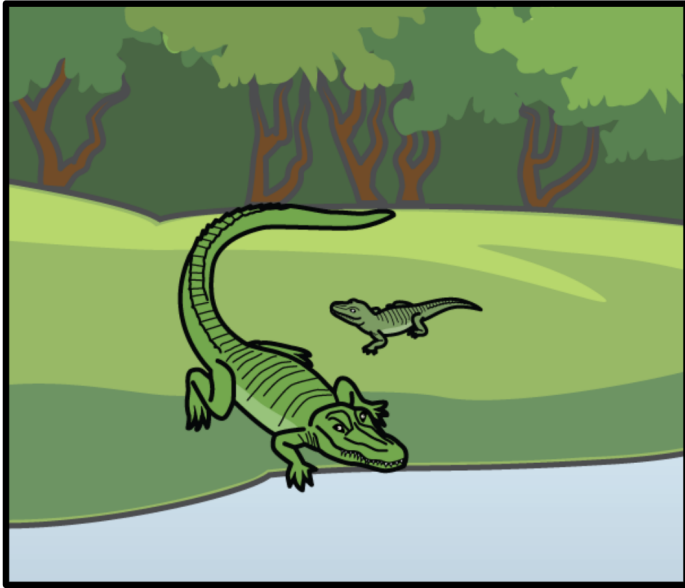
Mama Duck went out for a walk. When she came back, there were five eggs in her nest. “Look at all these different eggs !” Mama Duck said. “I only had one egg in my nest. Now there are five. Which one is mine ?”



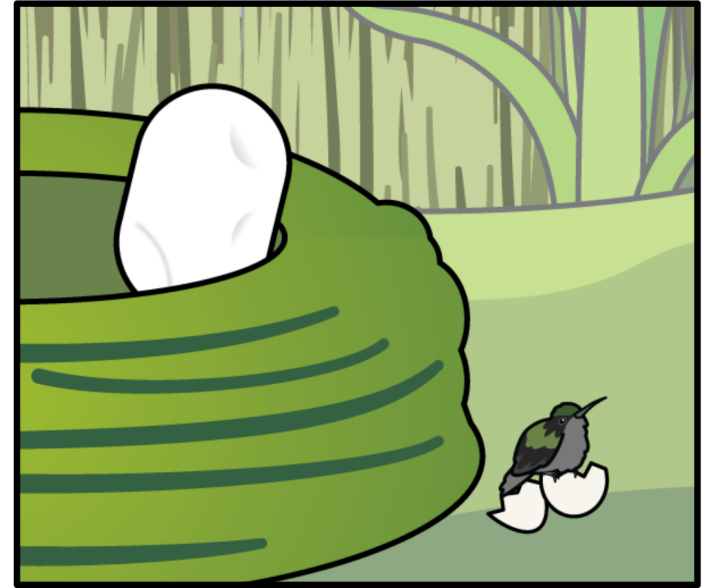
Mama Duck looked at the eggs. In some ways the eggs were different. In some ways the eggs were the same. “I can’t tell which egg is mine,” said Mama Duck. “I guess I will have to wait for the eggs to hatch.”



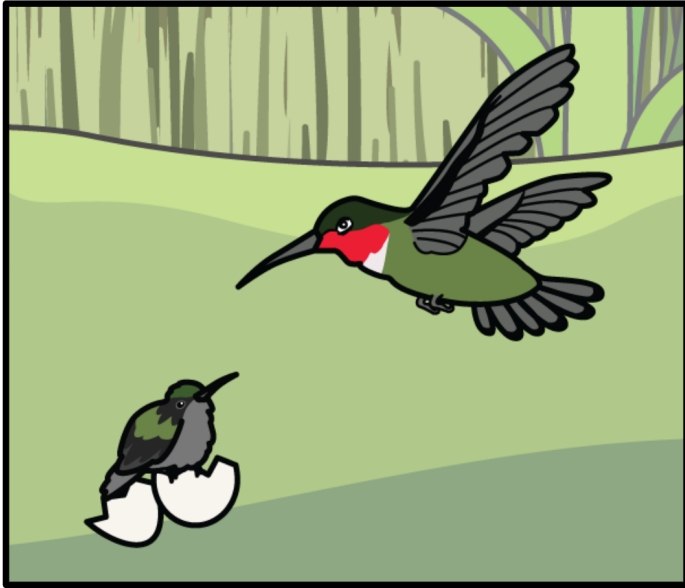
Mama Duck waited and waited. Finally, an egg hatched. “That’s not my baby!” said Mama Duck. “That baby has four legs. My baby should have two legs, just like me.”



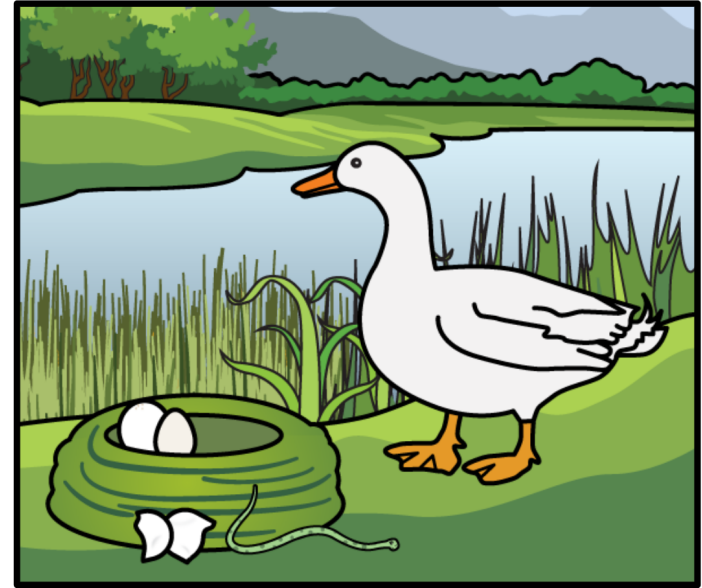
**“No, that is my baby !” said
Mama Alligator.**



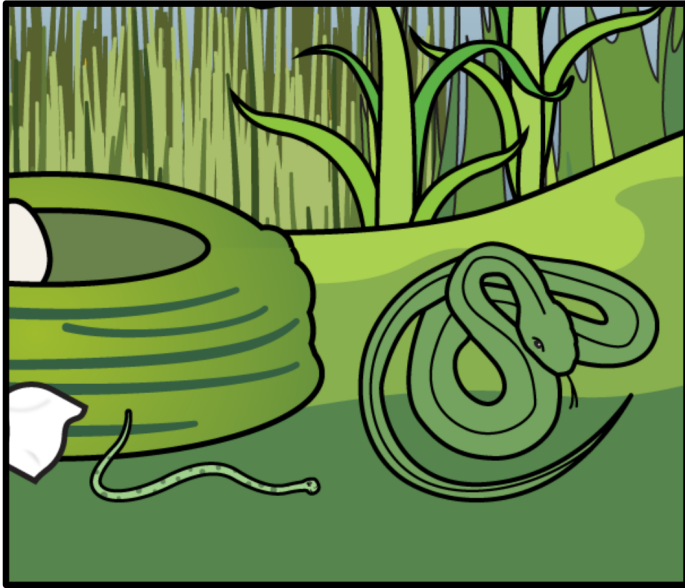
**Mama Duck waited and waited.
Finally, another egg hatched.
“That’s not my baby !” said
Mama Duck. “That baby has a
long, thin beak. My baby should
have a wide bill, just like me.”**



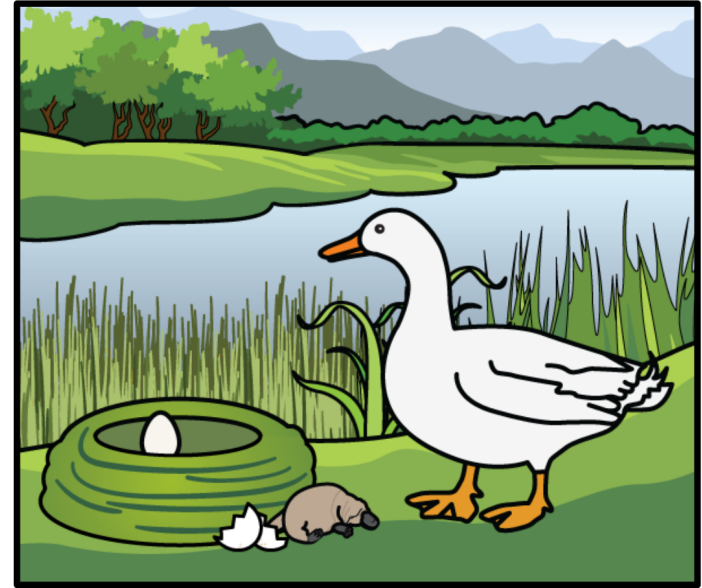
**“No, that is my baby !” said
Mama Hummingbird.**



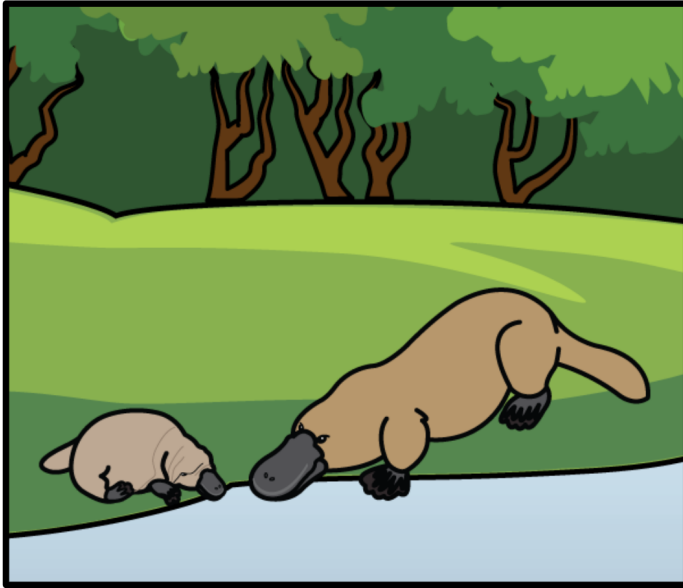
**Mama Duck waited and waited.
Finally, another egg hatched.
“That’s not my baby !” said
Mama Duck. “That baby has a
long, thin body and no legs or
wings. My baby should have
wings, just like me.”**



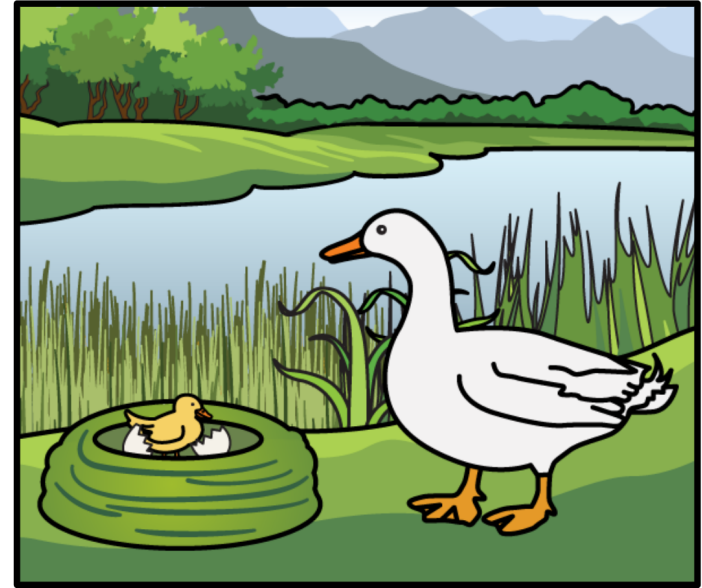
**“No, that is my baby !” said
Mama Snake.**



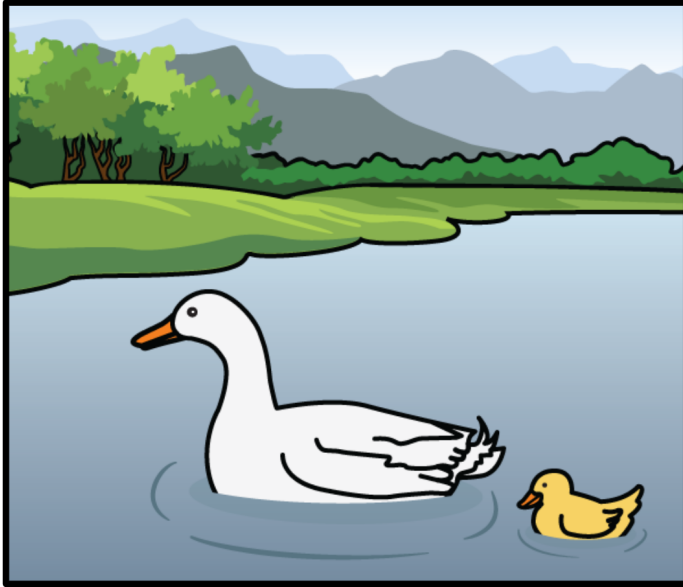
**Mama Duck waited and waited.
Finally, another egg hatched.
“That’s not my baby !” said
Mama Duck. “That baby has fur.
My baby should have feathers,
just like me.”**



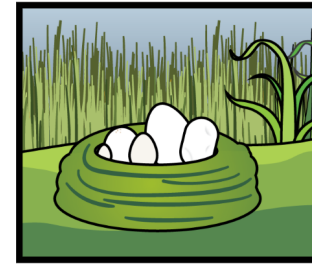
**“No, that is my baby !” said
Mama Platypus.**



**Mama Duck waited and waited.
Finally, the last egg hatched.
“This baby has two legs and a
bill just like me,” said Mama
Duck. “This baby has wings
and feathers just like me. This
baby is a baby duck !”**



**“Yes, this is my baby !” said
Mama Duck.**



The End