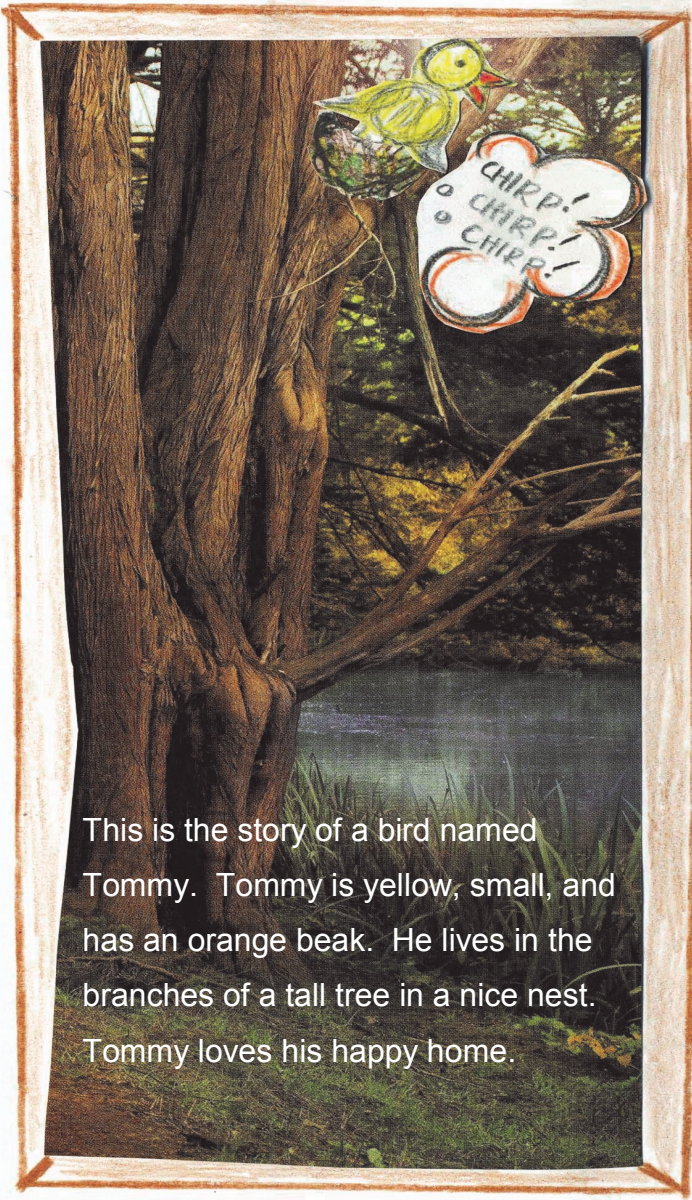


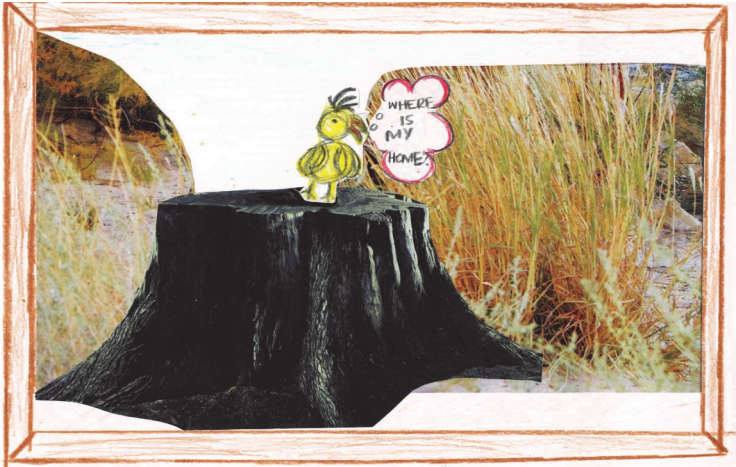
## Tommy the Bird

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This is the story of a bird named Tommy. Tommy is yellow, small, and has an orange beak. He lives in the branches of a tall tree in a nice nest. Tommy loves his happy home.

One day, Tommy goes to find food. When he comes home, he sees that his tree is gone. It was cut down. Tommy is very sad because he has to leave and find a new home.



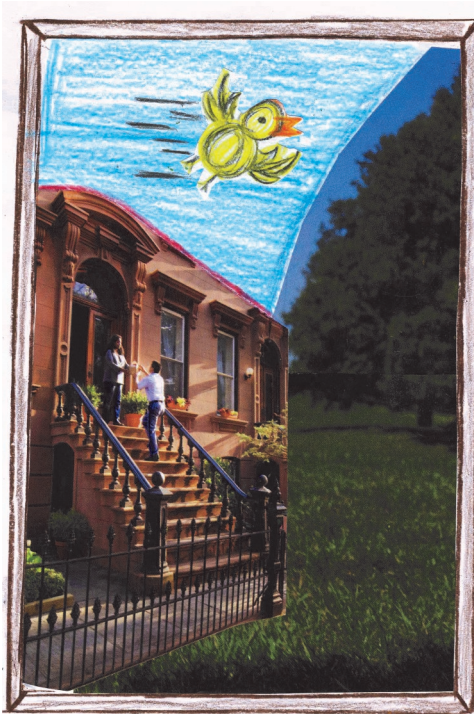
First, Tommy goes to a tree by a factory. The tree is nice and big, but the smoke from the factory makes him sick. Tommy cannot stay. He has to leave.





Next, Tommy goes to a tree in the quiet forest next to a pond. No one is there. Tommy looks in the water and sees garbage. It is not pretty after all.

Tommy begins to cry and flies away. As Tommy is flying, he is sad until he sees a very nice tree in a person's yard.





He flies into the yard and sees many other birds. Tommy sits on the tree but he cannot fit. The big birds took up all the space.

Dill, the boy who lives in the house, sees the problem and tells his friends. He has an idea to help the birds. He wants to get some trees to plant so they can grow into new homes for the birds.





Dill and his friends get eight trees and plant them. Tommy flies onto one of the new trees. Now he has a new home, and there he can live happily ever after.