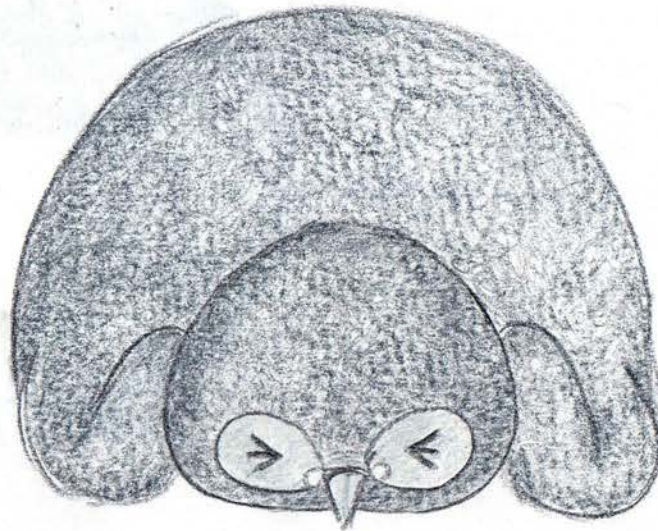
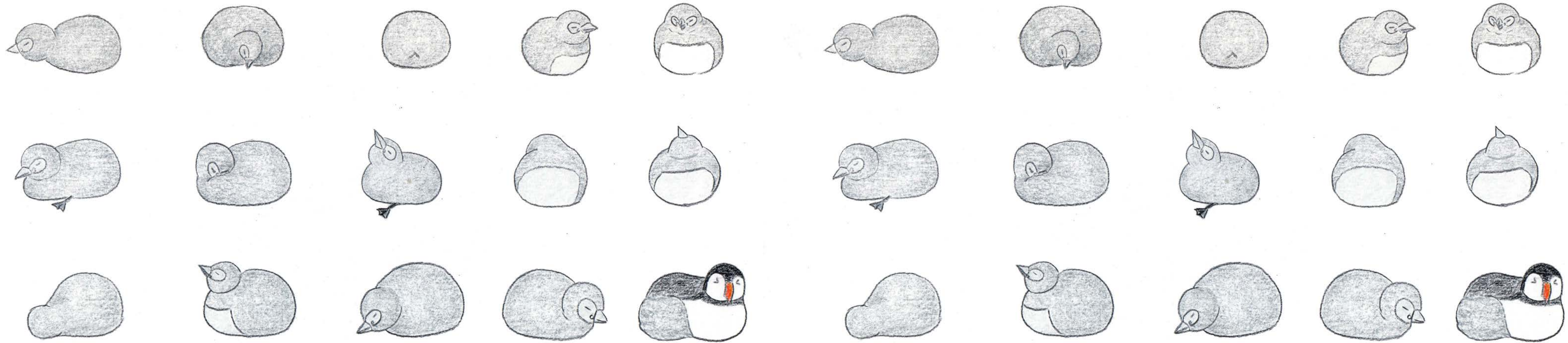


Flo can't  
**SLEEP!**



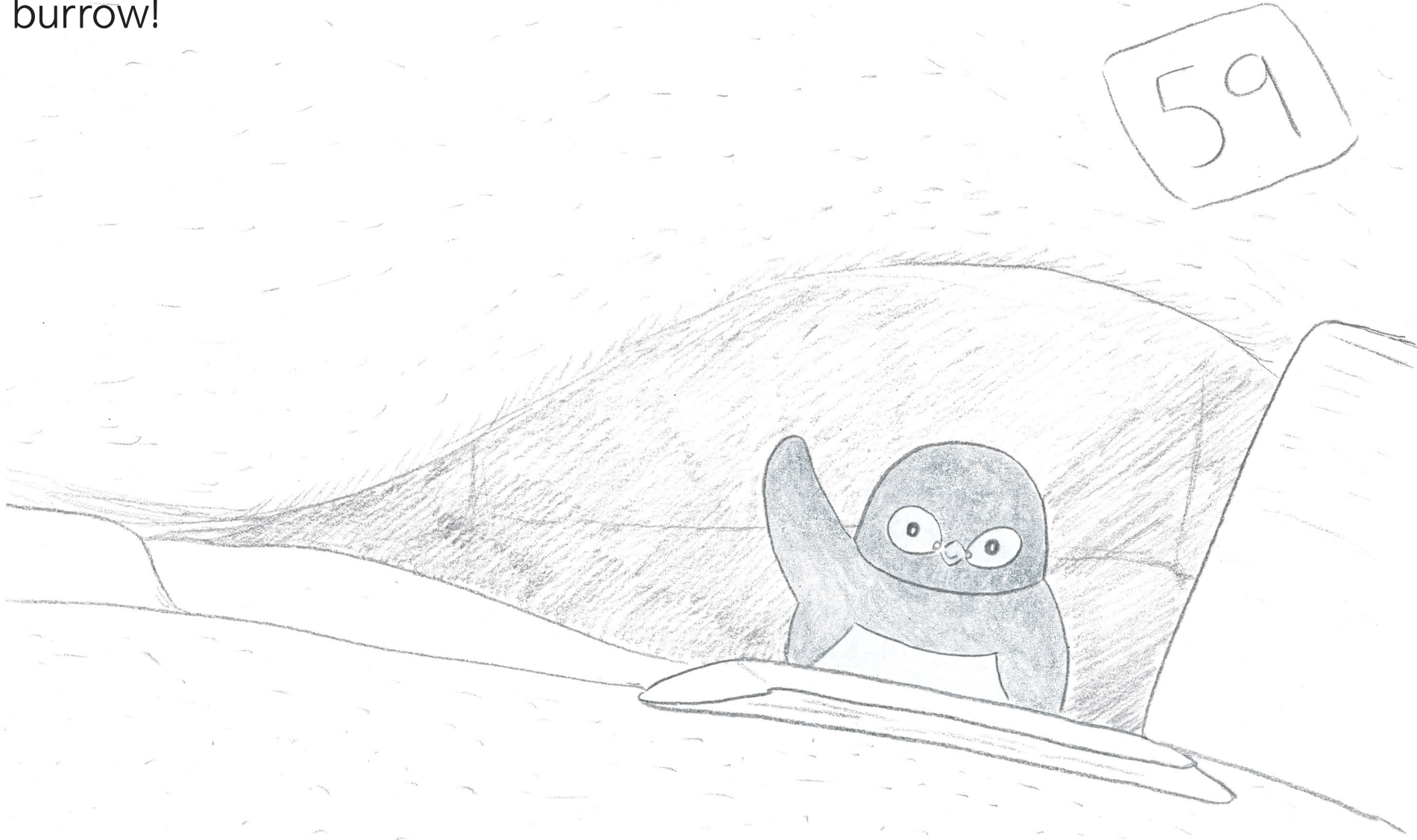
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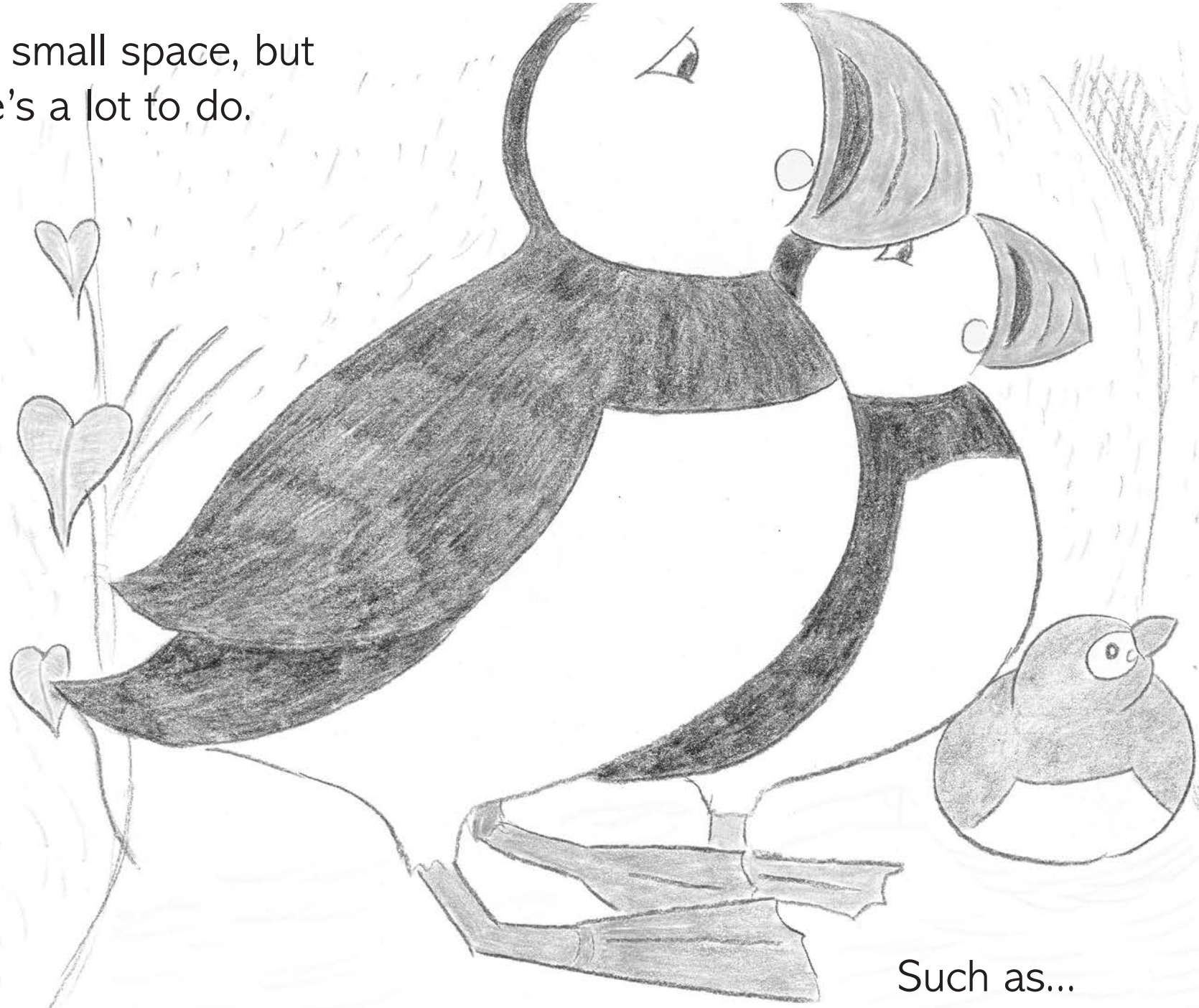
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Title

Hi! I'm Flo. I'm a baby puffin. Welcome to my burrow!

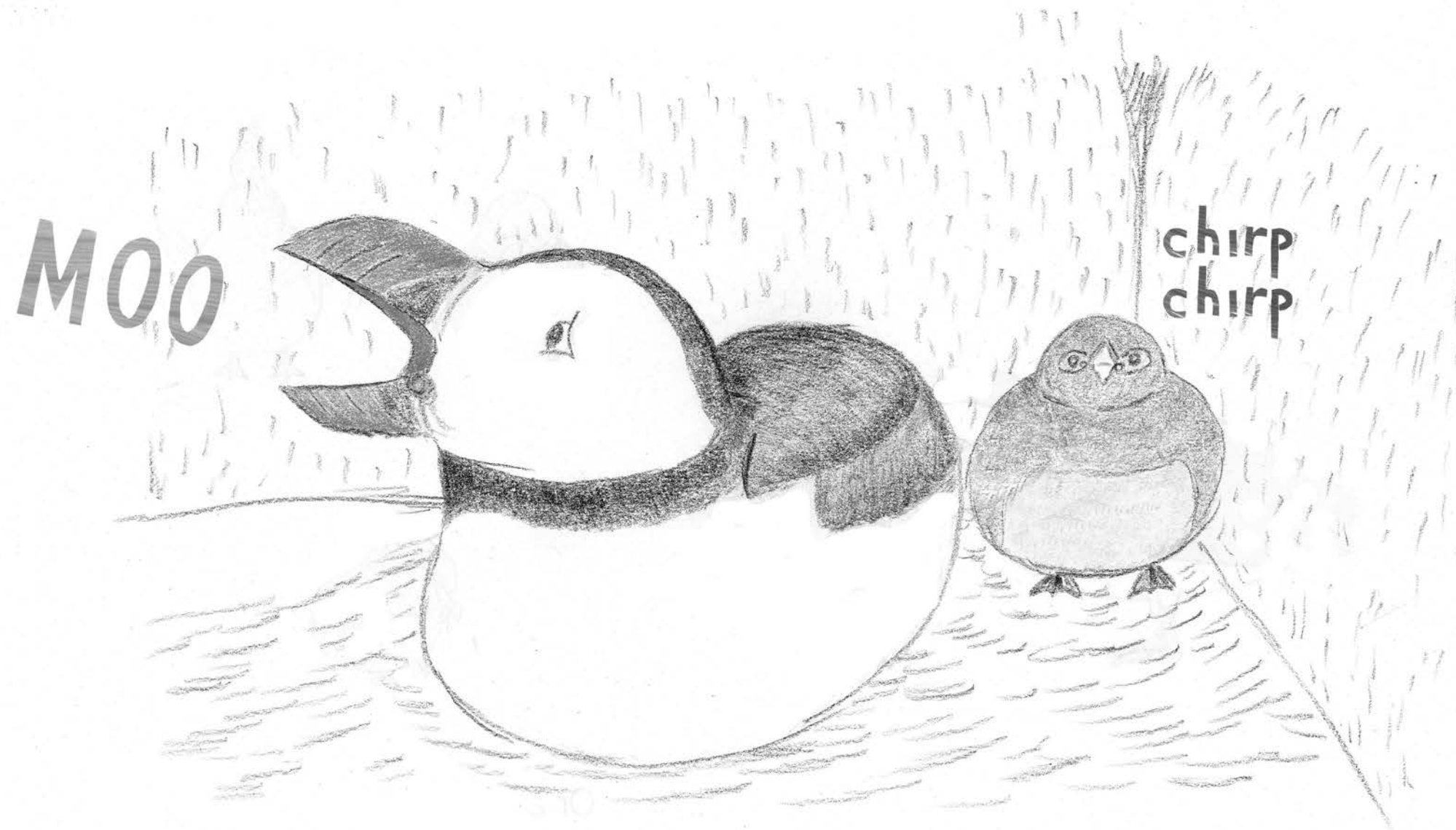


It's a small space, but there's a lot to do.

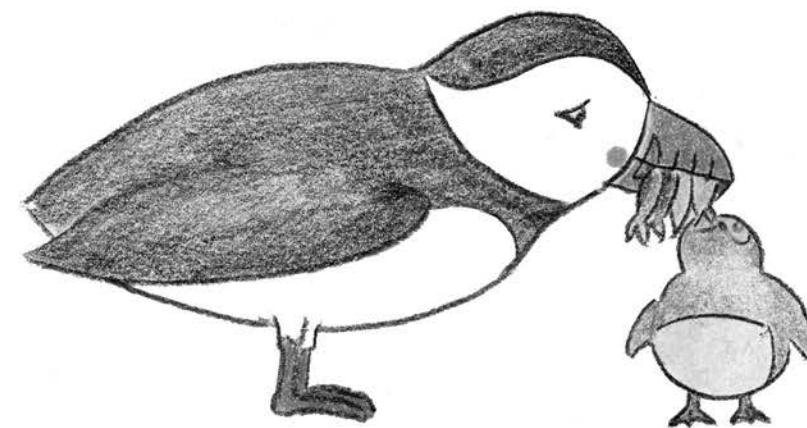


Such as...

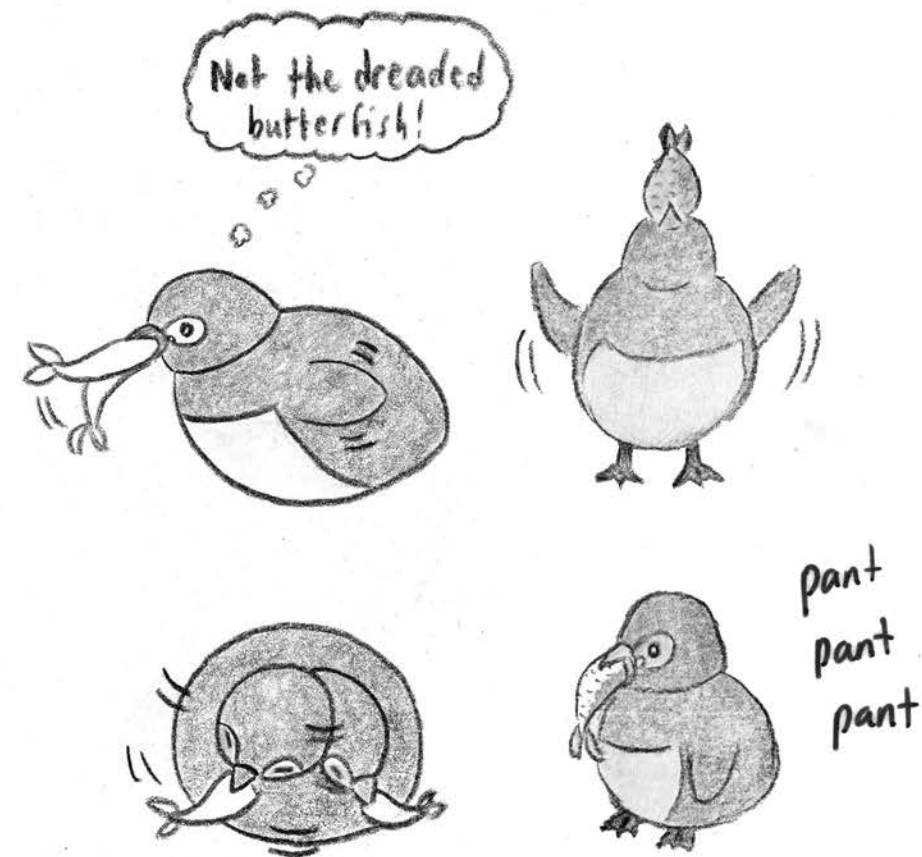
Singing.



Eating.



Or, at least trying to eat.



And my favorite activity of all-time...

Sleeping!

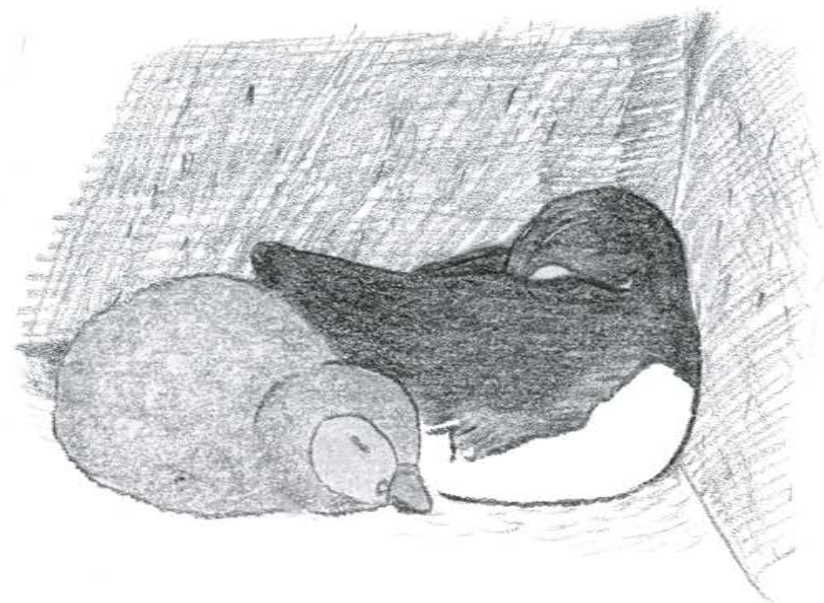


I love to sleep.

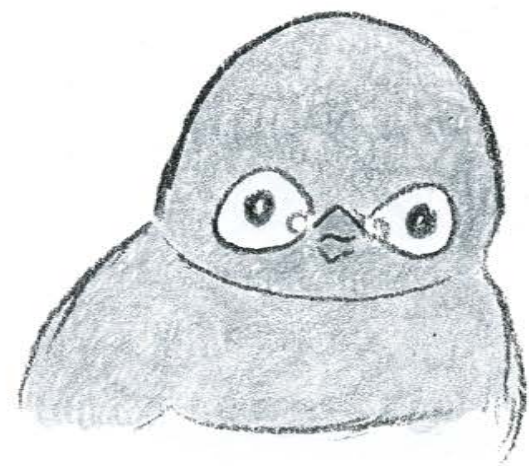
Day.



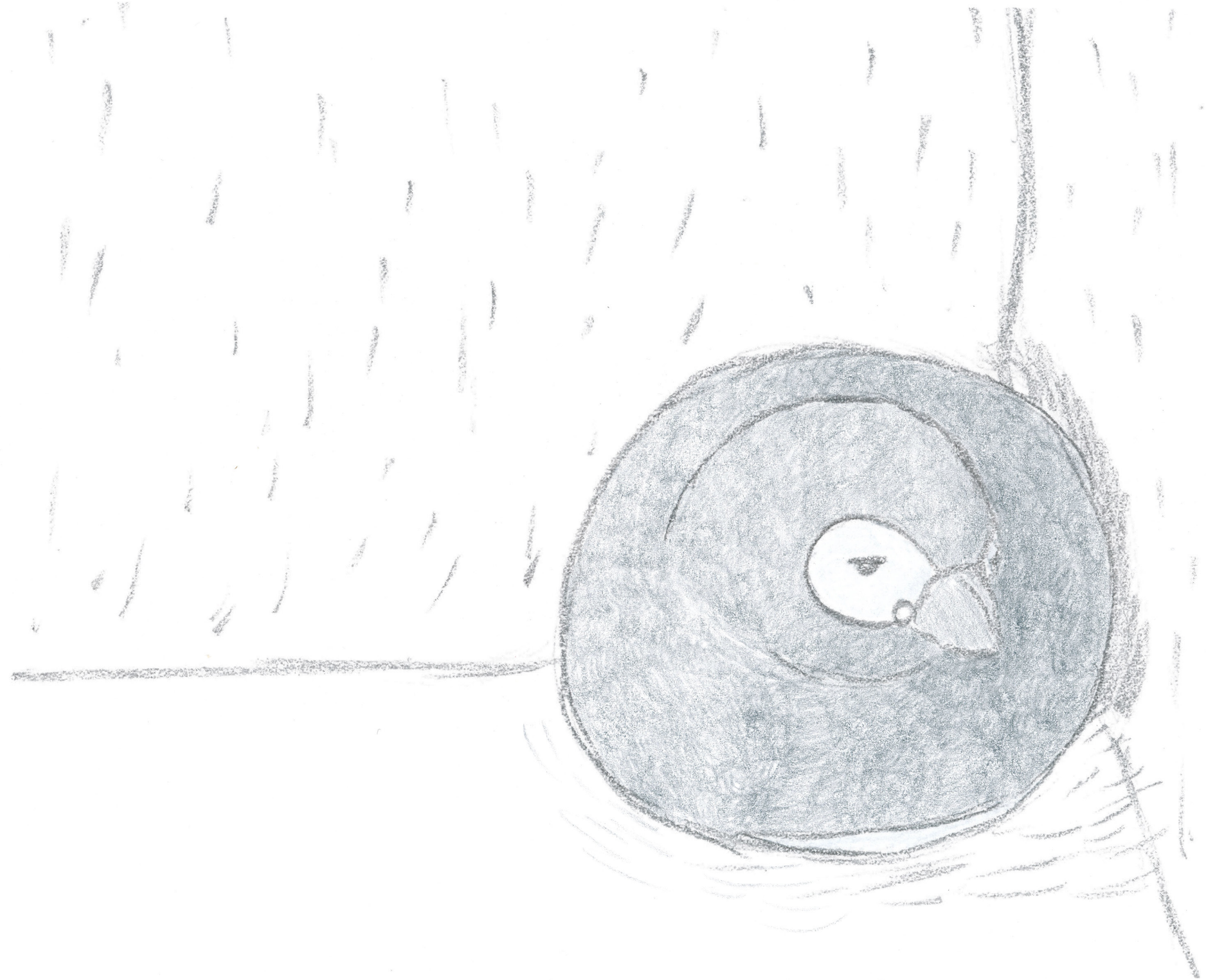
And night.



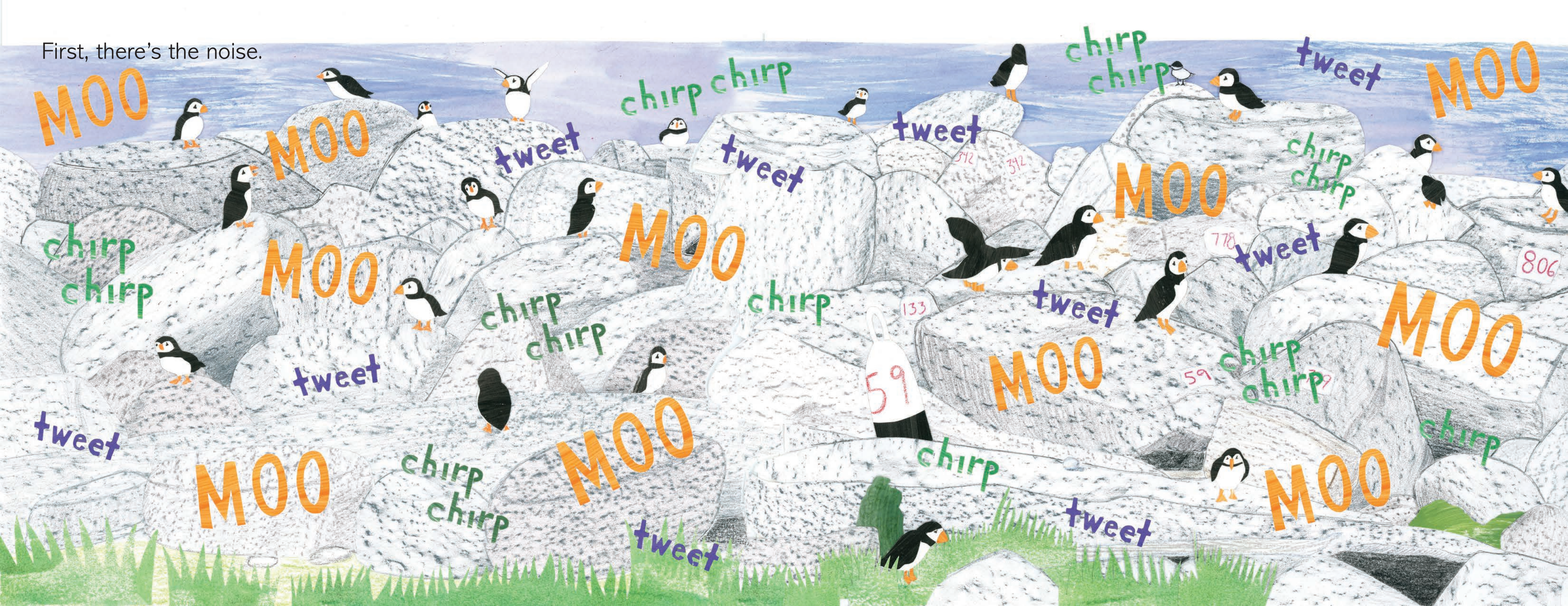
There's just one problem.



I CAN'T  
SLEEP!



First, there's the noise.



MOO

MOO

chirp chirp

chirp chirp

tweet

MOO

tweet

tweet

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chirp chirp

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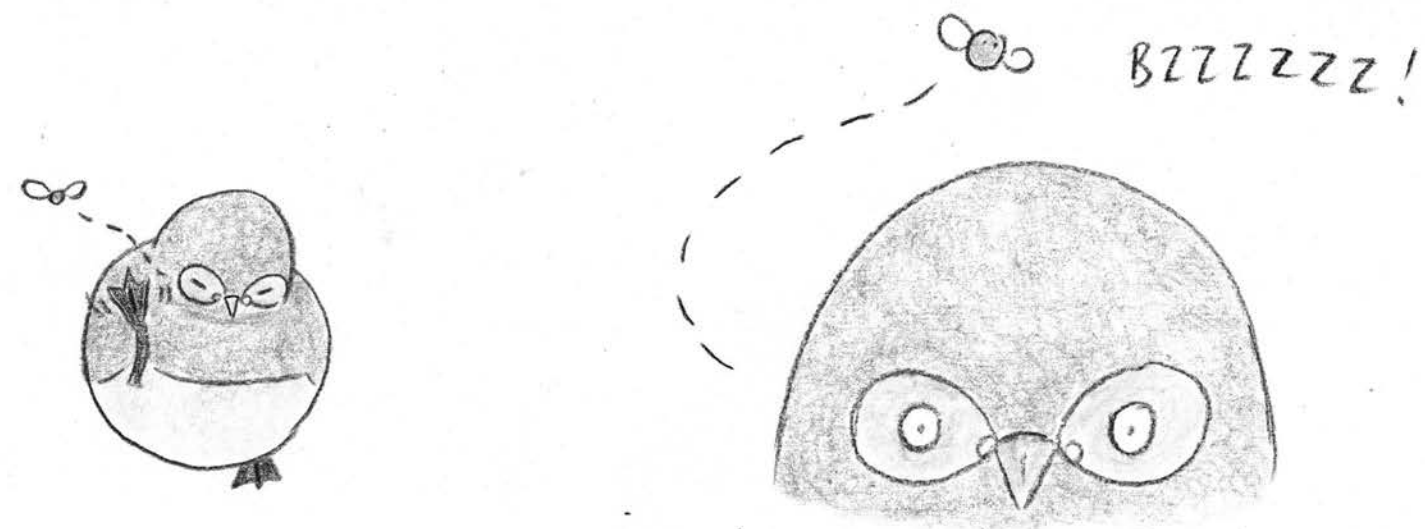
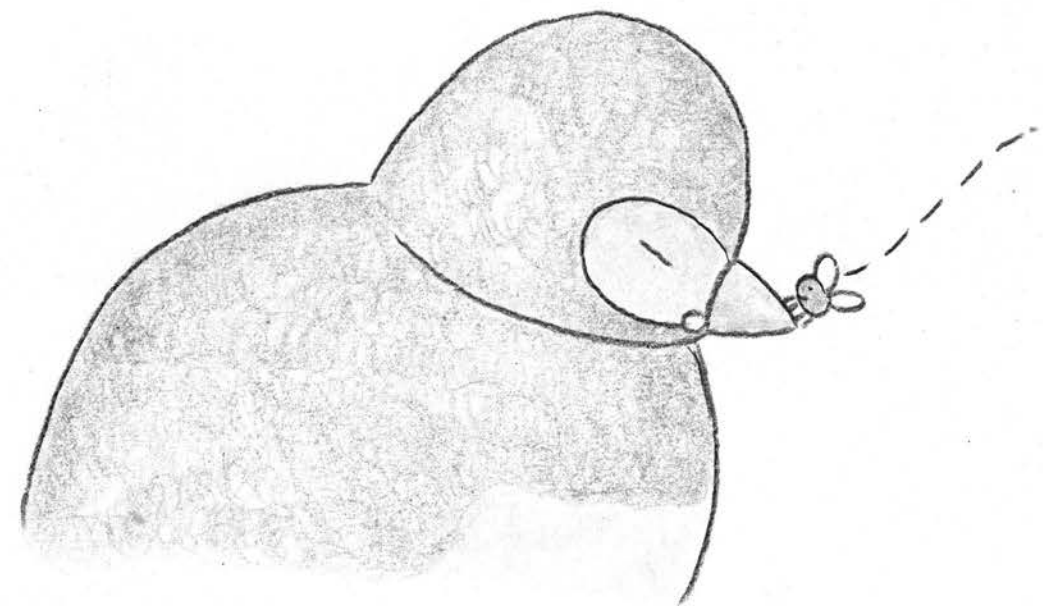
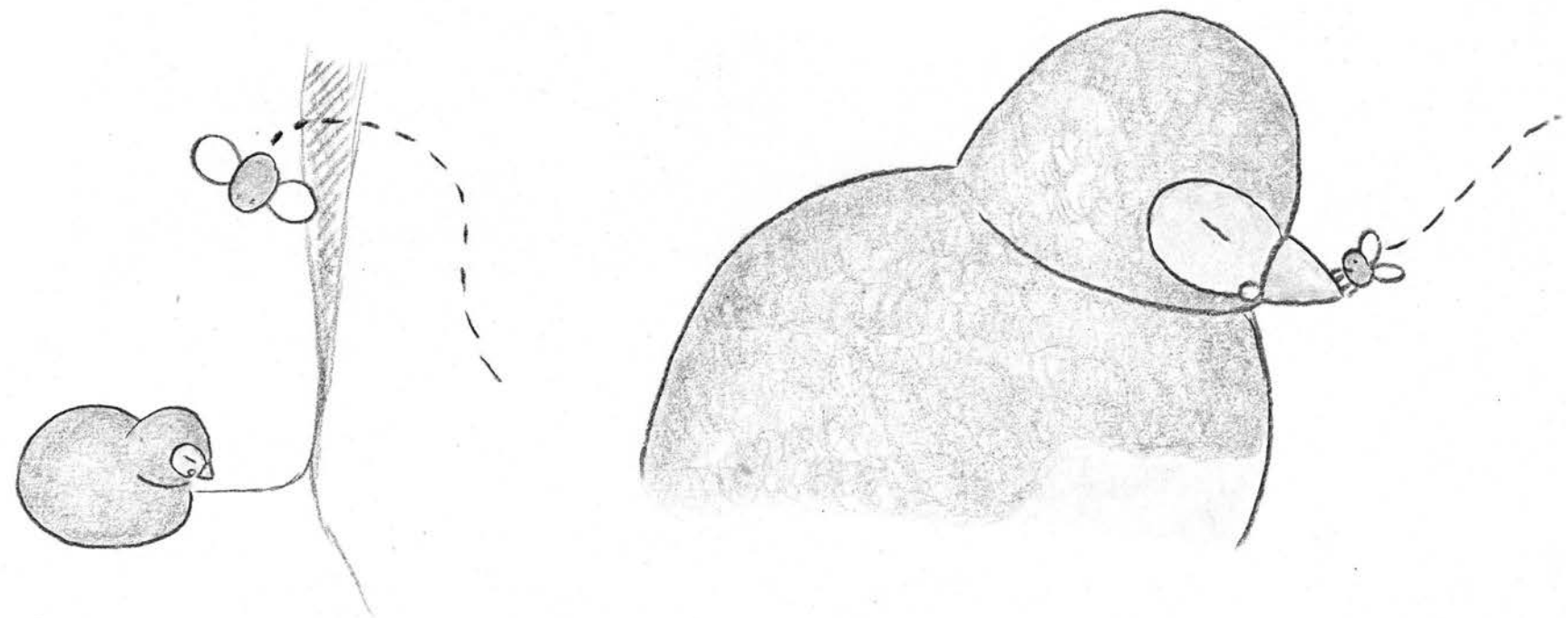
chirp

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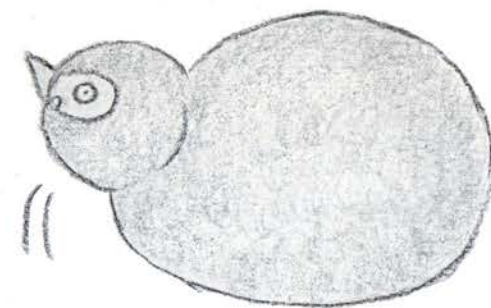
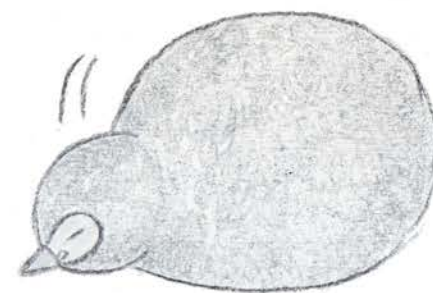
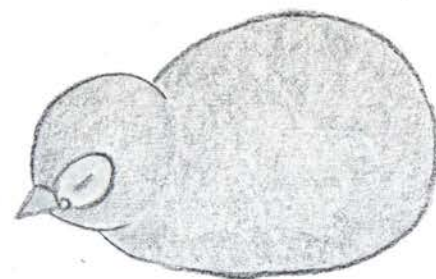
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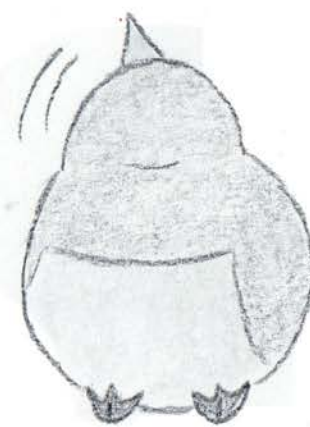
Then, there are the bugs.



And I keep falling down! (Gravity is tricky!)



Start



1 min. later



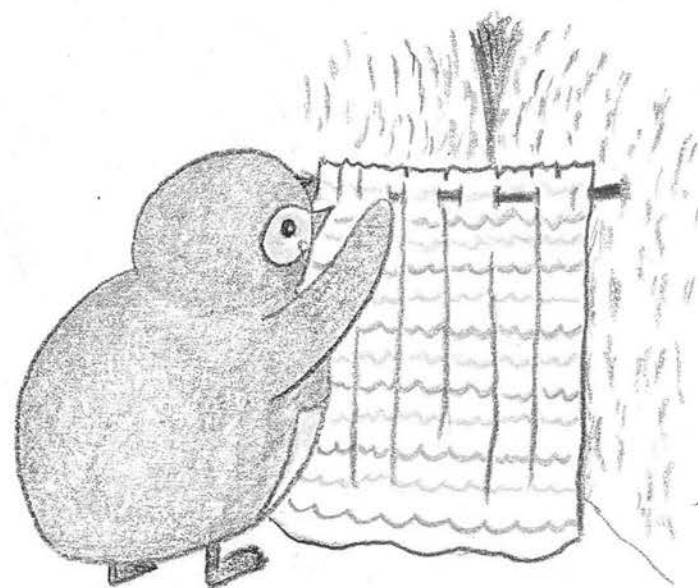
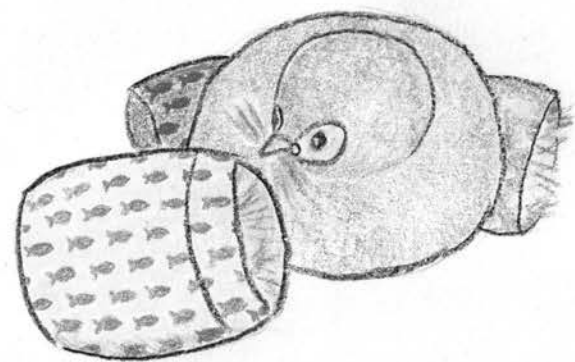
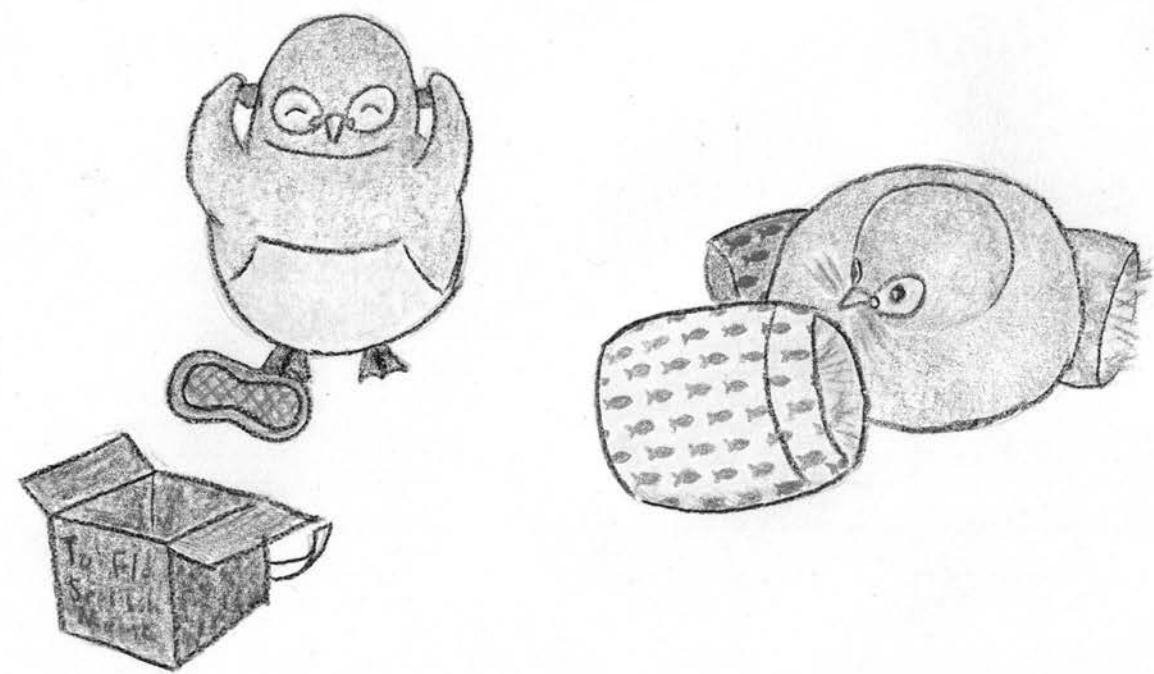
3 min. later

And even when I think I can get a little rest, Mommy and Daddy decide it's grooming time!

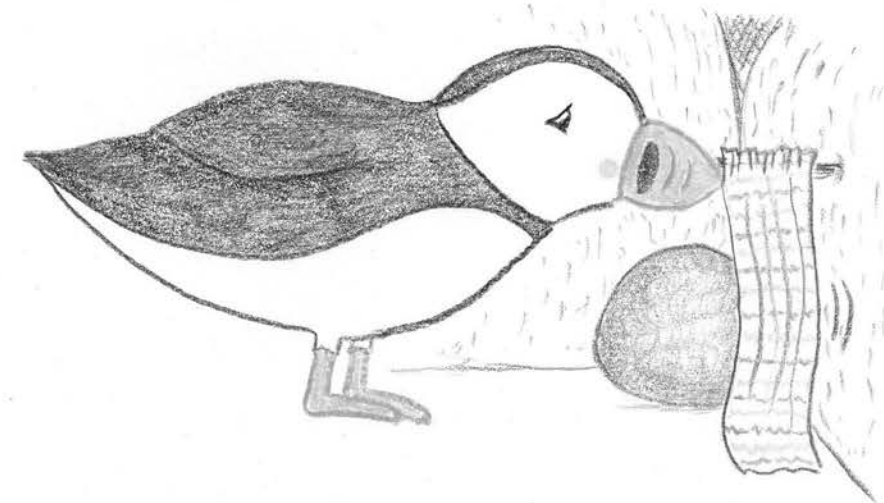
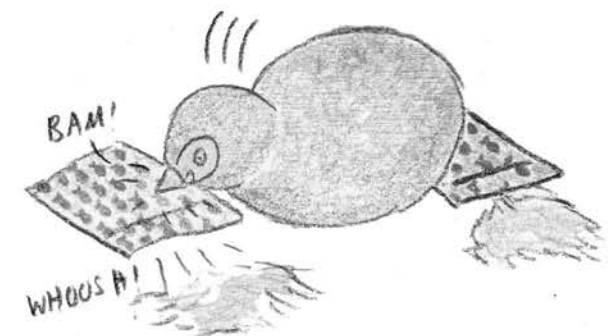
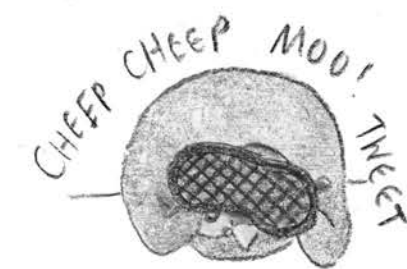


Now do you see why I can't sleep?

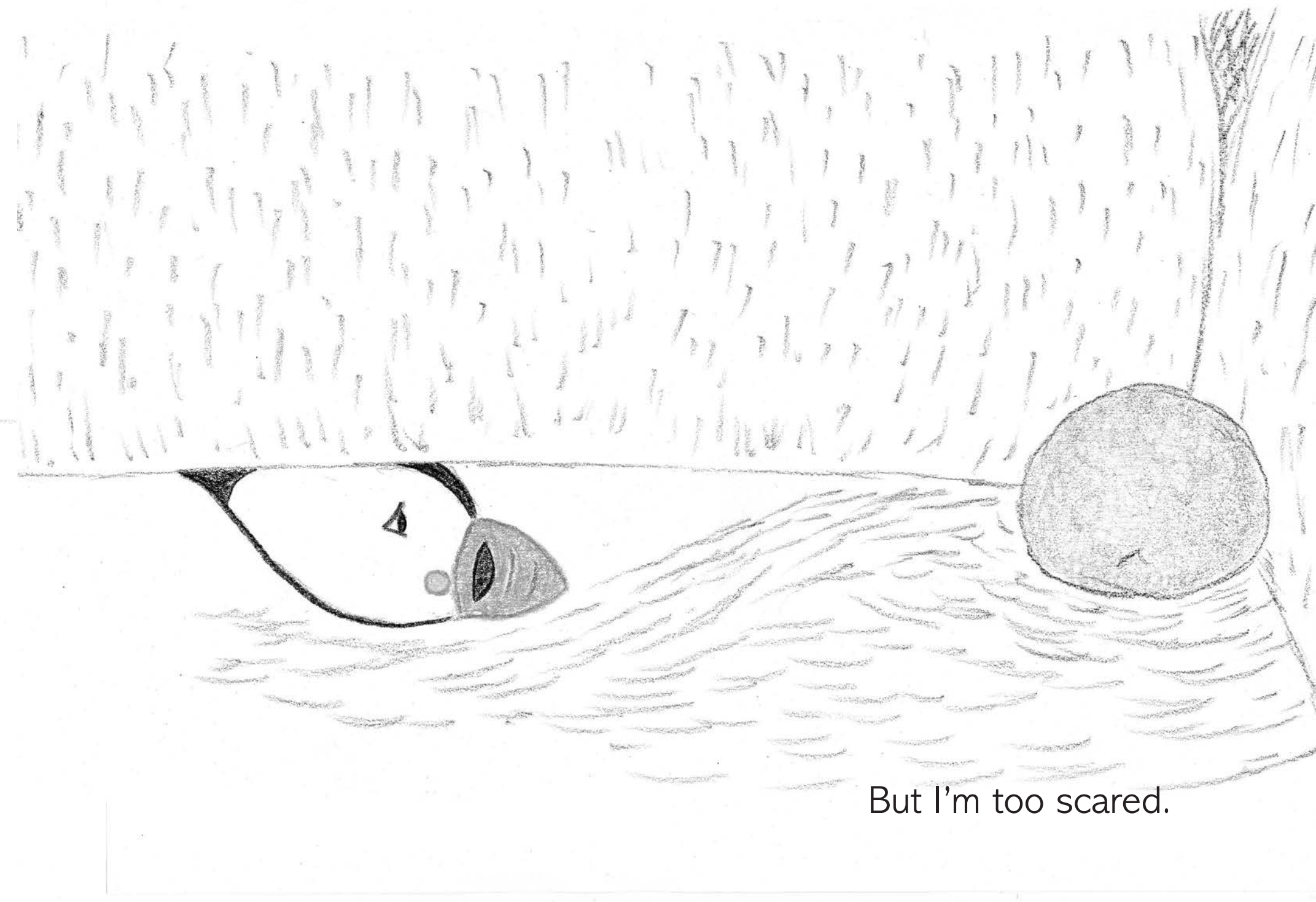
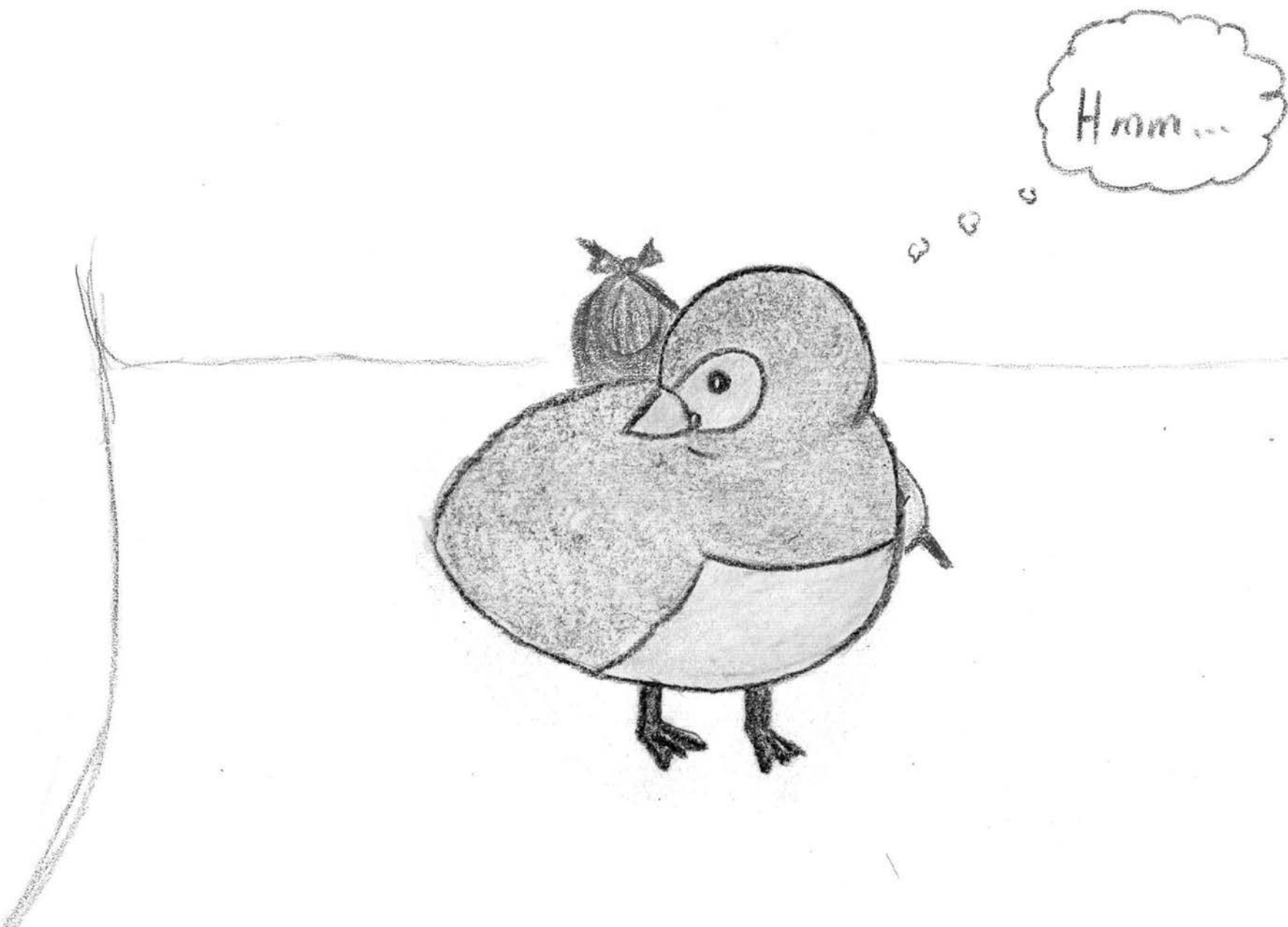
Don't get me wrong.  
I'm always trying to find solutions.



But nothing works!

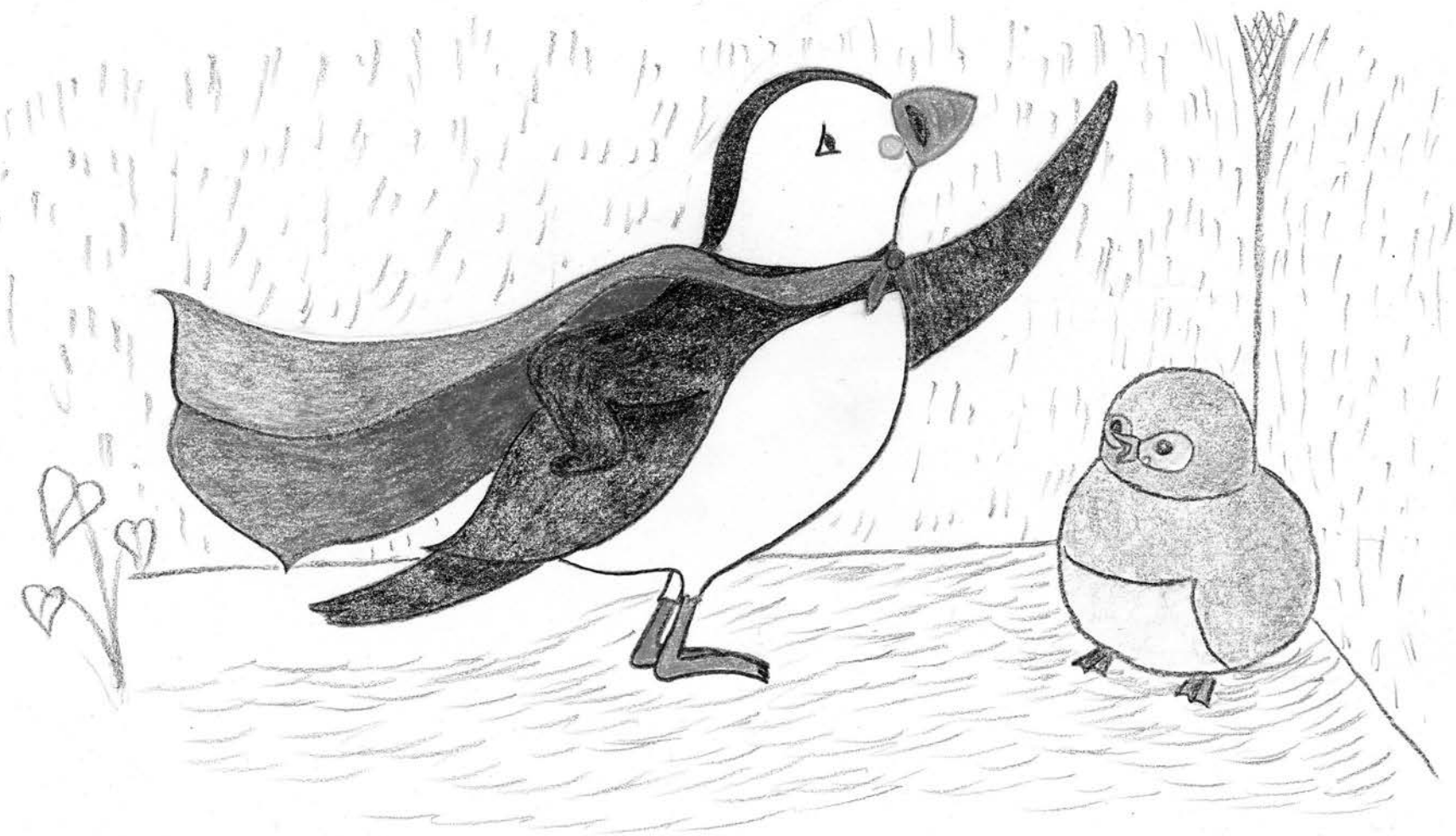


I even thought about leaving and finding a quieter place.

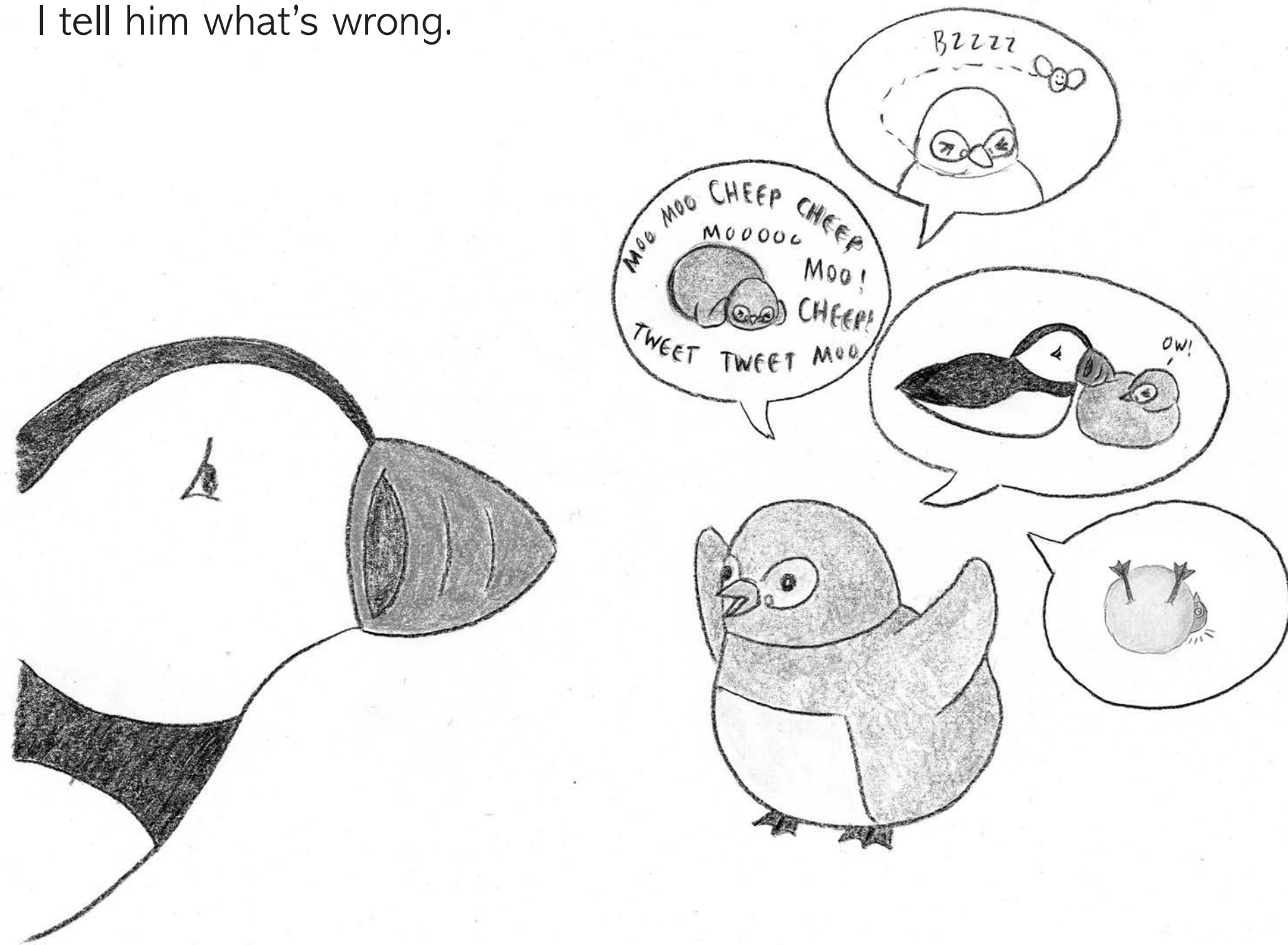


But I'm too scared.

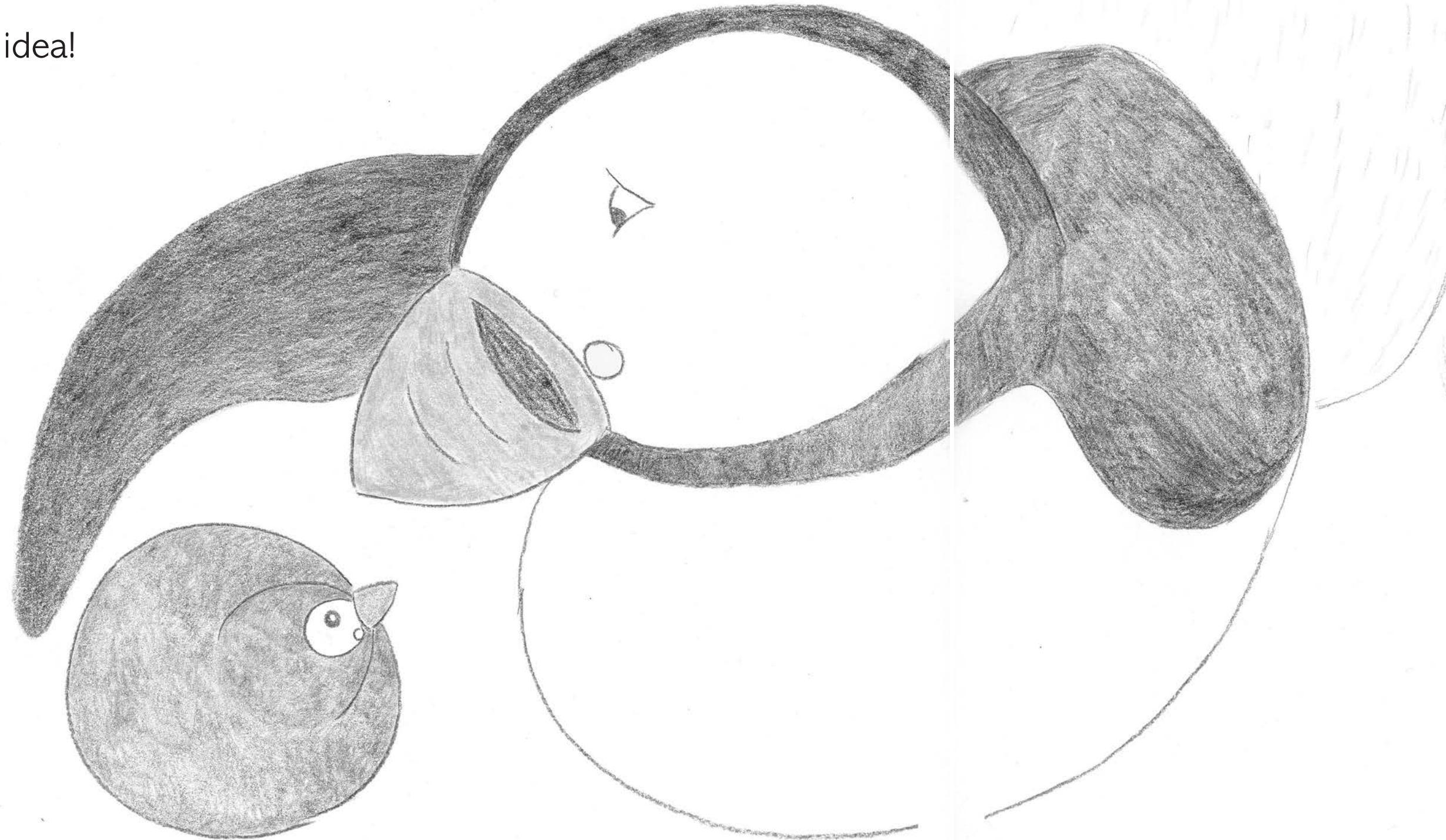
Maybe Daddy will know what to do!



I tell him what's wrong.



Daddy has an idea!



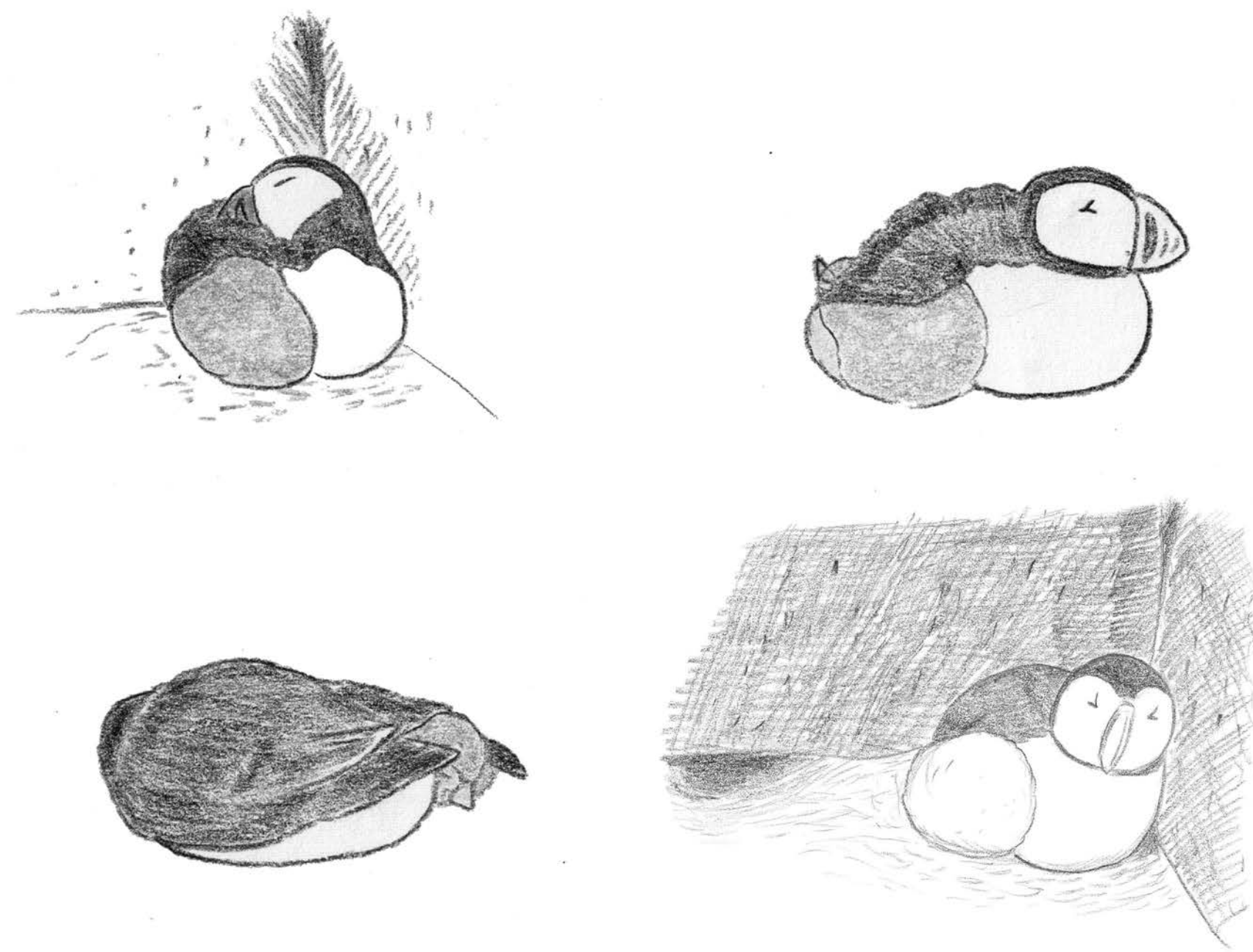
Wow! I can barely hear the other birds now.

And bugs can't reach me when I'm under Daddy's wing!

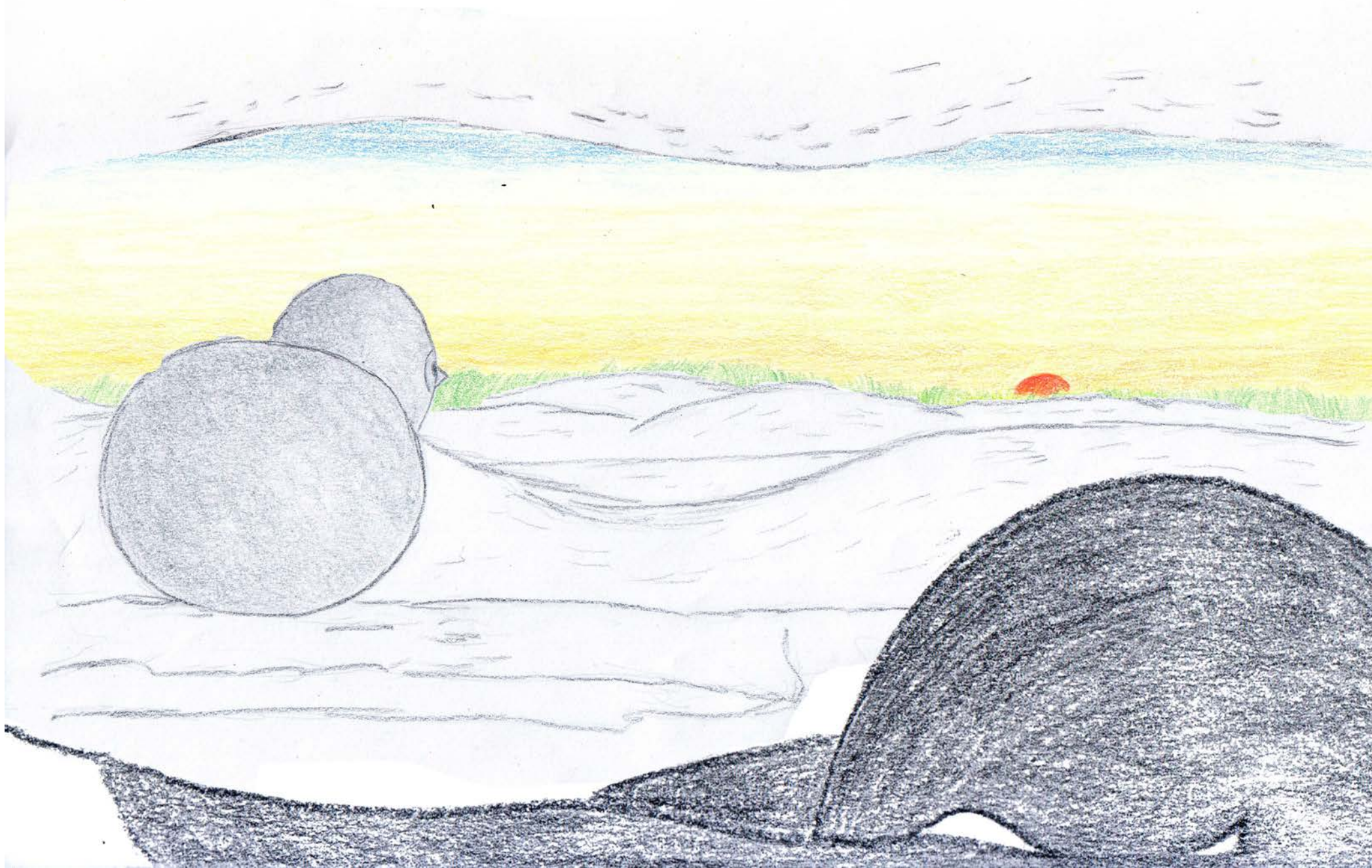
When Daddy grooms me, he is very gentle.



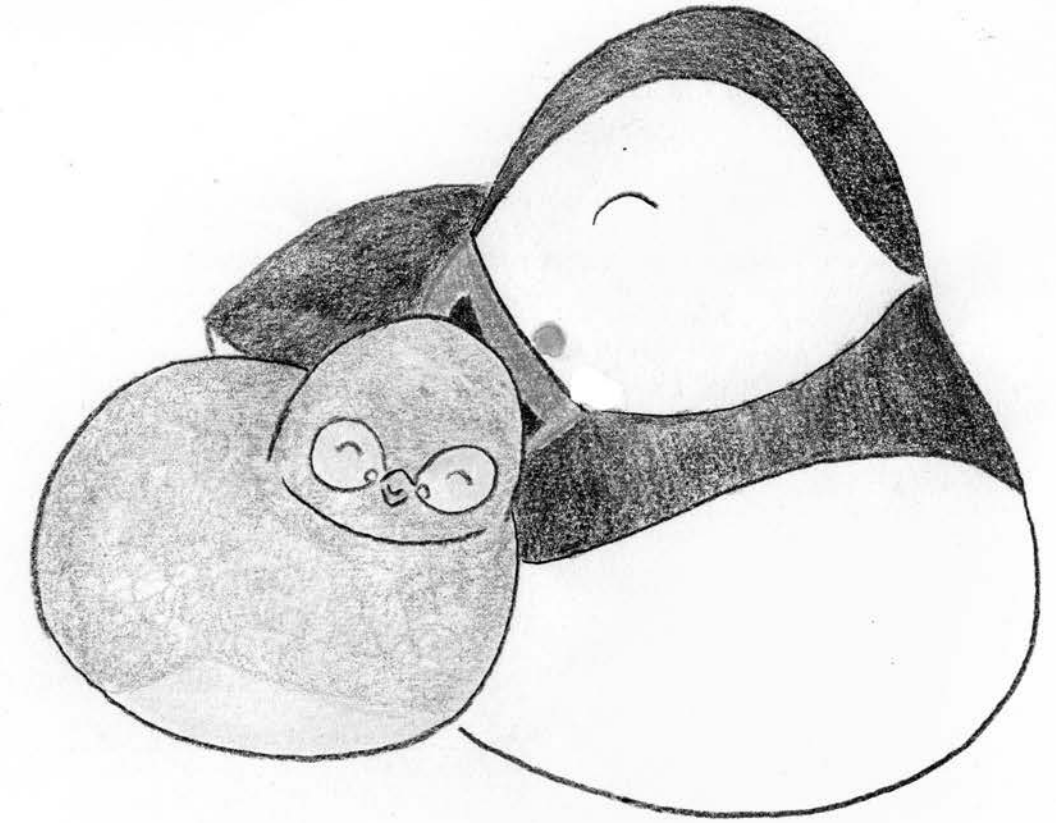
I don't have to worry about falling over, either!



Wait. Is that light? It's morning?!

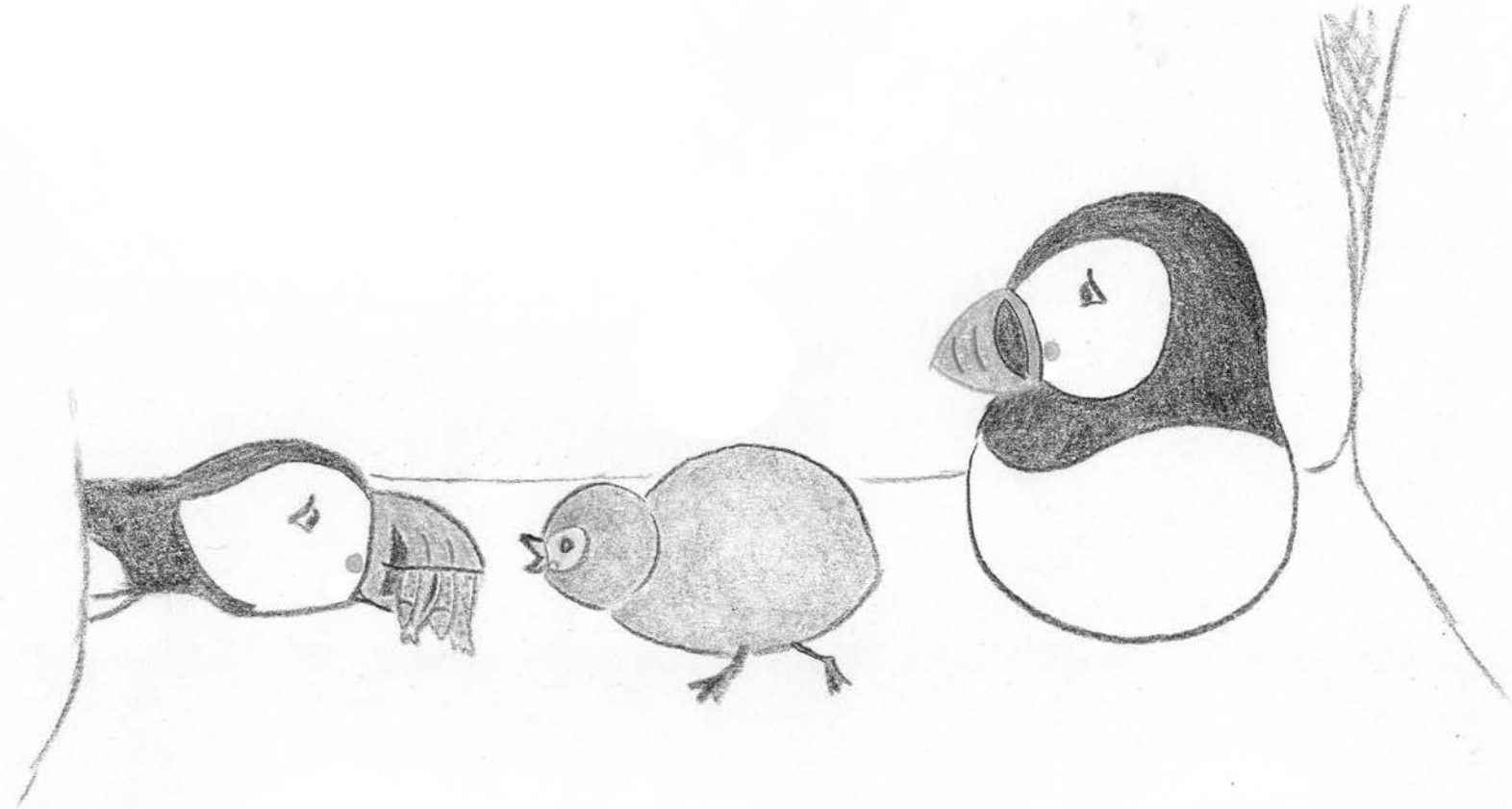


Wow. That was the best sleep ever.  
Thank you, Daddy!





And thank you, for visiting my burrow! Gotta go now, it's time for breakfast!



### Author's note

Flo was born on June 25, 2022 on Seal Island, Maine. The puffin colonies on Seal Island and surrounding islands are part of the Audobon Society's Project Puffin, a conservation initiative started in the early 1980s to bring puffins back to Maine. Every year, puffins come back to Seal Island and the surrounding islands to lay eggs and raise their puffin chicks (also known as pufflings). By the end of the summer, the pufflings have all fledged and their parents return to sea until the following spring. Project Puffin operates several live streaming web cams on Seal Island during the summer season. Flo's story was inspired by the many hours I spent watching her from the livecam inside the puffin burrow.