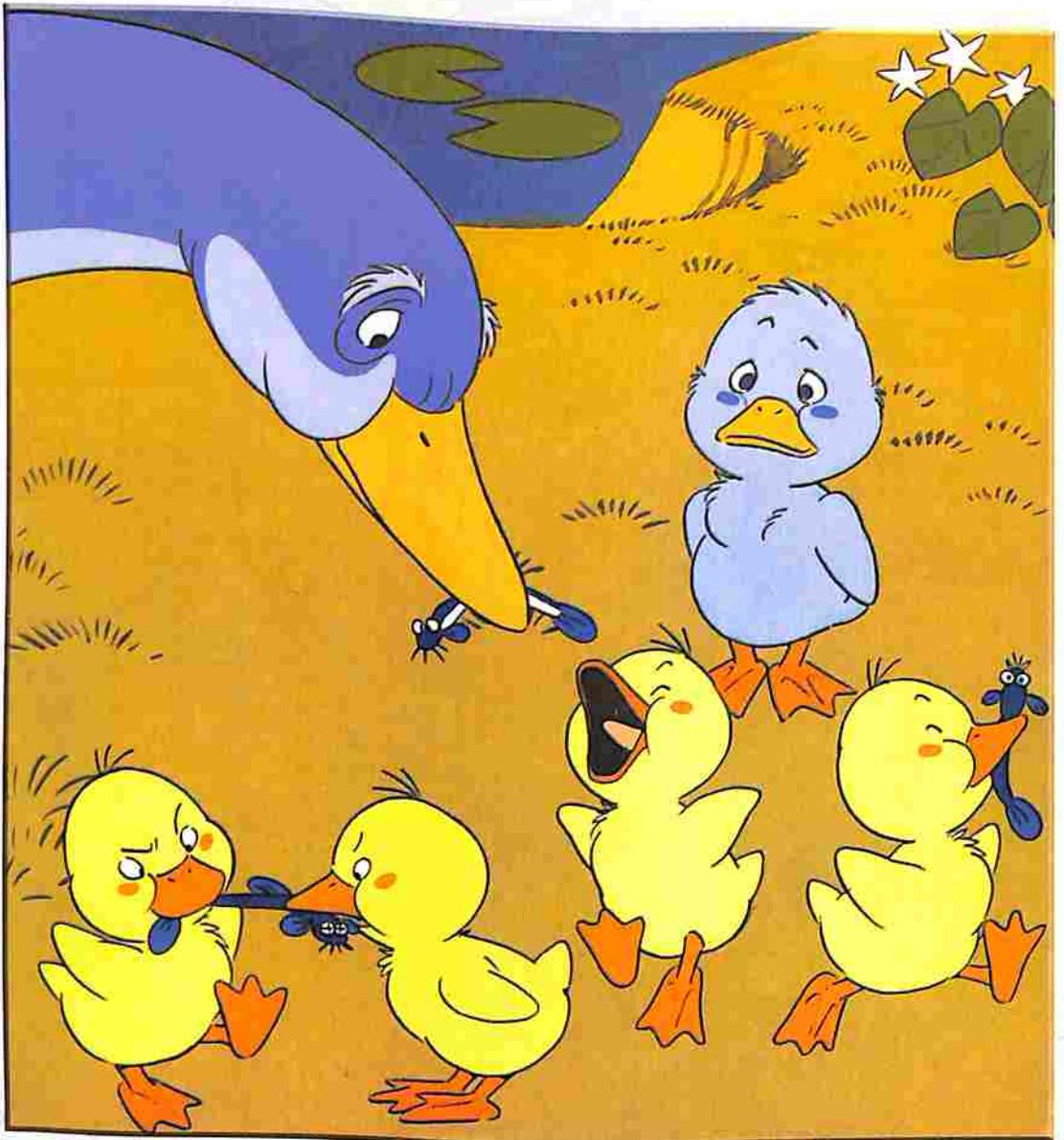


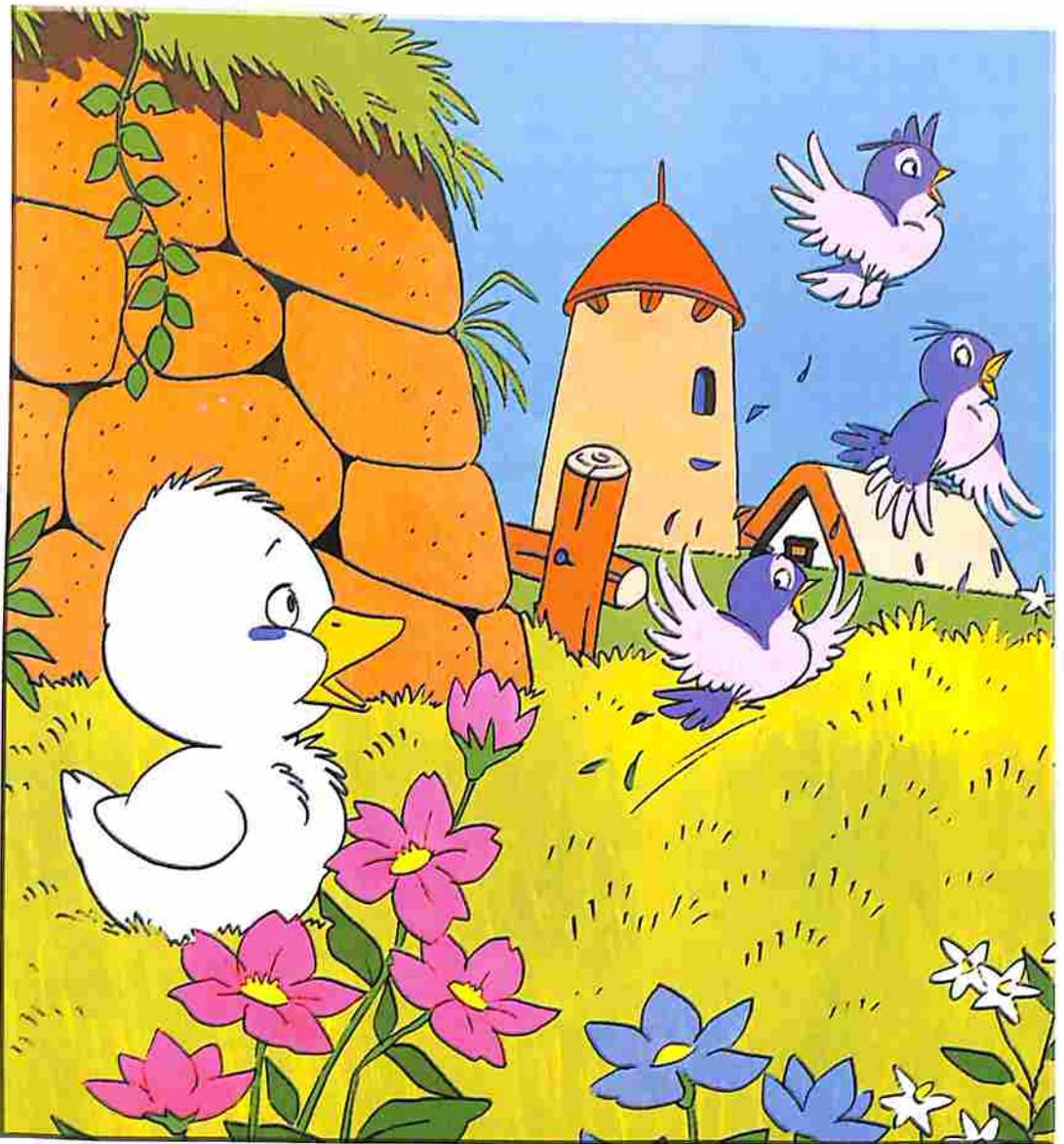
*The big duck was happy to have her chicks, which just hatched from their eggs. There were four yellow ducklings, and one that was rather darker in color.*



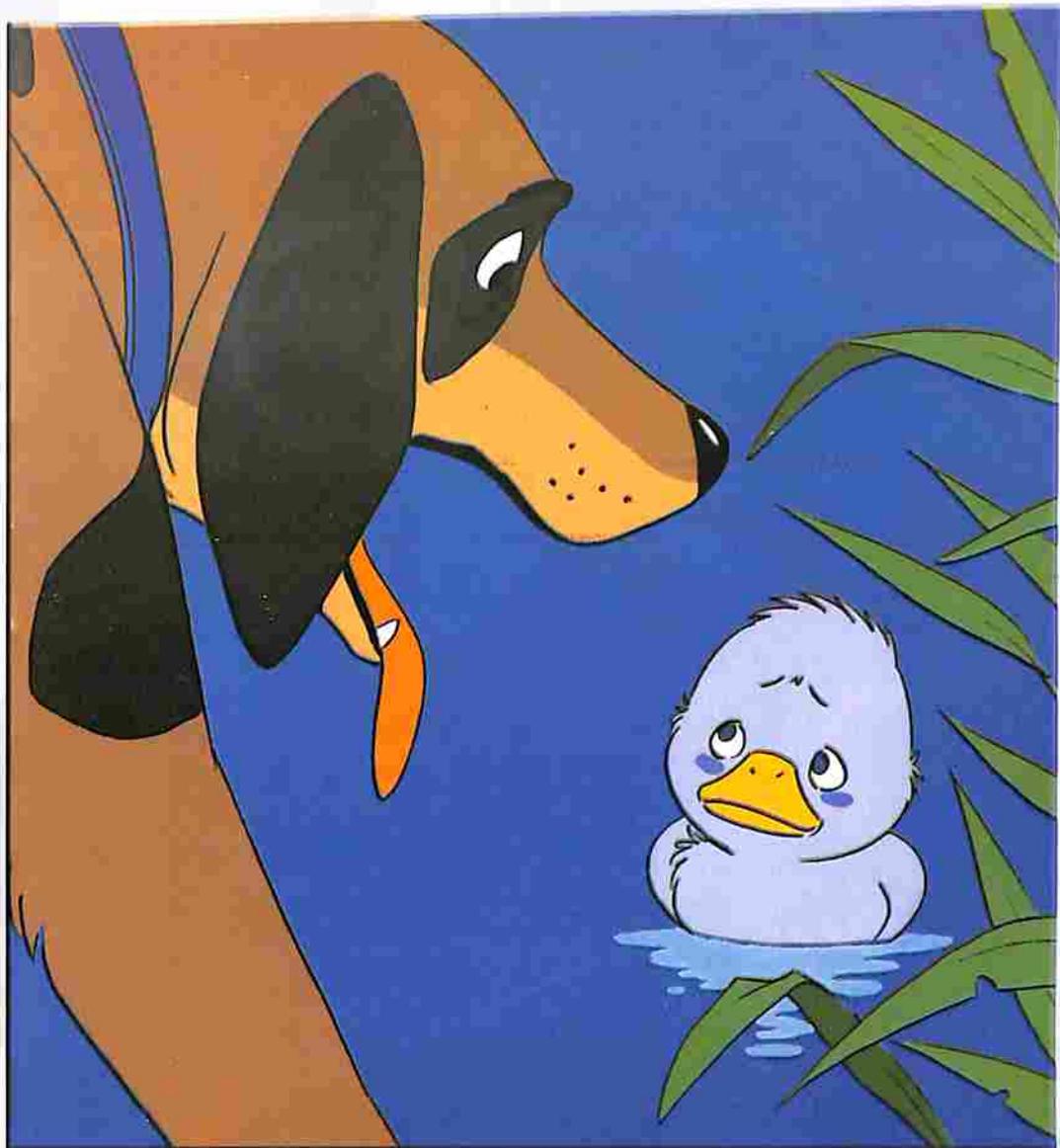
*After a while the little dark duckling felt estranged among her sisters; they had bright yellow colors whereas she was dark.*



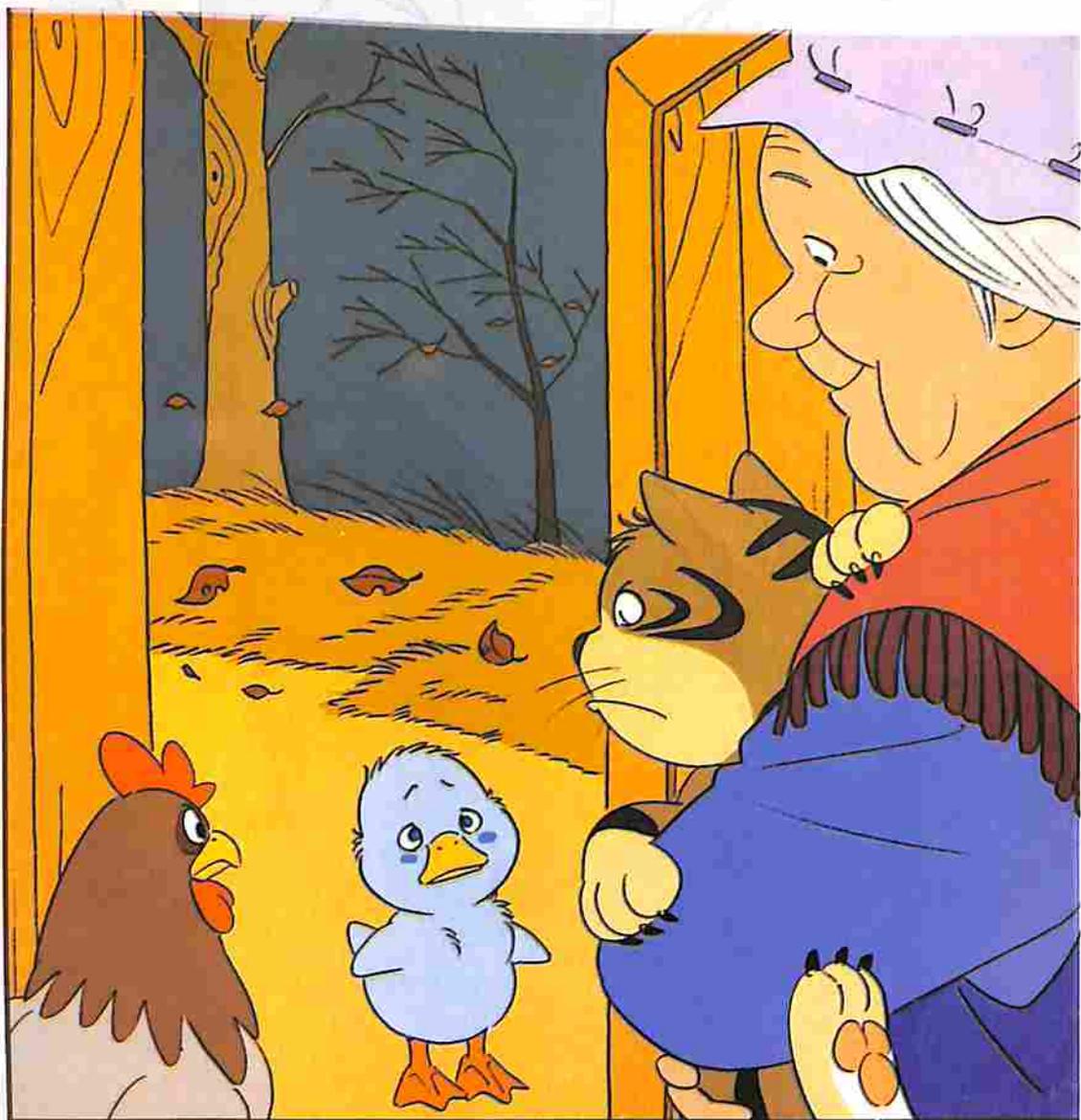
*She thought, “since my color is different from the other ducks, then my place is not with them. I must leave to another place.”*



*On its way she met some birds so she asked them, “would you accept me among you?” The birds said that they would love to but she couldn't fly like them. They flew away and left her alone.*



*Afterwards she met a big dog whom she asked, “would you take me as your friend?” “Sorry, my life is threatened with many chases and it needs speed to escape while you are slow-moving,” said the dog leaving her.*



*She walked until she met an old woman, so she asked the woman, “can I live with you, in your house, my good lady?” The woman took her in at once.*



*The woman had a cat and a hen that were not welcoming to the little duckling. Rather they were harsh and abusive toward her. So the little duckling was sad and she kept thinking of her fate and why nobody wanted her.*



*Finally, she decided to go back to her family. Even though she is dark, yet she will be with her people who love her, and resemble her. She decided never to leave them again. How nice to feel loved by your family and friends.*