

*One day Mido and his sister Mayada wished to have a little bird that will make them happy since they loved birds a lot. A few moments later they heard someone knocking at their door.*



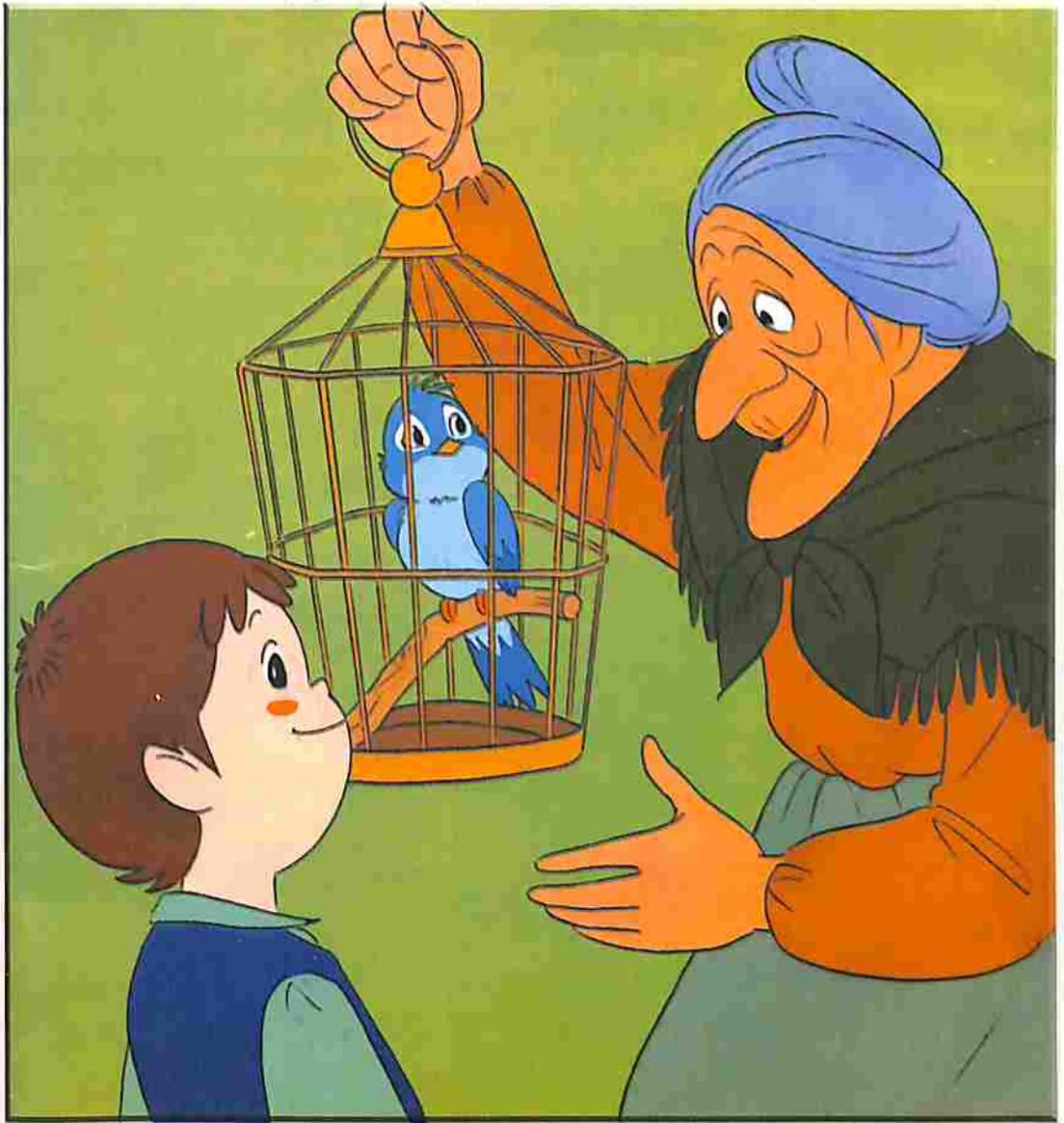
*When they opened the door they saw an old woman. She said that she had a precious gift for them, which was a magic jewel capable of realizing one single dream of theirs.*



*Mido and Mayada were happy with the jewel. And Mido asked: “what dream do we wish to make true by this jewel? Shall we ask for money? Nice toys? Or delicious food?”*



*They went on asking people of the house about their dreams. So Mayada asked her grandma, and Mido asked his grandpa about their dreams. Grandpa said, “we have no special wishes, but you wanted to have a little bird to make you happy.”*



*Mido and Mayada asked the little jewel to make their dream come true by having a little bird. All of a sudden they had a beautifully-colored, nice-looking bird. Grandma said, "you have to look after this tender creature."*



*Mido and Mayada spent a happy evening with the bird. When it was bed-time they insisted on taking the bird to their room so they could enjoy its beautiful singing. However, they noticed a trace of sadness on the bird's face.*



*In his sleep, Mido dreamt that he was flying in the air, and the bird was happy to fly off its cage. When he woke up, Mido told Mayada about his dream. She said, “it's true this bird is making us happy but we are not bringing it any happiness. We rather imprison him in an iron cage.”*



*Mido and Mayada thought the matter over and decided to set the bird free. They could not be happy by having a sad bird. Happiness means that the bird should be free, just like them, enjoying its freedom, and as such everybody will be happy.*