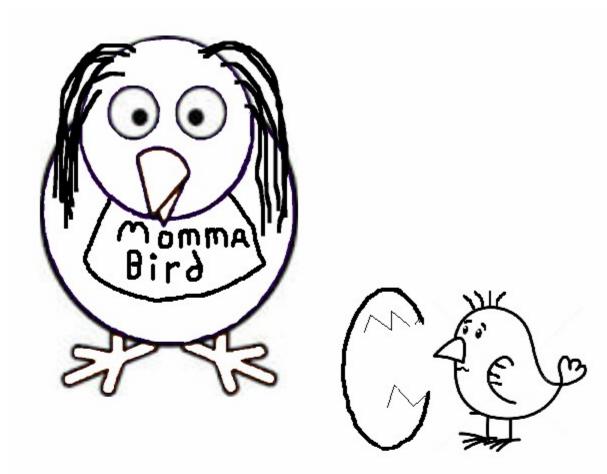


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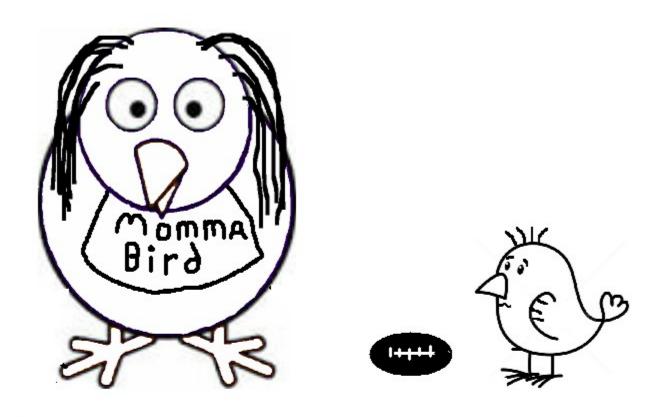
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## Chapter 1

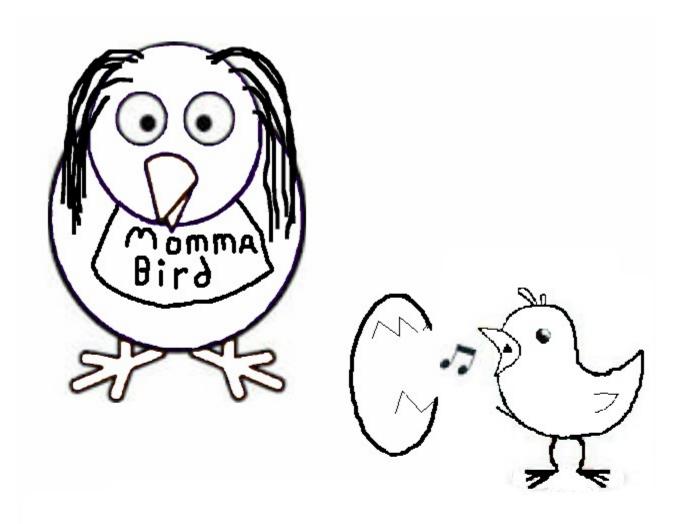
Once upon a time Momma bird gave birth to her first born son "Eddy". From the moment he was born she knew that he was special. He was a "Special Eddy." Momma bird knew that he was special from the other birds because Eddy was born with microphallus.

Microphallus- microphallus is a medical term for an unusually small tweeter.



Momma bird got Eddy toys to play with but Eddy bird had nobody to share his toys with. Momma bird knew if she didn't make another birdy for Eddy to play with there was a good chance that Eddy might end up becoming despondent.

"Despondent"- Means to be sad or in low spirits



Two years later Momma bird gave birth to another birdy named "Tiger". When Tiger was born he came out tweeting. He was very proud of his tweeter and could tweet incessantly.

"Incessantly"- without interruption, constantly

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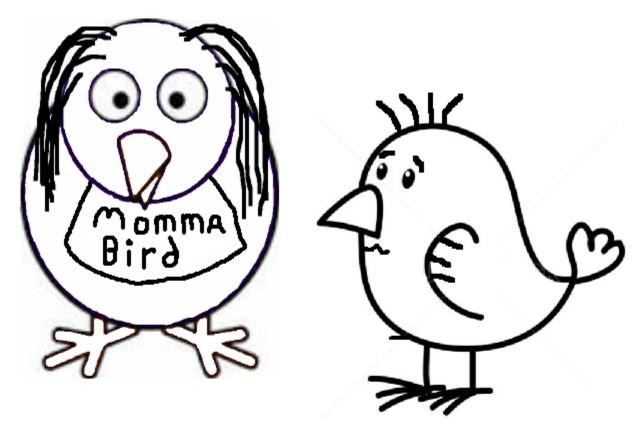
Dear Momma bird,

We are pleased to hear about the birth of your healthy newborn baby. We wish the best to you and your healthy tweeting baby boy.

-Washington D.C

Just 8 days after Tiger was born Momma bird got a letter from senators in Washington D.C congratulating her for bringing a healthy baby bird into the world. Momma bird was very elated when she got the letter.

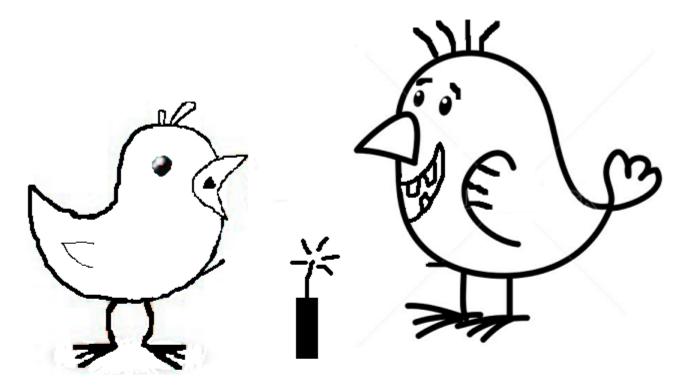
"Elated"-To become happy



When Eddy found out about the letter he was upset. "Momma bird, how come I didn't get a letter from Washington D.C when I was born? Why have the people of Washington D.C take so much interest in Tiger? Do all newborn baby birds get a letter from the senators when they are born?"

Momma bird smiled, "Only the caucasion birdies with blond hair and blue eyes honey. Long ago Hitler's scientists did studies predicting that they would become more successful birdies when they grow up so Washington is excited."

"Predicting"-means to guess what lies ahead

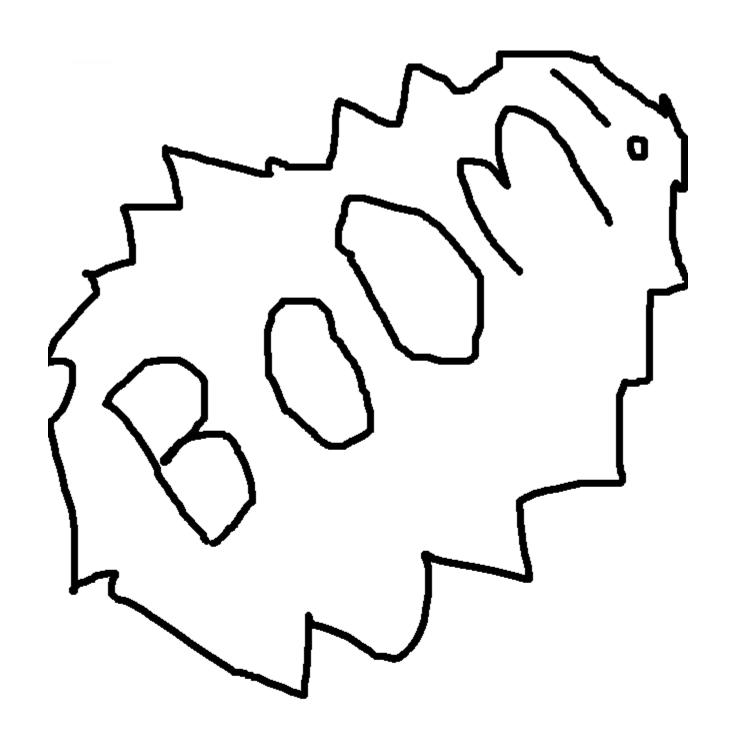


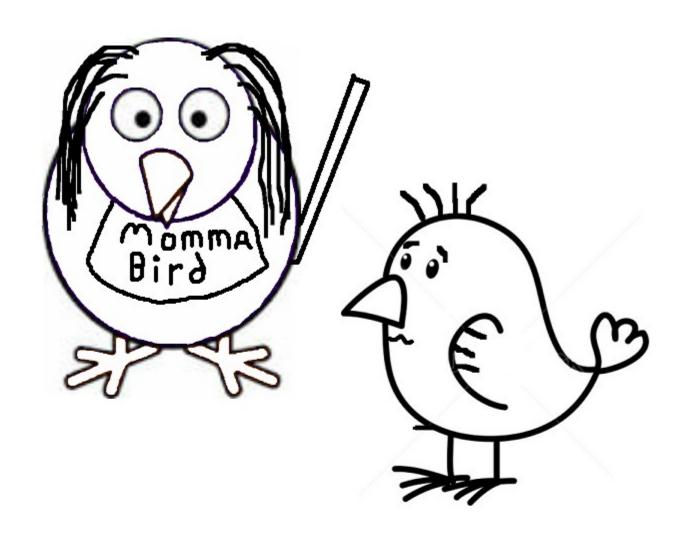
One day Eddy was playing in the yard with his brother Tiger and they decided to light a firecracker that was given to Eddy by the pastor's son. Eddy was real excited to show off the fire cracker to Tiger.

"We are going to light a fire cracker but you can't tell Momma bird.We don't want to get Momma bird upset." Said Eddy

"Okay." Agreed Tiger, but there was trepidation in his voice.

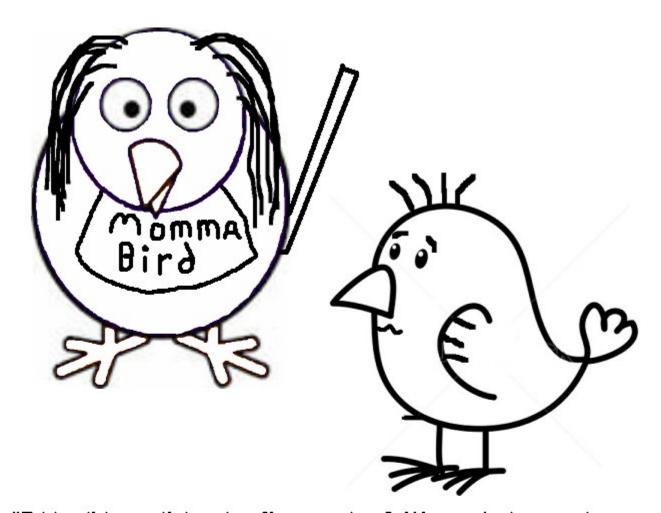
"Trepidation"-Another word for fear





Momma bird heard the explosion and came outside to see what had happened. She was very irate and holding a paddle in her hand.

"Irate"-means to be very angry



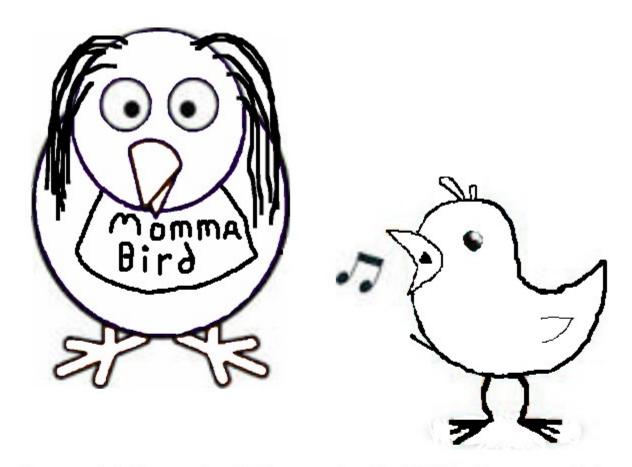
"Eddy did you light the fire cracker? We can't have a lot of noise and the neighbors are very upset."

Eddy thought for a while and then lied to Momma bird."No Momma bird I don't know anything about a fire cracker."

"I hope you are being honest Eddy because I am going to ask your brother Tiger. I don't want to have to spank today"

Eddy trusted his brother and kept his composure.

"Composure"-being calm and in control of yourself

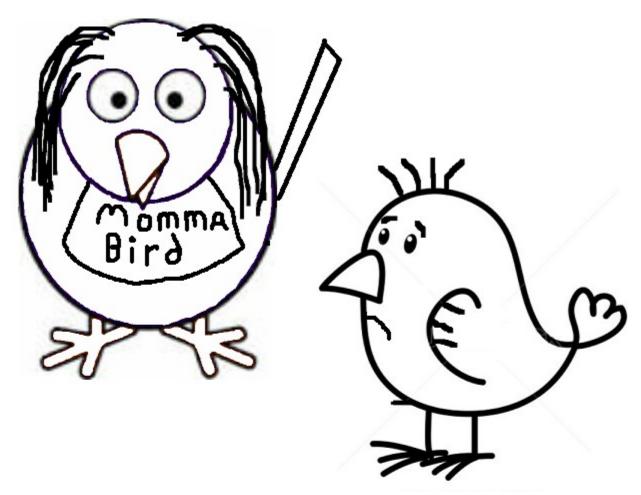


Momma bird accosted Tiger and asked if he knew anything about his big brother lighting a firecracker.

Tiger immediately began to tweet. "Eddy lit the firecracker he has a whole bunch more hidden underneath his pillow. If you give me a candy bar I can show you where they are at."

Momma bird agreed and they went into the house to look for the rest of the firecrackers.

"Accost"-means to approach somebody



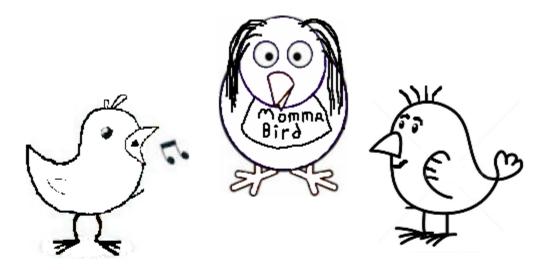
Momma bird was very upset when she found the firecrackers and had a good talking to with Eddy.

"You can't play with firecrackers. They are dangerous. Now you must be spanked." Said Momma bird

Eddy was very upset. "That's not fair! Why does Tiger get a candy bar for tweeting and I must be spanked?"

Tiger was already learning to capitalize from his brother's mistakes.

"Capitalize"-means to take advantage to gain



CHAPTER 2

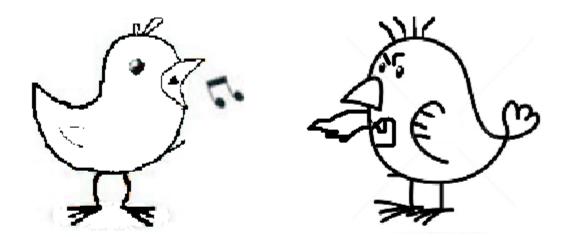
As time passed the boys eventually learned to get along. One day Momma bird was bored and wanted to ask her sons some questions about their future. She was mostly concerned about Eddy as she had predicted it might take him a bit longer to leave the nest when he got older.

"So what do you boys want to be when you grow up?" Asked Momma bird.

Eddy went first."I want to drive the garbage truck so I can dump off Tiger at the goodwill and post him for sale."

Momma bird giggled. "What about you Tiger?"

"I want to be a police officer so I can play with the woo-woo lights and put people in jail." Said Tiger



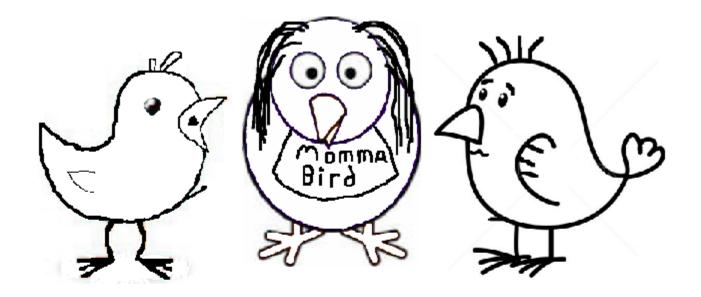
Eddy became very upset about his brother's career.

"That's not a very nice thing to do to people! I don't think I would like that job. Why do they put people in jail?" Asked Eddy.

Tiger just giggled. "We get to take their money too! It will be so much fun!" Said Tiger

Eddy didn't find his brother's job with the woo-woo lights very appealing. He was upset.

"Appealing"-means to be pleasing or attractive

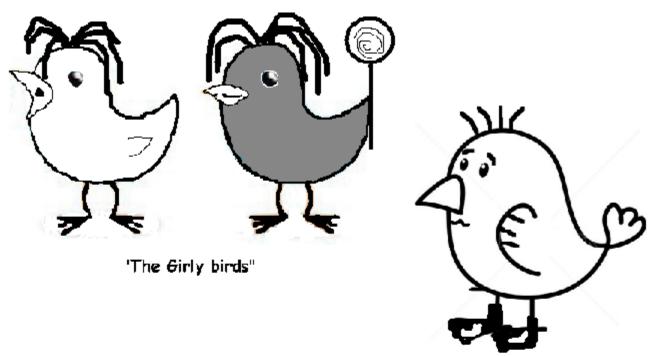


When the birdies reached their teenage years they started to have questions about the girl birdies.

"Momma bird... How do we get the girl birdies to like us?"

Momma bird showed her boys her diamond ring."Well that's easy. If you want to get the chicky birds to like you all you have to do is woo them with shiny things like muscle cars and lots of money."

"Woo"-means to try to make someone like you by attracting them by all means



One day Eddy ran into some girly birds after school. He was very excited about meeting them and thought maybe he could woo them with his Nike sneakers he had bought with the money he had earned washing dishes.

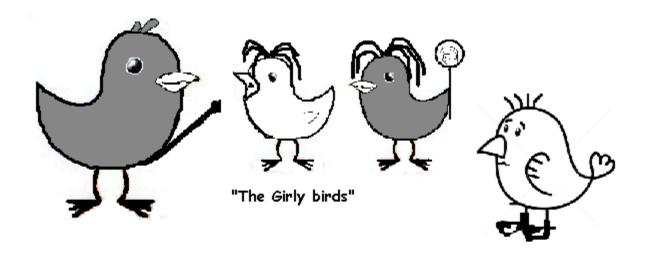
"Hello girly birds...I'm Eddy do you see my Nikes?"

The girly birds giggled. "Yes they are nice."

Eddy was excited. "Would you like to come with me to watch a movie and then later maybe we could tweet?"

The girly birds turned their backs to Eddy and giggled.
"Your nice Eddy but we just don't think you can tweet very well so we already have other plans."

Eddy was very upset he knew he could tweet faster than the other birds.



The next day Eddy saw the same girly birds tweeting with a blackbird. Eddy noticed that the blackbird had no Nikes to woo the girly birds with. Eddy got very confused as he recalled Momma bird telling him that it was good to woo the girly birds.

"Recall"-means to bring into mind and remember

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