

Tiny and Dotty

A Bedtime Story by



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In an old green tree in a forest there was a couple of birds living in a nest. After a while, one day they had a tiny little baby sparrow. They were very very happy to see it. They named her Dotty. They both looked after her very well and worked hard to provide her food and care. The little baby sparrow was living like a princess.

Then they had another baby sparrow and did the same for her too. Her name was Tiny. After having two baby sparrows the pair of birds became busier and they shared their responsibilities.

Miss Dotty, the older baby sparrow, became jealous of the little one. She thought that her parents couldn't give her the same love and care as they had before. Sometimes she had arguments and fights with Miss Tiny.

One day, when the Big Bird was away finding worms for his family, a storm hit the forest with heavy rain and high winds which disrupted everything. Due to the bad weather, the Big Bird lost his way from the nest and didn't come home.

The little sparrows Dotty and Tiny and their mum became worried and sad. They waited and waited but there was no sign of the Big Bird. The storm had passed but their lives were changed. 'Where is our dad?' the little sparrows asked their mum all the time. 'Why is he not coming home?'

'He will come' Mum replied, but her hope was dying every day and their lives were different now. Mum was alone looking after the baby sparrows and sometimes she had to leave them alone in the nest, but she had no choice.

The biggest worry for Mum was the fighting between Dotty and Tiny, because the oldest one was still shouting and arguing with the little one. The little one was complaining about the older one's bad behaviour. Mum was very worried and upset about the situation.

One day, Dotty was unwell. Mum was away bringing food for them. A big black crow was flying over the tree and saw the sparrows alone in their nest. The black crow scared

Dotty and Tiny by flying around the nest with its harsh voice 'Quar Quar Quar.' The sparrows were really scared and started to cry for help. Dotty was not able to fly due to being unwell. She also wanted to help and save her sister from this cruel black Crow. Tiny quickly flew to find her mum and told her that Dotty was in danger. Their mum came back quickly and together they made the black Crow run away.

Then Dotty realised that it was Tiny who had saved her from danger and thanked her very much. Now she changed her attitude towards Tiny and started to love her. They looked after each other as a family.

Now they decided to find their dad the Big Bird and they talked to other birds. 'Where can we find our Big Bird?' Dotty asked her friends.

'You could go to the zoo. You might find him there as there are a lot of birds and animals living there,' Old told them.

One a sunny Summer's day they went to the zoo and started to look for their dad. They looked in every corner and in every tree. There were lots of cages and different birds were there.

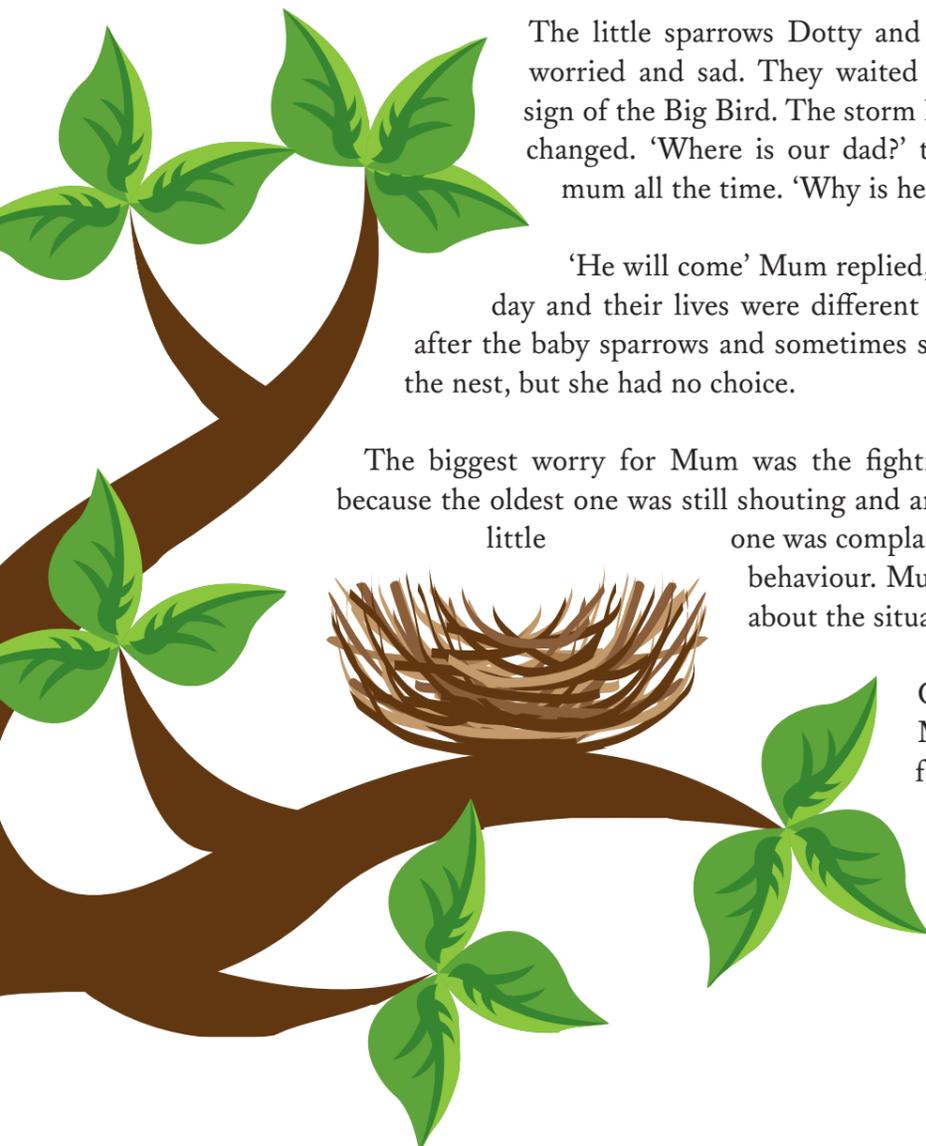
'Here he is!' their mum shouted to the sparrows. They found the Big Bird in a cage. They became sad and emotional when they saw him in a cage but also very excited to see him. The Big Bird told them that he was not able to fly out of the cage, but he promised that one day he would come back to his nest. He told his family that he had not forgotten about them for a single moment and that he loved them very much.

The baby sparrows and their mum went back to their nest. Now they are able to see their Big Bird when they come to the zoo. They even brought some good food for the Big Bird.

Now they were all happy and understood the importance of looking after one another as a family and hoped that one day everything would be alright and that one day they would live together in their nest.

Dotty and Tiny were very much in love and cared for each other. Their mum was less worried about leaving them in the nest on their own as together they were very strong!

The moral is: Unity is strength!



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