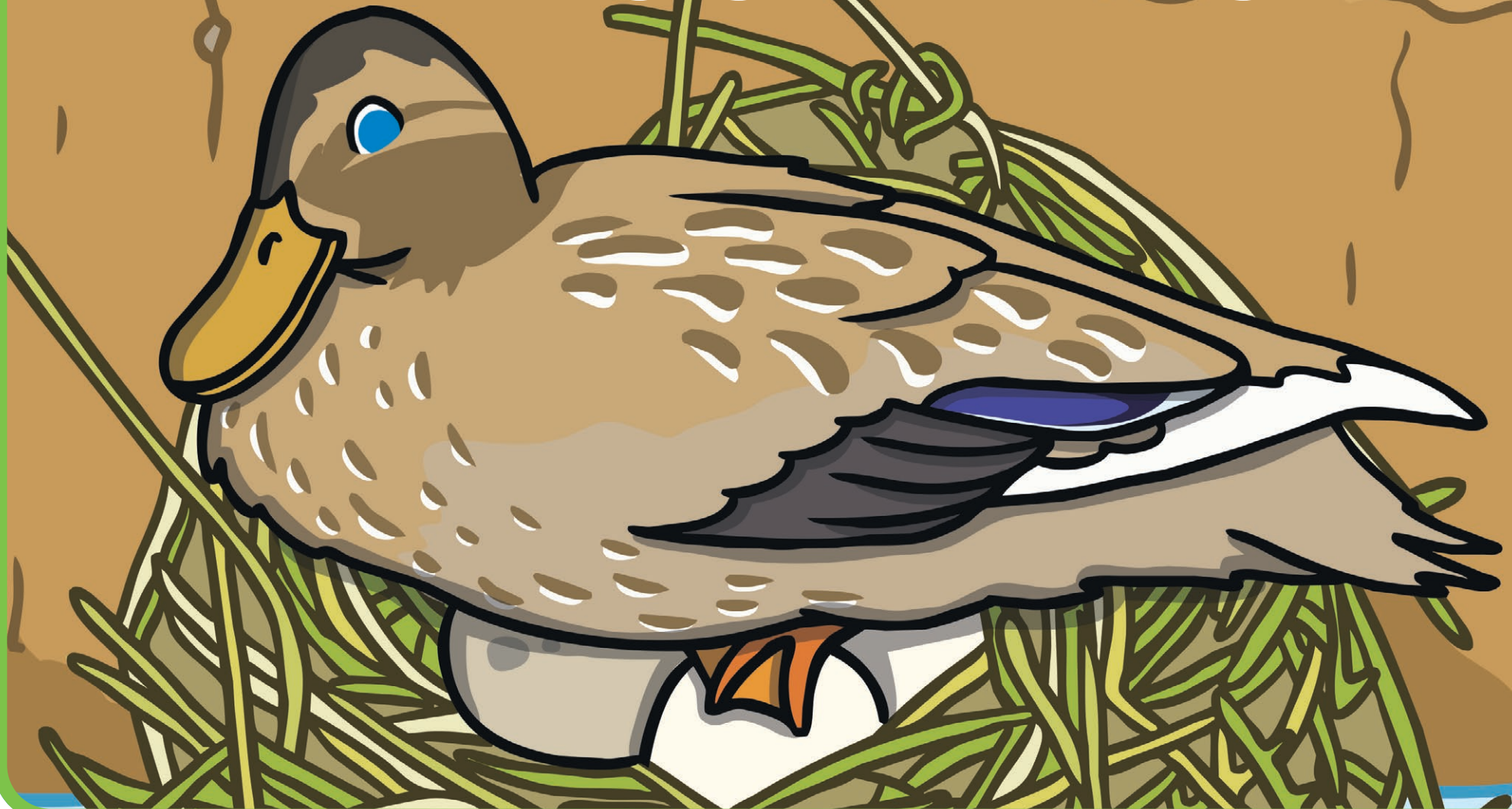
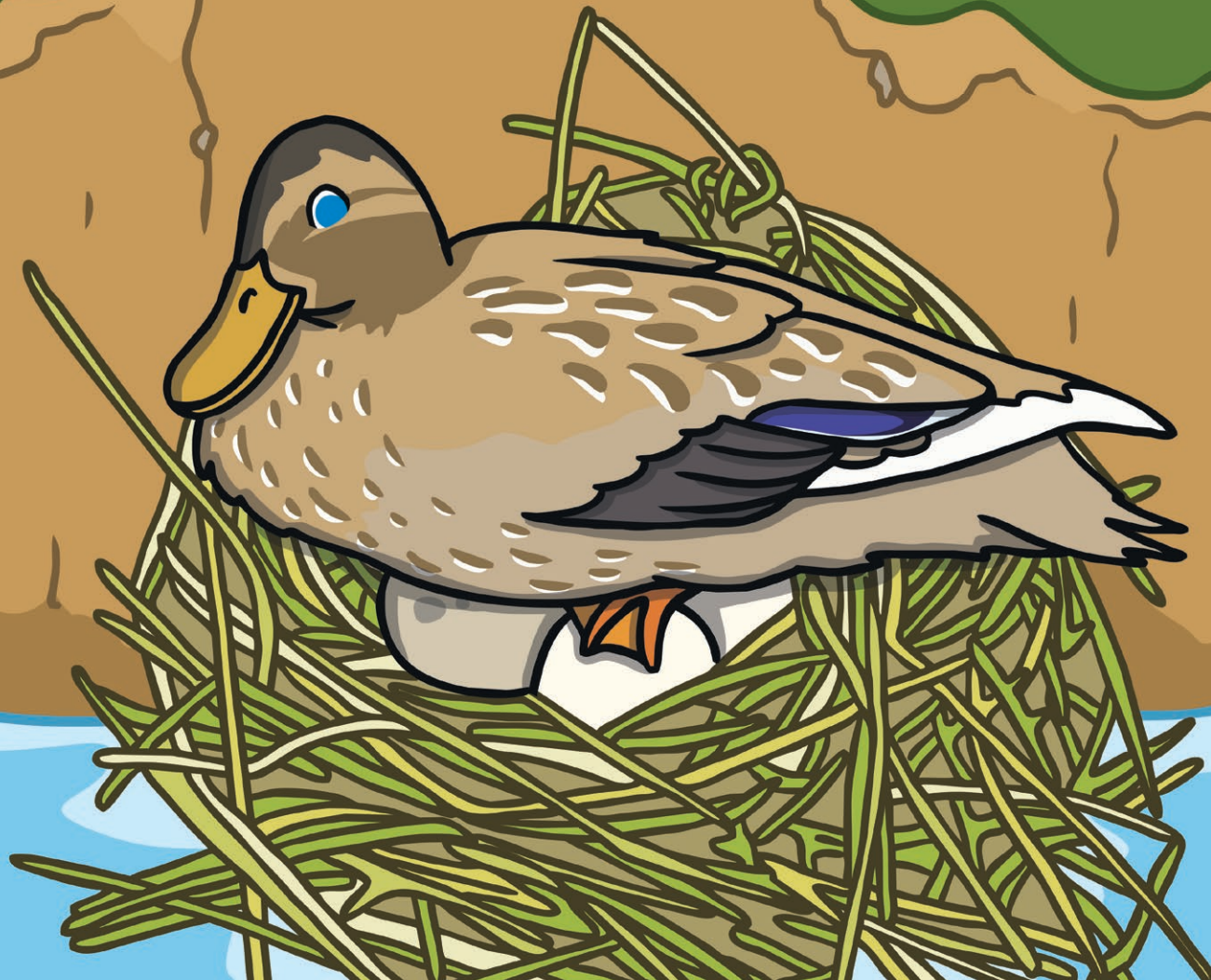


The Ugly Duckling



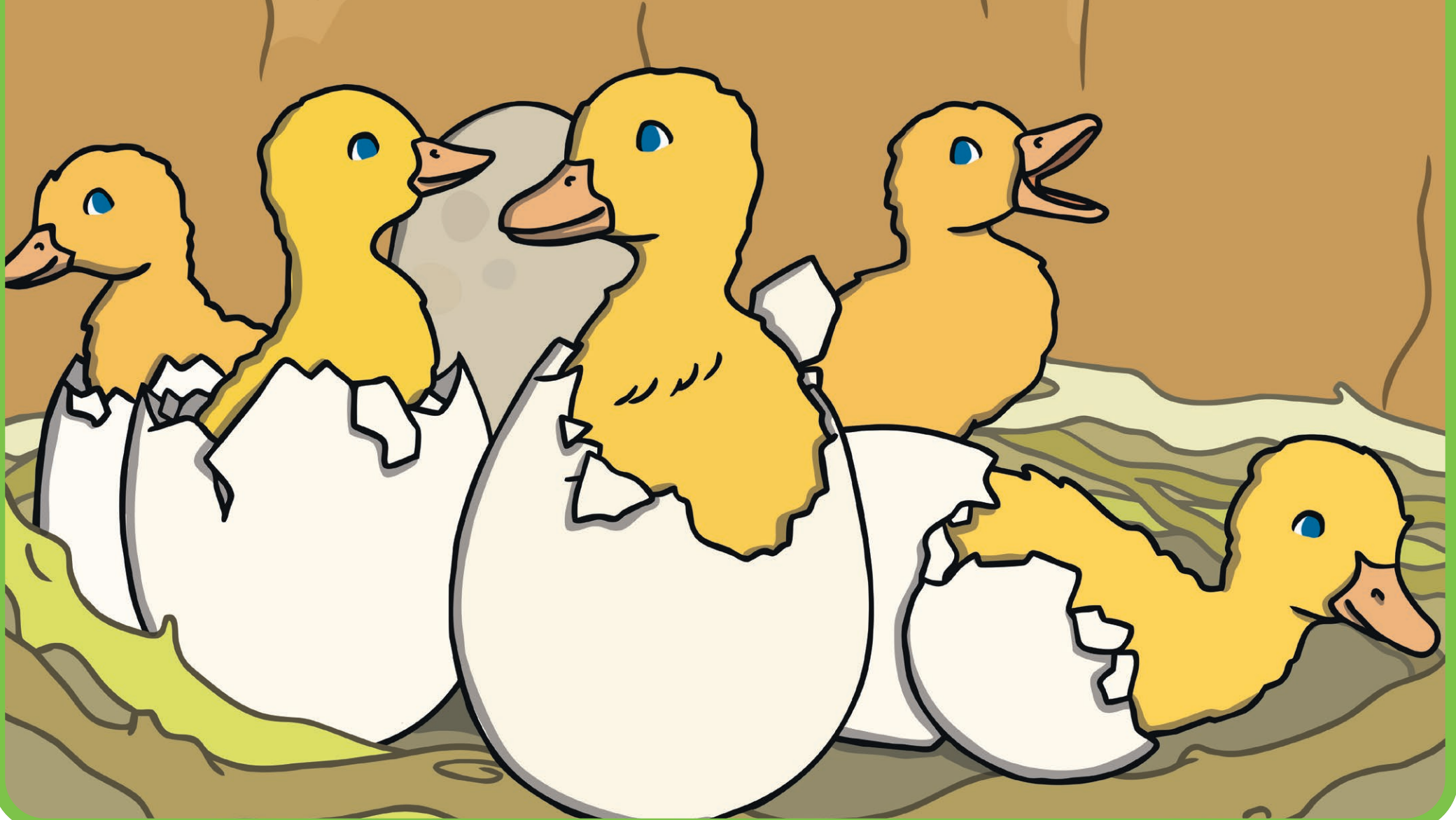
Once upon a time a mother duck
was waiting for her eggs to hatch.



The eggs were white, all except one.



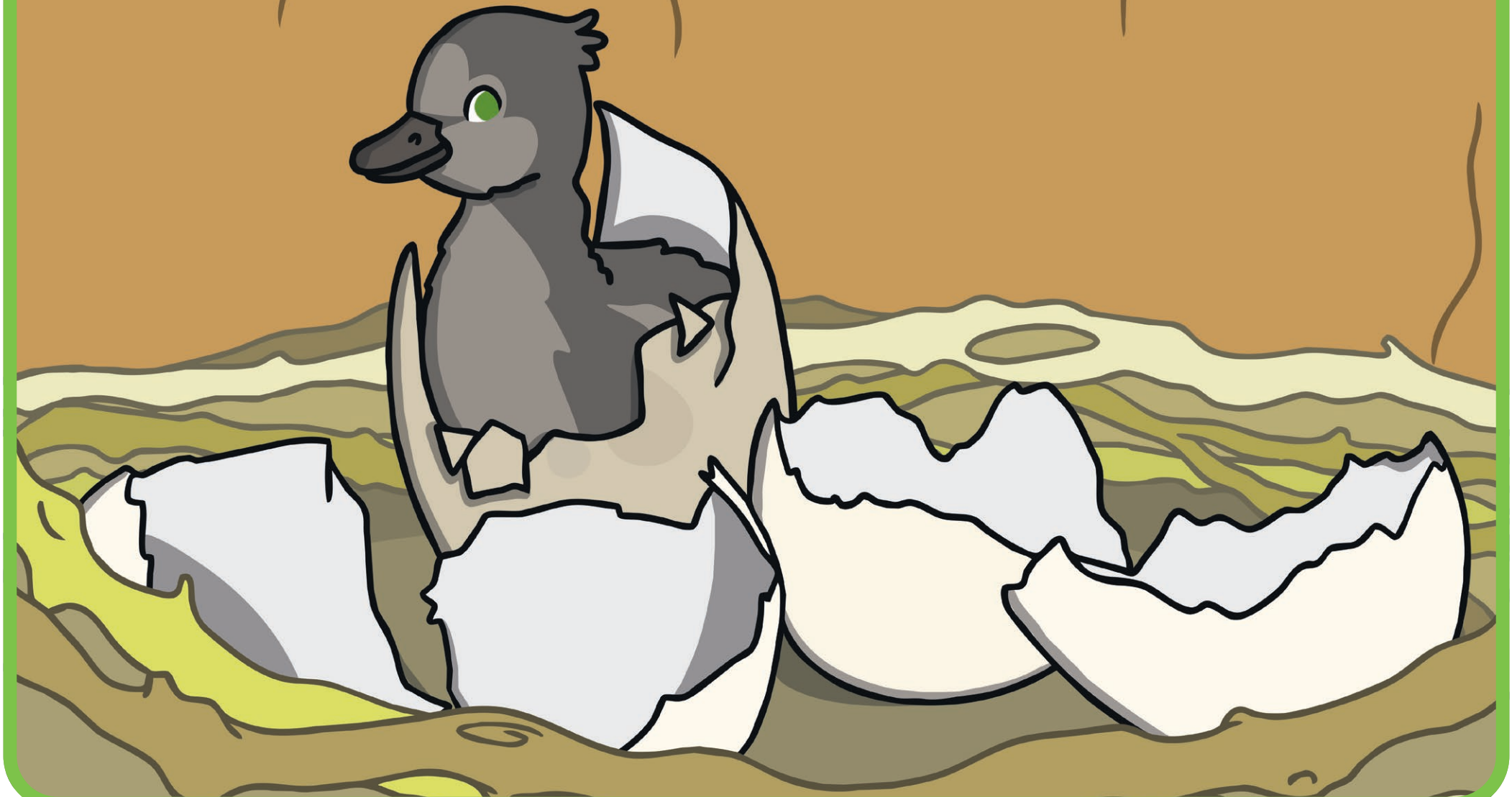
Soon the eggs began to hatch, and the duck became the proud mother of 5 little ducklings.



But one egg remained...



Finally the last duckling hatched.



But he was different from the others.



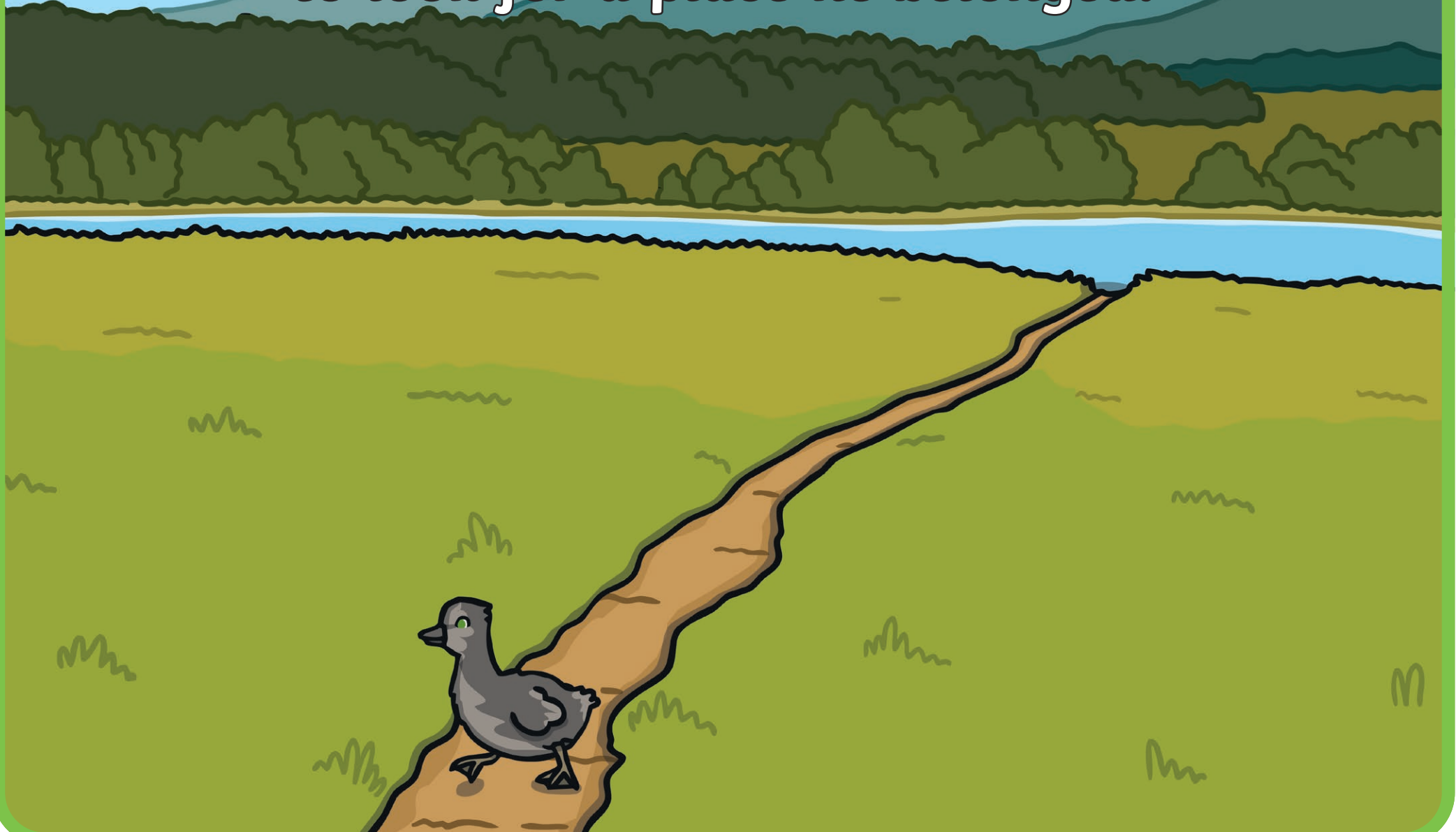


“Why are you different?”

Nobody loves
me because I
am different.



The ugly duckling left home
to look for a place he belonged.





He came across some other birds, but they did not want to be friends with such an odd looking duckling.

You're ugly.

You look strange.





The duckling was very sad and waddled away.



**An old woman found the duckling
and put him in her hutch.**

The woman's hen warned the duckling
she planned to eat him.





The poor duckling escaped and hid in some reeds.

A cartoon illustration of a grey dog looking up at three white birds flying in a blue sky with clouds. The dog is in the bottom left corner, looking up with a green eye. Three white birds are flying in the sky, one in the top right, one in the middle, and one in the bottom right. The sky is blue with white clouds.

He saw some beautiful birds fly
above and wished he was like them.



Winter came and the duckling was cold.

But a farmer found him
and kept him safe until spring.



When spring came, the farmer took the duckling to a pond and released him.



Something wonderful had happened...

...the duckling had grown into a beautiful swan!



He soon made lots of new friends
and was the most beautiful swan of them all!

