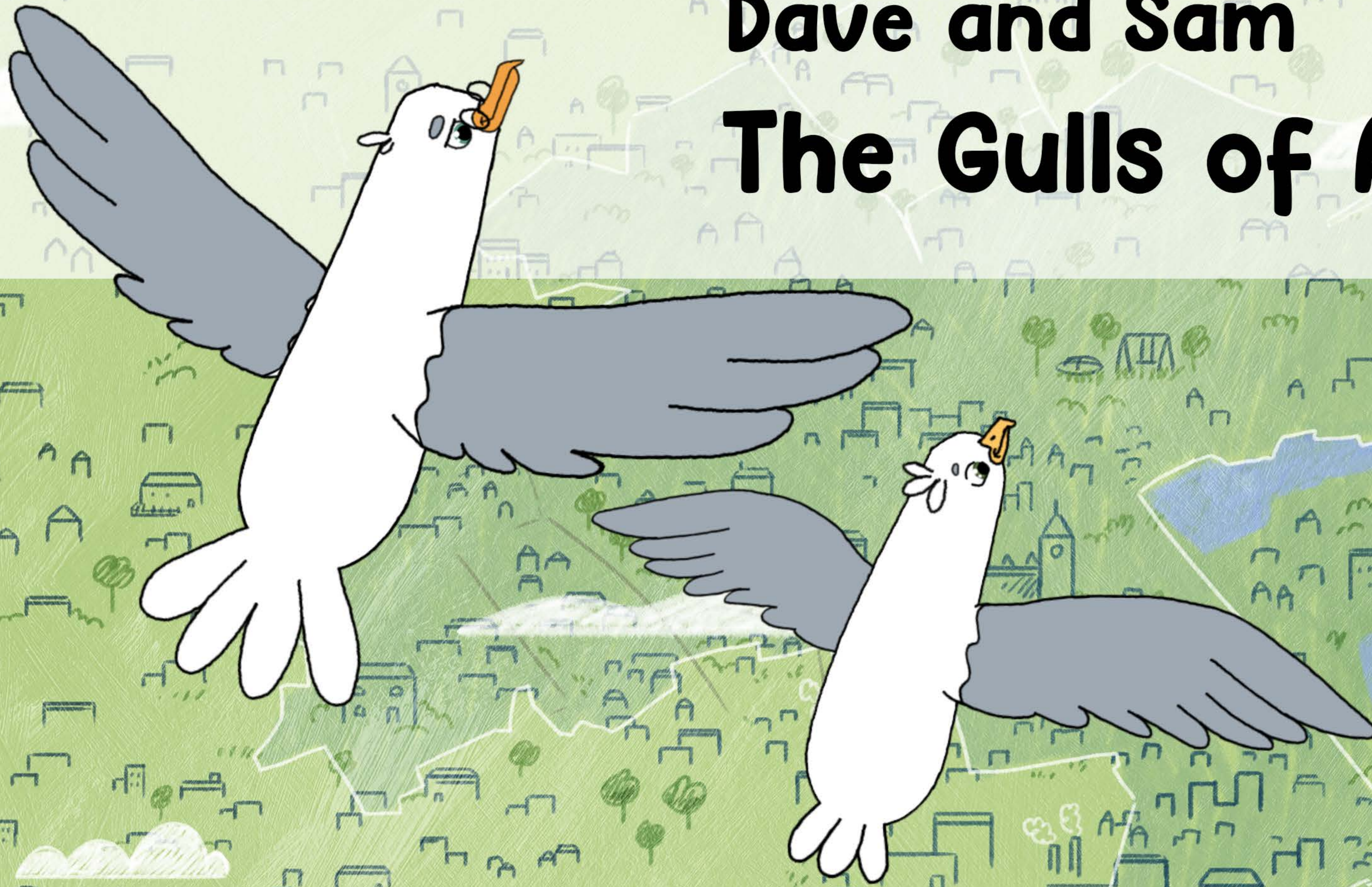


# Dave and Sam

# The Gulls of Aberdeen

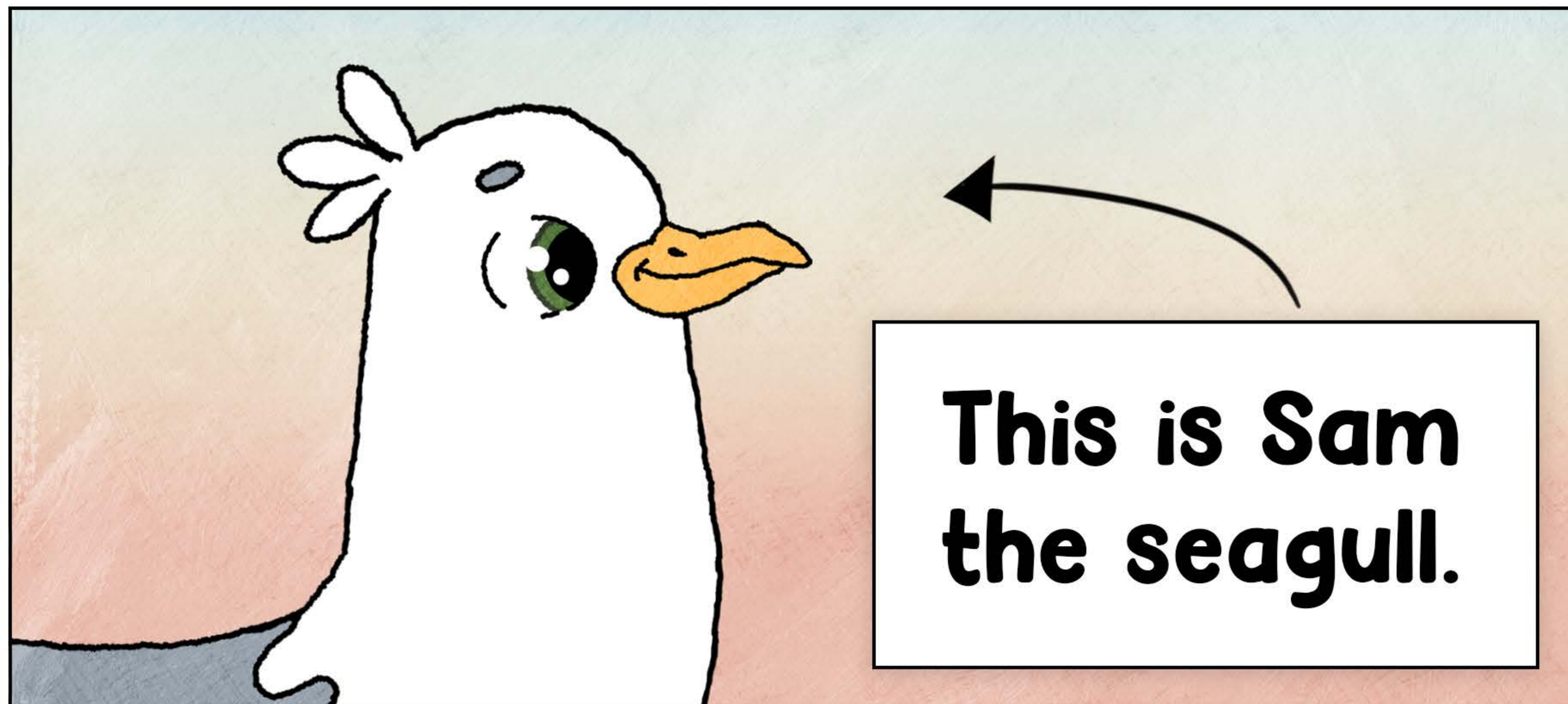


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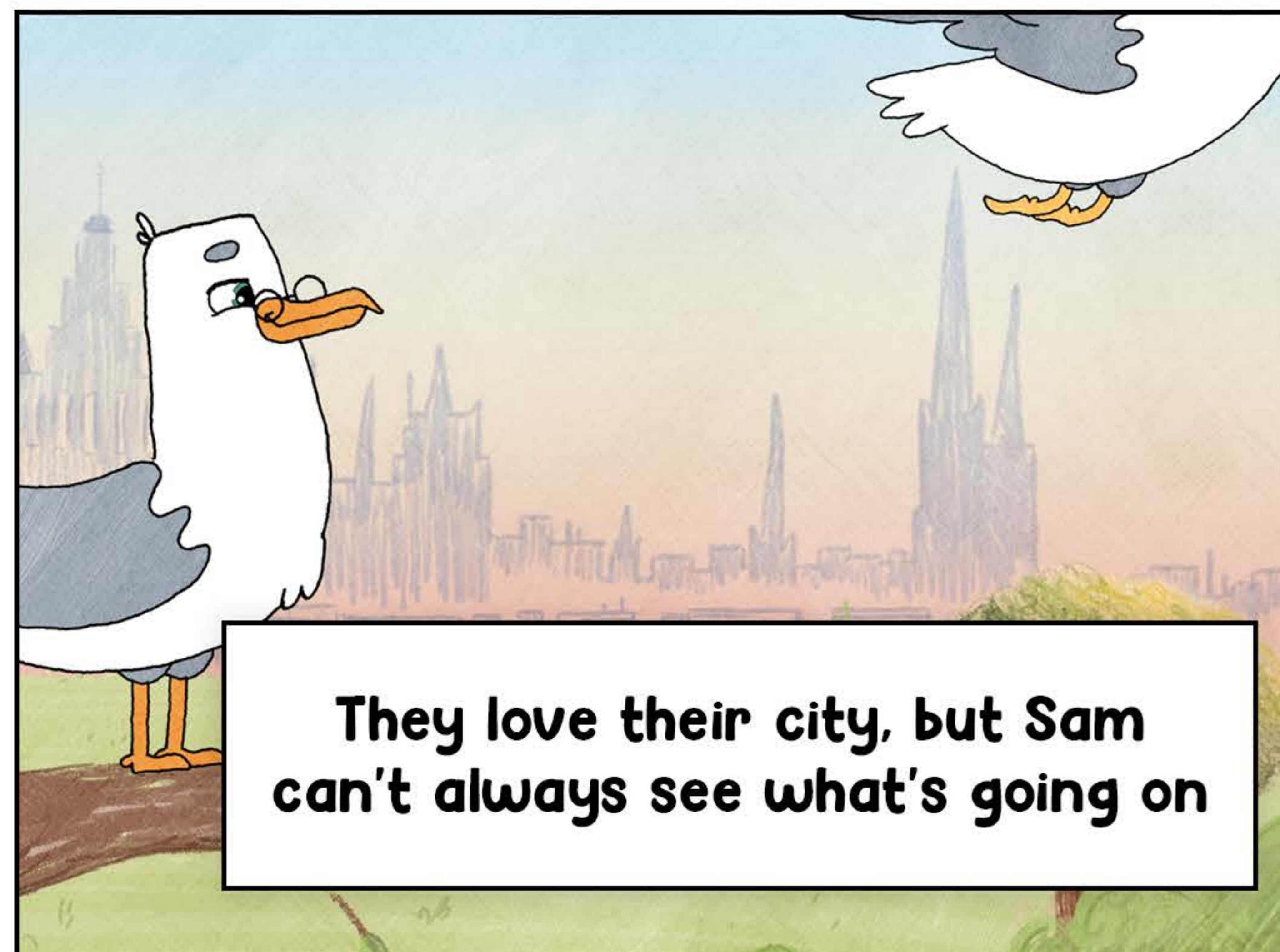




**This is Sam the seagull.**



**Sam is a young gull and lives in Aberdeen with Dad, Dave.**



**They love their city, but Sam can't always see what's going on**



**One day, flying around the city...**



**...Sam noticed a huge poster.**

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Make a difference**  
Share your view on the future of the City

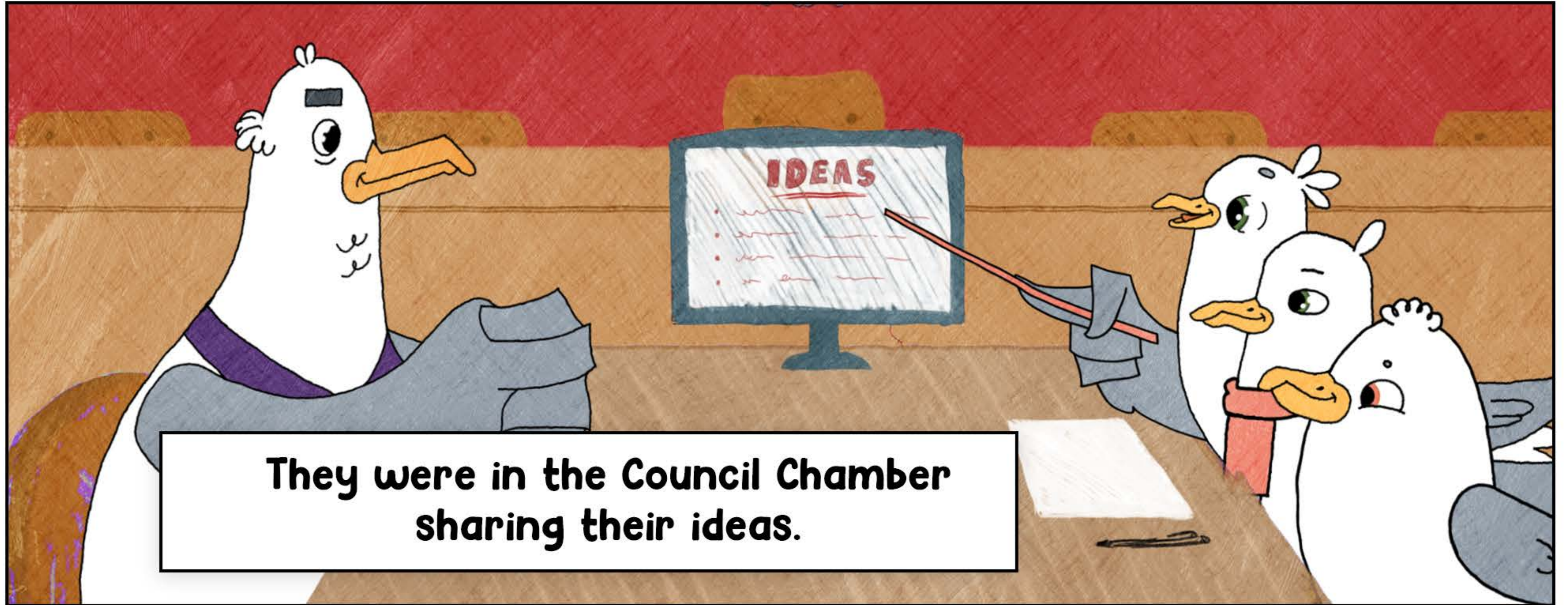
**It was actually an invitation.**



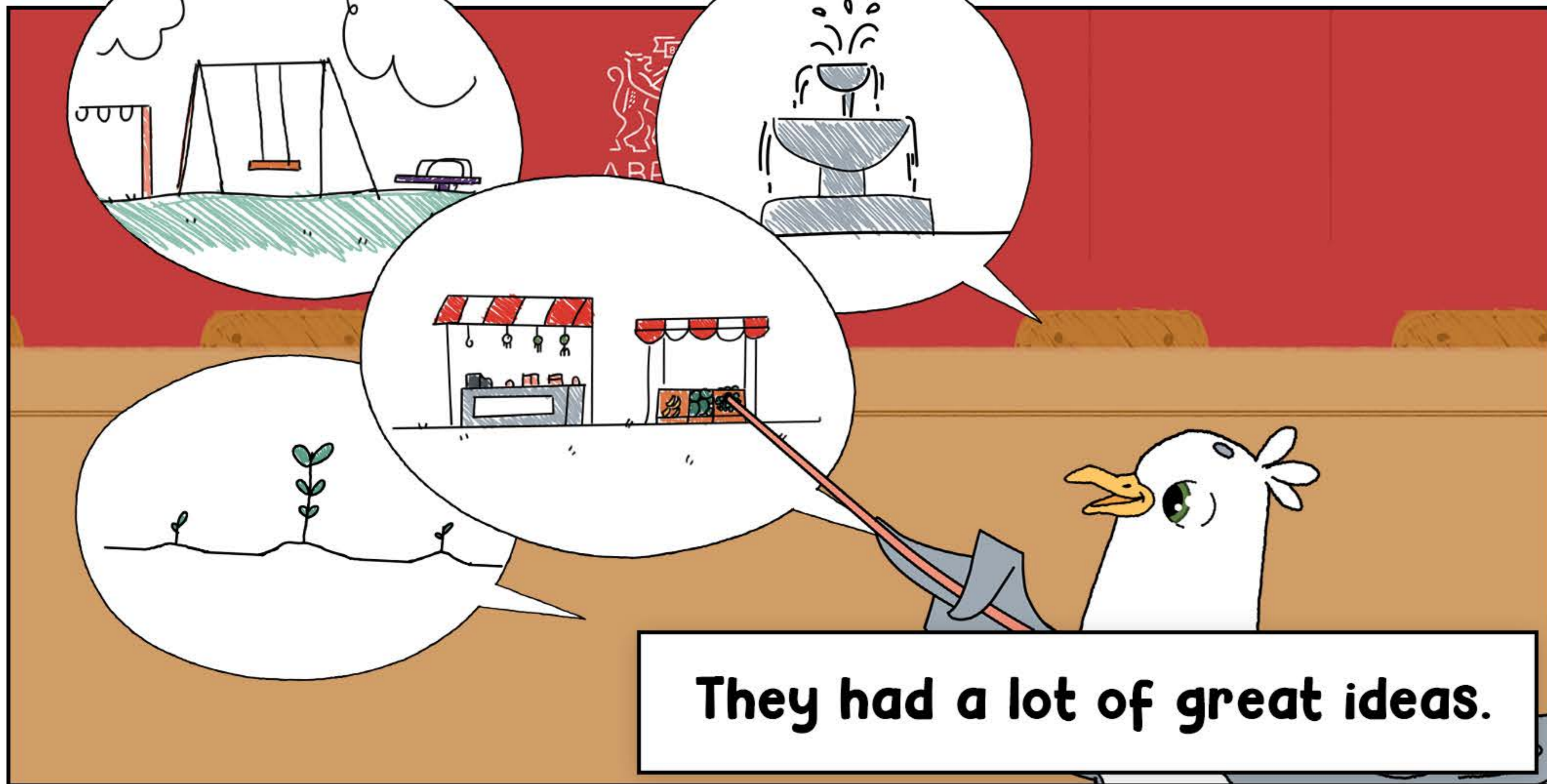
**Sam gathered up their young seagull friends...**



...and they went along to find out more.



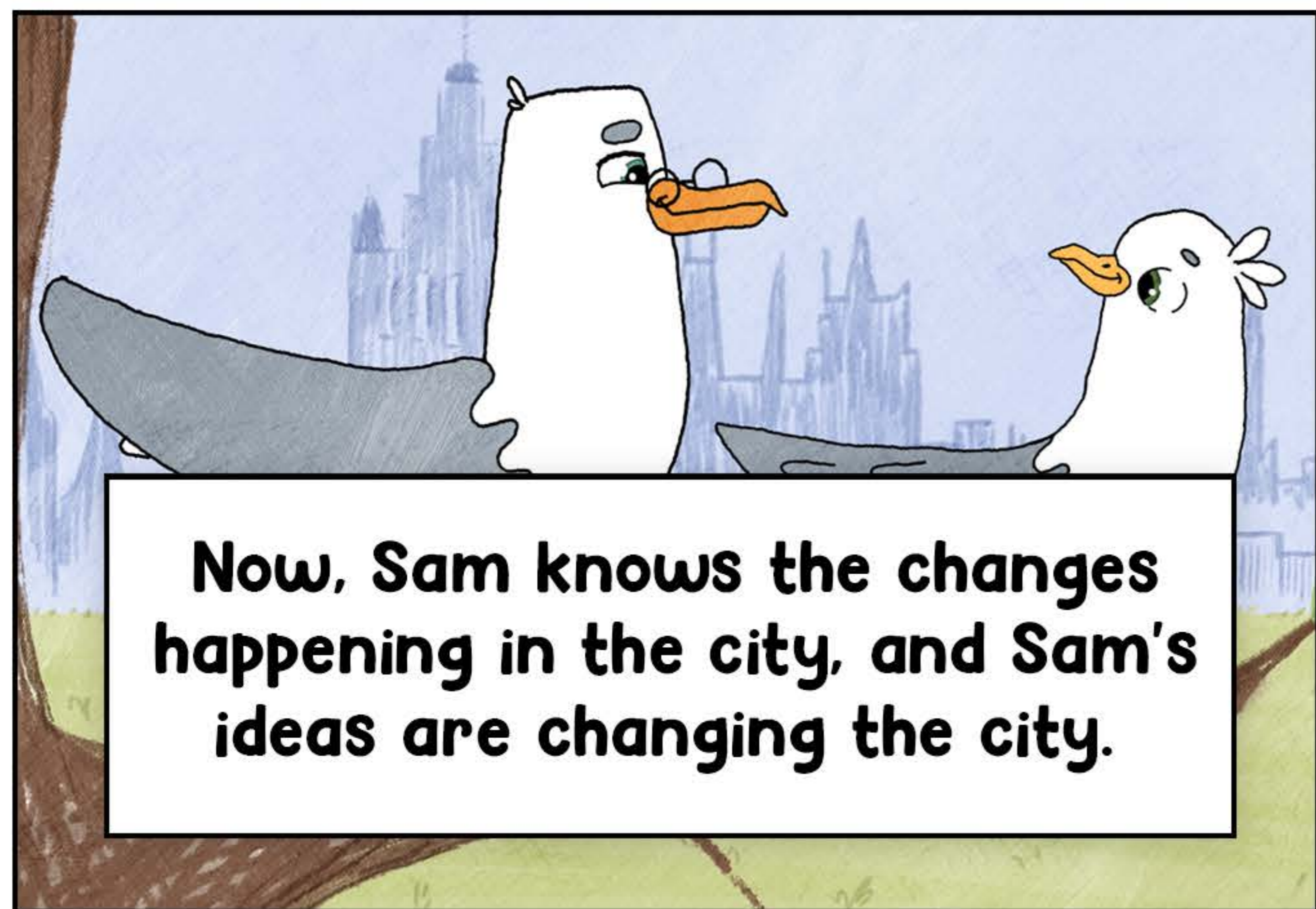
They were in the Council Chamber sharing their ideas.



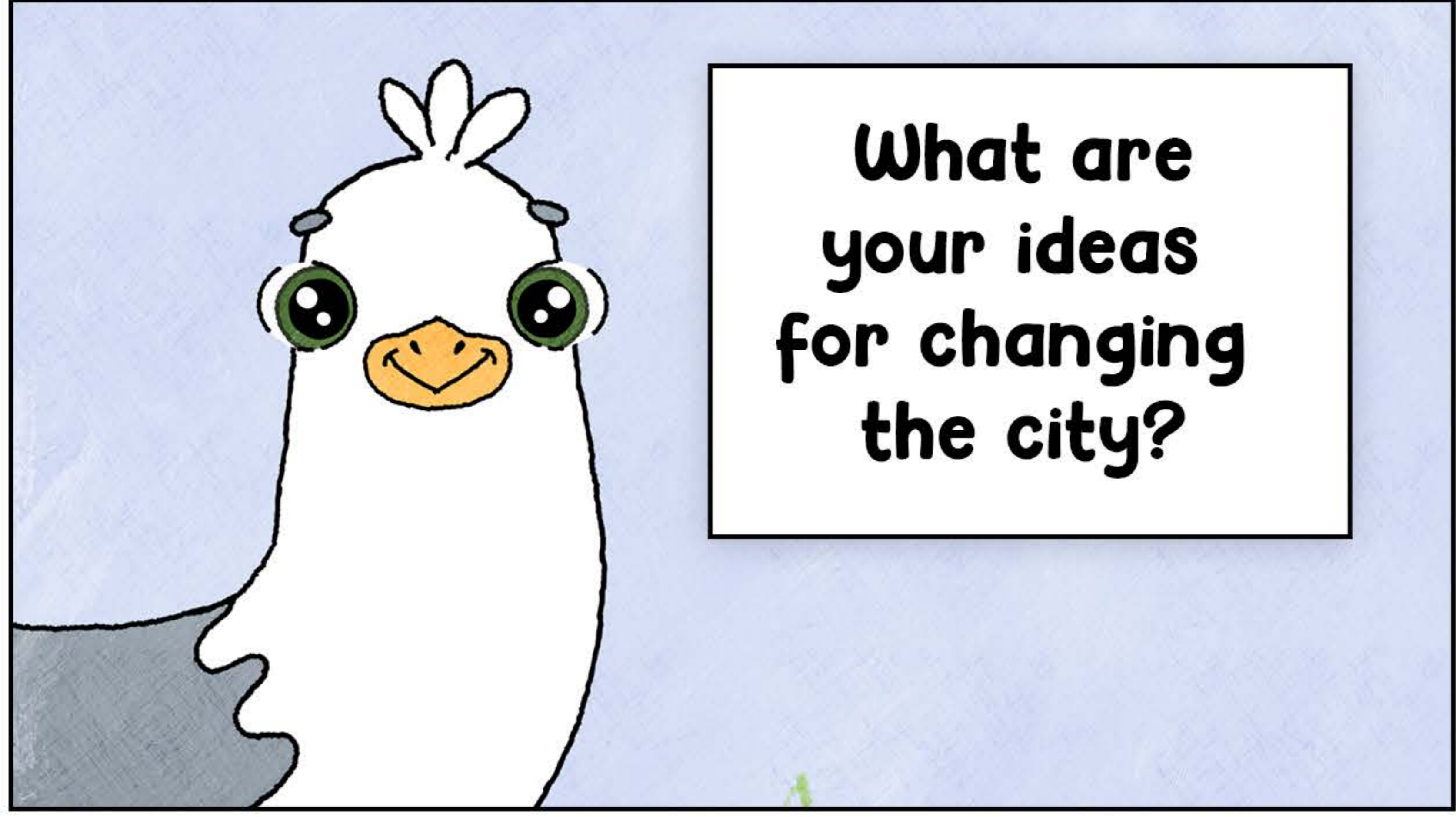
They had a lot of great ideas.



They realised that their voice matters, because the future of the city is also their future.

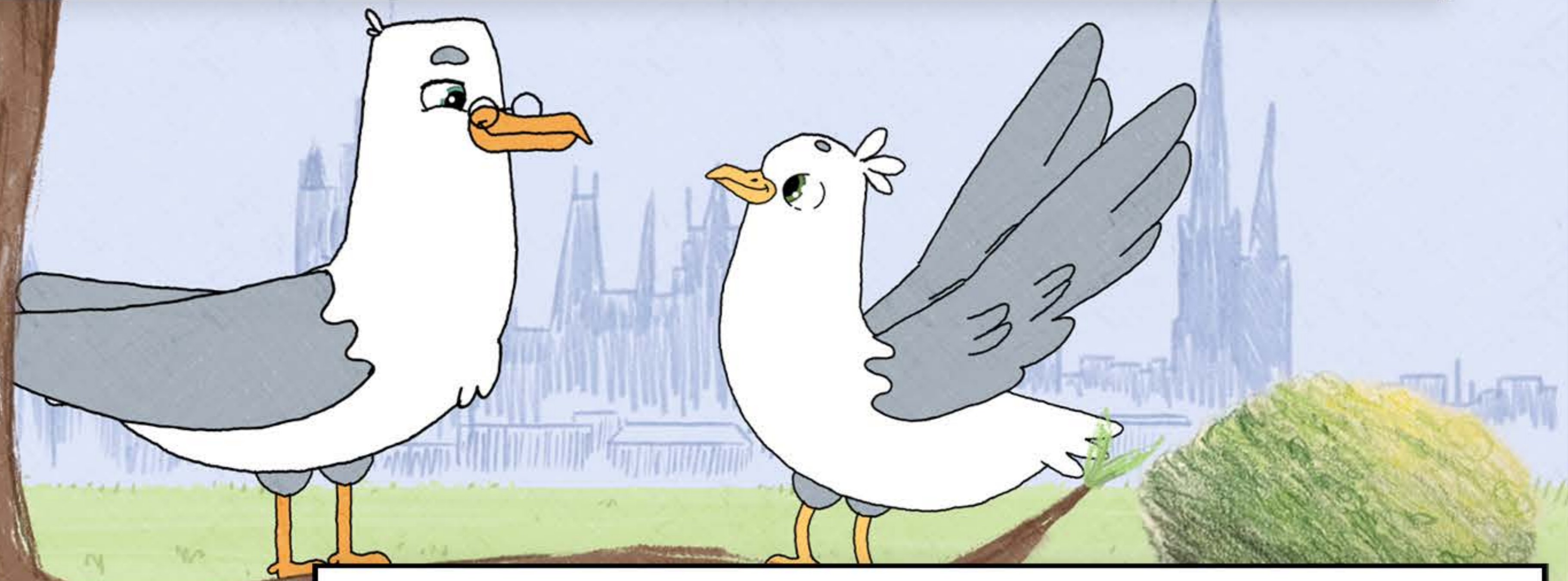


Now, Sam knows the changes happening in the city, and Sam's ideas are changing the city.



What are your ideas for changing the city?

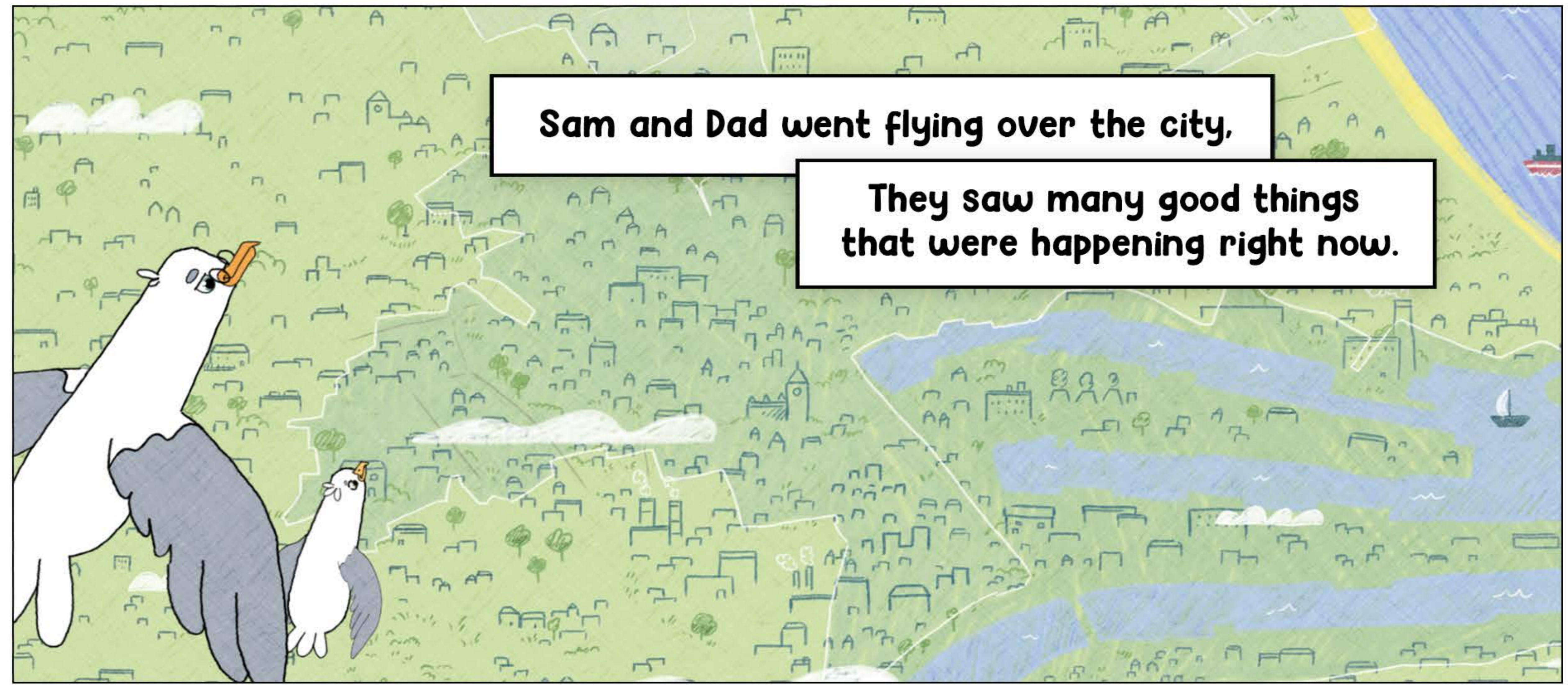
Sam is desperate to share some exciting news with Dave.



'Let's spread our wings and explore', Sam said.

Sam and Dad went flying over the city.

They saw many good things that were happening right now.



Beach upgrades,



green spaces,



Union Street,



new market spaces,



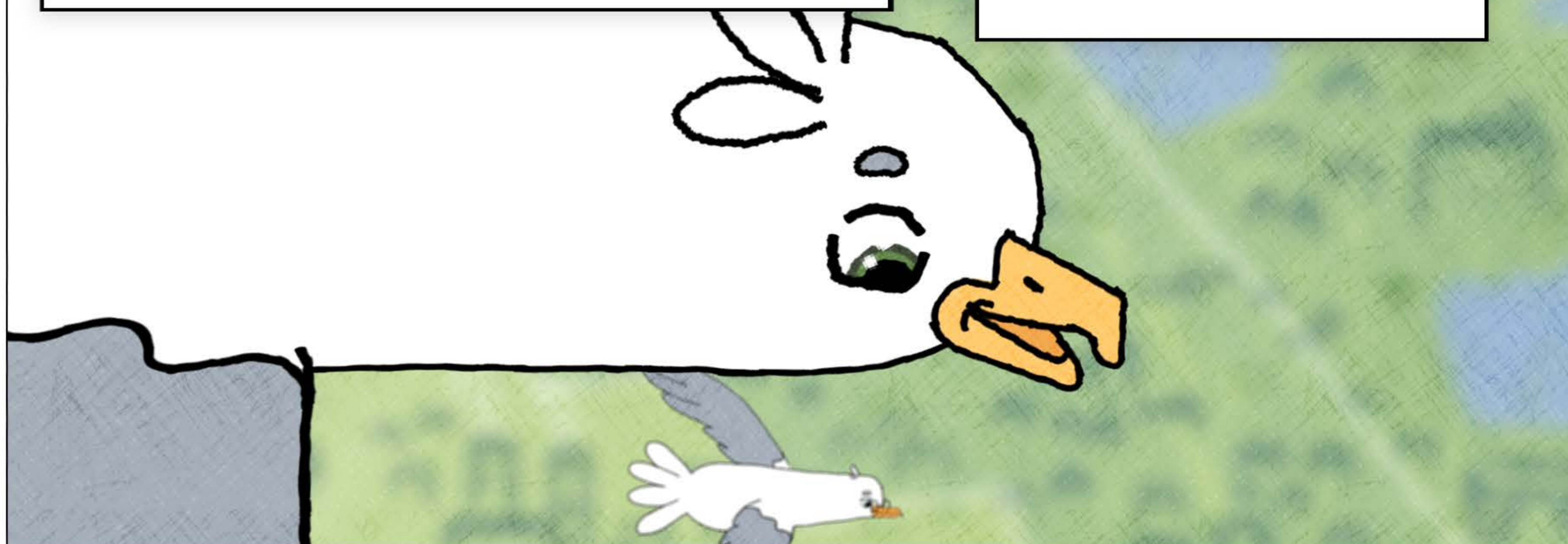
places to play.

**It made them both very excited about the future.**

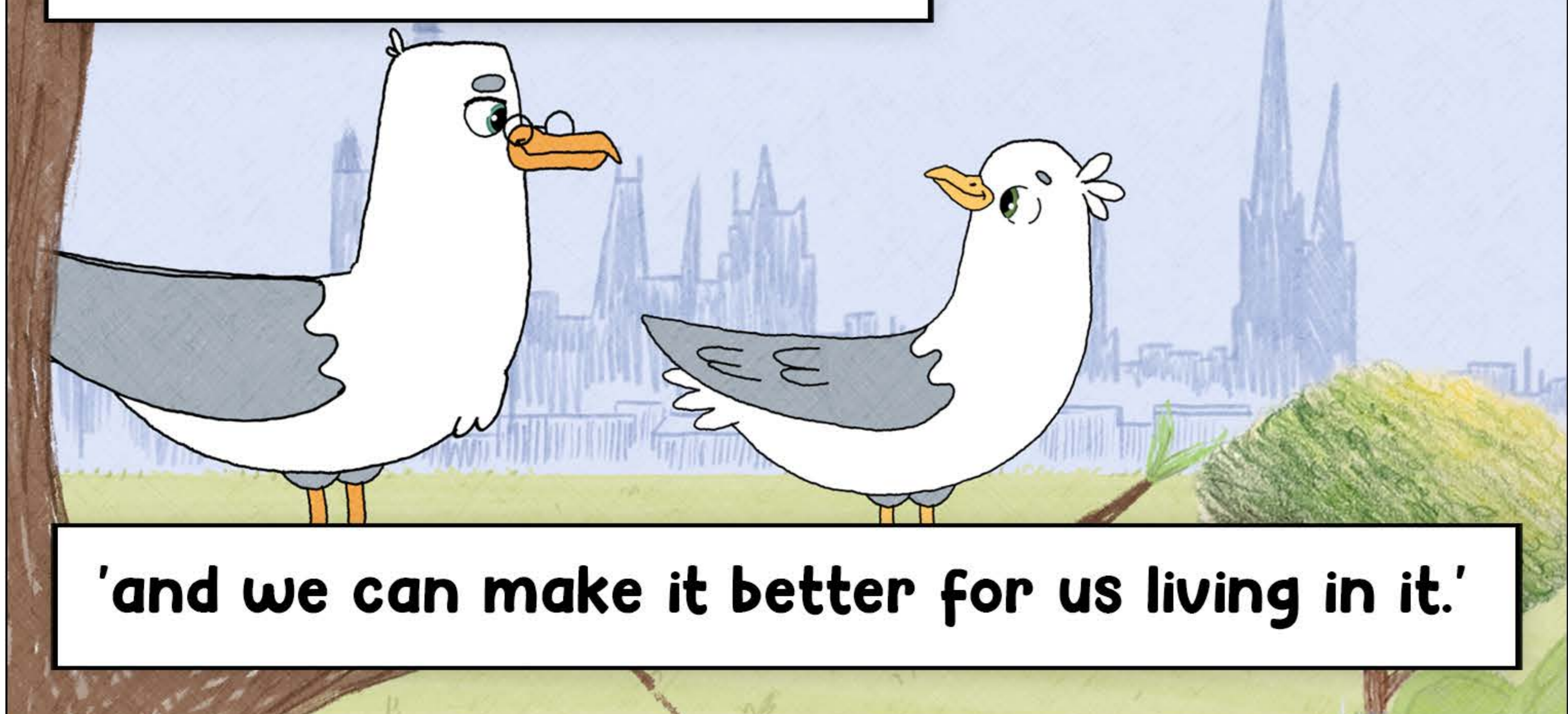


**'Maybe we don't need to go anywhere' said Sam.**

**'We belong here.'**



**'This is our city and home,'**



**'and we can make it better for us living in it.'**

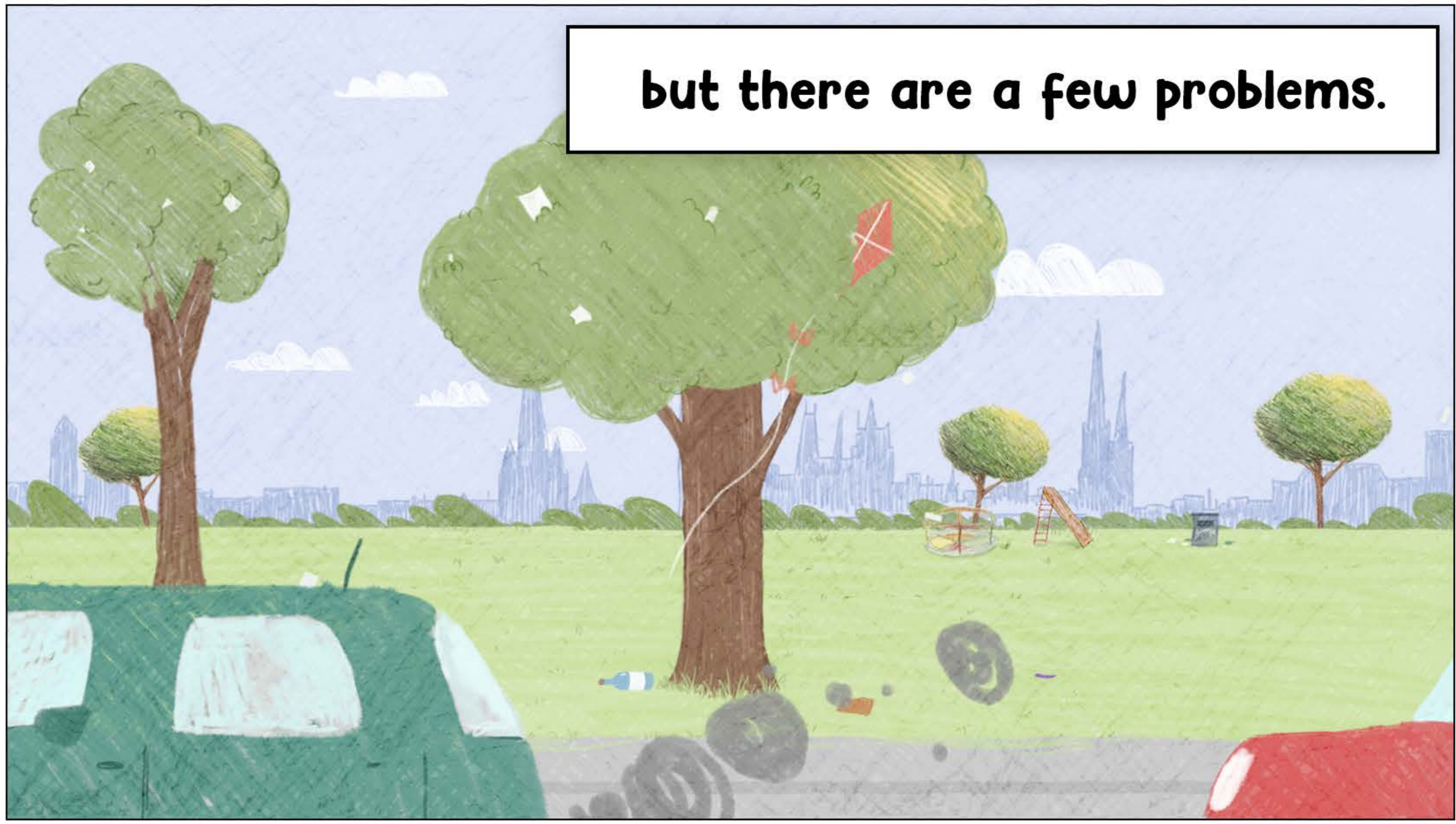
**'Do you feel at home here?'**

**What things make you feel at home in the city?**





**This is Sam's own nest,**



**but there are a few problems.**



**Sam could see other seagulls were struggling with the cost of living...**



**...and using too much energy.**

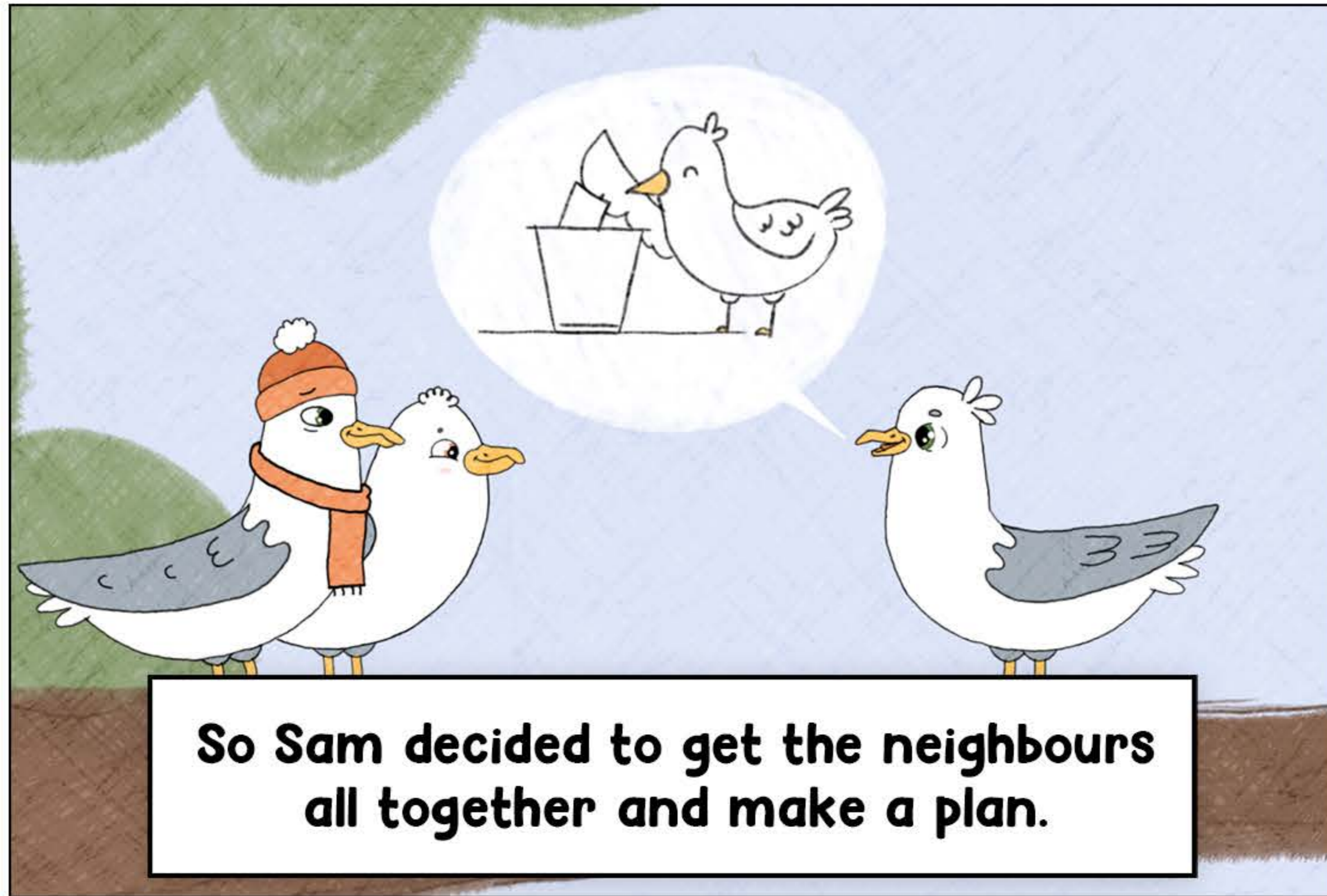


**'Our nests could be much nicer', Sam thought. 'With just a few changes'.**

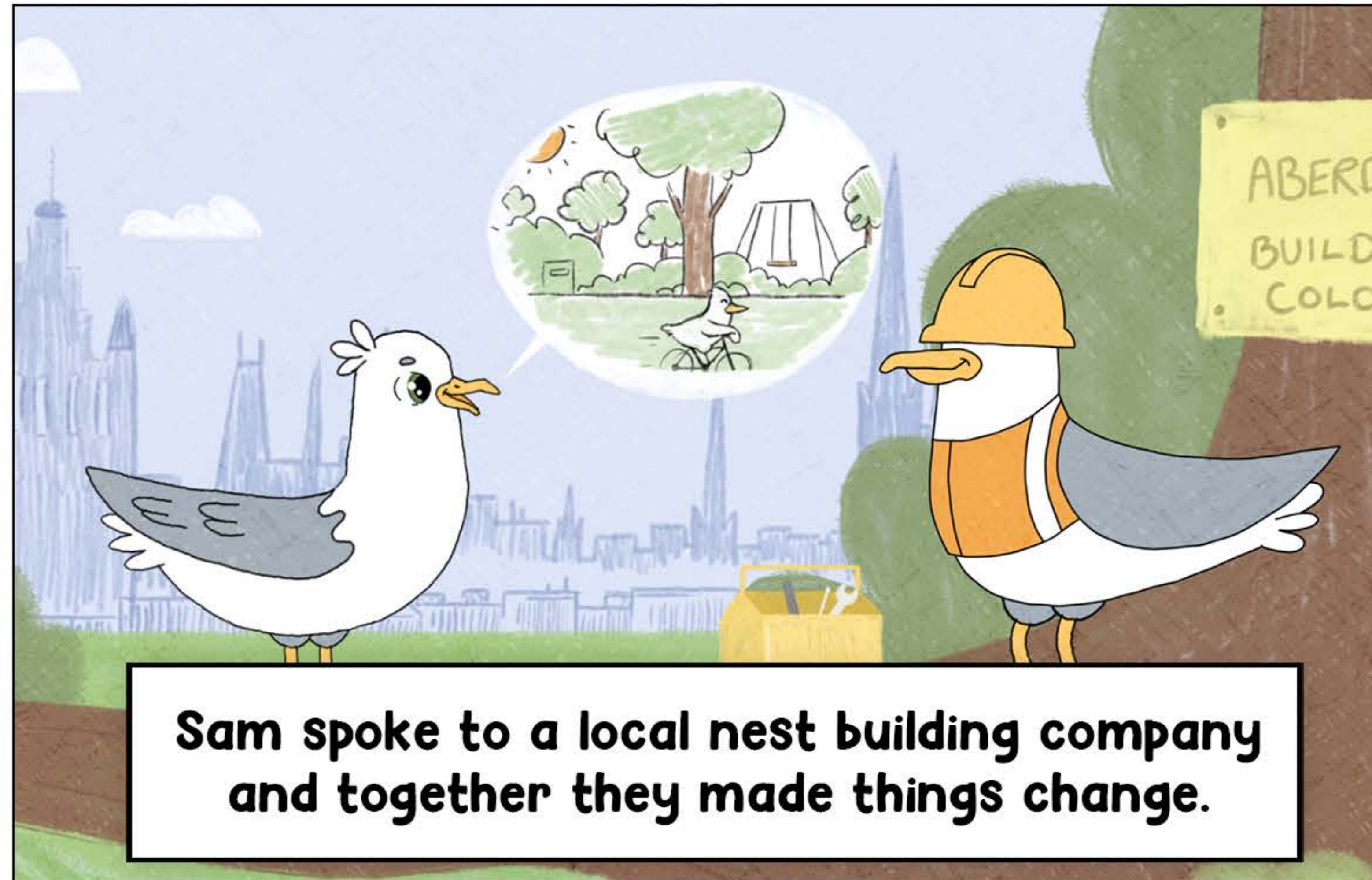


**Sam tried doing it alone,**

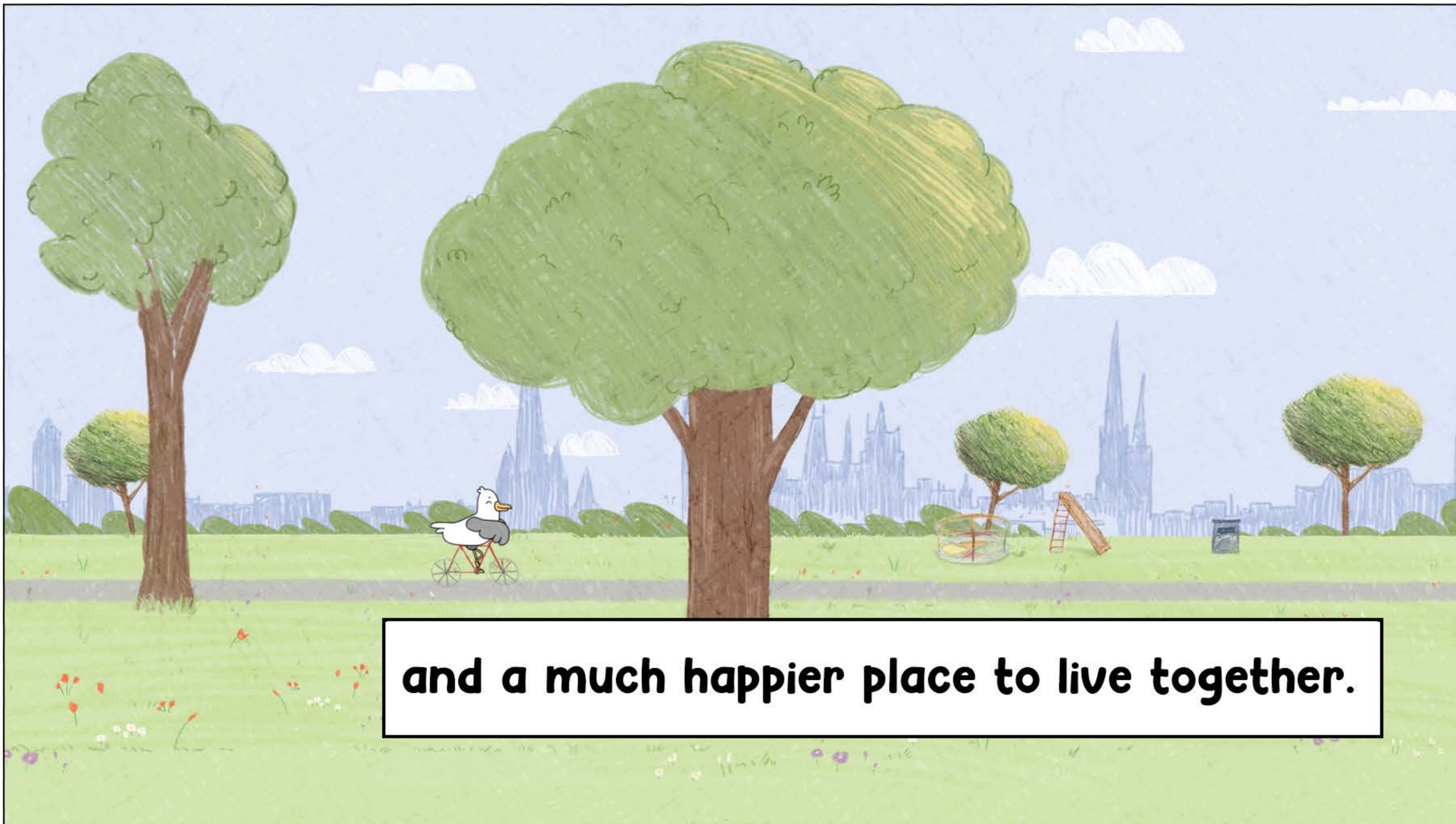
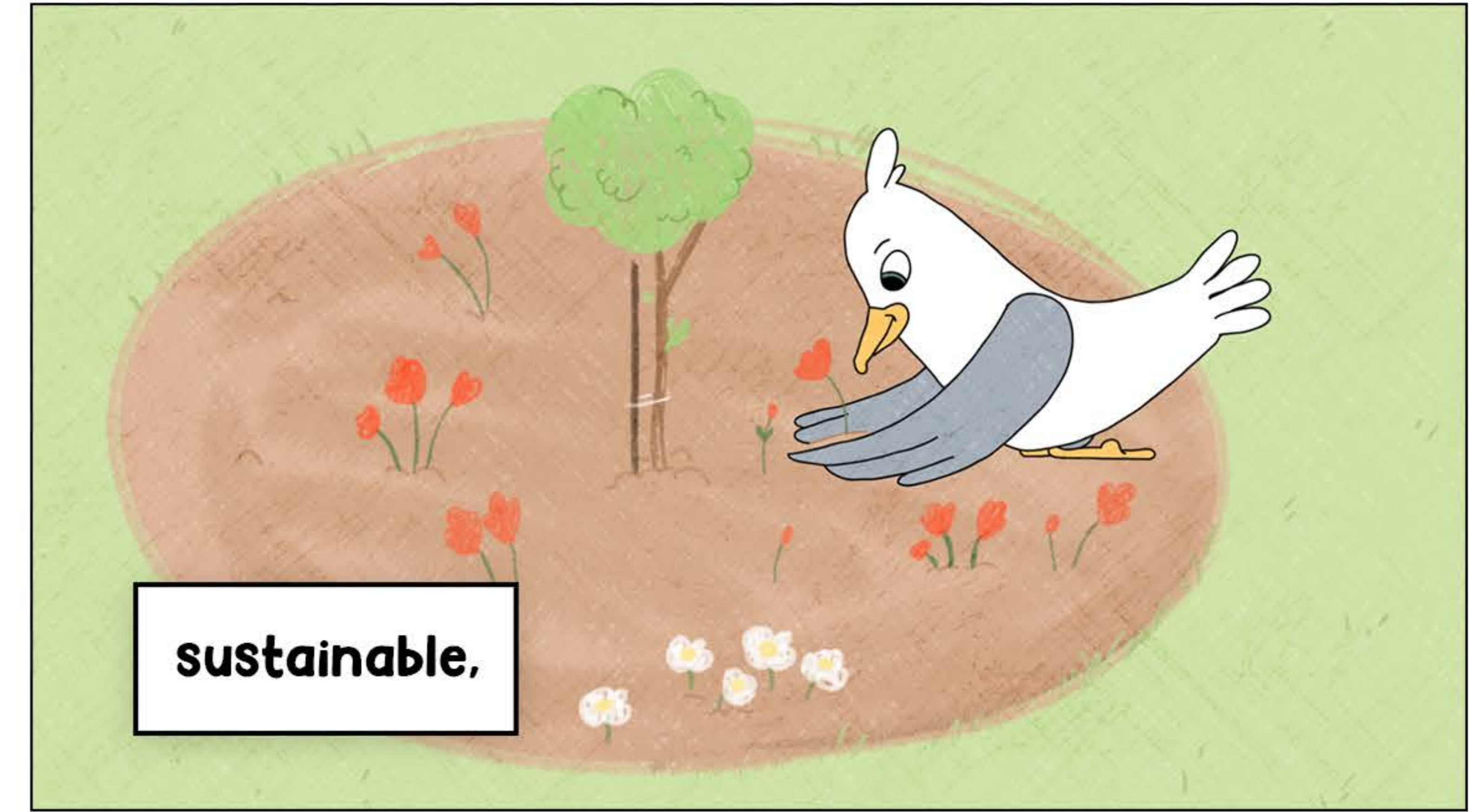
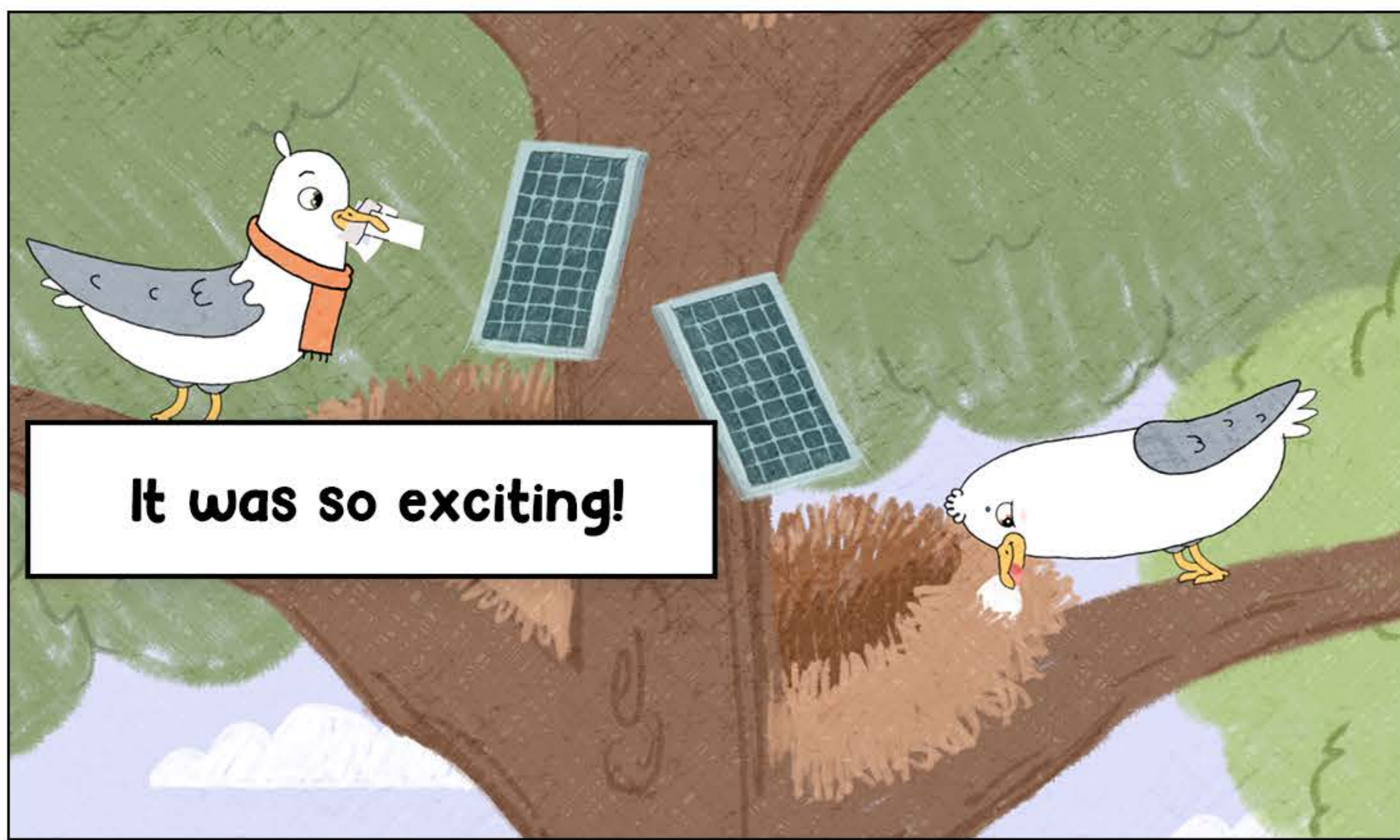
**but didn't get very far.**



**So Sam decided to get the neighbours all together and make a plan.**



**Sam spoke to a local nest building company and together they made things change.**



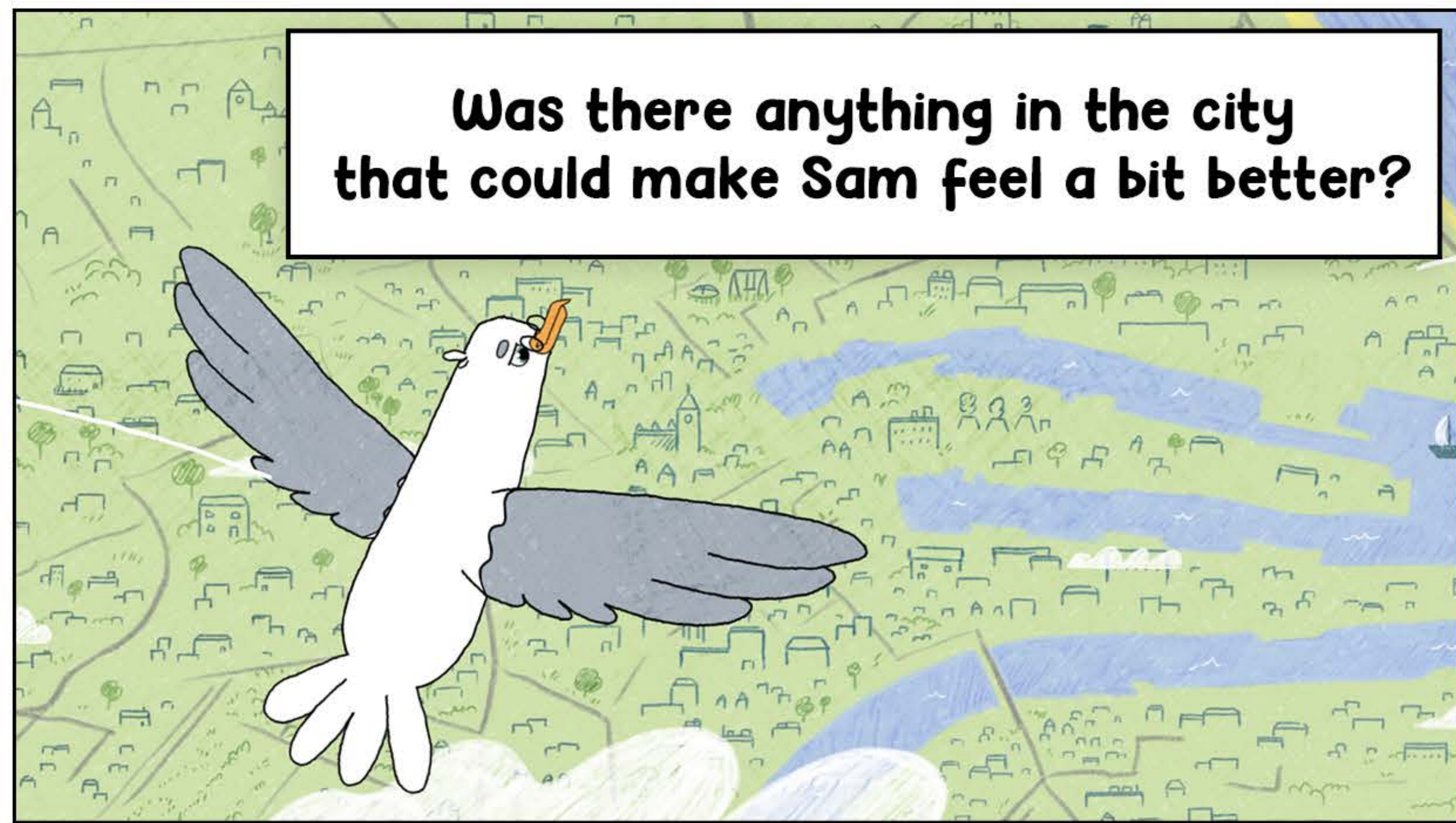


**Sam wasn't feeling great.**

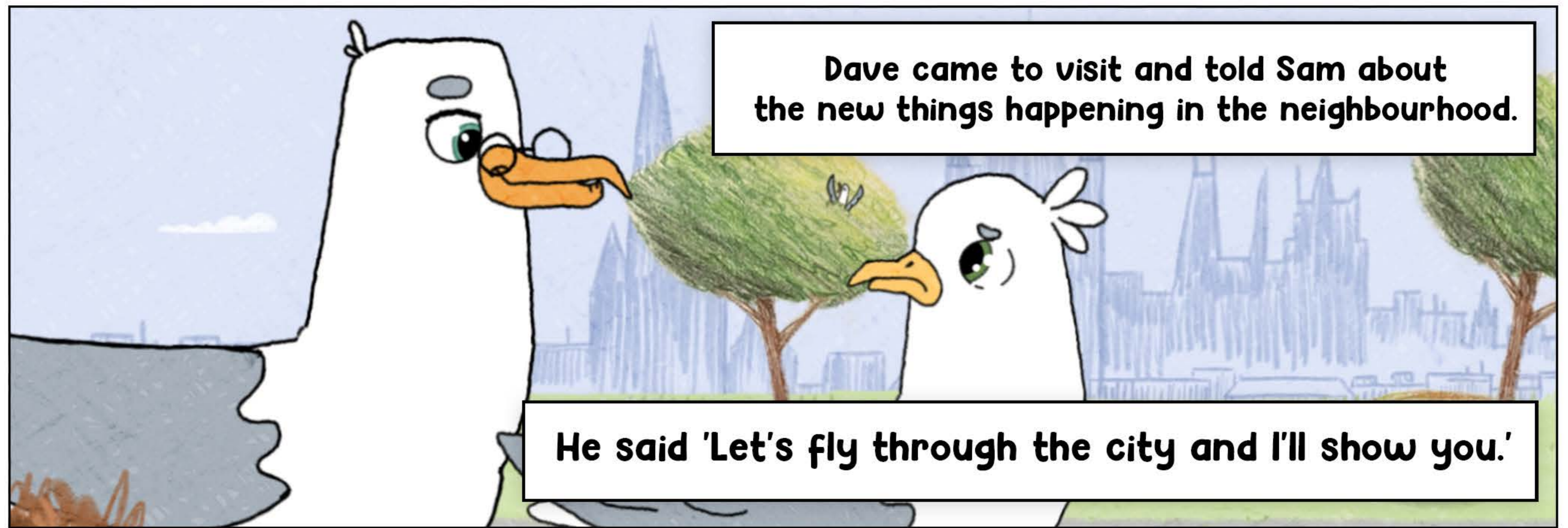


**Sam watched friends who seemed so happy and energetic.**

**Sam didn't feel like that.**

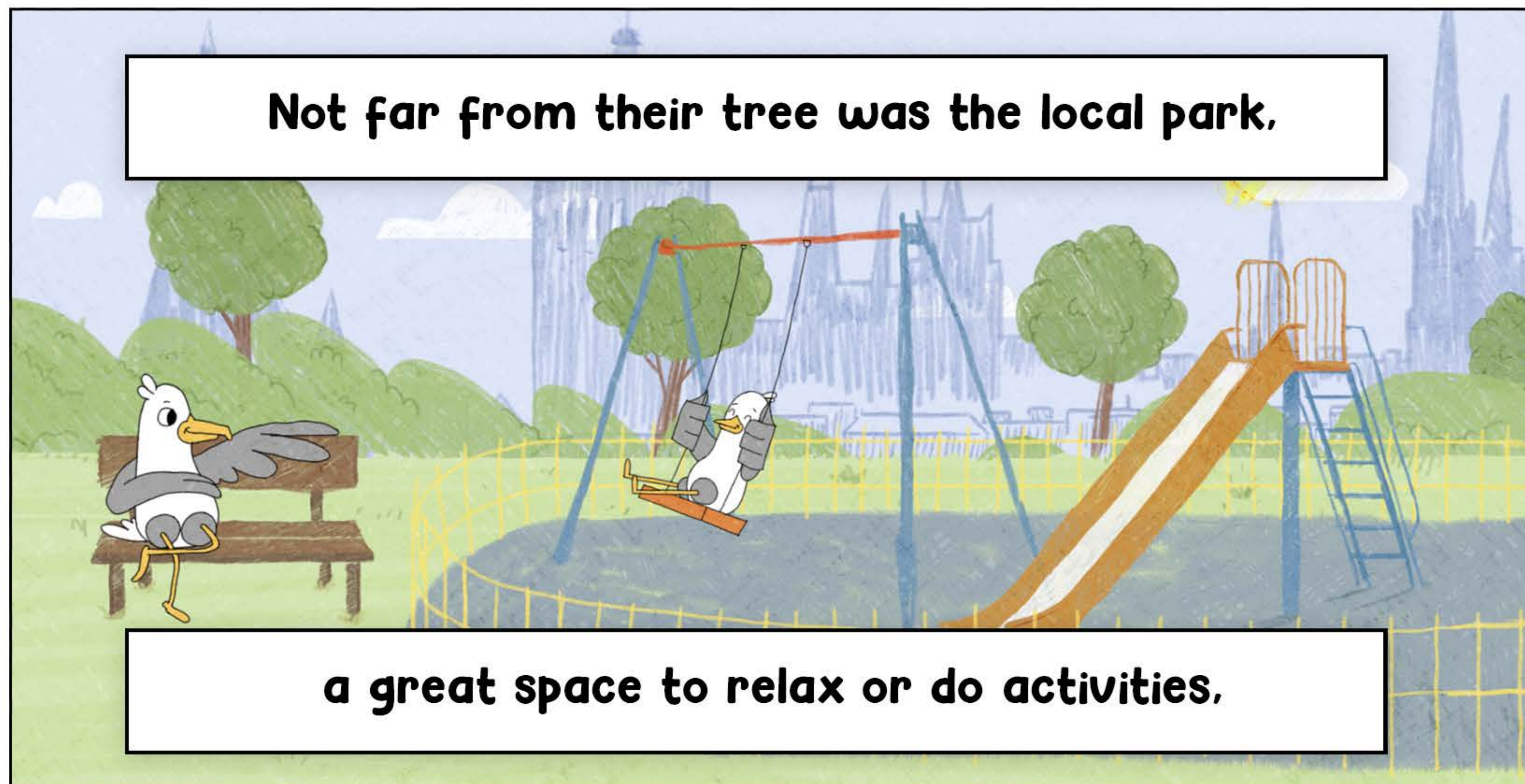


**Was there anything in the city that could make Sam feel a bit better?**



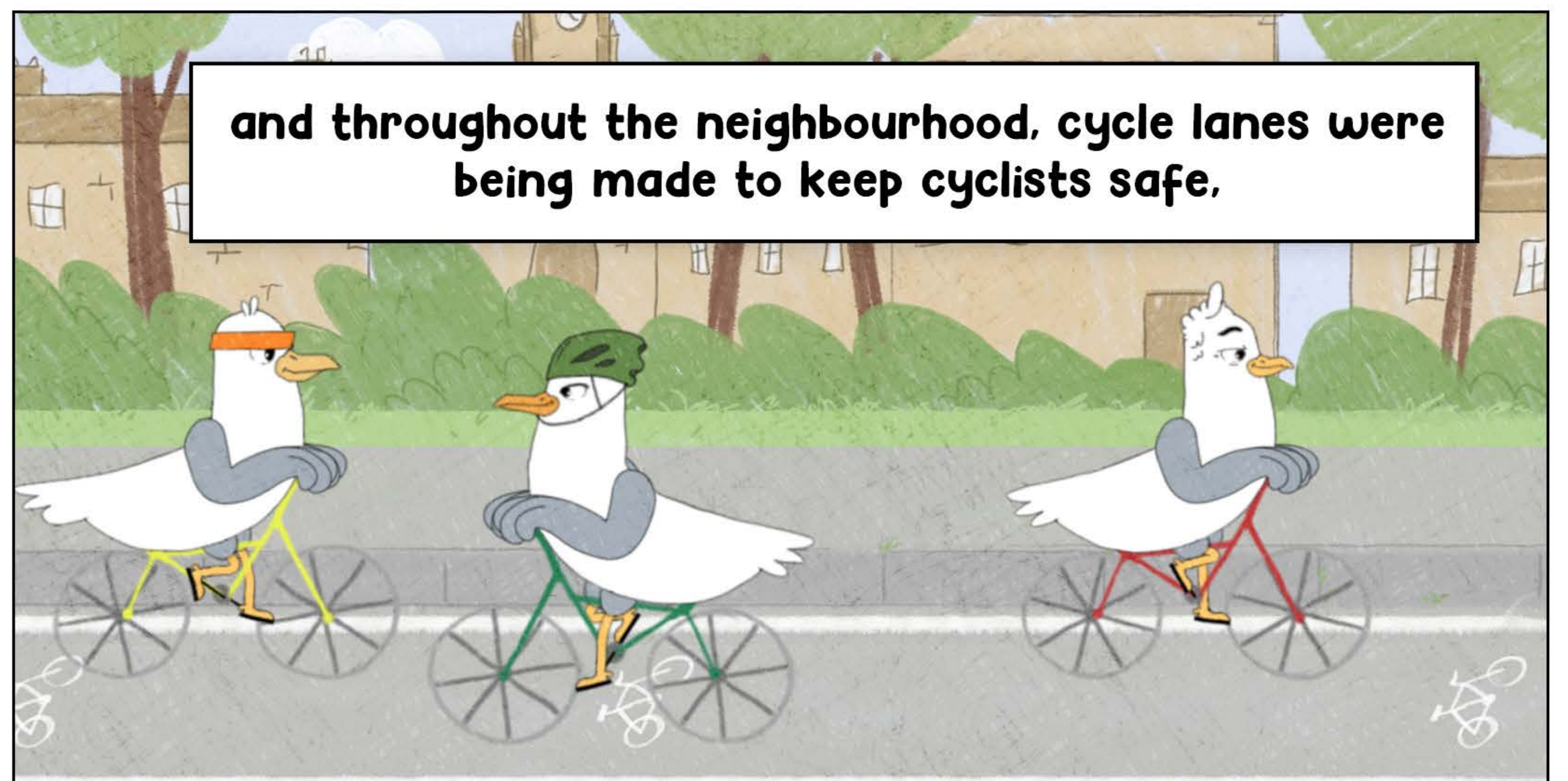
**Dave came to visit and told Sam about the new things happening in the neighbourhood.**

**He said 'Let's fly through the city and I'll show you.'**



**Not far from their tree was the local park,**

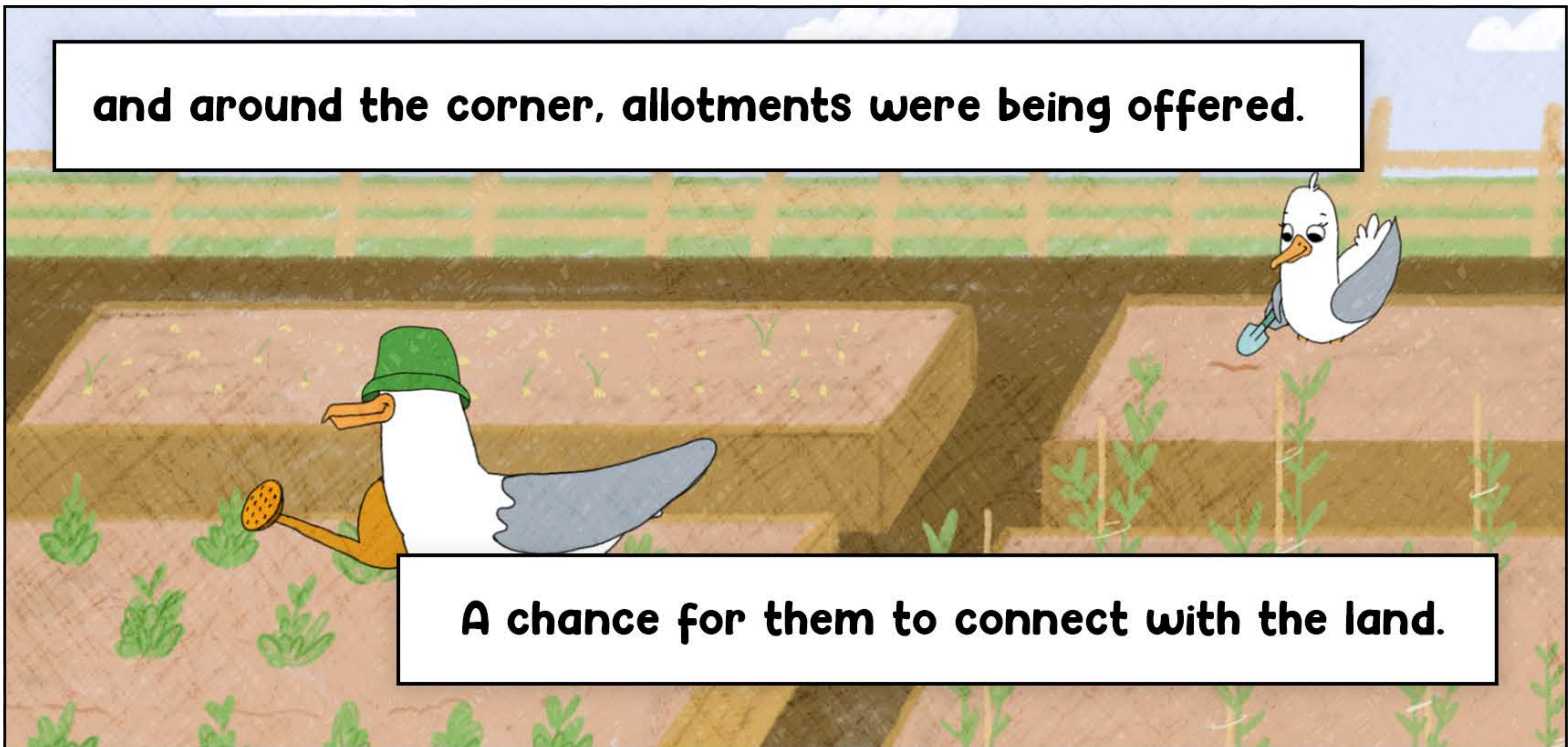
**a great space to relax or do activities.**



**and throughout the neighbourhood, cycle lanes were being made to keep cyclists safe.**

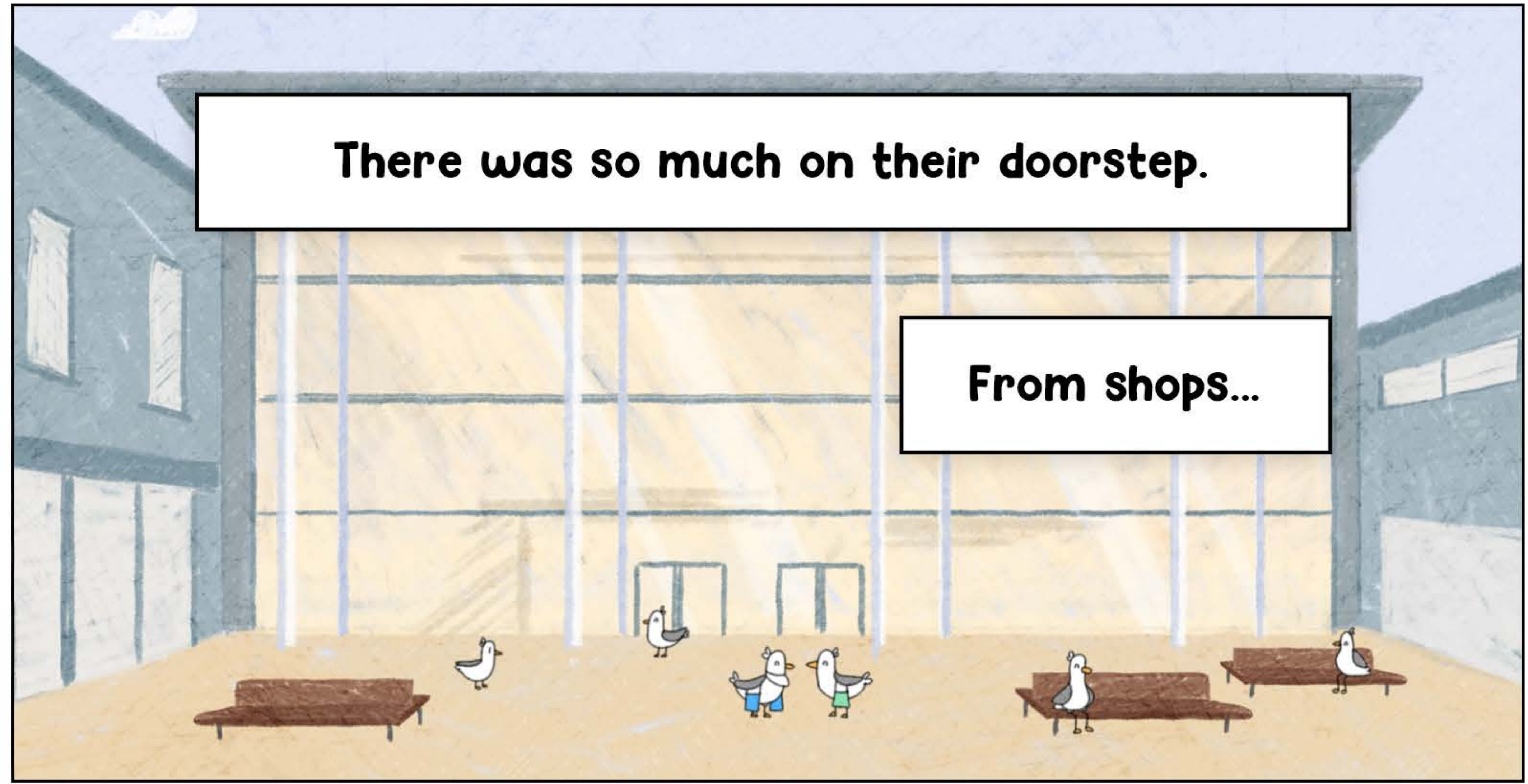


and around the corner, allotments were being offered.



A chance for them to connect with the land.

There was so much on their doorstep.



From shops...

to schools.



Sam felt hopeful and excited.



'This is going to be great.' Sam said. 'These were changes to make everyone feel better.'

'The neighbourhood had so many opportunities for wellbeing.'



'What places in the city help to keep you healthy?'

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