THE UGLY DUCKLING

Even his own sisters and brothers were very unkind. “You are very ugly” they quacked. The little poor duckling was very unhappy. “I wish I looked like them” he thought to himself.

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Once upon a time, a mother duck sat on her eggs. She felt tired of sitting on them. She just wished the eggs would break out.

Finally, the spring flowers began to bloom. While he was swimming in the pond, he saw three large white swans swimming toward him. “Oh, dear. These beautiful birds will laugh and peck me too” he said to himself.

Several days later, the eggs cracked and some cute little ducklings appeared. “Peep, peep” the little ducklings cried. “Quack, quack” their mother greeted in return. However the largest egg had not cracked. The mother duck sat on it for several days.

When the mother duck brought the children to the pond for their first swimming lesson. The huge grey duckling splashed and paddled about just as nicely as the other ducklings did. “That is not a turkey chick.”

He was very happy. From that day on, he swam and played with his new friends and was happier than he had never been.

As the ugly duckling bent his neck to speak to them, he saw his reflection in the water. He could not believe his eyes. “I am not an ugly duckling but a beautiful swam” he exclaimed.

But the swans did not attack him. Instead, they swam around him and stroked him with their bills.

He is my very own son and quite handsome” the mother said proudly. However, the other animals didn’t agree. They hissed and made fun of him day by day.

Finally, it cracked and a huge ugly duckling waddled out. The mother duck looked at him in surprise. He was so big and very gray. He didn’t look like the others at all. He was like a turkey.

One day, the ugly duckling run away and hid in the bushes. The sad duckling lived alone through the cold and snow winter.

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