

Title: Birds

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Lily and her little sister were in their room, folding pieces of paper. Lily's little sister, Alice, told Lily how much she wished she could go to a world made of paper, living as a 'paper citizen'. Lily told Alice that she was just blabbering nonsense, that there was no world made of paper because it would be a total failure. Suddenly, a paper bird in Alice's hand started flapping its 'wings' roughly, giving Alice a papercut. Lily had a shocked look on her face. The paper bird was 'alive'.



The bird grew into a giant paper bird. Alice looked delighted while Lily looked scared. The bird scooped them up and flew out of a window up to the clouds.

The bird brought them to a place filled with paper birds, similar but different in color. The sisters were amazed until they realized that they were being brought to a nest. They tried to think of a way to get out. Alice figured out a way. Since there were two of them, one person had to stay behind to become the distraction-the food for the hungry birds, while the other escaped freely. Alice looked at Lily and smiled. "I'm sorry but I want to live too," Alice immediately jumped out of the bird's mouth.



Lily was still in its mouth. She immediately tore off a big piece of paper and jumped off with it. Using the paper as a 'parachute'. Her hands let go of the paper suddenly. She was suddenly felt so scared, tears forming on her face as she tried to grab the paper for dear life.

She woke up and realized it was a dream. A smooth paper-like surface touched her hand. "Was it a bad nightmare? You're sweating and crying like crazy."

Lily recognized the voice, it was Alice's. Lily slowly turned to the direction of the voice. She screamed and tried to run out of the room but it was locked. Lily's sister had become paper like what Alice wished for.