



# 丑小鸭的华丽蜕变

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On a warm spring day,  
Mother Duck patiently sat on her nest  
in the grass, keeping her eggs warm.  
One by one, the little ducklings  
hatched, golden and fluffy.  
But one especially large egg  
remained still.



The big egg finally cracked.  
Out popped a big, gray, funny-looking duckling.  
Mama Duck was puzzled,  
but she took the little gray one,  
whom everyone called "Ugly Duckling,"  
and all her other ducklings  
to the pond for a swim together.



The chickens, the duck,  
and even the turkey  
laughed at Ugly Duckling.  
They pecked him and  
pushed him around.  
His brothers and sisters  
didn't want to play with him.  
Ugly Duckling felt very sad  
and stayed in the corner  
with his head down.



## Scene 4 of 10

The sad little gray one decided to leave the farm to find a place where he would be accepted.

He walked alone through the bushes and came to a vast swamp.

The wind blew through the reeds with a rustling sound, making him feel both lonely and afraid.



## Scene 5 of 10

In the swamp, Little Gray met a wild duck and a frightened swan, and almost got caught by a hunter's dog. He held his breath and hid deep in the grass until night fell. Only then did he come out, his heart full of fear of the world.



He held his breath...  
Don't move. Don't make a sound.  
Not until it's safe.

6/10 A harsh winter came.  
The lake froze,  
and Little Gray was  
stuck on the ice.



Luckily, a kind farmer  
came by and rescued him.  
He took Little Gray home  
to keep him warm.



Little Gray was  
afraid of the noisy  
children. When  
things got crowded,  
he slipped away  
and ran back  
to the wild.



In the long winter nights,  
Little Gray hid in the cold bushes  
and shivered with cold, getting by  
each day with only a faint hope.  
He became thinner and weaker,  
but deep inside, he still longed  
for sunshine and warmth.



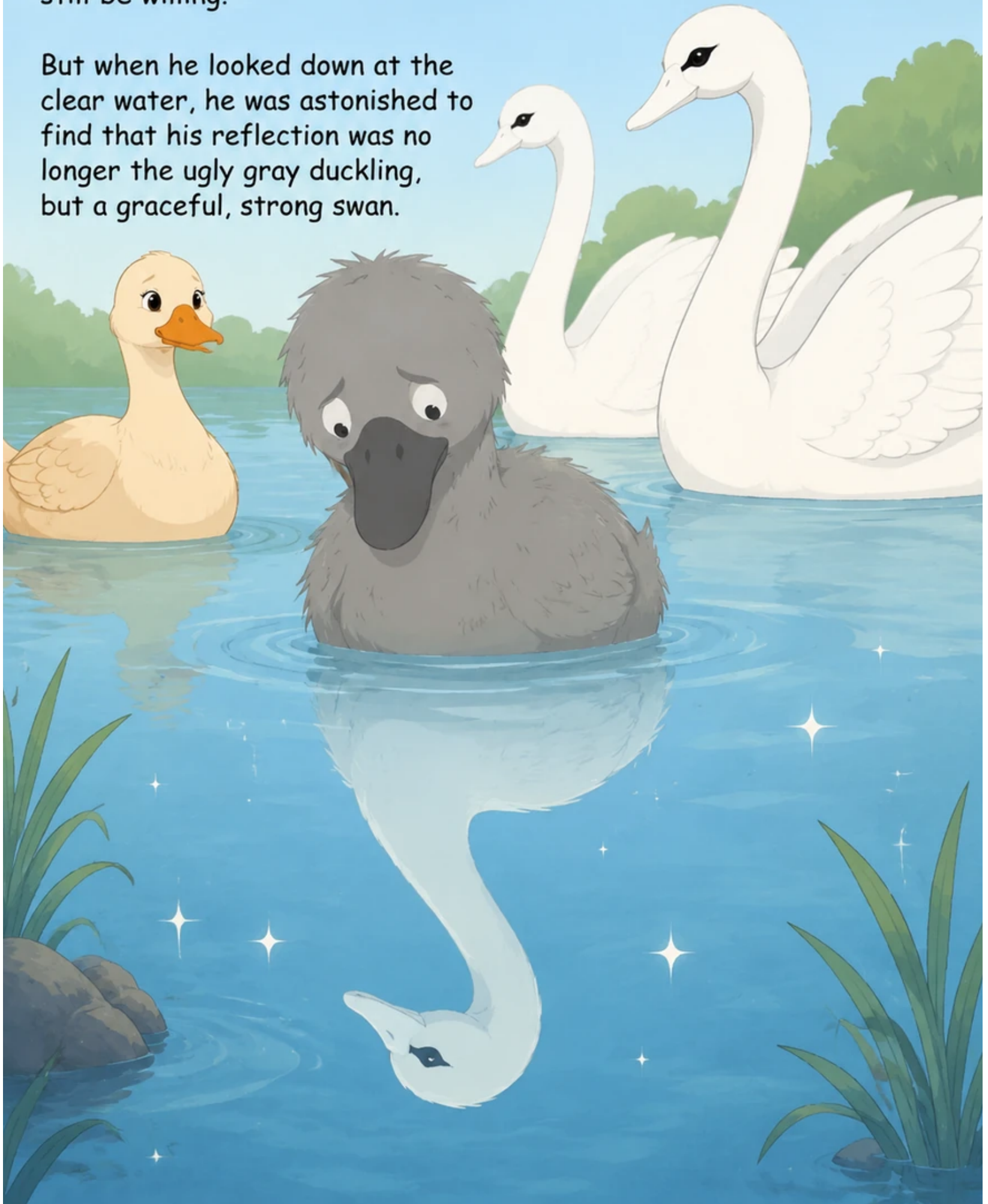
Spring has finally returned.  
All things are waking up.  
Little Gray discovers  
his wings have grown strong.  
He flies to a beautiful garden  
and sees three white,  
holy swans gliding on the lake.  
They are the most  
beautiful creatures  
he has ever seen.




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Little Gray gathered his courage and swam toward the swans, thinking that even if they disliked him, he would still be willing.

But when he looked down at the clear water, he was astonished to find that his reflection was no longer the ugly gray duckling, but a graceful, strong swan.





"Look! That's the newest one, and also the most beautiful!"

Little Gray spread his white wings and soared freely in the blue sky. He finally found his home and true happiness.