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Once upon a time a Mummy duck sat waiting for her eggs to hatch.



At last,

Crack,

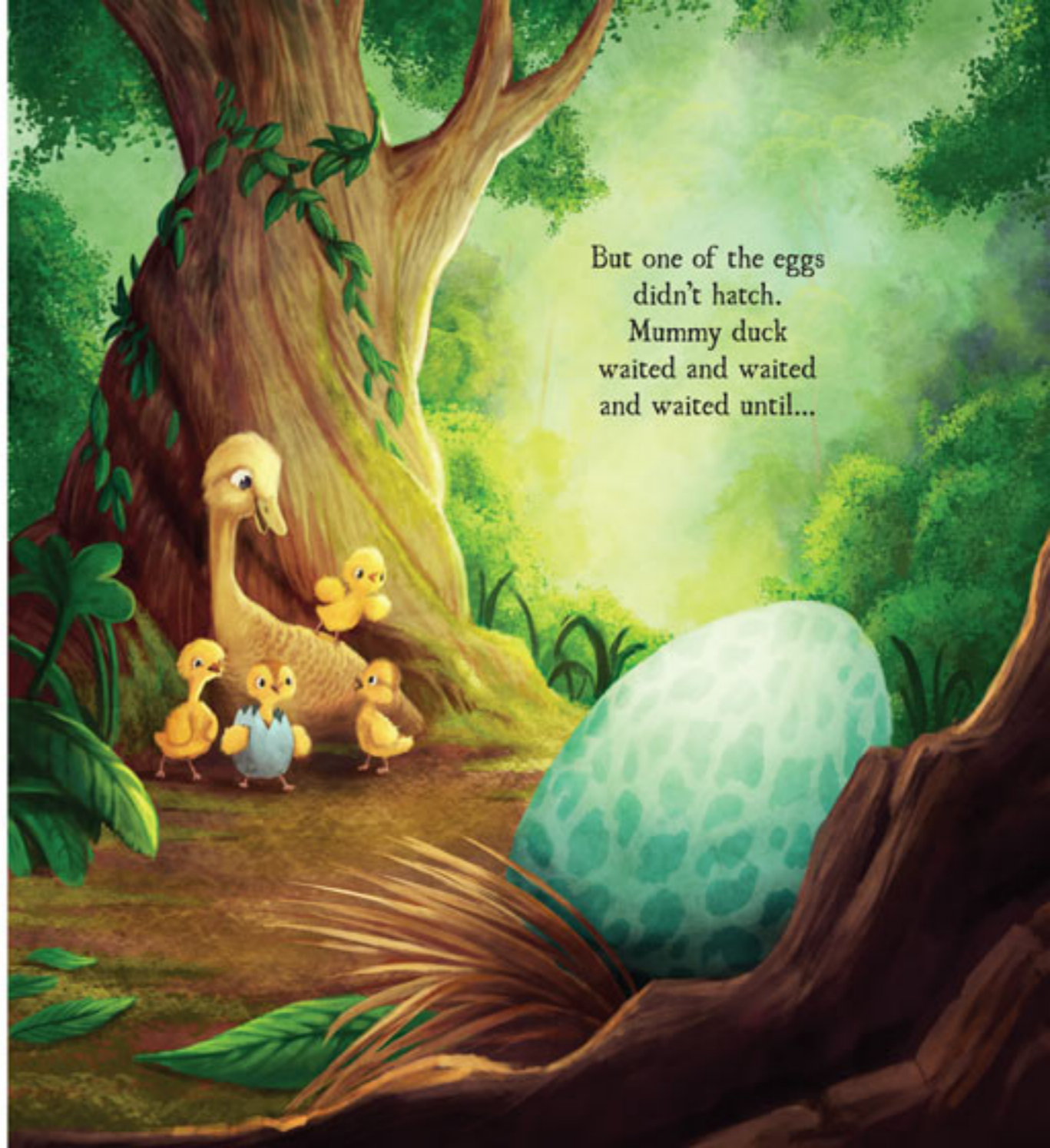


crack,

CRACK!

Out popped four adorable ducklings!

But one of the eggs didn't hatch.
Mummy duck waited and waited and waited until...






...**CRACK!**

Out came a duckling who was,
well, a little bit different.

He wasn't cute or fluffy and
he had a rather silly hairdo!

Mummy duck was a bit
surprised but she loved
her baby just the same.

"I think I'll call you Tufty,"
she said with a smile.



All the cute little ducklings waddled in a straight line behind their mum but Tufty plodded along on his big flappy feet.

"Peep, peep!"
went the little ducklings.

PEEP! PEEP!

PEEP! PEEP!

QUAAAARK!
went Tufty.



“Ugh! What an ugly duckling!”
cried the other animals in the farmyard.

They laughed at him and chased him around,
pecking at his tail and his ‘tufty hair’.



“Leave him alone!” cried Mummy
duck. “You big bullies!”

But it wasn't just big bullies that
the poor Tufty had to deal with.
His brothers and sisters bullied him too.



"Stop that!" shouted a little
sparrow. But they took no
notice of her.



Tufty got sadder and
sadder until, one day...