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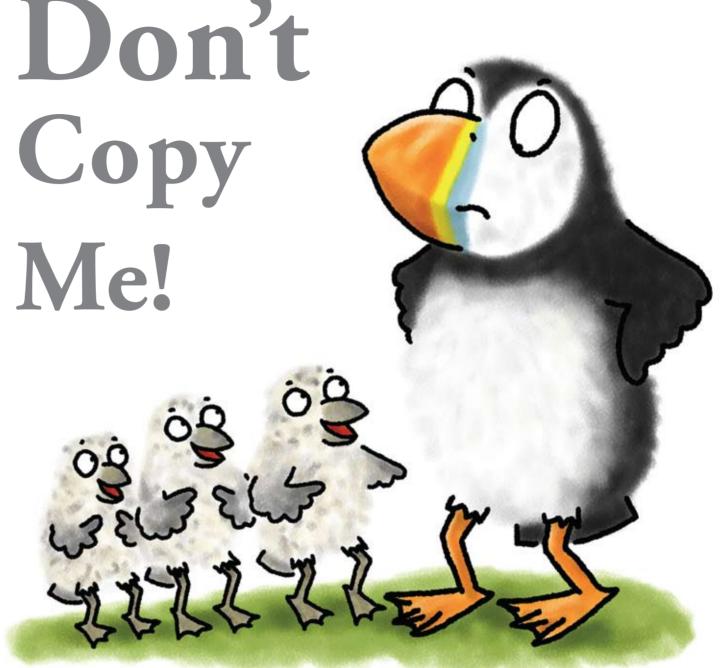
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"What a great day for a walk in the fresh air," said Little Puffin to himself, taking a deep breath and striding out.

But he had company. Small Gull, Tiny Gull, and Baby Gull were secretly following him and copying everything he did.

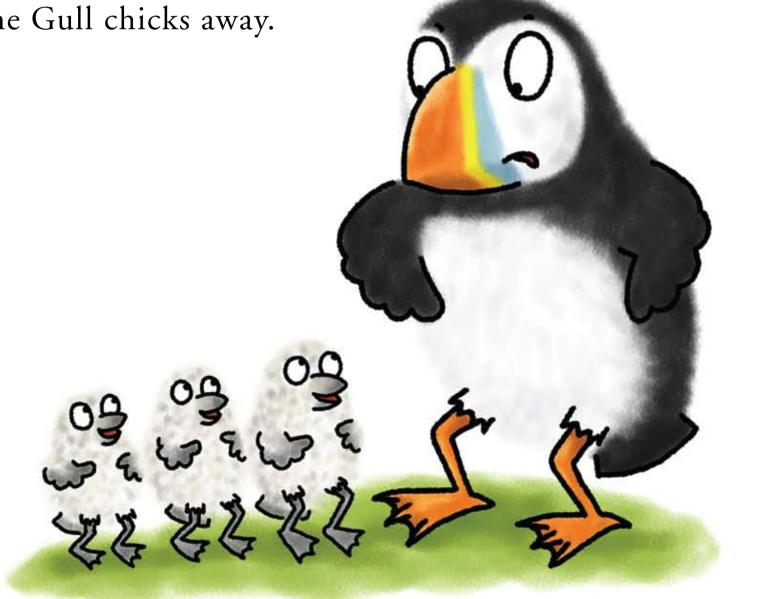
Little Puffin noticed them out of the corner of his eye.



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How annoying! Little Puffin turned around suddenly. "Are you following me?" he said, thinking he'd scare the Gull chicks away.

"Are you following me?" copied Small Gull.





"Follow a me?" said Baby Gull, pretending there was someone behind him.



"Are you following me?" echoed Tiny Gull.