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To Isobel and Alasdair - 16 and 18. How did that happen? I feel old!
J.A.



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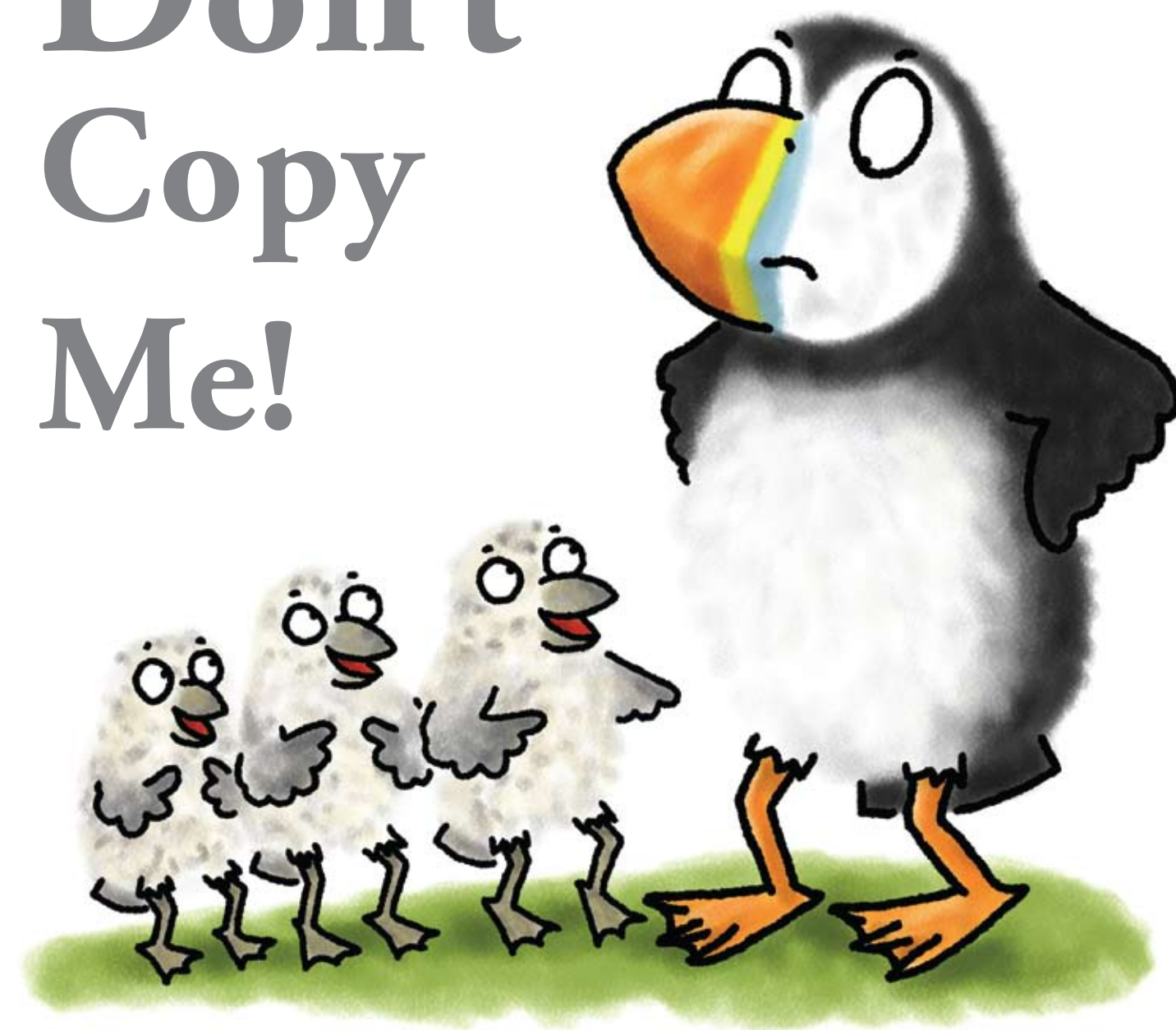
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“What a great day for a walk
in the fresh air,”
said Little Puffin to himself,
taking a deep breath
and striding out.



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.

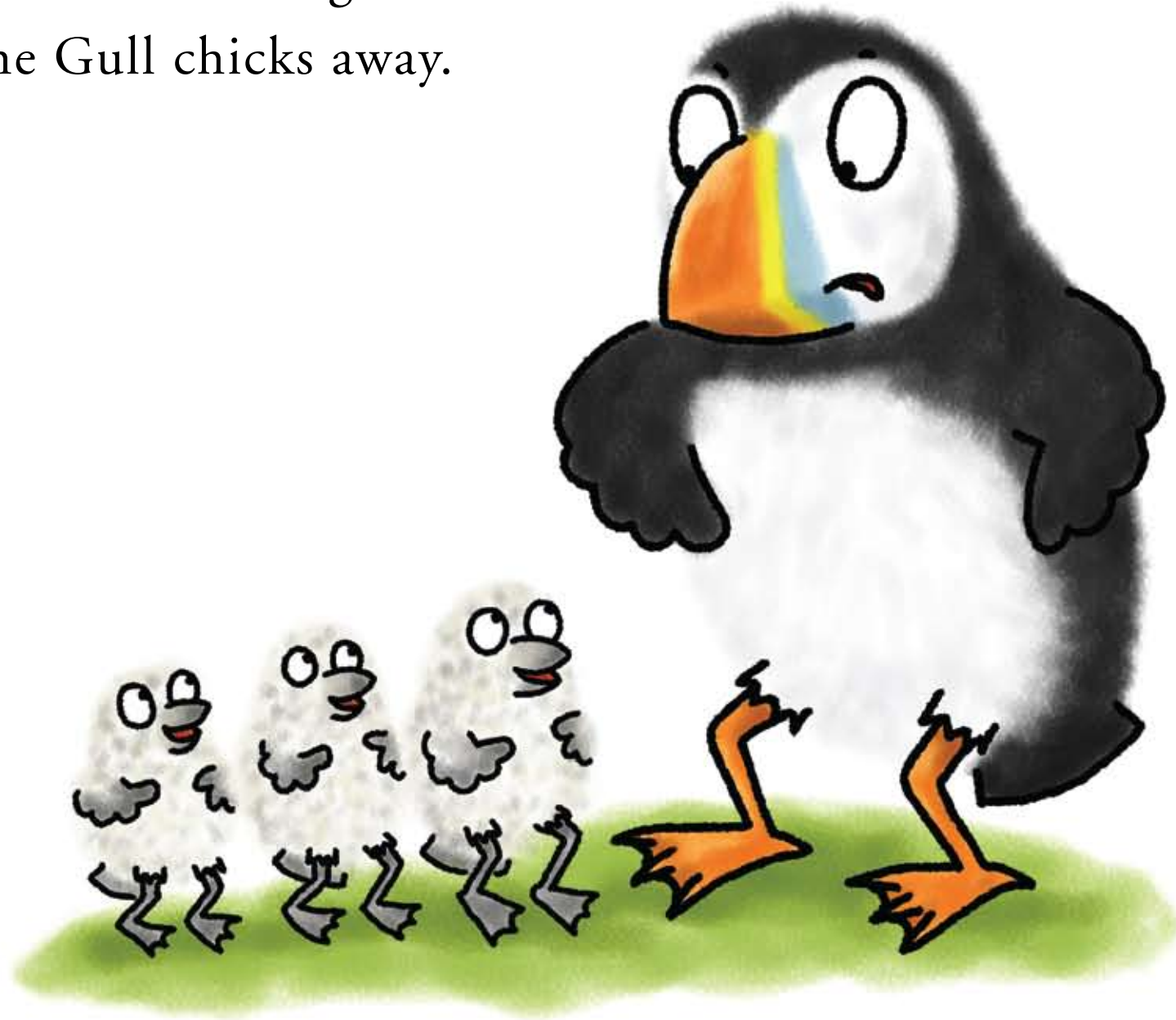


How annoying!

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.



“Are you following me?”
echoed Tiny Gull.

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

