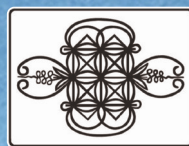


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Boom! The ground shook as one of the largest trees in the forest fell with a crash.



A forest once full of life, happiness, and laughter turned into a place of horror and fear for one family of bluebirds.



All throughout the dark and colourful
forest, the chainsaws cried.

Vroom! Vroom!

Trees fell one by one, sending loud
booms across the forest.





“Escape! Escape!” chirped baby bluebird.

“Over the hills and fly away!” cried father bluebird.

“Our home is gone!” sobbed mother bluebird.





Father bluebird gathered his family, and they flew away. For miles and miles, green plains and blue lakes passed beneath them.

Finally, they stopped for a rest on some rocks by a riverside.



Suddenly, a flock of white ducks swam by to enjoy the water. A big white duck with a long yellow bill saw the family of bluebirds.



“If you’re looking for refuge for your family, fly upstream. You’ll be safe there,” she said.



The bluebirds took off upstream.

As they got closer, baby bluebird was dazzled by the sight. Great canopies hid the sky from them, while green plants burst from below.





Cattle fed on fresh green grass, white ducks opened their angelic wings under the sun in a crystal-blue lake, and more types of birds than baby bluebird had ever seen filled the air.









“Come, come, little family of bluebirds,” said a human cheerfully. “Come. This is somewhere protected that you can call home.”





Mother bluebird's heart swelled with gratitude. Finally, somewhere she and her family could be safe.

Looking at everything around them, father bluebird sighed in relief. "Ahh, a home away from home."

**You can use these questions
to talk about this book with
your family, friends and
teachers.**



**What destroyed the bluebird
family's home?**



**How does cutting down trees hurt
the environment?**



**What other animals are affected by
deforestation?**

Have you ever saved any animals?



**Next time you go outside, try to
spot an animal living nearby. How
would it be affected by changes to
its environment?**

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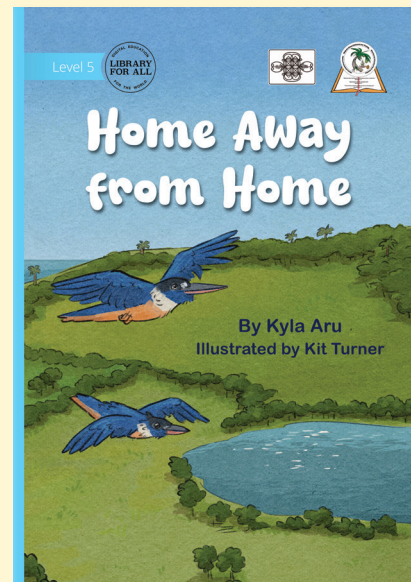
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