

### **The Two Brothers and the Baby Swan**

“Two brothers were playing in a park one day and when they saw a beautiful little baby swan. The older brother thought, “Oh, what a pretty bird!” and he wanted to capture the bird for himself, so he threw a stick at it. The baby swan got scared and tried to run away, but since it couldn’t fly very well yet, it had to move on its legs. The younger brother said, “Stop! Don’t hurt the bird! It’s only a baby!” and he went to go and help the swan and protect it. When he reached the swan, he petted it and offered it some food. But the older brother got angry and kept trying to chase the swan and catch it.

Then their mother came by and said “What’s going on?”

“That bird is mine,” said the older brother, who wanted to capture the bird. “Make him give it to me!”

“No, don’t give her to him,” said the younger brother. “He tried to hurt her.”

“I don’t know what happened because I wasn’t here to see it,” said the mother. “Maybe we should let the bird decide.”

She placed the baby swan between the two boys and said to her, “Who would you like to be with?”

The older brother who had tried to hurt and capture the swan tried to call to her sweetly. “Please come to me, little bird! I will take good care of you!”

But the baby swan didn’t go to him. She went over to the younger brother, who had tried to protect her.

“Look, the bird prefers you,” said their mother. “You should be the one to keep her.”

So, she gave the baby swan to the younger brother, who fed it and took care of it and kept it safe.”

[The End.]