

Cuckoo

The birds waited for Cuckoo to land. When she told them that the seeds were safe, they all clapped their wings.

And they all agreed in the end: You can't tell much about a bird by looking at its feathers.

The Little Hummingbird

Little Hummingbird continued her work. She flew quickly, picking up more water and putting it, drop by drop, onto the burning forest.

Finally, Big Bear said, "Little Hummingbird, what are you doing?"

Little Hummingbird looked at the other animals. She said, "I am doing what I can."

"The Vain Bat"

Next day, when bat shook his feathers in full flight, he suddenly became naked. A rain of feathers fell to earth.

He is still searching for them. Blind and ugly, enemy of the light, he lives hidden in caves. He goes out in pursuit of the lost feathers after night has fallen and flies very fast, never stopping because it shames him to be seen.