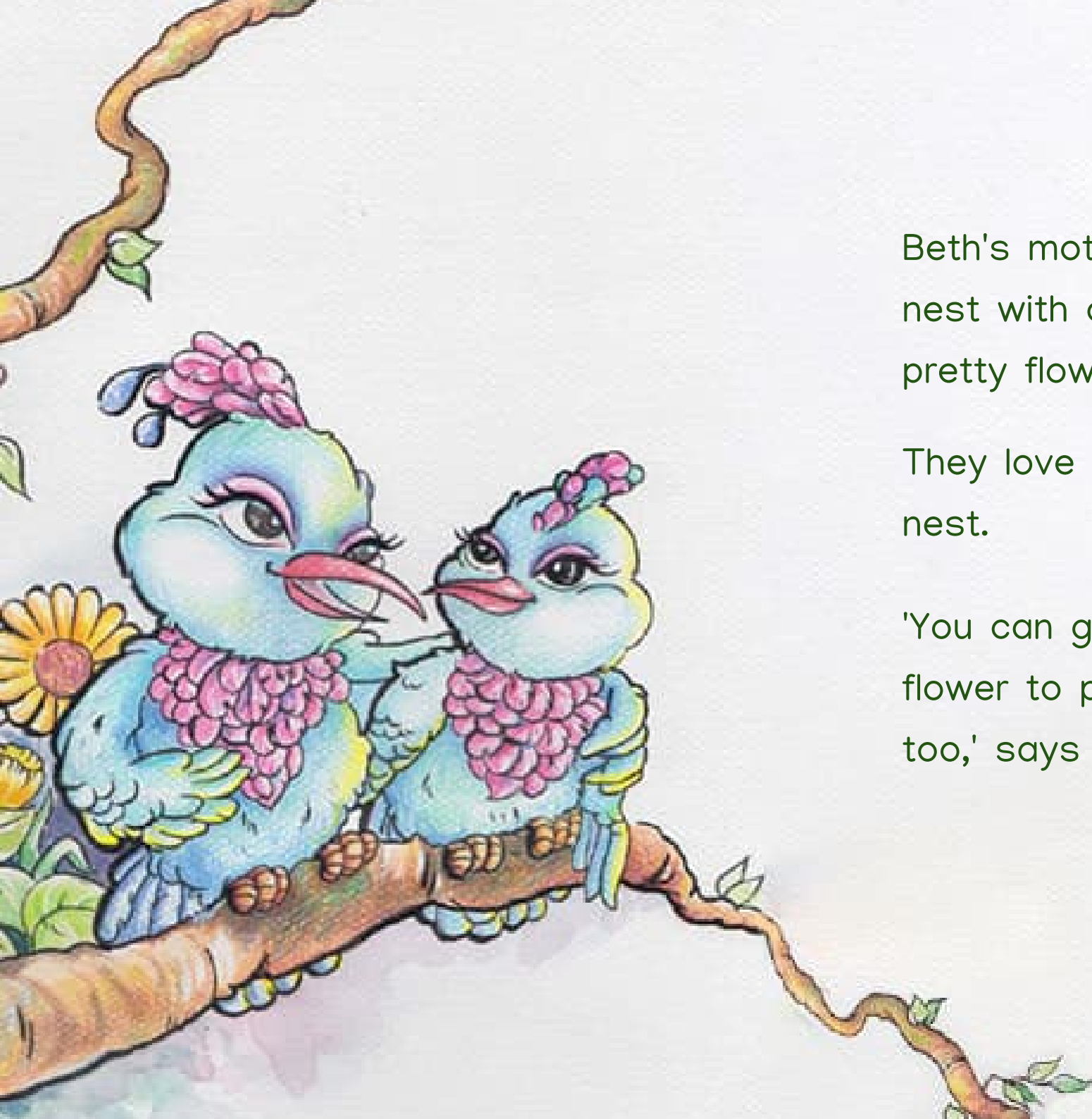


# FLOWER HUNT



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Beth's mother made a nest with all kinds of pretty flowers inside.

They love their vibrant nest.

'You can go and find a flower to put in the nest too,' says mother bird.

Beth stops to talk to the lady bug. 'Which is the best flower to put in a nest?' she asks.

'The flower that makes you happy,' the lady bug replies.



Then Beth meets a butterfly.  
'Which flower should I put in my nest?' she asks.

'You should add a flower of your favourite colour. I like pink,' he tells her.





A little further down the path, Beth meets a fuzzy bug eating leaves. 'What flower do you think is best for our nest?' Beth asks the bug.

'I would put in the flower with the best tasting leaves,' he says, munching away.







Beth had gone quite a distance when she came across some flowers full of busy bees. 'Are those the best flowers to put in my nest?' she asks them.

'Well, they sure have great pollen,' says one bee, humming as she worked.



A spider was the next bug that Beth saw. She had made a lovely web on a leafy, red flower. 'Should I put this flower in my nest?' Beth asked.

'I would prefer you didn't,' said the spider, 'I got my web just right.'





Then Beth came across some bugs with lights in their back ends. 'Would you mind if I had this flower?' she asked, 'It smells so sweet, and I would like it to perfume my nest.'

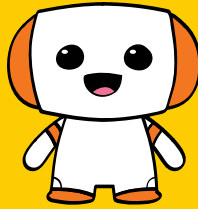
The fireflies were happy to have it, and at last, it was time for Beth to return to her nest.





'Oh, you clever little bird,'  
her mother said when  
Beth put the new flower in  
the moss of their nest.

'This smells so lovely. It is  
perfect for our pretty nest  
because now it smells as  
good as it looks.'



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