

The young Seagull was alone on his ledge (cliff). His two brothers and his sister had already learnt to fly. The young Seagull was afraid to fly because of the long stretch and depth of the sea. He thought that his wings will not support him. So, he ran back to his hole on the ledge.

Therefore, the young Seagull failed to gather up the courage to fly. His father and mother tried to persuade him to fly. They scolded and even threatened him, that if he does not try to fly, they would let him die of hunger. But young Seagull did not move.

Parents Leave the Young Seagull Alone

Twenty four hour passed and no body came near him. All the day, the young Seagull watched his parents teaching his brothers and sister how to fly. They were also teaching them how to skim the waves and how to dive for catching the fish. He had seen his elder brother catch the first herring (a soft-finned sea fish). When he ate it, his parents praised him. The whole family taunted the young Seagull for his cowardice.

The Hungry Seagull

As the time passes, the young Seagull could not tolerate the hunger and the heat. He moves closer to the ledge and pretends to fall asleep but nobody takes notice of him.

His two brothers and his sister were sleeping and his father was cleaning his feathers on his white back. Only his mother noticed him. She was standing high on the plateau with a fish. As the young Seagull saw the food, he felt more hungry.

The Mother's Trick

Realising his madness for the food, his mother tried to tempt him. with pieces of fish. Initially, she tore the fish in the manner the young seagull loved to eat. This sight maddened the young seagull. Then, the mother flew nearer to him which filled young Seagull with joy.

However, the mother stopped near the edge of the ledge. Out of excitement and hunger, the young Seagull ran towards the mother and dived for the fish.

The Joy of Flight

Initially, the Seagull was scared and screamed with fear when he dived. But soon he felt his wings spread outwards and he began to fly slowly downwards and upwards. He was no longer afraid of flying.

The Family's Celebration

Soon his parents, brothers and sister flew around him. When all the family members landed on the green sea, they called the young Seagull to be with them.

As the young Seagull landed on the green sea, his legs sank into it. He tried to fly again but he was tired and weak with hunger.

Finally, his feet sank into the green sea, his belly touched it and he was floating on it. The family members praised him and offered him pieces of dog fish as he had made his first flight.