



Off the Grid
David Lane

Kelly has an older brother called Connor. In this speech, five-year old Kelly is at school at the 'making table', doing crafts. As Kelly completes her activities, she tells her new friends a story about her family dynamic.

KELLY: I'm Kelly

(Phonetically) K - E - L - L - Y

You're new so you can sit here

And you can use the makin' table

But not the things i'm usin' till i've stopped usin' them

I'm makin' this

It's a cake

(KELLY beams)

I'm actually a superhero

And also I was born in a golden egg like for real in an *actual* golden egg

Because-

It's a secret story don't tell and then we can be bestests

Um

Once upon a time

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This is a story ready

There was a Mummy eagle and a Daddy eagle who had golden eggs

Who knew that if a Mummy went to hunt for food

The Daddy should stay in the nest

And if a Daddy went to hunt for food

The Mummy should stay in the nest

They should never leave golden eggs on their own

'Cos two bad things would happen if they did

First the Mummy and Daddy would vanish

Into two piles of fluffy feathers

And second

The chicks in the golden eggs

They'd be born as people

Tiny human-people-eaglet-thingies in a nest

Who wouldn't be able to fly or catch mice or see tiny things from far away

Because they had no-one to teach them

But the big problem in the story

Was that *all* the food in the birdland was bein' eaten by bigger birds like...

Condors

And even though the Mummy and Daddy knew about the two bad things

They knew their eaglets would be really really hungry when they hatched

So they left the nest together to get food

And *poof* they disappeared

Don't use that felt tip I need a yellow one.

Chapter 2 'Why Eagles Never Leave Their Eggs'