

# HIS FIRST FLIGHT

## SUMMARY

There was a young seagull who had standing alone on a ledge, who had been afraid to fly.

His two brothers and sister all had already flown away with wings shorter than the seagull.

The young seagull felt that his wings would not support him. Even after seeing his siblings fly, he could not attain the courage to fly.

His parents started scolding him, but he did not change his mind. They later decided to let him starve unless he flew away. The next day, he started to feel hungry. While his parents they later on taught his siblings to skim the waves and to dive for fish. They also congratulated them for the new things they have done.

The next day, he started to feel hungry. He searched for food everywhere, and the only thing

he got was a dried piece of mackerel's tail. He also gnawed a few pieces of eggshell which he felt was like eating a part of himself.

He tried different ways to reach his parents without flying, but he could not because there was deep and wide crack between him and his parents. He also pretended to fall asleep, still they took no notice. His father and siblings were busy doing their own things. But his mother noticed him.

She had a piece of fish and took the fish and scraped her beak at the rock. The sight of the food maddened him. He uttered a low cackle and his mother cackled too. He kept calling plaintively and then uttered a joyful scream because his mother took a piece of fish and was flying towards him. His mother came close to him and did not move further. Maddened by hunger, he dived at the fish, fell outwards and downwards into space. Then he realised that his wings were supporting him while he is flying. His heart stopped for a moment. After that, he realised that his wings were supporting him in his flight.

thus he made his first flight. His family flew over him screaming and raising a proud cackle for he did his first flight.

He even forgot that he always had not been able to fly. He also approached close to the sea. He saw his family landing on the sea, and were calling to him shilly. When he dropped his legs to land on the sea, he felt started to sink and he screamed. He tried to rise again, but he could not since he was tired and weak due to hunger. After some time, he recognised that he sank no more and was floating now on it. Seeing that his family congratulated, praised him. They also offered him scraps of dog fish