

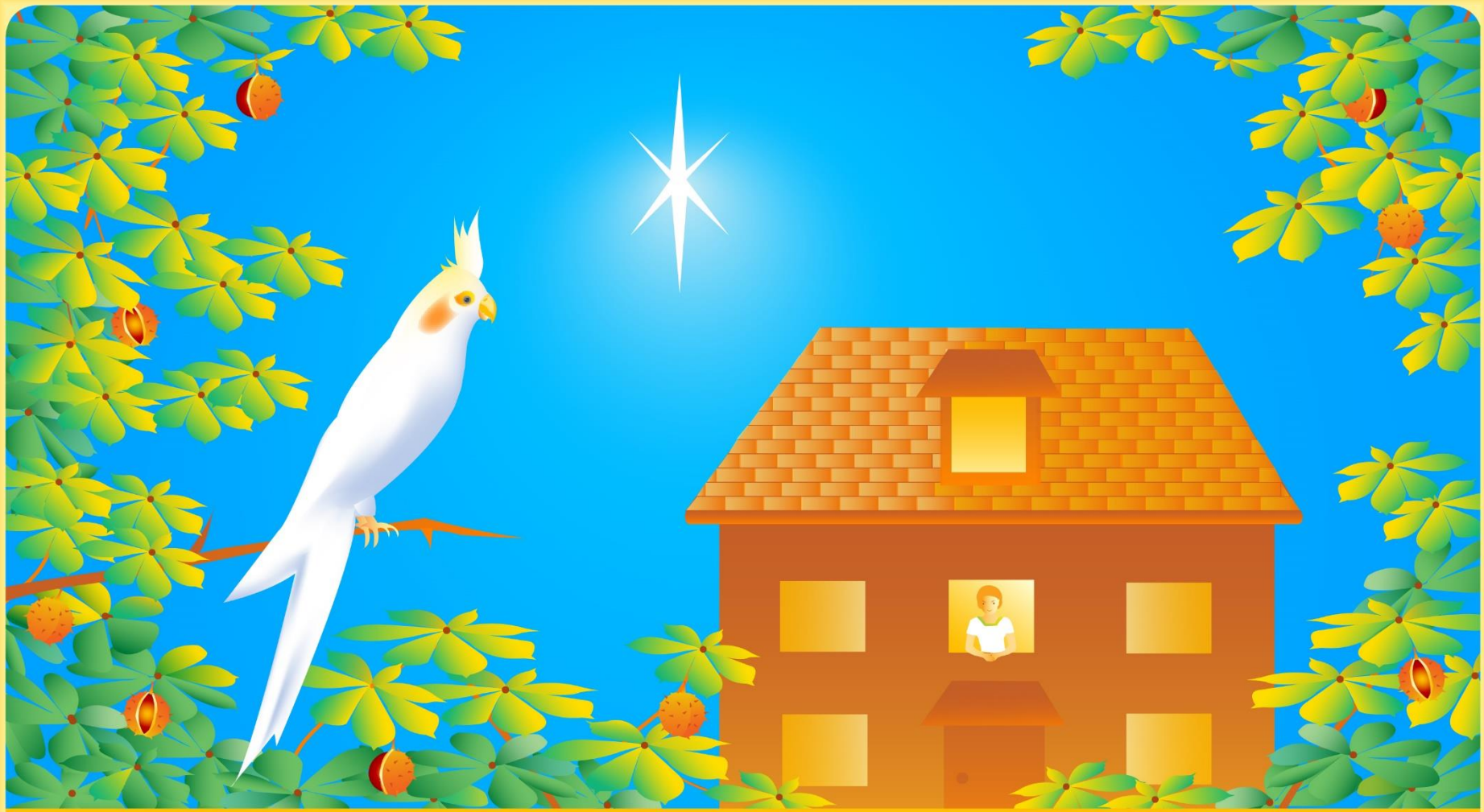


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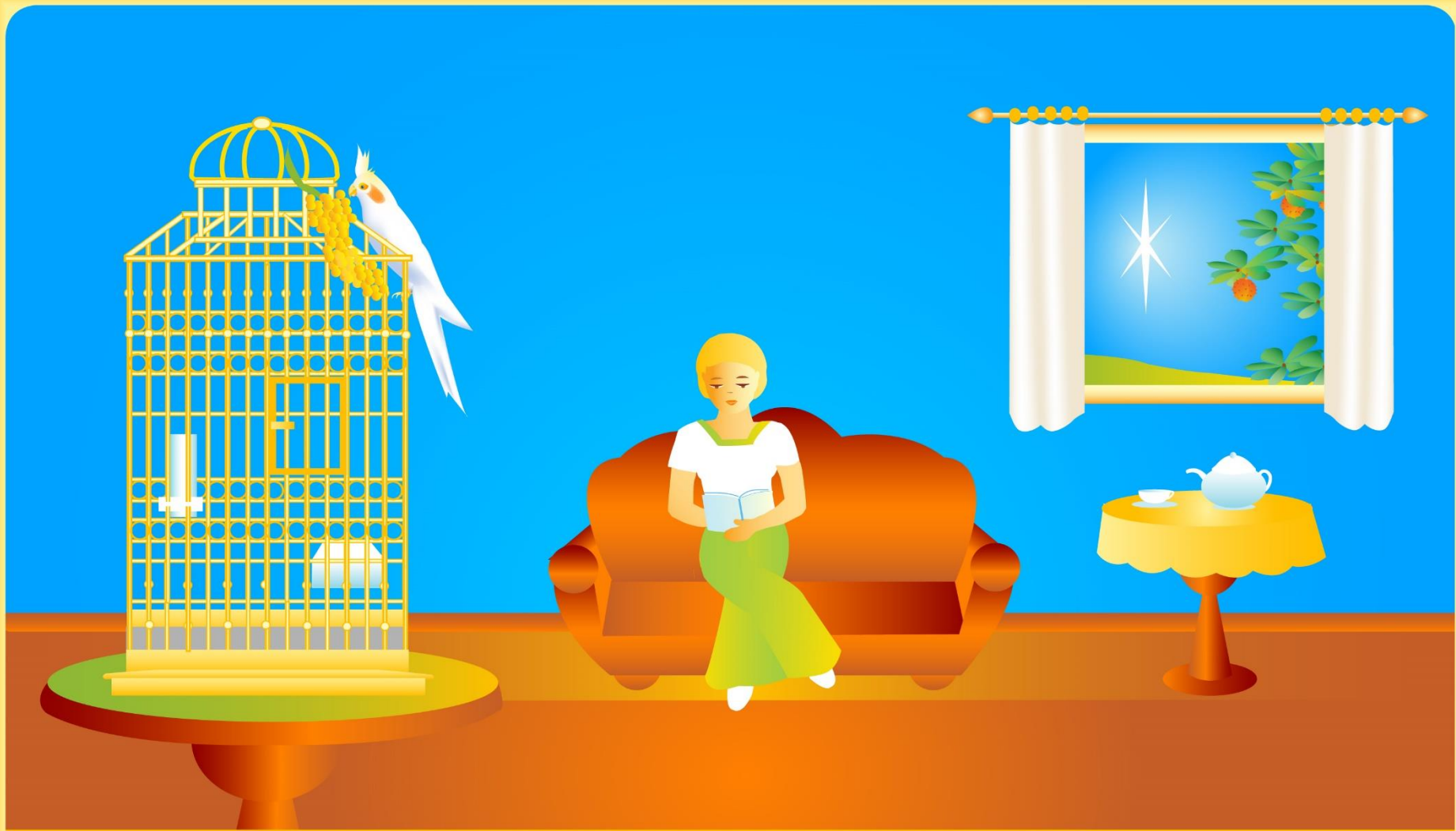




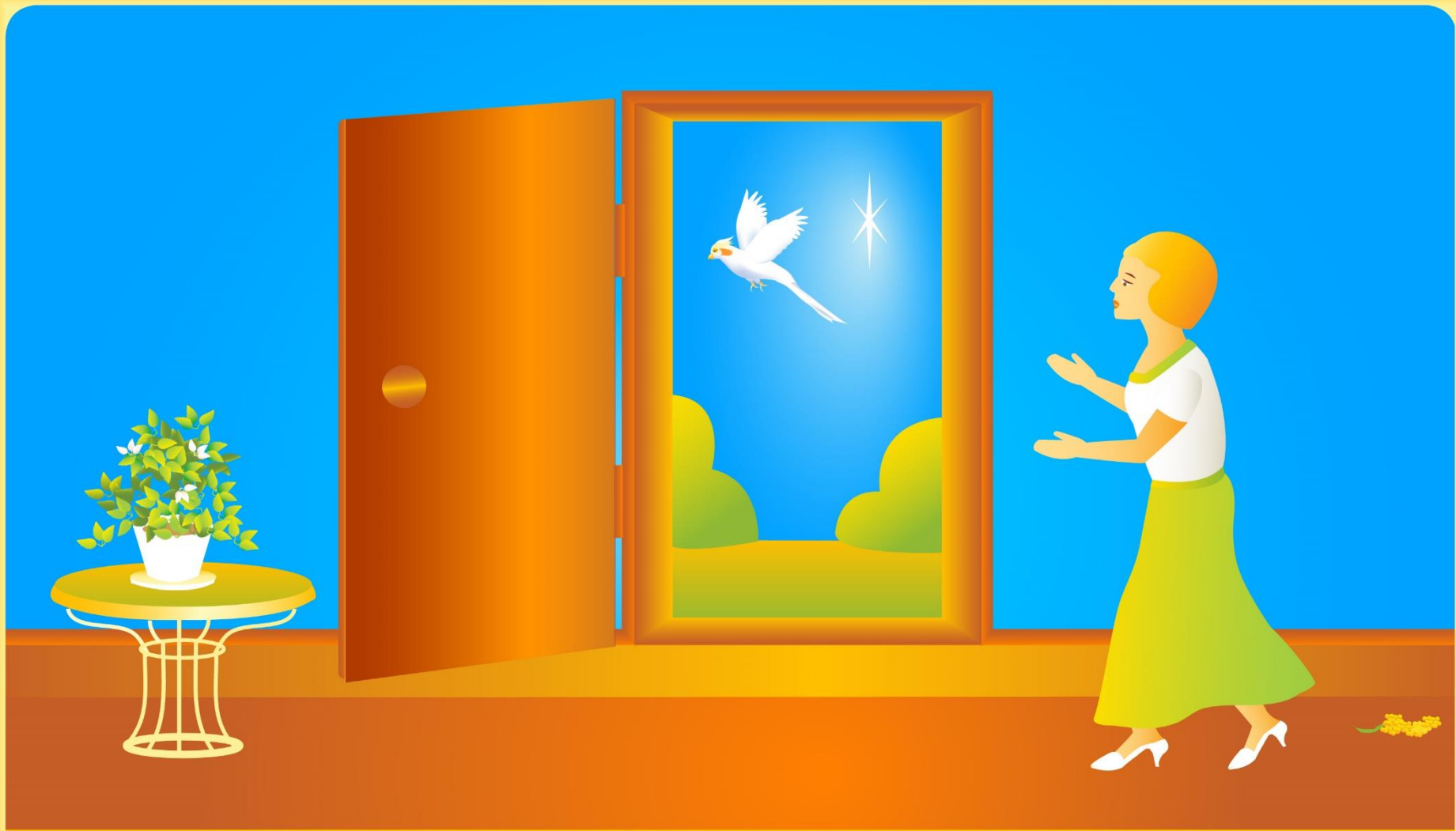
Pappagena, Come Home!

An Illustrated ECK Parable

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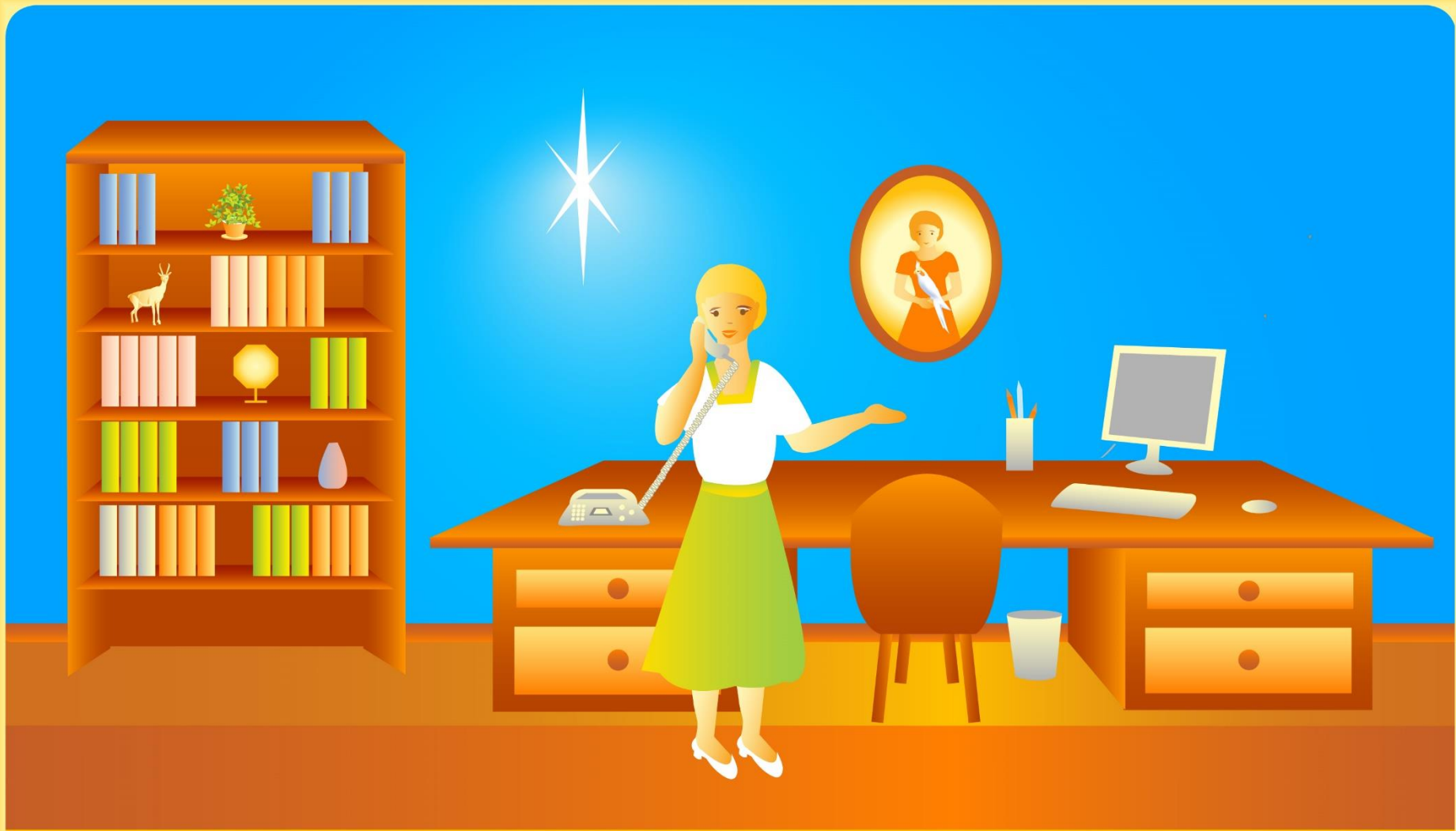
A woman had a cockatiel named Pappagena.
One day the bird was sitting outside the cage, eating seeds and having a good time.



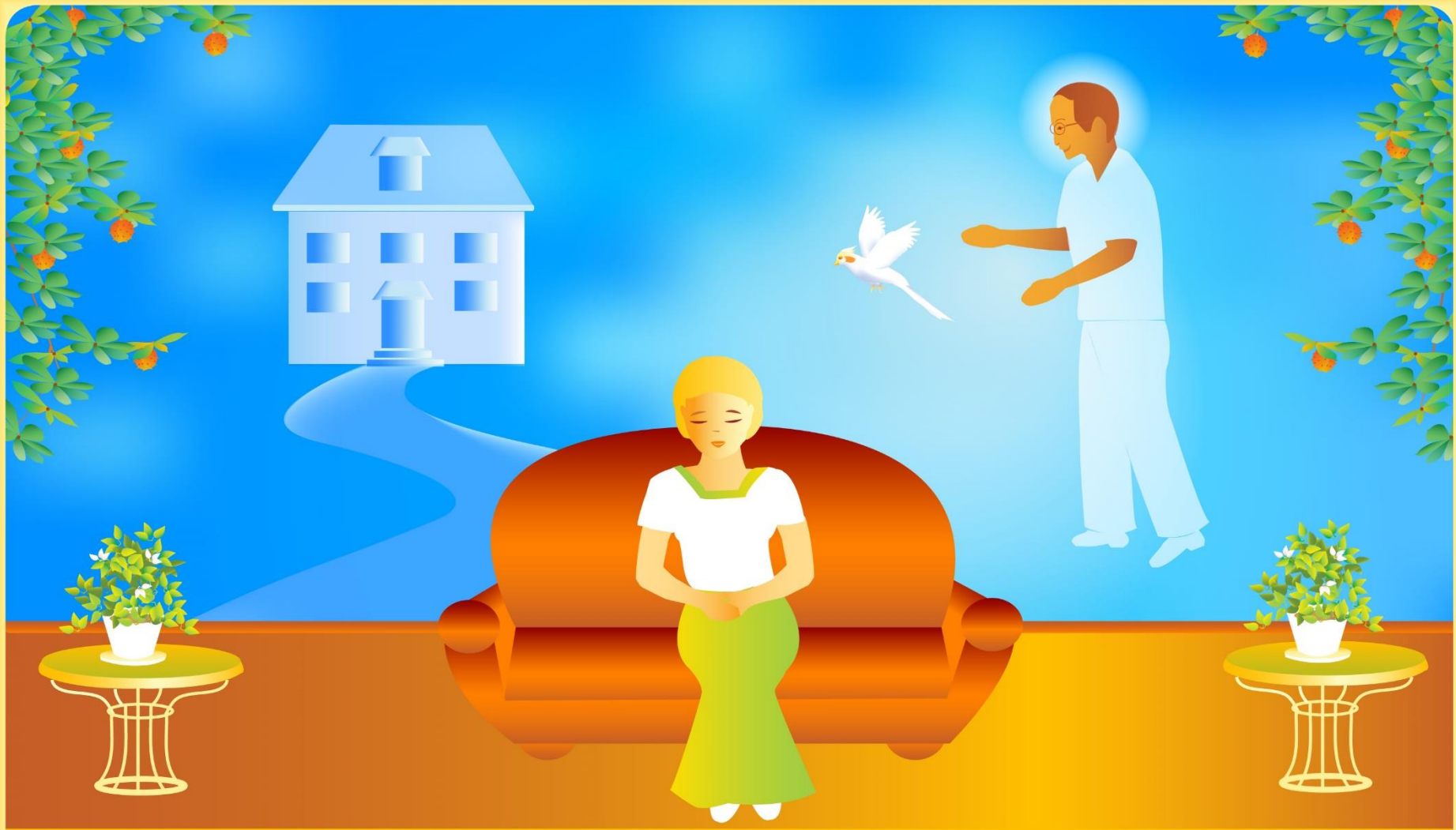
By chance, the wind blew open the outside door, and the woman jumped up to close it. But she scared the bird, and it took off through the open door.



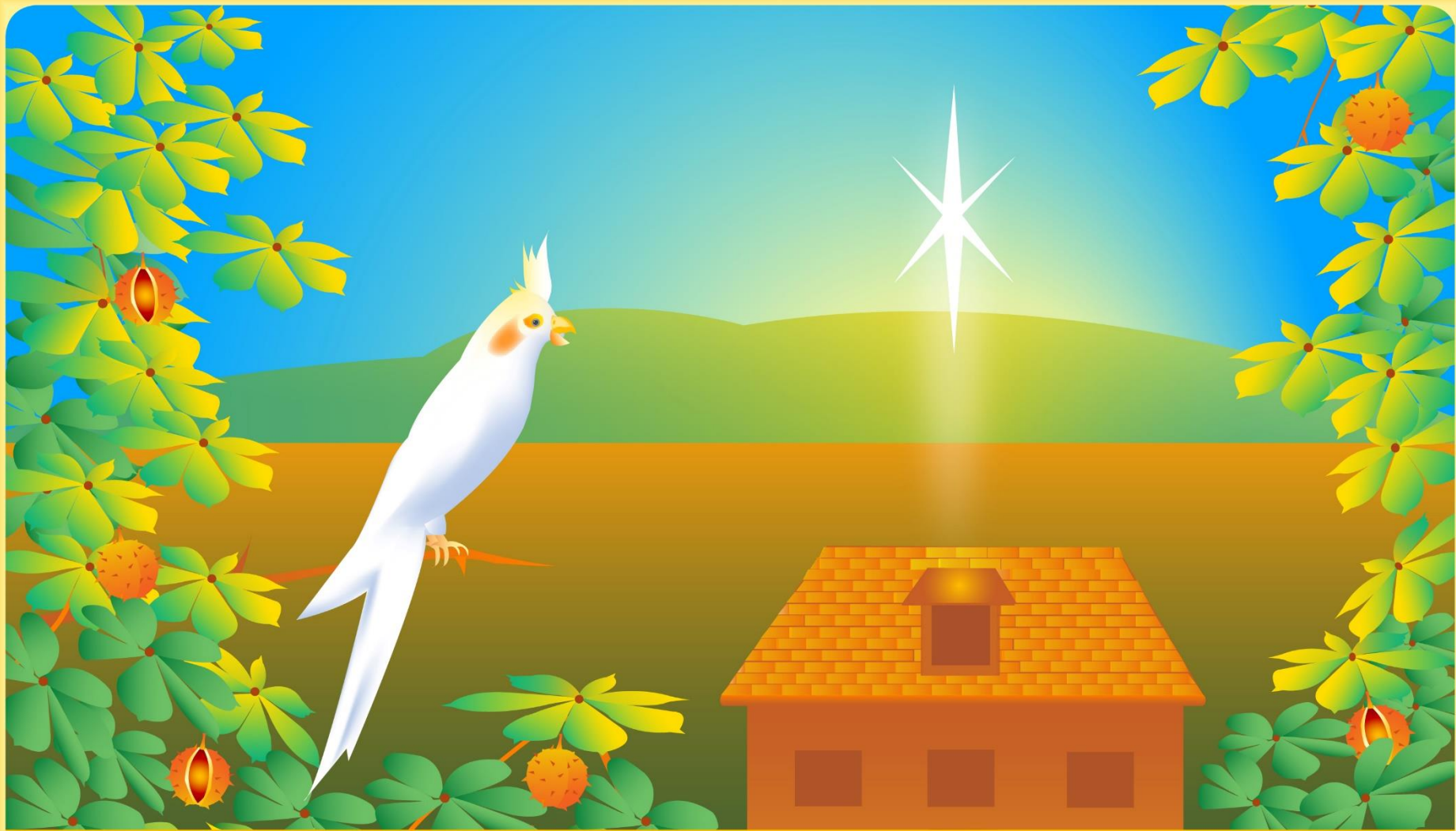
The woman went outside and saw Pappagena flying higher and higher into a tree.
“Pappagena, come home!” she called to him.
She was very upset because she thought the bird wouldn’t ever come back.



She called her mother, the fire department, and even the Eckankar Spiritual Center. A staff member suggested she try a spiritual exercise to get some insight on the reason this had happened.



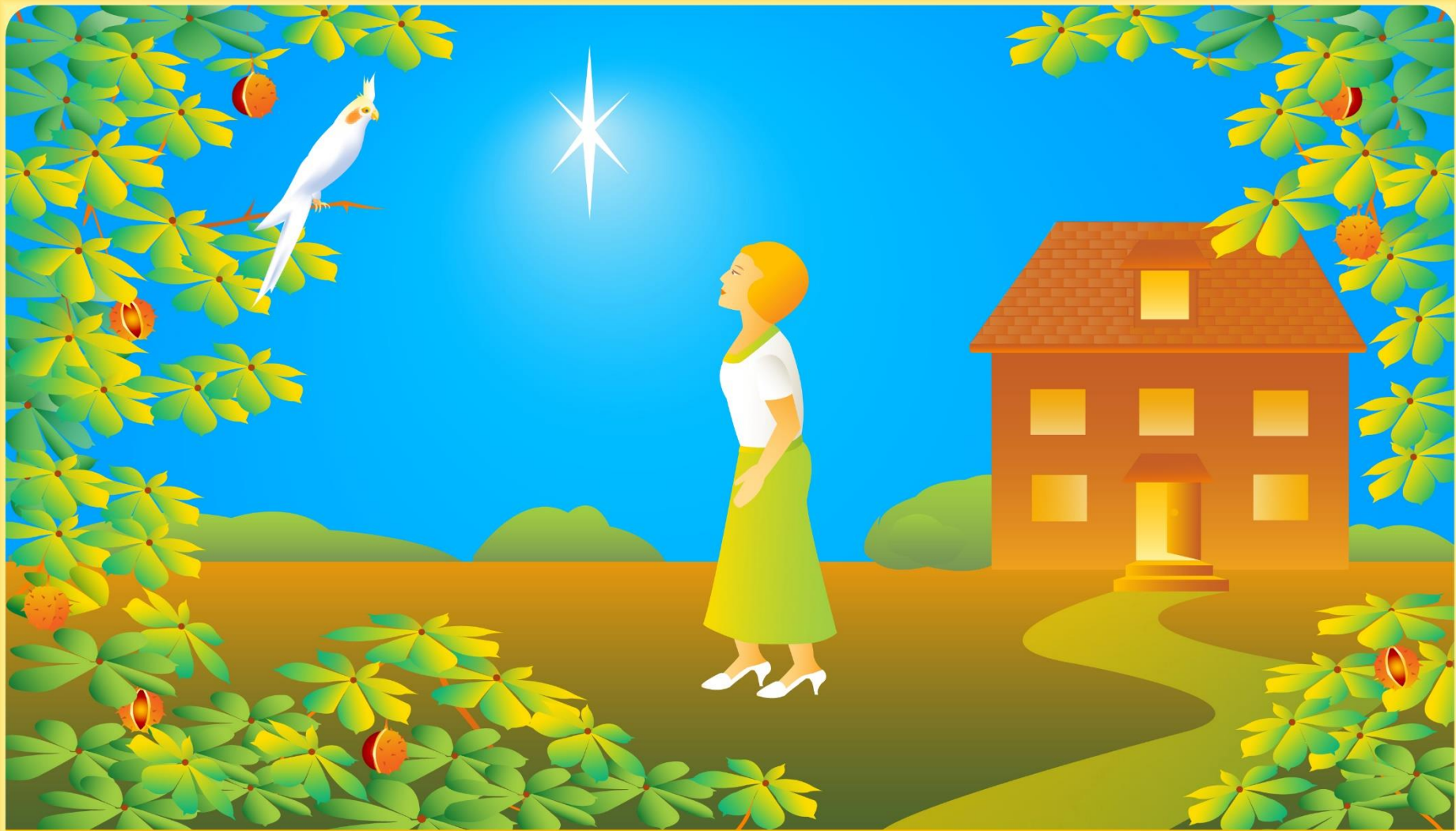
So she visualized Wah Z, the Inner Master, coaxing the bird out of the tree and into the house.



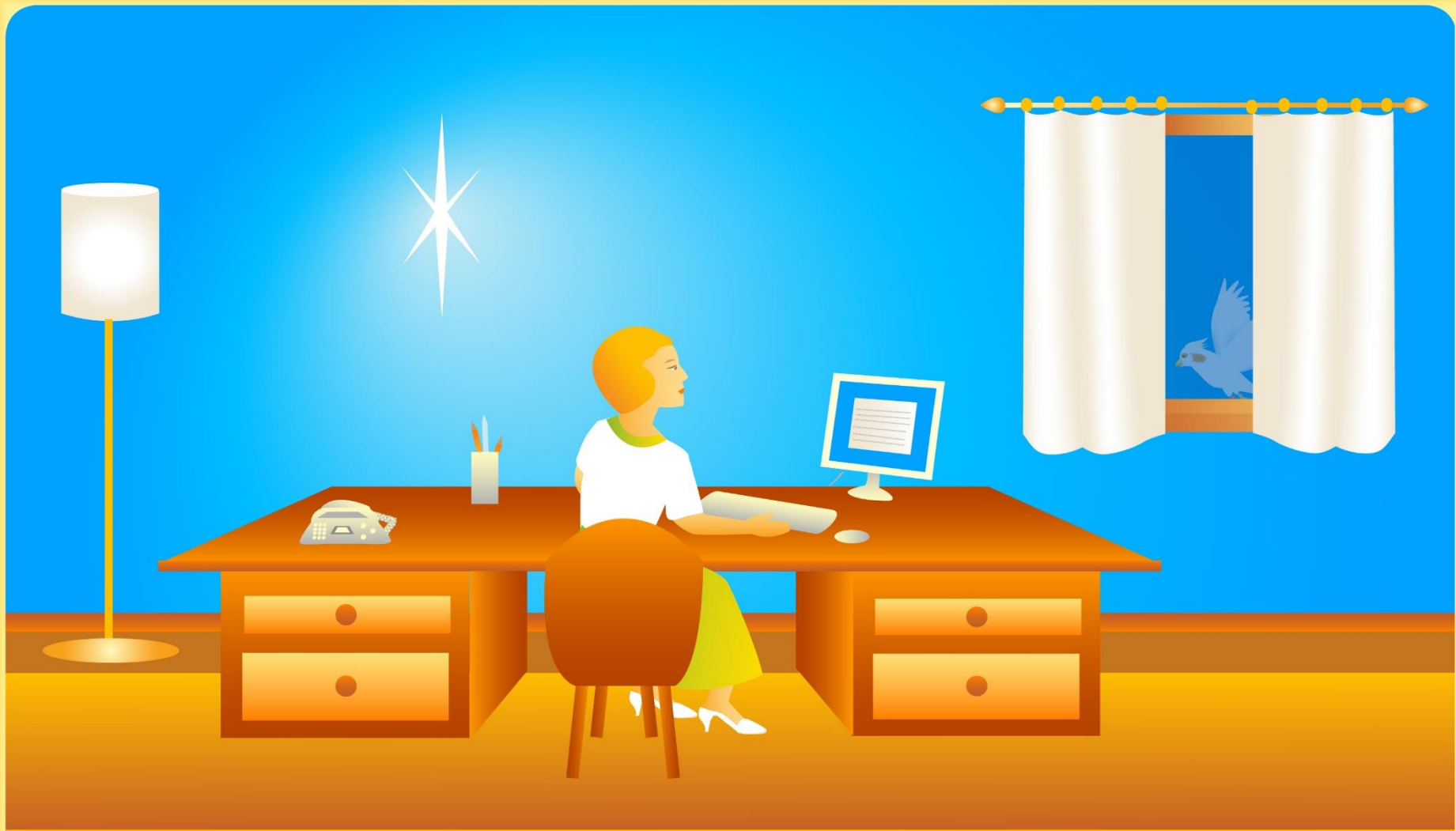
But the day passed and the night, and still Pappagena sat in the tree, singing.



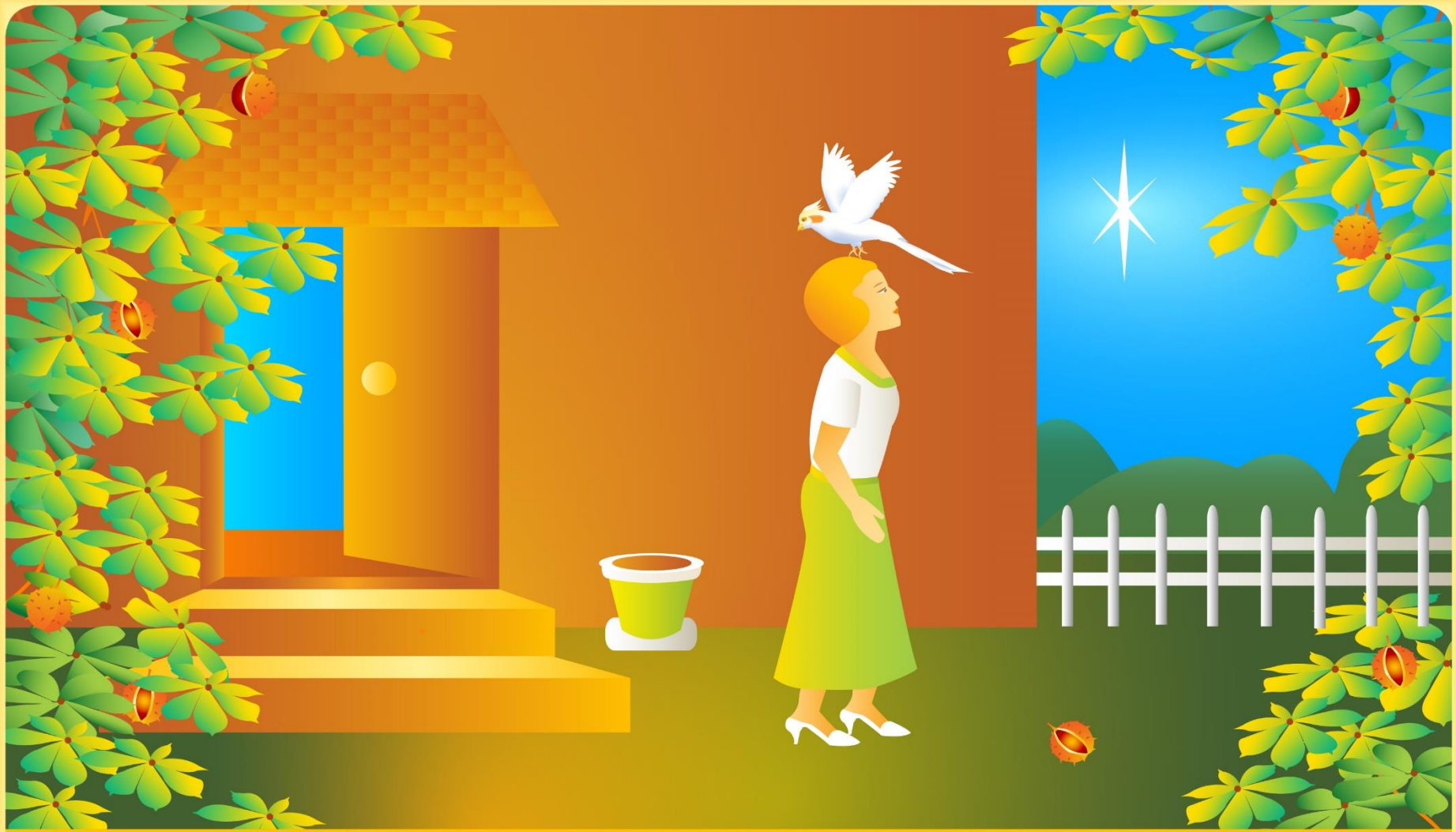
Finally the woman sat down and opened *The Shariyat-Ki-Sugmad*. Her eyes fell on a paragraph speaking about freedom. Then she read one that talked about love. And the woman realized the message.



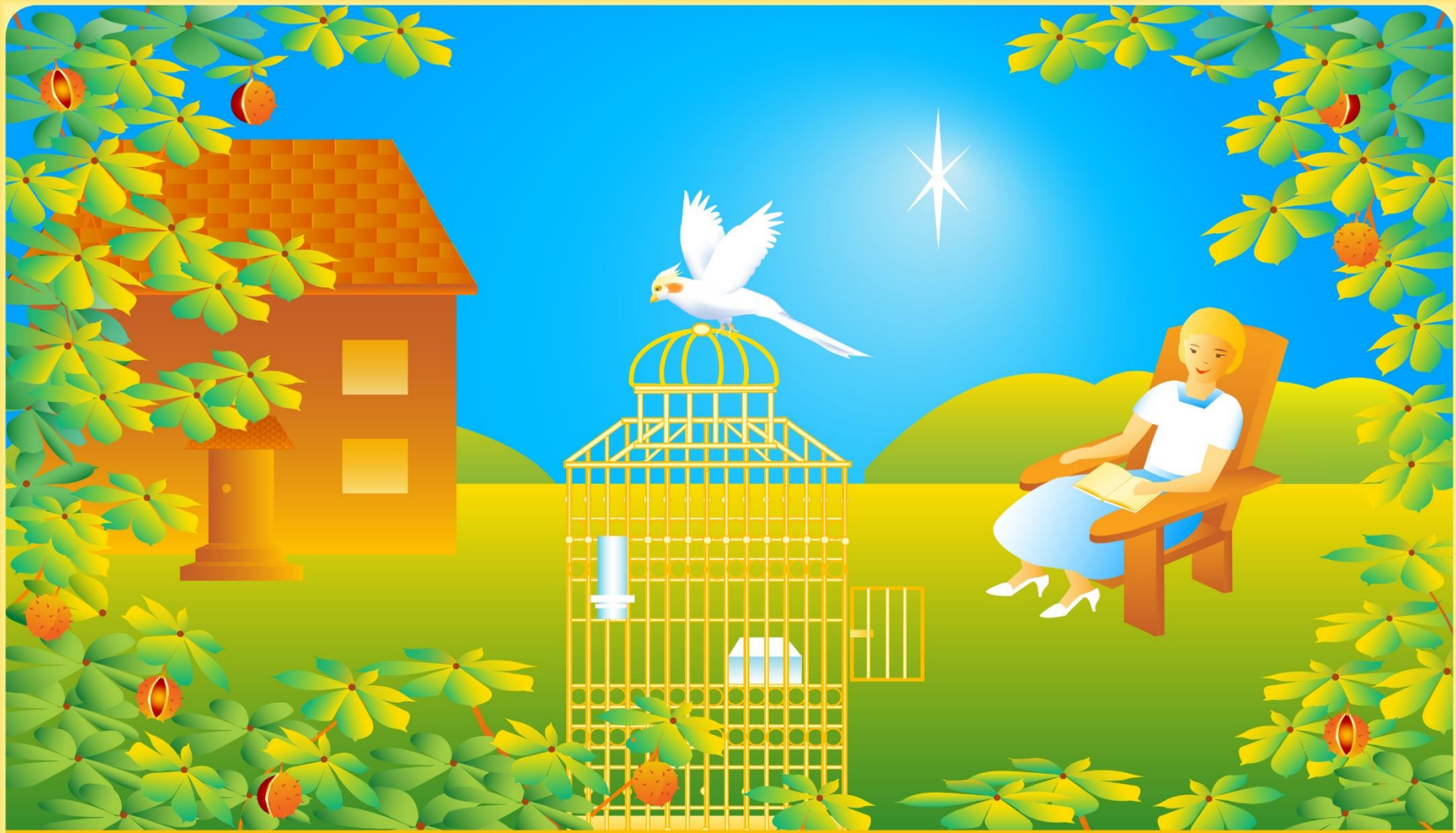
The woman went back outside and called to Pappagena: “I know you are Soul, I know you are free. If you want to stay here with me, I will love you. But it’s your choice.” At that point, she had surrendered so much that it really didn’t make any difference to her. She had released her attachment to Pappagena.



As it was becoming dusk, she went inside.
Soon she heard a scratching on the window.



She went out to the courtyard, and Pappagena landed right on her head.



The bird was her pet, but she didn't own him. He was also Soul, manifesting in this life as a bird. He needed freedom. He needed to make the decision of whether or not to accept her love and the freedom her love could give him.



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