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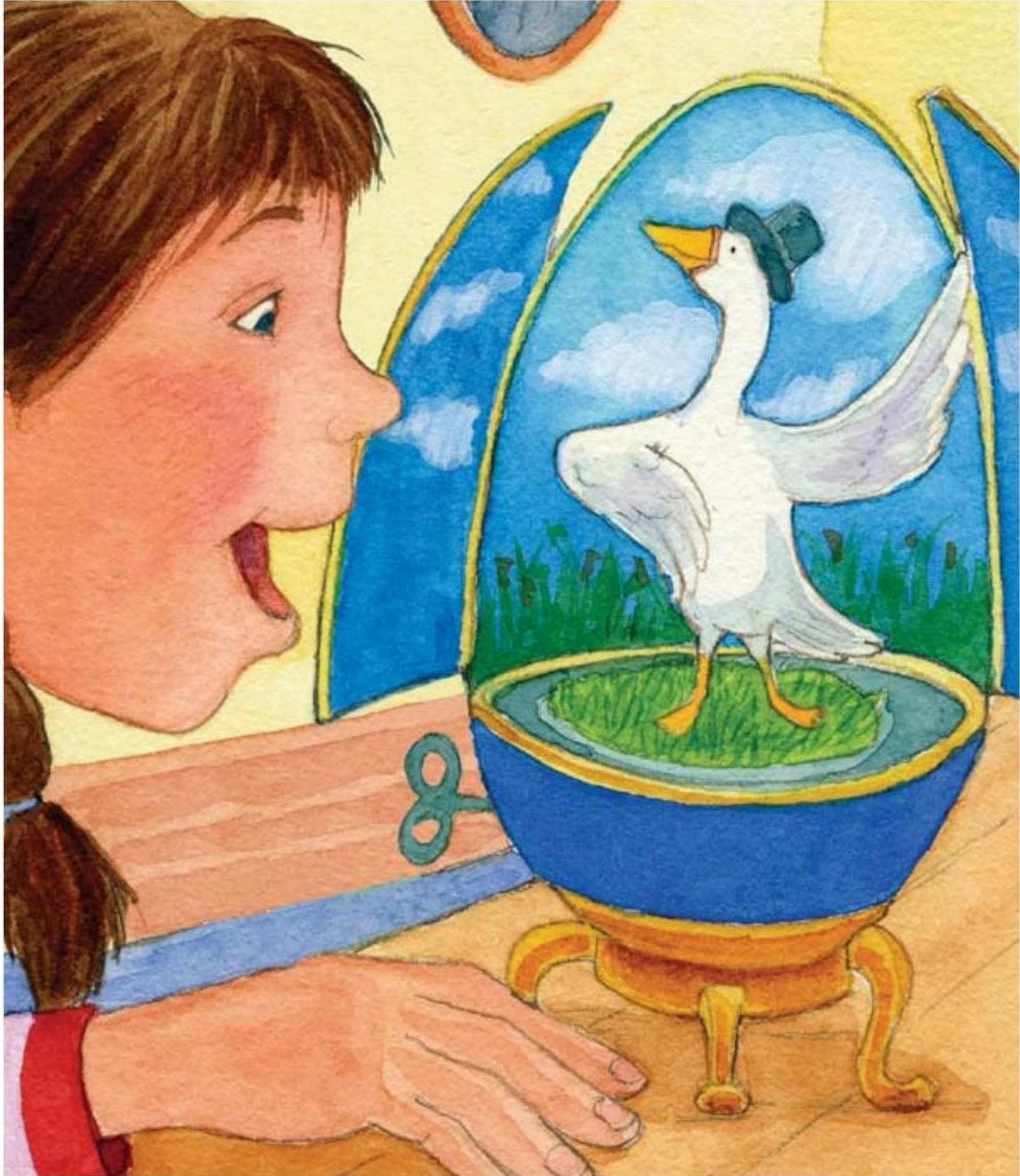


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Anna loved Easter.
She loved the flowers.
She loved the Easter eggs
her grandmother brought.



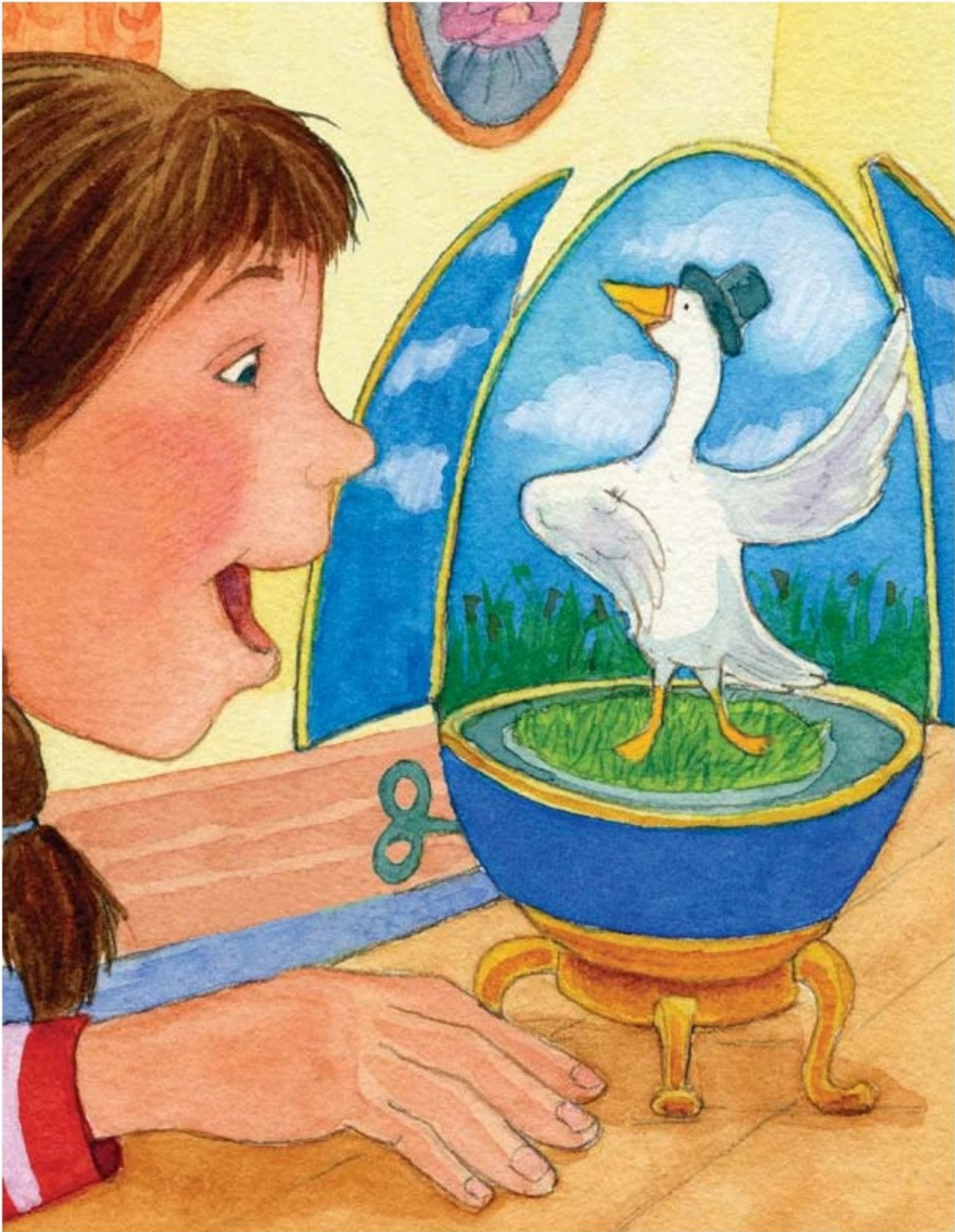
Anna's mother put the
Easter eggs on the shelf.

"These eggs are very old,"
her mother said.



“Grandmother brought this for you,”
her mother said.

“A music box!” Anna said.



The music box played.

The doors opened.

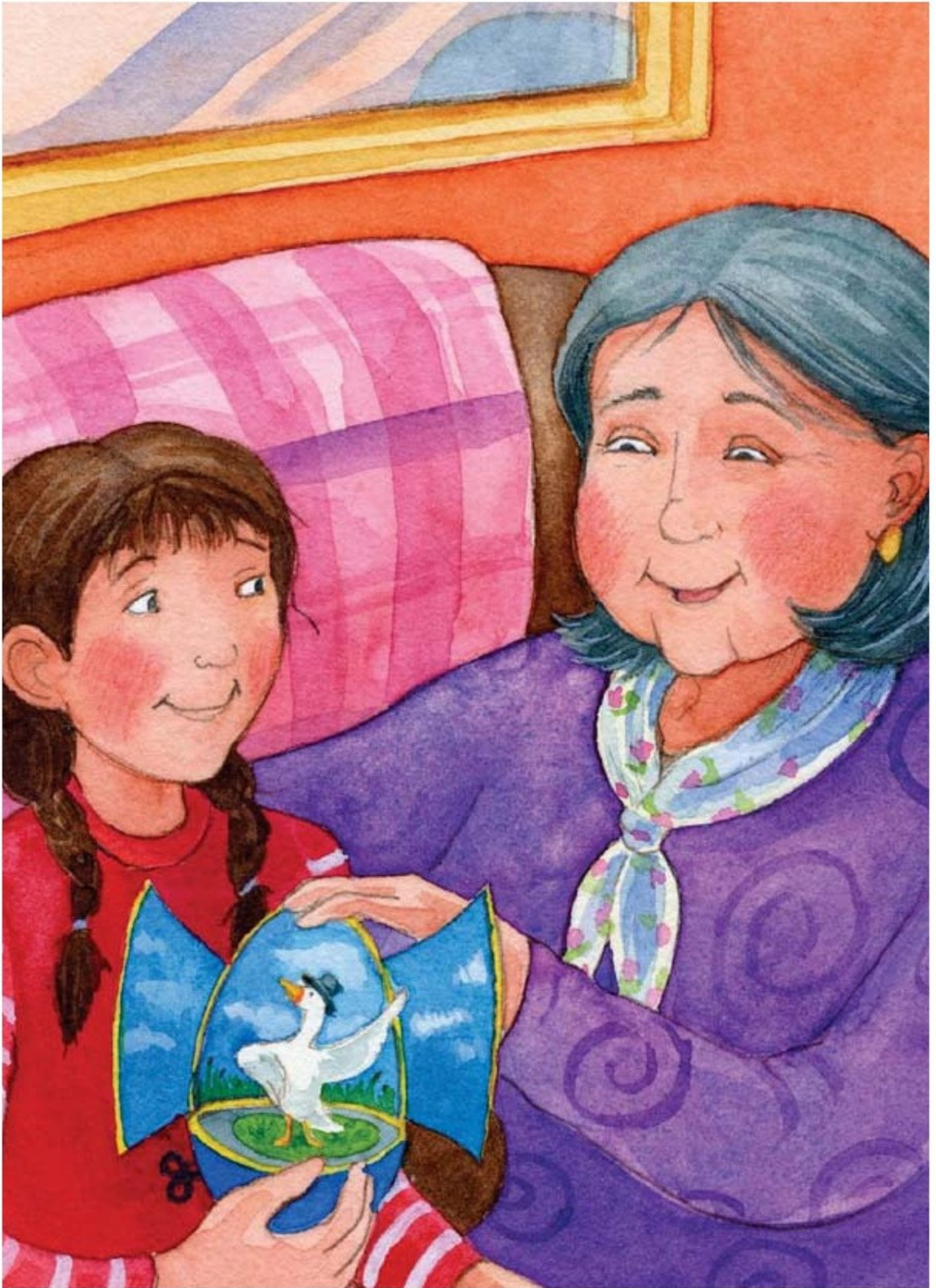
“Is that a dancing goose?”

Anna asked.



Anna sat by her grandmother.

“Why is there a dancing goose in a blue egg?” Anna asked.



“There is an old story about this goose,” said her grandmother.

“Will you read it to me?” asked Anna.



Her grandmother began the story.

“Once there was a kind old woman.
She lived far away from her family.
She felt very alone.”



"The old woman sat by her fire
at night.

She played her music box.

She loved the music,
but she didn't dance."



"One day, she saw a goose
in the snow.


It was hurt.

She took the goose home to help it,"
her grandmother read.



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“Soon the goose was well again.
The goose laid one blue egg
to thank the kind woman.
Then the goose flew away.”



 "The old woman took care
of the blue egg all winter.
One day there was a *crack*!
Then there was a *peep*!"
she read to Anna.

"A baby goose!" Anna said.



"The baby goose loved the kind woman.

The goose stayed with her always.

The woman never felt alone again," read her grandmother.



"Now the woman played her music box by the fire.

And she and the goose danced!"
she read.

"That's my dancing goose!" Anna said.



"I loved that story!" Anna said.

And Anna and the dancing goose
danced around and around her
grandmother.

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