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# Two feathered friends are Frog and Toad for the emoji generation in this delightful graphic novel series for emerging readers.



**Owl** likes peace and quiet.

**Penguin** likes to SING OUT LOUD.

But best friends don't need to be the same. Sometimes it's good to disagree! Owl and Penguin celebrate their differences and solve their problems with creative play. From ice cream mishaps to rainy day chills, there's nothing these pals can't get through together.

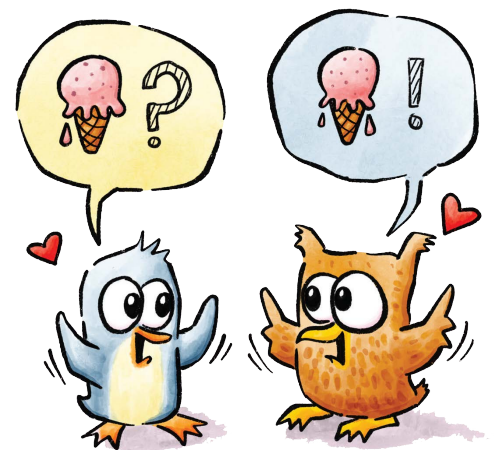
## Praise for the series:

"A wonderful example of how a comics format can work well for even the earliest readers." — *The Horn Book*

Owl and Penguin make a breezy foray into the tradition of supportive picture book friendships. . . . Madan's brightly colored illustrations of the boggle-eyed buddies add to the goofy fun for tenuous young readers." — *School Library Journal*

"Reminiscent of the strong bond between Arnold Lobel's Frog and Toad, Owl and Penguin's friendship is deep and delightful, and this easy reader makes the story comprehensible as it addresses themes of envy, sadness, and problem-solving in an accessible and entertaining way."

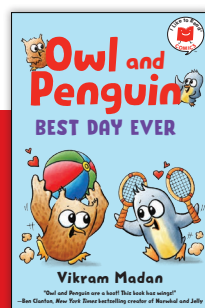
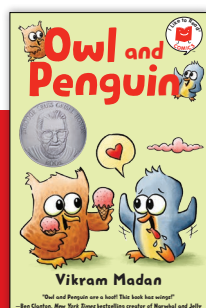
— *Kirkus Reviews*



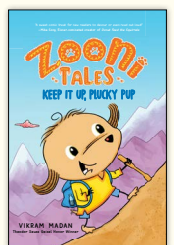
## Meet the Creator



**Vikram Madan** grew up in India, where he wanted to be a cartoonist, but ended up an engineer. After many years in the tech industry, he came to his senses and followed his heart into storytelling. He is the author/illustrator of *A Hatful of Dragons*, which received a starred review in *Kirkus Reviews*, was a *Kirkus Reviews* Best Book, and was named to the Texas Bluebonnet Master List and the NYPL Best Books List, as well as the Bobo and Pup-Pup series. He lives in Seattle. Visit him online at [vikrammadan.com](http://vikrammadan.com).



A new series coming soon  
from VIKRAM MADAN:  
**Zooni Tales!**



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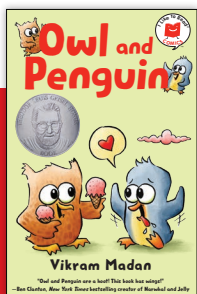
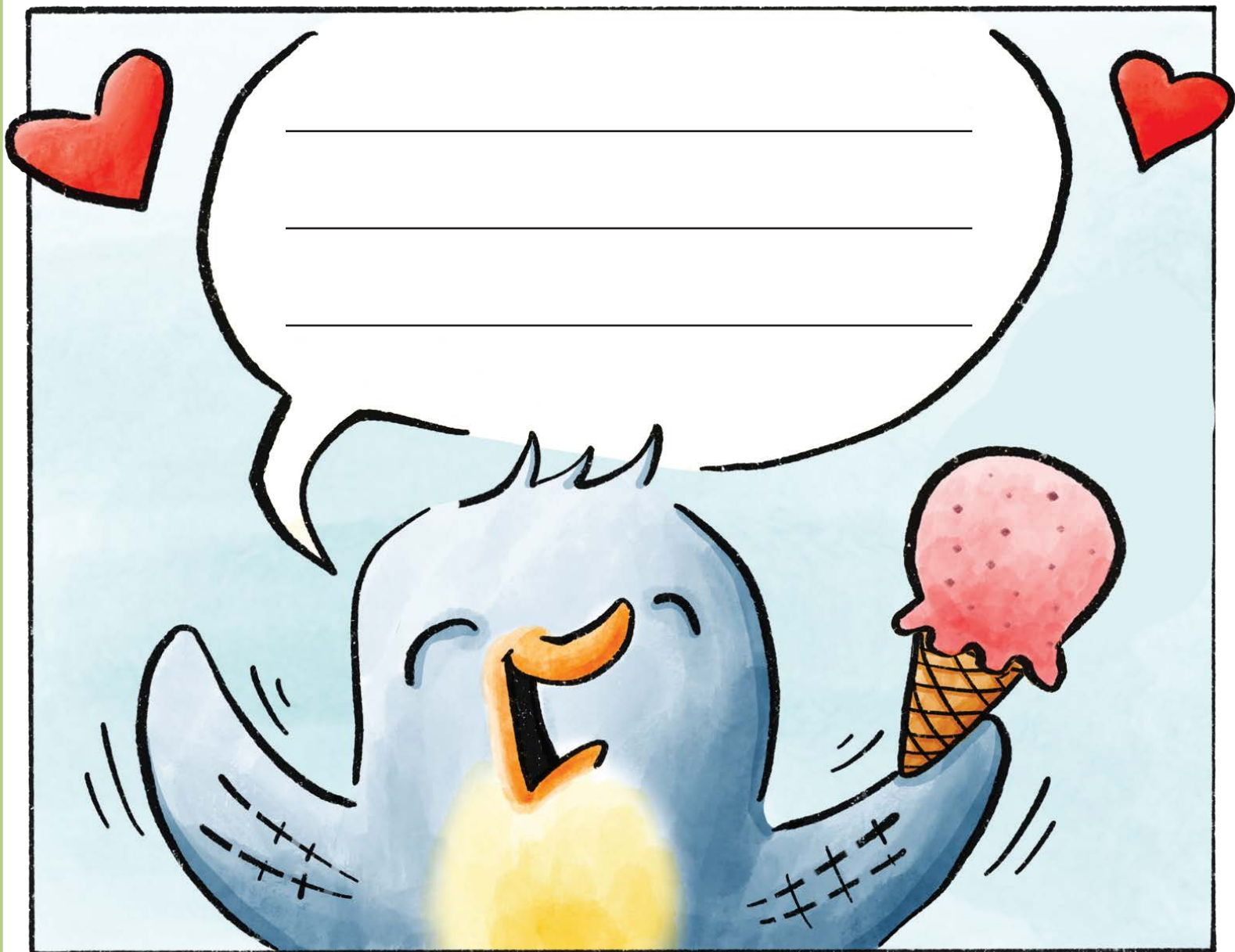
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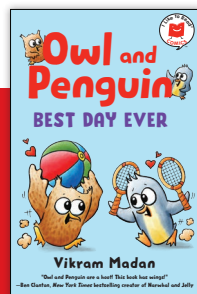
# Who Is Your Best Friend? Writing Activity

What activities do you love to do together?

Using your favorite emojis 😊 and favorite words,  
write out your favorite activity to do with your best friend!



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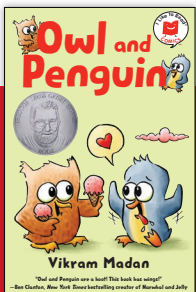
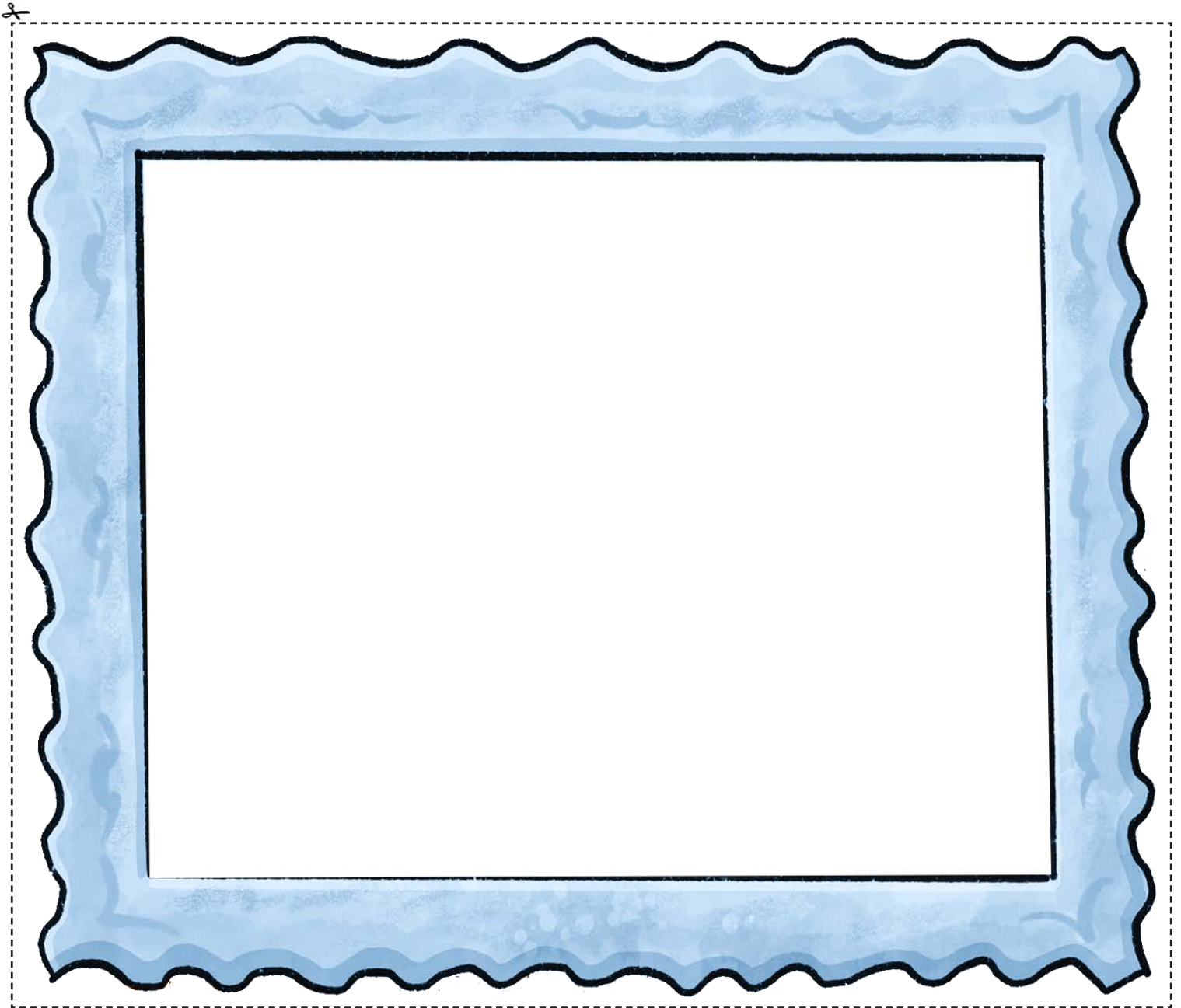
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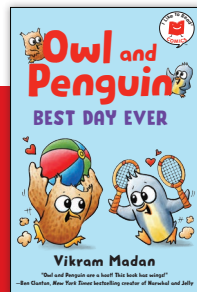
# Create a Friendship Frame Drawing Activity

With the help of an adult, cut along the lines to create your own picture frame!

Add a drawing or photo of you with your best friend, doing your favorite activity together.



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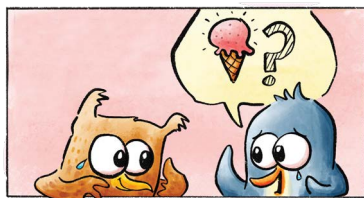
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# Ice Cream Teamwork Maze

## Help Owl and Penguin get more ice cream!

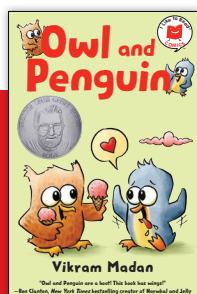
Penguin has dropped the ice cream. 😞  
Help Owl and Penguin head back to the ice cream truck together to get some more!



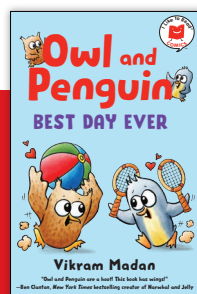
**START!**



**FINISH!**



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# Best Buds Indoor Scavenger Hunt

Working with your best friend as a team, look through your house and mark each item below as you find it. Can you and your pal find all six?



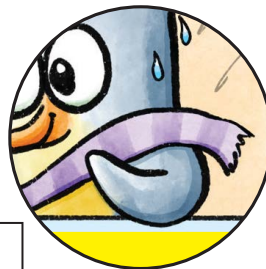
## Ice cream

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## Mug

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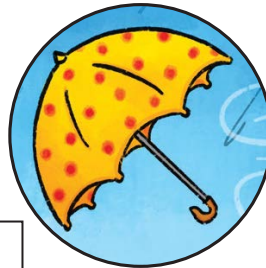
## Hat

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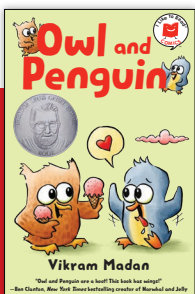
## Scarf

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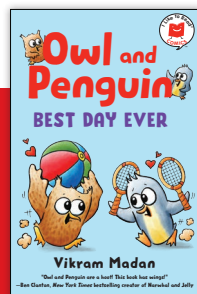
## Light bulb

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## Umbrella

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# Owl and Penguin's Ice Cream in a Bag Recipe

Owl and Penguin like ice cream! With adult supervision, make this tasty treat and share it with your best friend.



## Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 cup half-and-half
- ½ cup rock salt
- Ice cubes (enough to fill a gallon-size Ziploc bag about ½ full)
- 1 pint-size ziploc bag
- 1 gallon-size ziploc bag

## Pick a Flavor:

### Vanilla:

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

### Mint-n-Chip:

½ teaspoon mint extract

1 tablespoon chocolate chips

### Chocolate:

1 tablespoon chocolate syrup

### Strawberry:

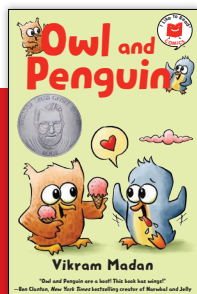
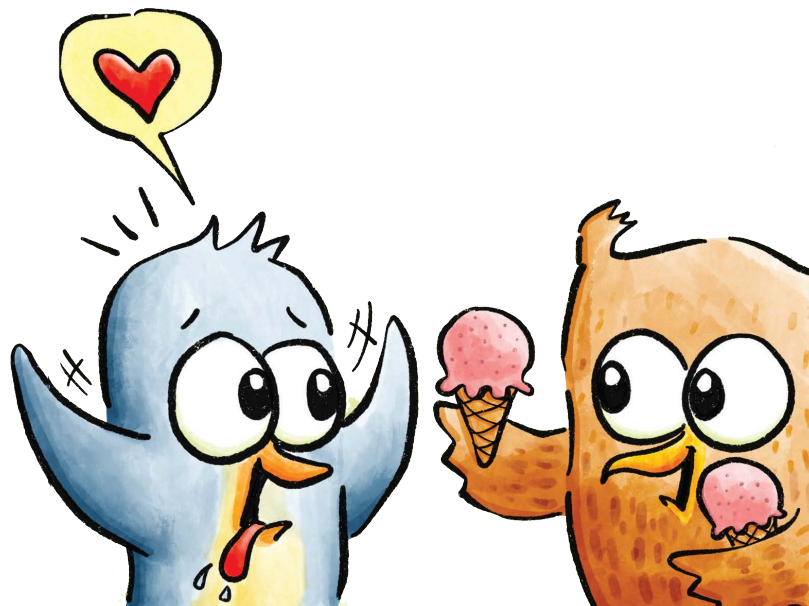
¼ cup strawberries, crushed

## Notes:

Eat out of the bag for extra fun!

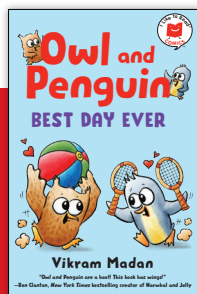
## Instructions:

- Combine the sugar, half-and-half, and flavoring of choice in a pint-size bag, removing the air and sealing tightly.
- Place the rock salt and ice in a gallon-size Ziploc bag. Place the sealed, pint-size bag with the ice cream ingredients inside the gallon bag and seal.
- Shake until ice cream hardens (about 5 minutes).



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# Plan Your Best Day Ever

What would you do with your best friend to have the best day ever? Would you go to the beach? Watch a movie? Play games? Read your favorite book?

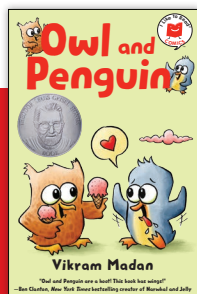
Use the space below to write what activities you would do, or draw a picture!



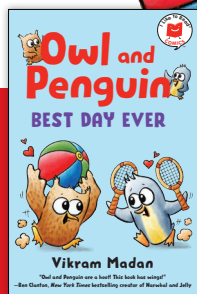
A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for writing or drawing.



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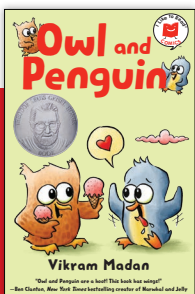
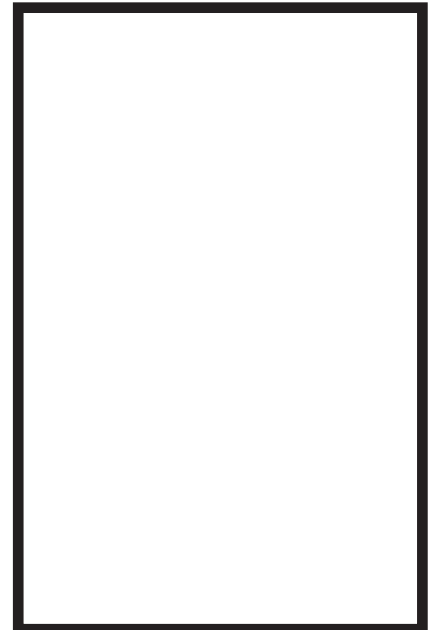
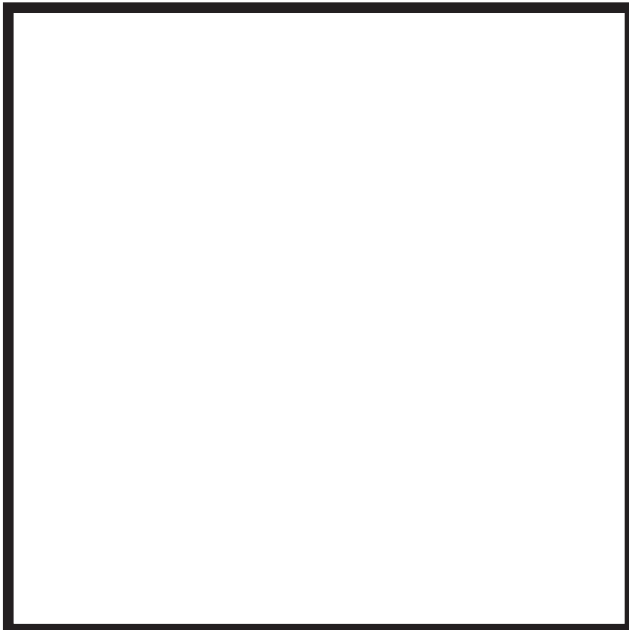
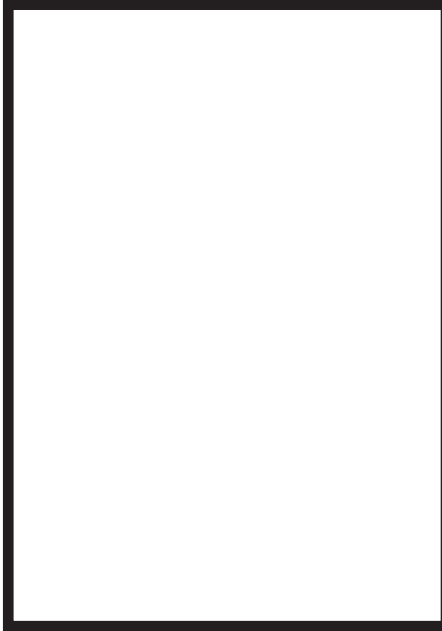
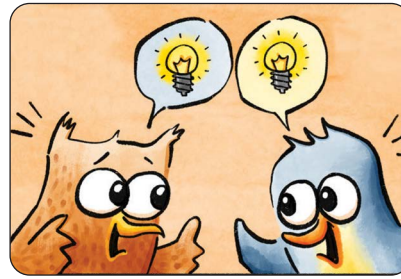
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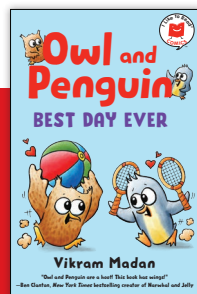


# Create Your Own Comic

Use the blank frames below to create your own OWL AND PENGUIN-inspired comic.  
Don't forget to draw speech and thought bubbles!



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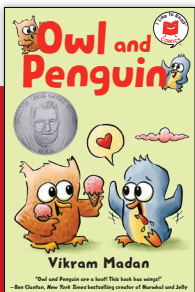
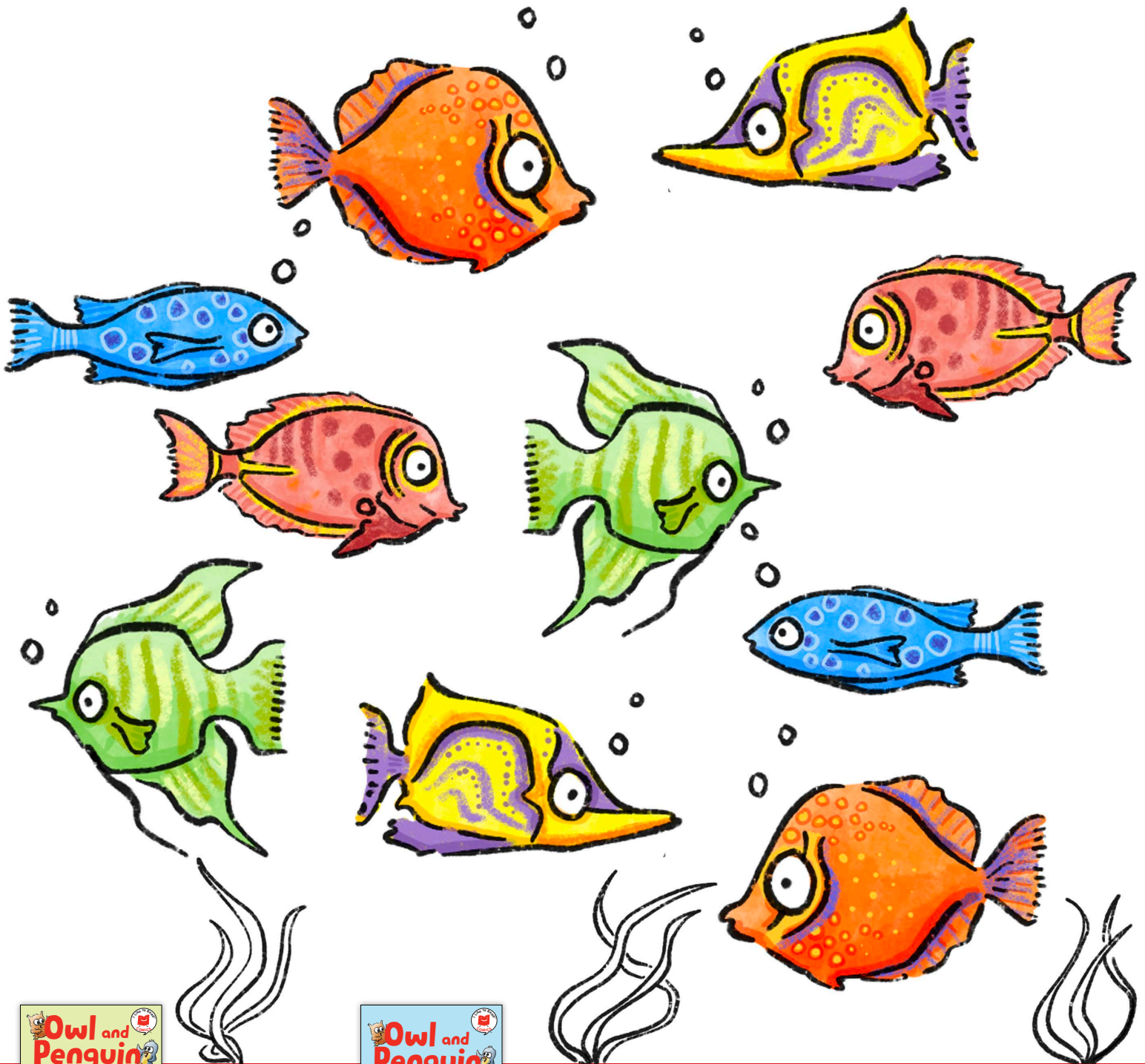
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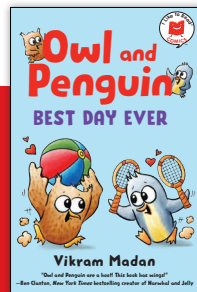
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# Colorful Fish Matching

Owl and Penguin love seeing all the colorful fish.  
Can you find all the identical fish pairs?



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# Kite Craft

Follow this craft activity to create your own kite, just like Penguin!



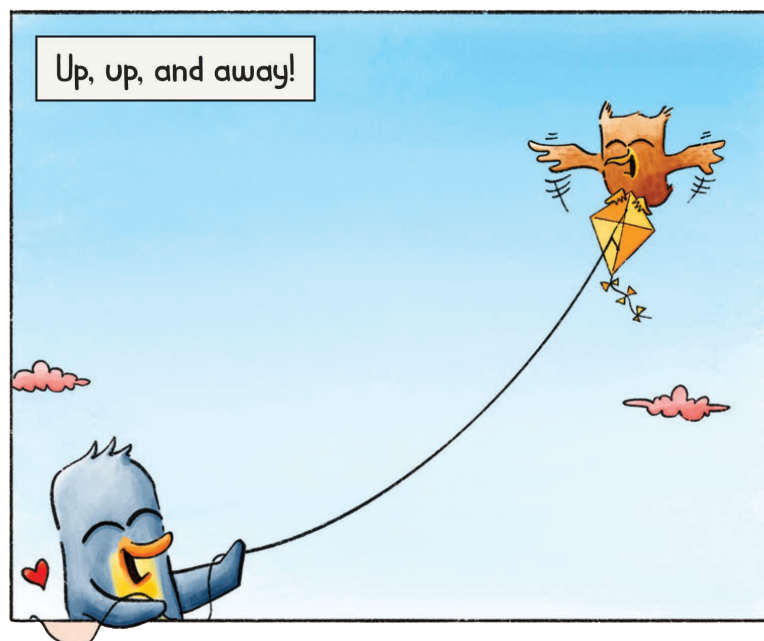
## Materials:

- 8.5 x 11-inch cardstock paper
- Wooden skewer
- Kite string
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Tape

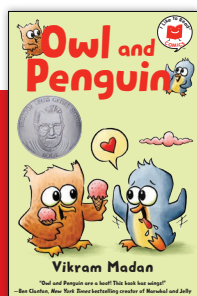


## Instructions:

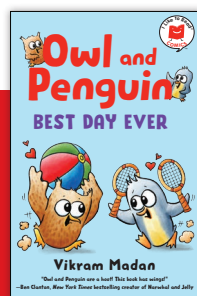
1. Fold your piece of paper in half so that it's 8.5 x 5.5 inches.
2. Mark a point at the top of the paper about one inch away from the fold. Mark a point at the bottom of the paper about one inch from the open side. Draw a line connecting these two points.
3. Fold the top corner of the paper down, along the line.
4. Flip the paper over and fold the other side down to match the previous fold.
5. Flip the paper back over to the previous side from step 3. Tape along the middle seam.
6. Lay a skewer across the kite at the widest points toward the top, and tape it in place. If the skewer is longer than the paper, have an adult cut the skewer down to size with the scissors.
7. Flip the kit over and straighten the "spine." Mark a spot about one-third of the way down the spine, and about a half-inch from the edge. Put tape over this mark to reinforce it on both sides.
8. Using the hole punch or scissors, make a hole in this spot. Tie your kite string through the hole. Make sure you use a good knot!
9. Tape a length of ribbon to the back of the kite (the same side as the skewer), at the bottom corner.
10. Let it fly!



Adapted from: <https://www.instructables.com/Easy-Paper-Kite-for-Kids/>



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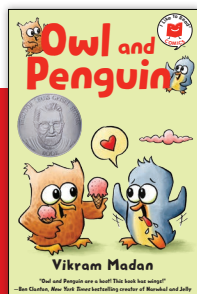
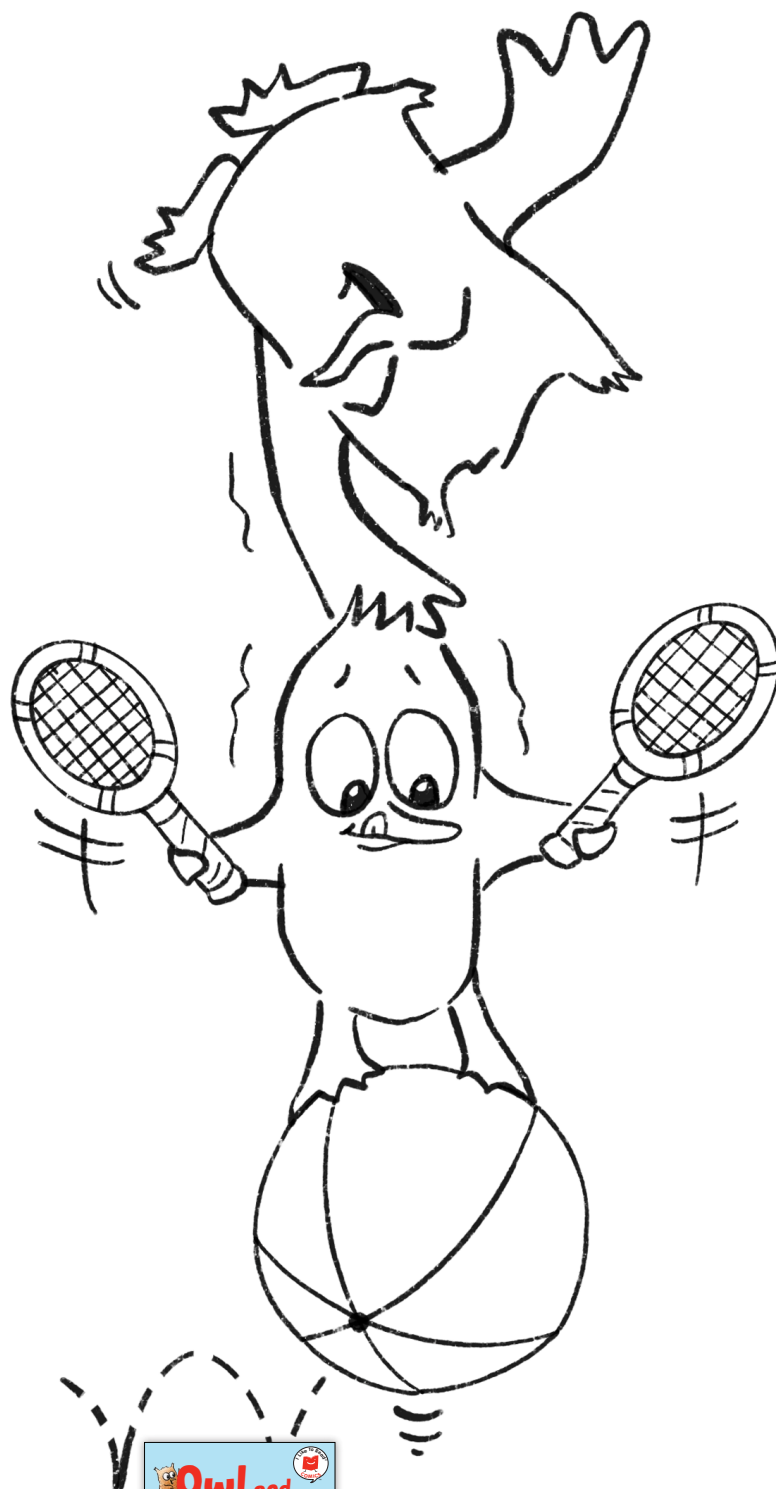
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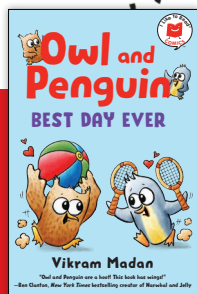


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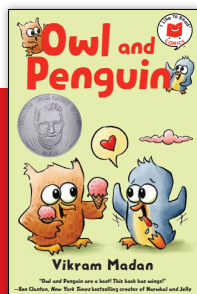
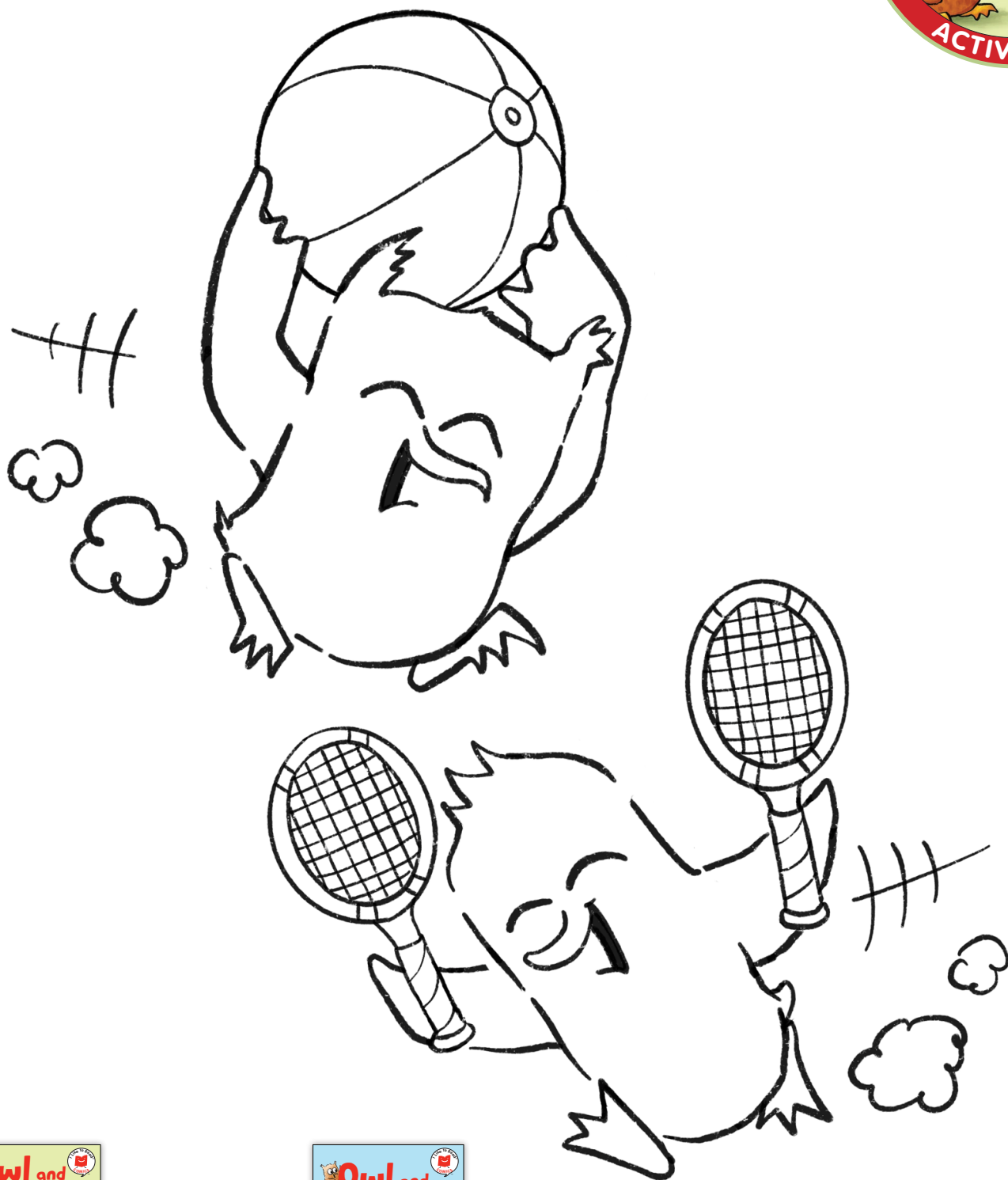
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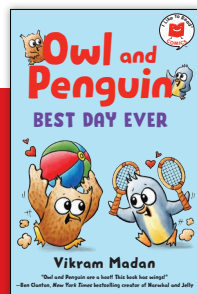
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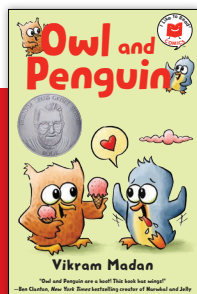
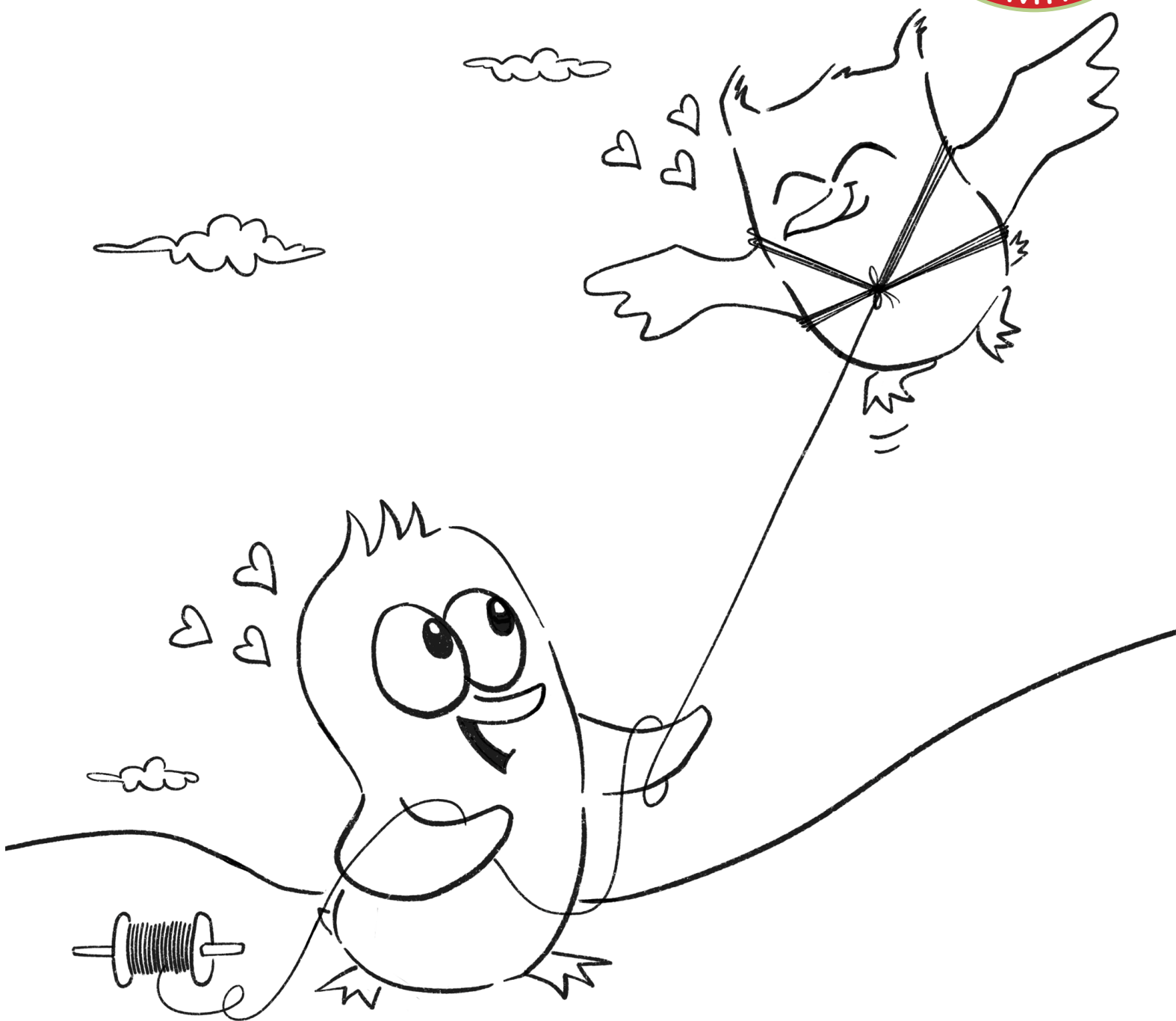
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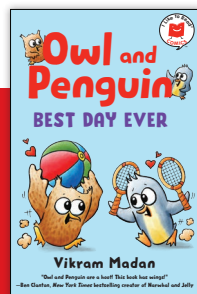
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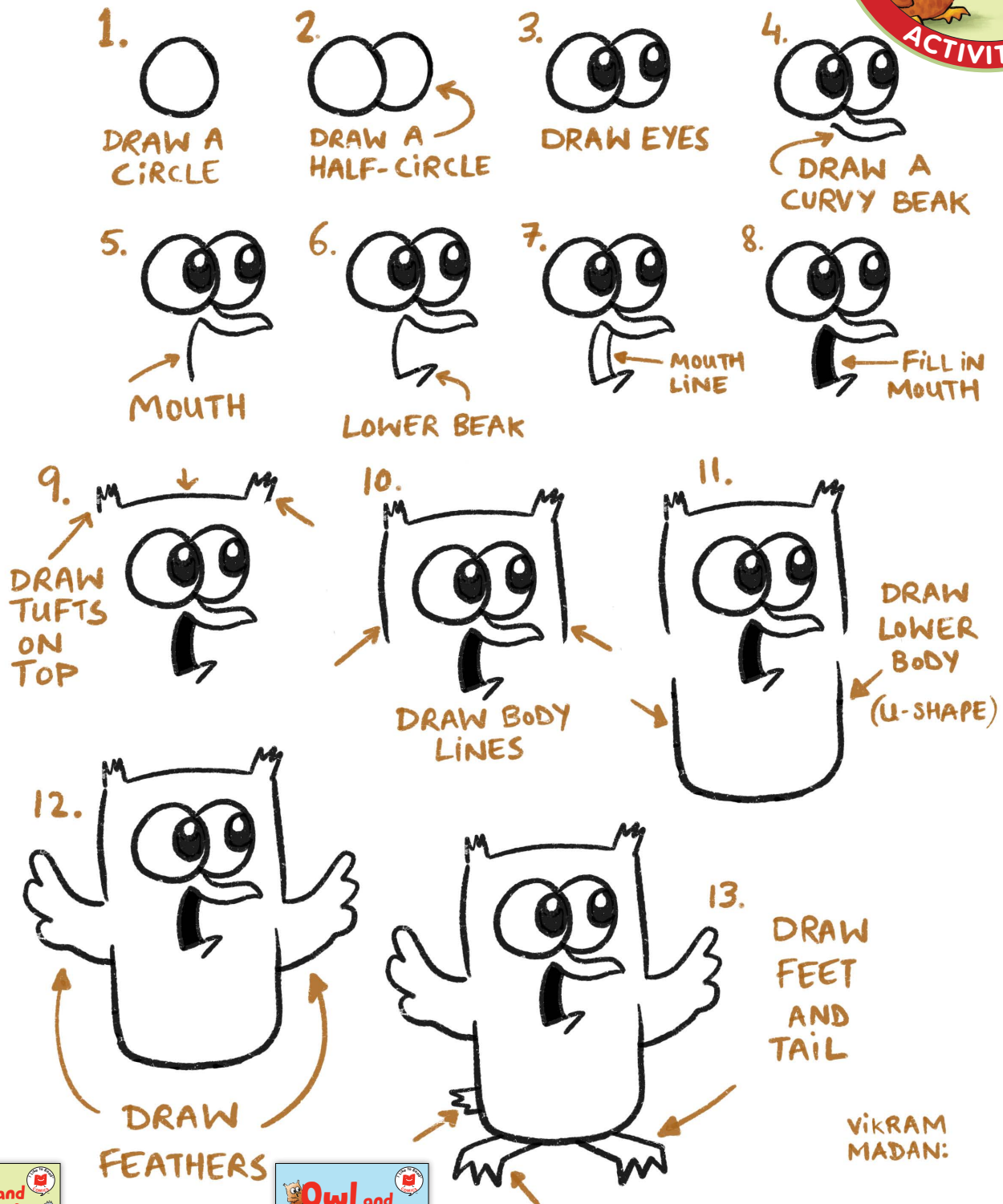
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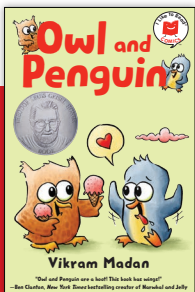


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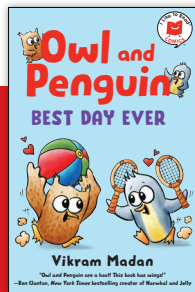
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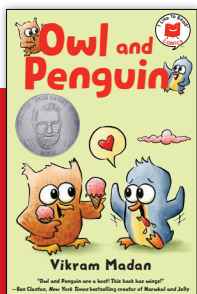
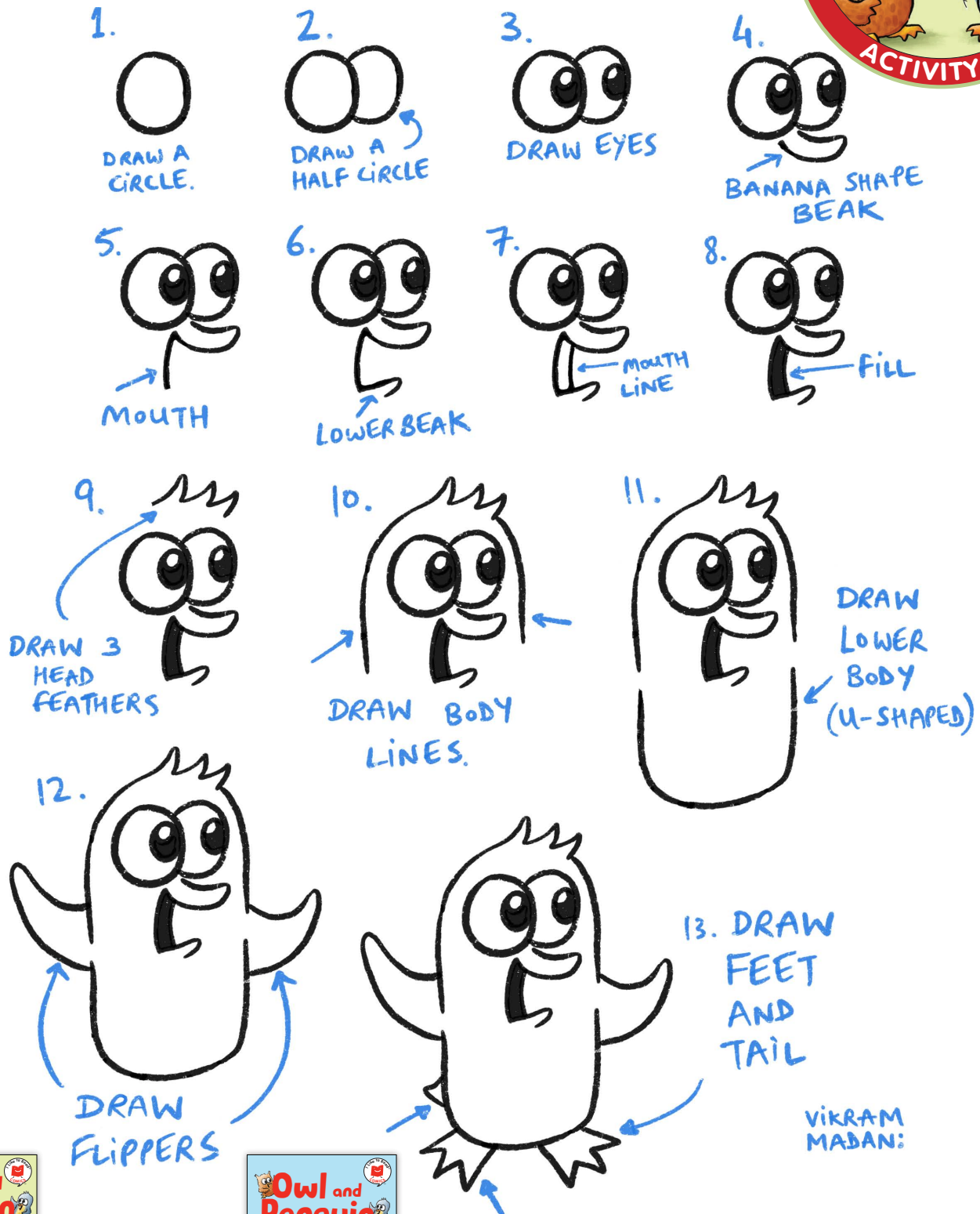
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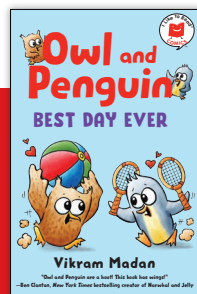
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