

Jonathan practiced over and over his dives, flying higher and higher each time.



He flew so high that all of the other seagulls and the boats below looked like specks on the water's surface.

With each dive, Jonathan would travel faster and faster.

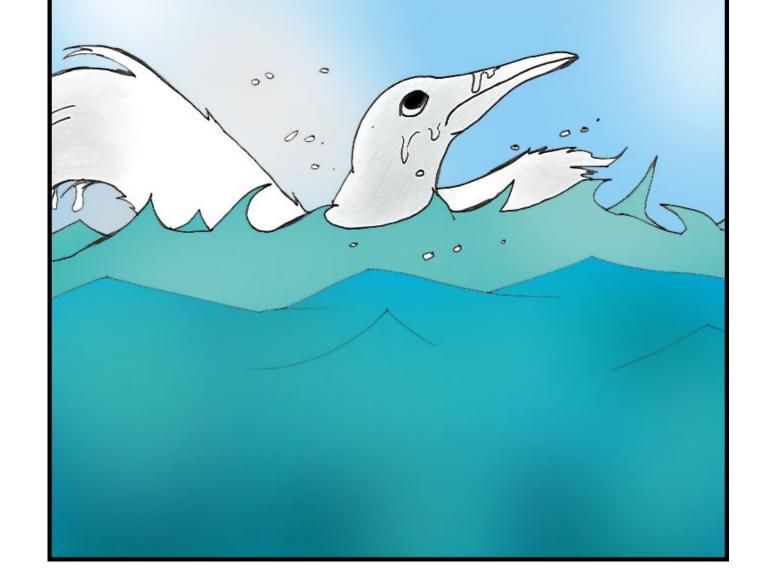
But he could not maintain control at these speeds...

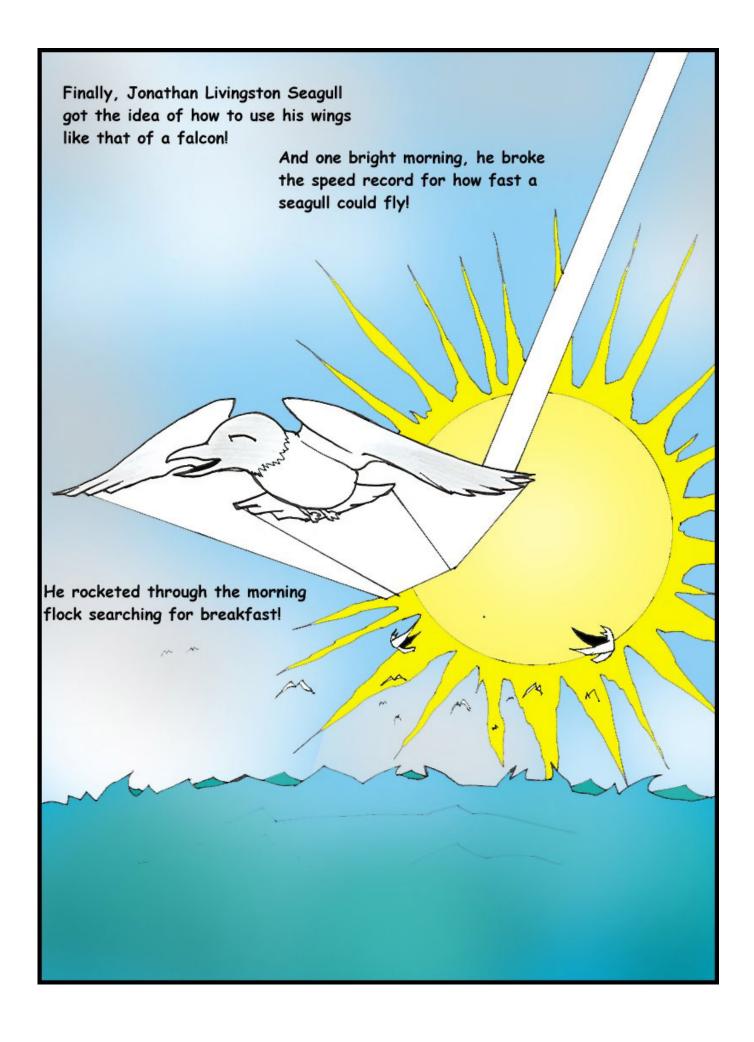


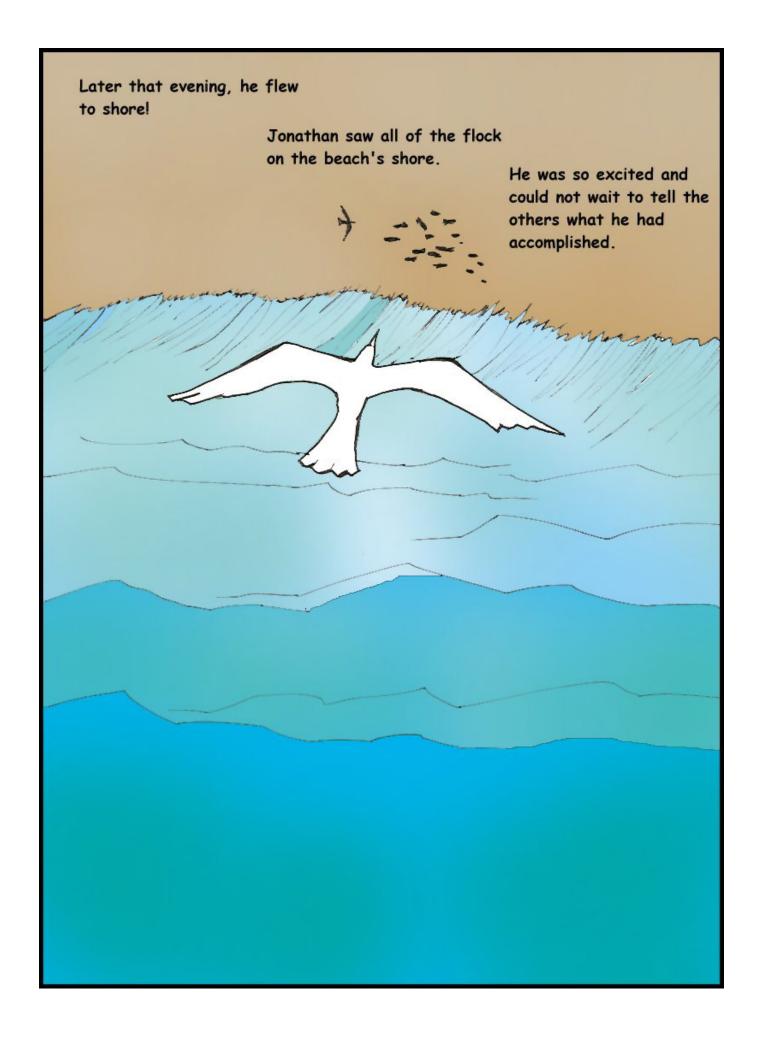
...And he would crash into the water each time.

But he was determined that he could do it...

...That he could fly faster than any seagull ever has and stay in control.







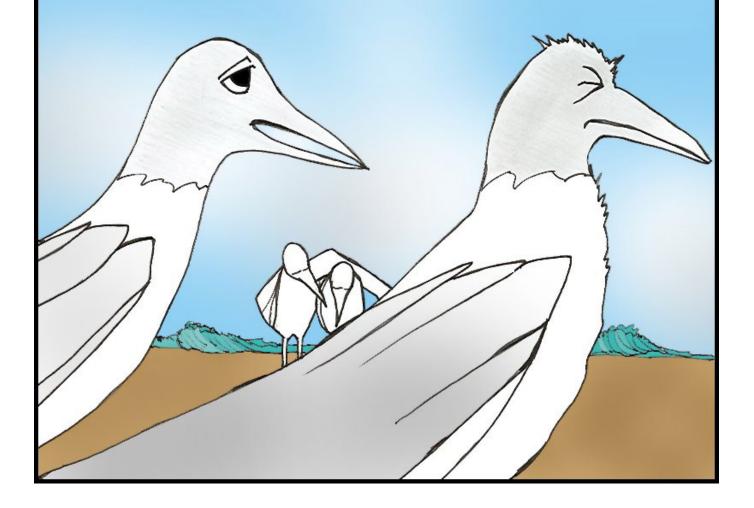
But when Jonathan got to the shore, the elder seagull called him to the center.

Jonathan Livingston Seagull was called to the center for bringing shame to his flock.

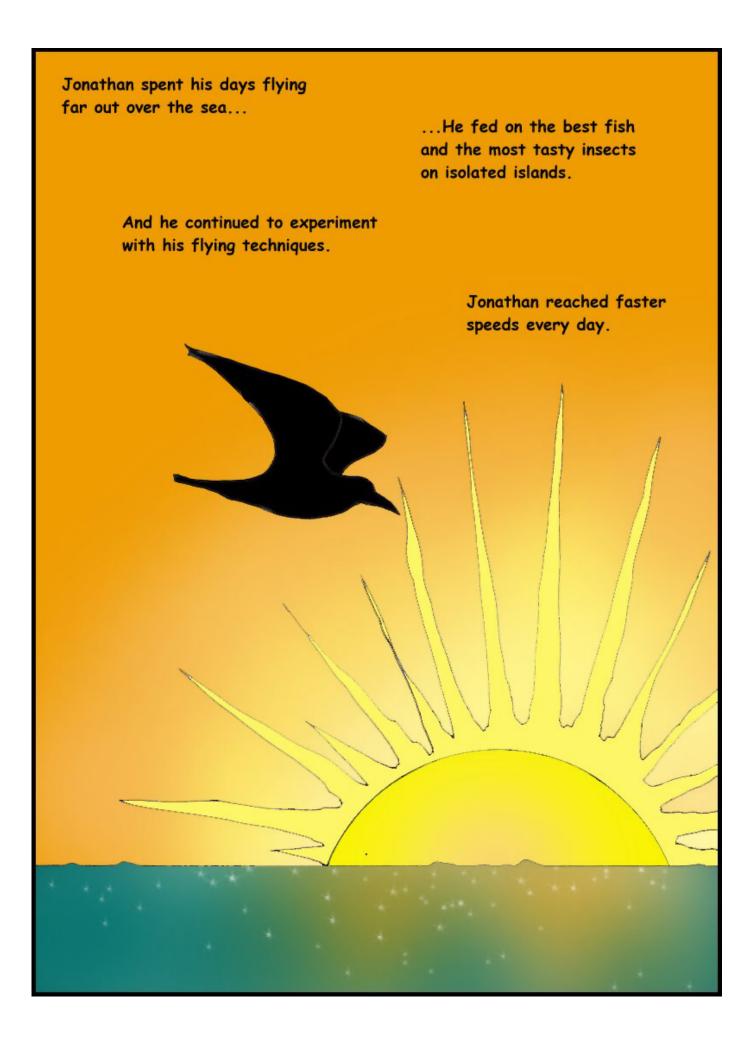
He had upset two elder seagulls with his high speed flying that morning.

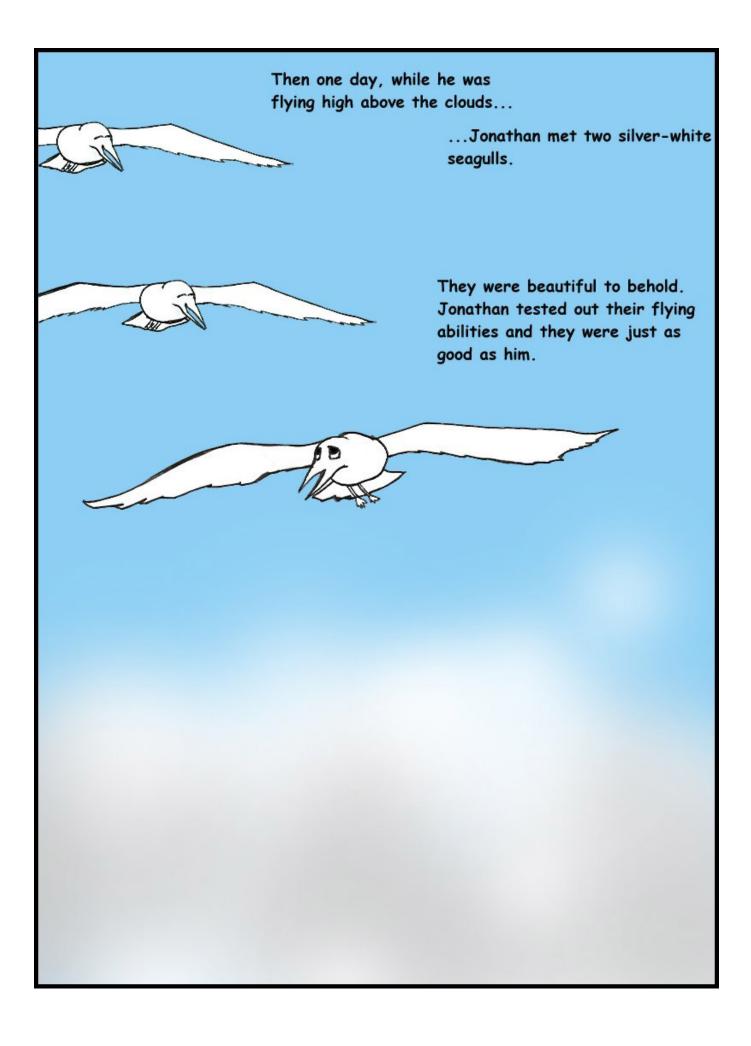
Jonathan's parents were heartbroken of his shame.

The elder seagull turned away and would not listen to what Jonathan had to say.









Jonathan flew on with the other two bright seagulls who claimed to be his brothers.

They flew Jonathan so high that he thought that he must be in Heaven.

Then without another word, they left Jonathan on his way...

...He kept telling himself that he was in Heaven.

