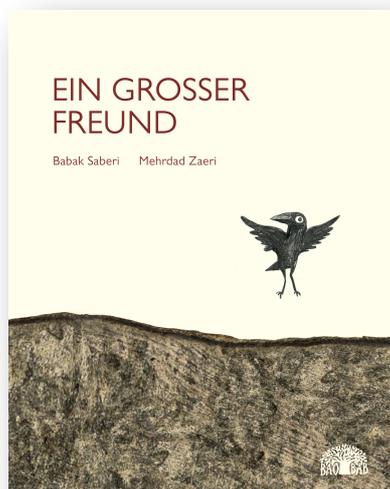


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SYNOPSIS

One day the little crow flew back home and announced happily: 'Mum, I've finally found a friend! Look, he's standing in front of our nest.'
But what does her mother see? She looks right into ... the trunk of an elephant! 'Didn't I tell you to look for a friend of the same size height so that you can play together?'
The little crow is surprised: 'We are of the same height: if I fly low and the elephant jumps up a little, we are of the same height.'
The mother can't stop thinking of all possible difficulties, whereas the little crow can not understand the worries of her mother. They keep arguing until finally the mother tells her child: 'do never teach your friend to jump off a wall!'
The little crow replies: 'Of course not, Mama, it is an elephant, an absolutely normal elephant. Not a flying elephant!'

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