

That morning, at the usual park, the kids found a bird...



It was on the ground.

- why is in the ground?
 - it fell.
 - must be resting.
 - or sleeping.
- ~~- it's dead.~~ I think, it's dead.

Death is a distant topic for them, a grown-up topic.





- Why did it die?


- It must have fallen and killed itself.
- No, it was old.
- Or very ill.

- My uncle died in an accident.
- could it have been hit by a plane?

*Death is a topic that makes kids very curious.
A subject they don't talk to them about much.*



And ~~maybe~~ it's better this way... (or not).
Because death is difficult to talk about.

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- What it will be like to be dead?
 - It's like being asleep.
 - It's to disappear.
 - To stay still.
 - To be gone forever!

- That long?

Time is different for kids.

- How long is forever?



- My grandmother died a long, long time ago.
- Mine before I was born.
- My dog Bull died last year.

- When did this bird died?

*Death, for kids, sometimes looks like a game.
(Although kids play seriously)*

- We have to bury it!

- Why do we have to bury it?
- Because! That's what you do with the dead.
- ~~It's so we don't see them rotten.~~ Is it so we won't see them?
- And so they can be eaten by the worms.
- My mom says the dead go to heaven when they're buried.
- Mine says they don't.

- How do they get to heaven from a pit?
- Flying!

- This one doesn't fly anymore...

*Children tend to put the world together with some pieces
find in grown-up conversations. Those are loose pieces,
pieces stolen from other people's conversations.*

Conversations to which they are not invited.

Because death is a difficult topic.



