

Listen, everyone, for now I shall tell you a story that I heard during my expatriation. On that day, while the sun was shining brightly in the sky, a lark perched in front of me to sing. I listened to the lark's song and its story was about an alternate world different from ours. Today, I understand that this story cannot actually be factual, but I assert that it is nevertheless significant because a story from a lark is forever true! So, I shall recite it for you – pay attention and consider it well.

At the time of the Zelev Empire or even before, a woman and a man lived and their names were Ega and Nago. They were the First Woman and the First Man of the Qumor people in that different place. Each loved the other very much. They flew and walked south and after a long time arrived at a new land. In that place Ega noticed budding red flowers and Nago gathered wild blackberries as huge as strawberries.

For a long time in the berry bushes under the branches of a tree, the lovers embraced and lay one with another. Ega became pregnant. Nago gathered wild blackberries at dawn for Ega and climbed a tall tree. He found a big nest. A beautiful bird flew away and Nago grabbed the whole nest and carried its eggs for Ega's baby. They embraced and again lay one with another. Then they feasted upon the eggs.

But the bird was watching Nago and she planned her revenge. She called to the Protector of the Forest to kill the Qumori lovers. Then a Fire Spirit ignited a fire and caused it to spread throughout. It choked Nago and made him sleep. It suffocated him and Ega's baby. The fire pinned down Ega and her lifeless womb. She fainted away and began to dream.

In the dream Ega told the bird: "We took your babies, yet we knew they were yours." The bird said: "I am a Qumori Spirit, one of the Fire Spirits. We are hunters the same as you and your lover." While she was hearing this speech, Ega realized the truth and understood. Then she grieved and said: "What shall happen to the baby in my womb?"

She awoke still grieving because they had stolen the bird's babies. She lifted her baby and let the bird eat it. The spirit-bird showed by speech and deeds that she also was grieving. At that moment, the Protector of the Forest came and said: "Bind the Qumor people to the Qumor spirits so that they shall become the first race of hobbits."

Since that time, the children of Ega and Nago have black and golden wings that shine spectacularly. The bird-spirit explained to them the places where there were ducks and animals that they could eat. They, with the bird-spirit, hunted and flew in the sky both in the Fairy Realm and the Mortal Realm.