TALL TALES FROM THE POND

Part 4

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DAY 1 – APRIL 10, 2021

As you will recall, the goose started incubating her eggs on April 10. If all goes well, it will take 25 to 28 days for the goslings to emerge. So hatching should happen sometime between May 5th to May 8th just in time for Mother's Day!

Lots of time for adventures to befall the goose and gander.
Most days were uneventful but not all of them!

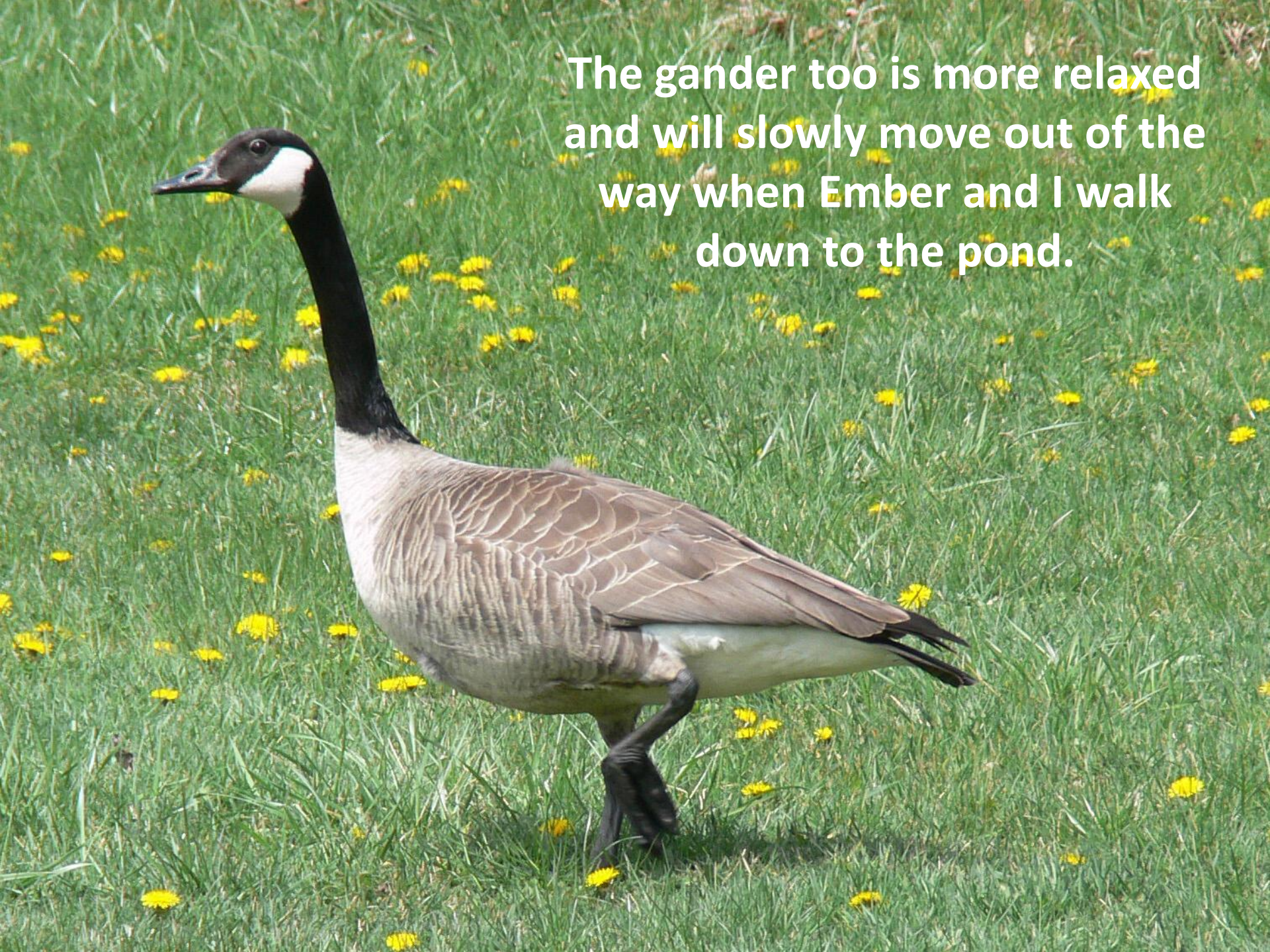
DAY 4 – APRIL 13, 2021

The goose has a visitor. A Mallard duck drake..

The gander stays well hidden tucked beside all the branches at the shore of the pond.

DAY 5, APRIL 14TH to DAY 11, APRIL 20TH

The goose gets more relaxed as she tends her nest but still keeps that bone close by.


The gander too is more relaxed and will slowly move out of the way when Ember and I walk down to the pond.

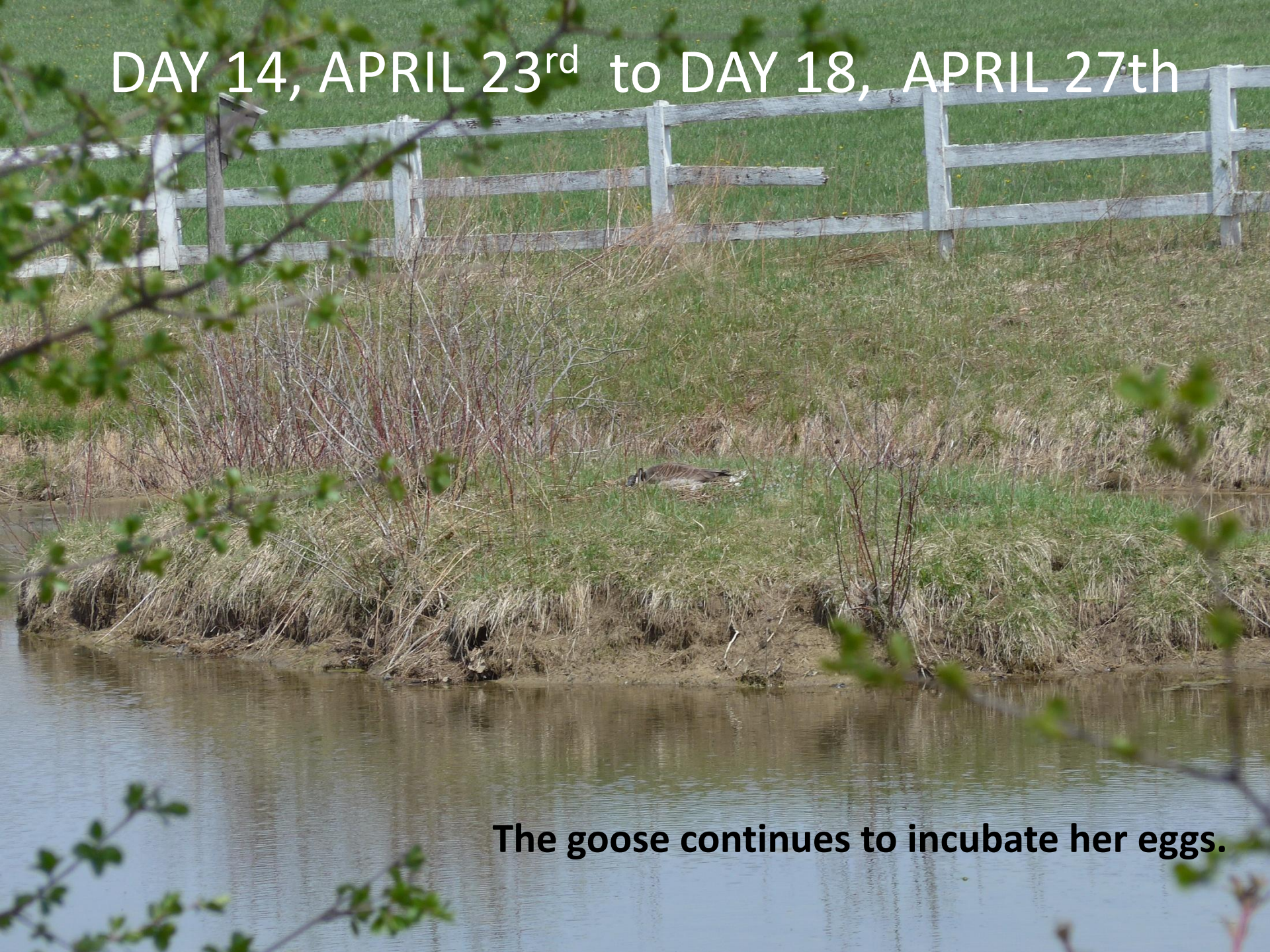
April 21, 2021 we wake up to see a blanket of fresh snow all over the ground including the island where the goose is nesting!

DAY 12 – APRIL 21, 2021

DAY 13 – APRIL 22, 2021
The goose gets her wish. The next morning the snow is almost gone.

The gander continues to keep watch while he enjoys a nice, warm sunny spot

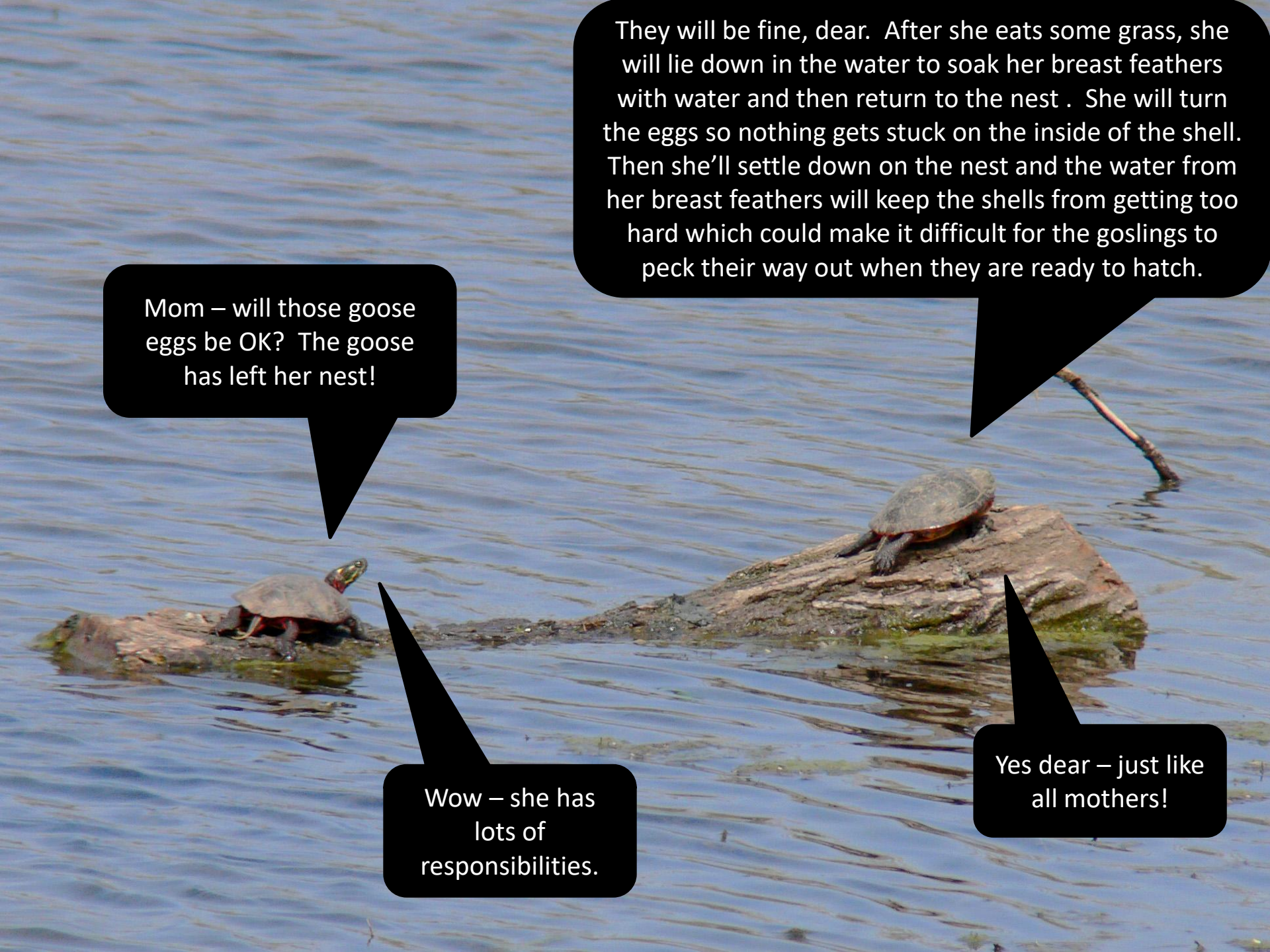
DAY 14, APRIL 23rd to DAY 18, APRIL 27th



The goose continues to incubate her eggs.

DAY 19 – APRIL 28, 2021

We rarely saw the goose leave her nest but we did this day. Notice how she has carefully covered her eggs with nice warm goose down which she has plucked from her breast.


They will be fine, dear. After she eats some grass, she will lie down in the water to soak her breast feathers with water and then return to the nest . She will turn the eggs so nothing gets stuck on the inside of the shell. Then she'll settle down on the nest and the water from her breast feathers will keep the shells from getting too hard which could make it difficult for the goslings to peck their way out when they are ready to hatch.
Mom – will those goose eggs be OK? The goose has left her nest!
Wow – she has lots of responsibilities.
Yes dear – just like all mothers!

Only 6 to 9 days left for incubation.

Will there be a successful hatching?

If so, how many goslings will emerge?

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