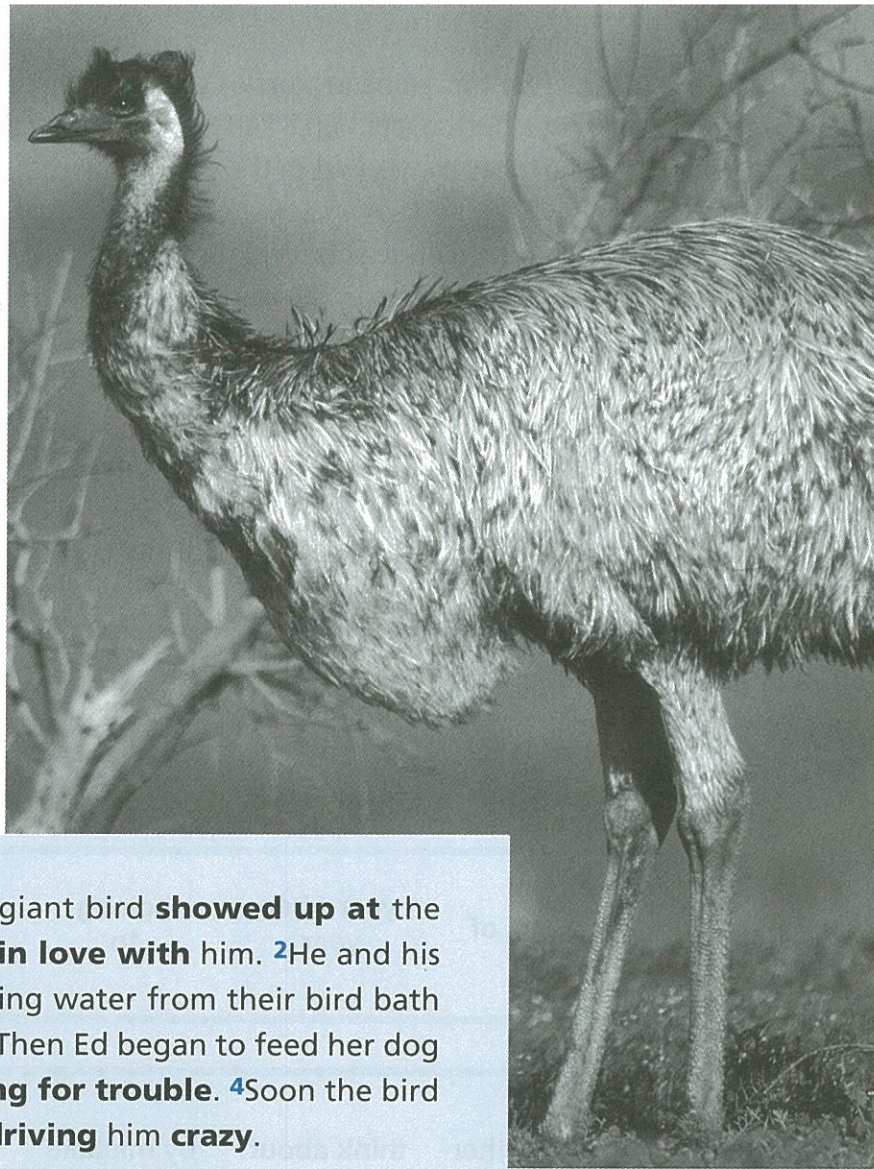


Emu Falls Madly in Love



1. Quick Reading

Look at the pictures on page 51.
What is the story about?

Now read quickly to get the main idea.

MOBILE, AL, USA ¹One fall day, a giant bird **showed up at** the home of Ed Stuardi and **fell madly in love with** him. ²He and his wife first saw the six-foot emu drinking water from their bird bath and eating berries from their trees. ³Then Ed began to feed her dog food, not knowing that he was **asking for trouble**. ⁴Soon the bird was following Ed **all day long** and **driving** him **crazy**.

⁵Then things **went from bad to worse**. One day the bird ran toward Ed, making noises deep in her throat. Ed didn't realize these were mating calls. ⁶He **was scared stiff**. Smaller than the bird, Ed tried to **keep** her **away** with a stick.

⁷For two days, Ed didn't dare **go out of** his house. He called the police, but they said they couldn't **help** him **out**. They didn't have the equipment to catch the bird.

⁸Finally, Ed contacted the Animal Rescue Foundation, which **got involved** and caught the bird. Diane Roberts, director of the Foundation, explained the situation this way: "Mr. Stuardi was feeding her and it was mating season. So she had her heart set on this man. Hopefully she'll meet another fellow and forget about Mr. Stuardi. **After all**, he is a married man."

mating call: the noise made by an animal when it is looking for love
mating season: the time of year when animals make love

New idioms and expressions

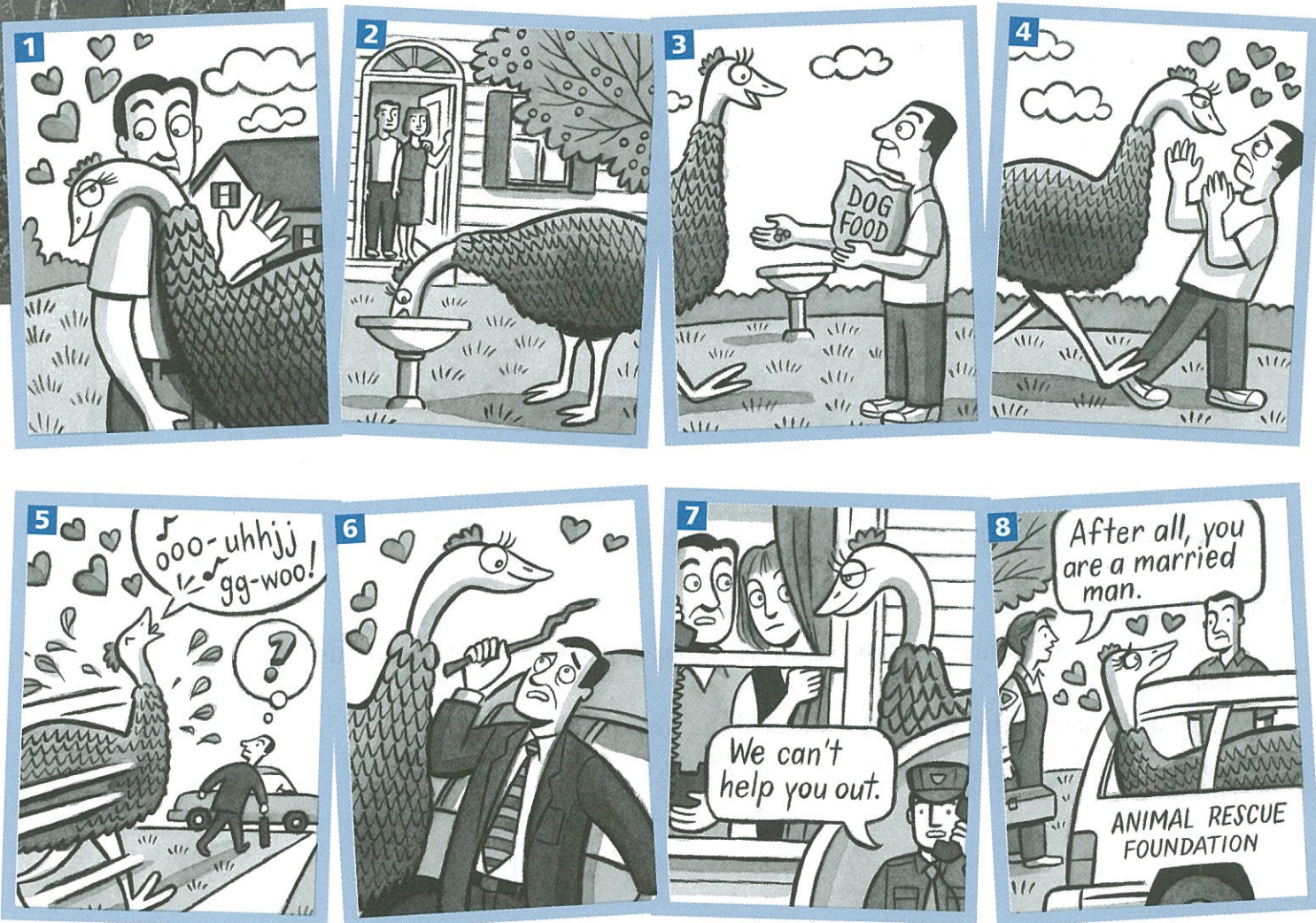
fall madly in love (with someone)	begin to love (someone) very much
show up (at a place)*	arrive (somewhere); appear
ask for trouble	do something that will cause problems later
all day long	during the entire day
drive someone crazy	annoy or irritate someone
go from bad to worse	go from a bad situation to a very bad situation
be scared stiff (of someone or something)	be very afraid (of someone or something)
keep someone or something away*	make someone or something stay at a distance
go out (of a place)*	leave (a place)
help (someone) out*	be helpful (to someone)
get involved (with something)	become active or interested (in something)
after all	one must remember that; consider the fact that

recycled idiom: have one's heart set on

*phrasal verb (see Lexicon and Appendix D)

2. Listen

Cover the story and look only at these pictures. Listen to the story two or three times.



7. Answer the Questions

About the story.....

- a. When did the bird show up at Ed's house?
- b. Why did she fall madly in love with Ed?
- c. What did she do that drove him crazy?
- d. When did things begin to go from bad to worse?
- e. How did Ed keep the emu away?
- f. What couldn't Ed do for two days?
- g. What did the police say when Ed called?
- h. Who finally got involved?

About you.....

- i. Do you have a pet? What kinds of problems does it cause? What do you love about it?
- j. Who or what drives you crazy? Why?
- k. Tell about a time when you were scared stiff.
- l. Who helps you out? Who do you help out?
- m. Is there a situation in the world right now that is going from bad to worse? Discuss your ideas with the class.

8. Take a Dictation

Listen to the tape or your teacher and write the dictation in your notebook.

9. Complete the Idioms



- a. Yasuko was scared _____ when she went _____ of her tent and saw a bear.

- b. Ravi was asking _____ when he started fixing his engine. He worked all day _____, but the leak just went from bad _____.



- c. Eva fell madly _____ Eli because of his sense of humor, but now it just drives her _____.

