

A photograph of three fluffy owl chicks perched on a tree branch. The chicks are covered in light brown and grey downy feathers and have large, bright green eyes. They are looking towards the camera. The tree trunk is thick and covered in moss and lichen, with pine needles visible in the background against a clear blue sky.

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Author's Note: All photos in this book were taken by the author of a Great Horned Owl family who live near his home in the Amity Creek Forest at the edge of Duluth, Minnesota.

This book is dedicated to my wife, Molly, who helped me battle a rare vision disorder. Life is precious in terms of being with those you love, and being able to see everything clearly.



Hi!

My name is "Hoot".

I am a Great Horned Owl.

Timeline: Day -37

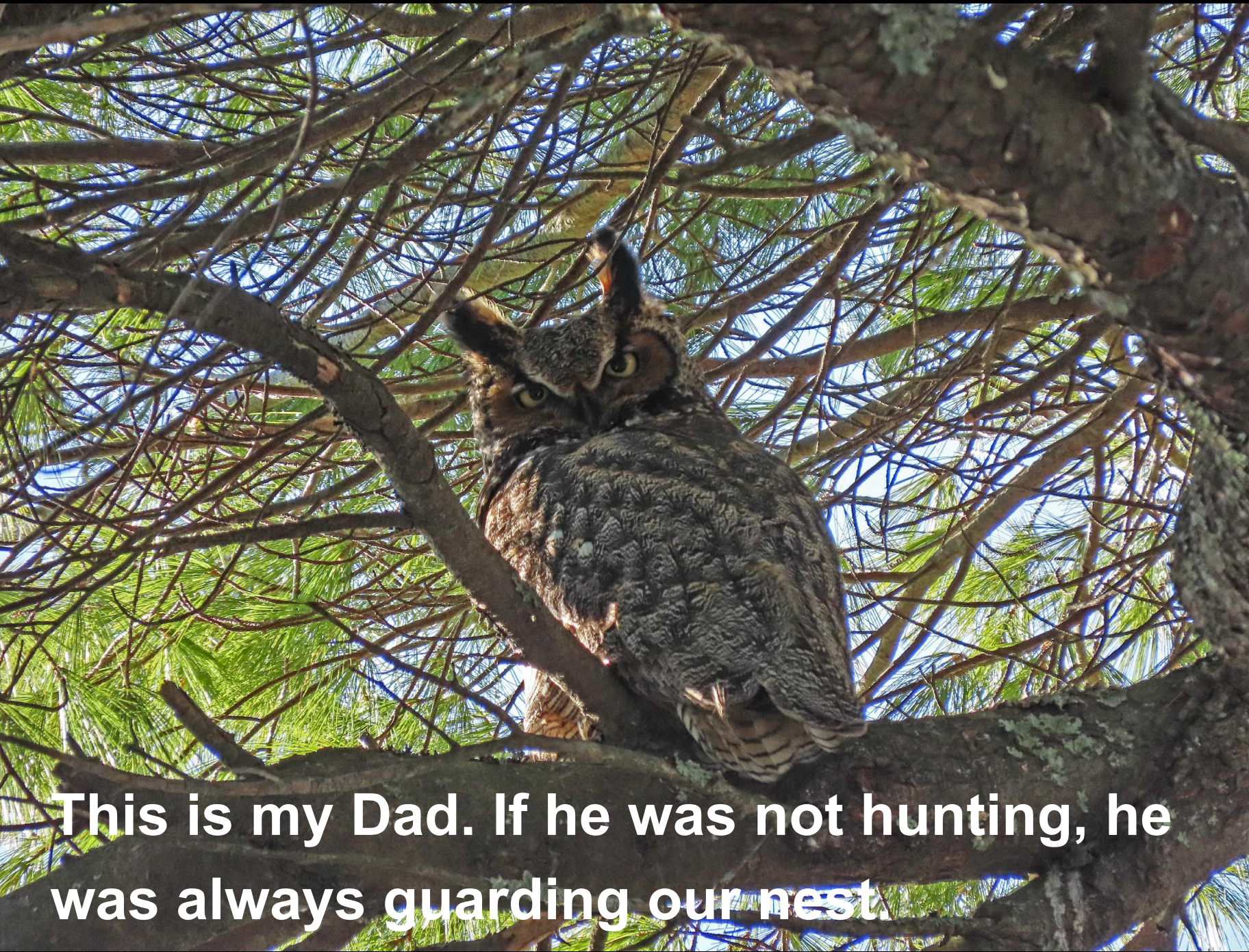
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First Day on Nest

This is my Mom.



**She and Dad raised me one cold winter
and spring in the northern forest.**



This is my Dad. If he was not hunting, he was always guarding our nest.



My two siblings and I were born one week apart in mid March. I was very tiny and could not see. Two weeks later I was much bigger!

Timeline: Day 0

Date: Mar. 16





It is now early April. We are 2 to 3 weeks old. Mom has not left the nest even once since she laid her first egg in early February. Dad does all the hunting. He is busy!

Timeline: Day 21

Date: Apr. 07

A photograph of three fluffy owl chicks perched on a tree branch. The chicks are covered in light-colored down and have large, dark eyes. They are surrounded by the rough bark of the tree and other branches.

Timeline: Day 30

Date: Apr. 16

**Here is the first image of all three of us!
In mid April we started walking on the
branches right next to our nest. We are
4 to 5 weeks old.**

**I like to sit in the sunlight!
It gets cold in April and there
is still snow on the ground.**

