



The TRUE story of MIM, the little vulture

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Specific vocabulary:

English	Español	Comentarios.
Black Vulture Griffon vulture A gang of crows	Buitre negro Buitre leonado Una banda de cuervos	Nombres de especies.
Breeding colony Nest Hatch Fledge	Colonia de cría Nido Eclosión del huevo Emplumar	Los buitres negros crían a cierta distancia unos cerca de otros, pero en una misma zona, o colonia. Sólo ponen un huevo, si se rompe, no hay cría ese año.
A plan is hatched. Monitored The weaker chick A mock egg, Rescue mission. Swap A foster family.	Se traza un plan. Supervisado El pollo más débil Un huevo falso, Misión de rescate. Intercambio Una familia de acogida.	Gracias al seguimiento de los nidos, se detectan los posibles problemas en la cría, y se hace todo lo posible por solucionarlos. Todo esto se lleva a cabo por especialistas.
GPS device, Dispersing Bursting with energy.	Dispositivo GPS, Dispersión Rebosante de energía.	Cuando crecen, los pollos tienen una fase de exploración y dispersión. Todavía en el nido, se les puede poner un dispositivo que permite seguir y estudiar sus movimientos lo que aporta datos fundamentales para mejorar la conservación de la especie.

Transcription:

The true story of two Eurasian Black Vulture families in the Spanish Pyrenees, some ganster crows, a little Griffon... and a spectacular rescue mission.

The Eurasian Black Vulture breeding colony in the Spanish Pyrenees.
Where vultures are claiming back lost grounds.

2013, spring. Boumort

That is about here: (No, I didn't know either)

The nest of NEUS and her male ORIOL.

Not far, same place and time, the nest of another pair:

MENTA and her male MARIO breed here.

Both pairs are incubating.
Both pairs are monitored.
Both pairs are significant.

When suddenly destiny strikes at Neus and Oriol's nest.

A gang of crows. The precious vulture egg – destroyed!

Meanwhile at the other nest, a hatch!
The baby vulture is named MIM, after its parents.

But what is happening?!
Baby Mim is not being fed well.

Getting weaker and weaker, monitoring shows.

Mim has to be rescued from the nest.
Taken from its parents.
To the wildlife hospital, to save its life.

Meanwhile at the crime scene, an ingenious plan is hatched.

And set in motion:

A mock egg, secretly given into the nest of Neus and Oriol.
Making them think their game is still on and nothing lost yet.

Tricking them into incubating.
Preparing the next step – a mock chick!

Meanwhile at the hospital, Mim recovers.
And a new friendship flourishes.
(okay, I totally made up that last part, but scientists need fun too)

At the nest of Neus and Oriol, the next step of the plan:
a young Griffon vulture is cast to play hatchling for them.

The mock chick is carefully swapped with the mock egg.

The staged hatch, unnoticed by the breeding pair.
A great success!

And Mim at the hospital?
Recovering well, bursting with energy.

Time to get out of that hospital bed...

...and into Neus and Oriol's nest!
Another brilliant move, the undercover Griffon and Mim change seats.

The complex cross-fostering mission succeeds!
Mim is now living in a loving foster family.

The Griffon?
Soon chosen for reintroduction to the wild in the Balkans.

2014, spring. Balkans.
Doing fine in its meaningful and exciting young life!

And Mim?
2013, summer. Boumort.
Thriving with its foster parents' attention and affection.

Mim grows into a strong vulture boy.
Soon equipped with a GPS device, contributing to science when fledged.
A fellow scientist, so to speak.

2013, autumn. Boumort.
Mim's fledge – a milestone!

2014, high above central Spain.
A young vulture is sending GPS data.
Is it...?!

It is Mim!
Dispersing far from home.
Exploring his country.
Doing well for himself, for his species.

Meanwhile in Boumort, heartbreaker Oriol, in his wings a new flame.

The end