

Ethan the Earthworm Saves the Day



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Enviro-Stories Competition

Enviro-Stories is a competition based education program for Primary Schools based on the pedagogy of Kids Teaching Kids. Students where given the opportunity



to learn about their local environment, write a story about it, then get their story published. These stories provide an educational experience that creates readers, written about local issues, by local kids, for local kids.

In 2009, the Central West Catchment Management Authority, in conjunction with the Cotton Catchment Communities CRC, has provided local kids with the opportunity to join in on this exciting and innovative competition.

Central West Catchment Management Authority

The Central West Catchment is committed to work with the community to conserve, improve and manage natural and cultural resources. The catchment is located in central western New South Wales, flanked by the Barwon and Darling Catchments to the north and west, Lachlan to the south and the Sydney/Shoalhaven Basin to the east.

Cotton Catchment Communities CRC

The Cotton Catchment Communities CRC is an industry partnership leading research, education and commercialisation in the Australian cotton industry. The Cotton CRC aims to provide innovative knowledge to stimulate economic, social and environmental outcomes at farm, regional and national levels.

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The Central West Catchment Management Authority 2009 "Creepy Crawlies... life underground" Enviro-Stories Competition consists of the following books:

- Holly the Honey Pot Ant
- Ethan the Earthworm Saves the Day
- Emily Ant
- Edwina's Choice
- The War of the Wasps

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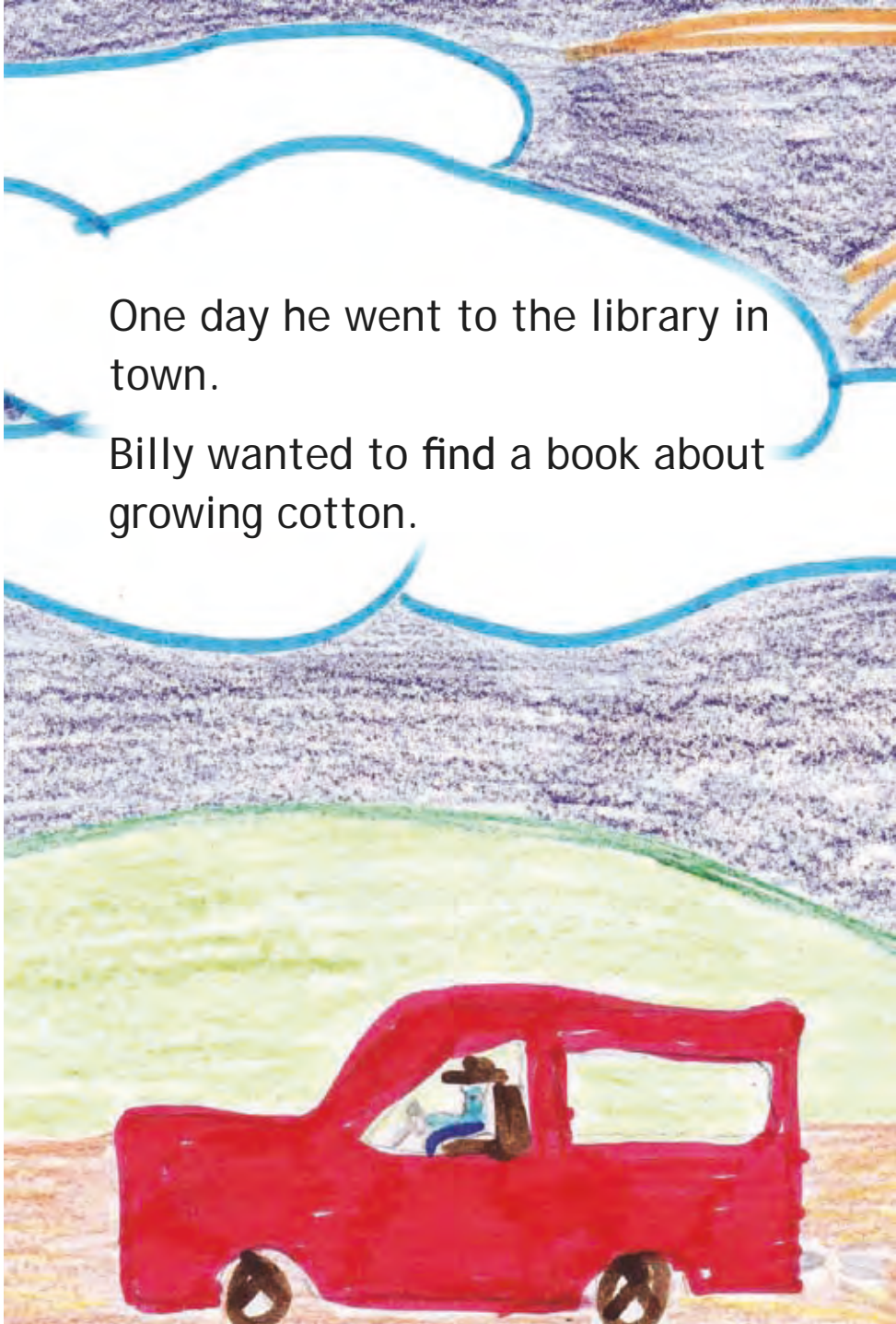
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Billy Blue bought a cotton farm,
but sometimes he was very sad.

This was because the cotton was
not growing.

A child's drawing of a landscape. The background is a mix of purple and blue scribbles, with thick blue lines forming a wavy pattern. Below this is a green field. In the foreground, a red car is parked on a brownish ground. A person wearing a hat is visible inside the car.

One day he went to the library in town.

Billy wanted to find a book about growing cotton.



On page 15 it said that you need worms to break up the soil.

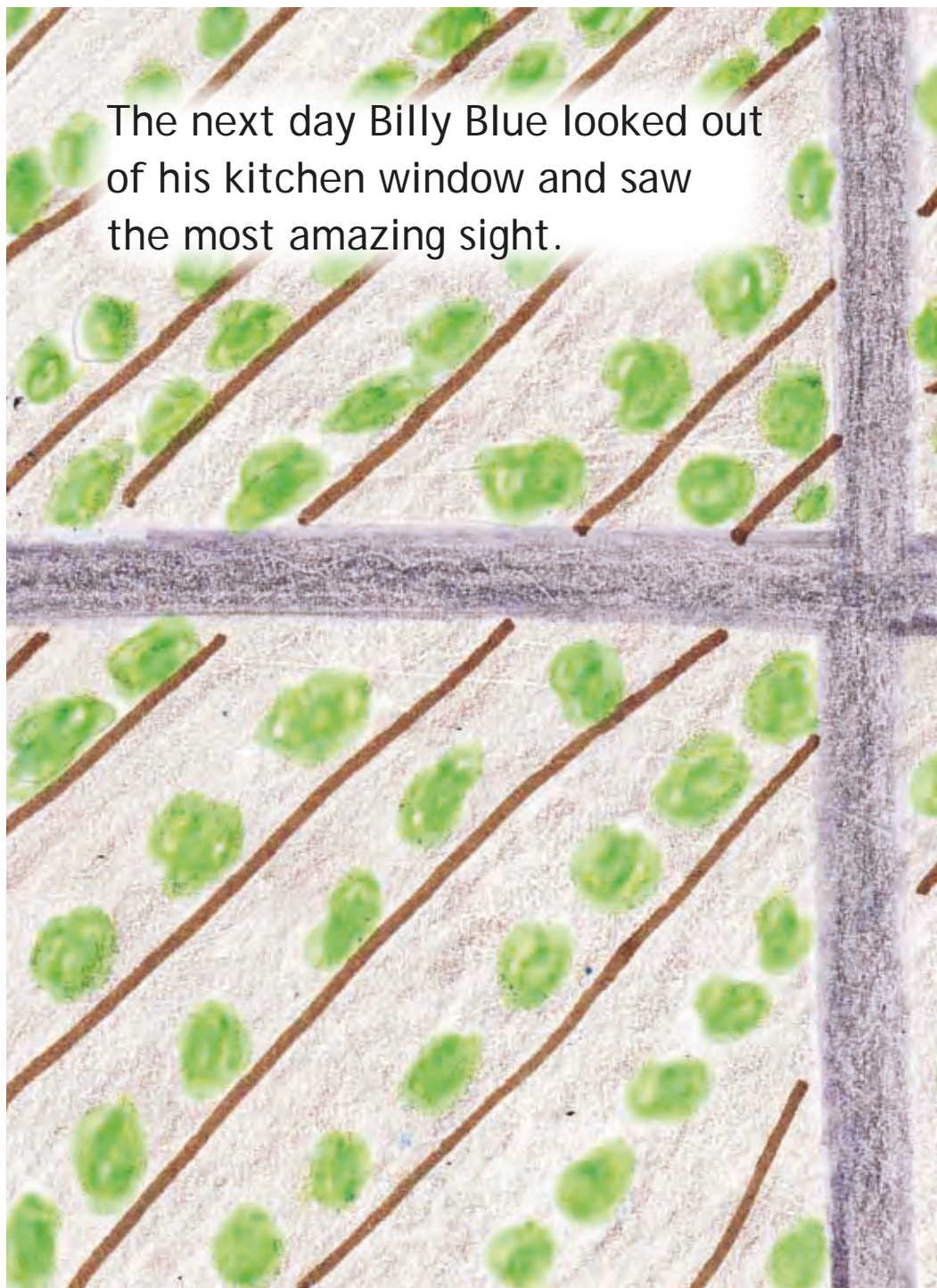
So the next day he ordered some worms that were delivered straight away.

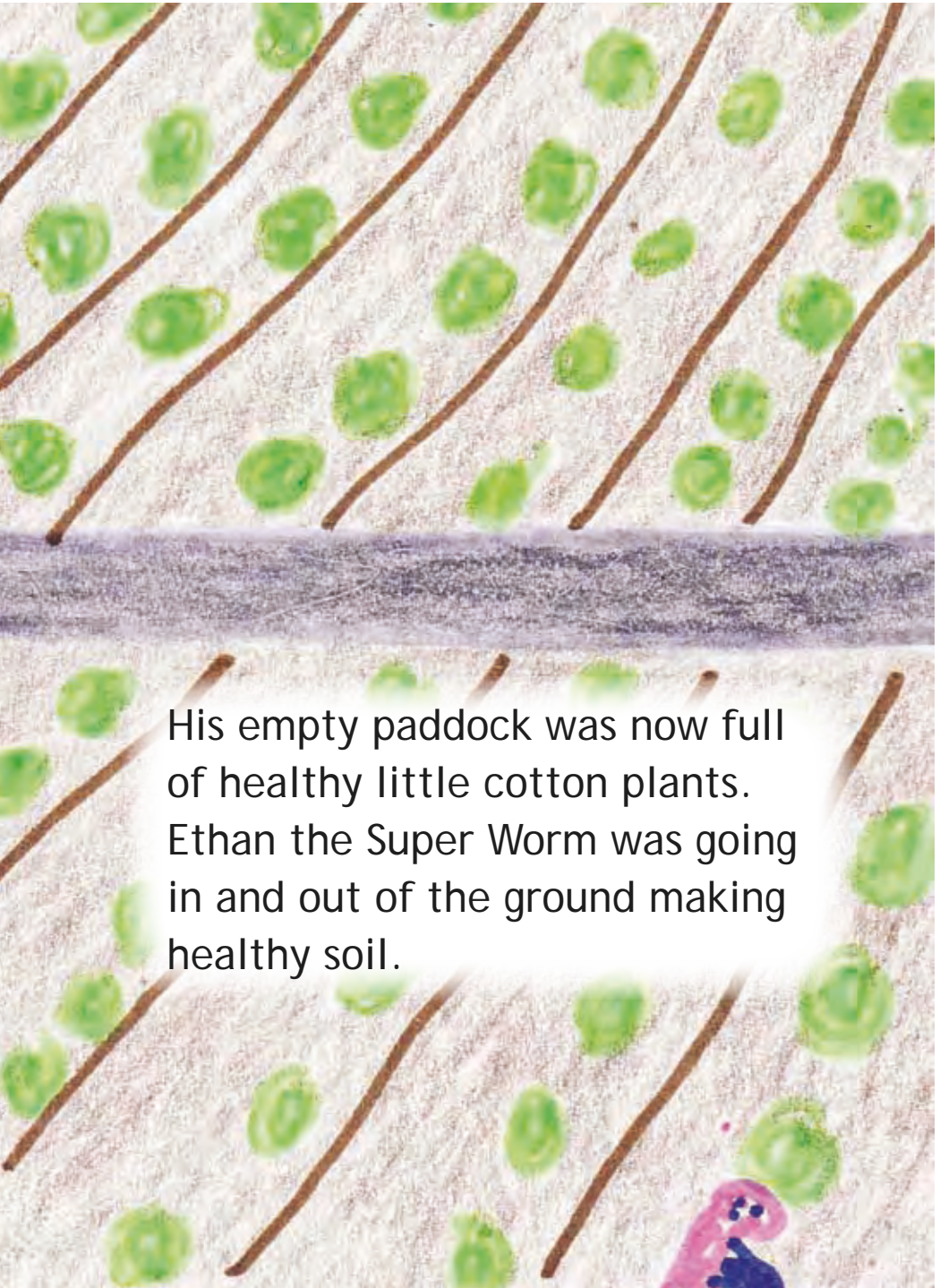


Billy Blue lifted the lid expecting to see hundreds of worms, but there was only one!

The farmer chucked the worm out the window. He didn't know that this one worm was extraordinary!

The next day Billy Blue looked out of his kitchen window and saw the most amazing sight.



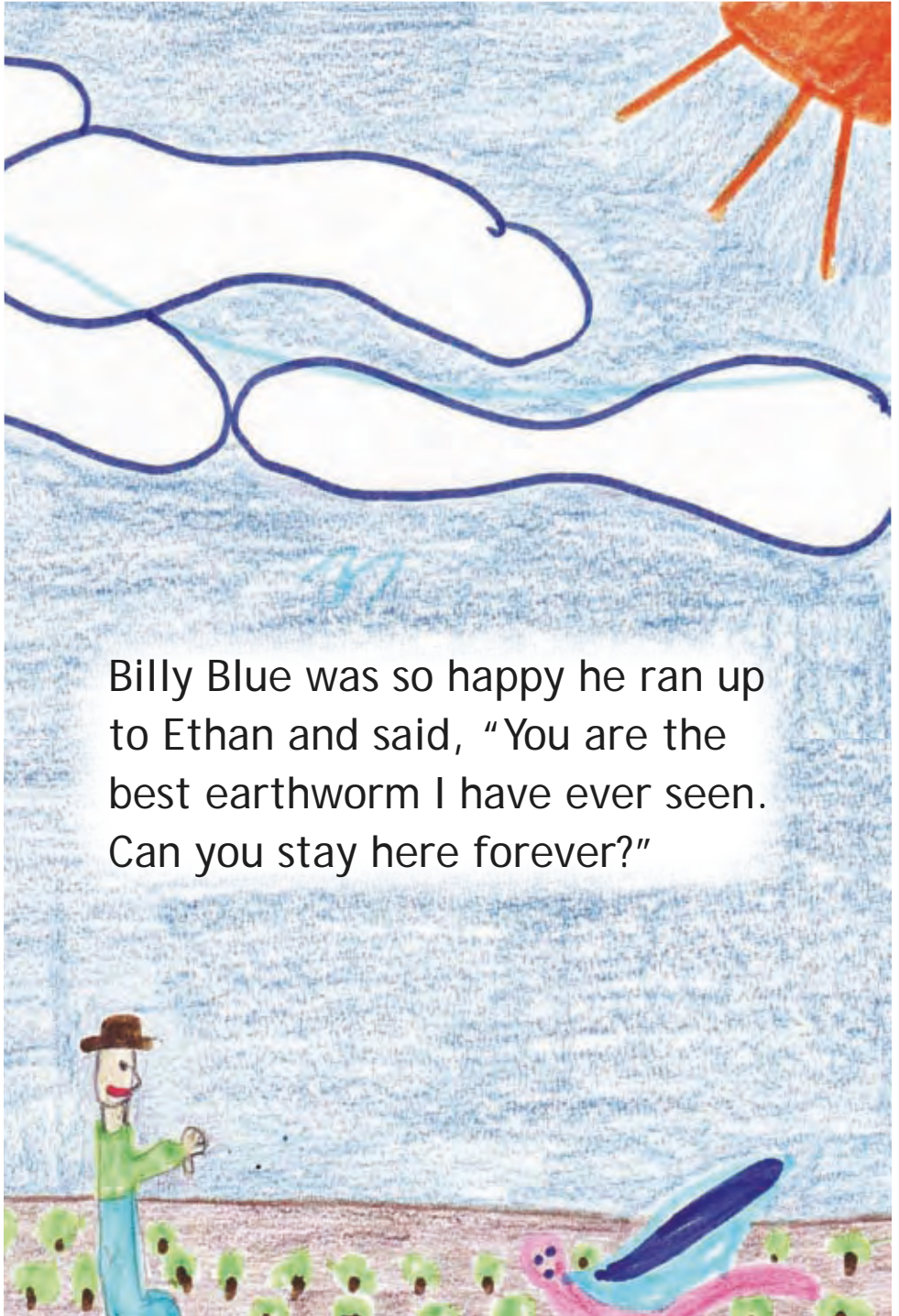


His empty paddock was now full of healthy little cotton plants. Ethan the Super Worm was going in and out of the ground making healthy soil.

Ethan was so amazing he made Billy's old farm healthy enough for the cotton plants to thrive.







Billy Blue was so happy he ran up to Ethan and said, "You are the best earthworm I have ever seen. Can you stay here forever?"

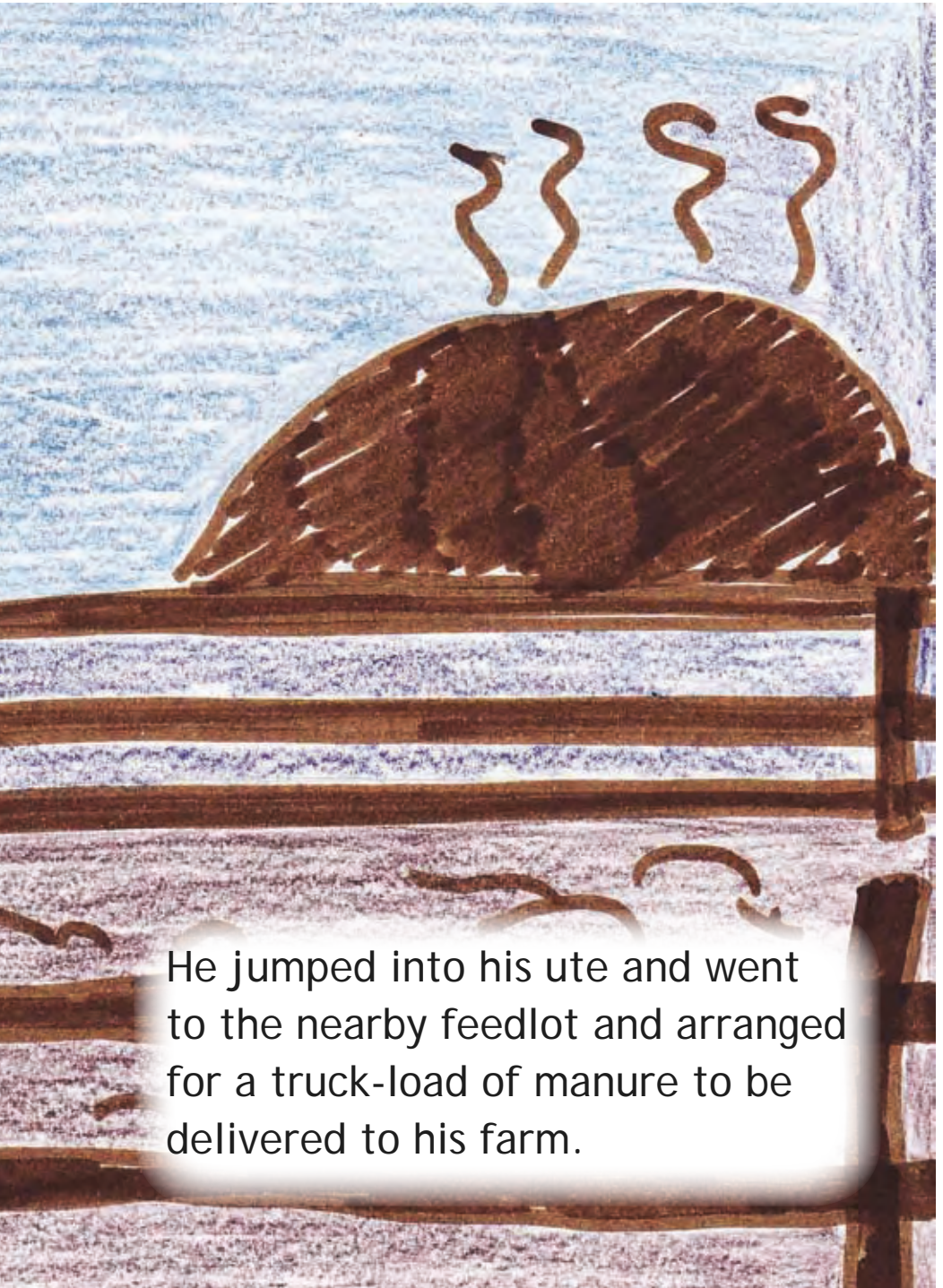
“I’ll only stay if you promise to put manure over this paddock every year,” said Ethan in a loud, heroic voice.



Billy Blue was so grateful that he promised straight away.

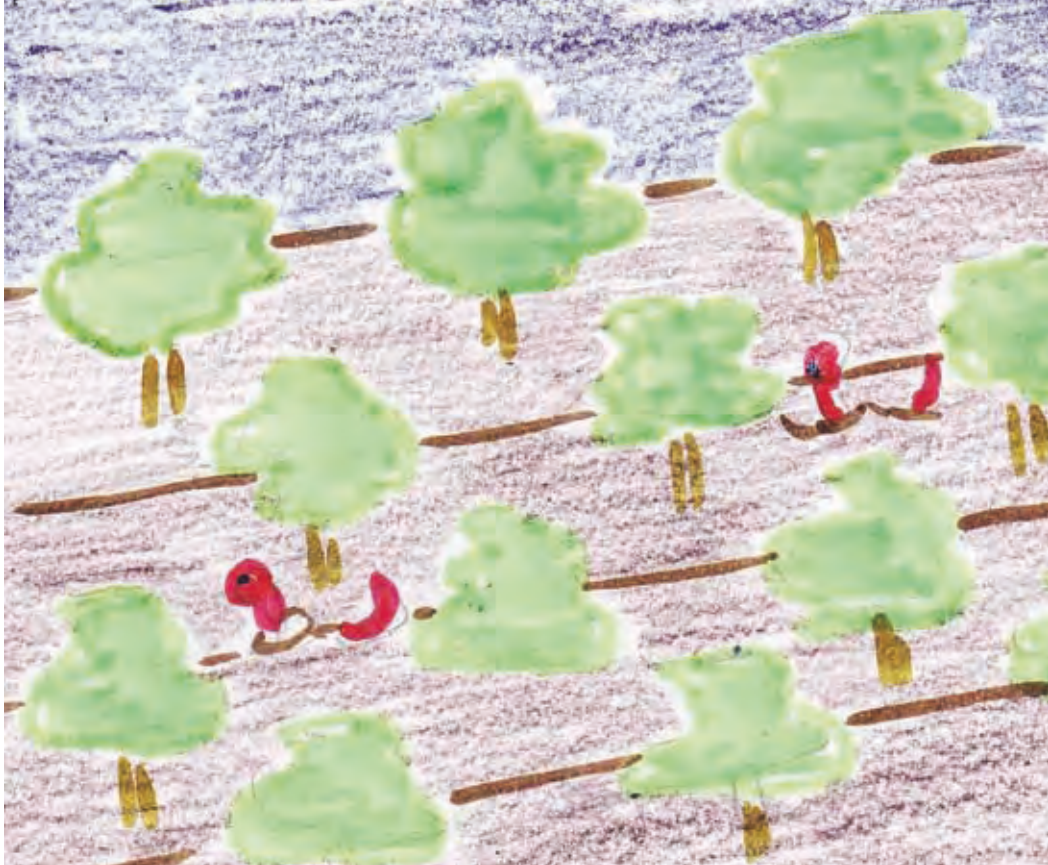


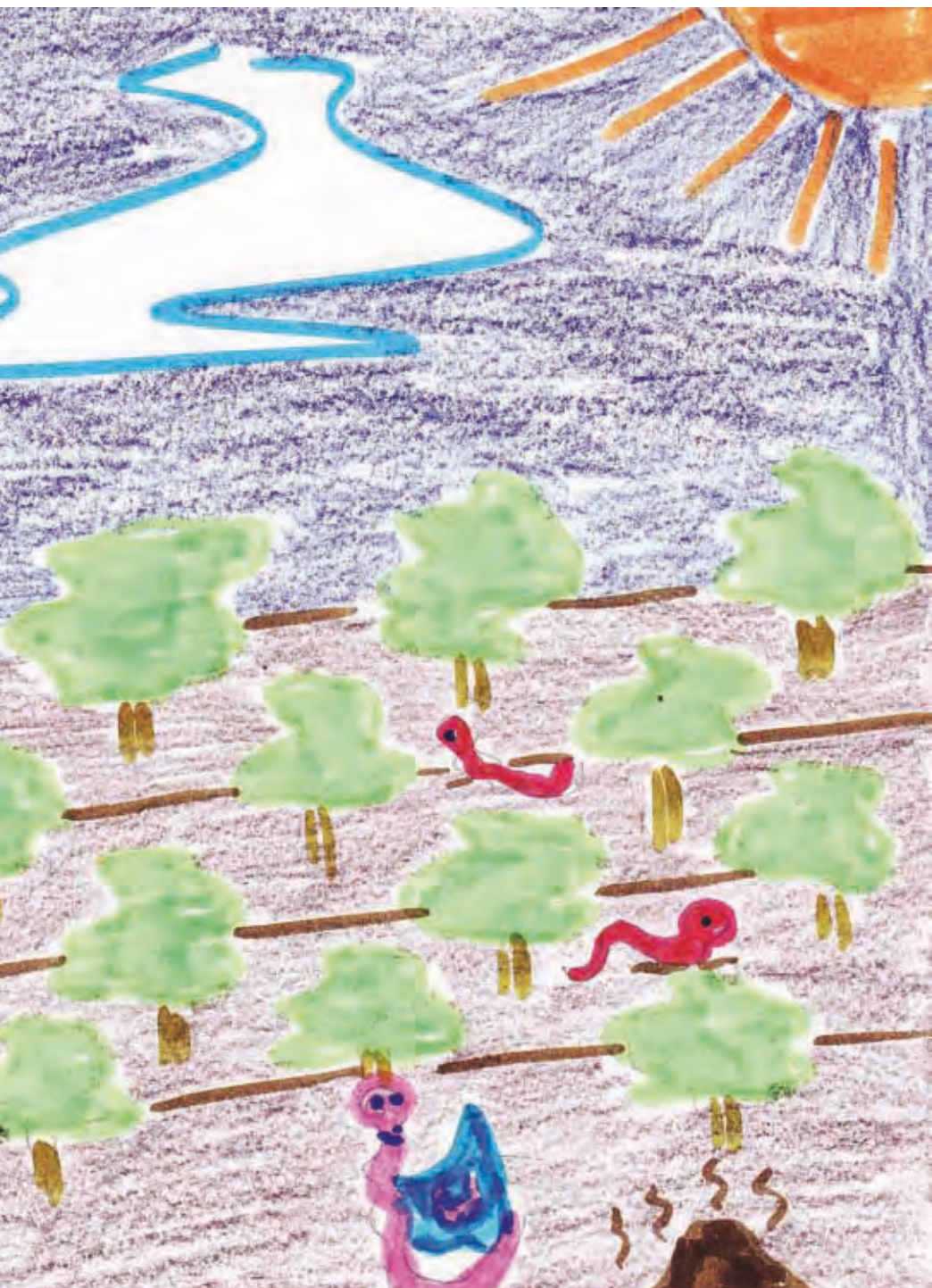
FEED LOT



He jumped into his ute and went to the nearby feedlot and arranged for a truck-load of manure to be delivered to his farm.

All the other worms around town
heard that Billy Blue's paddock
had heaps of food for worms.
They all wanted to go and join
Ethan there.

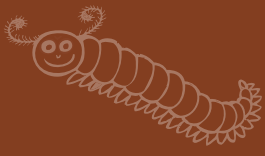






Billy Blue grew the best cotton in the world. He won many awards and became very rich.

It was all because of Ethan the Super Worm!



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