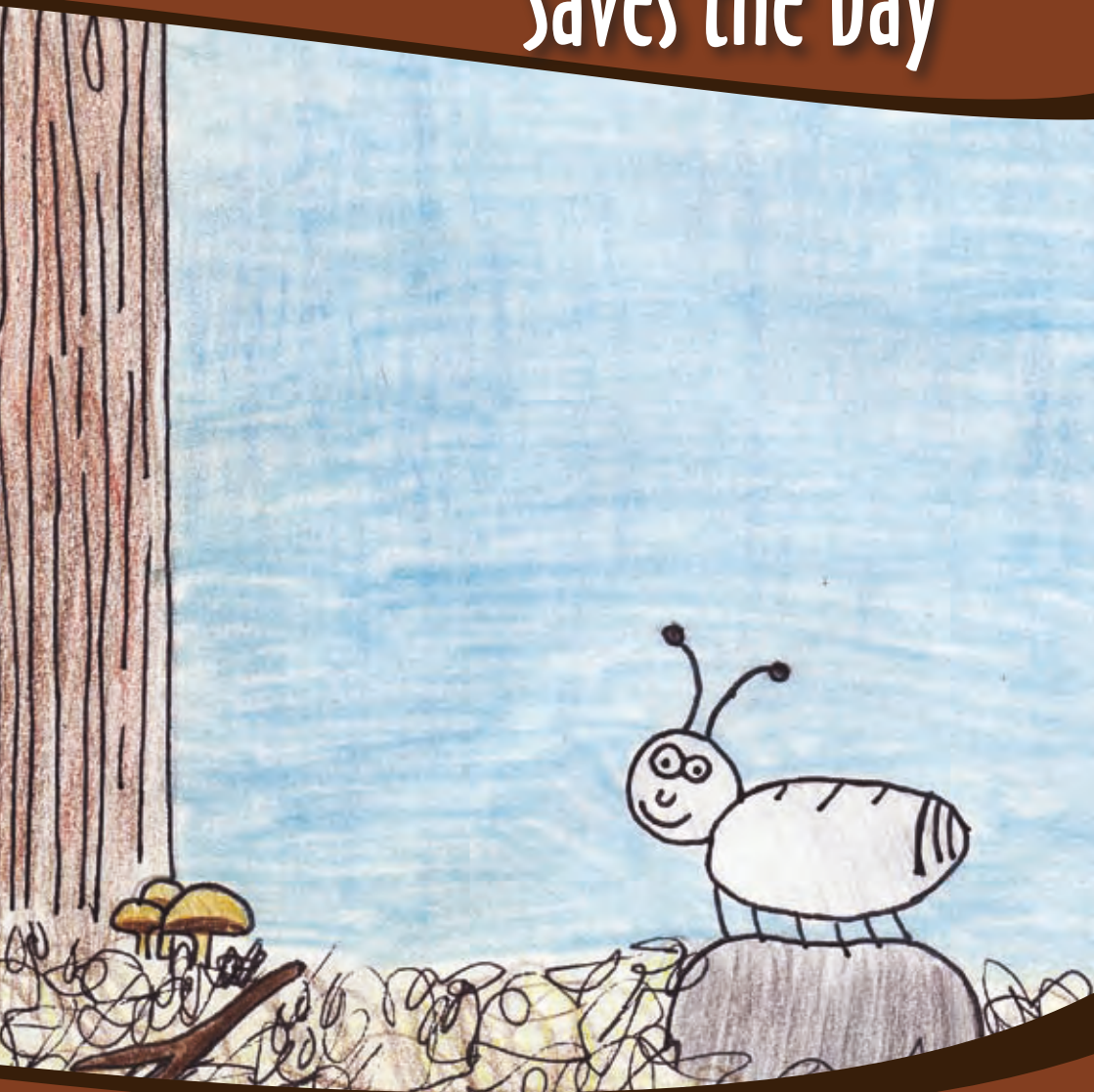


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Enviro-Stories Competition

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

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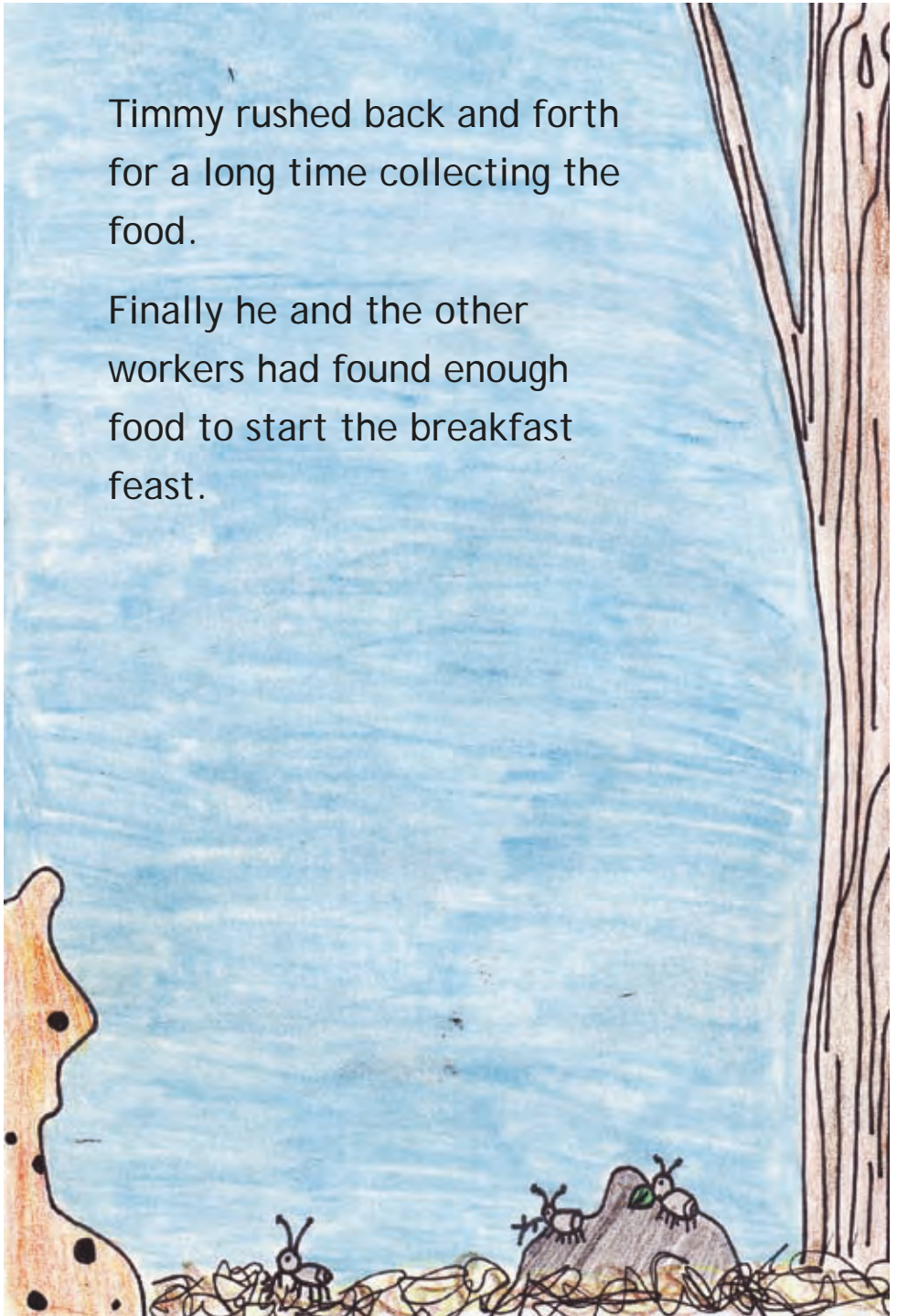
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One sunny morning Timmy Termite was helping collect leaf litter for the colony's breakfast.

Timmy rushed back and forth
for a long time collecting the
food.

Finally he and the other
workers had found enough
food to start the breakfast
feast.





It was a very special day in the colony as it was Jessica, the queen's, birthday. The colony planned to celebrate all day and most of the night.



Jessica had her breakfast and opened all of her gifts. She then invited everyone to the games room, where they played and chatted all morning.

Lunchtime saw them having yet another huge feast.

There were bark chips, leaves and Jessica's favourite food, soil salad.



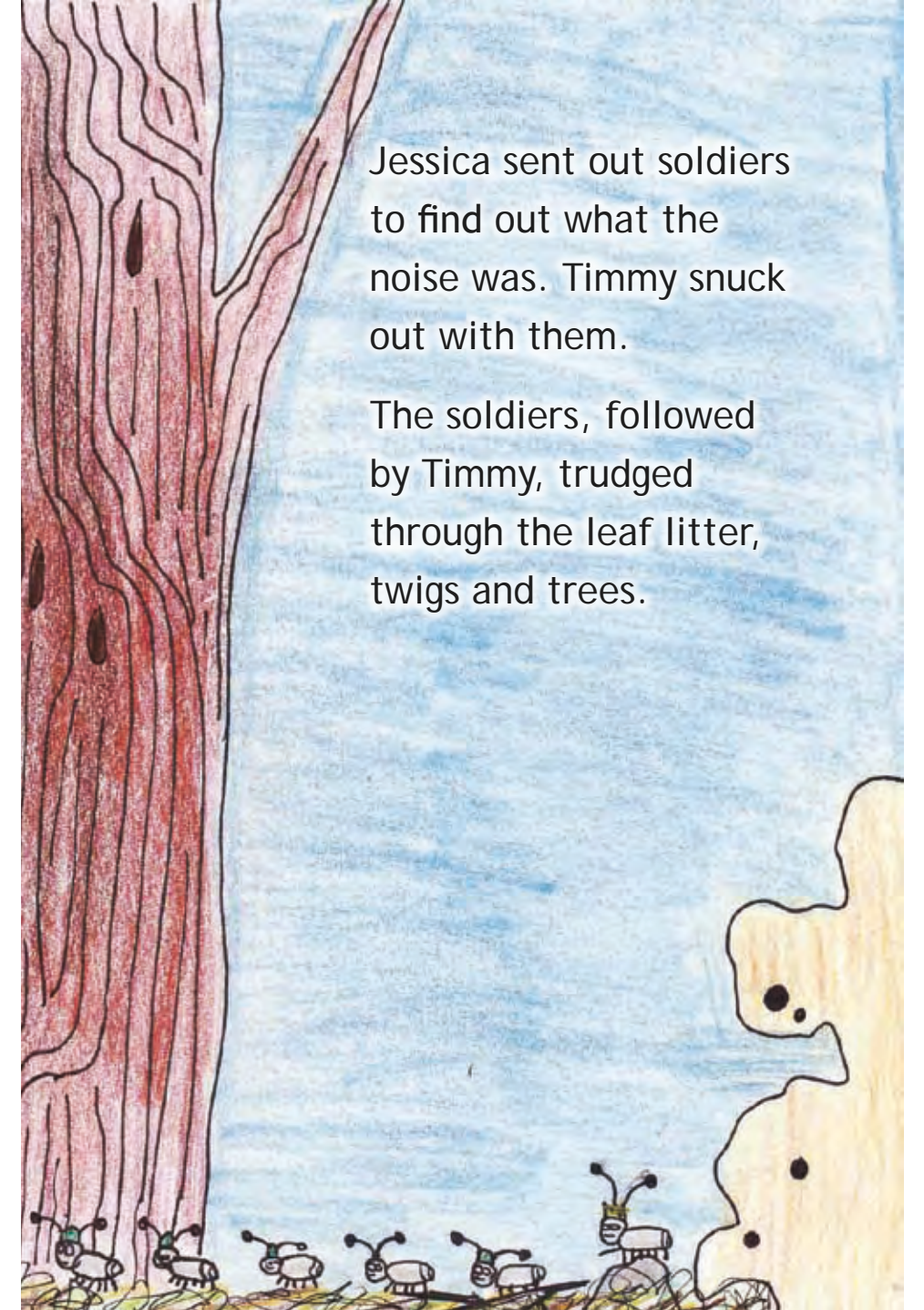


About half-way through lunch Timmy heard a loud noise.

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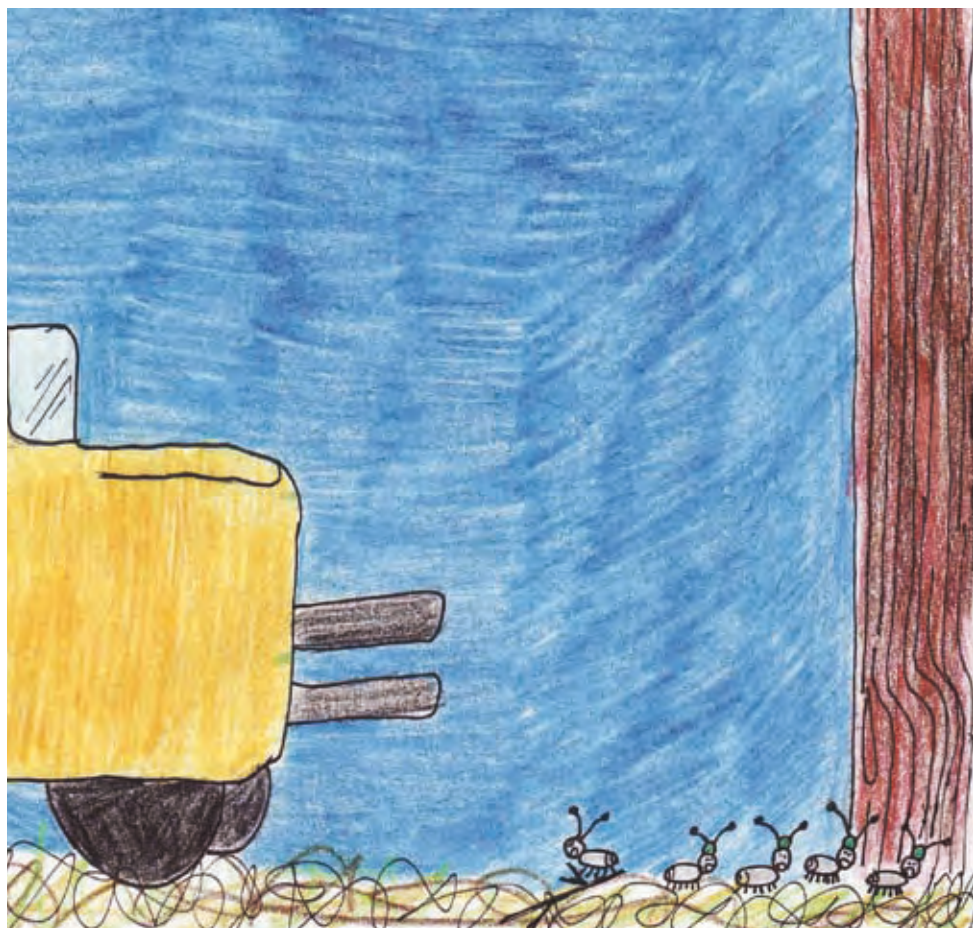
BANG! SNAP! THUD!

Soon it was so loud everyone could hear it. The termites started to panic.



Jessica sent out soldiers
to find out what the
noise was. Timmy snuck
out with them.

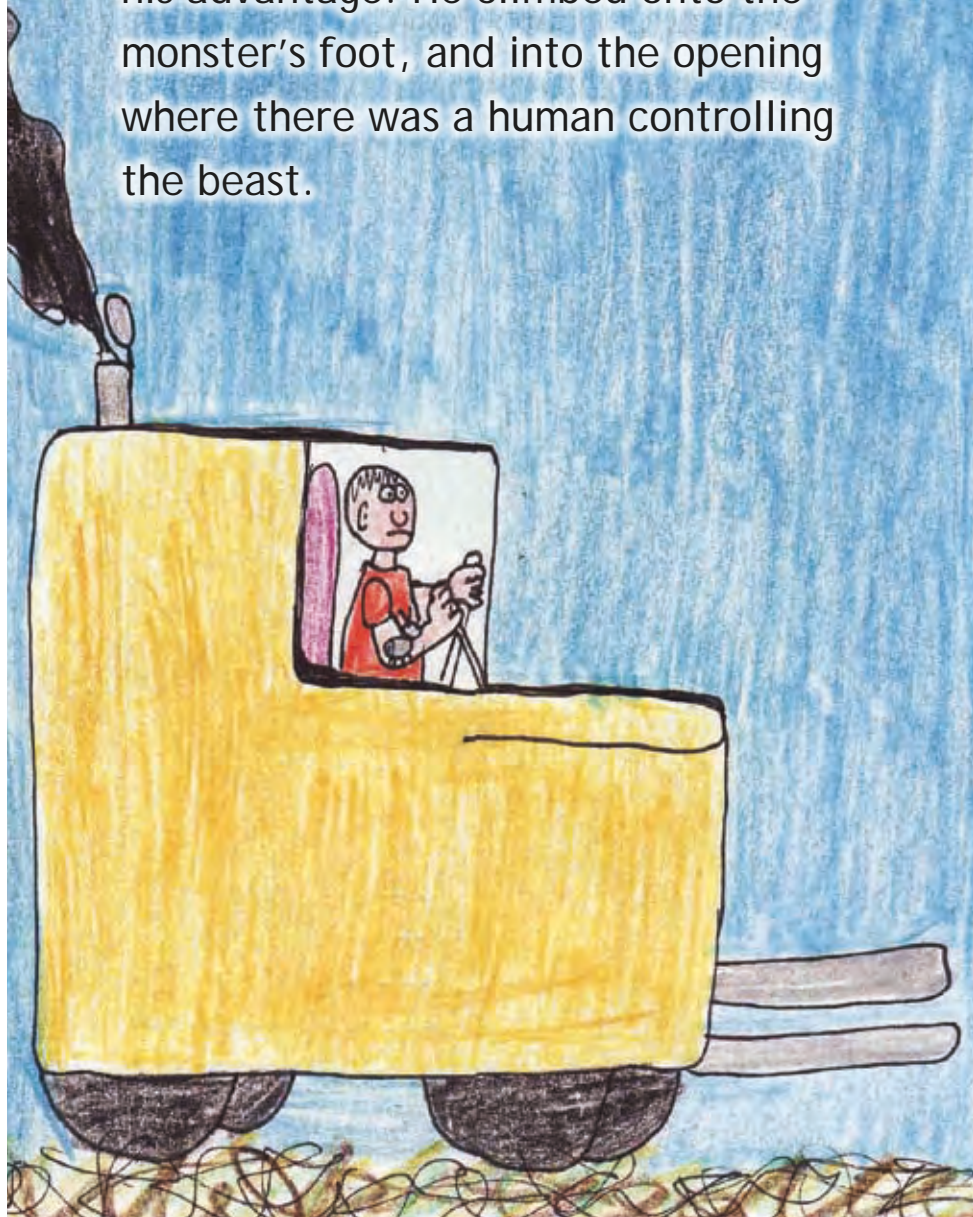
The soldiers, followed
by Timmy, trudged
through the leaf litter,
twigs and trees.



They soon found out that the noise was coming from a HUGE YELLOW MONSTER.

The soldiers ran back through the shrubs to warn the Queen, but Timmy was stunned and stood there staring at it.

The monster stopped and lowered its huge claws. Timmy took this time to his advantage. He climbed onto the monster's foot, and into the opening where there was a human controlling the beast.



Timmy suddenly realized that the monster was moving and heading straight for the termite mound.

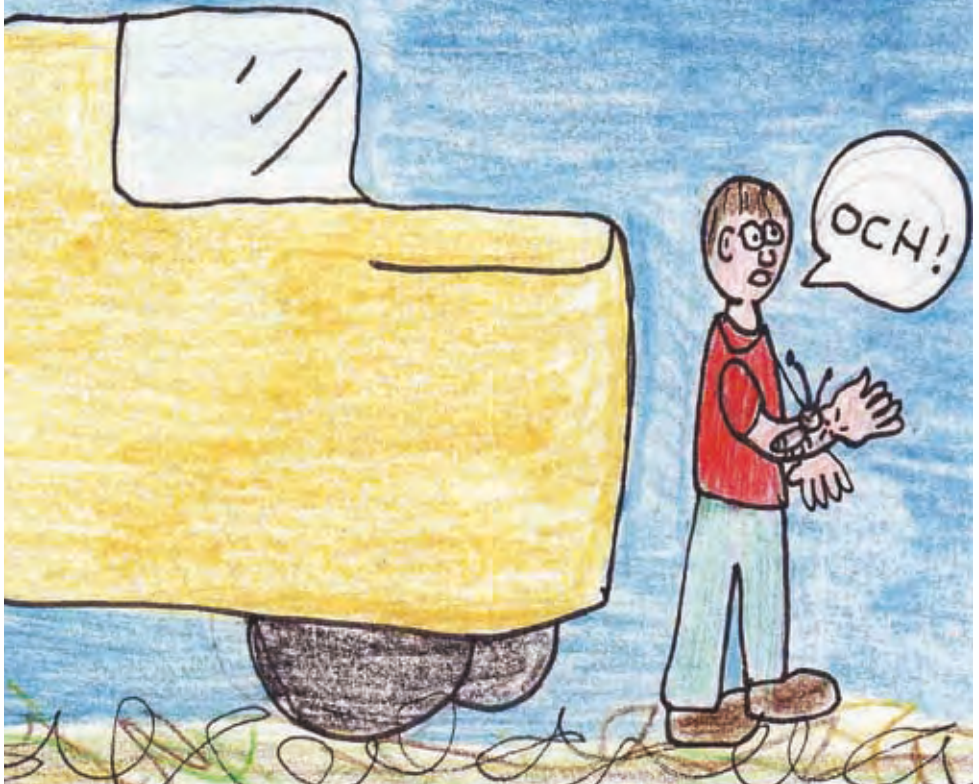
It was flattening everything in its way.



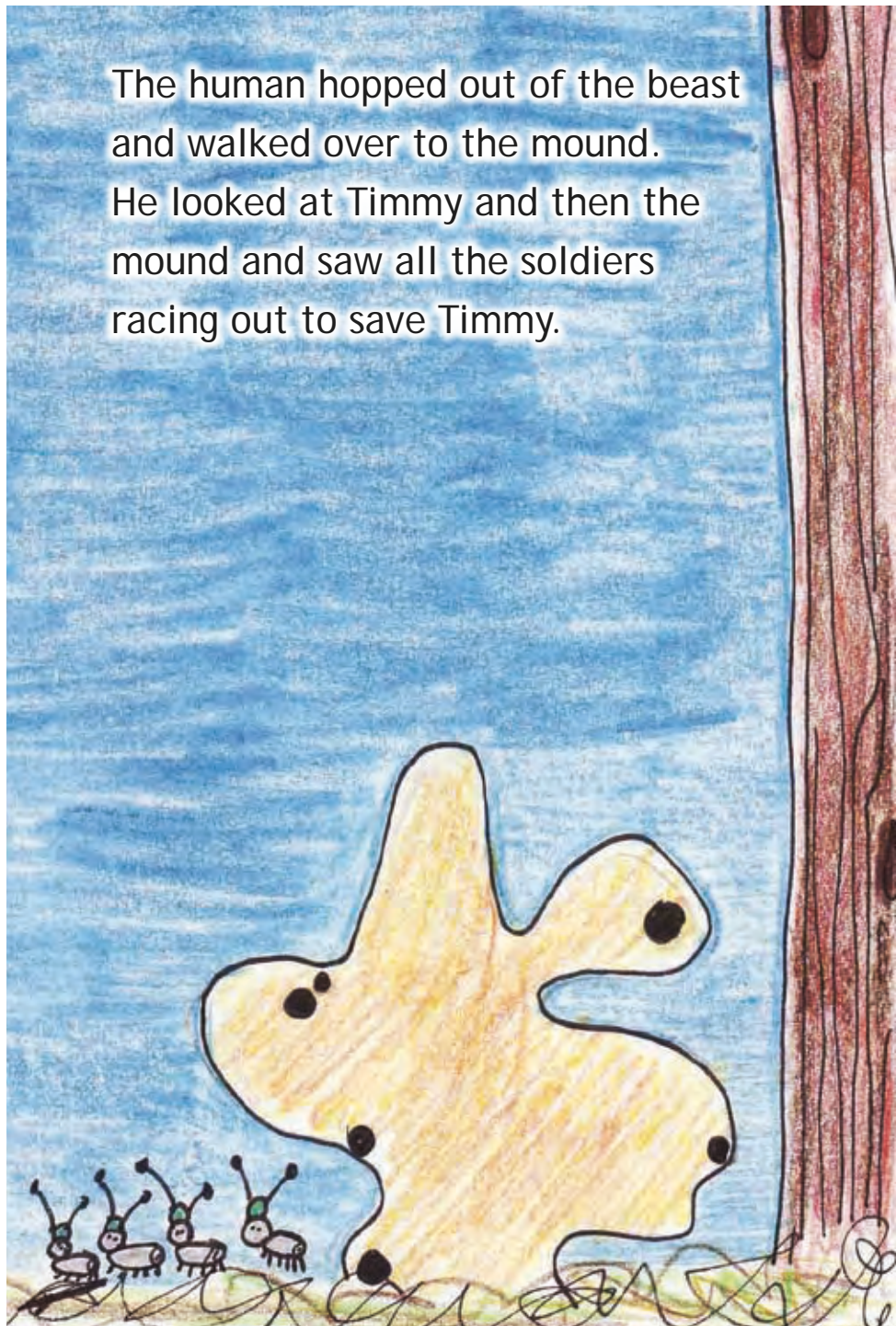
Timmy panicked and bit the human on the arm as hard as he could.

As quickly as it started, the monster pulled up to a stop. The human reached over and grabbed Timmy.

He thought he was done for, but the human didn't squish him.

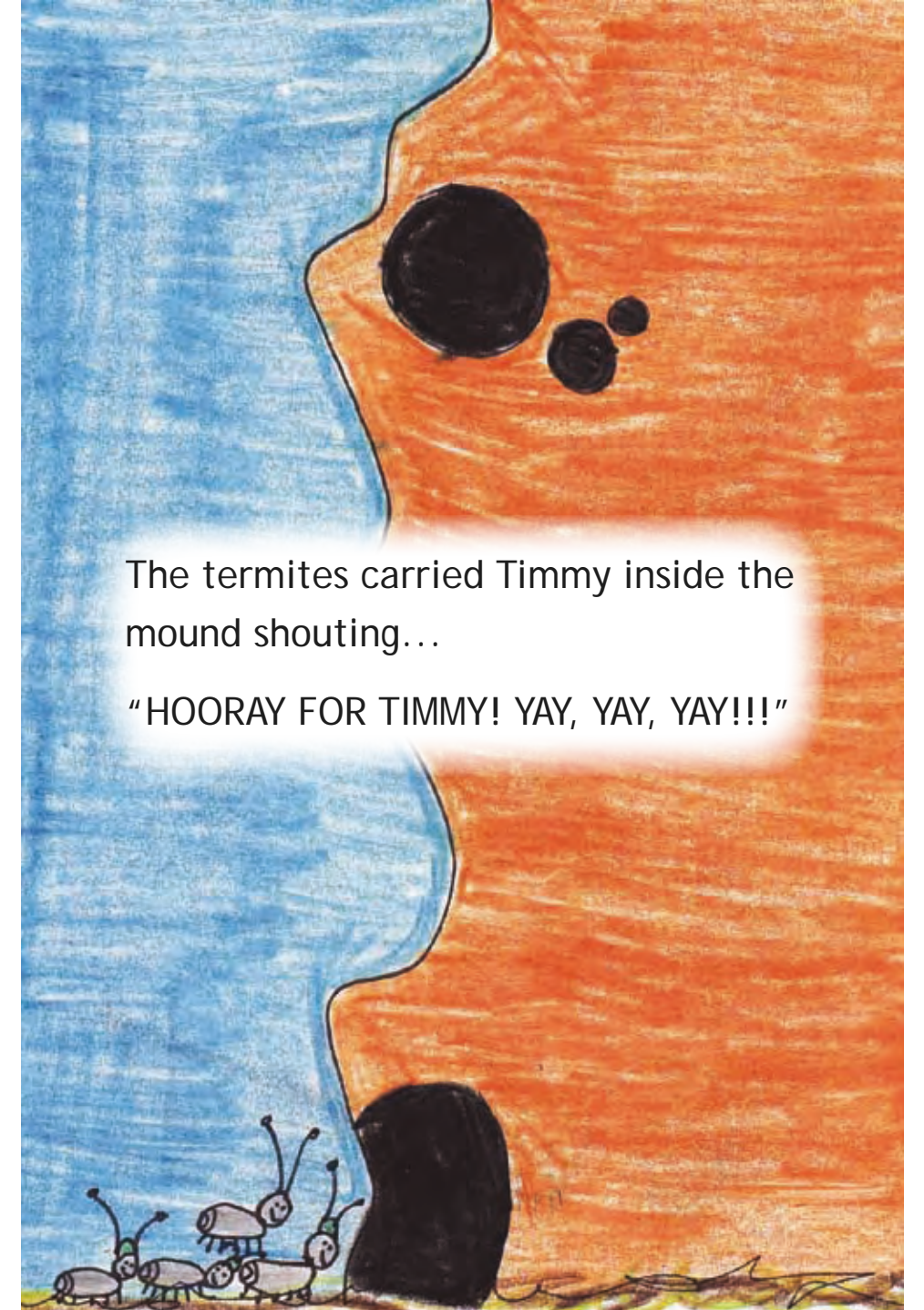


The human hopped out of the beast
and walked over to the mound.
He looked at Timmy and then the
mound and saw all the soldiers
racing out to save Timmy.



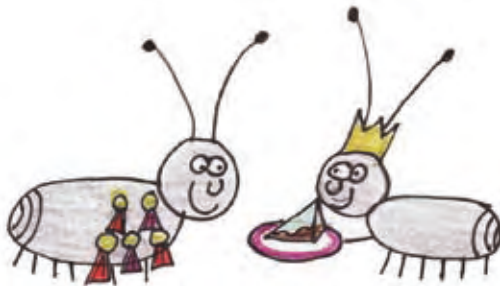


The human put Timmy down and stepped backwards. Timmy watched as the man raced back, jumped into the monster and turned it around back the way it had come.



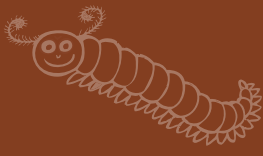
The termites carried Timmy inside the mound shouting...

“HOORAY FOR TIMMY! YAY, YAY, YAY!!!”



The Queen gave Timmy all five of the termite bravery medals.

He was also rewarded with the biggest serve of wood cake the world had ever seen!



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