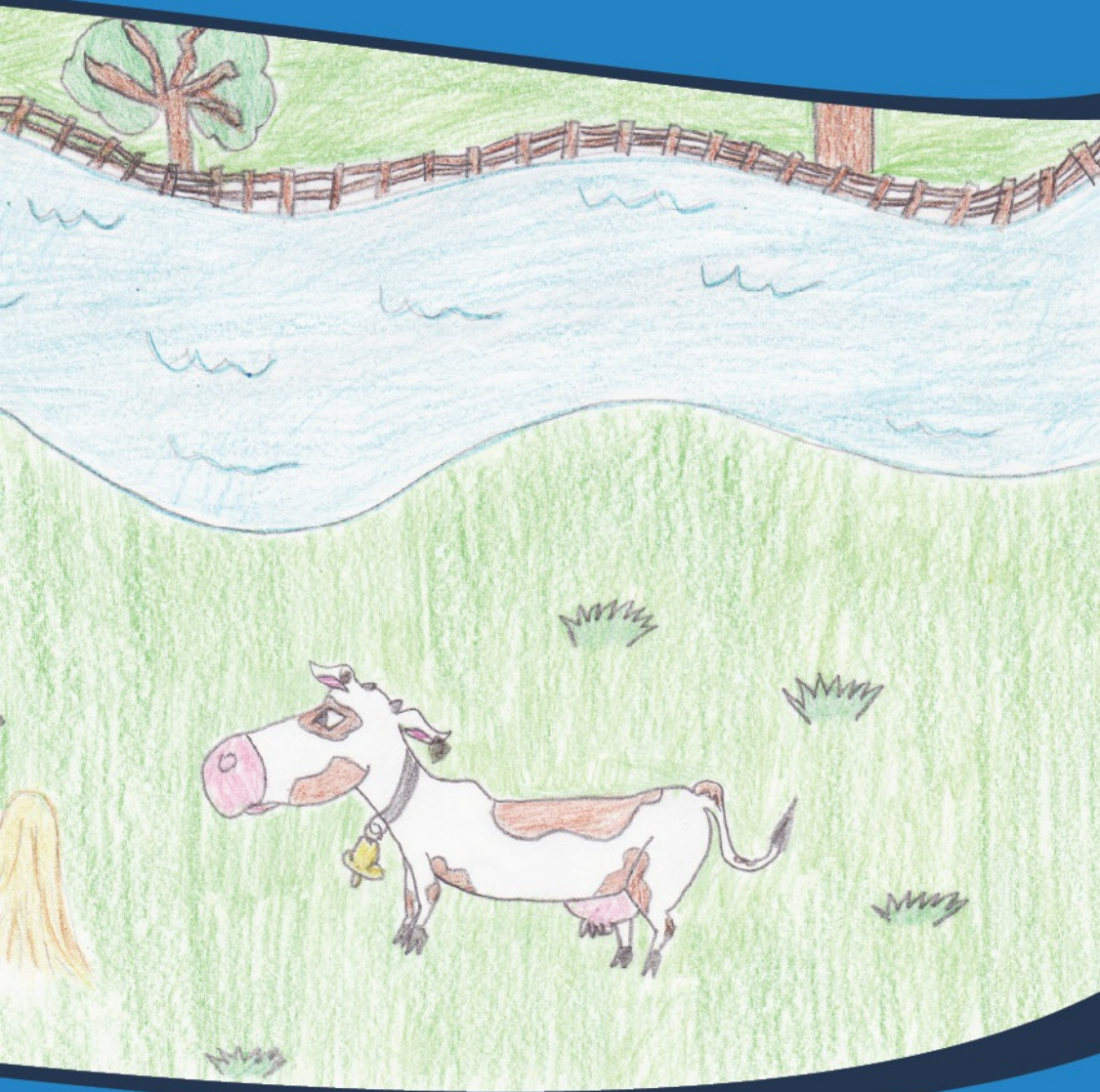


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Enviro-Stories Education Program

Enviro-Stories is a competition based education program for Primary Schools that was developed by Peekdesigns.

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This program provides an education experience for kids through learning about the environment. The final product is a published story written about local issues, by local kids, for local kids and future generations.

In 2010, the Cotton Catchment Communities CRC, in conjunction with the Central West Catchment Management Authority, provided local kids with the opportunity to join in on this exciting and innovative competition.

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The Cotton Catchment Communities CRC 2010 “Fur & Fins, Feet & Beaks...What can you find at your local creek?” Enviro-Stories Competition consists of the following books:

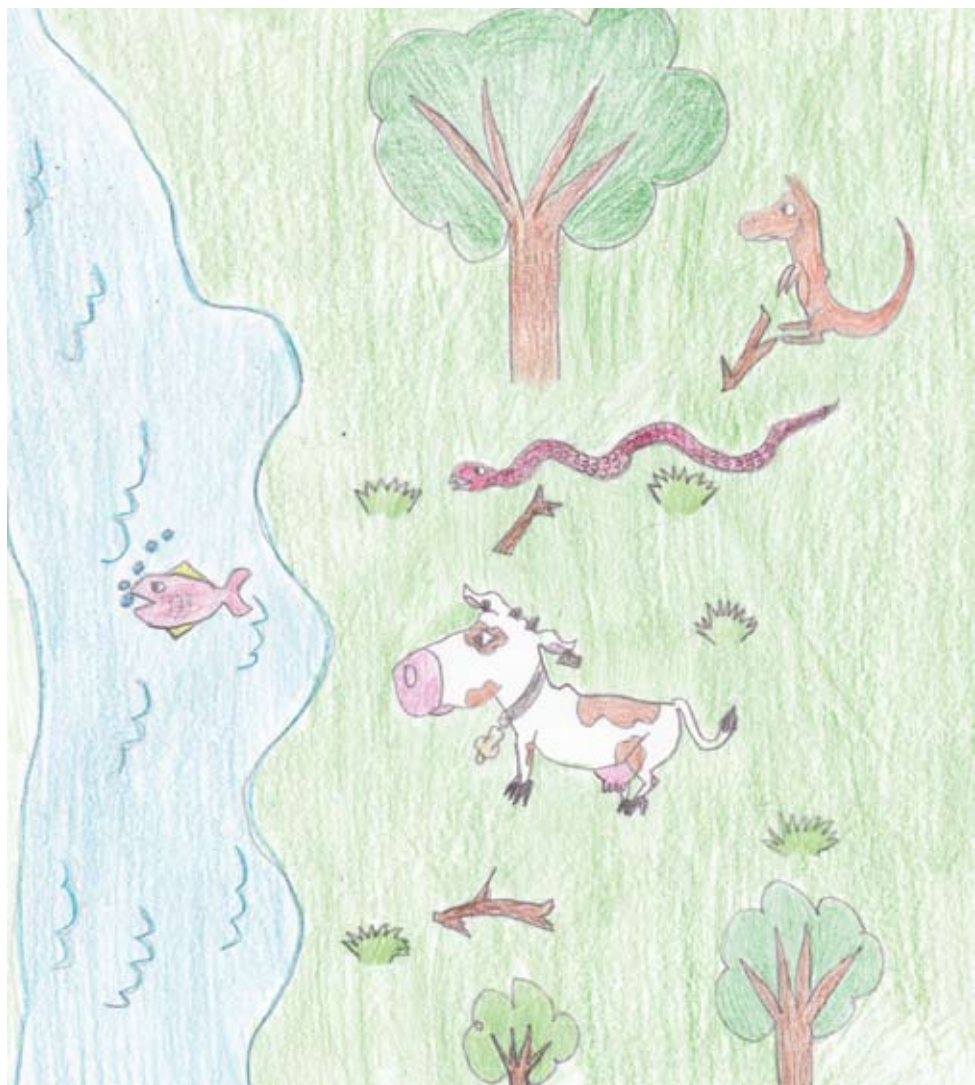
- A Duck’s Life
- Blue-Bell the Cow
- Collie the Champion Carp
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- Pippy the Platypus
- Stop the Spread
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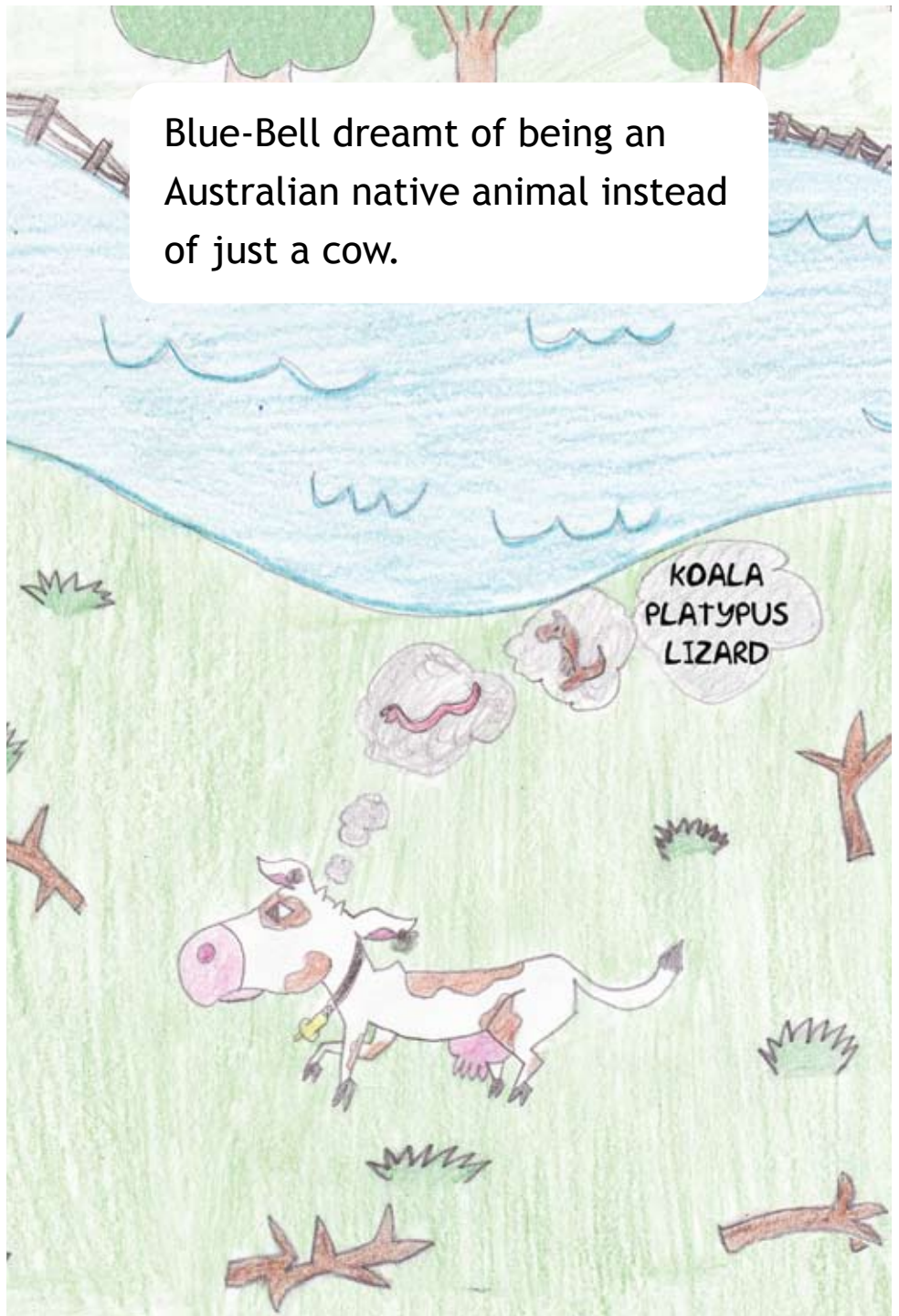
One sunny morning a cow named Blue-Bell was happily grazing by the creek.



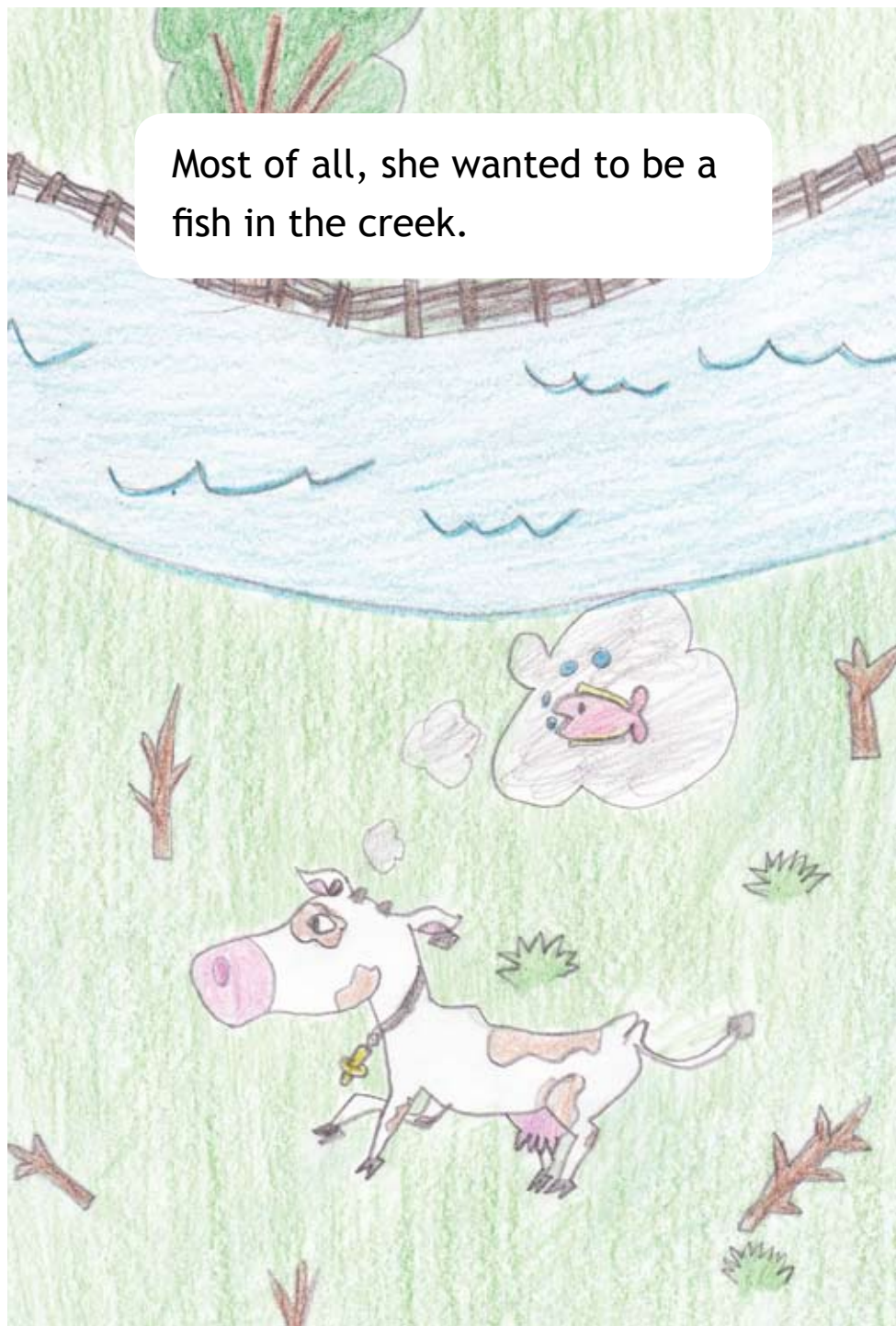
She was a brown, spotted cow who was milked every morning and night.

Blue-Bell had one big problem. She was bored of being a cow.

Blue-Bell dreamt of being an Australian native animal instead of just a cow.



Most of all, she wanted to be a fish in the creek.





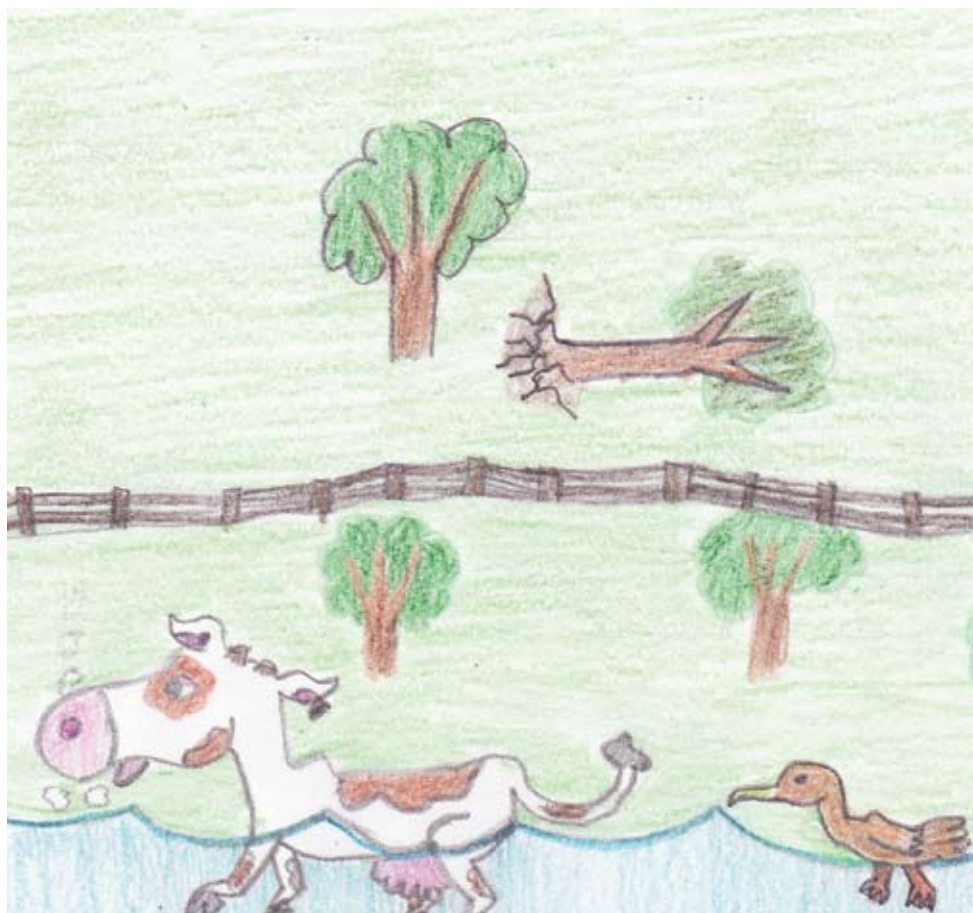
The next day, when farmer Bill was happily feeding the pigs, he looked up in shock as he saw Blue-Bell in the creek.

Farmer Bill thought he was dreaming and went inside to sit down.





Blue-Bell dived into the creek with a huge splash! She tried to swim in the creek, but she sank to the bottom.

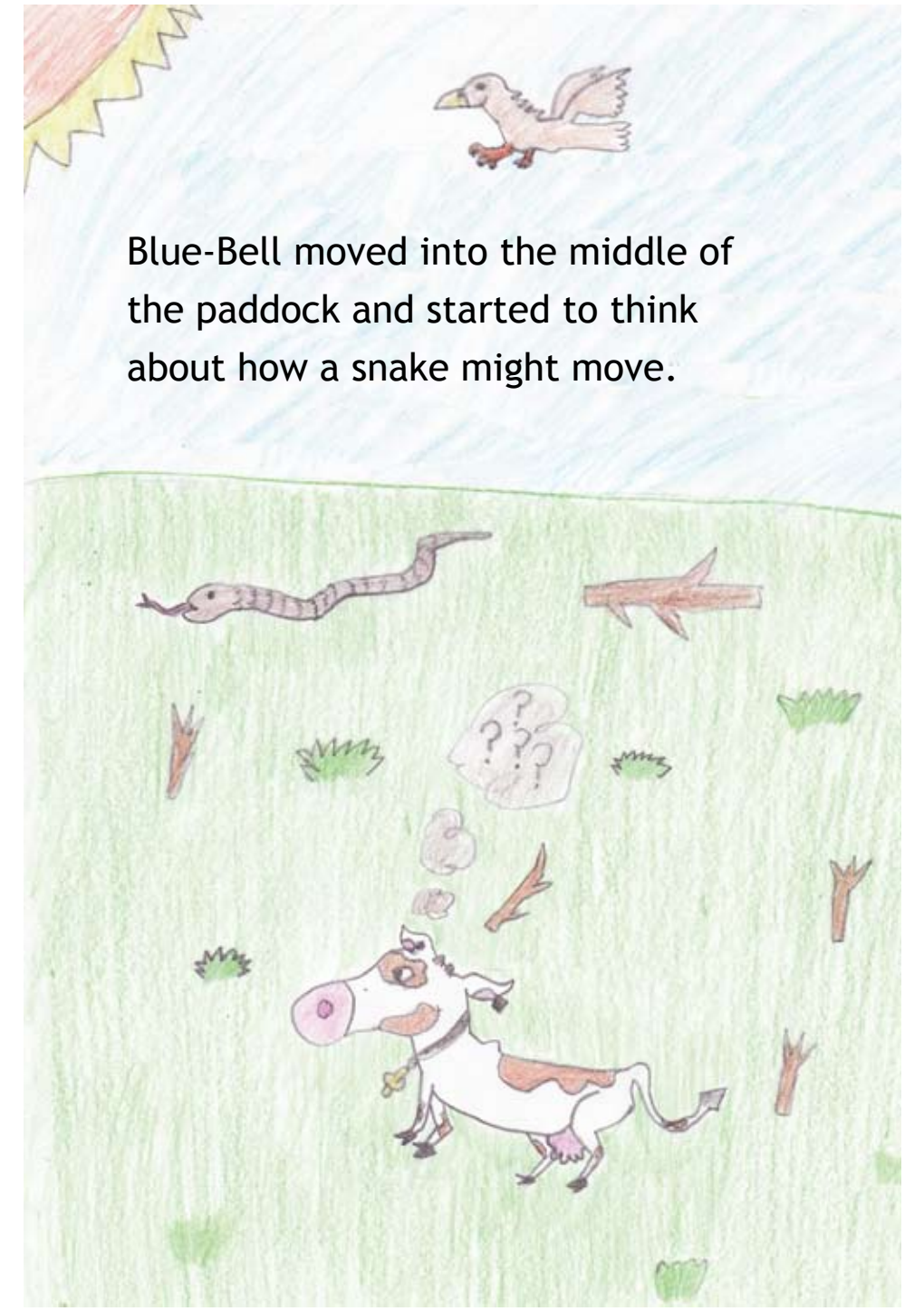


Blue-Bell couldn't breathe underwater and had to struggle to the surface.

She didn't feel like a fish because she couldn't swim like a fish.

Blue-Bell decided to see if she could be something else. She thought she would try to be a snake.





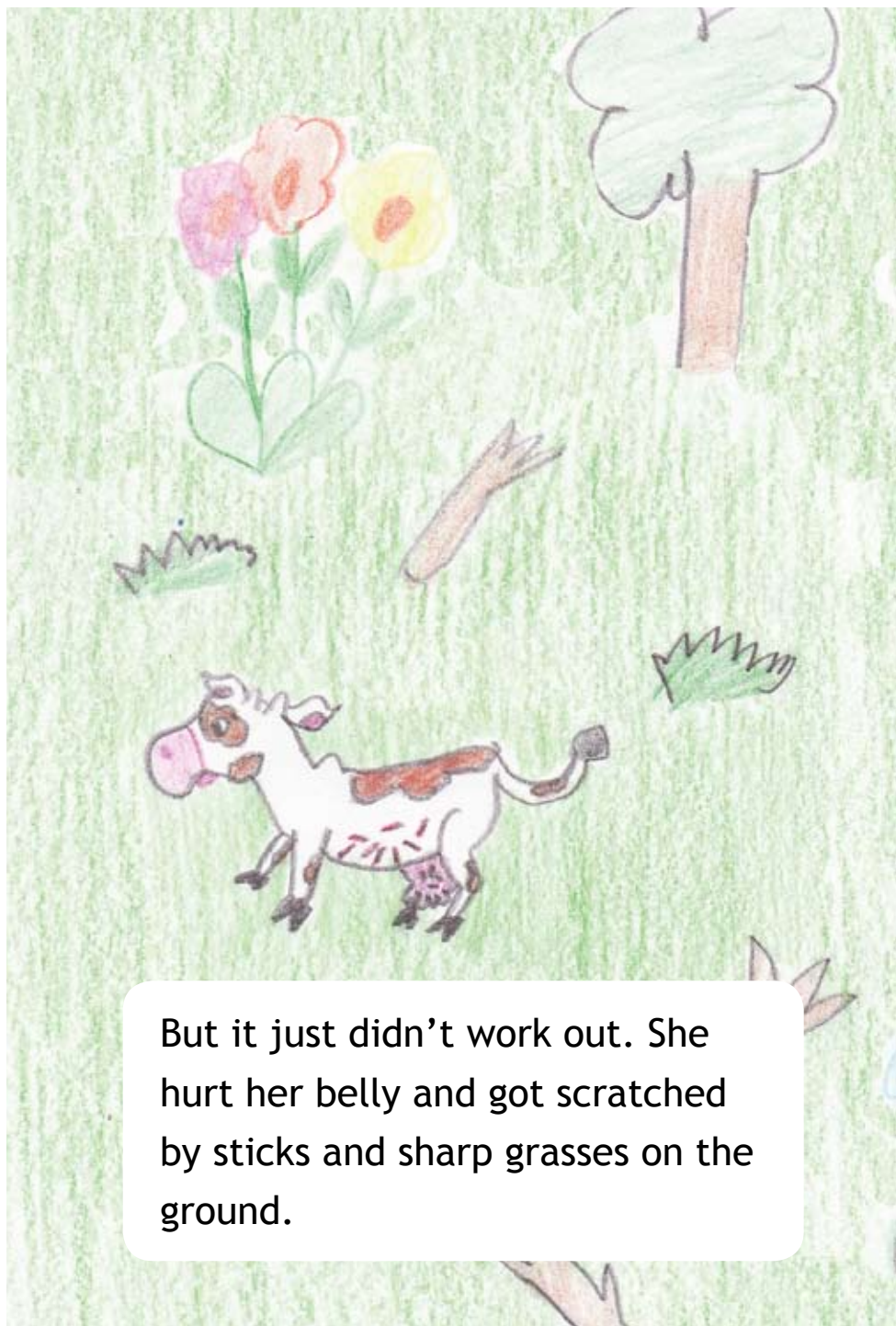
Blue-Bell moved into the middle of the paddock and started to think about how a snake might move.

So she tried to slither along the ground.





She tried hissing and fitting into small places like hollow logs. She even tried to climb a tree.



But it just didn't work out. She hurt her belly and got scratched by sticks and sharp grasses on the ground.

Blue-Bell thought her last hope was to be a kangaroo.

She tried hopping, jumping and balancing on her tail. But she fell over and hurt her back.





By the end of the day Blue-Bell was tired of trying to be different animals.

She decided that from now on she would stay being a cow.

After all, that is what she was born to be.



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