

# Friends of Summer Hill Creek



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

## Central West Catchment Management Authority

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[www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au)

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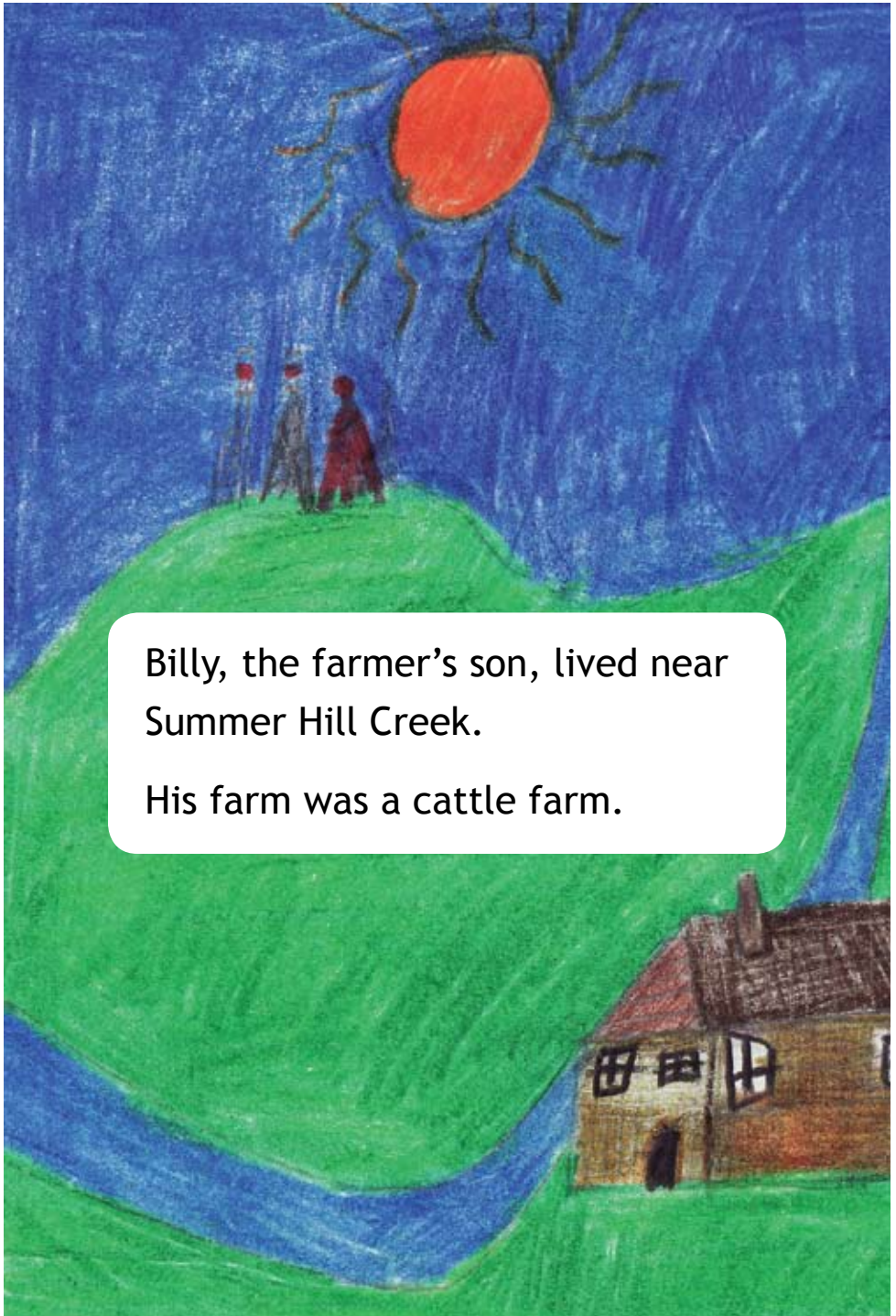
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- Friends of Summer Hill Creek
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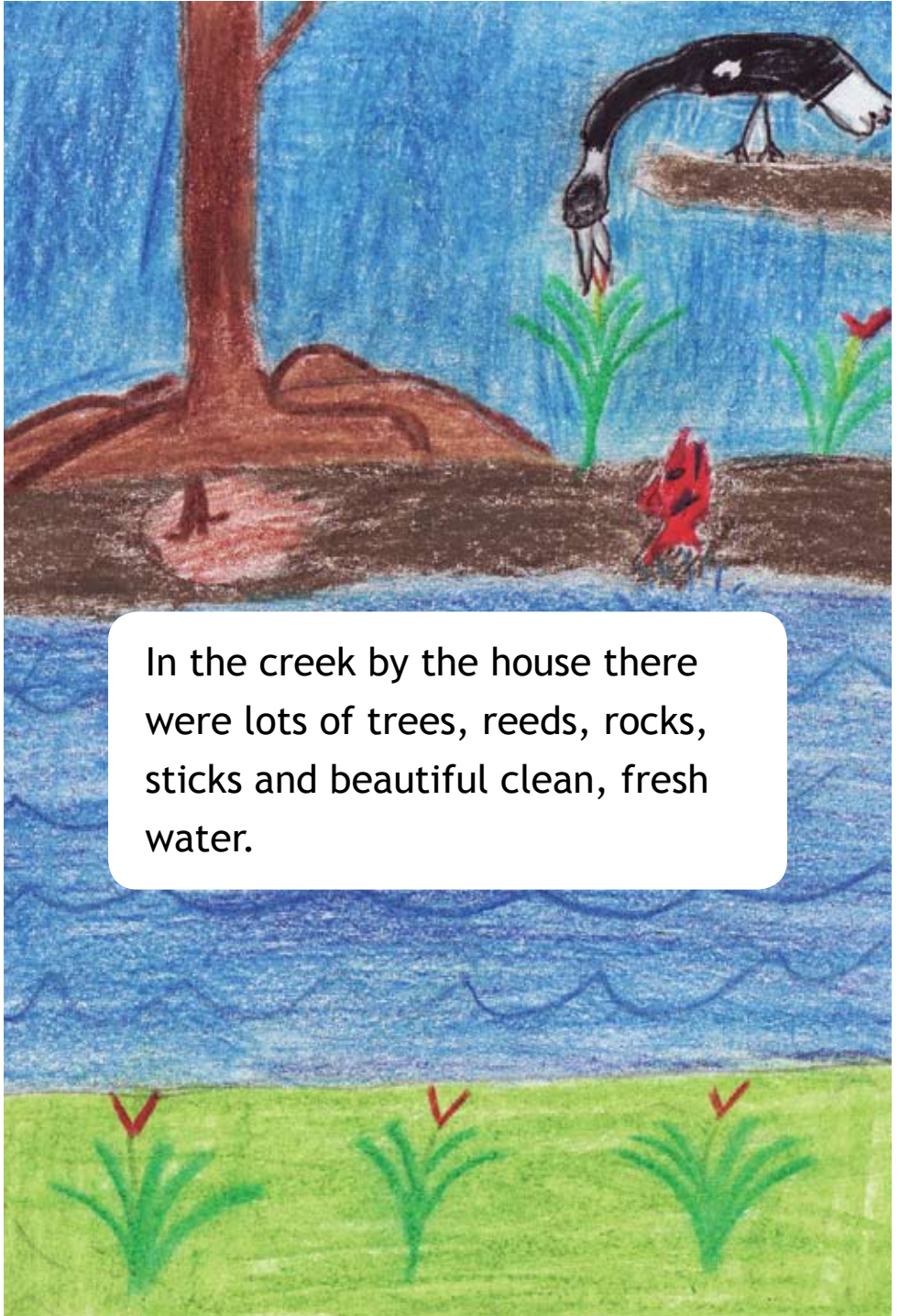
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Billy, the farmer's son, lived near Summer Hill Creek.  
His farm was a cattle farm.



In the creek by the house there were lots of trees, reeds, rocks, sticks and beautiful clean, fresh water.

Billy normally saw fish, yabbies and water birds down at the creek.

Sometimes, if he was quiet enough, he might see a platypus.





Billy's favourite creek friends were Eggy and Bluey.

Eggy was an Egret who usually sat singing on the dead branch whilst looking for fish.

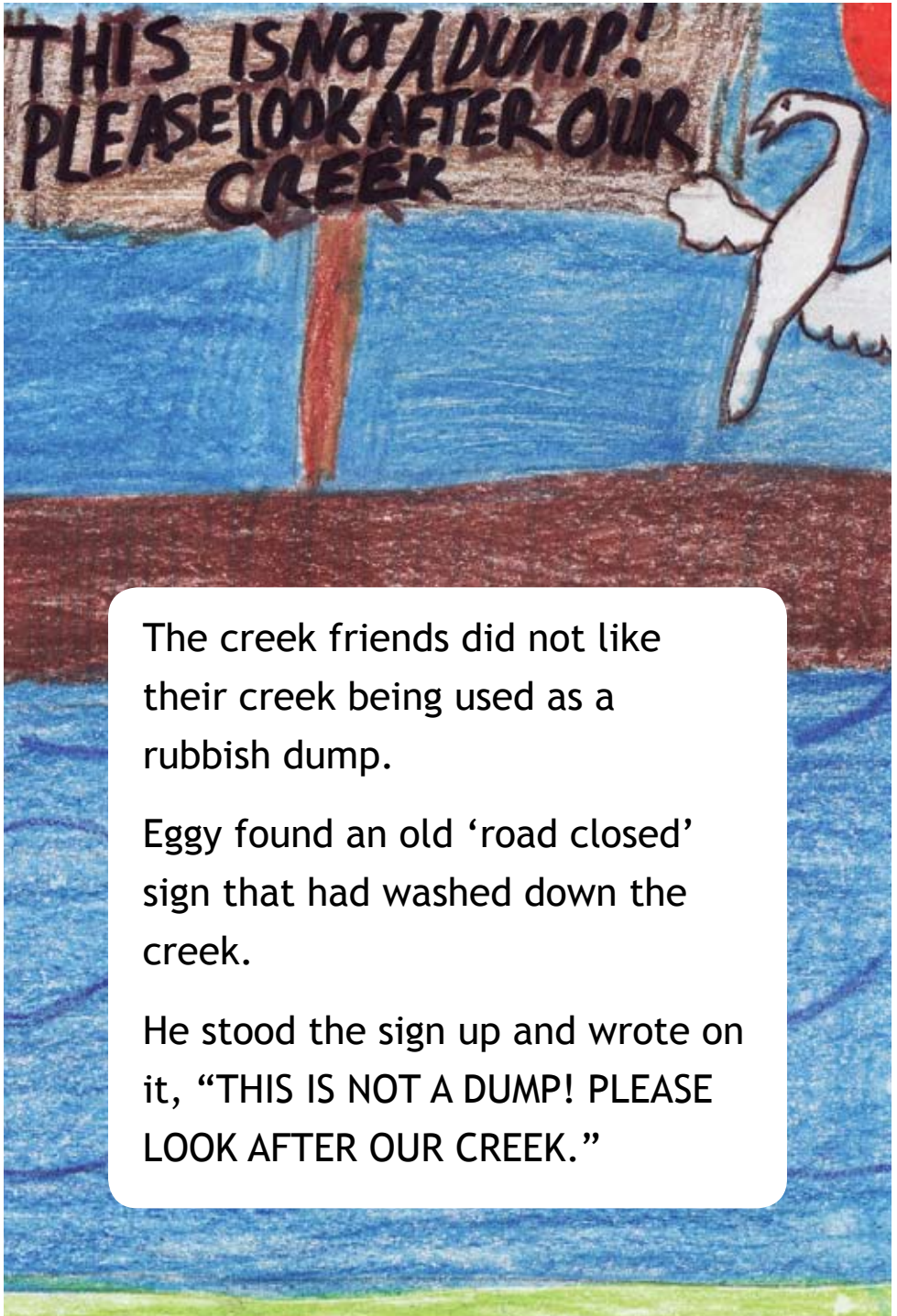
Bluey was a yabby, who was often found under the rock in the bend of the creek.



One day Billy's family sold the farm and lots of people built their houses there.

The people started using the creek as a rubbish dump.





The creek friends did not like their creek being used as a rubbish dump.

Eggy found an old 'road closed' sign that had washed down the creek.

He stood the sign up and wrote on it, "THIS IS NOT A DUMP! PLEASE LOOK AFTER OUR CREEK."



But the sign just got knocked down by the uncaring people who lived there.

Eggy decided to call a meeting with his creek friends.



He invited Bluey the yabby, and all the birds, fish and other creatures that lived nearby.

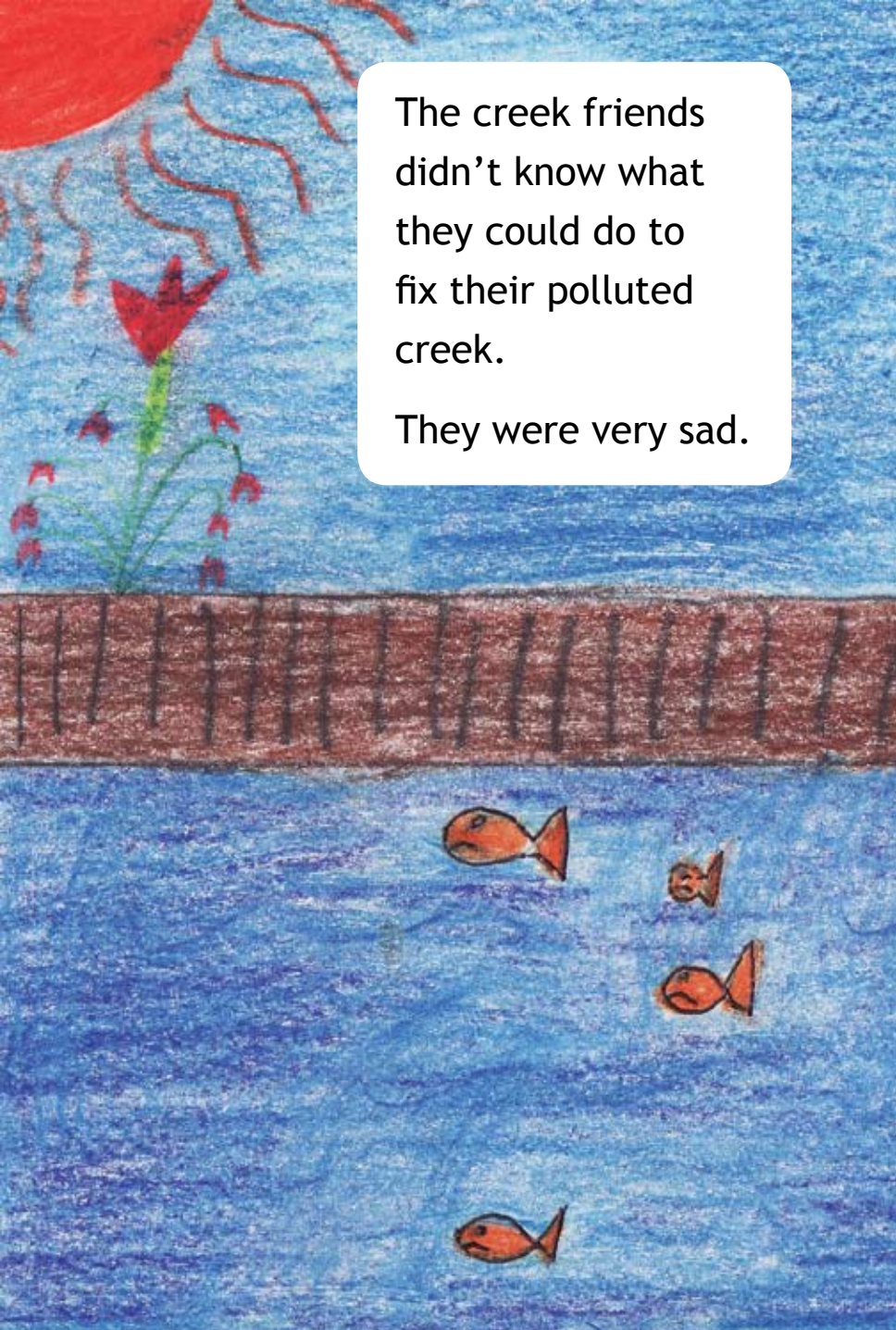
Sadly, with the water now polluted, nobody could find Mrs Platypus and her family.





At the meeting Eggy said, “The rubbish has ruined our home.”

Bluey shouted “Yeah! The rubbish is falling on top of my home”.



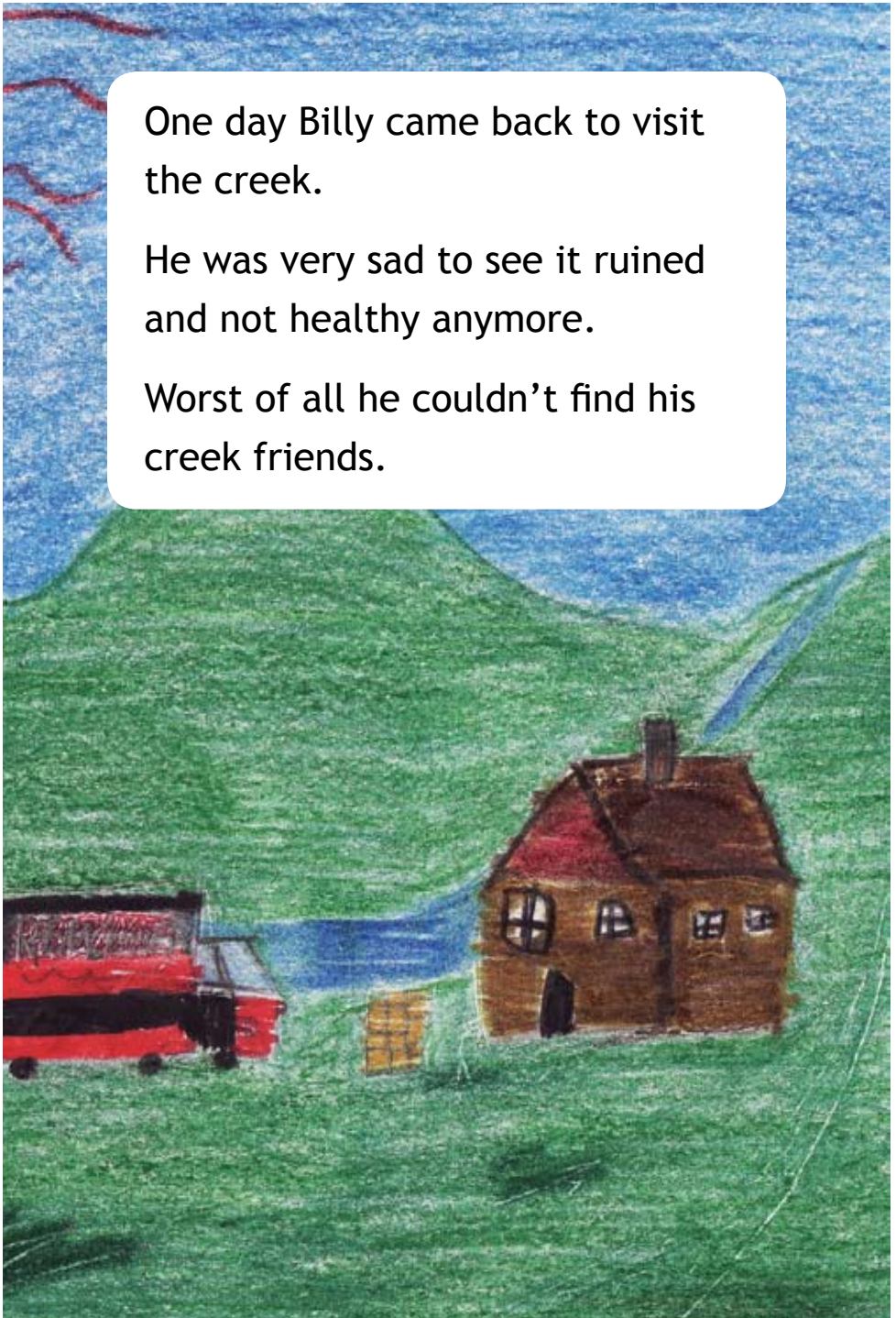
The creek friends  
didn't know what  
they could do to  
fix their polluted  
creek.

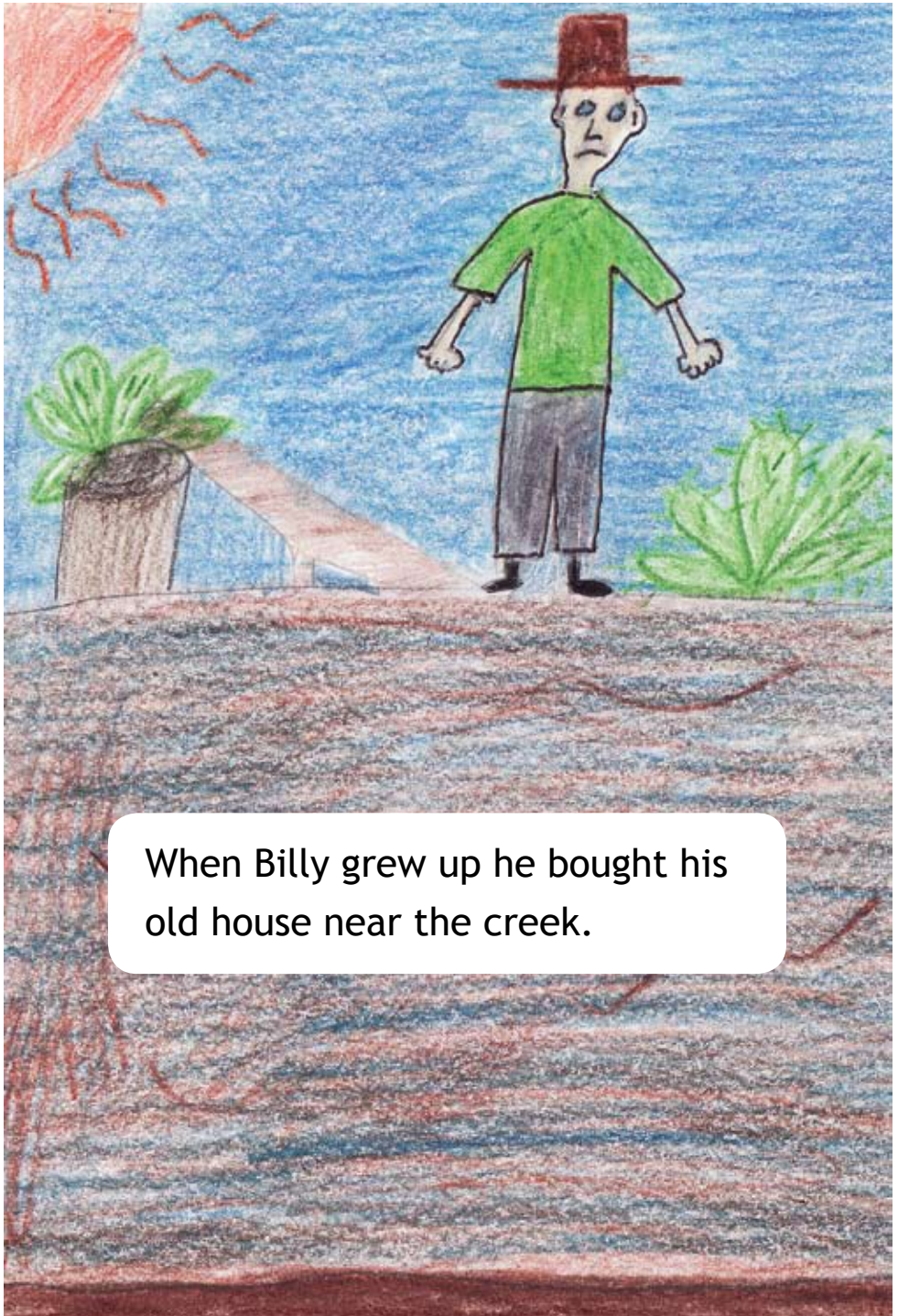
They were very sad.

One day Billy came back to visit the creek.

He was very sad to see it ruined and not healthy anymore.

Worst of all he couldn't find his creek friends.





When Billy grew up he bought his old house near the creek.

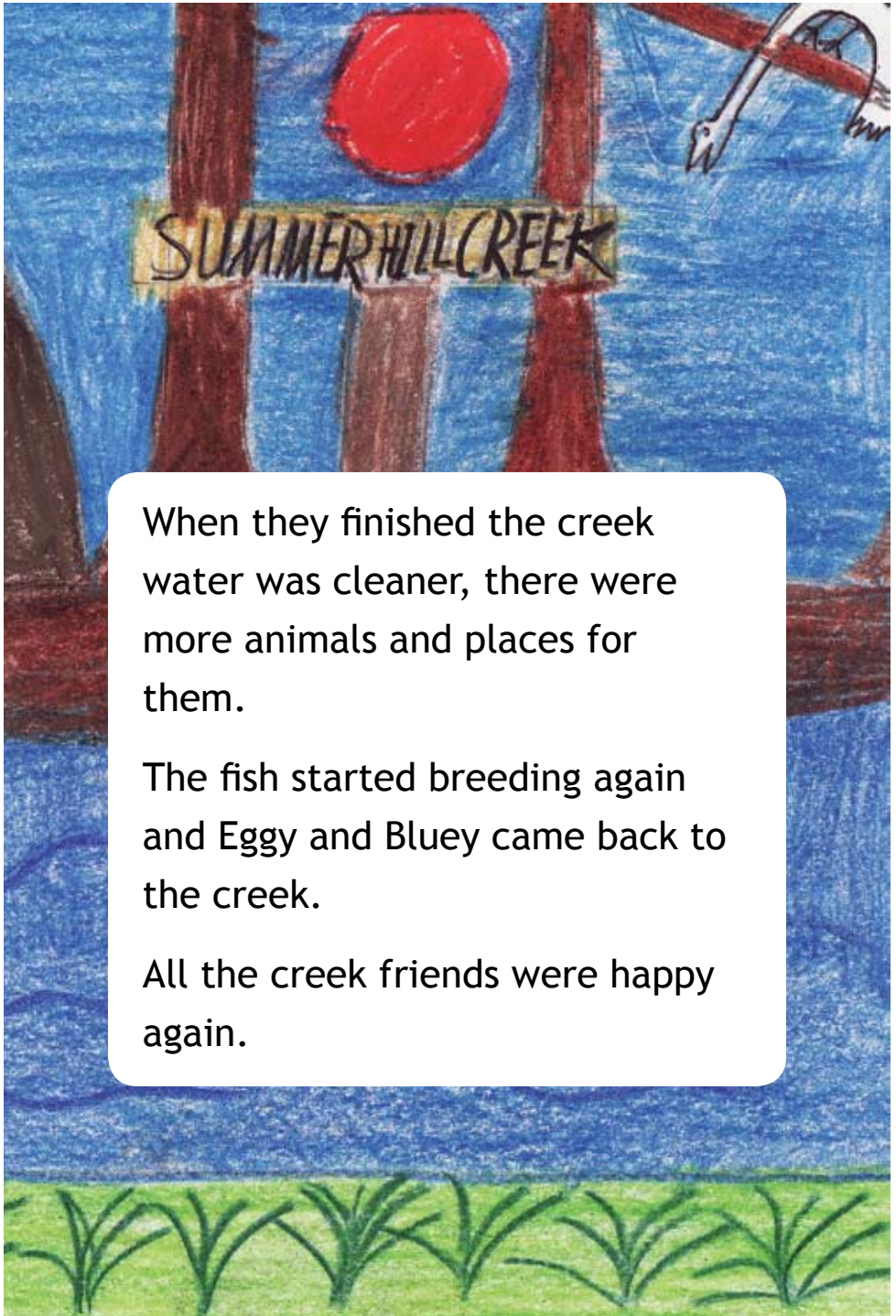
Billy had an idea of what he must do to help the creek.

He invited his new neighbors to come and help clean the creek and make it healthy again.

They planted trees and reeds, they took out the rubbish and killed the weeds.







When they finished the creek water was cleaner, there were more animals and places for them.

The fish started breeding again and Egg and Bluey came back to the creek.

All the creek friends were happy again.



Billy made sure the creek would never be used as a dump again.

As the creek near Billy's house became healthier, eventually Mrs Platypus brought her family back.

Billy was pleased to have all his creek friends back enjoying the nice creek near his home.





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