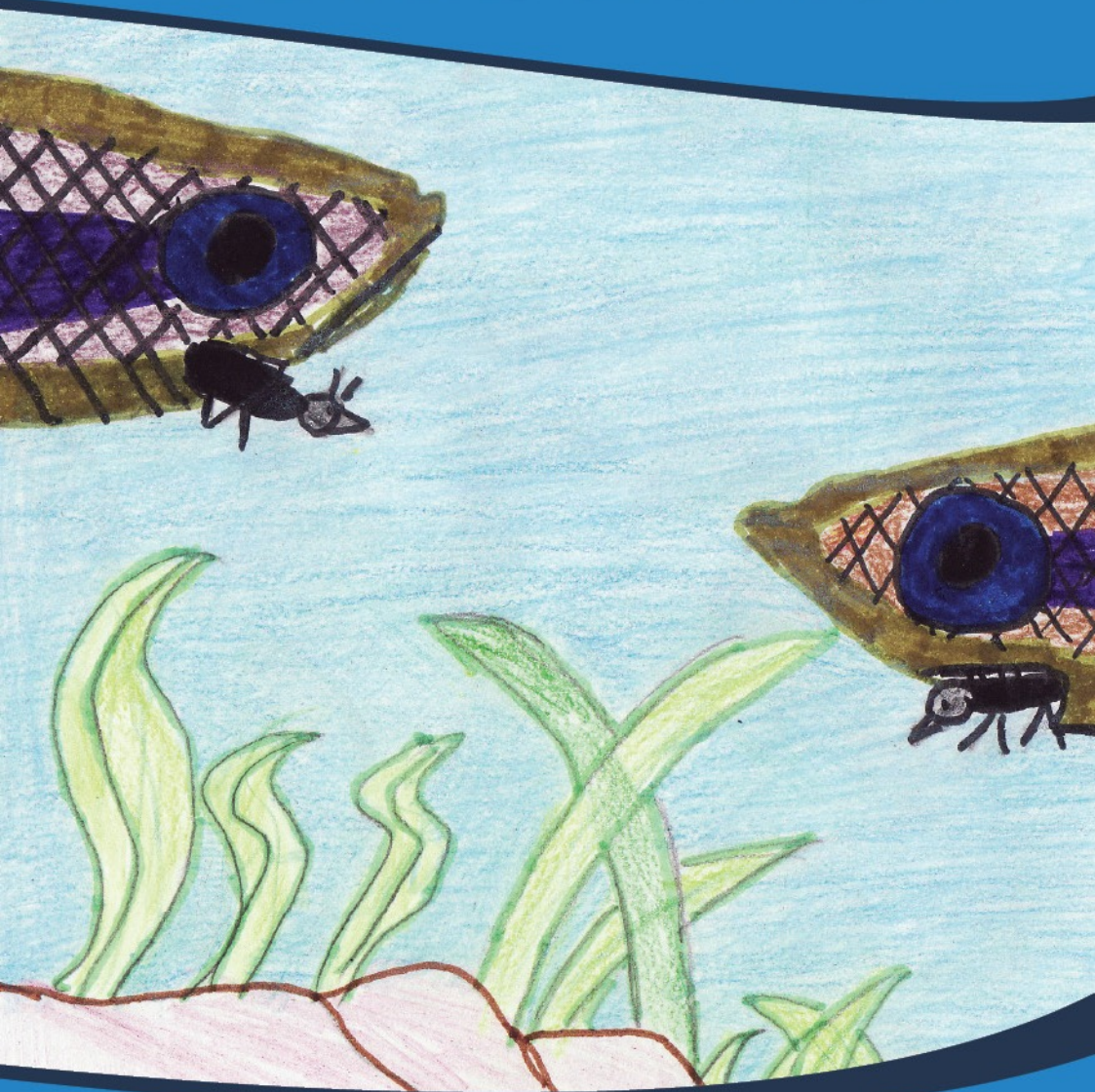


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Enviro-Stories Education Program

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

www.envirostories.com.au



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

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.

www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au

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- Caroline Saves the Day!
- Friends of Summer Hill Creek
- Who Rules the River?

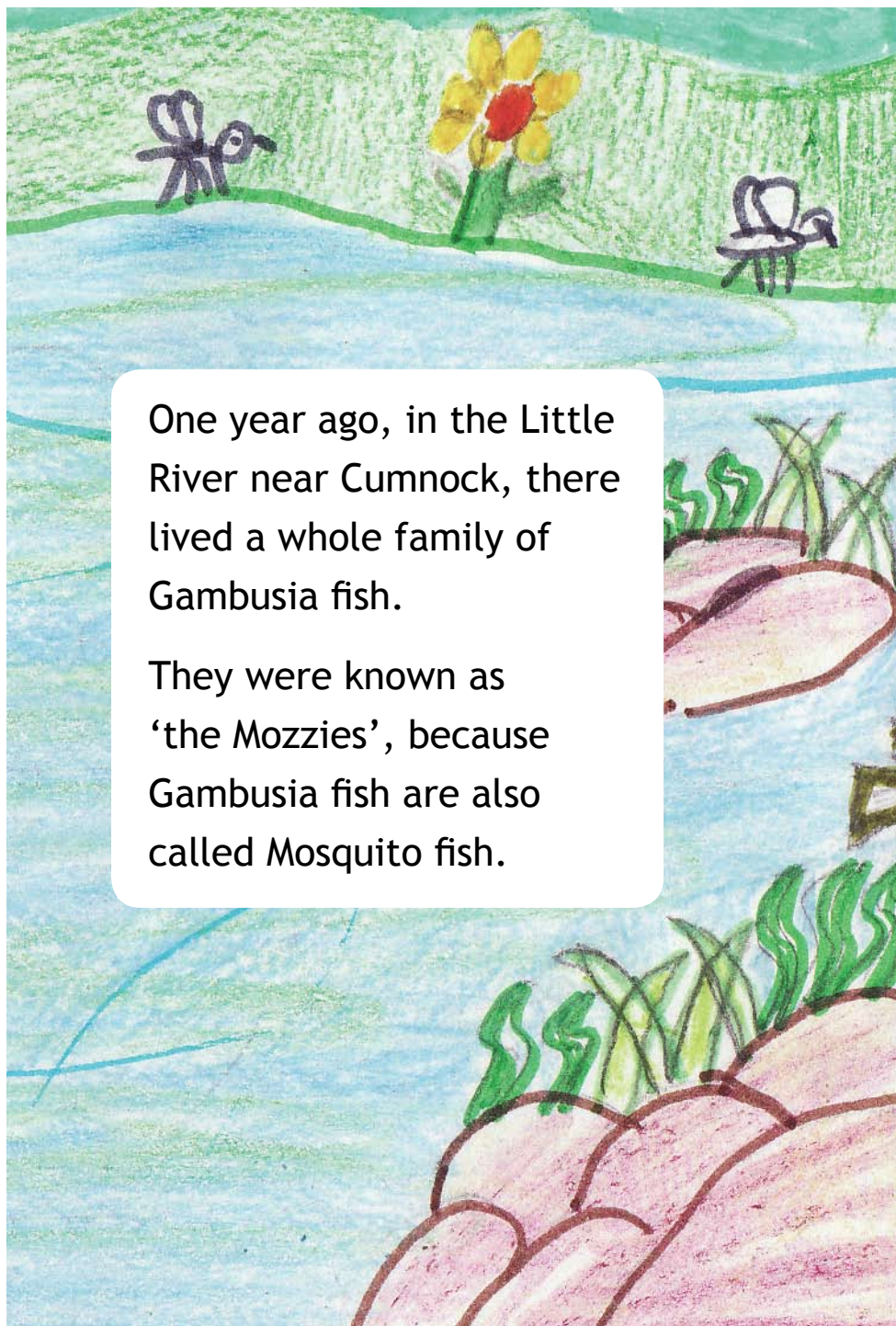
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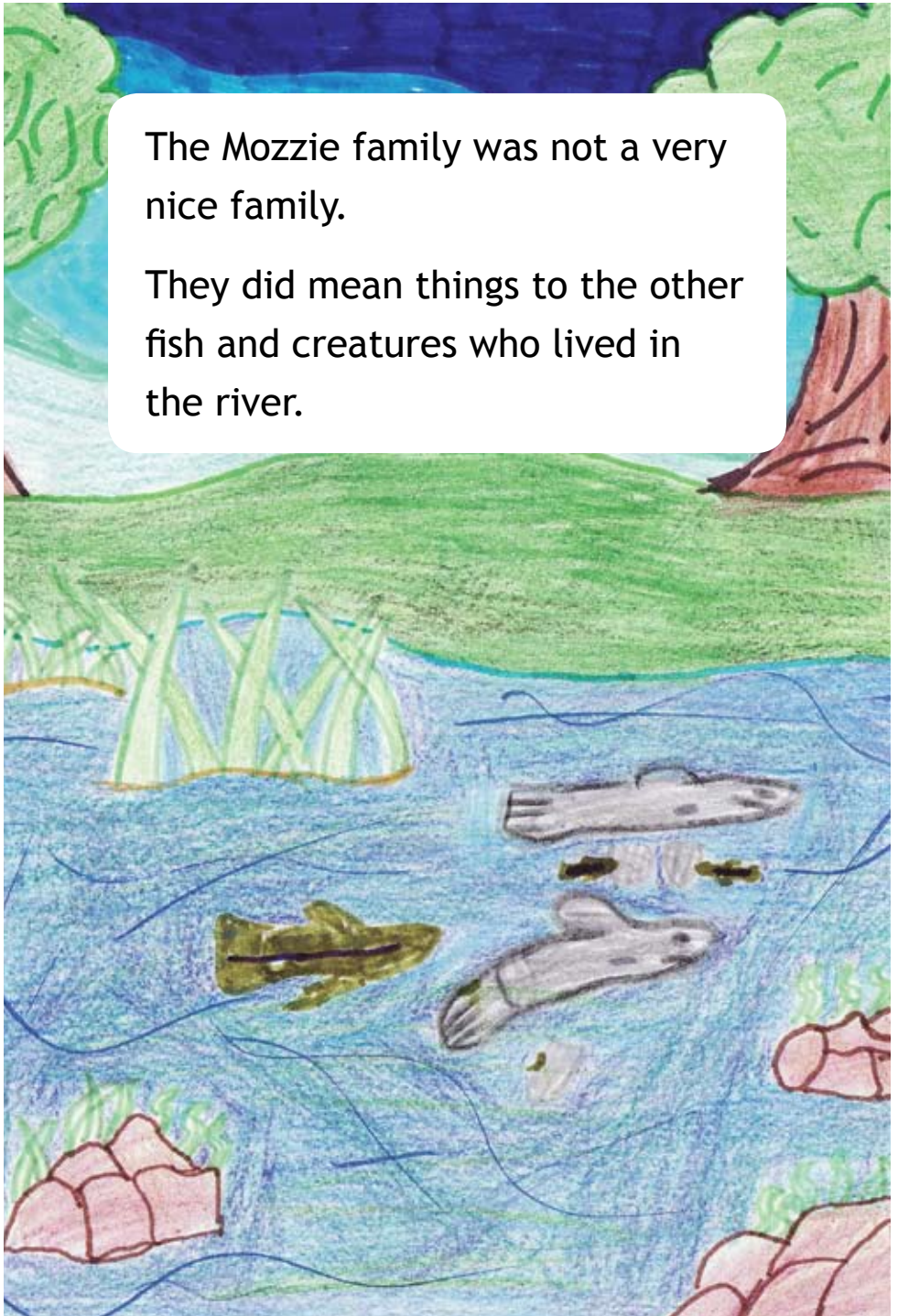


One year ago, in the Little River near Cumnock, there lived a whole family of Gambusia fish.

They were known as 'the Mozzies', because Gambusia fish are also called Mosquito fish.

The Mozzie family was not a very nice family.

They did mean things to the other fish and creatures who lived in the river.



All the other river creatures didn't like the Gambusia fish.

They were very bossy and tried to 'Rule the River'.



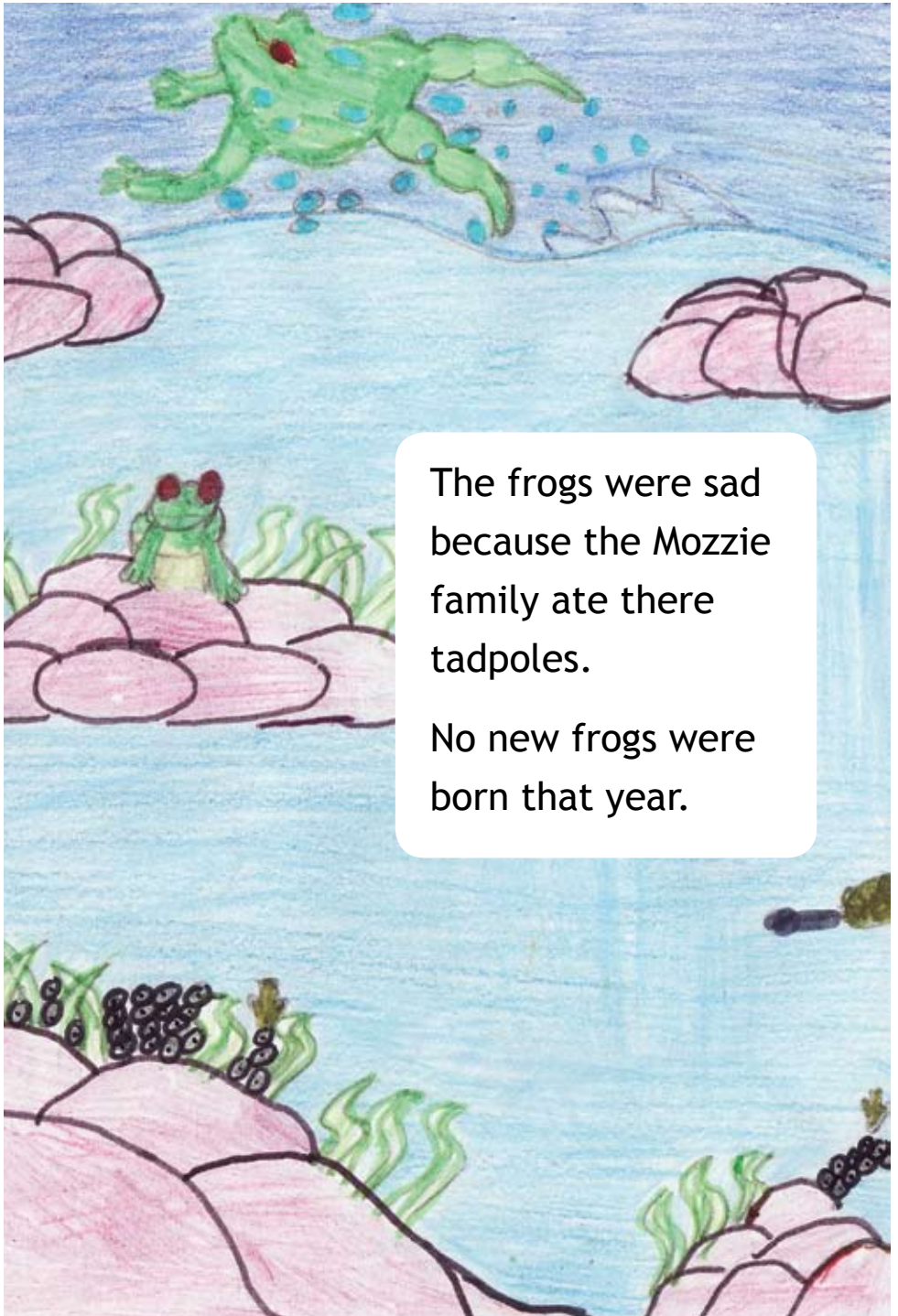


The Mozzie family were not native fish to the area, but they wanted to be the Kings of the river.



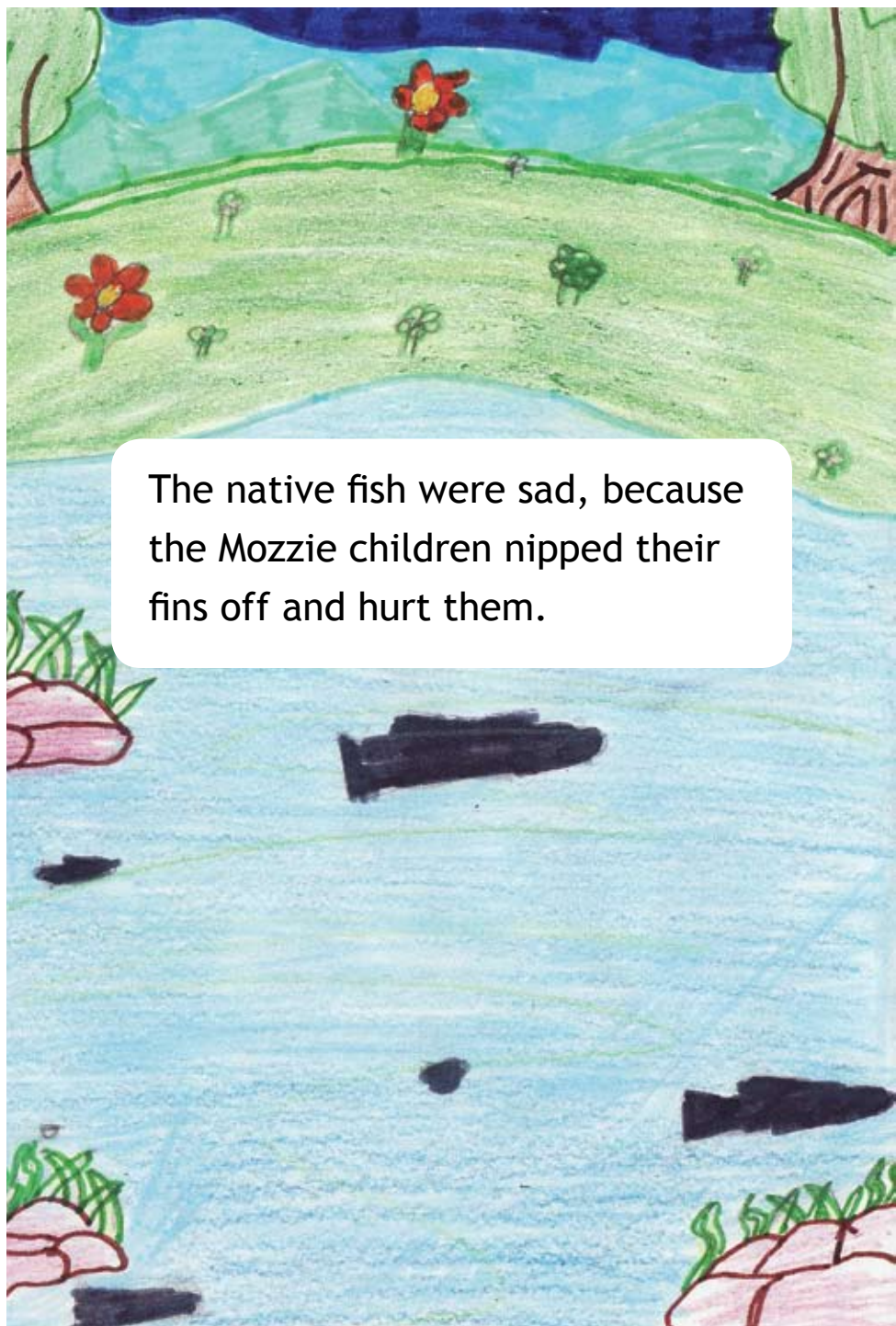
Where they had come from, the Mozzie fish had an endless supply of mosquitoes all day long.

But when the Mozzie family were bought to Australia they started to feed on lots of other yummy creatures.



The frogs were sad
because the Mozzie
family ate there
tadpoles.

No new frogs were
born that year.



The native fish were sad, because the Mozzie children nipped their fins off and hurt them.



All the creatures living in the river had had enough.

They tried to find a new animal to protect them from the Mozzie fish.

The Water Spider volunteered to become their new leader.



The Water Spider was a brave and fearless leader.

He used the tiny hairs on his strong legs to walk across the river's surface.

He went over and talked to the Mozzie family about the terrible things they did to the other river creatures.

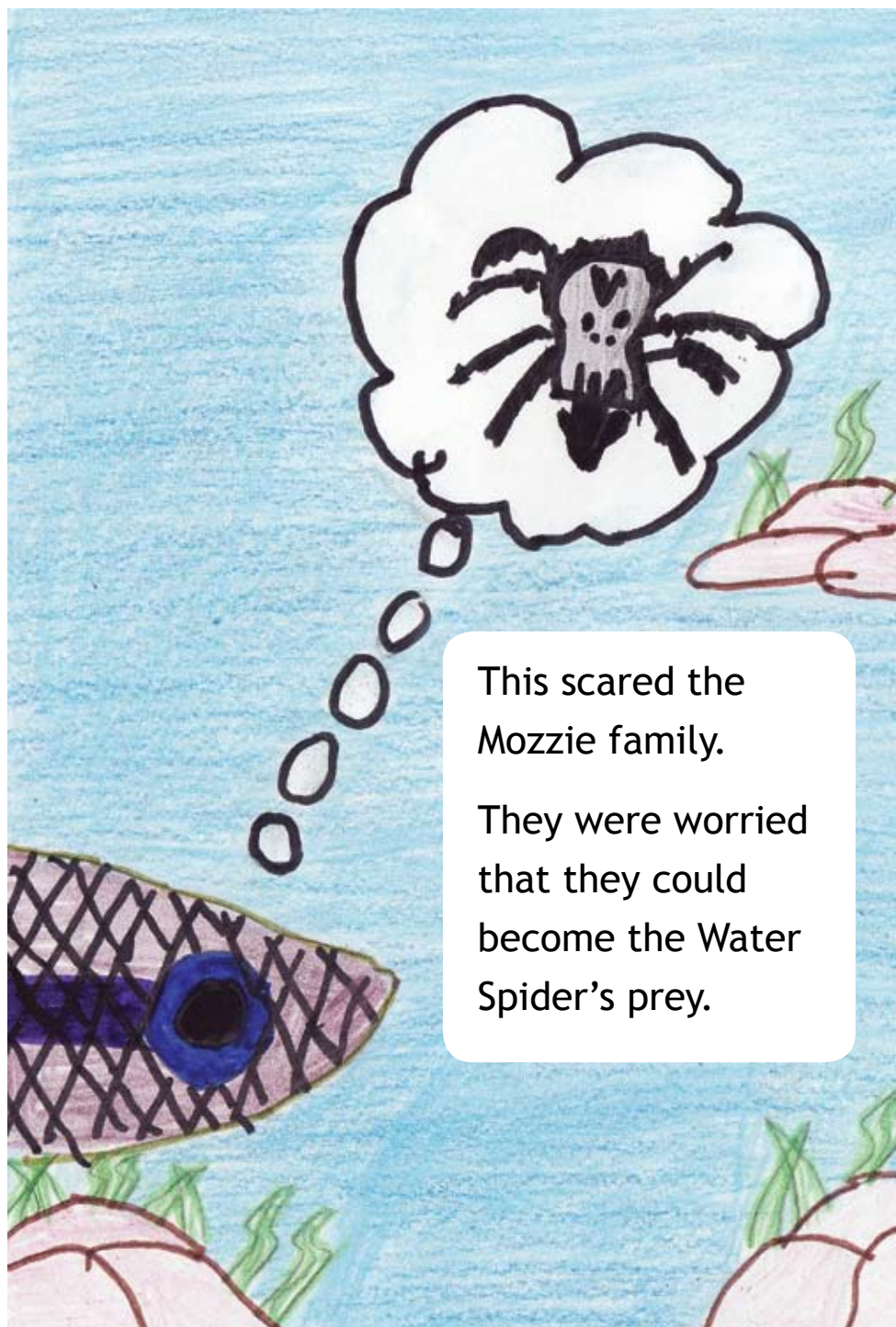


He told the Mozzie family that they could not invade the river anymore, but they could share the river with everyone.



The Water Spider put on a dazzling display of how he could catch his prey in the water without using a web.





This scared the
Mozzie family.

They were worried
that they could
become the Water
Spider's prey.



The Water Spider told the Mozzie family that if they stopped hurting all the other river creatures he would never harm them.



From that day on the Mozzie family and all the other Gambusia fish learnt to share the river with all the creatures.

This brought peace to the river and they lived together happily in their wild, water home.





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