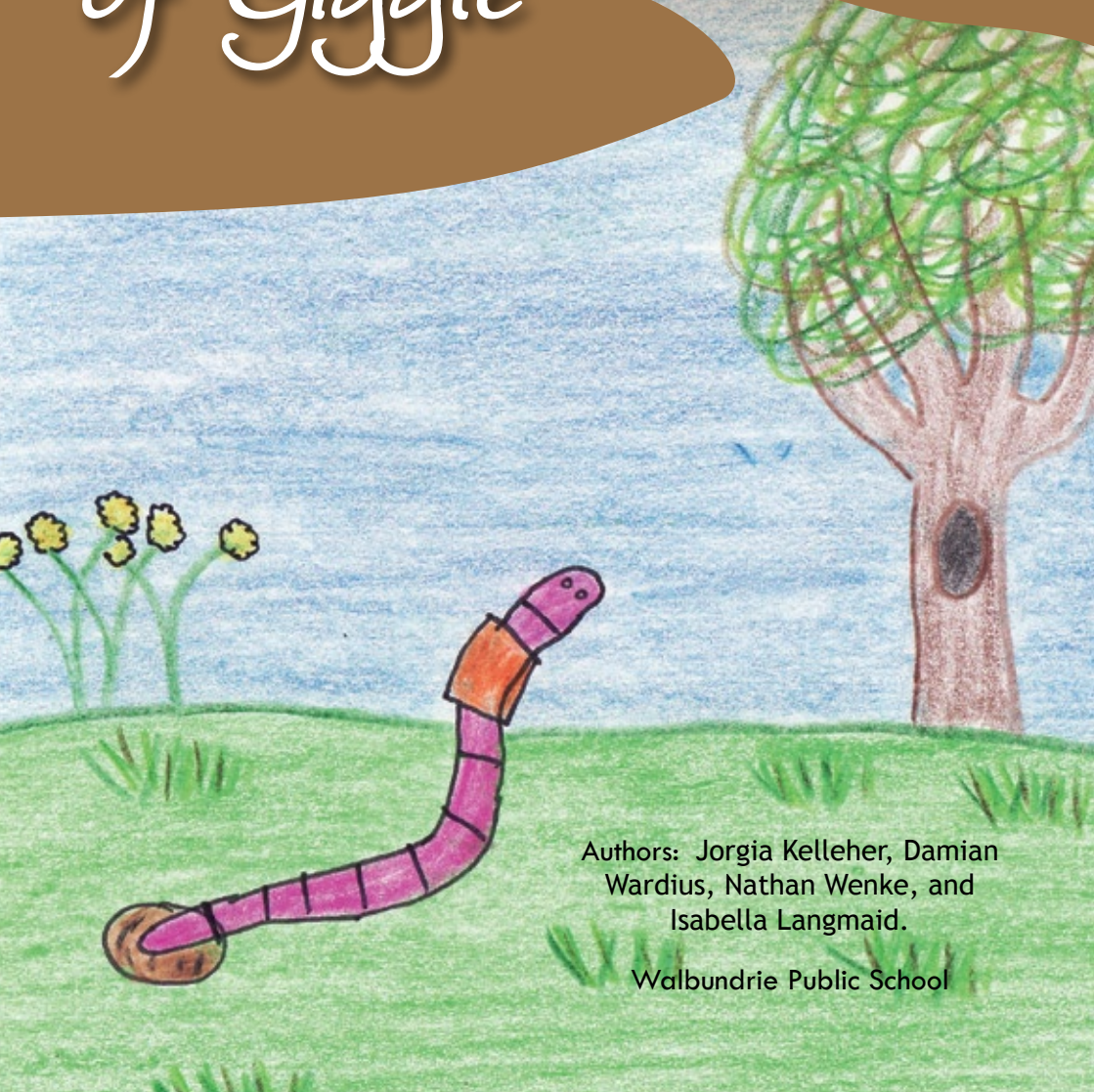


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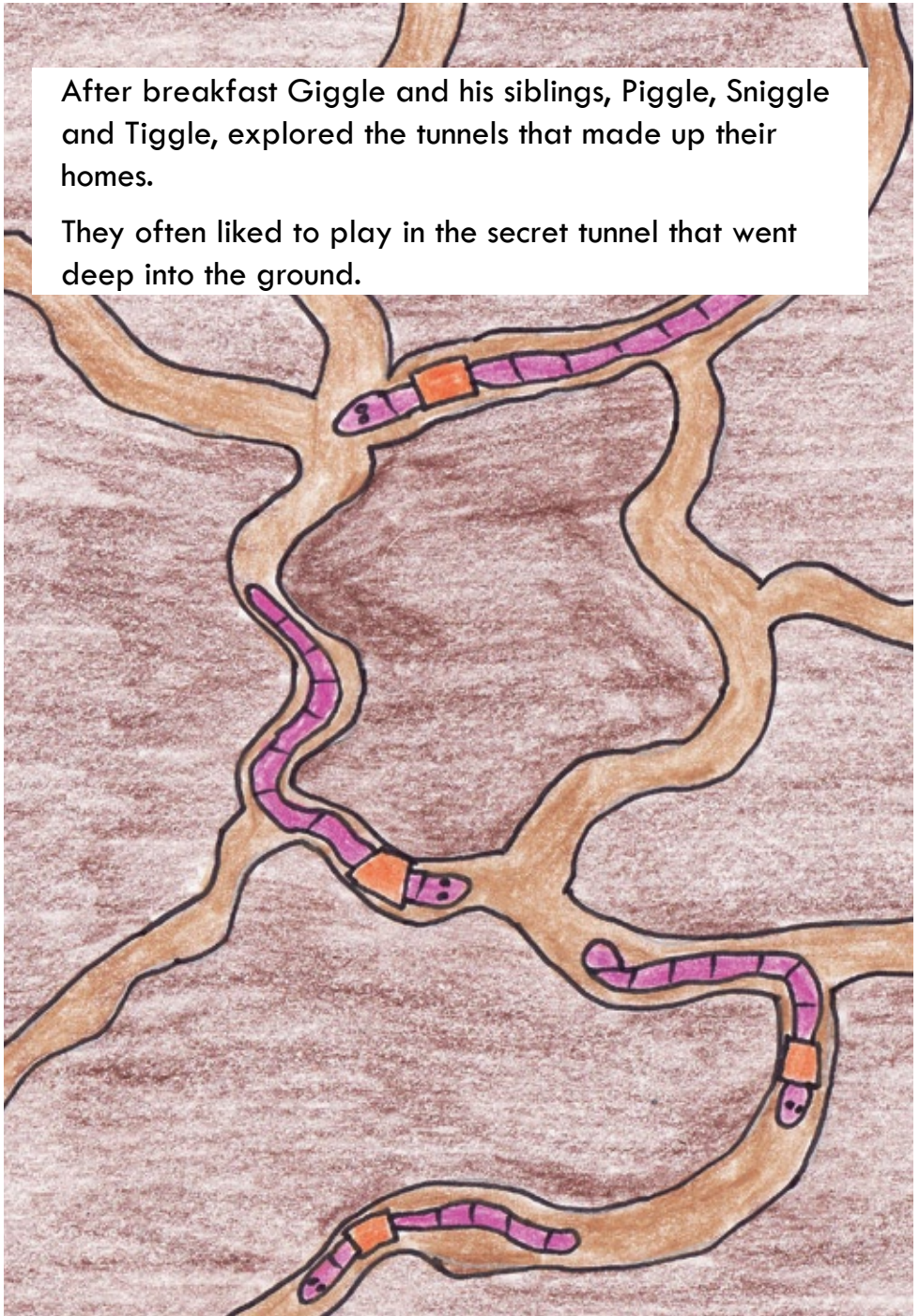
One sunny September morning, Giggle the worm and his family enjoyed a nice breakfast.

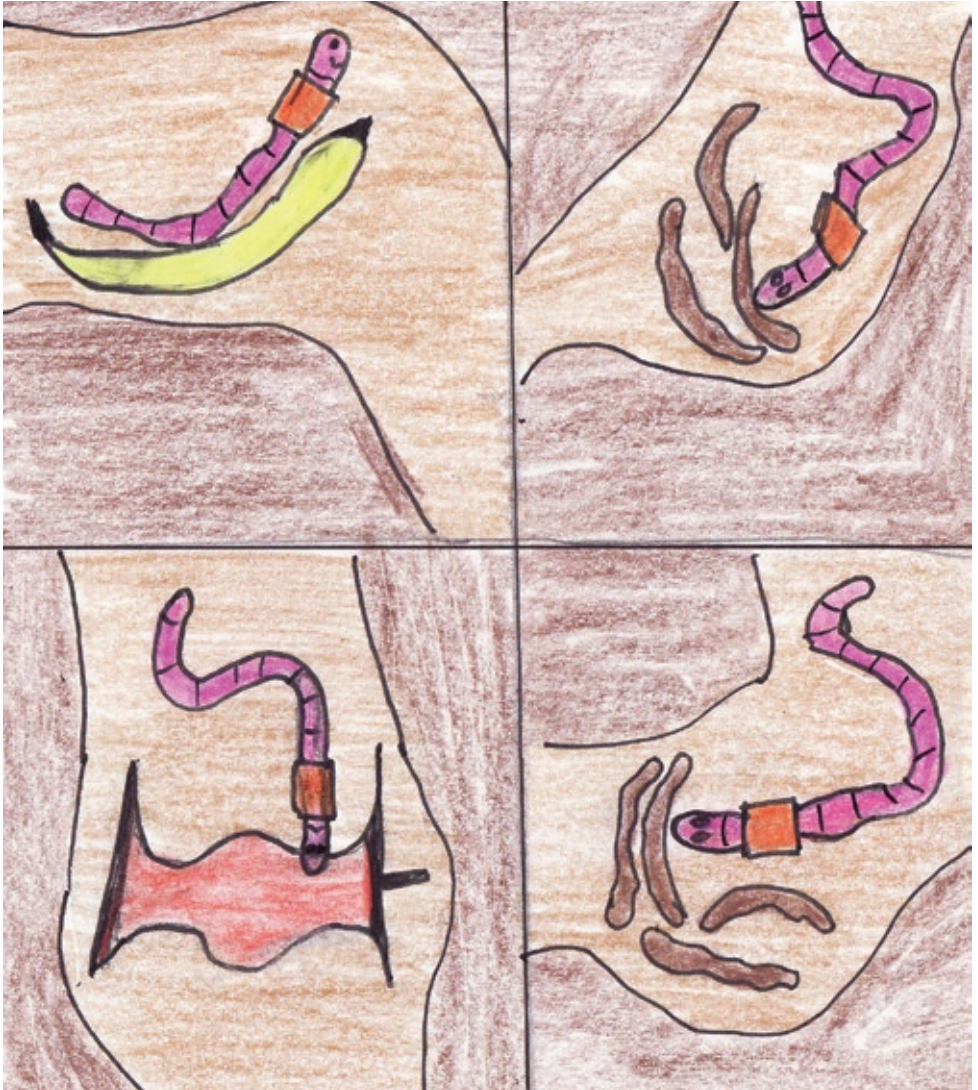
They ate food scraps that the human's kindly put into the compost bin where they lived.



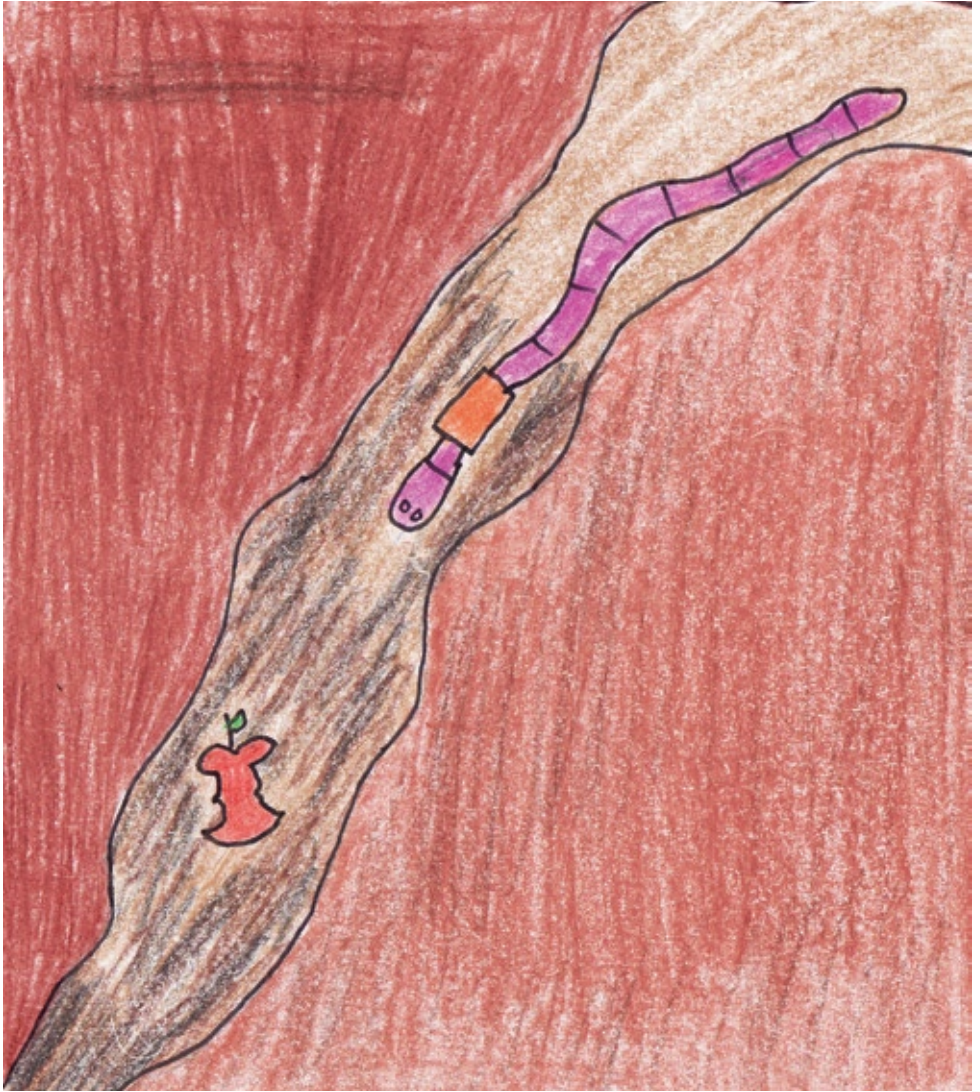
After breakfast Giggle and his siblings, Piggle, Sniggle and Tiggle, explored the tunnels that made up their homes.

They often liked to play in the secret tunnel that went deep into the ground.





They found all sorts of beautiful rotting food along the tunnel.
Piggle and Sniggle snacked on some lovely potato skins.
Tiggle, who was a daredevil, tried to slide down the tunnel on a banana peel.
Giggle thought this was hilarious.



Giggle laughed so hard that he knocked the apple core he was eating down one of the tunnels.

This tunnel was deep dark and scary. The others shouted at him, telling him not to go down there.

Giggle loved his apple cores so he decided to try and find it.

Giggle slithered down the tunnel to find his apple core. The tunnel kept going and going.

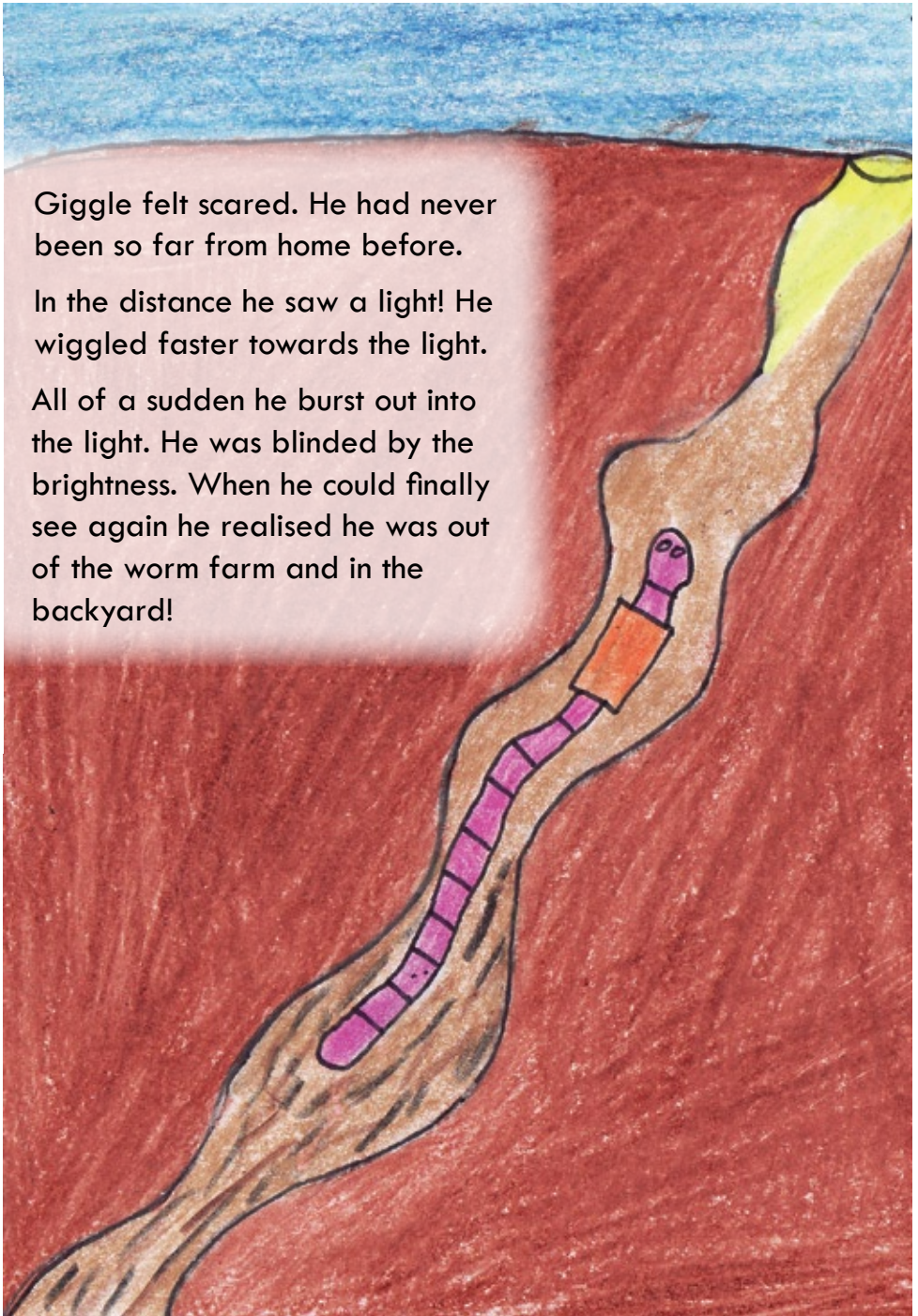
Soon Giggle had followed it so far he began to feel lost.



Giggle felt scared. He had never been so far from home before.

In the distance he saw a light! He wiggled faster towards the light.

All of a sudden he burst out into the light. He was blinded by the brightness. When he could finally see again he realised he was out of the worm farm and in the backyard!



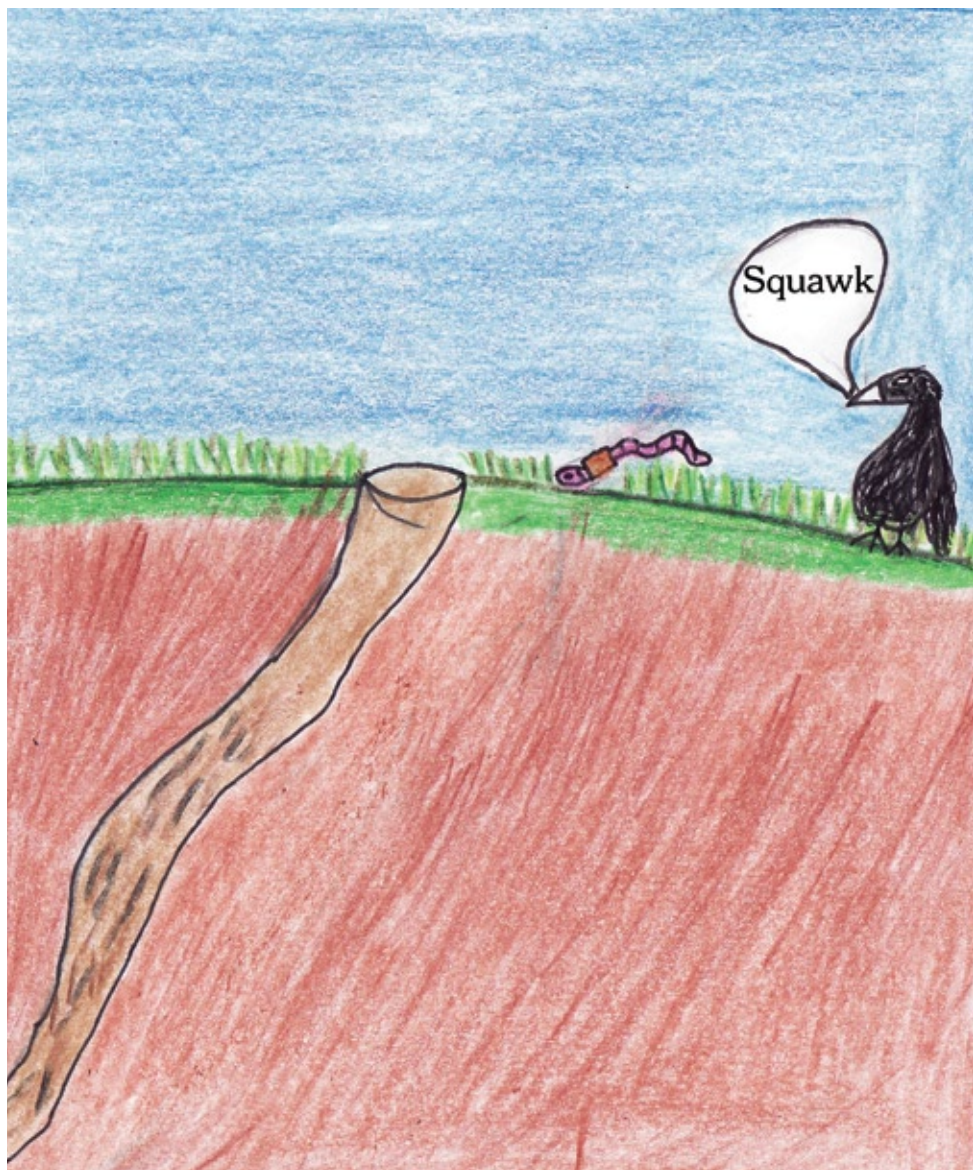
Giggle was petrified. He knew better than to deliberately leave the compost heap.

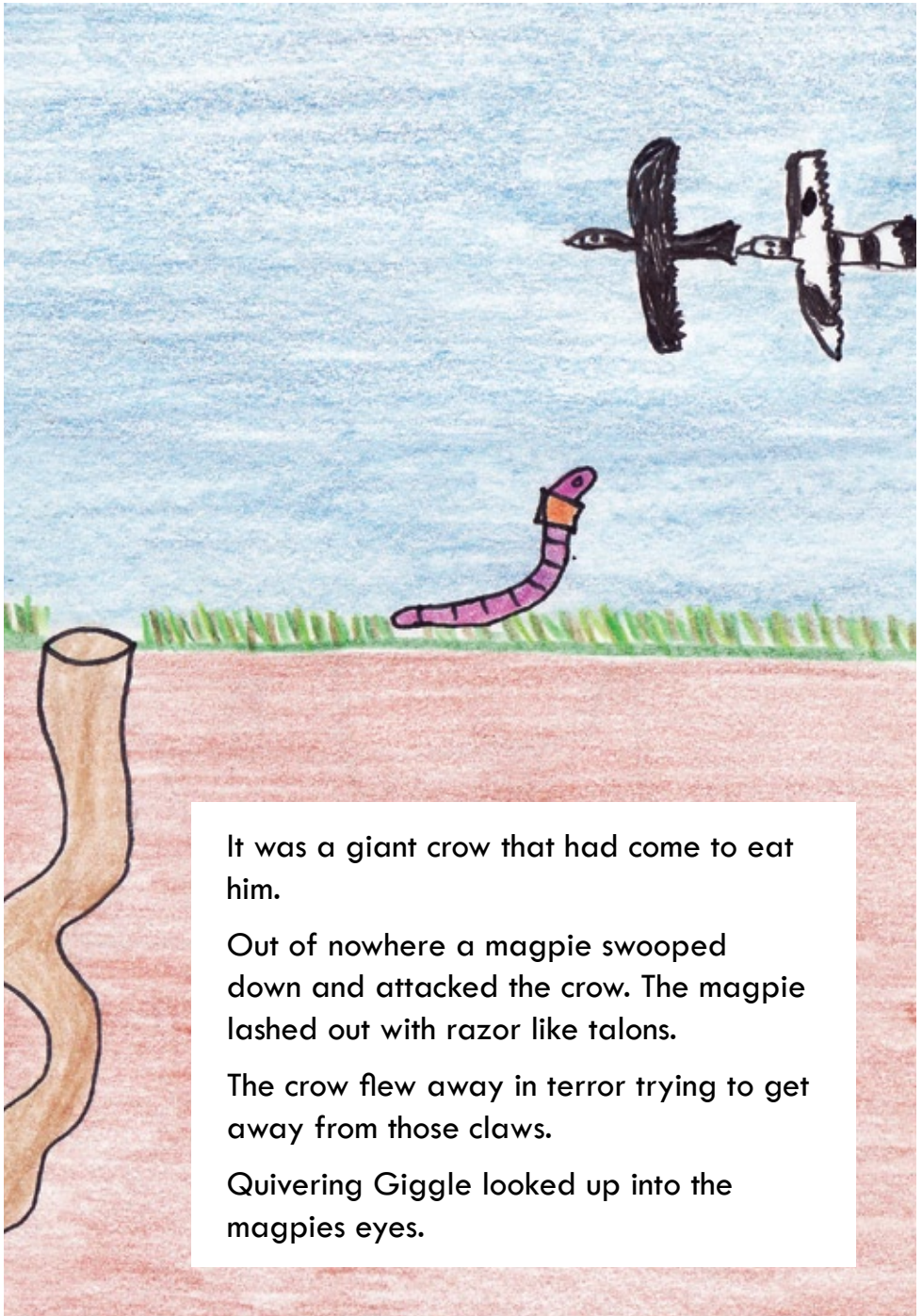
All sorts of terrible things could happen to a worm out in the open.



All of a sudden Giggle heard an almighty screech! He looked up and saw a big bird-like silhouette cut across the sky.

Giggle turned and tried to make it back to the tunnel. There was a huge thud as something landed on the ground just behind him.





It was a giant crow that had come to eat him.

Out of nowhere a magpie swooped down and attacked the crow. The magpie lashed out with razor like talons.

The crow flew away in terror trying to get away from those claws.

Quivering Giggle looked up into the magpies eyes.



“Hello little fella. Don’t worry I am not going to hurt you,” said the magpie. “I want to be your friend.”

Puzzled, Giggle mumbled back, “But why do you want to be my friend? Don’t magpies eat worms?”



“Most magpies do eat worms...but I happen to be a vegetarian magpie. My name is Frankie the friendly!” he exclaimed. “I don’t have many friends so I like to be friendly to all creatures.”

Giggle sighed and nodded, “Oh! I understand now. Thank you for protecting me. I would like to be your friend! Could you help me find my way home Frankie?”

“Of course, where do you live?” said Frankie.

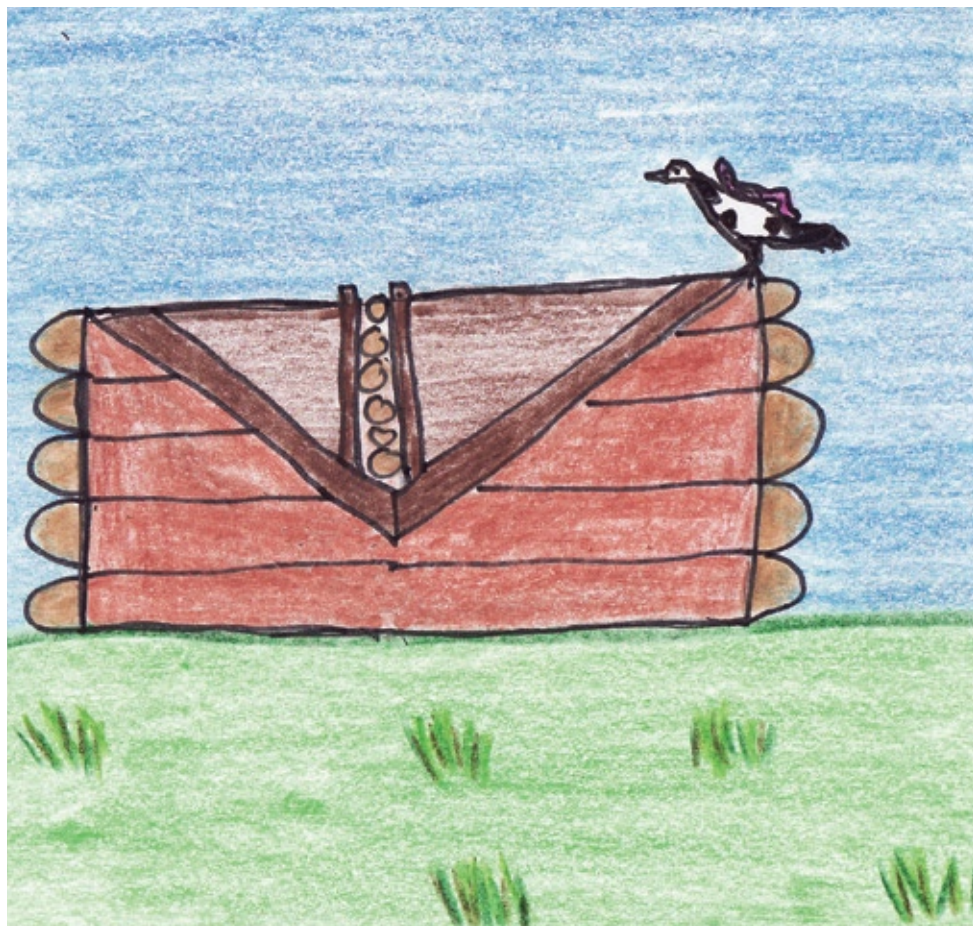
“Way over the other side of the yard in the compost heap,” moaned Giggle.

“That is no problem at all! Climb on my back and I will help you get home!” Frankie said cheerfully.

Frankie landed on top of the compost heap and slid Giggle gently off his back.

“Thank you Frankie for all your help,” said Giggle.

Frankie replied “I am always here for you and your family.”



Giggle smiled and wiggled back down into the compost heap.

He kept wiggling until he found Piggie, Sniggle and Tiggle.

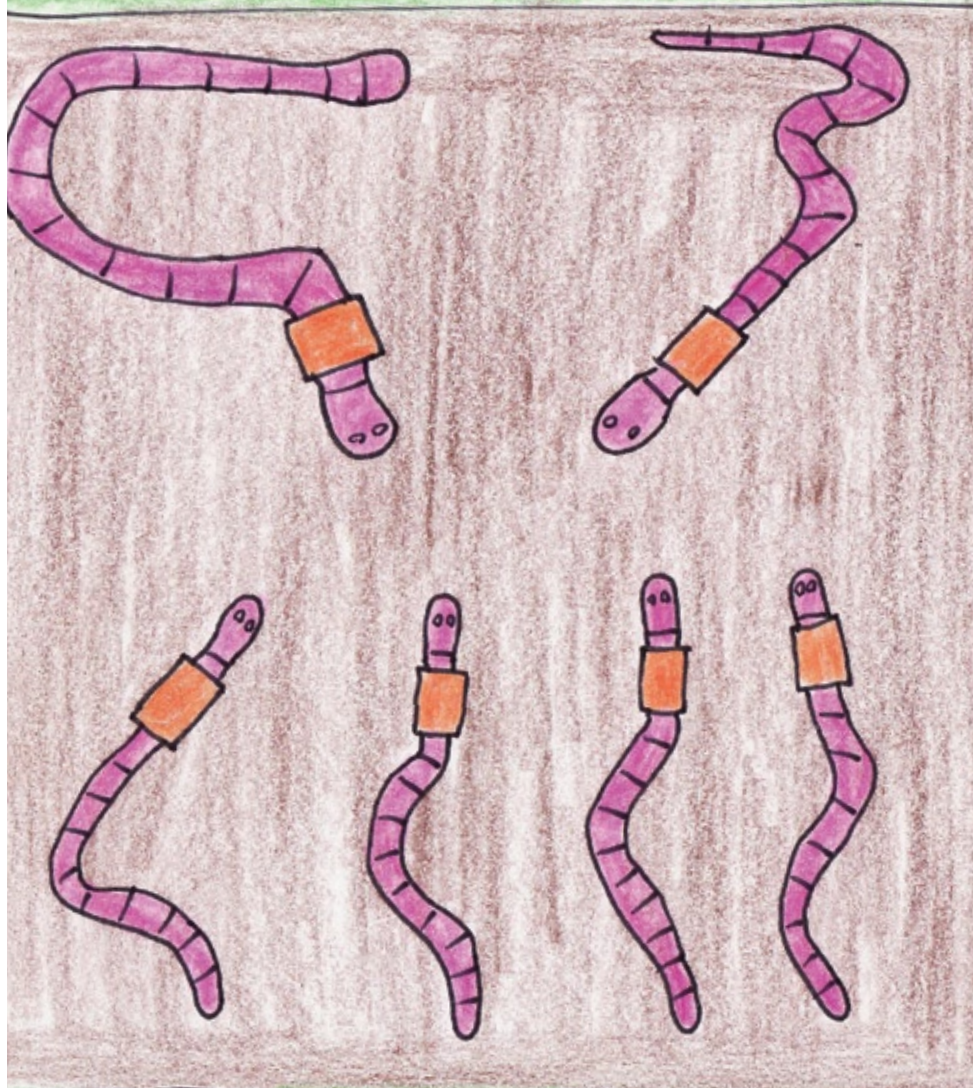
“Where have you been?” they yelled together. “We have been looking for you everywhere!”

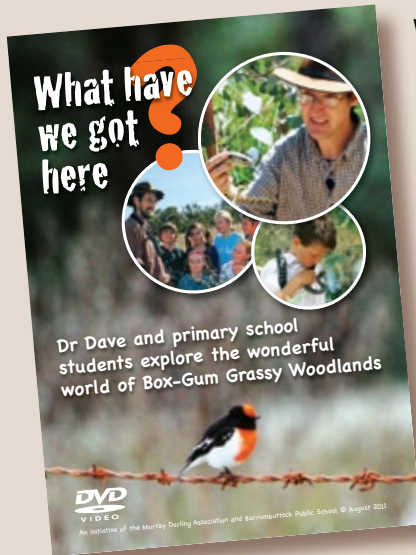
“I had a huge adventure that I will tell you when we get back to Mum and Dad.”



Once they reached their parents' house they all sat at their teeny, tiny little table and listened to Giggle.

He told his story about the adventure with Frankie the friendly Magpie. They were all very happy to know there was someone out there watching over them.





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